

One dead, 2 seriously hurt in Saturday crash

STAFF REPORT

SEBRING — One person was killed and two were seriously injured after a three-vehicle crash on the intersection of U.S. 27 and Bayview Street at 1:50 p.m. Saturday, authorities said.

Vicki Griffith, 58, of Breese, Illinois, who was a passenger in one of the vehicles, a Chevrolet Venture, was killed, Florida Highway Patrol said. The driver, Arrin Griffith, 23,

also of Breese, Illinois, and a second passenger, Gertrude Eck, 81, of Sebring, were both taken to Lakeland Regional Hospital in serious condition, FHP said.

The Chevrolet Venture was southbound on U.S. 27 in the left turn lane approaching the intersection of Bayview Street.

A second vehicle, a Jeep Cherokee, was going north on U.S. 27 in the center lane and was approaching the same intersection. The driver of

the Venture moved into the intersection to make a left turn onto Bayview Street and came in the direct path of the Jeep, FHP said.

The driver of the Jeep tried to steer to the right to avoid a collision. The front of the Jeep then collided with the right side of the Venture, authorities added. The driver of the Jeep Cherokee, Fredrick Lods, Bokeelia, was taken to Florida



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.

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'12 Strong'



TOM MEISENHEIMER/CORRESPONDENT

One of the saddles used by the 12 Special Forces heroes. Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert was given the saddle as a memento of his role in freeing the Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif.



Retired Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert interested Hollywood producer Jerry Bruckheimer to produce the movie "12 Strong."

Sebring retired general helped plan mission showcased in movie

By TOM MEISENHEIMER
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — The first time you meet Sebring's retired Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert you get the impression that he must have been an accountant, working a desk job.

The quiet, unassuming man actually was the head of the U.S. Special Forces and the Green Berets composed of 9,500 men serving secretly throughout the world in the early 2000s.

When you read the book "Horse Soldiers" or attend the movie "12 Strong," now playing at the Lakeshore Mall theater, you get a different impression.

The reason? The book and movie tell the story of 12 heroes who freed the fourth largest Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif of the Taliban. And they did it on horseback. Lambert played a significant role in planning the mission in response to the 9/11 World Trade Center attack.

"12 Strong" is a fascinating story of how a small force of U.S. Army Special Forces traveled to Afghanistan and forged a partnership with the Northern Alliance, resulting in the liberation of the city. A statue of a soldier on horseback stands at Ground Zero as a memorial of the liberation.

Lambert and his compatriots had to decide whether an unconventional warfare was feasible in expelling the Taliban from Afghan. It was decided that the Marines and regular Army could not get there fast enough nor had the background to complete such a mission.

Lambert had served both as an Army Ranger and in Special Forces. He knew the difference in their approaches to warfare. Rangers are taught the art of attack with no questions asked, whereas Special Forces are experts in unconventional warfare. Special Forces units know everything about an area and the people where their groups were assigned.

The Fifth Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell under the command of Col. John

Mulholland were trained to relate to existing Afghan warlord generals like Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum.

Lambert said, "The Special Forces knew the culture and the habits of the people." He humorously added, "even how to talk to Afghan grandmas. You could sum up the Special Forces with the phrase, 'Winning through others.'" Lambert also played a role in the movie becoming reality. Ten years ago he — along with Doug Stanton, author of the "Horse Soldiers," and Lambert's daughter Candice, who is a stylist to many Hollywood stars — met with producer Jerry Bruckheimer as champions, trying to sell him on the idea to produce a movie of the mission.

Bruckheimer's staff had mixed feelings. "I never heard back and figured nothing would ever happen. What a surprise, because here in 2018 the movie '12 Strong' produced by Bruckheimer is in theaters nationally," Lambert said.

When asked if the movie tells a realistic story, Lambert said, "80 percent. But the fight of the horse soldiers against tanks was a bit overdone and the copters in the actual war were flying in pitch darkness."

Two small vignettes in the movie are meaningful too. When Special Forces went to Afghanistan one man carried a small piece of the World Trade Center in his pocket, and when they accomplished their mission the small relic was buried in the Afghan soil. Those attending

Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Lambert's wife, Bonnie, helped soldiers' families keep the home fires burning while their spouses were abroad.



Holding down the fort — at home

By TOM MEISENHEIMER
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Bonnie Lambert is from Newport News, Virginia. She attended a Methodist college in North Carolina and met Geoffrey Lambert through mutual friends when she worked as an assistant tennis pro near Fort Benning, Georgia. They were married in 1988. They have four children between them.

Bonnie was a stay-at-home mom caring for the kids and literally holding down the fort while Geoffrey was in far away places serving his country.

They moved a lot, too. "We lived in Panama, North Carolina, Georgia, Colorado, Germany, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Florida, Washington State, Montana and California. Our son Sean's first five years of life were spent in five different towns," Bonnie said.

As an officer's wife, Bonnie played a meaningful role assisting, teaching and often consoling the spouses of the soldiers.

She made sure that their needs, wants and desires were met.

The hardest part was her role in relaying the terrible news of a soldier's death. "Once I had to call six wives that I had never met to tell of them of their husband's courageous passing.

"After all these years after Geoff's retirement, I was recently asked to call, listen to and console a wife who had lost her spouse and she needed to talk," Bonnie said. It brought tears to her eyes in relaying the heartaches suffered by that woman.

After Desert Storm, "Family Readiness Group" was formed. Bonnie was deeply involved. When a spouse is gone for a long period, a marriage can be strained and hearts overwhelmed.

The group brought spouses in to teach them all they needed to know while their partners were abroad. Bonnie helped the spouses to keep the home fires burning as their loved ones defended our freedom. Simple things like cooking, bill paying ... whatever their needs were.

In her quiet way Bonnie is an unsung hero exemplifying how lucky we are to be Americans and why our military and their families need to be deeply loved.

the movie may have missed the significance.

Also, The Taliban refused to let young girls be educated or children play with toys. In the movie, after the men freed Mazar-i-Sharif you could see kites flying over the city. "Those kites," said Lambert, "were a true sign that the city was now free of the terror of Al-Qaeda."

The movie also leaves out the capture of an American traitor who joined the Taliban, John Walker Lindh. He was captured by

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Constitution panel could look for clemency fix

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TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Constitution Revision Commission may wade into the state's process for restoring voting rights of ex-felons, after a federal judge ruled the current clemency process is unconstitutional.

Members of the commission's Ethics and Elections

Committee unanimously agreed Friday to explore ways to consider the issue, either through additional committee meetings or by amending a proposal when the full commission meets in March.

On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Mark Walker found the current process — in which ex-felons must wait years to have their clemency cases

considered and only a small number are successful in getting rights restored — to be arbitrary and unconstitutional. He also asked the state and lawyers who challenged the system to file plans to resolve the problem by Feb. 12.

"I don't know if there is anything we can do, should do, where we would go from here, et cetera," said Commissioner

Hank Coxe, a Jacksonville lawyer who heads the commission's Ethics and Elections Committee. "But we're here, it just happened and so we have it."

Commissioner Sherry Plymale of Palm City said she and other members of the committee have an understanding of the problems in the current system, after they participated in an in-depth

review of the clemency process.

"We were unhappy particularly with the number of people that are in the queue, which was thousands," Plymale said. "I felt all along that we needed to find an opportunity to work on this."

As of Oct. 1, the state had a backlog of 10,377 cases in

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Volunteer played key role in saving dogs

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — When employees at the Highlands County Humane Society arrived at the shelter more than two weeks ago, they saw three Chihuahuas running outside the grounds and two dead from being run over by vehicles.

Apparently, someone had dumped all five dogs in hopes that the Humane Society would take in the canines. As was discovered later, “they all knew each other,” said Judy Spiegel, president of the Humane Society.

“It was a very sad situation,” Spiegel said.

The three Chihuahuas were running in the vicinity of the Humane Society.

“But they would not let us get to them,” Spiegel said.

One was finally captured, but it became



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

These were two of five Chihuahuas found outside the gates of the Highlands County Humane Society. Two died from being run over by cars.

up, Spiegel said. Every day, traps would be set. But those traps would have to be monitored regularly because other animals, such as stray cats, opossums, and raccoons, would get in.

Parnassa would check the traps several times each night and release any animals so the traps would be open for the dogs, Spiegel said.

Over a period of several days, the two remaining dogs were trapped, Spiegel said.

The two female Chihuahuas knew each other and became inseparable, she said. One would cry if the other one wasn't available.

One family adopted both females and another

family took in the male, Spiegel said. As for Parnassa, Spiegel said, he goes above and beyond whatever they would expect from a volunteer. “He volunteers every day of the week from four to six hours,” Spiegel said.



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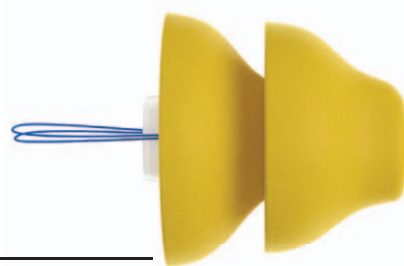
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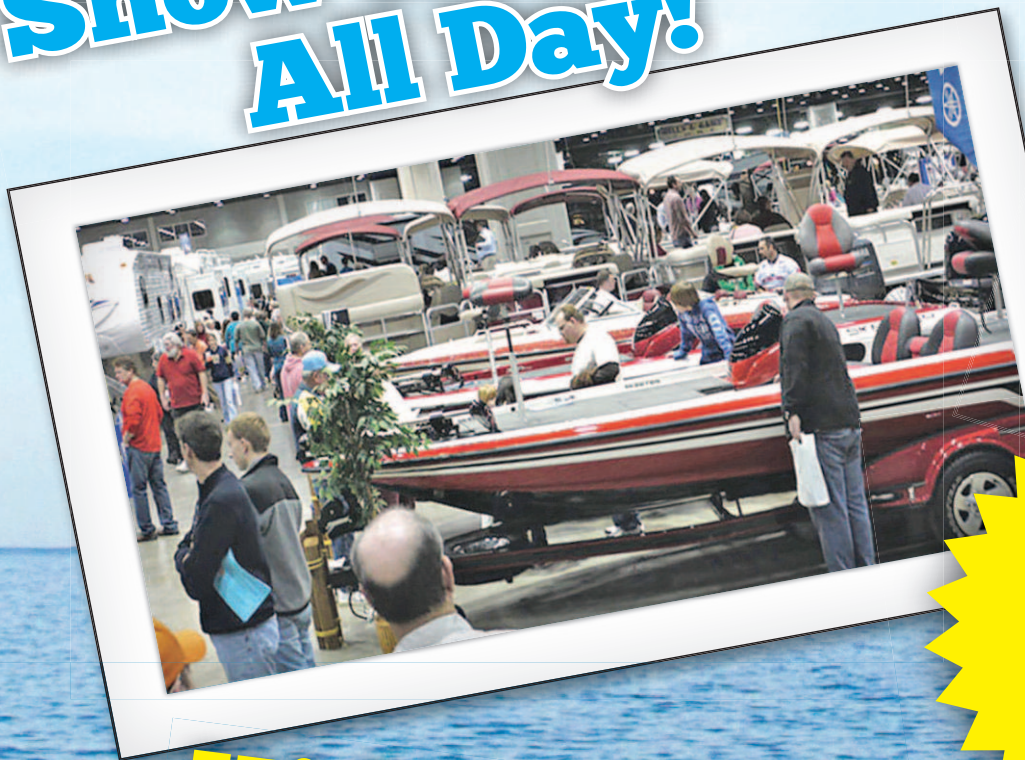
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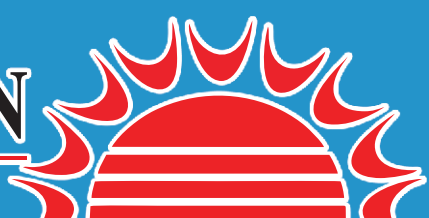
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Russell Ball

Russell Ball, 93, of Sebring, Florida, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. He was born June 24, 1924 in Charlson, North Dakota to Claude and Elviura (Ostberg) Ball. He attended Maranatha Baptist Church in Sebring, Florida and had been a resident since 1987. Russell proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth J. Ball of Sebring, Florida; children, Terry Ball of Wisconsin, Rosemary Snow of Jupiter, Florida, Kathleen McCann of Wisconsin, Claude Ball of Wisconsin, and Rebecca Makowski of Wisconsin; step-children, Nancy Dalla of Verda, New York, Thomas Evelock of Gander, Indiana, and Rebecca Jeffery of Lake Worth, Florida; siblings, Aryln of Fargo, North Dakota, Shirley Peterson of Washington, Ardith Helgeson of Washington, and Sharon Bourboni of Washington; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 at Maranatha Baptist Church with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Burial will follow at Florida National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Andres Jose Labrada

Andres Jose Labrada, 79, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. He was born Jan. 2, 1939 in Cuba to Andres Mondejas and Mercedes Labrada.

He was a business man and entrepreneur. He attended the Parkway Freewill Baptist Church in Sebring, Florida, and has been a resident since 2015, coming from Miami.

He was a devout Christian, hard working, loyal, and honest in all dealings. He loved his family with all his heart, lived in New York for most of his life, proudly served in the U.S. Army, and was proud to be an American.

Survivors include his daughter, Darlyn Labrada of California; sons, Andres J. Labrada, Jr. (Liza Ortega) of Sebring, Florida and Jason Thomas Labrada (Anyi) of Miami, Florida; seven sisters and extended families that live in Cuba. He is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Labrada and parents, Andres Mondejas and Mercedes Labrada. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at noon at Lakeview Memorial Gardens. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, Florida 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.



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Elaine Levey

Avon Park for two years.

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The big stars who played in Avon Park included Dizzy Dean, Grover C.

Alexander, Pepper Martin and Frank Frisch.

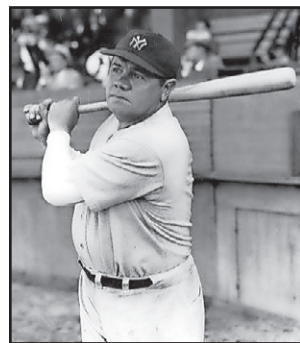
"It was really something to see Babe Ruth play," he said.

The excitement of the crowd was boosted by the fact that the previous season he came to Avon Park Babe Ruth set a major league record by hitting 60 home runs. That record stood for more than three decades.

The fans who came to see Ruth were not deprived of seeing first hand the ballplayer's awesome power. Ruth hit a triple to deep center field and in his last turn at bat he sent the ball sailing over the left field fence.

Ruth's efforts were in vain. The Yankees lost the game to the Cardinals.

But the Yankees were later to avenge the spring-time loss. In the World Series in the fall of '28, the Bronx Bombers swept the



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In this photo, legendary baseball player Babe Ruth plays in Jacksonville.

Cardinals in four straight games.

Babe Ruth set many records in his glorious career. But in Avon Park, his biggest achievement was merely his visit to town.

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OUR VIEW

Help fill the gap

Last week, a young person stood up to take part in local government. The child, a first-grader from Avon Elementary School, joined her mother, a teacher, in expressing their hope that the city of Avon Park and the Heartland Cultural Alliance can reach an agreement regarding the city's Community Center.

The city and the HCA came close, but not close enough ... yet.

HCA representative Ted Puckorius asked the city for a deal better than the \$380 a month, with stringent conditions involving a security system and not allowing classes on the weekend. After all, he pointed out, the HCA was only wanting to a space on the first floor of the center for acrylic art classes for elementary students.

Instead of a monthly rate, the HCA would like a daily rate.

Puckorius said the HCA wants only to use the room two days a week, and maybe not every week.

Avon Elementary teacher Dena Sbotto told council members there is a strong need for an art program. Students who struggle in reading and math can find something to excel at in art.

Her daughter told council members how she likes to draw, color and paint. She threw in the fact that her little sister is a good artist too.

It's great that Sbotto brought her daughter to the council meeting, not just to address the members about her love of art, but to also observe government in action. It's a lesson that every child should be exposed to and take part in.

We can understand why the HCA would balk at the monthly rate instead of being offered a daily rate.

Furthermore, we agree with Puckorius that the city should be the one to pay for the building's security system. It is, after all, a city-owned building.

The city has had a great working relationship with the HCA, offering the group the second floor of the Community Center for its Peter Powell Roberts Museum. Open for limited hours, the museum is a beautiful facility showcasing the work of Roberts, a master artist with an unbelievable story to be shared.

The facility also houses beautiful pieces of petrified wood, a bookshelf filled with work from local authors, and a number of other art pieces from local artists that are available for sale.

We feel certain that the two groups will be able to reach a compromise, despite what appears to be hesitancy from at least two council members. Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray suggested instead of seeking space at the Community Center, the HCA should check with the School Board of Highlands County to see if it could provide space. Councilman Terry Heston threw into the mix that whatever is agreed would have to be done for other groups should they make the same request.

We understand the city wanting to restrict activities from taking place on the weekend, when the city most frequently rents the center for about \$300 a day. If the building isn't being used any of the other days, a little bit of money is better than letting it sit empty with no money coming in.

City Manager Julian Deleon feels an agreement can be worked out. We like that kind of attitude when it comes to the city working with non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting art and culture in the county, regardless of which group it is.

The Heartland Cultural Alliance is trying to fill the gap left when arts was pulled out of elementary school programs.

Coming up with a compromise will help the HCA do that, and both groups would be helping young children like Sbotto's little girl.



Is the left really on America's side?

After recent actions by America's left, the question must be asked again "Is the left really on America's side?" Most Americans want peace, prosperity, security, and a unified nation. But many on the left seem to have a radically different and very divisive agenda. They rail non-stop for resistance and obstruction and even condone violence on the part of their far-left hate groups. They decry reports of the huge economic recovery and resist attempts to make America safe or to unify our nation. And as seen in the "memo" just released by the House intelligence committee (1), they will go to any lengths including misleading a FISA court to try to undermine the new administration and regain power. After the election, instead of accepting the results that exposed their flawed candidate, they went into an immediate campaign of resistance and obstruction. They falsely claimed that Russian collusion caused their loss when in fact the DNC and the Clinton campaign paid for the real Russian collusion.

The greatest internal threats to peace and a unified nation are the non-stop efforts by the leadership of the left to undermine the new administration. This was evidenced by the disdain and disrespect shown for our president by Democrat leadership at the SOTU. The obstruction tactics to which they would sink were clearly shown by the revelations in the just released "memo." FBI and DOJ leaders had multiple opportunities to tell a FISA Court that the Russian Dossier on which they were basing their warrant request was "opposition research" bought and paid for by the DNC and the Clinton campaign (2). But they failed to disclose that information, they misled the court and were granted a FISA order to use government



GUEST COLUMN

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resources to spy on the opposition party. The tactics employed are an absolute disgrace!

Our Constitution established procedures for an orderly transfer of power. Democrats backed a super-flawed candidate who exposed classified info for personal convenience, orchestrated the cover-up of her failings on Benghazi, enabled the sale of American uranium assets to the Russians, and failed to campaign in critical swing states. She also defended her husband's sexual misconduct by attacking his female accusers. The left lost the 2016 election in large part because of their super-flawed candidate.

The greatest external threat to our national security, other than the inherited ISIS problem (which our military is now more effectively countering), is from communist North Korea. That nation has nuclear weapons today thanks in large part to President Bill Clinton's 1994 North Korean Nuclear Agreement (3). That terribly flawed Democrat appeasement attempt provided taxpayer dollars to the communist regime to do just the opposite of what Americans were led to believe by the left-wing press; instead of stopping their nuclear program, they accelerated it. Today, America and its allies live under the constant threat of nuclear attack by North Korea. Instead of supporting solutions to solve the problem, the left and their media allies seemingly side with the brutal dictatorship in communist North Korea.

Most Americans are celebrating America's resurgence and obvious prosperity since the 2016 election. Obama/Clinton loyalists do just the opposite. They and their media allies attack and marginalize reports of the huge economic recovery, the record lowest unemployment in history for African-Americans and Hispanics, the over 2.4 million new jobs created (including 200,000 in

manufacturing), the almost daily reports of billions of dollars now being invested in the U.S. economy, and the positive stock market gains that have enhanced 401k savings accounts. They belittle the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and repeat their lies that it has benefited only the rich when most working Americans will see increases in their after-tax take home pay, and over 3 million have now received bonuses or pay increases (4).

In their absolute obsession to regain power, leaders on the left refuse to aid in sensible actions to either keep Americans safe from illegal felons or to prevent further illegal immigration by supporting increased border protection. Conservatives are not against sensible legal immigration. We all share an immigrant heritage. Conservatives are against bad immigration schemes such as the diversity lottery that has opened the door to terrorists, and the further bad policy of chain migration that has allowed terrorists to compound the problem by bringing in more terrorists as claimed family members. The sanctuary city policy of "illegals first-Americans last" protects illegals, including felons, and has resulted in multiple deaths, including Kate Steinle. The ridiculous Schumer government shutdown, which Senator Bill Nelson supported, was very divisive. Democrat leaders tried to force benefits for illegals at the expense of legal Americans simply to pander for votes. Americans want a good solution for those who may have been transported illegally into our country as infants, but most do not want to see this problem repeated. Border security and immigration reform must be part of any solution.

Many on the left cheer when athletes dishonor our flag and national anthem. As seen by their actions at NFL games, some do not stand for anything other than disrespect for our nation. Left-leaning professors decry the military and demean patriotism (5). These actions further divide and weaken America.

Leadership on the left is apparently willing to use every divisive and dirty trick in their playbook to regain power. If they succeed, resumption of Obama's downward slide toward socialism will surely happen. As millions can attest,

socialism and communism are terribly failed ideologies (6). People of faith rightly fear these ideologies as only those who worship the state are immune to persecution. While some proponents of socialism do not want government confiscation of business and industry like Venezuela, their claim of only wanting "partial" socialism portends a radically changed America. One with Obama's unilateral disarmament, Hillary's "open borders," and Europe's abysmal healthcare and confiscatory taxation! How long would America survive this? I am reminded of the parable of the frog in hot water. If you drop him into hot water he will quickly jump out; but if you drop him into lukewarm water and then gradually turn up the heat, the frog will not perceive the danger and will die. America, like the frog initially in lukewarm water, will not survive if the left's playbook succeeds. Conservatives must wake up, as they did in 2016, and decide that an America like the one they enjoyed is worth fighting to preserve.

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CRASH

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Hospital Heartland with minor injuries, FHP said.

The force of the impact caused the Venture to rotate clockwise in a northeasterly direction and overturn. It then collided with the front of a Chevrolet Avalon, which was stopped westbound on Bayview Street in the straight/right turn lane for a red traffic light at the intersection, FHP said.

The Venture came to final rest on its left side facing in a southwesterly direction. The Avalon came to final rest facing west on Bayview Street in the straight/right turn lane. The driver of the Avalon, Rosemarie Tippin-Berenger, 79, Sebring was not injured, authorities said.

After the collision, the Jeep rotated clockwise and traveled in a northerly direction, coming to a final rest in the northbound right turn lane of U.S. 27.

The impact caved in the passenger side of the Venture and sent it



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

A Florida Department of Transportation marker memorializes Travis Alan Freer, 18, of Sebring who died in 2007 at U.S. 27 northbound and Bayview Street, the site of Saturday's fatal wreck involving a tan Chevrolet Venture that attempted a left turn and a northbound charcoal gray Jeep Cherokee that hit it. One occupant of the van was killed in the wreck.

tumbling, according to a witness. It landed on its driver's side.

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

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.

The driver of the Venture was cited with failure to yield right of way making a left turn, FHP said.

Staff writer Phil Attinger contributed to the report.

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which ex-felons are seeking to have civil rights restored, including the right to vote, according to commission analysts.

In Walker's order, the federal judge noted that 154,000 Floridians had their rights restored under former Gov. Charlie Crist, who set up a process in which cases could be reviewed by the state parole commission.

But Gov. Rick Scott changed that policy after he took office in 2011, leaving the rights-restoration decisions up to him and the three members of the state Cabinet, although the governor has sole power to reject any application.

Since that time, only 3,000 applications have been granted, with Walker noting the process has resulted in nearly 1.7 million Floridians being denied the right to vote, including more than one out

of every five voting-age African-American residents.

"I do think we owe it to an awful lot of people in Florida to have this process work a lot better than it does," Plymale said. "Even if they don't want to restore rights, OK. But they're not even getting a hearing, which is really not fair."

Former Senate President Don Gaetz, a Niceville Republican who is a member of the ethics and election panel, expressed regret that lawmakers did not address the issue during his 10 years in the Legislature.

"We didn't do what perhaps we could or should have done if we had known then what we know now," Gaetz said. "It's obvious that the clemency process in our state is not only broken but it's scandalously broken."

The commission considered several proposals aimed at automatically restoring voting rights for ex-felons. But those proposals

were withdrawn when the political committee Floridians for a Fair Democracy obtained enough petition signatures to place an initiative, known as Amendment 4, on the fall ballot. That amendment would automatically restore voting rights to felons who have served their sentences, excluding those convicted for murder or sexual offenses.

As commissioners debated the ex-felon proposals, several members raised the possibility of "ballot confusion" if the commission placed a measure on the 2018 general election ballot in addition to Amendment 4.

Coxe, the chairman of the ethics and elections panel, said if the commission now takes up a proposal, he expects it to be focused on the clemency process rather than on the automatic restoration of voting rights.

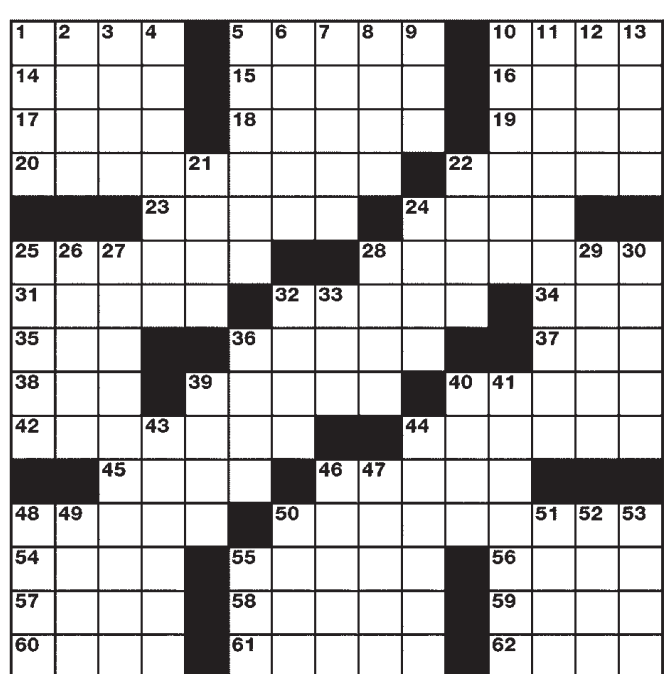
"I'm not concerned about ballot confusion if one deals with clemency and it clearly does," Coxe said.

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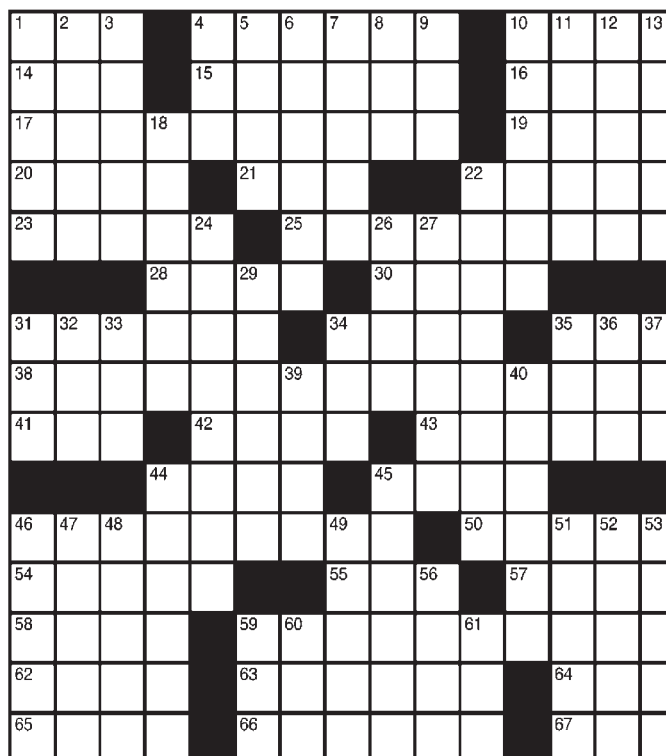
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the Special Forces and they safely brought him home for trial. He was eventually sent to prison. Another significant and dangerous part of the mission was how the soldiers were ambushed by the Taliban and surrendered as prisoners. "Horse Soldiers" gives an entire chapter to that encounter.

