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Emergency management coordinator charged with DUI

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
 STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Highlands County Emergency Management Coordinator Brett Hogan, 32, was arrested in the early hours of Saturday morning and charged with DUI, authorities said.



HOGAN

Lake Placid Police Officer David Rhoden said he observed Hogan driving erratically and pulled him over.

In the arrest affidavit, Rhoden said that he pulled over Hogan in his F-150. "The Ford pickup began to drift over the fog line and straddle the line before returning to the lane," he wrote.

Rhoden first saw Hogan driving on Lakeview Drive. Rhoden said he saw the truck speeding three separate times while driving south on U.S. 27 and it was erratic driving that caused Rhoden to pull Hogan over at the intersection of Dal Hall Boulevard and U.S. 27.

The officer said he smelled alcohol and that Hogan had "bloodshot, watery eyes." He administered a standard field sobriety test. Hogan failed the test and was then

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Highlands bids farewell to ex undersheriff

William 'Bill' Jones died Tuesday

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
 STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A man of strong face and warm heart left Highlands County last week.

William "Bill" N. Jones, 82, died Tuesday in the comfort of his Avon Park home, remembered as the strong-faced and kind-hearted Highlands County undersheriff who served under former sheriff Howard "Howie" Godwin from 1988-2005.

His ability to remain calm when everyone around him could start getting worked up gave Jones the moniker of "iceman" around the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

Godwin said many members of his command staff, including him, could give in to emotion in a crisis. Not Jones. He had a calm way of handling things, whether dealing with a suspect or comforting crime victims and their families.

"I've seen tears run out of the those 'cold eyes,'" Godwin said of the tough, but kind man. "It was always given as a compliment."

If he was ever afraid of something, he never showed it, Godwin said.

"He was courageous. He met stuff head-on," Godwin said. "He gave me someone to look up to."

Godwin, who served as sheriff from 1988-2005, first met Jones on the campaign

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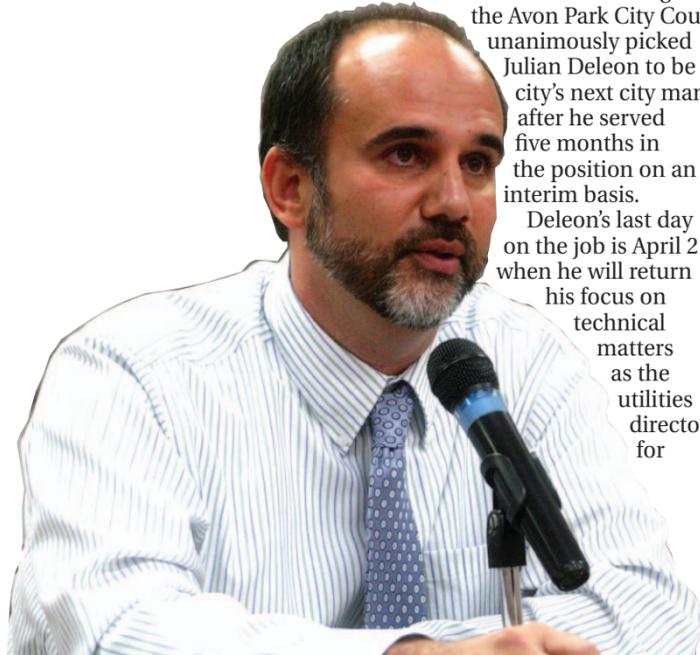
Moving on

Outgoing AP city manager had a busy seven years

By **MARC VALERO**
 STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — On Aug. 22, 2011 the Avon Park City Council unanimously picked Julian Deleon to be the city's next city manager after he served five months in the position on an interim basis.

Deleon's last day on the job is April 2 when he will return his focus on technical matters as the utilities director for



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Julian Deleon, on Aug. 19, 2011, during his interview for the position of Avon Park city manager. He was the city's interim city manager at the time.

DeSoto County.

To say a lot happened during his seven years as the City of Charm's top administrator would be an understatement.

At Monday's City Council meeting during discussion on selecting his

"I am very fortunate to have a strong City Council that understood the need to change things around. We have done exactly that: the city is growing, the finances are stable, the core services are still delivered."

successor, citizen and former councilman Al Hinson said Deleon did more than all five previous city managers.

"He has done no wrong," Hinson said.

Citizen Arnold Davis said Deleon did an excellent job for the city, but he wasn't skillful in dealing with people.

With an engineering background, Deleon had a methodical way of solving problems, which would sometimes upset the status quo.

His comment in a February 2014 newspaper story offered insight into his management style. Deleon said he has

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Scott signs budget, goes easy on vetoes

THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — With a light touch of his veto pen, Gov. Rick Scott on Friday signed a new \$88.7 billion state budget, eliminating only \$64 million in spending and projects, the lowest total of his seven-plus years as governor.



SCOTT

"Today, Florida is strong, and I am proud of our hard work over the past seven years to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe," Scott said in a budget message.

He said his final budget as governor "will continue to advance the priorities of Florida families for years to come and keep Florida's future strong."

Scott wasted little time in dealing with the budget, which was passed by the House and Senate on Sunday and delivered to

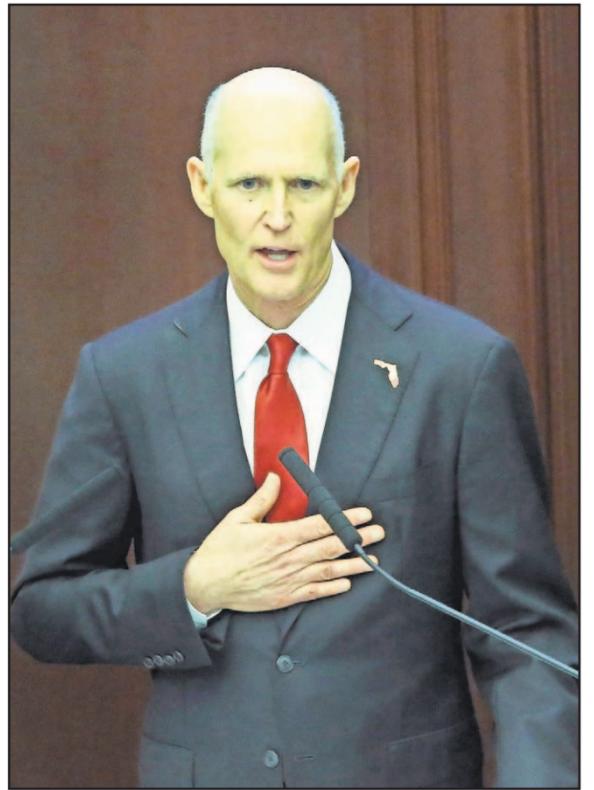
him Wednesday. The budget will take effect July 1.

His \$64 million in vetoes was lower than the \$69 million he eliminated in 2014, when he was running for re-election. Scott, a Republican, is considering a run for the U.S. Senate this year against Bill Nelson, the Democratic incumbent. This year's vetoes represent a little more than 10 percent of the \$615 million Scott eliminated in his first year in office in 2011, his high mark for vetoed spending.

But rather than focus on the vetoes Friday, Scott emphasized the spending initiatives in the new budget, as well as a tax-cut package that includes sales-tax "holidays" and a slight reduction in a commercial-lease tax. The budget plan also avoided \$377 million in increased property taxes for schools because lawmakers decided to roll back a tax rate.

In an interview Friday

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Gov. Rick Scott delivers his last State of the State address on the first day of the legislative session Jan. 9, in Tallahassee.



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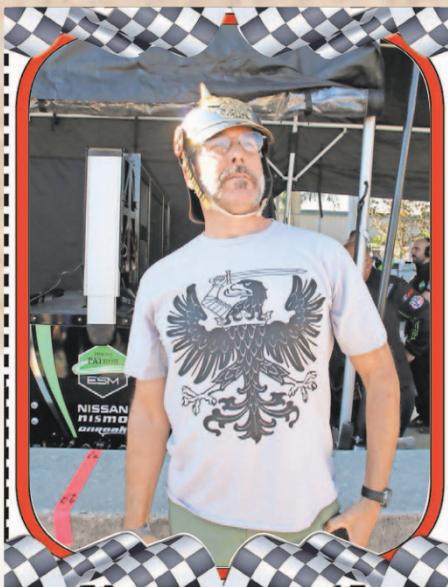
John Abel, from the Auburndale Lions Club, portrays Lenny the Lion.



From left: Deputy Darren Hood, Sheriff Paul Blackman and Deputy Chris Smith.



The Blanchard family, from left; Alexander, Richard and Alik.



Orlando's Ken Towery has been coming to the 12 Hours of Sebring since 2000.



From left: Dorene Froehlich and Dee Jacobs.



Back row, from left; Bryan Price, Eric Zwyer. Front, from left, Huntley Price, Grant Zwyer and Winston Zwyer.

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OBITUARIES

Elbert "Buddy" M. Darling

Elbert "Buddy" Murray Darling, 81, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Monday, March 12, 2018. He was born to the late Murray and Annie Laurie (Thompson) Darling on March 27, 1936 in Capleville, Tennessee. He retired from Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division and has been a resident of Sebring since 2006 coming from Wellington, Florida. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Sebring, and loved Florida State football and basketball teams. He enjoyed reading and working in the yard and taking care of his plants.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Darling of Florida; brother, Tommy (Thelma) Darling of Washington; and two grandsons, Austin and Cody of California. He was preceded in death by his son, Larry Darling, and sister, Margaret Traylor.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2018 with family receiving friends

beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home. Private family interment will take place at Sarasota National Cemetery following the service. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. A special thanks to The Oaks at Avon Nursing Home and Good Shepherd Hospice for all they have done.

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

William 'Bill' N. Jones



William "Bill" N. Jones, 82, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday,

March 13, 2018 in the comfort of his home in Avon Park, Florida. Bill was born on Feb. 23, 1936, in Avon Park, Florida to the late Marvin and Estelle Jones. Upon graduation from military

school, he served in the United States Army as a front-line paratrooper and surveyor. He was a licensed pilot and flight instructor and retired from the Miami Beach Police Department after 20 years of service. After moving back to Avon Park, he was involved in many business endeavors and then became the first undersheriff for the Highlands County Sheriff's Department and retired from there after 15 years of service. Bill's hobbies included gardening, fishing and reading as well as volunteering at the Highlands County Humane Society.

He was a devout Christian and was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jones, and daughter, Karen Jones. Bill is survived by his children, Lori Jones Foskey (Rob) of Florida, Maureen Gorman of California, and Helen Gorman of Florida; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Stephenson-Nelson

Funeral Home in Avon Park, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Humane Society of Highlands County, 7421 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876.

Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 E. Circle St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Phillip Margetts



Phillip Margetts, 92, of Lake Placid, Florida went home

to be with his Lord on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Southern Lifestyles in Lake Placid. He was the son of Edna (nee Rathka) and Howard Margetts. He was born on Aug. 13, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen, and sisters, Doris and Lorraine.

Phillip served his country with honors in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the

Pacific Fleet. Phillip was a retired head of facilities with the School District 87 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Phillip was active in the community and could be seen at many of the local events. He belonged to the Lake Placid Masonic Lodge, Highland Shrine Club, Knights of Columbus of Scottish Rite, Moose Lodge of Lake Placid, Lake Placid Elks Lodge, American Legion Placid Post 25, Lake Placid VFW Post 3880, and was an Honorable Kentucky Colonel. Phillip enjoyed coin collecting and a good round of golf.

He is survived by his sister, Angeline Coon; loving children, James Margetts (Earlene), Sandy Rybacki (Norm Church), Susan Alexander (Vernon), and Robert Margetts (Juanita); eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A gathering for family and friends will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Lake Placid Masonic Lodge with a Masonic Service and military

honors by the U.S. Navy and VFW Post 4300 Honor Guard to celebrate Phillip's life. Further services and inurnment will take place this summer up north. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida. 863-465-4134.

Linda Jo Porter

Linda Jo Porter of Avon Park passed away Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the age of 64. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri on June 1, 1953.

Linda Jo was preceded in death by her mother, Leah Cook, and brother, Joe Cook. She is survived by her husband, James Porter; daughter, Kathy Downs of Windsor, Missouri; sons, Martin L. Joslin and Charles E. Porter of Avon Park; sister, Sallie Cook, and brother, Billy Johnson of Windsor, Missouri.

Special thanks to Cornerstone Hospice.

Race fans meet drivers at autograph sessions

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Thousands of race fans were able to meet and

greet their favorite drivers during the Friday morning autograph session at the paddock of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance

Auto Parts.

Both the drivers and the fans have said this is a highlight they did not want to miss.

Fans from all walks of life strolled the paddock and lined up for the drivers' autographs. Youngsters with parents and even a four-legged fan or two attended.

People watchers had no end to the show with the long tradition of Sebring Cows and Monks dispensing their unusual blessings over the drivers.

The longest line for autographs was for the newest team, Penske. It seemed like everyone wanted to meet Ricky Taylor and shake his hand. The autograph lines, though long, moved quickly as the drivers have had years of practice doing this.

After an hour of signing posters, programs and a few body parts, the Highlands News-Sun

caught up with Corey Lewis of Paul Miller Racing. The young driver was thrilled to be back at Sebring International Raceway, where he thinks the fans are great.

"This is great," Lewis said. "This is my favorite part of the races. I love to see the amount of people who come here to see us race. It's really neat to see the campers and how crazy the fans can get and how they party."

Lewis said he is always impressed with the turnout at SIR, which he declared his favorite track.

"Sometimes at night I look out and see all the campers and their sites and it is amazing. It is cool and humbling to come back here to Sebring. These fans are great."



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Driver Roberto Gonzalez made the autograph session a family affair. He is seen with his daughters Mia and Alexa and son Matias.

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Ricky Taylor, who is racing for Penske this year, signed autographs Friday at Sebring International Raceway for his fans and answered many questions about racing against his brother, Jordan, who races for Wayne Taylor Racing.



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Corey Lewis with Paul Miller Racing signs a book for a fan Friday morning during an autograph session at Sebring International Raceway.

Highlands' Winn-Dixie stores to stay open

By **ROGER BUTTON**
BUSINESS COLUMNIST

Winn-Dixie grocery stores in Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring are all being kept open as Winn-Dixie opens a round of store closings.

Ten stores in the Tampa area are closing, including three in Sarasota and one in Bradenton.

Winn-Dixie's parent company, Southeastern Grocers, announced it is

closing 94 underperforming stores to help reduce the company's current debt load. They have chosen in their closure package to voluntarily implement a court-supervised, prepackaged restructuring agreement.

The company hopes to reduce its debt by more than \$500 million through this restructuring, filing for bankruptcy by the end of March. Southeastern Grocers will still operate

582 stores under the Winn-Dixie, Bi-Lo, Harveys Supermarkets, and Fresco y Más brands in seven Southeastern states, including Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 2013, Southeastern Grocers opened the Venice Winn-Dixie grocery stores, having rebranded and upgraded the former Sweetbay stores and 15 others in southwest Florida.

Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Infrastructure Improvement at Avon Park Air Force Range Avon Park, Florida

The U.S. Air Force and the 598th Range Squadron (598 RNS) announces the availability of a Draft EA for proposed infrastructure improvement at Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to address inefficiencies in ongoing operations, rehabilitate deteriorating facilities, resolve identified safety concerns, and improve overall aircraft safety. Implementation of the projects included in the Proposed Action would bring APAFR into compliance with Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 3-260-01, Airfield and Heliport Planning and Design and would eliminate the need for airfield waivers currently in place. Additionally, the implementation of the proposed facilities improvements and additions would allow APAFR to more effectively and efficiently support existing training exercises.

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this Draft EA serves as a concise public document that provides evidence and analysis for determining whether a Finding of No Significant Impact / Finding of No Practicable Alternative is appropriate or an Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared. The Draft EA presents the purpose and need for the action, the proposed action and alternatives, a description of the affected environment, and an analysis of environmental consequences. The Draft EA also documents cumulative impacts from projects which are proposed, under construction, recently completed, or anticipated to be implemented in the near future. No significant environmental impacts have been identified in the Draft EA.

The public is invited to review and make comments on the Draft EA, which is available at the Avon Park Public Library located at 100 North Museum Ave., Avon Park, FL. Comments must be received no later 17 April 2018. The public may submit written comments to the address below:

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OUR VIEW

No surprise

Promoting June Fisher to Avon Park's city manager was a prediction that this newspaper made internally when she was hired in late December. In fact, we fully expected her to be named to the position of administrative services director/city clerk when she was first brought in on a temporary appointment while the city advertised the position in early December.

Fisher was hired from 10 applicants to fill that position at an annual salary of \$90,000. At the time, City Manager Julian Deleon said Fisher's credentials and background were unmatched. He said he was glad that the city "tested the waters, but an extended process was simply unnecessary in this specific case."

Monday's attempt to hire Fisher as city manager without advertising the position could have gone right through had Councilman Terry Heston attended the meeting. That also wouldn't have been a surprise to your newspaper.

According to Deleon, Heston was absent due to a last minute emergency. His absence was significant because he has most often voted along with Deputy Mayor Brenda Gray and Councilwoman Dora Smith. Had Heston been there, the outcome of this meeting could have been quite different than what it was.

Fisher's qualifications include the five years she served as county administrator for Highlands County. Prior to that, she was county administrator in both Desoto and Citrus counties. In addition to these high level positions with local government, she has also held staff and supervisory level jobs.

It's not a matter of whether she has the experience or the know-how, it is again why Avon Park does not want to expand its initial search. We know that Fisher was fired by county commissioners. While her termination has not been pinpointed to one particular problem, commissioners alluded to rumbblings among county staff, from directors to part time and even volunteers, about long-standing matters that came to a head after Hurricane Irma. Sort of like some of the same concerns we have heard from current and past council members in Avon Park about the way Deleon has handled his employees.

What we think is that City Manager Julian Deleon had this scenario well thought out. We think he knew when he hired Fisher that he was on his way out and he wanted his exit to go as smooth as possible. However, a prospective job in February fell through when Charlotte County officials decided to pull their offer of employment as county utilities director. In early March, he was offered the position of public works director for the city of Arcadia, which tells us he had more than one resume out in the world.

We're happy for him in that he is on his way to doing what he said a couple of years ago he wanted to do - get back into public works. We are not so happy he still has an influence in the hirings of Avon Park.

For example, Deputy Mayor Gray's argument Monday night for Fisher's promotion was that it would help the city move forward rather than having to wait for the expected three months of advertising and interviewing candidates. We've heard Deleon say that in other similar situations.

That argument doesn't wash. Fisher is capable of filling in in Deleon's absence. That was one of the reasons Deleon pushed to hire her.

We appreciate all of the positive comments that guests from the audience made in regards to Fisher, but we also appreciate the position that Mayor Garrett Anderson is taking. Advertise the position and see what the applications look like.

Playing devil's advocate here, we wonder that if Fisher is hired as the city manager, will it be any different than when the city was under Deleon's leadership. We know for a fact that Deleon was more accessible to the press and public during his seven years than Fisher was when she served as county administrator for five years. Deleon didn't always appreciate the questions he was asked, but he did answer them. Fisher instead had all questions go through the county's public information officer.

At the time he hired Fisher, Deleon said the other nine applications received by the city for her current position of administrative services director/city clerk would be kept for consideration of other pending city vacancies.

We predict Fisher will be the new city manager after the March 20 special meeting if Gray, Heston and Smith are all in attendance. Eventually, one of those other nine applicants is likely to be the city's newest administrative services director/city clerk.

If you love your city so much and you want to be re-elected in this year's election, why would you bring someone in who would have this type of relations with the city's employees? We wonder how the citizens of Avon Park feel about all of this. Let us know.

LOCAL LOOK by GABE CLOGSTON



On the wisdom of being a grandparent

Henry Adams wrote in the early 1800s about his relationship with his grandfather. Has anything really changed in the last 200 years?

"Boys are wild animals, rich in the treasures of sense," Adams wrote. "But a boy's will is his life, and he dies when it is broken, as the colt dies in the harness, taking a new nature in becoming tame. Rarely has the boy felt kindly towards his tamers."

The tamer was his grandfather, President John Quincy Adams.

In his Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, Henry Adams wrote about his first serious encounter with his grandfather. Looking back at his early life, Adams refers to himself in third person as "the boy."

Adams was 6 or 7 years old, and his mother had taken him for a summer visit with his grandfather, who had been out of office for about 15 years. Young Adams remembered pitching a fit when it was time to go to school one morning. It was a tactic he often used at that stage of his life.

"Naturally," he wrote, "his mother was the immediate victim of his rage;



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David Dunn-Rankin

for that is what mothers are for; and boys also; but in this case, the boy had his mother at a disadvantage, for she was a guest, and had no means of enforcing obedience."

Consequently, he was holding his own and on the way to winning the argument.

Standing at the bottom of a long staircase, he looked up to see the closed door of his grandfather's library. Then the door opened quietly as the retired president, now in his late 70s, stuck out his head to observe the tantrum.

"The old man slowly came down," Adams wrote. "Putting on his hat, he took the boy's

hand without a word, and walked with him, paralyzed by awe, up the road to town."

At first young Henry was annoyed at the interference. This distraction had thrown him off his game, and after all, it was none of his grandfather's business.

"Then the boy reflected that an old gentleman close on 80 would never trouble himself to walk near a mile on a hot summer morning over a shadeless road to take a boy to school." Besides, a 6-year-old boy could always find a corner to dodge around before reaching the school.

So the boy pretended to submit, waiting for his chance to scamper. Grandpa, however, never let go of his grip until, much to the boy's surprise, he found himself seated inside school.

John Quincy Adams left the schoolhouse as quietly as he had traveled there.

Whether he got philosophical as a 6-year-old or as an old writer, Adams doesn't say. He does say that he was perplexed by his reaction to that moment.

"The point was that this act, contrary to the

inalienable rights of boys, and nullifying the social compact, ought to have made him dislike his grandfather for life. He could not recall that it had this effect even for a moment.

With a certain maturity of mind, the child must have recognized that the President, though a tool of tyranny, had done his disreputable work with a certain intelligence."

Grandfather Adams, clearly understanding his innate power over a small boy, had accomplished the whole thing without a raised voice and without a combative spirit.

"Instead of leaving, as usual in such defeats, a lifelong sting, (it) left rather an impression of fair treatment as could be expected from a natural enemy. The boy met seldom with such restraint."

"For this forbearance, he felt instinctive respect." Share your thoughts.

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YOUR VIEW

A shout out for the local college

For all of you who enjoy good sports events, you might be missing some very good competitive baseball, softball and volleyball action at the four-year state college here in Avon Park. The athletes are, for the most part, not local kids and come from other parts of the state and country. They would enjoy the cheering and support of the local population as they don't have their families or friends here to cheer them on. The local paper, in my estimation, is remiss in not covering the college actions so that at least the players there could get some news coverage and press clippings to send home to show their success on the field or court.

Granted, we have three high and middle schools with various teams and is great, and they have the advantage of family and friends right here to cheer them on.

As an example of the caliber of play at the college, four of the baseball players moved to the major leagues, and when the college was a junior college, well over a 100 players moved on to four-year schools in pursuit of their athletic dreams.

I would suggest that the paper devote a special page to the college at various times to show their games and schedules and highlights of various players.

The kids would appreciate the efforts of the local sports fans to come out to their games, have a hot dog and coke, and cheer them on. I know personally that you will have

a good experience and enjoy the games no matter which sport you attend.

Final comment, come on Highlands News-Sun, give those kids at the college some coverage.

Hal Graves Sebring

We should follow Australia's example

A gun is a machine or tool enabling someone to accomplish their goals or tasks more efficiently. It is quicker, easier, and more efficient using your air conditioned car when getting groceries from the store than walking to the store and carrying your groceries home.

Potential mass murderers are disgusted with life and mad at the world, desiring to end their life but

not wanting to die alone. For the same reason you find it more efficient using your car to get groceries, mass murderers find using a gun more efficient to kill people.

The more guns in a country, the easier mass murderers can obtain guns legally, illegally or by stealing them.

In 1996, Australia had a severe problem with mass murders in their schools which they corrected completely by, among other things, having a mandatory gun removal program with the government paying the people for their guns.

This completely ended the killings in their schools. Our country should follow Australia's example saving the lives of school children.

LeRoy Esler Sebring

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

Snakes getting active

FWC: Expect them like alligators

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Monday afternoon, two kids fishing off the retaining wall at Veterans Beach got a warning yelp from a family member: "Snake!" A snake, sunning itself on nearby rocks, had startled them. It looked like a cottonmouth, also called a "water moccasin" for the way the snake can swim on the surface of the water. They didn't take any chances and backed away.

That's the best thing to do, said Brian Norris,

public information officer for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. It could have been a relatively harmless water snake, but it's better to be cautious.

"Just like alligators, you'll find them anywhere there's water," Norris said.

As Florida warms up from the winter, snakes — just like alligators — will get more active, he said. They're reptiles — cold blooded — and will seek out rocks to sun themselves — or seawalls, or pavement.

Norris said the snakes, even the poisonous

ones, are usually not aggressive. They will see humans before humans see them and will leave as fast as they can.

"Be mindful," Norris warns. "If they feel threatened, they will try to get out. Don't agitate them."

The cottonmouth/water moccasin is a dark-colored, heavy-bodied snake that can grow to an average of 2-4 feet in length, according to myfwc.com. Juvenile cottonmouths are a brown or tan with darker, reddish brown crossbands with several

speckles down the back. The young may also have bright yellow tail tips.

As cottonmouths age, their color becomes darker. Adults show only a trace of the original pattern, or are uniformly dark.

Cottonmouths have a broad head and a dark stripe that runs through the eye, and there is a deep facial pit between the eye and the nostril, myfwc.com states.

They are often confused with more common and nonvenomous water snakes, but water snakes have round pupils

and no facial pit, myfwc.com states. Also, when viewed from above, water snakes' eyes are clearly visible, but a cottonmouth's eyes are hidden from above by an overhanging brow ridge.

Water snakes have narrow, pointed heads and are light tan with darker brown squares on the back, like a checkerboard, myfwc.com states. Brown water snakes can grow to 4.5 feet long and are found all over Florida, except for the Keys.

Banded water snakes are heavy-bodied snakes

between 2-4 feet long with dark brown or black crossbands down the back that alternate with lighter tan or reddish crossbands, myfwc.com states. The belly is yellow with worm-like black or red markings and a dark line running diagonally through the eye.

Florida green water snakes, myfwc.com states, are stout snakes up to 3-4.5 feet long. They can be light or very dark in color, either tan, greenish or orangish with no distinctive markings except some speckling down the back.

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JONES

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trail when both ran for sheriff in 1988. Godwin was already a deputy, and Jones was a 20-year retiree of Miami Beach Police Department.

Godwin won, but the two had become friends during the campaign. When Godwin needed to pick an undersheriff, his predecessor and then-boss Sheriff Joe Sheppard allowed him to hire Jones as colonel a month before being sworn in himself.

Godwin said some thought it weird to hire a campaign opponent, but Godwin didn't.

"He seemed like the right man to me," Godwin said. "I depended on him for every major (policy) decision."

In fact, Jones was the first to serve as "undersheriff" for Highlands County.

Kathy Fluharty, in human resources for the Sheriff's Office, said Jones was one of the best bosses she ever knew. Behind his staid exterior was a kind man, she said.

Godwin said Jones was a man of patience and advised others to have that quality.

"He'd always say, 'If you've got time to deal with it, don't rush into it,'" Godwin said.

Jones had skill in administration and budgets, Godwin said, but also on the road.

Godwin remembered one incident, either in 1992 or 1993, of a northbound U.S. 27 vehicle chase involving an alleged abduction.

The chase started south of State Road 70, and

the suspect's vehicle had made it through Sebring by the time Godwin had joined the chase. Godwin remembered he was in an off-duty outfit, with T-shirt and rubber boots, but in his own agency-issued vehicle.

As the suspect car reached West Avon Boulevard, Jones was ready alongside the road with a shotgun, Godwin said, and shot at the tires. Unfortunately, the car had military tires on it, and took another two or three miles to stop.

Highlands deputies made the arrest in Polk County, he said.

Born on Feb. 23, 1936, in Avon Park, to Marvin and Estelle, Jones graduated military school, served in the United States Army as a front-line paratrooper and surveyor, earned licenses as a pilot and

flight instructor and was involved in many business endeavors before becoming undersheriff.

His hobbies included gardening, fishing and reading as well as volunteering at the Highlands County Humane Society.

A devout Christian, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jones, and daughter, Karen Jones. He is survived by daughters, Lori Jones Foskey (Rob) of Florida, Maureen Gorman of California and Helen Gorman of Florida, as well as four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His memorial service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 E. Circle St., Avon Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be

made to Humane Society of Highlands County, 7421 Haywood Taylor Blvd., Sebring.

Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

DUI

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advised he was under arrest for driving under the influence and taken to Highlands County Jail without incident.

Hogan's blood alcohol concentration, which he voluntarily gave, was .175 at 2:31 a.m. and three minutes later it was .178, authorities said. The legal limit in Florida is .08.

According to the report, Hogan admitted to have been drinking.

Hogan has a court date of April 4.

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Orchid Society meeting

SEBRING - The monthly meeting of the Orchid Society of Highlands County will be held 7 p.m. Monday at the Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center Ave. This is one week earlier than usual. The Orchid Show is March 24-25. For information, call Glen Shellhammer at 863-471-6171.

NARVRE meeting set

SEBRING - The National Association of Retired Veteran Railway Employees meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month between October and May at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square. All current and retired railroad employees and spouses, widows and friends are invited. The next meeting is Monday. Call Jerry at

Audubon Society meeting

SEBRING - The Highlands County Audubon Society will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at 111 Lake Josephine Drive in Sebring. Bill Harken will give a presentation on Canada's Dempster Highway. There is no cost and the public is invited.

MOVING

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always maintained a personal strong ethical focus and tries to make the right decisions, even if some of those may be detrimental to the professional lives of those affected.

Amid the trying times, there were positives during his tenure at the city.

Going back to the February 2014 newspaper story, Deleon noted some of his accomplishments over the past two years since his last evaluation.

Those accomplishments included: passing a balanced budget with a 95 percent tax reduction in the city's ad-valorem

taxable rate; acquiring over \$2.2 million in grant funds; reducing garbage rates 20 percent; liquidating over \$7 million in debt and making the city debt-free; annexing two square miles and over 600 residences; and accruing an emergency fund balance over \$4 million beyond the industry norm of 2.5 months of the operating budget.

"In 2009, the city's auditor stated that we had difficulty paying our monthly bills," he said. "I am very fortunate to have a strong City Council that understood the need to change things around. We have done exactly that: the city is growing, the finances are stable, the core services are still delivered."

Deleon recently summed up his

accomplishments at Avon Park:

- Clean audits, prior to his tenure, the city was plagued with concerning financial audits and repeated uncorrected issues.

- Modernized the city's utility and the various facilities. At Donaldson Park, they resurfaced the tennis courts, added an 8-foot multi-path sidewalk and park lighting.

- At the MLK complex and Durrah Martin Baseball Complex, they converted the dirt parking lot into paved parking, with lighting, new fencing, and score board.

- Remodeled the council chambers and community center.

- Constructed the Brickell plaza parking lot, and Main Street and Central Avenue parking lot. These

are b ne s friendly initiatives

- O t in d a \$ million grant to bring safe drinking water into unincorporated Highlands County that h d c o m i a e w e s.

- C nstru e t e only re i a m n e m n t fa ili y n n th Hea and, processing septic tank waste for four counties. Th s has become an \$800,000 annual income for the city s utility

- Annexed Sou h Florida State Coll ge, along w th another three squa e miles

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SCOTT

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with The News Service of Florida, Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said he was pleased with the governor's support for the Senate's initiatives, including a \$122 million increase in funding for Bright Futures college scholarships.

"I think the vetoes were very modest, and I'm grateful to the governor for his consideration of Senate priorities," Negron said.

While Scott and Republican legislative leaders have touted the budget, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents this week asked Scott to call a special session to increase funding for the 67 school districts. Although the budget includes a \$101.50 increase in per-student funding, the superintendents said districts, on average, would only see a 47-cent increase in basic funding per-student because much of the new money was targeted for mental health and safety issues following last month's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County.

In signing the budget, Scott rejected that request, emphasizing the "record" level of funding for the kindergarten-through-high-school system, including a \$485 million increase over the current year.

He also cited the \$400 million school-safety initiative, which will increase funding for mental-health services, school resource officers and security

improvements at schools after the Feb. 14 mass shooting that killed 17 people.

One area targeted by Scott in his vetoes was more than \$29 million in local road projects, which Scott said were funded outside the Department of Transportation's normal evaluation process. The largest veto was \$7 million for a road project in Lake County.

He also eliminated \$2.5 million for an airport project in the Miami-Dade County community of Opa-locka, an expenditure he said did not undergo the normal

evaluation process.

Scott rejected an effort by lawmakers to force the Department of Health to return \$15 million in funding for research related to Zika, a mosquito-borne disease that can cause birth defects. Scott said the money cannot be returned because it is "contractually obligated" for research efforts.

Scott also vetoed \$5 million in funding for charter schools, noting the facilities are in line to receive more than \$145 million as part of the state's construction and maintenance program for schools.

In addition, Scott

rejected funding for two studies that lawmakers approved in reaction to troubles encountered by motorists who evacuated ahead of Hurricane Irma last September.

He eliminated \$1.5 million to study extending the Suncoast Parkway north to Georgia as an alternative to Interstate 75. Scott said the Department of Transportation could complete the work without the additional money.

He also vetoed \$750,000 for the DOT to conduct at least three exercises by May 1 using contraflow lanes

— directing traffic on both sides of a highway to travel the same direction — to determine if such operations could speed evacuations.

Scott wrote that "traffic engineers and experts, as well as law enforcement, have determined through experience, review, and simulation modeling that contraflow is not an effective disaster evacuation method."

State transportation officials favor using road shoulders to provide additional lanes for fleeing motorists. A month ago, Scott backed his agency leaders by including the expansion of "emergency

shoulder use" when he issued a series of post-storm directives to the Department of Transportation.

Scott also vetoed \$270,000 to purchase a building that houses a "quilt museum" in Gilchrist County, an issue that became the subject of a brief floor debate in the House on the final day of the 2018 session.

Rep. Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, complained the money being spent for the building could be used for better purposes such as programs for disabled adults or senior citizens.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers ease past Buccaneers

South Florida wins series against Florida Southwestern

By JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK – The South Florida State College Panther baseball team won their first three-game Suncoast Conference series of the season with a 6-3 win over the Florida Southwestern Buccaneers on Wednesday night at Panther Field. South

Florida split the first two games, with the Panthers winning 4-0 last Saturday while the Buccaneers squeaked out a 2-1 win on Monday.

The win improved the Panthers overall record to 16-14 on the season and 3-3 in the Suncoast Conference, putting them in sole possession of third place.

The Panthers shook up their normal batting

order for the third game as South Florida State College head coach Rick Hitt explained that they did not want to bunch their left and right-handed hitters together in the lineup, instead he wanted to spread them out.

“I changed the lineup a little bit for game three,” said Hitt. “We were facing a tough left-hander and I just wanted

to give them a different look.”

That subtle change paid off early dividends as Adam Mitchell, who was moved to the leadoff hitter, responded with a double to start the bottom of the first for the Panthers.

A walk to Blaise Maris and a single by P.J. Cimo scored Mitchell and Maris to put the Panthers

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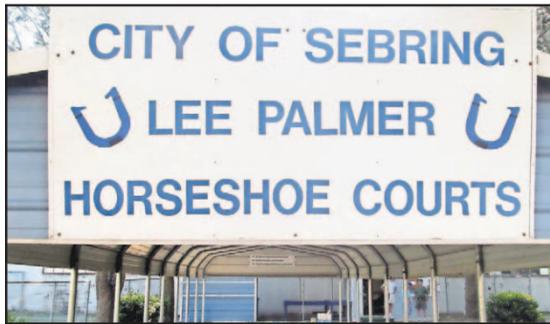


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South Florida State College's P.J. Cimo beats the throw home to score in the third inning of Wednesday's Suncoast Conference game against Florida Southwestern at Panther Field.

Jr, Byron Open takes place

Local horseshoe players gather at Lee Palmer Complex



NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

The Lee Palmer Horseshoe Courts in downtown Sebring.

BY NEIL SIMPSON

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

It seems that today's horseshoes evolved through the centuries from ancient Grecian discus to English quoits to the game we know today. The sport was enjoyed by soldiers around the world. During the Civil War, mule shoes were pitched in Union Camps.

In the early 1900s tournaments were set up and rules established with the first World Tourney being held in Kansas in 1910. Rules have changed during the past 100 years as the stakes were raised from the original 8 inches to 10 then in the late 30s to 12 and in 1950 to the current 14 to 15 inches. The number of points to constitute a game evolved until the current 40 points was adopted in 1982. The pitching distance of 40 feet was established in 1919. Women, juniors and men over 70 pitch from 30 feet.

