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DETAILS, Inside

Holmes Ave. repaving slated for spring

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Holmes Avenue connects County Road 621, to the north end, and County Road 29, to the south.

The 2.3-mile road may be short but it is extensively traveled. Several homes and subdivisions like Lakeside Village and Meadow Lake are accessed by Holmes Avenue, which is scheduled to be repaved this spring.

"Holmes Avenue is on the county's list for resurfacing this year," said Kyle Green, Highlands County's Road and Bridge superintendent. "But it's going to require milling the road before the new asphalt is put down."

Holmes is one of about 14 roads that will be contracted out for the milling work and resurfacing. Millings are small pieces of asphalt that have been created through an asphalt recycling process. Green explained the procedure of milling: "Some roads don't require millings because the conditions of the roadway hasn't deteriorated enough for requiring a milling to occur," Green said. "What the milling does is it sits



KYLE GREEN

Government, non-compliant ADA not just a business owner issue

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Most Highlands County public buildings seem to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if at least with retrofitted improvements.

However, not all of them do, and even some of the most recent don't comply fully, according to a study by Kimley-Horn and Associates, presented to the Board of County Commission on Jan. 2.

Kimley-Horn recommended the county put aside \$343,000 over the next two years to bring two of those buildings up to spec — the first two the consultant has studied. They include the Government Center at 600 S. Commerce Ave., built in 1998 and housing the county commission, Highlands County Tax Collector, Highlands County Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and an annex of the Clerk of the Courts Office.

The other is the Government Annex at 501 S. Commerce Ave., built in 1973 and housing the county's engineering and development services: building, planning, zoning, code enforcement and economic development.

County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. said he doesn't have \$343,000 in the capital improvement budget for ADA compliance. He might have \$50,000, he said. Most of the time, those tasks are handled individually through the budgets of each department housed in those buildings.

For now, Howerton said, his office can handle the outdoor facilities — parking spaces, sidewalks, steps and other road and street-related features. It would cost \$46,000 to fix all the sidewalks — \$39,000 for those at the Government Center and \$7,000 for those at the Annex, along with \$88,000 to fix the building curb ramps, the report states.

According to the report, problems include:

- Steep sidewalk slopes
- Excessive changes in the levels of the sidewalks
- Obstructions in sidewalks, such as weeds and low-hanging branches
- Ramps with no color or texture contrast, as required
- Non-flush transitions from sidewalks to adjacent roadways
- Steep running slopes and cross slopes on ramps or landings

Most of the problems inside the two buildings are logistical features, the report said, such as the height of a countertop or the absence of braille on a sign. Howerton said he would need architectural services, which he would



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A tape measure indicates that, technically, this handicapped parking space does not provide enough room to the side to accommodate someone confined to a wheelchair. Highlands County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. said his office is addressing items like this, since they involve outdoor facilities, but will need to work with architects to correct inconsistencies with indoor facilities.

have to contract.

The estimated cost for the buildings, Kimley-Horn reported, would be \$209,060.

Beyond that, the county still needs to do a self-evaluation of all the rest of its buildings and parks for ADA compliance, including 13 signalized intersections and 28 miles of sidewalk.

Usually, ADA requirements come into play when a building is constructed or when its facilities have begun to pose a life-safety hazard. That was the case with the Highlands County Courthouse before an addition, built from 2001-2004.

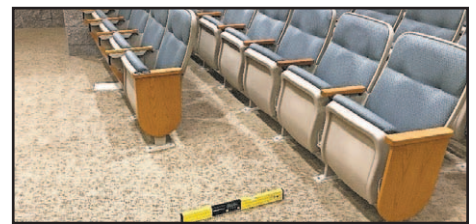
The addition onto the rear of the original 1926 building, added a covered walkway from the Highlands County Jail to the Courthouse; four courtrooms with separate, entrances for judges, defendants, jurors and the public; judges' offices and an atrium between the two buildings, formed out of the rear steps and the four columns on the façade. It also included improved handicapped access with an entrance for people in wheelchairs, on the east side of the building, consisting of a descending ramp to an entrance by the loading dock at the basement level.

While it may not seem glamorous from the outside, it has a standard security station just inside the door, is the same level as the jury room and has access to the elevator.



Exposed pipes under bathroom sinks in the Highlands County Government Center in downtown Sebring pose a hazard to people in wheelchairs and don't comply with the American with Disabilities Act.

The vending machine, with both drinks and snacks, is at that level, too. It may still take people's money, according to Clerk of Courts staff, but that's an equal-opportunity feature.



According to a study done for Highlands County by Kimley Horn and Associates, the Board of County Commission meeting room doesn't have adequate handicapped seating. Part of the problem, the report said, is that the 4 percent floor slope is too steep where spaces are reserved for those in wheelchairs.



KIM LEATHERMAN / STAFF

Holmes Avenue in Lake Placid will be resurfaced this spring. The road connects C.R. 621 to C.R. 29.

Scott, legislators pitch changes in school safety

THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Pledging "change is coming" and "never again," Gov. Rick Scott and Republican legislative leaders on Friday released proposals encompassing gun laws, safer schools and mental health, with the goal of preventing future tragedies like last week's mass shooting at a Broward County high school that left 14 students and three faculty members dead.

The plans came nine days after 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz went on a shooting spree at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Cruz has been charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder in the school deaths. The sweeping

plans --- which total up to \$500 million — swiftly drew the ire of Democrats, who said the measures don't go far enough, and National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer, who blasted the proposals as punishing gun owners for the crimes of a madman.

The Republican leaders released their plans two days after meeting with Marjory Stoneman Douglas students who traveled to the Capitol to plead for stricter gun laws to stop murderers like Cruz, who a year ago legally purchased --- with no waiting period --- the assault-style weapon he used to mow down students and faculty at the school he once attended.

Scott said he has been speaking with students and

parents from the school and attending funerals since the shooting.

"My message to them has been very simple. You are not alone. Change is coming, and it will come fast," Scott told reporters at an 11 a.m. press conference, an hour before House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron held a separate media event to announce their plans.

Details of Cruz's troubled history, frequent interactions with law enforcement and the FBI's failure to investigate at least one alert that the teenager posed a threat to schools helped spark Scott and Republican legislative leaders to craft multi-faceted proposals encompassing school safety measures, new

gun restrictions and mental health services.

The governor and the legislative leaders parted ways on two significant elements: a controversial program to allow trained teachers and administrators to bring guns to school and a three-day waiting period on the purchase of long guns --- as endorsed by the House and Senate and already required for handguns, but excluded from Scott's plan.

Scott and legislative leaders agreed on a plan to require people to be at least 21 years old to purchase any gun, a requirement already in place for handguns but not long guns such as rifles and shotguns. The powerful NRA opposes such a change.

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Avon Elementary's Lighthouse status shines at board meeting

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Avon Elementary School was recognized at a recent meeting of the School Board of Highlands County for achieving Lighthouse status in the "Leader in Me" program, which encourages students to follow eight leadership habits.

Principal Carla Ball, Assistant Principal Isaac Durrance, staff leaders in the program and four students were present to describe their school's efforts to make school leaders the community leaders of the future.

"Leader in Me" at Avon Elementary has been an almost decade long effort, Durrance said.

"There never is an ending point when it comes to increasing student leadership opportunities, but we continue to improve," he

said. "We surveyed the staff at the end of last year and they decided that 'Leader in Me Lighthouse' is something they wanted to try for."

Fewer than 10 percent of the schools in the "Leader in Me" program are recognized as Lighthouse and there are only 22 schools in Florida who have reached the milestone, so there were no guarantees, Durrance said.

It was a schoolwide effort with teachers, students and parents and even the local business community helping the school achieve the goal, he said.

A hurricane was another obstacle they needed to overcome.

A team of professionals from "Leader in Me" spent a day in December on the Avon Elementary campus meeting with students, teachers, parents and administration.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Avon Elementary administrators, staff and students at Tuesday's meeting of the School Board of Highlands County where the school was recognized for achieving Lighthouse status in the "Leader in Me" program.

The team decided that Avon Elementary exhibited the characteristics of a Lighthouse school, which promotes student leadership, establishes schoolwide and individual goals, and provides a culture of living the eight leadership habits of

Leader in Me, Durrance said.

"We join Lake Country and Woodlawn elementary schools as one of three schools in Highlands County who have reached the milestone," he said.

Clarification

An story that ran in the Friday, Feb. 23 edition of the Highlands News-Sun, "TDC votes to raise tourist tax rate," should be clarified that a proposed new budget for tourist tax funding, after first paying for lakes maintenance and administrative costs, would allocate 75 percent of the remaining funds — estimated at \$465,000 — to market and promote all categories of tourism, of which arts and culture events and attractions would be one recipient.

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2. March 11 is National "Eat Your Noodles" Day.

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Japan (udon) were adapted from a Chinese recipe by a Buddhist monk as early as the 9th century.

4. Instant noodles may be considered as an inexpensive food item today, but the fact is that they were once sold as luxury item.

5. By federal law, a noodle must contain 5.5 percent egg solids to be called a noodle.

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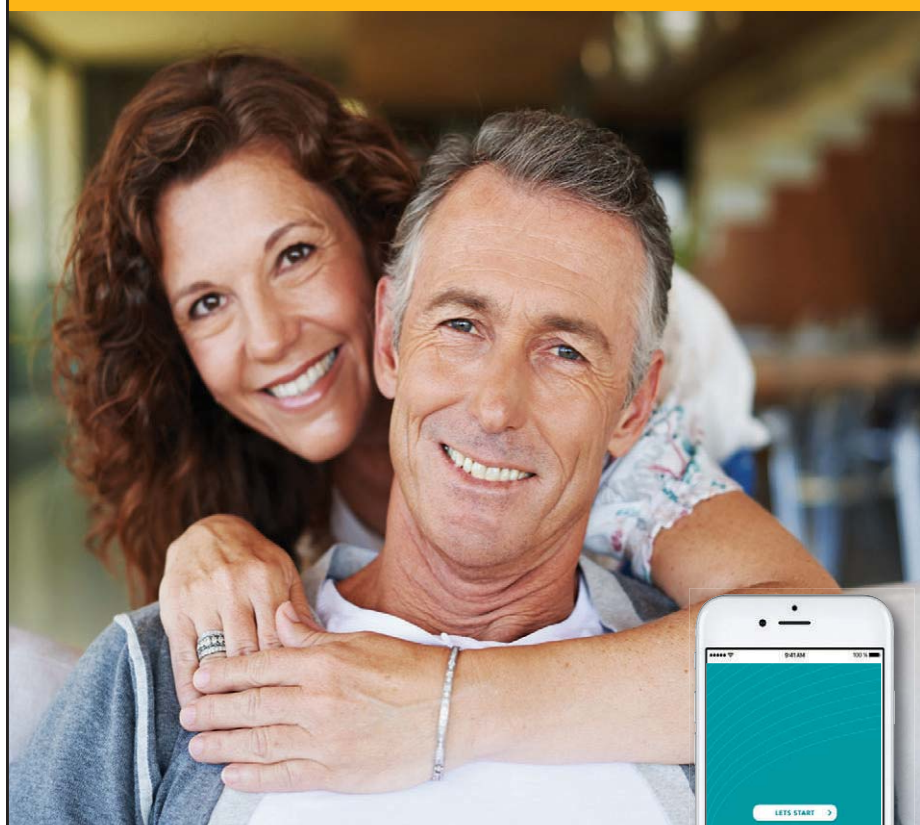
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OBITUARIES

Michael J. Bellaire



Michael James Bellaire (Cajun Mike) passed away Feb. 8, 2018 following a brief illness. Michael was born in Abbeville, Louisiana to Alvin Bellaire, Sr. and Allie Broussard Bellaire on Dec. 5, 1949. He graduated from Abbeville High School in 1967 and later from the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL).

He was a veteran who proudly served in the U.S. Army as a medic during the Vietnam War. He was active in

the community and a member of the Kiwanis for many years. He was co-owner of Bayou AC and Electric in Abbeville. After a successful career, he moved to Lake Placid where he lived for several years. He joined Spofford Stage, Inc. and in later years, Hickey Excavation. Michael was an avid sportsman, cook and motorcycle enthusiast. While in Florida, he was active in several motorcycle groups, supported many charity events and was well known for his cooking. He served as president of the Heartland Riders Association, of which

put on 10 years of October weekend events in Sebring. He was a multi-talented craftsman who enjoyed helping others. He loved sharing photos of the sunsets in "paradise," long motorcycle rides and spending time with family and friends. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his brother, Alvin Bellaire Jr.; soulmate of many years, Lucinda "Cindy" Schiewe and their family, Todd Beal, Kevin Beal and Kyler Beal; his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephew and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents,

Alvin and Allie Bellaire.

A celebration of life weekend will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3 with a motorcycle ride, meeting at the Lake Placid Moose Lodge. At 1 p.m. Sunday, March 4 there will be a service held at the Lake Placid Moose Lodge. Everyone is welcome.

Robert W. Dworak



Robert William Dworak, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 in Sebring, Florida. He was born on Feb. 18, 1931 to the late William

H. and Irma Winifred (Westphal) Dworak in Buffalo, New York. Robert had been a resident of the area since 1990, coming from Lewiston, New York and proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Cornell University, worked in insurance and financial planning for Equitable Insurance. Much of his enjoyment in life came from golfing, fishing, tennis, being on the computer and cars. He loved cars and owned a Porsche Boxter. Robert lived at the Bluffs for 27 years and had many friends there.

He is survived by his wife, Sallyanne D. Dworak of Sebring, Florida; son, Robert William Dworak Jr. of Clarence Center, New York; grandchildren, Heather Lynn Henry of East Aurora, New York and Keith Dworak of Lusby, Maryland. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Myrna Boerschig.

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

Sheriff's Office enforces traffic laws in assessment districts

By JAY MEISEL STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Contrary to what some people may believe, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office enforces traffic laws in special assessment districts, said Scott Dressel, public information officer.

Dressel said deputies are the primary enforcers of laws and traffic regulations in Avon Park and all of unincorporated Highlands County,

including the Sun 'n Lake or Sun 'n Lake assessment districts.

Generally, he said, if officials in Spring Lake or Sun 'n Lake contact the Sheriff's Office about specific traffic area problems, the Sheriff's Office will focus on those areas.

The same is true, though, for other areas of the county, he said.

The only issue that may come up is if traffic signs do not conform to regulations. That may be the case for some of the signs in Tanglewood,

which is part of Sun 'n Lake, he said. Signs in Sun 'n Lake proper and Spring Lake conform to the law, he said.

But, Dressel added, non-conforming signs don't prevent enforcement. However, he said, it's possible someone could contest a citation based on the sign not meeting legal requirements.

Assistant State Attorney Gary Ellis said that he's unaware of anyone contesting a citation on that basis.

AP Council to consider plat reviews for proposed subdivisions

By MARC VALERO STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The Avon Park City Council is scheduled to vote Monday on preliminary plat reviews for two subdivisions planned for east of Lake Lotela.

Crews Groves Inc. is requesting a preliminary subdivision plat review for a residential subdivision on 4.19 acres east of Lake Lotela and west of State Road 17 South along Hollyhurst Drive.

The proposed subdivision will contain a total of 22 villa-style dwellings within 11 buildings on a common property owned and managed by an established homeowners association, according to the meeting agenda.

Crews Groves Inc. is also requesting a preliminary subdivision plat review for a residential subdivision on 1.88 acres of land east

of Lake Lotela and west of State Road 17 South along South Golfview Drive.

The proposed subdivision will divide two parcels of land into three with the intent to develop one single-family dwelling on each lot.

For both proposals, Crews Groves Inc. wants approvals in order to proceed with public infrastructure improvements.

The existing zoning for both properties is City R-2, medium density,

single family attached and duplex.

The City Council also is scheduled to vote on the purchase of three electrical generators and consider the preliminary engineer's cost estimate for engineering and construction costs for a stand-by generator serving the city's Community Center.

The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine St.

Authorities investigate drug overdoses

By JAY MEISEL STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Authorities are investigating what are believed to be six drug overdoses last weekend, including one suspected of causing a woman's death, said Scott Dressel, public information officer for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Dressel said four patients showed up at Florida Hospital Lake Placid's Intensive Care Unit with apparent drug overdoses on Saturday. A fifth was admitted to the hospital on Sunday, he said.

Meanwhile, a sixth person, a woman, died in Lake Placid. Dressel said she's also believed to be an overdose victim.

Lake Placid Police Chief James Fansler said authorities are waiting for autopsy results to confirm a cause of death.

Dressel would not comment on whether a raid that resulted in the arrest of Allen Colby Glover, 34, of Lake Placid, on multiple drug charges, was related to the drug overdoses.

The arrest report said that investigators did not immediately test the drugs that they suspected may have been laced with Fentanyl, a powerful narcotic blamed for many

drug overdose deaths. Dressel said that number of drug overdoses in Highlands County during one weekend is unusual.

He said he's not heard of that many overdoses in Highlands County in recent history.

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OUR VIEW

Rooney stood up for beliefs, open dialogue

Florida Rep. Tom Rooney was true to himself last week when he called it quits, taking the opportunity to get out from under the grinding weight of hyper-partisanship and congressional gridlock after five terms.

Tom Rooney will leave Congress with his dignity intact.

The Okeechobee Republican, who represents a large swath of this paper's circulation area on the Southwest Coast and in central Florida, announced late Monday afternoon that he would not seek re-election in November. The decision came as a surprise. Perhaps it shouldn't have.

Rooney's conduct in office reflected his belief in the importance of public service as part of a collegial and thoughtful democratic process. Unfortunately, a collegial, thoughtful democratic process, with fact-based discussion and give and take across the aisle, doesn't exist in Washington, D.C. How long has it been now?

And so, Rooney departs that train wreck.

Rooney is a senior Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, which is investigating whether Russia meddled with the 2016 presidential election. A week ago, he said partisanship had poisoned the committee and could lead to national security concerns. It was a frank concession.

Rooney has set himself apart in other ways in recent years.

Most notable was his dis-endorsement of then-GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump after the release of the "Access Hollywood" tapes in 2016.

In a statement at the time, the congressman said: "I don't want my boys growing up in a world where the president of the United States is allowed to speak or treat women the way Donald Trump has."

Rooney went out on a limb like few others at what seemed to be a pivotal time. We admired his courage, even if it seemed it might cost base support. While it no doubt caused friction later, the impact at the polls was minimal. Trump won the district by 27 points; Rooney the same.

Rooney also challenged party orthodoxy by leading a charge to reinstate limited congressional earmarks. It was a difficult position, considering the GOP's strict position on earmarks, but his reasoning was based on sound Constitutional principles: By ceding power of the purse, the legislative branch was turning over critical spending decisions to executive branch bureaucrats.

Rooney also stepped up when challenged by dissenters last year to hold a local town hall meeting. He did, and in a packed and sometime antagonistic hall full of constituents in Englewood, Rooney calmly articulated well-formulated, conservative positions. We only wish he had done more of the same over the years: He was his best spokesman, but he seemed to shy away from the role.

Rooney also was a champion for Florida's agriculture community — especially citrus farmers who have been slammed with a one-two punch of citrus greening and Hurricane Irma. He worked to get badly needed emergency funding this year that should revive the industry.

A former Army JAG officer — he also taught constitutional law at West Point — Rooney concentrated on veterans issues and sought improvements to the Veterans Administration.

Even those who disagreed with Rooney, as we did on occasion, could admire a man who believes in the true spirit of public service, as reflected by his years in the military and in Congress. In this regard, he served his country twice.

We wish Rooney well in the next stage of life — time he'll spend with his family, earning a good living and, perhaps, outside of the daily grind of politics.

Our loss. We thank him for his service.
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LOCAL LOOK by GABE CLOGSTON



How trade sanctions raise prices for everyone

Here's a good question on international trade from CB.

"Read your column with interest insofar as wondering how one newsprint mill in Washington can have nation-wide influence regarding, in this instance, your local increased newsprint costs. Is there no other domestic paper-pulp competition?"

"Is the entire domestic newsprint industry governed by what this west coast company was able to employ in Canadian trade sanctions? Very confusing to me — we may import Canadian newsprint, but it seems to me we have plenty of domestic paper-pulp resources as well right here in the USA!" — CB

CB, here is what happens in a trade war.

One U.S. company, NORPAC, owned by a hedge fund, convinces the Trump administration to impose trade sanctions against Canadian newsprint. The Trump administration imposes trade sanctions which dramatically raise the price of Canadian newsprint.

CB, can you guess what happens next?



INK IN MY VEINS

David Dunn-Rankin

If you guessed that every single American newsprint mill raised their prices — you would be correct.

Wait, that wasn't supposed to happen. CB, you would think, since we buy American, that Canadian trade sanctions would not impact us at all. Yet they did. Here's why.

It's not just NORPAC that is having trouble making money. American newsprint mills generally are not making much money.

American newsprint competes against lower cost and superior quality Canadian newsprint. In Canada, because it is colder, trees are harvested every 50 years. In the warmer USA, we tend to harvest trees every

15 years. Fifty-year-old Canadian timber has longer denser fiber so it makes better newsprint than 15-year-old American trees.

American mills could not raise prices and increase profits because Canadian newsprint mills' lower prices and better quality put a lid on U.S. prices. As soon as trade tariffs were applied to Canadian newsprint, every U.S. mill took the opportunity to raise prices and increase their profits. Even our mill, based in Augusta, Georgia.

CB, would you have raised prices if you owned a U.S. newspaper mill?

As far as I know, not a single additional U.S. worker in a newsprint mill has been hired because the U.S. imposed sanctions on Canadian newsprint. But the cost of newsprint has gone up everywhere and that cost increase has been passed on to all of us.

Why didn't U.S. mills keep lower profit margins and just hire more American workers? U.S. newsprint mills operate at 95 percent-plus capacity even with low profit margins. If a plant is operating at a lower

capacity it generally is closed or converted to another product like diapers or facial tissue.

Running at 95 percent capacity means newsprint companies can't hire more workers without building another expensive newsprint plant. Newsprint companies don't believe building a new plant in a low margin business enduring long-term downward demand is a good investment.

CB, I hope our newspaper's newsprint situation helps all of us better understand international trade. U.S. trade sanctions on imports create higher costs to U.S. consumers from all suppliers, domestic and foreign. No new U.S. jobs are created, but potentially some U.S. jobs are saved. Are we willing to pay more for perhaps inferior U.S. product to save those U.S. jobs?

Share your thoughts.

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

New unit to focus on preventing gun violence in communities

I am very pleased to be able to tell you about a new program we have established here at the Highlands County Sheriff's Office: the COPS ADAPT unit.

COPS ADAPT stands for Community Oriented Policing Services to Achieve Diversity and Public Trust. The first part, COPS, reflects how the program began.

Last year, we applied for a COPS grant through the United States Department of Justice. Our team worked very hard on the grant proposal, and we were successful. In fact, our proposal ranked in the top 1 percent in the nation.

The grant gives us funding for four deputies and a sergeant to make up a new unit that will be focused on preventing gun violence in three specific areas of the county: the Southside of Avon Park, Washington Heights in Sebring and Highway Park in Lake



FROM THE SHERIFF

Paul Blackman

Placid. While those three neighborhoods make up a very small percentage of the county's population, they were victimized by 19 percent of the murders, 55 percent of the attempted murders, 23 percent of the robberies, 20 percent of the aggravated assaults and 43 percent of the firing a weapon in public cases from 2014-2016. The average age of the suspects in those cases was just 25.

Those cases have also proved hard to solve due to a lack of cooperating

witnesses. That is where the ADAPT part of the unit's name comes into play.

The deputies in this unit will be different than the rest of our force. They won't be tasked with answering calls in a zone. They will spend their time in these communities, much of it outside of their patrol cars. They will be on bicycles and on foot. They will try to have more non-serious contacts with the members of these neighborhoods. Instead of just seeing deputies when a crime has been committed, the people in these areas can expect to see the COPS ADAPT deputies interacting with the community on a more personal level.

Whether it is attending community meetings or events or just sitting on someone's porch and drinking a cup of coffee, these deputies will be proactively involved in the community in an effort to build public trust and build positive

relationships in these communities. It is hoped that by doing this, we can diminish gun violence and create a safer environment.

Although these deputies will work to solve crimes when they happen, their main focus is on preventing crime in the first place by working with leaders and residents in our partner communities.

The COPS ADAPT Unit is in the process of meeting with leaders in each of the three communities. I will keep you posted on the unit's progress as they begin this important work, which we believe will make Highlands County a safer place to live for everyone.

Paul Blackman is the Highlands County sheriff. Email him at pblackman@highlandssheriff.org Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily that of the Highlands News-Sun.

Giving a 'hand up' to needy vets

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 601, presented the Highlands County Veterans Service Office with \$5,000 — divided into \$25 gift cards — to give to veterans who need help with groceries or gasoline. Funds were raised from the chapter's annual golf tournament at River Greens Golf Course.

Doug Tait, chapter adjutant; Assistant Veterans Service Officer Carol West; Veterans Service Officer Denise Williams; and Harry Marsh, chapter commander, were present.

Tait also presented Margie Acker of Spring Lake with a plaque thanking her for her help with the tournament. Each year she embroiders



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

From left: Margie Acker prepares to receive recognition from Doug Tait of the Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 601, for her help with their annual golf tournament fundraiser. She embroiders the golf towels given each year to every participant in the tournament, Tait said.

the golf towels that were auctioned off to the participants. Williams said not only older veterans get this help, but also younger veterans

— single parents with children. "We wish you could see the gratitude on their faces," Williams said. "It's not a handout. It's a hand up."



Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 601, presents the Veterans Service Office with \$5,000 in \$25 gift cards to help veterans pay for groceries or gasoline, as needed. Funds were raised from the chapter's annual golf tournament. Shown here are, from left, Doug Tait, chapter adjutant; Assistant Veterans Service Officer Carol West, Veterans Service Officer Denise Williams and Harry Marsh, chapter commander.

Lake Placid hires new Pubic Works director

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — It has taken 18 months to find the right candidate to fill the Public Works director position but town officials feel they have finally found it in Harvey Waldron.

Waldron started on Feb. 19 and has hit the ground running after the Town Council gave Town Administrator Phil Williams the green light.

Councilors were presented with a salary request increase and the use of a take-home vehicle for Waldron at the Feb. 12 meeting. The salary

was raised \$1,000 over the advertised amount, to \$52,000. Williams felt the take-home vehicle was a warranted request because Waldron would be on call.

Williams asked the Council to advise him on the mileage policy for take-home cars. He said the general rule was a 15-mile distance from work to home, which would include Waldron's home in Venus. Council members gave Williams the latitude to use his discretion.

Waldron was born and raised in Highlands County; he recently moved back from Polk

County.

Waldron said the first thing he is doing is taking stock of things. "We have to see where we are producing and where we're not," he said. "We want to see where we can be more efficient. My main responsibility is to make sure that we are taking care of the cemetery, parks and recreation, and streets, paving sidewalks and sanitation."

"I met with the staff and it seems like we have a nice little crew here. We are spread thin with half of the guys on sanitation trucks twice a week," he said.

Waldron would like to

add to the crew's numbers but said he will have to see what the budget allows.

He began his career in Road and Bridge in Highlands County in 1974, worked for Florida Department of Transportation, and owned his own construction company.

"I want to be able to show the crew how to do a project efficiently and with quality work. I am not all about quantity. I want to see quality out there, too. Treat the projects and the public with respect. That is who we are working for," he added.

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down on top of the existing asphalt, and it grinds that material up, just like you would grind up a garden with a rotovator. It's really the same process. It breaks that asphalt down into small pieces and that material is loaded onto a truck and taken to the asphalt plant and we will process it. We will use it in the new asphalt mix

for a future road."

The millings save a lot of money and hold up better in a wet area than shell material. Holmes Avenue does have low areas, but the county is not bringing the low areas up because it is not in the budget.

Green is aware that the road has a tendency to go under water in heavy rains. To raise the low spots would require a different set of permits and raise the cost significantly, he said.

The county does not

own a milling machine. The Holmes project will be bid out, a process that takes 30-45 days; then the contract is awarded.

"I wouldn't anticipate Holmes Avenue to see any construction at all until after April 1," Green said. "It will probably take only a few weeks."

Based on the quantity of materials needed, Green estimated that the project will cost about \$250,000-\$300,000.



KIM LEATHERMAN/ STAFF

Holmes Avenue in Lake Placid will go through a milling process and be resurfaced. Highlands County officials estimate the price to be about \$250,000 to \$300,000.

SCOTT

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And Scott and lawmakers would ban "bump stocks," an idea also opposed by the NRA. Bump stocks are used to speed up the rate of firing of semiautomatic weapons.

Hammer, the NRA's Florida lobbyist who is widely considered one of the most powerful lobbyists in the Capitol, had harsh words for the governor and lawmakers, accusing them of floating "political eyewash" that "punishes" gun owners.

"This is a betrayal of law-abiding gun owners who did absolutely nothing. All of the laws in place to identify and stop this kind of activity failed. So since they can't actually punish those failures, they're going to punish law-abiding gun owners. And of course, we always obey the law, so they don't have to worry about us before or after they pass this gratuitous gun control," Hammer told The News Service of Florida on Friday.

Among the disclosures during the past week has been that Marjory Stoneman Douglas' school-resource officer, Scot Peterson, did not enter the building to try to stop the shooting. Peterson resigned Thursday after being suspended by Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel.

Hammer said the NRA endorses part of the legislative proposal, which involves the concept of a "school marshal" program. Under the program, teachers or other school employees who've undergone extensive training and been deputized by local sheriffs could bring guns to school. Current Florida law allows only law enforcement officials to carry weapons on school property. The marshal proposal is similar to a program created by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

If passed, Florida would be the first state to launch such a program, according to Corcoran, who said qualified people would be both teachers hired by school systems and law-enforcement officers working under sheriffs.

But Scott balked at the idea of armed teachers, saying "my focus is on bringing in law enforcement."

His plan would require at least one school resource officer — a police officer or sheriff's deputy — in each of the state's 4,000 public schools, including charter schools. Scott, who wants to spend \$500 million on his overall package, is recommending a ratio of one resource officer for every 1,000 students.

The governor and Republican leaders are also divided about another element likely to face pushback from the NRA. Scott is proposing a "violent threat restraining order" that would

allow family members or law enforcement officials to get court orders to take guns away from people who have shown evidence of being a danger to themselves or others.

"No one with mental issues should have access to a gun. It's common sense," Scott said.

But House Rules & Policy Chairman Jose Oliva and his colleagues rejected such a plan.

"We took a long, hard look at this," said Oliva, a Miami Lakes Republican slated to take over as House speaker this fall. "Whenever you are going to deprive someone of something, you have to do it under a

condition that provides clear evidence that that is necessary. In the way that we've seen it, giving people outside of either the authority or the understanding of what is clear and present danger — a family member, a neighbor, or someone like that — to directly make that appeal, we think goes beyond."

The Florida Education Association teachers' union offered support for Scott's proposal, while Democrats argued the measure fails to go far enough by not including a ban on "assault" rifles like the AR-15 used by the Parkland shooter.

FEA President Joanne McCall said Scott's

outline is "very close" to a recommendation from the union, while any discussion about "weapons designed for war" is something that can be addressed after "sensible gun policy" is enacted.

Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon noted that Democrats had already filed bills that would raise the age to purchase long guns and create the gun restraining order.

"We can beef up mental health screenings, raise the age for gun purchases, and dream up other stopgap measures, but the threat to our children and our citizens will continue until we finally take bold action to

ban assault weapons designed for the battlefield from easy access in our communities. Without that, the voices of the students, and the will of the people, continue to be ignored," Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, said in a statement.

But Scott rejected "a mass takeaway of Second Amendment rights."

"That is not the answer. Keeping guns away from dangerous people, and people with mental illness, is what we need to do," he said.

At Corcoran's urging, Republican legislative leaders are also pushing creation of a commission, to be headed by the parent of one of slain

students, and a special counsel to investigate how different agencies handled Cruz and identify any potential shortcomings in the law-enforcement and school systems.

Lawmakers are racing against the clock to pass a wide-ranging measure before the legislative session ends on March 9.

"Our job is to lead. Government has failed on multiple levels. It can never happen again. Our hope is that we will put together, jointly with the Senate, a proposal that will ensure it never happens again and we don't fail our school students again," Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, told reporters.

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LOCAL SPORTS



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 4 Corvette Racing C7.R was the only one of the factory Corvettes to test at Sebring on Thursday and Friday.

Corvette Racing at home in Sebring Team shooting for 4th consecutive victory in 12 Hours of Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

Celebrating its 20th season of competition in 2018, Corvette Racing has enjoyed considerable success at several venues in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. However, there's no place like Sebring International Raceway

for the two-car GT Le Mans (GTLM) class team.

The team has won 11 times since its first Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts victory in 2002, when Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and current No. 4 Corvette C7.R driver Oliver Gavin took the GTS class victory.

Next month, the team will be looking for its fourth consecutive Sebring GTLM victory. It won last year with Jan Magnussen, Antonio Garcia and Mike Rockenfeller in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R, two years ago with Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fassler in the No. 4 and in 2015 with the No. 3 co-driven by Garcia,

Magnussen and Ryan Briscoe, who now drives the No. 67 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT.