Lambert's military and current life reflects the motto of the Special Forces since 1952 — "De Oppresso Liber" translated from the Latin, "Free the Oppressed."

The general began his career as an enlisted private working his way to become a sergeant. When he left the service he could not get his heart out of being a soldier and 19 months later — after attending college on the GI Bill — he came back as a second-lieutenant and became a hard-charging ranger in the jungles of South America.

Later he found the assignment as a Special Forces commander much finer as they fought guerrilla wars requiring the men under his command to be both soldiers and diplomats. He retired as a two-star general with



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Geoffrey and Bonnie Lambert.

tremendous pride in the military.

Lambert especially mentioned two former officers whose military lives were predominately portrayed in the movie. "I met John Mulholland when he was a second lieutenant. I realized in 1979 that he was special. I could delegate an entire fight to him and he was an expert in the Middle East. He could always figure out what the hell to do," he said.

Mulholland eventually became the assistant director of the CIA as a three-star general.

The other was Mark Nutsch. For years, and in the movie, he was known as team leader Capt. Mitch Nelson. "I am so proud of him and his heroism. One time I took him and his entire family to the Kansas

Legislature where he spoke to the representatives and senate about his military career," Lambert said.

"The Special Forces-Green Berets were created in 1952. In 1962 President Kennedy awarded them the Green Beret head gear. JFK was so proud of them," Lambert said. "They were the one's carrying his casket to Arlington Cemetery and there is a Green Beret display in his presidential library."

Lambert also mentioned two other well-known Americans whose love of and work for the military is hardly known. Actress Bo Derek has come to Fort Bragg very often and spends hours with the troops. The other is past presidential candidate Ross Perot. "He has given untold encouragement as well as sums of money to

aid the soldiers and their families in many, many ways, all without fanfare," Lambert said.

The two-star general proudly said of the Fifth Special Forces Group: "My Green Berets were launched deep into enemy territory to befriend, recruit, advise, and then lead their Afghan counterparts to attack the Taliban. The horse soldiers succeeded brilliantly with a highly decentralized campaign, reinforced with modern airpower's precision weapons, forcing the Taliban government's collapse in a few months."

The film is based on "Horse Soldiers," written by Doug Stanton, New York Times best-selling author and Pulitzer Prize winner for another book, "In Harm's Way."

Lambert is quoted often in the book. He and Stanton became good friends.

In the afterword to the hardcover edition of the book, Lambert says that Stanton received more access to the Special Forces community than any author writing about this post 9/11 conflict.

"Stanton had a unique style," Lambert said. "He would research his story characters in tremendous depth. He would go live with them, study them

and their families, get to know their strengths and quirks. He'd go fishing with them and try to delve into the depth of their being prior to ever beginning his writing."

Lambert, now retired, and his wife, Bonnie, now reside in Sebring and are active, enjoying golf and tennis as well as staying close to two of their four children who reside in Tampa.

Their lives are rather laid back now compared to his years as a high ranking expert in unconventional warfare and Bonnie's as a

general's wife. He retired from the military in 2004 and worked in the private sector for a bit.

Lambert has many memories of his career as a soldier. He also has one memento at his home from the battle to free Mazar-i-Sharif. It is a saddle from a horse ridden by one of the 12 horsemen.

When asked, "Why do you now live here in Sebring?"

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Heartland Games golf takes place

By NEIL SIMPSON

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Men and women from Wauchula, Zolfo Springs, Arcadia, Lake Placid, Avon Park, Sebring and a few other Florida towns met up at Spring Lake's Panther Creek Golf Course on Saturday to test their skills against the course, the wind and one another. Female golfers ranged in age from Ocala's Kelly Cramer, 57, to 85 year old Lorraine Friend of Golf

Hammock and Marilyn Redenbarger from the Country Club of Sebring. The men also had a wide range of competitors with Dennis Schuemann of Wauchula the youngest at 57 and Sun 'N Lake's Charles Miller the senior golfer at 94.

There were lots of good scores turned in with two players bettering their age as Max Gnagy, 86, shot an 82 and Charles Miller carded a score of 93. Low round of the day for the ladies was an 80,

recorded by Ann Meyer of Highlands Ridge. David Czaplicki from Placid Lakes was low man with a 76.

Medals were awarded to the top three finishers in each five year age/gender bracket. The top five in each category are eligible to represent the Heartland at the Florida Senior Games which will take place in Clearwater, Dec. 1 to 9.

Ladies' results:

Gold: Kelly Cramer, Pam Moore, Nina

Greene, Ann Meyer, Anne Boehringer, Shirley Passafume and Marilyn Redenbarger.

Silver: Debbie Kaufmann, Laura Imboden, Sheila Chiarandini, Laura Kebberly and Lorraine Friend.

Bronze: WF Myers, Denise St. Onge, Anne Kelly, Carolyn Hall

Men's results:
Gold: Dennis Schuemann, Mark Hopkins, David Czaplicki,



NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

Female gold medal winners, from left; Kelly Cramer, Pam Moore, Nina Greene, Ann Meyer, Anne Boehringer, Shirley Passafume and Marilyn Redenbarger.

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JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring's Will Siver gains the advantage over his opponent in the quarterfinal round of the 138-pound weight class.

Annual Spiegel Memorial Wrestling tournament

By JIM TAYLOR

CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Twenty-two high schools teams attended the Annual Spiegel Memorial Wrestling tournament hosted by the Sebring Blue Streaks on Saturday.

Lake Gibson placed first in the overall team points with an impressive total of 291, easily out-pacing Osceola, who finished second with a team total of 202 total points.

Somerset finished third with 166.5 with Mariner and Auburndale rounding out the top five with 131.5 and 101 points respectively.

"Twenty-two teams, it was a good tournament, lots of fun," said Sebring coach Blake Germaine.

Missing some of their wrestlers who are recovering from injuries, and a few more due to illness, Sebring finished a respectable 10th place, with one wrestler finishing third and three more finishing fourth.

"They all did well and fought hard," said Germaine. "I was pleased with what I saw."

Sebring's Efrain Acosta finished third in the 145-pound weight class. Acosta finished the day with a come-from-behind win in the quarterfinal and pinned his



Sebring's Efrain Acosta gets the pinfall to capture third place in the 145-pound weight class.

opponent to capture third place.

In the quarterfinal, Acosta found himself behind 6-3 heading into the third round. He cut his opponent's lead to one with a take down to make the score 6-5. With 30 seconds left in the round, Acosta gained three more points to take the lead 8-6 with a near fall to win the match.

In the match for third and fourth place, Acosta had a 5-0 lead in the second round before pinning his opponent to finish third overall.

Will Siver won his quarterfinal round in a close match. Leading 4-2 late in the third round, Siver scored a takedown with 20 seconds left to win the match 6-2.

Misfortune met Siver in the match for third and fourth place in the third round of a close match. Trailing 6-5, it appeared that Siver slipped and fell backwards in which his opponent pounced on top of him to be awarded a 2-point take down. Siver was unable to recover in the time remaining as he dropped an 9-5 decision to be awarded fourth place in the 138 weight class.

Travon Spry placed fourth in the 120-pound weight class and Juan Sanchez placed fourth in the 182-pound weight class for the Blue Streaks.

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Spring Lake Men's League

By JIM FOOTE

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association held a Four Man Team — Two Best Balls competition on the Cougar Trail golf course. There were 13 evenly balanced teams and all scores included handicaps.

Winner of first place with a two best ball score of 116 net strokes was the team of Ed Thorsen, Jim Hearn, Ed O'Donnell and Henry Fedorowicz.

Second place went to Gary Behrendt, Mike Personett, Paul Schoudel and a Blind with a score of 119 strokes. The team of Steve Gorham, Les Greenlee, Rich Ellison, and Larry Nied took third place with a net 120 strokes.

Fourth place — at 121 strokes — was turned in by Mike Lagodich, Dan Bauer, Steve Sandholm and Dwight Demitz.

Lee Richards, with a net 68, and golf course owner Edd Vowels, with a net 65, led their team that included Brian Jordan and Leon Van to fifth place, with 123 strokes.

Two teams tied for sixth place at 124 strokes — Dave Snell, Ken Gayman, Ed Clay and Bob Berg and the team of Brad Holland, Mike Williams, Gary Lueck and a Blind.

Always a competitive game — with excellent handicapping by Leon Van assisted by the GHIN system, another great day of golf was enjoyed at Spring Lake Golf Resort.

Golf Hammock Ladies League

Extra preparation on Jan. 29 for the Scrub Jay two-day tournament at Golf Hammock ended in some very happy moments during a game of 6-6-6 for a group of good friends. Lorraine Friend and Jean Haig learned not to count their chicks before they hatch, as Laura Kebberly had a miraculous shot to birdie the No. 5 hole and take the win away with her partner Shirley Passafume. A change of partners found Haig and Passafume as the certain winners on No. 12 until Kebberly did a slam dunk to take the hole away, as Friend shouted, "Never give Up." This foursome went on to have four birdies.

The first day of the Scrub Jay tournament on Jan. 31 was exciting. Laura Imboden had two birdies, No. 13 and No. 15. Beth Weiler had a birdie on No. 13. Carolyn Riffle joined her teammates with a birdie on No. 3. Ruth Kirk had a chip in birdie on No. 13.

The final day of the Scrub Jay tournament will be held on Wednesday.

Lake June West action

In Lake June West play, the Mixed Scramble from Jan. 27 saw the team of Larry Heath, Lonnie Hankins, Donna Hankins, Ken Mahuta and Lynn Mahuta place first with a 55, while Ron Cobert, Carol Cobert, Joe Swartz, Joyce Swartz and Chris Heath were second with a 56. Closest to Pin on No. 2 was Lynn Mahuta, who was 4-feet-7-inches from the pin and on No. 8, Joyce Swartz had the best tee shot with a distance of 27-11.

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Lane captures Kissimmee Chain event

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Mobility and versatility were the keys ingredients for Lakeland, Fla., pro Bobby Lane who completed the wire-to-wire win at the first Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Eastern Open at Big Lake Toho Marina with a three-day total weight of 60 pounds.

After buoying his performance with a massive Thursday limit of 31 pounds, 7 ounces,

Lane entered Friday with a 10.5-pound lead. Adding 10-9 pushed him to 42 even, with a 12-pound lead going into the final round. Saturday saw Lane slam the door shut by nabbing his third limit catch, this one totaling 18 pounds and leaving him with a 12-pound, 5-ounce winning margin.

"From start to finish, this has been amazing," said Lane, who notched his first win since winning

a 2009 Elite Series event on Kentucky Lake. "It was my time to catch a big sack. I've been so close before.

"To have grown up on Lake Kissimmee and Cypress, Hatchineha and Toho and to have my family here, it means the world to me. Man, this has been a long time coming."

Thursday and Friday saw Lane locking down to Lake Kissimmee, where his first-round catch

included a 9-pounder and an 8-7. Both of these fish qualified for Florida's TrophyCatch program, which recognizes photo release largemouth bass of 8 pounds or more.

Lane said he would have preferred another shot at this chain's southernmost lake, but the shorter Day 3 schedule, plus windier conditions, made him adjust his game plan.

"I couldn't get down to



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Bobby Lane, of Lakeland won the 2018 Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Eastern Open No. 1 held on Kissimmee Chain of Lakes.

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NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

Male gold medalists, from left; Dennis Schuemann, Mark Hopkins, David Czaplicki, Jerry McClain, George Huntington, Rex Smolek, Max Gnagy and Charles Miller.

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Jerry McClain, George Huntington, Rex Smolek, Max Gnagy, Charles Miller. Silver: Tom Kestler, Gary Behrendt, Jan Hard, Mike Custer, Gene Josey, Pat Bentz. Bronze: Bazz VanWilligen, George Berringer, Jack Woodall,

Larry Hall, Mel Olson. The Heartland Games For Active Adults annual golf tournament continues to grow. In 2016 there were 40 golfers. That grew to 60 in 2017 and 80 this year. Plans are underway for next year's competition to be held on Feb. 2. Those playing in this year's event were asked to select from the following courses to host the next

tournament; Pineridge, Placid Lakes, Sebring Municipal and Spring Lake. The players' choice will be announced soon. The tournament organizers at South Florida State College extend thanks to Tournament Director Bill Davis, director of golf at Spring Lake, and his staff for having the course ready for play and for serving a delicious deli buffet lunch.

WRESTLING

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The Lake Placid Green Dragons placed 20th in the tournament with 16 total points as they did have a couple of wrestler reach the consolation matches.

Coaching wrestling in his first season, Lake Placid's Jason Holden noted that he is filling in since the coach from last year is overseas this year.

"They needed somebody or they were not going to be able to have a team, so I stepped in to help out so the kids would be able to wrestle this year," he said. "We have eight wrestlers and two wrestled in the consolation round." Holden said this year has been a bit of a learning experience, but he enjoyed working with the kids.

"Overall for the year I am pleased," he said. "I'd like to be back next year, but I also know that I am limited, so thank goodness for Steve Plummer, the assistant coach, because he knows more about the sport than I do to help the kids. I really like the sport, but the kids also deserve a coach who can help them a little better than I can."

The tournament also gives the local wrestlers a chance to see the competition from throughout the state.



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Lake Placid's Chase Lane-Costello attempts to roll his opponent over for the pin.

"A lot of these guys we will see again in districts and state, so it is a good measuring stick of where we stand right now," Germaine said.

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Kissimmee because you run out of time on Day 3," he said. "I didn't want to take any chances, especially with the weather."

"I fished Lake Hatchineha, caught a few decent ones early and then the bite just quit on me. I ran into Toho at noon and ended up catching three quality fish."

With the Kissimmee Chain unsettled by fluctuating temperatures before the tournament, plus a cold front arriving the afternoon on Friday, Lane mostly targeted hydrilla in 2 to 4 feet. The dense habitat allowed fish to move in and out with changing weather, while

remaining in the same general area.

Lane caught his Day 3 fish on a 3/4-ounce Duel Hardcore lipless crankbait, a Texas-rigged Berkley Powerbait Max Scent The General stickworm and a Berkley Powerbait Max Scent Creature Hawk. With all of his presentations, Lane said his SpiderWire braid played a critical role in getting his fish out of the thick vegetation.

"I got nine keeper bites today, as opposed to 20 yesterday and 30 the day before," he said. "I fished clean today and that's what it takes to win one of these."

Lane also won the Power-Pole Captain's Cash Award of \$500 for being the highest-placing angler who is registered and eligible and uses a

client-approved product on his boat.

Brandon Lester or Fayetteville, Tenn., finished second with 47-11. The Elite Series pro said the key to his success was making a key adjustment from fishing a popper around lily pads, to punching into the cover.

Drew Cook, of Midway, finished third with 43-3 and fellow Floridian Garrett Rocamora, of Lithia, won the \$750 Phoenix Boats Big Bass award for the 9-pound, 3-ounce fish he caught on Thursday.

In the co-angler division, Steve Robbins of Piketon, Ohio, made the most of his first Florida fishing experience by claiming his own wire-to-wire win with a three-day total of 26-8.

LEAGUE

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In Ladies League play on Monday, Jan. 29, Donna Palmatier, Joyce Swartz, Panda Burton and Lynn Mahuta placed first with a 36, with the second-place team of Barb Kannheiser, Jane Roush, Vickie Mechling and Carol Gobel also shooting a 36. Third place went to Kim Fiers, Mary Lou Marshal, Chris Heath and Jan Barringer with a 37. Closest-to-the-pin winners were Barb Kannheiser (No. 2, 8-9); Bev McCloud (No. 4, 20-10); and Lynn Mahuta (No. 8, 5-2).

In Men's League play on Wednesday, Jan. 31, the winning team with a score of 39 consisted of Sonny Shelton, John Sonafrank, Kurtis Calvery and Al Welch. Taking second, with a score of 40, was the team of Bruce Myers, Tiin Caskanette,

Bob Berard, Mike Rogers and Hank Husen, while Neil Isett, Gene Ray, Harold Johanson, Ron Cobert and Fred Neer with a 41. Closest-to-the-pin on No. 1 was Tim Caskanette (5-1), on No. 4 was Neil Isett (4-11) and on No. 8 was Gene Ray (3-2).

In Mixed Scramble play from Thursday, Feb. 1, the first place team with a score of 50 consisted of Tony

Notaro, Joanne McGill, Jeff Worthen and Patti Worthen. Taking second, with a score of 55, was the team of Lonnie Hankins, Donna Hankins, Betty Bevard and Lynn Husen. Bob Knishka, Verna Knishka, Bob Weeks and Doris Weeks were third with a 56. Closest-to-the-pins were Mary McNamee (No. 2) Larry Heath (No. 4, 13-3) and Donna Hankins (No. 8, 5-6).

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Flu's worsening shadow



AP PHOTOS

Above: Dr. Hany Atallah stands inside a mobile emergency room set up outside Grady Memorial Hospital to help handle the ever-growing number of flu cases in Atlanta, Jan. 29. The trailer, called Carolinas MED-1, has 14 beds and will sit outside the hospital's main emergency room for 30 days to alleviate wait times and bed shortages.

Left: Dr. Doug Olson asks patient William Ness, 70, how he is feeling after his wife drove him to the emergency room and he was diagnosed with flu at Northside Hospital Emergency Room in Cumming, Ga., Jan. 29. Olson says the hospital has been flooded with flu patients, prompting hospital crowding and shift changes to accommodate the traffic.



SUZY COHEN

Dear Pharmacist

6 natural remedies for varicose veins

Sometimes it seems like varicose veins come out of nowhere when you're least expecting it. Most people over the age of 60 have some degree, and usually they're not a big deal. But they could be, it depends on the general health of your pipes. When I say "pipes" I mean your veins, they are the pipes that push blood throughout your body.

It is estimated that more than 40 million Americans have varicose veins. They mostly impact the legs and feet. It's different from spider veins, which are not nearly as noticeable unless you have "Drinker's Nose," which causes spider veins to appear on the nose. People are sometimes worried that they'll be exposed as a heavy drinker or smoker because of these.

Varicose veins can become serious and cause pain, throbbing, swelling, and increased risk of blood clots. If these angry swollen veins occur in the region of your anus, it's called a hemorrhoid.

Fortunately, your risk to developing problematic veins increases as you age. If your mom or dad has them, chances are you'll get them too. I'm going to quickly share six ways to help with varicose veins right now. But if you have a serious condition, I urge you to read my longer article (3,400 words) that offers more treatment options. You can get that by signing up for my free newsletter at suzycohen.com and I'll email it to you.

1. Weight

You can take some pressure off your legs by losing weight. The less pressure, the less puffy, twisted and distended your veins are. You see, your veins are weak, and the burden of having 50 to 100 pounds adds pressure to your veins, and making the blood pool.

2. Weird shower

You will love me, then hate me. When you are taking a shower, alternate between comfortably hot water, then colder water. You can do this to your legs only if you want to versus your whole body, and try each temperature for 10 or 20 seconds each. You should probably ask your doctor about this first. It helps your veins 'practice' the process of constriction and dilation.

3. Collagen

Collagen makes you elastic, so think of collagen allowing for healthy firm skin and a tight neck. Without enough collagen, your blood vessels and skin begin sagging.

4. Water

Make sure you are hydrated throughout the day. Did you know that coffee dehydrates you? It makes you more prone to leg cramps through the 'drug muggers' effect of magnesium and other minerals. Energy drinks rob the same vein-loving minerals.

Report shows flu season continues to intensify

By MIKE STOBBE
AP MEDICAL WRITER

NEW YORK — It looks like Groundhog Day for the nation's flu report, too: It's gotten worse and there are weeks of suffering ahead.

The government's report out Friday showed the flu season continued to intensify last week.

One of every 14 visits to doctors and clinics were for fever, cough and other symptoms of the flu. That's the highest level since the swine flu pandemic in 2009. Last week, 42 states reported high patient traffic for the flu, up from 39.

Hospital stays because of the flu also increased.

Experts had thought this season might be bad, but its intensity has surprised most everyone.

"It's been the busiest I can remember for a long time," said Dr. Doug Olson, an ER doctor at Northside Hospital Forsyth, in Cumming, Georgia. Another hospital in the Atlanta area this week set up a mobile ER outside to handle flu cases.

The heavy flu season has also put a strain in places on some medical supplies, including IV bags, and flu medicine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tally shows hospitalization rates surged to surpass the nasty season of the winter of 2014-2015, when the vaccine was a poor match to the main bug.

So far, however, deaths this season from the flu and flu-related pneumonia have lagged a little behind some recent bad seasons. There are as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu during a bad year.

The flu usually peaks in February. This season had an early start, and health officials initially thought it would also have an early peak. But so far it hasn't worked out that way.

And there are some signs the flu season will continue to get worse. The CDC's forecast though wasn't quite as precise as Punxsutawney Phil's; the groundhog "predicted" six more weeks of winter on Friday.

As for the flu: "There may be many weeks left for this season," said the CDC's Dr. Dan Jernigan.

Some good news: Illnesses seem to be easing a bit on the West Coast. Oregon joined Hawaii last week as the only states where flu wasn't widespread. Friday's report covers the week ending Jan. 27.

In the U.S., annual flu shots are recommended for everyone age 6 months or older. This season's vaccine targets the strains that are making Americans sick, including the key H3N2 virus. How

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A doctor and nurse confer inside a room used for flu patients at Northside Hospital in Cumming, Ga., near Atlanta, on Jan. 31. The U.S. government's latest flu report released on Friday, showed flu season continued to intensify the previous week.

respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each fall. Another way to avoid the flu is to make proper handwashing a habit. Avoid touching your face with your hands, and clean surfaces with disinfectant frequently.

While there is no guarantee

that you won't get the flu, your chances drop significantly if you take these precautions.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT IS THE FLU?

- Body aches and pains
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Not just another flu season

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SEBRING — According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Jan. 26, current U.S. influenza activity is now the most widespread since the 2009 influenza A(H1/N1) pandemic.

"This year's influenza season in the U.S. has been dominated by the H3N2 virus. This is a



GONZALEZ

highly-virulent organism that is causing fatalities throughout the country," Dr. Jorge Gonzalez, chief medical officer at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, said. "This season, Influenza A is stressing capacity in emergency departments, hospitals, urgent care facilities, and physicians' offices.

"Most deaths have been attributed to complications from the virus such as pneumonia and respiratory failure," Gonzalez said.

Influenza is a contagious

SUZY | 8

Two are better than one

During a “morning coffee hour” talk at Whisper Lake, I was asked if I had ever written about “Why you should wear two hearing aids instead of just one?”

We have two legs, two feet, two arms, two eyes and two ears. If we break an arm, we realize how difficult it is to do little things like putting in our contacts. If we pull a hamstring or twist an ankle, we move slower and more deliberate to diminish the pain.

Our hearing is also much sharper with both ears. Each ear helps us to have a balanced, full-bodied sound experience. Usually, when you get a hearing loss it is with both ears. Hopefully, your whole life you have had the benefit of normal hearing on both sides of your head. The sounds that went into each ear stimulated both sides of your brain.

When someone gets a hearing loss, all the natural attributes of the human auditory system diminish.

Not only are basic sounds softer to you, they may not be identifiable. When correcting your hearing loss, it is important to correct both ears.

The shape of our ears and placement on our head allows for 180-degree sensitivity. By wearing a hearing aid in each ear, you get the best directionality of sound. You can tell when a car is coming up from behind you on your right hand side while riding a bike.

Sounds and auditory input that goes in the left ear gets processed by the right hemisphere and vice-versa. It takes the entire brain to process all the letters and sounds of the alphabet.

For instance, the difference between “chew” and “shoe” sounds are processed differently by the brain. By providing the brain with all of the consonants and vowels, the brain has the best ability to separate speech from noise.

Hearing aids in each ear or binaural hearing enable you to stimulate both ears, while wearing only one hearing aid can allow the other aid to deteriorate further from lack of use. This is called the auditory deprivation effect. Hearing with both ears does not take as much effort as with just one hearing aid.

Our ears help to provide us with our balance. Imagine walking and not being able to hear your left foot step on some gravel but your right one you can hear? It puts your brain off balance. You have to look down to observe the difference ... you may lose your balance.

HEARING MATTERS

Roseann Kiefer

You feel “off-balance.”

Wearing hearing aids on both sides is very important to understand people in group settings.

If you only wear a hearing aid on your right side but have people on both sides, when someone talks on your left side, the sound has to jump over your head to get to the hearing aid. At this point you lose volume about 15-20

decibels, almost a third of the volume in which the person is speaking.

It's really mathematical. If you increase the speech signal with a hearing aid to only one ear, but you have a hearing loss on both sides, when you

get into a noisy environment you will have two noise signals to only one speech signal. Thus the noise wins and you can't understand.

You only have one life. Wearing two hearing aids and stimulating your

entire brain provides you the best chance of getting “back to normal” as possible.

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Understanding, treating long QT syndrome

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ANSWER: Long QT syndrome is a heart rhythm disorder that is diagnosed due to symptoms, an abnormal 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG), or as a result of a family history of the disease. Once it's diagnosed, long QT syndrome often can be treated effectively.

Your heart circulates blood throughout your body each time it beats. The chambers of your heart contract and relax to pump the blood. These actions are controlled by electrical impulses that travel through your heart. After each heartbeat, your heart's electrical system recharges itself in preparation for the next heartbeat.

In long QT syndrome, the heart muscle takes longer than normal to

electrically recharge after it contracts. An ECG or EKG can detect this problem. Most people don't have routine ECGs, though, so catching it with this test if you haven't had any symptoms, or if you don't have a family history of the disorder, is less common.

Congenital or inherited long QT syndrome affects about 1 in 2,000 people. That statistic, however, is likely an underestimate, because people can have the disorder for years and

not know it. In addition, some unexplained deaths, such as those by drowning or unexplained vehicle accidents, may be the result of sudden cardiac arrest triggered by long QT syndrome.

One of the most frequent symptoms is fainting. The disorder triggers fainting when the heartbeat becomes irregular - usually during exercise or other physical exertion, or when you become scared, excited

or angry. If the heartbeat continues to be dangerously fast and erratic for a prolonged period of time, long QT syndrome also can lead to seizures.

At this time, universal screening does not include long QT syndrome. In most cases, it's diagnosed with an ECG after someone experiences a warning symptom.

Once long QT syndrome is diagnosed, treatment usually starts with a medication called

a beta-blocker. Other medications to counteract irregular heart rhythm may be used in conjunction with beta-blockers.

If medication isn't enough, a surgery called left cardiac sympathetic denervation may be recommended. During this minimally invasive procedure, nerves that release a chemical called nor-adrenalin onto the heart's muscle are removed.


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Case No.: **2018-CP-000045**
Judicial Section:
In Re: **Estate of Arthur Walters**
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of **Arthur Walters**, deceased, whose date of death was **November 11, 2017**, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Robert W. Germaine, Clerk of Courts, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is **February 5, 2018**.
Personal Representative/Petitioner
Tammy Harris
307 Federal Circle
Delaware, Ohio 43015

The Law Offices of Justin B. Stivers LLC
/s/ Justin Stivers
Justin Stivers, Esq. FN: 109585
150 SE 2nd Avenue, Suite 1001
Miami, Florida 33131
e. service@bstiverslaw.com
p. 305-456-3255
Feb. 5, 12, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. **PC 18-25**
IN RE: ESTATE OF **ELAINE F. STIFF**,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **ELAINE F. STIFF**, deceased, whose date of death was **October 29, 2017**, and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-9740**, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is **January 29, 2018**.
Personal Representative:
/s/ **Milton W. Huston**
1626 Sentinel Point Rd.
Sebring, FL 33875
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-5156
livingston@livingstonpa.com
Jan. 29; Feb. 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. **PC 18-36**
IN RE: ESTATE OF **LARRY MORGAN PETERSON a/k/a LARRY M. PETERSON**,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **LARRY MORGAN PETERSON**, deceased, whose date of death was **August 18, 2017**, and whose social security number is **XXX-XX-6995**, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is **January 29, 2018**.
Personal Representative:
/s/ **Erik Weber**
12360 Bill Hill Rd.
Sonora, CA 95370
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Robert E. Livingston
Florida Bar No. 0031259
445 S. Commerce Avenue
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Jan. 29; Feb. 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 18-35

IN RE: ESTATE OF **MARJORIE LOUISE DELONG a/k/a MARJORIE L. DELONG**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **Marjorie L. DeLong** deceased, whose date of death was December 1st, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 29, 2018.
Personal Representative:
Tim Smith
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NOTICE OF MEETING 26

NOTICE OF THE SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

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SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By: Tanya Cannady
General Manager
Feb. 5, 2018

TAX DEEDS 32

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000687 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.
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Robert W. Germaine
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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

Driver Wanted-Local Work! Class A, CDL. Must have 5 yrs exp., Tanker Endorsement & Clean Driving Rec. Call Michael at 863-441-1065

Electrical Helper Wanted Mainly for Service Calls Experience Helpful Call Frank 561-719-2520

Learn to Drive a Truck Get your Commercial Driver's License today at South Florida State College. Scholarships are available to eligible participants. 863-784-7033

HARVESTERS NEEDED Harvester needs 426 temporary workers to cultivate and harvest citrus, watermelon and blueberries, 04-01-18 to 06-02-18. The employer is Johnson Harvesting, Inc. Workers will be paid \$11.29 per hour depending on work location and piece rate(s) may be offered depending on crop activity, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour rate. Workers must be able to lift and carry 80 to 100 pounds. Work-sites are located in DeSoto, Hardee, Polk, Manatee, Hillsborough, Lake and Pasco counties, Florida. 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 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 2160 Northeast Roan Avenue, Arcadia, FL 34266 (863)-993-1008 using job listing number FL10618276.