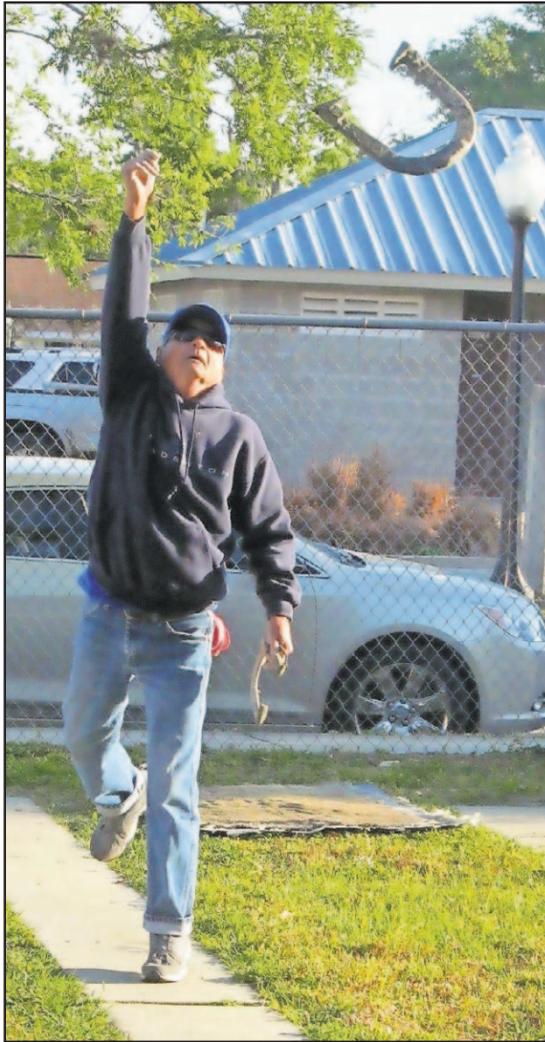
The National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of the United States was incorporated in Ohio in 1921 and in 1925 became the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America (NHPA) at the national convention held

in Lake Worth.

The Highlands County Horseshoe Club (HCHC) was established in 1978 with the first courts located where the Sebring library now sits. In 1983, the courts were moved to Max Long Field by the YMCA. In 1996 those courts were closed to make room for a soccer field. Lee Palmer donated \$15,000 and the City of Sebring \$10,000 to establish the current 18-court facility known as the Lee Palmer Complex at Pomegranate and North Pine across from the Sebring Rec Center.

On Thursday, March 14, the NHPA Jr. Byron Open was held at the Lee Palmer facility. Harlen (Junior) Byron of Reflections on Silver Lake in Avon Park, sponsored the event. Byron is from Indiana and has been wintering at Reflections for 15 years. He got started pitching 14 years ago and got totally wrapped up in the sport. He served as HCHC president for three years and describes the horseshoe community as one big family.

Players were divided into seven classes with four competing in the morning and three pitching in the afternoon. Classes are based on percentage ringers



NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

Loren Douglass of Sunshine RV, Lake Placid.

a player has scored. Just like golf's handicap system, players' rankings are tracked online by the HNHPA and updated weekly.

Each class in a tournament is made up of participants who have a relatively equal percentage rating.

This event had seven classes from A to G with players ringer percentages coming into the tournament ranging from 70 percent to 11.

Sebring's Buttonwood Bay had five

competitors in the Jr. Byron Tournament. Larry Detro placed first in the A Class, Ron Jones fifth in B, Larry Williams second and Bob Paschen third in Class C and Bob Beagle third in D.

Sunshine RV in Lake Placid also had five pitching on Thursday with Paul Salisbury taking first and Jerry Sallee third in B Class, John Murphy sixth in C, Loren Douglass third in E and Gene Sallee fifth in F.

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HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

Wind and cold challenge anglers

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the third week of March gives anglers the second half of the new moon week and a seasonal weather forecast which promises strong westerly winds as the only negative factor. All fishing factors considered, anglers will be wishing for more wind today and praying for a lot less wind Monday through Thursday.

Today's weather forecast produces near perfect fishing factors, however you'll have to wait until Friday for winds to finally drop under 10 miles per hour — 15 to 20 mile-per hour winds prevail Monday through Thursday. Tuesday's strong west winds will produce rain by the midday hours, followed by a cold front which will drop temperatures about 10 degrees by Wednesday morning.

With the new moon occurring yesterday, today's fishing activity should be very good. Plus, today being the 'pre-front day' will create even greater numbers of fish feeding during the sunrise, midday and sunset feeding periods.

Water temperatures have declines into the mid to lower 60-degree range so downsizing baits and slowing retrieve speeds is essential for producing more bites. Several pauses, slow variable speeds of thick body short artificial baits has been producing very well. Also creature baits moving slowly across the lake bottom among the plant root-bases, has been very productive.

The shallows is where the action is at while we're under the current spring-like weather pattern. Bass have returned to the spawning mode and the arrival of the next cold front on Tuesday will extend that reproduction effort for another week or so. Shad have also returned in large numbers into the shallows so mimicking that baitfish with artificial baits is always the correct choice this time of year.

Best Fishing Days: Today is the best fishing day of the next five days. And I expect of the three new moon produced feeding periods today, the sunset period should produce the best feeding action due to the abnormal pressure changes — a sudden jump in pressure followed a sharp decline in pressure when normally the pressure would continue to climb. Combine this with the setting of the sun and fish will instinctively feed as they adjust downward.

The Major Fishing Period: With solar noon occurring at 1:33 p.m. today and the new moon being overhead at 2:36 p.m. a feed-intensity rating of 6-7 will occur from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Today's start time occurs during the morning pressure

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House celebrates 75th birthday in style

Driver wins Prototype Challenge MPC class at Sebring

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Dave House may have just celebrated his 75th birthday in the most unique way possible — winning a professional sports car race at one of the most iconic road courses in North America.

One week after hitting the personal milestone, House won

the IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda race Friday in the Mazda Prototype Challenge (MPC) class, beating ONE Motorsports teammate Paul LaHaye to the stripe by 13.507 seconds in the No. 86 Mazda-powered Elan DP02.

“I've been on the podium, but never on the top rung,” said House. “It was a great race, it

was a clean race. It's just about endurance when you've got a couple hours in the car. I was just fortunate to have a car that was really hooked up well and kept running the whole race.”

House went toe-to-toe with Daytona winner Dr. Robert Masson and young Wyatt Schwab throughout the race, even making

contact a couple times in Sebring's notoriously tough Turn 17. Unfortunately for the Performance Tech Motorsports teammates, both Masson and Schwab ran into separate mechanical issues while leading the race.

That opened the door for House and he didn't look back. Stephen Dawes rounded out the

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IMSA PHOTO

Dave House won the Mazda Prototype Challenge class in Friday's Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda.

Wright takes 3rd in Prototype Challenge

Extreme Speed Motorsports driver moves into 2nd in season standings

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Pittsburgh's Kris Wright, who finished second in the Mazda Prototype Challenge (MPC) class in last year's IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda series, has moved up to the top class, Le Mans Prototype 3 (LMP3) this season with immediate success. After finishing third at Daytona in January with co-driver Daniel Morad, Wright and co-driver Michael Whelden also finished third in the series' second race of

the year Friday morning at Sebring International Raceway.

Wright is now unofficially second in the division's point standings.

Wright qualified the No. 30 Driving Extreme Speed Motorsports Ligier JS P3 in third position and stayed in third place throughout his stint in the one-hour, 45-minute race, although he did advance to second during pit stops.

He had his hands full, however, as the 3.74-mile road course's notorious bumps played a major role in his race. The car's steering went

out of alignment on lap three when Wright went over a bump in Turn 1, but he didn't spin or make contact with another competitor and was able to maintain his position. He even set the car's fastest lap of the race three laps later on lap six, and turned the car over to his co-driver unscathed with 54 minutes remaining in the race.

Whelden started his stint fourth in class, but he moved into second on lap 28 after the leader and the driver who was running second finally pitted. The field got spread out at that point



COURTESY PHOTO

Kris Wright and Michael Whelden celebrate on the podium at Sebring on Friday.

but then closed up after the second yellow with 31 minutes to go when a car went into a tire wall rimming Turn 17. The eventual winner passed Whelden for second on lap 37 to push him back to third. Whelden remained in third until he was passed again with just 4:38 remaining, but he regained the final podium position about 20 seconds later during the best battle of the late stages of the race.

"The car was difficult to drive; it was a handful," Wright said afterwards. "We hit a bump in Turn 1 on lap three, and it knocked the steering out of alignment. But we hung on, and that's all that matters."

"I didn't have any contact with anyone," he added. "It was really close towards the end. I couldn't watch the last

three laps. This was the first time I've driven with Michael, but he did a really good job."

"We qualified third and we finished third. I want to thank Extreme Speed Motorsports and our sponsor, 93.7 The Fan [KDKA-FM], Pittsburgh's sports radio station."

"We kept it together; that's half the battle sometimes."

Wright's coach, veteran driver Nic Jonsson, is pleased with Wright's progress.

"He did a great job in qualifying, when he was P3, and was the best Ligier in the field. He kept his nose clean and was as high as P2 during the race," Jonsson said. "This [finish] will place him second in the point standings too."

"It was a great learning experience for him as

well," Jonsson pointed out. "A professional race car driver has to make the best out of whatever he is driving. Kris kept his head cool and adapted to the car, and did what the car was able to do. He has come a long way from where he was last year at this time. He's done a great job and I'm proud of his progress."

Friday's race will be broadcast on FOX Sports 2 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.

The next Prototype Challenge event is April 19-22 at Barber Motorsports Park near Birmingham, Ala. More information is available at imsa.com.

Additional information is available on Wright's Web site at KrisWrightMotorsports.com. Fans can also follow him on Facebook at Kris Wright Racing.



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up 2-0 after the first inning.

The Buccaneers cut the Panther lead in half in the top of the third inning with a pair of hits and scoring a run to make the score 2-1.

South Florida State College responded in the bottom of the third, posting four runs on four hits.

Mitchell led off the inning with a single and scored after a walk to Scott Norwood and a single by Maris. Norwood came home on a ground ball to second base by Pedro Castellano.

Cimo drove in his second run of the game with a single into left field that brought Maris across the plate and

Cimo later scored as part of a delayed double steal as the Panthers built a 6-1 lead after three innings.

“Our guys did a good job answering the call getting a four spot in the third inning,” said Hitt. “We played some small ball and stole some bases and got some key knocks. That inning was very important for us and our pitching staff made it stand up.”

Panther starter Ronny Hinton held the Buccaneers to two runs on four hits in the five innings he pitched. Sebring High School standout Gerig Blackman closed the door on Florida Southwestern.

After giving up a run on two hits in his first inning, the right-hander held the Buccaneers scoreless and hitless the



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

South Florida's Pierson Lewis steals third base during Wednesday's Suncoast Conference game against Florida Southwestern at Panther Field.

final three innings of the game.

Hinton got the win, Blackman earned the save.

“We did not do a good job making adjustments

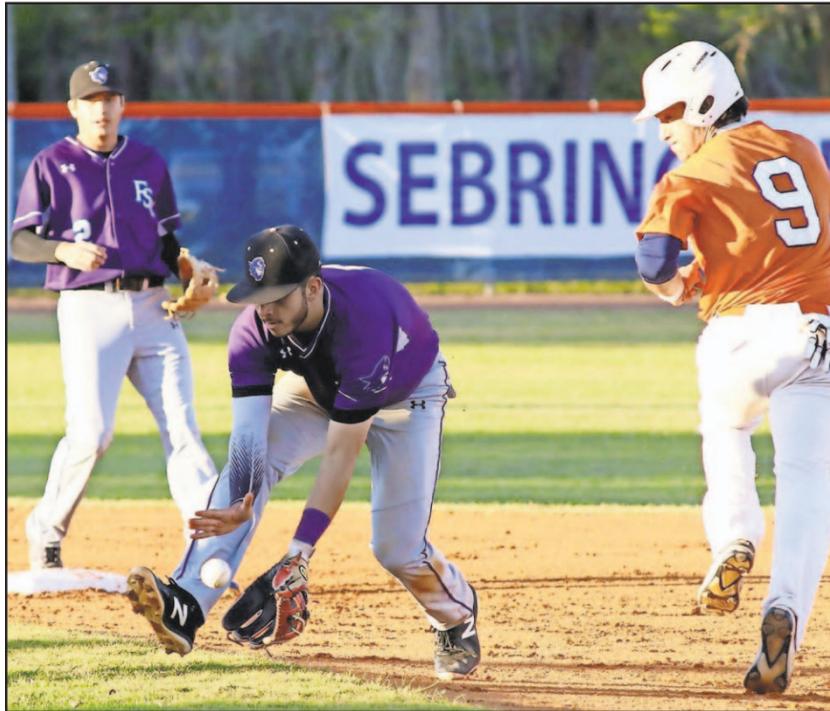
in the second half of the game,” said Hitt. “But our pitching staff did a good job. Gerig Blackman was outstanding for four innings and that was the difference.”

The Panthers played a three-game series against the State College

of Florida over the weekend.

The Manatees currently reside in first place with a conference record of 5-1 and overall record of 22-7-1.

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South Florida's Blaise Maris (9) is able to get past the infielder on a slow roller to reach second base.



South Florida third baseman Brett Norwood makes the long throw to first to get the out during Wednesday's game.

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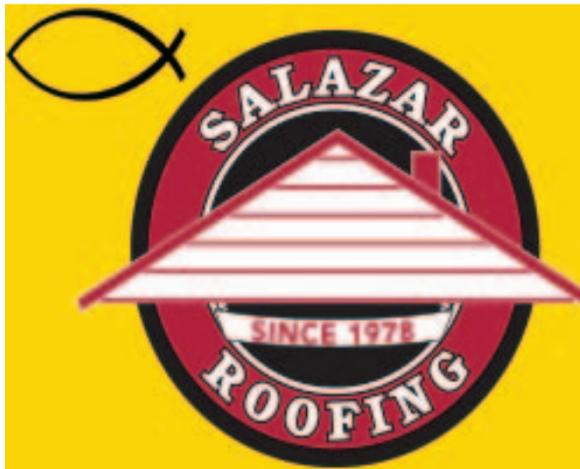
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Robichon wins on last lap

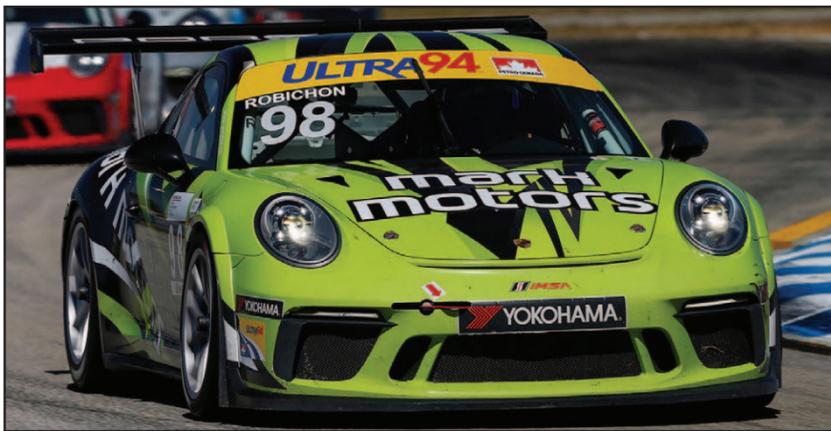
Canadian takes both races for Porsche Canada series

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Most drivers will say it takes a little bit of luck to win at Sebring International Raceway, and that was exactly the case for Zach Robichon on Friday afternoon.

The Canadian stole the victory in a thrilling finish during the second Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge race of the week, featuring drivers from both the Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama.

While Robichon consistently ran in the top five throughout the 45-minute race in his



IMSA PHOTO

Zach Robichon captured the victory in a thrilling finish in the Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama race at Sebring on Friday.

No. 98 Mark Motors Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car, he was never able to get past the revolving 1-2 combination of

Roman De Angelis and yesterday's overall race winner and Porsche GT3 Cup USA competitor Trenton Estep.

That is, until the last lap.

Heading into the final and iconic Turn 17, De Angelis in the No.

1 Kelly Moss Road and Race Porsche battled alongside Estep in the No. 3 JDX Racing Porsche heading to the checkered flag. The two cars made contact and spun, opening the door for Robichon to sneak past for the overall and GT3 Cup Challenge Canada victory ahead of second-place in the Canadian Platinum Cup class, Nelson Mason in the No. 35 Policaro Motorsport/ SportsCarBoutique machine.

"It was sort of written in the wall for the last two laps what was going to happen with those two guys," said Robichon, who also claimed the Canadian series victory yesterday

with an overall finish of second. "You never want to see a race end like that. They're both my friends and it's kind of awkward for me to be happy about it, but we'll take it and it's great for the championship. We're sorry to take it this way but a win's a win, right?"

De Angelis, collecting points this weekend in both the Porsche GT3 Cup Canada and USA championships, finished 10th in USA and seventh in the Canada series after the collision.

Mason, who fell victim to a left front tire puncture in yesterday's race that took him out of contention, was overcome with relief at closing out the weekend with a solid finish.



IMSA PHOTO

Will Hardeman captured his first Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama race on Friday.

Hardeman wins Porsche GT3 Cup USA race

Last turn incident vaults Texan to 1st series victory

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Will Hardeman led less than 30 seconds of Friday's Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama race at Sebring International Raceway, but that's all it took for the driver from Austin, Texas to score his first career victory in the series in the No. 19 Moorespeed Porsche 911 GT3 Cup machine.

Hardeman was third in the GT3 Cup Challenge USA Platinum Cup class when the final lap of the race began, and he remained in that position heading into the 17th and final turn on the 3.74-mile circuit. That's when the drivers running first and second – Trenton Estep in the No. 3 JDX Racing entry and Roman De Angelis in the No. 1 Kelly-Moss Road and Race Porsche – tangled and spun.

The incident handed the overall race victory to Zach Robichon in the No. 98 Mark Motors entry in the Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by

Yokohama — competing in its second and final combined event with the USA series this season – and gave Hardeman the USA victory.

"I've been in this territory so often in the last few years and in position," Hardeman said. "When these things happen in front of you – I mean, I was as incredulous as anyone to see what unfolded in front of me when the leaders took each other out in the final corner and I was the beneficiary of that – it was just amazing. You know, if you're in that position long enough, and eventually you'll get there."

Estep, who originally took the lead from polesitter De Angelis on a restart with five-and-a-half minutes remaining, recovered from the spin to come home second, 6.549 seconds behind Hardeman. Estep also won Thursday afternoon's season opener and finished the weekend with a pair of podium results.

"I think JDX and Hertz are really happy with the

weekend," Estep said. "We got really, really strong points, so I think it'll be good. It's a good start to the rest of the year."

Anthony Imperato completed the GT3 Cup Challenge USA Platinum Cup podium, taking third in the No. 91 Wright Motorsports machine. Another Wright Motorsports entry, Charlie Luck, came home fourth overall and claimed an emotional first Platinum Cup Masters victory in the No. 45 Porsche.

"First off, this is my first," Luck said. "I've never won. I started last year, this is my second podium, first win in Masters. It's been so much work. I've been out of the seat for 30 years, and to get back in racing shape and to compete with these guys takes a helluva lot of work. Awesome work from our team, Wright Motorsports, and I just can't thank my wife enough and the whole team. It's just so competitive. There's no room for mistakes."

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spike period, and ends after the early afternoon pressure decline. I expect this period to move later daily by one hour.

The Minor Fishing Period: There are two periods today; the morning period during the sunrise and moonrise — 7:32 a.m. and 8:24 a.m. respectively, and evening period during the sunset and moonset — 7:36 p.m. and 8:51 p.m. respectively. Therefore during the hours of 6-9 fish will be feeding, with ratings in the 4-5 range. If the wind forecast is correct Monday through Thursday, you should be able to get some fishing in before the high winds pick up in the mornings.

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After School Tennis Program

The After School Tennis Program is going on at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring. The classes are for tennis players aged 4 to 18 and are taught by USPTA Certified Tennis Professional Horace Watkis.

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.

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podium with a third-place finish in the No. 22 Performance Tech Motorsports Mazda-powered Elan DP02.

While House was challenged by both Masson and Schwab throughout the race, one thing he was not challenged by — even at 75 years of age — was the IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda's new one hour, 45-minute endurance race format.

“I've run the 25 Hours

of Sebring and I run it in a Radical,” said House. “We run three-hour stints and I'm used to doing night stints for three hours, so an hour and 45-minute race I figured was not going to be that difficult, particularly in the daylight. I work out a lot and train so my trainer keeps me in good shape, and in spite of being the oldest guy on the track, I still came out on top.”

The IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda returns to action for Round 3 at Barber Motorsports Park on Saturday, April 21.

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Organization provides services to injured and disabled veterans

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SEBRING — Operation Motorsport, a non-profit organization that provides recovery, retraining and rehabilitation opportunities to injured service members and disabled veterans through motorsports, partnered with Sebring International Raceway to provide opportunities to U.S. Army Warrant Officer 3 DeWayne Crawford and retired U.S. Marine Corp Staff Sgt. Jonathon Reid during the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Advance Auto Parts.

As part of their responsibilities during the famed race, Crawford, 43, and Reid, 29, worked with the Sebring marketing and hospitality staff to serve corporate guests. As part of its mission, Operation Motorsport introduces meaningful positions for injured and disabled active service members and veterans inside motorsports to help them recuperate and use their military training in a new industry.

“The opportunity to share the Birthplace of American Endurance Racing, a former World War II training installation, with Operation Motorsport veterans is a special privilege for Team Sebring,” said Wayne Estes, president and general manager of Sebring International Raceway. “The experience of working alongside these



COURTESY PHOTO

Sebring International Raceway President and General Manager Wayne Estes poses with Warrant Officer DeWayne Crawford and Staff Sargeant Jonathon Reid.

incredible people who served our country is a blessing to all of us at Sebring International Raceway”

Teamwork and organization are concepts service members know better than most, and while Estes and his staff are providing Crawford and Reid exposure to a new set of responsibilities, they hope to benefit from their military training including logistics and organization.

In addition to their work responsibilities, Reid served as the honorary starter for the Alan Jay Automotive Network 120 Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge and Crawford for the 66th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Advance Auto Parts.

“We are excited to be able to offer our beneficiaries the opportunity to work alongside a great team of people that

represent a true example of teamwork, perseverance and comradery,” said Tiffany Lodder, executive director of Operation Motorsport. “We’ve witnessed first hand the legitimate and positive impact that connecting service members to motorsports has on their recovery and rehabilitation, and we are confident this opportunity for DeWayne (Crawford) and Jonathon (Reid) will prove to be another positive step on their road to recovery within the framework of Motorsport.”

“After being told that I would have to leave the military due to my injuries it was a hard pill to swallow, because this is what I know and I’m good at my job,” said Crawford, who will retire from active duty later this month. “But after linking up with Operation Motorsport that sense of belonging

is back. I was able to work in a team with a goal to win. Every soldier understands that no matter how small or big the job, the goal is just to do their part at 100

percent to help their brothers and sisters in arms accomplish the mission. Motorsports is no different.”

About Warrant Officer DeWayne Crawford – Field Artillery Targeting Technician (131A) with 20 years and seven months of service. Three combat tours in Afghanistan and one in Kosovo. He was responsible for providing assistance and advice to the commander and staff on all matters relative to the employment of target acquisition assets and the Army’s targeting methodology. During two of his three Afghanistan deployments he was involved in IED blast that caused a TBI (traumatic brain injury), which caused severe migraines and vertigo. Because of

the severity of his TBI the Army determined that he would be medically released.

About Staff Sergeant (Retired) Jonathan Reid – Enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 2006. Attended boot camp aboard MCRD Parris Island and graduated in December of 2006. Deployed in 2007 to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His second deployment was to Afghanistan in 2009 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and again in 2010-2011 to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Reid suffered an ankle injury requiring multiple surgeries to repair damage and was subsequently medically retired on August 30, 2013.

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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1 pm - 5 pm	Bunny away making baskets	Bunny away making baskets	Bunny away making baskets	11-1:30 2:30-4:30 5:30-7	11-1:30 2:30-4:30 5:30-7	11-1:30 2:30-4:30 5:30-7
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HORSE

FROM PAGE 1

Lake Bonnett RV Resort in Avon Park was well represented with five competitors. Sheryll

Card was fourth in Class D, Keith Schafer second, Mary Sproessig fourth and Tina Schafer sixth in the E Class and Pat Card first in G.

Four members of the team from Avon Park's Reflections on Silver Lake

competed. Steve Sabins finished fourth in Class C, Gary Donnelly first in E, Irve Swihart fourth in F and Roger Dowe second in G.

Jim Holm, from Tanglewood in Sebring, placed third in Class B.

Others in the tournament came from Arcadia, Okeechobee, Winter Haven, Bonita Springs and Ft. Myers.

Larry Detro, President of the Highlands County

Horseshoe Club, invites anyone interested to stop by the courts and try their hand at the sport. South Florida State

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Highlands County Horseshoe Club President Larry Detro, of Buttonwood Bay.



John Murphy of Sunshine RV, Lake Placid.

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AP learns McCabe kept personal memos regarding Trump

By **ERIC TUCKER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Andrew McCabe, the onetime FBI deputy director long scorned by President Trump and just fired by the attorney general, kept personal memos regarding Trump that are similar to the notes compiled by dismissed FBI chief James Comey detailing interactions with him, The Associated Press has learned.

It was not immediately clear whether any of McCabe's memos have been turned over to special counsel Robert Mueller, whose criminal investigation is examining Trump campaign ties to Russia and possible

obstruction of justice, or been requested by Mueller.

McCabe's memos include details of interactions with the president, among other topics, according to a person with direct knowledge of the situation who wasn't authorized to discuss the memos publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The disclosure Saturday came hours after Trump called McCabe's firing by Attorney General Jeff Sessions as "a great day for Democracy." Sessions, acting on the recommendation of the disciplinary officials, acted two days before McCabe's scheduled retirement date.

McCabe suggested the move was part of the Trump administration's "war on the FBI." Trump tweeted in praise of Sessions' announcement Friday night, asserting without elaboration that McCabe "knew all about the lies and corruption going on at the highest levels off the FBI!"

An upcoming inspector general's report is expected to conclude that McCabe, a Comey confidant, authorized the release of information to the media and was not forthcoming with the watchdog office as it examined the bureau's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation.

"The FBI expects every



**FORMER FBI DEPUTY DIRECTOR
ANDREW MCCABE**

employee to adhere to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and accountability," Sessions said in a statement.

McCabe said his credibility had been attacked as "part of a larger effort not just to slander me personally" but also the FBI and law enforcement.

"It is part of this administration's ongoing war on the FBI and the efforts of the special counsel investigation, which continue to this day," he added, referring to Robert Mueller's probe into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign. "Their persistence in this campaign only highlights the importance of the special counsel's work."

Trump's personal lawyer, John Dowd, cited the "brilliant and courageous example" by Sessions and the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility and said in a statement Saturday that the No. 2 Justice

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DRONEBASE VIA AP

This photo provided by DroneBase shows the collapsed pedestrian bridge at Florida International University in the Miami area on Thursday.

Bridge collapse victim's uncle rages at 'incompetence'

By **ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON and
JENNIFER KAY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — As crews began removing bodies from beneath a collapsed pedestrian bridge Saturday, a victim's uncle raged against what he called the "complete incompetence" and "colossal failure" that allowed people to drive beneath the unfinished concrete span.

"Why they had to build this monstrosity in the first place to get children across the street?" said an anguished Joe Smitha, whose niece, Alexa Duran, was crushed in Thursday's collapse at Florida

International University. "Then they decided to stress test this bridge while traffic was running underneath it?"

Authorities say at least six people were killed when the structure fell onto a busy six-lane road connecting the campus to the community of Sweetwater. Crews removed two cars Saturday morning and said they found three bodies, but officials said there were still at least two more victims beneath the rubble. Late in the day they recovered a third car but did not say if they found more remains.

"Right now we're just chipping away," said Miami-Dade Police Director Juan



AP PHOTO/JENNIFER KAY

Six crosses are placed at a makeshift memorial on Saturday, near the scene of a pedestrian bridge collapse that killed at least six people on March 15.

Perez.

The Miami-Dade Police Department confirmed the names of four victims Saturday.

Rolando Fraga Hernandez and his gold Jeep Cherokee were pulled from the wreckage Saturday. Later, the bodies of Oswald Gonzalez, 57, and Alberto Arias, 54, were found inside a white Chevy truck.

Navarro Brown was pulled from the rubble Thursday and later died at the hospital.

Authorities have not released Duran's name, but her family has said she died. The FIU freshman was studying political science.

The National

Transportation Safety Board has confirmed that crews were applying what's known as "post-tensioning force" on the bridge before the failure. Authorities are investigating whether cracking that was reported just before the span fell contributed to the accident.

Experts interviewed by The Associated Press were mixed on the significance of those reported cracks.

Amjad Aref, a professor with the University of Buffalo's Institute of Bridge Engineering, said they should have been "a big red flag."

"Bridges are really very

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AP PHOTO/JENNIFER KAY

Joe Smitha of Palm Harbor, Fla., speaks with reporters on Saturday, March 17, about his niece, Alexa Duran, whose family has identified her as one of at least six victims of a bridge collapse near the Florida International University campus in the Miami area on March 15.

Talks on trillion-dollar US budget bill reach crucial stage

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Top-level congressional talks on a \$1.3 trillion catchall spending bill are reaching a critical stage as negotiators confront immigration, abortion-related issues and a battle over a massive rail project that pits President Donald Trump against his most powerful Democratic adversary.

The bipartisan measure is loaded with political and policy victories for both sides. Republicans and Trump are winning a long-sought budget increase for the Pentagon while Democrats obtain funding

for infrastructure, the opioid crisis and a wide swath of domestic programs.

The bill would implement last month's big budget agreement, providing 10 percent increases for both the Pentagon and domestic agencies when compared with current levels. Coupled with last year's tax cut measure, it heralds the return of trillion-dollar budget deficits as soon as the budget year starting in October.

While most of the funding issues in the enormous measure have been sorted out, fights involving a number of policy "riders" — so named because they catch a ride on a difficult-to-stop

spending bill — continued into the weekend. Among them are GOP-led efforts to add a plan to revive federal subsidies to help the poor cover out-of-pocket costs under President Barack Obama's health law and to fix a glitch in the recent tax bill that subsidizes grain sales to cooperatives at the expense of for-profit grain companies.

Trump has privately threatened to veto the whole package if a \$900 million payment is made on the Hudson River Gateway Project, a priority of top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York.



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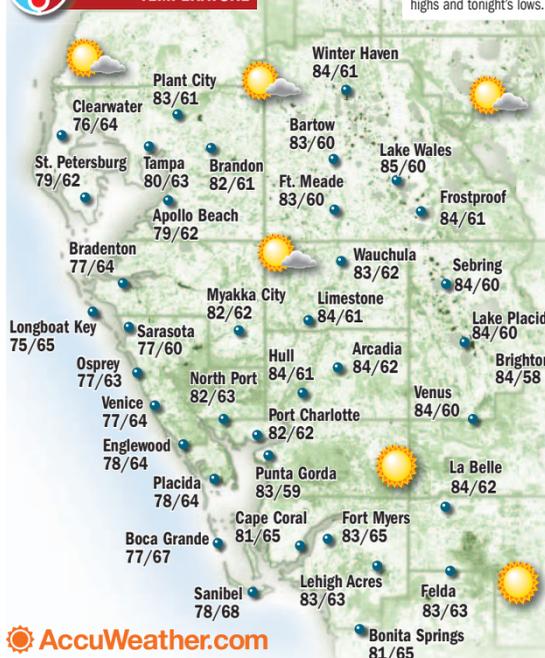
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In this Dec. 22, 2017, file photo, is the U.S. Capitol in the early morning in Washington.

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High/Low 80°/47°
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Record Low 40° (1988)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.38"
Normal month to date 1.81"
Year to date 3.02"
Normal year to date 6.04"
Record 5.02" (2005)

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Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
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Mar.	0.38	0.80	3.28 9.26/1970
Apr.	1.59	2.03	5.80/1994
May	2.74	2.50	9.45/1991
Jun.	14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.	9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.	13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03/1979
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88/1995
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002
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VENICE
Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 73°/50°
Normal High/Low 77°/58°
Record High 87° (2012)
Record Low 44° (1988)

Precipitation (in inches)
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Month to date 0.23"
Normal month to date 2.03"
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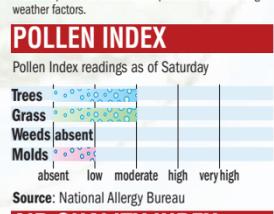
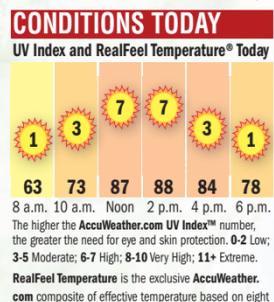
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Coral Springs	83	64	s	86	71	pc
Daytona Beach	81	60	pc	83	66	t
Fort Lauderdale	83	66	s	84	72	pc
Fort Myers	83	65	s	83	71	pc
Gainesville	82	60	pc	79	66	t
Jacksonville	83	60	c	77	65	r
Key Largo	80	69	pc	81	73	s
Key West	81	71	pc	83	72	s
Lakeland	83	60	s	83	68	t
Melbourne	84	60	s	86	68	t
Miami	84	66	s	86	72	pc
Naples	81	66	s	82	69	pc
Ocala	81	57	pc	82	66	pc
Okeechobee	83	58	s	85	67	pc
Orlando	85	60	s	87	68	t
Panama City	75	64	t	75	62	r
Pensacola	77	65	t	78	59	t
Pompano Beach	82	65	s	85	72	pc
St. Augustine	78	60	pc	79	66	t
St. Petersburg	79	62	s	79	69	pc
Sarasota	77	60	s	78	67	pc
Tallahassee	81	62	t	78	61	r
Tampa	80	63	s	79	70	pc
Vero Beach	82	57	s	86	63	pc
West Palm Beach	82	62	s	86	69	pc



TIDES

City	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 4:18a	10:59a	4:36p	11:11p
Mon. 5:01a	11:23a	4:58p	11:55p	
Englewood	Today 2:55a	9:15a	3:13p	9:27p
Mon. 3:38a	9:39a	3:35p	10:11p	
Boca Grande	Today 1:56a	8:10a	2:20p	8:14p
Mon. 2:44a	8:35a	2:32p	9:01p	
El Jobean	Today 4:50a	11:28a	5:08p	11:40p
Mon. 5:33a	11:52a	5:30p	---	
Venice	Today 1:10a	7:54a	1:28p	8:06p
Mon. 1:53a	8:18a	1:50p	8:50p	

MARINE

Wind Speed Seas Bay/Inland direction in knots in feet chop

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
SSE 3-6 0-1 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
SW 4-8 1-2 Light

SUN AND MOON

	Rise	Set
The Sun	Today 7:35 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Monday	7:34 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
The Moon	Today 8:27 a.m.	8:55 p.m.
Monday	9:05 a.m.	9:53 p.m.

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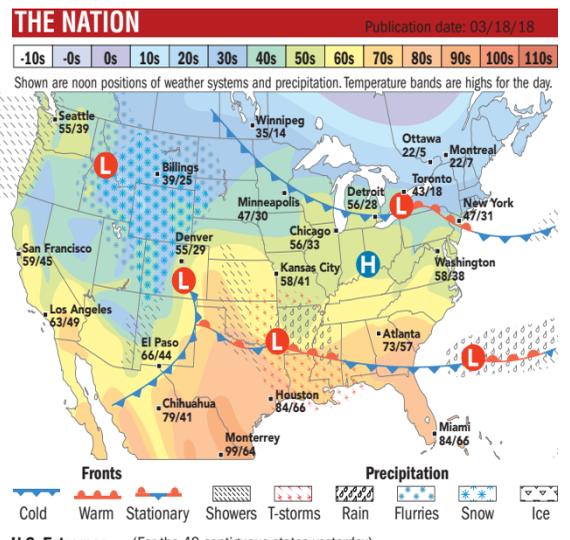
SOLUNAR TABLE

	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	7:04a	12:52a	7:27p	1:16p
Mon.	7:54a	1:42a	8:18p	2:06p
Tue.	8:48a	2:35a	9:13p	3:00p

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

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City	Today			Mon.			City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	51	30	sh	55	29	s	Jackson, MS	76	64	r	82	49	t
Anchorage	40	34	pc	40	25	sn	Kansas City	58	41	c	46	34	r
Atlanta	73	57	pc	71	51	r	Knoxville	65	50	c	66	47	r
Baltimore	55	32	s	47	33	pc	Las Vegas	62	45	s	66	48	s
Billings	39	25	sn	40	30	pc	Los Angeles	63	49	pc	69	52	s
Birmingham	74	58	c	77	51	t	Louisville	60	44	pc	55	34	r
Boise	50	32	pc	52	37	c	Memphis	62	56	t	73	44	t
Boston	35	19	s	37	21	pc	Milwaukee	53	32	c	40	27	c
Buffalo	39	21	pc	32	18	s	Minneapolis	47	30	pc	39	27	c
Burlington, VT	24	10	pc	25	11	pc	Montgomery	77	63	c	80	52	t
Charleston, WV	58	36	s	55	40	r	Nashville	65	52	c	71	44	t
Charlotte	67	50	pc	59	45	r	New Orleans	78	68	c	82	57	t
Chicago	56	33	s	43	29	c	New York City	47	31	s	44	30	pc
Cincinnati	56	39	s	53	30	r	Norfolk, VA	50	37	pc	51	45	r
Cleveland	50	29	s	40	26	pc	Oklahoma City	69	45	sh	60	38	pc
Columbia, SC	75	56	pc	69	52	r	Omaha	53	36	c	44	34	r
Columbus, OH	54	34	s	54	29	c	Philadelphia	51	32	s	46	30	pc
Concord, NH	30	10	s	32	11	pc	Phoenix	67	49	pc	73	51	s
Dallas	83	58	pc	78	49	s	Pittsburgh	53	27	s	51	29	pc
Denver	55	29	c	46	25	c	Portland, ME	29	12	s	33	14	s
Des Moines	48	35	c	44	32	c	Portland, OR	53	38	c	58	36	pc
Detroit	56	28	s	41	24	pc	Providence	38	21	s	42	21	s
Duluth	39	18	pc	29	14	c	Raleigh	60	42	pc	55	45	r
Fairbanks	34	25	c	33	19	sf	Salt Lake City	47	32	c	52	35	c
Fargo	41	27	c	37	24	sn	St. Louis	57	44	c	51	32	r
Hartford	37	19	s	40	21	s	San Antonio	89	61	pc	84	54	s
Helena	37	22	sn	41	20	sn	San Diego	63	51	pc	67	54	s
Honolulu	82	69	pc	80	69	r	San Francisco	59	45	pc	64	50	pc
Houston	84	66	t	84	54	s	Seattle	55	39	c	55	38	pc
Indianapolis	55	37	s	51	26	r	Washington, DC	58	38	pc	49	33	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Mon.			City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	35	24	c	40	32	sh	Mexico City	81	54	pc	84	54	pc
Baghdad	79	53	s	81	57	pc	Montreal	22	7	s	25	9	s
Beijing	55	35	pc	56	34	pc	Ottawa	22	5	s	24	7	s
Berlin	34	19	c	40	22	s	Paris	40	30	sn	38	27	c
Buenos Aires	74	48	r	75	51	sf	Regina	31	16	c	29	17	sn
Cairo	89	70	c	90	62	s	Rio de Janeiro	87	76	pc	94	79	s
Calgary	32	17	sn	35	22	s	Rome	57	44	t	55	41	t
Cancun	86	73	s	86	75	s	St. John's	32	23	c	30	23	c
Dublin	36	31	sf	40	28	sf	San Juan	86	73	pc	85	73	pc
Edmonton	32	18	sf	36	22	pc	Sydney	97	71	s	87	69	s
Halifax	29	17	s	29	22	sn	Tokyo	62	52	c	63	45	c
Kiev	18	11	c	21	13	sn	Toronto	43	18	s	32	15	s
London	35	30	sf	41	35	sf	Vancouver	49	35	pc	49	35	pc
Madrid	54	36	pc	49	33	r	Winnipeg	35	14	c	29	15	c

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NATION

School-walkout unity also lays division among students

By CAROLYN THOMPSON and
MICHAEL MELIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As she addressed the crowd during the walkout at her Idaho high school, Kylee Denny faced heckles and name-calling from a group of students carrying American flags, she said. The counter-protesters included many familiar faces, including her boyfriend's stepbrother.