"Sebring certainly holds a lot of great memories for Corvette Racing, some very interesting memories, some not so interesting," said Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug

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Lifters move some weights



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Sebring senior Nate Smith powers up the weight in the bench press during Wednesday's three-team weightlifting meet, which was held at Avon Park.

Sebring, Avon Park weightlifters flex muscles in 3-team meet

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK - It's early in the season, but the Avon Park and Sebring boys weightlifters displayed some serious strength in Wednesday's three-team meet.

Sebring finished first in the meet with 60 points, Avon Park placed second with 28 and the Hardee Wildcats came in third place at 19.

"We had a good meet and we have a bunch of guys that are hard workers," said Blue

Streak boys weightlifting coach Steve Berry. "We had a couple of guys set school records and that's pretty impressive."

Sebring senior Robert O'Neal finished first in the 129-pound weight class with a bench press of 210 pounds and a clean-and-jerk of 170 for a combined total of 380 pounds.

Blue Streak CD Lamadine won the 139 division with a bench press of 205 and a clean-and-jerk of 170 for a 375 total. Sebring's Jabari Knighten placed

second at 139 pounds with a 350 total and Avon Park's Latroy Hillard came in third place at 330.

Sebring's Ty Dellop finished first in the 154 weight class with a bench press of 230 and a clean-and-jerk of 180 for a combined 410 pounds, while Blue Streak James Griffin placed second at 395.

In the 169-pound weight class, Sebring's Phillip Hamilton finished first with a school record 300 pounds in the bench press to go with a clean-and-jerk

of 210 and a combined total of 510 pounds.

"Phillip had a good meet," said Berry. "He's very strong and has a chance to break his own school record in the bench press for his weight class before the season is over."

Avon Park's James Satine was second at 169 pounds with a bench press of 250 and a clean-and-jerk of 215 for a combined 465, while Red Devil David Martin finished third with 425 pounds.

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Full moon improves fishing

BY DAVE DOUGLASS
HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the last four days of February gives anglers ideal weather conditions and the beginning of the full moon week. The full moon occurs on Thursday and the moon arrives at its closest orbit point on Tuesday, so the power rating will be above average. All fishing factors considered, fishing will be well above average this week.

The weather forecast predicts cloudless nights and a bright waxing full moon and this will create a mid-day and midnight daily feeding migration. Today the feeding action occurs twice, starting at the sunrise and sunset periods, both lasting about four to five hours. By Wednesday both period will be centered on the midday and midnight hours.

I have to keep bringing water temperature to your attention. With water temperatures climbing gradually toward the 80-degree range, all freshwater fish will be feeding aggressively every other day. You can expect to find panfish, bass and crappie anywhere from 1- to 6-foot depths at all times of day.

The wind forecast could not be better with daily speeds within the 6 to 10 mile-per-hour range and coming out of the southeast today, south on Monday early but switching out of the west in the afternoon which will produce evening rainfall. Tuesday winds will be out of the north to northeast, and Wednesday from the southeast again.

By Friday and next weekend a mild cold front will arrive along with a low pressure system. Fish will not react to this mild front and might actually feed heavier in the light of the full moon as the full moon week ends.

Best Fishing Days: I do not see anything in the extended weather forecast which suggest one day will be better than another. Atmospheric pressure forecasts over the next three to four days predicts a moderate to weak increase with above-average decline every afternoon. So there will be a daily gradual decrease in overall average atmospheric pressure until next weekend.

Therefore the best fishing days will occur Tuesday through Friday with the full moon occurring on Thursday. It should be noted that when there is a bright strong full moon the fish will form feeding migrations 12 hours apart during the 9-2 hours of the day.

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Cyclists converge on Sun 'N Lake Heartland Games cycling competition takes place

By NEIL SIMPSON
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

On Saturday, Feb. 17, cyclists on expensive racing bikes, regular street bikes and a variety of recumbents met at the far west end of Sun 'N Lake Blvd. to compete in the Heartland Games For Active Adults 5k and 10k time trials. The 5k course ran east on Sun 'N Lake

from Balboa, north on Gerona to Cortez, west to Balboa and then south to the finish line. The 10k route was simply two laps of the course.

Riders came from Ponte Vedra by Jacksonville, Mt. Dora, Tarpon Springs, St. Petersburg, West Palm, Coral Springs and Lakeland. In addition, there were several local cyclists from Lake Placid,

Sebring and Avon Park testing their endurance and earning the right to move on to compete at the Florida Senior Games in December.

The oldest rider was George Knoblock, a 92-year-old from Lakeland. There were also five riders in their 80s; Audrey and Harold Smith, Gene Josey, Tom Alberty and Guy Cornet.

The fastest time in

the men's 5k event was posted by Allen Hughes, a 74-year-old rider from Tarpon Springs who covered the distance in 8:08. Just three seconds slower was 53 year old Marvin Sonne from Mt. Dora. Tanglewood's Gary Carr was the fastest local, covering the distance in a blistering 8:39.

M.J. Chappy, a

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NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

Jerry Kugel from Golf Hammock in Sebring was hospitalized after a terrible accident on the course last year, but was back on the bike again this year.

CORVETTE

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Fehan. "Early on when we started here, this was our Bermuda Triangle. Back in 1999 and 2000, we couldn't do anything right here. No matter what we did, it turned out to be disastrous."

"But as usual, we kept our shoulder to the wheel, heads down and have developed a pretty good relationship with the track right now. The cars like it here. This is a very difficult racetrack from the standpoint of durability and reliability, everybody knows that. If you can win here in 12 hours, you can win

anyplace with the car. The drivers like the track because it's fast. It takes a great deal of skill and experience to be able to run the full 12 hours without hitting anything, without breaking anything and without running off the racetrack."

Fehan believes it's the combination of being reliable and quick that has led to the team's success.

"I think when you put all those things together, that has really contributed to our success here. Just the fact that we've been here, this is our 20th year here, when you have that level of continuity, it certainly serves as a great benefit when you're going up against

the competition."

While Sebring is the venue where Corvette Racing has had the most success, the team also owns eight victories in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Last month, it was confirmed that Corvette Racing again will have a pair of entries in the GTE Pro class at Le Mans to chase win No. 9. Sebring has long been considered by many to be one of the best racetracks in the world to prepare for Le Mans. But Fehan offers a word of caution.

"There are people who say Sebring is a great prep for Le Mans, and I think certainly it is," he said. "But Sebring is its own unique challenge.

We don't come here focusing on Le Mans. We come here focusing on Sebring. The minute you lose sight of what's going on here is just the same time you're going to have a serious amount of trouble.

"You need to be prepared for this event and this event alone. Don't. Lose. Focus. This racetrack is so unique in so

many ways. You can have a setup here on a Thursday afternoon test session and it's the best setup you've ever had and you can show up on Friday morning with a test session and it's like you've never been here before and nothing has happened to the track. The temperature's the same, it looks the same, you're

always chasing it here.

"That's the challenge that not only develops the car, but it helps develop the team. You've got to understand what Sebring is. It is totally unique. There is no other place at which we race that is like Sebring, that is why it requires the level of focus that you have to give it."



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Mini Shuffleboard Tournament

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club will hold a Mini Shuffleboard Tournament at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb 27 at 333 Pomegranate Ave. The tournament is a one day event for pros and amateurs. Everyone is welcome. \$5 entry fee, bring your own lunch. For more information, call 863-385-2966.

After School Tennis Program

The After School Tennis Program at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring will run through March 2. The classes are for tennis players aged 4 to 18 and are taught by

USPTA Certified Tennis Professional Horace Watkis, formerly part of Chicago's famous Mid-Town Tennis Club Pro Staff and Head Pro at Frenchman's Cover in Port Antonio, Jamaica.

Tiny Tots (ages 4 to 6) meet on Tuesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$37, while Future Champs (ages 6 to 12) meet 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and players can choose which day of the week they would like to attend.

The Pre-Tournament Academy meets on Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60, while High School Team Level meets on Thursday between 4 and 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60.

For more information contact Watkis at horacewatkis@hotmail.com or 863-414-2164 or 386-4282.

Wings of Faith Scholarship Golf tournament

The eighth annual Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center Scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Country Club of Sebring. Entry fee is \$60 for the four-person scramble and includes lunch. Registration

begins at 7:30 a.m. with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. For more information contact Alvin Walters at 381-5706 or email alvinwalterssr@gmail.com.

Miracle League golf tournament

The fifth annual Glades Electric Cooperative Golf Tournament to benefit The Miracle League for Highlands County will take place Saturday, March 24, at the Country Club of Sebring. Cost for the four-person scramble is \$65 per player and includes lunch. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun

start. To register or for more information, contact Chelsea Lowder at 863-531-5002 or clowder@gladesec.com.

Heartland Soccer Club registrations

The Heartland Soccer Club is accepting registration for its Youth Soccer League Spring League, which runs March 27 through May 24. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at Lake June Park in Lake Placid. Cost is \$75 per player if registered before March 3 and \$90 by March 13. The league is for players ages 4 to 12 and there are coed leagues for Under 6, Under 8

and Under 10, as well as Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls leagues. Contact James Ashley at 863-273-1438, Edgar Vasquez at 863-840-5194 or visit www.heartlandsc.com for more information.

Vietnam Veterans Golf Tournament

The second annual Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 1097 Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, April 7, at Sebring Municipal Golf Course. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with an 8:15 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$70 per player for the four-person scramble and includes lunch

at the Caddy Shack. For more information contact Larry Weix at 920-217-3969 or Howard Osgood at 863-385-9524.

VFW Post 4300 golf tournament

VFW Post 4300 is holding a four-person scramble at Sebring Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, March 24, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$65 per player for the four-person scramble. Refreshments during golf and lunch will follow at the Post on Lakeview Drive. For more information contact Paul Morris at 863-446-2064 or Post 4300 at 863-385-8902.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 26

Avon Park softball at North Port, 7 p.m.
SFSC baseball at Southeastern, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Okeechobee girls tennis at Sebring, 4 p.m.
Clewiston girls tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.
Okeechobee boys tennis at Sebring, 4 p.m.
Lake Placid boys tennis at Clewiston, 4 p.m.
McKeel boys tennis at Avon Park, 4 p.m.
Sebring baseball at IMG Academy, 7 p.m.
Hardee baseball at Avon Park, 7 p.m.
LaBelle softball at Sebring, TBA
Frostproof softball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
Avon Park softball at Hardee, 7 p.m.
Frostproof track at Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.
Seminole State softball at SFSC (2), 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Daytona State baseball at SFSC, 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

Sebring girls tennis at Lakeland Christian, 4 p.m.
Lake Placid girls tennis

at Avon Park, 4 p.m.

Sebring boys tennis at Lakeland Christian, 4 p.m.

Avon Park boys tennis at Lake Placid, 4 p.m.

Sebring boys weightlifting at Avon Park, 5:30 p.m.

Lake Placid track at Sebring, 5 p.m.

Okeechobee softball at Sebring, TBA

LaBelle softball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

Clewiston softball at Avon Park, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Avon Park, Sebring wrestling at state (Kissimmee), 10 a.m.

Sebring softball at Poinciana, 6:30 p.m.

Lemon Bay softball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

McKeel softball at Avon Park, 7 p.m.

Lemon Bay baseball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.

Avon Park baseball at McKeel, 4 p.m.

Kalamazoo baseball at SFSC, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Avon Park, Sebring wrestling at state, 9:30 a.m.

Hernando baseball at Sebring, 3 p.m.

Lincoln Land softball at SFSC (2), 1 p.m.

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LP softball sees tie at the top of standings

BY EDWARD ENGLER
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

Jim Radcliffe's long and winding path to Florida began on the playing fields and fishing holes of Indiana. A four-sport athlete in high school, Jim put in 30 years as a millwright for Bethlehem Steel before retiring in 2003. His brother extolled the virtues of the fishing on Ishtapoka, and Jim took his fishing pole to Lake Placid. After arriving he also discovered the Lake Placid Senior Softball league and has been playing in it for 15 years. He enjoys the league because "old players can come here and die" while telling fish stories about their exploits on the diamond past and present.

On Monday, Jim's last-place Lake Placid Marine team played David as they slew league leading Goliath Central Security in a 12-11 squeaker. Bob Roth (triple) had four hits for The Mariners, while Jim (double) paced a septet of hitters with three each.

Second-place Miller Air did not capitalize on Central's loss by losing to Yates Insurance 21-15.

Bill Gallagher hit for the cycle to lead Yates. Don Cunningham (triple) and Ron Kilburn (triple) also had four hits. John McCallum's snare of a screaming-line drive at first base killed a Miller rally for the play of the game. For Miller, Paul Marcellus homered twice, including the first round-tripper to clear the fence in the league this year. Gary Tankersley (triple) added four hits.

Wedgworth's rallied for six runs in the last inning with Francisco Colon getting the walk off hit to score Terry Austin with the winner in a 24-23 triumph over Seminole Tire. Austin (double, home run) and Norm Grubbs (two doubles) had five hits each for the winners. Colon (double, triple), Larry Laux and Ron Melia had four each. Elston Hedges homered twice and Dan Rasmussen once for The 'Noles, Paul Stephenson had five hits and Eddie Diaz slammed two triples and started a dazzling double play.

In Wednesday action, Miller Air (9-4) pulled into a tie for first with a 22-9 triumph over Wedgeworth's (6-7). Bill Scrase had five hits for the winners, Paul Marcellus

homered again, and Darrel Richards and Phil Lucas (double) chipped in with four hits apiece. Terry Austin (double) had four hits for Wedgworth's.

Seminole Tire (6-7) rallied from an 18-5 deficit to upset Central Security (9-4) 26-25. Paul Stephenson's walk-off sacrifice fly plated Victor Rodriguez with the winning run. The Five Hit Club for The 'Noles included Elston Hedges (two triples), Stephenson (double) and Tom Ashley. Jim Lorne turned in a sparkling unassisted double play at first base for the play of the game. Ted Griffith homered for Central, while Bill Todd, Dana Hurlbut, and Doug Jolman (two doubles, two triples) registered four hits each.

Yates Insurance (7-6) took sole possession of third place with a 22-17 victory over Lake Placid Marine (2-11). Ron Kilburn (three doubles) and Bill Gallagher (double) notched four hits each for the winners. Richard Rucker and Tom Trapman each logged five hits for The Mariners.

For further league information, please visit lpsoftball.com.

Softball 50s see tight games

BY JIM GUILD
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

In Senior Softball 50's action, the hot Alan Jay team scored 25 runs as they knocked off a tough New Beginnings Church squad, winning by five runs. Boston area slugger Jeff Moora (four hits) launched two home runs and long-time Sebring standout Jim Kahn (four hits) smashed a round-tripper over the right-centerfield fence to lead the Jay's. Other Jay's with a four-hit day were Dick Cook (double, triple), Roger Gasperlin (two doubles), Matt Skjonsby (two doubles) and Earl Register. Terry Austin and Brian Pluta added three hits each. Pitcher/manager Rudy Pribble picked up the win.

NBC pastor/manager Gary Kindle was very pleased with his team's effort, as they found themselves down 15-3 after two innings but battled back to make it a very competitive game. J. R. Reed (double, three runs), Orlando Hernandez (three runs) and Charlie

Giordano (two runs) were each 4 for 5. Gallo Gonzalez (double, run), Keith Balmor (two runs) and Pastor Tod Schwingel (one run) smashed three hits each. Joe Cruz (three runs), Bobby Richards (one run), and Greg Ramos (double, one run) collected two hits each.

In the other game, Ben & Jerry's BB Mike Schurer slammed a dramatic three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning vs. Fairmount Services to knot the score at 13 all. B & J's left fielder Jack French (2 for 4, two runs) set up the inning with a leadoff single, followed by BB Rick Rockfield (3 for 4, two doubles, three runs) stroking a clutch single.

After Schurer hit his bomb, Gil Myers (4 for 4) ripped a double, putting the winning run on second base. Will Ramsey then singled in the winning run. Paul Marcellus (triple), winning pitcher Billy Saunders and Ted Griffith chipped in with two hits each.

Fairmount Services was led by Hall of Famer Dave Reed's monster home run. Eddie Diaz was 4 for

4, while Dobie Dobbert and Chuck Detore had three hits each.

In Thursday's play, Fairmount Services-New Beginning's Church snuck by Ben & Jerry's 16-15. Eddie Diaz was the hero for FS/NBC, as he came to the plate in the bottom of the ninth with the winning run at first base. Diaz ended the game by promptly hitting a shot over the right-fielder's head for a walk-off triple. Elston Hedges (double, two runs), John McCullum (two runs), Greg Ramos (two runs), J. R. Reed (triple, run) and Jeff Lindskoog (one run) all smacked three hits in four plate appearances. Gallo Gonzales (one run), Jerry Barber (two runs), Dobie Dobbert (one run) and Charlie Giordano each had two hits.

For Ben & Jerry's, Mike Schurer (double, run), and Francisco Hernandez (two runs) were 4 for 4. Les Osbeck (double, triple, run), Jack French (two runs) and Ted Griffith (two runs) had three hits each, while Rick Rockfield (double, triple, two runs), Will Ramsey, and Ray Trudell had two hits each.

MOON

FROM PAGE 1

The Major Fishing Period: The moon underfoot period occurs at 8:31 a.m. today and the sunrise at 6:54 a.m. which will create a 5 to 6 feed intensity rating from 6:30-10:30 a.m. and will start later daily by about 30 minutes. Rating will also increase

by a half number per day until Friday, however if the weather forecast is correct about cloudless nights and a bright waxing full moon, the rating could very well not increase much, if any at all.

The Minor Fishing Period: The moon overhead period occurs today at 9:02 p.m. and the sunset at 6:23 p.m. which will create a

5-rating of feed intensity from 5-9:30 p.m. Daily this period moves later by about 30 minutes. If clear nighttime skies — bright waxing full moon — occur, which the forecast predicts it will, you can expect this period to increase in rating significantly over the next six days.

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CYCLE

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54-year-old cyclist from Lake Placid, recorded a very respectable time of 9:54 to lead the women. Second fastest female rider was Marjorie Waterman, 67, from Tanglewood who crossed the finish line in 11:26.

In the 10k trials, the same riders led the pack with average speeds just slightly slower per lap than on the 5k course.

There were three men and four women on recumbents. The best 5k time was posted by Tom Alberty, 80, of Tanglewood, who made the journey in 11:14 over the 5k route. Rose McCulloch of Reflections led the ladies in 14:29. Glenn Wilkinson of Ponte Vedra was the fastest over 10k on a recumbent, circling the course twice

in 22:47.

Many locals took home medals in both the 5k and 10 time trials. Double golds were won by Dave Drach and M.J. Chappy from Lake Placid, Marjorie Waterman of Sebring and Avon Park's Doug McCulloch. Gary Carr, Harold Smith and Judy Granger, all from Sebring, took home two silver medals each. Steven Gerbig of Avon Park and Gene Josey from Sebring each went home with two bronze medals.

Rose McCulloch of Avon Park and Audrey Smith from Sebring each captured a single gold medal. The father, mother, daughter team of Tom and Joan Alberty plus Sue Yuan each medaled. Mom and dad took gold while daughter, Sue, back on the bike after a recent leg injury, was happy to win bronze.

Dan Andrews and

Jeff Carlson of Legacy Bicycles in downtown Sebring coordinated the event with Carlson starting the riders off at 30 second intervals and Andrews handling the timing. They have agreed to come back to run

next year's time trials on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019.

Complete results can be found at the South Florida State College website www.south-florida.edu/heartland-games or like them on Facebook.



Recumbent 5K gold medals were won by, from left; Doug McCulloch, Tom Alberty, Rose McCulloch and Joan Alberty.



Steven Gerbig, Lake Bonnet Village, Avon Park.



Men's gold medal winners in the 5K, from left; Marvin Sonne, Glenn Wilkinson, Dave Drach, Allen Hughes, Len Altamura, Guy Cornet, George Knoblock.



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LIFT

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Sebring's Jamarious Hankerson won the 183 division with a bench press of 225 pounds and a clean-and-jerk of 195 for a 420 total, while Blue Streak Zack Price placed second with a combined 415.

Sebring senior Raphael Smith finished first in the 199 weight class with a bench press of 270 and a clean-and-jerk of 225 for a combined total of 495, Avon Park's Jalen Turner placed second with a 435 total and Blue Streak Kasey Hawthorne came in third place with a total of 430.

In the 219 weight class, Sebring's Jumaris Glanton was first with a bench press of 255 and a clean-and-jerk of 205 for a 455 total, Avon Park's Jose Hernandez came in second place with total of 405 and Red Devil Mykel McCray was third at 360.

Sebring's Jordon Rose won the 238 division with school record of 335 in the bench press and a clean-and-jerk effort of 265 for a massive total of 600 pounds.

"Jordon is very strong," said Berry. "He's a hard worker and wants to improve."

Blue Streak Nate Smith placed second at 238 pounds with a total of 560 and Avon Park's Javier Arango was third at 460.

Sebring's Sidoro Olivaris finished first in

the heavyweight class with a bench press of 345 pounds and a clean-and-jerk of 245 for a combined total of 590. Avon Park's Brandon Bolt placed second with a 495 total and Red Devil Garrett Swindle came in third place with a total of 435.

The next big weightlifting meet on the schedule is the Travis Todd Invitational hosted by Avon Park on Thursday.

There will be a number of talented teams competing in the event.

"The Travis Todd Invitational is a real good meet," said Berry. "There are usually some tough teams there and we're looking forward to competing."



Avon Park sophomore Jonathan Morton focuses during the bench press event during Wednesday's three-team meet.



Avon Park junior Jalen Turner competes in the bench press event during Wednesday's weightlifting meet.

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Trump processes Fla. students' grief as president, parent

By CATHERINE LUCEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Once again, it was the images of children that propelled President Donald Trump to act.

Trump spent the first days after the Feb. 14 school shooting in Florida fixated on the grieving and anguished students and parents.

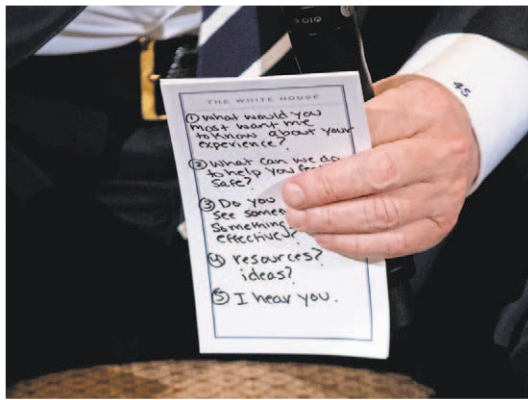
While at his Florida estate for the long weekend after the shooting, Trump studied the students' appeals on cable news, listened to their accounts during a visit to a hospital and processed their words not just as a president but as the father of an 11-year-old.

The shooting made "no sense," Trump has told aides privately, and said the White

House had to do something.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to share private conversations, likened the president's reaction to the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students to the impact Trump felt when he saw images of children's listless bodies after a chemical attack in Syria last April.

Trump ordered airstrikes against the Syrian government. After the shooting in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people, Trump cast widely for answers. He even embraced some ideas at odds with his allies at the National



AP PHOTOS

President Donald Trump holds notes during a listening session with high school students and teachers in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Rifle Association. Television personality Geraldo Rivera, who dined



In this Feb. 16, photo, President Donald Trump, center, accompanied by Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel, left, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, right, speaks as they meet with law enforcement officers at Broward County Sheriff's Office in Pompano Beach, Fla.

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SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE WHITE HELMETS VIA AP

This photo released on Saturday by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, shows members of the Syrian Civil Defense group and civilians gathering to help survivors from a street attacked by airstrikes and shelling by Syrian government forces, in Ghouta, a suburb of Damascus, Syria.

Damascus suburb strikes kill scores, UN votes for cease-fire

By BASSEM MROUE and EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT — A new wave of airstrikes and shelling on eastern suburbs of the Syrian capital Damascus left at least 22 people dead and dozens wounded Saturday, raising the death toll of a week of bombing in the area to 500, as the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a resolution demanding a 30-day cease-fire across Syria.

The weeklong bombardment has overwhelmed rescuers and doctors at makeshift hospitals, many of which have also been bombed. Activists say that terrified residents have been hiding in underground shelters where dozens of

people can be crammed into small places.

The latest wave of bombings came after the U.N. Security Council delayed a vote on a resolution demanding a 30-day humanitarian cease-fire for two days to try to get Russia on board.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia had repeatedly called an immediate cease-fire unrealistic.

In a bid to get Russian support, sponsors Kuwait and Sweden amended the draft resolution late Friday to drop a demand that the cease-fire take effect 72 hours after the resolution's adoption.

After two hours of additional negotiations on Saturday, the Security Council unanimously



This photo released on Saturday by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, shows members of the Syrian Civil Defense group carrying a young man who was wounded during airstrikes and shelling by Syrian government forces, in Ghouta, Syria.

approved a resolution demanding a 30-day cease-fire across Syria "without delay" to deliver humanitarian aid to millions and evacuate the critically ill and wounded.

"The U.N. convoys and evacuation teams are ready to go," Sweden's U.N. Ambassador Olof Skoog told

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Congress releases redacted, declassified Democratic memo

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WASHINGTON — A redacted, declassified memo released by Democrats on the House intelligence committee Saturday aims to counter a narrative that Republicans on the committee have pushed for months — that the FBI and Justice Department conspired against President Donald Trump during his presidential campaign, abusing a secret surveillance process to spy on one of his operatives in its Russia investigation.

The Democratic memo was released Saturday after weeks of delays. The White House on Feb. 9 objected to its release, citing national security concerns. That sent the Democrats back to negotiations with the FBI over how much of the memo needed to be blacked out.

President Donald Trump had no such concerns about an earlier classified memo written by Republicans, which he declassified Feb. 2 over strong objections from the FBI. In that memo, Republicans took aim at the FBI and the Justice Department over the use of an anti-Trump dossier compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele in obtaining a secret warrant to monitor the communications of a former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser Carter Page.

The Democratic document attempts to undercut and add context to some of the main points from the GOP memo, including the GOP assertion that the FBI obtained the surveillance warrant without disclosing that Steele's materials were funded by Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Republicans had said that federal authorities had not disclosed enough to the court about the political nature of the work, but the Democratic memo contends that the Justice Department disclosed "the assessed political motivation of those who hired him."

The Democratic memo also asserts that the FBI's concerns about Carter Page long predate the Steele dossier, and that its application to monitor his communications details suspicious activities he undertook during the 2016 presidential campaign. That includes a July 2016 trip to Moscow in which he gave a university

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Hoax attempts against Miami Herald brew war over fake, real news

By TIM JOHNSON
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WASHINGTON — Two incidents hit The Miami Herald in recent days that demonstrate new tactics by those seeking to discredit mainstream media, and they augur what experts said are dark days in the battle between credible news and misinformation.

Both incidents came after the Feb. 14 shootings in Parkland, Fla., when a gunman killed 17 students and adults at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High

School.

In the first incident, someone used a software tool to create two fake Twitter posts that looked like they came from the account of Alex Harris, a Herald reporter preparing tributes to the slain students. One fake post asked for photos of dead bodies at the school and another asked if the shooter was white.

The reporter almost immediately began getting angry messages.

"It was hampering our ability to cover this terrible tragedy

in our own backyard because we're having to deal with the backlash," said Aminda Marques, executive editor of The Herald.

In the second incident, someone used a software tool to create a phony Miami Herald story — in the high tension after the Parkland shooting — saying that a Miami-Dade middle school faced threats of "potentially catastrophic events" on upcoming dates, indicating that a new mass shooting was coming.

Screenshots of that fake story

were passed along on Twitter and Snapchat, two social media platforms, said Monique O. Madan, a Herald reporter whose byline appeared on the fake story.

"It looks super real. They use the same font that we use. It has our masthead. It has my byline. If I weren't a journalist, I wouldn't think twice about it," Madan said.

Worried parents and teachers were alarmed, thinking it was a real Herald story. Dozens called or messaged Madan. "My phone just would not stop

ringing," she said.

The motive behind the hoaxes was not clear.

"It seems to be consistent with a pattern of people trying to disparage or discredit the news media," said Edward Wasserman, dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley. Wasserman is a former executive business editor at The Herald and media columnist for McClatchy.

"Obviously this has broad

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WORLD

NAFTA negotiators dig in for the long haul

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MEXICO CITY — It's looking increasingly likely that NAFTA talks will extend beyond a March target, meaning negotiators will have to deal with the added political uncertainty of a Mexican election campaign.

Negotiators are to meet Sunday through March 5 in Mexico City for the seventh round of talks. When negotiations began six months ago, politicians expressed optimism they could reach a deal by the end of 2017. They later pushed the goal to March — a deadline that now looks almost impossible. With the U.S. complaining that progress on its demands is too slow, President Donald Trump's threat to leave the North American Free Trade Agreement is weighing heavily on the discussions.

"The round in Mexico is very important, because it will give an idea if we can advance technically, and if the political can support that and put us on a path to resolving the differences," said Juan Pablo Castanon, head of the Mexican chamber of commerce. "The negotiations should take as much time as is necessary."

Negotiators have finished work on three issues and could wrap up five to seven more in this round, out of a total of about 30, Castanon said. Despite progress in modernizing the 24-year-old NAFTA, there has been little or no movement on controversial and politically charged U.S. proposals that Canada and Mexico say would hurt their economies.

Political will has been building to extend the talks. Mexican Economy Minister Ildefonso Guajardo has signaled that his government is willing to negotiate through July's

presidential election, even though teams are working to avoid that scenario.

NAFTA negotiators have wanted to avoid clashing with the Mexican election, given that trade can be a lightning rod for voters' anger over their economic situation. Adding to the uncertainty, leftist front-runner Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has indicated lukewarm enthusiasm for the agreement, and there will be a five-month transition period before outgoing Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto hands over power to the new government.

Trump said last month that he could be "flexible" on the timetable for NAFTA talks given Mexico's election, a position on which Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland has voiced support.

The nations began renegotiating the NAFTA in August on Trump's initiative. He says NAFTA is

responsible for hundreds of thousands of Americans losing manufacturing jobs as plants moved to Mexico to take advantage of cheaper labor.

To revive U.S. factories, Trump wants to raise the minimum content that a typical car must have to benefit from NAFTA's tariff exemptions to 85 percent, from 62.5 percent. He also wants to add a U.S.-specific requirement of 50 percent.

Automakers say the plan would upend supply chains. Canada has its own ideas on how to calculate value, including giving more credit for driverless and electric cars, and research and development work. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer at the last round called Canada's proposal "vague" and argued that it would reduce the share of a vehicle made within the region.

While Mexico's automobile association opposes a higher content rule,

Guajardo has signaled government support for stronger requirements to reach a broader NAFTA deal.

The U.S. midterm elections in November also loom large. Supporting trade agreements can be perilous for politicians seeking re-election. If the Republicans lose control of the Senate or House, it could be harder for the Trump administration to win congressional support for a new deal. Trump must also seek renewal by June 30 of his authority to seek so-called fast-track approval in Congress of trade deals, though the president isn't expected to be denied an extension.

The atmosphere around NAFTA has also been influenced by a U.S. Commerce Department recommendation this month to impose steep curbs on imports of aluminum and steel. While Trump's decision is still pending, it was

the strongest indication yet that the White House intends to follow through with protectionist threats.

Tension has been growing between the U.S. and Canada. Lighthizer has complained about Canada launching a wide-ranging World Trade Organization dispute with the U.S. over how it applies countervailing and anti-dumping duties.

One possibility for getting a deal by the end of March would be agreeing in principle and letting technical negotiations continue from there, David MacNaughton, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., said this month.

"There are still four or five sticking points," he said. "If we roll up our sleeves and work hard on them, we can at least get to the point where we've got an understanding, whether it be an agreement in principle or whatever it is, which would then allow technical people to work on."

Trump officials fight eviction from Panama hotel they manage

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PANAMA CITY — One of President Donald Trump's family businesses is battling an effort to physically evict its team of executives from a luxury hotel in Panama where they manage operations, and police have been called to keep the peace. The Associated Press has learned. Witnesses told the AP they saw Trump's executives carrying files to a room for shredding.

Representatives of the hotel owners' association formally sought to fire Trump's management team Thursday by hand-delivering termination notices to them at the Trump International Hotel and Tower, according to a Panamanian legal complaint filed by Orestes Fintiklis, who controls 202 of the property's 369 hotel units. Trump's managers retreated behind the glass walls of an office where they were seen carrying files to an area where the sounds of a shredding machine could be heard, according to two witnesses aligned with the owners. The legal complaint also accused Trump's team of improperly destroying documents.

The witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity over concerns they would be drawn into an expensive and protracted legal fight.

Elsewhere in the building, the hotel owners' team and its allies were barred by Trump Hotel staff from entering the room containing the



building's closed-circuit TV system as well as key computer servers for the hotel and apartments that share the property. In response, they shut off power to the room — temporarily bringing down phone lines and internet connections within the building.

According to the legal complaint, Trump's chief of security and six security guards "pushed and shouted at" Fintiklis when he came to deliver the termination notices. The complaint said the hotel employees then called the police.

A new confrontation appeared likely to arise during the weekend, as Trump's security staff set up early Saturday in the hotel lobby, witnesses said.

Representatives of the Trump Organization did not respond to phone calls and emailed requests for comment, and the listed number for the hotel failed to connect. Likewise, Fintiklis did not respond to messages left by text or email.

