



## EPIC LOVE STORY CONTEST WINNERS

# A love to last a lifetime



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Lynn and Claire Handorf took this picture together when they were just dating. It is nearly 48 years later and they are still in love.

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Out of a tragedy rose one of the best love stories ever told. The horrors of Vietnam visited the Glover home in Hannibal Missouri, when, in late August 1968, Jim Glover's parents were informed that the 20-year-old was killed in action.

A few days later, on Sept. 1, 1968, Lt. Lynn Handorf, as a survival assistance officer, went to the Glover home to give the family Glover's Purple Heart and other medals. Glover's sister, 19-year-old Claire, opened the door to the man she would eventually

marry. Although, her 80-year-old grandmother may have had an inkling.

"I remember her elbowing me and whispering, 'he's cute,'" Claire Handorf said.

The encounter was the first and last time Lt. Handorf acted as a survival assistance officer. He was grateful that the family already knew their son had died and he didn't have to inform them.

"I was waiting for her family to hate me," Lynn Handorf said. "When I arrived at the door, they shook my hand; they weren't smiling or anything but they didn't hate me. They understood I was just doing my job. It turned out that they were a very nice

family."

Lt. Handorf stayed for a week and helped the family make arrangements with the funeral home for a full military funeral. The day of the funeral, Handorf handed the grieving mother the folded flag.

During those two weeks Claire Glover and Lt. Handorf were able to get to know each other. She set the young lieutenant up with a friend to go on a double date with and then realized the error of her ways. She wanted the military man to herself, and it turned out he only had eyes for her too. The two went out for a



COURTESY PHOTO

Lynn and Claire Handorf say the secret to a happy marriage is putting God first in their marriage and then each other.

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## Deputy saves couple from house fire

By **JAY MEISEL**  
Staff Writer

AVON PARK — An Avon Park woman believes she wouldn't be alive were it not for a vigilant deputy, she said Tuesday.

"Thank God for that deputy," Bobby Hunter said of Highlands County Deputy Cody Pearlman. "I wouldn't be standing here were it not for him."

Hunter and John Dennis, who shares a house with her, were sleeping around 4 a.m. when they heard loud banging on the door.

"The house was full of smoke and I was asleep and didn't know it," Hunter said.

The fire started on the outside of the house at 202 Ernest E. Sims near where Hunter was sleeping on a couch. Dennis sleeps in the back of the house.

It was around 4 a.m. that Pearlman was driving down the street doing his normal patrols when he saw the fire, said Scott Dressel, public information officer for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Pearlman called for response from the Avon Park Fire Department. He then quickly banged on the door of the house, Dressel said.

Hunter and Dennis then exited the house.

"They didn't know anything was wrong until he was banging on the door," Dressel said.

Once the couple exited the house, Pearlman

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## Food fights at Town Council meeting

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Monday night's Town Council meeting had members pondering the merits of renting DeVane Park to Chow Down Food Trucks LLC for a food truck invasion-style family fun night on March 26.

The item was put on the agenda because Town Administrator Phil Williams or the Council had never before approved a request of that nature.

In order to prepare the Council, Williams did an extensive background check on the owner/operator, David King. A Moore Haven Town Council member gave rave reviews of the company and the events to Williams.

The request was for a one-time use of the park that could maybe become a monthly event. King proposed to bring in about a dozen trucks with different foods, a musician and hire local bounce houses.

Most of the Council seemed to think it was OK on the surface until the discussions went a little deeper. King, who lives in Fort Pierce, did not attend the meeting.

King agreed to pay the \$50 park rental fee and the \$35 business tax that other restaurants in Lake Placid pay. King did not feel that every truck should have to pay the \$35 tax. Williams provided the emails between himself and King showing King's thoughts. In

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## BIAS ON THE BENCH

Editor's Note: *Bias on the Bench* is a four-part series by the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on Florida's judicial system. Highlands News-Sun will run the series over the next several weeks on Wednesdays. Because of the length of the stories, each part of the series will be broken up into smaller segments for print. This segment is included in part 1 of 4:



# Florida's broken sentencing system

## 'No transparency'

By **JOSH SALMAN, EMILY LE COZ and ELIZABETH JOHNSON**  
SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

The state collects massive amounts of data on criminal defendants — everything from race, gender and date of birth to the name of their attorneys, the presiding judge, their charges and sentence.

The courts use this information to measure how long it takes cases to move through the system and to hire more judges when needed.

The Florida Department of Corrections collects similar data on criminal sentencing. It files a report each year showing how many people are incarcerated or placed on probation — and how many are sentenced below their minimum recommendation.

But neither the courts nor corrections use data to check for racial discrimination on the bench.

Judges don't know their own sentencing habits.

"There is no transparency," said Michael Buchanan, a criminal defense lawyer in Gainesville. "It would be nice if there was just a place you can click and see what a judge is doing ... sentencing as far as crime and race."

Although they are among the most powerful elected officials — able to decide on life and death — judges are largely left to govern themselves.

"The system doesn't have built within it any mechanism for evaluating racial bias," said Bryan Stevenson, a lawyer and national expert on social injustice. "It's almost like it's indifferent. There's a presumption of dangerousness assigned to black people borne out of discretion in sentencing, borne out of prosecutorial discretion,



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Bryan Stevenson, nationally acclaimed human rights lawyer, says the criminal justice system does not have a mechanism for evaluating racial bias.

borne out of law enforcement and police discretion."

Defendants in Florida may appeal verdicts believed to be the result of racial discrimination.

But the appeals court can only address overt racism. It is difficult for lawyers to prove subconscious bias.

The same is true for the Judicial Qualifications Commission, or JQC, the government agency tasked with regulating Florida judges for ethical misconduct, including issues of discrimination.

Most of the JQC's investigations are handled in secret, and complaints against judges are kept confidential unless formal charges are brought to the Florida Supreme Court. So it is impossible to determine how many complaints are related to race.

JQC staffers argue that the agency is doing its best with the resources available. They say the confidentiality was put in place to

protect those filing complaints — not the judges.

There were more than 770 complaints filed in fiscal year 2015 to the JQC. Ten resulted in formal charges, but none of them involved racial discrimination.

"You don't have the good ol' boys taking care of their judges," said Michael Schneider, executive director and general counsel for the JQC. "There is accountability. We take a lot of heat for going after judges ... It's a tricky business."

The final check on judges is the electoral process.

Judges told the Herald-Tribune that if Floridians disagree with their decisions, they can vote them out of office.

But given the secrecy of the complaint system and the dearth of statistical information regarding rulings, the overwhelming majority of judges keep their jobs for as long as they like. Some appointed judges have spent decades on the bench without their names ever appearing on a ballot.

"Nobody has asked any questions of the judge," said Deborah Brodsky, director of Florida State University's Project on

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# Fire damages Sebring home

**STAFF REPORT**  
**SEBRING** — Fire heavily damaged an unoccupied house Monday night. Sebring Fire Chief Robert Border said the blaze caused significant fire and smoke damage to

the vacant house at 1500 Pasadena Ave. He said he did not have a dollar estimate of the damage. The fire occurred around 11:30 p.m. The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire, he said.

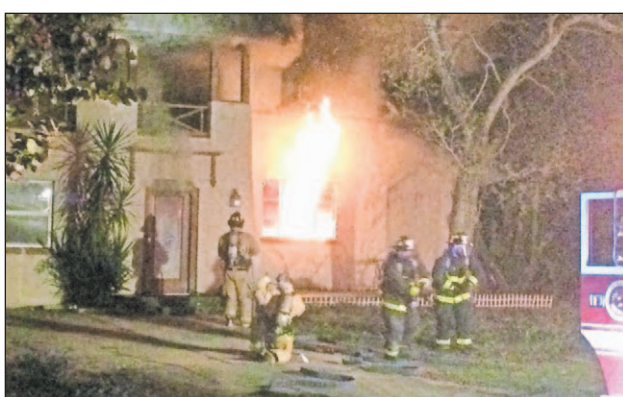


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**Fire heavily damaged an unoccupied house at 1500 Pasadena Ave. Monday night. The State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.**



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2. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret weddings. For this, Valentine was jailed and executed.

3. In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.
4. Based on retail statistics, about 3 percent of pet owners will give gifts to their pets on Valentine's Day.
5. About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year, making it the second largest seasonal card sending time of the year.

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**American Legion Post 69** in Avon Park - Valentine's Day. Legion Wings 4-6 p.m., Karaoke K.J. 4-7 p.m., Queen of Hearts 6 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.  
**American Legion post 74** in Sebring - Wild card bar poker 5-7 p.m. Call 863-471-1448.  
**AMVETS Post 21** in Sebring - TH 2 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.  
**VFW Post 4300** in Sebring - Washers 1 p.m., Ship, Captain and Crew 3 p.m., happy hour 5-8 p.m. Call 863-385-8902.  
**VFW Post 3880** in Lake Placid - Poker 2 p.m. VFWRG porkloin sand./w. fries for \$7 at 5:30 p.m. Ladies drinks BOGO 4 p.m. to closing. Call 863-699-5444.  
**Elks Lodge 2661** in Lake Placid - Shuffleboard 1 p.m. Steak nite 5-7 p.m. Card games 7:30 p.m. Call 863-465-2661.

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**Moose Lodge 2494** in Avon Park - Valentine's Day dinner Steak and shrimp \$25 per couple. Bar poker 5 p.m. Call 863-452-0579.  
**Moose Lodge 2374** in Lake Placid - Queen of Hearts 8 p.m. Taco night. Donny 3 p.m. Call 863-465-0131.  
**Moose Lodge 2259** in Sebring - Pool at noon, happy hour 2-4 p.m., Lunch group 11:30 a.m. Mi Mi's Cafe 5-7:30 p.m., Moose game 8 p.m., Lora Patton Valentine's Day that was extra 6-9 p.m. Call 863-655-3920.  
**Sebring Recreation Club** - Woodcarving 8:30-11 a.m. Bridge 12:30 p.m. Pinochle 1 p.m. Shffleboard league 1:15 p.m. Ping Pong 3:15 p.m. Intermediate line dancing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 863-385-2966.  
**Eagles 4240** in Sebring - Bar menu. Brats \$4. Steak burgers \$6. Bar poker 1-4 p.m. Call 863-655-4007.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Ronald L. Nelson**  
 Ronald Louis Nelson, 81, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Feb. 12, 2018. He was born in 1936 in Youngstown, Ohio. He was in construction. He is preceded in death by his lovely wife, Donajean Emily Quinter Nelson.  
 He was the father of six children, Ronald (Debbie), Curt (Sheila), Dona Marie, Lisa (Tom), Frank (Tina) and Amy Lynn, who he dearly loved. He had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. He loved his family deeply and will be greatly missed by family and friends.  
 A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2017, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1178 Lakeview Drive in Sebring, Florida.

A funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 at the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home with a visitation starting at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens.  
 Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 E. Circle St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

**Sandra C. Smith**



Sandra Christine Santini Smith was born Oct. 23, 1938 in Fort Myers, Florida, to Joseph and Hazel Santini. She went home to be with our Lord on Feb. 10, 2018.

Her early years were spent in Key West where the family had relocated. The family also spent time living on Fort Jefferson where her father was the park ranger and they were home schooled by their mother.  
 After college in Virginia, Sandra returned to Key West where she met her spouse of 59 years, George Smith. They married in 1957 and set up housekeeping there in Key West. Eventually, moving northward to Hialeah, then Miramar, raising three children along the way.

Sandra had an active career as a school bus driver, a teacher at Immaculate Conception School in Hialeah and eventually retired from the library system in Broward County.  
 After retirement and a move to Sebring, Florida, Sandra and George were actively involved with the Garden Club, the Co-Op, and the Democratic Party. They made many new friends and had an active retirement.  
 In 2015 after health issues, they moved to West Palm Beach, Florida to be cared for by their children.  
 She leaves behind her beloved spouse, George; children, Georgeann (Robert) Jones, Kevin (Laura) Smith, and Barbara (Bob) Cochrane; and a sister, Martha Santini. Also surviving Sandra are grandchildren, Jennifer and Melissa Ely, Michael and Shane Smith, and Kellie (Robert) Glenn, and a host of nieces and nephews.  
 She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Hazel Santini, and a brother, Joseph Santini. Sandra will be missed dearly by her family and friends.  
 A memorial mass will be held at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Sebring at noon Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018.

**David R. Ramsey**  
 David Randolph Ramsey, 58, of Avon Park, Florida, passed away Feb. 10, 2018 at his home. He was born April 1, 1959 in Clarksville, Tennessee to Evert and Pauline (Townley) Ramsey. He worked as a brick layer and mason.  
 He is survived by his son, Adam Ramsey (Ashley) of Avon Park, Florida; daughter, Elizabeth Ramsey (Sonia) of Bradenton, Florida; brothers, Thomas Ramsey (Teresa) of Avon Park, Florida and Edward Ramsey of Picayune, Mississippi; brother-in-law, Henry Webster of Gulfport, Mississippi; and nine grandchildren.  
 He was preceded in death by brother, Charles Ramsey, and sister, Debbie Webster.

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an email, King said that he and the truck owners already pay a business tax where they are from. Williams thought the approval or denial might hinge on the fact that King would be for-profit, whereas many others that sell food and other items in the park might be a non-profit.  
 Council member Ray Royce asked questions to simplify the matter.  
 "Currently, I could rent DeVane Park and hold a garage or yard sale there, right?" Royce asked. After a positive response, Royce continued. "Then clearly we are in the business of renting the facility to others who are there to make money."  
 Council member Arlene Tuck voiced her concerns for the business owners in town, and the safety, security and cleanliness of the event.  
 "I have a problem with it," Tuck said. "Our residents in town, the businesses and restaurants use this time of year to make some money. It just seems to me that, it's like letting a company come in here and use our parks to try and make a profit."  
 Royce objected saying that the town did it all of the time. He cited the many small vendors who attend local festivals as an example.

"I just don't know that I understand if we are going to let a whole bunch of people here and make a bunch of money selling toe rings, why we feel differently about food trucks," Royce said.  
 Tuck asked Williams about insurance for food poisoning.  
 "I am sure we have a liability there, if we rent them the park, we are telling them it's OK for you to serve food."  
 Mayor John Holbrook compared selling the food in the park to vendors selling food at the Main Street fairs and others. Council member Debra Worley suggested that Stuart Park be used instead of DeVane to increase the town's visibility and perhaps shoppers will want to shop in town. Royce agreed and commented that most of the stores and restaurants will not even be open at that time anyway.  
 Park Plaza owner Ruth Cudzik was against the location but not the food trucks because her parking lot is used by people who are not patrons.

She was also concerned about the grass at Stuart Park.  
 Highlands County Planning Supervisor Susan BuChans addressed the Council with Chapter 117-14, of the Town's ordinance, regarding the selling of prepared food and drink. Food cannot be sold within 500 feet of schools, among other restrictions.  
 "Foods or drinks shall not be sold on town property, except as authorized by resolution of the Town Council."  
 According to Williams, Chapter 117 has not been revisited since about 1993 and should be updated.  
 Royce moved to allow the Chow Down Food Trucks LLC to have the one-time event and give the town administrator discretion on any location and permitting restrictions; Council member Donald Boyd seconded. The final vote was in favor of Chow Down Food Trucks with all members except Tuck voting in the affirmative.

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**We hope to see you there!**

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## OUR VIEW

### Rays ball! A field of dreams

Spring training is three things: It is a time of renewal. It is a rite of passage. It is the beginning of anticipation.

The new year didn't turn at midnight Dec. 31. The new year finally will get here at 10:30 a.m. today, when Tampa Bay Rays pitchers and catchers begin working out at Charlotte Sports Complex. Instead of a ball dropping in the cold winter night, it will be marked by a ball rising in the warm, sunny air in Florida and Arizona.

Spring training is a time of optimism. The umpires have not yet been struck by stupidity and blindness. The old season and its disappointments are gone, the scorecard wiped clean by the hand of a benevolent baseball higher power.

That's the thing about baseball. It constantly renews itself. There's always tomorrow. Your best hitter struck out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth? He'll get another chance tomorrow. Your best pitcher just got torched for a home run that travels so far it's measured in time as well as distance? That's OK, get the next guy. Your team is mired in a stinking losing streak? Tomorrow will bring some fresh air.

The early part of spring training — before the exhibition games start — is as relaxed a time as any in a professional sport. Yes, the NFL's training camps are well-attended. But watching an NFL training camp is like watching boot camp. The players march to orders while the fans stand at attention in the distance.

Watching workouts in spring training is like watching kids play on a sunny day. Some of the players are in the outfield, performing exercises at different levels of enthusiasm. Some are in the infield running bases with great energy if not great speed. Some are on the sidelines playing pepper, a game that makes no sense except in baseball.

It's a chance for the players and fans to get to know one another. No other professional sport offers fans the proximity to players as baseball in spring training.

"There's Archer right there, throwing to Ramos. Man, there's a reason why they call Ramos 'The Buffalo.' There's Souza Jr. taking batting practice. There's a young player — don't know who he is — scratching his name on a scorecard for a kid. The player is not a star today. But he might be someday, and we have his autograph."

"People love the atmosphere of the practice and workout days," said Jared Forma, the Charlotte Stone Crabs general manager who is working his 10th spring training as a member of the Rays organization. "It's very relaxed. Spring is in the air. Optimism reigns."

"And the access to the players. They're so accessible, willing to sign autographs, talk to fans. I don't think you see it in any other sport where you have 10 days, two weeks, of open practice sessions where fans can literally be right up to the fence on the field, watching what's going on, and talking to players and coaches."

Baseball is a rite of passage. Many times, a kid's first experience with the game comes in spring training. Baseball is an acquired taste, and its flavor grows with time. When a kid catches a foul ball, a lifelong memory is made. When a player signs that ball for the kid, a lifelong connection is created.

Baseball is a game of anticipation, and spring training is the one time when all expectations are equal. Here's what baseball offers: When a slugger steps to the plate, there's always a chance for a home run. When a stud pitcher takes the mound, there's always a chance for a no-hitter. When a team takes the field on opening day, there's always a chance for a World Series. Every time.

That's anticipation.

The beauty of spring training isn't the green grass and bright sun. It's the beginning of a hope that is felt in hearts and seen in faces. That feeling will carry forward for an extended time. Eyes will shine. Mouths will smile. At least until August.

Play ball!

— Sun Newspapers



## YOUR VIEW

### Confederate flag doesn't belong

An open letter to VFW Post 4300 commander:

We were in your Post with friends, one of whom is Mexican American, on Friday afternoon, Jan. 27, 2018. There was a man there singing and playing music and on the front of his stand or keyboard was displayed a large Confederate flag.

A Confederate flag has no place in any VFW Post anywhere. The men who fought and served this country did not espouse the ideas that the rebel flag stands for. In fact, it is quite the opposite. That flag is a slap in the face to anyone who visits your Post.

I was appalled to see that flag displayed so openly and told a gentleman, who said he is an officer of your Post, that no rebel flag should ever be displayed at any Post.

The truth about the Confederacy cannot be denied or covered up, no matter what that man had printed on it. That flag is a tribute to people who supported treating humans as less than human. The rebel cause was about promoting and preserving slavery. Read the articles of secession and the Confederate constitution. Also the "Cornerstone" speech, all of which was all about preserving slavery.

There never was any "country" for whom the rebels fought, except in the minds of the rebels. They fought against their country.

My husband served as a commander of your Post in the past; he is a southerner. He would never have allowed that flag into the Post. The only flag that belongs there is the American flag, for which our men and women fought for and are fighting for today. And they are not all white Americans.

You should be ashamed of yourself for allowing this travesty into the Post.

By the way, our friend is a past VFW district

commander who served in Korea and Vietnam.

**Patricia Turner**  
Winter Haven

### Speed limits need to be enforced

When are the police going to enforce the speed limit on U.S. 27? The only time we see the police is after an accident. Why aren't they enforcing the law and handing out citations?

We are only here in the winter and cannot believe how all of the drivers go as fast as they please. Back in Pennsylvania, the police stop you if you violate traffic laws. In Highlands County when they plan a speed trap, they announce the time and location in the newspaper. This is beyond ludicrous by anyone's standards.

We have seen many drivers go through red lights because the police do nothing to enforce the laws.

I recently read James Fansler's article in the paper. He is Lake Placid's police chief and he had written about traffic violations. I was dismayed to read that they had been very easy on traffic enforcement due to the economic turn down. When did violating the law have anything to do with the economy? The same analogy could be said for robbers who lost their job and have a difficult time paying their bills. Do we not punish them because of the economic turn down?

When you violate the law, regardless of what law, there should be consequences whether the economy is good or bad. I urge anyone concerned as I am, about the absence of police on U.S. 27, to call the police and urge them to enforce the law. We did not move here to get killed on the raceway of U.S.

27. No one should have to risk their life on a daily basis. How many needless deaths does it take before the police do their job and

patrol the highway?

When there is an article in the newspaper about more fatalities on U.S. 27, they remarked that they do not know how to prevent these accidents. The answer is very simplistic — enforce the speed limit.

**Gail Henneman**  
Lake Placid

### 55 mph is too high for area

Thanks to Linda McFetridge for her letter regarding traffic fatalities on U.S. 27. An article in today's paper (Tuesday) quotes former law enforcement officials saying that drivers are not speeding but they need to "drive slower." If that is true, then the speed limit of 55 is too high for safety.

**Margaret Hamilton**  
Sebring

### Plaza parking lot a dangerous entrance

Was hoping to see a picture of the accident that happened Friday afternoon, right outside your office on the corner of Flare Road and U.S. 27. That intersection has been a pet-peeve, so to speak, of mine for years. It's a dangerous intersection and the Fountain Plaza owners refuse to do anything about it. They should post a sign that says Do Not Block The Driveway.

I've sent pictures to the (Sebring) Police Department and the Highlands newspaper every time I pass through there and someone has blocked the roadway by coming out of the plaza. When people leave that opening to enter the plaza, as the sign on the roadway says, Do Not Block The Drive. It makes the far right lane, turning south, very dangerous. We live on Brunns Road and see it all the time.

Thanks for listening and put a picture in the paper

of yesterday's accident to help make people aware of this problem.

I will again express my opinion to the Plaza owners.

I should look up some of my pictures and send them to you.

People turning left into Fountain Plaza should wait their turn when the intersection is clear.

**Gaile Kershner**  
Sebring

### Not a good place for dog park

I can not understand why Sun 'n Lake would approve a dog park in a highly dense populated area such as Edgewater Drive. I previously rented a lovely townhouse there, and found the surroundings very tranquil and beautiful. I enjoyed getting up in the morning, looking out on my balcony with a cup of coffee and seeing the lake and enjoying peace and quiet. I could walk right down to the lake through the pines. So I can see why residents in the immediate neighborhood are upset when most are seasonal residents who were not here when this issue was brought up nor had they returned when the supervisors of Sun 'N Lake Improvement District approved the project.

Why would you want to locate a dog park in an area that has a no dog policy and is multi-unit? Why not near the residents who signed the petition or an area removed from residential homes, such as the park we have on 635 near (Highlands) Hammock State Park?

I hope the supervisors of Sun 'N Lake Improvement District take a second look at locating this park on Edgewater Drive and consider their actions and how this will negatively impact this neighborhood and its residents.

**Carol Chappel**  
Sebring

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. We will not accept any Letters to the Editor that mention a business in a negative tone, as they have no means to defend themselves. Please keep Letters to the Editor to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as for grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name — not initials. An address and telephone number must be included. The phone number and address are not for publication, but must be provided. In the case of letters that are emailed, the same rules apply.

Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only four letters per person per month.

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COURTESY PHOTO/SEBRING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Pottery: From Sebring, Ohio to Sebring, Florida" is currently on display at the Sebring Historical Society through Thursday, Feb. 22.

# Pottery exhibit featured at historical society

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN  
SEBRING — A pottery exhibit is currently on display at the Sebring Historical Society through Thursday, Feb. 22.

"Pottery: From Sebring, Ohio to Sebring, Florida" is the title of a new exhibit at the historical society. The exhibit recognizes the contributions of George E. Sebring to the pottery industry.

A pottery manufacturer, Sebring founded the city of Sebring, Ohio in 1899 and was instrumental

in making the city the pottery capital of the world for a time. In 1912, Sebring left Ohio and founded Sebring, Florida, where he made other contributions and lived until his death in 1927.

The exhibit includes pottery manufactured by the Sebring, Ohio-based Oliver Company, owned by Sebring and managed by his son, Oliver, and pottery manufactured by Sebring's other sons, Frank (The Limoges Company), Elvis (E. H. Sebring China), and Fred

(Saxon China).