To avoid making a difficult situation worse, Kylee's boyfriend stayed in class during the rally at Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls, which was part of Wednesday's national school walkout.

"I'm dating his stepbrother, which is really incredibly awkward and it's very tense because he was being so hostile about losing respect for me because I was walking out," said Kylee, a 17-year-old junior who helped organize the protest.

The walkouts to protest gun violence that mobilized students across the country have also created tensions in hallways and classrooms as a new generation was thrust

into the debate over guns. While those calling for new restrictions stood in the spotlight, the surge of youth activism has exposed sharp differences of opinion.

Administrators and student leaders are also sorting through the fallout as some schools hand out discipline for those who defied school instructions and participated in the walkouts exactly one month after the massacre of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

In some cases, personal relationships have been strained.

Ryler Hanosky said he was disappointed that his stepbrother, Kylee's boyfriend, did not join the counter-protest.

"He's a hunter just like me. He likes his guns," Ryler said. "I told him, 'You need to come with us,' and he's like, 'No I'm just going to stay out of it.' It kind of makes me mad a little bit."

Ahead of the walkout, Ryler and like-minded friends gathered at a high school spirit rock. There were some arguments about guns, he said,

but it was peaceful and students respected one another's views.

The rally Kylee helped organize was supposed to be for school safety, not gun restrictions, she said, but some misunderstood, becoming angry and calling names.

"You're just like, ooh, wow, OK, I have second period with you and I don't want you to think I'm trying to destroy your constitutional rights," she said.

In Woodbury, Connecticut, about 75 students walked out of class Wednesday at the 750-student Nonnewaug High School, meeting in the auditorium before walking outside. They were followed by another group of about a dozen counter-demonstrators, including some who chanted, "NRA is the only way!"

One student, Jess Dooley, 16, said that the school in rural western Connecticut is small enough for her to know nearly everyone, but that she did not feel comfortable joining the walkout because of comments by gun rights supporters. Tensions already had



JOHN ROARK/THE IDAHO POST-REGISTER VIA AP

Hillcrest High School junior Kylee Denny addresses classmates as they participate in a walkout to protest gun violence, Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Idaho Falls, Idaho, one month after the deadly shooting inside a high school in Parkland, Fla.

been high since the Parkland shooting amid constant debate over arming teachers, school shootings and gun control.

"Everybody knows how everyone feels about it," she said.

The day after the walkout, Jess said, her civics teacher defused some tension by letting students take turns sharing their opinions on the walkout.

Organizers of the national walkouts called for such measures as tighter background checks on gun purchases and a

ban on assault weapons like the one used in the Florida bloodbath. A protest against gun violence is also scheduled in Washington on March 24, and another round of school walkouts is planned for April 20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High shooting in Colorado.

In last week's walkouts, some students tried to steer clear of politics entirely, including Jacob Shoemaker, a senior at Hilliard High School in Ohio, who was suspended a day for not following instructions because he

stayed in a classroom instead of joining protests or the alternative, a study hall. School, he said, isn't the place for politics, and he wasn't taking sides.

In Pennsylvania, a superintendent issued detentions to 225 Pennridge High School students who walked out Wednesday instead of attending an assembly honoring the Parkland victims.

Elsewhere, scuffles broke out between walkout participants and students who had other ideas for how to spend the time out of class. At Blythewood High School in South Carolina, students were packed tightly together in a school atrium when some began talking during the moment of silence for the Parkland victims. Shoving broke out as some called for quiet.

"These kids, who were probably younger, they weren't against the protests," said Andrew Kilgore, an 18-year-old senior who said students would be better organized for the next demonstration. "They were just being disruptive. They wanted a reason to get out of class."

Immigrant reunited with child months after separation by US

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A Congolese mother has been reunited with her 7-year-old daughter months after they crossed the California-Mexico border seeking asylum and were separated by the U.S. government, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer said Saturday.

The daughter had been placed in a Chicago facility while the mother was held in San Diego, about 2,000 miles away, after they entered the U.S. in November and turned themselves in to U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. The mother was released from detention earlier this month.

Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, said the woman was allowed to travel to Chicago on Tuesday, after a DNA test requested by the government confirmed she was the girl's mother. He says the daughter was released late Friday and brought to a Chicago shelter where she and her mother will be staying.

"They were hugging each other and sobbing," Gelernt said. "It was just incredibly emotional."

The woman is at the center of an ACLU lawsuit accusing the government of unlawfully separating immigrant families. Gerlent says the ACLU continues to pursue the lawsuit on behalf of other parents, many of whom are "facing the

same trauma" as the Congolese mother and daughter.

A hearing in the case is scheduled next month in San Diego.

The ACLU says President Donald Trump's administration is targeting families seeking asylum under U.S. law. While no formal policy has been announced to hold adult asylum seekers separately from their children, top administration officials have said the system is overwhelmed by people making false asylum claims.

A 1997 settlement in a long-running lawsuit over treatment of immigrant children requires the U.S. government to release the children from custody when possible or otherwise hold them in the "least restrictive setting" available.

The Trump administration has called for ending the settlement as part of changes it's seeking to immigration laws.

The woman reunited with her daughter Friday is from a village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and speaks little English. According to the ACLU lawsuit, she passed the initial screening to determine whether she had a "credible fear" of returning to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The ACLU has withheld the identities of the woman and child citing potential danger if they are denied asylum and returned to Congo.

Facebook bans Trump-affiliated data firm Cambridge Analytica

By DAVID HAMILTON
AP TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Facebook suspended Cambridge Analytica, a data-analysis firm that worked for President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, over allegations that it held onto improperly obtained user data after telling Facebook it had deleted the information.

The social network issued a blog post explaining its decision, although the tale is convoluted. Years ago, Facebook said, Cambridge Analytica received user data from a Facebook app that purported to be a psychological research tool, though the firm wasn't authorized to have that information. Roughly 270,000 people downloaded the app and shared their personal details with it, Facebook said.

Cambridge Analytica later certified in 2015 that it had destroyed the information that it received, according to Facebook, although the social network said it received reports "several days ago" that not all the data was deleted.

While it investigates the matter, Facebook has also suspended the access of Cambridge Analytica's parent company, Strategic

Communication Laboratories; the academic who created the app in question, a University of Cambridge psychology professor named Aleksandr Kogan; and another individual, Christopher Wylie of Eunoia Technologies, who also allegedly received the user data from the app.

Exactly why the handling of this data warranted both suspension and Facebook's unusual public explanation of the move wasn't clear. The blog post, written by Facebook deputy general counsel Paul Grewal, cited the "public prominence" of Cambridge Analytica, called the alleged data retention an "unacceptable violation of trust" and said the social network will take legal action if necessary to hold all parties "responsible and accountable for any unlawful behavior."

In a statement, a Cambridge Analytica spokesman denied any wrongdoing. He said the parent company's SCL Elections unit hired Kogan to undertake "a large scale research project in the U.S.," but later learned that he had obtained data in violation of Facebook policies, and



subsequently deleted all data it received from Kogan's company. For the "avoidance of doubt," the spokesman said, none of Kogan's data was used in Cambridge Analytica's 2016 election work.

Kogan did not immediately reply to an emailed request for comment. Wylie could not immediately be located.

Cambridge Analytica is probably best known for its political work in the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign. The company claims to build psychological profiles based on personal details from millions of Americans that can categorize individual voters. It worked for both the primary campaign of Texas senator Ted Cruz and the Trump general-election campaign.

The firm is backed by the family of billionaire donor Robert Mercer, a hedge fund manager who also supported the Trump campaign and other conservative candidates

and causes. Trump campaign officials have downplayed Cambridge Analytica's role, saying they briefly used the company for television advertising and paid some of its most skilled data employees.

But the company has also surfaced a few times during the probes into Russian interference in the 2016 election. For instance, Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who is now cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation after pleading guilty to a felony charge, disclosed an advisory role with Cambridge Analytica last August. SCL later said that position never materialized.

Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix also disclosed last November that the company reached out to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange during the campaign to request emails related to the Hillary Clinton campaign. Nix said Assange said no. Clinton campaign emails stolen by Russian agents are one focus of the election-interference probes. Nix has denied any involvement in Russian election meddling.

NATION NEWS BRIEFS

Superintendent apologizes after school shooting audio aired

MOUNTAINTOP, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania school district is apologizing after audio clips of the school shooting in Florida were played during a tribute to its victims.

Officials said the tribute was broadcast Wednesday during a walkout protest at the Crestwood School District that was part of nationwide demonstrations following the shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The (Hazleton) Standard-Speaker reports the tribute broadcast over the loudspeaker at the Crestwood Secondary Campus included the sounds of gunfire, students yelling

for help and the sirens of emergency vehicles, as well as interviews with survivors.

Some parents of students in the district complained. One parent said, "I don't think (students) need to hear that."

The district's superintendent apologized Thursday on his personal Twitter account, saying "This type of event will not occur again."

Illinois governor race more fierce, costly as primary nears

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois gubernatorial candidates are making their final push ahead of Tuesday's primary in what's become an increasingly fierce — and expensive — contest.

Among the leading Democrats is billionaire J.B. Pritzker, who filed paperwork late Friday showing he gave his campaign an additional \$6.3 million, bringing his total investment to almost \$70 million.

Democrat Chris Kennedy gave his campaign another \$500,000 this week, for a total of about \$2 million.

State Sen. Daniel Biss, campaigning as the "middle-class candidate," says the spending has reached "new levels of absurdity."

The wealthy Republicans are looking to unseat the Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who's facing a challenge from conservative state Rep. Jeanne Ives.

Rauner and the Democrats are marching Saturday in Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parade. Ives is at a parade in a more GOP-friendly suburb.

NATION

Pence takes short St. Patrick's Day stroll in Savannah

By **RUSS BYNUM**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Vice President Mike Pence strolled Saturday in the South's largest St. Patrick's Day parade, where a few lucky fans behind sidewalk barricades got hugs or selfies and a small band of protesters followed nearby waving signs and rainbow flags.

Pence swooped into Savannah on its busiest day of the year. The historic city has been celebrating St. Patrick's Day since 1824, and the March 17 holiday has grown into one of the South's biggest street parties after Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Organizers of Savannah's parade estimated crowds would swell to 500,000 or more.

Wearing a striped green tie with a navy blazer, the vice president overall spent about an hour among the festivities. Flanked by his wife, Karen, and his mother, Nancy Pence-Fritsch, he stood on a second-floor balcony of City Hall with Mayor Eddie DeLoach to watch part of the procession of marching bagpipe bands, classic convertibles and floats pulled by pickup trucks.

Then, Pence and his entourage hit the street for nearly 30 minutes, walking past gaudy green revelers cheering and chanting

"U-S-A!" behind security barriers lining the streets and two of Savannah's oak-shaded squares. He ignored a group with rainbow flags and signs reading "Mike Pence Is A Homophobe" and "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," then stopped to hug a woman next to them with a banner saying "Team Trump Rebuild America."

A few blocks later, Shannon Lennon of Orlando, Florida, and her friends in shamrock glasses and leprechaun hats were stunned when Pence grabbed Lennon's cellphone and snapped a selfie with the group.

"He said, 'This is a great picture, give me that,'" said an ecstatic Lennon, who admitted some of her friends weren't quite as thrilled. "There's two out of six of us who are fans of his. But we all respect each other."

Elsewhere in the U.S., Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar joined in the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York on Saturday, while Chicago continued its 56-year-old tradition of dyeing the Chicago River bright green.

In Savannah, about a dozen sign-toting protesters on the sidewalk managed to keep pace with Pence, who walked roughly 0.3 miles of the parade's 2.25-mile route.



AP PHOTO

Vice President Mike Pence, center, his wife Karen Pence, left, and his mother Nancy Pence Fritsch, right, march in the St. Patrick's Day parade Saturday, in Savannah, Ga.

City officials had said signs would be prohibited in the parade area secured for Pence, but backed off Friday after the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in federal court.

Savannah Kite brought a sign reading "Black Lives Matter, Protect Dreamers" and wore a T-shirt with the words "Gay, Irish and Proud." She and other demonstrators chanted "This is what Savannah looks like" a few feet from where Pence shook a final round of hands before being whisked away by his motorcade.

"Protesters and others had ample room to maneuver because crowds

in the 12 square blocks secured for Pence were notably lean in spots. People stood four deep behind barricades on one side of the street, while big gaps between spectators could be seen directly across the street.

Many parade-goers simply chose to celebrate elsewhere. Spectators wanting to see Pence had to pass through metal detectors. Party tents, coolers and folding chairs were off limits. So was any outside food or drink other than bottled water.

Ray Landin of Savannah and his brother stuck to their usual parade-watch spot a block outside

the secure zone. Before dawn they arranged chairs on the sidewalk and a party tent draped with an Irish flag. Their food and drinks were divided between at least six coolers.

"We'll welcome him and we'll show him a good time," Landin said of Pence. "But it does seem a little restrictive."

Thinner crowds inside the secure zone before Pence arrived meant fewer customers at Rise, a biscuit and doughnut shop on the parade route. Owner Shane Johnson said his workers made 2,000 doughnuts anticipating hungry hordes, but only six people stood in line

about an hour before the parade.

"It looks like it's going to kill our business," Johnson said. "We should be slammed wall-to-wall right now."

As an evangelical Christian, Pence may seem like an atypical guest considering Savannah's reputation for boozy excess on St. Patrick's Day. However, organizers of Savannah's parade have long stressed the holiday's religious roots and celebration of Irish heritage. Pence has proudly noted in speeches that his maternal grandfather, Richard Michael Cawley, came to the U.S. from Ireland in 1923.

Kathy Richey of Savannah didn't mind that many St. Patrick's Day revelers steered clear of Pence's leg of the parade. Wearing her red "Make America Great Again" cap, she got a prime curbside spot on Johnson Square to get an up-close look at the vice president, even though she showed up more than an hour after the security checkpoints opened.

"I can see why people aren't here," Richey said. "For a lot of people it's a big deal with the tables and the whole setup. Usually when I come to the parade, I just walk around. Getting to see Mike Pence is an added bonus."

NATION NEWS BRIEFS

Steady fire delays search for missing chemical plant worker

CRESSON, Texas (AP) — The search for a man missing since a North Texas chemical plant exploded and caught fire on Thursday has been postponed because of dangerous site conditions.

Cresson Mayor and Assistant Fire Chief Bob Cornett said Saturday that fires are still burning at the 15,000-square-foot Tri-Chem Industries plant in Cresson.

Cornett says, "They've pulled everybody out. It's just too dangerous."

Cornett identified the missing worker who is presumed dead as 27-year-old Dylan Mitchell.

Two other workers were injured in the explosion. One remained in the hospital Friday

in serious condition with severe burns from the waist up. His condition could not be immediately confirmed on Saturday.

Hood County Fire Marshal Ray Wilson said Saturday that hazardous-material crews are preparing for expected rain, which could aggravate the plant's exposed chemicals.

Barbra Streisand says no #MeToo moment marred her life

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barbra Streisand says she's never suffered sexual harassment in her long career.

Streisand made the comment when she was asked about the #MeToo movement during a tribute to her Saturday in Los Angeles.

But she acknowledged the power of protests against gender

inequality sweeping through Hollywood.

Streisand was honored for her decades of work on TV specials and other programs at a Paley Center for Media event.

She was joined on stage by producer Ryan Murphy, who said he owed his career to Streisand's inspiration.

Facebook seeks to expand Northern California campus

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — Facebook is seeking to add a new office building to its Northern California headquarters.

The San Jose Mercury News reports Saturday that building permits compiled by Buildzoom show Facebook plans to erect the 465,000 square-foot building at

its campus in Menlo Park, California.

The plans come as a number of technology companies including Google and Cupertino-based Apple are seeking space to expand in the region.

John Yandle, executive managing director of a commercial realty brokerage office in Santa Clara, says this part of the San Francisco Bay Area has never seen so many companies embarking on major expansions at the same time.

Former NBA player Glen Davis arrested on drug charges

ABERDEEN, Md. (AP) — Police say former NBA player Glen "Big Baby" Davis was arrested in a Maryland hotel last month on drug possession and

distribution charges.

WMAR-TV in Baltimore reports that Davis was arrested Feb. 7 at a Hampton Inn in Aberdeen.

According to court records, the hotel owner smelled marijuana coming from Davis' room.

Aberdeen police Lt. William Reiber told WMAR that police found 126 grams of marijuana and a briefcase containing \$92,000 in cash inside Davis' room.

Davis was arrested and later indicted on seven counts of drug possession and distribution.

Davis' attorney said Davis adamantly maintains his innocence and looks forward to clearing his name in court.

Davis, a star player at Louisiana State University, went on to play for the Celtics, the Orlando Magic and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Making Money on Margin

Dear Mr. Berko: I got a \$10,000 bonus from my employer in January and put it with a broker in early February. He has made four trades, including a biotech stock with a funny name I've never heard of. My account is now worth \$12,200. He said if he had my account on margin, then he could have made twice as much money. Is



Malcolm Berko

that true? I asked how it works, and he said I won't have to put up more mon-

ey but I just have to sign a broker's form and I can buy twice as much stock immediately. Because he doesn't explain things well, and I don't want to offend him, could you please explain how margin works? And is it true that I could have made twice as much money as he claims? Also, I'd like to buy stock in the fantastic Chinese market. Do you think Chinese stocks will move way up? What Chinese stocks would you recommend?

— LD., Portland, Ore.

Dear LD: That broker's right on the money! If you had signed his margin agreement upon opening the account and followed his advice, you'd have made twice as much money. That margin agreement would give you an extra \$10,000 credit so you could buy \$20,000 worth of stock. The flip side of that agreement is that you could also lose twice as much.

Here's a very simple explanation of how it works. Margin accounts, offered by most brokers,

enable clients to borrow money to purchase stocks or bonds. Assume you wish to buy 100 shares of the fictional company LSMFT (LSMFT-\$100), which would cost you \$10,000. You can write the broker a check for \$10,000 and own LSMFT free and clear. Or you can sign a margin agreement and buy 100 shares of LSMFT for \$10,000, putting down 50 percent of the price (\$5,000) and borrowing the remaining \$5,000 from your broker. The broker charges interest (today's rate of 8 percent is turnpike thievery because the collateral is good as gold) on the borrowed \$5,000 and he holds your 100 shares of LSMFT for collateral. If the brokerage charges 8 percent simple interest, then \$33.33 will be deducted from your account each month. And if 10 months later you sell LSMFT at \$110, you'll have a credit in your account of \$11,000, from which you repay the broker the borrowed \$5,000. Now you have \$6,000 remaining and a gross profit of (\$6,000 less

\$5,000) \$1,000. So, after subtracting buying and selling commissions of \$150 and 10 months of interest of \$33.33 from the \$1,000 gross profit you have a net profit of \$516.67.

The important thing investors must understand about margin is that it's a double-edged sword. If you had invested \$10,000 in cash, your 10-month return would've been 5.16 percent. But you leveraged LSMFT with just \$5,000 so your 10-month return is 10.32 percent. When stocks rise in value, your gains are amplified and that's wonderful. However, in a down market, margin really hurts because the borrowed money exposes you to higher risks. Now, if you can get this in your head, you'll have it in a nutshell.

The extreme use of leverage is one of the reasons banks like Lehman, Bear Stearns, Merrill, JPMorgan, etc., collectively lost hundreds of billions of dollars nine years ago. Goldman, Citigroup, Bank of America, etc., traded bonds using 1 percent

margin, investing only \$1,000 for every \$100,000 of market value. If the bonds fall 5 percent or \$5,000 (many did and more), the \$1,000 is wiped out and they're \$4,000 on the wrong side of the eight ball. Multiply this number by billions (remember those subprime mortgages) and you may understand how the great financial crisis occurred.

Individual Chinese stocks scare the bejabbers out of me. I don't trust China's banking/financial system or its corporate and government executives. Corporate income statements are bloated, balance sheets are fudged, and I can't read Pinyin so Chinese corporate reports are Greek to me. But the China market can be hot and I'd own the iShares MSCI China ETF (MCHI-\$69) — that's a Chinese imitation of the S&P 500 index. MCHI was plus 12.5 percent last year.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 8303, Largo, FL 33775, or email him at mjberko@yahoo.com.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

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vulnerable when they are under construction, when there are just pieces," he said. "It's like still a flimsy structure. And when you see cracks, somebody has to raise really a big flag and say,

Ralph Verrastro, principle of Naples-based Bridging Solutions, was not surprised to hear about cracks, and said it was not necessarily a problem.

"Any bridge with concrete, that's made of concrete, there's always cracks," said Verrastro, who has been an engineer for 42 years. "If they had concerns that something was going on for that main span, then they would have called the sheriff or the police and closed the road. I would be very surprised if it's determined that they were taking a chance and trying to do something under traffic. It's just, as bridge engineers, that's just never done."

Two days before the collapse, an engineer



A worker uses a saw next to a crushed car under a section of a collapsed pedestrian bridge, Friday, near Florida International University in the Miami area.

with the design firm left a voicemail to say some cracking had been found at one end of the concrete span, but the voicemail wasn't picked up until after the collapse, Florida Department of Transportation officials said Friday. In a transcript released Friday night, Denney Pate with FIGG Bridge Group said the cracking would need repairs but the company didn't think it was a safety issue.

In a statement Saturday, university officials said representatives of FIU and DOT met with a FIGG engineer for two hours Thursday morning to

discuss the cracking, and determined there wasn't a safety issue. The bridge fell soon afterward.

"The FIGG engineer of record delivered a technical presentation regarding the crack and concluded that there were no safety concerns and the crack did not compromise the structural integrity of the bridge," FIU said.

NTSB officials have said it's too early to say whether any cracking contributed to the collapse.

In a news release late Friday, FIGG Bridge Engineers said it "continues to work diligently" to determine the cause of the collapse,

and is examining the steps its team has taken. It added, "The evaluation was based on the best available information at that time and indicated that there were no safety issues." It also asked for time to accurately determine what led to the accident.

Scheduled to open in 2019, the bridge was to provide safe passage over a canal and six lanes of traffic, a showpiece architectural feature connecting the campus with Sweetwater. The \$14.2 million project was supposed to take advantage of a faster, cheaper and safer

method of bridge-building promoted by the university.

Early renderings online appeared to show what's called a "cable-stayed" structure supported by cables hanging from a central tower. However, a spokesman for FIGG said Saturday the bridge that was being built actually had built-in trusses.

"It is a truss bridge with above deck truss elements which, from an engineering perspective, is very different than a cable-stayed bridge," FIGG spokeswoman Cheryl Stopnick said in an email. Verrastro said there may have been enough support in place at the time. He said these projects are constructed with "very specific sequencing" and phases.

Smitha, Duran's uncle, can't help but believe that this tragedy could have been avoided.

"This was a colossal failure of the system," he said. "This was complete incompetence from the top ... I want someone to step up and say, 'The buck stops with me.'"

MCCABE

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Department official, Rod Rosenstein, should "bring an end" to the Russia investigation "manufactured" by Comey.

Dowd told The Associated Press that he neither was calling on Rosenstein, the deputy attorney general overseeing Mueller's inquiry, to fire the special counsel immediately nor had discussed with Rosenstein the idea of dismissing Mueller or ending the probe.

McCabe asserted he was singled out because of the "role I played, the actions I took, and the events I witnessed in the aftermath" of Comey's firing by Trump last May.

Mueller is investigating whether Trump's actions, including Comey's ouster, constitute obstruction of justice. McCabe could be an important witness.

Trump, in his Tweet early Saturday, said McCabe's firing was "a great day for the hard working men and women of the FBI — A great day for Democracy." He said "Sanctimonious James Comey," as McCabe's boss, made McCabe "look like a choirboy."

McCabe said the release of the findings against him was accelerated after he told congressional officials that he could corroborate Comey's accounts of Comey's conversations with the president.

McCabe spent more than 20 years as a career FBI official and played key roles in some of the bureau's most recent significant investigations. Trump repeatedly condemned him over the past year as emblematic of an FBI leadership he contends is biased against his administration.

McCabe had been on leave from the FBI since January, when he abruptly left the deputy director position. He had planned to retire on Sunday, and the dismissal probably jeopardizes his ability to collect his full pension benefits. His removal could add to the turmoil that has enveloped the FBI since Comey's firing and as the FBI continues its Trump campaign investigation that the White House has dismissed as a hoax.

The firing arises from an inspector general review into how the FBI handled the Clinton email investigation. That inquiry focused not only on specific decisions made by FBI leadership but also on news media leaks.

McCabe came under scrutiny over an October 2016 news report that revealed differing approaches within the FBI and Justice Department over how aggressively the Clinton Foundation should be investigated. The watchdog office has concluded that McCabe authorized FBI officials to speak to a Wall Street Journal reporter for that story and that McCabe had not been forthcoming with investigators. McCabe denies it.

BUDGET

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Trump's opposition is alarming northeastern Republicans such as Gateway supporter Peter King, R-N.Y., who lobbied Trump on the project at a St. Patrick's luncheon in the Capitol on Thursday.

The Gateway Project would add an \$11 billion rail tunnel under the Hudson River to complement deteriorating, century-old tunnels that are at risk of closing in a few years. It enjoys bipartisan support among key Appropriations panel negotiators on the omnibus measure who want to get the expensive project on track while their coffers are flush with money.

Most House Republicans voted to kill the funding in a tally last year, however, preferring to see the money spread to a greater number of districts.

"Obviously, if we're doing a huge earmark ... it's troubling," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of House conservatives. "Why would we do that? Schumer's pet project and we pass that under a

Republican-controlled Senate, House and White House?"

Schumer has kept a low profile, avoiding stoking a battle with the unpredictable Trump.

There's also a continuing battle over Trump's long-promised U.S.-Mexico border wall. While Trump traveled to California on Tuesday to inspect prototypes for the wall, what's pending now is \$1.6 billion for earlier designs involving sections in Texas that double as levees and 14 miles of replacement fencing in San Diego.

It appears Democrats may be willing to accept wall funding, but they are battling hard against Trump's demands for big increases for immigration agents and detention beds they fear would enable wide-scale roundups of immigrants illegally living in the U.S.

Meanwhile, a White House trial balloon to trade additional years of wall funding for a temporary reprieve for immigrants brought to the country illegally as children — commonly called "Dreamers" — landed with a thud last week.

Republicans are holding firm against a provision by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., designed to make sure that Planned Parenthood, intensely disliked

by anti-abortion Republicans, receives a lion's share of federal family planning grants.

But another abortion-related provision — backed by House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. — that would strengthen "conscience protection" for health care providers that refuse to provide abortions remained unresolved heading into the final round of talks, though Democrats opposing it have prevailed in the past.

Chances for an effort to attach legislation to permit states to require out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes appear to be fading. And Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., faces strong opposition from Democrats on a change to campaign finance laws to give party committees like the National Republican Senate Committee the freedom to work more closely with their candidates and ease limits to permit them to funnel more money to the most competitive races.

One item that appears likely to catch a ride on the must-pass measure is a package of telecommunications bills, including a measure to free up airwaves for wireless users in anticipation of new 5G technology.

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the secret prison in Thailand until after one detainee, Abu Zubaydah, was waterboarded 83 times in August 2002. But they indicate she arrived before another detainee, Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri, was waterboarded at least three times in November 2002.

Details about the two detainees' treatment were disclosed in a 2014 Senate report. It said the prison was shut down in December 2002.

Even if Haspel was at the prison site for just a few months, Steven Watt, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, said she was deeply involved in the interrogation program. For much of its existence, Haspel was deputy director of the CIA's counterterrorism center that ran the program using "enhanced interrogation techniques."

At least 119 men were detained and interrogated as part of the program, said Watt, who represented two detainees and the family of another in a 2015 lawsuit against a pair of CIA-hired psychologists.

It's unknown if Haspel ever was or currently is a gung-ho proponent of brutal methods, or if she was only implementing orders from CIA headquarters.

Several colleagues and former intelligence officials have come to her defense.

Mike Morell, who was an acting director of the CIA,



CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GINA HASPEL

worked closely with Haspel from 2006 until he retired in 2013. Morell has described her as a "warm and engaging" colleague with a "self-deprecating" sense of humor. She's a "simply exceptional" person who gets things done in a "quiet, yet effective way" and is "calm under fire."

"The media is also likely to refer to a moment in her career when she drafted a cable instructing a field station to destroy videotapes of CIA interrogations of senior al-Qaida operatives," Morell wrote when Haspel became deputy CIA director last year. "She did so at the request of her direct supervisor and believing that it was lawful to do so. I personally led an accountability exercise that cleared Haspel of any wrongdoing in the case."

While some of assignments have come under political fire, "in each case she was following the lawful orders of the president," Morell said. "And, in each case, she carried out her responsibilities within

the bounds of the law and with excellent judgment. Any criticism of her in this regard is unfair."

Psychologist James Mitchell, an architect of the CIA program who worked at the same black site, said Haspel won't filter the intelligence she distributes to Trump through a political lens to please him or jockey for political reward.

"We'd be shooting ourselves in the foot if she's not confirmed," he told Fox News. "She's got deep institutional knowledge. She has worked more than 30 years in the agency. She's earned the right to be there. She can go to work on Day One."

Former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow, who helped Mitchell write a book, said the focus on interrogation obscures the CIA director's wide-ranging portfolio. Instead of re-litigating the past, he said Haspel should be asked about Russia, China and cyber threats and how to improve intelligence collection on America's adversaries.

Ret. Air Force Col. Steven Kleinman, a longtime interrogator with lengthy experience during the first Gulf War, isn't sure. He said he doesn't know Haspel's personal views about the harsh interrogations, but said there's no indication she ever tried to halt them.

"That question has to be asked by the Senate: 'Did you at any time suggest that it be stopped because it's ineffective, immoral or illegal?'" Kleinman said. "I think we all deserve an answer to that."

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, March 18**, the 77th day of 2018. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **March 18, 1963**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.

On this date

In **1959**, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill. (Hawaii became a state on Aug. 21, 1959.)

In **1962**, France and Algerian rebels signed the Evian Accords, a cease-fire agreement which took effect the next day, ending the Algerian War.

In **1965**, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.

In **1974**, most of the Arab oil-producing nations ended their 5-month-old embargo against the United States that had been sparked by American support for Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

In **1980**, Frank Gotti, the 12-year-old youngest son of mobster John Gotti, was struck and killed by a car driven by John Favara, a neighbor in Queens, New York. (The following July, Favara vanished, the apparent victim of a gang hit.)

In **1990**, thieves made off with 13 works of art from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston (the crime remains unsolved).

Today's birthdays

Composer **John Kander** is 91. Country singer **Charley Pride** is 84. Nobel peace laureate and former South African president **F.W. de Klerk** is 82. Actor **Kevin Dobson** is 75. Actor **Brad Dourif** is 68. Jazz musician **Bill Frisell** is 67. Singer **Irene Cara** is 59. Alt-country musician **Karen Grotberg** (The Jayhawks) is 59. Movie writer-director **Luc Besson** is 59. Actor **Geoffrey Owens** is 57. Actor **Thomas Ian Griffith** is 56. TV personality **Mike Rowe** is 56.

Bible verse

"For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

— **II Timothy 1:7**

Be as quick to reject what is not of God as to receive what is from Him. Fear is not from God; therefore, turn up your faith and turn your back on fear. Father, in Jesus' name, we plead his precious blood over every tormenting fear that is dragging us down and holding us back from your best. We praise you.

ODD NEWS

Chicago River dyed green for St. Patrick's Day

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago River has been dyed a bright shade of green, kicking off the city's St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Thousands of people lined the riverfront downtown Chicago on Saturday to see the dyeing, a tradition for the holiday that dates to 1962.

A parade was also scheduled. Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner and many candidates running in Tuesday's primary election were expected to march.

The grand marshal is Alderman Patrick O'Connor. He says it's a chance to celebrate "the hard working Irish men and women" of Chicago.

The Chicago Plumbers Union started the tradition of dyeing the river green, with a material once used to locate leaks in buildings. Organizers say the powder used is a secret recipe and is environmentally safe.

STATE

Florida Gov. Scott signs new budget, uses veto pen sparingly

By GARY FINEOUT ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who came into office nearly eight years ago promising to slash government spending as part of a plan to turn around the state's economy, signed a roughly \$89 billion state budget Friday that is much larger than the one he approved back in 2011.

Scott acted quickly on the annual spending plan that had been approved by the Republican-controlled Florida Legislature just days earlier. Heading into a crucial election year, Scott spared many individual projects from line-item vetoes. Instead, he vetoed a modest \$64 million in projects and spending decisions — the lowest amount he has vetoed during his time in office.

The GOP governor, who is leaving office in early 2019 because of term limits, maintained that his final budget would build on his efforts during his two terms. The budget covers spending from July 2018 to June 2019.

"Today, Florida is strong and I am proud of our hard work over the past seven years to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe," Scott said in his budget-signing letter.

Scott approved a budget that is 29 percent higher than the one he signed his first year, when the Great Recession had hammered Florida's economy

and the governor and legislators responded by ordering deep budget cuts.

But even with this year's increased spending levels, the budget drew an outcry from school superintendents who said it could force districts to cut their budgets in the coming school year.

Although lawmakers boosted overall school funding by more than \$101 per student, most of the new money is tied to a school safety measure signed into law by Scott in the aftermath of the shooting that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The new law includes money for mental health programs and to hire additional school resource officers. School districts aren't allowed to move the money into other areas.

Pasco Superintendent Kurt Browning was among several school leaders from across the state who asked Scott to veto the school funding portion of the budget and order legislators back to town to try again. Browning said in a letter to the governor that although he strongly supported the additional safety money, it had come "at the expense of educating our students."

Democrats — including those seeking to replace Scott — blasted the governor for a budget that they said "shortchanged" schools.

Senate President Joe Negron said he was "content" that legislators had tried to set

aside enough money for education amid what he called "competing interests."

"I think we have done a reasonable job in trying to increase K-12 funding and trying to increase teacher salaries as our economy has recovered," Negron said Friday.

The budget approved by Scott includes \$100 million for Florida Forever, the state's environmental land buying program, which has received minimal money since the Great Recession. Legislators also set aside \$50 million to help deal with the state's opioid crisis and agreed to expand the amount paid to 100,000 college students eligible for the state's popular Bright Futures college scholarship program.

Scott's vetoes touched primarily on projects sprinkled through the budget that he said bypassed the normal process or were local projects. The vetoes included \$1.5 million to study extending an existing toll road from north of the Tampa Bay area to the Georgia state line. Legislators backed the idea because the road could be used for future hurricane evacuations, but Scott said the study could be done without extra money.

The governor also vetoed \$750,000 legislators set aside to look at reversing the flow on major highways during a storm. Scott said the money isn't needed because state officials have already concluded reversing highways is not effective.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

2 small planes crash on airport runway

PALATKA, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say two small planes ran into each other on a Florida airport's runway.

The Florida Times-Union reports that the crash happened Friday morning at Palatka Municipal Airport. The Florida Highway Patrol says no injuries were reported to the three people involved.

The Federal Aviation Administration says a single-engine plane landed and then a second plane landed on top of it. Officials weren't immediately naming the pilots.

Officials say fire drill during shooting walkout was mistake

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Officials at a Florida charter school have acknowledged that it was a mistake to hold a fire drill during a nationwide walkout on the one-month anniversary of the Parkland school shooting.

Alan Black, director of schools for the Lakeland charter network, said in an email to the Ledger that the administrators at McKeel Academy of Technology "deeply regret" the handling of Wednesday morning's walkout.

Administrators had previously said that any students who left class would be punished. Black said the intent of holding the fire drill around the time of the walkout was to allow those students who wished to protest a safe place.

Some students who hadn't planned to join the walkout said they felt forced to take part, while students who were planning to participate felt like their actions were being undermined.

Most other public high schools in Polk County allowed students

to leave class Wednesday for 17 minutes, one for each victim in the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Police: Teen who stabbed 3 had been monitored

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — A Florida teenager accused of fatally stabbing a 13-year-old boy during a fight about his religion during a sleepover had been monitored by federal and other authorities for months, police said.