SOUTH FLORIDA State College

HELP WANTED
2001

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.



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.

Seize the sales with Classified!

Part-time Truck Driver
Needed for local landscape supply company. These are small dump trucks. Clean license required. Ideal for retired or semi-retired person. 12-20 hrs/week. **Apply in person** at Butwell Stone & Soil, Inc. 300 W. Lake Isis Ave. Avon Park.

PROFESSIONAL
2010

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

Now Hiring a PT/FT Licensed Massage Therapist & PT Yoga or Tai Chi Instructor.
Email resumes to: intuitivewellness@hotmail.com

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

MEDICAL
2030

Seeking Full-Time LPN
Electronic Health Records and Clinical experience in Internal Medicine and Cardiac Care required.
Benefits Provided! Call 863-386-9595

MEDICAL
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RESTAURANT/HOTEL
2040

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CHILD/ADULT CARE NEEDED
2090

Adult Caregiver Needed- 2-3 days/wk, some overnights. Cooking, lgt housekeeping. Bkgrd ck + ref. **941-875-0049**

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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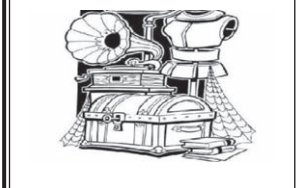


NOTICES
LOST & FOUND
3090

Found: Small young female dog in Placid Lakes, Lake Placid. Call to identify, 407-739-8179.

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Do you have stuff to sell at \$500 or less? Advertise your merchandise now in the Classified Section!

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\$4 for 4 Lines
\$5 for 5 Lines

Call
863-385-6155 or 863-658-0307



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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS
6030

(2) Twin bed comforters- matching comforters w/shams. White bkgnd 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.

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

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

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, wte 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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS
6030

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, aksing \$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

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

Dinette Set-wood & wrought iron table & 4 chairs. Expands to 54". Exc. condition!! \$250. 863-452-0858

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, exc cond. \$300.00-863 385-6414

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.

Mattress- Pillowtop, king, box springs, frame, headboard, like new, \$250, 863-840-1543.

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

FURNITURE
6035

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, & 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

Flat 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**

e-Machine Computer- complete with printer. \$400. 863-201-9298

Epson WF-4630, **All In One Printer,** extra cartridges, instruction CD, exc. cond., \$100 obo 863-441-4418

CLOTHING / JEWELRY / ACCESSORIES
6065

Boots, men's work boots, \$10.00 - 863-273-2103

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

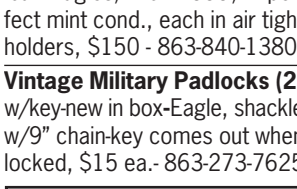
Shirts, men's pull over, large & x-lge, \$2.00 ea.-863-304-8889

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

ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES
6070

12 Hours of Sebring race Coca-Cola 6-pack collectibles~ 50th Anniversary edition; (4) 6pks. \$8 ea. obo. 863-386-4087



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

Coins-5 pure silver 2018 American Eagles, 1 oz .999, in perfect mint cond., each in air tight holders, \$150 - 863-840-1380

Vintage Military Padlocks (2) w/key-new in box-Eagle, shackle w/9" chain-key come out when locked, \$15 ea.- 863-273-7625

MUSICAL
6090

Grand Piano & bench, chicker-ing 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)

Organ, 2 manual Baldwin,solid oak cabinet w/matching bench, full octave bass, pedals w/different sounds, \$25. 419-342-2879

Roland Organ AT90R-exc. cond! Includes bench & music. Disc player & recorder. \$800. **863-441-4032** (Lake Placid)

MEDICAL
6095

Bed Rails, adult adjustable twin to queen rails, like new, paid \$160, selling for \$75 firm, 863-381-9921 or 863-385-8333

Electric Chair-Pronto Invacare M51. Brand new batteries, fully adjustable. \$400. **239-564-6368**

Medical Crutches, adjustable \$10.00 - (863) 385-1615

Mobility Scooter - Brand New! \$500.
239-405-3001

Walker, 3 big wheels, basket, hand brakes, excellent condition, \$100 OBO, 863-385-1615

Walkers, 4 wheels/seats/lg wheels, \$25, 863-382-9355

Wheelchair, new condition, \$75.00 - 863-257-0177

BABY ITEMS
6120

Graco baby stroller with second seat for toddler, exc cond, \$50, 814-434-1659.

GOLF ACCESSORIES
6125

Golf Clubs w/bags, 1 set is right handed & 1 is left handed, \$35.00 each - 863-471-6277

Golf Shafts, stainless, Reg Flex, new never cut, 1-100, \$3.00 each, 765-473-1271

GOLF CARTS
6126

FIREARMS ACCESSORIES 6132

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

Remington model 760. PA rifle, 308 WIN with Leapold 1.5-5X scope + extras, \$1140. Ruger model 77 BA rifle. 338 Win Mag with Leapold 2.5-8X scope + extras, \$1361, 863-655-1556.

HUNTING & FISHING SUPPLIES 6133

Buckaroo Jigs, limited number and colors, 12 to a sheet, \$12.00 each sheet, 863-273-0807

Fishing Rods & Reels—light Fly rod & reel, 7.5 ft. \$8 obo. ; 3 heavy spinning rods & reels. \$10 ea. obo. 863-386-4087.

Seat, Gray bass fishing folding, (Pair), new condition, used twice, \$125 for the pair, 863-840-1380

BICYCLES/TRICYCLES 6135

2 **26" ladies bicycle** \$30 each (502) 395-0989

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

3 wheel bicycle \$160. (502) 395-0989

3 wheel bicycle Schwinn \$150 (502) 330-4248.

American made Workman adult trike, like new, cost \$500+, asking \$325, 863-243-2262.

Bicycle, men's mongoos, \$35.00 obo - 863-304-8889

Bike, men's 10 speed, exc. cond., \$35.00 - 863-402-0101

Bike, Schwinn Skyliner, 21 speed, exc. cond., \$125.00, 863-402-0101

Bike, Trailmate 3 whel, 24", clean, good tires, basket, reflectors, handbrake, \$1500BO, 863-458-1003

Bike, women's 10 speed, exc. cond., \$35.00 - 863-402-0101

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

Ladies Coaster 26" bike, good condition \$40 (863) 382-8852

Men's 7 speed bicycle, Schwinn \$50. (502) 395-0989

Tricycle, TrailMate Desoto classic, good tires, basket, reflectors, handbrake, 24", \$150 obo 863-458-1003

TOYS/GAMES 6138

Metal swing set from Sam's club, great condition, \$200, 863-385-2004

LAWN & GARDEN 6160

Craftsman **lawn mower** 6.75 HP w/22" cut, power gear drive \$100 (239)738-6641

Edger, B&D Edge-Hog, model LE750, electric, good condition, \$25, 765-473-1271

Grass Trimmer, Worx, \$25.00 863-471-6787

Hedge Trimmer, Worx, new battery, never used, \$100.00 863-471-6787

Lawn Mower, Craftsman, 21 HP 42" cut, VT3000, \$450, 863-382-9355

Lawn Tractor, Craftsman, 21 HP, 42" deck, 2 blade, elect start, good cond, 7 months on warranty, \$500, 765-473-1271

Planter, Brass, solid/ig handles, 18"Hx20"W, \$450, 863-382-9355

OUTDOOR LIVING 6161

Patio Furnitre, table with tile top & 6 chairs (2 swivel), earth-tone color, exc. cond., \$160.00 863-414-0358

Picnic table, wood \$20 (863) 699-0559

BUILDING SUPPLIES 6170

Ceramic Tile, Ibero, 5 boxes, 9 x 14, 18 pc bullnose & 4 sheets 2 x 2, \$160.00 obo, 727-430-3491

Plywood—3/4x48x96; 1/2x48x28; 1/2x36x46; 1/2x22x38. \$20. 863-273-3731.

Porcelain Floor Tile 12x12, POLISHED Bianco Marfil, 70 s/f, \$65, 863-441-1619.

BUILDING SUPPLIES 6170

Roof pans, aluminum, (11), 14.5' x 12" white, \$350 OBO, 262-853-9145

Tile, 3 sheets mosaic glass backsplash tile, \$25.00 - 727-430-3491

TOOLS/MACHINERY 6190

Craftsman **tool box**, 3 drawer, \$40 (920) 479-0736

Heavy duty bench top **grinder** 6" \$25.00 (863) 699-0559

Level—Carpenters' 1"x1" x 24" long, \$8.00 - 863-273-3731.

Paint Sprayer, brand new, \$100.00 - 863-471-6787

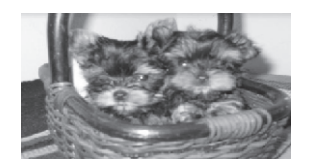
Pliers, Snap Ring, and 90-100 small to large snap rings made in USA, plus 8 tips @ \$5.00, 407-385-4196

Table saw Skill 10" \$100. (502) 330-4248

Work Bench, folding, wood top, metal legs, 15"W x 32"H x 24"L, exc. cond., \$15.00, 863-382-8745

Workbench, folding, clamping, \$30.00, 863-441-4418

DOGS 6233



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LIVESTOCK 6235

Chicken Hutch, holds 4 to 6 chickens, new, never used, \$200.00 - 863-452-5539

PET SUPPLIES & SERVICES 6236

Dog Kennel Box, hunting, aluminum, double front loading doors, 34.5" W x 40"L x 28"H \$350.00 - 863-381-4561

PET ADOPTION 6238



Young Cat, approx., 2 yrs old, female, domestic short hair, black & white, very friendly, free to a good home, 863-253-2688

APPLIANCES 6250

Chefmate **dorm size refrigerator** \$75 (920) 479-0736

Dishwasher, portable, \$100, 863-314-0109

Dishwasher ~ Portable; Whirlpool; Brand New (used only once!) \$300. 231-203-3092

Freezer, Frigidaire, 17.3 cu ft, upright, self defrosting with alarm, \$300.00, 727-430-3491

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Up to 90 day warranty.
LOCAL DELIVERY
Call 863-655-4995

Keurig Vue coffee maker, excellent condition, \$30, 828-361-5884, 863-385-5885.

Microwave, Emerson, white, \$15.00 obo - 863-304-8889

Oven - stainless frigidaire wall oven & black glass top, almost brand new, in beautiful cond., \$425 for both - 863-446-0232

Stove, 24" gas, like new, used only 3 months, \$150.00, 765-337-6376

Washer, Whirlpool, white, \$100.00 obo - 863-304-8889
Whirlpool smooth top **stove**, white \$150. (239)738-6641

MISCELLANEOUS 6260

Attention vendors: 4 cement encased weights for tents, \$12, 814-434-1659.

Bird cage, 40x24, heavy metal-gold, no bottom, \$35, 863-382-9355

MISCELLANEOUS 6260

Bar Top, has map & zodiac signs, wood bottom holds liquor bottles, top lifts up for ice & glasses, \$450, 239-645-9229

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

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

Exterior door, 32 X 80 needs work. \$20 (863) 385-6518

Fan, pedestal, like new, 16', \$20.00, 863-441-4418

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well it worked won't be known until later this month. An early report from Canada for the same flu shot shows protection against that bug has been poor, just 17 percent.

Canada's flu season so far has been milder with more of a mix of strains. But CDC officials said effectiveness figures in the U.S. may end up in the same range.

Some researchers say part of the problem may be that most flu vaccine is made by growing viruses in chicken eggs; the viruses can mutate in the eggs, making the vaccine less effective in people.

The cold winter in many parts of the country may also have played a role, keeping people indoors and helping flu bugs to spread, said Dr. David Weber, a University of North Carolina flu expert.

Whatever the reason, "it's a whopper of a flu season," said Mimi Dreifuss, a North Carolina nurse who got sick this week.

Dreifuss, 61, worked

in a pediatrician's office for years and didn't catch the flu. She retired last year and didn't get a flu shot figuring she was no longer around sick children. This week she had a 101 temperature and was diagnosed with the flu.

"I'm feeling kind of foolish," said Dreifuss, of Bynum, North Carolina.

In Pensacola, Florida, an ER nurse's Facebook rant after a 12-hour shift got attention this week, with her venting about people not doing enough to stop the spread of germs. She demonstrates the "magic trick" of sneezing or coughing into the crook of an arm.

AP PHOTO

A mobile emergency room is set up outside Grady Memorial Hospital to help handle the ever-growing number of flu cases in Atlanta, Jan. 29. The trailer, called Carolinas MED-1, has 14 beds and will sit outside the hospital's main emergency room for 30 days to alleviate wait times and bed shortages.

She also complains about people without true emergencies crowding into waiting rooms, next to people with the flu.

"So guess what? Five flus came in, 15 flus walk out. It's great," says Katherine Lockler. "They'll be back."



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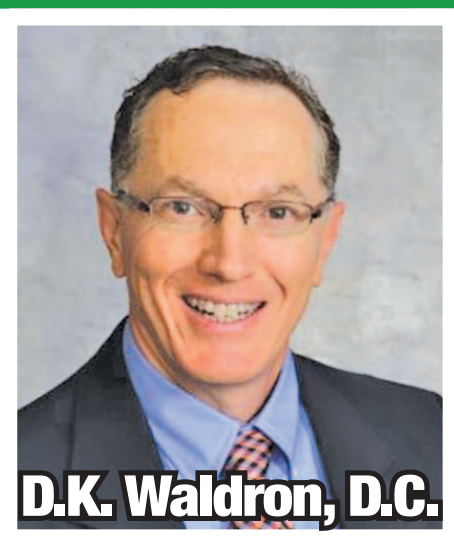
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North Korea slams Trump's State of the Union address

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Sunday slammed President Donald Trump's State of the Union address and said its nuclear capabilities would "deter Trump and his lackeys from showing off on the Korean peninsula."

In his address last week, Trump said that "no regime has oppressed its own citizens more totally or brutally than the cruel dictatorship in North Korea."

"We need only look at the depraved character of the North Korean regime to understand the nature of the nuclear threat it could pose to America and to our allies," Trump said.

On Sunday, a North Korean foreign ministry official shot back at the president.

"If Trump does not get rid of his anachronistic and dogmatic way of thinking, it will only bring about the consequence of further endangering security and future of the United States," the official said, in comments carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

The official disputed Trump's claim in his address that the United States had "made incredible progress and achieved extraordinary success" over the last year, calling it "the height of Trump-style arrogance, arbitrariness and self-conceit."

Trump also said in his speech that the U.S. was "waging a campaign of maximum pressure" to prevent North Korea from being able to attack the U.S. with nuclear weapons.

The foreign ministry official said that North Korea's "self-reliant defense capability with the nuclear force as its backbone will, however, completely deter Trump and his lackeys from showing off on the Korean peninsula."

On Friday, Trump sought to increase pressure on Pyongyang over its nuclear program by consulting with allies and

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2 Amtrak workers killed, 116 hurt in SC crash

By MEG KINNARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS



AP PHOTO/JEFF BLAKE

An aerial view of the site of an early morning train crash Sunday, between an Amtrak train, bottom right, and a CSX freight train, top left, in Cayce, S.C.



TIM DOMINICK/THE STATE VIA AP

Authorities investigate the scene of a fatal Amtrak train crash in Cayce, South Carolina, Sunday. At least two were killed and dozens injured.

CAYCE, S.C. — An Amtrak passenger train slammed into a freight train parked on a side track in South Carolina early Sunday, killing two Amtrak crew members and injuring more than 110 people, authorities said. It was the third deadly wreck involving Amtrak in less than two months.

The Silver Star was on its way from New York to Miami with nearly 150 people aboard around 2:45 a.m. when it plowed into the CSX train at an estimated 59 mph, Gov. Henry McMaster said. The crash happened around a switchyard about 10 miles south of Columbia.

The governor said investigators have yet to determine how the Amtrak train ended up on that stretch of track.

"The CSX was on the track it was supposed to be on," McMaster said.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent investigators.

The conductor and engineer aboard the Amtrak train were killed, the coroner's office said. And 116 people were taken to four hospitals, according to the governor.

The main trauma hospital in the area had three patients in critical or serious condition, with the rest treated for minor injuries such as cuts, bruises and whiplash, said Dr. Steve Shelton, Palmetto Health director of emergency preparedness.

The locomotives of both trains were left crumpled, the Amtrak engine on its side. One car in the middle of the Amtrak train was snapped in half, forming a V off to one side of the tracks.

"It's a horrible thing to see, to understand the force involved," McMaster said after touring the scene.

Many passengers were asleep when the train began shaking violently and then slammed to a halt, passenger Derek Pettaway told CBS.

"You knew we'd hit something or

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Child abductions rise amid South Sudan's grinding civil war

By SAM MEDNICK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AKOBO, South Sudan — It's been almost two years since Deng Machar's three young children were abducted from his home and likely sold for cattle. Sitting in South Sudan's opposition-held town of Akobo, the 35-year-old pointed to the dirt beneath his feet.

"They were playing right there," Machar said. "It would be easier if they were dead because then I could forget."

Machar said his 4-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son were likely sold for cattle after being seized by men from the rival Murle tribe. He doubts his 2-year-old son is still alive. Eleven children in all were abducted from this area that day and none has

been seen since.

It is a little-acknowledged tragedy in South Sudan's five-year civil war. Child kidnappings between clans have increased as people become more desperate amid widespread hunger and a devastated economy, human rights groups say.

"Child abductions and trafficking in South Sudan is a real issue that requires an urgent response by the government," said Edmund Yakani, executive director of the nonprofit Community Empowerment for Progress Organization.

While tracking child kidnappings is challenging amid the conflict and mass displacement, he said his organization has confirmed abductions in several parts of the

country. Those include 11 children seized last year in Abyei in the north, five taken between 2012 and 2014 in the Wau area in the west, and seven in 2016 and 2017 in the Yei area in the south, near the Ugandan border.

The United Nations says its child protection team confirmed abductions in the regions of Unity, Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Upper Nile and Western Equatoria last year, though it didn't have a total number.

Although inter-clan fighting, cattle raiding and abductions are deep-seated throughout this East African country, Yakani called it a particular problem in Jonglei state, where the town of Akobo is located and where many in the Murle tribe base "their



AP PHOTO

In this photo taken Jan. 18, a boy comes out of the water after going for a swim in the Nile in Akobo town, one of the last rebel-held strongholds in South Sudan.

livelihood" on selling children.

During a recent trip to Akobo, near the Ethiopian border, The

Associated Press spoke with Murle tribesmen who acknowledged stealing and trafficking children for personal

gain. "The intention is to trade the children

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FINANCIAL

Boss says get a credit card

Dear Dave, I recently got a new job that requires monthly expenses of almost \$5,000 that are reimbursed. I can't swing that kind of money right now, and my company told me to get a credit card to cover things. I'm trying to get out of debt, and I don't like this idea. What should I do?

—John



Dave Ramsey

Dear John, Your company should be fronting the money for these expenses. When you talk about the cost of doing business, it's the responsibility of the company — not the employee — to pay expenses.

If I send someone on the road to make money for my company, I pay the bills. It doesn't matter if you're talking about hotel rooms, airfare, or rental cars, those are my expenses. If it's someone who travels a lot, we give them a company debit card. If it's just an occasional thing, we'll give them money out of petty cash. But a company shouldn't treat its employees this way. That's just plain wrong.

It's a mystery to me how some segments of Corporate America have sold their employees on the idea of being the company bank. Ultimately, the decision is yours. If you don't mind covering your company's expenses and getting reimbursed, but you don't want to go into debt, you'll have to save and build up a

\$5,000 business expense fund in a separate checking account. This should be used only for business expenses, and what's spent should be replenished immediately when they reimburse you.

You're in an unusual spot, John. Personally, I think this is an unprofessional way to run a business. But if you like your job, and want to stay without taking on any more debt, the good news is you'll only have to fill up your expense account one time.

Good luck!

—Dave

Well meaning, but misguided

Dear Dave,

My sister has had credit due to a lot of late payments. She has finally started to change her ways and get control of her finances, because she and her fiancé want to make an offer on a house. The bank won't approve it if she is on the loan, and his income alone isn't enough to get the amount they need. His parents are well-off, and they have offered to co-sign on the loan. Is this a bad idea?

—Rhonda

Dear Rhonda, It's a really bad idea. Those two have no business thinking about a house right now, and his parents are about to make things even worse with their loving, misguided help.

If you need a co-signer, you're nowhere near ready to buy a home. They need to slow down. I mean, they're just engaged. They don't even need a house at this point. They should get married, live in a cheap apartment for a while, and work on paying off their debts. After that, they need to save up an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses, then start setting cash aside for a huge down payment on their first, modest home.

These two have a bad case of house fever. And mom and dad need to step back, look at things objectively, and realize they would not be blessing these kids by helping get them into a home they obviously can't afford!

—Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.



OLIVIA LOPEZ/DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE VIA AP

In this Oct. 23, 2017 photo, the front lawn of billionaire businessman and philanthropist Tom Golisano's summer home on Canandaigua Lake in South Bristol, N.Y., is shown.

Billionaire takes property tax stand over geese

By MARY ESCH ASSOCIATED PRESS

Billionaire Tom Golisano says he tried stringing up fishing line, spraying smelly repellent and even posting a wolf decoy, but nothing could rid his lakeside vacation home of the Canada geese that turned his lawn into a minefield of poop.

His next line of attack? Refusing to pay his \$90,000 school tax bill until officials in the Finger Lakes town of South Bristol find a way to control the birds.

"This past summer it was horrible. We'd drive in and find 100 to 200 geese parked on our lawn," said Golisano, founder of payroll company Paychex and former owner of the Buffalo Sabres hockey team. "You can't walk barefoot, can't play Frisbee, can't have your grandchildren run around... Here I am paying all this money in taxes and I can't use my property because of the geese droppings."

Golisano's stand over bird poop is just one part of his one-man protest campaign against a taxation system he believes is

flawed and inequitable. He's pledging to file a class-action lawsuit on behalf of other upstate homeowners who believe they are being over-taxed. And he recently launched a website, TaxMyPropertyFairly.com, to give ordinary taxpayers the tools to challenge their property tax bills.

Golisano contends that tax assessors often lack the training, time and expertise to accurately assign property values that determine what share of the local tax collection each homeowner pays. Escaping high taxes was part of the reason Golisano changed his permanent home address to Naples, Florida, nearly a decade ago. In 2010, he spent \$200,000 in legal fees to get the property taxes on his home in Mendon, near Rochester, reduced from \$200,000 to \$60,000.

He said western New York is notorious for high property taxes. While his wife, tennis Hall of Famer Monica Seles, pays about \$4,000 a year in taxes on her New York City condo assessed at \$800,000, Golisano said a home with that assessed value in Rochester-area Monroe

County would have a \$28,000 tax bill.

Golisano's fight over the bird poop in the town South Bristol, population 1,600, is based on the argument that the value of his Canandaigua Lake property is driven down by the flocks of wild geese that congregate there and it's government's duty to solve the problem.

Town Supervisor Daniel Marshall disagrees. "It's a resident's problem to take care of, not the town's," he said. Marshall said no other shoreline residents have complained about the geese. "It is a lake, after all."

For now, the tax fight remains unresolved. Golisano says his next step is to seek a reduced property assessment based on the goose scourge.

Golisano, whose net worth is listed by Forbes at \$3.4 billion, is renowned for his generosity to health care, higher education and opportunities for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are three children's hospitals named for him, in Rochester, Syracuse and Fort Myers, Florida.

TODAY / TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nice with variable clouds	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny with a brief shower or two	Clouds and sun	Pleasant with sun and clouds
HIGH 80° 10% chance of rain	83° / 62° 5% chance of rain	84° / 63° 10% chance of rain	83° / 62° 55% chance of rain	82° / 63° 5% chance of rain	78° / 55° 25% chance of rain

61° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Apalachicola	65 50 s	67 58 pc
Bradenton	75 57 pc	78 61 pc
Clearwater	72 58 pc	76 63 pc
Coral Springs	79 67 c	80 71 pc
Daytona Beach	64 52 pc	72 58 pc
Fort Lauderdale	77 65 c	78 70 pc
Fort Myers	81 60 c	83 63 pc
Gainesville	69 42 s	75 53 pc
Jacksonville	66 43 s	70 52 pc
Key Largo	77 70 c	77 72 pc
Key West	76 67 c	76 67 s
Lakeland	75 53 pc	80 59 pc
Melbourne	72 57 pc	78 62 pc
Miami	81 67 c	80 69 pc
Naples	78 60 c	80 63 pc
Ocala	72 45 s	78 55 pc
Okeechobee	76 56 c	80 61 pc
Orlando	73 52 pc	79 58 pc
Panama City	66 47 s	69 58 pc
Pensacola	64 52 pc	65 58 pc
Pompano Beach	78 66 c	79 71 pc
St. Augustine	61 47 s	69 54 pc
St. Petersburg	73 56 pc	77 61 pc
Sarasota	75 55 pc	79 59 pc
Tallahassee	66 41 s	70 56 pc
Tampa	76 57 pc	81 62 pc
Vero Beach	72 57 c	78 64 pc
West Palm Beach	77 64 c	79 66 pc

VENICE
Venice through 2 p.m. Sunday

TEMPERATURES
High/Low 77°/59°
Normal High/Low 72°/53°
Record High 86° (2012)
Record Low 31° (1958)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sun. 0.00*
Month to date 0.00*
Normal month to date 0.32*
Year to date 1.39*
Normal year to date 2.76*
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SEBRING
Sebring through 2 p.m. Sunday

TEMPERATURES
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City	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	81/60	cloudy	none
Punta Gorda	81/56	cloudy	none
Sarasota	75/55	part cldy	none

TIDES

Punta Gorda
Today: 6:09a 12:33a 6:46p 12:47p
Tue.: 7:21a 1:45a 7:22p 1:18p

Englewood
Today: 4:46a 11:03a 5:23p ---
Tue.: 5:58a 12:01a 5:59p 11:34a

Boca Grande
Today: 3:53a 9:51a 4:51p 10:52p
Tue.: 5:14a 10:17a 5:32p ---

El Jobean
Today: 6:41a 1:02a 7:18p 1:16p
Tue.: 7:53a 2:14a 7:54p 1:47p

Venice
Today: 3:01a 9:42a 3:38p 10:40p
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POLLEN INDEX
Pollen Index readings as of Sunday

Index	Reading
0	64
1	68
4	77
3	79
1	78
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AIR QUALITY INDEX
Air Quality Index readings as of Sunday

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

Main pollutant: Ozone
Source: sdcgov.net

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U.S. EXTREMES (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
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WORLD CITIES

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Beijing	33 9 s	38 20 s	Ottawa	17 11 c	24 1 pc
Berlin	33 21 c	32 21 pc	Paris	38 32 sf	36 29 sn
Buenos Aires	92 69 s	93 71 pc	Regina	0 -13 s	4 -11 c
Cairo	82 62 c	80 63 c	Rio de Janeiro	81 73 r	82 74 c
Calgary	9 -1 s	12 3 pc	Rome	56 43 pc	56 45 r
Cancun	83 73 pc	83 73 s	St. John's	40 29 r	31 17 pc
Dublin	39 31 pc	39 27 pc	San Juan	85 74 pc	84 74 sh
Edmonton	1 -8 s	3 -4 pc	Sydney	79 68 s	79 68 pc
Halifax	46 19 r	30 24 pc	Tokyo	46 33 s	44 33 s
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Q: What is the U.S. snowfall record for one month?
A: 390 inches at Tamarack, Calif., January 1911.