On Friday night, lawyers, notaries and rival security personnel gathered at the hotel in Panama City while talks were underway to prevent

the conflict from deteriorating further.

The showdown is the newest low in a months-long fight over control of the property. Last August, Fintiklis' Miami-based Ithaca Capital Partners bought the 202 units in a fire sale from the property's struggling developer. As part of the deal, Trump Hotels sought and received some assurances that Ithaca would not seek to act against its interests as hotel manager.

Relations quickly soured amid abysmal hotel occupancy numbers and allegations by Ithaca and other hotel unit owners of financial mismanagement or misconduct. In October, Ithaca Capital led a push to terminate Trump Hotel's management contract and seek compensatory damages. Trump's company — which he still owns but does not directly control — refused to hand over control of the property, arguing that the vote to fire Trump Hotels was invalid.

A Panamanian court declined to support that claim in December, and the parties have since been fighting in court. The AP reported that the Trump management team ran off a group of Marriott executives who had been invited to tour the property amid a search for a replacement hotel operator.

On Thursday, Fintiklis arrived at the property with management staff and attorneys intending to take over the hotel immediately. The Trump management team again refused to yield control of the property, and according to the legal complaint filed by Ithaca's lawyers, refused to allow Fintiklis to check into any of his company's 202 hotel rooms.

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Man in Austria kills 2 siblings, then himself

BERLIN (AP) — A man apparently killed his brother and sister at their farmhouse in southeastern Austria on Saturday, then hanged himself, authorities said.

The victims were found by the suspected perpetrator's nephew at the house in Dollrath, southeast of Graz, on Saturday afternoon.

Police originally believed that the 51-year-old suspect had fled and they launched a manhunt, but they found his body in a neighboring building about two hours later, without any weapons, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The man's 56-year-old sister and 52-year-old brother were killed. Their mother, aged 75, was taken to a hospital in Graz with serious injuries.

There was no immediate word on what prompted the killings.

Africans protest Israeli deportation plan

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Thousands of African asylum seekers and their local supporters are protesting against an Israeli plan to deport them.

The Israeli government has given the migrants until April 1 to leave the country for an unnamed African destination in exchange for \$3,500 and a plane ticket, or they will be incarcerated indefinitely.

The Africans, nearly all from dictatorial Eritrea and war-torn Sudan, say they feel great appreciation for Israel, coupled with dread over the looming expulsions.

Israel considers the vast majority of the nearly 40,000 migrants to be job seekers and says it has no legal obligation to keep them. Critics have called the government plan unethical and a stain on Israel's image as a refuge for Jewish migrants.

Organizers say some 15,000 gathered in south Tel Aviv Saturday.

Brazilian arms dealer arrested in the United States

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazilian police say the man considered to be

the country's largest arms dealer has been arrested in the United States by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

Inspector Fabricio Oliveira of Rio de Janeiro's police department says Frederik Barbieri was arrested Saturday morning at his home in Florida. He did not know the specific location of Barbieri's house and said that American authorities will provide details on the arrest next week.

Oliveira said that police seized 60 AK-47, AR-10 and G3 rifles Barbieri had sent to Rio's international airport last May to supply drug traffickers operating in Rio de Janeiro slums.

He also said that the arms trafficking operation had been dismantled with Barbieri's arrest.

The Justice Ministry said in a brief statement issued Saturday that Barbieri's extradition has been requested.

Red Cross: 21 resigned or fired since 2015 in sex cases

LONDON (AP) — The International Committee of the Red Cross has joined the list of prominent charities that have uncovered sexual misconduct among its staff.

ICRC Director-General Yves Daccord says 21 staff members have resigned or been fired since 2015 after violating policy by paying for sexual services. Two others did not have their contracts renewed because of suspected sexual misconduct.

"I am deeply saddened to report these numbers," he said. "This behavior is a betrayal of the people and the communities we are there to serve."

Daccord said because of the decentralized nature of the sprawling aid agency, which has more than 17,000 employees worldwide, it is possible that other incidents were not reported or properly handled.

Plan International UK has also disclosed wrongdoing. The charity group says it has confirmed six cases of sexual abuse of children by staff, volunteers or partner organizations and has pledged to do more to prevent misconduct.

Charities in the U.K. have been under increased scrutiny in recent weeks following

allegations that senior staff from the British aid organization Oxfam used prostitutes and downloaded pornography while working in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

Police arrest 2 migrant traffickers, 14 Syrians

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP) — Greek police say they have arrested two migrant traffickers who were transporting 14 undocumented Syrians, eight of them children.

The arrests of a 21-year-old Syrian and a 24-year-old Iraqi took place Friday near Greece's northeastern border with Turkey but were announced Saturday.

The traffickers picked up the Syrians once they had crossed into Greece and put them into the cargo space of a small van, police say. They drove along back roads to escape detection, but were apprehended nonetheless.

Police say the traffickers planned to take the migrants to the northern city of Thessaloniki and onto a yet-unknown destination. Police are still questioning the traffickers and the migrants.

Car bombs in Yemen's Aden kill 5

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni security officials say two car bomb explosions have killed at least five people in the southern city of Aden.

The officials said Saturday that one explosion targeted an anti-terrorism military camp with detention facilities for suspected militants. The other, which also detonated in Goldmor district, targeted Aden's former governor, they added.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack.

Aden has been the seat of Hadi's government since 2014 when Shiite rebels, known as Houthis, seized the capital Sanaa and forced him into self-exile.

A Saudi-led coalition backing Hadi's forces has been at war with the Houthis since March 2015.



AP PHOTOS

This July 4, 2011, file photo, shows the Trump International Hotel Panama, tallest building seen here, in Panama City.

NATION

NRA, Florida faces backlash after latest school shooting

By KEN SWEET, DAMIAN TROISE and ALEXANDRA OLSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The National Rifle Association, and now the State of Florida, faced a growing backlash as companies cut ties to the gun industry following the latest school massacre, and student survivors called for tourism boycotts of their home state until gun control measures are enacted.

The latest companies to end their ties with the NRA were Delta and United Airlines, the first and third largest U.S.-based airline companies by revenue, respectively.

Both Delta and United said Saturday they will no longer offer discounted fares to NRA members to attend their annual meetings, and both have asked the gun rights group to remove any references to their companies from the NRA website.

A growing number of large companies have announced they are cutting or reducing ties with the NRA. Rental car company Hertz will no longer offer a discount program to NRA members and First National Bank of Omaha said it will not renew a co-branded credit card it has with the NRA.

The moves have come as petitions circulated online targeting companies offering discounts to NRA members on its



In this Thursday, Feb. 22, file photo, National Rifle Association Executive Vice President and CEO Wayne LaPierre, speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), at National Harbor, Md.

website. #BoycottNRA was trending on Twitter.

The State of Florida was also facing a potential boycott and backlash as well. One teen survivor of the Florida school shooting suggested on Twitter Saturday morning that tourists stay away from the state during spring break; he got immediate response on social media.

“Let’s make a deal,” David Hogg, a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student who has been a major player in the #neveragain movement, tweeted. “DO NOT come to Florida for spring break unless gun legislation is passed.”

Wendy Glaab, 60, of Fonthill, Ontario, Canada, was among the first to respond. “I like many Canadians travel to Florida from time to time to escape our winter. I can’t speak for others but I will not be returning until meaningful gun

control legislation is in place.”

Glaab told The Associated Press on Saturday that her sister owns property in Fort Lauderdale and she is able to visit any time she chooses.

Members of the NRA have access to special offers from partner companies on its website, ranging from life insurance to wine clubs. But the insurance company MetLife Inc. discontinued its discount program with the NRA on Friday. Car rental company Hertz and Symantec Corp., the software company that makes Norton Antivirus technology, did the same.

“We have notified the NRA that we are ending the NRA’s rental car discount program with Hertz,” the company tweeted Friday.

Insurer Chubb Ltd. said it is ending participation in the



AP FILE PHOTOS

In this Feb. 14, file photo, students are evacuated by police from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., after a shooter opened fire on the campus. A large Wall Street money manager wants to engage with major weapons manufacturers about their response to the school massacre in Parkland.

NRA’s gun-owner insurance program, but it provided notice three months ago. The program that provided coverage for people involved in gun-related incidents or accidents had been under scrutiny by regulators over marketing issues.

Those defections arrived after car rental company Enterprise Holdings, which also owns Alamo and National, said it was cutting off discounts for NRA members. First National Bank of Omaha, one of the nation’s largest privately held banks, announced that it would not renew a co-branded Visa credit-card with the NRA.

Other companies,

including Wyndham Hotels and Best Western hotels, have let social media users know they are no longer affiliated with the NRA, though they did not make clear when the partnerships ended.

The swiftness of the corporate reaction against the NRA has differed from that of past shootings, including the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre that claimed 26 lives and the killing of 58 people in Las Vegas last fall, said Bob Spitzer, a political scientist at SUNY Cortland and a scholar on gun politics. Spitzer said the reaction was likely a reaction to the student mobilization that followed the Florida

shooting, but he said it was too soon tell how significantly it will sway the country’s wider gun debate.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said this week at the Conservative Political Action Conference that those advocating for stricter gun control are exploiting the Florida shooting.

President Donald Trump has aligned himself with the NRA, suggesting some teachers could be armed so that they could fire on any attacker. However, Trump has also called for raising the minimum age for purchasing semi-automatic rifles, a move the NRA opposes.

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Mayor, governor join NYC union rally ahead of key court case

NEW YORK (AP) — Supporters of organized labor rallied Saturday in New York City ahead of arguments in a Supreme Court case that could make it hard for unions to operate.

“This is the place, sisters and brothers, where we make a stand today,” said American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees president Lee Saunders, whose union is the defendant in the case before the court.

The Supreme Court on Monday will hear a challenge to an Illinois law that allows government employee unions such as AFSCME to collect fees from workers who choose not to join. The unions say the outcome could affect more than 5 million government workers in 24 states and the District of Columbia.

The court split 4-4 the last time it considered the issue in 2016. Justice Neil Gorsuch joined the court in April and has yet to weigh in on union fees.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Gov. Andrew Cuomo, both Democrats, vowed to protect unions regardless of how the Supreme Court rules.

“We will not let our city or our country be taken over by the 1 percent,” said de Blasio. He said New York “is the biggest union town in America and we are proud of that.”

Cuomo said workers

“need the strength and solidarity of the labor movement more now than ever.”

He pledged that “as long as I am governor of the state of New York, the state of New York is going to have the back of organized labor.”

Toyota, Hyundai recall roughly 110,000 vehicles

NEW YORK (AP) — Toyota and Hyundai have recalled roughly a combined 110,000 trucks and sport utility vehicles, including the 2018 Toyota Tundra and Sequoia, and the 2018 Hyundai Santa Fe and Santa Fe Sport.

In its recall announced Saturday, Hyundai says some of Santa Fe vehicles are at risk for the steering wheel breaking away from the steering column. Roughly 43,900 vehicles are included in Hyundai’s recall. Toyota recalled roughly 64,900 Tundras and Sequoias, saying these vehicles are at risk for having their electronic stability control systems shutting down unexpectedly.

Both car makers will notify impacted owners of the recalled vehicles starting in March, and if necessary, will repair the vehicles at no cost.

For more information on the recalls, visit www.safercar.gov.

Woman fatally stabbed with hunting knife at public library

WINCHESTER, Mass. (AP) — Police say a man approached a woman

from behind at a public library near Boston and stabbed her repeatedly with a hunting knife, killing her and injuring an elderly man who came to her aid.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan says the 22-year-old woman was seated at one of Winchester Public Library’s reading rooms Saturday morning when 23-year-old Jeffrey Yao stabbed her with a 10-inch knife.

Police say there is no motive determined yet.

Ryan said the woman headed toward the door and a number of people came to her aid, including a 77-year-old man who was also stabbed. Ryan said the man suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Yao is charged with murder and will appear in court Monday. A phone number for him could not be found.

US sailor hit by helicopter blade dies

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A sailor has died after he was struck by a helicopter blade at the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base, north of San Diego.

The Marine Corps says the sailor was hit by the spinning tail rotor of a Venom helicopter Wednesday evening and died at a hospital shortly before 6 a.m. Saturday.

The helicopter was on the ground at the time. The sailor was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

The sailor’s name and other details of the accident haven’t been released.

Body awaiting cremation found 3 years later at funeral home

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — A South Carolina coroner says the decomposed body of a woman whose family thought she had been cremated almost three years ago has been discovered at a funeral home.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said his office was notified earlier this month by a former employee of First Family Funeral Home that a body had been stored there for a long time.

The woman was identified as 63-year-old Mary Alice Pitts Moore of Donalds. Clevenger said Moore died in March 2015 in Anderson County from natural causes. He said it took two weeks to identify her because conventional means were not possible.

Clevenger said he spoke with family members, who were upset because they thought Moore had been cremated. He said an investigation has been launched.

Landslides prompt home evacuation near Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Landslides outside of Pittsburgh have damaged vehicles, closed roads and even caused a home evacuation after debris slid down a slope against the house.

Authorities are warning that more may

be coming with the weekend’s wet weather.

Allegheny County officials said Saturday a Duquesne Heights landslide prompted the home evacuation. Roads were closed in various neighborhoods.

In West Elizabeth, a slide brought down a tree, sending wires and a transformer into the road.

In Ross Township, another slide sent concrete blocks down a hillside, crushing two vehicles.

No major flooding has been reported from the area’s rivers but officials are keeping an eye on them.

Judge dismisses coal company suit against HBO’s John Oliver

MOUNDSVILLE, W.Va. (AP) — A West Virginia judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by coal company Murray Energy

against HBO host John Oliver.

A segment of Oliver’s Sunday show “Last Week Tonight” in June poked fun at Murray Energy CEO Robert Murray, who blames regulatory efforts by the Obama administration for damaging the coal industry. Oliver said the 77-year-old looked like a “geriatric Dr. Evil.”

A Circuit Court judge in Marshall County, West Virginia, ruled on Wednesday that Murray’s company failed to state a claim. The two-page ruling from Senior Judge Jeffrey Cramer was posted online by The Hollywood Reporter.

The Ohio-based company was seeking financial damages and a court order barring rebroadcasts of the segment’s “defamatory statements.”

HBO had argued the show didn’t violate Murray Energy’s rights or those of Murray.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including words like APSE, MISSALS, FIB, CRED, DEUX, ONTARIO, URETHANE, INIT, OCELOTS, TORRANCE, OUTRUN, ETNA, BINGERROR, SPEAKSFLY, FOIL, IRE, VEER, GIMLET, SHOES, HOPI, TAY, URAL, AWAIT, QUIRK, NEATER, METE, SIEGE, KART, SLUMBERPAY, RIG, REC, AMIES, ROT, ICON, NAMEDROP, PEPER, LORS, MUG, SOFIA, USE, JOB, PRIM, COLORS, ALPE, UTICA, AONE, EGGSON, TUTOR, PORTER, PEGG, EDU, SYNC, TONY, SERIES, ONCE, DEE, GENA, EARLY, AMEN, PHONEMARS, SARI, ELTORO, ALCAPONE, MINORCA, ERIN, SEALIONS, REDDEER, RACE, SRTA, RES, TRIE, SON, SLAT

GOOD NEWS TODAY

Rescued from Korean War by US ship, now Olympic volunteers

By HYUNG-JIN KIM ASSOCIATED PRESS

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — Their nicknames, bestowed upon them long ago: "Kimchi 1" and "Kimchi 5," babies born aboard a ship that was helping them flee a war and a regime that, thanks to their rescuers, they'd never have to face.

Sohn Yang Young says he owes his life to the U.S. military. So does his friend Lee Gyeong Pil. They were among five babies born on an American ship that ferried 14,000 Korean refugees, including their parents, from North Korea in one of the world's largest humanitarian evacuation operations ever.

U.S. sailors from a ship called the SS Meredith Victory named the babies Kimchi 1 through Kimchi 5, nicknames that have become a symbol of the South Korean-U.S military alliance.

They are 67 now, all of them, and the whereabouts of three are not known. But the final two — Sohn is Kimchi 1 and Lee Kimchi 5 — are making their way around the Pyeongchang Olympics, promoting peace and reminding younger generations of South Koreans of

their Korean War history.

On Friday, they were in Gangneung's curling center, where South Korea's women's squad made a storybook run to the finals. The two men were volunteering for the Olympics with their wives, checking spectators' tickets and guiding them to the right gates.

"I'm the fruits of the South Korea-U.S. alliance," Sohn said. "The U.S. military is the savior of our lives and they saved my parents and other refugees. I always feel grateful to the U.S. military."

Both Sohn and Lee say they feel comfortable being called Kimchi — happy, even. During a joint interview, they often called each other by those monikers and said they were "Kimchi brothers." Lee's business card, in fact, shows "Kimchi 5" written alongside his name both in Korean and English.

"I didn't become Kimchi 1 because I wanted it. It was like my destiny," said Sohn, who runs a steel products trading company.

Their parents were among tens of thousands of civilians who gathered at North Korea's northeastern Hungnam port in

December 1950, hoping to board one of about 190 U.S. vessels originally mobilized to evacuate U.S. troops retreating from advancing Chinese and North Korean troops.

Those civilians were mostly North Korean residents who wanted to flee from the North's harsh systems, such as big landowners, wealthy businessmen who feared political purges or others who sympathized with South Korea or sheltered southern soldiers.

The U.S. military eventually decided to ship those North Korean refugees to safety despite worries that the crowd might include North Korean soldiers disguised as civilians.

The 10,000-ton SS Meredith Victory was one of the last ships to leave the Hungnam port on Dec. 23, 1950. It discarded military supplies and other cargo to take as many refugees as possible.

The ship wasn't armed, didn't have enough food and water and had to navigate mine-infested waters. But after its three-day voyage to South Korea's southern Geoje Island, there were no fatalities or serious injuries. It became the "Ship of the Miracles."

In fact, the number of the ship's passengers increased slightly because of the on-board births of Sohn, Lee and three other babies — all presumably on Christmas Day. Both Sohn and Lee say the birthdays on their residence cards are December 25, 1950.

Lee's mother had massive labor pains and couldn't disembark, so she gave birth to him in the hold. A neighbor who had also fled the North cut her umbilical cord with her teeth, according to Lee's wife, Ock Junghee.

Among the refugees were the parents of current South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who described the ship's evacuation as a "voyage of freedom and human rights" during his speech in Washington last year.

"It was indeed a miracle of Christmas. And two years later, in Geoje, where the SS Meredith Victory had arrived, I was born," Moon said. "And, today, the son of the refugees that the American soldiers rescued sixty-some years ago became the President of the Republic of Korea and is here today meeting with you."

Lee, a veterinarian in Geoje, joined Moon's



Sohn Yang Young, right, and Lee Gyeong Pil, center, talk with Ock Junghee after arriving in the Gangneung Curling center at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Saturday, Feb. 24.

campaign team to support his election as president in May last year.

The Guinness Book of World Records later listed the ship's evacuation as the largest "from land by a single ship," and the ship's crew were awarded citations from both the South Korean and U.S. governments. In what is known here as the "Hungnam Evacuation," the SS Meredith Victory and other U.S. ships evacuated about 100,000 North Korean refugees.

The parents of both Sohn and Lee died long ago, but they left wills linked to their longing for their hometowns and relatives there.

Lee's parents asked him to move and bury

their bones in their North Korean hometown once the Koreans are unified. Sohn's father asked him to find his elder brother and sister, left behind in the North because he didn't know his evacuation would be a permanent farewell.

"My mother always cried because of her children left in the North," Sohn said, his eyes filling with tears. "My father sometimes went out to smoke cigarettes and I saw him sobbing and wiping away tears with his handkerchief so many times."

He added: "I absolutely want to meet my brother and sister whom I have never seen. That's my father's dying wish."

Sunday Television

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Today's Live Sports

- 7 a.m. ESPN2 Americas Rugby Championship United States at Brazil. (T)
9 a.m. FSN German Bundesliga Soccer Hertha BSC at Bayern Munich. (T)
9:30 a.m. FS1 German Bundesliga Soccer Schalke 04 at Bayer Leverkusen. (L)
11:25 a.m. ESPN English League Cup Soccer Final Manchester City vs Arsenal. (L)
12 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Ohio State at Penn State. (L)
NBC NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Nashville Predators. (L)
1 p.m. CBS College Basketball Michigan State at Wisconsin. (L)
FSN Women's College Basketball Georgia Tech at Florida State. (L)
FSSUN MLB Spring Training Tampa Bay vs Minnesota. (L)
GOLF PGA Tour Golf The Honda Classic: Final Round. (L)
1:30 p.m. ESPN PBA Bowling PBA Players Championship. (L)
2 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball North Carolina State at Notre Dame. (L)
FOX Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500. (L)
FS1 Women's College Basketball Creighton at Villanova. (L)
3 p.m. ABC CBS PGA Tour Golf The Honda Classic: Final Round. (L)
FSN Women's College Basketball Virginia at Wake Forest. (L)
NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games Cross-Country. (T)
3:30 p.m. ABC NBA Basketball San Antonio at Cleveland. (L)
4 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Memphis at Connecticut. (L)
ESPN2 Women's College Basketball South Carolina at Tennessee Lady. (L)
FS1 College Basketball Minnesota at Purdue. (L)
5 p.m. FSN German Bundesliga Soccer Hamburger at Werder Bremen. (T)
6:30 p.m. FS1 NHRA Drag Racing Phoenix. (L)
7 p.m. GOLF PGA Tour The Honda Classic: Final Round. (T)
NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games NBC Olympic Gold. (T)
8 p.m. ESPN NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Washington Wizards. (L)
NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games Closing Ceremony. (T)

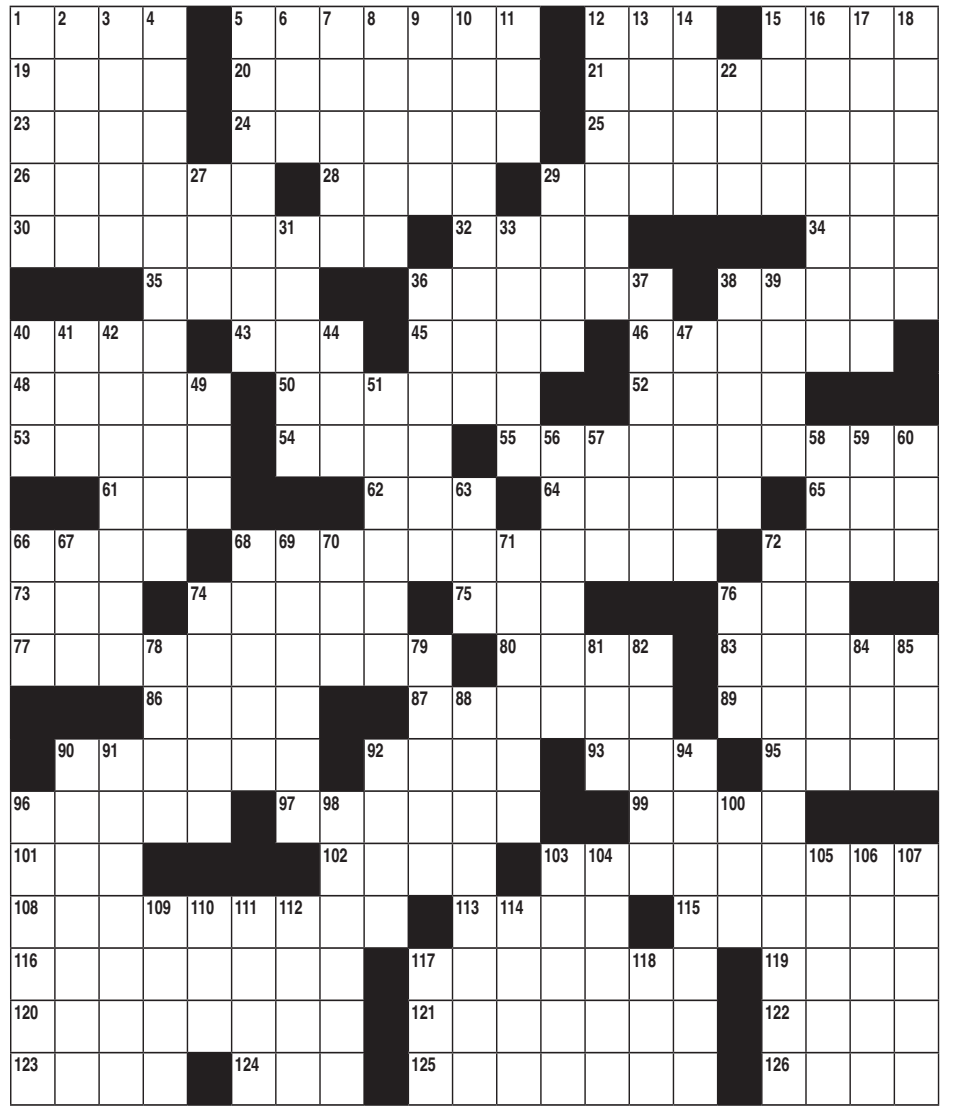
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SEE 68-ACROSS

BY ELIZABETH A. LONG / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ aisle, part of a church
 - 5 Prayer books
 - 12 Bit of baloney
 - 15 Rep
 - 19 Two, in Toulouse
 - 20 Neighbor of New York
 - 21 Pesticide ingredient
 - 23 Still a contender
 - 24 Cousins of jaguarundis
 - 25 City in Los Angeles County
 - 26 Leave in the dust
 - 28 European eruption site
 - 29 Search engine failure?
 - 30 Is able to translate what was heard on the wall?
 - 32 Thwart
 - 34 Cholera
 - 35 Not stay the course?
 - 36 Gin, lime and soda combo
 - 38 Things that are bought and soled
 - 40 Arizona tribe
 - 43 Scotland's longest river
 - 45 River through Russia and Kazakhstan
 - 46 Is expecting
 - 48 Oddity
 - 50 More in order
 - 52 Dole (out)
 - 53 Tactic in a war of attrition
 - 54 It goes after go
 - 55 Mattress tester's compensation?
 - 61 Word after big or oil
 - 62 Suggestion of what to do, slangily
 - 64 Opposite of enemies
 - 65 Basics of education, briefly
 - 66 Super superstar
 - 68 Supercilious sort ... or the title for this puzzle
 - 72 A bushful
 - 73 Make faces in front of a camera
 - 74 European capital named after a saint
 - 75 "___ your head!"
 - 76 Monster.com posting
 - 77 Dress code requirement for the Puritans?
 - 80 Peak in Suisse
 - 83 City on the Erie Canal
 - 86 Tops
 - 87 Goads
 - 89 Test-prep aid
 - 90 Dark beer
 - 92 France's ___ Noël
 - 93 What may follow a school period?
 - 95 Connect, as picture with sound
 - 96 Annual CBS awards broadcast, with "the"
 - 97 Playoff matchup
 - 99 Years ago
 - 101 "Mudbound" director Rees
 - 102 Actress Rowlands
 - 103 Hoped-for conclusion by someone with sore knees?
 - 108 Make a really long-distance call?
 - 113 Rani's raiment
 - 115 Matorador's foe
 - 116 Infamous Chicago bootlegger
 - 117 Mediterranean resort island
 - 119 "___ go bragh!"
 - 120 Swimmers with flippers
 - 121 Rufous ruminant
 - 122 Census datum
 - 123 Sp. miss
 - 124 Follower of hi or lo
 - 125 Slips into at a store, say
 - 126 Louver
 - 22 Number of i's in "Sicilia"
 - 27 Hula accompaniment, for short
 - 29 With 29-Across, surprise in the mail
 - 31 With 30-Across, is blunt
 - 33 Khayyám and others
 - 36 Left only the exterior of
 - 37 Green of the L.P.G.A.
 - 38 Fills
 - 39 24 heures ago
 - 40 Central command spots, for short
 - 41 Sénat affirmative
 - 42 Polish dumpling
 - 44 Senate affirmative
 - 47 Big brand of grills
 - 49 Gunpowder holder
 - 51 Overdue amount
 - 56 Things that might be grabbed by someone in an argument
 - 57 Authority on diamonds?
 - 58 Uprightness
 - 59 With 55-Across, big sleeper
 - 60 What mos. and mos. add up to
 - 63 French vineyard
 - 66 Devilkin
 - 67 Apt rhyme for "grr"
 - 68 Everybody's opposite
 - 69 New York Titans and Dallas Texans, in '60s sports
 - 70 Mine, in Milano
 - 71 Plains tribe
 - 72 Lackadaisical sorts
 - 74 Glaswegians, e.g.
 - 76 Protrude
 - 78 With 77-Across, red, blue and yellow
 - 79 Welcome at the front door
 - 81 "The Oblong Box" writer
 - 82 Witch's home
 - 84 Against
 - 85 Electrical connection?
 - 88 Like fried food vis-à-vis grilled food, typically
 - 90 Fey's co-star in "Baby Mama" and "Sisters"
 - 91 Simple variant of baseball
 - 92 Part of Potus: Abbr.
 - 94 Break, as a habit
 - 96 QB's feat
 - 98 Way out
 - 100 Three-dimensional fig.
 - 103 Wear down
 - 104 Buenos ___
 - 105 End of story?
 - 106 With 103-Across, simple furniture style
 - 107 Schubert's "Eine Kleine Trauermusik," e.g.
 - 109 Lion queen in "The Lion King"
 - 110 Prefix with dermis
 - 111 Anchor
 - 112 With 108-Across, not talking loudly on a cell, e.g.
 - 114 "The King ___"
 - 117 "D.C. Cab" co-star
 - 118 Board hiree, for short



FOR ANSWERS, TURN TO PAGE 5

Ask the Fool

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How can I find out which stocks my mutual fund is invested in? — R.M., Dallas

You generally can't know what any managed fund owns at the moment, but most funds will publish lists of holdings as of the end of each month or quarter. You'll likely find these reports on fund company websites and also at sites such as **morningstar.com**, which offer lots of information on a wide range of funds.

Don't assume that the lists are still 100 percent accurate. While a fund may have many shares of a company as of the end of last quarter, it might have sold off most of them by the time you're reading the report. Some fund managers engage in "window dressing," loading up on hot stocks near the end of a quarter, so that they'll look good.

What's a "golden parachute"? — L.B., Binghamton, New York

It's deployed when a company gives a hefty payout to a departing CEO or top executive. Some executives' contracts stipulate that if they are dismissed or the company is sold, they'll receive a certain payout, potentially including cash, stock, options, continued travel allowances, health care coverage and more. Many may seem reasonable given the performance of the executive and the company, but others are rather outlandish, and sometimes go to bigwigs who haven't done stellar jobs or been in their positions long.

A classic example is former Pfizer CEO Henry McKinnell, who left his position in 2006 after about five years with more than \$100 million in severance and an \$83 million pension — at a time when the company was losing money and its stock had plunged.

As you might imagine, shareholders don't love golden parachutes.

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Fool's School

Stock Market Shock

The stock market has been quite volatile recently, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping 666 points on Feb. 2, 1,175 points on Feb. 5 and 1,033 points on Feb. 8. There have been some up days, too, but a downward trend could continue for a while.

What should you do? Well, the worst thing you could do is panic and sell. Any money you park in the stock market should be long-term money that you can leave there for five, if not 10, years, in order to ride out sharp downturns that happen at least every few years. Selling means you'll be on the sidelines when a recovery begins in earnest, and you'll miss out on many gains. The days with the biggest stock market gains often follow big drops. Indeed, the day after the 1,175-point drop, the Dow surged 567 points.

The media is not helpful when it reports market drops in points

instead of percentages. The 1,175-point drop might have sounded horrifying, especially compared to 1987's "Black Monday," when the Dow fell 508 points. But in percentage points, the recent drop was a meaningful but not catastrophic 4.6 percent decline — while 1987's drop wiped out a whopping 22.6 percent of the market's value at the time.

Stocks can rise or fall in a single week, month or year, but there's never been a 20-year period during which stocks lost money. If your time horizon is long enough, betting on stocks has always been a winner — especially if you have the courage to buy after a big drop. That's what many of the best investors do. They maintain lists of stocks they'd like to buy at a good price, and then they wait for an opportunity.

You might reduce your jitters by investing in healthy companies that pay dividends, because those regular payouts tend to continue no matter what the stock market is doing.

Don't let a market correction turn you against stocks. Expect occasional surges and plunges, and know that the market's long-term trend has always been upward.

My Dumbest Investment

Put Down

My dumbest investment was selling put options on WorldCom stock a year before fraud was detected. It seemed like a great growth story at the time, and I couldn't imagine the stock falling over the next few months. The \$15,000 I collected in put premiums was nice, but ultimately I ended up paying a lot more in tuition to the School of What Can Go Wrong, as WorldCom headed toward bankruptcy. I had tax-loss carryovers that I'm finally ridding myself of just this year. — F.U., Gig Harbor, Washington

The Fool Responds: Options can be very risky and costly, especially to the inexperienced.

A put option gives its holder the right to sell a specified asset at a specified price at any time, until the option expires. The seller of the put must buy the asset at that price, no matter what it's going for in the market. (Call options are the opposite: They give their holder the right to buy a certain asset at a certain price until expiration, with the call seller required to sell it.)

If you're pretty sure a particular stock will soar or fall within a certain period, you can make money off those who think otherwise — but you can also lose much more than you ever expected if things don't go your way. You were smart to put your tax loss to work, though.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to Atlanta in 1886, when a pharmacist served drinks made from a syrup he created. I loaded ammunition in World War II. Today I'm the world's largest beverage company, with more than 500 brands. I employ more than 700,000 people, and my offerings are enjoyed more than 1.9 billion times a day around the world.