The teen, 17, was jailed in a juvenile detention center after his arraignment earlier this week on first-degree murder and attempted-murder charges, news outlets reported. Authorities haven't yet said whether he will be charged as an adult. The Associated Press does not generally identify juveniles charged with crimes.

The teen was arrested after police say he fatally stabbed Giovanni Sierra, 13, and wounded Elaine Simon, 43, and her 13-year-old son, Dane Bancroft, at a birthday sleepover. Police say the teen was upset because one of the boys had "made fun" of his Muslim faith by referring to celebrities as gods. Police say the boy told them he had read the Quran before going to the home.

The teen's lawyer did not respond to a voicemail seeking comment.

A Jupiter, Florida, police report said several local law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, had been aware of threats the teen made to a school in England. The report also said he had sympathized with some terror groups, and that local authorities and the FBI had discussed pursuing charges.

The FBI declined comment Friday.

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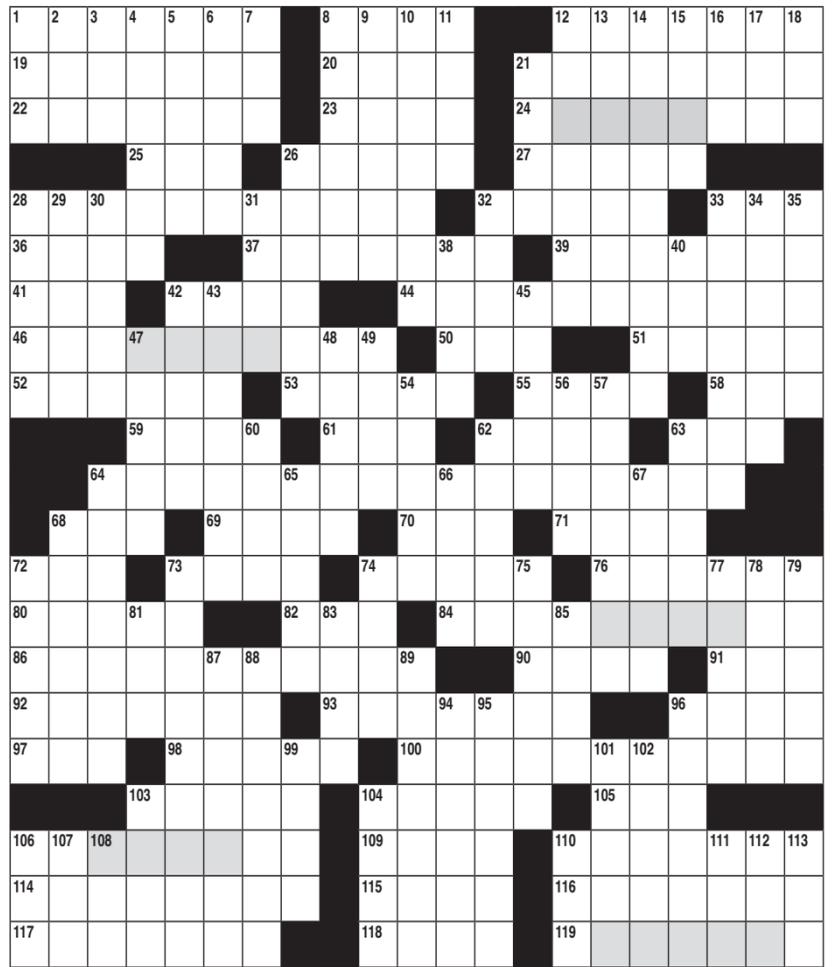
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FOR ANSWERS, TURN TO PAGE 4

Ask the Fool

Shifting Into Reverse

Q What are reverse stock splits? — T.M., Augusta, Georgia

A Imagine you own 100 shares of a stock trading at \$10 per share. With a regular split, such as a 2-for-1, you'd end up with 200 shares of a \$5 stock.

Reverse splits go in the other direction. With a 1-for-10 reverse split, for example, you'd end up with 1 share for each 10 that you owned, and the share price will be multiplied by 10, so you'd have 10 shares, priced around \$100 each. Note that the total value of your shares doesn't change — it's still \$1,000. The company simply increased its stock price by decreasing its number of shares.

Reverse splits are often done to avoid getting delisted from a stock exchange that has minimum stock-price requirements. They can also prop up stock prices so they look less embarrassing. Be wary of companies announcing reverse splits, as they're often in trouble.

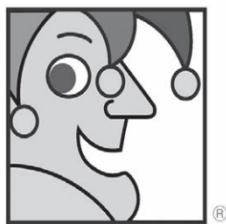
Q I know it's best to invest in stocks for the long term, but how long is that? — B.P., Janesville, Wisconsin

A Aim to hold on to the stocks you buy for at least several, if not many, years.

As long as the company remains healthy and is likely to keep growing at a good clip, and as long as its stock price hasn't gotten way ahead of itself, it's probably best to hang on. Many fortunes have been built by people who stayed invested in solid stocks for decades.

Remember, too, that long-term capital gains are generally taxed at a lower rate than short-term gains. That's another benefit of long-term investing. (For capital gains, "long term" means at least a year and a day.)

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Fool's School

Get Your Kids Investing

Get your kids interested in money and investing while they're still young, and you may set them up for a life of financial security and possibly even early retirement! After all, children have much more of a critical ingredient for wealth building than the rest of us: time. Here are some ways to get them started:

1. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's "Money As You Grow" site at consumerfinance.gov (click on "Consumer Tools") offers activities for kids of all ages. Youngsters can also learn from the Secret Millionaires Club at smckids.com — it offers videos and games and features advice from Warren Buffett and Bill Gates.

2. Maintain a mock portfolio. Have your kids look around their home, school and town, and they'll spot companies such as Apple, Boeing, Disney, Facebook, General Motors, McDonald's, Microsoft, Netflix, Nike, Starbucks and Walmart. Have them list companies that interest them most, with ticker symbols, current stock prices and

today's date. Pretend they've bought a few shares of each, then have them look up and record the latest prices every week or so, calculating their gains or losses. Such short-term stock price movements aren't terribly meaningful, but they can help a child understand how the market works. (You can set up an online portfolio at sites such as finance.yahoo.com/portfolios or elsewhere, which can make tracking their holdings even easier.)

3. Follow companies of interest together, watching them expand internationally, add stores, announce new products or services, compete with rivals, and report quarterly sales and earnings. Explore their websites and annual reports. Watch how news affects stock prices.

4. Eventually, help your kid(s) actually invest. You can open a custodial brokerage account, or you might informally "sell" some of your own shares to your child. Once your child turns 18, she can open her own brokerage account. Teens (and clever preteens) can learn more in our book, "The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens: 8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of," by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, \$16).

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My Dumbest Investment

Missed Millions

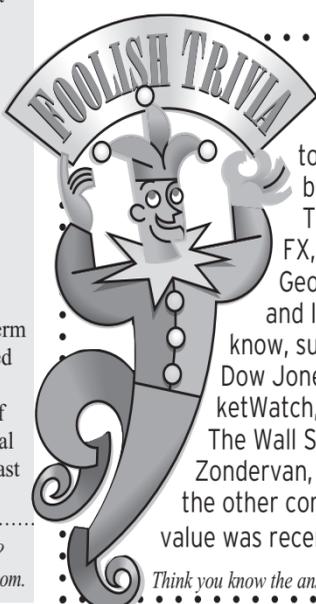
I bought 3,000 shares of Intuitive Surgical for around \$16 apiece, held for several years while it moved sideways and then ultimately sold when it was trading for around \$30 per share. I was tired of waiting for its story to unfold, which was a big mistake. I did make several thousand dollars on the investment, but I could have made so much more. Argh! By the way, at a later point I noticed the Motley Fool recommending the stock, but I didn't buy any because at that time shares were priced at several times more than I had sold mine for. Dumb! — R.B., online

The Fool Responds: Ouch. That investment didn't deliver a loss, but you did lose out on a lot of potential gains. The company, which makes robotic surgical machines, split its shares 3-for-1 back in October. Pre-split, shares were trading above \$1,000 — post-split, they have recently been trading in the low \$400s. If you'd still had your 3,000 shares when the stock was at \$1,000, they would have been worth \$3 million! It's good to find and invest in strong companies with great prospects for continued growth, but you do have to wait for their potential to be realized. Sometimes that can take a while. Remember, too, that terrific companies that grow for many years will often seem overvalued along the way, scaring many away.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

My history goes way, way back. The oldest company in North America, I was chartered in 1670 as a fur-trading business. In 1870, I ceded my vast western territories to the new country of Canada. Today, I'm a global retailing giant, with more than 480 stores ranging from luxury to discount, in various formats, such as department stores. You might know some of my brands: Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue, Saks Off 5th and Gilt. (Stores bearing my own name are well-known in Canada.) I employ more than 66,000 people and have many real estate investments. Who am I? (Answer: Hudson's Bay Co.)

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Name That Company

In 1954, my current chairman took over an Australian company and built a media empire that launched TV channels such as FOX News, FX, Fox Sports Network and National Geographic. It was split in two in 2013, and I got many enterprises you may know, such as The Australian, Barron's, Dow Jones, Harlequin, HarperCollins, MarketWatch, The New York Post, The Times, The Wall Street Journal, William Morrow and Zondervan, among others. (Fox News went to the other company, 21st Century Fox.) My market value was recently near \$9 billion. Who am I?

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

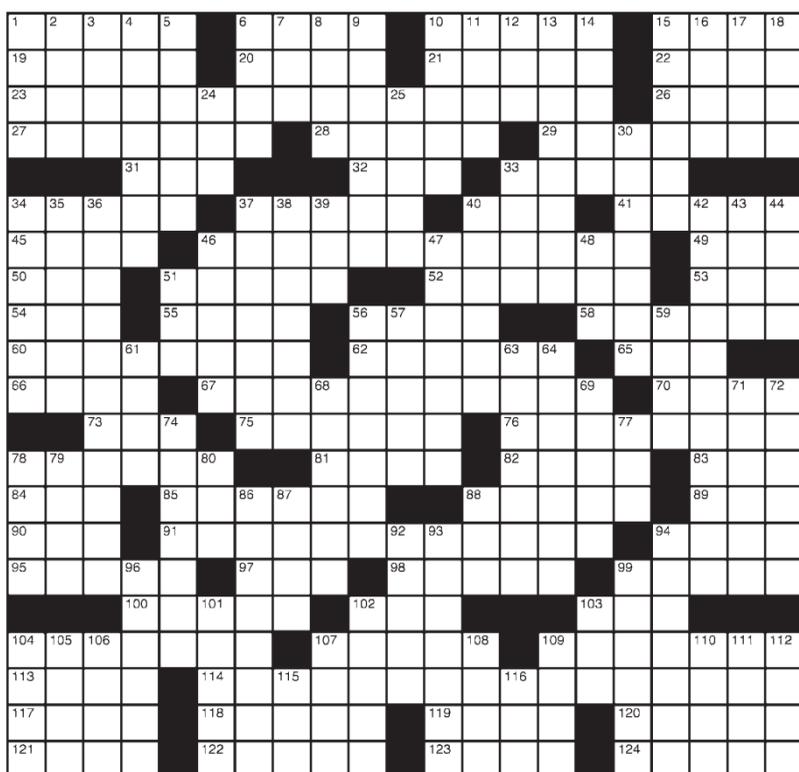
PT EXERCISE

By Matt McKinley

- ACROSS 1 Peaks 6 Two-letter pop group 10 Prepares potatoes, in a way 15 Card in a wallet 19 Zagreb native 20 Vanishing sound 21 Seating option 22 It gives you the big picture 23 Most highly regarded seasoning? 26 Side 27 Call for icing, maybe 28 Author Binchy 29 Limo amenity 31 Literally, "shady side" 32 Like two Beethoven piano sonatas 33 Groom on a 1952 life cover 34 B, in a sandwich 37 Bridget Riley's "Movement in Squares," e.g. 40 23rd of 24 41 Gets more friendly, with "up" 45 ___ collar 46 Brusque orchestral violinists? 49 Alley in comics 50 Soft shoe 51 Portends 52 Bush boss 53 Singer DiFranco 54 Card game shout 55 "Trinity" novelist 56 "___ Not There": Zombies hit 58 Child with a sponsor, maybe 60 Homer's "Northeaster," for one 62 Wall covers 65 Quick quality 66 Italian noble family 67 Actress Helen with her personal programmer? 70 One of a program dozen 73 Big-eyed bird 75 "Tristram Shandy" author 76 Bag by the barbecue 78 Lit 81 Honey beverage 82 "Hamilton" award 83 97-Across output 84 Holiday drink 85 Knockoff hr. 88 Glittery rock 89 Logician's letters 90 Granite St. campus 91 Kids responsible for breakfast bread? 94 Town 95 Low choristers 97 See 83-Across 98 Golf bag set 99 "Not a chance!" 100 Pie nut 102 Kiss at the mall, briefly 103 Security briefing org. 104 Lunch with fish 107 Large crosses 109 Head honcho, e.g. 113 Finished 114 Well-ventilated chef's hat? 117 It's often stained 118 Language that gives us "kayak" 119 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author 120 Old Eurasian rulers 121 Wine adjective 122 Ideal areas 123 Letters before Q? 124 Limited-choice, as a question DOWN 1 John follower 2 Sticking point? 3 Extra 4 Near the start 5 Yalta Conference notable 6 Informal pricing words 7 ___ vivant 8 High time 9 ___ de coeur: amorous relationship 10 Forgo 11 Put on 12 Musician's suffix 13 Pipes and such 14 Welcome 15 Former "Today" co-host 16 Source of film trivia 17 Complex story 18 Lumberyard supplier 24 Staple ___ 25 Doesn't hold back 30 Ski resort refreshment? 33 It borders three oceans 34 Mystify 35 Does penance (for) 36 Chocolate-loving gang? 37 Rex in the classics 38 It may be given with a bow 39 Saddlebag carrier 40 Radio tuning shortcut 42 Measurement for meat rotating on a spit? 43 Like many Bing Crosby records 44 Slant 46 Sacred scroll 47 Got hot online 48 Joke 51 Florida NFLer 56 Words often about details 57 Yogi Bear co-creator 59 CD part 61 Bastes, say 63 Talking point? 64 Educates 68 Lures 69 Straights and flushes 71 Place to grab a bite 72 Promise 74 Randy Johnson and Aroldis Chapman 77 Deli choice 78 Oscar ___ 79 O'Neill's daughter 80 Giuseppe's god 86 Wanderer 87 80%-Disney-owned channel 88 Nats pitcher González 92 Done with 93 Slow and steady 94 Just barely, at the track 96 Animated 99 Powerful 101 Adorable one 102 "Dead ___ Society": 1989 film 103 Half-___: coffee order 104 Stink 105 Middle eye layer 106 Part of the woods? 107 Really mess up 108 Hit hard 109 Shed 110 Start of a sad tale 111 Bird related to the noddy 112 Brand that's a homophone of its company's initials 115 N.Y. neighbor 116 Where some pounds are spent: Abbr.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

GOOD LUCK

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH ♠ A 10 4 ♥ 8 5 ♦ 9 7 4 3 ♣ A 4 3 2

WEST ♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ J 2 ♦ 8 5 ♣ K 10 9 6 5

EAST ♠ J 6 5 3 ♥ 10 9 4 3 ♦ K 6 2 ♣ Q J

SOUTH ♠ Q 2 ♥ A K Q 7 6 ♦ A Q J 10 ♣ 8 7

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. Rows show bidding sequence: 1♥ Pass INT Pass, 3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass, 4♥ Pass 4♠ Pass, 5♦ Pass 6♦ All pass.

Opening lead: Eight of ♦

Today's deal is from a tournament in Australia earlier this year. North-South climbed boldly into slam on a deal where all three of the possible game contracts would need a bit of luck to come home.

South won the opening trump lead with his queen when East played low. Declarer cashed the ace and king of

hearts before ruffing a heart in dummy. This would have cost nothing had the hearts split 3-3 and it gave South an entry to dummy to take the trump finesse without using either one of dummy's aces. South took the diamond finesse, cashed the ace, drawing trumps, and then cashed all of his remaining red suit tricks.

In the four-card ending, all four hands were down to two spades and two clubs. South cashed the ace of clubs and exited with dummy's remaining club. West won with the king and was forced to lead away from the king of spades to give South his twelfth trick. Had West unblocked his king of clubs earlier, so that East could win the club and lead a spade, the resulting spade guess would have been an easy one. West wouldn't have defended so desperately unless he held the king of spades. Nicely played!

Note that declarer can achieve the same ending after a club lead or a heart lead. The defense might have succeeded had West kept three clubs and the singleton king of spades in the end position. We'll never know.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper. Please send your e-mail responses to tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS LOVE IN THE BACK YARD by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

- NOTIFY WAGGLE INDOOR DIVERT HARDER NORMAL

There was nothing special about the boulevard's new median. It was just —

MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD

- 1. A cabbage plant says to his cute kale neighbor, "you make my heart skip a beet!" 2. Two fruits were happy and blended together well. "I'm so grapeful to be have you!" One murmured lovingly. 3. What did the wonderful, loving apple say to the fabulous banana? : "I find you very appealing!" 4. Two fine vegetables were getting along great. One went bright red and mushy and said: "I love you from my head tomatoes."

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

Your best — that's all you can do, and it's always going to be enough. Note that your best is going to be something different from moment to moment. The Aries moon suggests that your best will be in a sweet spot between the lazy way and the way of desperately trying to do too much. (Both of those extremes serve no one.)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Knowledge is the bread of life, and taking action is the meaty part of the sandwich. But constant action will be the thing that makes a difference. No one can live long off one sandwich.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The change you desire is coming, though not immediately. Don't worry about the schedule. Every time you practice moving toward the goodness of life, you create momentum in that direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't let the obstacles get in the way of what you want to do. If you can't figure out how to conquer or control them, there is great power in ignoring them. Eventually, the troubles will fall away all by themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Water transports nutrients and chemical messages to the vital organs. Being even 2 cups dehydrated can cause a mood swing in a negative direction. Stay happy. Stay hydrated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't be afraid to try new things. Whatever you get into today, there will be a way out. It may be about going back. It may be about climbing up. But more than likely, the way out is through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To be alive is different from feeling alive. You notice the difference particularly when you're around a certain person. That quickening — there's nothing quite like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You didn't get yourself into this position, but you're still the one who has to get yourself out of it. Buddha said, "No one saves us but ourselves. No one can, and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It turns out the small things that make life great — enjoying the sun, breathing fresh, sweet air, a touch — are not small things after all. Ask anyone who can't do them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dare to leave your safety zone at least once a day. It doesn't have to be a big gesture. Just enough to trigger your fear will do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the pressure builds and you start feeling anxious — some days, that would be a sign to press on through. Not this time. Take a break!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People experience their own state of mind for their own reasons. You may be caught in the emotional weather of this, but don't take it any more personally than you would an actual rainstorm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Here's a way to avoid worrying about where to take a relationship next. At some point in your interaction, lay down the groundwork for your next interaction, whatever you want that to be. Envision it, and act on that picture.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). Life's process is working. You trust it, and you are steadily growing into who you want to be. The victory in May will be hard-won (and that's the only kind worth anything). In August, you've an opportunity to turn a potential misfortune into a future fortune. Someone special helps you further develop your talent in September. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 7, 39 and 45.

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. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- | CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 response meaning "got it" (5) | _____ |
| 2 fragrant Asian rice (7) | _____ |
| 3 landlocked African country (4) | _____ |
| 4 dish with poached eggs (8) | _____ |
| 5 line of hills (6) | _____ |
| 6 extremely direct (5) | _____ |
| 7 great contentment (8) | _____ |

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JAS	LI	TY	NE	ANK

Today's Answers: 1. ROGER 2. JASMINE 3. CHAD 4. BENEDICT 5. SIERRA 6. FRANK 7. FELICITY
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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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Solution to 3/18/18

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DEAR ABBY

Disabled wife is overwhelmed by husband's hoarding, messy habits

DEAR ABBY: I'm a disabled middle-aged woman, married for 15 years. From the beginning, there was never much passion between my husband and me, but we're friends. I'm now becoming less able to go out and do things, and I will eventually be wheelchair-bound. I want to leave him so he can find someone who is able to do things with him.



Dear Abby

I actually did it at one point. I moved into a cheap mobile home, but he sold the house and followed me. He's a loving husband, but he is messy. I exhaust myself picking up after him, and two months after moving into another house, the entire garage and basement cannot be walked through.

I really think what I want is to live alone in a simple, clean apartment. He — and others — tell me I need him and I'm nuts to live alone on Social Security when I could stay in this nice house. I'm just so tired all the time, and cleaning up after him is torture physically. Should I stay or should I go? — EXHAUSTED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR EXHAUSTED:

Although you didn't say it directly, your messy husband may be a hoarder.

If that's the case, whether you stay or live elsewhere may depend upon his getting help for it — not to mention getting the garage and basement cleared out.

Obviously, your husband loves you or he wouldn't have followed you when you moved into the mobile home.

Do not divorce him because you feel guilty about not being well. He may need you as much as you need him. If picking up after him is too tiring, then it may be time to get someone in periodically to clean.

DEAR ABBY: My husband passed away last year after a six-year struggle with

Alzheimer's. It was a long and heartbreaking time for me. I have two sons, but they don't live close. I see them and their families only a few times a year.

I have pretty much been alone since my husband's diagnosis. I have friends — all couples — but going out with them isn't comfortable. It's a very lonely life.

I recently met a nice man who is divorced with no children. He has asked me to dinner. My problem is that he is 20 years younger. He says age doesn't matter to him, but I don't want to look like an old fool. (I'm 84.)

We communicate by phone or email. I have not told anyone about this.

We have so much in common — we like the same foods, same kind of music and other things. I have always taken care of myself, and no one can believe my age.

I'm not looking for marriage, but it would be nice to have someone to have dinner with, and good conversation. I love to play golf, and so does he. Am I foolish? — LONG TIME LONELY

DEAR LONG TIME LONELY:

No. Unless you have a "sell by" date stamped on your forehead, you should not preoccupy yourself with the difference in your ages. You say you aren't looking for marriage, so why not have an enjoyable time and see if a relationship evolves? You will have a happier life once you stop worrying about what other people may — or may not — think.

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HELOISE

Dear Readers: It can be a time-consuming and messy task to get nuts out of their shells. Use these hints to make it easier.

Pecans: Cover them with boiling water and let the nuts stand until the water is cold.

Walnuts: Soak overnight in a bowl of salted water.

Chestnuts: Make a tiny gash on the flat side of the nuts to pierce the outer skin.

Roast in an oven at 400 degrees until the skins loosen.

Once shelled, store nuts in an airtight container in a cool place.

They can be refrigerated for four months and frozen for eight months. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: We just bought a house with a chandelier in the dining room. How can I clean it? — Anne from Oregon



Hints from Heloise

Dear Anne: If the chandelier has hanging crystals, it can seem like a daunting task to clean and remove dust and dirt.

Try this to make your chandelier sparkle again:

1. Shut off the chandelier and let it cool completely.

2. Put a plastic tablecloth or a sheet under the chandelier to contain drips. Use a sturdy ladder, if needed.

3. Put on clean cotton gloves and then spray glass cleaner on one glove and keep the other dry. Wipe the dirty crystal with the dampened

glove and wipe dry with the other one. Repeat this with the cooled bulbs as well.

4. DO NOT spray cleaner directly onto the chandelier because it could corrode the metal parts.

5. NEVER TURN OR ROTATE the chandelier while you are cleaning it because the wiring could become damaged, and you might get an electrical shock. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have a family member who is about to celebrate a big birthday.

Do you have an idea for a really spectacular cake that I can make for this special event? — Bethany from South Carolina

Dear Bethany: Yes, I do! You can make a dazzling, tower-shaped pastry confection for a memorable family celebration.

Buy several bags of small cream puffs filled with pastry cream, or you can make them. Select a large, round platter and pile up the cream puffs into a tall pyramid shape. Drizzle chocolate over the cream puffs. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or glittery, edible pieces. Tuck mint leaves or little flowers in between the puffs. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Burned popcorn leaves a horrible smell in the microwave. To remove it, fill a microwave-safe bowl with one cup of water. Sprinkle your favorite spice, like cinnamon, in the bowl or add a couple of drops of vanilla or lemon extract. Heat the water until it comes to a boil. Let this sit inside the microwave for 10 to 15 minutes to cool down. Wipe the walls with paper towels. Then open the door to let the microwave air out. — Heloise

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Russian voters pressured as Putin eyes re-election

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA and ANGELA CHARLTON
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YEKATERINBURG, Russia — Vladimir Putin's victory in Russia's presidential election Sunday isn't in doubt. The only real question is whether voters will turn out in big enough numbers to hand him a convincing mandate for his fourth term — and many Russian workers are facing intense pressure to do so.

Yevgeny Roizman, the mayor of Russia's fourth-largest city Yekaterinburg, said in a recent video blog that local officials and state employees have all received orders "from higher up" to make sure that the presidential vote turnout is over 60 percent.

"They are using everything: schools, kindergartens, hospitals — the battle for the turnout is unprecedented," said Roizman, one of the rare opposition politicians to hold a significant elected office.

A doctor at one of the city's hospitals told The Associated Press how one kind of pressure works.

The doctor, who gave her name only as Yekaterina because of fears about repercussions, said she and her co-workers were told to fill out forms detailing not only where they would cast their ballots, but giving the names and details of two "allies" whom they promise to persuade to go

vote.

"It's not something you can argue about," she said at a cafe Saturday. "People were indignant at first, said 'They're violating our rights' ... but what can you do?"

Yekaterina said she isn't sure what she'll do with her ballot, musing that "maybe I'll just write 'Putin is a moron.'" But she clearly understands that not showing up at the polling place Sunday will not only endanger her job but will reflect badly on her boss, whom she likes.

The Russian doctor said she wouldn't go to vote if she wasn't forced to.

"What's the point? We already know the outcome. This is just a circus show," she said.

The eight presidential candidates were barred from campaigning Saturday, but the message to voters was clear from billboards celebrating Russian greatness — a big theme of Putin's leadership — and Kremlin-friendly media coverage.

Putin urged Russians on Friday to "use their right to choose the future for the great Russia that we all love." He warned that failure to cast a ballot would mean that "this decisive choice will be made without your opinion taken into account."

While Putin has seven challengers on the ballot, none is a real threat. The last time he faced voters in 2012, he faced a serious opposition movement, but since then he has



ANATOLY MALTSEV/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin gestures while speaking to employees of the Almazov National Medical Center in St. Petersburg, Russia, Friday.

boosted his popularity thanks to Russian actions in Ukraine and Syria.

More than 1,500 international observers are joining thousands of Russian observers to watch the vote. The government wants to ensure that this election is clean after ballot stuffing and fraud marred the last presidential election in 2012.

This time the outcome is so certain that authorities are investing in massive get-out-the-vote efforts to ensure a decent turnout that would embolden Putin domestically and internationally.

A Russian election monitoring group said Saturday it has registered an "alarming" rise in recent days in complaints that employers are forcing or pressuring workers to vote.

Grigory Melkonyants,

co-chair of the independent Golos center, told the AP on Saturday the group has also recorded smaller complaints, such as gimmicks like discounted potatoes for people who vote, or schools holding special performances on Election Day to lure parents to an onsite voting station.

He said his own group has come under increasing pressure as the election approached, and warned that independent observers may be targeted by some kind of "attack" on voting day. He didn't elaborate.

As U.S. authorities investigate alleged Russian interference in President Donald Trump's 2016 election, Moscow has warned of possible meddling in the Russian vote.

Turnout-boosting

efforts have been the most visible feature of the campaign — and all come from taxpayers' pockets. In Moscow alone, authorities are spending 50 million rubles (\$870,000) on balloons and festive decorations at polling stations.

In Moscow, first-time voters will be given free tickets for pop concerts featuring some of Russia's most popular artists who have campaigned for Putin. For older voters, Moscow health authorities will be offering free cancer screenings at selected polling stations.

In the southern city of Tambov, the state-sponsored Youth Parliament has backed an Instagram competition. Voters who take selfies at polling stations and post them under the designated hashtag will be able to enter a raffle for high-end electronics, including an iPhoneX.

Election observers and local media have reported threats and coercion of voters to re-register at their place of work and report later that they have voted.

Ella Pamfilova, chairwoman of the Central Election Commission who was appointed to clean up Russia's electoral system, vowed to respond to complaints about being coerced to vote.

"Leave people alone," Pamfilova said at a recent session of the commission. "No manager has the right to tell them where to

vote."

Voters in Russia's Perm region said they were coming under pressure from their employers to vote Sunday — and to prove it. Messages were sent Friday to regional employees, warning that information about their voting habits would be submitted to management.

Putin has traveled across Russia, pledging to raise wages, pour more funds into the country's crumbling health care and education and to modernize dilapidated infrastructure.

The presidential vote is set on the anniversary of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. Polls show that most Russians continue to see the takeover of that Black Sea peninsula as a major achievement despite subsequent Western sanctions.

Among Putin's challengers is Ksenia Sobchak, a 36-year-old TV host who has campaigned on a liberal platform and criticized Putin's policies. Some see Sobchak, the daughter of Putin's one-time patron, as a Kremlin project intended to add a democratic veneer to the vote and help split the ranks of Kremlin critics.

Putin's main foe, opposition leader Alexei Navalny, was barred from the race because of a criminal conviction widely seen as politically motivated. Navalny has called for a boycott of the vote.



AP PHOTO

A coast guard vessel arrives with the bodies of migrants at the port of Pythagorio on the eastern Greek island of Samos, Saturday.

Greece: 16 migrants die as smuggling boat sinks in Aegean

By ELENA BECATOROS and DEMETRIS NELLAS
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ATHENS, Greece — A smuggling boat sank Saturday off a Greek island, killing at least 16 migrants including children, and a search-and-rescue operation was underway to find two others believed missing.

The wooden boat was believed to have been carrying around 21 people when it sank for reasons that were not immediately clear off the coast of the eastern Aegean island of Agathonisi, the Greek coast guard said. Three people — two women and one man — managed to swim to the island and alert authorities.

A massive search operation involving aircraft, the Greek navy and coast guard and a vessel from the European border agency Frontex was underway.

A coast guard spokeswoman said the

recovered bodies had not been identified yet and they included six children.

Despite a two-year deal between the European Union and Turkey designed to stop migrants and refugees from pouring into Europe from the Turkish coast to nearby Greek islands, dozens and sometimes hundreds of people still make the journey each week. Most cross in rickety inflatable boats or other unseaworthy vessels.

The U.N. Refugee Agency released a statement saying it is "deeply saddened" at the sinking.

"Some 4,000 people, mainly women and children from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, have arrived by sea to Greece so far this year. Today's tragic incident is the first shipwreck in the Aegean of 2018, but some 500 refugees and migrants lost their lives or went missing in the Greek Aegean Sea over the past two years," it said.

The U.N. refugee agency said "renewed efforts are needed to combat smuggling and trafficking and to strengthen safe alternatives to the perilous sea journeys."

Also Saturday, demonstrators marched through central Athens protesting the EU-Turkey migrant deal, whose second anniversary falls Sunday. About 2,000 protesters ended the march outside EU offices, decrying Europe's closed borders, but Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Turkey's military incursion into Syria.

"The latest tragedy at Agathonisi underlines in the worst and saddest way that human life cannot depend on the interests of smugglers, nor on the 'policies' of states," Greek Migration Minister Dimitris Vitsas said.

He said the solution to the problem is providing safe procedures for refugees and migrants while also cracking down on smuggling rings.

Sweden, North Korea end 3 days of talks on security issues

By JAN M. OLSEN and DAVID KEYTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's foreign minister concluded three days of talks Saturday with her North Korean counterpart, saying they discussed the "opportunities and challenges for continued diplomatic efforts to reach a peaceful solution" to the Koreas' security dispute.

Minister Margot Wallstrom stopped short of saying whether North Korean Ri Yong Ho's trip to Sweden had led to any further developments concerning a possible meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"The main focus for the talks was the security situation on the Korean Peninsula," Wallstrom said. The pair met Saturday at the Foreign Ministry in Stockholm as scores of reporters waited outside in sub-zero temperatures.

"In addition, the humanitarian situation in North Korea was discussed, sanctions and regional cooperation and security issues for, for example, South Korea, Japan, Russia, China and the United States," she added, without elaborating.

Ri, who has not made any public comments in Sweden, also briefly met with Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven on Friday.

Sweden has had diplomatic relations with North Korea since 1973 and is one of few



VILHELM STOKSTAD /TT VIA AP

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong Ho, second right, leaves the Swedish government building Rosenbad in central Stockholm, Sweden, Friday.

Western countries with an embassy in Pyongyang. It provides consular services for the United States in North Korea.

The Scandinavian country has been rumored as a possible site for the U.S.-North Korea summit, though a truce village on the South Korean side of the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas is seen as more likely.

Trump has agreed to meet Kim by May. So far, North Korea has yet to comment publicly on what it hopes to gain from the talks.

Senior South Korean officials who traveled to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang this month and met with Kim say he is willing to discuss the North's nuclear weapons program.

That could suggest a potential breakthrough, or a fallback to the North's longstanding position that it's willing to get rid of its nuclear

weapons if the U.S. guarantees its safety.

In the past, that has meant Washington would have to withdraw all of its troops from South Korea, a condition no U.S. president has been willing to consider.

On Friday, Ri also visited the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute for an off-the-record meeting on the situation in the Korean Peninsula and northeast Asia.

The independent agency listed North Korea as having 10 to 20 warheads including "operational warheads held in storage and retired warheads awaiting dismantlement."

Finland's STT news agency said North Korean representatives will be conducting negotiations tomorrow at the Japanese Embassy in Helsinki, adding no American officials would be involved in the low-level meeting.



Beautiful Lake Jackson at your doorstep

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2871 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$595,000 and is listed with Maureen Cool with RE/MAX Realty Plus.

Located on beautiful Lake Jackson in the heart of Sebring, this unique mid-century style pool home has five bedrooms, three baths and overlooks the popular 3,200-acre lake. Lake Jackson is a clean, clear, sand bottom lake and every room of the home offers stunning views.

The home is situated on almost an acre with 90 feet of lakefront, providing maximum enjoyment of wildlife, aquatic activities and privacy in a serene setting under stately old moss draped oak trees.

Entering the home, you will immediately notice the versatile open living floor plan with high ceilings of tongue and groove wood and beams. From the foyer glance across the dining room to the living room and a wall of windows for a picture-perfect lake view. The dining room is to the right and a half

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DIRECTIONS

2871 Lakeview Drive, Sebring

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



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Lake June lakefront beauty

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This home is at 1018 Lake June Road in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$435,000 and is listed with Carol S. Edwards with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

This magnificent, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home is located in prestigious Quail Cove on Lake June. This home was custom built in 2005 with great thought and detail. With just under 3,000 living square feet and 10-foot ceilings throughout, there is plenty of room for family gatherings and entertaining.

Custom cabinets, arched doorways with pillars, rounded walls, beautiful lighting and windows are some of the extra details that were put into the design of this home, making it unique.

The first thing that will catch your eye as you enter this home is the open split floor plan with cathedral ceilings. The huge gourmet kitchen with custom wood cabinets and solid surface counter tops

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1018 Lake June Road, Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto Lake June Road. The home is on the left.



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Vacation paradise pool home

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This home is at 7078 Stafford Oaks Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$325,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

Walking into this home makes you feel like you are on vacation everyday! It has a sparkling pool with panoramic views right on the golf course.

The home has soaring ceilings with a triple tray and enhanced with crown molding and large glass pocket sliders. The home features more than 2,400 living air-conditioned square feet and a total of 3,980 square feet under roof. It was built in 2006 and has a brand new roof and new pool cage.

When you walk into the home you are greeted by the grand foyer with tray ceilings and upgraded lighting. The open floor plan is perfect for everyday family living and entertaining. The large living room has glass sliders leading out to the

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wall separates it from the living room, allowing lake views from every vantage point.

Double French doors open to the family room with a smoothly flowing floor plan when entertaining. The current owners have entertained comfortably inside with over 75 guests.

The circular flowing floor plan leads from the family room to the living room and kitchen. The remodeled kitchen is the heart of this home. It is separated from the living room with a large island.

The kitchen will meet any gourmets wish list. The cabinets are beautiful cherry wood and the counter tops are a rich granite. Several of the cabinets have glass front doors for displaying treasures. In addition, the original kitchen is used as a large butler's pantry.

Extend your living space outdoors by stepping outside the kitchen door to patio areas surrounding a large in-ground pool overlooking the lake. This outdoor space includes an outside shower and sink along with a pad with a 50-amp



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is located on beautiful Lake Jackson in the heart of Sebring and has a dock and covered boat slip complete with an electric lift.

service for a hot tub.

This home has two master suites. Upstairs has two bedrooms and a bath, which is currently used as a private master suite while the second bedroom has been converted to a large walk-in closet and dressing area. The second floor can be converted back to two bedrooms.

Imagine the stunning sunrises and more great lake views from the second-story suite. A door leads to the full length wrought iron balcony overlooking the backyard, pool and lake.

Downstairs has three bedrooms and a hall/guest full bath. The lakeside bedroom has

a private bath and can serve as a downstairs master suite if desired. The front bedroom has lots of windows overlooking the front yard's lush tropical landscape and has a partial lake view.

A long circular driveway leads from the street to the front of the home. The home has a traditional Florida attached double carport for convenience plus a detached two-car garage.

Other outside amenities include a dock and covered boat slip complete with an electric lift. An additional detached bonus building for storing lawn and recreational equipment is on the property; it can also be

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The backyard is completely fenced. The home is on city water but has a well for the irrigation system. Other improvements and updates to the home include a freshly painted exterior and newer double paned windows. There is a 5kw solar system and solar hot water system for lower electric bills.