NATION

Democratic, GOP lawmakers: Memo doesn't clear Trump in probe

By HOPE YEN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democratic and Republican lawmakers said Sunday that a GOP-produced congressional memo on FBI surveillance powers did not clear President Donald Trump in the Russia investigation, and they expressed hope that special counsel Robert Mueller's work would continue without interference.

The top Democrat on the Republican-led House Intelligence Committee that released the memo called it "a political hit job" and questioned whether GOP Rep. Devin Nunes, the committee chairman, had coordinated with the White House in drafting it.

"The goal here is to undermine the FBI, discredit the FBI, discredit the Mueller investigation, do the president's bidding," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif. Schiff said he raised motions to have the committee question the FBI first and review the full supporting material before releasing the memo but was "voted down" by Nunes and other GOP committee members.

"I think it's very possible his staff worked with the White House," he said. Nunes has for months faced criticism about his close ties to the White House. He had previously apologized for sharing with the White House secret intelligence intercepts related to a

probe of Russian election interference before talking to committee members. When asked during a committee meeting in late January whether he had coordinated the memo with the White House, he at first said "as far as I know, no," then refused to answer when asked whether his staff members had communicated with the White House.

The memo, released Friday, alleges misconduct on the part of the FBI and the Justice Department in obtaining a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to monitor former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser Carter Page and his ties to Russia. Specifically, it takes aim at the FBI's use of information from former British spy Christopher Steele, who compiled a dossier containing allegations of ties between Trump, his associates and Russia.

Rep. Chris Stewart, R-Utah, said the memo doesn't end the need for the Mueller investigation.

"I think it would be a mistake for anyone to suggest that the special counsel shouldn't complete his work. I support his work. I want him to finish it. I hope he finishes it as quickly as possible. This memo has frankly nothing at all to do with the special counsel," said Stewart, a member of the House Intelligence Committee.

Denying a political motive, Republican committee members defended

the release of the GOP memo as appropriate. Saying it did not vindicate Trump, as the president asserted Saturday, they signaled the possible release of Democrats' dissenting memo in the coming weeks and said the GOP memo would have no impact on Mueller's ongoing probe.

Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, said he had opposed the release of Democrats' memo last week on national security grounds but fully expected a fresh vote on the matter after Democrats make revisions.

"The information wasn't ready to go, and so we decided to release ours," he said. "People can criticize that, that decision, but I think providing oversight and shining a light on these issues is important."

Trump tweeted Saturday 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 were not made public in the memo. Even as Democrats described it as inaccurate, some Republicans quickly cited the memo — released over



AP FILE PHOTO

The FBU building in Washington, Friday.

the objections of the FBI and Justice Department — in their arguments that Mueller's investigation is politically tainted.

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 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 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," Schiff said in a tweet Saturday in response to Trump's assertion that the document vindicated him.

Schiff and Hurd spoke on ABC's "This Week." Stewart spoke on "Fox News Sunday."

White House to dump nominee to head environmental council

By ELVINA NAWAGUNA

CQ-ROLL CALL

WASHINGTON — The White House will withdraw the nomination of Kathleen Hartnett White, the former Texas environmental official named to lead the Council on Environmental Quality, a White House official said Sunday.

Democrats and some Midwestern Republicans worried that Hartnett White's previous comments calling the EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard unethical would lead to a weaker biofuels program.

Her nomination was advanced by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on a party-line vote in November, but she was unable to gain enough Republican support for a floor vote.

The Washington Post first reported the planned withdrawal Saturday.

Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso of Wyoming, who has praised Hartnett White as having "broad" experience in environmental issues, did not respond to a request for comment.

Hartnett White is a former member and commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The White House council coordinates federal environmental policy and actions among agencies and with states.

At a Nov. 8 hearing

before the committee, Hartnett White was pressed by senators of both parties on several past statements, including her defense of carbon dioxide emissions and rejection of climate change science. Democrats argued that her views were too "extreme" and that she had shown "disrespect" for science and environmental laws.

The committee's top Democrat, Thomas R. Carper of Delaware, threatened to try to block her confirmation.

"My colleagues in Congress know well that I am one of the first to reach across the aisle to find reasonable, principled compromises, but in this case, it was abundantly clear very early on that heading up the Council on Environmental Quality wasn't the right job for Ms. White," Carper said in a statement Saturday.

Environmentalists, who had been alarmed by her nomination, celebrated the news.

"Kathleen Hartnett White is a conspiracy theorist and anti-science extremist who would threaten public health as the White House's top environmental adviser," Sara Chieffo of the League of Conservation Voters, said in a statement. "This is a victory for science, and Trump would do well to listen to our voices and nominate someone who will put communities, not polluters, first."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Baltimore parking ticket amnesty program nets \$2M in 2 days

BALTIMORE (AP) — A parking ticket amnesty program in Baltimore has netted more than \$2.1 million for city coffers over a two-day period.

The Baltimore Sun reports that the totals collected as of Friday evening only reflected electronic payments.

The newspaper says there were also lines at city offices as residents came to pay outstanding tickets in person but those amounts have not yet been calculated.

Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh announced the initiative last month. It's the first parking ticket amnesty program the mid-Atlantic city has organized in roughly 15 years.

Virginia museum to auction off letter by Alexander Hamilton

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — A letter written by Alexander Hamilton will go to the highest bidder at an auction to raise money for restoration work at a Virginia museum.

The Virginian-Pilot reports the letter, written by a Founding Father of the United States and the first secretary of the Treasury, was written Sept. 14, 1794.

In the letter, Hamilton makes a military request for wagons during the Whiskey Rebellion. That was a violent uprising in the 1790s in western Pennsylvania that arose in response to a federal tax on whiskey production.

The newspaper says the money raised by auctioning the letter will benefit the Hill House Museum, a historic home in Portsmouth furnished with family belongings collected through generations.

The auction will take place March 22 at Quinn's Place Galleries in Falls Church.

Michigan State faculty moving ahead with no-confidence vote

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)

— Michigan State University faculty are moving ahead with a motion to hold a no-confidence vote on the school's board of trustees in response to the board's decision to hire former Gov. John Engler as interim president.

Members of the university's Academic Congress overwhelmingly approved a measure Saturday to hold the vote at the Faculty Senate's next meeting.

If that vote passes, faculty would call on the trustees to step down immediately.

Faculty members say the board rushed to appoint Engler and they criticized his lack of academic experience.

Engler was hired as interim president last Wednesday after longtime President Lou Anna Simon resigned Jan. 24 amid a growing outcry over the university's handling of the sex assault scandal involving former university sports doctor Larry Nassar.

Chicago museum's T. rex Sue to be moved for new display

CHICAGO (AP) — A Tyrannosaurus rex fossil that's been on prominent display at Chicago's Field Museum is being moved to make room for a cast of the biggest dinosaur ever discovered.

Officials with the Field Museum say the T. rex named Sue, which has been at the museum since 2000, will be moved on Monday. The specimen will be updated and moved upstairs to a private suite opening in 2019.

The changes are part of an overhaul to the lakefront museum's main hall.

A 122-foot-long titanosaur, a Patagotitan mayorum from Argentina, is expected to arrive in June. It'll take up a third of the main hall with its head peeking over a 28-foot, second-floor balcony.

Police investigate death of toddler found on porch in Ohio

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Police

in Ohio are investigating how a 2-year-old girl died after her she was found unresponsive by her mother on the front porch of an apartment in freezing weather.

The Akron Beacon Journal reports the toddler was found Friday afternoon and was taken to Akron Children's Hospital, where she died. The Summit County Medical Examiner's Office in northeast Ohio will determine how the child died.

Temperatures in Akron on Friday ranged between 12 and 19 degrees.

WJW-TV is reporting the mother told a 911 dispatcher she found the toddler "frozen" outside.

Police have not identified the girl or her mother. A neighbor at the 76-apartment complex managed by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority said the woman also has a son.

AP Exclusive: US Rep visits El Salvador to meet deported man

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas congressman has flown to El Salvador to meet with a constituent who was deported there last March despite not having a criminal record, according to his family.

U.S. Rep. Al Green met with 32-year-old Jose Escobar on Saturday at the airport in the Salvadoran capital San Salvador.

Green, a Houston Democrat who has been a staunch critic of President Donald Trump, says he told Escobar he was doing everything he could to return him to his two children and his wife, Rose, who attended the meeting.

Rose Escobar and the children still live in Houston. She says her husband's deportation has been hard on them and she worries about him.

Jose Escobar and his family arrived in the U.S. in 2001, when he was 15. They had been granted temporary protected status, which was given to Salvadorans who were victims of earthquakes that year. The Trump administration ended the program, saying the conditions under which it was created no longer applied.

NATION

SpaceX's hot new rocket ready for test flight

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX's hot new monster rocket makes its launch debut this week, blasting off from the same pad that hoisted men to the moon a half-century ago.

The Falcon Heavy won't surpass NASA's Saturn V moon rocket, still all-time king of the launch circuit. It won't even approach the liftoff might of NASA's space shuttles.

But when it departs on its first test flight — as early as Tuesday — the Heavy with its three boosters and 27 engines will be the most powerful working rocket out there today, by a factor of two. Picture SpaceX's frequent-flyer Falcon 9 and its single booster and then times that by three; the Heavy's three first-stage boosters are strapped side by side.

The Heavy represents serious business for the private space company founded 16 years ago by Elon Musk. With more than 5 million pounds of liftoff thrust — equivalent to 18, 747s jetliners — the Heavy will be capable of lifting supersonic satellites into orbit and sending spacecraft to the moon, Mars and beyond.

Using another airplane analogy, SpaceX boasts a Heavy could lift a 737 into orbit, passengers, luggage and all.

The company already has some Heavy customers lined up, including the U.S. Air Force.

"I can't wait to see it fly and to see it fly again and again," said the Southwest Research Institute's Alan Stern. He's the lead scientist for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft which

made an unprecedented flyby of Pluto and is now headed to an even smaller, icy world on the fringes of the solar system.

Cape Canaveral hasn't seen this kind of rocket mania since the last space shuttle flight in 2011. Huge crowds are expected for the afternoon launch from Kennedy Space Center. Visitor center tickets for the best up-close viewing, called "Feel the Heat" and "Closest Package," sold out quickly.

"When you're talking about what would be the biggest and largest operational launch vehicle in the world, that adds another dimension of excitement," said Phil Larson, an assistant dean at the University of Colorado at Boulder, who used to work for SpaceX and the Obama administration.

The Heavy is capable of delivering, in one fell swoop, 140,660 pounds (63,800 kilograms) of cargo to low-Earth orbit, nearly 60,000 pounds (26,700 kilograms) to high-Earth orbit, 37,000 pounds (16,800 kilograms) to Mars, or 7,700 pounds (3,500 kilograms) to Pluto.

But for this inaugural flight, the rocket will carry up Musk's cherry-red Tesla Roadster. In addition to SpaceX, he runs the electric car maker Tesla.

"Red car for a red planet," Musk tweeted in December, when announcing the surprise cargo.

Fresh-off-the-drawing-board rockets typically carry steel or concrete blocks in place of true cargo.

"That seemed extremely boring," Musk explained.

NASA officials said the Falcon Heavy is just the latest evidence of the Kennedy Space Center's

transformation into a multi-user spaceport, a turnaround after decades of space shuttles taking center stage.

A variety of rockets will be needed — besides NASA's still-under-construction Space Launch System megarocket — as astronauts venture out into the solar system, said Kennedy's director of center planning and development, Tom Engler. Blue Origin, led by Amazon's Jeff Bezos, for instance, is developing a big, reusable orbital-class rocket named New Glenn after the first American to orbit the world, John Glenn.

Cocoa Beach Mayor Ben Malik, a banker by day, noted that jobs are making a big comeback, with so many private rocketeers and other aerospace businesses hitting town. The area suffered thousands of layoffs when the 30-year space shuttle program ended.

"We are not only back, but the region is much more diversified," Malik said. "We are becoming a high-tech hub."

Stern sees the Heavy opening the door to more exploration, both human and robotic, given its heft and cost savings. SpaceX's launch failures of Falcon 1 and Falcon 9 showed the company has "a very strong backbone." While Falcon 1 was completely on the SpaceX tab, Falcon 9 benefited from the company's contracts with NASA for space station shipments.

This persistence resulted in SpaceX becoming, in 2010, the first private company to launch a spacecraft into orbit and then safely guide it back to Earth, something only



SPACEX VIA AP

This Dec. 28, 2017 photo made available by SpaceX shows a Falcon Heavy rocket in Cape Canaveral, Fla. With more than 5 million pounds of liftoff thrust, the Heavy will be capable of lifting super-size satellites into orbit and sending spacecraft to the moon, Mars and beyond.

large governments had accomplished. Two years later, SpaceX became the first commercial supplier of the International Space Station. Now the company is aiming for the first commercial crew launch.

At the heart of SpaceX's cost savings is its rocket-recycling campaign. Two of the Heavy's first-stage boosters are repeats, having flown on Falcon 9s. The company will attempt to recover all three boosters; the two old boosters will aim for side-by-side vertical touchdowns at Cape Canaveral, while the new, beefed-up center core will attempt to land on a floating ocean platform.

Rocket makers typically discard their leftover boosters in the ocean. Now those boosters often come back and land, at least when it's SpaceX, complete with sonic booms just like the old shuttle days.

Unlike most rockets out there, the Falcon Heavy receives no government funding. The Mars-obsessed Musk has taken it upon himself and his California-based aerospace company to bankroll the hulking rocket. At a sticker price of \$90 million, the Heavy is a relative bargain. NASA's bigger and more powerful SLS is expected to exceed \$1 billion a flight.

Musk upped the ante by putting his Tesla atop this first Heavy; he's been warning for months the rocket might not make it higher than the launch tower.

If the flight succeeds, it will be the first true automobile hurled into space. It's destined for a perpetual orbit around the sun that will swing out as far as Mars. The car's soundtrack will be playing David Bowie's "Space Oddity."

"It is a catchy way to

get attention," said Stern while driving his blue Tesla Model S in Boulder, Colorado, last week.

Musk is already looking ahead to an even bigger SpaceX rocket that would phase out both the Falcon 9 and Heavy.

Retired NASA historian and Smithsonian curator Roger Launius cautioned SpaceX has "a long history of overpromising," although eventually succeeding. The Heavy's debut, for example, has been delayed for years. Musk has acknowledged the Heavy proved harder to build than anticipated.

"I'm in favor of more capacity to get off this planet, so I cheer when anyone has a successful new rocket," Launius wrote in an email.

He promised to be "properly congratulatory" if and when success comes.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Most suspended Ohio State fraternities resume recruitment

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Nearly all the Ohio State University fraternities whose activities were suspended in November mostly due to hazing and alcohol allegations have been cleared to resume recruitment events and, in many cases, also social events.

The university suspended activities for the Interfraternity Council's 37 members after 11 chapters came under investigation early in the school year. One fraternity has since been suspended for three years.

The university says it's working with fraternities to address high-risk behaviors by changing the culture within those groups. To resume activities, chapters were required to have school-approved plans for conducting activities safely, including committing to hazing prevention efforts and alcohol-free recruitment.

A spokesman for Ohio State's Office of Student Life says it's pleased fraternities are creating plans that reflect interest in moving in a positive direction.

Trump throws wrench into grad students' hopes for unions

NEW YORK (AP) — When the National Labor Relations Board ruled in 2016 that graduate teaching and research assistants have the right to unionize, it paved the way for union elections at Columbia, Yale, the University of Chicago and other schools.

But Columbia announced last week that it won't bargain with the graduate students who voted for union representation.

Experts say administrators there and at other schools may be anticipating that a pro-management NLRB stocked

with appointees of Republican President Donald Trump will reverse itself and rule that graduate students are not workers.

Other universities that have filed appeals rather than negotiating with teaching and research assistants may also be waiting for the labor board to issue a new ruling.

New Jersey could be first to ban menthol cigarettes

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey could soon become the first state to ban the sale of menthol cigarettes.

Democratic Assemblyman Herb Conaway, who is also a physician, recently introduced the legislation. It was approved Monday by the state Assembly's Health and Senior Services Committee and now heads to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration.

He said, the cooling effect of menthol allows smokers to draw more toxic substances into their lungs and hold them there.

Opponents say the ban would cost small retailers millions of dollars in lost sales and hurt state coffers.

The measure would amend existing state law that bans the sale of flavored cigarettes.

A food retailers' group says menthol cigarettes account for 35 percent to 40 percent of their total sales.

Woman at top of her game seeks girls with a cyber-aptitude

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut's public safety commissioner is helping promote a national contest designed to find young women who have the skills needed to enter the world of cybersecurity.

Dora Schriro is working with the nonprofit SANS Institute and the Girl Scouts of America to get teens registered for the "Girls Go

Cyberstart" program, an online puzzle and problem-solving game that will start on Feb. 20.

It's open to girls in 18 states and American Samoa.

The top prize is a trip to a women-in-cybersecurity conference in Chicago. Others will win computers and tablets.

But Schriro says the main goal is to identify girls with an aptitude and start them down a career path in the male-dominated field.

State Police say a trooper was killed in a traffic accident

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut State Police say an off-duty state trooper has been killed in a traffic accident.

State Police said Sunday that Trooper Danielle Miller died as a result of injuries she sustained in the accident Saturday night in Wolcott, Connecticut.

Miller's police cruiser and a pickup truck collided on Route 69.

State Police said Sunday that they were announcing Miller's passing with a heavy heart and great sadness. The driver of the truck was taken to a nearby hospital after the accident.

Miller was assigned to Troop L in Litchfield. She graduated from the police academy in 2014.

State Police say they're grateful for her dedicated service.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Campaign for poor holds 1st national action

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The renewed version of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s campaign to lift poor people is holding its first national mobilization, with actions planned in 32 states and the nation's capital.

Poor people, clergy and activists in the Poor People's Campaign plan to deliver letters

Monday to politicians in state capitol buildings.

The letter demands that leaders confront a systemic racism that they say is evidenced in voter suppression laws and poverty that hurt a larger percentage of minorities, women and children but a larger number of whites.

The campaign is led by the Revs. William Barber of North Carolina and Liz Theoharis of New York. It officially began Dec. 4, 2017, 50 years after King started the first Poor People's Campaign. King was assassinated a few months later.

Ex-Virginia Tech student to go on trial in girl's killing

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Two years after a 13-year-old Virginia girl was found stabbed to death, a former Virginia Tech student is going on trial in her killing.

David Eisenhower's first-degree murder trial in the 2016 death of Nicole Lovell is scheduled to begin Monday in Montgomery County Circuit Court in Christiansburg.

Prosecutors say Lovell climbed out her bedroom window one night in January 2016 to meet Eisenhower, who was then 18 and a freshman engineering student at Virginia Tech.

Three days later, her body was found just over the state line in North Carolina.

Eisenhower's friend, Natalie Keepers, also a former Virginia Tech student, is charged as an accessory in Lovell's death. Her trial is scheduled for September.

Warren Buffett on hand as Navy commissions newest warship

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The U.S. Navy on Saturday commissioned its newest warship, the USS Omaha, a futuristic, \$440 million vessel named for the Nebraska hometown of billionaire Warren

Buffett, who was on hand for the ceremony.

The Omaha, a 218-foot-long littoral combat ship, was commissioned at its new home port in San Diego.

Buffett's daughter, Susie Buffett, who was designated as the ship's sponsor, gave the traditional order for officers and crew: "Man our ship and bring her to life."

"Aye, aye, ma'am," they replied and ran to the ship as a band struck up "Anchors Aweigh."

The aluminum-clad Omaha is designed for missions close to shore. It has high-tech computer capabilities and can be reconfigured for various missions, including anti-submarine warfare and anti-mine operations.

"She is a beautiful ship," said Cmdr. Michael Toth, the commanding officer. "To be at her helm is more akin to flying an aircraft with a pilot and a co-pilot than to conning a traditional warship."

Other dignitaries at the ceremony included Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert and former Nebraska Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Navy veteran and Medal of Honor winner.

"I am proud to share our name, our heritage and our community values with USS Omaha and its commander, and we wish you safety on your missions," Stothert said.

Ricketts, whose state is landlocked, issued what he said was a unique honor in designating the entire crew collectively as "an admiral in the great Navy of the state of Nebraska."

The ship is the fourth to carry the Omaha name since 1869. The last vessel was an attack submarine that was decommissioned in 1995.

"She represents the strength and the fortitude of her city and her state," U.S. Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer said at the ceremony. "This ship is ready to deliver the fight tonight."

FROM PAGE ONE

Good thing fans are inside for coldest Super Bowl Sunday

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The coldest Super Bowl Sunday won't be felt inside cozy U.S. Bank Stadium.

The overnight temperature in Minneapolis reached minus-6 degrees and was up to 2 degrees around four hours before kickoff between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles.

The coldest previous range was the Detroit Super Bowl in 1982, with a low of 5 degrees and a high of 16 when it was played at the Silverdome. There was a chance for the Minneapolis high to reach 5 on Sunday.

When the Super Bowl was in Minnesota at the

Metrodome in 1992, the outside temperature at kickoff was 26 degrees. That's the average high

here for Feb. 4. The coldest outdoor game in Super Bowl history was in New

Orleans at Tulane Stadium in 1972, when the kickoff temperature was 39 degrees.



AP PHOTO
Beno Naeunan takes a selfie outside U.S. Bank Stadium before the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots Sunday, in Minneapolis.

Trump: Service members make Super Bowl Sunday possible

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump is expressing appreciation for U.S. service members, who he says make occasions like Super Bowl Sunday possible.

Trump said that, while many service members can't be home to enjoy the American tradition with family and friends, "they are always in our thoughts and prayers." He said they're owed the "greatest respect for defending our liberty and our American way of life" and their sacrifice is "stitched into each star and every stripe of our Star-Spangled Banner."

Trump also said: "We hold them in our hearts and thank them for our freedom as we proudly stand for the National Anthem." The president has been critical of NFL players who kneel during the national anthem to protest unfair police treatment of minorities, calling it disrespectful to service members.

ALMANAC

Today is **Monday, Feb. 5**, the 36th day of 2018. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Feb. 5, 1918**, during World War I, the Cunard liner SS Tuscania, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

On this date

In **1631**, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife, Mary, arrived in Boston from England.

In **1783**, Sweden recognized the independence of the United States.

In **1917**, Mexico's present constitution was adopted by the Constitutional Convention in Santiago de Queretaro. The U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration.

In **1937**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In **1971**, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

In **1989**, the Soviet Union announced that all but a small rear-guard contingent of its troops had left Afghanistan.

In **1993**, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies.

Today's birthdays

Baseball Hall of Famer **Hank Aaron** is 84. Actor **Stuart Damon** is 81. Tony-winning playwright **John Guare** is 80. Financial writer **Jane Bryant Quinn** is 79. Actor **David Selby** is 77. Singer-songwriter **Barrett Strong** is 77. Football Hall of Famer **Roger Staubach** is 76.

Bible quote

"But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart," — 1 Samuel 16:7.

Look at what God is looking at! If we are right at this point it won't matter at all what people say, think or see.

Activists block light rail carrying spectators to Super Bowl

By **STEVE KARNOWSKI**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Activists protesting police brutality chained themselves along a light-rail line carrying ticketholders to the Super Bowl on Sunday, halting trains in both directions.

Metro Transit's Green Line was shut down a little after 2 p.m., about three hours before kickoff, by a group of activists at the Stadium

Village station.

Chinyere Tutashinda, a spokeswoman for the activists, said they were also protesting authorities' decision to dedicate the city's two light-rail lines to Super Bowl ticketholders on Sunday. Non-ticketholders had to use buses instead.

Black Lives Matter and several other groups planned two separate events and a march Sunday afternoon. About 300 people had gathered

at a park a couple of miles south of U.S. Bank Stadium, and planned a march that would have them arrive at the stadium near 5 p.m.

A Metro Transit spokesperson says 17 people were taken away after they blocked a light-rail line carrying Super Bowl ticketholders to the stadium.

Transit spokesperson Howie Padilla said no one was hurt in the protest, which blocked trains for about two hours ahead of Sunday's kickoff.

Metro Transit had buses standing by to get ticketholders to the stadium in time.

The activists said they were protesting police brutality, as well as the light-rail trains being taken over by Super Bowl spectators rather than being available to ordinary citizens.

Padilla says Metro Transit doesn't expect the 17 activists to face charges. He says Metro Transit respects people's right to free speech and demonstration.



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highlighting the human rights abuses suffered by defectors from North Korea.

AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 22, file photo, a North Korean girl walks past the Taedong Gate in Pyongyang, North Korea. North Korea on Sunday, slammed President Donald Trump's State of the Union address and said its nuclear capabilities would "deter Trump and his lackeys from showing off on the Korean peninsula."

Trump hosted about a half-dozen North Korean defectors in the Oval Office, including Ji Seong-ho, who had used crutches to escape the reclusive country after a train ran over his limbs. Days earlier, Ji raised his crutches in triumph when Trump singled him out during his State of the Union address.

Trump has expressed a willingness to deal with rising tensions with Pyongyang through diplomacy, but he has said the United States would use military force on North Korea if needed.

AMTRAK

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we'd derailed," he said.

Elliot Smith told The State newspaper of Columbia that he was staying with a friend when they heard what sounded like a propane tank exploding.

"The sound was so loud, you instantly knew it was bad," he said. Smith said he and his friend saw passengers limping along the tracks, while others tried to get everyone out of the cars.

Amtrak officials gathered up luggage and other belongings and within hours put passengers aboard buses to their destinations. Before being sent on their way, those who were not hurt were taken to a shelter set up at a middle school, and local businesses provided coffee and breakfast.

"We know they are shaken up quite a bit. We know this is like nothing else they have ever been through. So we wanted

to get them out of the cold, get them out of the weather — get them to a warm place," sheriff's spokesman Adam Myrick said.

The dead were identified as engineer Michael Kempf, 54, of Savannah, Georgia, and conductor Michael Cella, 36, of Orange Park, Florida.

Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher's voice caught as she released the names of the dead. "Any time you have anything that happens like that, you expect more fatalities. But God blessed us, and we only had the two," Fisher said.

On Wednesday, a chartered Amtrak train carrying Republican members of Congress to a strategy retreat slammed into a garbage truck at a crossing in rural Virginia, killing one person in the truck and injuring six others.

And on Dec. 18, an Amtrak train ran off the rails along a curve during its inaugural run on a route south of Tacoma, Washington, killing three



TIM DOMINICK/THE STATE VIA AP

Authorities investigate the scene of a fatal Amtrak train crash in Cayce, South Carolina, Sunday.

people and injuring dozens. It was going nearly 80 mph, more than twice the speed limit.

After the latest crash, Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut said the nation's railroads must be made safer, declaring, "Business as usual must end." He said proven technology, including positive train control, cannot continue to be

delayed. Positive train control can automatically slow or stop speeding trains. Regulators have been pushing for years for such equipment, and some railroads have installed it, but the deadline has been pushed back repeatedly at the industry's request.

The worst train crash in recent South Carolina history took place in

2005 when a freight engineer parked a train on a side track near a textile mill in Graniteville and forgot to flip the switch back to the main track.

A freight train passing through went barreling down the side track and slammed into the parked train, killing nine people, most of them millworkers choked by chlorine gas leaking from a damaged tanker car.

ODD NEWS

9-foot-long snake's escape leads to school early dismissal

BRENTWOOD, Mo. (AP) — Around 400 students at a suburban St. Louis school got part of the day off Friday after a 9-foot-long boa constrictor wriggled out of her aquarium, setting off a frantic search.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that a teacher alerted officials at Brentwood high and middle schools of the escape around 10 a.m. The 70-pound snake went missing from an enclosure in a biology class. Students were sent home a short time later.

A broken hinge on the enclosure was blamed on the escape. The snake was found beneath the floor, wrapped around pipes. The ceramic floor was ripped up to retrieve her.

A biology teacher adopted the snake years ago and kept her at school. When she retired she left the snake for the school to keep.

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AP PHOTO

Bedouin children attend improvised school class in the village of Abu Nuwar, West Bank, after the Israeli army demolished a two-classroom school in a Bedouin community in the West Bank, Sunday.

Israel to legalize settlement outpost deep in West Bank

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel on Sunday said it plans to legalize an isolated West Bank outpost in response to the murder of one of its residents in a shooting attack last month.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his weekly Cabinet meeting that his government will legalize Havat Gilad to “allow the continuing of normal life there.”