Twenty-one of my brands generate more than \$1 billion in annual revenue. They include Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Simply, Fuze tea, vitaminwater, Gold Peak, smartwater and Schweppes. My ticker symbol is a hit in the boxing ring. Who am I?

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

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The Motley Fool Take

General Motors Firing on Many Cylinders

General Motors' (NYSE: GM) stock has been trading at rock-bottom valuations for a long time. The fear that a slowing of demand for vehicles would ravage GM's bottom line has been holding back the stock, but whenever the next downturn occurs, GM will be a leaner and more efficient company than it was last time around. Investors also don't seem to be giving GM's innovation initiatives enough credit.

While Tesla currently manufactures America's top-selling electric vehicle, GM's Bolt claims the second-place position on the sales chart, and GM's production capabilities mean that it's in much better position to capture growth in the category as demand increases at the consumer and fleet levels. GM also seems to be at the forefront of autonomous-vehicle technology, having recently unveiled a car for ride-sharing use, on track for a 2019 debut, that doesn't have a steering wheel or pedals.

GM shed its money-losing European operations last year, and it expects its 2018 results to be in line with its 2017 results, with new full-size pickups set to launch later this year, helping to accelerate earnings in 2019.

With a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 6.5, a healthy dividend that recently yielded 3.7 percent, seemingly exaggerated risk factors and underappreciated growth prospects, GM stands out as an attractive, undervalued income opportunity at recent prices.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a yarn company in Boston in 1923. I became a major rayon producer and made parachutes in World War II. Today, based in Providence, Rhode Island, and with a market value recently near \$16 billion, I'm a global conglomerate specializing in aircraft, defense, industrial and finance businesses. My customers range from the military to NASA to automakers and others. My brands include Bell Helicopter, Cessna, Beechcraft, Hawker, Jacobsen, Kautex, Lycoming, E-Z-GO, Greenlee, Arctic Cat and TRU Simulation + Training. I employ some 35,000 people in more than 25 countries. Who am I? (Answer: Textron)



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

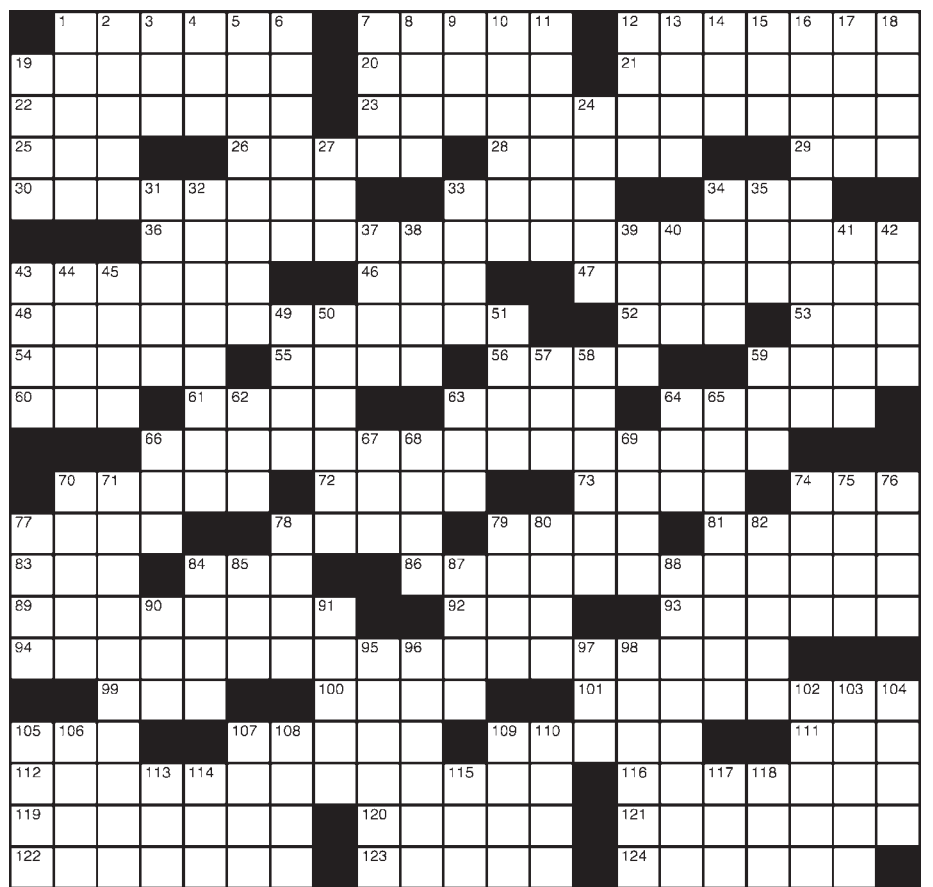
KINDA SORTA

By Jeffrey Wechsler

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| ACROSS | 78 Rum-and-water drink | 10 See 51-Down | 68 European capital on its own gulf |
| 1 JFK's 109 | 79 Tusker hunted as game | 11 Scrooge visitor | 69 Feudal peasant |
| 7 Gives in | 81 Hostile calls | 12 Flu symptom | 70 Sri Lankan people |
| 12 Egg white protein | 83 CPR provider | 13 It's measured in degrees for golf clubs | 71 Armed forces strategy |
| 19 Ronzoni rival | 84 Brazilian map word | 14 Fed. budget unit | 74 Manner |
| 20 Open, as an aspirin bottle | 86 Media outlet in Pennsylvania | 15 Merkel of "Destry Rides Again" | 75 Commotion |
| 21 Quarters and halves | 89 '90s golf club-making innovation | 16 Fixes | 76 General ___ chicken |
| 22 It's often written in stone | 92 Coughing, perhaps | 17 Eisner's successor at Disney | 77 Head of Byzantium? |
| 23 Snow in southwest England? | 93 Provides fare for | 18 Fabled loch | 78 Rise |
| 25 Snack | 94 General-use gesture? | 19 Attraction for a cartoon coyote | 79 Tell what's due |
| 26 Hayseeds | 99 Source of brain research data: Abbr. | 24 Dish using seaweed | 80 European capital |
| 28 Salad bar container | 100 Unresponsive (to) | 27 Small change: Abbr. | 82 Court declarations |
| 29 EKGs may be done in them | 101 Like delicate fabric | 31 More to the point | 84 Warm and comfy |
| 30 Nice | 105 The Jungfrau, e.g. | 32 Less healthy-looking | 85 "The ___ bites shrewdly; it is very cold": Hamlet |
| 33 Waikiki wreaths | 107 Makeup malfunction | 33 Auction array | 87 Annoy |
| 34 Rte. finder | 109 Take as one's own | 34 "I approve" | 88 Eponymous apple grower |
| 36 Golf-loving priest's dream? | 111 Binary code basic | 35 Stout server | 90 Mimic |
| 43 Cal. locale of the Latino Walk of Fame | 112 Cause of an origami flaw? | 37 Pediatrician | 91 Web surfing tool |
| 46 Bottom-row key | 116 "Just like us!" | 38 Move like a moth | 95 North Atlantic navigation worry |
| 47 Fixed | 119 Genteel café relative | 39 Poet Lazarus | 96 Part of a telemarketer's gear |
| 48 Pastry with a metallic taste? | 120 Conclude | 40 Entertainer of the Year org. | 97 "The X-Files" sighting |
| 52 Steamed | 121 Feeling guilty | 41 Muck | 98 Attacks, as a wrapped gift |
| 53 Boodles, for one | 122 Charming small-town street array | 42 Child's counting word | 102 Vichy verse |
| 54 Renaissance painter della Francesca | 123 Old lab heaters | 43 Notice | 103 Matchless? |
| 55 Auto body problem | 124 Became less hostile | 44 Feuding | 104 Requirement |
| 56 Eye layer | DOWN | 45 Acorn, functionally | 105 Aqua Velva alternative |
| 59 "Gracious!" | 1 Like decrees from Francis | 49 "Phooey!" | 106 Movie mogul Marcus |
| 60 Since Jan. 1, in accounting | 2 Overused | 50 Name on a spine | 107 Neck, in Nottingham |
| 61 Start of many a riddle | 3 It might come from the horse's mouth | 51 With 10-Down, Waikiki entertainer | 108 Theaters associated with 106-Down |
| 63 Ben Gurion carrier | 4 Portuguese hi | 57 Mayflower roller | 109 Acapulco abode |
| 64 Freight unit | 5 Nuclear decay emission | 58 Prophet associated with Passover | 110 Unlocks, in verse |
| 66 Result of certain radar screens conking out? | 6 Sesame seed paste | 59 Western alliance: Abbr. | 113 Wash'n ___ towelettes |
| 70 Ski resort aids | 7 Rudolph's dad, e.g. | 62 Is down with | 114 Charged thing |
| 72 Mishmash | 8 Baseball Hall of Famer Slaughter | 63 Bolivian president | 115 Dynasty after the Qin |
| 73 "M*A*S*H" roller | 9 ATM maker | 64 Role in "Evita" | 117 "Eureka!" |
| 74 Dec. setting in Denver | | 65 Put another way | 118 Cold and rainy |
| 77 Lea sounds | | 66 Existed | |
| | | 67 Symphonic rock gp. | |

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

POLISH CLUB

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

- ♠ 3
- ♥ Q J 8 5
- ♦ K Q 10 9 8 6
- ♣ Q 8

WEST

- ♠ A K 10 9 5
- ♥ 6 4
- ♦ A J 4 3
- ♣ J 6

EAST

- ♠ J 8 7 6
- ♥ K 3 2
- ♦ Void
- ♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2

SOUTH

- ♠ Q 4 2
- ♥ A 10 9 7
- ♦ 7 5 2
- ♣ A K 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1♠	Dbl*	3♠
Pass	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♥	All pass		

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: ?

Today's deal is from a match between teams from Poland and Canada. The Polish North-South pair were playing the Polish Club system, extremely popular in Poland. Many world championships have been won with this system, and parts of it are popular throughout Europe. The one

club opening has three possible meanings. Two of these are strong, but the most common hand, based on frequency, is 12-14 balanced. This means that one club would be the opening bid with any balanced minimum, regardless of minor suit length. A hand with 4-3-4-2 distribution would be opened one club if it had 12-14 points.

West in today's deal was Canadian expert John Gowdy. While he was considering his opening lead, he took some time to review the opponents' bidding system. He decided that South would probably have bid directly over the three spade bid with either of the strong possibilities of the one-club opening, so South was most likely to have 12-14 balanced. This meant that South had some diamond length.

Gowdy backed his judgment with his actions and led the ace of diamonds. He was delighted to see his partner discard on the first trick and he continued with the jack of diamonds as a suit-preference signal for spades. Spades was the higher ranking of the two remaining suits after eliminating the suit led and the trump suit. East ruffed and duly returned a spade to Gowdy's king, and a second diamond ruff defeated the contract. Nice lead!

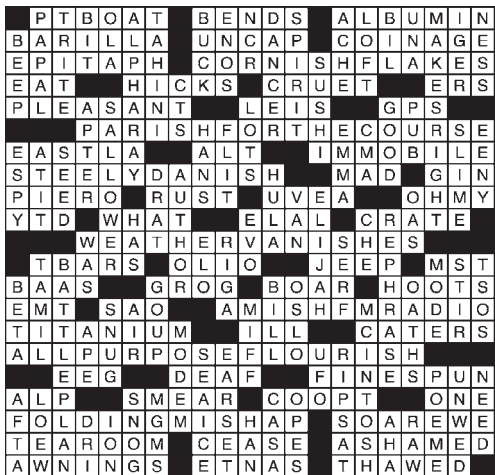
CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS WORK WOES by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

CHUNKY EITHER POWDER
COUSIN ABRUPT SHREWD

The car repairs were going well until the auto mechanic —

WRENCHED HIS BACK

1. It was about lunchtime. A pleasant but hungry Zen student asked the pizza vendor on the corner to make him one with everything.
2. The monks and friars wanted a cracking good breakfast. Their immediate choice was eggs benedict.
3. If you're feeling hungry, consuming more herbs raises your basil metabolic rate.
4. We decided on lamb for dinner. But mom was late with the food so I shouted out chop, chop!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's difficult not to get attached to things today, especially when they fall so perfectly in line with who you think you are. Of course, we're never who we think we are, any more than we are who others think we are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Should you maximize your gains or minimize your losses? It depends on what you want. For fame or publicity, maximize your gains. For money and security, minimize your losses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are a key player, an integral team member and a big reason your group is functioning so well right now. Don't seek validation for this. Just know it's true and keep going.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You offer many things to people around you every day. Today you already know what they will choose. You've made the default option very appealing; it will take the least amount of effort for them, which makes it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your nearest and dearest love you for who you are, not for what you achieve or do. But what you do still affects the big picture. They cannot help but be influenced, and you'll be keenly aware of exactly how today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't ask them what they think. They'll tell you, but it won't really be what they think; it will just be what they suppose sounds appropriate. You'll have better luck if you ask them how they feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your actual choice won't be nearly so important as the level of focus and power you bring to it. So don't stress about what you'll do next. Pick something and then put your all into it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Children, dreams, beauty, love — good things such as those have a life of their own and don't necessarily do what they're told. They render you powerless and energized all at once.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Kindness and politeness will go a long way toward paving easy daily routines, contributing to healthful and lovely environments, and creating quality relationships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't do waiting; do creating. Though there will definitely be a stretch of time between your request and its fulfillment, if you fill it with work on other things, it will seem like a mere blink.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not that the pot of gold doesn't exist; it's that the end of the rainbow doesn't exist. The rainbow is an illusion dependent on a point of perspective, not GPS coordinates. Definitely find the gold using a map instead of a rainbow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 25). In the next 10 weeks, you'll learn new strategies and skills for creating the kind of life you want. The educational process is such a pleasure that it will be hard to choose which you like better, learning or applying what you learn to the achievements in June and beyond. You'll commit to something new in August. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 50, 22 and 14.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution.

CLUES

- 1 beverage brand (6)
2 beverage brand (7)
3 beverage brand (9)
4 beverage brand (5)
5 beverage brand (6)
6 beverage brand (8)
7 beverage brand (5)

SOLUTIONS

Blank lines for writing solutions.

Grid of letters: RR, FA, SCH, NA, YD, UA, JO, SU, SP, NTA, PES, FI, PE, RI, TE, IER, NN, NES, AQ, WEP

2/25

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.

9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled for a Janric Classic Sudoku puzzle.

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Solution to 2/25/18

Solved 9x9 grid for the Janric Classic Sudoku puzzle.

DEAR ABBY

Retired teacher pessimistic about finding himself a new romance

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old male former teacher and social worker. I stopped dating 30 years ago because the only women I had loved had all dumped me.



Dear Abby

Since then, I haven't been romantically involved with anyone so I would not be dumped again. However, I am lonely for female companionship and afraid I'll die without ever having had another girlfriend.

I'm not attracted to women my age, and I don't see younger women being attracted to an overweight old guy who isn't even scraping by on Social Security.

Dating services don't screen their members. Is there a solution for this problem?

HOPELESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR HOPELESS: I'm sorry women in your age range don't qualify, because it would be easier for you if they did.

To be appreciated for the person you are, you will have to meet through mutual friends, church or an activity you enjoy — something that

be done. Do you have any recommendations on how to help get this student a pair? Since I don't know the family, how do I even offer a ride to an optometrist's without fear of being labeled a kidnapper? TRYING TO HELP IN THE WEST

DEAR TRYING TO HELP: A diplomatic way to handle it would be to discuss this with your daughter's teacher or the school principal. I agree a child who can't see the blackboard has little chance of academic success. If you would like to provide transportation or pay for glasses for the boy, speaking with school staff would be the path with the least potential for embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I am currently in a relationship that's great except for one thing. She knows what "buttons" to push to make me angry, and she'll continue to push them.

No matter what I do, she's in my face. It just seems she wants to argue until I reach the point of exploding. I try to walk away, go to another room, ignore her, tell her she's making me angry — yet she

continues. I'm all for being able to walk away and then talk about it later — and I have confronted her on this. What do I do? FRUSTRATED IN FLORIDA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: What do you do? You break up with this toxic individual who enjoys goading you to the point of exploding, and find a woman who is a lot more compatible.

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Dear Readers: As much as we may not want to think about it, many emergencies such as falls, dog bites, heart attacks, fires, floods or electrical issues occur in our homes. So it's a good idea to chat with family members about potential problems. Have a discussion so everyone knows how to handle an emergency. The most important rule: Call 911!

Post phone numbers for doctors, hospitals, veterinarians, fire departments, plumbers, gas companies, friends and other contacts in the kitchen, or program the numbers into each family member's smartphone.

Post emergency guides that show how to help if someone chokes and how to perform the Heimlich maneuver, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) information to aid if a family member stops breathing or if a pet is choking. — Heloise



Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: We love to hike and the boots get so dirty. I never seem to get them clean. Do you have any hints for doing a better job? — Leslie from Colorado

Dear Leslie: Sure do. If the boots are just dusty, use a shoe brush to remove all the dust. When the boots are wet and muddy, allow them to dry completely. Then take a soft-bristled brush to get rid of all the dried mud. Scrub the hidden spots and seams. Wipe off boots with water.

Air out boots and put several used fabric-softener sheets inside to deodorize them. If the boots are leather,

apply a leather conditioner after cleaning. — Heloise

Dear Readers: If you are going to replace bar stools, don't throw them out. Repurpose them as storage containers. Take a bar stool and turn it upside down. You can store hockey gear, baseball bats or footballs in it. Baseball caps and gloves can hang on the legs. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: My children don't like yogurt, but I want them to eat healthy foods. Do you have any ideas on how I can get them to eat it? — Joanie from North Carolina

Dear Joanie: Yes, I do. Try this: Transform a large container of vanilla yogurt into dessert treats.

Stir fruit cocktail into the yogurt. Or grab a parfait glass and layer the yogurt with jam or jelly, fresh fruit pieces, crunchy cereal or small chocolate chips. — Heloise

Dear Readers: If you see a crusty, calcium-type ring inside a flower vase, it most likely was caused by tap water that contains minerals. Here's how to remove it.

Warm enough full-strength household vinegar to cover the deposits and pour into the vase. Cover the top of the vase with your hand and shake the vase. Allow the vinegar to soak in the vase overnight. Next day, rub the inside with a nonabrasive scrub pad to ensure that everything is dissolved. Then wash and rinse. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Hard-boiled eggs are a staple in our diets. But it's such a pain to try to peel the shell without destroying the egg. However, here's a sure way to do it: Roll the eggs on a clean surface on your kitchen counter. Press gently until small cracks appear. Then peel the eggs under water, starting from the large end. — Heloise

JUMBLE

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

Jumble game with words: KHNYCU, USCOIN, TRIHEE, BRATUP, WEPDRO, DHERSW. Includes a cartoon illustration of a car repair.

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Graham's body to make journey from mountains to Charlotte

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The Rev. Billy Graham's body will be brought to his hometown of Charlotte on Saturday as part of a procession expected to draw crowds of well-wishers.

The procession begins late Saturday morning with a ceremonial departure from a mountain chapel at the training center operated by his evangelistic association in Asheville and ends in the afternoon at Graham's library in Charlotte.

Crowds are expected to watch the procession pass through the town of Black Mountain as it leaves the training center on its way to the interstate for the approximately 130 mile journey. Graham often shopped or caught trains in Black Mountain,

next to the community of Montreat where he maintained his home.

Authorities in North Carolina's largest city, where Graham grew up, are also making preparations with designated viewing areas for well-wishers when the procession ends there.

The procession is part of more than a week of mourning for "America's Pastor," culminating with his burial next week at his library in Charlotte.

Graham, who died Wednesday at his home in North Carolina's mountains at age 99, reached hundreds of millions of listeners around the world with his rallies and his pioneering use of television.

A viewing will be held at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte on Monday and Tuesday.

Graham will also lie in honor in the U.S.



AP PHOTOS

Visitors leave the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C., Wednesday, Feb. 21. Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, has died.

Capitol Rotunda next week, on Feb. 28 and March 1, the first time a private citizen has been accorded such recognition since civil rights hero Rosa Parks in 2005.

He will be laid to rest March 2 at the foot of a cross-shaped walkway at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, buried in a simple prison-made plywood coffin next to his wife, Ruth, who

died in 2007. His coffin was built by inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana, who typically construct caskets for fellow prisoners who cannot afford one.

The funeral will be held in a tent in the main

parking lot of Graham's library in tribute to the 1949 Los Angeles tent revivals that propelled him to international fame, family spokesman Mark DeMoss said. About 2,000 people are expected at the private, invitation-only funeral.



In this March 12, 1955 file photo, the Rev. Billy Graham stands with his wife Ruth Graham as he waves from the liner *Liberte* in New York, before departing on a European preaching tour.



In this Dec. 20, 2010 file photo, evangelist Billy Graham, 92, speaks during an interview at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association headquarters in Charlotte, N.C. Graham, who died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at his home in North Carolina's mountains at age 99.



Rose Salazar of Cornelius, N.C. waits for the motorcade carrying the body of the late Rev. Billy Graham to proceed through uptown Charlotte, N.C. on the way to the Billy Graham Library on Saturday.

At Japan's suicide cliffs, he's walked 609 people back from the edge

By JONATHAN KAIMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

FUKUI, Japan — Almost no one jumps on rainy days.

They jump when the sun returns and the masses step outside, reminding them of their misery. They jump during financial crises and in the early spring, when Japanese schools open and the pressures of life converge.

Yukio Shige's routine, though, is the same regardless of the weather.

Nearly every day, he clambers across the high basalt columns of the Tojinbo cliffs, the Sea of Japan thrashing 80 feet below. He peers into binoculars, seeking hunched figures on distant rocks, ready to talk them down.

In 15 years, he's walked 609 people back from the edge.

"The way I save people, it's like I'm seeing a friend," said Shige, 73, a retired policeman with a floppy fishing hat and a gentle demeanor. "It's not exciting or anything. I'm like, 'Hey, how are you doing?' These people are asking for help. They're just waiting for someone to speak with them."

Japan's suicide rate is among the highest in the developed world. In 2016, there were 17.3 suicides for every 100,000 people,

second only to South Korea among major industrialized nations (the U.S. figure is 13.5). As in most places, the majority of victims are men. The most common method is hanging, unlike in the U.S., where it is firearms. Among people age 15 to 39 in Japan, suicide is the leading cause of death — claiming more lives than cancer and accidents combined.

Those statistics are a marked improvement, thanks to a strengthening economy and prevention efforts by the government. About 22,000 people killed themselves in Japan in 2016, the lowest number in 22 years, down from about 33,000 a year in the late 1990s following an economic crash.

Outside of Japan, media depictions of suicide in the country frequently involve concepts of honor and disgrace, from 12th century samurai who committed seppuku — a ritualized form of self-disembowelment — to World War II kamikaze pilots who deliberately crashed into Allied ships.

Yet in modern Japanese life, it's largely viewed in less romanticized terms: a public health crisis driven by widespread depression, family problems, unemployment and pressure at work and school. Tokyo introduced

a basic law for suicide countermeasures in 2007, and broadened that law with new, more holistic guidelines a decade later.

The Japanese government is "dealing with suicide on a legal, social and cultural level," said Yutaka Motohashi, a professor and suicide researcher at the Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine.

He said that officials, rather than simply pumping money into researching depression, are attempting to address suicide's underlying causes. They're opening suicide hotlines, improving access to counseling, monitoring websites that might promote suicide cults, and tweaking employment laws in a drive to reduce the number of working hours per week.

Although most suicides in Japan take place at home, some occur in "suicide hot spots" — bridges, cliffs, gorges, skyscrapers. Experts say Japan has 50 of them, including the Aokigahara forest, the infamous "Sea of Trees" at the base of Mount Fuji.

In January, YouTube star Logan Paul sparked a public backlash when he posted a video in which he discovers a body hanging in the forest and laughs. Paul has since apologized.

Another popular spot is the Tojinbo cliffs, about 200 miles west of Tokyo. Legend has it they're named after a licentious monk who died when a rival in courtship pushed him off the precipice. They stretch on for more than half a mile, their wave-eroded crags reaching like bony fingers into the sea.

Shige worked as a police officer for 42 years, and at Tojinbo, his final posting, he frequently had to remove corpses from the waves. In 2003, he spotted an elderly couple on a bench and approached them. They said they owned a bar in Tokyo and were deeply in debt; they planned to jump at sunset.

Shige called his colleagues, who took them to the local welfare bureau. But the police then sent the couple away, and five days later, they hanged themselves in Niigata, a neighboring prefecture.

Shaken, Shige set up a nonprofit to patrol the cliffs. He now has about 20 volunteers, who keep nearly constant watch during daylight hours. "The reason we patrol as individuals is, if you do it in pairs, the person feels suspicious and hides away," he said. "People feel safer if it's a one-on-one conversation."

Shige recently acquired a drone, which can surveil the cliffs at great speed.

He can't talk everyone down. Last year, 10 people killed themselves on the cliffs; in 2016, it was 14, and in 2015, it was 12.

Leaving the cliffs one day, Shige noticed a black bag on the ground and feared he had arrived there too late. He approached it carefully and unzipped it, looking for a message, or an heirloom, or personal belongings.

"Maybe it was a bag that someone wanted to leave," he said.

But the bag, inexplicably, was full of sand. He sighed in relief and walked on.

Fences, nets and other barriers have stopped potential jumpers at suicide hot spots in the West, such as the Prince Edward Viaduct in Canada. Shige has pushed for similar protections, but officials have rejected the idea at Tojinbo, saying they'd hurt tourism. Authorities have, however, installed outdoor lighting to dissuade jumpers after dark.

The jumpers, Shige said, represent a cross-section of Japan's most vulnerable demographics: the homeless, the elderly,

schoolchildren under academic duress. They take the train to Fukui prefecture, then a bus to the cliffs. They carry very little cash — "because if you're going to heaven, you don't need money," he said. They sit alone for hours along the precipice, until the sun falls and the crowds dwindle.

As he described a typical case, it became clear that the smallest details have stayed with him. Last Aug. 31, at 6:20 p.m., Shige noticed a 17-year-old girl sitting on the edge of the cliff, lost in contemplation. Shige brought her to his headquarters, a small office nearby, and engaged her in conversation. Her parents were pressuring her to succeed, she told him, and she felt inadequate.

"School started yesterday, and I didn't do my homework, so I was embarrassed," he said she told him. So instead of going to school that morning, she took a train and a bus to the cliffs — a two-hour trip from her home in Shiga prefecture.

She was the 23rd of 28 people he saved in 2017.

Shige called her parents, who came to pick her up. "We asked, 'Which is more important, her life or graduation?' And we handed her over."



Amazing Lake Josephine retreat

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 510 Arcola Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$389,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team with Keller Williams Realty.

Welcome to a lake front retreat like no other. This unique home offers a "cabin" feel. Hidden off the main road and nestled on the quiet shores of Lake Josephine, this property has so much to offer.

Whether you intend to use it as your year-round residence or a lake house get-a-way, this spacious home has plenty of room for everyone including guests. This home has only been used as a week-end home and is in pristine condition.

Originally built in 1984, the home boasts more than 4,200 square feet of living space. It has four bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths. All the rooms in this home are over sized offering lots of space. A "loft" room with a closet could easily serve as a fifth bedroom if desired. The master bedroom is huge and

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COURTESY PHOTO

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DIRECTIONS

510 Arcola Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in south Sebring, turn onto Lake Josephine Drive. Turn right onto Hill Drive. Turn left onto the Arcola Drive. The home is on the right.

Home is all about location

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 1304 Lakeshore Drive in Lorida. It is priced for \$279,900 and is listed with Janet Mennella with Paradise Real Estate International.

Located in Istokpoga Shore, this well maintained two-bedroom, two-bath CBS home has 2,581 total square feet and sits on 1.17 acres with an easement to launch a boat onto Lake Istokpoga across the street. This lake is 27,692 acres. It is flood controlled and is the fifth largest lake in the state; it is known for its champion bass.

Being adjacent to Lake Istokpoga, this home offers breathtaking views of the lake and the sunsets right from the living room window.

The circular driveway leads into a beautiful lawn with mature landscaping. The kitchen has solid wood cherry cabinets. The living room has a stone wood-burning fireplace.

This home features two bedrooms with

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 1304 Lakeshore Drive in Lorida. It is priced for \$279,900 and is listed with Janet Mennella with Paradise Real Estate International.

DIRECTIONS

1304 Lakeshore Drive, Lorida

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn east onto U.S. 98. Turn right onto Cowhouse Road. Bear right onto Fish Tail Lane. Turn left onto Lakeshore Drive. The home is on the left.

Beautiful home in Lake Placid

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 1111 Oriole St. in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$234,000 and is listed with Lorraine Grifo with Re/max Realty Plus II in Lake Placid.

This well-maintained three-bedroom, two-bath, two-car garage home has many things to offer to new owners. It sits on three lots and comes with a fourth lot close by, which is perfect as an investment.

The home has a workshop/man cave complete with electric and its own 10 by 10 patio for entertaining or for barbecues. The property also includes an 11 by 2 shed that is wired for electric.

This home is light and bright, and has an open floor plan with split bedrooms. The kitchen is updated with granite and stainless steel appliances. Included also is a bonus room, which is currently being

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DIRECTIONS

1111 Oriole St., Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn west onto State Road 66. Turn left onto South Orange Blossom Boulevard. Turn left onto Lake Josephine Drive. Turn right onto Henscratch Road. Turn left onto Northern Boulevard. Turn right onto Wildflower Street. Turn right onto Oriole Lane. Turn left onto Oriol Street. The home is on the left.

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offers amazing second story views of Lake Josephine. The attached master bath has a big Jacuzzi tub.

The home features a huge open kitchen and large dining room and living room. It is the perfect home to host the holidays or weekend gatherings.

It also has a big two-car garage and a huge finished bonus room. The bonus room is currently being used as a home gym/workout



COURTESY PHOTO

The property has 162 feet of frontage (double lot) on Lake Josephine, a bulkhead seawall, dock and covered boathouse with a boat lift.

room, but the possibilities for this space

are endless. It could easily be guest or in-law quarters or even a studio apartment. The garage and bonus room are attached to the house by an awesome roofed and tiled screen porch.

This is not your average porch — it is huge. It has soaring ceilings, a porch swing overlooking the water, patio and grill area and more.

The property also has a fenced and gated

PEOPLE IN REAL ESTATE



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Members of the Heartland Association of Realtors who want to submit articles about their professional achievements should call Eileen Powers at 863-386-5809. People in Real Estate submissions appear on a space availability basis. All submissions are subject to change.

courtyard with lush tropical foliage.

Out the back door is paradise. The large yard has 162 feet of frontage (double lot) on Lake Josephine. The property has a bulkhead seawall, dock and covered

boathouse with a boat lift. A huge deck on the back of the house has built-in seating. This is the spot to enjoy million dollar sunset views.

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The home sits on 1.17 acres with an easement to launch a boat onto Lake Istokpoga across the street.

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and office made from Georgia pine walls and flooring. Both bathrooms have been remodeled; the master bath has a Jacuzzi tub. The outside cabana can be used as an office, man cave or bedroom.

The red barn has cement walls, loft, new doors and chickens that lay eggs. The home has a solar 80-gallon hot water heater, a KVV whole house generator with 150

propane tank.

The backyard is perfect for entertaining on the lanai and admiring the natural beauty of birds and wildlife. The property faces farmland for extra privacy. You can swim in the 18 by 52 above ground pool with sand filter and watch magnificent sunsets on the lake each night.

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TAMPA — Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group recently announced the firm achieved more than \$1 billion in closed home sales in 2017, an increase of 7.5 percent over the previous year. The company reported \$1,034,046,712 in total closed residential sales and 5,050 total closed residential transaction sides in 2017. "The Tampa Bay region is one of the hottest markets for real estate in the country and our sales numbers reflect this,"



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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group joined the Prudential Real Estate Network in 1988. Berkshire Hathaway,

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"We are very proud to achieve this sales milestone," Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group Broker/Owner Dewey Mitchell said. "Our success is a direct reflection of our team's approach to real estate. As our 2017 record sales demonstrate, we work with the best agents and employees in the market."

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Removing barriers to a competitive home mortgage market

Last week in this space I suggested that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac be retained with government backing but with a new mission: to eliminate market dysfunction.

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used as an office; it could easily be set up to use as a craft/storage room.

The 12 by 15 porch is a great spot to entertain family and friends. If you prefer the outdoors, a 12 by 27 patio includes a spa/hot tub, which will stay with the home.

For more information or to schedule a showing, call Grifo at 863-414-2001.

A MORTGAGE PROFESSIONAL:
Jack Guttenag
"Shifting control of appraisals to borrowers and requiring lenders to purchase and pay for any insurance that protects lenders would help borrowers, but these changes would not create a competitive market in home mortgages."

The reader's point is that the measures I proposed would not create a competitive mortgage market, and she is right about that. I meant my proposals as examples of what could be done, but they are not a complete package. I will remedy that shortcoming here by describing the most important barriers to

effective competition in the home mortgage market, and how Fannie and Freddie could remove it.