Other companies included in the exhibit are the Homer Laughlin China Company, Crooksville Pottery Company, and Taylor, Smith and Taylor, all based along the Ohio River. Gene Brenner Pottery, based here in Sebring, is also featured.

The Sebring Historical Society is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is at 321 W. Center Ave. For more information, call 863-471-2522.

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### RPAC meeting canceled

SEBRING — The Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is May 17.

### LaGrange County Days

SEBRING — There will be a get-together for any current or former residents and friends of LaGrange County, Indiana at 11 a.m. Thursday at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square.

### Square dance night

LAKE PLACID — The Pine Ridge Promenaders will host a "Cookie Night" dance Thursday at the Sunshine RV Park, State Road 70 E., Lake Placid. Judy Barnhill will cue early rounds starting at 7 p.m., and Mike Doughty will call MS/PLUS from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Casual or square dance attire. Visitors welcome. For more information, call 828-290-2147.

### Marshall County Days

SEBRING — There will be a get-together for current and former residents of Marshall County, Indiana at 11 a.m. Friday at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. For more information, call Babs Johnson at 574-952-4894.

### SAR meeting

SEBRING — The Highlands Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution will have its next meeting at noon Saturday at Beef O'Brady's in Sebring. For more information, call 863-465-7345.

### Coffee and treats

LAKE PLACID — Lake and Land Realty of Highlands Inc. is holding a coffee and sweet treats event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday during the Big Covered Bridge Yard Sale. The event will be

at the model home. To get there, from U.S. 27 in Lake Placid go west on Lake Francis Road. Follow it until you reach the

Covered Bridge development. Take the main boulevard to Woodside Drive and turn right. The model is on the right.

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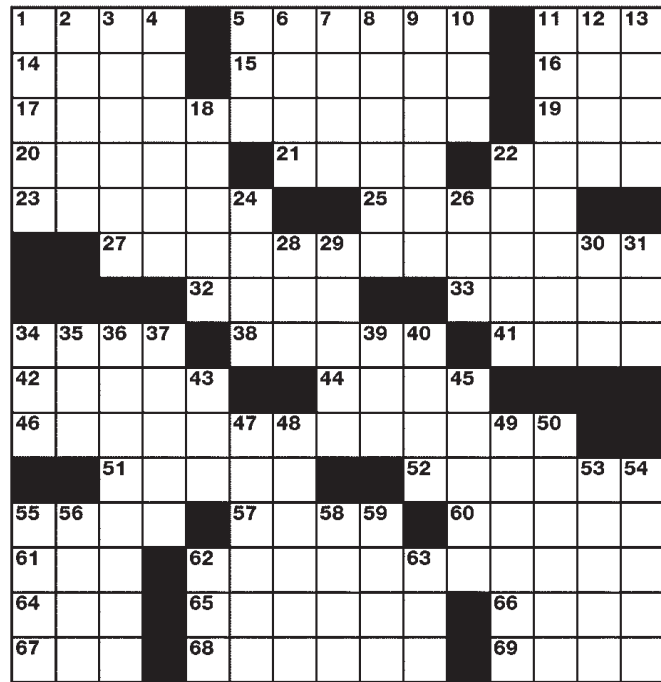
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Opening act: Kalli Harshman

## Newsday Crossword

CABINET QUARTET by Mark McClain  
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- ACROSS**  
1 Just bought  
5 Piña \_\_\_ (rum cocktail)  
11 Quick punch  
14 Sonnet creator  
15 Fruits in Greek salads  
16 In the past  
17 Athlete's liquid booster  
19 Teachers' org.  
20 Low point  
21 Word on a concert ticket  
22 Top-quality  
23 Tennis great Edberg  
25 Lake near Reno  
27 Courtroom representative  
32 Easy running pace  
33 Bring out dinner  
34 Cupid's Greek alias  
38 Colgate competitor  
41 Achievement  
42 Jeweler's magnifier  
44 House top  
46 Something brushed on a hall wall  
51 Mont \_\_\_ (highest of the Alps)  
52 Sounds of contempt  
55 USAF no-show  
57 Physician's "Now!"  
60 Italian love  
61 Witch's curse  
62 Magnolia, for Mississippi  
64 Urban rd.  
65 Mexican Mrs.
- DOWN**  
1 Starts the bidding  
2 Was victorious in  
3 Couldn't do without  
4 Vigorous disagreement  
5 Playfully shy  
6 Automaker in Henry Ford's day  
7 Former Italian coins  
8 Fly a plane  
9 Health insurance option  
10 Request  
11 Charlotte Brontë novel  
12 Long time periods  
13 Watercraft  
18 Horticultural transplant  
22 Acknowledged applause  
24 Cruel Roman emperor  
26 Keeps  
28 Likewise not seated  
30 First mother  
31 Signal to stop  
34 Manning of football  
35 Director Howard  
36 Defeated in the ring  
37 Witch's curse  
39 Chop (off)  
40 Snakes that squeeze  
43 Named time period  
45 Ultimate  
47 Upper part of a foot  
48 Gas pump number  
49 "That's enough!"  
50 Mason's tool  
53 Lock of hair  
54 Sealy alternative  
55 Melville captain  
56 Pronoun/verb contraction  
58 Electron's home  
59 Prefix meaning "trillion"  
62 IRS ID issuer  
63 Devoted follower



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Look for a third crossword in the Sun Classified section.

Answer to previous puzzle

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**  
1 Drive-thru device  
4 Org. people line up for?  
7 Sell under false pretenses  
14 Tries to scam online  
16 South Pacific region  
17 Good thing to break gently  
18 Bought time  
19 Has no chance of working  
21 "\_\_\_ Lisa"  
22 Golf's "Big Easy"  
23 "This is a sure bet"  
28 "Halt and Catch Fire" network  
31 Writers Patchett and Brashares  
32 Korea setting  
34 Rhodes of Rhodesia fame  
36 "\_\_\_-Man"; superhero film  
37 Longtime SeaWorld star  
38 Four-legged collar wearer  
40 Indigo plant  
41 Rubble-making stuff  
42 "Hold on a sec"  
46 Storybook crone  
47 Close at hand  
48 2000s sitcom starring Jason Lee  
53 "God willing!"  
55 "We've heard enough"  
57 Accumulates  
58 Cautious bettors  
59 Mailer's need  
60 Many promos  
61 Spot for family game night

**DOWN**  
1 Manhunt letters  
2 Winter warm spell  
3 Skirt style  
4 Title role for Geena  
5 Attached, as a button  
6 Give the go-ahead  
7 Something struck by a model?  
8 One in a cast  
9 Circulars  
10 Store collections  
11 The Beach Boys' "God \_\_\_ Knows"  
12 Quaint "For shame!"  
13 Fidget spinners, apparently  
15 Kate McKinnon is in its ensemble, briefly  
20 End of a question begun by part of 19-, 23-, 42- and 48-Across  
23 Regatta entry  
24 Diamond situation after a leadoff double  
25 Full-length, as a film  
26 Several CBS dramas  
27 Bread grain  
28 Yoga pose  
29 Make like  
30 Sink sealant  
33 Captain described as a "grand, ungodly, god-like man"  
35 Beirut natives  
36 Bubbly prefix  
39 Winged steed of myth  
43 Performer with many fans?  
44 Secured, as a gate  
45 Tire features  
46 Bouncing off the walls  
48 Shape  
49 Hairdressing challenges  
50 Uru. neighbor  
51 Swamp thing  
52 Angler's fly, e.g.  
53 Pub letters  
54 Squirreled away  
56 Bank acct. info

By Loren Muse Smith and Bruce Haight 2/14/18

### Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

W	A	R	E		F	A	T	S	O		S	O	B
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KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Claire and Lynn Handorf are still smiling and laughing together after nearly 48 years of marriage, three kids and nine grandchildren.

## LOVE

FROM PAGE 1

soda and talked until 3 or 4 a.m., unbeknownst to her family. Too soon, Lt. Handorf had to go back to his post at Fort Leonard, Missouri and Claire would go on to finish college. During their time apart, the couple would write often and call each other. They spent time together as often as possible at a friend's cabin. The couple fell in love

and Lynn Handorf knew he didn't want to live life without her, so just three months later he proposed and she accepted.

After he was discharged and Claire Glover graduated college, the couple said "I do" on June 13, 1970. Lynn Handorf was never called up to go to Vietnam.

The couple moved to Iowa where Lynn Handorf farmed and still does. She taught seventh- and eighth-grade math and coached track. They raised three

children — Tom, Tim and Denise. Tom and Denise still farm their father's land, which enables the couple to winter in Florida. Tim is a CEO in Chicago for a tech company he helped start.

The Handorfs have nine grandchildren.

"Nearly 48 years later, we are more in love than ever," Claire Handorf said. "The secret to a happy marriage is to always put the other person above yourself. We always put God first in our marriage."

According to Lynn Handorf, his wife asks for

very little, so when she does ask for something, he will do whatever he can to make her wishes come true.

"See that brand new kitchen floor in there?" Lynn asked. "That's what she wanted for Christmas. But we really put all of our trust in God. That's probably why we have stayed together this long."

The Handorfs gave some advice for those who are looking to make a lasting marriage.

"You're not going to find your soul mate in a bar," Lynn Handorf said.

## OUR LOVE STORY

Helen Keller said it best when she stated "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

On Sept. 1, 1968, our phone rang. When I answered I heard a voice that sounded young and extremely nervous. I handed the phone to my dad and he gave directions to our home. Five minutes later our doorbell rang. When the door was opened a handsome army lieutenant stood there. I recall my 80-year-old grandmother elbowing me and whispering "He's cute."

Lt. Lynn Handorf had come to give my parents the Purple Heart and other medals my brother earned when he was killed in action in Vietnam a few days earlier. It was his duty to assist the family with the funeral arrangements. He did so much more. Even though our hearts were broken from our loss, all of my family fell in love with him as he showed great compassion and understanding to us all.

It was a full week before the funeral took place and during that time, I came to know the lieutenant. I even fixed him up with my best friend for a double date. I found myself wishing it was me and not my friend dating him. Later, I found he was wishing the same thing. And then on the day before the funeral, we went out for a coke. We talked until three in the morning.

I fell for him very quickly. It took him a little longer. In December of that year, only three months later, he proposed. On June 13, 1970 I became Mrs. Lynn Handorf. Almost 48 years later, three kids and nine grandchildren, we are more in love than ever.

I always say and truly believe that God opened the door to happiness when he sent The Lieutenant to me. In losing my brother, I lost my best friend, but God gave me another.

[Recently] it was me receiving the flag for my fathers years of military service. Fifty years ago it was the lieutenant giving us the flag in honor of my brother's service at the very same place. And that, as Paul Harvey would say, "is the rest of the story."

Claire Handorf  
Lake Placid

"You can tell right away if it is going to work. Don't try and change each other; it doesn't work."

Mrs. Handorf's approach is pragmatic and comes from her experiences of leaving city-life behind and being miserable as a farmer's wife for the first year of their marriage. Homesick and out of her element, she admitted to not being pleasant to live

with. "It's not all fun and games," she said. "It's hard work to stay together but it's worth it. It is never perfect. We have our disagreements but we work it out. The first year is tough, you're used to being alone."

"I really think it was meant to be. I never would have met a farm boy from Iowa," Claire Handorf said. "My brother or God sent him

# More Epic Love Stories

Highlands News-Sun received many submissions for the "Epic Love Story" contest. Here are some of our favorites as submitted by the writers.

### True love

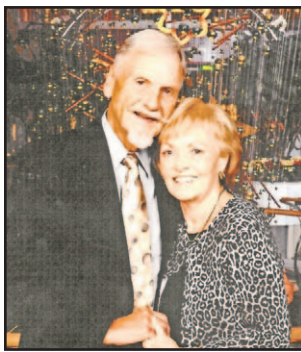
In 1947 I was in the third grade and my wife was in the second ... I failed the third grade on purpose so I could be in the same grade as her, and May 10 of this year we will be married 60 years. What follows is our love story, as written in a poem commemorating our 50th anniversary:

In the winter of '57  
Me and her was feedin' hay  
When I give her this little balin' wire ring  
Sayin', "lets get hitched in May"

But dear heart believe me  
It won't never shine  
Atall as bright, nor last as long  
As this here love of yours and mine.

So, from time to time I'd higher out  
And squirrel away my extra pay  
Till I think I had enough  
Then trouble would come our way

And the money for her diamond  
Would go to fix the pickup truck  
Or to mend the stuff



COURTESY PHOTO

Hank Mattson of Lake Placid and his wife of 60 years, Carole.

that got tore up  
All them times, when lightnin' struck

The money for her diamond  
Once put a new well down  
And when our two girls got married  
Bought them each a weddin' gown

It went to put the roof back on  
When then harakins come thru  
And kept the banker satisfied  
Every time the note come due

Seemed like the money for her diamond  
Was always getting spent  
But never did she ever ask me  
Where the money went

Cuz she knowed that diamond money  
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diamond  
Kept our hopes and dreams alive

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That diamond's on her hand  
But in a little heart shaped locket  
Rests that wire weddin' band

Cuz you see, it ain't just a scrap of wire  
Bent and covered some with rust  
It's the sanctefyin' symbol  
Of my promise and her trust.

Hank Mattson  
Lake Placid

### Boom, boom

I met my love at a Standard Oil gas station in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. I was the manager at the time.

This blond gal drove into the station wanting an oil change. When she got out of her car, my heart went boom, boom.

I did not leave the station that day because I did not want to miss her coming back to pick up her car. I even ate lunch there so I wouldn't miss her return.

I've been in love with her ever since. We've been together now for 32 years.

My heart always has a boom, boom for her.

Dennis B.  
Lake Placid

### Betting on love

I have been with the love of my life for 66 years. In March we will be married for 67 years. I always say I won him on a bet. We were at a dance and he asked my girlfriend if he could take her home and she said yes but she had two friends that would have to go along, one of them being me. The next day she said what a nice guy he was so I asked her if she had another date with him and she said no but he was coming down to our Saturday night dance. I said I bet you I can get the next date with him. She said that is a bet, thinking I did not have a chance because I was there and he asked to take her home instead of me. Saturday night came and when Stan came in I gave him a nice smile and said Hi. He asked me to dance and said would you like to go to a movie some time. I said yes just to win the bet and he said how about tomorrow night. We went to the movie and never stopped dating. I think I won first prize. Out of this love we have three children, nine grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren. By the way I asked him why he asked to take her

home instead of me and he said he knew her from a church group they both had gone to. I bet you are wondering if she and I stayed friends and the answer is yes. She was at our wedding.

Lorraine Lake  
Sebring

### Romance on the second try

This is the story on how my husband and I met almost 25 years ago. In 1992, a mutual friend knew I was single and asked me if I wanted to meet a guy that goes to her church. First thing out of my mouth was, "How old is he?" "Well, he's 29," she said. Now me being 35 thought that he was way too young for me so it never went past that discussion in meeting him in 1992. I didn't even get his name at the time. Some time passes and another mutual friend I'm on jury duty with knows I'm still single and not dating. She says she knows a guy for me. It happens to be her boss. Again, my concern with age for some reason asked how old he was. She said he is 30. So, I get brave and say, "Sure, he sounds interesting. That is old enough." I gave her my card and said he could call me. This was two weeks before Christmas 1993. He finally calls two days before Christmas

and introduces himself as Scott Maxon. We talked til the wee hours of the morning! He invited me to Christmas Eve service and I said sure I'd go if he would go to midnight mass with me. He wanted to pick me up at the house, but I was going to be at my mom's having dinner and invited him. He was shy and politely declined. I ran up some cookies and a comic book he liked to his business earlier in the day and he was like, "I'd be glad to pick you up at you mom's after dinner later." We went to both services holding hands at both. Come to find out at the earlier service the friend who had wanted to fix us up the past year attended the church and she is like, "this is who I was trying to set you up with last year, but you said he was too young!" I guess we were meant to be together as we hardly missed a day of seeing or talking to each other over the next two years. We got engaged two days before Christmas of 1995 as he got down on one knee to propose. We were married on Feb. 3, 1996 and enjoyed a romantic Hawaiian honeymoon into Valentine's Day. He laughs to this day how I'm a cougar, and robbed the cradle. How romantic is that story?

Cindy Maxon  
Highlands County

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# BENCH

FROM PAGE 1

Accountable Justice. “We have put trust in a criminal justice system with no accountability. For way too long, we simply felt safer thinking the criminal justice system would take care of all of the problems without any oversight.”

‘A system worthy of respect’  
Bias against blacks in Florida’s courts is shaped, in part, by the makeup of the bench.

Out of more than 900 sitting circuit and county judges, 62 are black, or about 7 percent. Only 28 of those judges preside over serious criminal cases.

Based on demographics, it is difficult for black judges to get elected in most corners of Florida. Since Gov. Rick Scott took office in 2012, it also has become less likely that blacks will be appointed.

Ten percent of the more than 400 judges appointed by Jeb Bush were black. That compares with just 6 percent of the more than 200 judges appointed by Scott.

“I worry when I see a bench that’s predominantly white,” said Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, a law professor at Stetson University. “There’s nothing disqualifying about being white or male. They can be brilliant. I want brilliant judges on the bench. But I worry that there are brilliant minorities as well, and they got dismissed by a nominating process that was biased.”

The Herald-Tribune’s analysis of the state’s Offender Based Transaction System — which tracks every criminal case in Florida from arrest to appeal — shows that black judges are fairer when it comes to sentencing black defendants in their courtrooms.

Across third-degree felonies, white judges in Florida sentence black defendants to 20 percent more confinement than whites who committed the same crimes.

Black judges, on the other hand, sentence blacks and whites more equally. White defendants receive just 3 percent more time.

Black female judges give out the longest overall sentences, but they also are the most fair. Their average sentences for black and white defendants are dead even, an analysis of third-degree felony data compiled by county clerks shows.

“When I get on the bench, I see myself as Patrice first,” said Circuit

Court Judge Patrice Moore, who presides over family court in Pinellas County. “I try not to see color. I see people and case numbers. I don’t know if it’s an anomaly. Not every African-American woman is the same. What we have in common is the color of our skin, that we’re women and that we’re judges. Beyond that, I don’t know. But I do think women, in general, are a little fairer. It’s in our nature.”

Legal experts say disparities in sentencing stem from a lack of understanding between cultures. They say some white judges struggle to see potential in a young black man, especially if he already appears disgruntled by the system.

During a recent first-appearance docket in Gainesville, the family members of defendants — mostly black — packed the chambers wearing a baseball jersey, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles T-shirt and camouflage Chicago Bulls pajamas. One woman had curlers in her hair. Another man was wearing shorts and knee-high socks stitched to look like stacks of dollar bills.

The lawyers — mostly white — assembled in the courtroom wearing traditional dark business suits.

Judges are not supposed to consider these stark differences in appearance. But sentencing patterns show it remains difficult for many of them.

“What these judges should think about is what it would have been like for them when they were 19 to be in front of someone that’s culturally completely different and to have their entire life changed because of that,” said Robert Hambrick, a defense attorney in Clearwater.

Lawyers also cite the need for more cultural understanding among

colleagues on Florida’s bench.

If a white judge interacts with a black judge, that same white judge might look differently at the young black defendant standing before him at a sentencing hearing. He may see the potential that lifted his black colleague, said Kenneth Nunn, a University of Florida law professor and assistant director of its criminal justice center.

“People you work with, that you deal with as an equal, that you respect, make a difference when you look at potentiality of the kid before you,” Nunn said.

Nunn, who is black, believes most judges strive to be fair, but the system does not do enough to reduce biases. He says it’s the same kind of prejudice within law enforcement that sparked the Black Lives Matter movement.

“Some deaths, some pain, some suffering is more important than others,” Nunn said. “All lives matter? No, there is a hierarchy of whose life matters most.”

“We want defendants — individuals — who respect the system. But we have an obligation as a community to create a criminal justice system worthy of respect.”

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# FIRE

FROM PAGE 1

retrieved a fire extinguisher from his patrol car and worked on extinguishing the fire until the Avon Park Fire Department arrived. All patrol cars have fire extinguishers, Dressel said.

Avon Park Fire Chief Brad Batz said that Pearlman had extinguished a “majority of the fire” by the time Avon Park firefighters arrived.

At that point, he said, “All of the fire was on the outside” and was focused on the front corner.

Hunter and Dennis were fortunate that Pearlman saw the fire because the blaze would

have entered the house within five to six minutes, Batz said.

The house was made of wood with some siding.

“That stuff burns very fast and very hot,” Batz said.

Because of Pearlman’s actions, fire damage was isolated to the outside, Batz said.

Batz said that Pearlman did an awesome job in reacting to the fire he saw.

“His quick thinking and his quick actions made a difference,” Batz said.

Because Pearlman was on a night shift into Tuesday morning, attempts to contact him before press time Tuesday were unsuccessful.

The State Fire

Marshal’s Office and the Avon Park Fire Department are investigating the cause of the fire, Batz said.

“It’s too early in the investigation to determine whether it’s suspicious,” Batz said of the fire.

Hunter said she was told that arson was the likely cause. She said she has no idea why anyone would want to burn down the house.

“We’re just two disabled senior citizens,” she said.

She added that they were told they should not continue living in the house. The electricity has been shut off, she added.

Hunter said she hopes that someone can help them find a place to live.

She can be reached at 863-443-5232.

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# School contracts talks pushed back

By **MARC VALERO**  
 STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Most of the school year will be over by the time negotiations resume on the 2017-18 contracts for teachers and school support employees.  
 Previous sessions between the district and union representatives resulted with no tentative agreements.  
 Deputy Superintendent Andrew Lethbridge said recently he is hopeful to get a date when negotiations will resume.  
 “It might be March that we end up coming together, March or April with a little more information coming in now on the finances and different things like that,” he said. “We will see if we are able

“We are hoping to be able to raise salaries so the district can recruit, but also retain the staff they have.”

Florida Education Association area representative Jim Demchak

to meet at that point and complete a contract.”  
 Florida Education Association area representative Jim Demchak said it looks like it may be April before the district will be ready.  
 “We are hoping to be able to raise salaries so the district can recruit, but also retain the staff they have,” he said.  
 Both the teachers and the school support employees are willing to work with the district to make it more attractive than it currently is,

Demchak said.  
 Negotiations were held in June and November.  
 The district had offered a 1 percent raise for non-instructional employees, but had no offer for teachers.  
 The Highlands County Education Association (teachers union) wanted to add \$500 to every level on all salary schedules and move all eligible teachers up one level.  
 Demchak said the school district canceled the contract talks scheduled for Jan. 26.

# Teachers return to social media with education issues

By **MARC VALERO**  
 STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — They are back — the two Highlands County teachers with a Facebook page that addresses issues affecting teachers and the School Board of Highlands County.  
 In November and December, Sherry Vretta and Mariposa Rinald stated they were deactivating their Facebook page — Highlands County Team for Education Excellence.  
 One of the reasons for the suspension of the page, according to Vretta, was the school district was no longer providing feedback.  
 But, their concerns with teacher pay and other education issues continue and the current Legislative session includes a controversial bill the state teachers union

opposes.  
 On the Education Excellence Facebook page, Vretta said, House Bill 7055 is this year’s “bigger, badder version of HB 7069.”  
 The House has “logrolled” dozens of unrelated bills into this 198-page monster of a bill, amending 58 separate statutes, she said. What’s worse — more than half of these issues have never been vetted by a single education committee.  
 “HB 7055 could eliminate many of the things we take for granted that are now protected by our local union contracts,” Vretta said. “We only have to look to Wisconsin’s teacher salaries and benefits to see what legislators are trying to do to the teaching profession and the jobs of education staff professionals.”  
 But it gets worse. Now they have gone one step

further: House Speaker Richard Corcoran has tied public education funding to the passage of HB 7055, she said. This means public schools won’t be funded unless some version of HB 7055 has passed.  
 “We cannot allow Speaker Corcoran to hold the funding for our students’ education hostage,” Vretta said.  
 The House passed HB 7055 on Thursday by a 66-43 vote. There has been no action yet in the Senate on the bill.  
 The Senate is scheduled to reconvene at 10 a.m. today or upon the call of Senate President Joe Negron.  
 Gov. Rick Scott signed House Bill 7069 from the 2017 Legislative session in July. The bill was favorable for charter schools, but some believed at the expense of public schools.

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# FLORIDA REPORT

## Session limits money chase for Cabinet candidates

By JIM TURNER

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Several candidates running for state Cabinet positions were required to pause fundraising after the 60-day legislative session opened on Jan. 9.

But the state ban on lawmakers raising money during session meant some House and Senate members running for Cabinet jobs raced to bring in greenbacks in early January before the legislative gavels hit, new finance reports show.

Rep. Matt Caldwell, a North Fort Myers Republican running for agriculture commissioner, rolled up a total of \$106,100 through his campaign account and the political committee Friends of Matt Caldwell, all in the first nine days of the month.