“Whoever thought that through the reprehensible murder of a resident of Havat Gilad, a father of six, that our spirit can be broken and we can be weakened, is making a bitter mistake,” Netanyahu said.

Last month, Rabbi Raziel Shevah, 35, was shot dead from a passing vehicle as he drove near his home in the unauthorized settlement outpost near the Palestinian city of Nablus. The Israeli military is still searching the area for suspects.

Israel captured the West Bank, along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war, areas the Palestinians want for a future state. Israel has established about 120 West Bank settlements, which it considers legal. In addition, about 100

settlement outposts have been erected without official approval but Israel generally tolerates them. Most of the international community considers all Jewish West Bank settlements illegal.

Havat Gilad, a community of a few hundred Israelis, is among these rogue outposts and is located deep inside the West Bank, away from areas Israel expects to keep under any peace deal with the Palestinians. Critics see their expansion as complicating peace efforts.

The anti-settlement group Peace Now called the effort to legalize the outpost a “cynical exploitation of the murder.”

Meanwhile, Israel on Sunday demolished a two-classroom school in a Bedouin community in the West Bank, saying the EU-funded structure was built illegally without proper permits and that it was in a precarious condition. The school served nearly 30 third and fourth grade students who were moved to a nearby guesthouse and barbershop to continue classes.

A statement from Cogat, the Israeli defense body responsible for Palestinian civilian affairs,

said the demolition came after a challenge in Israel's Supreme Court was overruled.

Roberto Valent, an official with the U.N. humanitarian agency OCHA, said he was “deeply concerned” by the demolition. In a statement, he said the Israeli-issued permits were “nearly impossible to obtain” and that demolitions such as Sunday's, among other Israeli policies, “have created a coercive environment that violates the human rights of residents and generates a risk of forcible transfer.”

The demolition took place near the settlement of Maaleh Adumim, in the 60 percent of the West Bank known as Area C that remains under full Israeli control. Israel has imposed severe restrictions on Palestinian development in this area, home to dozens of Israeli settlements.

The EU funds the construction of many homes, schools and other structures in the area and says the projects are needed for humanitarian reasons and economic development.

Israel says that any assistance to Palestinians in Area C must be coordinated with authorities.



In this photo taken Jan. 20, children play in empty cardboard boxes during a food distribution by Oxfam outside Akobo town, one of the last rebel-held strongholds in South Sudan.

CHILD

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for cattle or use them personally,” said Thiro Akungurouth, a Murle youth leader who knows some of the abductors.

One child, no matter what their age, can sell for 20 cows, worth about \$7,000, he said.

Children who aren't sold are kept by families without kids while girls are groomed for marriage, Akungurouth said. Stigma remains against childless families in South Sudan. Abducted girls often are married to their captors.

Authorities in Akobo said 37 children have been seized in the surrounding areas since 2016, more than in the first three years of the war combined. It was not clear how many children have been abducted across the country during the civil war.

One opposition governor blamed South Sudan's government for the increase in kidnappings, saying it's trying to create a wedge between the Murle and Nuer tribes to advance its military agenda.

“It's happening more now because the government is instigating a rift and telling the youth to attack by distributing arms and ammunition,” Koang Rambang, the

governor of Bieh state, which until last year was part of Jonglei, told the AP.

He specifically faulted the country's First Vice President Taban Deng Gai for “instigating more abductions,” citing 10 children who were seized in January while Gai toured the largely opposition-held Jonglei.

South Sudan's government denied it, saying Gai was in the region only to promote peace. The government also said it had given “directives to the concerned governors of those states to get rid of those activities,” said Maal Maker Thiong, who works in the office of the presidency.

But as the civil war drives the nation deeper into despair, children continue to be the worst affected.

Although South Sudan in 2015 signed onto the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that all parties should take appropriate measures “to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children,” the country's warring factions repeatedly have been accused of committing grave violations against children, including the forced recruitment of child soldiers.

“The abduction of children is abhorrent. They are vulnerable and

deserve our protection,” the chief of the U.N. mission in South Sudan, David Shearer, told the AP. He said the U.N.'s human rights team was due to visit Akobo to assess the situation and advocate with local authorities and armed groups to prevent the practice.

Over the years some organizations have tried to work with the tribes, encouraging them to return the kidnapped children and halt the practice.

Last month, a conference held between the Nuer and Murle tribes in the village of Burmath outside Akobo discussed the possible return of some of the children, including three who were abducted on Jan. 17.

“We tell the chiefs that this is having negative consequences and that they need to stop this and live peacefully,” said Ruei Hoth, one of the conference organizers.

As desperation among South Sudanese continues, however, people are skeptical that the abduction and sale of children will end.

“I don't think abductions will stop,” said Tut Banguot, an aid worker in Akobo. “People have no resources and no salaries, they aren't working and so they get children and trade them for commodities.”

Same-sex marriage a key issue as Costa Ricans elect leader

By JAVIER CORDOBA

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Costa Ricans voted Sunday in a presidential race shaken by an international court ruling saying the country should let same-sex couples get married.

Evangelical candidate Fabricio Alvarado recently vaulted into first place in the polls after he took a strong stance against gay marriage, which about two-thirds of Costa Ricans also oppose.

His closest rivals are agri-businessman Antonio Alvarez of the opposition National Liberation Party and Carlos Alvarado of the governing Citizens' Action Party.

But the outlook was cloudy because none of 13 candidates were polling at more than 17 percent and surveys indicated that more than a third of likely voters were undecided.

If no candidate reaches 40 percent, the top two finishers advance to an April 1 runoff.

The January decision by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has come to play a central role in the campaign. The court also ordered the country



AP PHOTO

Presidential candidate Fabricio Alvarado, with the National Restoration party, gives a thumbs-up as he's surrounded by the press at a polling station during general elections in San Jose, Costa Rica, Sunday.

to grant same-sex couples rights such the ability to inherit estates and adopt children.

Political analyst Francisco Barahona told The Associated Press that it came as an “external shock” for Costa Rica, a majority Roman Catholic nation with an increasing evangelical population.

Fabricio Alvarado, a 43-year-old journalist, preacher and Christian singer, called the ruling a “sovereign violation” and saw his support balloon in the polls as socially conservative voters gravitated to that message.

Carlos Alvarado — no relation — is the only major candidate to openly

back gay marriage and has picked up some support recently from socially liberal voters. A 38-year-old also trained as a journalist, he got his start in politics as communications director for Citizens' Action and also was labor minister under current President Luis Guillermo Solis.

Alvarez, a two-time president of the Legislative Assembly and a Cabinet minister under the first presidency of Oscar Arias in 1986-1990, says he opposes gay marriage but backs recognizing certain other rights for gay couples.

Voters will also be selecting the 57 delegates that make up the Assembly.



AP PHOTOS

In this photo taken Jan. 18, children carry foodstuff on their heads as they walk in the market in Akobo town, one of the last rebel-held strongholds in South Sudan.

WORLD NEWS BRIEF

Tillerson says US considers Venezuela oil sale restrictions

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says that the U.S. is still considering restricting the sale of oil from crisis-torn Venezuela.

Tillerson said Sunday in Argentina's capital that the U.S. wants

“free, fair, and verifiable elections” in Venezuela, and wants to apply enough pressure to end the crisis in the South American country.

But he also said that he wants to find ways to mitigate the negative impact that sanctions would have on U.S. oil companies, Venezuelans and other regional countries that rely on Venezuelan oil. Venezuela sits atop

the world's largest oil reserves and is the third-largest supplier to the U.S.

International pressure has been increasing on Venezuela over the government's decision to push up presidential elections to April under conditions that opponents say overwhelmingly favor President Nicolas Maduro.

WORLD

Palestinian-American brings #MeToo campaign to West Bank

By **KARIN LAUB**
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RAMALLAH, West Bank — A young Palestinian-American is the driving force behind a nascent #MeToo movement in this patriarchal corner of the world, selling T-shirts, hoodies and denim jackets with the slogan “Not Your Habibti (darling)” as a retort for catcalls and writing down women’s complaints from her perch in a West Bank square.

Yasmeen Mjalli wants to encourage Palestinian society to confront sexual harassment, a largely taboo subject.

“What I am doing is to start a conversation that people are really afraid to have,” said Mjalli as she put her merchandise on hangers in a clothing store.

The 21-year-old has faced backlash from conservatives and from some activists who say fighting Israel’s occupation is the priority for Palestinians.

Her parents, who grew up in a Palestinian farming town, immigrated to the United States and returned

to the West Bank five years ago, weren’t pleased, either.

“To be able to have peace with them, I have to check my feminism at the door, which is very difficult because that’s really who I am,” said Mjalli, who moved to the West Bank last year, after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in art history.

Mjalli and other activists say that starting a conversation about sexual harassment doesn’t mean copying the #MeToo movement in the United States, where victims are speaking out in growing numbers.

Cultural differences require a different approach.

Women across the Arab world have made strides toward equality, outnumbering men in many universities and joining the work force in growing numbers. Yet they struggle to break free from the constraints of patriarchy.

Traditional Arab societies assign rigid gender roles, with men as guardians of their female



AP PHOTOS

In this Wednesday, Jan. 24, photo, Palestinian-American Yasmeen Mjalli displays a jacket with the slogan “Not Your Habibti (darling),” as a ready-made retort for cat calls, in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

relatives’ “honor” — effectively a ban on male-female friendships or sex outside marriage. Women violating those rules risk being ostracized or — in extreme cases — being killed by male relatives, who count on leniency from the courts.

Rules are looser among urban elites. But even in Ramallah — the most liberal West Bank town with many Western-educated Palestinians and foreigners — women watch their step.

Women risk getting blamed if they complain, said Wafa Abdelrahman, who runs a closed Facebook group for female journalists. “The blame will be, ‘for sure, you did something wrong or you gave the wrong signal, the way you dress, the way you talk,’” she said.

Palestinian police receive few complaints about street harassment, said spokesman Loay Irzeqat. He believes some women fear unintended consequences, such as male relatives attacking

accused harassers.

Police mostly deal with online harassment, with about one-third of some 2,000 electronic crimes cases in 2017 revolving around men blackmailing women for sexual or financial gain, he said. Typically, extortionists threaten to publish photos deemed compromising, such as showing a traditional woman without her headscarf.

Women lack legal protection, despite improvements such as the establishment of a police sex crimes unit, said Amal Kreishe, founder of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development to which Mjalli donates some of her proceeds.

In the West Bank, Mjalli is pushing boundaries with what she calls “type-writer events.”

On a recent day, she sat behind a table in

Ramallah’s Clock Square, taking notes on a typewriter — chosen over a laptop as an attention-getter — as women sitting across from her shared stories about harassment. The event was also meant to generate support for passing laws protecting women, she said.

Her idea of designing clothes with a feminist message goes back to college.

At the time, she decorated her denim jacket with “Not your Habibti,” a take on the popular “Not Your Baby” slogan that reflected her Arab roots. Mjalli posted a photo of the jacket online last year for International Women’s Day, stirring interest from potential buyers.

For a few months, she bought, transformed and sold second-hand jackets. In August, she launched her business, Baby-Fist, with workshops in Gaza

and the West Bank making T-shirts, hoodies and jackets.

Mjalli estimates she has sold close to 500 pieces, with about 70 percent of her sales in the diaspora.

Skeptics expect limited impact on Palestinian society.

Nader Said, a Palestinian pollster, said public discourse is crowded with issues seen as more pressing, mainly Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and other lands Palestinians seek for a future state. Respondents listing top concerns in a survey ranked women’s rights near the end, he said.

Abdelrahman, the activist, cheered on Mjalli.

“I am open to all things that will open up this dark closet that we prefer to hide in, pretending that everything is alright,” she said. “Let’s open it and see what comes out of it.”



Monday Television

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC (40)	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	ABC (26)	-	-	-	7	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
CBS	(13)	213	213	-	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	(10)	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NBC	(20)	-	232	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	(8)	8	8	8	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
FOX	(36)	-	-	-	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	(13)	13	13	13	-	13	-	13	-	13	-	13	-
PBS	(30)	-	3	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	(3)	3	17	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
CW	(46)	-	-	-	6	21	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(44)	9	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	CNBC	39	39	39	39	37	102	102	102	102	102	102	102
CNN		32	32	32	32	18	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
CSPAN	18	18	18	18	37	12	109	109	109	109	109	109	109
	FNC	64	64	64	64	48	71	118	118	118	118	118	118
MSNBC	83	83	83	83	185	40	103	103	103	103	103	103	103
	SNN	6	6	6	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENC	150	150	150	150	150	150	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
	HBO	302	302	302	302	302	302	400	400	400	400	400	400
HBO2		303	303	303	303	303	303	402	402	402	402	402	402
	HBO3	304	304	304	304	304	304	404	404	404	404	404	404
MAX		320	320	320	320	320	320	420	420	420	420	420	420
	MAX2	321	321	321	321	321	321	422	422	422	422	422	422
SHO		340	340	340	340	340	340	365	365	365	365	365	365
	TMC	350	350	350	350	350	350	385	385	385	385	385	385

Today's Talk Shows

- 8:00 a.m. **IND The Steve Wilkos Show** Woman is unsure about whether or not her child is her husband's or her lover's.
- 9:00 a.m. **CBS LIVE with Kelly and Ryan** Heather Graham; Arie Luyendyk Jr.; In Real Life. (N)
- 10:00 a.m. **FOX Maury** A guy returns with a woman who claims that he is the father of her son. (N)
- 10:00 a.m. **IND The Steve Wilkos Show** A woman claims that her boyfriend is abusive towards her. (N)
- 11:00 a.m. **IND Jerry Springer** A man must choose between his fiancée, and the woman he has a baby with.
- 1:00 p.m. **IND The Steve Wilkos Show** A woman claims that her boyfriend is abusive towards her. (N)
- 2:00 p.m. **IND Jerry Springer** A man must choose between his fiancée, and the woman he has a baby with.
- 4:00 p.m. **MYN Maury** A woman is worried that her boyfriend is cheating on her; lie detector test.
- 5:00 p.m. **CW Dr. Phil** A woman accuses her ex-boyfriend of molesting their 3-year-old daughter. (N)
- 5:00 p.m. **MYN Maury** A guy returns with a woman who claims that he is the father of her son. (N)
- 11:00 p.m. **TBS Conan** (N)
- 11:30 p.m. **ABC Jimmy Kimmel Live** (N)
- 11:35 p.m. **CBS The Late Show with Stephen Colbert** (N)
- 11:35 p.m. **NBC The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon** Actress Saoirse Ronan; actor Timothée Chalamet; musical guest Camila Cabello.
- 12:37 a.m. **CBS The Late Late Show with James Corden**
- 12:37 a.m. **NBC Late Night with Seth Meyers**
- 11:37 p.m. **NBC Last Call with Carson Daly**

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Montgomery: State lawmakers are working on a compromise proposal for limited oversight of faith-based day cares by requiring once-a-year inspections.

ALASKA Kodiak: The local trawl fleet has ended its protest over the price for its pollock harvest, *The Kodiak Daily Mirror* reports. Processors raised the offer to 11 cents a pound, up from 10 cents.

ARIZONA Phoenix: Waymo has announced plans to launch autonomous riding sharing services in the Phoenix area later this year.

ARKANSAS Arkadelphia: A Chinese company is increasing its investment by \$500 million in a planned paper mill that will create 350 jobs.

CALIFORNIA San Francisco: City prosecutors plan to toss out or reduce thousands of criminal convictions for marijuana dating back decades. A 2016 ballot measure legalized recreational pot use in California.

COLORADO Denver: Scientists are developing robots that may one day go through old mines to help prevent environmental disasters. The Colorado mountains have dozens of inactive mines filled with polluted water.



CONNECTICUT Hartford: Gov. Dannel P. Malloy has proposed reinstating highway tolls and increasing the state gas tax by 7 cents to help fix roads and bridges.

DELAWARE Wilmington: A federal judge ordered a medical imaging firm to pay \$16.2 million for filing false claims for Medicare reimbursement.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Authorities say a man who pleaded guilty to kidnapping a Georgetown University student and attempting to rob him will be deported.

FLORIDA Tavares: A man convicted in a child pornography case is accused of attempting to hire a 75-year-old hit man called "the Rabbi" to kill the judge who sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

GEORGIA Atlanta: Georgians may soon be able to order mimosas or buy beer on Sunday mornings under proposed state legislation. Currently, restaurants and retail stores can't sell alcohol until 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

HAWAII Honolulu: The city is testing its first electric bus as part of a six-week pilot project, *Hawaii News Now* reports. The battery-powered bus is on loan.

IDAHO Boise: Officials with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes say they won't renew a contract with their lobbying firm after it filed a ballot initiative to legalize instant racing betting machines. The tribes say the betting terminals don't give the house a percentage of the winnings.

ILLINOIS Marion: The longest-serving mayor in Illinois retired last week. Bob Butler, 91, served as mayor of Marion for nearly 55 years, *The Southern Illinoisan* reports.

INDIANA Indianapolis: A judge has thrown out a lawsuit filed against prosecutors by ex-state trooper David Camm, who was convicted twice but then acquitted of killing his wife and two children in 2000.

IOWA Dubuque: The city's public library is considering ending fines for late book returns, *KWWL-TV* reports. Officials at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library say even small fines can discourage borrowing, especially by children.

KANSAS Wichita: The parents of a toddler who was fatally injured last May at a traveling carnival when she touched an electrically charged fence have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the carnival's operator, *The Wichita Eagle* reports.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: Former state House speaker Jeff Hoover, embroiled in an ethics probe after signing a secret sexual harassment settlement,

HIGHLIGHT: FLORIDA



For Florida State University student Trevor Sununu, running the 26.2-mile Tallahassee Marathon wasn't enough — he wanted to break a record by running the race in a three-piece business suit. JOE RONDONE/DEMOCRAT

He's the best-dressed runner in the marathon

Nada Hassanein
Tallahassee Democrat
USA TODAY NETWORK — FLORIDA

On a typical weekend, you might find Trevor Sununu building a computer or making movie props, like a flamethrower or Thor hammer, just for fun.

Anything odd, DIY or slightly challenging is just his cup of tea.

That's why Sununu, a Florida State University biology student and avid runner, was trying to break the Guinness World Record for running in a three-piece business suit Sunday at the Tallahassee Marathon.

In the Tallahassee running realm, he has been known to wear American flag short-shorts and a single sleeve on his left arm instead of a shirt — no matter the weather.

The feat joins a list of other peculiar Guinness records, like fastest marathons dressed as a witch, an astronaut or elf.

"I've always liked doing the interesting, not-as-easy-to-do thing," Sununu said. He was aiming for the most recent record of 2:42:59 by a runner in Germany, according to the Guinness World Records website.

"Once in a while we'll have a race where people will run in costume," said Sheryl Rosen, chair of the marathon's organizing committee under Tallahassee's Gulf Winds Track Club. "But this is the first time in the 12 years I've been with Gulf Winds that I've seen someone try to break a record."

In recent years, he ran in a Batman costume for a superhero-themed race and competed in the Krispy Kreme Doughnut Dash 5K.

Sunday's weather, with a low of 48 and a high expected in the low 70s, was brisk for the 26.2-mile run.

Sununu said he hopes his run will inspire others to take on a task they never thought they could do.

"I'd like to inspire people, not just kids but everyone, that even if it's silly in some way like running in a suit, you can always try to push yourself, and do something fun and amazing and silly, and accomplish what you'd like to do."

Sununu sees his effort as a victory in itself.

"Even just trying to do it and setting out on a goal can be very fun and accomplishing," he said. "You can always try to push yourself further."

has no opponent for re-election.

LOUISIANA New Orleans: Officials say marsh restoration is complete at Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. The project used sediment pumped from Lake Pontchartrain to create brackish marsh in what had been open water ponds.

MAINE Portland: The Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental advocacy group, has filed a lawsuit challenging Gov. Paul LePage's moratorium on new wind power projects as unconstitutional, *The Portland Press Herald* reports.



MARYLAND Hurlock: State officials say 38 military grenades were found by a person collecting recyclables near a Dorchester County road.

MASSACHUSETTS Worcester: A man accused of hiding the body of a man who died at his home of a drug overdose is charged with misleading a police investigation.

MICHIGAN Grand Rapids: State high schools are seeing a shortage of athletic officials and referees, *The Grand Rapids Press* reports.

MINNESOTA St. Paul: A hearing is set Tuesday on a challenge to Lt. Gov. Michelle Fischbach's decision to keep her seat in the state Senate. Fischbach argues that an 1898 Minnesota Supreme Court decision

allows her to do both jobs.

MISSISSIPPI Jayess: A man says four of his dogs died from eating poisoned meat after a hunting trip, and he turned to social media for help, *The Clarion-Ledger* reports.

MISSOURI Fulton: The mother of a developmentally disabled man whose body was found encased in concrete has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the group home where he lived, *KRCG-TV* reports.

MONTANA Billings: The state Supreme Court is considering whether a man whose DNA linked him to a 1987 rape can be charged. The statute of limitations expired in 2001, but a 2007 state law said a DNA match would add more time.

NEBRASKA Kearney: Authorities say the body of a man reported missing Jan. 15 was found last week at the site of a vehicle crash in a Garden County ravine, *The Kearney Hub* reports.

NEVADA Las Vegas: Casinos here saw a revenue increase in 2017 to \$6.5 billion despite fewer visitors.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Epping: Authorities say a science class effort to dissect a squid and cook calamari at Epping Middle School set off fire alarms that forced an evacuation, the *Portsmouth Herald* reports.

NEW JERSEY Atlantic City: Police say someone scrawled graffiti on the Absecon Lighthouse, the state's tallest lighthouse, *NJ.com* reports.

NEW MEXICO Carlsbad: Experts warn of an impending cavern collapse under a highway interchange that serves as a gateway to Carlsbad Caverns National Park and the heart of New Mexico's oil and gas country.

NEW YORK Rotterdam: Police say a man who held up a cellphone store

worker and tied her up with a USB cord stopped for a slice of pizza afterward, *The Times Union* reports.

NORTH CAROLINA Hendersonville: A former deputy is suing the Henderson County sheriff for wrongful termination, claiming discrimination for his PTSD disability, *The Times-News* reports.

NORTH DAKOTA Velva: Farmers Union Oil has cut about a dozen workers and some services at its Velva and Drake branches, the *Minot Daily News* reports.

OHIO Columbus: The chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court wants judges to avoid imposing excessive fines, fees or bail just to raise money.

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: Marble floors and stone columns greeted state Capitol visitors who entered the west side of the 100-year-old building last week in the first large renovated space open to the public.

OREGON Salem: State officials plan to expand the campaign against the Japanese beetle, *The Capital Press* reports. The agriculture agency wants to apply granular insecticide over 1,900 acres in Washington County.

PENNSYLVANIA Hershey: State Police are seeking donated horses to join a Hershey-based mounted patrol unit. The 26-horse unit performs searches and participates in parades.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The median price of a single-family Rhode Island home rose 8% in December from the same month the previous year, to \$255,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA Spartanburg: The computers of the local library system were hit by ransomware. Users couldn't check out or return books. Payment was demanded in bitcoin.

SOUTH DAKOTA Wessington Springs: Voters in the local school district have approved a \$3.5 million bond issue for building upgrades, two months after defeating a more costly measure. The issue received 62% percent support.

TENNESSEE Nashville: Two teenagers found with loaded guns at their high schools were arrested last week, *The Tennessean* reports. Both said they carried the guns for protection.

TEXAS Galveston: A pension review panel says the city has underfunded its police pension for 17 years, *The Galveston County Daily News* reports.

UTAH Salt Lake City: Ruth Watkins will take office as president of the University of Utah on April 2, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reports. The senior vice president of academic affairs will be the school's first female president.

VERMONT Burlington: City police say reports of vandalism from BB guns have increased, the *Burlington Free Press* reports.

VIRGINIA Richmond: The Virginia Historical Society will host a centennial commemoration of World War I, featuring a recreated movie house showing popular films from the time. "WW1 America" is set to open Feb. 17.



WASHINGTON Seattle: Seattle City Light has opened two fast-charging stations for electric cars on Beacon Hill, *The Seattle Times* reports.

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown: A West Virginia University neuropsychologist says fentanyl may cause amnesia. Marc Haut's report in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* links fentanyl to sudden amnesia.

WISCONSIN Madison: A former University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee business school dean wants the state Claims Board pay him nearly \$800,000. Timothy Smunt says the school broke a promise to use a business school survey to set his salary.

WYOMING Casper: Fremont County School District 25 is recommending expulsion for three high school students and suspension for one for hazing on a school bus activity trip, *The Casper Star-Tribune* reports.
Compiled from staff, wire reports.

'Virtual colonoscopy' uses CT scanner to look at the colon

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had a Cologuard test and was told that there is blood in my stool. My doctor tried to do a colonoscopy, but told me he was unable to complete it due to my colon being very twisted. He sent me to the hospital for a "virtual colonoscopy." He assured me that it was not invasive and that I would only get dye in my vein. The hospital he sent me to does not perform this test, and also told me that there is no test on the colon that is not invasive. Is this really true? If so, what was my doctor talking about? — C.L.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: Cologuard is a test that looks for both blood and abnormal DNA in the stool. A positive result should be followed up with a definitive test.

There certainly is such a thing as a virtual colonoscopy. It is more properly termed "CT colonography," as it uses the CT scanner to take high-resolution pictures of the colon. It is not invasive in the sense that no instrument is inserted; however, the test still might be unpleasant. That is because, at

the current time, the preparation for both virtual and traditional colonoscopies is still the same, and most people find that the preparation is the worst part of the experience; the colonoscopy itself usually is done under sedation, and people really don't recall much or any of the experience.

However, people usually are not sedated for CT colonography. That's good because it eliminates potential side effects from sedation, but it's bad because the colon still needs to be distended with air, and this is uncomfortable for some

people. (Sometimes more than just uncomfortable: I have had more than one patient tell me that they would never get this procedure again.) On the other hand, it is quick — normally, less than 15 minutes. The radiation itself has potential for risk, although that risk probably is very small, but I want to identify all the risk from the procedure.

If an abnormality is found by CT colonography, the next step sometimes would be a biopsy, which typically would be done via a colonoscopy. Given the difficulty your doctor had doing a colonoscopy, that might prove challenging. Sometimes a different doctor or just a different day can make the procedure possible.

DEAR DR. ROACH: My 95-year-old mother has been going to the same doctor for about 30 years and swears he walks on water. I, however, have a slightly different opinion. In the past three years, she has seen only the physician assistant; the doctor is nowhere to be found. The PA

examines Mom and seems to be knowledgeable. The PA does out any prescriptions and provides all medical advice without having that degree. Is this the norm now for doctors' offices in this country? Better yet, should it be? — T.H.

ANSWER: My personal experience with physician assistants is that they give excellent care. Several well-done studies have shown that the level of care provided by physician assistants (and nurse practitioners) is indistinguishable from care provided by MDs, with the exception that NPs and PAs tend to provide more health education and counseling, and may recommend smoking cessation more often.

Any clinician has a range of medical conditions he or she is competent to practice in. Physicians tend to have a broader range of expertise than most PAs and NPs (this is not universally the case, however). When directly supervised by a physician, the PA has the expertise of the physician immediately available.

Son won't let daughters be near transgender in-law

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter, "Joan," and her husband, "Frank," have been married 19 years. Their only child will be 4 next month. A year and a half ago, Frank came out as a transgender female. Joan is handling this exceptionally well. Our son, "Alex," is not.



Dear Abby

Our family will never have the traditional holidays again because Alex doesn't want his daughters, ages 13 and 10, around Frank. We are heartbroken, worried for our children and confused about how to handle this new family dynamic. Joan plans on remaining in her marriage.

Frank is legally changing his name to "Anissa," taking hormones and excited to live her "real life."

In the meantime, we feel like outsiders looking in. These individuals, all in their 40s, are able to do what they want with their lives — yet they're our children. We have enjoyed so many years of what we thought was a normal life. The thought of never having our family all together in our home again is upsetting. I suppose this scenario happens often, but how do you suggest we cope? — Out Of

DEAR OUT OF SORTS: Cope by taking it day by day and making adjustments as necessary. You are not on the outside looking in. You are full-fledged participants in this scenario.

Your new daughter-in-law is the same person she has always been. She's not a danger to anyone's daughters. If your son can't accept that, there is nothing you can do about it. Let him know he is always welcome — as is Anissa — at family celebrations. If he can't bring himself to attend, see him and the girls separately.

If I have learned one thing in my lifetime, it is to take each day as it comes and make the most of it.