Here are the barriers: Multiple price determinants: Last week I shopped for a book online. To do it effectively, I needed to learn from the booksellers I contacted only the price and the shipping charge. What I

intended to do with the book did not affect the price. What a pleasure!

With a mortgage, in contrast, the price is affected by everything connected to its use and features that might affect a borrower's capacity or willingness to repay it. Here is a partial list:

- Type of property (single-family or 2-, 3- or

- 4-family)
- Loan purpose (purchase or refinance)
- Use of property (primary residence, second home or investment)
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Questions you should ask before choosing a Realtor

Without a doubt, you need a Realtor in order to maximize your value when you are buying or selling a home. But how do you go about picking the right one?

First off, you want to make sure that the Realtor you choose is actually a Realtor or licensed real estate agent, not just somebody who claims to be one. A true real estate professional has a license, and part of earning that license is a duty to act in your best interests, not theirs.

Here are some questions the National Association of Realtors recommends you ask a Realtor before you choose them:

- How long have you



ON THE HOME FRONT

Mandy & Norman Elliott

been in residential real estate sales? Is it your full-time job?

If someone only does real estate as a part-time job, they likely lack the experience and connections of a full-time professional.

• How many homes did you sell last year?

There is no substitute for experience and success.

• What designations or certifications do you hold?

Like with almost any profession, it takes continuing education and training to stay up to date. Designations and certifications help define the special skills that an agent can apply to your particular real estate needs. One designation sellers might look for is the CRS, or Certified Residential Specialist, but there are also specialists for military customers, seniors, and those who are considering a short sale, among

others.

• How many days does it take you to sell a home?

• How does that compare to others? • What's the average variation between your initial listing and final sales price?

The answers to these questions will tell you a lot about a Realtor's grasp of the market, as well as their pricing and negotiation skills.

• What specific marketing systems and approaches will you use to sell my home?

• Will you represent me exclusively, or might you also choose to represent the buyer?

While it's usually legal to represent both parties

in a transaction, your Realtor should be able to explain his or her philosophy on client obligations and agency relationships. A Realtor should also be able to outline an aggressive and innovative plan for your transaction.

• Could you please give me the contact information of your three most recent clients?

Ask their former customers if they would use the agent again in the future. Ask them if the Realtor did a good job of keeping them informed as the transaction progressed, was able to help find service providers (mortgage lenders, home repairs, etc.).

- You should also ask

if the Realtor is familiar with marketing your type of property and is experienced with properties in your price range, since some specialize in high-priced listings.

Choosing a real estate professional to represent you is not something that should be done on a whim or based solely on advertising. Asking some questions up front can save you a lot of headaches later on.

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Don't compromise function over form

By **SHELLY SAPP**
CONTRIBUTED STORY

When it comes to luxury grab bars, there is no need to compromise function over form.

Grab bars are the new statement piece of the bathroom. Homeowners are no longer limited to those commercial, boring, stainless steel grab bars frequently seen in public restrooms. Grab bars are now beautifully appointed and can be hidden in every accessory of the bathroom.

Let's begin with the caveat that grab bars are in the bathroom to serve an important purpose: to protect you from injury. For these beautiful works of washroom art to do their job, they must be installed correctly.

Read and follow manufacturer instructions. Most grab bars require installation in a wall stud and provide support for a static load of 250 pounds, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association's Bath Planning Guidelines with Access Standards.

But now it is time for the fun stuff.

Moen was the first of the major plumbing manufacturers to

offer something more in a standard grab bar. Readily available in any big box home improvement store is Moen's "16-in Grab Bar," which disguises itself in a soap dish yet will support 250 pounds when installed correctly. The style is simple and transitional, so it blends well in many interiors and is reasonably priced at less than \$50.

And for those who like all things to match, Moen also offers a complimentary selection of grab bars for their most popular lavatory plumbing collections. Featuring traditional styling, may I suggest the "Kingsley" suite from Moen in a bright chrome. When installed with a matching bathroom sink faucet and shower trim, the 24-inch straight grab bar is easily disguised as a towel bar.

With the discriminating eye in mind, consider the "Décor Assist" collection from Delta. These accessories will hold up to 500 pounds and are stunningly designed for

double duty as shower shelves, toilet tissue holders and towels bars.

Delta offers a striking selection of finishes including "Champagne Bronze," a trendy finish featured frequently on Instagram and HGTV.

These will set you back a bit more; the toilet tissue holder, for example, will run about \$100 and can be ordered online from multiple sources.

Delta offers complimentary faucets, trim and additional accessories to match as well.

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The "Kingsley" suite from Moen comes in a bright chrome. The 24-inch straight grab bar is easily disguised as a towel bar.

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MLB: Rays

Smith's 2018 role unknown at this point

By **BRYAN LEVINE**
Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — With how crazy the first 10 days of spring training has been for the Tampa Bay Rays, many would-be important story lines have gone overlooked.

One of those story lines to follow is the plan for outfielder Mallex Smith in 2018 and the role he will play.

"I think a pretty big one," manager Kevin Cash said of Smith's role. "I don't know where he's going to hit in the lineup, but we're going to get him all around the lineup

this spring to see where he fits in with other guys."

Smith spent 2017 up and down between Tampa Bay and Triple-A Durham. He played 81 games with the Rays and another 45 with the Bulls.

The 24-year-old got off to a nice start of the season, before hurting his hamstring in the eighth game, which forced him to go on the disabled list before eventually becoming the odd-man out in the outfield and being demoted to Triple-A.

Smith didn't stay in the minors too long, as he was called back up to the

Rays to replace center-fielder Kevin Kiermaier after he fractured his hip.

"Then, we were close to (the top of the division) and I'm pretty big on winning. I just wanted to help the team win. That was my biggest thing," Smith said. "It wasn't my first time in the big leagues, so I just wanted to win. At this point in my life, I want to win. When you help the team win, all else will take care of itself."

Coming into this season, Smith likely isn't going to find himself in the minors. In fact, he could likely be the

starting left fielder on opening day.

There are many factors which will impact how much playing time Smith receives in 2018. Obviously his own performance will dictate it, too, but there are outside factors as well. How much will Cash want to start Denard Span in left? Will Span serve as the designated hitter when C.J. Cron plays first base? Does that mean Brad Miller either starts at second base instead of first or he gets fewer at-bats?

SEE RAYS, 6



SUN PHOTO BY KAT GODINA
Rays' outfielder Mallex Smith bats during Saturday's game against the Red Sox.

WINTER OLYMPICS: Curling

HISTORIC VICTORY



AP PHOTO

United States' skip John Shuster reacts during the men's final curling match against Sweden at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea.

American men beat Sweden to win Olympic curling gold

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — John Shuster's last throw in the eighth end of the Olympic curling final clacked off one Swedish stone and knocked it

into another, sending them both skittering out of scoring range.

Five yellow-handled American rocks were left behind.

The score, known as a five-ender, is so rare it has only been topped once before in the history of the men's or women's

Olympic final. And it effectively clinched gold for Shuster's erstwhile "rejects," who rallied from the brink of pool play elimination to claim only the second curling medal ever for the United States.

SEE CURLING, 4

NHL: Lightning 4, Canadiens 3 (SO)

Point leads Bolts past Canadiens

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Brayden Point scored in regulation and added the shootout winner and the Tampa Bay Lightning regained the top spot in the NHL with a 4-3 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Saturday night.

Nikita Kucherov and Ryan Callahan also scored in regulation to help the Lightning (42-17-3) win their third straight and move a

point ahead of idle Vegas for the overall NHL lead.

Andrei Vasilevskiy made 29 saves for his league-leading 36th victory of the season.

Byron Froese, Joe Morrow and Max Pacioretty scored for Montreal. Antti Niemi, making his second straight start in relief of the injured Carey Price, stopped 36 shots. Price is sidelined indefinitely with a concussion.

SEE LIGHTNING, 2



AP PHOTO

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Antti Niemi (37) makes a save against Tampa Bay Lightning center Brayden Point (21) Saturday in Montreal.

GOLF: Honda Classic

List takes 1-shot lead at Honda Classic with Woods 7 back

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS — Luke List made birdie from the bunker on the final hole Saturday for a 4-under 66 and a one-shot lead in the Honda Classic as he goes after his first PGA Tour victory.

Right behind was Justin Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year.

Still in the mix was Tiger Woods.

List bounced back from his only bogey of the round on the par-3

17th hole by blasting out of the bunker to tap-in range on the par-5 18th to move past Thomas and Webb Simpson. This is the second time he's had at least a share of the 54-hole lead. The other was at the Sanderson Farms Championship in Mississippi in the fall of 2016, which was held the same week as a World Golf Championship in Shanghai.

List was at 7-under 203. Thomas was never far away from the lead, and the final hour changed everything. The PGA

champion had three birdies over his last five holes for a 65 to match the low round of the toughest tournament this year on the PGA Tour.

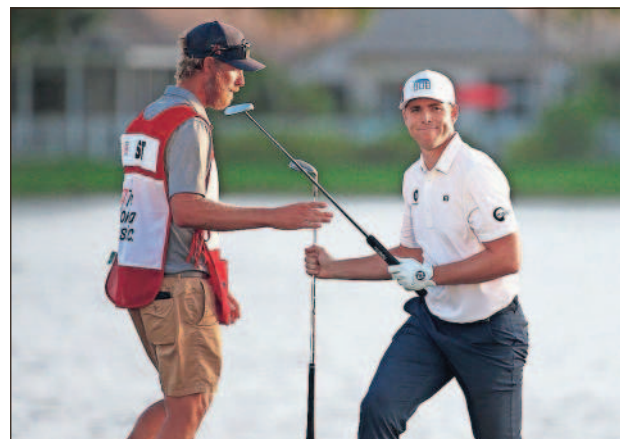
Particularly impressive was that two of those birdies were on the par-3 15th and par-3 17th, the second- and third-toughest holes at PGA National on Saturday. He essentially hit the same shot, a cut 6-iron into the wind to right pins and made 15-footers.

Simpson, the former U.S. Open champion who

has not won in more than four years, played bogey-free for a 66, a card kept clean by a remarkable bunker save with an awkward stance behind the 15th green.

Woods broke 70 for the first time on the PGA Tour since August 2015 — a span of only 12 rounds because of three back surgeries — and his 1-under 69 at least raised his hopes. He was seven back. "I've got a shot going into tomorrow," Woods said.

SEE GOLF, 3



AP PHOTO

Luke List, right, smiles as he hands his caddie Matt Tritton a club after hitting out of a bunker on the 18th hole during the third round of the Honda Classic Saturday in Palm Beach Gardens.

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Feb. 21 3-15-24-27-37-50

PICK 4
Feb. 24N..... 4-6-3-4
Feb. 24D..... 3-3-1-4
Feb. 23N..... 4-3-1-7
Feb. 23D..... 5-1-7-2
Feb. 22N..... 3-9-7-6
Feb. 22D..... 2-4-2-4
D-Day, N-Night

PAYOFF FOR FEB. 24
0.6-digit winners \$3.5 million
20...5-digit winners.\$4,244.00
1,146...4-digit winners \$67.00

POWERBALL
Feb. 24 24-25-38-62-63
Powerball 6
Feb. 21 7-15-31-34-36
Powerball 8

PICK 5
Feb. 24N..... 1-1-6-7-5
Feb. 24D..... 7-1-0-3-8
Feb. 23N..... 9-5-7-3-8
Feb. 23D..... 0-9-7-6-9
Feb. 22N..... 1-6-9-4-9
Feb. 22D..... 4-2-4-1-6
D-Day, N-Night

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 17
0...5 of 5 + PB ...\$223 Million
1...5 of 5\$1 million
3.....4 of 5 + PB\$50,000
50...4 of 5\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT
\$246 million

FANTASY 5
Feb. 24 3-8-19-21-28
Feb. 23 1-7-17-22-25
Feb. 22 17-22-28-34-36

MEGA MILLIONS
Feb. 23 LATE
Mega Ball N/A
Feb. 20 17-19-23-24-43
Mega Ball 14

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 24
0.....5-digit winners.....\$0
406...4-digit winners \$555.00
12,378.3-digit winners \$14.00

CASH FOR LIFE
Feb. 22 10-16-23-31-53
Cash Ball 2
Feb. 15 1-43-44-53-54
Cash Ball 1

SPORTS ON TV

(All times Eastern)
Schedule subject to change
and/or blackouts

Sunday, Feb. 25

AUTO RACING
2 p.m.
FOX — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, at Hampton, Ga.
BOWLING
1:30 p.m.
ESPN — PBA Tour, PBA Players Championship, at Columbus, Ohio
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon
CBSSN — Tulsa at Cincinnati
1 p.m.
CBS — Michigan St. at Wisconsin
2 p.m.
CBSSN — UNLV at New Mexico
ESPNU — UCF at Temple
3 p.m.
BTN — Illinois at Rutgers
4 p.m.
CBSSN — Colorado St. at Nevada
ESPN — Memphis at UConn
ESPNU — UCLA at Colorado
FS1 — Minnesota at Purdue
5:15 p.m.
BTN — Penn St. at Nebraska
6 p.m.
ESPNU — Florida St. at NC State
7:30 p.m.
BTN — Northwestern at Iowa
DRAG RACING
6:30 p.m.
FS1 — NHRA, Arizona Nationals, finals, at Chandler, Ariz. (same-day tape)
GOLF
5 a.m.
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, final round, at Doha, Qatar (same-day tape)
10:30 a.m.
GOLF — Ladies European Tour, Australian Classic Bonville, final round, at Bonville, Australia (same-day tape)
Noon
GOLF — PGA Tour, Honda Classic, final round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Honda Classic, final round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
MLB — Spring training, N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, at Clearwater, Fla.
NBA BASKETBALL
3:30 p.m.
ABC — San Antonio at Cleveland
8 p.m.
ESPN — Philadelphia at Washington
NHL HOCKEY
Noon
NBC — St. Louis at Nashville
SOCCER
7 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Crystal Palace vs. Tottenham
9:05 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United vs. Chelsea
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga, Bayer Leverkusen vs. Schalke
11:25 a.m.
ESPN — Carabao Cup, Final, Manchester City vs. Arsenal, at London
Noon
FS2 — Bundesliga, RB Leipzig vs. Koln
WINTER OLYMPICS
6 a.m.
NBCSN — Men's Hockey: Gold Medal Game, Olympic Athletes from Russia vs. Germany (replay)
3 p.m.
NBC — Cross Country: Women's 30km Gold Medal Final
7 p.m.
NBC — Olympic Gold (games recap)
8 p.m.
NBC — Closing Ceremony
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon
BTN — Nebraska at Maryland
ESPN2 — Ohio St. at Penn St.
ESPNU — Mississippi St. at Kentucky
SEC — Florida at Georgia
2 p.m.
ESPN2 — NC State at Notre Dame
FS1 — Creighton at Villanova
SEC — Mississippi at Auburn
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — South Carolina at Tennessee
SEC — Missouri at Texas A&M

NHL ROUNDUP

Evgenii Dadonov has hat trick, Panthers upend Penguins 6-4

Associated Press



AP PHOTO

Florida Panthers goaltender Roberto Luongo (1) celebrates a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins with defenseman Aaron Ekblad (5) after the third period Saturday in Sunrise.

SUNRISE — Evgenii Dadonov scored with 1:53 to play to complete a hat trick and give the Florida Panthers a 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday night.
Dadonov beat goalie Matt Murray on a one-timer off Aleksander Barkov's pass for the winner. Dadonov has 18 goals this season.
Vincent Trocheck, Jamie McGinn and Derek MacKenzie also scored. Barkov had three assists, Keith Yandle added two, and Roberto Luongo made 24 saves.
Evgeni Malkin had two goals and an assist for the Penguins, and Carl Hagelin, Patric Hornqvist and Bryan Rust added goals. Tristan Jarry made 13 saves for Pittsburgh before he was replaced in the second period. Murray had 11 saves in relief.
Trocheck finished a 2-on-1 cross-ice pass from Malgin after a breakout pass from Yandle early in the first period. Trocheck tapped in the pass at 3:44 for his team-leading 24th goal.
The Penguins tied it when Hagelin fought off Florida defenseman Aaron Ekblad in the low slot, scoring his eighth goal at 12:40.
Florida regained the

lead with 39 seconds left when Dadonov collected a loose puck along the boards, beat Penguins defenseman Brian Dumoulin into the slot and whipped his 16th goal high on Jarry's glove side.
McGinn took a diagonal pass from McCann, pushing in his eighth goal past Jarry's right pad at 2:07 of the second.
MacKenzie finished off a rebound at 8:12 for his third goal to give Florida a 4-1 lead.
The Penguins then replaced Jarry with Murray, who beat Carolina the night before.
Malkin chipped in a pass from Rust at 13:10, and scored again 46 seconds into the third period by roofing a shot over Luongo.
Dadonov answered 58

seconds later when he one-timed a pass from Barkov for a 5-3 lead.
Hornqvist scored a power-play goal — his 17th — and Rust added his 10th just 49 seconds apart to tie it at 5 at 15:10.
FLYERS 5, SENATORS 3: Brandon Manning had a goal and two assists and Philadelphia beat Ottawa for its fifth consecutive victory. Ivan Provorov, Robert Hagg, Claude Giroux and Nolan Patrick also scored, and Petr Mrazek made 25 saves in his second start since being acquired in a trade with Detroit. Mike Hoffman, Ryan Dzingel and Matt Duchene scored for Ottawa.
CAPITALS 5, SABRES 1: Alex Ovechkin added to his NHL lead with two goals on the night he tied

the Washington record for most games played, and the Capitals beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-1 on Saturday. Evgeny Kuznetsov scored 50 seconds into the game and had two assists. Andre Burakovsky and Lars Eller also had goals for Washington, which leapfrogged Pittsburgh and moved back into first place in the Metropolitan Division. The Capitals had lost two in a row and five of seven.
MAPLE LEAFS 4, BRUINS 1: Ron Hainsey broke a tie with 1:23 left to give the Toronto Maple Leafs their franchise record-tying ninth straight home victory, 4-3 over the Boston Bruins on Saturday night. Hainsey's one-timed William Nylander's pass past goalie Tuuka Rask for his fourth goal of the season. Toronto moved a point ahead of Boston for the second seed in the Atlantic Division.
BLUE JACKETS 3, BLACK-HAWKS 2: Josh Anderson scored in the third period, Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 31 shots and the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 on Saturday night. Pierre-Luc Dubois had a goal and an assist for the Blue Jackets, who badly needed the two points as they fight to stay in contention for a wild card in the Eastern Conference.

NBA ROUNDUP

Johnson scores 23 to help Heat beat Grizzlies

Associated Press



AP PHOTO

Miami Heat's Udonis Haslem and Dwyane Wade, right, bow their heads in a moment of silence as a large banner in memory of the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting is unfurled before an NBA game Saturday in Miami.

MIAMI — Tyler Johnson scored 23 points to lead six players in double figures, and the Miami Heat stopped a three-game slide when they beat the reeling Memphis Grizzlies 115-89 on Saturday night.
The Grizzlies lost their ninth game in a row, the longest active streak in the NBA, and their second in as many nights.
Justise Winslow scored a season-high 17 points for the Heat. Reserve Wayne Ellington went 5 for 10 from 3-point range and scored 15.
Miami's Dwyane Wade was limited to 18 minutes by foul trouble and scored six points. But the Heat, scrambling

for a playoff berth, still managed to win for only the second time in the past 10 games.
Andrew Harrison scored 17 points for the Grizzlies, who played without leading scorer Tyreke Evans. He'll

undergo a precautionary MRI Sunday on his injured right ribs.
The Heat took the lead for good at 28-26. Their margin reached 92-70 by the end of the third quarter.
Miami outscored

Memphis 50-30 in the paint, 13-2 on fast breaks and 26-8 off turnovers.
CELTICS 121, KNICKS 112: Kyrie Irving had 31 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, leading the Boston Celtics over the New York Knicks 121-112 on Saturday for their second victory in two nights since the All-Star break. Irving scored 15 points in a dazzling third quarter and then helped the Celtics finish it off with his passing in the fourth, highlighted by a behind-the-back dish to Jaylen Brown for a dunk that made it 115-106. Brown had 24 points for the Celtics, who went into the break with three straight losses but came back with a victory in Detroit on Friday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

No. 1 Virginia routs Pitt, claims outright ACC title

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Virginia's players waited until after their win over Pittsburgh to celebrate their outright regular-season Atlantic Coast Conference title.
They probably could have started at halftime. The top-ranked

Cavaliers allowed just seven points in the first half, took a 30-7 lead into the break and cruised to their 15th victory in 16 conference games, 66-37 over the hapless Panthers.
"We got off to a good start and we tried to not let up in any way," Virginia coach Tony

Bennett said.
Virginia (26-2, 14-1 ACC) had already clinched at least a share of first place with a home win over Georgia Tech on Wednesday, but they were eager to clinch an outright title.
No. 5 DUKE 60, SYRACUSE 44: Marvin Bagley III had

19 points in his return from a sprained knee, and Duke beat Syracuse for its fifth straight win. Wendell Carter Jr. added 16 points for the Blue Devils (24-5, 12-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who forced 17 turnovers. The Orange matched their season-low scoring total, set Feb. 3 in a loss to No. 1 Virginia.

LIGHTNING

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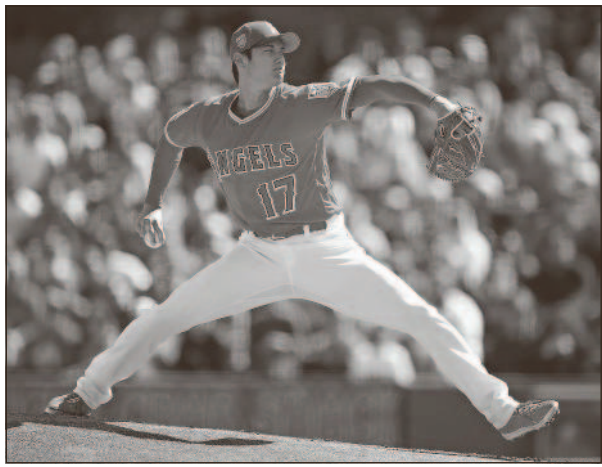
Montreal fought off Morrow's high-sticking penalty in overtime to force a shootout, where Point beat Niemi top shelf for the only goal.
Montreal's Tomas Plekanec, for precautionary reasons, was a healthy scratch. The Canadiens are expected to trade the veteran center before Monday's trade deadline. Jacob de la Rose centered the

third line in Plekanec's absence.
Froese opened the scoring by deflecting Jordie Benn's shot from the blue line past Vasilevskiy at 8:52 of the first period.
Tampa tied it when Point crossed up defenseman Benn and Morrow before beating Niemi to the blocker side at 12:07.
Kucherov gave Tampa Bay a 2-1 lead on a power play at 7:32 of the second period to extend his point streak to nine games. Kucherov

went five-hole on Niemi with a one-timer for his team-leading 33rd goal.
Less than two minutes later, Morrow tied it with a precise wrist shot through traffic and off the post.
Pacioretty, with the man advantage, ended an 11-game goal drought to give Montreal a 3-2 lead at 16:29 of the second period.
With Phillip Danault in the box for slashing, Callahan made it 3-3 at 2:11 of the third when he redirected Kucherov's

shot past Niemi.
NOTES: The Lightning have the second-best power play in the NHL. They finished 2 for 5 with the extra skater. ... Tampa Bay scoring star Steven Stamkos star Steve Stamkos forst Karl Alzner in the first period. Stamkos was given 17 minutes of penalties on the play. ... Kucherov has 16 points in his last nine games.
UP NEXT
Lightning: Host Toronto on Monday night.

MLB: Angels



AP PHOTO

Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani works against the Milwaukee Brewers during the first inning of a spring training game Saturday in Tempe, Ariz.

Ohtani struggles in first pitching start

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Star two-way player Shohei Ohtani struggled in his spring pitching debut with the Los Angeles Angels, allowing a home run and lasting a few batters less than scheduled.

The Japanese phenom didn't bat Saturday against Milwaukee.

Ohtani allowed two runs, one earned, and two hits in 1-3 innings.

Keon Broxton tagged him for a home run leading off the second inning.

The right-hander struck out two and walked one. He threw 31 pitches, 17 strikes. He had been scheduled to go two innings.

The 23-year-old Ohtani spent five seasons with the Nippon Ham Fighters before signing with the Angels as an international free agent on Dec. 10.

NBA: Timberwolves



AP PHOTO

Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jimmy Butler (23) reacts to a knee injury on the court as Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) hovers over him Friday in Houston.

Timberwolves' Jimmy Butler has meniscal injury to right knee

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota All-Star Jimmy Butler has a meniscal injury to his right knee that the Timberwolves are optimistic will not sideline him rest of the season as they try to end the NBA's longest playoff drought.

The team stopped short of calling the injury a tear, and coach Tom Thibodeau said he didn't want to speculate on timing. Still, the news Saturday could've been worse for the organization, which feared a season-ending torn ligament after Butler had to be helped off the floor Friday night in a loss at Houston.

"The big thing is ruling out the ACL, that would've been an extended amount of

time, so we're hopeful that it's not too long," Thibodeau said.

Nemanja Bjelica started in Butler's place on Saturday night against the Chicago Bulls.

"A guy like Jimmy, you don't replace him individually, you have to do it collectively," Thibodeau said.

Butler was hurt in the third quarter of Minnesota's 120-102 loss and had the MRI on Saturday at Mayo Clinic. In his first season with the Timberwolves, Butler has helped lead the team to the thick of the Western Conference race, averaging 22.2 points. They entered Saturday's game against Chicago, Butler's old team, in fourth place and in position to end their 13-year playoff absence.

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AUTO RACING: NASCAR

Harvick dominant in his fourth Atlanta Xfinity win in last 6 years

By CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — For Joey Logano, the final 4-second margin behind Kevin Harvick felt more like a full lap.

Harvick led 141 of 163 laps Saturday for his fifth NASCAR Xfinity series victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway and fourth in the last six years.

Logano finished second, ahead of Christopher Bell, who started on the pole. They were the only other drivers to lead laps.

Almost from the very start, the race belonged to Harvick.

"I don't think we were even close," Logano said. "Kevin played with us all race long."

Added Bell: "You're supposed to be struggling but he (Logano) was struggling a little bit less and Harvick was struggling a lot less. That's the gap we've got to make up."

Harvick started fifth but quickly moved to the lead while winning each of the first two stages.

"That was a lot of fun to be a part of," he said.

He also won the 2009 and 2013-2015 Atlanta Xfinity races before Kyle Busch won the last two years.

Harvick served as Bell's escort, guiding him



AP PHOTO

Kevin Harvick reacts in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity series race Saturday at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga.

around the 1.54-mile track through most of the second half of the race. Bell remained within a few seconds of Harvick's Ford but couldn't seriously challenge. Logano passed Bell for second with five laps remaining.

It was only the latest show of dominance by Harvick in Atlanta. In last season's Monster Energy Cup race, Harvick led 292 laps before finishing ninth after being hurt by a pit road speeding penalty. Harvick finished fourth in Atlanta's 2017 Xfinity race.

"We were frustrated here last year," Harvick said. "We didn't leave

here with a trophy either day and that's always our goal. ... I felt bad that we didn't do that last year but this is a great way to start off this year."

Harvick will start fourth in Sunday's Cup race. He'll be in a different car, but he said the Xfinity experience will help him prepare for what he described as a "rhythm race track."

From the view of Harvick's rivals, he was in a rhythm of his own in his 98 Ford.

"I can't really figure out why Kevin is so good here," Logano said. "It doesn't seem to really matter what car he's in.

He's just good.

"Christopher and I had a good race. I wish it were for the win."

Rookie John Hunter Nemechek, the son of former driver Joe Nemechek, was fourth. The younger Nemechek is a full-time driver on the NASCAR Truck series.

"I had an open mindset coming into this weekend," Nemechek said.

"... I didn't know where we were going to stack up in qualifying. I didn't know where we were going to stack up in the race. It was a good learning curve."

Elliott Sadler finished fifth.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Federal Investigation

With basketball under federal probe, fans say business as usual

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

Arenas were packed, fans were cheering and schools were competing.

In most places, it was a typical Saturday of college basketball. There was little visible hangover from the latest developments in the federal investigation of corruption in college basketball.

Coaches were taking the same tact they have been, some saying they've found no evidence of wrongdoing and appear to be waiting for the next shoe to drop. Several players still played despite being named in a Yahoo Sports report saying documents showed they had taken impermissible benefits.

Fans, for the most part, were not surprised — with some saying the circumstances have been reality in college hoops for a long time.

Others had fun with it. At SMU, where the Mustangs were taking on No. 13 Wichita State, some students chanted "FBI! FBI!" and held balloons spelling out the name of the federal agency leading a corruption investigation that has led to 10 arrests of coaches and others alleged to have worked in the seamy underbelly of the sport. One of more than two dozen names mentioned as receiving impermissible benefits



AP PHOTO

Wichita State center Shaquille Morris (24) shoots free throws as SMU fans hold up balloons shaped to read "FBI" in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday in Dallas.

in documents in a Yahoo Sports report Friday was former Wichita State guard Fred VanVleet, now with the NBA's Toronto Raptors.

In sentiments echoed by many coaches, Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall said he didn't know about the alleged payments but that his program overall has "nothing to hide."

Utah's student section mocked Southern California forward Chimezie Metu, who was mentioned in Yahoo's report but played and scored 14 points to lead the Torjans in a win. The Utah fans displayed signs like "Need Money? Metu! (Me too)" and chanted, "Payroll! Payroll!" whenever he had the ball or returned to the bench.

"When I'm on the court, nothing else matters. I was just out there playing. I wasn't paying attention to anything anybody else was saying," Metu said. "I'm not going to lose any focus at all. I didn't do anything wrong. Nobody in my family did anything wrong. ... For me, there was never a doubt I'd play."

One school where officials were not enjoying themselves Saturday was Arizona. Wildcats recruit Shareef O'Neal, son of former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, Saturday withdrew his commitment after ESPN reported coach Sean Miller was heard on a wiretap discussing a \$100,000 payment to freshman Deandre Ayton to get him to sign with the school. The Wildcats also announced that Miller would not coach Saturday

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night in No. 14 Arizona's game at Oregon. The school said Ayton would be eligible to play.

In Omaha, where Creighton played No. 3 Villanova, the Bluejays were also linked to possible violations.

The Yahoo report said Christian Dawkins, who worked for former agent Andy Miller, may have bought dinner for former Creighton center Justin Patton or his family.

Patton signed with Miller's agency but fired him once Miller was implicated in the probe in September. Creighton coach Greg McDermott has said he didn't know if Dawkins had a meal with Patton, but knew Dawkins met with Patton because McDermott also attended the meeting.

"So they took him to dinner. Big deal," said 54-year-old Creighton fan Jim Belgrade, who has been attending games since he was 6. Belgrade said there needs to be a crackdown if money is exchanging hands and that some fans are more concerned than others.

"They will be if it's a big-time school involved," Belgrade said. "And there are people who say it's the rules, and the rules are the rules, so we have to cap it some way. But will fans at Missouri Valley schools be worried about it? Probably not."

List was playing in the final group with Love- mark, neither of whom have won on the PGA Tour, though they didn't have to deal with the crowds. They were following Woods, and as the final group reached the eighth hole, there was no more than about 50 fans.

That might change slightly on Sunday with Thomas in the final group.

GOLF

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Ten players were ahead of him.

List has the lead, though it probably won't feel like one with six players separated by only three shots. Tommy Fleetwood of England holed out from the fourth fairway for eagle and finished strong with a birdie on the 16th

and an eagle on the final hole with an approach that rolled out to 8 feet. He shot a 67 and was at 205 along with Jamie Love- mark, whose round was spoiled by one shot.

Love- mark holed a chip from just off the 12th green to become the first player to reach 7 under. On the next hole from the back of the 13th green, his chip from 70 feet broke toward the

middle of the cup, dove into the left side and spun out.

But his 7-iron into the wind and over the water on the 15th ballooned in the air and never had a chance, leading to double bogey.

Alex Noren of Sweden, who lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines, hit 3-wood that rolled out to 4 feet from the pin on No. 18 for an eagle and a 65. He was

three behind.

Woods has been progressively better every day at PGA National, except for one hole — a double bogey each of the last two days — that slowed him. Saturday was an exception. He made his two bogeys on the notorious par 3s on the back nine, but he putted for birdie 14 out of 18 holes, and only one of those putts was longer than 25 feet.

"Probably the highest score I could have shot today," Woods said.

The course was playing slightly easier and the scoring average was at 70.9. Some of that was expected after the cut has been made, though it helped not to have as much foot traffic on greens that don't have a lot of grass, a wind not quite as forceful and more accessible pins.

WINTER OLYMPICS

A ROUNDUP OF SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS /// LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY

SATURDAY'S SPOTLIGHT

Double gold for LedECKA

Czech speedster makes history by taking first in snowboarding slalom one week after winning gold in skiing super-G

By EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — When the book is closed on these Olympics — all Olympics, really — Ester LedECKA will have her own chapter.

Though they're both on snow, skiing and snowboarding are simply not supposed to mix.

Though she could have been expected to win at one, nobody was supposed to do what she did.

The Czech speed racer did what was considered impossible a mere week ago. She nabbed the second half of an unheard-of Olympic double by winning gold in snowboarding's parallel giant slalom Saturday, only seven days after doing the same in skiing's Alpine super-G.