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Lake Jackson has a continuous 10-mile sidewalk for walking or jogging and a bike path for cyclists.

Lake Jackson is approximately two hours to most South Florida locations. Enjoy this home as

a weekend retreat or for year-round living.

For more information or to see the home, call or text Cool at 863 873-7243. More photos and information are available at TheCoolTeam.com.

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pool area. An enclosed office off of the 13 by 11 living room and could be a fourth bedroom, if needed. The formal dining room is just off the front foyer.

Step into the updated and upgraded kitchen that has tri-level antique white cabinets, a pantry with pull-out shelves and solid surface counter tops that are neutral in color. The kitchenette is larger than most and is enhanced with a fish-eye window. The kitchen has easy access to the patio's covered area with a glass slider leading out to the summer kitchen area. It is the perfect place to unwind, entertain or just enjoy outdoor Florida living at its finest.

The owner's suite is spacious and private. The master bedroom is 13 by 17 with glass sliders leading out to the pool and his-and-hers closets. The master bath has a walk-in shower and deep garden soaker tub with two vanities and a water closet.

There are two additional guest bedrooms and two bathrooms, one that also shares with the pool. These bedrooms are on the other side of the home and lend privacy to the owner's suite.

The pool cage is brand new and has the best design for outdoor living. The pool measures 15 by 30 and the pool deck area has extra concrete for sunbathing. An additional open-air brick paver patio off of the pool is perfect for backyard barbecues.

The garage is oversized at 21 by 26 and has a



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The open floor plan is perfect for family living and entertaining. The large living room has glass sliders leading out to the pool area.

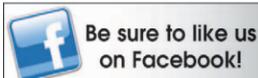
separate entrance for golf carts. The access to the home is through the indoor laundry room, which features extra storage space and wash tub.

The Country Club of Sebring is a desirable location. It has a large community pool for all to share and a playground for children.

The pro shop is close and so is the restaurant. The golf course was designed by Ron Garl

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includes a huge wrap around bar and breakfast nook with aquarium bay window. The window offers a panoramic view of the back yard and lake. The kitchen is open into the living room.

The open floor plan offers a large living room with a stacked stone gas fireplace, tray ceiling and a lot of natural lighting and a large formal dining room.

The large master suite offers his-and-her walk-in closets and a tray ceiling. The room has sliding glass doors that lead onto the beautiful screened lanai, located at the back of the home. The large

master bath looks like a spa with his-and-her separate vanities, garden tub, walk-in shower and palladium window.

The guest bedrooms are oversized with guest and vanity baths. The laundry room offers a counter top and extra cabinets for storage.

The huge 11 by 41 wrap around screened lanai can be accessed from the living room via oversized pocket sliding doors. The lanai offers lots of light and beautiful breezes.

The two-car garage includes a separate side door into the garage for a golf cart.

An extended dock leads to a private 10 by 20 dock. Nature abounds on the lighted catwalk and walkway. Fish or just

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Lovely mature landscaping on this oversized lot provides privacy and tranquility. This home was built to be completely handicap friendly with no expense or convenience spared.

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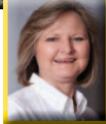
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Can you depend on a rate lock?

A rate lock is a commitment by a mortgage lender to lend a stated amount to a specified borrower posting a specified property as collateral, at a stipulated interest rate and points. An important proviso is that the loan must be closed within a specified "lock period," which is usually 15 to 60 days. The lock protects the applicant against the possibility of a rise in market rates during the lock period that could make the mortgage unaffordable. With interest rates inching upward, questions about the reliability of locks will arise with increasing frequency in the months ahead.

Property appraisals as a lock disrupter

The price of a mortgage usually varies with the ratio of loan amount to property value. Since the price is often locked before the property has been appraised, the value

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used will be the sale price if it is a purchase transaction, or the owner's estimate of value if it is a refinance. If the appraisal then comes in at an amount that is materially lower or higher than the value used in setting the lock price, it may invalidate the lock. This recent letter illustrates the problem.

"I am refinancing my mortgage and locked at 4 percent with \$1,700 in total closing costs. But the appraisal came in at \$411,000 instead of the \$422,000 I had estimated, on the basis of which the rate was raised to 4.125 percent. Is this justified, or am I being taken advantage of?"

On the face of it, the answer to this borrower's question was not obvious. The lower appraisal raised the ratio of loan amount to property value, which gave the lender an excuse for raising the rate. A closer look, however,

reveals that the rationale was spurious because the low appraisal did not move the transaction into a new price category. The initial price based on an 88 percent ratio, and the new price based on a 90 percent ratio should have been the same because both fell in the 85.1 to 90.0 pricing category that is universally used in the marketplace.

While the borrower in this case was certainly taken advantage of, more borrowers are exploited by appraisals that come in higher than the previous estimate. If the appraisal in the example had come in at \$436,000 instead of \$422,000, the loan-to-value ratio would have been 84.8, dropping it into the 80.1 to 85.0 pricing category, which should result in a lower price. Had this happened, the lender could have cheated by doing nothing, which is a temptation that is very hard to resist. To avoid this possibility, consumers estimating property value should err

on the high side.

Note that if borrowers rather than lenders ordered appraisals, they would do it before seeking a loan, so they would not have to guess the property value in shopping lenders or in negotiating a rate lock. The potential disruption caused by appraisals arriving late on the scene is just one of the costs of the dysfunctional practice of placing control of property appraisals with the lender rather than with the borrowers who pay for them.

Lock expiration as a disrupter

Probably the most important source of lock disruption is a failure to get the loan closed within the lock period. Such failure usually means that important information bearing on the acceptability of the property or the borrower was not received in time. Lenders will extend the lock without charge if they are

responsible for the delay, but in most cases the applicant is held responsible and the lender's lock commitment expires. If the lock expires, any new lock will be at the prices prevailing at that time.

The applicant is presumed to be responsible for the failure to close on time because documenting the acceptability of the applicant's finances and property is the responsibility of the applicant. When the loan application and supporting documents emerge from the office of the underwriter who has examined them, it is either approved, which makes it ready to close, or it may be approved subject to the provision of additional documents. The list of required documents is provided to the applicant.

The lender may be responsible for failure to close on time by taking too long to process and underwrite the loan, or by failing to identify missing information in a

timely matter so that the borrower can provide it within the lock period.

Needless to say, responsibility for failure to close can be a contentious issue. For that reason, the lenders who offer mortgages through my website agree to accept my judgment as ombudsman if a disagreement arises on responsibility for a failure to close on time. I have delegated the function to my colleague Jack Pritchard, who was a mortgage banker for many years and knows all the tricks of the trade. Jack has adjudicated numerous disputes connected to lapsed locks.

Loan applicants with or without access to an ombudsman are advised to keep a log showing the date on which they provided each of the documents requested by the underwriter.

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Long-term US mortgage rates fall for first time this year

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates fell this week for the first time this year as the spring home buying season begins. The decline comes after nine straight weeks of increases that pushed borrowing costs higher.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages slipped to 4.44 percent from 4.46 percent last week. The new average rate

remains at a high level, however, raising concern that home sales could be dampened. The benchmark rate averaged 4.30 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans declined to 3.90 percent from 3.94 percent last week.

Mortgage rates rose steadily in January, February and early March, as interest rates generally increased in

response to higher levels of government debt and expectations of rising inflation.

In addition to higher mortgage rates, home affordability also has been affected by increases in average home prices that have eclipsed wage growth. And the number of homes for sale has been shrinking.

The government reported Tuesday that consumer prices increased

at a modest pace in February, indicating that inflation pressures may be easing. Overall consumer prices rose 2.2 percent in February from a year earlier.

The report spurred a decline in the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note, which is closely tracked by mortgage rates. The yield stood at

2.82 percent Thursday, compared with 2.46 percent at the start of the year.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most

borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. The fees on 30-year and 15-year fixed-rate loans were 0.5 percent, unchanged from last week.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 3.67 percent from 3.63 percent last week. The fee held steady at 0.4 percent.

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Selecting a golden age community

For many Americans, retirement age is fast approaching or already here: Baby Boomers account for nearly 75 million individuals in the United States.

Retirement can present a lot of opportunities, especially when it comes to relaxation, activities and the enjoyment of life with those of a similar age. More and more Americans are looking to fulfill those wants and needs.

Also known as an active adult or age-restricted communities, 55-plus communities are becoming more and more popular throughout the U.S. with what they offer and can provide. Traditionally thought to be only in warmer climates, active adult communities can be found in almost every state, and with more and more people retiring, new communities are being added every year.

I hope you are aware of the privilege to choose from moving to your age group neighborhood and it is a known factor our daily environment is directly influences our mental and physical health.

Some communities are severe on regulations toward children; if that's an important factor for you ask for the documentation that describes in detail the community rules and regulation.

I believe we are a result of our environment and there are communities that give you a constant



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Julio Seda sense of happiness and productivity. Just like buying in a regular neighborhood or a master-planned community, there are a number of things to know or understand when it comes to investing in an active adult community and lifestyle.

If you're considering selling your current home and relocating to a 55-plus community, here are some important things to know and consider before the big move:

Active adult communities can be found all throughout the U.S. While Florida and Arizona are known for their 55-plus communities, it's likely there's a community close to where you currently live. When considering the community, it's important to consider the location.

Location is more than just where the community's located — location includes the proximity to towns or cities. Some may want a community that is cut off from large cities; others may want to be close to large

metropolitan areas for what they can offer. Location also includes things like local taxes — some states are much friendlier to retirees than others when it comes to taxes.

It's also important to note the community's location relative to an international airport if you plan on traveling a lot, medical centers, and other amenities that may be frequented daily or weekly.

The size of the community is an important part of the community experience for residents. Communities will range in size, from just a couple hundred residents to thousands. The larger the community, the more residents.

Larger communities may offer more activities and amenities while smaller ones may be able to offer more comfort and relaxation with the reduced number of residents. If you're interested in maintaining an active lifestyle and making friends, a larger community may be a better choice than a smaller one.

It's also important to note that a larger community may offer more deals or incentives to those looking to buy within the community.

Amenities are incredibly important when considering buying a home in an active adult community. When looking at communities, ask about the amenities provided within the community: is there a golf course,

tennis, racquetball courts, clubhouse, rec center, or arts and crafts studio? Are there any clubs, group activities, or social events? Does the community provide ample amenities to have an active lifestyle?

A larger community will likely have a number of amenities and events while a smaller community may be limited in terms of what it can provide to homeowners. It's important to ask whether a membership is required to partake in any activities (especially with things like golf, tennis or the use of a clubhouse or rec center).

If so, a membership structure within the community may add extra costs to the community homeowners associations have become increasingly popular within planned communities, and 55-plus communities are no different.

An HOA may have additional say on things within the community than in a regular neighborhood. While maintaining the general areas, an HOA in an active adult community may also dictate whether a homeowner can grill outside, park a car on the street rather than in a garage, and some may go as far as to dictate the time of day a homeowner can have a conversation on a patio or deck.

While an HOA helps maintain the look and feel of a community as a whole, an overbearing HOA or homeowner's

board can possibly make living in a retirement community not very enjoyable for some individuals.

Another option to consider is whether the community offers a "living in place" option. This is still relatively new but becoming more and more popular. Living in place options offer homeowners the ability to buy a home in a community when they're still active and able to live without accommodations, and then should one's health change or it becomes more difficult to live independently, the homeowners are able to move to a fully furnished apartment or condo within the community where cleaning, cooking and other services are provided.

These options allow homeowners to stay in one community through each phase of their retirement. More expensive than traditional active adult communities, they are an option for those planning for the long run.

Retirement is an exciting time. Finding a community that supports retirees and provides a place for relaxation is important for many people. If you're looking at active adult communities, reach out to your local Realtor to get more information about any local communities in your area.

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Dramatic bedtime story: Comforters, duvets get bolder

By **MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON**
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Colored, textured and patterned comforters and duvets are telling a dramatic bedtime story these days.

“Bedding acts as a narrator to set the tone of the room,” said Anthropologie’s home textiles buyer Brittany Peacock. “As the focal point of the room, the bed is a natural location for a pop of color or pattern.”

Taking their cue from manufacturers and high-end design projects, consumers are moving away from the pale colors that once dominated bedroom decor and toward vibrant tones and patterns, said Joy Coulter of Couture Designs in New Albany, Ohio.

“In the more upscale magazines, I am starting to see more bright colors, especially in master suites,” she said. “The new trends seem to be getting away from so much neutral and gray. People are tired of having just white bedding, and they’re ready to try something bold.”

Louise Traficanti, creative director for Eastern Accents, a bedding company in Chicago, thinks that homeowners were decorating with muted palettes for several years in response to the economic downturn and their own financial constraints. Things have begun to change, she said.

“Over the last two years, we’ve been really pushing more color, and seeing our customers respond enthusiastically

to patterns and designs,” she said.

More color in the bedroom also is a reflection of how much time people spend there, added Chris Chapin, co-founder at Company C, a home furnishings company in Concord, New Hampshire. With the bedroom functioning as a place to watch television, read a book or use technology, it’s not surprising that people are craving livelier looks realized through florals, prints and geometric patterns in dramatic colors, she says.

“People want color and some excitement in their lives. Color can represent what someone’s passionate about,” she said. “You walk in, you feel good.”

The desire to decorate in a way that tells your story also has helped drive the use of color, Traficanti said. “As people get more expressive about their own personality,” they are choosing more interesting colors and patterns for a “more curated look,” she said.

Eclecticism is in and “matchy matchy” is out, added Andrew Howard of Andrew Howard Interior Design in Jacksonville, Florida. A room should look as if “it grew over



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time — that it wasn’t bought on the same day with all the fabrics perfectly coordinating.”

The practice of buying bedding in a bag — a complete set of sheets, comforter, bedskirt and shams — is on the wane, Coulter said.

Texture and layering also contributes to the bold look, Chapin said. Increasingly, customers are mixing quilts, waffle-weave blankets, rich throws and other fabric pieces to create an interesting look, she said.

Going bold with your bedding is also one of the most affordable

ways to change the look of a room, said Suzy Cacic, an interior designer who blogs at BetterDecoratingBible.com.

“Bedding is an easy way to dress up your bedroom without having to stick to a commitment like painting your walls or purchasing new statement furniture,” she said. “Leaving your walls neutral and playing up your decorating with accessories such as your bedding is an easy and commitment-free way to bring in some great style to your space.”



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Working with metallics in your bath suite

By **SHELLY SAPP**
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For me, design is less about rules or trends and more about balance and layering. When clients ask about how to work with metallics in interiors, I get super excited! Metals are the most versatile element to work with when balancing variety, texture and color in the bathroom.

My advice, don't shy away from mixing finishes. Match the cabinet hardware to the light fixtures. Choose a second finish for all the plumbing fixtures. It matters more that all plumbing fixtures be the same finish than they be the same design.

Most people see color and sheen before details, so the finish alone can camouflage mismatched sink faucets and shower heads. Finally, choose a third finish for all the accessories like towel bars, tissue paper dispensers and robe hooks. This simple strategy will allow you to blend three different finishes in one space for a truly glamorous room.

Next, embrace texture. When working with metallics in the bathroom, certain finishes lend themselves to specific design styles.

For example, brushed and shiny finishes like champagne, bronze and chrome lend themselves to a more modern look while antiqued finishes like pewter work well with classic interiors. Rustic rooms like those including white subway tile,

chalk paint vanities and reclaimed wood floating shelves benefit from a touch of a hammered metallic texture.

And remember, the heavier the finish, the less is needed in a space. If I were using a rusted corrugated metal on the walls in a country chic bath suite, I would blend this element with a satin nickel or matte black finish for the plumbing fixtures. As minimalist architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe once described: "Less is more."

Metallics are also a subtle way to introduce an accent color to the bathroom. Usually we think of hand towels or shower curtains as our "go-to" accents however, a lovely rose gold vanity knob or ceiling light

can bring that touch of millennial pink into the room all the bloggers are going crazy for. Or how about a weathered copper faucet for a hint of moss green in your powder room?

I absolutely adore the French-inspired satin black window pane shower doors as an alternative to the simple clear glass option. Metallics bring depth to a color rather than intensity for a more refined bathroom color scheme.

I have offered some of my experience working with metallics in the bathroom, however there are no hard rules when it comes to interior design. Even polished brass made a comeback! I would love to hear your opinions on that trend.

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AUTO RACING: NASCAR

Everybody is chasing Kevin Harvick

Driver enters Fontana on 3-race winning streak

By **GREG BEACHAM**
Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Kevin Harvick arrived in his home state this week on a three-race winning streak. He promptly dominated practice and then set the Fontana speed record in qualifying.

Yep, everybody in the NASCAR Cup Series

knows they're chasing Harvick on this wide, weathered California oval on Sunday.

"I think everybody is extremely confident," Harvick said of his Stewart-Haas Racing team. "I think that confidence just builds. With every moment, you just become more confident in the things that you can and can't do."

That can't-do list is awfully short these days for Harvick, who is attempting to become

the 13th driver in Cup series history to win four consecutive races — and only the sixth since 1991. Jimmie Johnson was the last to accomplish the feat back in 2007, and the only driver to do it in the 21st century.

Although Johnson has six career victories on the closest track to his hometown, the Californian might not have the car to prevent Harvick from becoming the first driver to sweep all three races in NASCAR's West

Coast Swing. But many of the top candidates to challenge Harvick have their own local ties.

Kyle Larson, a Sacramento-area native, is the defending Fontana champion, and he finished third behind Harvick two weeks ago. Las Vegas' Kyle Busch is a three-time winner here, and he has spent much of this season right behind Harvick, including second-place finishes the past two weeks.

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AP PHOTO

Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver Kevin Harvick (4) speeds up during a NASCAR Cup Series race, on Sunday, in Avondale, Ariz.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NCAA Tournament

UP FOR GRABS

Early losses by Arizona, Virginia throw the South Region into chaos

Associated Press

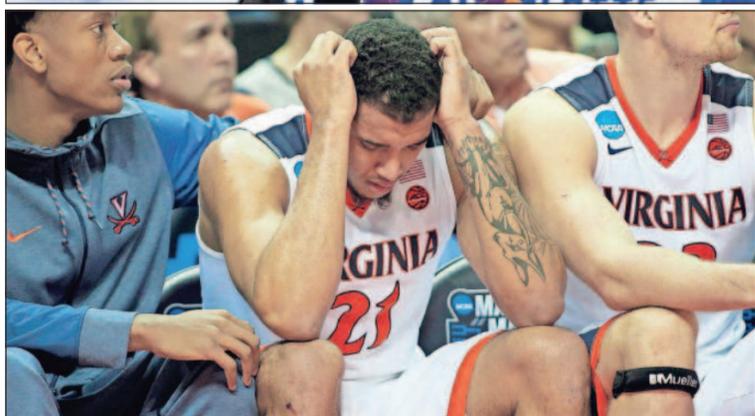
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — First Buffalo sent No. 4 seed Arizona packing. Then Maryland Baltimore County dispatched of No. 1 seed Virginia in the biggest surprise of all.

Consider the South Region officially up for grabs.

"Anybody could win it," Cincinnati guard Justin Jenifer said. "It could be us. It could be anybody else."

The highest seed remaining is Cincinnati, which earned the No. 2 seed and faces seventh-seeded Nevada (28-7) on Sunday. In Sunday's other South Region matchup, No. 9 seed Kansas State (23-11) meets 16th-seeded UMBC (25-10) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

SEE SOUTH, 4



AP PHOTOS

TOP: Kansas State's Barry Brown (5) saves a ball from going out of bounds during the first half of a first-round game against Creighton Friday in Charlotte, N.C. BOTTOM: Virginia's Isaiah Wilkins (21) is consoled after fouling out during the second half of the team's first-round game against UMBC Friday in Charlotte, N.C.

GOLF: Arnold Palmer Invitational

Stenson claims 1-shot lead at Bay Hill; Woods 5 back

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Henrik Stenson gets his third chance in four years to finally win the Arnold Palmer Invitational, and the final hour Saturday reminded him it won't be easy.

Part of that feeling came from three putts he narrowly missed — two for birdie, one for eagle — that could have given him some separation going into the final round at Bay Hill. Stenson settled for a 1-under 71 that gave him a one-shot lead over Bryson

DeChambeau, who missed a few chances of his own in a round of 72.

And part of that feeling was seeing some of the names suddenly in the mix.

Four-time major champion Rory McIlroy made an eagle and birdied two of his last three holes, dropping a wedge into 3 feet on the 18th for a 67 to finish two shots behind. Former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose outplayed Tiger Woods before another raucous gallery, posting a 67 that left him three behind.

SEE GOLF, 3



AP PHOTO

Henrik Stenson reacts after missing a putt on the second green during the third round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational Saturday in Orlando.

MLB: Rays

Can the Rays' Brendan McKay two-way experiment work? Well ...

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Times Staff Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — Far from the circus atmosphere surrounding Shohei Ohtani's breathlessly anticipated and highly scrutinized performance in Angels camp, the guy who already is a successful two-way pro player in the states toils in relative anonymity on the back fields of the Rays spring complex.

And Brendan McKay is

quite okay with that.

Someday — and he and his bosses are adamant that it's a matter of when and not if — McKay will be the one, albeit reluctantly, in the spotlight.

Pitching and playing a position on an everyday schedule in the major leagues. Adding his name to, maybe atop, a short list of players who've successfully pulled off this daily double in modern times. Changing not just how the Rays play games with

essentially the benefit of an extra man on the roster, but perhaps the entire industry.

"That," McKay said, "is the ultimate goal."

Think about it, and why should dual duty be a big deal? Almost every talented kid does it in youth leagues and even into high school, often pitching and playing shortstop or centerfield. But when they get to college or the pros, they are routinely herded, the province being they

can't do all the work needed to play well at both.

So it follows that the idea of someone actually being both a pitcher and a position player/DH (first base in McKay's case) in pro ball, and especially the big leagues, is a very complicated issue, fraught with concerns, questions and high stakes, given that the Rays gave him a \$7 million bonus.

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It's a rare moment when Rays two-way prospect Brendan McKay gets to stand still and watch.

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Mar. 17D7-8-2
Mar. 16D8-9-1
Mar. 16N5-3-9
Mar. 15N3-5-2
Mar. 15D5-7-3
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4

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Cash Ball1
Mar. 125-29-35-36-49
Cash Ball4

SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING
12:30 p.m.
FS1 — FIA Formula E, CBMM Niobium Punta del Este (Uruguay) E-Prix (same-day tape)
3:30 p.m.
FOX — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Auto Club 400, at Fontana, Calif.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Noon
CBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
ESPN — NIT Tournament, second round, Mississippi St. at Baylor
2:30 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
4:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT Tournament, second round, Oregon at Marquette
5 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
6 p.m.
TNT — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
6:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NIT Tournament, second round, Middle Tennessee at Louisville
7 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
7:30 p.m.
TRU — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA
8:30 p.m.
TNT — NIT Tournament, second round, teams TBA
9:30 p.m.
TBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, teams TBA

DRAG RACING
7 p.m.
FS1 — NHRA, Amalie Motor Oil Gatornationals, finals, at Gainesville, Fla. (same-day tape)

GOLF
12:30 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, at Orlando, Fla.
2 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, at Orlando, Fla.
6 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour, Bank of Hope Founders Cup, final round, at Phoenix

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
MLB — Spring training, Philadelphia vs. Minnesota, at Fort Myers
4 p.m.

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Lucky Ball16
Mar. 1314-19-28-29
Lucky Ball5

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04-of-4 LB \$500,000
34-of-4 \$1,635.50
293-of-4 LB \$369.50
4943-of-4 \$63.50

LOTTO

Mar. 175-23-24-34-36-41
Mar. 1411-16-21-27-30-31
Mar. 107-15-18-30-47-51

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 17
0 .6-digit winners \$2 million
5 5-digit winners \$15,478.50
9...54 4-digit winners \$81.00

POWERBALL

Mar. 1722-57-59-60-66
Powerball7
Mar. 146-12-24-41-68
Powerball9

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 14
05 of 5 + PB \$420 Million
05 of 5 \$1 million
24 of 5 + PB \$50,000
784 of 5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$420 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Mar. 161-13-26-33-52
Mega Ball11
Mar. 135 of 5 \$1 Million
Mega Ball17

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 16
0...5 of 5 + MB \$345 Million
15 of 5 \$1 Million
04 of 5 + MB \$10,000
404 of 5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$377 million

NHL ROUNDUP

Rask, Bruins hand Lightning first SO of season in 3-0 win

Associated Press

TAMPA — Tuukka Rask stopped 23 shots to hand Tampa Bay its first shutout of the season and lifting the Boston Bruins over the Lightning 3-0 on Saturday night.

It was Rask's third shutout of the season and 41st of his career. It was also the first time the Lightning failed to score a goal since a 4-0 loss at Boston on April 4, 2017 — also against Rask.

David Pastrnak, David Backes and Riley Nash all scored for Boston, which moved within two points of the Lightning for the top spot in the Eastern Conference with one game in hand. Torey Krug assisted on all three of the Bruins' goals.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 24 shots for the Lightning, whose last shutout at home came on March 16, 2017, by Toronto's Frederik Andersen. Tampa Bay has lost consecutive games for the first time since going 9-0-1 in the previous 10 games.

The Bruins played the final two periods without Backes, who left following a scary incident late in the first period. As Backes tumbled to the ice and fell into the crease area, the back of Yanni Gourde's skate appeared to make contact just below Backes' right



AP PHOTO

Boston Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask, (40), of Finland, makes a pad-save on a shot by Tampa Bay Lightning center Yanni Gourde (37) during the second period Saturday in Tampa.

knee. Backes immediately grabbed his leg. As he was making his way to the Boston bench, blood appeared to seep through his pants as he was rushed back to the locker room.

The Bruins reported that Backes was resting after suffering a laceration on his knee that required several stitches.

Pastrnak opened the scoring with his 28th goal of the season, getting a step ahead of Mikhail Sergachev coming down the slot to take a pass from Krug and slip a backhander past Vasilevskiy 3:07 in to the game.

Backes scored his 12th off a rebound in front for the first of two Boston power-play goals on the night.

Nash increased the lead to 3-0 in the second period with his 14th of the season.

OILERS 4, PANTHERS 2:

Connor McDavid had a goal and two assists in the third period and the Oilers rallied for a 4-2 victory over the Florida Panthers. He also assisted on goals by Adam Larsson and Ty Rattie as Edmonton scored three times in the final period. Ryan Nugent-Hopkins also scored for the Oilers, who are 4-1-1 in their past six games. Goalie Cam Talbot made 40 saves for Edmonton.

SABRES 5, BLACKHAWKS 3:

Nicholas Baptiste scored two goals in the third period to lead the Sabres to a 5-3 win over the Blackhawks on Saturday. It was Buffalo's first win over the Blackhawks since December 2009, snapping a 12-game losing streak against Chicago. Benoit Pouliot and Sam Reinhart also scored for the Sabres — who wore green St. Patrick's Day jerseys during

warmups — and Chad Johnson made 34 saves. Baptiste was an unlikely star, picking up the sixth and seventh goals of his career.

BLUE JACKETS 2, SENATORS 1:

Markus Nutivaara scored a power-play goal in the second period, Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 22 shots, and the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Ottawa Senators 2-1 on Saturday night. Boone Jenner also scored — his third tally in three games — for the Blue Jackets, who have won a season-high seven straight and are holding on to the first wild card spot in the Eastern Conference with 83 points, tied with Philadelphia and one point ahead of New Jersey. Alexandre Burrows scored his fifth of the year and Mike Condon stopped 33 shots for Ottawa, which saw a three-game winning streak snapped on the second night of a back-to-back.

FLYERS 4, HURRICANES 2:

Valterri Filppula scored the tiebreaking goal with 5:49 left, and the Philadelphia Flyers scored four times in the third period to beat the scuffling Carolina Hurricanes 4-2 on Saturday night. Travis Konecny and Jakub Vracek also scored as the Flyers scored three times in a 5:52 span to rally for the win. Michael Raffl added an empty-netter and Alex Lyon stopped 23 shots.

NBA ROUNDUP

Harden, Rockets earn 21st win in 22 games

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — James Harden had 32 points and 11 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets won for the 21st time in 22 games, beating the New Orleans Pelicans 107-101 on Saturday night.

Harden's highlights included his usual array of explosive drives and pull-up jumpers, including a 27-foot, straight-on 3 that put the Rockets up by nine with 1:31 left.

Chris Paul added 21 points and Clint Capela had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Rockets, winners of four straight since their 17-game winning streak ended against Toronto.

Anthony Davis had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Jrue Holiday scored 19 points for New Orleans, which has lost four of five since winning 10 straight.

WIZARDS 109, PACERS 102: Bradley Beal scored 19 points, Marcin Gortat



AP PHOTO

Houston's James Harden goes to the basket in front of New Orleans forward E'Twaun Moore during the first half of Saturday's game in New Orleans. Harden scored 32 points.

had 18 and the Washington Wizards beat the Indiana Pacers 109-102 on Saturday night in a possible playoff preview.

Washington (40-30) earned its second straight win to move into a tie with Indiana for fourth in the Eastern Conference

standings. The Wizards also claimed the first tiebreaker by taking two of three in the season series. Gortat was 6 for 8 from the field and also grabbed eight rebounds. He scored a total of 17 points in his previous four games.

BUCKS 122, HAWKS 117:

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 33 points and 12 rebounds, Khris Middleton added 23 points and the Milwaukee Bucks held on for a 122-117 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday. The Bucks finished off the Eastern Conference's worst team with a game-ending 11-5 run, pushing the pace after the Hawks lost ball-handler Dennis Schroder.

KNICKS 124, HORNETS 101:

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 25 points, and the New York Knicks snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 124-101 win over the Charlotte Hornets on Saturday night. New York had five players in double figures in its highest scoring game of the season.

NASCAR

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"It's cool to see what their race team is doing right now," Larson said of Harvick. "He is making it look really easy, because it's not at all easy to win a Cup race."

The oldest surface on the Cup schedule also could play a role in the result. Fontana frequently sees wild, 200-mph racing on its grooved, five-wide track, and Harvick is eager to mix it up.

"I crashed going into the green flag last year," Harvick said, referring to damage on his nose in the opening moments of last year's race. "So there's got to be a little bit of

redemption somewhere along the line to pick yourself back up and recover from that. Hopefully we can keep doing what we've been doing."

Here are more things to watch at the track formerly known as California Speedway:

TIRE CHANGE

After 13 cars couldn't pass inspection to compete in qualifying Friday, a few drivers up front complained that the mistakes would turn out to be an advantage because the cars in the back could start on fresh tires. On Friday night, NASCAR decided to eliminate that advantage by allowing the cars that made it through qualifying to purchase another set of tires.

Tire degradation is a big factor on the weathered asphalt at Fontana.

JJ'S TURN?

Johnson is an enormous fan favorite at Fontana, and he is racing this week for the first time since Lowe's announced the end of its long-standing sponsorship deal with the No. 48 car next season. Hendrick Motorsports is still attempting to optimize its performance in the new Camaro body, and the results haven't shown up this season. "I'm fighting very similar issues that I did have last year," Johnson said. "Yes, we are still sorting out a new car and some new rules, so I think we will continue to evolve that side of it from an aero standpoint, but I feel

there is a little more to it than just that."

Johnson last won at Fontana in 2016, and he has finished in the top two in 11 of his 23 career races here, but he returns to this favored track on 27-race winless drought, a career worst. He also has finished outside the top 10 in 10 consecutive races, another career-long skid. Harvick beat Johnson by a fraction of a second here in 2011 in the closest Cup result in the track's history.

UP FRONT

Defending Cup Series champion Martin Truex Jr. will be on the pole, and Busch will be right beside him in an all-Toyota front, with Larson sitting in third. Harvick will start 10th.

SPRING TRAINING ROUNDUP

Associated Press

RED SOX 4, RAYS 3: Sam Travis hit a three-run homer for Boston, the fourth time he's connected this spring. Mitch Moreland added a solo shot. Brad Miller, playing for the first time since Feb. 23 because of a broken toe, doubled twice for Tampa Bay.

MARLINS 6, ASTROS 6, 9 INNINGS: Houston starter Charlie Morton gave up four runs, just one of them earned, in 4 2/3 innings. It was the first run he's allowed in three starts this spring. Marlins opening day starter Jose Urena threw three shutout innings. The Astros scored six times in the ninth to tie it. Kyle Tucker had a two-run single and Anibal Sierra hit a grand slam.

BLUE JAYS (SS) 5, ORIOLES 2: Newly signed Danny

Espinosa had four singles in his Toronto debut and Kevin Pillar had three hits. Adam Jones hit his second homer for Baltimore. Another split squad of Blue Jays beat the Canadian Junior National Team 11-3 in a game full of familiar names. In the lineup for the Blue Jays were five players — Cavan Biggio, Bo Bichette, Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Dwight Smith Jr. and Kacy Clemens — whose fathers all played in the big leagues. Braden Halladay, the 17-year-old son of the late Roy Halladay, pitched a perfect inning of relief against Toronto.

METS 9, NATIONALS 7: Adam Eaton homered in his first game for Washington since tearing his knee last April. Bryce Harper had a hit from the leadoff spot. Nationals starter Tanner Roark gave up three runs on four hits and three walks in three

innings. Wilmer Flores had three hits, including his second home run, for New York. Jay Bruce doubled and singled.

TIGERS 9, YANKEES 3: Masa-hiro Tanaka continued to struggle in his third start for New York, pitching 2 2/3 innings and allowing four runs on four hits and a walk, striking out six. Miguel Cabrera and Leonys Martin homered for Detroit and Victor Martinez finished Tanaka's day with an RBI single. Matthew Boyd, in the mix for the Tigers' final rotation spot, tossed three innings and gave up three runs on five hits and two walks, striking out five.

CARDINALS 3, BRAVES (SS) 0: Luke Weaver, competing for an end-of-the-rotation spot, started for St. Louis and threw 4 1/3 scoreless

innings, giving up one hit and striking out six. Atlanta closer Sam Freeman pitched a perfect eighth, striking out one. Freeman has yet to allow a run in six appearances this spring.

PHILLIES 10, BRAVES (SS) 6: Carlos Santana had two hits, including a home run, while leading off for Philadelphia. Starter Zach Eflin allowed four runs and six hits in four innings.

PIRATES 13, TWINS 5: Minnesota starter Phil Hughes was tagged for nine runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings. Jose Osuna drove in three runs with a pair of singles and Jordan Luplow homered and hit an RBI double in Pittsburgh's nine-run fourth. Chad Kuhl, started for the Pirates, pitching 4 1/3 innings and giving up three runs on five hits and two walks.

ROYALS (SS) 7, RANGERS (SS) 6: Kansas City newcomer Lucas Duda hit a three-run homer and Jorge Soler followed with a shot in the first inning against Bartolo Colon. The 44-year-old Colon pitched four innings, allowing five runs on seven hits. Mike Moustakas had two hits, including his first home run of the spring, in his second game since resigning with the Royals.

INDIANS (SS) 5, CUBS (SS) 1: Roberto Perez hit a grand slam for Cleveland's split squad. Trevor Bauer started for the Indians, pitching five innings and allowing one run on six hits and a walk, striking out seven. Ben Zobrist hit his first home run of the spring for Chicago's split squad and Kyle Schwarber added a triple and a double.

BREWERS 4, ROCKIES 3: Jeff Bandy, trying to become Milwaukee's backup catcher, had two hits, including his first home run. Zach Davies allowed one run in 3 1/3 innings. Antonio Senzatela, competing for a spot in Colorado's rotation, gave up four unearned runs — set up by his own fielding error — on six hits in 3 2/3 innings.

WHITE SOX 5, DODGERS 2: Hyun-Jin Ryu struggled in his second start for Los Angeles, pitching three innings and surrendering five runs on seven hits and two walks. Ryu's ERA is 14.29. Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen threw a perfect fifth and Chase Utley homered. Miguel Gonzalez started for Chicago, tossing 5 1/3 innings and giving up two runs on six hits and a walk, fanning four.

GOLF

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"I think that I didn't really miss a shot the last six holes," said Stenson, who was at 12-under 204. "The only frustrating part was not really getting the score with me on that fine play coming in. ... I felt like I left one or two out there coming in, and I definitely could have wrapped up a two- or three-shot lead for tomorrow, which would have been a nice cushion. But I guess it didn't happen and we've just got to go out and play solid tomorrow to try and have a chance to win it."

Woods isn't entirely out of it just yet, either.

He hit another shot that had the fans buzzing, switching from a wedge to hit back to the fairway to a 5-iron he took over the lip, over the trees and over the water to set up a birdie on the par-5 16th.

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Woods had a 69 and was five shots behind.

"I'm within reach if I shoot a really, really low round tomorrow," Woods said.

Of his record eight victories at Bay Hill, Woods has led six times and was tied for the lead another time. His lone comeback also was from five shots behind in 2009, when he rallied to beat Sean O'Hair with a 67 in the final round. Woods has played in the final group at all eight of

his Bay Hill victories.

This time, he has nine players in front of him, and they have some pedigree.

It starts with Stenson, who has reason to believe he is overdue at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

He had a one-shot lead with four holes to play in 2015 when he had consecutive three-putts — one for bogey, another for par — and Matt Every beat him with an 18-foot birdie on the last hole. A

year later, Stenson was tied for the lead on the back nine until dropping two shots and tying for third.

"I've been up in the mix and let's hope for a different outcome tomorrow," Stenson said.

DeChambeau, who won the John Deere Classic a year ago for his first PGA Tour title, hung with Stenson throughout the warm afternoon on greens that were getting crispy and fast. He took his only lead when Stenson fanned a 3-wood off the tee at No. 8 and had to lay up short of the water in making bogey. He fell no more than two shots behind, closing the margin when Stenson bogeyed the 17th.

He, too, missed an opportunity to pull away with Stenson. And with his lack of experience, DeChambeau couldn't help but look over his shoulder at McIlroy and Rose, or even Rickie Fowler four shots

behind, and yes, Woods.