Do not look back, pining for days gone by, and do not obsess about things you can't control. Think positive and you will get through this.

JUMBLE

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

FAYDF

CREWK

EERTTV

SABPYS

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ANNEX DIRTY LAPTOP MURMUR

Answer: When the giant animals argued over bamboo, the result was — "PANDA-MONIUM"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 not quite recall (11)	_____
2 small, long-eared hounds (7)	_____
3 mark with spots (7)	_____
4 date-stamped (10)	_____
5 becoming more serious (8)	_____
6 blue whale descriptor (5)	_____
7 pre-checks, as applicants (7)	_____

REME	MIS	ER	CK	GLES
BEA	LE	NG	RGE	RKED
REE	SC	MB	PO	SOB
NS	ERI	LA	STMA	SPE

Saturday's Answers: 1. STOCKROOM 2. VILLAS 3. VILLAGER 4. SLAKES 5. CHICLETS 6. ARTICULAR 7. WHISTLESTOP 2/5

Challenger

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

Today's Challenge
Time **3** Minutes
1 Seconds

Your Working Time
Minutes _____
Seconds _____

1				2-5
		2		5
			2	7
	1			7
5	6	8	5	5

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solution	2-3	16		
6	9	3	4	22
2	3	4	9	18
2	7	1	9	19
7	1	3	9	14
11	20	11	31	19

Saturday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



Cryptoquip

2-5

E O X N J X J N M U V U B
D J X F O B X U W S S K O S G U V S O M V W
O D E J S K U X O U B H U F J H,
G M X G T E O X K O E E W : O
X U S T V H X O .

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I WON'T BE DATING ANYBODY WHO'S ATTRACTIVE BUT SNOBBISH. I'VE NO INTEREST IN A HAUGHTY HOTTIE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals R

Ranting about online ads

Dear Readers: Today's SOUND OFF is about pop-up ads on computers: "Dear Heloise: I'm sick of all the ads that pop up on computers and the huge banner ads at the top of the page. I pay my internet providers to supply me with news and mail and allow me to look for articles on the internet. But every page is loaded with ads, which are garbage, misleading and for items I have NO interest in purchasing." — G.T. in Detroit



Hints from Heloise

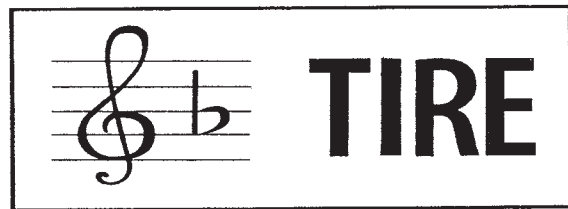
I don't care for the pop-up ads either. Readers, what do the rest of you think about ads that crowd the computer screen? — Heloise

Dear Readers: Here are some other uses for three-ring binders:

- * Store extra photographs in them, in plastic sheets.
- * Use sheet protectors to keep everything from news articles to birth certificates.
- * Keep special birthday cards, theater tickets, etc., in one. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



SOLUTION A flat tire

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

36X	2-		1
		1	1-
2÷	5+	9+	

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CHALLENGING

2÷	2-	20X	5
3+	2-	4	3÷
		7+	3÷
480X			6
	1	60X	3-
			2-
			1-

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RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

8X	3	2÷	
4	3	2	1
1	2	4	3
7+	3	4	1
2	8+	3	4

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WORD SLEUTH

WORDS WITH NO REPEATING LETTERS

E Y W U H R P N K I G D B Z X
T V G T S K Q A O E M K I G E
C A A A Z Y C R M W U H S L Q
P R M N L T S O J H F C E E C
W A B P O N R J H Y X R L V U
S Q L R E D P A N S D A K M K
J H E D N R F M U N R M C E N
C B R I Z Y X V U Q U E A T R
R A L E N I L O P M A R T Q O
G A P O E L C I T R A P M F C
P L K I H S T N E M Y A P G A

Saturday's unlisted clue: MENSA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: THE GRAPES OF —

Acorn	Gardens	Partice	Tackle
Actor	Major	Payments	Tamper
Aftershock	March	Quartz	Trampoline
Gambler	Palindrome	Scoundrel	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be seeking connections with smart people who are on your wavelength. It's likely that you will find just the connection you were looking for, except not in the package you were expecting.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Recent science has proved that most people have their highest mental productivity during the second and third hours they've been awake. You'll make this work for you in the days to come.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When it comes to confidence, it's not really about how you dress or stand or talk; it's about how comfortable you are with it all. Creating comfort starts with deeming the circumstance (or yourself, as the case may be) acceptable.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone with internet access could know what you know but doesn't. You've assembled an eclectic and creative collection of fascinations. Why not fall in love with the way your mind works? Others have.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Resist the urge to present the whole package, to try too

hard or to do too much. Let someone else handle the practicalities. You'll bring the color and spice.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ask around and you'll learn around. Ask directly and you'll learn directly. Ask vaguely and you'll learn something unexpected — something you might not want to know but that has great value nonetheless.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most people are exceptionally poor predictors of what will make them happy. They assume it will be the usual things — the attractive job/partner/home — but it's going to be something much more specific that will do the job.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are always those who will get upset when the menu or logo of their favorite business gets an update or the interface of their favorite software or social network changes. Don't let them stop you from developing yourself.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're not sure whether the other person is on your side, there's probably some pretty good reason for that feeling. Trust it — not in a paranoid way but in an observant way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Where exactly are they keeping the "happy" these days? It's not where you used to find it, but don't worry; it's still out there. Change your route. Knock on new doors. Ask different people. It's sure to turn up.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). They have their little flaws and weirdnesses, and you notice — boy, do you notice. But you're fine with it. Really you are! You respect and love one another, sometimes in spite of the problems and sometimes because of them.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mastery of a skill will bring opportunities you have no idea about right now. Just trust that you want to master it for a reason, and then put your head down and practice until you've got it.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). When you go inside yourself, you find incredible satisfaction and peace. And though you'll get plenty of external validation this year, you don't feel as if you need it. Because of this, you're a magnet for favorable circumstances. In fact, it's hard not to find them this year, especially when you travel. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 14, 9, 5, and 40.

Monday, February 5, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 10 5 3 ♥ Q 6 4 ♦ A 9 4 2 ♣ Q 6

Partner deals and opens one heart and right-hand opponent overcalls two clubs. What call would you make?

A - Start by making a negative double. You would prefer to play in a 4-4 fit, if you have one, rather than a 5-3 fit. You can raise hearts later if you don't find a spade fit.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 2 ♥ Q 10 7 5 4 2 ♦ K 10 8 2 ♣ 10

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - We don't like to pre-empt with two control cards, aces or kings, outside of our suit. The hand is not quite worth a one-heart opening bid, so we would pass.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 6 5 ♥ 2 ♦ A J 6 4 ♣ A K 7 5 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A - Should you open one club, you will have a rebid problem over a one heart response. You could open one diamond and rebid two clubs, but we would like a stronger four-card suit to bid like that. Open one club and hope for the best.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 8 7 6 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q 10 8 6 5 ♣ K Q

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass Pass ?
What call would you make?

A - If the major suits were reversed, we would pass, worried that the opponents could easily outbid us in spades. Holding four spades, we would open one diamond.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 10 8 4 3 ♥ 7 6 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ A K Q

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass ?
What call would you make?

A - It is rare to rebid a five-card suit, but here the alternative is to bid two no trump with three low diamonds. Bid two spades.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 7 2 ♥ K 6 5 2 ♦ 6 ♣ A J 7 6 4 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
3♦ 3♣ Pass ?
What call would you make?

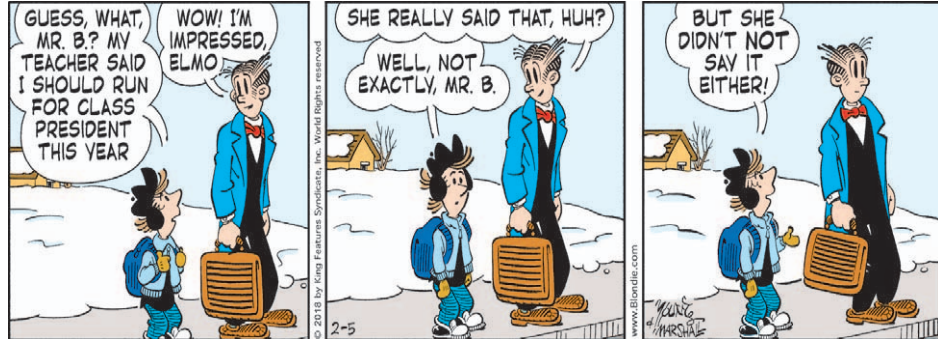
A - There is too much potential in this hand to pass. Bidding four clubs might work well, but we like bidding four spades.

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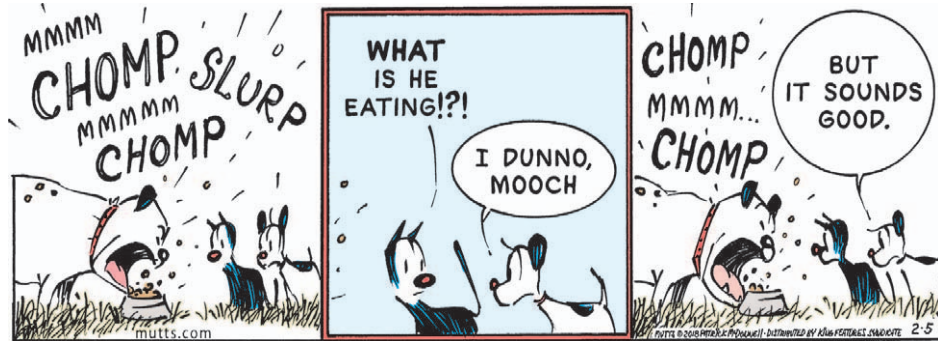
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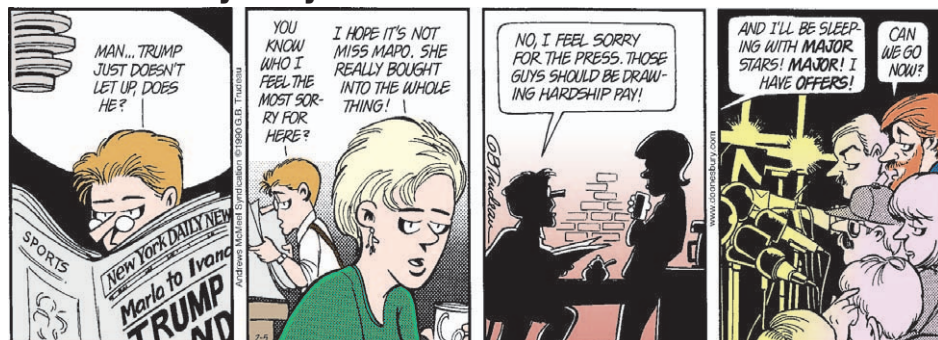
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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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).

Rating: BRONZE
Solution to 2/3/18

1	3		8	7					
	4			5		8			1
		5	8				2	3	
	9		7		1			2	
2		3				1			4
	6		2		4			5	
		2	4				7	6	
3		6		4				8	
				2	5		1	3	

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

- 1. Action star Jackie is able (1)
- 2. Mug a better-than-you type (1)
- 3. On-the-job peculiarity (1)
- 4. Back-talking Highlands miss (2)
- 5. Frat beer party alms seeker (2)
- 6. Googly game item struck by a bowler (2)
- 7. Sews decorative initials on prenatal images (3)

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

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ANSWERS
1. CHAN CAN 2. ROB SNOB 3. WORK QUIRK 4. SASSY LASSIE
5. KEGGER BEGGAR 6. CRICKET WICKET 7. MONOGRAMS SONGRAMS

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

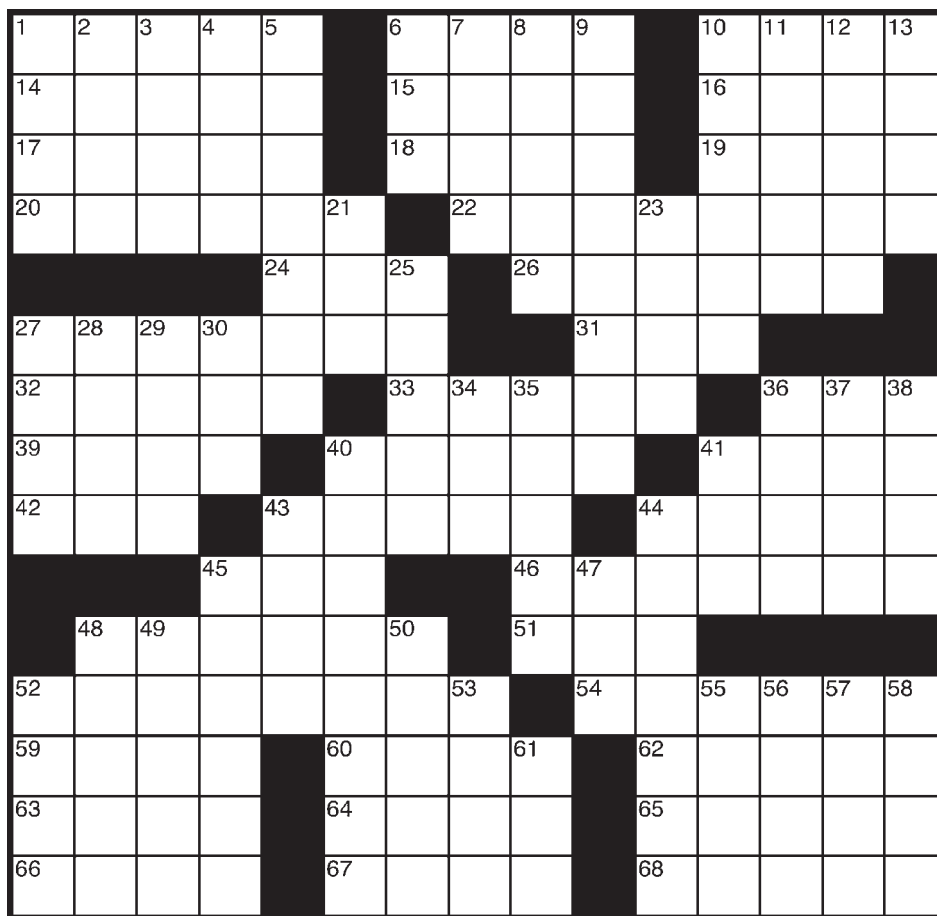
- ACROSS**
- 1 Moe's cohort
 - 6 Sheepskin holder
 - 10 Garden hose crimp
 - 14 Old cattle town
 - 15 Allot
 - 16 Nefertiti's god
 - 17 Layout
 - 18 Pull over
 - 19 Pew locale
 - 20 Grandfathered, perhaps
 - 22 Picnic fare
 - 24 A Gershwin
 - 26 Quick raids
 - 27 Entourage
 - 31 Cen. fractions
 - 32 Due
 - 33 Freight hazards
 - 36 MTV hosts
 - 39 Tennessee team
 - 40 Not flexible
 - 41 Warden's fear
 - 42 Stretch pennies
 - 43 Fable guy
 - 44 Formation flier
 - 45 Fly ball's path
 - 46 Tough nut
 - 48 Puck game
 - 51 Mongkut portrayer
 - 52 Hanging plants
 - 54 Blot out
- DOWN**
- 1 Back the wrong horse
 - 2 NYSE rival
 - 3 Have status
 - 4 Baba au —
 - 5 Canine noise
 - 6 Mdse.
 - 7 Campus org.
 - 8 Haughty
 - 9 Stationed, as troops
 - 10 Sunflower grower
 - 11 It's east of Monaco
 - 12 Exploding stars
 - 13 Was informed
 - 21 Capote, to pals
 - 23 Does the wrong thing
 - 25 Zeus' shield
 - 27 Roam about
 - 28 Jedi ally
 - 29 Domino
 - 30 DEL neighbor

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



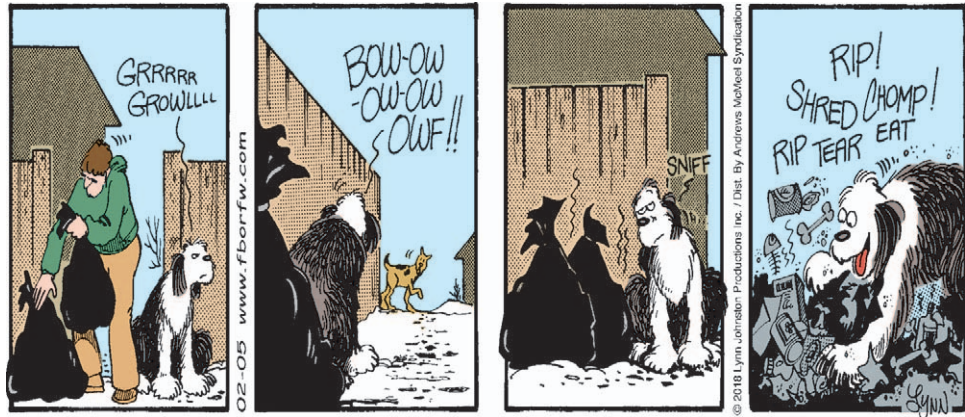
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- 34 Back when
- 35 Given to back talk
- 36 Strad
- 37 Canseco or Ferrer
- 38 Flower part
- 40 Vouchers
- 41 Be a burglar
- 43 Havens
- 44 Tiger's tote (2 wds.)
- 45 More sore
- 47 Regret bitterly
- 48 Shucks peas
- 49 Lorena of the links
- 50 Coarse person
- 52 Gala
- 53 Narcissus' love
- 55 Trey topper
- 56 Low voice
- 57 Hoofbeat
- 58 To be, to Brutus
- 61 Clammy



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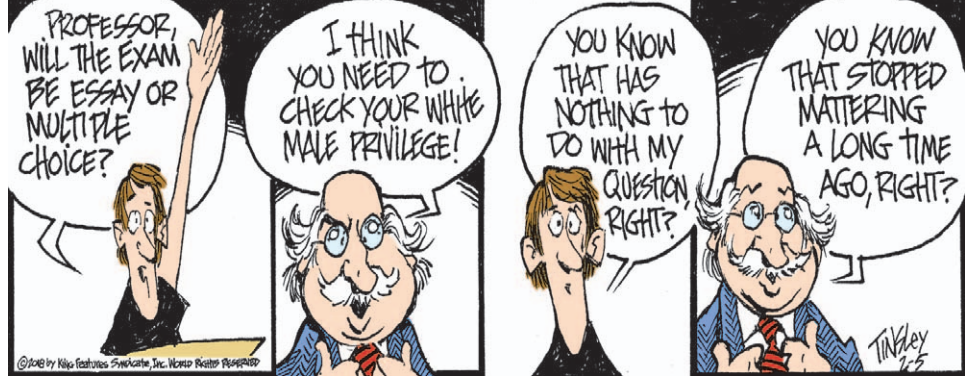
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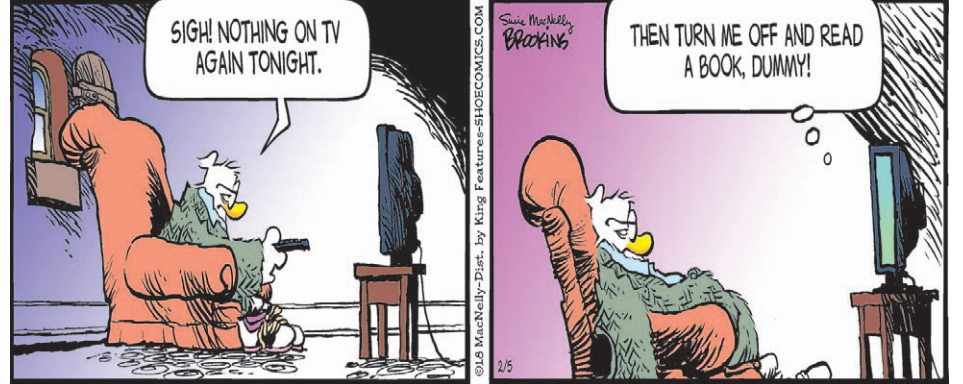
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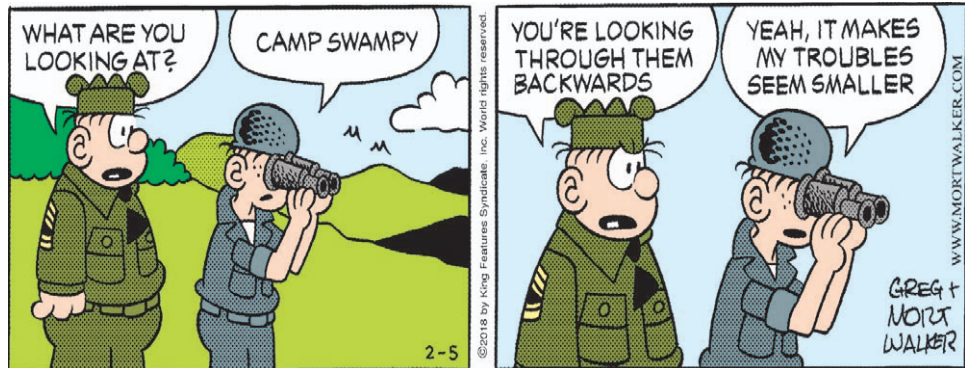
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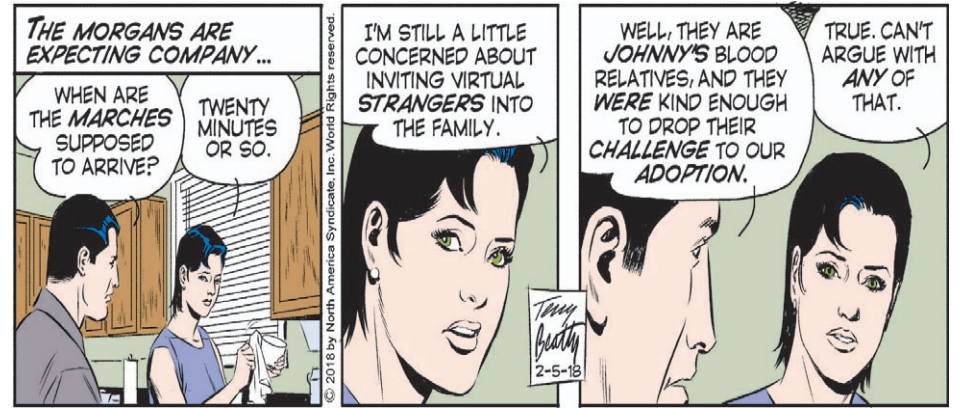
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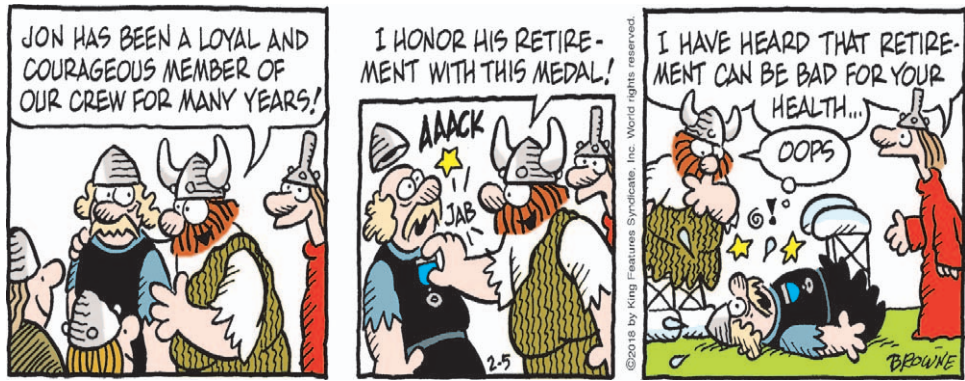
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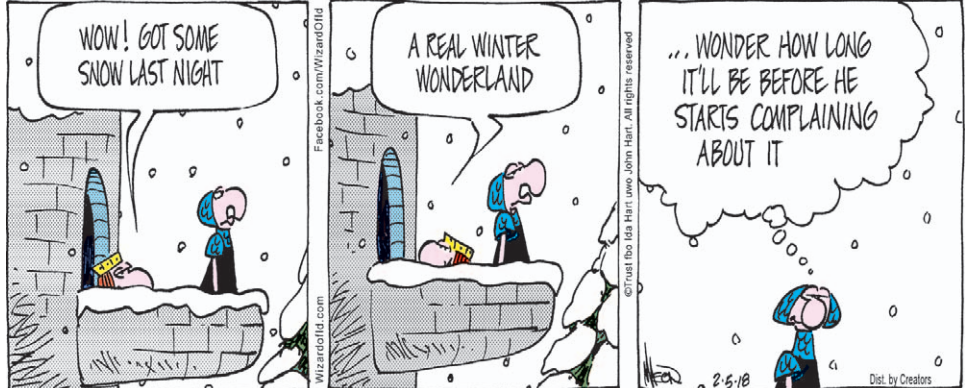
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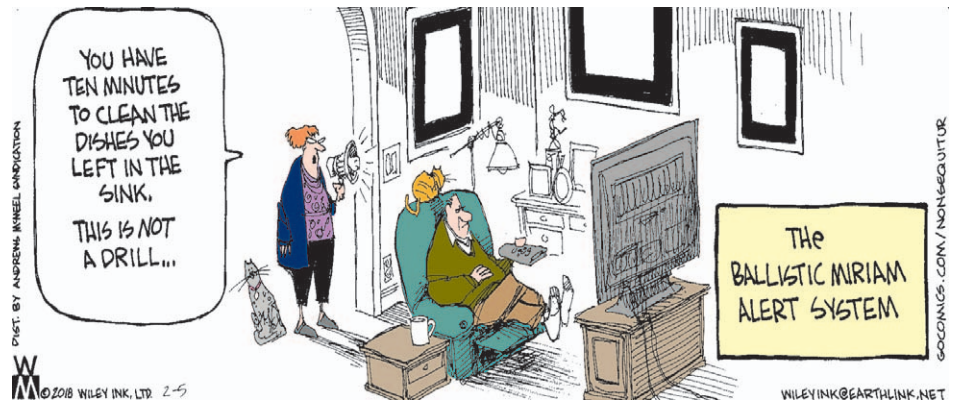
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NON SEQUITUR By Wiley



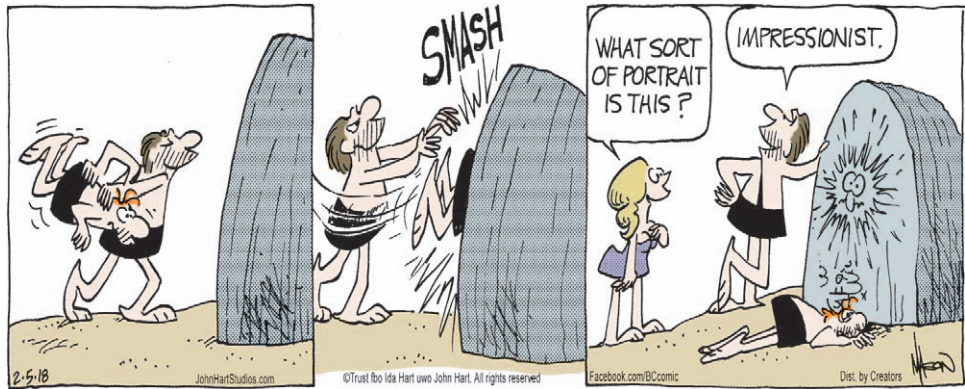
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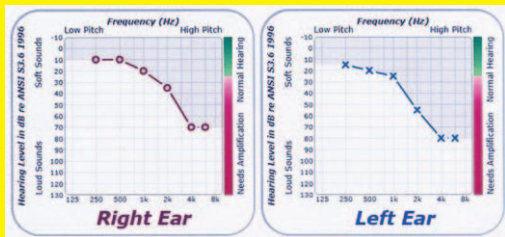


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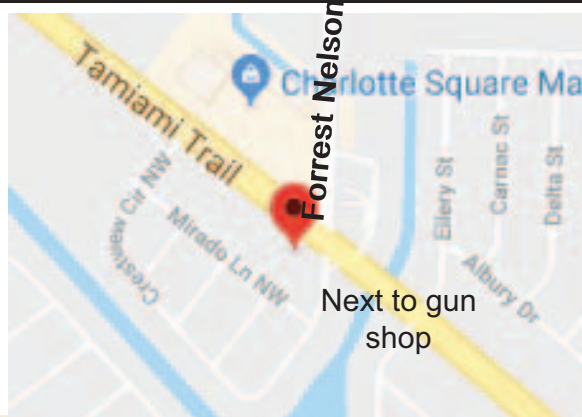


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Super Bowl LII



EAGLES 41, PATRIOTS 33

Victory formation



AP PHOTO

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski (87), together with Eagles free safety Rodney McLeod (23) and cornerback Jaylen Watkins (26) jump for a pass in the end zone, on the final play of Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis. The Eagles won 41-33.