GRIMSLEY

Caldwell's January numbers were helped by a \$10,000 contribution from Disney Worldwide Services and \$20,000 from the Tallahassee-based political committee Main Street Leadership Council.

Sen. Denise Grimsley, a Sebring Republican also running to replace Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, hauled in \$86,440 through her campaign account and the political committee Saving Florida's Heartland.

Grimsley's numbers included \$20,000 from the Florida Prosperity Fund, which is tied to the business-lobbying group Associated Industries of Florida.

Putnam, who is prevented by term limits from seeking reelection, is running for governor.

A third Republican candidate for agriculture commissioner, former Rep. Baxter Troutman of Winter Haven, picked up \$79,500 in January while not bound by the in-session ban.

The money mostly came through Troutman's campaign account, with his political committee, iGrow, landing \$10,000 in the month.

Caldwell began February with about \$1.1 million on hand through his two accounts, while Grimsley was at \$909,000. Troutman, who has put up \$2.5 million of his own money, had just over that amount available as of Jan. 31.

Little money has come in on the Democratic side of the agriculture-commissioner race,

which grew to three candidates in late January.

David Walker, a marine biologist from Fort Lauderdale, collected \$1,521 during the month and added another \$2,308 of his own money to the effort. Walker had raised \$7,261 in overall contributions and put \$11,808 of his own money into the campaign, while spending \$18,608.

Neither Jeffrey Porter, who entered the race Jan. 30, or Thomas Clayton White, who filed for the office on Jan. 31, recorded any money being raised.

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Not constrained by the legislative prohibition on fundraising, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis hauled in more than \$300,000 through his campaign account

and the political committee Treasure Florida.

Patronis posted \$121,825 in contributions last month to his campaign account, while Treasure Florida gathered \$193,000, of which \$55,000 was from the Florida Prosperity Fund.

Since August, Patronis had raised \$1.98 million for the accounts, of which just over \$164,000 had been spent. Patronis, a former lawmaker and former member of the Public Service Commission, was appointed to the Cabinet post last summer by Gov. Rick Scott.

Meanwhile, Sen. Tom Lee, a Thonotosassa Republican who has said he's preparing to run for chief financial officer, picked up \$73,750 in the first eight days of January through his political committee known as The Conservative.

Lee's largest January contributions included \$15,000 from the Florida Prosperity Fund and \$10,000 payments from the Florida Medical Association PAC and the tobacco firm RAI Services.

Democrat Jeremy Ring, a former state senator from Broward County running for chief financial officer, posted \$17,666 in contributions through his personal account last month and another \$37,700 through his political committee, the Florida Action Fund. The committee's total included \$8,000 from Ring, a one-time Yahoo executive.

Ring had previously staked his personal campaign with \$100,000 and started February with a combined \$353,094 available from the two accounts.

### STATE BRIEFS

#### Examiner sobs while testifying about little girl's autopsy

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A medical examiner who conducted the autopsy on an 8-year-old Florida girl who was abducted, raped and murdered became emotional and had to interrupt her testimony at the trial of the man accused of the crime.

Jacksonville Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Valerie Rao testified that Cherish Perrywinkle

sustained severe injuries from being strangled and raped. Viewing photographs of her battered body in court on Tuesday, she became teary and unable to continue.

Donald Smith, 61, is charged with kidnapping, raping and murdering the girl, and faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

Smith allegedly lured her family to Walmart in 2013 with promises to buy food and clothing, then left with the girl. Security video showed her skipping out the door

behind him.

#### Man, 84, killed by police as veteran fighting eviction

HOMESTEAD (AP) — An 84-year-old military veteran who had been fighting eviction from his apartment near Miami was fatally shot by at least four police officers.

The Miami Herald reports officers were called to the Hidden Grove apartment complex on Monday when Raymond

Bishop threatened to kill himself. Detective Argemis Colome told local news outlets that a confrontation ensued and police were forced to shoot.

The newspaper reports Bishop was being evicted for "harboring unauthorized" dogs named Roxie and Ranger. A lawsuit said one of the dogs attacked and injured another resident.

A Veterans Administration psychiatrist says in court documents that the pets "provided invaluable

emotional therapeutic benefit." The case had been in mediation but talks between the two sides failed.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating.

#### Church compensates server who lost job over Facebook post

PALM BEACH GARDENS (AP) — A 25-year-old server who was fired from a Florida

restaurant after she complained on Facebook that a church hadn't tipped her for preparing a large take-out order says she's now been compensated.

Tamlynn Yoder tells the Palm Beach Post that officials from Christ Fellowship church in Palm Beach Gardens contacted her after reports that she'd been fired from Outback Steakhouse. She says officials told her several families from the church gave the money to compensate her with "more than a tip."

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 2:

**Joanna Lorena Cruz**, 37, Sebring, charged with battery on a first responder and three charges of resisting an officer.

**Dylan Anthony Ewing**, 23, Avon Park, on charges of distributing marijuana and drug equipment possession.

**Brown Rodley Jean Phillipe**, 20, Sebring, on charges of smuggling contraband, drug possession and drug equipment possession.

**Alejo Rivera-Rangell**, 61, Sebring, on charges of cruelty towards a child and two charges of lewd and lascivious behavior towards a child.

**Jameice Chantell Roquemore**, 32, Avon Park, on four charges of failure to appear.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 4:

**Jeremy Leland Carnley**, 29, Avon Park, on charges of drug possession and drug equipment possession.

**Akil Ajamo Edwards**, 42, Ft. Lauderdale, on charges of cocaine possession, marijuana possession, drug possession, destroying evidence, drug equipment and resisting an officer.

**Charles Ivey Garrett**, 30, Okeechobee, charged with grand theft auto.

**Milton Morgan**, 29, Okeechobee, charged with grand theft auto.

**Abel Angel Soto**, 24, Avon Park, on charges of larceny and two charges of burglary.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 5:

**Richard Thomas Hardeman**, 34, Sebring,

charged with probation violation.

**Corey Lee Love**, 20, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

**Aloni Treyvon McTaggart**, 25, Sebring, charged with two charges of failure to appear.

**Ricky Lenford Hugh Nelson**, 22, Lake Placid, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, firing a weapon into a vehicle or building, destroying evidence, firing a weapon in public and firing a weapon from a vehicle.

**Casey Lynn Sanborn**, 29, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

**Russell Louis Weberhowze**, 34, Sebring, on charges of drug equipment possession, drug possession and battery.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 6:

**Jonathan Richard Eastep**, 24, Avon Park, charged with probation violation.

**Nils Martin Laufer**, 37, Sebring, on charges of drug equipment possession and drug possession.

**Shane Patrick McAuliffe**, 25, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

**Phillip Buford Mullis**, 42, Milwood, Georgia, charged with probation violation.

**Steven Mark Sanders**, 30, Lake Placid, charged with probation violation.

**Tajenya Vassel**, 18, Avon Park, on charges of drug equipment possession and marijuana possession.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 7:

**Peter Michael Scott Beadle**, 21, Avon Park, on charges of extortion and video

voyeurism dissemination.

**Floyd Gene Hodge**, 52, Avon Park, on charges of drug possession and drug equipment possession.

**Paige Marie Oldfield**, 50, Avon Park, charged with selling methamphetamine.

**Jesus Rivas**, 38, Frostproof, charged with driving on suspended license.

**Jeremiah Adam Thompson**, 33, Lake Placid, on charges of driving on suspended license, nonmoving traffic violation and two charges of public order crimes.

**Stanley Keith Yates**, 47, Vero Beach, on two charges of sex offender violations.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Jan. 8:

**Lester Leon Collins**, 34, Avon Park, on charges of driving on suspended or revoked license, cocaine possession and drug equipment possession.

**Daryl Dwayne Coulter**,

46, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

**Jose Garcia Mendoza**, 36, Haines City, on charges of drug equipment possession, smuggling contraband, driving on suspended license and cocaine possession.

**Jeri Jonelle Nichol**, 33, Avon Park, charged with failure to appear.

**Edwin Leshawn Williams**, 30, Lake Placid, on three charges of probation violation.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## STARS cheer Avon Park to victory

Special night for all involved as Red Devils beat Panthers

Special to Highlands News-Sun

AVON PARK – A squad of Special STARS Cheerleaders helped the Avon Park High School Cheerleaders on Feb. 6 cheer the school's girls basketball team onto victory.

Avon Park's talented basketball team took on Mulberry during the game. The visiting Panthers were no match for the mighty Red Devils or their cheering fans.

Avon Park High School Cheerleading Coordinator Sherri Whidden invited eight special athletes to cheer along with them at the basketball game.

The squad worked with the athletes before the holidays in preparation for a game during a cheerleading clinic at the school.

"The girls just love the Special STARS cheerleaders and look forward to cheering with them," Whidden said

prior to the game.

"It makes me feel so good to cheer with the high school cheerleaders. They teach us so much," Special STARS athlete Beth Horn said.

"It was so awesome to cheer with the cheerleaders and their coaches. It was nice that the people came out to watch us and they cheered for us. We should do it next season because it is cool," said Special STARS athlete Angie Luft.

The special athletes got to cheer from the bleachers during the game and even took the floor at halftime to do a routine. This even included building pyramids and using pom poms.

"I did it!" Special STARS athlete Helena Spies screamed as she ran from the floor when she completed her maneuver on the pyramid. "I was so nervous. I can't believe that I did it."



COURTESY PHOTO

Special STARS athlete Helena Spies climbs up on a human pyramid of Avon Park High School cheerleaders during a cheer in a Red Devils girls basketball game.

## Blue Streaks sweep Saints

Sebring boys, girls beat All Saints to open tennis season

By MARK PINSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Sebring boys and girls tennis teams opened the season on a high note on Monday. The Sebring boys defeated All Saints by a score of 4-2, while the Blue Streak girls cruised to an 8-0 win.

Blue Streak sophomore Dhruv Manik lost at No. 1 singles to Anay Patel by a pro set score of 3-8, while sophomore Pranav Ananthan lost at No. 2 singles to All Saints Jake Myers by a score of 5-8.

Sebring sophomore Rohin Patel eased past All Saints Jacob Bruschat at No. 3 singles by a score of 8-3, Blue Streak junior Gavin Szoka cruised past Max Bruschat at No. 4 singles, 8-1 and Trace Lackey knocked off All Saints Garrett Page at No. 5 singles by a score of 8-1. At No. 1 doubles, Sebring's Manik and Ananthan were tied at 7-7 when it became too dark to play. The match was called a draw. At No. 2 doubles, Blue Streaks Patel and Szoka defeated Bruschat and Bruschat by a score of 8-3 to clinch the match for Sebring.

"It was a great win to open the season," said second-year Sebring boys tennis coach Ryan Myhre. "All Saints is a perennial powerhouse, so starting off with a win is outstanding. We still have a number of things to work on."

Sebring, which had a solid season last year with a very young team, has high hopes



FILE PHOTO

Sebring's Pranav Ananthan lost his No. 2 singles match against All Saints on Monday afternoon. The Blue Streaks rallied to win the match by a score of 4-2.

for this year.

"We are still trying to solidify what our singles and doubles lineup will look like but I'm looking forward to an exciting year out on the courts," said Myhre. "We graduated only one senior last year in Dante Lepe who played No. 5 singles for us. We have our top four singles players back in Dhruv, Pranav, Rohin and Gavin. We also have Yoan Amaro, Trace Lackey, Vinay Krishnadas, Noah Roth, John Allen and LJ Pepper to round out the squad. With many teams graduating a number of seniors and some great



Sebring senior Sanhitha Raghuvveera won her singles and doubles matches to help the Blue Streaks start the season on a positive note.

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## BimmerWorld Racing strong at Daytona

Team enjoys success in BMW Endurance Challenge

Special to Highlands News-Sun

The 2018 BMW Endurance Challenge at Daytona International Speedway will go down as one of the most successful weekends ever for longtime IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge team BimmerWorld Racing.

What makes the weekend's success even more impressive is that the team's two-car effort for 2018 has a different look – and lineup – than in years past.

While team owner James Clay and co-driver Tyler

Cooke have returned for their third consecutive season together, the duo made the jump from the Street Tuner (ST) class to Grand Sport (GS) with the new No. 82 BMW M4 GT4. The M4 is now part of the GS class, which converted to full GT4 technical specifications beginning in 2018. The new car made its series debut at Daytona two weeks ago.

"We're not a new team to the series and Tyler and I have had really solid success as a driving pair," said Clay.



SCOTT R. LEPAGE PHOTO

BimmerWorld Racing had a solid weekend in the BMW Endurance Challenge at Daytona International Speedway.

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## Valentines Day fishing will be hot



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the second half of the second week of February gives anglers the middle of the new moon week, with the new moon arriving Thursday. And the weather forecast predicts absolutely perfect fishing weather conditions with the only negative perhaps being a lack of wind. All fishing factors considered, February Fishing could not be any better for the central Florida anglers.

During the Florida winter season the fishing factor that matters most is water temperature. Anytime the degrees drops below 68, fish feed no more than a couple of times per week. So when temperatures climb into the middle 70 degree range it's rare for the seventh week of the year. And as a result fish feed three to four times per week.

Over the past ten days we've been having the most bass bites in depths of three to five feet where several types of surface and submerged vegetation is thriving. We've also seen several post-spawn bass feeding on huge plastic baits---a scuffed up tail and belly while looking lean and healthy.

The largest bass this month weighed six pounds fourteen ounces and there have been several in the four to six pound range. Ironically, the smaller bass under one pound have been missing in the action around my boat but three pounders have been plentiful.

The ratio of good fishing days to bad fishing days has been one day to three bad days. However this ratio has tightened up a little at a time as the water temps climb. Over the past five days the ratio has been one good to two bad. I am expecting a one good to one bad fishing-day's ratio when temps reach a seventy-six degree average for a daily high.

Now is the time to hire a fishing guide or take your boat out or just fish from shore, because the fish are in shallow and they'll remain there for at least the next two months.

I still have not found one bass who has seen its shadow, so....Spring has indeed sprung.

And forget the red roses today. Buy your sweetheart some 'red worms' and take them fishing instead. Nothing says, "I love you" more than a bag of red plastic worms and boating to your favorite honey hole together. A big red worm, the smell of fish, lots of aggressive action, how can you both go wrong?

**Best Fishing Days:** Today through Sunday the new moon will create better than average fishing results. With perfect water temperatures and wind speeds, February fishing could not be any better.

**Major Fishing Period:** The moon is overhead today at 11:49 p.m. and the atmospheric pressure plot of the past three days reveals the daily upward spike in pressure occurred 60-90 minutes prior to the overhead time and I expect this trend to continue today and Thursday. By Friday and the weekend, you should expect the pressure spike period to trigger on the moonrise period as it works with the sunrise period.

Today the feed intensity rating climbs to a 7 range where it will remain until Saturday when it starts to decline by a half number or whole number. The feeding period will occur from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Solar noon occurs at 12:39 p.m. today and will cause a very good midday feeding bite.

**Minor Fishing Periods:** There are two minor periods today during the hours of 5-7:30. The moonrise-sunrise and moonset-sunset periods should just about equal the major

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"I would say that we've seen that a little bit in the ST class with some finishes there, but that's also, to a fair degree, a factor of the coming-of-age of that ST car. "At this point, I'm really happy with the GT4 approach to racing. Certainly, our BMW M4 GT4 product is just a fantastic race car and I think that's what we're seeing here - equipment that's well sorted, it comes ready to race from the factory without extensive time and money for development, and then operated by a team with experience in racing and by guys who can drive a car. I think certainly as drivers we like a little bit of credit, and the team as well, but a large amount of that also goes to BMW for having a quality product to put on the racetrack." If there's someone to talk about the development of a BMW race car, it's Clay and his BimmerWorld organization. The team spent several years working on the BMW 328i in the ST class and as Clay mentioned, found some success since joining the series. However, this could be the year that the hard work finally pays off. With Clay and Cooke

moving up to the GS class, Devin Jones and Nick Galante have joined forces in the No. 81 BMW 328i in ST. After competing with different teams in 2017, the two approached Clay about joining BimmerWorld. "Both of those guys came to us, were well experienced, they were good capable drivers and I'm thrilled with how well the first weekend went," Clay said. "You race against guys for whatever period of time - these guys for a couple years - and it's always that combination of driver and machine and you never really know which piece is the more important factor. I think watching these guys develop in our car, which every car has a personality and it takes a little bit of a different approach, they've both come up to speed with the car and the nuances of the car and they're both very capable." While the victory at Daytona was a series first for Jones, Galante brings his own ST championship to the table, which coincidentally lines up with Clay's goal for 2018. "My focus through the season is certainly an ST championship," Clay said. "We'd like to go ahead and knock that down. It's been the goal for a while and the closest we came was our 2010 inaugural season with the series and we

tyed for it and lost it in a pretty deep tie breaker. I'd like to see that happen. "With our ST car and long term technical partners we developed the car with, I'm certainly eager to have the level of results we seem to be on track for this year. The GT4 is a little different and more difficult given that it's a defined car, but these partners that I have are clearly working with us to make the car better and in some cases, just make our team better." While the goal for ST focuses primarily on 2018, Clay's vision for BimmerWorld's participation in GS goes beyond this calendar year and is keeping his expectations in check, despite the early success. "GS has so many competitive cars and to me, there's just so much going on this year and we're off to a great start, but no one can predict how that's going to shake out," he said. "Really, my goal for the season is to be fully up to speed with that BMW race car and to be the leading BMW competitor as we go in to 2019. You certainly don't have a good Round 1 and start talking about a championship with the depth of talent and all the variables in the field. Who knows what's going to happen, but I'm certainly happy with how we started the year."



FILE PHOTO

Sebring freshman Ryleah Myhre won her No. 3 singles match to help the Blue Streaks beat All Saints Academy on Monday.

# TENNIS

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experience gained by our scrappy young team last year, I believe we are poised to have a successful season. I'm proud of this group of young men as they demonstrate quality of character both on and off the court, I consider myself blessed to be their coach." The Sebring girls crushed All Saints by a

score of 7-0 on Monday afternoon. At No. 1 singles, Sebring's Sanhitha Raghuvvera rolled past Madeline Weber by a pro set score of 8-0, Blue Streak Madison Kouko won at No. 2 singles over Helen Rosa 8-1, and Ryleah Myhre stayed strong at No. 3 singles against Haley Rosa 8-2. At No. 4 singles, Sebring's Emily Joseph rolled over Aryana Moghadasi 8-0 and Mara Pepper won her first

varsity match against Ashley Williams with an 8-0 win at No. 5 singles. At No. 1 doubles, Sebring's Raghuvvera and Koukos won over Weber and Rosa by a score of 8-3, while Myhre and Joseph won at No. 2 doubles against Rosa and Moghadasi by a score of 8-2. "The girls were very excited about winning their first match of the season," said veteran Blue Streak girls tennis coach Janie Hollinger.

# FISH

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period's feed rating, climbing to a 6-7 rating. **Prime Monthly Periods:** Feb. 14-18 new moon, Feb. 26-March 3 full moon, 14-20 new moon, 28-April 3 full moon. Highlands Bass Angler Bass Guide Trips are \$250 for one or two anglers. All gear, bait and tackle

included for an artificial-bait six-hour trip. Cold water and weather protection provided. Custom bass fishing charters available. Call to plan and book your bass fishing experience today. **Istokpoga.info News:** The lake level is at 39.27 feet above sea level, which is three inches below the max-level in the one-foot management-threshold range for the winter season. Currently the maximum and minimum

levels are 39.50 and 38.50 feet above sea level, respectively. Four gates are closed. Istokpoga.info website has links to the South Florida Water Mgmt. (SFWMD) real time S68 and S68X spillway gates status, and flow status data of all water way structures from Kissimmee to Clewiston. HighlandsBassAngler.com offers bass fishing guide-trip options, fishing-help tools, 72 lake-contour maps and

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# NASCAR THIS WEEK

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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

**Alex Bowman starts up front for the 500: can he be there at the end?**

**GODSPEAK:** The slipping and sliding 500? Sorry, I don't think it will happen. Maybe next year.

**KEN'S CALL:** Gotta say no. It's a lot of laps in a lot of traffic with a lot that can go wrong for a guy not accustomed to being there.

**Does the Clash win make Keselowski a Daytona 500 favorite?**

**GODSPEAK:** Yes, just based on the fact his Daytona confidence level is through the roof right now.

**KEN'S CALL:** He's always among the favorites at Daytona. Now that he's broken his Speedweeks winless skid, even more so.

## 2017 CUP STANDINGS

1. Martin Truex Jr.	5040
2. Kyle Busch	5035
3. Kevin Harvick	5033
4. Brad Keselowski	5030
5. Chase Elliott	2377
6. Denny Hamlin	2353
7. Matt Kenseth	2344
8. Kyle Larson	2320
9. Ryan Blaney	2305
10. Jimmie Johnson	2260
11. Austin Dillon	2224
11. Jamie McMurray	2224
13. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	2222
14. Kurt Busch	2217
15. Kasey Kahne	2198
16. Ryan Newman	2196
17. Joey Logano	930
18. Clint Bowyer	871
19. Erik Jones	863
20. Daniel Suarez	777

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DAYTONA

**WINNER:** Chase Elliott

**REST OF TOP 5:** Brad Keselowski, Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick, Ryan Blaney

**FIRST ONE OUT:** William Byron

**DARK HORSE:** Alex Bowman  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Elliott came within a lap or two of winning last year's 500, so this time he wins with a strong run.

## MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

We ponder a time when "Daytona Day" actually makes its way onto calendars.

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# DAYTONA

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED



Brad Keselowski celebrates his long-awaited Speedweeks victory after winning the Clash.

[NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/ROBERT LABERGE]

### 1. Keselowski's win

Brad Keselowski had a Daytona win on his resume (2016 Coke Zero 400) but had never won any event during Speedweeks. His victory in the Advance Auto Parts Clash Sunday was a big relief for the 34-year-old driver. "You need one to break through," he said with a sense of relief in his voice.

### 2. Ride height

The ride height rule for Cup Series races at Daytona International Speedway was eliminated, which gave the stock cars more speed, but a touch more instability in the handling department. The cars were wiggling, but not out of control. "Not as much as I thought it was going to be when I went to sleep last night," driver Joey Logano said.

### 3. Pole for Bowman

Alex Bowman, who took the wheel of the No. 88 Chevy once held by Dale Earnhardt Jr., earned Daytona 500 pole honors, but put the brakes on two Hendrick Motorsports streaks. The No. 24 car had won the 500 pole three straight years, and Chase Elliott nabbed it in 2016 and '17. At least the pole stayed in the Hendrick family.

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# THREE THINGS TO WATCH

### 1. One and only

The Daytona 500 will represent Danica Patrick's last start in the NASCAR Cup Series. After that, she will attempt to make the Indianapolis 500 field in May, then she is out. The 35-year-old driver said she got all the emotions out in November. "When I think next Sunday comes, I'm sure I'll be a lot more retrospective or introspective and emotional about the finality of it and, you know, just have a little bit more perspective. But right now, I'm fine. I'm good."

### 2. Pit stops

Pit stops are going to look much different than in recent seasons after NASCAR trimmed the over-the-wall-crew from six to five people. The fastest stop recorded during the Clash was 16.9 seconds. That would have been grounds for pit-crew termination in 2017. "Our pit crew also got to complete a



Danica Patrick will make her last NASCAR Cup Series start in the Daytona 500 driving this No. 7 Premium Motorsports Chevrolet.

[NASCAR GETTY IMAGES]

few four-tire pit stops with the new pit stop rules," driver Ryan Newman said. "They too learned a few things in race conditions."

### 3. 40 cars

For the first time in a long time, no drivers will be sent home after the Can-Am Duel qualifying races on Thursday. Why? Because there are only 40 cars entered in the 40-car field. It will take a bit

of drama out of the qualifiers, but Roger Penske said it was a good thing. "I just think it's a changing of the times," said Penske, who owns the cars that finished first and second in the Clash. Penske went on to say it's a byproduct of the charter system and a good thing if it keeps major sponsors from missing the biggest race.

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## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### 16-second pit stops?

Sure, back in your dad's day, they couldn't get in and out in 16 seconds unless they only took two tires. But in modern NASCAR, 16 seconds would feel like a wait at the DMV. But cutting pit crews from six to five members has lengthened the stops and given the teams plenty to study and test as they look to shave time in the pits.

### Is this a good thing?

Yes! Frankly, four guys would be even better. Do I hear three? Anything that adds to the human element and invokes new strategy (which all others will copy, of course) has to be a good thing. Frankly, if you really want to sell tickets and draw TV viewers, run a race where the drivers have to do their own pit work by themselves. Call it the Morgan Shepherd 400.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

### JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. KYLE LARSON:

Larson tried to push Johnson on the last lap of the Daytona Clash and turned the seven-time Cup Series champion around in Turn 3.

### GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:

Johnson and Larson rode the same ambulance to the care center. "I hit him pretty solid and just turned him into the wall," Larson said. "I hate that."

## WHAT'S ON TAP

**CUP SERIES:** Can-Am Duel Daytona 500

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway (2.5-mile tri-oval)

**TV SCHEDULE:** Thursday, Can-Am Duel, (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.). Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon). Sunday, Daytona 500 (Fox, coverage begins at 11 a.m.; green flag, 3 p.m.)

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**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway

**TV SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon and 2 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 9:30 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 2:30 p.m.)

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**TV SCHEDULE:** Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 4:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.)

## 2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

**Feb. 11:** Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski)

**Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona

**Feb. 18:** Daytona 500

**Feb. 25:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta

**March 4:** Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas

**March 11:** Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix

**March 18:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana

**March 25:** STP 500 at Martinsville

**April 8:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas

**April 15:** Food City 500 at Bristol

**April 21:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond

**April 29:** Geico 500 at Talladega

**May 6:** AAA 400 at Dover

**May 12:** Go Bowling 400 at Kansas

**May 19:** All Star Race at Charlotte

**May 27:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte

**June 3:** Pocono 400

**June 10:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan

**June 24:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma

**July 1:** Chicago 400 at Chicagoland

**July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona

**July 14:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky

**July 22:** New Hampshire 301

**July 29:** Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono

**Aug. 5:** 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen

**Aug. 12:** Pure Michigan 400

**Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol

**Sept. 2:** Southern 500 at Darlington

**Sept. 9:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis

**Sept. 16:** Las Vegas 400

**Sept. 22:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond

**Sept. 30:** Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course

**Oct. 7:** Delaware 400 at Dover

**Oct. 14:** Alabama 500 at Talladega

**Oct. 21:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas

**Oct. 28:** First Data 500 at Martinsville

**Nov. 4:** Texas 500

**Nov. 11:** Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix

**Nov. 18:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

## KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

<b>MARTIN TRUEX JR.</b> Can't dethrone the champ just yet	<b>BRAD KESELOWSKI</b> Has yet to lose in 2018	<b>KYLE LARSON</b> Hoping to build on impressive 2017	<b>JIMMIE JOHNSON</b> Slips into elder statesman role	<b>KYLE BUSCH</b> Grumpy Gus ready to roll	<b>KEVIN HARVICK</b> Always a big factor at Daytona	<b>DENNY HAMLIN</b> Will finish fifth in the 500	<b>CHASE ELLIOTT</b> When will he pop the cork?	<b>RYAN BLANEY</b> Big things expected	<b>ALEX BOWMAN</b> Polite nod to guy who starts year up front
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

## Black Violin rocks the house

BY JIM ERVIN  
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — Those looking for something fresh and exciting were pleasantly surprised this past Saturday, Feb. 10. That was the evening that Black Violin and their “Classical Boom” Tour came to the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts at South Florida State College.

Kev Marcus, violin, and Wil B. on viola, vocals and keyboards, along with their drummer and DJ SPS, were a force to be reckoned with. Combining classical, hip-hop, R&B, funk and anything and everything else they could think of.

Black Violin is a blend

of classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B, and bluegrass music. Named one of the hottest bands at SXSW in 2013, Black Violin was invited to perform at Bonnaroo and returned to SXSW this year to SRO crowds, according to [www.kossontalent.com](http://www.kossontalent.com).

“Black Violin works hard, but makes it all look like play... Sometimes they play with the intense seriousness of orchestral soloists; at others they fiddle as if at a hoedown; at still others they strum the violin and viola like guitars,” said the New York Times.

On this cool February night, all the cool you could stand was blowing off the front of the stage and into an audience whom, by the



JIM ERVIN/CORRESPONDENT

Black Violin performs at South Florida State College.

third song, were well on their way to warming up to the classically-trained, hip-hop raised men from Fort Lauderdale.

With a mixture of cultures and ages from 8 to 80 years

old, BV sought and encouraged the crowd to let go and have fun and to never let anything — especially stereotypes, hold them

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Chamber Luncheon

LAKE PLACID — The Greater Lake Placid Chamber Luncheon will be held 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Genesis Center, 218 E. Bellevue St. in Lake Placid. Cost is \$12. Lunch includes grilled pork tenderloin, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli and dessert. Guest speaker Danny Kushmer. RSVP by Feb. 12. Email [chamber@lpfla.com](mailto:chamber@lpfla.com) or call 863-465-4331.

### Indiana LaGrange County Days

SEBRING — There will be a get together for any current or former residents and friends of LaGrange County, Indiana at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square.

### Cookie Night dance

The Pine Ridge Promenaders will host a “Cookie Night” dance on Thurs, Feb. 15, at the Sunshine RV Park, SR 70 East, Lake Placid. Judy Barnhill will cue early rounds starting at 7 p.m., and Mike Doughty will call MS/PLUS from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Casual or square dance attire. Visitors welcome. Info: 828-290-2147.

### Frostproof Jamboree

The Frostproof Jamboree with the PasSing Thru Country Music Band and special guests, with live country, bluegrass, gospel and blues will take place Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, at 111 West First St. Performances take place Tuesday and Thursday. For more information contact 330-272-8350.

### Ice Cream Sundae Dance

The Buttonwood Square Dance Club is holding an Ice Cream Sundae Dance on Friday, Feb. 16 in the Rec Hall at Buttonwood Bay RV Resort at 10001 US 27 S. Chuck Ryall will cue Round dancing at 7 p.m. Sam Dunn will call squares from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Square Dance attire is optional. For more information contact Dick at 585-576-3534.

### Baked chicken dinner

AVON PARK - The VFW Post 9853 Auxiliary will serve a baked chicken dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 75 N. Olivia Drive in Avon Park. Cost in \$8 and includes chicken, dressing, sides and dessert. Available until sold out. Carryouts available. Public welcome. Smoke-free dining room. For information, call 863-452-9853.

### Indiana Marshall County Days

SEBRING — There will be a get together for current and former residents of Marshall County, Indiana at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 at Homer's Restaurant 1000 Sebring Sq. For more information, contact Babs Johnson at 574-952-4894.

### Dining to Donate fundraiser

The Living Body of Christ, Inc., will be holding its annual food pantry fundraiser, ‘Dining to Donate,’ at the Bert Harris Agriculture Center on Saturday, Feb. 17, between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets for the black tie affair are \$50 per ticket. For more information call 863-451-2299 or 863-451-2230.

### Challenge 22

AVON PARK — The American Legion Post 69 will hold the second annual Challenge 22 to raise awareness about Veteran suicide at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 1301 W. Bell St. for more information, contact Larry Roberts 850-718-7773.

### Saturday Night Dance

Rick Arnold plays his own great mix of dance music and is returning to the Saturday Night Dance at Buttonwood Bay, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door of the Rec Hall. Popcorn and soda pop available. There is a Saturday Night Dance every Saturday through March 31. Advance tickets for Paisley Craze, performing March 10 (\$7.50/ticket or \$10 at the door) are available at the Saturday Night Dances and from Pam (863-259-8684) 1-5 p.m. most days.”

### Mardi Gras comes to Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID — Mardi Gras 2018 celebration is coming to Lake Placid at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 17. Music by the “Collections.” Tickets are \$20 per

## Carvings wow visitors



TOM MEISENHEIMER/CORRESPONDENT

Some examples of the wood carvings found at the show.

## Wood Crafters show their style

BY TOM MEISENHEIMER  
CORRESPONDENT

Bill Snyder is a wood carver par excellence. He has had a life long fascination with the look and feel of wood. His masterpiece wood carvings speak for themselves. His winning horse sculptures were on display at the 21st Annual Wood

Crafters Show last Saturday at the Sebring Senior Center.

When asked how he can create such beautiful pieces of art, he said (tongue in cheek) of his horse pieces, “I just cut away anything that is not a horse.”

Snyder joined fellow carvers



WOOD | 5 Carver Bill Cowens' bird took Best of Show, Best of Masters and First Place.

## Stepping back in time

### Roaring 20s Festival held at downtown Circle

BY SHARON WEATHERHEAD  
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday the downtown Sebring Circle looked like a scene from the Roaring 20s. As you walked around Circle Park, you could see some people in 1920s attire, hear the Jazz Phools playing the lively St. Louis Blues and smell the delicious foods.

The Circle was lined with unique vendor booths offering items such as produce, honey, jewelry, fashions, toys, photography, art work, wood works, metal designs, pain cream, vegetable dip mixes, jackets, candles, purses and even fresh

squeezed lemonade.

Isaac Hernandez and his companion Oliva Gallo, were dressed in 1920s attire and big smiles, having a great time browsing downtown.

Barbara Schossau and Donna Conrad were talking a close look at Model T Ford. “We’re here for the crafts and the car show,” said Schossau. “We’d like to meet the owner of the car; we might like to buy it,” she laughed.

Award winning photographer, Cindy Rose, was dressed in her 1920s attire as she visited with people in her booth. She had a very



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

TIME | 4 Barbara Schossau and Donna Conrad with Model T Ford.

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# Bombing Range commander speaks to MOAA

Special to Highlands News-Sun

SEBRING — The South Central Florida Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) held a meeting on Feb. 7 at the Military Sea Services museum in Sebring, a news release states.

Members and their spouses heard from guest speaker and chapter member Lt. Col. Daniel Edgar, commander of the Avon Park Bombing Range. Lt. Col. Edgar brought the chapter members up to date on current and future activities and operations at the range. He also discussed their efforts in the area of environmental conservation, a key focus area beyond normal military operations.

MOAA is an independent, nonprofit organization of retired, active and former military officers, including the National Guard and Reserve, with

some 355,000 members worldwide. "It operates exclusively to the benefit of our nation, uniformed service personnel, their families and survivors. It is the nation's largest veterans group of military officers and their families," the group said.

There are some 420 chapters at the local level, representing the seven uniformed services, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Public Health Service and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

Membership is open to any person who holds or has ever held a warrant or commission in any of the seven uniformed services. Surviving spouses of deceased members qualify for auxiliary membership.

For information on the South Central Florida chapter, call Chapter President, COL Mike Borders, U.S. Army, retired, at 863-402-8292.

# Golden Anniversary



COURTESY PHOTO

SEBRING — Residents of Buttonwood Bay in Sebring gathered on Saturday, Feb. 10 to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversaries. Back row, from left to right: Gloria and Frank Clark, Patty and Dick Marshall, Ardel and George Huntington & Barbara and Mike Benner. Front row, from left to right: Mary and Fred Kennedy and Susan and Lowell Norton.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Junior Gardeners of Lake Placid prepare their container box where they will plant vegetable seeds. Each gardener also prepared a pot and vegetable to take home.

# Lake Placid Garden Club Youth Gardening

Special to Highlands News-Sun

LAKE PLACID — On Jan. 17, the members of the Lake Placid Garden Club met with the Junior Gardeners at the Lake Placid Memorial Library in Lake Placid. Several junior gardeners attended to learn about growing vegetables from seeds.

Carol Lambert, coordinator of this program explained to the students about veggie seeds. Carol has been instrumental in teaching our youth about playing in the dirt instead of playing with

technology. They had a container box to prepare before planting the seeds. Potting soil, compost added then mixed. Each junior gardener also prepared a plastic pot and a vegetable to plant

and take home. The Junior Gardeners meet every third Wednesday of the month after school at the library. Members are encouraged to come play in the dirt with students.

# VIOLIN

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down. Speaking directly to the kids in the crowd, Kev Marcus encouraged them to never give up their dreams and to be unique and think outside the box in whatever they chose to do in life.

Throughout the night's performance, the men kept the energy high and continuously interacted with their audience. Mashing up beats with classical music, Notorious B.I.G. and some Marvin Gaye just to name a few of those they paid homage to.

Much of the night, in addition to his blazing work on the viola, Wil B. would step behind the microphone to display his sweet, soulful glide on vocals. Often times he would bring to mind, the previously mentioned legend, Marvin Gaye and even some B.B. Wynans.

When not dazzling the crowd with his lightning bow work and constant flow with the music, Kev Marcus kept the crowd engaged with his between-song banter. A high point of the show was when DJ SPS took the spotlight for a clinic



JIM ERVIN/CORRESPONDENT



Black Violin's Kev Marcus acknowledges the crowd at South Florida State College.

Wil B. of Black Violin.

on scratching. His hands moving almost quicker than the eye, he deftly cued up records on multiple turntables, creating a symphony of samples and beats.

Since starting Black Violin a decade ago Wil Baptiste and Kevin "Kev Marcus" Sylvester have performed an average of 200 shows a year in 49 states and 36 countries as far away as Dubai, Prague and South Africa, while appearing at official NFL celebrations for three Super Bowls and last year's U.S. Open in Forest Hills with Jordin Sparks.

Their groundbreaking collaboration has seen them play their music for everybody from the troops in Iraq to both the official President's Inaugural Ball and the Kids Inaugural in Washington, DC, where Barack Obama himself gave each a hearty handshake. Individually

and together, Black Violin has collaborated with the likes of P. Diddy, Kanye West, 50 Cent, Tom Petty, Aerosmith, Aretha Franklin and The Eagles.

Perhaps the best part of the night, for those lucky few, was meeting BV. Immediately evident was the sincerity and humility of the guys. There was no posturing, absolutely no arrogance at all.

Even road manager, Evan LeSure was a true gentleman and easily accessible for such a busy man. These are men who love their music, their families and their fellow man. They endeavor to do all they can to shine a positive light, to be positive role models for kids and to break stereotypes.

If you missed them this time, now you know. Miss them twice, shame on you. As it has been said: "There is no education in the second kick of a mule."

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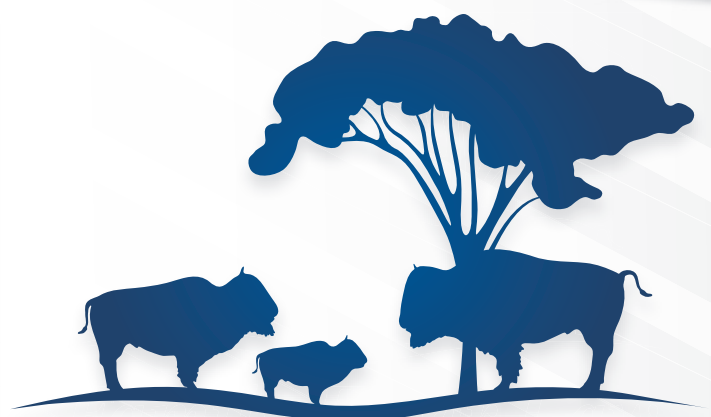


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# New Concepts by Visions 'kicks up its spurs'

By **SHARON WEATHERHEAD**  
CORRESPONDENT

New Concepts by Visions and title sponsor Positive Medical, hosted their 'Kick Up Your Spurs' dinner dance fundraiser last Saturday evening at the Stroup Civic Center in Sebring.

The Shannon Reed Band provided the music. Guests listened, sang with the music, tapped the toes of their cowboy boots and danced the night away in a western-themed atmosphere. Guests were greeted

by Executive Director Barbara Cook and Assistant Director Kristy Haislip. Attendees each received a burlap bag filled with chocolate 'gold coins' and a sheriff's badge.

Tickets could be purchased for raffle prizes and several tables held silent auction items.

Proceeds from the event will benefit New Concepts by Visions and their 'dream,' the NEAT Center. "We're currently working on negotiations for some property on the Parkway for the NEAT



Philomena Greco and Daniel Chaisson.

Center," said Cook. "We strive to improve the lives of our special adults with intellectual and developmentally disabilities. We currently have a day program and other services."

NEAT stands for the New Concepts, Educational Training, Arts and Training. This 10,000 square-foot center will offer their passive exercise program called TRU TONE and will have a Therapy Walk-in Pool as well as many other programs. The center will be open to the community.

The center will serve as the primary training facility for several thousand local individuals with intellectual and

developmental disabilities. It will also serve as a special needs shelter for Central Florida.

Philomena Greco attended with her friend Daniel Chaisson. "I'm a volunteer Special Reading teacher at the center," said Greco. "I have two students, who have never read before. One is reading at a third grade level so far." Chaisson also helps out at the center during special events.

The dinner was a cowboy chuck wagon delight. Pulled pork, smoked chicken, country green beans, seasoned red skin potatoes and a roll were served on a western-style tin plate. Dessert was apple pie



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

The Shannon Reed Band and their team.



Fred and Carol Daggett.

and mega-chocolate chip cookies.

"We're big supporters of the center. They do great work," said Fred and Carol Daggett.

For those wanting

adult beverages, there was a mobile saloon onsite, hosted by Sheila Kuyrkendall and Rhonda Ginocchio with Shelia's Corner Pub and Liquor Store.



Lawrence and Krista Factor with title sponsor Positive Medical.

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nice selection of her works on display for the event.

Collette Durand was working one of the tents with a variety of toys. "We have marshmallow shooters, ping pong ball shooters, ukuleles and hoey sticks." A hoey

stick is a wooden toy for children.

Laura Wade and Dawn Smith were with Pure Grit Boutique. "We offer boutique quality items at small-town prices," said Wade.

Darrell Dement, with Smokee Stringz Handcrafted Musical Instruments was playing a cigar box instrument. The beautifully crafted string instrument

sounded great and attracted interested visitors to the event.

The food trucks were varied and offered foods such as funnel cakes, kettle corn, burgers and pulled pork. Once of the unique offerings was called 'gran arepa' which was a sweet yellow corn cake with melted mozzarella cheese in the middle.

Many people took

their lunch to Circle Park and sat under the shade of the trees while they listened to the fantastic jazz music on a bright sunny afternoon.

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proudly displaying and selling their art that ranged from birds, to fish, to tractors, guns, turtles, people, walking sticks and even puzzles.

Bill Cowen from Lake Wales and New Jersey started his hobby when he played with one of his children's wood burning sets. "One thing led to another. Then I found a mentor who introduced me to shows," said Cowen. He competes in over five shows a season. His bird carvings sell from \$110 and up. A prized piece even once sold for \$10,000. One of his carvings took ribbons for First Place, Best of Masters and Best of Show.

Jim O'Dea from Engelwood, Florida brought "blanks". They are raw cut outs of animals and characters for first time carvers to use as they begin their hobby. "We use bass and butternut wood. Those are the two favorites of carvers. Neither grow in Florida, so we bring them from upstate New York," said O'Dea.

Besides the blanks, carvers could purchase various woods, branches, drift wood, carving tools and books specific to images a carver wants to pursue.

Highlands County Wood Carvers President Eric Maron said, "We have over 40 members. We placed a brick at the chamber office on the circle to let potential carvers interested in the hobby know of us."

The crowds of visitors streamed through the exhibits all day and you could hear their awe and see the amazement in their eyes as they viewed masterpiece after wood masterpiece.



Susan Cowen and husband Bill show off one of his falcon carvings. Bill won three major ribbons at the show.



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Lynn Rossman of Brookfield, Wisconsin, admires one of carver Bill Snyder's heirlooms.

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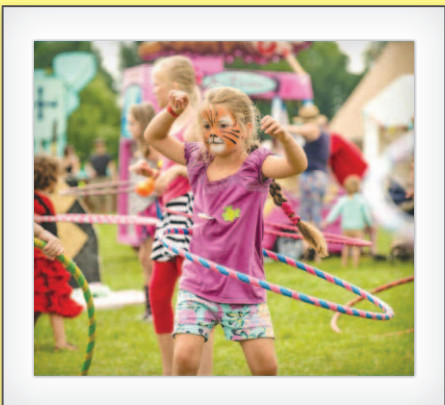
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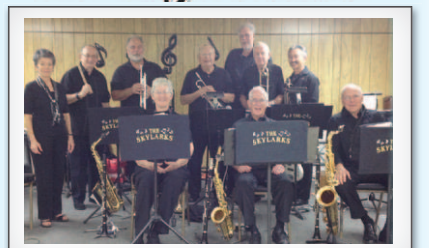
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person and are on sale in the Lake Placid Elks Lodge lounge now (while they last) at 200 C.R. 621 behind Save-A-Lot. This event will be open to all.

## Community yard sale

SEBRING — Town & Country Mobile Home Park will have its annual community yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, 210 Cooper Road in Sebring. Golf cart rides available. Bake sale and lunch at clubhouse. Map given for lots offering items for sale.

## Annual fashion show

SEBRING — Atonement Lutheran Church will hold its 3rd Annual Charity Fashion Show at noon on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the church, 1178 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. There will be raffle drawings for local area merchants gift certificates. Entry fee is \$8 per person. All proceeds benefit Hannah's House domestic violence shelter. For more information or to reserve your seat, call 863-385-0797.

## Amateur Radio Club

LAKE PLACID — The Highlands County Amateur Radio Club (HCARC) will be holding a Hamfest from 8 a.m.

to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive. Talk-in will be via the HCARC repeater: 147.045 MHz, PL of 100 Hz for those needing directions. Tailgater and inside table setup will begin at 7 a.m. with admission to the public at 8 a.m. Admission is \$5 with free tailgating spaces. Inside tables are \$10. There will be prize drawings for merchandise and ARRL publications. Refreshments will be available at nominal cost. Additional information is available by contacting Neal Hodges (W4JNH) at 863-314-9134 or by email: jackmaster@centurylink.net.

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next meeting is Feb. 17. For more information please call Woody at 863-465-7345.

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SEBRING — Iowa residents will have a reunion

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# 'Game On' for Heart of Heartland Show Chorus

## Game show parody a huge success for fundraising event

BY MELISSA MAIN  
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — Forget the boring fundraisers, because the Heart of Highland Show Chorus raised funds with a hilarious game show parody called "Game On" that mixed comedy with beautiful a capella singing. Following the game show, attendees listened to Ladybugs, an award-winning quartet that kept the crowd clapping and requesting an encore performance. The money raised will provide a music scholarship for a high school senior who is pursuing a degree in music.

The game show hosts began by explaining the rules and enticing the contestants with the grand prize — all different cheeses, including Limburger. Miss Hoity Toity, Thelma and Louise competed as game show contestants who fought to be the first one to "name that tune". Miss Hoity Toity, who owned a very successful bridal company on Park Avenue, felt confident that she would win. However, every time that she hit the buzzer, her answer was wrong. Thelma and Louise, a pair who claimed to be identical twins but looked nothing alike, tied

for the winning score. After playing just one note, Thelma and Louise were both able to name the song. Once the song was named, the Heart of Highland Show Chorus sang the song in barber shop style. The successful script was written by local writer Karen Dickinson. Director Barb Pratt said, "Karen has written the script for the last two years, and we are going to keep her." The audience response was overwhelming positive. "The game show was fabulous and really funny. Hoity Toity was outrageous," Ruth



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Heart of Highland Show Chorus presented 'Game On,' a game show parody that delighted the audience.

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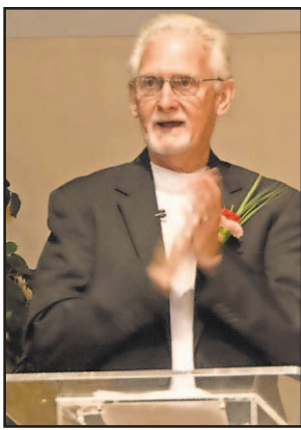
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Prewitt said. Before each a capella song, a member of the Ladybugs blew into a pitch pipe, a device used to determine the correct pitch for singing. Then the quartet sang favorites such as "Oh, You Beautiful Doll" and "You Are My Sunshine". Their lively animation of the songs enthralled the crowd, and their crystal-clear voices were a delight to the ears.

Near the end of the show, the Heart of Highland Show Chorus recognized current and former members of the Armed Services and sang "Proud to be an American" as a tribute to them. At the end of the performance, Roland



Roland Bates served as the master of ceremonies.

Bates, the master of ceremonies, requested an encore. The Heart of Highlands Show Chorus and the Ladybugs sang "How We Sang Together" to honor his request. The words of the song provided a fitting end to the show as they sang, "I'm glad we laughed and loved and sang together today."



Karen Dickinson wrote the entertaining game show parody 'Game On' for the Heart of Highland Show Chorus.



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

'Miss Hoity Toity' tries to answer questions on the game show, but every time she gets the wrong answer. The queen of Park Avenue loses to 'Thelma and Louise.'