"Unfortunately, just didn't go my way today," he said. "But tomorrow there's one more day, one back, got a lot of guys behind me that are lurking."

He paused to smile before mentioning players who were lurking.

"I've got to go deep tomorrow," he added.

McIlroy has gone 26 tournaments since his last victory at the Tour Championship in 2016 to win the FedEx Cup. He has a chance to change that, which is all he wanted.

"I started the day just outside the top 10 and wanted to at least give myself a chance going into tomorrow, so it was a great day out there," he said.

"I can't really ask for much more. I'll hopefully be within two or three of the lead, and I can make a run at it."

Fowler was tied for the lead briefly until a long three-putt on the par-3 14th and a messy finish.

He bogeyed the 17th from a front bunker, and then from the 18th fairway, he pulled his approach into a buried lie in the bunker, left it in the sand and took double bogey for a 70.

Woods avoided falling behind early when he holed a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 3, hit a beautiful bump into a slope below the green on the par-5 fourth hole to set up birdie and holed a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 sixth. He also made a few mistakes that slowed his momentum and caught some tough lies in the bunkers, but still managed to have his ninth straight round at par or better. That's his longest such stretch in five years.

"I played well, scored well, it was a good day all around," Woods said. "Can't complain about anything I did today. I really hit the ball solidly, I controlled it, and I hit a lot of beautiful putts. Some went in, some didn't."

RAYS

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At this early stage, McKay, 22, has done well, making a solid debut last summer with short-season Class A Hudson Valley after being the No. 4 pick in the draft. A bigger challenge is ahead this season, as he faces the rigors of a 140-game full minor-league season.

So here are five topics of conversation:

1. Why is he doing this?

McKay would ask why not. To him, this isn't a matter of trying to be different, but of doing the same thing he's done all along.

"As much as people kind of want to make a big deal about it to me, it's just what I've been doing for 18 years or whatever, since I started playing," he said.

The difference is that McKay got to keep doing it. Through Blackhawk High in western Pennsylvania, through three years at the University of Louisville, and through his first pro season with the Rays.

The point of demarcation came during his junior season in high school when several Division 1 college teams recruited him with the rare promise of letting him play both ways. "It kind of showed up that, 'Hey, you've got something special going on,'" McKay said.

And when he not only kept doing it, but starred both ways at Louisville, there was further validation going into the draft as some teams saw him

as a first-round talent as a pitcher, others as a first baseman. The always creative, often-outside-the-box-thinking Rays saw no reason to stop having him do both.

"It's simple," farm director Mitch Lukevics said. "He did it. He did it. This young man has done it at his highest level of competition to date. Everybody else in the world says, 'I can hit and I can pitch,' but they've never done it to the degree that Brendan McKay has. And he did it so well he was college player of the year."

2. What is the biggest challenge ahead?

The talent gets better and the game faster as you play at higher levels, but most vexing for McKay and the Rays just may be playing every day.

Consider that Louisville, in a march to the College World Series, played 65 games in 126 days. With cautious handling after that season, the Rays had McKay play 42 games in 54 days last summer at Hudson Valley. Now he is headed to either Class A Bowling Green (Ky.) or staying in Port Charlotte with the advanced Class A Stone Crabs, where they play 140 games in 151 days.

"No disrespect to college baseball, but it's more-or-less club baseball," Lukevics said. "We're playing every day. There's an adjustment to pro ball, and he did a marvelous job. ... Now this is a whole different game, a whole different level. He's going to a full-season club. Let's see how he can handle it."

A key is structured

scheduling, detailing what he does on specific days and when he does nothing, factoring in time for recovery and training room treatment. Working off what McKay did in Louisville and with his input, the Rays came up with a plan last summer where he started once a week, played first three days, DH'd the day before and after his start and was off the day he threw his long bullpen session. A slightly modified schedule is being worked out for this longer season.

Everything McKay does is pretty much mapped out based on his pitching program, from bullpen sessions to batting practices. On the first day of minor-league workouts this month, McKay warmed up with the pitchers and threw a bullpen session, headed over to the fields to take batting practice, then rejoined the pitchers for conditioning.

McKay, who said the only issue last year was dealing with "the wear and tear on your body," welcomes the structure. College teammates, such as new Rays minor-leaguer Nick Solak, used to call him "The Machine" because of how he handled it.

"Just to give me kind of an idea of how to plan," McKay said. "You kind of know yourself what you're doing. And how to recover and how to plan your whole time here. How to make your body feel at its best every day."

3. What else are the Rays doing?

In addition to monitoring how much McKay is on the field, the Rays

are also limiting what he does when out there, specifically to limit stress on his valuable left arm. That includes the obvious, such as installing a six-man rotation to create an extra day (and sometimes two) between starts and limiting throws to other bases during infield work. Further, they're also discussing changing the responsibilities on relays so, for example, on a ball hit into the right-field corner he would cover second rather than potentially have to make a high-leverage throw to third or home. Even the decision on where to assign McKay is being closely analyzed, weighing the potential for weather disruptions to his schedule, travel and level of competition.

4. What's he do better?

Thus far, both Rays personnel and opposing scouts consider him more advanced on the mound, and he further impressed Thursday in a dazzling spring debut. His initial pro results at Hudson Valley show that, with a 1.80 ERA, 0.75 WHIP (walks and hits per inning) and dowdy 21 strikeouts in 20 innings, compared to a more pedestrian .232 average, .725 OPS and 22.15 percent strikeout ratio. McKay said that has been the case since he started playing high school ball, but is confident his bat will catch up to his arm. "It's a little easier to make changes (in pitching)," he said. "Hitting takes time and adjustments and everything. Obviously you get a little more instruction

here (in pro ball)."

5. What can go wrong?

As much as the Rays are doing to mitigate the possibility, injury is the biggest concern, and obviously McKay is subject to double exposure.

Beyond the normal risks for any pitcher or hitter, especially the young ones who consider them invincible, the Rays have to be very proactively cautious. Any kind of tweak or tightness that a normal position player might play through has to be assessed so that it doesn't impact McKay's pitching mechanics, and normal post-pitching soreness has to be factored into his daily duties. Obviously with the size of the investment, there is a lot of lose if hurt his golden arm getting a meaningless at-bat in a Class A game.

Stubbornness, from either side, could be a close second.

That is an element not just in the overall commitment to prove this can be done, that McKay is more a legit two-way player than a show pony, but also in advancing him through the system. Say McKay continues to be a better pitcher, to the point, even late this season, where he is ready for a promotion to Double-A, but he is still a Class A-level hitter.

Do the Rays hold him back so his bat hopefully catches up and potentially slow his pitching progress, even delaying his arrival in the majors? Or do they play to his strengths and move him up, gambling the failure

at the plate doesn't take a toll, especially mentally. Or do they decide then to end the experiment and have him focus on what he does best?

"That would be a tough thing," McKay said. "Being so fresh into it, you'd want to keep doing it and see how it works out. See if I can take it to another level, ride it out until a true point where it's got to be cut."

That said, McKay acknowledges the choice eventually may have to be made, and possibly made for him.

"Personally I want to do it as long as it takes me," he said. "But I'd obviously be open to anybody that says, 'Hey, this is what we're seeing.' ... So I would take their insights."

Lukevics won't even play the what-if game, insisting the Rays are committed long-term to seeing this through, and that McKay has the talent and the intangibles to make it happen.

"This kid, he's intelligent, he's disciplined, he has a really good attitude, a good work ethic," Lukevics said. "You can see why he's had success and why what we're doing can be successful. ...

"This is absolutely no gimmick. This is for real. This is every day, seven days a week that we're getting Brendan McKay prepared to take on a full season and do both, as a starting pitcher and first baseman, with some DH. ... We're absolutely pumped about it. And we feel very strongly he is the right guy for it."



NCAA TOURNAMENT

ROUND OF 32
A look at Saturday's
second-round games

Prayers answered

Ramblers hit go-ahead jumper with 3.6 seconds left, advance to first Sweet 16 since 1985

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DALLAS — Another NCAA Tournament prayer answered for Loyola-Chicago, and the Ramblers are set to bring Sister Jean to the Sweet 16.

Clayton Custer's jumper took a friendly bounce off the rim and in with 3.6 seconds left, and 11th-seeded Loyola beat Tennessee 63-62 in a South Region second-round game Saturday night.

Custer's winner came two days after Donte Ingram's buzzer-beating 3 for Loyola against Miami, surely to the delight of Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, the 98-year-old nun, team chaplain and primary booster watching from her wheelchair on a platform near the main TV cameras.

The Ramblers (30-5), who won the Missouri Valley tournament, broke the school record for wins set by the 1963 NCAA championship team. Loyola will play the Cincinnati-Nevada winner in the regional semifinals Thursday in Atlanta.

No. 3 seed Tennessee (26-7) took its only lead of the second half on three-point play by Grant Williams with 20 seconds remaining.



Loyola-Chicago guard Clayton Custer (13) shoots over Tennessee's Jordan Bowden and Jordan Bone and scores in the final seconds of Saturday's NCAA tournament second-round game in Dallas. The shot helped Loyola to a 63-62 win.

After Loyola almost lost the ball on an out-of-bounds call confirmed on replay, Custer dribbled to his right, pulled up and let go a short jumper that hit the front of the rim, bounced off the backboard and went in.

A last-gasp shot from the Vols' Jordan Bone bounced away, and Custer threw the ball off the scoreboard high above the court as he was mobbed by teammates in the same spot that the Ramblers celebrates Ingram's dramatic winner.

The Ramblers fell behind 15-6 in less than 5 minutes

before the Volunteers missed their next nine shots and fell behind for the first time on Custer's 3-pointer with 6 minutes left in the first half.

Admiral Schofield scored 11 of those first 15 Tennessee points but didn't score again until a 3 nearly 32 minutes later that started a rally from a 10-point deficit in the final 4 minutes by the SEC regular-season co-champions.

Tennessee coach Rick Barnes lost at American Airlines Center, home of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, for the first time in

six NCAA games. The first four wins were during his 17 seasons leading the Texas Longhorns.

Schmidt, who leads the pregame prayer and gives the players feedback after, wasn't the only one pulling hard for Loyola.

Late-arriving fans waiting for crowd favorite Texas Tech in the late game joined the raucous Ramblers supporters wearing maroon-and-gold scarfs and standing almost the entire game in sections across the court from their team's bench.

South Region

Kentucky 95, Buffalo 75: Kentucky put an end to any upset talk on its watch Saturday, getting 27 points and a near-perfect shooting game from Shai Gilgeous-Alexander in a 95-75 pullaway from 13th-seeded Buffalo. Gilgeous-Alexander went 10 for 12 and made both of his 3-point attempts to send fifth-seeded Kentucky (26-10) to the Sweet 16 for the second straight season. Coming into the day, the basketball world was still reverberating from Maryland-Baltimore County's 16 vs. 1 stunner over Virginia the night before. Villanova and Duke both rolled early; the evening slate started with Kentucky, and the Wildcats, with their all-freshman starting lineup, trailed only once: 2-0. It wasn't a runaway until the last 7 minutes. Buffalo (27-9), which got here with a 21-point blowout over Arizona, twice trimmed a double-digit lead to five midway through the second half. Gilgeous-Alexander answered both times — once with a 3-pointer to extend the lead to eight, then again a few minutes later with a three-point play that started a 12-2 run and put the game away. Hamidou Diallo also went off — going 9 for 12 and scoring all but four of his 22 points

East Region

Villanova 81, Alabama 58: Mikal Bridges hit five 3s, scored 23 points and helped No. 1 seed Villanova put the field on notice that it's the team to beat with an 81-58 win over ninth-seeded Alabama on Saturday. The Wildcats (32-4) are in the Sweet 16 for the first time since they won the 2016 national championship. Bridges, Jalen Brunson, Phil Booth — and yes, The Big Ragu — look every bit the favorite to make it two in three years. Villanova plays Friday in Boston against the Marshall-West Virginia winner. Alabama (20-16) failed to make it two No. 1s KO'd in less than 24 hours. After a tense first half in a round that has given the program fits, the Wildcats hit their first six 3s in the second and put on a thrashing up there among the most dominant under coach Jay Wright. Bridges, who averaged 17.9 points and played his way into a likely NBA draft lottery pick, scored 1 point and missed all five shots in the first half. He found his groove once the second half tipped. Bridges scored the first 5 points of the half and then finished a thunderous alley-oop on a pass from Booth that made it 41-27.

Midwest Region

Duke 87, Rhode Island 62: Mike Krzyzewski might want to stop worrying about his team's inexperience. The loaded if young Blue Devils hardly seemed intimidated by NCAA Tournament's bright lights. Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year Marvin Bagley scored 22 points to go with nine rebounds, fellow freshman big man Wendell Carter Jr. added 13 points and second-seeded Duke rolled by seventh-seeded Rhode Island 87-62 in the second round to earn the program's 26th trip to the Sweet 16. Duke (28-7) will play either Michigan State or Syracuse in the Midwest Regional semifinals in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday.

Kansas 83, Seton Hall 79: Malik Newman scored 28 points, Udoka Azubuike stood toe-to-toe with Seton Hall's bruising Angel Delgado, and No. 1 seed Kansas held off the plucky Pirates 83-79 to send the Jayhawks to their third consecutive Sweet 16. Svi Mykhailiuk added 16 points and Lagerald Vick had 13 for the Jayhawks (29-7), who converted on every crucial play down the stretch to advance to the semifinals of the Midwest Region. They'll take on the winner of Sunday's game between Auburn and Clemson in Omaha, Nebraska. Delgado finished with 24 points and 23 rebounds in a virtuoso effort for the No. 8 seed Pirates (22-11), who snapped a four-game NCAA Tournament skid in the opening round.



Duke's Marvin Bagley III grabs a rebound in front of Rhode Island's Jared Terrell, center, and E.C. Matthews, left, during the second half of Saturday's NCAA tournament second-round game in Pittsburgh.

SOUTH

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Cincinnati (31-4) hasn't reached the regional semifinals since 2012 and has lost in the round of 32 two of the last three years. So the Bearcats certainly aren't taking this second-round matchup for granted as they chase their first Final Four berth since 1992.

"If you look past anything, you could fall short," Cincinnati forward Kyle Washington said. "And in this tournament, you don't get a second chance. So

if we look past Nevada, that would be our first mistake before stepping on the court."

Virginia and Arizona already learned that lesson the hard way.

UMBC became the first men's No. 16 seed ever to beat a No. 1 seed Friday when it trounced Virginia 74-54 by racking up 53 second-half points against the nation's top scoring defense. Arizona had a potential No. 1 overall draft pick in Deandre Ayton but still got blown out 89-68 by Mid-American Conference champion and No. 13 seed Buffalo.

UMBC's stunner over

Virginia was its first NCAA Tournament victory ever. Kansas State hasn't been to the Sweet 16 since making a regional final in 2010. Now one of them is heading to the regional semifinals.

"Beating the No. 1 seed and the No. 1 team is definitely a confidence builder," said UMBC guard Jaius Lyles, who scored 28 against Virginia. "But we also know this is the NCAA Tournament and we can easily go out there on Sunday and lose to the 9 seed, which people have probably picked us to do anyway. But we have to

stay confident and make the adjustments from team to team."

Even so, this regional is most noteworthy at the moment for the No. 1 seed that's already gone.

Here are some things to watch in Sunday's South Region action: **STICKING UP FOR CAVS:** Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin takes issue with the notion that Virginia's loss indicates that teams relying so heavily on defense aren't necessarily equipped for long NCAA Tournament runs.

Cincinnati ranks behind only Virginia in scoring defense. Cronin said anyone criticizing Virginia "ought

to look at Pittsburgh," a reference to how that program has struggled since defense-oriented coach Jamie Dixon left for TCU. "I'm going to start rooting for (Virginia coach) Tony Bennett now when he's not playing me every game," Cronin said. "I think it's just unfair. Do these people know he lost one of his best players (De'Andre Hunter) to injury? I think that's more important than the style of play. Let's give the other team some credit that played great against them."

NORTH CAROLINA STATE REUNION: North Carolina State is out of the NCAA Tournament after falling to

Saturday's star

Coach K: Duke's victory over URI gave coach Mike Krzyzewski 1,098 wins during his Hall of Fame career, breaking a tie with Tennessee women's coach Pat Summitt for the most ever by an NCAA basketball coach.

In the spotlight

UMBC basks in 15 minutes of fame as tourney's Cinderella

As the sun rose on the Saturday morning celebration of their unprecedented NCAA Tournament upset, Ryan Odom implored his suddenly-famous basketball team to get some sleep. It was time for family and friends of UMBC to leave the hotel and for the Retrievers to return to their rooms. On any other night, they'd have started a "Fortnite" video game battle to unwind. The gamers sat this one out. The only devices the Retrievers were tethered to were their phones. UMBC had made history as the first No. 16 seed in NCAA Men's Tournament history to knock off a No. 1 seed and the texts and the calls never stopped buzzing. And it wouldn't take more than a quick scroll to find out they were trending. Up next, UMBC plays No. 9 seed Kansas State (23-11) on Sunday with a Sweet 16 berth at stake. UMBC is a commuter school in Baltimore — one in which the chess team reigns supreme, no less — and they had just checkmated No. 1 Virginia. The bracket-busting sweethearts were suddenly linked with Buster Douglas, the Miracle on Ice and Chaminade on the short list of sports all-time upsets. The pithy tweets from its Twitter account made highlight reels. The school website crashed. Virginia turned into a punchline. For these players, the ones no other teams wanted, it was simply surreal. "I'm getting so many notifications that my phone froze," said K.J. Maura, the emotional floor leader who played all 40 minutes Friday night.



Today's top games

EAST REGION: No. 2 seed Purdue (29-6) vs. No. 10 seed Butler (21-13), Sunday in Detroit

BOTTOM LINE: An elbow injury to Purdue center Isaac Haas has put a damper on the Boilermakers' chances of a deep run this year. He was ruled out for the season Friday, but it now appears that a return may not be completely out of the question. Purdue and Butler met earlier this season, with the Boilermakers winning that matchup of in-state rivals 82-67.

Seton Hall on Thursday, but a few players with ties to that program will face off Sunday in Nashville. Washington played with Nevada forwards Caleb Martin and Cody Martin on the 2014-15 North Carolina State team that reached the Sweet 16. "When we first got to (N.C.) State, he was guiding us through everything with college," Caleb Martin said. "He was like my big brother. I was actually just talking to him a little bit ago. He knows that we're super close, but as soon as the clock starts and the ball gets tipped in the air, we can't be friends until afterward."

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Toronto	52	17	.754	—
x-Boston	47	22	.681	5
Philadelphia	38	30	.559	13½
New York	25	45	.357	27½
Brooklyn	22	48	.314	30½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	30	.571	—
Miami	37	33	.529	3
Charlotte	30	40	.429	10
Orlando	21	49	.300	19
Atlanta	20	50	.286	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	29	.574	—
Indiana	40	30	.571	—
Milwaukee	37	32	.536	2½
Detroit	30	38	.441	9
Chicago	24	44	.353	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	55	14	.797	—
San Antonio	39	30	.565	16
New Orleans	39	30	.565	16
Dallas	22	48	.314	33½
Memphis	18	50	.265	36½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	42	26	.618	—
Oklahoma City	42	29	.592	1½
Minnesota	40	29	.580	2½
Utah	39	30	.565	3½
Denver	38	31	.551	4½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	52	17	.754	—
L.A. Clippers	37	31	.544	14½
L.A. Lakers	31	38	.449	21
Sacramento	23	47	.329	29½
Phoenix	19	51	.271	33½

x-clinched playoff berth; y-won division

Friday's Games

Boston 92, Orlando 83
Philadelphia 120, Brooklyn 116
Toronto 122, Dallas 115, OT
Oklahoma City 121, L.A. Clippers 113
Miami 92, L.A. Lakers 91
Sacramento 98, Golden State 93

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 122, Atlanta 117
Houston 107, New Orleans 101
Washington 109, Indiana 102
Brooklyn 114, Dallas 106
New York 124, Charlotte 101
Cleveland at Chicago, late
Denver at Memphis, late
Minnesota at San Antonio, late
Sacramento at Utah, late
Detroit at Portland, late
Golden State at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Oklahoma City at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Boston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

BUCKS 122, HAWKS 117
ATLANTA (117)
Prince 13-26-8-38, Collins 6-8-3-15, Dedmon 3-7-2-10, Schroder 6-13-5-18, Dorsey 1-3-0-0-3, White III 3-6-0-0-7, Muscala 4-9-2-2-12, Cavanaugh 0-1-0-0-0, Taylor 1-4-5-6-7, Lee 2-8-2-2-7. Totals 39-85-27-28-17.

MILWAUKEE (122)
Middleton 6-14-9-29, Antetokounmpo 12-25-7-33, Henson 3-8-5-6-11, Bledsoe 5-10-8-9-19, Snell 4-8-0-0-11, Parker 7-12-0-15, Maker 3-4-0-0-8, Terry 0-1-0-0-0, Jennings 1-4-0-0-2, Brown 0-0-0-0-0. Totals 41-86-29-32-122.

ATLANTA 31 19 37 30 —117
MILWAUKEE 26 30 39 27 —122

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 12-36 (Prince 4-13, Dedmon 2-4, Muscala 2-5, Schroder 1-2, Dorsey 1-2, White III 1-3, Lee 1-4, Cavanaugh 0-1, Taylor 0-1), Milwaukee 11-25 (Snell 3-5, Maker 2-2, Middleton 2-4, Antetokounmpo 2-6, Bledsoe 1-2, Parker 1-3, Terry 0-1, Jennings 0-2). Fouled Out—Schroder. Rebounds—Atlanta 44 (Collins 12), Milwaukee 44 (Antetokounmpo 12). Assists—Atlanta 23 (Schroder 9), Milwaukee 31 (Bledsoe 9). Total Fouls—Atlanta 25, Milwaukee 24. Technicals—Atlanta coach Hawks (Defensive three second), Schroder, Parker.

WIZARDS 109, PACERS 102
INDIANA (102)
Bogdanovic 4-7-0-11, T.Young 2-5-1-3-5, Jefferson 4-11-2-2-10, Joseph 1-4-2-2-5, Oladipo 7-16-3-4-18, Robinson III 0-5-0-0-0, Poythress 0-1-0-0-0, Booker 3-6-1-8, Leaf 3-4-0-0-7, Collison 3-7-0-0-9, Young 2-5-0-4, Stephenson 10-15-3-3-25. Totals 39-86-12-15-102.

WASHINGTON (109)
Porter Jr. 3-7-0-0-8, Morris 6-11-1-2-15, Gortat 6-8-6-18, Satoransky 5-7-1-2-12, Beal 6-12-6-7-19, Oubre Jr. 6-11-2-2-16, Scott 3-6-0-6, Mahirni 2-3-1-2-5, Sessions 2-4-0-6, Meeks 1-4-2-2-4. Totals 40-73-19-23-109.

INDIANA 20 25 26 31 —102
WASHINGTON 25 32 29 23 —109

3-Point Goals—Indiana 12-24 (Bogdanovic 3-3, Collison 3-5, Stephenson 2-3, Joseph 1-1, Leaf 1-1, Booker 1-3, Oladipo 1-4, Poythress 0-1, T.Young 0-1, Robinson III 0-2), Washington 10-20 (Sessions 2-2, Porter Jr. 2-3, Oubre Jr. 2-4, Morris 2-5, Satoransky 1-1, Beal 1-3, Meeks 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 37 (Jefferson 9), Washington 38 (Gortat 8). Assists—Indiana 24 (Collins 6), Washington 29 (Satoransky 8). Total Fouls—Indiana 18, Washington 17. Technicals—Indiana coach Dan Burke, Stephenson, Beal.

ROCKETS 107, PELICANS 101
HOUSTON (107)
Tucker 3-8-0-0-9, Ariza 6-9-1-17, Capela 6-11-1-13, Paul 8-19-2-2-21, Harden 11-28-6-8-32, Anderson 0-2-0-0-0, Mbah a Moute 1-6-3-4-5, Gordon 2-4-1-2-5, Johnson 2-5-0-0-5. Totals 39-92-14-18-107.

NEW ORLEANS (101)
Moore 5-11-0-0-10, Davis 11-18-4-4-26, Okafor 0-4-0-0-0, Holiday 8-16-2-3-19, Liggins 1-4-0-0-3, Miller 4-7-1-1-13, Mirotic 2-7-2-2-7, Diallo 2-4-2-2-6, Drew II 0-1-0-0-0, Clark 8-9-0-0-17. Totals 41-81-11-12-101.

HOUSTON 32 28 24 23 —107
NEW ORLEANS 29 25 18 29 —101

3-Point Goals—Houston 15-41 (Ariza 4-6, Harden 4-13, Paul 3-6, Tucker 3-8, Johnson 1-2, Gordon 0-2, Anderson 0-2, Mbah a Moute 0-2), New Orleans 8-24 (Miller 4-6, Clark 1-1, Liggins 1-3, Holiday 1-4, Mirotic 1-5, Drew II 0-1, Davis 0-2, Moore 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 44 (Harden, Capela 11), New Orleans 40 (Davis 13). Assists—Houston 19 (Harden 8), New Orleans 18 (Holiday 8). Total Fouls—Houston 19, New Orleans 19. Technicals—Tucker, Rondo, New Orleans coach Alvin Gentry. A—18,495 (16,867).

KNICKS 124, HORNETS 101
CHARLOTTE (101)
Kidd-Gilchrist 2-5-4-6-8, M.Williams 2-8-6-6-10, Howard 6-17-2-14, Walker 4-10-0-10, Batum 1-7-0-0-0, Bacon 6-10-3-4-15, Kaminsky 3-7-5-7-12, Hemingway 2-2-4-4-9, Monk 4-16-1-1-22, Stone 0-0-0-0-0, Graham 1-1-0-0-3, Lamb 2-7-1-1-6. Totals 33-90-26-32-101.

NEW YORK (124)
Beasley 4-8-0-0-8, Thomas 1-6-0-0-3, Kanter 4-9-1-1-9, Mudiay 3-8-1-2-7, Hardaway Jr. 17-15-8-25, T.Williams 6-10-0-0-13, Kornet 2-5-0-6, Hicks 5-5-2-2-12, O'Quinn 2-4-0-4, Jack 2-4-0-0-4, Burke 6-13-0-0-14, Ntilikina 5-8-3-5-15, Dotson 2-5-0-0-4. Totals 49-100-14-18-124.

CHARLOTTE 24 26 17 34 —101
NEW YORK 22 35 42 25 —124

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 9-33 (Monk 3-12, Walker 1-5, Hernangomez 1-1, Graham 1-1, Kaminsky 1-2, Lamb 1-3, Bacon 0-2, Batum 0-3, M.Williams 0-4), New York 12-26 (Hardaway Jr. 4-6, Ntilikina 2-3, Burke 2-4, Kornet 2-5, T.Williams 1-3, Thomas 1-4, Mudiay 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 50 (Howard 13), New York 56 (O'Quinn, Kanter 9). Assists—Charlotte 11 (Bacon 3), New York 24 (Burke 5). Total Fouls—Charlotte 13, New York 22. Technicals—M.Williams. A—17,600 (19,812).

ODDS

PREGAME COLLEGE LINE
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Today

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Toronto	6½	217	Oklahoma City at New Orleans
Houston	7	221	at Minnesota
at L.A. Clippers	2½	220½	Portland

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Cincinnati	8	Nevada
Xavier	5½	Florida State
West Virginia	12½	Marshall
Auburn	1	Clemson
at Baylor	6	Mississippi St.
at Marquette	5½	Oregon
at N. Colorado	7	Drake
at Louisville	5	Middle Tennessee

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at Utah 4 LSU
at Saint Mary's (Cal.) 10½ Washington
at Southern Cal 4 W. Kentucky
at Campbell 6 New Orleans
at Central Arkansas Pk Jacksonville St.
at North Texas 1 Mercer
Utah Valley 1 at San Francisco
E. Michigan 1½ at Sam Houston St.

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at Chicago	Off	St. Louis	Off
at Colorado	-175	Detroit	+163
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at Philadelphia	Off	Washington	Off
at N.Y. Islanders	-110	Carolina	+100
at Winnipeg	-158	Dallas	+148
at Anaheim	-161	New Jersey	+151

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Eric McMahon assistant major league strength and conditioning coach. Released LHP Jonathon Niese from minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed INF Danny Espinosa to a minor league contract. Claimed LHP Sam Moll off waivers from Seattle.

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned C Stuart Turner to Louisville (IL). Reassigned LHP Kyle Crockett and RHP Jimmy Herget to Louisville (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Extended their player development contract with the Altoona Curve (NYP) through the 2022 season.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned IF Ryder Jones to Sacramento (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Phoenix Fs Jared Dudley and Marquese Chriss \$25,000 each, for their roles in an on-court incident with 6:55 remaining in the third quarter of a March 15 game at Utah. LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Assigned C Thomas Bryant to South Bay (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed OL Justin Pugh to a five-year contract.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — RB Danny Woodhead announced his retirement.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DT Johnathan Hankins.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DE Adrian Clayborn, RB Jeremy Hill and OL Matt Tobin.
NEW YORK JETS — Acquired a 2018 first-round (No. 3) draft pick from Indianapolis for a 2018 first- (No. 6), second- (No. 37) and (No. 49) draft picks, and a 2019 second-round draft pick.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed LB Kyle Wilber and DL Tank Carradine.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Released DL Sylvester Williams.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Reassigned F Dawson Leedahl to Greenville (ECHL).
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Announced F Steven Swavely was recalled by Lehigh Valley (AHL).
WORCESTER RAILERS — Signed F Jake Randolph.

SOCCER

National Women's Soccer League
SKY BLUE FC — Placed D Erin Simon on the 45-day DL.

COLLEGES

NORTHWESTERN — Announced men's sophomore basketball G Isiah Brown will transfer.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEEN'S BASKETBALL

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EAST REGIONAL

First Round
March 15
at PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh
Villanova 87, Radford 61
Alabama 86, Virginia Tech 83
at American Airlines Center, Dallas
Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 60
Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62

Friday
at Little Caesars Arena, Detroit
Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48
Butler 79, Arkansas 62

at Viejas Arena, San Diego
Marshall 81, Wichita State 75
West Virginia 85, Murray State 68

Second Round
Saturday
at PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh
Villanova 81, Alabama 58
at American Airlines Center, Dallas
Texas Tech (25-9) vs. Florida (21-12), late

Today
at Little Caesars Arena, Detroit
Purdue (29-6) vs. Butler (21-13), 12:10 p.m.
at Viejas Arena, San Diego
Marshall (25-10) vs. West Virginia (25-10), 9:45 p.m.

at TD Garden, Boston
Regional Semifinals
March 23
Villanova (32-4) vs. Marshall-West Virginia-Murray State winner
Purdue-Butler winner vs. Texas Tech-Florida winner

Regional Championship
March 25
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL

First Round
March 15
at American Airlines Center, Dallas
Tennessee 73, Wright State 47
Loyola of Chicago 64, Miami 62
at Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho
Kentucky 78, Davidson 73
Buffalo 89, Arizona 68

Friday
at Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.
Kansas State 69, Creighton 59
UMBC 74, Virginia 54
at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati 68, Georgia State 53
Nevada 87, Texas 83, OT

Second Round
Saturday
at Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho
Kentucky 95, Buffalo 75
at American Airlines Center Dallas
Loyola of Chicago 63, Tennessee 62

Today
at Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.
UMBC (25-10) vs. Kansas State (23-11), 8 p.m.
at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.
Cincinnati (31-4) vs. Nevada (28-7), 6:10 p.m.

at Philips Arena, Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
Thursday
UMBC-Kansas State winner vs. Kentucky (26-10)
Cincinnati-Nevada winner vs. Loyola of Chicago (30-5)

Regional Championship
March 24
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round
March 15
at PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh
Rhode Island 83, Oklahoma 78, OT
Duke 89, Iona 67
at INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.
Kansas 76, Pennsylvania 63
Seton Hall 94, N.C. State 83

Friday
at Little Caesars Arena, Detroit
Michigan State 82, Bucknell 78
Syracuse 57, TCU 52
at Viejas Arena, San Diego
Auburn 62, College of Charleston 58
Clemson 79, New Mexico State 68

Second Round
Saturday
at PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh
Duke 87, Rhode Island 62
at INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.
Kansas 83, Seton Hall 79

Today
at Little Caesars Arena, Detroit
Michigan State (30-4) vs. Syracuse (22-13), 2:45 p.m.
at Viejas Arena, San Diego
Auburn (26-7) vs. Clemson (24-9), 7:10 p.m.
at CenturyLink Center Omaha, Neb.
Regional Semifinals
March 23
Kansas (29-7) vs. Auburn—Clemson winner
Duke (28-7) vs. Michigan State-Syracuse winner

Regional Championship
March 25
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL

First Round
March 15
at INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.
Houston 67, San Diego State 65
Michigan 61, Montana 47
at Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho
Gonzaga 68, UNC Greensboro 64.
Ohio State 81, South Dakota State 73

Friday
at Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.
Texas A&M 73, Providence 69
North Carolina 84, Lipscomb 66
at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.
Xavier 102, Texas Southern 83
Florida State 67, Missouri 54

Second Round
Saturday
at Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho
Gonzaga 90, Ohio State 84
at INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.
Michigan (29-7) vs. Houston (27-7), late

Today
at Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina (26-10) vs. Texas A&M (21-12), 5:15 p.m.
at Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.
Xavier (29-5) vs. Florida State (21-11), 8:45 p.m.

at STAPLES Center, Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
Thursday
Xavier-Florida State winner vs. Gonzaga (32-4)
Michigan-Houston winner

Regional Championship
March 24
Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
at The Alamodome, San Antonio
National Semifinals
March 31
South champion vs. West champion
East champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
April 2
Semifinal winners

SECOND-ROUND BOX SCORES

VILLANOVA 81, ALABAMA 58
ALABAMA (20-16)
Key 2-5 1-4 6, Hall 1-2 1-2 3, Ingram 2-6 0-0 4, Sexton 7-14 3-4 17, Jones 0-1 2-4 2, Barnes 0-0 0-0 0, Reese 2-5 3-9 49, Smith 2-3 1-2 5, Giddens 3-3 1-7, Johnson 0-3 2-2 2, Petty 1-5 0-0 3, Schaffer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 14-23 58.

VILLANOVA (32-4)
Spellman 3-8 0-0 7, Paschall 2-6 2-2 7, Brunson 3-7 3-3 12, Booth 1-5 2-2 4, Bridges 7-16 4-5 23, Cosby-Roundtree 1-1 2-2 4, Delaney 1-2 0-0 3, Samuels 0-1 0-0 0, Leigbig 0-0 0-0 0, DiVincenzo 6-13 1-2 18, Gillespie 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 25-63 14-16 81.

Halftime—Villanova 32-27. 3-Point Goals—Alabama 4-16 (Reese 2-5, Key 1-3, Petty 1-5, Johnson 0-1, Schaffer 0-1, Sexton 0-1), Villanova 17-41 (Bridges 5-8, DiVincenzo 5-11, Brunson 3-6, Delaney 1-2, Gillespie 1-3, Spellman 1-3, Paschall 1-5, Booth 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Alabama 31 (Ingram 7), Villanova 33 (Spellman 8). Assists—Alabama 13 (Schaffer, Sexton 3), Villanova 18 (DiVincenzo, Booth 5). Total Fouls—Alabama 13, Villanova 21. Technicals—Sexton.

DUKE 87, RHODE ISLAND 62
RHODE ISLAND (26-8)
Berry 3-9 2-2 8, Dowtin 5-10 0-0 10, Terrell 4-13 1-2 10, Matthews 9-19 1-4 23, S.Robinson 0-1 1-2 1, Laysard 0-0 0-0 0, Akele 0-0 0-0 0, Langevine 2-3 0-3 4, Tertsea 0-0 0-0 0, Dadika 0-0 0-0 0, Russell 2-4 0-0 6, Garrett 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 25-63 5-13 62.

DUKE (28-7)
Carter 6-6 1-1 13, Bagley 8-10 5-7 22, Duval 3-10 4-5 11, Allen 3-6 1-1 10, Trent 5-13 4-4 18, J.Robinson 0-1 0-0 0, DeLaurier 2-2 2-4 6, Marquette 1-1 0-2 0, Bolden 0-1 2-2 2, O'Connell 0-0 0-0 0, Goldwire 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 29-51 19-24 87.

Halftime—Duke 45-28. 3-Point Goals—Rhode Island 7-19 (Matthews 4-8, Russell 2-4, Terrell 1-5, Garrett 0-2), Duke 10-21 (Trent 4-9, Allen 3-4, Goldwire 1-1, Bagley 1-2, Duval 1-4, J.Robinson 0-1). Fouled Out—Russell. Rebounds—Rhode Island 28 (Berry 8), Duke 36 (Bagley 9). Assists—Rhode Island 15 (Dowtin 9), Duke 20 (Duval 7). Total Fouls—Rhode Island 19, Duke 15.

KENTUCKY 95, BUFFALO 75
BUFFALO (27-9)
Smart 2-2 0-0 4, Harris 4-12 2-4 10, Clark 9-19 4-4 26, Jordan 0-2 0-0 0, Massinburg 4-11 7-9 18, Agorogie 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Perkins 3-10 2-4 8, McRae 0-1 0-0 0, Bertram 0-0 0-0 0, Caruthers 3-6 1-7 7, Reese 0-0 0-0 0, Moultrie 0-0 0-0 0, Graves 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 26-67 16-22 75.

KENTUCKY (26-10)
Washington 4-7 4-5 12, Knox 4-10 0-0 8, Richards 1-2 0-0 2, Gilgeous-Alexander 10-12 5-7 27, Diallo 9-12 3-2 22, Killelea-Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Gabriel 5-11 3-3 16, David 0-0 0-0 0, Pulliam 0-0 0-0 0, Calipari 0-0 0-0 0, Green 2-9 1-2 6. Totals 36-64 16-23 95.