Both these sports have well-known stars that have shined brightly over the two weeks of action on the slopes in South Korea: Chloe Kim, Mikaela Shiffrin and Lindsey Vonn are just a few. None have changed the conversation about what the Olympics can be in quite the manner as this soft-spoken 22-year-old from Prague, who insisted on wearing her goggles to the winner's news conference, just as she did after her skiing win.

"Do whatever you want," LedECKA said, when asked what the takeaway should be from her Olympic journey. "If you want to choose just one, choose one. I wanted to choose both, and a lot of people were telling me that it's not possible to get on the top in both. And, I mean, obviously, this. It is not easy."

She made it look easy on the last day of competition at the action park in an event that is usually considered an afterthought on the snowboarding program — but not this time.

This was no miracle on



AP PHOTO

Gold medalist in the women's parallel giant slalom Ester LedECKA, of the Czech Republic, celebrates during the medals ceremony at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

snow, a la her .01-second victory in the super-G that left her stone-faced and unbelieving at the bottom of the hill, wondering if there had been some kind of mistake. LedECKA came into that event having started in only 19 World Cup skiing races in her entire career.

She came into Saturday's event with 14 wins, 20 podiums and two world championships on the World Cup snowboarding tour. This was her day job. She made it look that way with a wire-to-wire exhibition of tight carving, perfect lines and pure domination. Nobody could've been too surprised.

In PGS, the real action occurs over four elimination

rounds — one-on-one racing in which the winners advance.

In a sport often decided by micro-fractions, LedECKA won one race when her opponent skidded off the course, and the others by margins of .97 seconds, .71 seconds and, in the final, by .46 seconds over Germany's Selina Joerg.

She avoided all the typical pratfalls that can come while racing on snow, including, believe it or not, squirrels — one of which skittered in front of Austria's Daniella Ubling and nearly lost its tail.

But maybe the best measure of LedECKA's dominance came during the qualification rounds, which are timed to determine seeding. Her time on the faster of the

two courses, 43.32 seconds, would've beaten seven of the men — nearly one fourth of the field — over the same track.

She says she has no desire to race the men — something Vonn has pointed toward over the past several months. But LedECKA's win still sends a message: "For sure, there are no limits," she said.

Her snowboard coach, Justin Reiter, said LedECKA's journey is about more than simply being a multi-sport athlete.

"It's about having fun and getting back to the root of sports," he said. "It's about stopping looking at specialization of prima donnas at 8 years old."

ROUNDUP

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Iivo Niskanen of Finland took gold in cross-country's 50-kilometer mass start. Niskanen beat Russian rival Alexander Bolshunov with a strong sprint in the 50-kilometer mass start to give Finland its first gold of the games. "The first, but not the last," Niskanen said. "Tomorrow is a new day. I (was) wanting to win my gold medal (over) this distance and it had been long years." Niskanen won the marathon event in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 22.1 seconds — more than 18 seconds ahead of Bolshunov.

MEDAL HEADS

Norway leads the medals table with 13 gold, 14 silver and 11 bronze, breaking the record of 37 overall set at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics by the Americans. "It's just a really cool feeling to feel

that the whole team succeeded today," Nina Haver-Loeseth said after Norway edged France for the bronze. "I think that Norwegian Alpine skiers had a very successful Olympics. We've been at the medal plaza, cheering our teammates on and I was like, 'We are not leaving here without a medal.' So it means a lot."

MASS-START SPEEDSKATING

In the last speedskating event at the Gangneung Oval, Lee Seung-hoon delivered the Olympic host nation's first gold medal. Lee won the inaugural men's mass start Saturday, highlighting a strong showing for the South Korean team on the final night of speedskating competition. "It's the first competition and at home," Lee said after crying on the medal stand. "It's been a long-time dream for me and unbelievable." Kim Bo-reum added a silver for South Korea

in the women's race. Kim was involved in a national scandal when she and another skater left their team pursuit teammate well behind in a qualifier earlier this week. "I have nothing else to say other than I am so sorry," Kim said. On Saturday, Kim nearly matched the finishing kick of Nana Takagi, who earned her second gold medal of the games. She was also part of the Japanese team that won gold in the pursuit.

HOCKEY

The Canadians hugged each other and happily celebrated an Olympic hockey medal that isn't the color they prefer. At a tournament where the NHL stars stayed away, the Canadians who played at the Pyeongchang Games were just ecstatic not to be going home empty-handed. Andrew Ebbett, Chris Kelly and Derek Roy each scored in the

first period, and Canada took the bronze medal by beating the Czech Republic 6-4 Saturday. This was the third bronze for Canada to go along with nine gold medals for the country that created hockey and won the last two men's Olympic titles. This latest medal boosts Canada's medal haul to 29.

OH, CANADA

South Korean police say they've detained a Canadian ski cross competitor, his wife and a coach for allegedly taking a car during the Pyeongchang Olympics. Police on Saturday said the three allegedly got into a car in front of a bar and drove it near the Pyeongchang athletes village before they were detained by police on patrol. Police say all three were intoxicated when they were stopped.

— Associated Press

MEDAL COUNT

Through Feb. 24

Country	G	S	B	T
Norway	13	14	11	38
Canada	11	8	10	29
Germany	13	8	7	28
United States	9	8	6	23
Netherlands	8	6	6	20
OA Russia	1	6	9	16
South Korea	5	6	4	15
Switzerland	5	6	4	15
France	5	4	6	15
Austria	5	3	6	14
Japan	4	5	4	13
Sweden	6	6	0	12
Italy	3	2	5	10
China	1	6	2	9
Czech Republic	2	2	3	7
Britain	1	0	4	5
Finland	1	0	4	5
Belarus	2	1	0	3
Slovakia	1	2	0	3
Australia	0	2	1	3
Poland	1	0	1	2
Slovenia	0	1	1	2
New Zealand	0	0	2	2
Spain	0	0	2	2
Hungary	1	0	0	1
Ukraine	1	0	0	1
Belgium	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Liechtenstein	0	0	1	1

GAMES FACES

Rescued from Korean War by US ship, now Olympic volunteers

Their nicknames, bestowed upon them long ago: "Kimchi 1" and "Kimchi 5," babies born aboard a ship that was helping them flee a war and a regime that, thanks to their rescuers, they'd never have to face. Sohn Yang Young says he owes his life to the U.S. military. So does his friend Lee Gyeong Pil. They were among five babies born on an American ship that ferried 14,000 Korean refugees, including their parents, from North Korea in one of the world's largest humanitarian evacuation operations ever. U.S. sailors from a ship called the SS Meredith Victory named the babies Kimchi 1 through Kimchi 5, nicknames that have become a symbol of the South Korean-U.S. military alliance. They are 67 now, all of them, and the whereabouts of three are not known. But the final two — Sohn is Kimchi 1 and Lee Kimchi 5 — are making their way around the Pyeongchang Olympics, promoting peace and reminding younger generations of South Koreans of their Korean War history. On Friday, they were in Gangneung's curling center, where South Korea's women's squad made a storybook run to the finals. The two men were volunteering for the Olympics with their wives, checking spectators' tickets and guiding them to the right gates. "I'm the fruits of the South Korea-U.S. alliance," Sohn said. "The U.S. military is the savior of our lives and they saved my parents and other refugees. I always feel grateful to the U.S. military." Both Sohn and Lee say they feel comfortable being called Kimchi — happy, even. During a joint interview, they often called each other by those monikers and said they were "Kimchi brothers." Lee's business card, in fact, shows "Kimchi 5" written alongside his name both in Korean and English. "I didn't become Kimchi 1 because I wanted it. It was like my destiny," said Sohn, who runs a steel products trading company. Their parents were among tens of thousands of civilians who gathered at North Korea's northeastern Hungnam port in December 1950, hoping to board one of about 190 U.S. vessels originally mobilized to evacuate U.S. troops retreating from advancing Chinese and North Korean troops.

CURLING

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"It's hard to rationalize wanting to do it," vice-skip Tyler George said after the Americans beat favored Sweden 10-7 in nine ends in the gold medal match on Saturday. "But then days like this happen."

With the King of Sweden and Ivanka Trump looking on — and bolstered by social media messages from actor Mr. T., NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers

and speedskater Dan Jansen — Shuster skipped the Americans from a 2-4 record at the start of pool play to five wins in a row, starting with a victory over three-time defending Olympic champion Canada.

No U.S. curling team, men or women, had ever beaten Canada at the Winter Games. Shuster's team did it again in the semifinals.

That set up a gold medal match with Sweden, the world championship runner-up and top winner in pool play, including a 10-4 victory over the

Americans on Feb. 16.

After three back-and-forth ends in the final, the Swedes squandered a point in the fourth despite having the last-rock advantage known as the hammer. (The call was too close to be made with the naked eye; an umpire measured it with a gadget that goes to the millimeter.)

From there, Sweden was playing catch-up.

Tied 5-5 in the eighth, but with the Americans controlling the hammer, Sweden skip Niklas Edin failed on a

double-takeout, clearing away just one of the two stones he was aiming for. That left Shuster with a relatively mundane shot for an almost unprecedented score. (Canada's six-end in the 2006 men's final was the only other score of more than four in an Olympic gold medal match).

"During the entire end we could kind of feel it building. Their margin for error got really small," Shuster said in the news conference with teammates team Tyler George, Matt Hamilton, John

Landsteiner and alternate Joe Polo. "I can't tell you how un-nervous I was sitting in the hack to throw it. Just let it go."

The Americans played defense in the ninth end to avoid giving up a big score. Sweden scored two, but with the hammer going to the United States for the 10th, a victory was out of reach.

On his second-to-last stone, Edin made a spin-o-rama out of the starting block, bringing laughter from the crowd.

Then he shook hands to concede the match.

MLB: Rays Notebook

Duffy plays two straight days

By BRYAN LEVINE Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — Other than some instructional games while rehabbing, Matt Duffy did something on Saturday he hasn't done since Aug. 5, 2016: play in a Major League Baseball game on back to back days.



SUN PHOTO BY KAT GODINA

Rays Matt Duffy and Mallex Smith fist bump after an inning during Saturday's game against the Red Sox.

it's just a mild annoyance. Especially considering how much work went into getting healthy.

A DAY TO FORGET

Jake Faria had a rough outing in his first appearance of the spring.

Facing seven batters, Faria recorded just two outs, allowing three runs on four hits and a walk.

"I just couldn't really find a groove until (the end)," Faria said. "First game of spring, your main goal is just to get into the strike zone. That was the problem today and that was an easy evaluation."

RED SOX 4, RAYS 3

HITTER OF THE GAME

Micah Johnson, Rays: Coming off the bench, Johnson had two hits (one double) in his two at-bats. He also scored a run.

PITCHER OF THE GAME Roenis Elias, Red Sox: Elias threw a pair of perfect innings to begin the game. He also struck out a pair of Rays.

KEY INNING

Bottom First: The Red Sox wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, with the first three batters of the game eventually scoring a run. Boston was aided by two singles and two doubles in the frame, with RBI coming from three different batters.

PROSPECT WATCH

Jose Mujica, Rays: Mujica impressed in his one inning of work, striking out two of the four batters he faced. Kevin Cash said he was pleased with how many strikes Mujica threw.

THEY SAID IT

"I was texting with him this morning when I was driving. I know I'm not supposed to do that, but I was checking in on him. I told him he looks happy every time I see him on TV and smiling." —Rays manager Kevin Cash on for 3B Evan Longoria.

ON DECK

MONDAY: vs. Toronto, 1:05 p.m. TUESDAY: vs. Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m. WEDNESDAY: at Minnesota, 1:05 p.m. THURSDAY: vs. Baltimore, 1:05 p.m. FRIDAY: vs. Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Big East



AP PHOTO

Creighton's Marcus Foster walks off the court Saturday in Omaha, Neb.

Creighton beats highest-ranked foe ever in Villanova

By ERIC OLSON Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — A Creighton season that was beginning to head in the wrong direction righted itself in glorious fashion for at least one afternoon.

The Bluejays came into their game against No. 3 Villanova on Saturday having lost three straight in the Big East. Starting forward Ronnie

Harrell Jr. was out of the lineup because of a foot infection, and they were down eight points with 4 1/2 minutes left in regulation.

With Marcus Foster and Khyri Thomas leading the way and two freshmen making major contributions, Creighton came back to defeat the highest-ranked opponent in program history with its 89-83 upset of the Wildcats in overtime.

TAMPA BAY (2-1) at MINNESOTA (0-1) WHEN: Today, 1:05 p.m. WHERE: Hammond Stadium, Fort Myers SCHEDULED STARTERS: LH Blake Snell vs. RH Kyle Gibson

Duffy, who has been dealing with heel injuries for more than two years now, played in each of the first two spring training games for the Rays, a major accomplishment considering how his healthy has taken away roughly the last season and a half.

Manager Kevin Cash is pleased to have his starting third baseman back.

"That's kind of the schedule we've (planned)," Cash said.

"Our training staff wasn't so much concerned with getting Duffy six or seven innings and then getting him a day off. They'd rather have him go short bursts and then get him out consistently. That's the approach we're probably going to take for the first week and see how he's feeling.

It's a good thing to be able to pencil him in the lineup back to back right out of the gate."

So far Duffy has a pair of singles and an RBI to his name this spring.

HUDSON IS HERE

Reliever Daniel Hudson joined the Rays for the first time Saturday morning since being acquired in a trade earlier in the week.

In a deal which sent outfielder Corey Dickerson to the Pittsburgh Pirates,

the Rays will be Hudson's fourth team as he enters his ninth MLB season.

"I was surprised. I was thinking if I was going to be moved, it'd be during the offseason or at the deadline," Hudson said. "I'm excited to be here. It's a fresh start to get to know these guys and grow with them a little bit."

The soon-to-be-31-year-old (March 9) is one of the few veterans on the Rays with experience like his, and that's a role Hudson won't shy away from.

"It's part of the job when you get to be as seasoned as I am," Hudson said. "I've experienced things probably only Jonny (Venters) has. I hopefully bring something new to the bullpen, can talk to the guys and maybe be there for them

when they need me."

Hudson appeared in 71 games last season, going 2-7 out of the bullpen with a 4.38 ERA and 66 strikeouts to 33 walks.

According to manager Kevin Cash, Hudson threw a live bullpen session in Port Charlotte Saturday morning.

HURT LITTLE PIGGY

Brad Miller can't catch a break.

After an injury-plagued 2017 season and an off-season of surgeries, Miller entered spring training feeling healthy.

That is, until he broke his pinky toe the other day.

"I just ran into something and stubbed it pretty good. X-Rays showed it was broken," Miller said of his right foot.

The infielder says the broken toe isn't an issue,

SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP | AROUND THE GRAPEFRUIT AND CACTUS LEAGUES

Associated Press ASTROS 6, BRAVES 1: Collin McHugh struck out five in

two innings for the defending champions. Yuli Gurriel homered and Marwin Gonzalez had two hits for Houston.

David Paulino, a top Astros prospect who was suspended 80 games last season for a drug violation and later had surgery for bone spurs in his right elbow, fanned three in two shutout innings. Sean Newcomb allowed an unearned run in one inning with two strikeouts for Atlanta.

PHILLIES 9, ORIOLES (SS) 6: Philadelphia third baseman Will Middlebrooks was carted off the field after injuring his ankle when he collided with left fielder Andrew Pullin chasing a flyball.

Jorge Alfaro hit a grand slam off Baltimore starter Dylan Bundy, who was roughed up for five runs on four hits and

three walks in two innings. Zach Eflin allowed one run on two hits and a walk in 1 2/3 innings for Philadelphia.

YANKEES 4, PIRATES 1: New York newcomer Brandon Drury singled in his first at-bat, then was hit by a pitch in the left hand his next time up. Drury, acquired this week from Arizona in a three-team trade, stayed in the game at third base. Gregory Polanco homered and singled for Pittsburgh.

struggled, walking three in 1 1/2 innings. New York starter Seth Lugo allowed one hit in two shutout innings. Kevin Plawecki drove in three runs for the Mets.

MARLINS 3, NATIONALS 2: J.T. Realmuto homered and singled for Miami. Tanner Roark allowed one hit and struck out three for Washington. Bryan Harper gave up a run and took the loss — he is the 28-year-old brother of Nationals star Bryce Harper, and missed last season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

CARDINALS 10, METS 5: St. Louis star Carlos Martinez

RAYS

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Either way, Cash knows they're going to rely on Smith this year.

"We just have to find a way to get Mallex on base this year. When Mallex was on base, he created plenty of havoc. It was welcomed dimension he brought with the speed. He knows that it doesn't change whether he's hitting first, ninth or sixth."

Smith and Span might be competing for playing time, but that's not going to impact their relationship.

The 10-year veteran, whose locker is two over from Smith's has become someone the younger outfielder can look up to.

"We're building (a relationship)," Smith said. "Ultimately, he's

a little older than me, so he's been like a mentor in a way. I'm trying to learn from him. I'm trying to be a guy with 10 years in the league like him.

"He just takes care of his business. He comes in early, stays late. He's strategic with the things he works on. After practice, he'll go in the cage to work on specific things. (He's taught me) to be a real student of the craft. He's really quite. He's usually seen and not heard. That's something I've been picking up."

Smith provides outfield Depth for the Rays. He has the ability to play all three outfield spots, something Cash says he will be doing throughout the spring and regular season.

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GROOMER ON THE CIRCLE

“Where your dogs are treated like little children”

By **BILL ROGERS**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Scott Conner is well aware and fully understands how devoted dog owners are to their pets.

So much so that he has the following reassuring words printed on the window of his grooming shop: “Where your dogs are treated like little children.”

Conner's shop, Groomer on the Circle, is located in downtown Sebring at 308 Circle Park Drive.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Monday through Saturday. However, Conner said he will do some early morning appointments as well as some after hours.

Conner, the owner/groomer, said he doesn't mind people watching him and noted that he invites them to come in and see how he works.

“If you are really gentle, people can see that and that's what they want,” he said. “They want gentleness, they want to know that their dog is treated good and that their dog is safe with you. That's very, very important.”

“I don't have children, and so the patience that most people have with children, I have with dogs,” he added.

Originally from Washington state, Conner said he had been in sales for many years. He said there was a compensation issue with the company he was working for at the time and that prompted him to leave.

He went to the shop where his dog was groomed and asked if she needed help.

“How would you like to learn how to groom?” the woman replied.

Conner said that was great and he started in a grooming school run by Linda Hoffman. “I jumped into there and she taught me,” he said. “I just so happen to have a knack for it.”

He said he began working with Hoffman in a “little 300-square-foot place.”

Conner later opened his own shop in Longview, Washington. He said with his partner, Monte Hansen, they grew the business to where there were 10

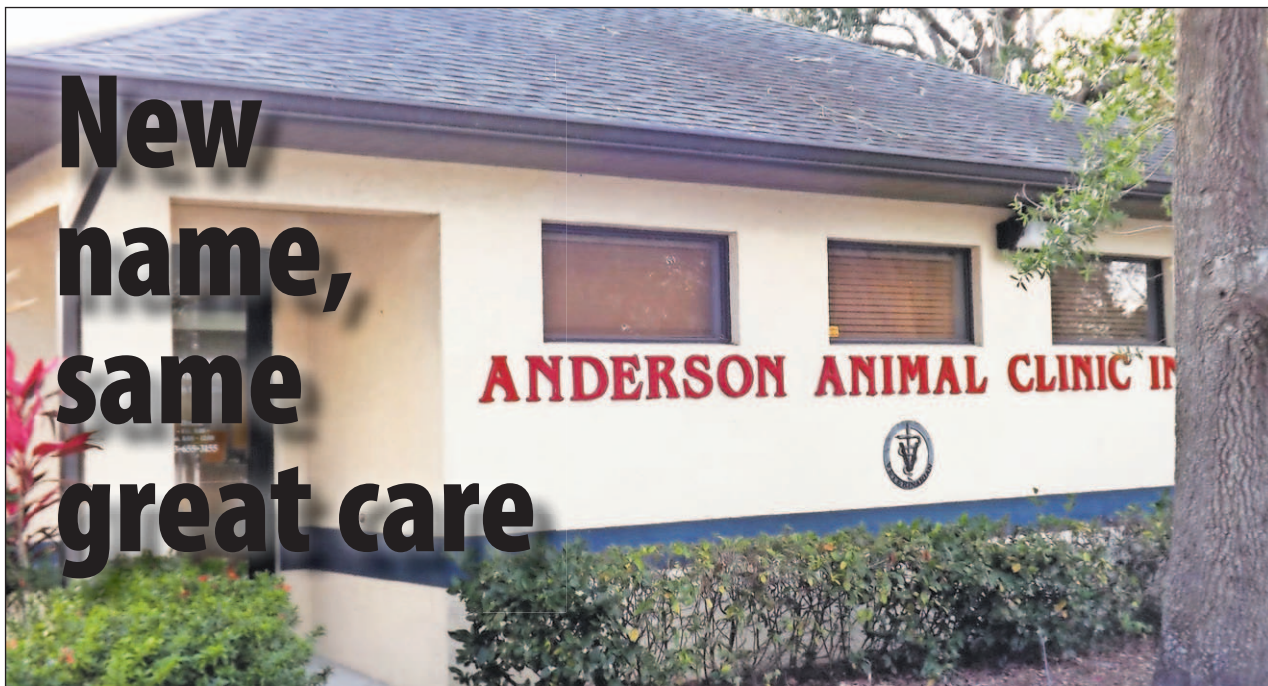


BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

Scott Conner opened his dog grooming shop in early January in downtown Sebring.

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Oak Hammock Animal Hospital



DOROTHY HARRIS/CORRESPONDENT

Anderson Animal Clinic will soon be renamed as Oak Hammock Animal Hospital with Dr. Christopher O'Sullivan returning home to run the practice where he got his own start in veterinary medicine.

By **DOROTHY HARRIS**
CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes a name change is actually an introduction to an old friend in a new role. Dr. Christopher O'Sullivan of Oak Hammock Animal Hospital began his career at the Anderson Animal Clinic in 1993, but before that his family was a client of the clinic.

“Dr. Anderson cared for our family dogs and steers,” recalled O'Sullivan, who grew up in Sebring- the seventh of eight children- and graduated from Sebring High. “I worked for him two years as a veterinary technician while attending South Florida Community College.”

After graduation, O'Sullivan transferred to University of Florida to pursue a degree in microbiology. When he then applied to veterinary school,

Anderson wrote one of his recommendation letters. After becoming a veterinarian in 2000, O'Sullivan practiced in North Carolina for four years, then returned to Central Florida and spent the next 11 years at Veterinary Healthcare Associates in Dundee.

O'Sullivan always kept in touch with Anderson, who made the decision to retire in 2015 after 50 years of practice. When offered the opportunity to purchase the animal hospital, O'Sullivan worked with local Advantage Realty owner Greg Karlson and realtor, Buzz Shiner, Jr. The practice changed hands and O'Sullivan effectively returned home on several levels, now living just a mile from his childhood home.

“He's an excellent veterinarian and I highly recommend him,” added Shiner, who brought



Dr. Christopher O'Sullivan points out the benefits of the practice's upgrade to digital radiology.

his dog Macy in for treatment. Staff member Heather Barfield echoed these comments, adding her first introduction

to O'Sullivan was as a client too. “I had taken my Boston terrier to Veterinary Healthcare

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Griffin Fertilizer names new VP



ROBERTS

FROSTPROOF — Mike Roberts was elected vice president of Griffin Fertilizer Company by the board of directors on Jan. 23.

Roberts joined Ben Hill Griffin, Inc. on Nov. 7, 2011 as a sales and marketing representative for the fertilizer division. He was named division manager on Sept. 1, 2014 and currently resides in Winter Haven with his wife, Patricia.

Tax-Aide ready to file taxes

SEBRING — Tax-Aide, a free nationwide tax preparation service, will continue its free tax service at four local locations beginning in this month.

Appointments are not necessary as taxpayers are assisted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tax filers are asked not to call the locations listed below with tax questions, as the staff at those sites are not trained in tax matters and they will not be able to assist.

For tax-related questions, people are asked to come into one of the below listed sites and speak directly to one of the counselors or call the local coordinators.

This free income tax service is sponsored by AARP Foundation and focuses on low- to middle-income level people with emphasis on those 60 or over but membership in AARP is not required to take advantage of this service and there are no age requirements.

The locations, days and times of operation are as follows:

AVON PARK: First Baptist Church, 100 N. Lake Ave., Avon Park, FL 33825

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Opening day: Feb. 7

Local coordinators, Bettie Lemons, 863-453-4773; or Joe Casey, 585-356-2454

LAKE PLACID: American Legion Post 25, 1490 U.S. 27, Lake Placid, FL 33852

Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Opening day: Feb. 4

Local coordinator, Marie Sieker, 863-465-3687 or Marcia Kissane, 863-465-4966

SEBRING: Faith Lutheran Church, 2740 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870

Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

Opening day: Feb. 1

Local coordinator, Bill Shelton, 863-385-3802

WAUCHULA: Hardee County Library, 315 N. 6th Ave, Wauchula, FL 33873

Monday, 2-6 p.m.; Opening day: Feb. 6

Local coordinator, Patricia Bridewell,

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Bicycles, children's rompers make the recall list

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A line of children's rompers with snaps that pose a choking hazard to young children are among this week's recalled consumer products. Others include glass tables and hair dryers.

Here's a more detailed look:

Children's rompers

DETAILS: Two styles of children's rompers sold in sizes 0-3 months and 18-24 months. They are Vermillion Painted OPP Floral Romper with style number 7F32500, and the Shocking Fuchsia Rose Romper with style



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The snaps near the collar can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

number 7F32504. The Vermillion rompers are red with white floral print, and the Shocking Fuchsia are maroon with a pink floral print. The style number is printed on a tag sewn on the inside of the garment located in the waist area. They were sold at

Nordstrom, Von Maur and various boutique stores nationwide and at teacollection.com from July 2017 through December 2017.

WHY: The snaps near the collar can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

INCIDENTS: Five reports of the snaps detaching from the garments. No injuries have been reported.

HOW MANY: About 3,800 in the U.S. and 140 in Canada.

FOR MORE: Call Tea Collection at 866-374-8747 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, send email to service@teacollection.com or visit www.

teacollection.com and click on the recall tab at the bottom of the page for more information.

Glass tables



The tempered glass top can shatter unexpectedly, posing a laceration and injury hazard to the user or bystanders.

DETAILS: West Elm Jensen rectangular glass tables. Only rectangular tables with SKU number 4737003 or 7912629 are included in the recall.

The SKU number is printed on the table's packaging. They were sold at West Elm stores nationwide, West Elm's catalog and westelm.com from September 2014 through December 2016.

WHY: The tempered glass top can shatter unexpectedly, posing a laceration and injury hazard to the user or bystanders.

INCIDENTS: Nine reports of the glass table top shattering. No injuries have been reported.

HOW MANY: About 5,400.

FOR MORE: Call West Elm toll-free at 833-216-6974 from 7 a.m. to midnight ET daily or online at www.westelm.

com and click on “Safety Recalls” for more information.

Hair dryers



The cord can become brittle near the base of the dryer, posing burn hazards.

DETAILS: The Ionic Pro 2000 and 2000W

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Associates for care and met him from the other side of the table," she said, not realizing one day she'd be working for him herself.

"Christopher remains well connected with the VHA team of specialists, adding a unique collaborative opportunity when referral for care is needed."

Lisa Foster, the practice manager since 1995, models the staff's focus on establishing long-term relationships with their clients. "It's all about the pets and we are devoted to our clients, striving to exceed their expectations by providing the best service with care and affection."

O'Sullivan emphasized his team's approach, adding, "I know how much my pets have meant to me over the years and I try to treat them as part of our family." For this reason, he has spent the past two years phasing in some new equipment to better serve his patients and pet parents.

"I know how much my pets have meant to me over the years and I try to treat them as part of our family."

Dr. Christopher O'Sullivan

A digital radiology machine offers digital-image quality diagnostics while new dental X-ray equipment and polisher offer enhanced oral care. An ultrasound machine and upgraded anesthesia monitoring equipment, including a forced-air warming blanket which prevents hypothermia during and post-surgery for small animals provides an added measure of comfort and care.

O'Sullivan is quick to point out he never forgets there is a person attached to the other end of the leash. Focused on doing the best job he can as a small animal vet, he also understands pet owners need options when making care decisions for their pet. "I try my best to help them work through their choices because I know no pet comes in without their owner."

He hopes to continue to grow the practice over

the years to come, with a goal of having a collaborative approach similar to what he experienced during his tenure at VHA. Offering high quality veterinary care for dogs and cats, his team is focused on great service.

New signage is being installed and Oak Hammock Animal Hospital invites the community to come tour their facility and meet the friendly staff.

"We've been phasing in new equipment and changes over the past two years and we are now ready to celebrate," said O'Sullivan. An open house offering tours, food, pet photos, complimentary nail trims, face painting, bounce house, raffles and more will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 3.

Oak Hammock Animal Hospital, 11751 Twitty Road, Sebring, 863-655-3155,

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groomers and a secretary in a 6,000-square-foot building.

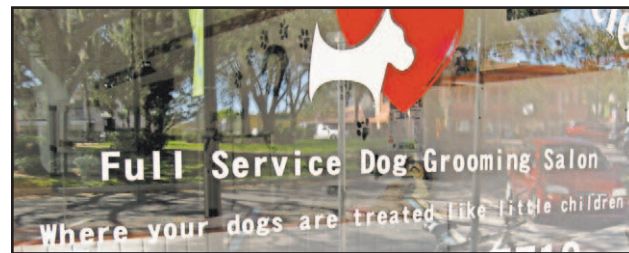
Although it was successful, Conner and his wife, which he described as both being "sun bunnies," were looking for a warm climate. They decided on Florida and visited the state before moving.

The couple settled in Sebring after finding a home Conner said they love and with wonderful neighbors.

The full service grooming includes a hair cut, cleaning the ears and removing hair from them, checking the anal glands, shampoo and blow dry, cut and grind the nails.

"You grind them so that they are not rigid and sharp," he said. "If you just cut them, they are still going to have a sharp edge to them. When you grind them, it smooths them out."

Conner said he will groom any dog. He added that when dealing with an aggressive dog,



BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

Groomer on the Circle is open six days a week.

he will want the owner to stay during the appointment. "So there are no questions how the dog acted or ... how I treated the dog," he said.

Conner, who owns four dogs, said he loves man's best friend.

"I'm the most blessed man in the world because I get to do what I love to do and I get to make money at it," he said. "I love people so I get to talk to all of these great people. Dog people

are generally pretty darn good people."

Although his shop hasn't been open long, Conner has quickly learned that he will need local people to support his business after hearing "you're going to starve in the summer time."

He said he has been networking and has a Facebook page.

The telephone number is 863-840-5719.

The shop is going to be closed from March 8-13.

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hand-held hair dryers sold under the ISO Beauty and Proliss brand names. The bottom rear of the dryers has "ISO" or "Proliss" printed and model number HD-1820. The dryers were sold in the following colors: black, white, white pearl, peacock, white zebra, pink leopard, blue, and giraffe.

WHY: The cord can become brittle near the base of the dryer, posing

burn hazards.

INCIDENTS: Thirty-five reports of the dryers sparking or smoking, including two reports of flames coming from the dryers and three reported burn injuries to hands or fingers.

HOW MANY: About 73,000 in the U.S. and about 1,000 units were sold in Canada.

FOR MORE: Call ISO Beauty at 800-490-5919 between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. PT Monday through Friday or visit isobeauty.com and click on "Product Recall" for more information.

Electric blankets

DETAILS: Rural King's electric heated blankets and throws. Model numbers starting with BLV-OB and ending in 200, 201A, 201B, 201C, 202, 202BN, 202CM, 203, 204A1, 204A2, 204A3, 204A2BR, 204A2CM, 205B1, 205B2, 205B3 or 206C1 can be found on a corner tag. Matton Rural King Supply Inc. is printed on the back of the tag.

WHY: The blankets' and throws' electric cord can overheat and catch on fire, posing fire and burn hazards.

INCIDENTS: Four reports of the blankets and throws overheating. Two incidents resulted in fires and one burn injury to a consumer's foot.

HOW MANY: About 9,600.

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BRIEFS

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863-257-5287

Tax filers are asked to bring a photo ID, the Social Security cards for everyone listed on the return, a copy of their tax return from last year and all documents

received that include income.

This includes all 1099 Rs, W-2s 1099- SSAs, Railroad Retirement statements, interest and/or dividend income statements and reports of stock sales (these must include the price originally paid for the stock as well as the price sold for).

Also, due to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, people are asked to bring any documents that confirm that they and all of the individuals in their household have required medical insurance.