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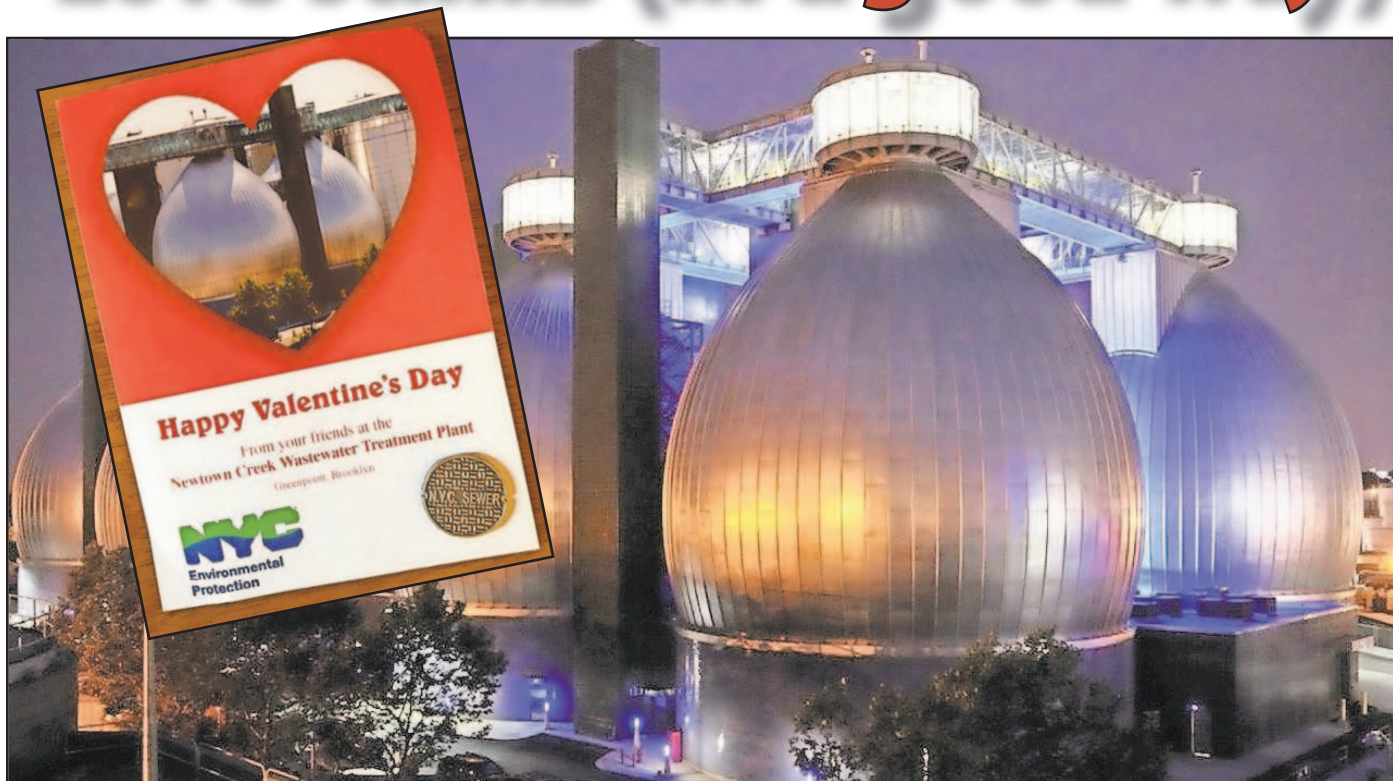
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Owners of the 100-story John Hancock Center said the building's namesake asked that its name and logos throughout the building's interior be removed immediately. *See page 10*



## Love stinks (in a good way)



### Lessons of the Valentine's Day sewage tour

By NINA AGRAWAL  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — Becky Van and Kale Novalis knew exactly when and where they were going to tell each other “I love you” for the first time.

It would be just before Valentine's Day. They would visit a landmark with a view of the Manhattan skyline. It was a place that fascinated them both but where neither had been, and which delivered a crucial service to millions of New Yorkers. And it would offer them a particular, er, aroma.

The couple had signed up for a Valentine's Day tour of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, the largest of 14 wastewater treatment facilities in New York City.

Aside from being located next to Newtown Creek, a

federal Superfund toxic waste site, the plant's claim to fame is eight stainless-steel-clad, egg-shaped sludge digesters, which only a few other cities have. (It has also been the filming site for TV shows, include “Blue Bloods,” “The Americans” and “The Good Wife.”)

The city's Department of Environmental Protection has been offering an annual Valentine's tour of the eggs since 2012. It's free and open to the public.

The idea was mere coincidence, former plant chief Jim Pynn said. He received an email from someone who pointed out that the plant's regularly scheduled monthly tour would fall on Valentine's Day in 2012. She asked what he planned to do differently, Pynn said.

“I said, I'm going to give everybody a kiss who shows

up,” Pynn said, not quite thinking it through.

Word quickly spread, forcing Pynn to come up with an idea. He called Hershey Co., which donated thousands of chocolate kisses so that he could keep his word, Pynn said.

Ever since then, the tour, which doesn't always fall on Valentine's Day, has remained popular. The four time slots offered this year filled up within four hours. (The city also offers public tours around Earth Day, in April, and as part of New York's annual “Open House” events in the fall.)

“I was on 15 minutes after it became available,” said Renae Widdison, 30, a recent urban planning graduate who got the tour as a present for her girlfriend, Ash Sanders.

“I'm really curious about how New York City operates

and the impact of humans on the environment and on waterways,” Sanders, a writer, said. “For me it was a perfect gift for Valentine's Day.”

Novalis, an environmental engineer, was also interested in the subject matter, but it was the beauty of the eggs, which are normally bathed in blue light at night, that drew his girlfriend in.

“I was like, I need to find someone to go with me on this; it'll be the most romantic Valentine's Day that I'll ever have,” Van, a 32-year-old costume designer, said.

The pair planned to go on the tour in 2017, but it was canceled because of snow. This year, they were back.

On Saturday, a rainy, overcast day, Novalis, Van and about 75 other inquisitive New Yorkers piled into a

PHOTOS PROVIDED

The Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Brooklyn, New York, has been offering Valentine's Day tours free to the public. Inset: The tour came with a commemorative Valentine's Day card and “NYC SEWER” pin.

## US intel sees signs of Russian meddling in midterms

By DEB RIECHMANN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Three of the nation's top intelligence officials confirmed Tuesday that they have seen evidence of Russian meddling in the upcoming midterm elections — part of what they say is Moscow's escalating cyber assault on American and European democracies.

“We have seen Russian activity and intentions to have an impact on the next election cycle,” CIA Director Mike Pompeo told the Senate intelligence committee.

National Intelligence Director Dan Coats and Adm. Mike Rogers, the head of the National Security Agency, agreed that Russia's interference is ongoing. “This is not going to change or stop,” Rogers said.

They didn't describe the activity, other than to say it was related to information warfare.

“This is pervasive,” Coats said. “The Russians have a strategy that goes well beyond what is happening in the United States. While they have historically tried to do these types of things, clearly in 2016 they upped their game. They took advantage, a sophisticated advantage of social media. They are doing that not only in the United States but doing it throughout Europe and perhaps elsewhere.”

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AP PHOTO

FBI Director Christopher Wray, left, and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, center, arrive for a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on worldwide threats, Tuesday.

## Judge rules against Trump in case over immigration program

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's administration didn't offer “legally adequate reasons” for ending a program that spared many young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. as children, a judge ruled Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis in Brooklyn said in a written order that the Republican president “indisputably” has the power to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program but relied on flawed legal positions in doing so.

He said he wanted to make clear that he was not ruling that rescinding DACA is unlawful

or that the administration may not end the program. And he said his order does not require the government to grant any particular DACA applications or renewal requests.

The ruling came in lawsuits brought by immigration groups and 15 states and the District of Columbia.

Justice Department spokesman Devin O'Malley said the order doesn't change the government's position on the facts, including that DACA was an “unlawful circumvention of Congress.”

“DACA was implemented unilaterally after Congress declined to extend these benefits to this same group of illegal aliens,” he said.

O'Malley added that the

Department of Homeland Security “acted within its lawful authority in deciding to wind down DACA in an orderly manner” and looked forward to vindicating its position in future litigation.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has said then-President Barack Obama's decision to implement DACA was an unconstitutional exercise of authority.

Garaufis said the Trump administration relied on an “erroneous” belief the program was unconstitutional. His ruling mirrors one issued in San Francisco in January.

The judge ordered the government to let people already in the DACA program continue enjoying protections but declined to guarantee the program to new

applicants.

Garaufis said the authority for his ruling stems from the Administrative Procedure Act, which lets parties harmed by federal agencies get judicial review of agency decisions when they are arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion or do not follow the law.

“The APA thus sometimes places courts in the formalistic, even perverse, position of setting aside action that was clearly within the responsible agency's authority, simply because the agency gave the wrong reasons for, or failed to adequately explain, its decision,” the judge wrote.

He said new administrations may alter or abandon the policies of their predecessors even if

policy shifts impose staggering personal, social and economic costs.

“The question before the court is thus not whether defendants could end the DACA program, but whether they offered legally adequate reasons for doing so. Based on its review of the record before it, the court concludes that defendants have not done so,” Garaufis said.

Garaufis said the decision to end the program appeared to rest exclusively on a legal conclusion that the program was unconstitutional and violated the APA and the Immigration and Nationality Act.

“Because that conclusion was erroneous, the decision to end the DACA program cannot stand,” he said.

## UK judge upholds arrest warrant for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

By JILL LAWLESS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A judge upheld a British arrest warrant for Julian Assange on Tuesday, saying the WikiLeaks founder should have the courage to come to court and face justice after more than five years inside Ecuador's London embassy.

Judge Emma Arbuthnot rejected arguments by Assange's lawyers that it is no longer in the public interest to arrest him for jumping bail in 2012 and seeking shelter in the embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden. Prosecutors there were investigating allegations of sexual assault and rape made by two women, which Assange has denied.

Arbuthnot did not mince words in her ruling at London's Westminster

Magistrates' Court, saying that by jumping bail Assange had made “a determined attempt to avoid the order of the court.”

She said Assange appeared to be “a man who wants to impose his terms on the course of justice.”

“He appears to consider himself above the normal rules of law and wants justice only if it goes in his favor,” the judge said, drawing exclamations of dismay from Assange supporters in the public gallery.

Assange can seek to appeal, though his lawyers did not immediately say whether he would.

Swedish prosecutors dropped their investigation last year, saying there was no prospect of bringing Assange to Sweden in the foreseeable future. But the British warrant for violating bail conditions still

stands, and Assange faces arrest if he leaves the embassy.

Assange's lawyers had asked for the U.K. warrant to be withdrawn since Sweden no longer wants him extradited, but the judge rejected their request last week.

Assange's attorney had gone on to argue that arresting him is no longer proportionate or in the public interest. Lawyer Mark Summers argued the Australian was justified in seeking refuge in the embassy because he has a legitimate fear that U.S. authorities want to arrest him for WikiLeaks' publication of secret documents.

“I do not find that Mr. Assange's fears were reasonable,” the judge said.



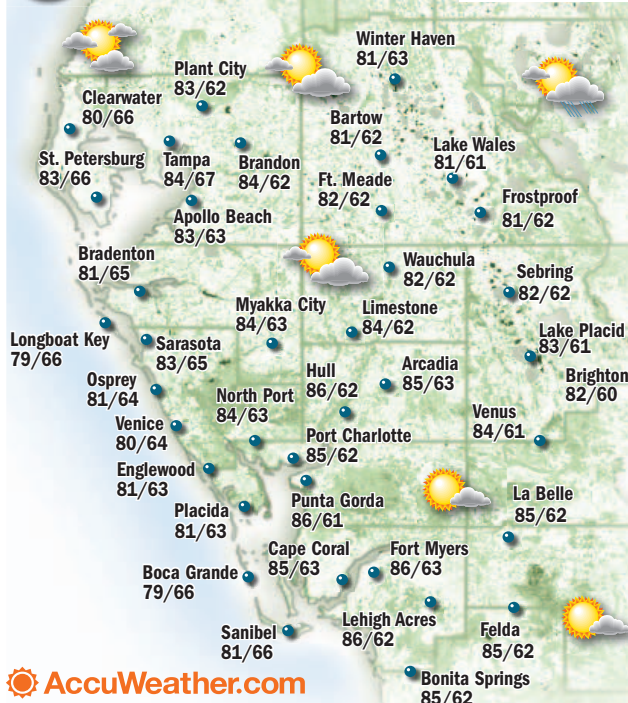
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In this May 19 photo, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange gestures to supporters outside the Ecuadorian embassy in London, where he has been in self-imposed exile since 2012.

WEATHER/WORLD

Weather forecast table for today/tonight through Monday. Includes conditions (e.g., 'Partly to mostly sunny'), high/low temperatures, and chance of rain percentages.

GULF WATER TEMPERATURE 72°



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PORT CHARLOTTE weather details including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall for the area.

MONTHLY RAINFALL table showing precipitation trends from 2016 to 2018 for various months.

VENICE weather details including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall.

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FLORIDA CITIES

Table of Florida cities with their respective weather conditions for today and Thursday.

CONDITIONS TODAY



POLLEN INDEX and AIR QUALITY INDEX sections with corresponding charts and descriptive text.

TIDES

Table listing tide times (High and Low) for various Florida locations like Punta Gorda and Englewood.

MARINE section providing wind speed, sea conditions, and directions for locations like Cape Sable and Tarpon Springs.

SUN AND MOON

Table showing sun and moon rise/set times for today and Thursday, including phase indicators.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Solunar table showing minor and major periods for fishing and hunting.

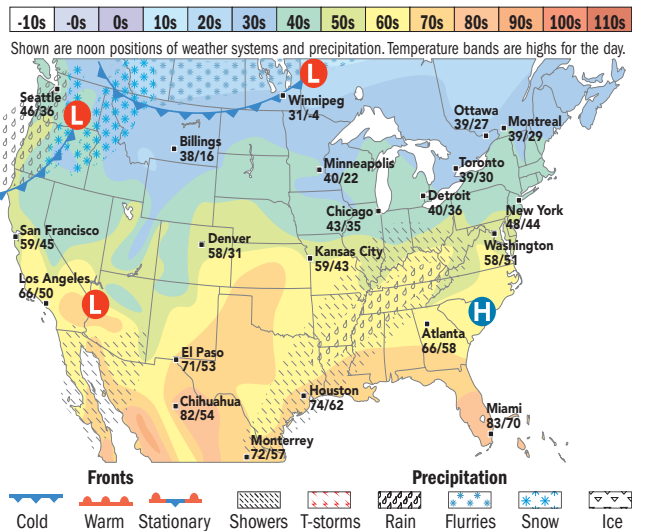
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On Valentine's Day in 1940, a storm in New England brought snow that embraced the northeastern quarter of the nation.

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THE NATION



U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday) High: 88° at Immokalee, FL; Low: -33° at Chinook, MT

World Cities weather table listing conditions and temperatures for major cities like New York, Los Angeles, and London.

WORLD CITIES

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

US says Myanmar makes life for Rohingya 'a death sentence'

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley is denouncing Myanmar's government for continuing to make life for Rohingya Muslims "a death sentence," citing the reporting of mass graves by The Associated Press and other news organizations.

US breaks ground on new embassy in Mexican capital

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Work has begun on the long-awaited new United States Embassy in Mexico City that will be one of the most expensive in the world at nearly \$1 billion.

King says Jordanians 'let down' by international community

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordan's King Abdullah II says that "life for Jordanians today is very, very tough" as a result of a large refugee influx and that he feels the international community has "let down our people."

Reports: Police recommend indictments of Netanyahu

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli media are reporting that police have recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a pair of corruption cases.



AP PHOTO

U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Roberta Jacobson tosses a shovelful of dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new U.S. embassy, slated to cost nearly \$1 billion, in Mexico City, on Tuesday.

# FROM PAGE ONE

## SEWAGE

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classroom for a lecture at the plant's visitor center. Couples of all ages, children older than 12 and singles filled the seats. The room was decorated with red, heart-shaped "I love you" balloons, and participants were given Hershey's Kisses wrapped in red tinfoil along with "NYC Sewer" lapel pins.

"My goal is that everybody should know what happens after you flush," Pam Elardo, the ebullient, fast-talking deputy commissioner for wastewater treatment, said before picking up a jar full of shriveled, gray baby wipes and imploring people to stop sending them down

the toilet.

"We get a load of things like this," she said. "If it's not pee, poop, puke or toilet paper — the four Ps — don't flush it."

Elardo handed the rest of the lecture off to Zainool Ali, the current plant chief, who likes to joke that some people come on the tour single but leave as couples.

"Today, for you guys, we lit the eggs red," Ali told the audience, eliciting oohs and aahs. ("How much of my taxpayer money goes toward that?" one woman joked under her breath.)

Ali described the main elements of sewage treatment, his voice rising above the humming of machines blowing air into tanks to help bacteria break down waste.

New York's wastewater treatment system, which mostly processes sewage, rainwater and runoff together, dates to the 1890s, before which untreated sewage was dumped directly into waterways.

"The rivers around New York City were a giant cesspool," Ali said, prompting a collective "ugh" from the audience.

Today, though, an extensive network of sewer catch basins, pipes, pumping stations, overflow retention facilities and treatment plants work together to process the 1.3 billion gallons of wastewater produced in the city each day. (Still, on days of heavy rain, the system can find itself outmatched, with the overflow going directly into waterways.)

The treatment process

begins with screening, when giant mechanical rakes filter out large objects such as baby wipes and plastic bags, which can't be treated and can jam up machinery. They are deposited onto conveyor belts that drop them down chutes into dumpsters, which get carted off to landfills.

From there, the water goes through finer filtration, processing by microorganisms and finally disinfection, before ultimately being released into waterways. Throughout treatment, air in the facility is passed through carbon to minimize odors.

From start to finish, the process takes about seven hours.

But dealing with the leftover sludge is a little

trickier.

That's where the egg digesters, the next stop on the tour, come in.

Rising 14 stories tall, the chambers provide a stomach-like environment at 98 degrees for bacteria to break down organic material in the sludge over 15 to 20 days, producing biogas — mostly methane — which is used to power boilers at the plant or flared off.

Standing in a glass-encased walkway atop the giant eggs, wearing yellow hard hats and neon safety vests, tour participants peered through cauldron-like openings to glimpse the churning of the dark liquid, bubbles rising off it.

A sharp, distinct smell, more rotten eggs than sewage, wafted through

their nostrils.

"I've been breathing through my mouth the whole time," one woman said.

But others didn't seem to mind.

"This was kind of perfect for us; we're not typical Valentine's people," Novalis said.

"Why would you want flowers and candies when you can get food waste?" Van said.

Though they had long since first uttered the words "I love you," the tour still afforded them a bit of romance.

As they moved along the walkway, they sneaked photos of each other and paused for an occasional smooch, gazing out across the East River to the tops of skyscrapers invisible behind the fog.

## RUSSIAN

FROM PAGE 1

U.S. intelligence concluded Moscow interfered in the 2016 presidential election, which has led to the current FBI investigation into possible Trump campaign connections. Russia denies the allegations and President Donald Trump has called the FBI probe a witch hunt.

The three testified in Congress on the same day that the intelligence community released its annual report on global threats. The report predicted Russian intelligence agencies will disseminate more false information over Russian state-controlled media and through fake online personas to spread anti-American views and



AP PHOTO

From left, FBI Director Christopher Wray, CIA Director Mike Pompeo, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, Defense Intelligence Agency Director Robert Ashley, National Security Agency Director Adm. Michael Rogers, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Director Robert Cardillo, appear before a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on worldwide threats, on Tuesday in Washington.

exacerbate social and political divides in the United States.

Pompeo had said earlier that he expected that Russia would insert itself in the midterms in which Republicans and Democrats will vie for control of the House and Senate. And last week, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told Fox News that the U.S. is seeing "certain behaviors" of Russian meddling in

elections in the Northern Hemisphere, including "in the U.S." this year. But the latest testimony actually confirmed that it is occurring.

Coats said the details of any meddling needs to be shared with the American people. He said there should be a national outcry — that people need to stand up and say, "We're not going to allow some Russian to tell us how to vote, how to run

our country."

Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the ranking Democrat on the committee, said it's been more than a year since the 2016 election, but the U.S. still has no plan to battle foreign interference in elections. He criticized Trump for not issuing more sanctions against Russia in response to the meddling.

"He hasn't even tweeted a single concern,"

Warner said.

It's unclear what the U.S. is doing covertly to battle back.

But Coats acknowledged that the U.S. is "behind the curve" in coming up with policies to penalize those who hack America's critical infrastructure, interfere with elections, undermine the government or hit financial institutions.

Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, said he thinks

the American people are better prepared to deal with Russian influence campaigns in the upcoming midterms and beyond. They have started to look askance at social media and attempts to influence their opinion, he said.

"The American people are smart people," Risch said. "They realize that there's people attempting to manipulate them, both domestically and foreign."

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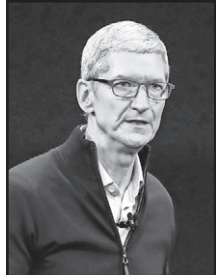
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BUSINESS/STOCKS

Apple CEO leaves investors dangling on future dividend hike

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CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple CEO Tim Cook is leaving shareholders in suspense about whether the iPhone maker will use its windfall from a tax cut on overseas profits for a big boost to its quarterly dividend.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Sept. 12 photo, Apple CEO Tim Cook, shows new products in Cupertino, Calif.

A stockholder attending Apple's annual meeting Tuesday asked if Apple might double its quarterly dividend from the current 63 cents per share.

After joking that his seat suddenly felt hot as he rose from a chair, Cook said Apple's board intends to raise the dividend in April, but he didn't providing specifics.

Investors have been anticipating a substantial dividend increase since Apple announced plans to take advantage of a temporary tax break championed by the President Donald Trump to bring an estimated \$245 billion in overseas cash back to the U.S.

Barnes & Noble cites new staffing policy in layoffs

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO AP RETAIL WRITER

NEW YORK — Barnes & Noble, which announced a round of layoffs this week, is pointing new staffing rules that will allow stores to increase or decrease the number of people on the clock depending on need.

The nation's largest book chain said Tuesday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that the change will lead to annual cost saving of \$40 million.

The company insists that the staff cuts will not affect customer service.

Barnes & Noble said Monday that it was trimming its work force after a weak holiday shopping season. It did not say how many people were being let go.

The New York bookseller, which has struggled to compete with Amazon, said last month that sales at established locations slid 6.4 percent during the holidays.

Schwab's Clean Sweep



Malcolm Berko

Dear Mr. Berko: Charles Schwab is forcing all customers out of sweep money market funds and into bank accounts. My current sweep account pays 0.88 percent, and the bank account pays a lousy 0.1 percent. Schwab is giving us no choice in this matter. It claims it has something to do with the Dodd-Frank reforms, which were enacted eight years ago. On the phone, the manager claims there's some regulation in effect now. Please write about this. Do Fidelity and others do this? By the way, you need to get a Gmail account. Yahoo is useless now. — BW, Kankakee, Ill.

Dear BW: Verizon Communications (VZ-\$54) has a new division called Oath. Sadly, management assigned an unproven toady (Tim Armstrong) to head it. Oath consists of brands under the umbrellas of AOL, which was acquired in June 2015, and Yahoo, which was acquired in June 2017. I'm told that this guy Armstrong lacks the capability, the creativity, the employee support and the joie de vivre to run Oath. He certainly was a big-time loser when he was CEO of AOL, a great company with enormous potential that lost its cache and was forced to be absorbed by a larger company to remain in business. Eventually, Yahoo will slowly disappear into the humors, vapors and ether just like AOL and become a relic of better times past.