Halftime—Kentucky 51-42. 3-Point Goals—Buffalo 7-13 (Clark 4-10, Massinburg 3-6, Caruthers 0-1, Jordan 0-1, McRae 0-1, Graves 0-3, Perkins 0-4, Harris 0-5), Kentucky 7-15 (Gabriel 3-5, Gilgeous-Alexander 2-2, Diallo 1-1, Green 1-4, Knox 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Buffalo 27 (Massinburg 8), Kentucky 39 (Gabriel 11). Assists—Buffalo 8 (Clark 6), Kentucky 16 (Gilgeous-Alexander 6). Total Fouls—Buffalo 21, Kentucky 20.

LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 63, TENNESSEE 62
LOYOLA OF CHICAGO (30-5)
Krutwig 3-7 1-2 7, Richardson 2-6 1-2 6, Custer 4-5 0-0 10, Townes 3-6 2-2 8, Ingram 2-8 0-2 6, Jackson 5-7 6-6 16, Skokna 1-1 0-0 3, Williamson 2-4 1-2 7. Totals 22-44 11-16 63.

TENNESSEE (26-9)
Fulkerson 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 5-9 2-4 12, Schofield 5-10 0-0 14, Bowden 3-7 1-2 8, Bone 6-11 0-0 13, Pons 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 1-2 0-0 2, Daniel 1-4 0-0 3, Turner 4-11 0-0 10. Totals 25-55 3-6 62.

Halftime—Loyola of Chicago 29-25. 3-Point Goals—Loyola of Chicago 8-19 (Custer 2-2, Williamson 2-3, Ingram 2-5, Skokna 1-1, Richardson 1-5, Jackson 0-1, Townes 0-2), Tennessee 9-25 (Schofield 4-8, Turner 2-7, Bowden 1-3, Bone 1-3, Daniel 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Loyola of Chicago 23 (Townes 6), Tennessee 23 (Turner 5). Assists—Loyola of Chicago 17 (Krutwig 4), Tennessee 15 (Bone 5). Total Fouls—Loyola of Chicago 13, Tennessee 17.

KANSAS 83, SETON HALL 79
SETON HALL (22-12)
Rodriguez 2-10 1-2 6, Sanogo 0-3 0-0 0, Delgado 10-17 4-4 24, Powell 5-15 0-0 14, Carrington 9-15 5-8 28, Nzei 2-3 0-0 4, Mamukelashvili 0-0 0-0 0, Cale 0-1 1-2 1, Gordon 1-2 0-0 2, Flory 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 11-16 79.

KANSAS (29-7)
Lightfoot 2-3 0-1 4, Mykhailiuk 7-16 0-0 16, Newman 8-14 8-8 28, Vick 5-9 0-0 13, Graham 1-7 6-8 8, De Sousa 1-2 0-0 2, Azubuike 4-5 2-4 10, Garrett 0-0 2-5 2. Totals 28-56 18-26 83.

Halftime—Kansas 31-26. 3-Point Goals—Seton Hall 10-24 (Carrington 5-8, Powell 4-10, Rodriguez 1-4, Cale 0-1, Gordon 0-1), Kansas 9-21 (Newman 4-8, Vick 3-4, Mykhailiuk 2-5, Graham 0-4). Fouled Out—Sanogo. Rebounds—Seton Hall 37 (Delgado 23), Kansas 25 (Azubuike 7). Assists—Seton Hall 9 (Delgado

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RESULTS

Tequila Patrón ESM WINS SEBRING



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 22 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi races Saturday on the way to winning the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts.

Porsche takes GTLM class, Paul Miller Racing victorious in GTD

By ALLEN MOODY
HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

SEBRING — After watching the No. 2 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi taken out of the race on the first lap, the drivers of the No. 22 ESM car knew they were carrying the team's banner in Saturday's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts. The driving trio of Johannes van Overbeek, Nicolas Lapierre and Pipo Derani went out and took care of business, winning the race by more than 12 seconds over Wayne Taylor Racing's No. 10 Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi-V.R to give the Florida team its second win in three years at Sebring.

ESM didn't need any last-minute heroics from Derani this time, but he was just as impressive, turning in several impressive stints and helping the team move into lead and taking a lot of suspense out of the last couple of hours.



The No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR captured the GTLM class in Saturday's 12 Hours of Sebring.

The No. 7 Acura Team Penske looked as though it was going to battle the Patrón car, but the car began spewing flames from its exhaust at the midway point of the race and was forced to retire after running a strong second place at the time.

The No. 55 Mazda Team Joest DPi was another which ran a strong race, but was plagued issues, which ended any chances of a Mazda victory.

The No. 31 Whelen Engineering Cadillac finished third and the No. 54 CORE autosport ORECA LMP2 followed up a strong showing at Daytona with a solid-fourth place finish.

The No. 22 car also captured the Tequila

Patron North American Endurance win at Sebring, where points were awarded at four hours, eight hours and the end of the race.

Corvette Racing saw its three-year stranglehold on the GTLM end, as the No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR captured the title by 6.23 seconds over the No. 25 BMW Team RLL BMW M8 GTLM. The No. 912 Porsche GT Team entry finished third.

The No. 3 Corvette suffered tire problems early on and was never a threat, while the No. 4 Corvette finished sixth.

The No. 911 Porsche also won the North American Endurance Cup win.

In the GTD class, the No. 48 Lamborghini Huracan of Paul Miller Racing led a good portion of the last three hours, and momentarily dropped back when making a pit stop, but Bryan Sellers turned in a huge effort the last stint and passed the No. 33 Mercedes-AMG and went on to win by 8.169 seconds over the No. 63 Scuderia Corsa Ferrari, with the No. 33 Mercedes placing third.

"At the end the car was great," said Sellers. "This is a huge race."

The race was a bit more special for Sellers, as it was the 20th anniversary of when his father first brought him to Sebring to watch the races. Sellers said the Sebring crowd was great, as they always are.

"I have to thank the fans for coming out," he said. "This is the best event we come to."

The No. 33 Mercedes did take the North American Endurance Cup points win in the race.

12 Hours of Sebring Results

Prototype Class

1. No. 22 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi
2. No. 10 Konica Minolta Racing DPi-V.R
3. No. 31 Whelen Engineering Racing Cadillac DPi-V.R
4. No. 54 CORE autosport ORECA LMP2
5. No. 32 United Autosports Ligier LMP2
6. No. 55 Mazda Team Joest Mazda DPi
7. No. 99 JDC-Miller Motorsports ORECA LMP2
8. No. 77 Mazda Team Joest Mazda DPi
9. No. 85 JDC-Miller Motorsports ORECA LMP2
10. No. 5 Mustang Sampling Racing Cadillac DPi-V.R
11. No. 52 AFS/PR1 Mathiasen Motorsports
12. No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Racing Cadillac DPi-V.R
13. No. 38 Performance Tech Motorsports ORECA LMP2
14. No. 6 Acura Team Penske Acura DPi
15. No. 7 Acura Team Penske Acura DPi
16. No. 2 Tequila Patrón ESM Nissan DPi

GTLM Class

1. No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR
2. No. 25 BMW Team RLL BMW M8 GTLM
3. No. 912 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR
4. No. 67 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT
5. No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTE
6. No. 4 Corvette Racing Corvette C7.R
7. No. 24 BMW Team RLL BMW M8 GTLM
8. No. 3 Corvette Racing Corvette C7.R
9. No. 66 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT

GTD Class

1. No. 48 Paul Miller Racing Lamborghini Huracan GT3
2. No. 63 Scuderia Corsa Ferrari 488 GT3
3. No. 33 Mercedes-AMG Team Riley Motorsports Mercedes-AMG GT3
4. No. 29 Montaplast by Land Motorsport Audi R8 LMS GT3
5. No. 15 3GT Racing Lexus RC F GT3
6. No. 58 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R
7. No. 93 Michael Shank Racing Acura NSX GT3
8. No. 86 Michael Shank Racing Acura NSX GT3
9. No. 73 Park Place Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R
10. No. 75 SunEnergy1 Racing Mercedes-AMG GT3
11. No. 96 Turner Motorsports BMW M6 GT3
12. No. 51 Spirit of Race Ferrari 488 GT3
13. No. 44 Magnus Racing Audi R8 LMS GT3
14. No. 71 P1 Motorsports Mercedes-AMG GT3
15. No. 14 3GT Racing Lexus RC F GT3
16. No. 69 HART Acura NSX GT3
17. No. 36 CJ Wilson Racing Acura NSX GT3
18. No. 64 Scuderia Corsa Ferrari 488 GT3

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Business students learn value in making a difference



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During the first half of the semester, the LRU students will study how Unique World Gifts operates and then in the second semester they'll get more involved by helping execute some of their ideas to help boost the business's bottom line.

Students gain confidence and real world experience

By **JOHN BAILEY**
THE HICKORY DAILY RECORD

An AP member exchange HICKORY, N.C. — The bottom line for any business is making a profit, but Lenoir-Rhyne University students in Ralph Griffith's entrepreneurship capstone class this semester are learning profit can be defined any many different ways.

His students have reached out to Unique World Gifts in Hickory to work as consultants to find ways they might be able to help the nonprofit grow. While Lenoir-Rhyne University junior Tyler Johnson is focused on the commercial side of business, he's learned the value of social entrepreneurship

STUDENTS | 2

Six decades, five generations



BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

Brandon Albritton, left, and Larry Albritton, seated, and James Lebron are shown outside of Albritton's Barbershop in Avon Park.

Albritton celebrates barbershop milestone

By **BILL ROGERS**
CORRESPONDENT

There may not be any dancing in the street — specifically South Lake Avenue in Avon Park — but there will be a big celebration this Saturday.

The reason: Larry Albritton will be commemorating 60 years as a barber.

To mark the occasion there will be coffee and doughnuts starting at 8 a.m. and then finger sandwiches will be available. Fittingly, a barbershop quartet will be singing a little later in the morning.

Becoming a barber was not something Albritton planned on while growing up. He said after graduating high school in Hardee County he was going to work

in the citrus business, but quickly discovered that it wasn't for him.

"I got into the citrus business — like orange picking," he said. "After about three weeks of that, that was enough of that."

Bill Acuff, who owned the barber shop at the time, and Larry's brother, Maurice, told Larry if he went to barber school there would be a job for him.

"Within a month, I was enrolled in Tampa Barber College," he said. "As soon as I got out, graduated, I passed the state board. I started working here March 24, 1958."

Albritton, who is 79, said he has cut the hair of five generations of a family.

The oldest person whose



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BARBER | 2 Larry Albritton cuts James Albritton's hair in the barbershop he has owned for more than 50 years.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Impossible for market to ignore latest Trump policy moves

NEW YORK — Financial markets suddenly care about politics again after ignoring the dysfunction in Washington over the early part of the Trump presidency. The reason is simple: Recent debates and policies center around issues that could impact Corporate America's bottom line.

Behind the Broadcom deal block: rising telecom tensions

NEW YORK — The U.S. veto of a hostile Singapore-based bid for the U.S. chip maker Qualcomm is its latest attempt to limit foreign nations' involvement in telecommunications. At stake? Maintaining control of the telecom infrastructure that's set to become more crucial for everything from self-driving cars to the connected home.

Outdoors stores quietly continue to sell assault weapons

DUNDEE, Mich. — Some big retailers have curbed sales of assault weapons after last month's school shooting in Florida. But several outdoor chains, including Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Gander Outdoors and Academy Sports, continue to sell assault-style rifles online and in stores as part of their mix of hunting equipment. The stores have clearly made the calculation that they could lose more than they might gain by taking a stand against assault-style weapons.

Dick's says new gun policy will impact sales, shopper visits

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. — Dick's Sporting Goods reported disappointing holiday sales numbers in part due to weak demand for one-time hot brands like Under Armour. The company's CEO also said recent changes to its firearm policies, ending the sale of guns to anyone under 21, will hurt future sales and may cause fewer shoppers to come to its stores.

Trump considers TV commentator as possible economic adviser

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he's considering CNBC commentator Larry Kudlow as a potential successor to outgoing economic adviser Gary Cohn. The president says he's "looking at Larry Kudlow very strongly." He notes that while he and Kudlow "don't agree on everything," that might be helpful to him. Cohn resigned after Trump announced tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

\$1.5B settlement in suit over Syngenta modified corn seed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A \$1.5 billion settlement has been reached in a class-action lawsuit covering tens of thousands of farmers, grain-handling facilities and ethanol plants that sued Swiss agribusiness giant Syngenta over its introduction of a genetically engineered corn seed. The plaintiffs said Syngenta's decision to introduce its modified Viptera and Duracade corn seed strains to the U.S. market for the 2011 growing season before having approval for import by China in 2014 caused price drops for several years.

House vote nears on GOP bill easing use of unproven drugs

WASHINGTON — A Republican bill easing how experimental drugs are provided to people with terminal illnesses is headed toward a House vote. But opposition by top Democrats and scores of patients' groups has left its fate uncertain. The "Right to Try" legislation is backed by President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. Republicans say it would give hope to patients with fatal diseases, while Democrats say it's unneeded and risky.

Qatar, UAE extend oil field concession to Japan amid crisis

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have each extended a concession to an offshore oil field they share to a Japanese consortium despite a diplomatic crisis between the two of them tearing at the region. Both Qatar and the UAE on Tuesday acknowledged the extension of the concession at the al-Bunduq offshore field in the Persian Gulf, which the two countries have equally shared since 1969.

Ask Brianna: How to avoid a spring break money hangover

Q: I want to travel this spring, but I don't have a lot of extra cash. How can I make it happen?

A: Spring break doesn't just belong to college folks tired of pulling pre-midterm all-nighters in the library. Everyone needs an excuse to indulge, whether or not you're in school.

But jetting off for spring break like you might have in college is pricey (and seems exhausting after age 22). I searched the travel comparison website Kayak for weeklong all-inclusive resort vacations in Cancun, Mexico, booked one month in advance. For a trip in late



ASK BRIANNA
Brianna McGurran

March, the average cost was about \$1,600 per person, which included flights, a hotel room and meals.

That is a ton of money for someone who doesn't have

any extra cash.

Bottom line: You have no "extra cash" if you have no emergency savings. You have no "extra cash" if you're wondering whether you have enough room on your credit card. But with some planning and forethought, you can have an emergency cushion and a vacation, too.

Try this plan: Do something small, cheap and slightly less extravagant; save a little for emergencies; and then plan a guilt-free trip next year with money that's actually in your bank account — the very definition of "extra cash."

Protect your future first

Proactively saving money for emergencies you can't predict is more important than a big vacation. Find the money by cutting a subscription service you don't use or getting rid of extras on your cell phone plan you don't need. You don't have to sit at home watching HGTV until you have three to six months of expenses saved, though.

Save \$500 first, then reward yourself with a meal out. Get to \$2,000, and take a day trip somewhere. After

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from working on this project. "It's just nice to know you can help other people, help everything grow and advance yourself while also advancing everybody else, lifting them up with you," Johnson said. Unique World Gifts sells fairly-traded handcrafted products from developing countries, according to its website, uniqueworldgifts.org. The store has been open for 26 years. Items for sale range from home decor to jewelry, clothing accessories, coffee, tea and chocolates. It was established in 1992 by the Hickory

Mennonite Church, local citizens and in partnership with Ten Thousand Villages, a nonprofit, fair-trade organization run by Mennonites. Ten Thousand Villages provides a system of distribution of products and the training for the production techniques and marketing for approximately 60,000 artisans and farmers from impoverished, developing countries. "They need the U.S. market. A lot of these artisans live in places that are maybe either remote or don't have a tourist trade," Unique World Gifts Executive Director Lana Ruffini said. She was "thrilled" to have the LRU students offer to help the company. "I love getting a fresh perspective from

a younger group of people," Ruffini said. "I can think of things. My board members and volunteers, we can think of things, but it's nice to have new ideas." In return, she thinks the students will benefit from learning more about how a small, nonprofit runs. "We operate on a shoestring, so we're always looking for new ways to get the word out about us, and we're small enough they can get an in-depth look at how we do things," Ruffini said. During the first half of the semester, the LRU students will study how Unique World Gifts operates and then in the second semester they'll get more involved by helping execute some of their ideas to help

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that, you'll be in a better position to spend on things you want simply because you want them. Add up your basic expenses each month, and keep saving until you can cover three months' worth, then six months'. **Treat yourself closer to home** While saving up, you're still allowed to do cool stuff. The trick is to pay for that stuff in cash so you're not building credit card debt at the same time. Here are some ideas for local escapes: —A massage or spa service: A one-hour

massage costs \$73 on average, according to the American Massage Therapy Association, though prices vary depending on where you live. Search for a massage therapist through the association's therapist lookup tool. —A pasta-making class: I found options that cost \$35 for a 1.5-hour class, \$79 for a two-hour class or \$140 per couple for a 2.5-hour class. —Go on a hike: National parks have free entry on certain days during the year, including Saturday, April 21, the first day of National Park Week. Spend a day at the closest one to you; pack a lunch and pay only for gas to get there. Once your emergency fund is up and running,

consider signing up for a rewards credit card, which can get you cash back to spend, or points for flights or hotel stays when you're ready to go away. Many come with sign-up bonuses that can subsidize part of a future trip — but make sure to pay off the balance each month to avoid paying interest. **Plan way ahead** People who successfully save for vacation do it all year long. Just like you put a specific amount each month toward that emergency fund, and ideally also for retirement, do the same for travel, says Shurdonna S. Joseph, a certified financial planner at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia.

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hair he has cut is 102-year-old Chaplain Harry Bennett. He said he still has several customers who have been getting haircuts from him for "at least 60 years." "Some of the kids I give them their first haircut, I'm still cutting their hair," he said. Jacob Livingston was in the barbershop on a recent day and had high praise for Larry after getting a haircut. Livingston, who is living in Lakeland attending school, said he has let his hair grow out for a year to 18 months. "I'm glad I came here to get it cut," he said. "I can't find anyone as good as Albritton's." If there is an unhappy

customer, Albritton joked that he lets James Lebron, who is one of two other barbers in the shop, deal with the person. Albritton told a story about a customer who was a smoker. The barber said about 30 years ago he put up a sign that thanked people for not smoking. A man who had been away for the summer came in and asked Albritton where are the ash trays? Albritton told the man smoking is not allowed there. "He got mad, and said 'Well I'm going to go somewhere where I can smoke,' Albritton said, adding that the man would have to go to another town because smoking was not allowed at any of the barbershops in Avon Park. Albritton said the man kept saying that he would let Albritton cut

his hair this time but not anymore and repeated it after getting into the chair. "I cut up ... about half of it, and he says for the second or third time 'I'm going to let you cut it this time, but I'm not going to let you cut it anymore.'" At that point the barber had enough. Albritton said he undid the cape, and the man walked out with half a haircut. "I'm pretty good to get along with, but don't push me too far..." he said. Lebron has been working there for 10 years. The biggest thing that he has learned from Albritton is the discipline of being there on time and every day. "It's a consistent," he said. He said he has only had to cover for Albritton a couple of times during that period. One time

involved surgery. Lebron added it's a work ethic that older people have but is not seen as much nowadays among some younger people. Brandon Albritton, who is Larry's grandson, is the other barber who works there a couple days a week. Brandon is also a firefighter with the Sebring Fire Department. He said he needed to find a second job and decided to follow in

Larry's footsteps. Brandon said he has learned a lot from both Larry and Lebron. He tells people "if I give you a bad haircut you've got to blame those guys." He said the first year of being a barber is pretty hard. "You get out of school and you think you know how to cut hair, but you really don't," he said. "I'm still learning," he added. "I'm a lot more confident than what I

used to be..." Larry said it is his loyal customers that keep him coming back to work. "I like people," he said. As far as retirement, Albritton said he has some cows that would keep him occupied. However, he would prefer doing what he has done for decades. "I'd rather be here where it's cool in the summer and warm in the winter," he said.



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Home renovators, appliance sellers get a boost

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NEW YORK — A small slowdown in home sales is creating opportunities for small businesses like home renovators and appliance dealers.

Business is up at Brad Beldon's home exterior renovation company, which does roofing, windows, siding and other work in 15 markets across the country. Many of Beldon's customers are homeowners who aren't selling because they can't find other houses they like and can afford.

"People are more willing to do a significant investment in their current homes, knowing they plan to be there for a while," says Beldon, whose eponymous company is based in San Antonio. Beldon's revenue was up about 7 percent in 2017, and he expects a similar gain this year.

Beldon's company handles projects that can range from \$5,000 gutter replacements to \$80,000 window installations. Some owners are also putting additions on their homes. Business is so good that some projects, particularly delays, can be delayed several months while manufacturers catch up with orders, and Beldon, who has about 500 employees, hopes to hire 100 more this year.

Home sales have slowed in recent months as the number of available houses dwindled. Sales of occupied homes fell 3.2 percent in January and 3.6 percent in December, and the number of sales contracts signed in January dropped nearly 5 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors. Among the reasons: Prices are high and mortgage rates are rising, which means many owners who'd like to sell and get another home can't afford to. And so they don't put their houses on the market.

Beldon knows firsthand the frustration of people who can't move — he and his wife want a smaller house because most of their children are grown, but so far their search has been futile.

"Our home is double the size we need, but it's hard to find one that



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In this March 11, 2018, photo provided by Mrs. G Inc., Debbie Schaeffer, owner of Mrs. G, an appliance retailer in Lawrence Township, N.J., poses for a photo at the GE Cafe Keurig Refrigerator display.

would meet what we want," he says.

Meanwhile, many houses bought at bargain prices during the Great Recession went to investors who use them for rental income. And some owners can't sell their homes because they're still "underwater" after the recession — 2.5 million people owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth, according to CoreLogic, a company that researches the real estate market.

Beneficiaries of the slowdown include companies like Beldon's and contractors who handle interior work, renovating kitchens and bathrooms, finishing basements and building additions. Decorators, appliance dealers and painters all stand to pick up more business.

Rentalutions, an app that helps people find and screen tenants for homes they can't sell, has doubled the number of its users over the past year, co-founder Ryan Coon says. Many users are people who relocate for work but can't afford to sell at a loss or lower price. They end up becoming landlords until

they're able to find a buyer who can meet their asking price.

U.S. home prices rose 6.3 percent in 2017, the fastest 12-month pace in more than three years, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller national home price index. Meanwhile, mortgage rates are at a four-year high; 30-year fixed mortgages averaged 4.46 percent last week.

Although appliance dealers have lost sales they might have made to new homeowners, they're picking up business from people who are staying put and want new refrigerators, washers and dryers, says Debbie Schaeffer, owner of Mrs. G, an appliance retailer in Lawrence Township, New Jersey.

Homeowners who bought appliances from 2002 to 2005 during the housing boom are now replacing machines that are wearing out. Mrs. G's revenue rose 7 percent last year and the company is hoping for a more than 10 percent increase in 2018.

"People are confident and spending money and reinvesting in their homes," Schaeffer says.

Revenue at Patrick Kennedy's custom woodworking company has been up between 10 percent and 15 percent the past few months as homeowners who aren't moving decide to dress up their homes. Kennedy's Doylestown, Pennsylvania-based business, Superior Woodcraft, creates cabinets, shelving and other wood built-ins.

Some of his customers decided to renovate because they were looking for a specific feature in a new home and couldn't find it. So he's been building libraries and bars as well as new kitchens and bathrooms. And with more people working from home, he's also creating home offices.

Because homeowners aren't going to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in a house, they're willing to sink tens of thousands of dollars into their current homes. Still, Kennedy doesn't see freewheeling spending.

"They're setting forth budgets and really want to stick with them," Kennedy says. "They don't mind spending

as long as they see the value in what they're receiving."

But business owners in the real estate business, including brokers, are having a tougher time as sales slow. While they can garner larger

commissions because of higher prices, they're making fewer sales. And because many people turned to real estate sales for jobs when the housing market began recovering in 2012, there's a lot of competition for those fewer deals.

That has Wendy Papasan ratcheting up her marketing efforts, making Papasan Properties more visible to homeowners in Austin, Texas, and its suburbs. The median single-family home price in the Austin-Round Rock area was up 3.6 percent in January from a year ago, the Austin Board of Realtors' says. And the region had 1.9 months of homes on the market, compared to the six to six-and-a-half months that researchers at Texas A&M University consider necessary for a balanced housing market.

Part of Papasan's strategy is to look for owners who are trying to sell houses on their own; the agency offers to act as their broker. Papasan also runs investment seminars for homeowners, holds free movie nights and stays in touch with past customers in the hope they can refer their family and friends.

"I see a slowing market as an opportunity for us to increase market share," Wendy Papasan says.

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How to find 'advice-only' financial advisers

If you want money advice you can trust, your best bet is to hire a fee-only financial planner. The trick is finding a planner who's willing to be hired for a reasonable fee.

Fee-only planners don't accept commissions or kickbacks and are paid solely by client fees. Most use an "assets under management" model where they manage their clients' investments and charge an annual fee of about 1 percent. To make the math work, these financial planners usually require people to have hundreds of thousands of dollars to invest. Otherwise the advisers would reap too little from their fees to justify the hours spent creating financial plans.

This is obviously a problem for people who don't have enough assets. It also can be a problem for those who do, since the advisers collect their fees year in and year out, regardless of how much advice they're actually dispensing. Plus, not everyone wants or needs an adviser to invest their money.

It's even becoming a problem for the planners themselves. A client with a small portfolio may have more complex needs, and require more

time, than one with a larger portfolio, but the fees won't reflect that.

Plus, what these planners are technically charging for — investment management — can be had for much less from robo-advisers. These digital investment services use computer algorithms to invest and typically charge one-quarter of one percent.

Planners are essentially giving away the valuable part of what they do, the financial advice, while charging premium prices for the commodity that a machine can essentially do for much less.

Advisers increasingly are recognizing the flaws in this approach and some are exploring alternatives, such as charging flat monthly or quarterly fees, says financial journalist Bob Veres, owner of Inside Information, a site for advisers.

If you're looking for financial advice that's not based on the size of your portfolio, here are a few places to check and what you can expect to pay.

—**XY PLANNING NETWORK.** This is a network of financial planners who typically focus on clients in Generations X and Y, or millennials, who don't have a lot of assets to invest. There's no age limit, though, and



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some of the planners specialize in helping baby boomers as well. Advisers must be certified financial planners, or CFPs; swear to uphold a fiduciary client-first standard, which means they put their clients' interests first; and offer flat monthly fees (although they may offer other options, including hourly or assets-under-management fees). Monthly fees are typically \$100-\$200, with some planners requiring an initial or setup fee of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

—**GARRETT PLANNING NETWORK.** Planner Sheryl Garrett's network represents planners willing to charge by the hour, although many also manage assets for a fee. Members are either certified financial planners or they are on track to get the designation, or they're certified public accountants who have

the personal financial specialist credential, which is similar to the CFP. Garrett also requires its planners to be fiduciaries. Hourly fees usually range from \$150 to \$300. A consultation focused on one subject, such as a portfolio review, may take two or three hours. A comprehensive financial plan that covers taxes, insurance, estate planning, college planning and other relevant topics could require 20 hours or more.

—**ADVICE-ONLY FINANCIAL.** Financial blogger Harry Sit started his service to connect people with fee-only advisers who just charge for advice and don't accept asset management fees. Sit's concern is that advisers who do both will be tempted to push people toward asset management, since it's more lucrative. Sit charges \$200 to help people find fiduciary CFPs who are either local or, if none are available, willing to work remotely. The planners typically charge \$100 to \$400 an hour.

—**ASSOCIATION FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELING & EDUCATION.** Not every tax return requires a CPA and not every financial situation requires a CFP. An accredited financial

counselor or financial fitness coach can be a more affordable alternative. Coaches and counselors in private practice typically charge \$100 to \$150 an hour, although many work on a sliding scale, says Rebecca Wiggins, executive director of the association, which grants both credentials. Others are employed by the military, credit unions or other organizations and offer their services for free or at reduced

charge, she says. These counselors or coaches focus on issues relevant to middle- and lower-income Americans, including budgeting, debt management and retirement planning.

"The main thing is that these professionals are affordable, unbiased, and highly trained," Wiggins says. "Their focus is on the needs of the clients and establishing healthy financial management."

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LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID 14

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")
 The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, Florida will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

ITB NO. 18-030 Sale of Surplus County Owned Properties (8 properties)
 Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcucc.net, or by contacting: Tasha Morgan, Business Services Director, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3809, Phone: 863-402-6842; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E-Mail: tmorgan@hcucc.org.

A PRE-BID meeting will not be held for this solicitation. Each submission shall include one (1) original and (1) exact copy of the BID submission packet. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3809 so as to reach said office no later than **3:00 P.M., Thursday, April 19, 2018**, at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy ("Local Preference Policy") and Women/Minority Business Enterprise Preference Policy (W/MBE) will NOT apply to the award of this ITB. 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@hcucc.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
 March 11, 18, 2018

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

For Towing & Storage
 1997 SATURN
 1G82K5275V2255426
 On March 29th 2018
 At Precision Auto Body Inc
 734 CR 621 East, Lake Placid FL
 March 18, 2018

For Towing & Storage
 2001 CHEV
 1GND13W212174843
 On March 29th 2018
 At Precision Auto Body Inc
 734 CR 621 East, Lake Placid FL
 March 18, 2018

For Towing & Storage
 2003 HYUN
 KMHW35H03A869118
 On March 29th 2018
 At Precision Auto Body Inc
 734 CR 621 East, Lake Placid FL
 March 18, 2018

2000 EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED 2001

WORKERS NEEDED
 48 workers needed for **Benito Martinez Jr.** for watermelon harvesting from 5/04/18 to 6/10/18. Workers will be paid \$25.00 + per bus, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Central Florida. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of the 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Apply to the closest Work Force office with Job order 10662131. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Driver Wanted- Busy AG Dealership needs Full or PT driver; must have clean CDL/Semi/Sm Truck. **Apply in person:** 6820 US HWY 27 N., Sebring.

OTR Driver Needed- Clean MBR Min. 2 yrs experience. Run NE. Good pay. Ask for Roger **863-449-1368**

HELP WANTED 2001



Media Positions Available
Solmart Media, LLC is Now Hiring:

★ **Outside Sales:** Bilingual & experienced. Work from home covering Sebring, Polk County, Sarasota and Port Charlotte.
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Apply: Fax resumes to: (863) 494-4443 or email to: tmartinez@solmartmedia.com

GHC Motorsports Now Hiring:

★ **Delivery Driver:** Full Time; Deliver motorcycles, ATVs & Side by Sides to customers. Some exp. pref.
 ★ **Parts Counter Assistant:** Full Time; Exp. & knowledge of motorcycles to assist with parts & accessory sales.
 ★ **Assembler:** Full Time; assemble ATVs, Motorcycles & Side by Sides. Paid vacation & 5 day work week.
863-699-2453 for interview

NEED A JOB? CHECK THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Equipment Operator Needed
 In citrus & blueberry operation to run tractor. Exp. necessary & must be dependable. Occasional night & weekend spraying required. **Call 813-367-7190**
Email resume: zeny82002@yahoo.com

HARDEE CO. BOCC-PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

★ **Equipment Operator** (FL DL) \$11.13-\$15.35/hr.
 ★ **Maintenance Worker II** (FL DL) \$10.67-\$14.70/hr.
 ★ **Custodian** (FL DL) \$9.62-\$13.26/hr.

Job descriptions at www.hardeecounty.net
 w/application. Submit: HR, 205 Hanchey Rd Wauchula, FL 33873, Ph: (863) 773-2161. Positions open until filled.

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Lagunita Harvesting, LLC is hiring 55 farmworkers to cultivate, harvest and pack watermelons in Hardee County, FL for a temporary period from 04/15/2018 to 07/31/2018. The wages offered are the highest of \$11.29/hr. or applicable piece rates. Prolonged standing, bending, stooping, and reaching required. Job is outdoors and continues in all types of weather. Workers may be requested to submit to random drug or alcohol tests at no cost to the worker. Failure to comply with the request or testing positive may result in immediate termination. All drug testing and background checks will occur during the interview process and will be conducted at the sole discretion of the employer. Must be able to lift 70lbs to shoulder height repetitively throughout the workday and able to lift and carry 70 lbs. in field. Employer guarantees work will be available for at least three-quarters of the period stated. Required tools, supplies, and equipment will be provided at no cost to worker. Housing will be available for workers who cannot reasonably return home after each working day. Transportation and meal expenses will be provided, or reimbursed after 50% of the work contract is completed, if appropriate. Applicants should apply for the position at their local State Workforce Agency office. Job Order Number: FL10644265.



Fairway Pines Assisted Living Now Hiring:

★ **Kitchen Staff- Wait staff Prep Cooks/Dishwashers**
 ★ **Nursing Dept.-CNA/Resident Aide/LPN**

ALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIRED
Apply in person at 5959 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring.

HELP WANTED 2001

WORKERS NEEDED
 56 workers needed for **LS Barajas, Inc.** for Tobacco, Cotton, various vegetables and Sweet potato harvesting, from 5/10/18 to 11/20/18. Workers will be paid \$5.50+ Per 5/8bu, but will be guaranteed \$11.46 per hour. Job location is in Tarboro, NC. 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 P.O. Box 27625 Raleigh, NC 27611 job order 10829901.

WORKERS NEEDED

65 workers needed for **Luis A Becerra Jr.** for Tobacco, Cucumber and Sweet Potato harvesting from 05/18/18 to 11/23/18. Workers will be paid \$0.50 per 5/8 bu, but will be guaranteed \$11.46 per hour. Job location is in Eastern North Carolina. 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. Address of Order Holding Office is PO Box 27625 Raleigh, NC 27611. Workers interested can apply for this job at the nearest State Work Agency with job order 10832679.



GENPAK LLC, a leading manufacturer in the plastic foodservice packaging industry in Sebring, FL area has openings for **MECHANICS/ELECTRICIANS** in our Maintenance Department. Minimum of one (1) year Industrial maintenance experience preferred, but not required. Applicants must have formal training or experience in related fields that would be useful in maintaining and repairing our production machinery and related equipment. Must have an industrial/electrical/electronic background. Troubleshooting and repair of mechanical, pneumatic & hydraulic production machinery. Must be able to troubleshoot and repair electrical control circuitry, motor/process controls and set up machinery for production. Welding and fabrication a plus. Applicant must maintain a full complement of tools to perform normal duties. 12 hour shifts available. Competitive salary and benefits package. Stop by our office to fill out an application and you also may submit a resume.

Genpak
 116 Shicane Drive
 Sebring, FL 33870
863-655-1814

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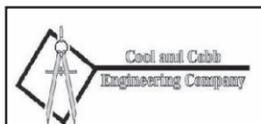
Service Technician Wanted
 Small engine repair; lawn & garden, full-time, some exp. needed Lake Placid **863-465-9641**

WORKERS NEEDED
 Farmworker & Laborer, Crop - 20 fulltime temporary jobs available 04/15/18-07/30/18. **Yu An Farms, Co.**, P.O. Box 217, Elkton, FL. Manually plant, cultivate and harvest vegetables and field crops. Use hand tools to till, fertilize, transplant, weed, thin, prune, apply pesticides, clean, irrigate and load produce. Operate, repair, maintain tractors/implements to grow and harvest crops. Mix and apply agrichemicals, maintain fences and building. Conditions: lift 50 lbs, stoop, push and pull, sit, walk, repetitive movement, extreme temperatures. 1 months verifiable experience. \$11.46/hr, 3/4 guaranteed contract; tools and supplies, housing, transportation expenses paid by employer. Transportation, subsistence paid to worker upon 50% completion of contract. Please contact (850) 919-814-0544 to locate nearest State Workforce Agency office and apply using NC10822551.

HELP WANTED 2001

Highlands County BCC Job Postings:
 The Following Positions are Open: Until Filled
 ★ **Fire Services Supervisor (0164)**
 PG-113 \$44,239.20-\$68,570.77
 ★ **Tractor Mower Operator (0910)**
 PG-102 \$21,017.73-\$32,577.48
 ★ **Project Manager Transportation (0966)**
 PG-116 \$54,194.93-\$84,002.14
 ★ **OMB Senior Manager (1028)**
 PG-117 \$57,988.57-\$89,882.29
 ★ **Purchasing Analyst (0146)**
 PG-109 \$33,749.88-\$52,312.31
 ★ **Custodian (1073)**
 PG-102 \$21,017.73-\$32,577.48
 ★ **Equipment Operator I Dump Truck (0912)**
 PG-103 \$22,488.97-\$34,857.90
 ★ **Family Support Worker (1014)**
 PG-103 \$22,488.97-\$34,857.90
 ★ **Building Inspector, I-III (1088)**
 PG-109 \$33,749.88-\$52,312.31
 ★ **Administrative Secretary (0118)**
 PG-105 \$25,747.62-\$39,908.81
 ★ **Assistant County Attorney (1049)**
 PG-120 \$71,038.49-\$110,109.67
 For applications & requirements, visit www.hcucc.net. EOE/Vet Pref/Drug Free Workplace.