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CITRUS - Applicants must be 18 years or older. Following the Supervisors instructions, the worker will place a picking sack over their shoulder and carry an 18' to 22' ladder from the field truck to the particular area of the grove to be harvested. A fully loaded sack weighs between approximately 80 and 100 pounds, depending upon the size, condition and variety of fruit. When picking sack is full take full sack to fruit container and drop fruit from pick sack into container. The worker must be able to work outside for at least 6 hours a day in all kinds of weather. All tools, supplies and equipment will be provided at no cost to the worker. Proper work attire is required. Random drug testing may occur. No alcohol permitted while on the job Grove Clean-up: Workers may be required to perform miscellaneous grove clean-up work. These activities may include removing ladders, debris, boxes, discarded fruit from fields to clean growing areas, pruning, pulling vines, and weeds by hand or with hoe, painting trees, repair and or replace irrigation equipment, may maintain fence lines. A copy of the work contract or a copy of the ETA 790 in lieu of a work contract, and any modifications, will be provided to the worker on or before the day the work commences. At orientation we will explain the "Overview of Warnings" and give workers a copy of this form. Blueberry-Manually plant, cultivate, harvest blueberries. Prune blueberry bushes using pruning shears and loppers. Each worker must pick the plants clean of all ripe fruit. Hours and days of work may vary due to weather conditions. If the employee is unable or unfit to perform the duties listed after the 14 day pre-trial, the employee will receive warnings, hours may be reduced to the minimum allowed in the certified petition or terminated. Employer may conduct criminal background checks. The highest of \$11.29 per hr or applicable piece rates depending on crop activity, three fourths guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day. Due to possible Date of Need changes, worker is required to purchase travel insurance if available. We will reimburse the worker for transportation cost (including travel insurance) and subsistence to the employers' work site from the place of recruitment upon completion of 50 percent of the contract period or earlier if appropriate. Transportation payment will be no less (and is not required to be more) than the most economical and reasonable common carrier transportation charges for the distances involved. Workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Complete job description can be found at your local SWA/Job Center. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area FL 866-482-4473, AL 256-259-1835, GA 404-656-6000, MS 662-842-2175 using job # FL 10617469

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You're married, but your assets don't have to be



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Liz Weston

People who aren't rich or famous typically don't have prenuptial agreements, which are legal documents detailing who gets what in a divorce.

Even ordinary folks without prenups, though, should think about how to protect their money if something goes wrong.

Planning for divorce may be cynical, but it's also smart, San Diego certified financial planner Ginita Wall says.

"It's cynical to put on a seat belt when you pull out of your garage, because you're planning for an accident," says Wall, who is also a

certified public accountant and the author of several books including "The ABCs of Divorce for Women." "You want to be safe if that happens, God forbid."

Marital breakups aren't the only concern. Creditors can come after joint accounts and property if a spouse has unpaid debts or gets sued, says Carl Soranno, a family law attorney in Roseland, New Jersey.

"Even if your marriage is strong, or you think it's strong, there are events that can put pressure on it," Soranno says.

Estate planning also can be easier when at least some assets are kept as separate property. You might trust your spouse to do right by the kids after you're gone, for example, but can you trust your spouse's next spouse? Separate property can allow you to better control who inherits after your death.

"Separate property," by the way, is the legal term for assets such as cash, investments and real estate that you owned

before you married. It also applies to any gifts or inheritances you receive during marriage.

But there are plenty of ways separate property can become marital property if you're not careful. Depositing an inheritance into a joint account can do it. So can using money from a joint account to pay taxes on separately owned investments or property. State laws vary enormously, so it can be worth consulting an experienced attorney or financial planner to find out the rules that apply in yours, says CFP Shelly-Ann Eweka, a wealth management director with TIAA in Denver.

"You want someone familiar with your state laws and your situation to give you advice," Eweka says.

Here are some moves that typically help to protect what you own:

HAVE "MINE" AND "OURS" ACCOUNTS.

"Even if your marriage is strong, or you think it's strong, there are events that can put pressure on it."

Carl Soranno, a family law attorney in Roseland, New Jersey

Some couples keep all their accounts separate, but many prefer the convenience of joint accounts for joint expenses. If you decide to share accounts, open new ones together rather than adding a partner to existing accounts. If you've already commingled funds, open new accounts in your name alone if you receive a gift or inheritance. Use separate accounts to pay expenses for any property that's solely in your name.

BE CAREFUL WITH REAL ESTATE. A reader added her beloved husband to the titles of her home and rental properties. When he died, she ended up with his two children from a previous marriage as co-owners of the real estate — not an outcome she expected

or wanted. Another way separate property could potentially turn into marital property is using joint funds to pay the mortgage, maintain the building or remodel.

KEEP GOOD RECORDS. Ideally, you'll know what your assets are worth the day you marry. Bank, brokerage and retirement account statements from the previous month or quarter can help establish their value. If you own a business or other hard-to-value property, consider getting it appraised before the wedding. Hang on to copies of wills or trusts that show an inheritance, along with account statements showing the deposits. If you receive a gift, keep a copy of the check or ask for a letter from the giver documenting the value.

CONSIDER A "POSTNUP." A post-nuptial agreement is similar to a prenup, but created after a couple marries. Postnups can be especially helpful when couples want to divide things up differently — either in a divorce or in their estate plans — than their state laws would otherwise dictate. (Just one example: In most states, income from separate property is also considered separate. In Texas, it typically belongs to both spouses.) A written agreement is much better than an "understanding" or verbal promises about who owns what, Wall says.

"What happens in divorce is a scarcity mentality sets in," Wall says. "People start going for every dime they can get, because there's not enough to go around."

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LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID 14

SUN N' LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

INVITATION TO BID #18-01 DISTRICT SURPLUS PROPERTY TWO (2) - 40' x 40' CARPORT STRUCTURES

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District hereby releases an Invitation to Bid on two 40' x 40' carport structures. Specifications for bidding can be found at www.snlidistrict.org.

Sealed proposals may be hand delivered or mailed to the District office located at 5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872, Invitation to Bid, ITB No. 18-01, Attention Tanya Canady, General Manager by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Proposers must provide bid on Official Bid Form.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to re-advertise for bids when deemed in the best interest of the District. Feb. 25; March 4, 2018

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")

The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida ("County") will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for: **ITB NO. 18-032 Courthouse Roof Replacement (Project 17013)**

The Bidder must be a Licensed General Contractor in the State of Florida.

Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbbc.net, or by contacting: Chris Davis, Purchasing Manager, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, Phone: 863-402-6526; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E-Mail: cmdavis@hcbbc.org.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID meeting followed by a site visit will be held at 10:00 A.M. on March 7, 2018, in the County Engineering Training Room, 505 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum where the Bidders can familiarize themselves with the Specifications of the Project. The County will only accept Bids from Bidders that are represented during the entire pre-Bid meeting.

BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, to reach that office no later than **3:00 P.M., Thursday, March 22, 2018**, at which time they will be opened. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy and Women/Minority Business Preference Policy will apply to the award of this Bid.

The Board does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Mrs. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
Feb. 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. **PC 18-52** Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF **STANLEY R. HANEY** Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Stanley R. Haney, deceased, whose date of death was **November 29, 2017**, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

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

The date of first publication of this Notice is the **18th day of February, 2018**.

Personal Representative: /s/ **Judith A. Haney**
5901 Sun Valley Drive
Sebring, Florida 33876

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Pamela Karlson
Pamela T. Karlson, J.D., B.C.S., Attorney

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Feb. 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. **2017CA000010**
U.S. BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-HE7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HE7
Plaintiff,
vs.
KIMBERLY A. POWERS MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY P. MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY MULLINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIMBERLY A. POWERS MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY P. MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY MULLINS; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated **January 2, 2018**, and entered in Case No. **2017CA000010**, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein **U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-HE7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HE7** is Plaintiff and **KIMBERLY A. POWERS MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY P. MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY MULLINS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIMBERLY A. POWERS MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY P. MULLINS A/K/A KIMBERLY MULLINS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA;** are defendants.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 A.M., on the **8th day of March, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 6 AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTH ONE-HALF (1/2) OF LOT 7, BLOCK A, FIRST ADDITION TO TOWN OF SEBRING, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY (OF WHICH HIGHLANDS COUNTY WAS FORMERLY A PART) WHICH PLAT ALSO APPEARS IN TRANSCRIPT BOOK AT PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By /s/ **Robyn P. Durrauce**
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone No. (863)534-4690 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Feb. 18, 25, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. **2011-CA-000544**
ABS REO TRUST II
Plaintiff,
vs.
PETER A. ALBERT; KAREN MCCOY N/K/A KAREN ALBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PETER A. ALBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN MCCOY F/K/A KAREN ALBERT; PETER ALBERT AS TRUSTEE OF THE PETER ALBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 26, 2007; KAREN ALBERT F/K/A KAREN MCCOY AS TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN ALBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 26, 2007; HAWK'S LANDING OF SEBRING PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 2;
Defendant(s)

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated **January 2, 2018**, and entered in Case No. **2011-CA-000544**, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, wherein **ABS REO TRUST II** is Plaintiff and

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

PETER A. ALBERT; KAREN MCCOY N/K/A KAREN ALBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PETER A. ALBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN MCCOY F/K/A KAREN ALBERT; PETER ALBERT AS TRUSTEE OF THE PETER ALBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 26, 2007; KAREN ALBERT F/K/A KAREN MCCOY AS TRUSTEE OF THE KAREN ALBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED JANUARY 26, 2007; UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANTS NO. 2; HAWK'S LANDING OF SEBRING PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; are defendants. **ROBERT W. GERMAINE**, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA 33870-3867, at 11:00 A.M., on the **8th day of March, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 30, REPLAT OF TRACT "A", OF HAWK'S LANDING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 60, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 3rd day of January, 2018.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
As Clerk of said Court
By /s/ **Robyn P. Durrauce**
As Deputy Clerk

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Feb. 18, 25, 2018

NOTICE OF HEARING 24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION OR VARIANCE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Sebring Zoning Board on **MARCH 13, 2018, 5:30 PM**, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 368 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, on **Amendment No. V-18-1**. Consideration will be given for Special Exception or Variance. The City of Sebring will consider a special exception or variance for:

100 MICCO AVE - to allow the garage & carport & addition to the house to be rebuilt encroaching into the side setback.

A copy of this notice is available for public inspection during regular business hours in City Hall. The proposed Special Exception or Variance may be inspected by the public at City Hall, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Inquiries or written testimony should be directed to the Zoning Department, at 368 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, or by phone at (863) 471-5102. Please reference the Amendment Number when calling or writing.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Zoning Board, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that they will need a record of the proceedings, and in some cases a verbatim record is required.

ONE OR MORE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE ZONING BOARD MEETING.

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NOTICE OF MEETING 26

SCHEDULE OF 2018 REGULAR MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners of the Highlands County Hospital District will hold their 2018 regular meetings at the Highlands County Commissioner's Board Room 600 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida

on the following dates:
February 22, 2018
May 24, 2018
August 23, 2018
November 15, 2018

where regular Hospital District business will be discussed. One or more County Commissioners may be present at the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Highlands County District Board, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings and evidence which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. *Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Ms. Pamela

NOTICE OF MEETING 26

Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6842 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Feb. 25, 2018

Spring Lake Improvement District Waste Water Treatment Plant Public Hearing

The Spring Lake Improvement District Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing and Workshop on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m. in the District Office located at 115 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to present and discuss all aspects of the construction, operation, and future rates and fees associated with a new Waste Water Treatment Plant. You may contact the District Office at 863-655-1715 for further information.

Joe DeCarbo
District Manager
February 25, 2018
March 4, 2018

EACH PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT MEETINGS IS ADVISED THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, INCLUDING THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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HELP WANTED 2001

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Farmer needs 143 temporary workers to cultivate and harvest various crops, 03-25-18 to 06-01-18. The employer is **Dunson Harvesting, Inc.** \$11.29 per hour is guaranteed, however, during the harvest and pre-harvest, workers may be paid various piece rates depending upon crop activity and variety, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Worksites are located in Polk, Lake, Osceola, Highlands, DeSoto, Manatee, Hillsborough, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, Charlotte, Orange, and Okeechobee counties, Florida. Employer will guarantee the opportunity for work for the hourly equivalent of 3/4 of the hours of the work period. The employer will provide the work tools, supplies and equipment at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. For workers residing beyond normal commuting distances, reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be provided or paid by the employer after completion of 50% of the work period. Apply for this job at the Florida One-Stop Career Center office located at 500 E. Lake Howard Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33881. (863) 508-1100 using job listing number FL10622722.

WORKERS WANTED

50 workers needed for **F. Madrid Harvesting, Inc.** for watermelon harvesting from 4/15/18 to 5/30/18. Workers will be paid 40.00+ per bus load, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Punta Gorda, FL. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered, free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Job order 10626171.

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HELP WANTED 2001

WORKERS WANTED

20 workers needed for **Jacinto Hernandez Harvesting, Inc.** for watermelon harvesting, from 4/20/18 to 6/05/18. Workers will be paid \$35.00 + per bus, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Palmetto, FL. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399 Job order 10630694

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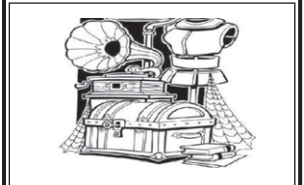
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2011 Suzuki Burgman 650 Executive, 1 owner, 6000 miles, like new, helmet, new battery, \$3750, 863-386-9447.

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How to get the most out of your trade-in

By **MATT JONES**
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About 40 percent of people shopping for a new car in 2018 will have a vehicle to trade in, according to Edmunds transaction data. And it's safe to say that 100 percent of those people will want to get as much money as possible for that trade-in.

But while most shoppers have some sort of strategy for getting a good deal when they're buying a car, they may not have a plan to extract the most value from their trade-in.

Here are tips to help you get the most for your soon-to-be ex-car, along with some common and costly mistakes people make.

Get more one offer

Your first step in getting a clear-eyed estimate of your car's value is to appraise it online. You can obtain an appraisal at Edmunds and other sites. Be honest about your car's condition and be accurate in accounting for its trim level and packages.

You should also get the real valuations in person. Consider getting trade-in quotes from several dealerships. If you live near a CarMax or EchoPark location, even better. These used-car superstores offer to buy vehicles outright with no pressure to buy a car from them.

Having multiple trade-in offers will help you understand your vehicle's actual value. With that number in hand, you're less likely to be talked into taking less for your trade-in when you're buying your new car.

Time the trade-in

Trade in your car before it's time to renew your vehicle annual registration. If you pay the registration and then trade in the car, you've essentially paid that fee for the next owner.

If you're trading in a leased vehicle (which people do sometimes before the lease is up), do so right before your next payment is due. Lease payments are for the upcoming month. Don't pay for a car you won't be using.

Last-minute repairs and recalls

You might be tempted to pour time or money into car repairs, hoping you'll get an exponentially greater trade-in value. Unfortunately, that's not likely to happen.

Most dealerships can fix mechanical and cosmetic problems for less than you can, and if the dealership's estimator (usually the used-car manager) sees something amiss, that will be factored into the cost of reconditioning. A dealership might ding you \$500 in value for having a set of bald tires, for example. Accepting that makes more sense than spending \$1,000 to replace the bald tires. You certainly won't be offered enough to offset that expense.

You should, however, attend to any pending recalls before you attempt to trade in the vehicle.



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This November 2015 photo provided by Edmunds shows a 2015 Chevrolet Colorado being appraised at a Chevrolet dealership in the Van Nuys neighborhood of Los Angeles.

Remember that recall repairs are free of charge to the owner. Depending on the severity of the recall, the dealer might not be able to sell the car until the defect is fixed, and a dealership is unlikely to pay top dollar for a trade-in that it can't easily resell. See if your vehicle is subject to a recall at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website. Just enter your vehicle identification number.

Impact of insurance claims

If you've been in an accident, it helps to understand the effect of insurance claims on your car's trade-in value.

Most accident repairs that are paid by insurance companies are reflected on vehicle history reports, such as those from Carfax and AutoCheck. Unfortunately, these reports don't explain if

the accident was a major or a minor one.

An accident in your vehicle's history report is almost sure to drop the trade-in value. This is something to keep in mind for your next car: If an accident is a minor one with minimal damage and the cost of the repair is close to your deductible, think about paying for the repairs yourself.

Plan for the future

Once you've traded in your old car, it's never too early to think about trade-in value of your new car. Keep all your service records and your receipts, such as for new tires. In the eyes of a dealership, a person who keeps records is a responsible car owner, regardless of the work performed on the car. These people tend to have cars that are well-maintained, and

that's valuable to a dealer even if the vehicle is getting on in years.

Try to have your new vehicle waxed or detailed at least once a year. This schedule can help your car receive a "clean" condition designation at trade-in rather than the lower condition, "fair." This upkeep can net you more dollars. The value difference will depend on the age and the class of car: The difference between "fair" and "clean" on a 10-year-old economy vehicle may not be as great as on a much newer luxury car.

EDMUNDS SAYS:

Do a little planning and think like a dealer, and you can easily get more money for your trade-in.

Business Highlights

Fed officials: Stronger economy boosts chance for rate hikes

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve officials at their January meeting believed that a brightening global economic picture and the effects of recently passed tax cuts had raised the prospect for solid growth and continued interest rate increases. The minutes of the discussions showed that the officials were more optimistic about the economy than they had been in December. They noted a stronger U.S. and global economy as well as expectations that the Republican tax cuts would boost growth.

Less is more: Why the Olympics broadcast beats online

NEW YORK — When it comes to the Olympics, too much choice can paralyze you with indecision. With five television channels, online streaming, virtual reality and Snapchat, where do you even start? With an event as sprawling as the Olympics, sometimes the straight-up linear TV broadcast is best, even if you're watching that online. Experts make the choices; you just lean back on your couch.

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SMALL TALK

Money an issue as many businesses don't give caregiver leave

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Within three months, one of MacLaren Cummings' staffers passed away from cancer and then both his own mother and the mother of an employee were diagnosed with breast cancer. Although he was the CEO, Cummings says, "the last thing I could think about was work."

That painful stretch in 2011 planted the seeds for a paid family leave policy at Terakeet, his internet marketing company based in Syracuse, New York.

"It changed my perspective on work/life balance and the importance of people being able to have time to spend with families and loved ones and not worry about a paycheck," Cummings says.

Paid time off to care



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In this Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, photo, Lisa A. Goodbee, president Goodbee Associates, poses for a photo in the lobby of the building where the civil engineering firm is located in the Denver south suburb of Greenwood Village, Colo. Goodbee gives the 17 staffers at her civil engineering firm six weeks at full pay and 12 at half pay for parental or caregiving leave.

for ill family members is a benefit many employees wish for, but it's hard to come by — especially at very small companies with limited financial resources. But a quarter-century after the Family and Medical Leave Act gave

employees at larger businesses up to 12 weeks of unpaid time off for their medical needs or those of family members, a growing movement aims to help staffers at small businesses get paid leave. Advocates for paid time off are lobbying for

more states to get on board. Right now, paid family leave is the law in just four states, with one more and Washington, D.C., set to implement it in two years. Company owners elsewhere who can afford to provide it know it's not only

compassionate but also makes them more competitive in a tight labor market.

Paid leave for caregiving is separate from parental leave following a birth or adoption, a benefit more common at large corporations but that many small companies also struggle to provide. The FMLA requires employers with 50 or more workers to give them unpaid leave for their own medical needs, after the birth or adoption of a child or to care for an ill family member. Workers who take leave are guaranteed a job to come back to.

Some state and local laws allow workers at smaller companies to take unpaid time off for caregiving. Thirteen states and Washington, D.C., require employers to give parents and caregivers unpaid leave of varying lengths for

different situations; the majority apply to businesses with under 50 employees.

But paid family leave, including time for caregivers, is the law only in California, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island, which have employee and/or employer-funded insurance pools to partially replace workers' wages; Washington state and Washington, D.C., will do so starting in 2020. Workers in a growing number of states, cities and counties can accrue paid sick days that can be used to care for a relative; the city council in Austin, Texas passed its sick leave law on Friday.

Campaigns are underway to enact similar paid family leave laws in other states including Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, Oregon, Hawaii, Colorado and Minnesota, according to

Helpware: Want to save money on your taxes? Hire an accountant

By **Harold Glick**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TurboTax is the most expensive \$100 software I've ever used.

Last year, I prepared my straightforward personal and business taxes with TurboTax, and then I gave the same income and expense data to an accountant. He discovered that I made multiple errors when I input data into TurboTax; he also discovered that I paid more than \$1,600 to the IRS than I should have. True, it cost me \$500 to find out about the overpayment, but I'm still up more than \$1,000.

Part of the reason I like to do my own taxes is my fascination with numbers. In high school I took a test that was supposed to ascertain the professions suited my talents and personality. I fit the profile of an accountant by a wide margin. Way down the list of professions I would succeed in was journalism. So naturally I became one. I had seen "The Front Page" one too many times.

I gathered all my

income and expense data and spent the better part of a Sunday inputting it all into TurboTax. When I'm finished, I'll give my TurboTax return to my accountant and see what he comes up with. It's worth noting that my accountant is conservative. While he looks for legal deductions, he spots instances where TurboTax didn't request essential information, or other instances where I entered the wrong answers. He will file an honest, scrupulous return and charge me \$500 for his time. In a future column I'll write about how much he saved me — or, perish the thought, how much extra I owe the taxman.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, I'm putting the 2017 version of TurboTax Home and Business through its paces. Installation did not go well. Despite an on-screen disclaimer that it wasn't TurboTax' fault that the installation couldn't proceed, it went into damage control, automatically spending an hour making things right.

As I watched, TurboTax probed the depths of the Windows operating system to fix what it said it didn't break. It was somehow all my fault.

On to entering personal information. Since I had used the program for my 2016 return, the 2017 version automatically filled in the blanks for the 2017 version, including information about previous employers, some of which I had to delete, since I didn't work for them anymore.

TurboTax acts much like a tax preparer — it asks questions, and instead of jotting down the answers, I type in the answers as best can. Oddly, the program wanted to deal with my writing and editing business first. I figured that the first questions should have been whether I have a home office. That's important because there are deductions associated with home offices. When I searched for "home office" in the help feature, it didn't come up. I flailed about, bamboozled by such terms as "net

operating loss." But how could I have a net operating loss if I couldn't figure out whether I have such things as a "domestic production activity deduction"? This would take some time to sort out, so I decided to handle the personal section first.

To aid in this effort I had printed reports from Quicken, the financial program that I used obsessively during the year. It not only categorizes tax-related expenses, it told me I spent \$49.46 at Gelson's, an upscale grocery, in February 2017.

The Quicken reports and graphs are like artwork for the accountant in me. I would hang the color graphs in a museum if I could. I really do recommend Quicken as a way to find out whether expenses are galloping past income in real time. Quicken data can be downloaded into TurboTax, but I download bank and credit card transactions daily so that I can discern whether I can afford that vacation in Turks and Caicos. In my dreams.

Since I had categorized

medical expenses, I faithfully entered them all, only to learn that I didn't have enough to claim a deduction. That's the price I pay for staying healthy and having great insurance if I need it.

Still, I couldn't figure out why the Personal section asked for so many business deductions, and then did nothing with the information.

Just as the moon went dark, so did my desk light. I had a sore neck from spending so much time on my computer, and a headache to match.

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HERE'S MY OL' PITCHER'S MOUND... COVERED WITH SNOW...

THIS MOUND AND I HAVE BEEN IN SOME GREAT BALL GAMES

WHAT MEMORIES...

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT GAME WHEN THE OTHER TEAM CAME TO BAT IN THE LAST HALF OF THE NINTH INNING, AND...

OKAY, EVERYBODY! STAND BACK! THIS IS IT!

HERE SHE GOES THROUGH THE STARTING GATE... THE WIND RUSHING THROUGH HER HAIR! IT'S THE LADIES CHAMPION! IT'S THE DOWNHILL RACER!!!!!!

..AND THEY NEEDED ONLY ONE RUN TO TIE THE GAME... THERE I WAS...

THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"I PUT DOWN 'BLOODSHOT' FOR YOUR EYES."

"WHY DOES YOUR HIGH-FIBER MEAL TASTE LIKE CORDUROY?"

"WHEN YOU ADDRESS THAT CARD TO YOUR BROTHER, DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE HIS CELLBLOCK NUMBER."

"LEROY'S GOLF STORIES WERE FAKE NEWS BEFORE IT WAS POPULAR."

"I WARNED YOU NOT TO GET A SWIVEL EASY CHAIR."

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

IT'S TIME FOR THE OLYMPICS!

TONIGHT IS THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

WHAT WAS EVERYONE'S FAVORITE OLYMPIC EVENT?

FIGURE SKATING.

ICE HOCKEY.

SNOW-BOARDING.

DON'T FORGET CURLING.

I'LL BE GOOD AT THAT WHEN I GET CURLS LIKE MOM.

MARY WORTH

DON'T YOU FEEL THE ATTRACTION BETWEEN US?

"I HAVE A SELF-DEFENSE MIND. I'VE HAD IT ALL MY LIFE."
- CONOR MCGREGOR

NO! THERE IS NONE!

WHEN TED MILLER MAKES UNWANTED ADVANCES...

I WANT YOU, MARY!

I'M NOT INTERESTED! STOP, TED! I MEAN IT!

I SAID STOP!

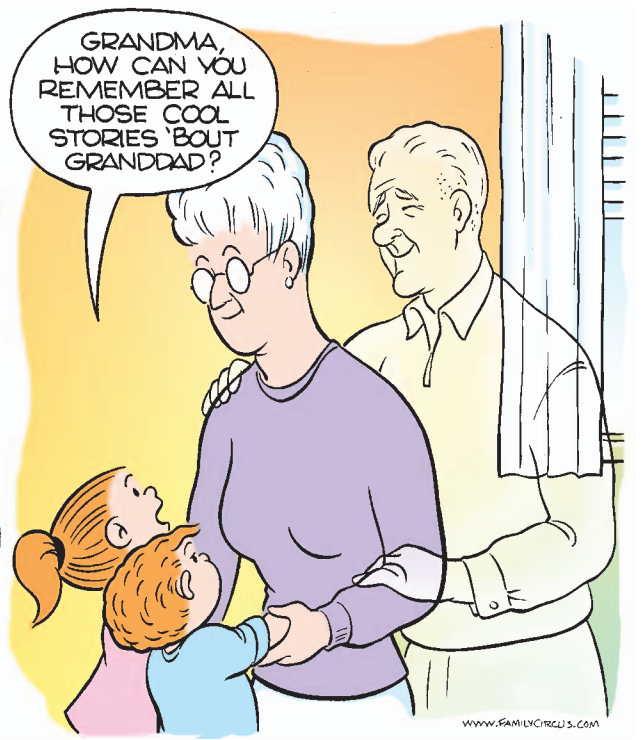
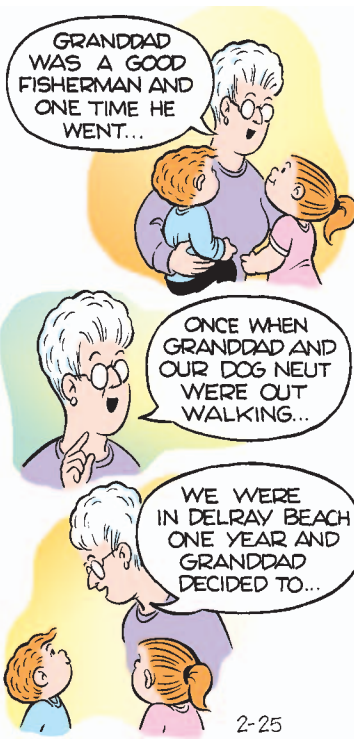
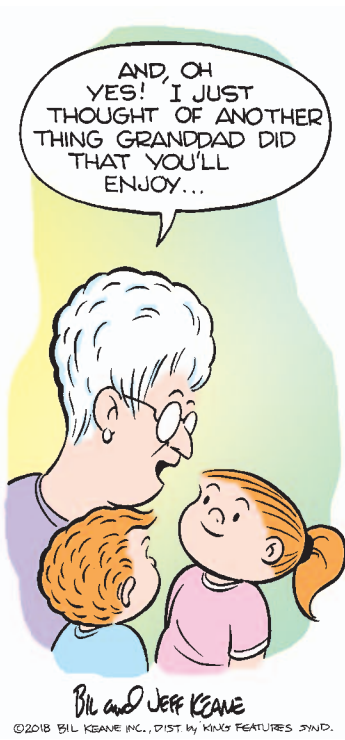
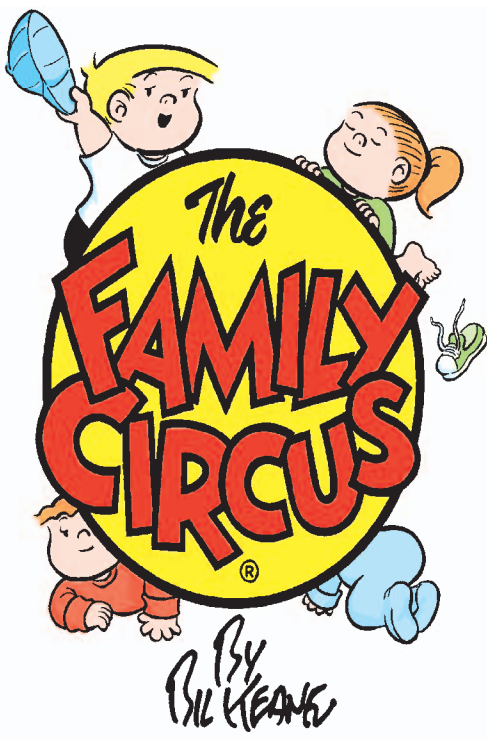
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DON'T YOU EVER TRY THAT AGAIN! NOW GET OUT!