Yes, today's Yahoo functions like a cumbersome, arthritic remnant of the old internet. It's enough to give you a migraine. You can Google "What are the problems with Yahoo?" and

long-term investment at today's \$54 price. Walt Bettinger is CEO of Charles Schwab, and the following is his response to your question: Schwab is moving client sweep cash from sweep money market funds (now being closed) into Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.-insured bank accounts that will pay lower interest. The interest rate will be more like what you could earn with an online checking account. Why? Because the features of the Schwab bank accounts are similar to those of a checking account, with free checks, free ATM withdrawals worldwide, free bill pay service, etc. But Schwab suggests that clients not leave cash sitting in a bank account that they don't intend to use within a short period of time — to pay for a trade, to pay a bill or just to write a check. Think of it this way. Few people would leave a large sum in their checking account. In the same way, you shouldn't leave a large sum in this type of account at Schwab or anywhere else. Cash you intend to hold on to for a while should be invested in the Schwab Value Advantage Money Fund, which has a seven-day yield of 1.2 percent for a minimum investment of just \$1. You can invest online with just a click. Schwab also has a variety of the highest-yielding certificates of deposit from FDIC-insured banks across the country. Go to http://www.schwab.com/cash to find out more about Schwab's options for investing cash. Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 8303, Largo, FL 33775, or email him at mjberko@yahoo.com.

read pages of complaints. One of the complaints is the flood of sickly advertising that one must constantly click away to read the answers concerning the subject matter about which you inquired. And as you said, its email sphinx, too. I am very familiar with Google and wish I could change. However, there are so many folks out there who are familiar with my current email address, and a change would certainly put those readers in a high state of dudgeon, giving them agita, the shplikes and a vexatious attitude. People don't like change. Charles Schwab (SCHW-\$54) is an exceedingly well-managed, high-class, low-fee holding company engaged in wealth management just like UBS, Raymond James and J.P. Morgan. However, Schwab's not involved in investment banking, in which brokerages sell their souls for business. Unlike those of other brokerages, Schwab's employees are so darned nice and patient on the phone that they seem to be smoking left-handed Luckys or taking happy pills, but I've found that they're just good people. Schwab has impressive numbers — strongly growing revenues, outstanding margins, good income growth and an improving dividend record — and a management team that makes it an attractive

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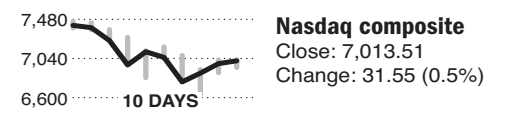
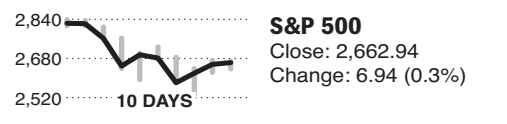
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# Treatments differ between recurring UTI and reinfection

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a candidate to have an Interstim implant done in January. My problem is that I have had to do catheterization for a long time, as my bladder does not empty due to a back injury. Over time, the nerves to the bladder have been damaged and have worsened this problem.



**Dr. Roach**

During this time, I have had many urinary tract infections and have had to take antibiotics. Now it seems that the antibiotics are not working. I am on my fourth dose since October. Do you think there could be bacteria permanently on the lining of my bladder? I have had Macrobid and Cipro; the latest is Monural. Is Cipro stronger than the other two? I do not take any other medications. I am a 70-year-old female. — H.B.

**ANSWER:** People who require frequent antibiotics for urine infections often develop the problem of resistance. It may require a change of antibiotics. However, the choice of antibiotic should be guided by the identification of the particular bacteria. This

is done through a culture of the urine to find out which antibiotic that strain is sensitive to. There are many different classes of antibiotics, so there are many options. Most people do well for a long time.

The key issue is to distinguish a relapse (such as would be caused by bacteria stuck on the bladder) from reinfection. If the organism is different, it's reinfection; if it's the same time after time, it's most likely relapse. The two are treated differently. Relapse may require a longer course of antibiotics, or an evaluation of the anatomy. Inabil-

ity to properly empty the bladder completely is a possible cause of both relapse and reinfection.

For reinfection, the key is to reduce the likelihood of infection in the first place. In people whose poor nerve function will not allow them to properly empty the bladder, improving the bladder's ability to empty should reduce infections.

That said, anytime you insert a device into the body, there is the potential for the device itself to lead to infection. I looked to find results of whether the Interstim device reduces infection rate; however, I could not find any data, and I contacted the manufacturer, Medtronic, which also did not find any data on the urinary tract infection rates after the Interstim sacral neuromodulation device is placed. It is effective at reducing symptoms.

**DR. ROACH WRITES:** After a recent column in which I said diphenhydramine (Benadryl, Unison and many others) was not my first choice for a sleep aid, many people have written to ask: What is my

first choice? My first choice is to not use medication at all. Most people with occasional insomnia do well with improving their behavior around sleeping (called "sleep hygiene"). These behaviors include:

- No caffeine after lunch.
- Reduce or eliminate alcohol near bedtime.
- Get regular exercise before noon.
- Keep light and sound levels low for the two hours before bedtime (this also means little or no screen time — computer, tablet, phone, reader, etc.).
- Avoid daytime naps: If you do nap, make it no more than 20-30 minutes, and not in the late afternoon.
- Keep similar sleep and wake times throughout the week.

People who still need help despite good sleep hygiene may benefit more from cognitive-behavioral therapy than from medications. If this is unavailable, then medication trial should be based on the person's medical condition and the type of insomnia.

# Couple celebrates their 50 years together in marriage

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was 16 and wanted to get married, my father suggested I write to Dear Abby (your mom was writing the column back then) and ask her opinion. He said he would agree with what she said. I did, and Abby wrote me back. We did get married, and I decided that on our 25th anniversary, I would let you know how we were doing. You printed my letter.



**Dear Abby**

As we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary year, I want you to know our marriage has only strengthened. A very young couple who began life together with no idea what path we would take has experienced the best that life could offer. We have two beautiful daughters, wonderful grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

is commitment. I would offer that it is also mutual respect. (My mother once said that the key to a lasting marriage is a husband who lasts!)

My warmest congratulations to you both, and a very happy Valentine's Day to you, your husband and to all my readers.

Commitment through the good and bad times is the key to a lasting marriage. It isn't always easy, but the rewards far outweigh the problems. — Took The Advice In Montana

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband refuses to memorize my cellphone number. He says as long as it's in his phone he doesn't need to. I feel he should know it so if he loses the phone or the battery goes dead, I can be reached. What do you think? — Logical In Kansas

**DEAR TOOK THE ADVICE:** I'm pleased to know you are as happy on your 50th anniversary as you were on your 25th. It's interesting you would say that the key to a lasting marriage

**DEAR LOGICAL:** Experience is the best teacher. I think you should stop arguing with your husband and let him suffer the consequences. An option might be for him to jot the number on a small piece of paper to keep in his wallet.

# Why salt is used in recipes

**Dear Heloise:** Why is SALT used in so many recipes? Even cake recipes have salt added. Why? — Rhonda S., Minot, N.D.



**Hints from Heloise**

Rhonda, salt is used in recipes to enhance flavors. It often brings out such flavors as sweetness, or sometimes is used to counteract a flavor that's bitter. It's also a nutrient, because most table salt in the United States contains iodine, which prevents goiters. When salt is used in making bread, it has an effect on the texture of the bread, and it also is a color enhancer for many processed meats. — Heloise

Try lemon juice instead of sprinkling salt on your vegetables. The taste is terrific, it's healthy for those who need to limit salt intake. — Kate L., Tiverton, R.I.

**Dear Heloise:** I love to chop up some scallions and mushrooms and add them to scrambled eggs.

— Lonnie R., Holland, Mich.

**Dear Heloise:** Need a substitute for salt?

# JUMBLE

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

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	2-		1-	2	5-
1	3-			1-	
40X	13+		5-		2
		3-		2-	
	6		6+		

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**RULES**

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

**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

3	8X	2	1
2÷	1-	8+	3
4	2	1	3
2	1	3	4
1	3	4	2

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# 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 spring river ice movements (8)	_____
2 shelter for the soles (8)	_____
3 sugar-boiling stage (8)	_____
4 English punk rocker Billy (4)	_____
5 achromatic (7)	_____
6 liberate (8)	_____
7 seaport in northern France (7)	_____

NEU	SO	PS	BRE	OTW
AKU	ID	DUN	FTB	TR
EAR	AL	OL	FO	ETT
UNF	RK	ER	KI	ALL

Tuesday's Answers: 1. RANCID 2. SUDSY 3. MEXICAN 4. WATCHDOGS 5. BRONX 6. REBUTTAL 7. PEPPERS 2/14

# 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.

There may be more than one solution.

**Today's Challenge**

Time 8 Minutes  
45 Seconds

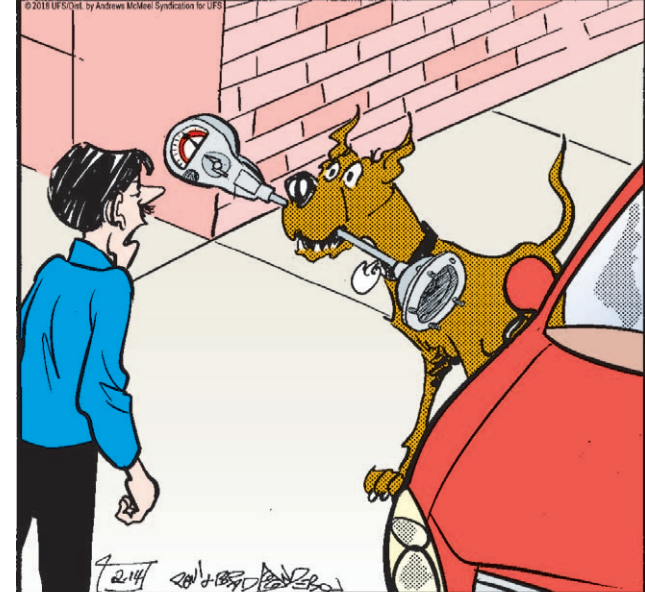
Your Working Time Minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Seconds \_\_\_\_\_

1				25
		9		27
			8	26
		9		26
26	26	26	26	4

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7	7	7	7	10
7	7	7	7	7
7	7	7	7	7
7	7	7	7	7
7	7	7	7	7

# MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"When I put money in the parking meter, we weren't buying it."

# Cryptoquip

2-14

COTJFSRW PWYMOC MCRG SY  
ZR ERWL SWRFGL, ZMS J  
PMRCC WRNRFSTL SIRL IBER

HBTTRF YMS YH HBNSJYF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CERTAIN LARGE WADING BIRD TOTALLY LACKED FEATHERS, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE STORK NAKED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals S

# WORD SLEUTH

**DRESS FOR THE OCCASION**

HURPMJEHECZR XUS  
QNLJGECSSZXVETRP  
NLPAINTERJHHECR  
AYWVTRAREUPCNEE  
LKIGOOOCMFFNTTEN  
CBZTX(LIFEGUARDO)  
WUCSEIRHRCECPOS  
MOORGACMEFILJII  
DGGEDSBREDILOS  
AYYXNAMERIFWOUP  
TSEDIRBQPONLKPJ

Tuesday's unlisted clue: MOORE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A PROFESSIONAL COOK

Beefeater	Doctor	Nurse	Referee
Bride	Fireman	Painter	Sailor
Catcher	Groom	Policeman	Solder
Clergy	Lifeguard	Prisoner	

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# WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

♥

**SIGHT SITE CITE**

SOLUTION

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Love at first sight

**HOROSCOPE**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It's easy to know who is good for you. You're somehow more and better than you thought you could be, and you can trace your progress back to the moment you took this person's hand.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You both know how close you are to one another, though you've never tried to entirely articulate the bond. There's a feeling exchanged in eye contact that is both too simple and too complex to explain.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Life works out. Love happens. You can't force these things, and when you've tried in the past, it only complicated the process unnecessarily. So you take your hands off the controls and enjoy yourself.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). To learn another person is to love. On the other hand, to remain mystified is a missed opportunity. So you give your attention, non-intrusively, ever more curious.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You've changed in order to be the person that another person needs. This, for you, has been the best reason — not a conscious one, but a

reason that kept you magnetized to your best self.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love has its own elastic relationship with time and seems to be able to speed it up until it's short as a snap, or slow it down until it's an eternal stretch. Either way, you'll savor the moments with loved ones.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Infatuation comes with odd distortions of thought and reality, but true love makes things clearer. True love shows you what's petty and unimportant and also what's silly and therefore worth cherishing always.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Is love made, or is it born? It feels as though it was always there, waiting to be discovered... and yet you could swear that you created it with every exchange, every decision to put the other person first, every burning desire.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Often in life you can keep what works, get rid of what doesn't. Love is more of a package deal. The challenge is not in deciding what to keep but in accepting it all. You do this well. Your loved ones make it easy.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Loving people is an artistic expression, and your

approach is completely original. You're becoming more conscious of how you want to be loved and creating subtle and beautiful changes in the way you choose to love others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When it comes to your loved ones, you embrace (instead of run from) the chance to give to them in a way that will never come back to you. After all, the chance to prove your love doesn't come along every day.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that you're fulfilling a role in another person's life; it's that you're making a connection, building a unique bond, making something happen for each other that couldn't happen with any other person in the world.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 14). You seize the chance to use your talents to make people smile. It won't take long for a new sense of prosperity to drop in. Supportive people are your true wealth. When life doesn't go to plan in March, resist trying to bend it to your will. Relax and observe and you'll soon be able to turn all factors to your advantage. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 39, 22 and 18.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

**GOREN BRIDGE**

WITH BOB JONES  
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**THE GIFT**

Neither vulnerable, South deals

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ A Q 10 5 4 2	♠ K J 9	♠ 10 6 5 4 3	
♥ 8 7 2	♥ 8 4	♥ 8 4	
♦ 3 2	♦ 8 4	♦ A 8 7	
♣ 9 3	♣ A 8 7		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ 7 6 3	♠ 8	♥ A K Q J 9	♥ K 2
♥ Void	♥ 10 7 6 5	♦ A K Q J 9	
♦ 10 7 6 5	♣ Q J 10 6 5 4		
♣ Q J 10 6 5 4			

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

The auction was a bit labored, but North-South reached a reasonable slam. With normal splits in the red suits, the contract would have needed no more than the ace of clubs onside, or a club lead. An opening spade or diamond lead would have defeated

the contract, as South would surely have used his one dummy entry to lead a club toward his king of clubs. That would have worked, but the terrible split in trumps would have wrecked him.

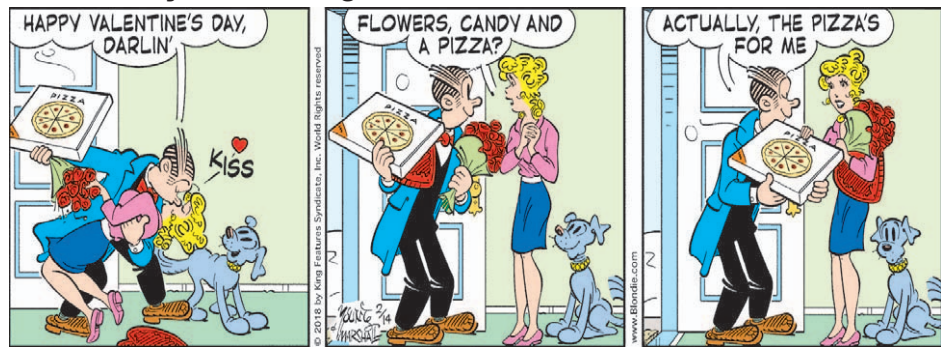
West cannot be faulted for his club lead, but that lead gave declarer a very good chance to make his slam. What will East play after winning his ace of clubs at trick one? A club or a diamond allows South to win and cash the ace of hearts. He will see West show out, cross to dummy with the ace of spades, and lead a heart back to his nine, making his slam. East had been listening carefully to the auction and knew South had five diamonds, therefore at most one spade. East could see the danger and found the brilliant shift to the nine of spades! South had to use his dummy entry before he knew about the bad trump split. South did smell a rat, but who among us would have the nerve to play a heart to the nine? This South didn't and he finished down one. Great play by East!

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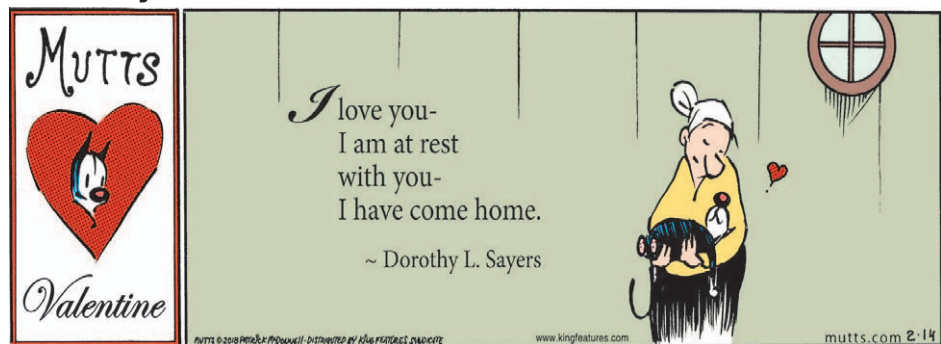
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**BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall**



**MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell**



**BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott**



**DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau**



**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: GOLD

	5	8						4
9		7					5	
4				9			6	
	7	3		8		4		
			6		1			
		6		3		8	7	
	8		4					5
		9				7		4
	2					9	8	

Solution to 2/13/18

5	9	4	6	3	7	8	2	1
2	3	8	5	4	1	7	6	9
7	6	1	9	2	8	3	5	4
1	7	5	3	8	9	6	4	2
9	8	2	7	6	4	5	1	3
6	4	3	2	1	5	9	8	7
4	5	9	1	7	6	2	3	8
8	2	7	4	5	3	1	9	6
3	1	6	8	9	2	4	7	5

**WORDY GURDY**

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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.

1. "Heart of Gold" singer Young's morays (1)
2. "Heart of Stone" singer's worries (1)
3. "Heartless" singer Kanye's exams (1)
4. "Heart Attack" Lovato's TV awards (2)
5. "Hungry Heart" Springsteen's pacts (2)
6. "Achy Breaky Heart" Billy Ray's PC woes (3)
7. "Piece of My Heart" Janis' ribbed cottons (2)

ANSWERS: 1. NEIL'S EELS 2. CHERS CARES 3. WESTS TESTS 4. DEMIS EMMYS 5. BRUCES TRUCES 6. CYRUS VIRUSES 7. JOPLINS POPLINS

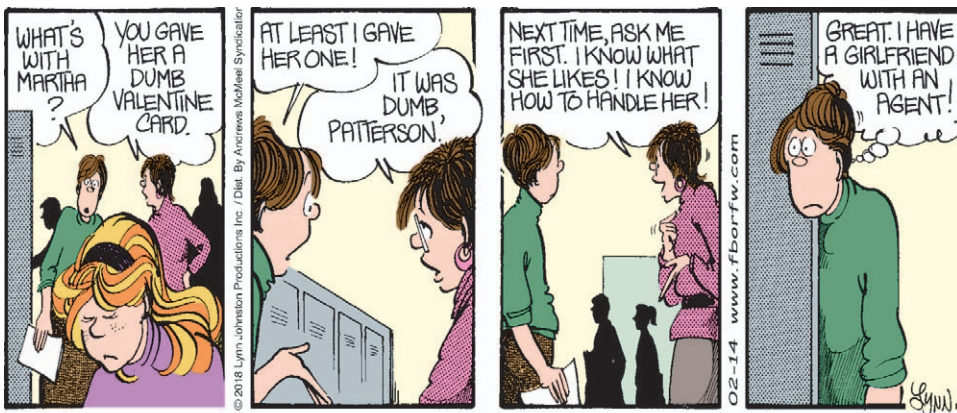
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<b>ACROSS</b>	54 Aussie minerals	<b>PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED</b>		
1 Looped tau cross	57 Unmatched	LTD	POTS	ATRIA
5 Please greatly	62 Sanskrit dialect	AHA	LASER	GRIMM
10 Accord	63 Red meat	CRY	IRENE	RASPY
14 Barn topper	65 Asian mountains	TITANS	SAMENESS	
15 Lady fox	66 Collar style	IVORY	BULGERS	
16 Stravinsky or Sikorsky	67 Bincy of best-sellers	CENT	QUALM	GYRO
17 Scent	68 1492 vessel	GLUMLY	FRAUD	
18 Leaves unmentioned	69 Motor sound	CHEAPO	TEEMED	
19 Grey of Western novels	70 Auto-racing family	DUELS	GLEAMS	
20 Crushing defeat	71 Hold as an opinion	SELL	ALINE	SEAT
22 Escapades		EBBING	DELLA	
23 Hebrew letter after shin	<b>DOWN</b>	STARLETS	MEDALS	
24 Trivial	1 Declare frankly	MANIA	CELEB	PIT
27 Discolored with spots or streaks	2 Zip	OPTED	HEART	SEE
31 Undress	3 Put on a tie	GEESE	DOES	EDS
35 Neck annoyance	4 Dissenter			
36 Exude moisture	5 Develop slowly			
38 Yours and mine	6 Airport vehicle	29 Gee follower	52 Fencers' blades	
39 Mare's morsel	7 Self-evident truth	30 Resides	54 Sheikh's cartel	
40 Flat-topped hills	8 New Year in Hanoi	32 Kicks out	55 Hurricane track	
41 Stockholm carrier	9 Space widths	33 Sitters' banes	56 Matty or Felipe	
42 Gouge	10 Peru conqueror	34 Dreaded assignment	58 Icicle site	
44 Fix as lipstick	11 Biology gel	37 Paul Anka's "Besos"	59 Wiesel or Ducommun	
45 Terra —	12 Hit on the head	40 CEO degress	60 Rational	
47 Open and aboveboard	13 Very, to Yvette	43 "Kim" novelist	61 Where Anna met a king	
49 Diplomat's post	21 Flagrant	45 Driver with a handle	63 The Mustangs	
51 Marshal's band	22 Part of UCLA	46 Raiders' home	64 Pantyhose shade	
53 Response to a rodent	25 Form a thought	48 IBM and GE		
	26 Pinches off	50 More timid		
	27 Tea cake			
	28 Peculiarity			