Eagles soar past favored Pats to capture first title

By BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Philadelphia Eagles' flight from last to first ended up with a Lombardi Trophy.

In a record-setting shootout between Nick Foles and Tom Brady, the backup quarterback led a pressure-packed 75-yard drive to the winning touchdown, 11 yards to Zach Ertz with 2:21 to go Sunday night. Then a defense that had been shredded throughout the second half made two final stands to win 41-33.

Brandon Graham strip-sacked Brady and Derek Barnett recovered, setting up rookie Jake Elliott's 46-yard field goal for an 8-point lead. Brady got his team to midfield, but his desperation pass fell to the ground in the end zone.

The underdog Eagles (16-3), even injured starting quarterback Carson Wentz, came bolting off the sideline in ecstasy while Brady

sat on the ground, disconsolate.

It was the first Super Bowl title for Philadelphia (16-3), which went from 7-9 last season to the franchise's first NFL title since 1960.

Super Bowl MVP Foles orchestrated it with the kind of drive NFL MVP Brady, a five-time champion, is known for. The Eagles covered 75 yards on 14 plays and had to survive a video replay because Ertz had the ball pop into the air as he crossed the goal line.

The touchdown stood — and so did thousands of green-clad Eagles fans who weren't going to mind the frigid conditions outside US Bank Stadium once they headed out to celebrate.

But not before a rousing rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly" reverberated throughout the stands once the trophy was presented to owner Jeffrey Lurie. Later, fans danced along with the "Gonna Fly Now," the theme



AP PHOTO

The Patriots' Tom Brady sits on the bench after losing a fumble during the second half of Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis.

Longest NFL title droughts

The Eagles snapped a 56-year title drought, last winning the 1960 NFL Championship. The franchises with the longest droughts:

Years	Franchise	53	Browns*
70	Cardinals	52	Bills
60	Lions		Falcons
57	Vikings	50	Bengals
56	Titans		*Includes three seasons franchise was dormant.
54	Chargers		

from "Rocky," the city's best-known fictional underdog.

The Patriots (15-4) seemed ready to take their sixth championship with Brady and

coach Bill Belichick in eight Super Bowls. Brady threw for a game-record 505 yards and three TDs, hitting

SEE EAGLES, 3

SAILING: Charlotte Harbor Regatta



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN GLEASON/CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA
Jason Sanchez hiked out of his Hobie 16 during Day 3 racing in the 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta Sunday.

Windy drama in CHR

20-knot winds power lead changes on final day

Submitted by Charlotte Harbor Regatta

Anderson and Mark Brunsvold ran off seven straight wins Saturday and Sunday to defeat Jeff Rehm and Tucker McElwaney in the F18 class of 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta. Steady winds in the high teens with gusts to 28 knots provided plenty of drama as two of the four classes

competing Sunday saw lead changes before the end of racing.

Chris Tuckfield and Eric Brattinga slipped past Daniel Borg and Christopher Molder to move into third place with a second-place finish in the final F18 race.

Mia and Teddy Nicolsi broke a first-place tie with Matthew Monts and Carlyn Blauvelt in the N15 class with three wins and a second on Sunday. Monts and

SEE DRAMA, 2

COLTS: Player Killed



AP PHOTO

Indianapolis Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson (53) walks off the field following an NFL football game against the Tennessee Titans in Indianapolis.

Linebacker Edwin Jackson among 2 killed on highway

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts linebacker Edwin Jackson was one of two men killed early Sunday when a suspected drunken driver struck them as they stood outside their car along a highway in Indianapolis, the team and police said.

The Colts said in a statement Sunday that the team is "heartbroken" by Jackson's death and that the 26-year-old "was loved by all in the Colts organization."

State police identified the victims as Jackson, who grew up in Atlanta, and 54-year-old Jeffrey Monroe, of Avon, Indiana. Police say they were killed when a suspected drunken driver struck them as they stood outside their car along Interstate 70 on Indianapolis' west side.

Police said that it's believed that Monroe was a ride-sharing operator who was transporting Jackson when Jackson became ill. Monroe pulled over to the side of the highway and got out to help Jackson

when both were struck by a pickup truck that also hit Monroe's car, police said.

The pickup's driver, a 37-year-old Indianapolis man, tried to flee on foot but was quickly captured, State Police said. The man was believed to be intoxicated and was driving without a license, police said.

He was taken to the Marion County Jail, where blood-alcohol test results were pending.

The 6-foot, 234-pound Jackson attended Georgia Southern. He was signed by the Arizona Cardinals in May 2015 and released by the team about three months later. Jackson was signed to the Colts practice squad in December 2015 and then by the Colts to reserve/future contract in January 2016.

He was placed on injured reserve by the Colts last September.

The Colts said in their statement that they "admire" Jackson's "outgoing personality, competitive spirit and hard-working mentality."

GOLF: Waste Management Phoenix Open

Woodland beats Reavie in playoff

By John Nicholson
The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Gary Woodland beat Chez Reavie with a par on the first hole of a playoff Sunday in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Playing three groups ahead of Reavie, Woodland birdied three of the last four holes for a 7-under 64 — the best round of the day — to finish at 18-under 266 at TPC Scottsdale.

"I'm kind of overwhelmed right now," Woodland said. "I've played well the last five years, I think I had six second-place finishes. I just haven't put four rounds together. That was the struggle last year."

Woodland celebrated with wife Gabby and son Jaxson Lynn, who was born a month premature in June. They were expecting twins, but lost

SEE GOLF, 3



Gary Woodland tees off at the second hole during the final round of the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament, Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz. [ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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Feb. 4N..... 4-9
Feb. 4D..... 3-1
Feb. 3N..... 1-4
Feb. 3D..... 7-4
Feb. 2N..... 3-0
Feb. 2D..... 4-4
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3

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

PICK 4

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

PICK 5

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

FANTASY 5

Feb. 4..... 33-6-27-10-35
Feb. 3..... 9-15-17-29-32
Feb. 2..... 1-9-16-25-33

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 2
45-digit winners \$57,718.04
3694-digit winners \$100.50
9,7833-digit winners \$10.50

CASH FOR LIFE

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

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LUCKY MONEY

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

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 2
0..... 4-of-4 LB... \$500,000
2..... 4-of-4... \$2,529.00
44..... 3-of-4 LB..... \$251.50
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LOTTO

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
0..6-digit winners \$7 million
185-digit winners \$4,884.50
8024-digit winners... \$83.00

POWERBALL

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

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 31
0..... 5 of 5 + PB \$127 Million
1..... 5 of 5 ..\$1 million
1..... 4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
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ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$145 million

MEGA MILLIONS

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

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 30
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

NHL: Roundup**Tuch, Golden Knights weather Hurricanes**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Perseverance paid off the Alex Tuch and the Vegas Golden Knights.

Tuch scored the go-ahead goal with 5:12 remaining, and the Golden Knights defeated the Washington Capitals 4-3 Sunday in a matchup of division leaders.

Vegas rallied three times from one-goal deficits to beat Washington for the second time this season.

“We never gave up. I thought we played our best game in two weeks, I really did, even though we were behind most of the (day),” Golden Knights coach Gerard Gallant said. “It was only a one-goal lead every time, so we kept battling and we worked hard and that’s something our team has done all year long.”

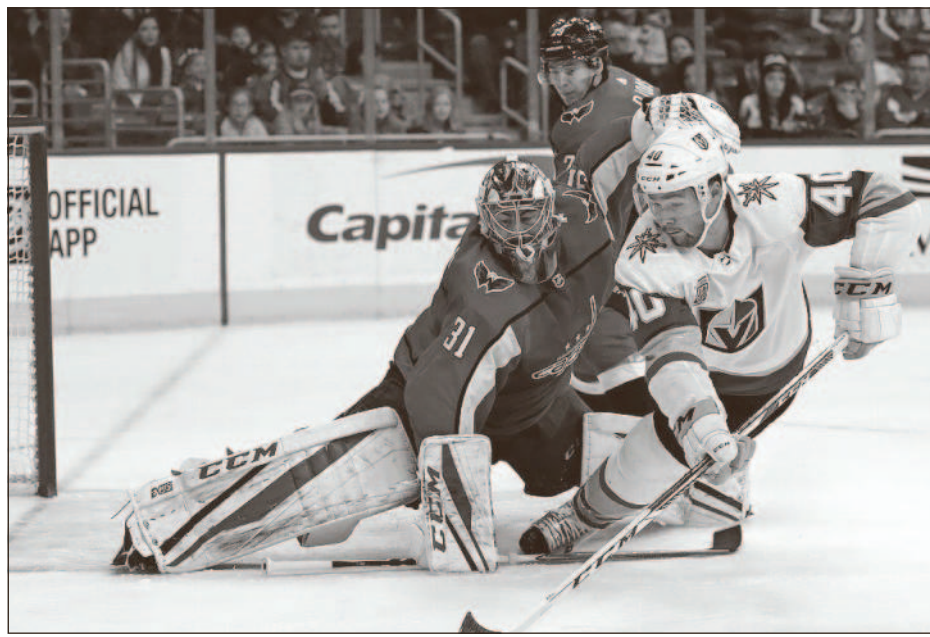
On Tuch’s shot from in close, Capitals goalie Philipp Grubauer tied to corral the loose puck, but knocked it into the net with his catching hand. Washington challenged the play for goaltender interference, but the goal stood.

“We were working hard down low and getting a lot of good opportunities,” Tuch said. “One was bound to go in and I got pretty lucky that it went off my stick and snuck between his legs there.”

It was Tuch’s first tally since Jan. 5, snapping an 11-game stretch without a goal.

Nicklas Backstrom gave Metropolitan Division-leading Washington a 3-2 lead 52 seconds into the third period. Reilly Smith tied it when he scored his second goal of the game on a wrist shot from the left circle at 9:21.

Marc-Andre Fleury, who had consecutive shutouts against



Vegas Golden Knights center Ryan Carpenter (40) lunges to shoot the puck as Washington Capitals goaltender Philipp Grubauer (31) defends in the first period, Sunday in Washington.

AP PHOTO

Washington coming in, stopped 20 shots.

Ryan Carpenter had a goal and an assist for the Golden Knights, leaders of the Pacific Division. Jonathan Marchessault and Pierre-Edouard Bellemare each had two assists, and Tuch also had an assist.

Matt Niskanen had a goal and an assist for Washington. Chandler Stephenson scored his third goal in his last three games after netting two in his first 36.

Grubauer had 27 saves for Washington, which is 2-3-2 in its last seven.

“We’re just giving up too good of chances right now,” Niskanen said. “Ideally, you wouldn’t give up many chances at all because you’re attacking and you have the puck more. But at the very least we’ve got to deflect the puck to the outside and keep things to the perimeter.”

Both teams were coming off three-goal losses on Friday night. The Golden Knights improved to 3-1 so far on their six-game trip.

“They’ve got an unwavering belief that they’re going to find a

way to get a puck in and they’re getting a lot of breaks,” Capitals coach Barry Trotz said. “And they’re playing good.”

Washington made it 1-0 at 7:22 of the first period when Stephenson beat Fleury to the far side with a wrist shot from the left circle. The goal ended Fleury’s personal shutout streak against Washington at 134 minutes, 53 seconds, dating to Game 6 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last year when he was with Pittsburgh.

Vegas tied it at 16:06 on a play started by former Capital Nate Schmidt, who carried the puck into the Washington zone and passed back to Bellemare, whose centering pass was re-directed by Carpenter past Grubauer.

The goal snapped a 27-game drought for Carpenter dating to January 2017.

Niskanen made it 2-1 at 8:38 of the second period. The Golden Knights tied it on a power play goal with 1:07 left when Grubauer stopped Smith’s first two shots in front, but not the third.

SHARKS 3, HURRICANES 1:

Brent Burns had a goal and an assist, leading San Jose to the road win. Timo Meier and Chris Tierney scored, and Aaron Dell stopped 29 shots for this first win in two weeks. The Sharks never trailed as they won their second straight following a four-game losing streak. Sebastian Aho scored for the Hurricanes, who missed a chance to move into sole possession of the Eastern Conference’s final playoff spot. Cam Ward made 23 saves.

CANADIENS 4, SENATORS 1:

Artturi Lehkonen broke out of a 24-game scoring slump with a pair of goals, powering Montreal to the victory. Lehkonen had not scored since he had two goals on Oct. 30 in an 8-3 win over the Senators in Ottawa. Jeff Petry and Tomas Plekanec also scored for the Canadiens, who were coming off a win over Anaheim on Saturday. Carey Price made 25 saves. Mike Hoffman scored for the Senators, who had won their previous two games, including a shoot-out victory Saturday in Philadelphia. Mike Condon stopped 31 shots.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN GLEASON/CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA
Port Charlotte residents Phil and Cathy Sanders round a mark during a leg of their race Sunday in the 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta.

REGATTA

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Blauvelt won the other race, their fourth of the regatta, to hold on to second place.

In the Hobie 16 class, Ben Brown and Casey Astiz pulled away from William Jeffers and Karen Grisko with two wins Sunday. Ken Hilk and Darcy Jensen clinched third place despite a strong finish by Greg Raybon and Nancy Kornblum, who won the second-to-last race, but fell to fourth behind Hilk and Jensen in the finale.

Jim Nuzzo and John Walsh won three of five races for the win in the Harbor 20 class on its only

day of racing Saturday. 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 three races Sunday to go with his four wins on Saturday to successfully defend his CHR title. Rick Sylvester took three seconds to stay in second place, while Phil and Cathy Sanders jumped into third place with their third-place finishes after Howard Paul dropped out.

For complete results and more photos, visit www.CharlotteHarbor-Regatta.com.

NBA: Roundup**Lopez scores 20, Lakers top Thunder**

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma City Thunder appeared to be on their way to their lofty preseason expectations during an eight-game win streak.

Then they hit another rough patch.

Oklahoma City dropped its fourth straight game Sunday when Brook Lopez scored 20 points and Julius Randle added 19, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 108-104 victory.

Thunder guard Russell

Westbrook said the team won’t panic.

“Me personally, I love adversity,” he said. “It gives you an opportunity to bring your teammates together and bring everybody together. Looking forward to positive things. Throughout this season there is going to be a lot of ups and downs, but we never flinch. That’s one thing about this organization and about our team — we never flinch. We are always going to stay together.”

HORNETS 115, SUNS 110:

Nicolas Batum scored 22 points and the Charlotte Hornets rallied from a 21-point second-half deficit to beat the Phoenix Suns 115-110 on Sunday. Kemba Walker and Dwight Howard added 18 apiece for the Hornets, who staged their biggest comeback of the season and matched their season best with three straight wins.

BUCKS 109, NETS 94: Eric Bledsoe scored 28 points, John Henson had 19 points and 18 rebounds, and the Milwaukee Bucks easily extended their winning streak over the Brooklyn

Nets to 10 games with a 109-94 victory Sunday. Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo left with an apparent right ankle injury in the fourth quarter, but by then Milwaukee was in control of a game it led by as many as 28 points. He finished with 16 points and eight rebounds. Khristian Middleton also had 16 points for the Bucks, who improved to 6-1 since firing Jason Kidd and moved a season-best six games over .500 at 29-23. DeMarre Carroll and Caris LeVert each scored 15 for the Nets, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

NBA: Cavaliers**Struggling Cavaliers don’t plan to fire coach Lue**By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cavaliers coach Tyrone Lue has a long list of immediate concerns.

Keeping his job isn’t currently one of them.

Despite Cleveland’s recent slide and his team’s lack of cohesion, the Cavaliers have no immediate plans to replace Lue, a person with direct knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The status of Lue, who led the team to an NBA title in 2016 and three straight Finals appearances, came into question following



Cleveland Cavaliers head coach Tyrone Lue reacts in the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Cleveland.

AP PHOTO

Saturday night’s 32-point home loss to Houston, the latest blowout suffered by a team in disarray. However, Lue’s job isn’t

in danger because of the need for “keeping continuity” at this challenging time, given Cleveland’s roster overhaul and

injuries, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Sunday because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

ESPN first reported that Lue’s job wasn’t in jeopardy.

Cleveland has lost 12 of 18 and LeBron James and his teammates have been beaten by at least 24 points in four games during the span. They were booed by fans in Quicken Loans Arena almost from the start of the performance against Houston, and following the game, Lue and several of his players challenged the team’s level of effort and trust.

TENNIS: Davis Cup

Mannarino beats Haase to put France into quarterfinals

Associated Press

ALBERTVILLE, France — Adrian Mannarino sent defending champion France through to the quarterfinals of the Davis Cup, rallying from a set and 5-3 down Sunday to beat Robin Haase of the Netherlands 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5, 6-7 (2), 7-5 in a topsy-turvy World Group encounter.

After 4 hours, 20 minutes of an arduous contest featuring 34 break-point chances, Haase's miscued volley at net went out and gave Mannarino match point.

He took it following a brief rally when Haase failed to return a whipped forehand into his feet. Mannarino punched the air as the French team celebrated wildly and poured water over Mannarino's head.

The exhausted Haase walked straight off court having played 10 1/2 hours over three days.

France has an insurmountable 3-1 lead ahead of the final reverse singles later Sunday and plays Italy in the last eight in April.

The 25th-ranked Mannarino had more winners than Haase — 61 to 47 — but was wasteful in converting only four of his 26 break-point chances, while Haase took three of his eight. Mannarino had 21 aces to Haase's 19.

Mannarino, a late replacement for the injured Lucas Pouille, made up for his upset defeat on Friday to

Thiemo de Bakker, ranked 369th. Richard Gasquet made it 1-1 by beating Haase, before Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert beat Haase and Jean-Julien Rojer on Saturday for a 2-1 lead for France.

Early on, Haase looked sharp against a cautious Mannarino.

The 42nd-ranked Dutchman broke for a 2-1 lead when Mannarino patted a woeful forehand wide, and then served two aces for 3-1. He could have secured a double break but Mannarino saved the fifth game with an ace at 30-40.

Haase was more aggressive than Mannarino in the first set and covered the court well. A volley at the net gave him set point and he sealed it with an ace.

He broke the Frenchman in the seventh game of the second set and held for 5-3. But Mannarino broke back for 5-5 after Haase cracked first in a 35-shot rally. Mannarino edged a tense tiebreaker and appeared to have the momentum.

Haase saved break points in his first three service games of the third set. Finally, Mannarino's pressure paid off when he broke to love for 6-5 and clinched the set on serve.

But then it was Mannarino's turn to waver as he was broken when serving for the match at 5-4 in the fourth set. Haas then dominated the tiebreaker to send the match into a deciding set.

OLYMPICS: Skating

Many big-name skaters headed to Winter Games for final time

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford are focused squarely on the Pyeongchang Olympics, where the pairs team from Canada will contend for a gold medal inside Gangneung Ice Arena in the next couple of weeks.

That hasn't stopped them from pondering what will happen afterward.

The 32-year-old Duhamel and 33-year-old Radford, two-time world champions, are under no pretenses that this isn't their final major competition. They may continue to compete after the Winter Games, and both have expressed an interest in exhibition skating, but South Korea will in many ways serve as an exclamation point on their impressive careers.

"As we've advanced in our career and become more experienced, and wiser — I think it's a cliché but the story of our careers is that anything is possible if you don't give up," Radford said. "You hear that all the time but we're an example of pure determination and hard work making success happen."

As the Olympics approach, Duhamel and Radford aren't the only figure skaters reflecting on their careers. Nor are they the only ones pondering what will come next after South Korea.

There's three-time world champion Patrick Chan of Canada and his teammate Keegan Messing, both of whom are likely participating in their last Olympics. Two-time world champ and reigning European champion Javier Fernandez of Spain, at 26 one of the gold medal favorites, also could be in his final games.

That's just the men's



AP PHOTO

Meagan Duhamel, right, and Eric Radford, left, of Canada, perform during the pairs short program at the Bridgestone Skate America in Lake Placid, N.Y. Duhamel and Radford are focused squarely on the Pyeongchang Olympics, where the pairs team from Canada will contend for a gold medal inside Gangneung Ice Arena in the next couple weeks.

competition.

While 15-year-old Russian Alina Zagitova stands at one end of the ladies' spectrum, there is 31-year-old Carolina Kostner at the other. The Italian is a former world champion, five-time European champ and a strong contender to land on the podium in her last Olympics.

Duhamel and Radford are among the pairs favorites along with two other established teams: Aliona Savchenko, who just turned 34, is a five-time world champion and will team with 29-year-old Bruno Massot to represent Germany; and 30-year-old Vanessa James and her partner, 26-year-old Morgan Cipres, give France a chance to land on the podium.

In ice dance, Canadian favorites Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir returned from a brief retirement to take another shot at gold. The 28-year-old Virtue and 30-year-old Moir stood atop the podium at the 2010 Vancouver Games, and then took silver four

years later at the Sochi Games.

"It's hard not to be sentimental at this point in our season and careers, when you're near the end," Virtue said. "This whole comeback process has been so fulfilling and rewarding. We're trying to embrace it all, the pressure and anxiety and stress that is building."

"This is the year we've been dreaming and thinking about for a long time," added Virtue, who along with Moir will carry Canada's flag into the opening ceremony. "It's here and it's imminent, so we're trying to remember this is such a privilege. We're in a fabulous position. We just have to embrace it all, the highs and lows, and be present for every step."

There is always turnover in figure skating, especially when top competitors are often teenagers who already have peaked by their early 20s. But often those stars flame out away from the Olympic ice, between cycles, and it can happen so quickly they are never

given a proper send-off.

That's what makes this year's Pyeongchang Olympics unique.

Sure, the sheer number of elite skaters approaching or surpassing 30 is noteworthy, but most of them have acknowledged this is their final major event. They have built worthy resumes that will no doubt be remembered for years, and for which fans in South Korea will no doubt applaud.

"I've really learned, if anything, to embrace every single day that I get the chance to come in and train and skate and do something I'm good at," Chan said, "and that feels great to do."

So what comes after skating?

Duhamel has always been interested in choreography and coaching, and would like to work for the International Skating Union as a technical specialist. Radford, her partner, likewise wants to become a technical specialist, and perhaps even work on the ISU's technical committee.

GOLF

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one of the fetuses in a miscarriage.

"For him to be here, it's obviously a miracle," Woodland said. "I'm just so excited to share this with him and my family. Hopefully, it's the start of something special."

Reavie made a 20-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th to force the PGA Tour's fourth straight playoff and the event's third overtime finish in a row.

"It's right up there with the putt I made to win in Canada," the 36-year-old former Arizona State player said. "It was a lot of fun. Fortunately, I walked up and I really got a good read off it right away."

In the playoff on 18, Woodland hit short of the green from the left fairway bunker and chipped to 2 feet to set up his third PGA Tour victory and first since 2013.

"It's been coming. We knew it the last month," Woodland said. "And sure enough today it all clicked and I made some putts early, gave me some confidence and really hit the ball well coming down the stretch."

Reavie missed the green left in the playoff and couldn't get an 11-footer to fall.

"I carried the sign board here growing up when I was in high school and junior high and to have a chance to win the tournament this week was a lot of fun," Reavie said.

The crowd was estimated at 64,273 for a record weeklong total of 719,179. On Saturday, 216,818 jammed

the grounds, the biggest turnout in golf history.

"They were great,"

Reavie said. "Being a hometown guy, everyone's rooting me on."

He finished with a 66. After a bogey on the par-3 16th, he chipped to 3 feet for birdie on the par-4 17th.

Woodland two-putted for birdie on the par-5 15th, curled in an 8-footer on the par-3 16th, made a 5-footer on the par-4 17th and parred the par-4 18th.

VIC OPEN: Australian Minjee Lee shot a 6-under 67 Sunday for a five-stroke victory in the Vic Open, the first tournament of the year on the Ladies European Tour. Lee finished with a four-round total of 13-under 279 on the 13th Beach Golf Links, one better than Karis Davidson, who closed with a 71. Cheyenne Woods, niece of Tiger Woods, shot a final-round 70 and finished eight strokes behind in eighth place.

MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP: Shubhankar Sharma of India won his second European Tour title after carding 10 birdies in a joint tournament-low 62 in the final round of the Maybank Championship on Sunday. Spain's Jorge Campillo was two shots adrift in second place after a closing 68 gave him a 19-under aggregate of 269, one ahead of Ryan Fox (66) and Pablo Larrazabal (66). Sharma, 21, who also won the Joburg Open in December, described 62 as his "lucky" number after finishing with a 21-under total of 267 to pocket the first prize of \$500,000. Former world No. 1 Lee Westwood, who shot a 62 on Friday, ended in a tie for 11th place following a final-round 70.

MLB: Rangers

Rangers sign 44-year-old Bartolo Colon to minor league deal

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers have signed 44-year-old Bartolo Colon to a minor league contract and invited the pitcher to big league spring training.

The Rangers

announced the move Sunday.

Colon was a combined 7-14 with a 6.48 ERA in 28 starts for Atlanta and Minnesota last season. He was released by the Braves on July, then signed with the Twins and went 5-6 with a 5.18

ERA in 15 starts for them.

Colon has 240 career victories in 20 seasons with 10 different teams, including the Montreal Expos. The portly right-hander has posted 21 career wins against Texas, the most by any pitcher.

A four-time All-Star, he won the 2005 AL Cy Young Award with the Angels.

Texas was 78-84 last year. Rangers pitchers and catchers are set to hold their first spring workout Feb. 15 in Surprise, Arizona.

NFL: Super Bowl LII

Philly cops use hydraulic fluid on poles to deter climbers

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — While Philadelphia Eagles fans prepare for the Super Bowl, police are working to keep any victory celebrations firmly on the ground.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that police officers were out Sunday afternoon rolling hydraulic fluid onto light poles to keep celebrating fans from climbing them in case of an Eagles victory.

Officers who declined

to give their names reported greasing about 100 poles up and down Broad Street. They dubbed themselves the "Pole Patrol" rather than the earlier "Crisco Cops" that applied shortening that failed to stop some fans after the NFC championship victory.

Philadelphia's police commissioner earlier vowed a safe but effective alternative before the big game. He said police had to assure the safety of fans "as well as the people who they could fall down on."



AP PHOTO

A greased pole stands near the intersection of Broad and Shunk Streets in South Philadelphia before the NFC championship NFL football game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the Minnesota Vikings. Philadelphia police think they've found something better than Crisco to keep Philadelphia fans from climbing light poles.

EAGLES

From Page 1

Rob Gronkowski for 4 yards before Stephen Gostkowski's extra point gave New England its first lead, 33-32.

Then Foles made them forget Wentz — and least for now — with the gutsiest drive of his life,

including a fourth-down conversion to Ertz at midfield.

Foles has been something of a journeyman in his six pro seasons, but has been spectacular in four career playoff games. He finished 28 of 43 for 373 yards and three TDs.

The combined 1,151 yards were the most in any modern NFL game,

and Brady's 505 were the most in any playoff contest. The 40-year-old master finished 28 of 48 and picked apart the Eagles until the final two series.

It was such a wild game that Foles caught a touchdown pass, and Brady was on the opposite end of a Danny Amendola throw that went off his

fingertips.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson brought home the championship in his second year in charge. Belichick is 5-3 in Super Bowls and his teams have only a plus-4 overall margin in those games.

So this one was in keeping with that trend: thrilling and even a bit bizarre.

Super Bowl LII



EAGLES 41, PATRIOTS 33



AP PHOTOS

The Eagles' Trey Burton (left) throws a touchdown pass to Nick Foles late in the second quarter against the Patriots during Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis.

Where Eagles dare



AP PHOTO

The Patriots' Stephon Gilmore (top) breaks up a pass intended for the Eagles' Alshon Jeffery during the first half of Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis.



AP PHOTO

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady warms up before Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis.



AP PHOTO

A large image of Prince is shown as Justin Timberlake performs during halftime of Super Bowl LII Sunday in Minneapolis.



AP PHOTO

Patriots running back James White (28) celebrates a touchdown run during the first half against the Eagles Sunday in Minneapolis.

Eagles QB Nick Foles celebrates a touchdown with teammates Sunday in Minneapolis.



AP PHOTO



Eagles fans in Philadelphia react while watching the first quarter of Super Bowl LII on Sunday.