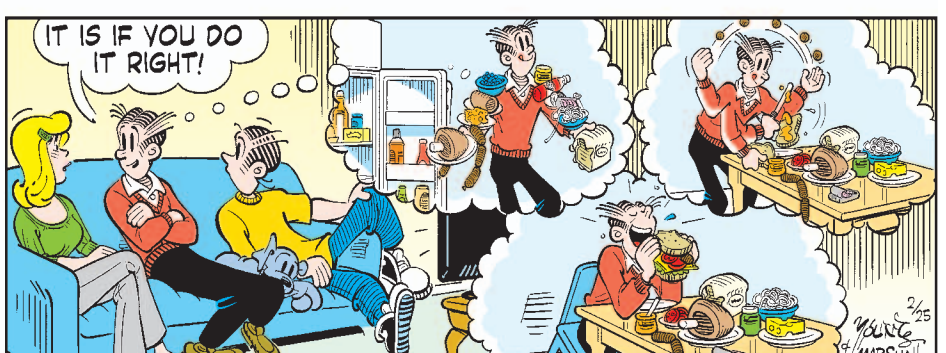
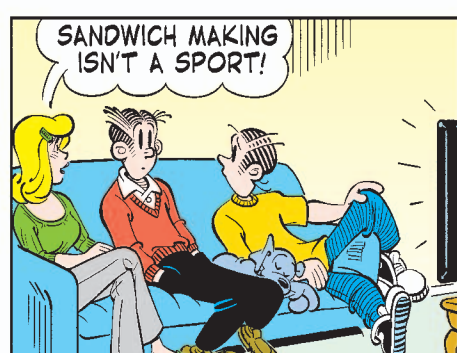
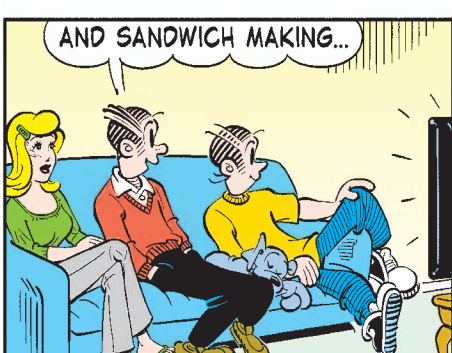
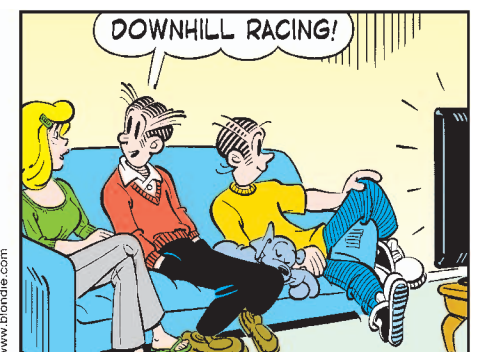
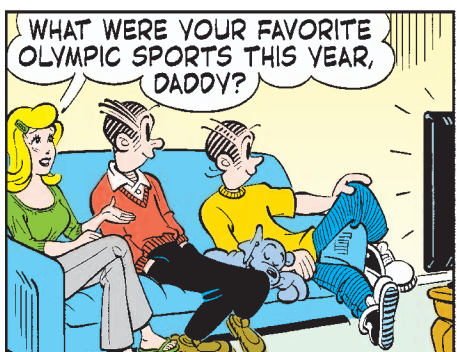
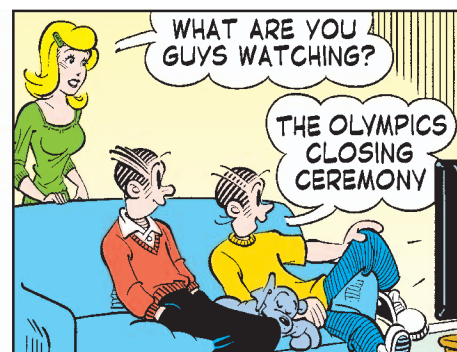
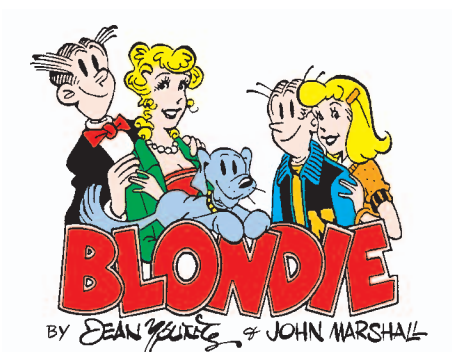
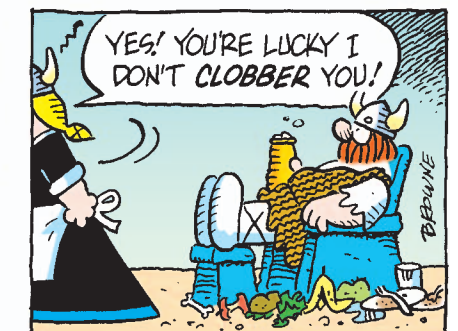
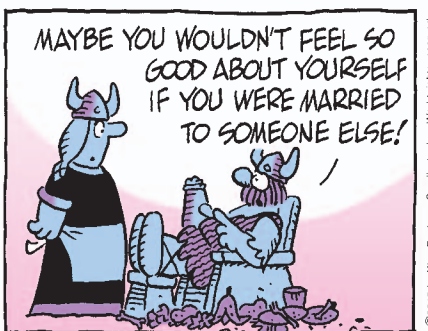
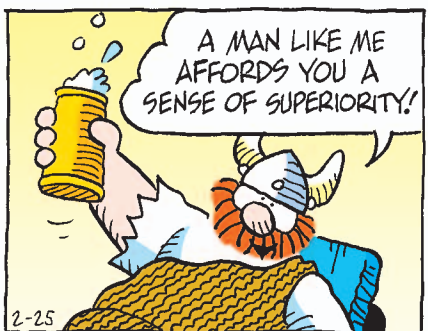
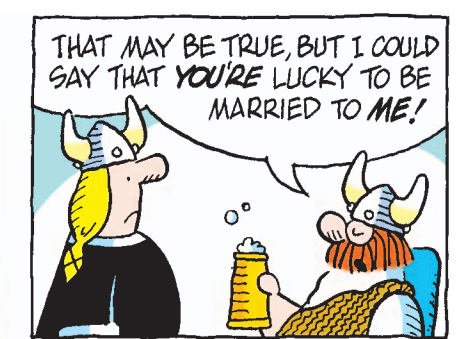
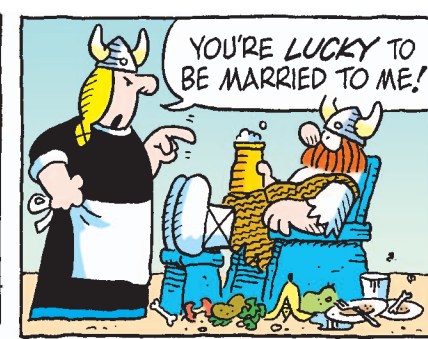
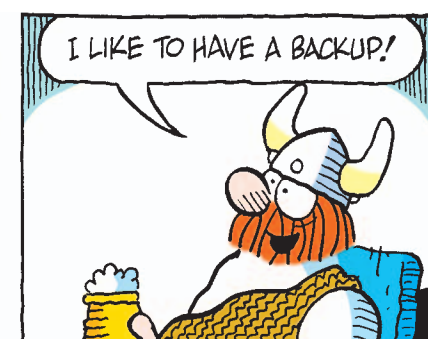
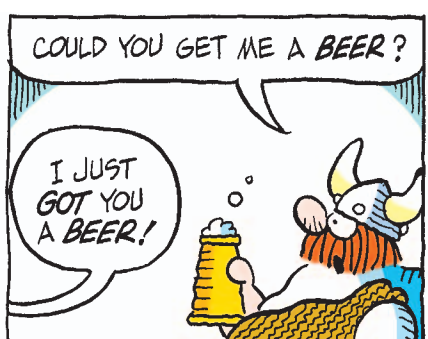
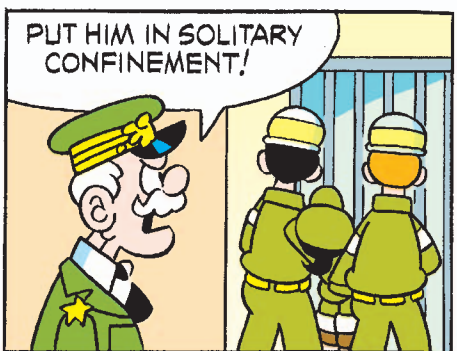
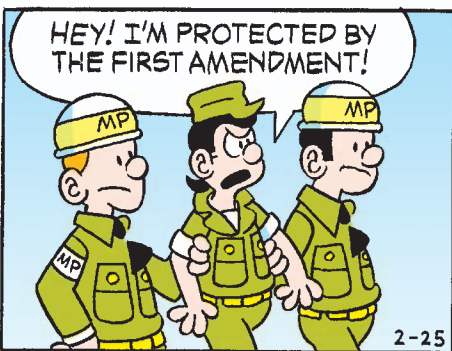
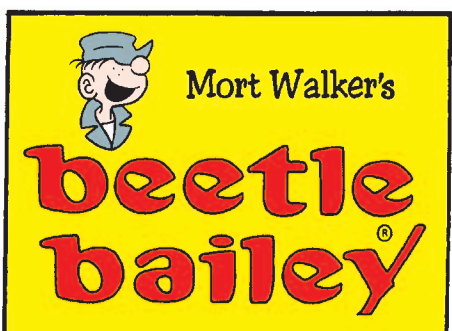
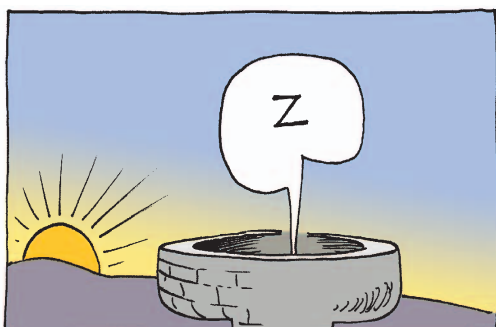
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

OPEN A LITTLE BIT, GEOFFREY... AND WE'LL LOOK AT THAT TOOTH.

DON'T TOUCH ME!!!

OK, GEOFFREY... WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO DO TODAY, BEFORE WE EVEN LOOK IN YOUR MOUTH IS TEACH YOU HOW TO RELAX!

LEAN BACK ON THE CHAIR. LET YOUR ARMS AND LEGS GO LIMP. THAT'S RIGHT.

NOW, THINK OF A BEAUTIFUL SANDY BEACH. IT'S WARM, THERE'S A BREEZE BLOWING... AND YOU CAN HEAR WATER LAPPING AT THE SHORE...

BREATHE DEEPLY AND EXHALE SLOWLY. WITH EVERY OUTWARD BREATH, FEEL THE TENSION FLOWING DOWN, DOWN AND OUT THROUGH YOUR FINGERTIPS. RELAX. RELAX...

YOU FEEL HEAVY, YOU SINK INTO THE SOFT, WARM SAND...

YOUR ARMS ARE HEAVY, YOUR MOUTH STARTS TO OPEN... AS YOU FEEL YOURSELF DRIFTING INTO A GENTLE STATE OF RELAXATION.

QUICK, JEAN! TOPICAL ANESTHETIC!!

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JIM DAVIS 2-25

HAL FOSTER'S Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

ALETA HAS A PROBLEM: THE SENATOR KRIOS IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO INCITE UNREST IN THE MISTY ISLES WITH ALLEGATIONS OF EVIL FOREIGN INFLUENCES IN THE KINGDOM.

"INTERESTINGLY," OFFERS ALETA'S TRUSTED ADVISOR, "KRIOS' ENORMOUS WEALTH IS DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN TRADE."

SHE ALSO HAS THE VIOLENT DEATH OF ONE OF HER CREW OF HER NORSE SEA ESCORT TO CONSIDER. THIS SEEMS TOO MUCH FOR COINCIDENCE...

... AND SHE ELECTS TO EXAMINE THE BODY FOR HERSELF. IT IS STRANGE, SHE NOTES, THAT A MAN FOUND DEAD IN A BACK-ALLEY BRAWL WOULD BE CLUTCHING A STRAND OF LONG BLACK HAIR AND A GOLD RIBBON.

ALETA'S SHARP EYES ALSO OBSERVE THAT, AMIDST THE MANY FRESH SWORD CUTS ACROSS INGOLF'S TORSO, THERE IS ONE PRECISE, DEEP STAB UNDER HIS RIBS, MORE LIKE THAT FROM A LADY'S DAGGER!

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT INGOLF DIED IN THAT ALLEY," MUSES THE QUEEN. "NOR DO I BELIEVE THAT HE KILLED THE MEN WHO WERE FOUND WITH HIM."

NEXT:
The queen commands

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

A reckless driver bumped Ben Beaver, knocking the poor pedestrian onto his back. When Ben looked, he read "MELLO" on the car's license tag. Max Mouse fears the hit-and-run motorist is long gone. But Slylock Fox believes otherwise. Why?

Solution -- Slylock reasoned that Ben Beaver was upside down in the confusion of the accident, when he saw the "MELLO" tag. If he had seen it right-side up, it would have read "073W". A car with tags reading "073W" is parked on the side of the road.

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ZITS

By JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN

JEREMY, I JUST WASHED THIS FLOOR.

OH, OKAY.

I JUST MEANT YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF!

TOO MUCH EFFORT.

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STOPE

By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

ALAS, POOR YORICK! ... MUST'VE BEEN ROZ'S CHILI.

WHAT WOULDST THOU LIKE, SIRE?

THOUST THREE-EGGETH "HAMLET."

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PICKLES

By BRIAN CRANE

THIS QUILT SURE IS HEAVY.

DON'T YOU LIKE IT? IT'S THE ONE MY MOTHER MADE.

I DIDN'T SAY I DIDN'T LIKE IT. I JUST SAID IT'S A LITTLE HEAVY.

WELL, IT DOES A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING US WARM, DOESN'T IT?

THAT'S TRUE.

IT DOES A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING ME FROM GETTING UP TO GO TO THE BATHROOM TOO. I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR 10 MINUTES!!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

EXCUSE ME, SIR...

I JUST TOOK A CALL FROM A PROSPECTIVE CLIENT...

THEY WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO PAY THEM A VISIT AND GO OVER OUR PRODUCT LINE...

BUT THEY STRESSED THEY DON'T WANT US TO SEND A SALESPERSON.

SEND THORNAPPLE.

BUT HE'S A SALESPERSON—THEY SAID NO SALESPERSON!

TRUST ME, THORNAPPLE IS AS CLOSE TO "NO SALESPERSON" AS A SALESPERSON CAN BE!

TIGER

By BUD BLAKE

YOU'VE GOT A MONSTER UNDER YOUR BED?

LET'S SEE THIS MONSTER

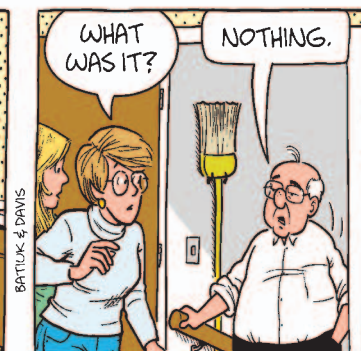
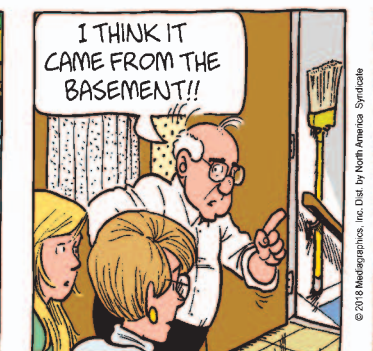
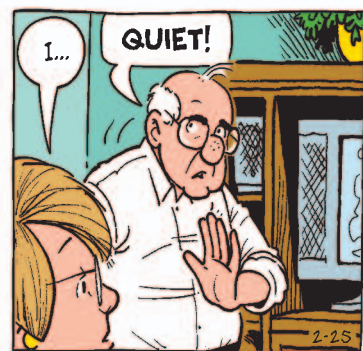
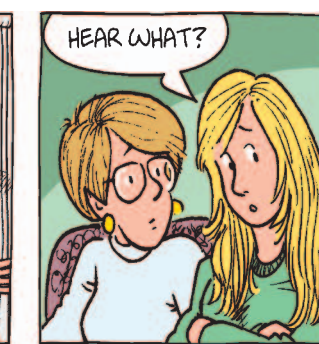
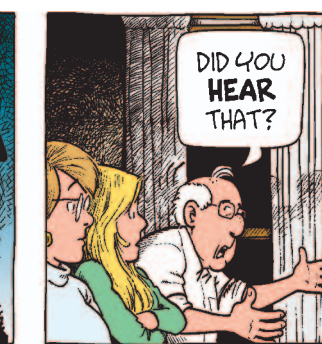
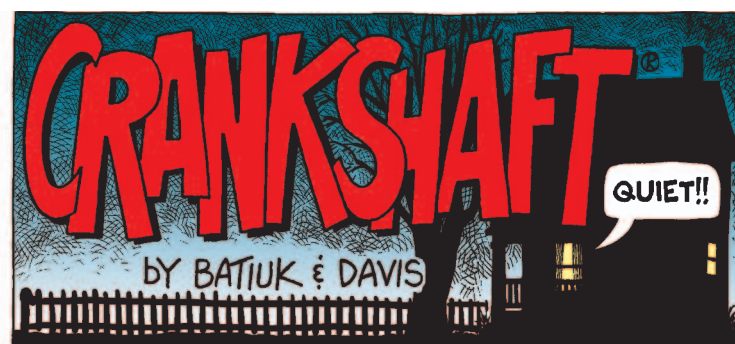
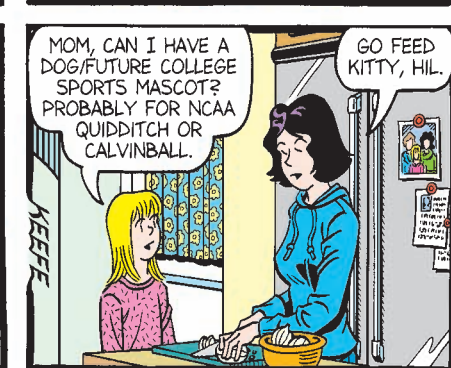
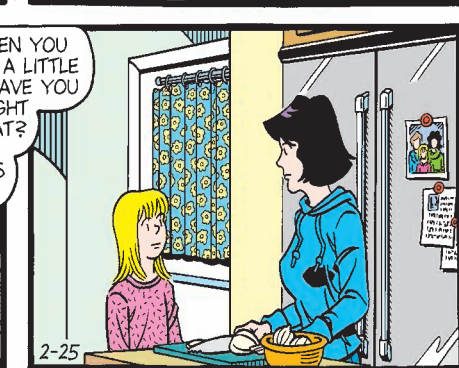
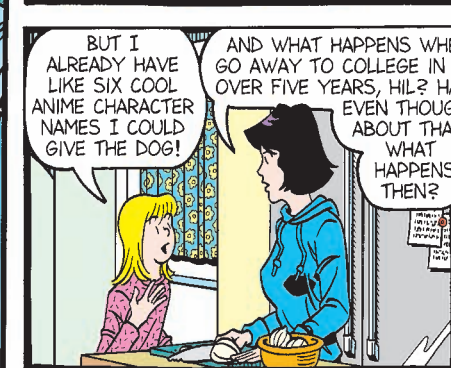
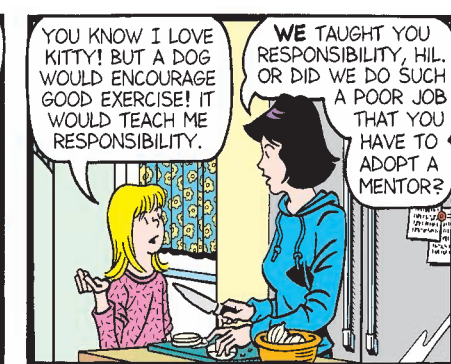
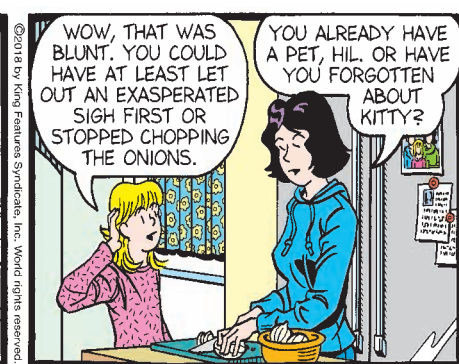
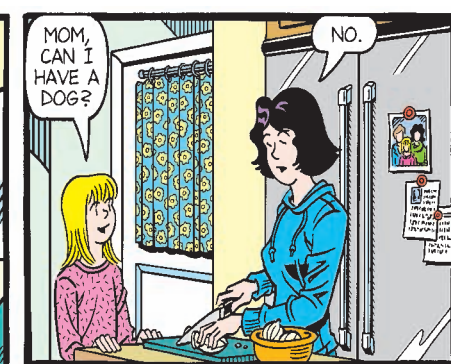
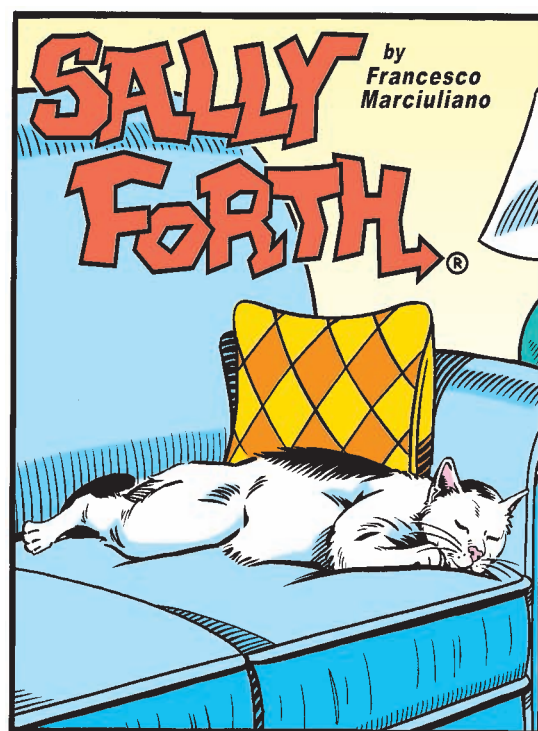
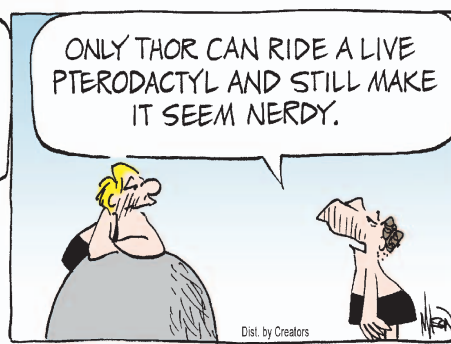
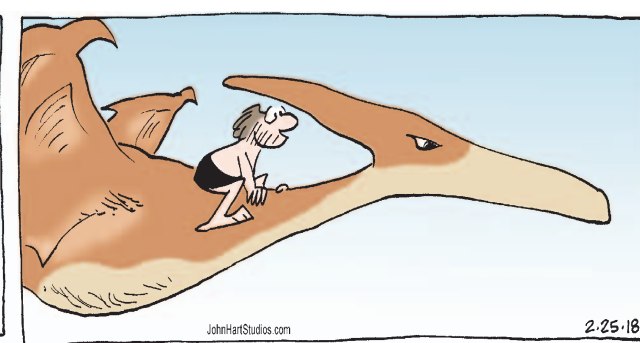
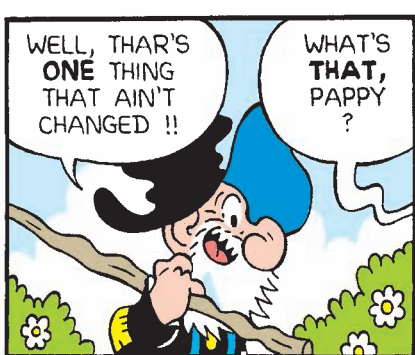
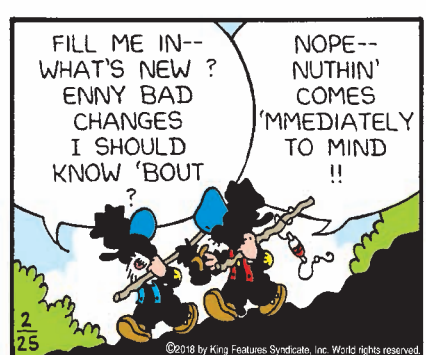
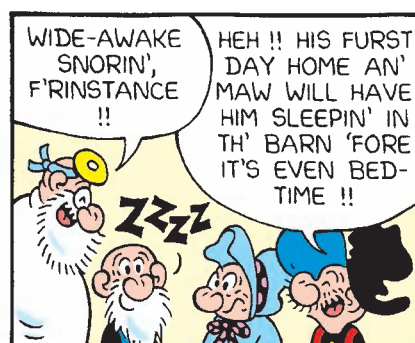
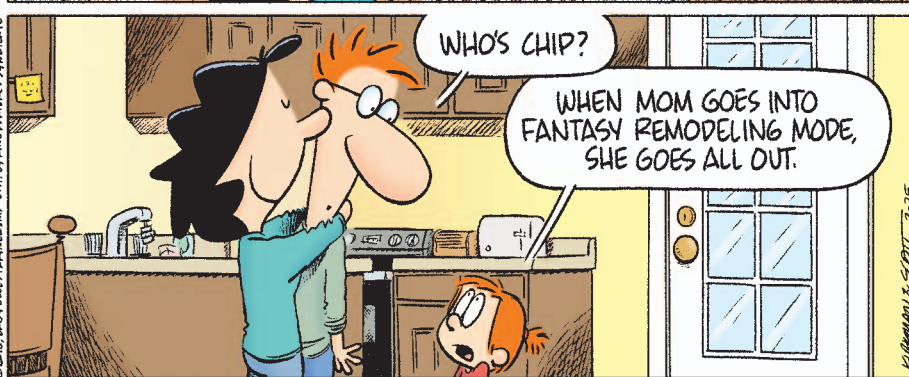
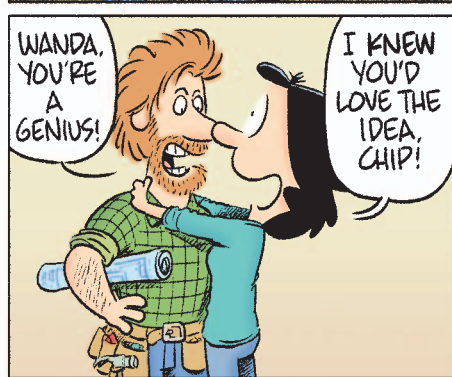
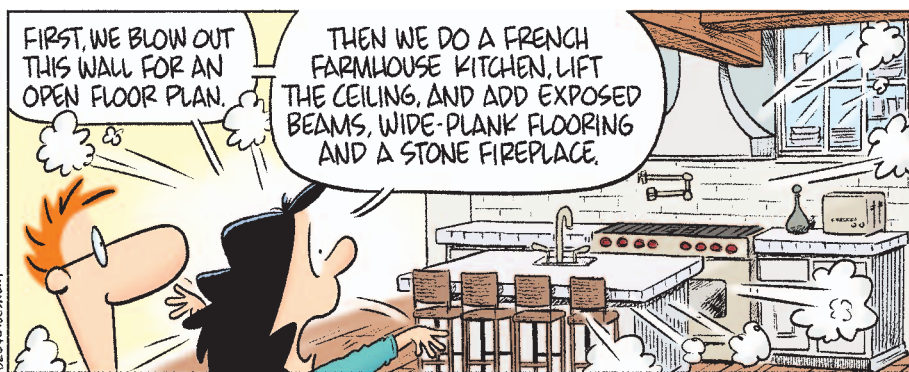
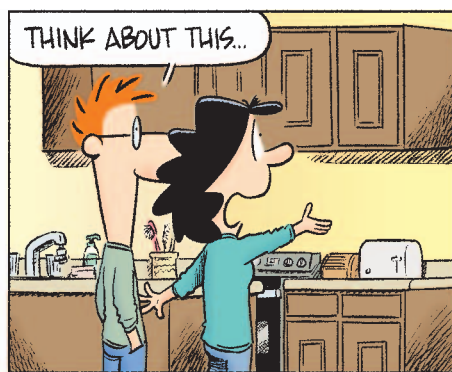
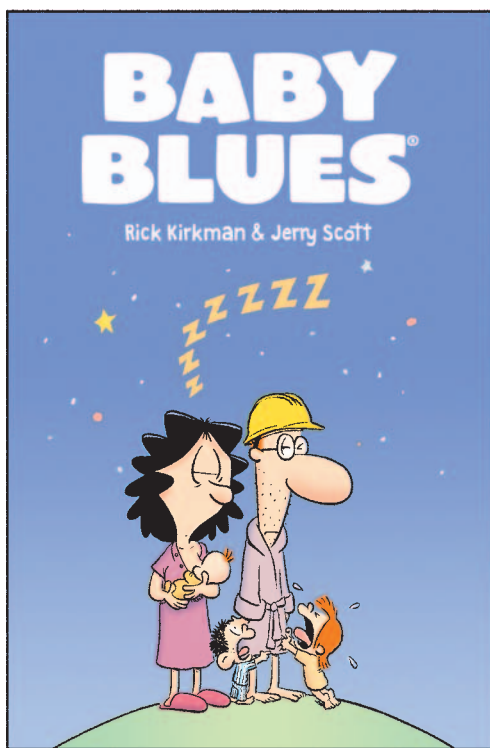
I'LL STUFF HIM IN MY PAPER BAG

GOT HIM! RIGHT IN THE BAG!

SATISFIED?

I'LL GO PUT HIM IN THE TRASH

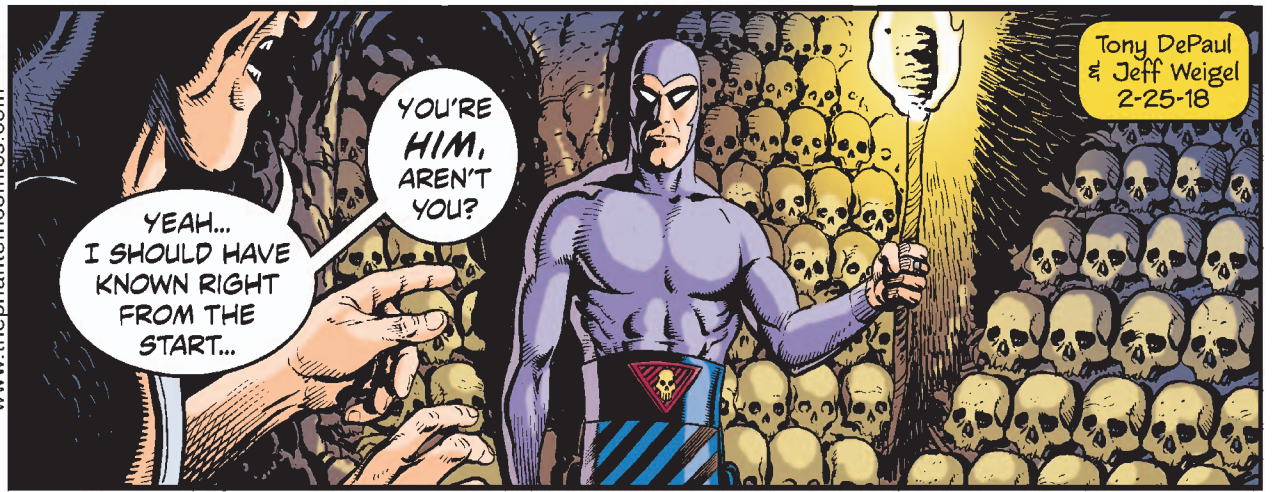
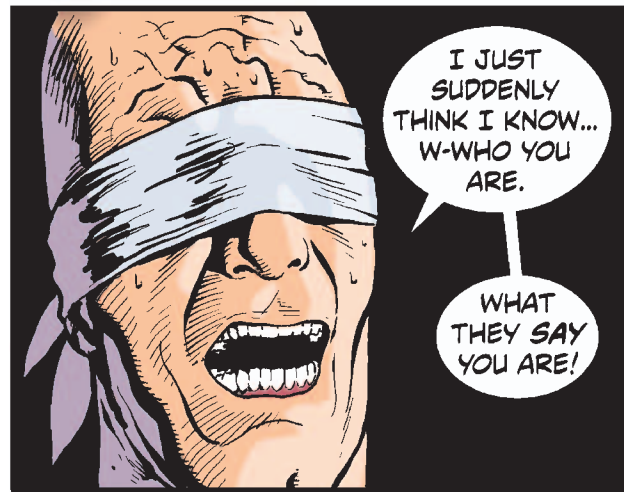
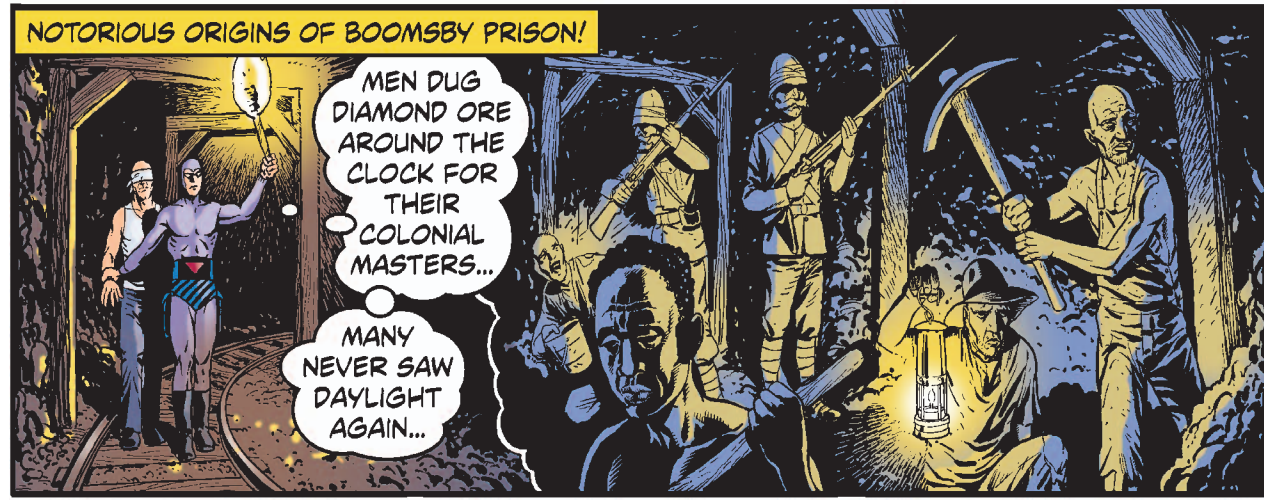
MY MONSTER WOULDN'T FIT IN A PAPER BAG!





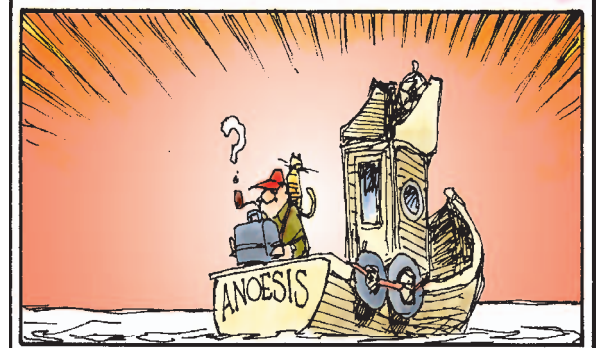
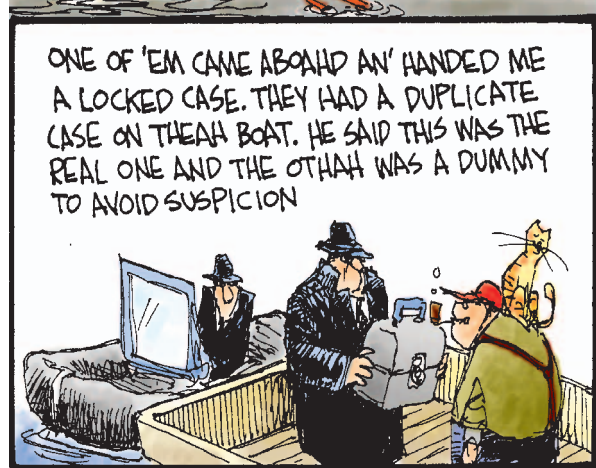
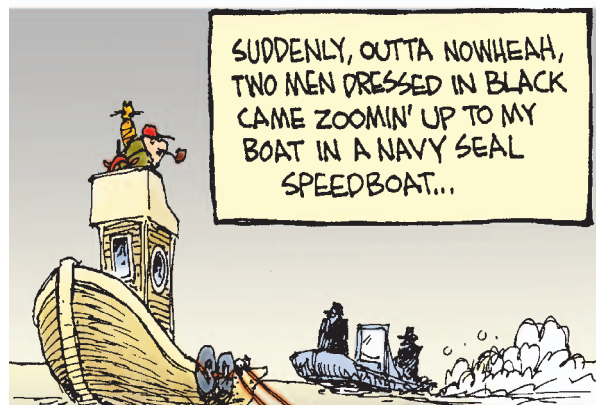
THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK



NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