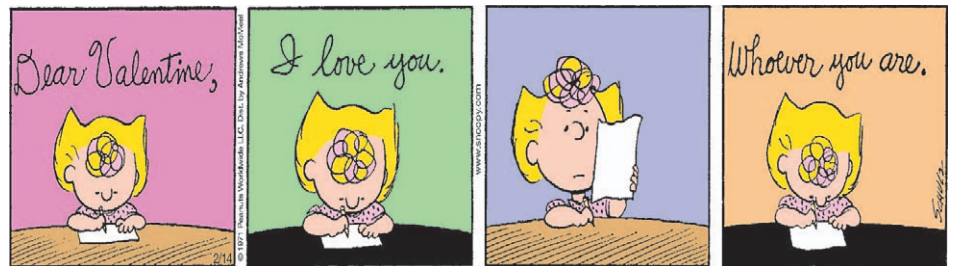
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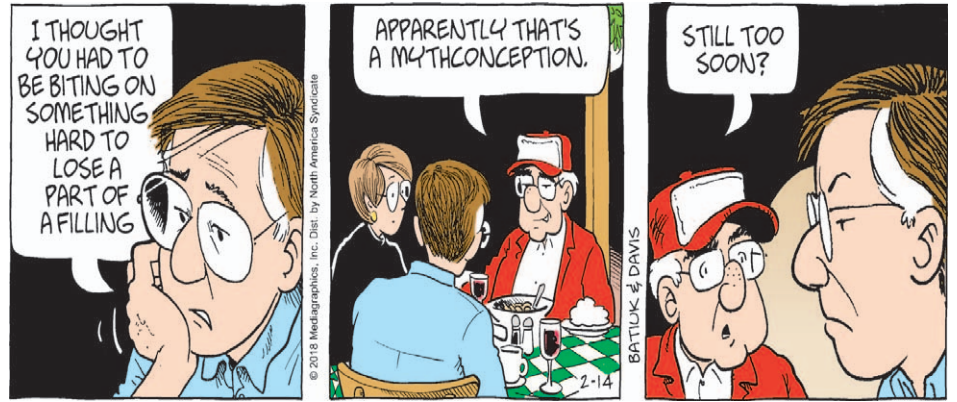
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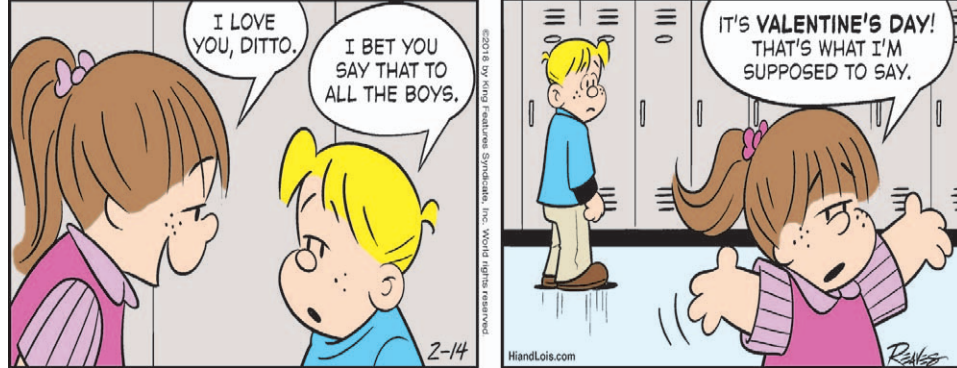
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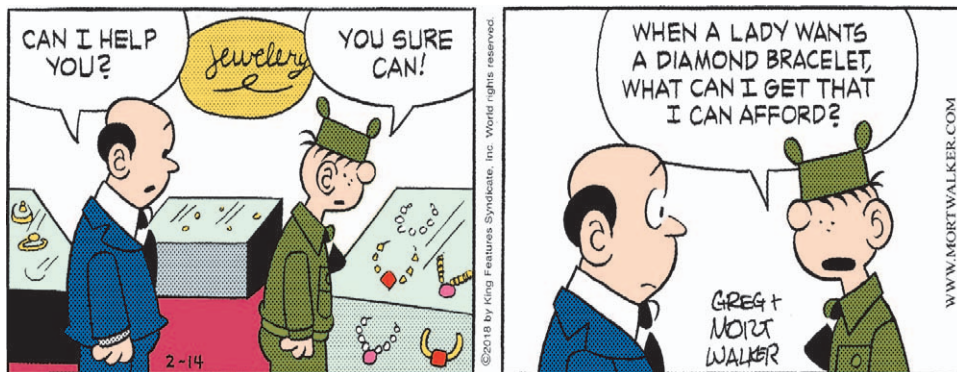
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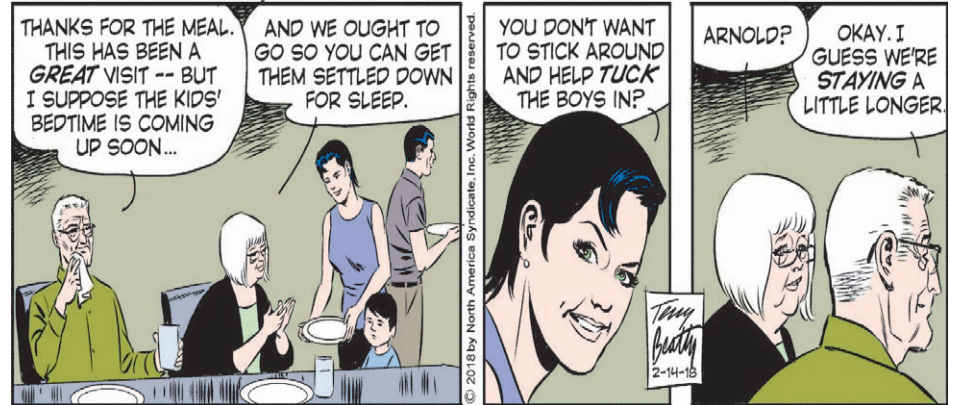
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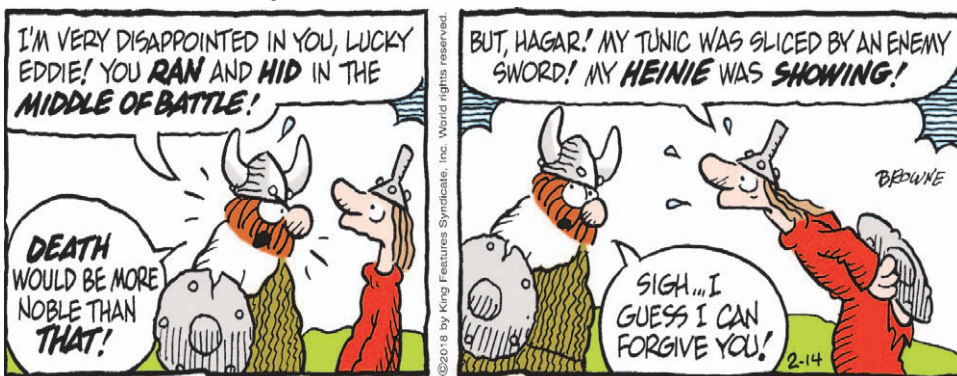
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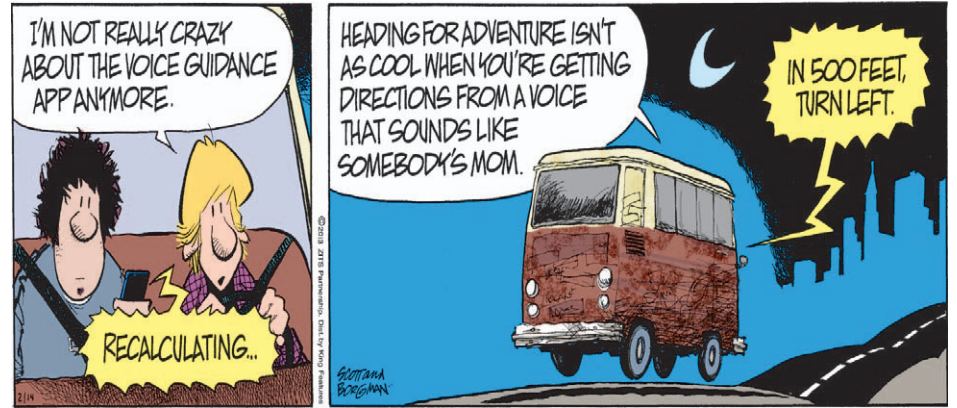
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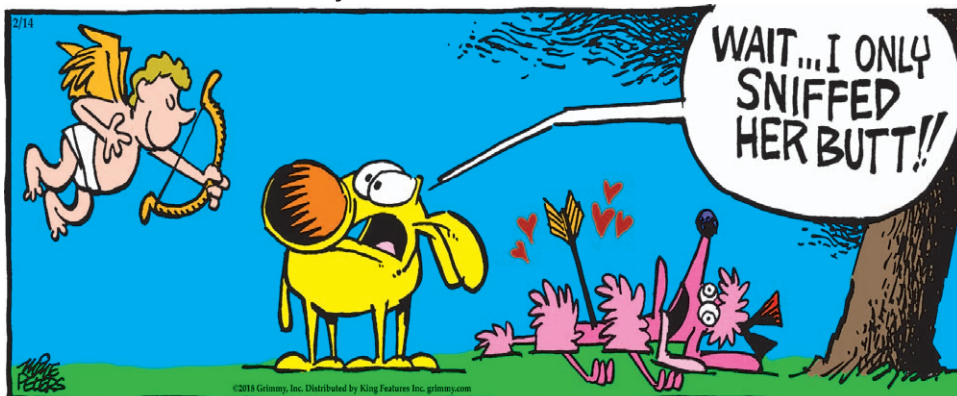
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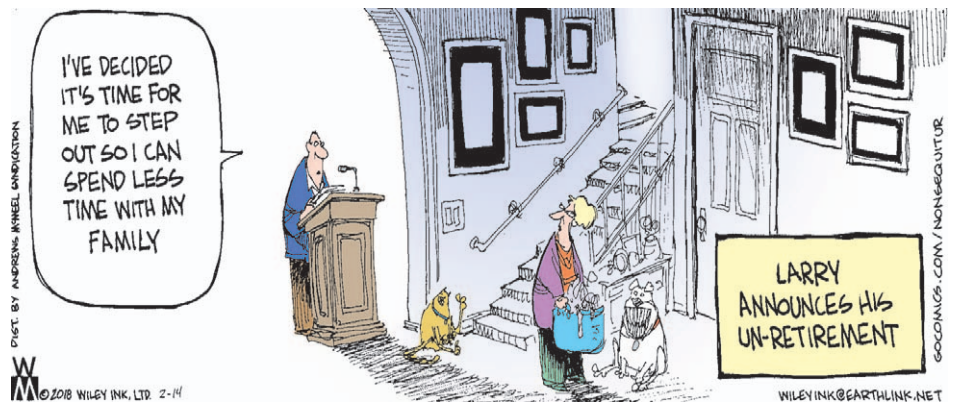
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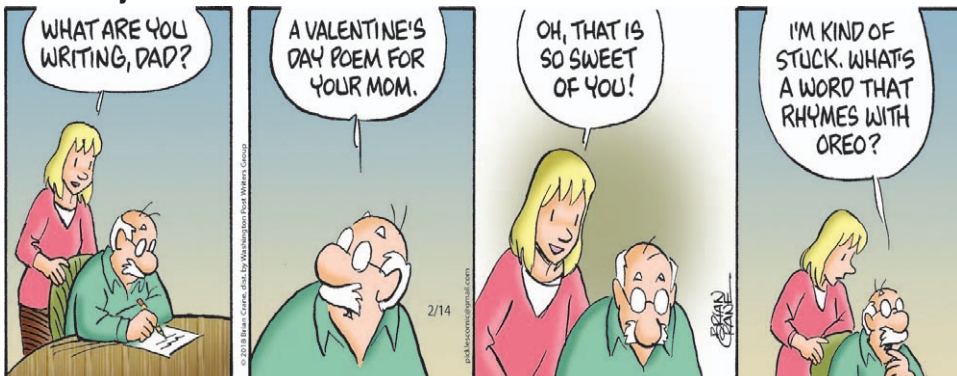
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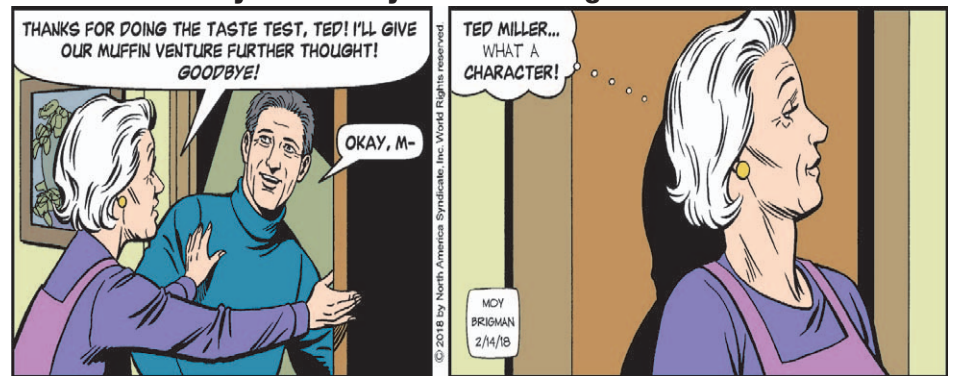
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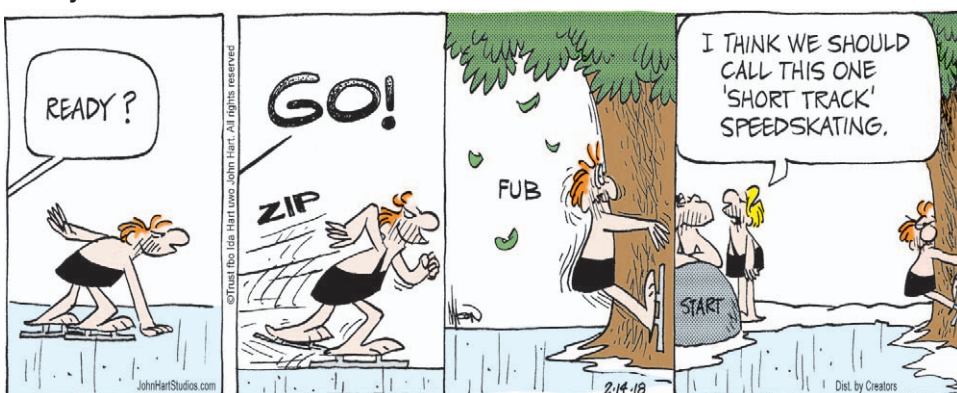
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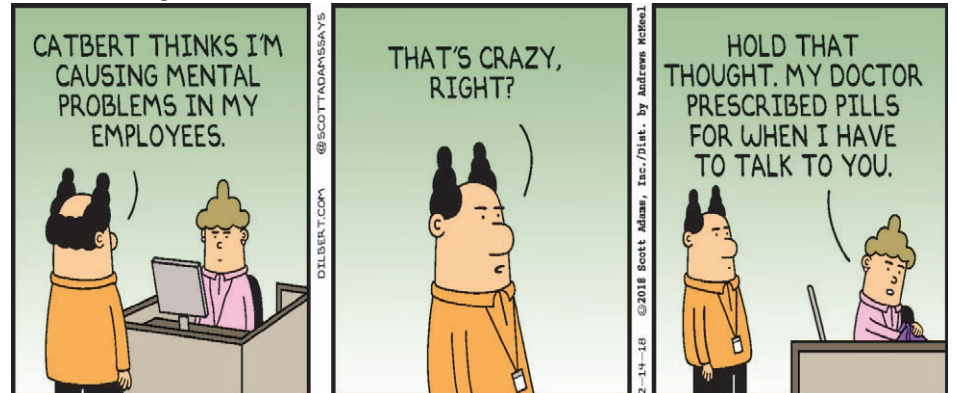
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## NATION

## Chicago's John Hancock Center skyscraper losing its iconic name

By RYAN ORI

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Chicago's John Hancock Center is getting a name change, nearly a decade after another of Chicago's most beloved skyscrapers — the Sears Tower — switched identities and caused a civic uproar.

Owners of the 100-story John Hancock Center said the building's namesake, the insurance company that built the tower almost five decades ago, asked that its name and logos throughout the building's interior be removed immediately.

The Hancock is the city's fourth-tallest building, at 1,128 feet.

For now the building will be known by its address, 875 N. Michigan Ave., as the owner seeks a new naming-rights deal, said Stephen Hearn, president and CEO of Hearn Co.

Chicago-based Hearn is part of a group of real estate investors that has

owned the office and parking portions of the building since 2013.

John Hancock removed its name from the 62-story John Hancock Tower in Boston in 2015 after its last office lease in the building expired.

The insurer, which was acquired by Toronto-based Manulife Financial in 2004, hasn't been a tenant in Chicago's John Hancock Center for many years. "As they did in Boston, they just decided to have their name removed," Hearn said. "At this point, we'll push harder for a replacement name. This property deserves a more important identity than simply the address."

John Hancock hasn't paid for the right to have its name on the modernist skyscraper since the last naming-rights contract expired shortly after the current owners bought it, Hearn said.

Manulife representatives did not immediately respond to requests for



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## Chicago's John Hancock Center

comment.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. built the tower from 1965 to 1970. The building, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, is known for its black, X-shaped braces.

The loss of the iconic name comes as Hearn decided to continue owning the property after exploring a potential sale. Hearn has decided to hold on to the property for at least another two or three

years, meaning it will likely be the owner that signs a naming-rights deal.

Hearn and its investment partners, Mount Kellett Capital Management and San Antonio-based Lynd Co., bought their portion of the tower for \$140 million in 2013. Mount Kellett is now an affiliate of New York-based Fortress Investment Group.

The group owns the 717-space parking garage on Floors 4 to 12 and about 908,000 square feet of offices on Floors 13 to 41.

The group invested about \$69 million on building upgrades and signing new leases.

Other portions of the property — including residential condominiums, retail and restaurant space, broadcast antennas and the 360 Chicago observatory — are owned separately.

The Tribune reported last year that the office and parking owners were

putting the property up for sale, with offers expected to potentially top \$330 million.

But offers came in lower than hoped amid a continued slowdown in downtown Chicago office sales in 2017. Last year's downtown office sales volume was \$2.2 billion, according to Jones Lang LaSalle, down from \$2.5 billion in 2016. The past two years were down dramatically from a record \$6.5 billion in sales in 2015. Hearn said several factors, including uncertainty over future interest rates and the impact of new tax laws, slowed the potential sale of its building as well as other large office deals in Chicago.

"It all led to the notion that this isn't the right time for a sale," Hearn said.

The owners instead will look to refinance the property with a new loan, he said.

Hearn will continue talks for naming rights, which he said could be tied into

a redevelopment of the ground-floor plaza. The plaza, parking garage and naming rights are controlled by the office owner.

Hearn previously estimated naming rights could be worth \$1.5 million or more annually.

Yet he said he realizes name changes should not be taken lightly, conscious that many Chicagoans refuse to refer to the former Sears Tower by its nearly decade-old moniker, Willis Tower.

Hearn declined to say whether he expected the building's new namesake to be a tenant in the building.

Circumstances at the Hancock differ from those that led to the Sears Tower becoming Willis Tower in 2009. In that deal, British insurance broker Willis Group Holdings acquired naming rights as part of an office lease.

In the Hancock's case, the building's namesake has asked for a change without a replacement in tow.

## WIKILEAKS

FROM PAGE 1

"If the United States initiates extradition proceedings, Mr. Assange would have the ability to raise any bars to the extradition and challenge the proceedings" in a British court, she said.

Arbuthnot dismissed another plank of Assange's case — a report from a U.N. working group which said the 46-year-old was being arbitrarily detained.

"I give little weight to the views of the working group," the judge said, noting that Assange had "restricted his own freedom for a number of years."

Assange's lawyer had argued that the 5½ years Assange has spent inside the embassy were "adequate, if not severe" punishment for his actions, noting that he had health problems including a frozen shoulder and depression.

The judge accepted that Assange had depression

and other conditions, but said he was overall in "fairly good physical health."

Arbuthnot also rejected an argument that Assange's actions had not stalled Sweden's legal case, because he had offered to be interviewed by Swedish prosecutors at the embassy.

Assange's legal team said emails recently released after a freedom of information request showed that a British state prosecutor had advised Sweden "that it would not be prudent for

Sweden to try to interview Mr. Assange in the U.K."

The judge said she could not tell from the emails she had seen whether the lawyer who sent them had behaved inappropriately. But she said Assange's "failure to surrender has impeded the course of justice."

"Defendants on bail up and down the country, and requested persons facing extradition, come to court to face the consequences of their own choices," she said. "He

should have the courage to do so too."

The ruling leaves the long legal impasse intact. Apart from the bail-jumping charge — for which the maximum sentence is one year in prison — Assange suspects there is a secret U.S. grand jury indictment against him for WikiLeaks' publication of classified documents, and that American authorities will seek his extradition.

Assange's lawyers say he is willing to face legal proceedings in Britain,

but only if he receives a guarantee that he will not be sent to the U.S. to face prosecution. That is not an assurance Britain is likely to give.

Outside the courtroom, Assange lawyer Gareth Peirce gave little indication of what might come next in the twisting legal saga.

"The history of the case from start to finish is extraordinary," she said. "Each aspect of it becomes puzzling and troubling as it is scrutinized."



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## 2016 DODGE CHALLENGER



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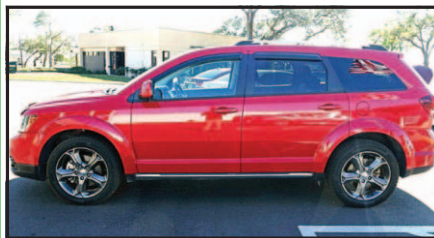
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SEL MODEL, LEATHER, THIRD ROW SEAT, SUNROOF!

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CROSSROAD MODEL, THIRD SEAT, DUAL AIR, BIG RADIO

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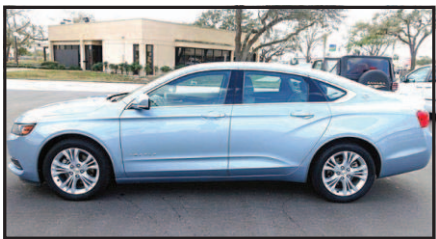
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CREW CAB, 20" WHEELS, ONE OWNER, FULLY LOADED!

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## 2015 CHEVROLET IMPALA



ONE OWNER, 2LT PACKAGE, LEATHER, 24,300 MILES

V-6 POWER

## 2012 FORD FUSION



SEL MODEL, LEATHER, SUNROOF, 21,050 MILES, LOADED!

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## 2014 FORD EDGE



ONE OWNER, LEATHER, SEL MODEL, WHITE PLATINUM

37,700 MILES

## 2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX



22,300 MILES, LTZ MODEL, LEATHER, ONE OWNER, NEW!

V-6 POWER

## 2014 SCION XB



LIMITED EDITION, ELECTRIC QUARTZ PAINT, ONE OWNER

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## 2013 KIA SOUL



ONE OWNER, NEW TIRES, LOW MILES, READY TO ROLL!

\$8,875

## 2007 BUICK LACROSSE



V-6 CXL MODEL, NEW TIRES, ONE OWNER, A RARE FIND!

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NHL: Sabres 5, Lightning 3

## O'Reilly has goal, assist in Sabres win



AP PHOTO  
Tampa Bay Lightning forward Vladislav Namestnikov (90) scores past Buffalo Sabres goalie Chad Johnson (31) during the second period Tuesday.

By JOHN WAWROW  
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Ryan O'Reilly scored a goal and added two assists in the Buffalo Sabres' 5-3 win over the Eastern Conference-leading Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday night.

Backup Chad Johnson stopped 26 shots to pick up just his fourth win and first in nine

home appearances this season. Sam Reinhart scored twice, including an empty-netter with 8 seconds left.

Scott Wilson, with the go-ahead goal, and Nicholas Baptiste also scored for the Sabres, who won for just the second time in their past eight home games (2-5-1).

Lightning rookie Yann Gourde scored his 22nd goal of the season and

extended his point streak to seven games. Ryan Callahan and Vladislav Namestnikov also scored. Louis Domingue stopped 28 shots while starting in place of Andrei Vasilevskiy, who was rested after allowing four goals on 23 shots in a 4-3 loss at Toronto on Monday night.

The Lightning had won six straight at Buffalo since a 2-1 shootout loss on Dec. 2, 2014.

And Tampa Bay had gone 15-2-1 in its past 18 games — home and away — against Buffalo.

The Sabres, who sit last in the East, have now beaten the conference's two top teams in a span of four days following a 4-2 win at Boston on Saturday. And they did it without top scorer Jack Eichel, who will miss between four and

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WINTER OLYMPICS: Women's hockey

## US women handle Russia, showdown with Canada next



AP PHOTOS  
Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson, center, celebrates with Kelly Pannek, left, and Emily Pfalzer after scoring a goal during the second period Tuesday at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

By TERESA M. WALKER  
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson can't remember ever scoring twice on the same shift. The three-time Olympian looking for her first gold medal is just happy to give the Americans a bit of a boost.

She did it in Olympic record fashion.

Lamoureux-Davidson had the fastest back-to-back goals in Olympic history, scoring 6 seconds apart in the second period as the United States shut out the Russians 5-0 on Tuesday night.

"I don't know if I'll ever come close to that again," Lamoureux-Davidson said. "But we'll see."

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AP PHOTOS  
Dani Cameranesi (24), of the United States, chases the puck against Russian athlete Angelina Goncharenko (2) during the third period.

WINTER OLYMPICS: Women's halfpipe

## Chloe Kim takes her family on a gold-medal ride

By EDDIE PELLIS  
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Chloe Kim stamped her name on a new era of snowboarding with a run down the halfpipe that, officially, did not mean anything. To her, it meant everything.

The Olympic gold medal was already hers but she knew she could do better. So she cinched on her gloves, cranked on her gloves, cranked up "Motorsport" on her

iPod, said "This one's for you, Grams" — a shout-out to her South Korean grandmother, who was watching her in person for the first time — and dropped into the halfpipe to make history.

On the last run of Tuesday's sun-splashed final, Kim hit back-to-back 1080-degree spins on her second and third jumps — repeating a combination no other woman has ever done in a competition.

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AP PHOTO  
Chloe Kim, of the United States, jumps during the women's halfpipe finals at Phoenix Snow Park at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Tuesday.

GOLF: Tiger Woods



AP PHOTO  
Tiger Woods greets a wellwisher after a news conference where he talked about his charitable works off the course and his return to competitive golf in the Genesis Open at Riviera Country Club after an absence of 12 years, at the course in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles Tuesday.

## Tiger playing dual role of player, mentor

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tiger Woods flew to California with Justin Thomas on his plane and had reason to feel older when they landed.

Thomas, the reigning PGA Tour player of the year, is among several players who were getting seriously hooked on golf about the time Woods was winning tournaments at a rate never seen. He had vague recollections of Woods making his PGA Tour debut at Riviera as an amateur and asked for details.

It was 1992. Woods was 16.

That was a full year before Thomas was even born.

"I'm sorry, but that really put things in

perspective really fast," Woods said Tuesday at the Genesis Open.

This is the new world for Woods even as he tries to bring back his old brand of golf.

In his first PGA Tour event after recovering from his fourth back surgery, Woods tied for 23rd on a tough test at Torrey Pines. His play has improved. The bigger difference is Woods appears more content with his place in life. And with golf getting younger and better by the year, the biggest change might be how Woods is perceived.

Is he more of a mentor? Elder statesman?

"Idol?" Thomas suggested.

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MLB: Rays

## Rays will rely on health and growth for 2018

By BRYAN LEVINE  
Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — Optimism flocked to Florida and Arizona this week as the 30 Major League Baseball teams

get set to begin spring training.

That optimism is more realistic for some teams than for others, but for the Tampa Bay

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SUN PHOTO BY KAT GODINA  
Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash answers questions during their press conference on Tuesday in Port Charlotte.