AP PHOTO

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

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
Sunday at Minneapolis, Minn.
Philadelphia 41, New England 33

SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS

2018 — Philadelphia (NFC) 41, New England (AFC) 33
2017 — New England (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 28, OT
2016 — Denver (AFC) 24, Carolina (NFC) 10
2015 — New England (AFC) 28, Seattle (NFC) 24
2014 — Seattle (NFC) 43, Denver (AFC) 8
2013 — Baltimore (AFC) 34, San Francisco (NFC) 31
2012 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 21, New England (AFC) 17
2011 — Green Bay (NFC) 31, Pittsburgh (AFC) 25
2010 — New Orleans (NFC) 31, Indianapolis (AFC) 17

2009 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 27, Arizona (NFC) 23
2008 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17, New England (AFC) 14
2007 — Indianapolis (AFC) 29, Chicago (NFC) 17
2006 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Seattle (NFC) 10
2005 — New England (AFC) 24, Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004 — New England (AFC) 32, Carolina (NFC) 29

2003 — Tampa Bay (NFC) 48, Oakland (AFC) 21
2002 — New England (AFC) 20, St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001 — Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34, N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000 — St. Louis (NFC) 23, Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999 — Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998 — Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997 — Green Bay (NFC) 35, New England (AFC) 21

1996 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17
1995 — San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1994 — Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1993 — Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1992 — Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1991 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1990 — San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 19
1989 — San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16

1988 — Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1987 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1986 — Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1985 — San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1984 — L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1983 — Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1982 — San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21

1981 — Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1980 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, L.A. Rams (NFC) 19
1979 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1978 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1977 — Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1976 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1975 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1974 — Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1973 — Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1972 — Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1971 — Baltimore Colts (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13

1970 — Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1969 — N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore Colts (NFL) 7
1968 — Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1967 — Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10

SUPER BOWL MVPs

2017—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2016—Von Miller, LB, Denver
2015—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2014—Malcolm Smith, LB, Seattle
2013—Joe Flacco, QB, Baltimore
2012—El Manning, QB, N.Y. Giants
2011—Aaron Rodgers, QB, Green Bay
2010—Drew Brees, QB, New Orleans
2009—Antonio Holmes, WR, Pittsburgh
2008—El Manning, QB, N.Y. Giants
2007—Peyton Manning, QB, Indianapolis
2006—Hines Ward, WR, Pittsburgh
2005—Deion Branch, WR, New England
2004—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2003—Dexter Jackson, FS, Tampa Bay
2002—Tom Brady, QB, New England
2001—Ray Lewis, LB, Baltimore
2000—Kurt Warner, QB, St. Louis
1999—John Elway, QB, Denver
1998—Terrell Davis, RB, Denver
1997—Desmond Howard, KR, Green Bay
1996—Larry Brown, CB, Dallas
1995—Steve Young, QB, San Francisco
1994—Emmitt Smith, RB, Dallas
1993—Troy Aikman, QB, Dallas
1992—Mark Rypien, QB, Washington
1991—Ottis Anderson, RB, N.Y. Giants
1990—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1989—Jerry Rice, WR, San Francisco
1988—Doug Williams, QB, Washington
1987—Phil Simms, QB, N.Y. Giants
1986—Richard Dent, DE, Chicago
1985—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1984—Marcus Allen, RB, L.A. Raiders
1983—John Riggins, RB, Washington
1982—Joe Montana, QB, San Francisco
1981—Jim Plunkett, QB, Oakland
1980—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1979—Terry Bradshaw, QB, Pittsburgh
1978—Randy White, DT and Harvey Martin, DE, Dallas
1977—Fred Biletnikoff, WR, Oakland
1976—Lynn Swann, WR, Pittsburgh
1975—Franco Harris, RB, Pittsburgh
1974—Larry Csonka, RB, Miami
1973—Jake Scott, S, Miami
1972—Roger Staubach, QB, Dallas
1971—Chuck Howley, LB, Dallas
1970—Len Dawson, QB, Kansas City
1969—Joe Namath, QB, N.Y. Jets
1968—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay
1967—Bart Starr, QB, Green Bay

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:
Marshall Lattimore, CB, New Orleans 45
Tra'Davious White, CB, Buffalo 4
Reuben Foster, LB, San Francisco 1

NFL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR VOTING

The voting for the 2017 NFL Assistant Coach of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
Pat Shurmur, Minnesota OC 24½
Dennis Allen, New Orleans DC 4
Matt Patricia, New England DC 4
Wade Phillips, Los Angeles Rams DC 4
Todd Wash, Jacksonville DC 3½
John DeFilippo, Philadelphia QBs 3
Jim Schwartz, Philadelphia DC 3
Steve Wilks, Carolina DC 2
Josh McDaniels, New England OC 1
Nathaniel Hackett, Jacksonville OC 1

NFL COACH OF THE YEAR VOTING

The voting for the 2017 NFL Coach of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
Sean McVay, Los Angeles Rams 35
Mike Zimmer, Minnesota 11
Doug Marrone, Jacksonville 2
Doug Pederson, Philadelphia 1
Bill Belichick, New England 1

NFL COMEBACK PLAYER VOTING

The voting for the 2017 NFL Comeback Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
Keenan Allen, WR, Los Angeles Chargers 28
Case Keenum, QB, Minnesota 8
Rob Gronkowski, TE, New England 5
Jaylon Smith, LB, Jacksonville 2
Cameron Hayward, DE, Pittsburgh 2
Todd Gurley, RB, Los Angeles Rams 1

Marshawn Lynch, RB, Oakland 1
Benjamin Watson, TE, Baltimore 1
Kyle Fuller, CB, Chicago 1
Manti Te'o, LB, New Orleans 1

NFL MVP VOTING

The voting for the 2017 NFL Most Valuable Player selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
Tom Brady, New England 40
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams 8
Carson Wentz, Philadelphia 2

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NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division W L PCT. GB
Boston 39 15 .722 —
Toronto 36 16 .692 2
Philadelphia 35 25 .500 12
New York 23 31 .426 16
Brooklyn 19 35 .352 20

Southwest Division W L PCT. GB
Washington 30 22 .577 —
Miami 29 24 .547 1½
Charlotte 23 29 .442 7
Atlanta 16 37 .302 14½
Orlando 15 36 .294 14½

Central Division W L PCT. GB
Cleveland 30 21 .588 —
Milwaukee 29 23 .558 1½
Indiana 30 24 .556 1½
Detroit 25 26 .490 5
Chicago 18 34 .346 12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division W L PCT. GB
Houston 38 13 .745 —
San Antonio 34 21 .618 6
New Orleans 28 24 .538 10½
Memphis 18 34 .346 20½
Dallas 17 36 .321 22

Northwest Division W L PCT. GB
Minnesota 34 22 .607 —
Oklahoma City 30 24 .556 3
Portland 29 24 .547 3½
Denver 28 25 .528 4½
Utah 24 28 .462 8

Pacific Division W L PCT. GB
Golden State 41 12 .774 —
L.A. Clippers 26 25 .510 14
L.A. Lakers 21 31 .404 19½
Phoenix 18 36 .333 23½
Sacramento 16 36 .308 24½

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers 113, Chicago 103
Detroit 111, Miami 107
Indiana 100, Philadelphia 92
Washington 115, Orlando 88
Houston 120, Cleveland 98
Denver 115, Golden State 108
Miami 118, New Orleans 107
Utah 120, San Antonio 111
Dallas 106, Sacramento 99

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 99, New York 96
Boston 97, Portland 96
Milwaukee 109, Brooklyn 94
Toronto 101, Memphis 86
L.A. Lakers 108, Oklahoma City 104
Charlotte 115, Phoenix 110

Today's Games

Portland at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

CELTIC YR. TRAIL BLAZERS '96

PORTLAND (96)
Turner 0-3 0-0, Aminu 4-13 0-0 11, Nurkic 7-13 0-0 14, Lillard 6-19 7-8 21, McCollum 9-22 1-2 22, Harkless 7-12 0-0 19, Davis 3-5 1-2 7, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Connaughton 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 36-91 11-14 96.

BOSTON (97)
Tatum 6-14 2-2 17, Horford 8-12 4-4 22, Baynes 3-5 2-2 8, Rozier 5-18 0-0 11, Brown 6-15 0-0 16, Ojeleye 2-7 0-0 6, Nader 2-8 1-2 7, Yabusele 1-2 1-3 4, Theis 2-4 2-6 5, Allen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-85 12-17 97.

PORTLAND 26 28 19 23 — 96
BOSTON 19 19 31 28 — 97

3-Point Goals—Portland 13-31 (Harkless 5-5, McCollum 3-6, Aminu 3-9, Lillard 2-9, Connaughton 0-2), Boston 15-36 (Brown 4-7, Tatum 3-5, Horford 2-2, Nader 2-6, Ojeleye 2-7, Yabusele 1-2, Rozier 1-7). Fouled Out—Nurkic. Rebounds—Portland 46 (Nurkic, Harkless, Aminu 8), Boston 51 (Horford 10). Assists—Portland 21 (Lillard 9), Boston 24 (Rozier, Horford, Tatum 5). Total Fouls—Portland 17, Boston 16. Technicals—Boston coach Celtics (Defensive three second). A—18,624 (18,624).

BUCKS 109, NETS 94

MILWAUKEE (109)
Middleton 7-11 0-2 16, Antetokounmpo 7-13 1-1 28, Henson 8-14 3-5 19, Bledsoe 12-20 1-1 28, Snell 0-4 0-0 0, Parker 2-4 6-6 11, Maker 4-8 0-0 8, Dellavedova 0-1 2-2 2, Terry 0-0 0-0 0, Vaughn 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 0-4 4-4 4, Kilpatrick 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 42-81 17-21 109.

BROOKLYN (94)
Carroll 5-11 2-3 15, Acy 2-6 2-2 7, Allen 7-11 0-0 14, Dinwiddie 3-11 2-2 9, Crabbe 5-14 0-0 11, Webb III 1-4 0-0 2, Okafor 3-5 1-2 7, Russell 1-8 0-0 3, Stauskas 1-2 0-0 3, LeVert 6-7 3-4 15, Harris 3-11 1-1 8. Totals 37-90 11-14 94.

MILWAUKEE 36 26 21 26 — 109
BROOKLYN 22 19 31 22 — 94

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 8-19 (Bledsoe 3-8, Middleton 2-3, Parker 1-1, Kilpatrick 1-1, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Maker 0-1, Dellavedova 0-1, Brown 0-1, Snell 0-1), Brooklyn 9-29 (Carroll 3-5, Stauskas 1-1, Russell 1-1, Crabbe 1-4, Acy 1-4, Dinwiddie 1-6, Harris 1-1, Webb III 0-2). Fouled Out—Russell. Rebounds—Milwaukee 45 (Henson 18), Brooklyn 36 (Allen 7). Assists—Milwaukee 19 (Bledsoe 6), Brooklyn 25 (Dinwiddie 10). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 16, Brooklyn 19. Technicals—Brooklyn coach Nets (Defensive three second). A—14,392 (17,732).

HAWKS 99, KNICKS 96

ATLANTA (99)
Prince 5-10 0-0 13, Dedmon 4-9 3-4 12, Plumlee 2-3 0-0 4, Schroder 2-16 6-6 10, Bazemore 7-17 1-3 19, Muscala 6-8 0-0 15, Collins 2-8 2-3 6, Delaney 1-4 2-2 5, Beninelli 3-7 0-0 8, Dorsey 3-5 0-1 7. Totals 35-87 14-19 99.

NEW YORK (96)
Hardaway Jr. 3-9 2-3 9, Porzingis 9-20 2-5 22, Kay 5-10 0-0 10, Ball 5-10 0-0 11, Lee 3-10 1-7, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Beasley 3-9 0-0 6, McDermott 3-8 0-0 6, O'Quinn 4-6 3-4 11, Ntilikina 0-2 0-0 0, Burke 6-10 1-2 14. Totals 41-94 9-15 96.

ATLANTA 21 23 25 30 — 99
NEW YORK 22 16 33 25 — 96

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 15-33 (Bazemore 4-7, Muscala 3-5, Prince 3-5, Beninelli 2-4, Delaney 1-2, Dedmon 1-3, Dorsey 1-3, Schroder 0-4), New York 5-23 (Porzingis 2-6, Burke 1-2, Jack 1-3, Hardaway Jr. 1-3, Ntilikina 0-1, Beasley 0-2, McDermott 0-2, Lee 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 44 (Dedmon 14), New York 48 (Kanter 12). Assists—Atlanta 25 (Delaney 8), New York 16 (Jack 4). Total Fouls—Atlanta 12, New York 16. Technicals—Atlanta team,

Atlanta coach Hawks (Defensive three second). A—19,441 (19,812).

RAPTORS 101, GRIZZLIES 86

MEMPHIS (86)
Brooks 4-10 2-2 12, Green 4-9 2-3 11, Gasol 6-16 6-7 20, Harrison 6-12 2-2 16, Selden 3-12 2-3 8, Ennis III 3-7 2-2 9, Martin 0-5 4-4 4, Rabb 1-2 0-0 2, Davis 1-3 0-0 2, Chalmers 1-5 0-0 2, McLemore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-81 20-23 86.

TORONTO (101)
Anunoby 3-9 0-0 6, Ibaka 3-7 0-0 7, Valanciunas 5-8 1-2 12, Lowry 4-11 2-2 11, DeRozan 5-14 3-4 13, Miles 1-3 0-0 3, Powell 1-3 0-0 2, Siakam 4-9 2-2 10, Poeltl 4-4 1-1 9, D.Wright 6-9 2-2 15, VanVleet 5-12 2-2 13. Totals 41-89 13-15 101.

MEMPHIS 24 20 30 12 — 86
TORONTO 25 31 20 25 — 101

3-Point Goals—Memphis 8-25 (Harrison 2-5, Brooks 2-5, Gasol 2-5, Ennis III 1-1, Green 1-3, Martin 0-1, Chalmers 0-2, Selden 0-3), Toronto 6-35 (Miles 1-2, Valanciunas 1-2, D.Wright 1-4, Ibaka 1-4, Lowry 1-6, VanVleet 1-6, DeRozan 0-2, Powell 0-2, Siakam 0-3, Anunoby 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 45 (Selden 7), Toronto 44 (Valanciunas 9). Assists—Memphis 17 (Gasol 5), Toronto 21 (VanVleet 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 23, Toronto 20. A—19,800 (19,800).

LAKERS 108, THUNDER 104

L.A. LAKERS (108)
Hart 5-6 2-14, Randle 7-15 4-8 19, Lopez 8-18 0-2 10, Ingram 7-13 1-1 6, Caldwell-Pope 5-11 2-3 13, Kuzma 1-4 0-2, Nance Jr. 1-2 0-0 2, Brewer 2-4 0-0 4, Caruso 0-1 0-0 0, Clarkson 6-12 2-18. Totals 42-86 11-18 108.

OKLAHOMA CITY (104)
George 10-19 3-26, Anthony 3-13 3-3 10, Adams 5-8 2-12, Westbrook 15-25 6-8 36, Ferguson 1-0 0-0 0, Grant 3-6 3-6 9, Huestis 0-4 0-2 0, Patterson 1-3 0-3 0, Felton 2-6 0-0 5, Abrines 1-4 0-3 0. Totals 40-89 17-25 104.

L.A. LAKERS 25 26 31 26 — 108
OKLAHOMA CITY 22 27 30 25 — 104

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 13-30 (Clarkson 4-7, Lopez 4-9, Hart 2-3, Randle 1-2, Ingram 1-3, Caldwell-Pope 1-4, Kuzma 0-1, Brewer 0-1), Oklahoma City 7-25 (George 3-6, Patterson 1-2, Felton 1-2, Anthony 1-4, Abrines 1-4, Ferguson 0-1, Huestis 0-2, Westbrook 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 40 (Hart 11), Oklahoma City 46 (Anthony 13). Assists—L.A. Lakers 24 (Lopez, Ingram 5), Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 0, Oklahoma City 18. Technicals—L.A. Lakers coach Luke Walton, Oklahoma City coach Thunder (Defensive three second), Anthony, Adams, George. A—18,203 (18,203).

HORNETS 115, SUNS 110

CHARLOTTE (115)
Kidd-Gilchrist 3-7 2-2 8, Kaminsky 1-7 2-2 4, Howard 6-15 6-9 18, Walker 6-19 4-5 18, Batum 7-15 5-22, Zeller 2-2 3-7, Carter-Williams 3-5 0-8 0, Graham 6-10 1-1 15, Lamb 6-2-2 15. Totals 40-96 25-29 115.

PHOENIX (110)
Warren 8-14 4-21, Bender 7-9 0-0 18, Chandler 1-3 1-3 0, Booker 7-14 0-0 18, Jackson 10-14 0-0 23, Dudley 0-2 0-0 0, House 2-4 1-1 5, Len 2-3 4-8 8, Ulis 1-4 0-0 2, Daniels 3-6 3-12. Totals 41-77 13-13 110.

CHARLOTTE 25 23 38 29 — 115
PHOENIX 31 28 35 16 — 110

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 10-38 (Batum 3-9, Carter-Williams 2-3, Graham 2-5, Walker 2-10, Lamb 1-6, Howard 0-1, Kaminsky 0-4), Phoenix 15-29 (Booker 4-5, Bender 4-6, Jackson 3-4, Daniels 3-8, Warren 1-1, Ulis 0-1, Dudley 0-2, House 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 43 (Howard 14), Phoenix 39 (Chandler 10). Assists—Charlotte 24 (Batum, Walker 5), Phoenix 24 (Booker 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 17, Phoenix 25. Technicals—Phoenix coach Suns (Defensive three second), Warren. A—14,487 (18,055).

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

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 63, Indiana 60
No. 6 Xavier 96, Georgetown 91, OT
Oklahoma State 84, No. 7 Kansas 79
No. 8 Cincinnati 65, UConn 57
Washington 78, No. 9 Arizona 75
Utah 10, Texas Tech 83, TCU 71
No. 11 Auburn 93, Vanderbilt 81
Texas 79, No. 12 Oklahoma 74
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NBA: CELTICS 97, TRAIL BLAZERS 96



Boston Celtics forward Al Horford (42) launches the game-winning shot during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, Sunday, in Boston.

Horford hits at buzzer, Celtics top Trail Blazers

By MARK ALTMAN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Al Horford captured the attention of Boston sports fans even on Super Bowl Sunday.

Horford made a 15-foot fadeaway jumper at the buzzer and the Celtics finished off the Portland Trail Blazers 97-96 Sunday, giving New England fans a few hours to get home before the Patriots played for the NFL championship.

“Wanted to end the game so we could go watch the Super Bowl,” Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

Stevens spoke while wearing a Patriots hat. He was joined by Eagles fan and Celtics player Marcus Morris, who sported an Eagles jersey. “I called game when Al hit the turnaround, just so you know,” Morris said.

Stevens smiled, adding: “Al feels a lot like Tom Brady today, right?”

Several jerseys for Brady and fellow Patriots star Rob Gronkowski were in the crowd at TD Garden. An Eagles fan

shown on the Jumbotron repeatedly got booed.

Horford wound up with 22 points and 10 rebounds, helping Boston win its fourth in a row.

“He (Stevens) had called a play for Jaylen (Brown) but they were ready for it so he kept yelling keep the ball, keep the ball,” Horford said. “It’s a shot I work on a lot and it felt good when it left my hands.”

Horford hit a game-winning shot with 3.7 seconds left against Houston earlier this season and also hit a buzzer-beater for Atlanta to beat Washington during the 2013-14 season.

Damian Lillard shot just 6 for 19, but scored Portland’s final eight points, including a 3-point play with 7.2 seconds remaining to give the Blazers a 96-95 lead.

C.J. McCollum led the Blazers with 22 points and Lillard added 21.

“They executed well down the stretch, made some tough shots,” McCollum said. “Credit them for battling back and then down the

stretch they seemed to match every basket.”

Boston trailed 85-79 with 5:37 to go before going on an 11-0 run, sparked by consecutive 3-pointers from Semi Ojeleye, Jayson Tatum and Horford.

Tatum had 17 points and Brown scored 16 for the Celtics.

“That shot epitomizes the work he puts in,” Brown said. “He embraces those opportunities and steps up to the challenge.”

Terry Rozier had with 11 points on 5-of-18 shooting after recording a triple-double and a career-high 31 points in his previous two games starting in place of Celtics guard Kyrie Irving.

Taking offense

Portland had scored over 100 points in its previous 17 games. Lillard missed 10 of his first 11 shots.

Doctor’s office

Irving missed his third straight game with a bruised quad. ... Morris missed his second with a hip injury and Shane Larkin was out for the fourth straight.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: AP Top 25

No. 1 Villanova tops Seton Hall 92-76, fans chant for Eagles

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Villanova turned the site of its latest romp into the scene of a Super Bowl pep rally.

The final horn caused a celebration — not just because the Wildcats won, but to signal the certain Eagles bash ahead.

Omari Spellman hit six 3 pointers and had 26 points, 11 rebounds and helped No. 1 Villanova kick off a rousing day in Philadelphia sports with a 92-76 win over Seton Hall on Sunday.

The Wildcats (22-1, 9-1 Big East) won their ninth straight game in front of a crowd dotted with green jerseys and chanting for the Eagles hours before the Super Bowl.

“I love the Eagles,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said, “but this is way more important to me.”

Villanova’s win served as the sports appetizer for a city absolutely whipped into a frenzy, with fans lined up hours before kickoff around the block to get into sports bars to watch the Eagles play the New England Patriots.

Mikal Bridges, who scored 17 points, hit a 3 with 2:22 left for a 21-point lead that seemed to serve as the cue for fans to turn their



Villanova forward Eric Paschall (4) gets the ball away from Seton Hall guard Khadeen Carrington (0) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, in Philadelphia, Pa.

full attention toward the Super Bowl. They put on dog masks (an Eagles rallying symbol) and chanted “We Want Brady!”

For about 25 minutes, the Pirates (17-6, 6-4) served the Wildcats a serious scare.

Villanova’s Eric Paschall slammed into the court with such a thump it could be heard way up high and subbed out for a quick breather on the bench. Paschall’s timeout was brief. He hit a 3 that tied the game at 48-all.

Jalen Brunson, a top candidate for national player of the year, followed with another 3 that snapped a tie game and served as the offensive flare that Nova was set for its usual decisive run.

It was that time.

Paschall dunked on the next possession and Bridges came flying out of nowhere down the baseline to put back a missed shot that sent the roaring crowd to their feet in appreciation.

Khadeen Carrington, who averages 14.2 points, was whistled for his fourth foul just 6½ minutes into the half and Bridges blocked a shot that sent the ball soaring over Seton Hall’s bench.

Myles Powell steadied the Pirates with a pair of 3s that kept pulled them to 62-60. Spellman hit a 3 and Bridges nailed a three-point play to help the Wildcats start to pull away. Powell hit one more 3 that gave Seton Hall a feint glimmer of hope but that’s about all teams get these days against Nova.

COLLEGE: Basketball

Maryland uses late surge to beat Wisconsin 68-63

By DAVID GINSBURG
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COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Anthony Cowan Jr. scored 23 points, Kevin Huerter added 19 and Maryland squeezed past Wisconsin 68-63 Sunday to stretch the Badgers’ losing streak to five games.

The defeat ended Wisconsin’s Big Ten-record run of 17 straight winning seasons in conference play. Using a starting lineup that featured three freshmen and two juniors, the rebuilding Badgers (10-15, 3-9) rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit before fading.

Huerter’s driving layup with 1:25 left put the Terrapins up 62-60. After a Wisconsin misfire on the other end, Huerter bounced a runner off the glass.

Brad Davison answered with a 3-pointer for the Badgers with 10.6 seconds left. Cowan then made two foul shots for a three-point cushion,

and Maryland’s Dion Wiley sealed the victory by swatting away a layup try by Davison.

The Terrapins (16-9, 5-7) ended a three-game skid and won for only the second time in seven games.

Ethan Happ scored 18 points for Wisconsin, which has lost eight of nine. The Badgers are 1-8 on road, including 1-6 in the conference.

After being outscored 18-1 by Northwestern at the outset of Thursday night’s game, Wisconsin flipped the script and bolted to an 18-11 lead.

Maryland went ahead with an 11-3 run, then scored the final 11 points of the first half to go up 33-23.

The advantage stood up until Davison and Nate Reuvers each scored four points in an 11-2 spree that put Wisconsin on top with 9:42 remaining.

Maryland won despite 9-for-22 shooting in the second half.

Big picture

Wisconsin: Barring a

stunning turnaround, the Badgers will need to win the Big Ten Tournament to get an NCAA bid. Coach Greg Gard can only hope this youthful squad will benefit in 2018-19 from the experience gained this season.

Maryland: The Terrapins’ tepid performance against a young, struggling team did little to convince anyone that they have the ability to finish this disappointing season with a flourish.

Short-handed

The Terrapins were without 7-foot-1 center Michal Cekovsky, who was in a walking boot after bruising his left heel in practice last week. Maryland lost Justin Jackson (shoulder) and Ivan Bender (knee) in December.

Red and white

Maryland encouraged fans to wear red on “Red-Out Day,” so the Terps wore their red road uniforms and the Badgers wore white.

NBA: RAPTORS 101, GRIZZLIES 86

Wright scores 15 points as Raptors beat Grizzlies

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — After Toronto’s bench players started the fourth quarter with a bang, Raptors coach Dwane Casey let them keep playing until the final buzzer.

Delon Wright scored 15 points, DeMar DeRozan and Fred VanVleet each had 13 and the Raptors pulled away in the fourth to beat Memphis 101-86 on Sunday, their fifth straight home win over the slumping Grizzlies.

Toronto outscored Memphis 52-19 in bench

points.

“Our young guys, they brought the energy,” Casey said. “They did what they were supposed to do.”

DeRozan said he was grateful for the effort from the bench, especially because of the rare noon tip-off time.

“I made a joke saying the old guys can’t get up this early in the morning for the game,” DeRozan said. “They came up with a lot of energy.”

Jonas Valanciunas scored 12 points, Kyle Lowry had 11 and Pascal Siakam 10 as the Raptors improved to 21-4 at home,

the best record in the NBA.

Toronto’s reserves opened the fourth with a 12-4 run, turning a two-point edge into a double-digit lead with 7½ minutes remaining.

“Every time we come in with the lead we always say we’re not coming out, we’re going to try to take the lead up,” Wright said. “Coach trusted us today and we were able to finish the game and get the win.”

Toronto is 14-3 when VanVleet scores 10 or more points. He matched his career high with seven rebounds and had eight assists.

NBA: HAWKS 99, KNICKS 96

Bazemore’s late 3 lifts Hawks over Knicks

By JEFFREY BERNSTEIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a bull’s-eye for Kent Bazemore.

Bazemore hit a 3-pointer with 6.7 seconds left that put the Atlanta Hawks ahead Sunday in a 99-96 win over the New York Knicks.

“It’s just a catch-and-shoot situation,” Bazemore said. “We work on plays all the time in practice where we have a guy who drives and kicks it out to somebody in the corner. It’s just a synergy

and rhythm thing.”

“I read a book called the ‘Zen in the Art of Archery.’ It talks about just let it go. Let it go and let the energy of the world take care of the rest,” he said.

The Hawks rallied from a 93-87 deficit in the final 2:16.

Bazemore was wide open in the left corner and hit for a 98-96 lead. Tim Hardaway Jr. then stepped on the line trying to inbound, giving the ball back to Atlanta.

After Dewayne Dedmon made one of two foul shots, Hardaway missed a

potential tying 3-pointer.

“We don’t know how to finish games. We don’t know how to win games at the end,” Knicks star Kristaps Porzingis said. “We didn’t close out the game strong again and another loss.”

Bazemore led the Hawks with 19 points. Mike Muscala scored 15 and Taurean Prince had 13.

Dedmon finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds, while Dennis Schroeder added 10 points for Atlanta.

Porzingis scored 22 for the Knicks. Trey Burke

added 14, Jarrett Jack and Kyle O’Quinn each scored 11, and Enes Kanter finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Muscala hit a 3-pointer with 46 seconds left to pull the Hawks within one. O’Quinn missed a shot on the Knicks’ next possession and Bazemore followed with his go-ahead basket.

“A great win on the road,” Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said. “We got the stops late. We always talk about it being 48 minutes. Today it took all 48.”



Atlanta Hawks’ Kent Bazemore, left, celebrates his three-point basket with Taurean Prince, center, and Dewayne Dedmon during the last seconds of the second half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks, Sunday, in New York.