MLB: Marlins

# Jeter: Marlins 'in a good spot' as spring training begins

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Speaking Tuesday at Marlins Park, Derek Jeter said he was about to jump in the car and head down to spring training, even though the Miami Marlins' camp is actually up in Jupiter, 90 miles north on Interstate 95.

Now in his fifth month on the job, Jeter acknowledged he's still finding his bearings as the Marlins' CEO.

The team opens camp Wednesday following a Jeter-led fire sale that purged the batting order of four starters, including NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton. The trades netted mostly prospects, making the immediate outlook even bleaker than usual for a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since 2003.

But before heading to his first spring training since his final season with the New York Yankees in 2014, Jeter said his ownership group is on the path to long-term success.

"We're in a good spot," Jeter said. "We are doing exactly what we set out to do."

A beloved five-time World Series champion in New York, Jeter is now a rookie owner who has been faulted for his handling of the Stanton deal and other offseason moves.



Miami Marlins baseball team CEO Derek Jeter talks with the media during a press conference at Marlins Park in Miami, Tuesday.

But Jeter said he has been encouraged by the reception he has received from the South Florida business community. It helps that his group bought the team from the wildly unpopular Jeffrey Loria.

"Contrary to popular belief, we've gotten a very warm welcome from individuals and corporations who have reached out and said they want to be a part of this journey," Jeter said. "People understand that

there needed to be some change here."

The same is true around baseball. Jeter said he has been pleasantly surprised by "the advice and support and well wishes I've gotten from a number of different organizations. It's kind of awkward, because you're used to trying to beat those guys. Now it's, 'If you ever need anything, let me know.' I kind of think I'm being tricked."

Jeter's latest move

was to hire former NBA executive Chip Bowers as president of business operations. Bowers, who spent five years as chief marketing officer for the Golden State Warriors, blames the Marlins' perennially poor attendance on losing and roster turnover.

"I think it's very shortsighted for people to say this is not a baseball market, because it has gone through a lot of change, and when there's change it's hard

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Marlins' CEO Derek Jeter

to create sustainable enthusiasm," Bowers said. "That's why I'm here. It's obvious to me that from the ground up, Derek is going to build a world-class organization at every level."

Jeter, who has the final say on business and baseball decisions, won't be hands-on at spring training. He said he'll visit camp on occasion but won't be on the field and has no urge to swing a bat.

On other topics, Jeter said:

— He intended to keep Stanton until the slugger said he didn't want to be part of a rebuilding. "We planned all along moving forward with him," Jeter said. "What changed is he didn't want to be part of the organization. He preferred to be moved."

— Ownership has added investors since the purchase of the team in October. Jeter declined

to provide details. "This is a well-capitalized ownership group. If we don't add another investor, everyone is fine."

— Michael Hill was retained as president of baseball operations to provide continuity. "We wanted to give Mike an opportunity to show he can do his job," Jeter said. "No one knows this organization better than him. I can learn a great deal from Mike about the players that are here and how this organization is being run."

— Discussions regarding how to honor pitcher Jose Fernandez are ongoing. He and two other men died in a boat accident in 2016, and an investigation determined Fernandez was the probable driver, with drugs and alcohol factors in the crash. "It's a tricky situation because there are other people who lost their lives," Jeter said. "But we're in constant communication with Jose's family, and we will honor Jose and what he has meant to this organization in the near-term future."

— The retractable roof at Marlins Park will likely be open for more games than in the past.

— Players will be allowed to wear a mustache and-or beard "as long as it's well-groomed," Jeter said. "If you look professional, you act professional."

## TIGER

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"I still look at him as what I looked at growing up. It's just now I can beat him," Thomas said with a laugh, surely a leftover barb from their flight to Los Angeles. "Now I'm playing against him and trying to beat him, instead of watching on TV and rooting for him."

Woods has not won since his five-victory

season in 2013, and it was probably longer than that since he had an aura of being unbeatable. He has played only 21 times since the first of his four back surgeries a week before the 2014 Masters.

He was here, and he was gone, and then back again, but never for very long.

During that time away, when even Woods wasn't sure about his future in golf, he became more accessible

to players. He was texting them at the Presidents Cup in South Korea in 2015.

He was in their ears as an assistant captain the last two years at the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup.

Jason Day, during his rise to No. 1 in the world, could barely make it through a press conference without mentioning a phone call or a text message with Woods to seek out advice. In the weeks

leading up to his most recent return in the Bahamas, Woods played with Thomas, Rickie Fowler, Daniel Berger and Dustin Johnson.

This is not the same guy who once didn't even acknowledge his mother walking to the first tee at the Masters. Maybe that will

change.

Perhaps it will take winning, though Woods clearly has tempered his expectations this early in his comeback.

## RAYS

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Rays, they believe their success will be reliant on two factors: health of their veterans and the growth of younger players.

"It's not easy to come to the major league level for the first time and have success, but is we're going to compete, I think we need some guys to step up and provide that. The Talent is certainly there for that to happen. said Rays senior vice president of baseball operations and general manager Erik Neander.

"I think the successes the organization has had over the last 10 years has been by way of young players stepping up and taking on greater goals and carrying us forward. I think 2018 isn't different from any year prior."

With pitchers and catchers officially set to report for their first day of workouts today, the Rays are entering their 10th spring in Charlotte County.

It was an interesting offseason for Neander and the Rays for the moves they made and the ones they didn't.

The Rays traded long-time face of the franchise Evan Longoria to the San Francisco Giants, receiving most-notably in return outfielder Denard Span and the no. 81 prospect, according to MLB Pipeline, Christian Arroyo.

They also lost veteran starting pitcher Alex

Cobb, who is still waiting to be signed as a free agent by another team.

"Even today, going to the trainers and the physicals, (it was weird)," manager Kevin Cash said of not having Longoria or Cobb with the team. "(Longoria) will be missed. You don't have the kind of career that he did with the Rays and not miss a guy like that. The same can be said for Alex Cobb. ... Both of those guys will be missed. Now we need other guys to fill that void both on the field and off the field."

There are plenty of young faces among the 64 players expected to report to camp this spring once full-squad workouts begin on Feb. 19. In addition to Arroyo, three other MLB Pipeline-ranked prospects are in camp and on the 40-man roster.

Tampa Bay's No. 1 prospect, and MLB Pipeline's no. 12 prospect, Brent Honeywell headlines the young names. The right-handed pitcher will be in his first year at the big league camp. Also joining Honeywell is no. 22 SS Willy Adames and no. 64 1B/OF Jake Bauers.

"There's some more excitement about seeing these young guys and watching them go out and perform," Cash said. "You hear about them at the major league level when they're in double-A or triple-A, you read about the successes they're having. Now we

get to see them first-hand, and that brings a lot of excitement."

Roster moves can still be expected.

Not only for the Rays, but for the other 29 teams as well. With more than one hundred free agents still out there, many of whom are marquee names, the market has been frozen for potential trades the Rays might make.

The Rays have some veteran talent and money they're likely going to look to ship away, but time will tell when that will actually happen.

"It's been a unique offseason, both for us and the decisions we've had to make, and just where the market is at for this stage," Neander said. "The reality is there are a lot of players out there. There's still a lot of uncertainty with respect to rosters and where things are set. ... At this point, it's about being active and in tune with the market, and to make sure we're prepared to do the best possible job for the organization."

The Rays will play 33 Grapefruit League games this spring with 14 home games at Charlotte Sports Park. All home games are scheduled to begin at 1:05 p.m. The first home game will be a split-squad contest against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Feb. 23.

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# WINTER OLYMPICS

A ROUNDUP OF TUESDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS /// LOOKING AHEAD TO WEDNESDAY

## What to watch for today

### SPEEDSKATING

**Women's 1000m.** Heather Bergsma is the reigning world champion. Countrywoman Britany Bowe is the world-record holder, but she missed most of last season due to a concussion.



### HOCKEY

**U.S. men vs. Slovenia.** The Americans open Olympic play in the exact same group as four years ago with Slovenia, Slovakia and Russia. With no NHL players, the roster is completely new.



### FIGURE SKATING

**Pairs free skate.** A Soviet or Russian pair prevailed at 13 of the last 14 Olympics, but Canadian and Chinese pairs took the last three world championships.



## TUESDAY'S SPOTLIGHT

# Viva Arianna!

Italy's Fontana wins 500 meters in short track

By **BETH HARRIS**  
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Choi Min-jeong skated around waving to the South Korean fans who chanted her name. Arianna Fontana grabbed the Italian flag in celebration.

This being wild and woolly short-track speedskating, the result of the women's 500 meters waited on the judges' decision.

Fans chanted Choi's name, as if willing her to win the only Olympic short-track event that has eluded the powerful South Koreans.

But soon Choi was leaning over the rinkside padding listening to consoling words from her coach Tuesday night.

It was Fontana who was celebrating, jumping up and down in her skates and shaking her fists in triumph. The Italian earned her sixth career Olympic medal, equaling Wang Meng of China for most by a short-track skater.

It was her first gold.

"I was chasing it and I finally got it," she said.

The outcome hung in the balance for several minutes while the referees sorted out a photo finish between Choi and Fontana.

Fontana looked to her coach for confirmation.

"He said, 'I don't know, but you did great,'" she said.

The photo showed Fontana's skate blade crossed barely in front of Choi's.

"When I saw I was first, I was just yelling and started crying,"



AP PHOTO

**Arianna Fontana of Italy reacts as she crosses the finish line to win the 500 meters short track speedskating final in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the Winter Olympics Tuesday in Gangneung, South Korea.**

Fontana said. "I worked for four years and the last four months were really hard for me. I was really focused on getting here in the best shape ever."

That meant sacrificing, especially at the dinner table.

"I was on a strict diet," she said. "I like to eat, I'm Italian, so I like to eat a lot of carbs. I had to cut that off."

Fontana claimed a medal at her fourth different Winter Games, joining Tania Vicent of Canada as the only female short trackers to do so.

The referees assessed a penalty to Choi that shook up the order of finish.

"I prepared my best and I thought that even though

the result does not come out well, I did a competition that I will not regret," Choi said. "But I feel sorry for the fans of Korea."

Yara van Kerkhof of the Netherlands took silver and Kim Boutin of Canada earned bronze.

Choi had a roller-coaster ride to the final after surviving a three-way photo finish for second in the quarterfinals that allowed her to advance.

Elise Christie of Britain crashed on the last lap of the furious sprint final in which Boutin pushed Choi and Boutin caught Fontana's left hand in her face as they careened at top speeds around the rink.

The earlier rounds of the women's 500 were filled with drama, too.

In a surprise, China failed to advance either of its skaters out of the semifinals. Fan Kexin and Qu Chunyu each got penalized.

Veteran Marianne St-Gelais of Canada was ousted in the quarterfinals after being penalized for impeding.

American teenager Maame Biney, an Olympic rookie at 18, finished last in her quarterfinal. She had to go up against wily veteran Fan, who along with Russian Sofia Prosvirnova, crowded out Biney as she tried to go for the lead early in the race.

## ROUNDUP

### ALPINE SKIING

One of the greatest skiers of all time is finally an Olympic champion. Marcel Hirscher, a six-time overall World Cup champion, won the men's combined at the Pyeongchang Games on Tuesday, using his silky skills in the slalom leg of the event to rise from 12th place after the opening run of the downhill. Now a three-time Olympian, the 28-year-old Hirscher until now had only won a silver medal despite never finishing below fifth in any race.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Hoesflot Klaebo won gold in the men's cross-country sprint, with Frederico Pellegrino of Italy getting the better of a photo finish to take silver ahead of Russian competitor Alexander Bolshunov. Stina Nilsson of Sweden won the women's cross-country sprint.

Maiken Caspersen of Norway was second and Russian skier Yulia Belorukova took bronze. Yet again, there was no medal for the United States. Jessica Diggins placed sixth, failing in her quest to become the first American woman to win an Olympic medal in cross-country skiing.

### CURLING

With a triumphant hug and fist pump, Canada won the first-ever Olympic gold medal in curling mixed doubles, beating Switzerland 10-3 on Tuesday in front of a roaring crowd of jubilant Canadians. The win over the defending world champions marked a historic moment for mixed doubles, which was making its Olympic debut at the Pyeongchang Games. Switzerland conceded the match early after falling too far behind, reaching out to shake their opponents' hands and prompting John Morris to

hoist Canadian teammate Kaitlyn Lawes into the air with glee.

### HOCKEY

The Canadians are playing on their favorite stage at the Olympics, and their top line of captain Marie-Philip Poulin, Megan Agosta and Melodie Daoust is peaking at just the right time. Agosta and Daoust each had a goal and an assist, and Canada beat Finland 4-1 in pursuit of the country's fifth straight Olympic gold medal in women's hockey.

### LUGE

Natalie Geisenberger refuses to call herself the best women's luge athlete ever. The history books may do it for her. Germany has yet another Olympic gold medalist, after Geisenberger prevailed in the women's luge final — her second consecutive title and one that added yet another page to her burgeoning resume

of accomplishments. Geisenberger's winning time for four runs at the Alpensia Sliding Center was 3 minutes, 5.232 seconds. German teammate Dajana Eitberger was second, nearly four-tenths of a second back. Alex Gough was third for Canada, giving that nation its long-awaited first Olympic luge medal.

### SNOWBOARDING

Shaun White was best in halfpipe qualifying, scoring a 98.5 to edge Australian rival Scotty James for the prime spot in Wednesday's three-run final. The two-time gold medalist will be in a 12-man final that includes Sochi silver medalist Ayumu Hirano of Japan, who finished third, and American teammates Ben Ferguson, Jake Pates and Chase Josey.

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## KIM

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She landed them squarely, sent her already super-hyped family at the bottom into overdrive, scored a 98.5 and sent out the message that everyone from grandma to those at the roots of this sport love to hear: "I knew I wasn't going to be completely satisfied taking home the gold, but knowing that I could've done better."

The 17-year-old from California made it look easy, but only afterward did she concede how

difficult the past several months have been. Her story has been told and sold and marketed for gold: Her parents both emigrated to the United States from South Korea, and though it was more coincidence than any grand plan, Kim making her Olympic debut in the country where her family was from set up a sure path to stardom in the halfpipe and beyond.

She has commanded the progression in women's snowboarding for at least two years now, and it was hard to imagine anyone beating her on the sport's biggest stage,

at her official coming-out party. But halfpipes are hard, the snow is slippery and nothing is for sure.

"There is a lot of pressure revolving around these games," she said. "You wait for four years to come here and it's definitely a lot of hype around a 1 1/2, 2-hour time period. It's pretty nerve-wracking. You know you're at the Olympics. It's been a dream of mine since I was a little girl, to land a run that's very important for me."

She didn't have to do it.

In the first of the day's three runs, she flew higher than anyone on her opening straight air, then landed one 1080, and closed with a pair of inverted spins, each with well-timed, easy-to-see grabs of the board that the judges appreciate. Her score there was a 93.75, which put her nearly nine points clear of the other 11 riders, none of whom would crack 90.

The rest of the day was a contest for second, and China's Liu Jiayu won it. She said injuries made her reboot and reconnect with her love of the sport, regardless of the result.

## HOCKEY

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Lamoureux-Davidson not only topped Canada's Caroline Oullette, who scored twice in 16 seconds on Feb. 11, 2006, in a 16-0 rout of Italy at Turin, but also the men's mark of 8 seconds apart held by Carl Goran Oberg of Sweden in 1960 at Squaw Valley.

Kacey Bellamy, who scored the first goal of the game off a pass from Lamoureux-Davidson, called the record incredible.

"She works so hard on and off the ice, she deserves it and gave us a really good momentum boost ... obviously in the second period leading into the third," Bellamy said.

With the win, the Americans remained undefeated going into their early Olympic showdown with Canada, which is also 2-0.

The Americans won eight of the last 10 world championships, including an overtime win over Canada last spring for their fourth straight title.

## MEDAL COUNT

Through Feb. 13

Country	G	S	B	T
Norway	3	5	3	11
Netherlands	4	4	2	10
Canada	3	4	3	10
Germany	5	2	2	9
<b>United States</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
France	2	1	2	5
OA Russia	0	1	4	5
Sweden	2	1	0	3
Italy	1	1	1	3
Japan	0	1	2	3
Austria	2	0	0	2
South Korea	1	0	1	2
Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
Finland	0	0	2	2
Australia	0	1	0	1
China	0	1	0	1
Slovakia	0	1	0	1
Switzerland	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

## GAMES FACES

### Olympic figure skating unveils new, modern soundtrack

When the International Skating Union made the popular decision to allow lyrics in all performances, the Paul Simon classic "The Sound of Silence" seemed like it would be a natural choice. The folk tune is light and airy and fits neatly within the confines of traditional figure skating. Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres went in another direction. Yes, the French pairs team chose the 1960s hit for their short program last year, and will bring it back for their Olympic program Wednesday. But rather than the melodic version performed by Simon and Art Garfunkel, they opted for a haunting, heavy metal cover by American rock band Disturbed. "It was our coaches who found it," James told The Associated Press. "They were like, 'We really think it could be a hit.' And Morgan listened to it and was like, 'I don't like it,' because we weren't used to it. And I was like, 'OK, let me see if I can get into this.' I thought it could be amazing, and I was like, 'Morgan, let's trust them.' And we were so right to have trusted them." That's because the stirring rendition, coupled with the pair's dramatic program, became such a fan favorite that they replaced this season's program with it for the Pyeongchang Games. "When you have a powerful voice and words to express," James said, "it changes everything." Now, nobody is throwing tradition out the window. Fans still will see four Olympic programs set to "Carmen" and three to "Swan Lake." Two programs are set to the figure skating staple "Moonlight Sonata," including one by ice dance favorites Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron. But the decision by skating's governing body after the 2014 Sochi Games to allow lyrics in all disciplines expanded the breadth of what is available, and skaters have taken broad liberties with it. Ed Sheeran and Coldplay will provide popular soundtracks to the rest of the Olympic skating scene.

Associated Press



## NASCAR: Daytona 500

## NASCAR searching for next Danica

By MARK LONG  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH — Danica Patrick and Natalie Decker shared a hug and a little chitchat as they crossed paths at Daytona International Speedway last week.

They wished each other luck in their respective races during the brief exchange.

Decker probably could have tossed in a hearty “thank you.”

Although Patrick’s NASCAR success never matched the attention she received for standing out in a male-dominated sport, her six-year stint in the Cup Series seemingly set the groundwork for other women to follow.

“There’s so many younger girls that are fast — they’re like 10 years old, 12 years old — and they’re racing everything and anything,” said the 19-year-old Decker, who started on the pole and finished fifth in the ARCA Series season opener at Daytona. “Dirt cars, go-karts, full-size cars already. They’re coming up and they’re going to be here faster than you know it.”

Probably not fast enough to avoid having an all-male Cup lineup in 2019.

But several female drivers believe Patrick will end up playing as prominent a role in NASCAR history



Danica Patrick, front left, talks with members of the media during qualifying for the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway, Sunday.

AP PHOTO

as trailblazers Janet Guthrie and Shawna Robinson.

“Let’s face it: Racing has been a man’s sport for many, many years, and there’s been very few women that have ever made it to the top level,” said 43-year-old Leilani Munter, a part-time driver in the ARCA Series since 2010. “Of those, very few girls have actually had an opportunity to run full time. To get a win, you need to be out there on a regular basis. For me, the biggest challenge has always been finding sponsorship.”

That’s the case for every driver, regardless of gender, age or ethnicity.

A lack of sponsorship

ultimately cost Patrick, once among the most marketable drivers in motorsports, her ride at Stewart-Haas Racing last season. Patrick, 35, is making her final NASCAR start at the Daytona 500 and will end her racing career altogether after returning to IndyCar and competing in the Indianapolis 500 in May.

“I think Danica being out there definitely has planted the seed in a lot of little girls across the country that are now thinking about becoming the next female NASCAR driver,” Munter said. “There’s going to be a lot more women coming into the sport.”

It might take some

time.

There are no women in the second-tier Xfinity Series this season, and 44-year-old Jennifer Jo Cobb is the only woman racing full time in the Truck Series.

Patrick’s legacy might be better measured years from now, long after people stop debating whether she even belonged in the Cup Series.

“There’s no doubt that she brought more eyes on NASCAR and continues to bring more eyes on NASCAR from maybe the typical stereotype, which is good,” said 2012 Cup Series champion Brad Keselowski, who credited Patrick for “clawing her way” to the top.

## Manning to lead field to green flag

DAYTONA BEACH — Peyton Manning is leading one more drive on a big stage.

The two-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback will serve as honorary pace car driver for the 60th running of the Daytona 500. Manning will be behind the wheel of the Toyota pace car and lead the 40-car field to the green flag to start “The Great American Race” on Sunday.

Manning joins a list of Daytona 500 celebrities that includes Academy Award winner Charlize Theron (honorary starter), retired NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. (grand marshal), country-music group Rascal Flatts (infield concert) and Navy Band Southeast (national anthem).

Other notable honorary pace car drivers for the Daytona 500 in recent years: Jay Leno (2006), Cal Ripken Jr. (2007), Tom Cruise (2009), Brad Paisley (2011) and John Cena (2016).

Manning retired from the NFL following the 2015 season, which he capped by leading the Denver Broncos to a Super Bowl victory over the Carolina Panthers. Manning also led the Indianapolis Colts to the 2006 championship during his 18-year career.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Fighting Irish

## Notre Dame president rips NCAA’s denial of appeal

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

Notre Dame’s president ripped the NCAA’s decision to deny the school’s appeal to restore 21 vacated football victories from an academic misconduct violation, saying the association “perverted” the notion that universities determine how they police academics.

The NCAA denied Notre Dame’s appeal Tuesday, wiping off the books all 12 wins from the Fighting Irish’s 2012 national championship game run under coach Brian Kelly.

In a letter to Notre Dame alumni, University President Fr. John Jenkins says the penalty was unprecedented considering who was involved in the misconduct, and the school was being punished for rigorously enforcing its honor code. He called the ruling unfair, referencing the recent North Carolina case in which the NCAA did not punish the school after an investigation of athletes taking irregular courses.

The appeals committee was not swayed and upheld the penalty passed down in November 2016 by the committee on infractions.

Notre Dame agreed to accept certain NCAA findings and acknowledged cheating involving several football players and a student athletic trainer, but appealed only the penalty that vacated victories.

The NCAA also fined the school \$5,000 and placed it on one year’s probation after finding academic misconduct orchestrated by the trainer.

The NCAA said the trainer was employed by the athletic department from the fall of 2009



AP PHOTO

Notre Dame running back Theo Riddick, right, and wide receiver Luke Massa, left, celebrate after Notre Dame defeated Southern California 22-13 on Nov. 24, 2012, in Los Angeles. The NCAA has denied Notre Dame’s appeal of a decision to vacate 21 victories because of academic misconduct, including all 12 wins from the school’s 2012 national championship game run.

through the spring of 2013 and “partially or wholly completed numerous academic assignments for football student-athletes in numerous courses” from 2011 into 2013.

It said she did substantial coursework for two players and gave impermissible help to six others in 18 courses over two academic years.

In all, the NCAA said, three athletes ended up playing while ineligible, one during the 2012 season, which ended with a lopsided loss to Alabama in the BCS championship game, and the other two the following season, when the Irish went 9-4. In his letter, Jenkins said the players were retroactively declared ineligible after Notre Dame investigated the misconduct in 2014 and recalculated the students’ grades.

Jenkins said had Notre Dame merely expelled the students instead of recalculating grades, had a statute of limitations for past offenses or chose not to punish the students, an NCAA penalty would not have been imposed.

“The NCAA has not chosen to ignore academic autonomy; it

victories was a discretionary penalty. Notre Dame objected to the penalty, noting all previous NCAA academic misconduct cases that resulted in victories being vacated involved an administrator, coach, or person who served in an academic role.

“This is more disturbing given that, in 2016, the member institutions of the NCAA amended the academic misconduct rules to make clear that students who serve in roles identical to the student in our case would not be considered institutional representatives,” Jenkins wrote.

The appeals committee said in its report that the committee on infractions did not abuse its discretion when it determined the student trainer was an institutional employee.

## NFL: Colts

## Reich embraces new role with Colts as coaching backup plan

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Frank Reich has been introduced as the Indianapolis Colts new head coach.

The former Philadelphia Eagles’ offensive coordinator accepted the job two days earlier than signed his contract at the home of team owner Jim Irsay later that night.

The announcement came exactly one week after the Colts had agreed to a deal with

New England Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels. Eight hours later, McDaniels backed out of the deal and decided to remain with the Pats in the same job.

So the Colts instead went with Reich, who started his coaching career as an intern with the Colts in 2006.

Reich replaces Chuck Pagano, who was fired after going 4-12 in 2017 and the Colts missed the playoffs for the third straight year.

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