PROFESSIONAL 2010



CAD Drafter Needed
 Cool and Cobb Engineering Co
 • Recommended 2yrs CAD Drafting Experience;
 • Design Floor Plans, Elevations, Renderings, Site Sketches, etc.;
 • Ability to read Construction Plans;
 • Proficient in MS Word, Outlook & Excel
 Call for Appt. **863-657-2323**



First Baptist Preschool is looking for an exp. **Christian Teacher** to fill an immediate position. Must have exp. teaching using a curriculum, VPK, phonics, or other equivalency. Must have all DCF req. courses. CPR & First Aid pref. Pay depends on exp. & training. **Applications w/resume can be acquired at 200 E Center Ave., Sebring.**

CLERICAL/OFFICE 2020

PT Church Receptionist/Secretary ~30hrs/wk; comp. literacy req. (Word, Excel, Publisher etc.); good phone & communication skills needed. Submit resumes to: memorial@memorialumc.com

MEDICAL 2030



Residential Assistant - FT
 HS Diploma/Good Driving Rec. **Apply at CareerSource Heartland**
 5901 US Hwy. 27 S., Sebring EOE/Drug Free Workplace



★ **CNA/Certified MA**
 Full-time. Must have certification up to date.
 ★ **Billing Specialist**
 Experience required. For busy specialty practice. Benefits available.
Email resume to: gechevarria@floridajointspine.com

Medical Assistant Needed in Sebring. FT or PT, Great pay, PTO, health & disability insurance, 401K & other benefits. **Submit resumes to recruitment@aio.net**

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

MEDICAL 2030

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 ★ **SIGN ON BONUS FOR ALL FT AND PT CNAs** ★
 We are currently seeking Full Time, Part Time and PRN CNAs to join our team! This role is responsible for delivering quality care to residents and maintaining a positive interactions with families, staff and other healthcare professionals. We offer excellent benefits for all FT employees 32 hours or more per week. Health benefits start after 60 days! Excellent weekend shift differentials. **Apply in person at Royal Care of Avon Park, 1213 W Stratford Rd., Avon Park, FL. EOE/DFWP 863-453-6674**



Immediate Need
 ♦ **Medical Assistant w/Phlebotomy Skills**
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RN and LPNs for Skilled Nursing Facility

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 24 bed Intermediate care facility for the developmental disabled. Low patient ratio Dynamic Team Environment!
 ★ **Essential Criteria:**
 Current Florida RN/LPN license; Demonstrated interpersonal & written communication skills; Experience a plus but will train.
Fax resume to 863-452-2223: Attention to Angelina Cantera, DON; **Apply online at thementornetwork.com**
Apply in person at Florida Mentor, Avon Park Cluster, 55 E. College Dr., Avon Park. **863-453-0186**



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 ★ **Cooks & Servers**
Apply at: 2451 US Hwy 27 S. Avon Park. 863-781-0611 or 813-448-4324

GENERAL 2100

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
 For grove equipment. Clean Florida Driver License is required. Pay based on experience. Drug-free workplace. **Apply in person** 8am - 11am & 1pm - 4pm Monday - Friday at 109 Arron Dr., Lake Placid, FL **863-465-2821** or email: office@lpclp.com

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NOTICES

HAPPY ADS 3015



Wish your Special Little Easter Bunny a Happy Easter with a Happy Ad!

4 lines of text for 3 days for Only \$25!!
 Personalize with your Own Photo for only \$10 more!

Call now to Reserve your Space!

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LOST & FOUND 3090

LOST- Dark gray t-shirt: South Georgia State (with hawk's head logo) at Lake Blue in Lake Placid on 3/13; **863-465-4027**

LOST- longhaired, friendly (m) wht & tan cat. Lost 3/12/18 corner of Agora St. & Lake Haven Blvd. **203-589-5999**

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HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN
YOUR HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER SINCE 1919

GARAGE SALES 6014

Send someone special an Easter Prayer dedication or devotional

4 lines of text for 3 days for Only \$25!! Personalize with your Own Photo for only \$10 more!

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HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN
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GARAGE SALES 6014

Donna Collins Estate Sales
March 16, 17, 18
8AM-4PM Rain or Shine
1367 NE Viola Road
Avon Park, FL 33825
Sewing machines, bookcases, lift recliner, charcoal color, taxidermy and painting, camping goods, organ, piano, amplifier, wildlife, military, art, Origami, space, cooking & gardening books, Corelle, Asian china closet & sideboard, round occasional tables, bureau and bed stand, baker's rack, pool & patio furniture, bird bath, storage cabinets, garage shelving, queen bed, Craftmatic twin bed, electric lawn mower, Joey mobility chair lift, Calphalon Waterless, sm. appliances, more!
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Sebring-Continuous Moving Sale- Everything Must Go. No tools. 1920 Sentinel Point Road. Stop by daily.

SEWING 6026

Sewing Machine- Kenmore Ultra #15612. In cabinet. Only \$45. 863-840-3149.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS 6030

Area Rug, 12' x 14', blue background w/ pink flowers, \$50.00 obo - 863-655-0232

FURNITURE 6035

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Shelves, half moon, 6 tier, glass shelves, mahogany, exc. cond., \$50.00 - 863-633-8811

CLOTHING / JEWELRY/ ACCESSORIES 6065

Full size bed, hdbd, pillowtop-matt, bx springs, sheets, mat pad, spread, comfortor, all like new \$150 (863) 385-4512

Mens shoes, size 8, 2 new Rockport \$30 ea, 1 worn twice \$25, golf shoes like new 1 Fila, 1 Sketchers, 1 Globe \$25 ea (863) 385-4612

ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES 6070

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

Anyone interested in purchasing **Heisey glassware** or **Longaberger baskets** please call 863-465-9256.

Grandfather **clock**, 40 years old, \$500.00, 321-506-1454

MUSICAL 6090

200 LP Records & Albums in sleeves \$25 for all. 863-385-4754

Organ- Lowrey EV-2 w/bench & music. Like new, exc. cond! Cost \$2,200, asking \$1,000 obo. 863-471-6682

MEDICAL 6095

Electric Lift Chair- American made, Pride recliner. New \$850, sell \$350 firm 863-243-2262

Mobility Scooter-Motorized, Jet 3 Ultra. Gently used, new battery. \$500. 863-273-8595

MEDICAL 6095

Folding Wheelchair- light weight, like new. \$200. 219-363-0830

Mobility Scooter- Jazzy. Only used once. \$1,000. 239-405-3001 or 863-214-3351

Shower Bench- Like new! \$45. Very nice. Use in shower or tub. 219-363-0830

BABY ITEMS 6120

Car Seat, Greco, \$25, diaper bag, \$10, Kick & Play baby gym, \$10, set me up floor seat, \$25, fold away tub, \$10, bath aqua scale, \$40-863-202-5297

SPORTING GOODS 6130

Tent, Outdoor Spirit 12' x10', sleeps six, 80" peak, brand new in case \$80.00(863) 385-0000

LAWN & GARDEN 6160

Grill-22" Weber Master Touch charcoal grill, used only once. \$100.00, 863-399-2161

MOWER Craftsman self propelled, runs good 6.75 hp. \$90 (863) 382-9567

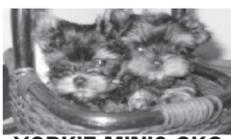
Stepping stones (25) 18x18, red in color, \$85.00, 863-257-4853

STIHL HS 45 hedge trimmer \$135, 863-441-1619

OUTDOOR LIVING 6161

Wicker Furniture-3 cush. sofa; 2 cush. loveseat; beige; Like New! Paid \$2,500, asking \$1,200. 574-360-0069

DOGS 6233



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APPLIANCES 6250

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Electric Range
General Electric. Good condition \$75. (863) 382-9567

Magic Chef Mini Clothes Washer- 1.6 cuft, Brand New, in box! \$250. 239-404-9710

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REFRIGERATOR & ELECTRIC STOVE \$200, (863)443-1963

Used Appliances: Stove, \$200 great cond.; Microwave, \$65; Sm. dishwasher, \$80; Refrigerator, \$150, very nice cond. Price negotiable. 863-658-4338

WASHING MACHINE & DRYER \$100, (863)443-1963

Whirlpool refrigerator, like brand new! Icemaker, water in door, \$200, 616-690-0519.

MISCELLANEOUS 6260

2 industrial sewing machines, more! 1 blind, 1 plain, good cond, \$250 each firm, 863-292-6033

Boat Motor for parts, 1994, 125 HP Mercury, 1 bad down cylinder, 4 cylinder, good coils, steel prop, good lower unit, all parts there \$500-863-382-3745

Poker table 46" dia, oak construction, folding legs, padded top, \$50, 812-372-7955.

MISCELLANEOUS 6260

TROPICAL FRUIT TREES
Avocados Bananas Citrus trees
Mango Peach Longan Starfruit
Soursop Figs Jujubee Lychee
Mulberry Papaya Sugarapple
Jackfruit Tamarind Coconut
trees Miracle Fruit Blueberries
Jabatacaba Sapote & Guava
★ **PURE RAW HONEY** ★
91 Carefree Ct., Venus, FL 33960
305-216-8452

Trunk, antique, large w/top draw, 3' W x 2' H x2' D, \$75.00 863-385-0000

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TRANSPORTATION

AUTOMOTIVE 7005



AUTO DEALS & STEALS

Sell Your New or Used Auto Easy Advertise in the Classifieds!

Only \$27.50 for 7 days (4 lines) Add a photo for only \$10 more!



BUICK 7020

2005 Buick Lasabre, V6, cloth interior, AC/Heat, cruise, good cond., \$3300 OBO, (616)485-1063.

CHRYSLER 7050

2005 GTC Convertible-extra clean, low miles, new tires, velour interior, runs great. \$5,500 Cash! 309-825-2477

2006 Minivan-3.8 V6, 152k. mi. DVD, radio, chrome whls, Michelin tires. \$4,250 obo Avon Park. 507-269-9870

DODGE 7060

2006 Caravan- 4cl, 3 seats, pwr steering, brakes. AC. 151k mi., very clean. \$3,490. Avon Park. 507-269-9870

FORD 7070

F150 Mark III LX Van-1998, new battery & tires, new front end work, interior TLC needed, \$1,800 obo - 863-385-0000

HONDA 7160

2006 Honda Civic LX- 2 door coupe, 5 speed manual trans, like new, custom rims & good tires, cold AC, only 89,500 well-cared for miles. \$4800 OBO. 863-243-1389; 863-381-5112, 863-465-9100.

ANTIQUES/ COLLECTIBLES 7250

1987 Pontiac Fiero GT V6- 65k orig. mi. New AC, burgundy, Must see!! \$8,995. 863-449-1460

AUTO PARTS/ ACCESSORIES 7270

(4) 16" 6 lug chrome rims for Chevy. \$60 for all. 863-202-5297

Polished Alum Running Boards- for Dodge Ram. New in box. \$60. **863-243-2262**

TRUCKS/ PICK-UPS 7300

1998 Chevy Blazer- 4WD, with hitch & tow rings, great work vehicle! \$1,500. 863-699-6835

Get the Word out - Advertise in the Classifieds!

BOATS-POWERED 7330

Boston Whaler 13' Yamaha 25hp, trailer & extras, \$3,200. 305-588-5201 (LP)

MISC. BOATS 7333

12' Jonboat- Heavy gauge alum, trolling motor & oars. Trailer avail. optional. Lake Placid. \$395. 765-457-5666

2014 Lund Big J 16' fishing boat-2015 25hp Merc. & trolling motor, 2014 Shorelander bunk trailer \$7,500 863-449-1972 or 906-221-7119

MARINE SUPPLY & EQUIP. 7338

Boat Trailer-galvanized, w/jet ski adapter rails. \$350. Lake Placid. 765-457-5666

Minkota Fortrex trolling motor, 36 volt, 45" shaft, 101 lbs thrust, good cond, \$980, 814-883-8422.

Trolling motor Minnkota 65AT, foot control, 24 volt, 41" shaft, exc cond, \$350, 812-372-7955

Trolling motor Minnkota power drive, 12 volt, 55lbs, 54" shaft, foot control w/ 25' cord, exc for pontoon or deep vee, \$350, 812-372-7955

CYCLES/MOPEDS/ SCOOTERS 7360

2004 Honda VTX 1300- New battery & back tire. 25,880 mi., \$2,250 neg. 419-905-9669

CAMPERS/ TRAVEL TRAILERS 7370

2007 Que Sunliner T.T, 17' 7" with all accessories, both inside & out. New tires. Asking \$3000 OBO by Mar 25. 863-314-0483.

2011 Cedar Creek 5th Wheel-38,' level/up system, W/D, dual AC, thermal windows, king bed, new tires. EXC. COND! \$22k 519-531-0939

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

End of an era: Toys R Us is going the way of stickball

NEW YORK — For decades, children ran down the sprawling aisles of Toys R Us in awe of the Barbies, the bikes and other toys laid out in front of them. Parents lined up for the latest Christmas fad, even if it meant standing in the rain. But all of that looks as if it's coming to an end. Toys R Us is going out of business in the U.S.

Complaint claims Trump lawyers threatened Panama magistrate

PANAMA CITY — According to a complaint filed with the anti-corruption division of Panama's chief prosecutor, lawyers for President Donald Trump's family hotel business threatened a Panamanian judicial official handling a business dispute related to Trump Hotels' management of a 70-story luxury hotel. Trump's lawyers dispute the claims. Trump's team was eventually evicted from the hotel, which was stripped of his name and reopened under new management. But the fighting continues in court.

US Chamber of Commerce warns Trump against China tariffs

WASHINGTON — America's largest business lobby is warning President Donald Trump against slapping big tariffs on Chinese imports. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is sounding the alarm as the White House weighs whether to punish China for forcing U.S. companies to hand technology to Chinese companies.

Trump again wrongly says US has trade deficit with Canada

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is sticking with his claim that the United States has a trade deficit with Canada. Trump tweeted Thursday morning, "We do have a Trade Deficit with Canada." This follows reports that he claimed at a fundraiser this week that he talked trade with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau without knowing all the facts. The U.S. has a trade surplus with Canada.

Surge in airline hiring boosts interest in aspiring pilots

DALLAS — Major U.S. airlines are hiring pilots at a rate not seen since before 9/11, and that is encouraging more young people to consider a career in the cockpit. Hiring is likely to remain brisk for years. Smaller airlines in the U.S. are struggling with a shortage that will continue as they lose pilots to the bigger carriers, which in turn will need to replace thousands of retiring pilots over the next few years. Aircraft maker Boeing predicts that the U.S. will need 117,000 new pilots by 2036. Just a decade ago thousands of pilots were furloughed and some abandoned the profession.

the FUNNIES

PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

LUNCH TIME AGAIN..

I REMEMBER HOW I USED TO SIT ON THIS BENCH EVERY NOON AND STARE ACROSS THE PLAYGROUND AT THAT LITTLE RED-HAIRED GIRL...

ALL I WANTED WAS TO BE ABLE TO SIT NEXT TO HER AND TALK TO HER...JUST BE WITH HER...THAT WASN'T ASKING TOO MUCH, WAS IT? BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED...

AND THEN SHE MOVED AWAY, AND NOW I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES, AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW I EXIST, AND I SIT HERE EVERY DAY, AND I WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING, AND I...

HI, CHARLIE BROWN..WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SITTING HERE PLANNING ANOTHER BASEBALL SEASON? THAT'S ALL YOU THINK ABOUT, ISN'T IT?

BASEBALL ISN'T THE WHOLE WORLD, YOU KNOW... THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE... YOU NEVER THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE!

YOU MUST BE INSENSITIVE OR SOMETHING

☹ SIGH ☹

THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"BEFORE WE TALK, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING."

"THE UPHOLSTERY PEOPLE CAME ... I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO WAKE LEROY."

"WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO OUT OF OUR WAY TO BE BORED?"

"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WATER WATER?"

"I FIRST SPOTTED LORETTA ACROSS A CROWDED ROOM ... I'VE HAD ENOCHLOPHOBIA EVER SINCE."

Hi and Lois

AHHH...

LET'S GO OUTSIDE FOR A WHILE!

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

IT SURE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT.

THE GRASS IS BROWN, THE TREES ARE BARE.

THE TEMPERATURE IS IN THE 40s.

AND THERE'S A HIBERNATING BEAR AROUND THE CORNER.

MARY WORTH

I TRAVELED THE WORLD...

"THE STORY OF LIFE IS QUICKER THAN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, THE STORY OF LOVE IS HELLO, GOODBYE."
- JIMI HENDRIX

AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, DAWN! I'LL MISS YOU!

DON'T MISS ME TOO MUCH!

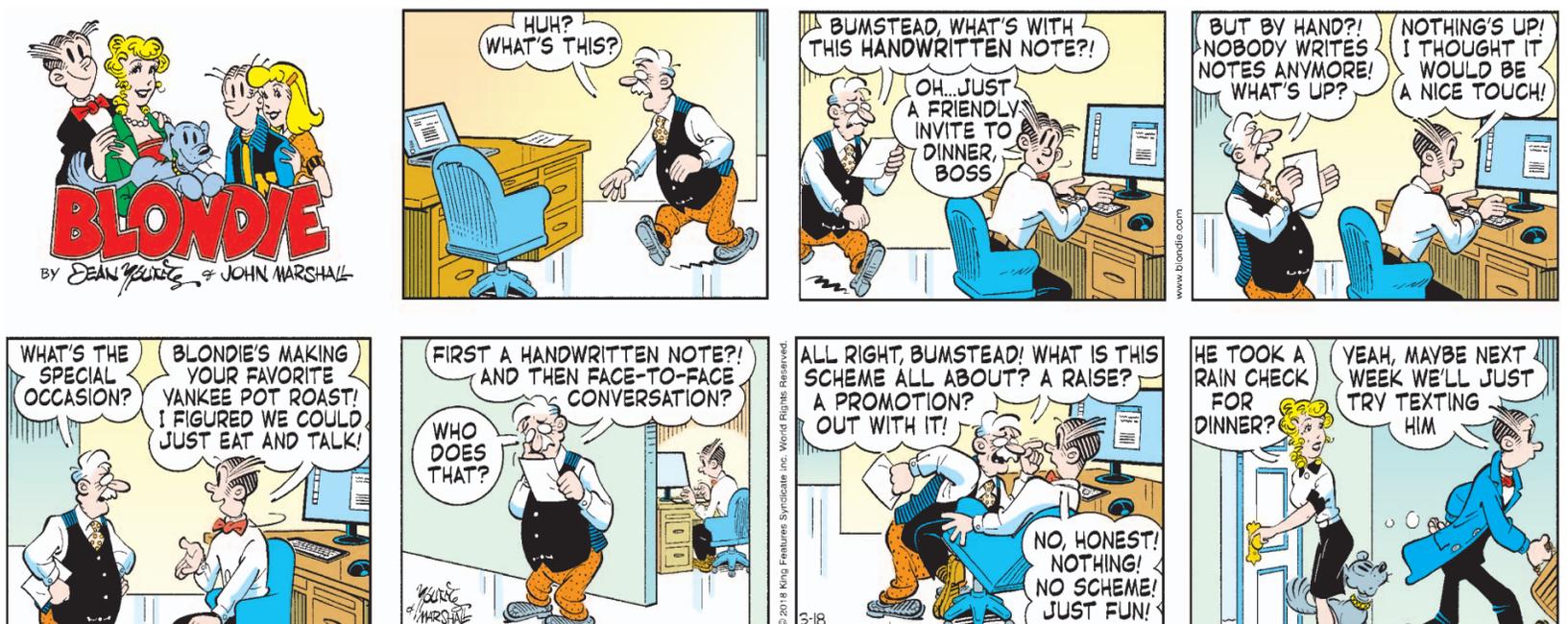
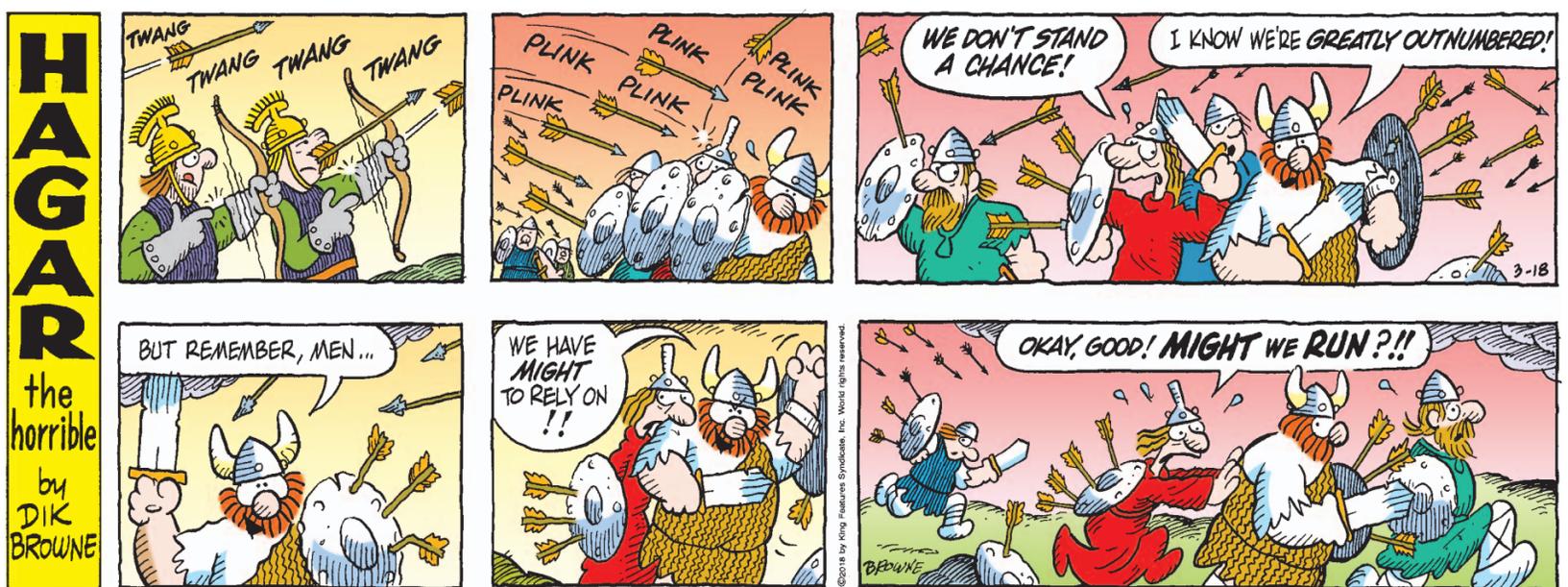
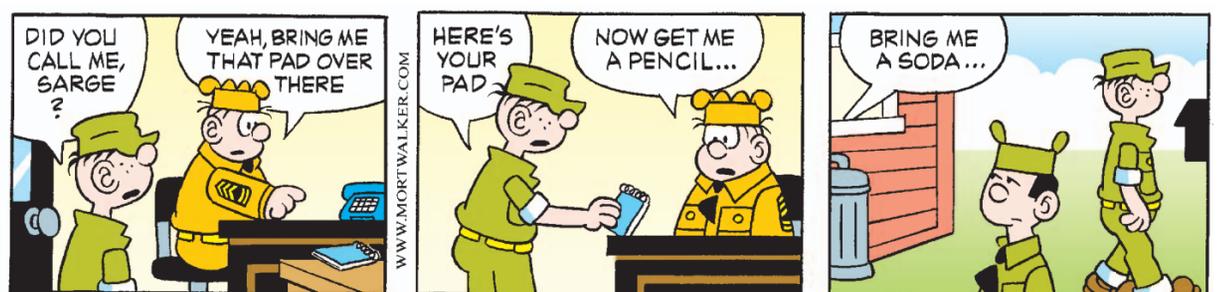
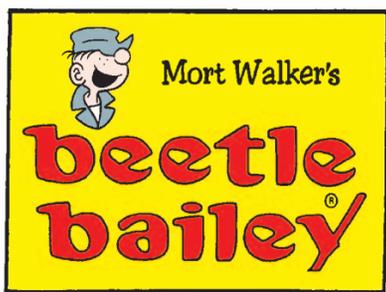
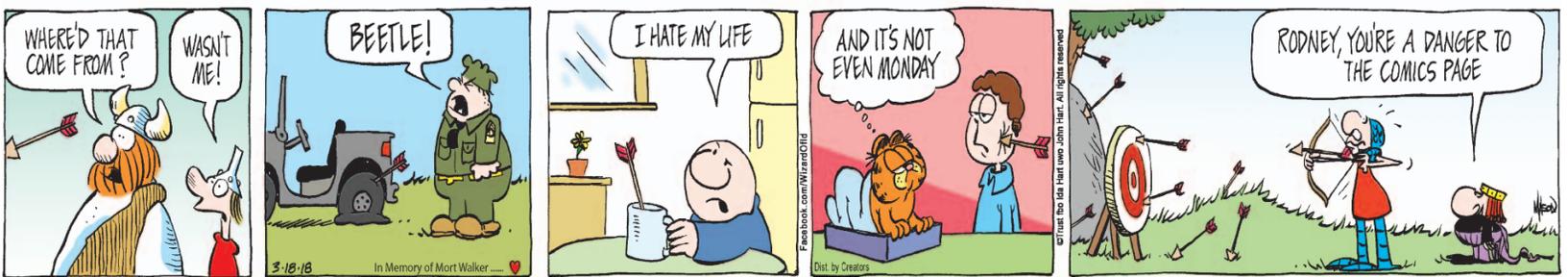
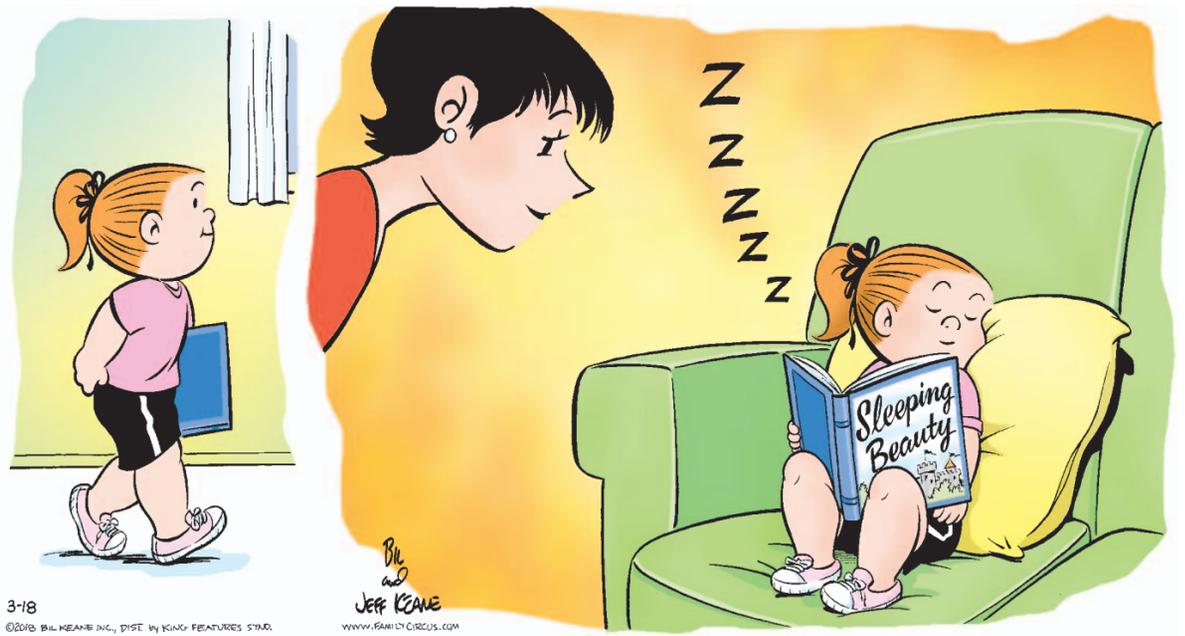
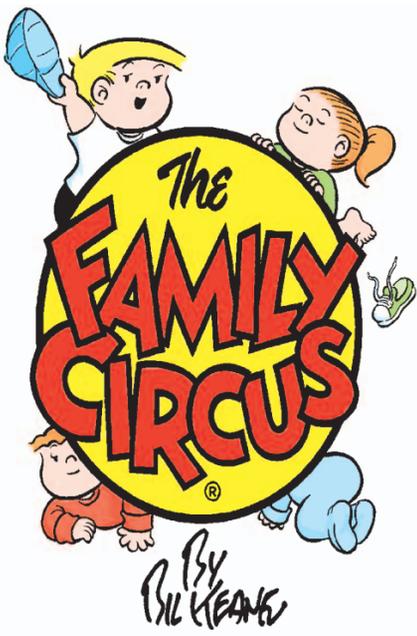
I DON'T WANT TO WORRY ABOUT YOU WHILE I'M STUDYING IN ITALY, DAD!

I'LL BE FINE.

I'LL IMMERSE MYSELF IN WORK WHILE YOU'RE AWAY!

BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, IT'LL BE SUMMER AND I'LL BE BACK!

MAYBE SOMETIME AFTER YOU RETURN...WE'LL TAKE A TRIP TOGETHER.





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

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Prince Valiant

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Slylock Fox paid a \$9 taxi fare with a \$20 bill. Instead of receiving \$11 in change, he only got back \$7. Slylock complained, but the driver insists he is deaf and cannot hear a word. Why does Slylock suspect the taxi driver is lying?

BOB WEBER JR and SR 3-18

Spot six differences between these panels.

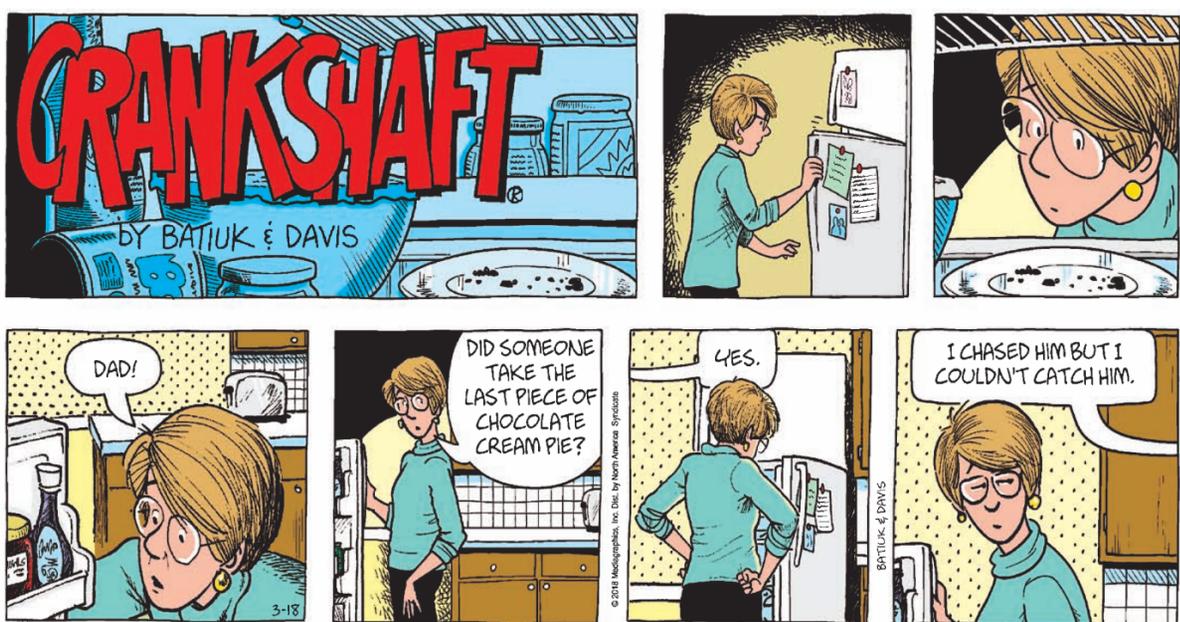
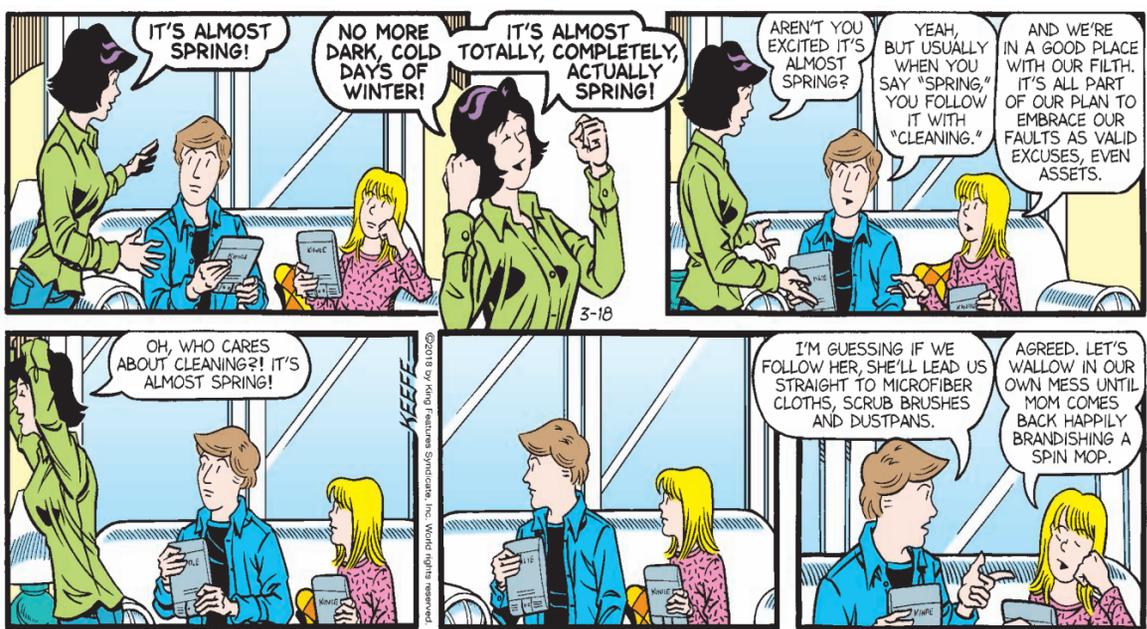
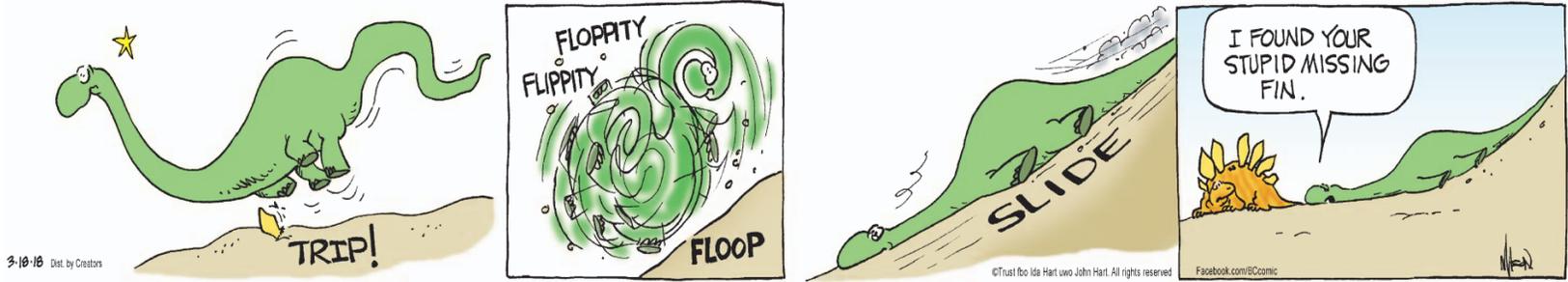
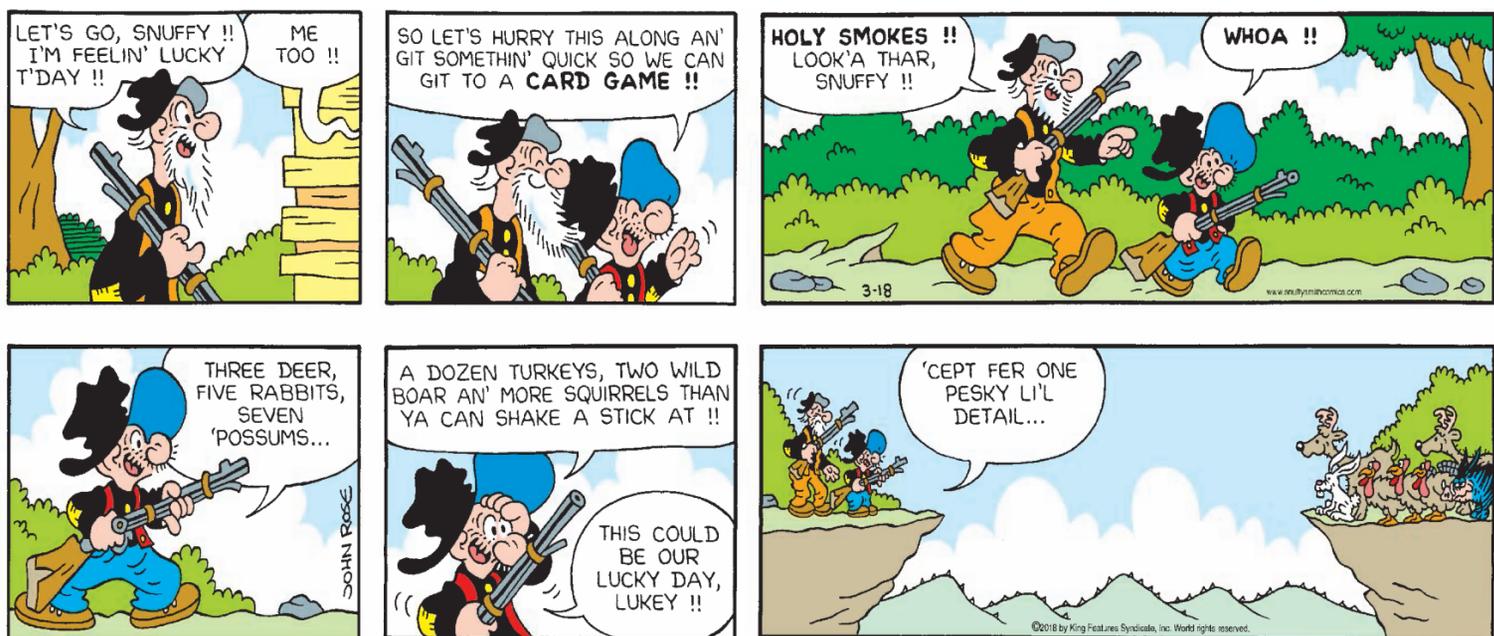
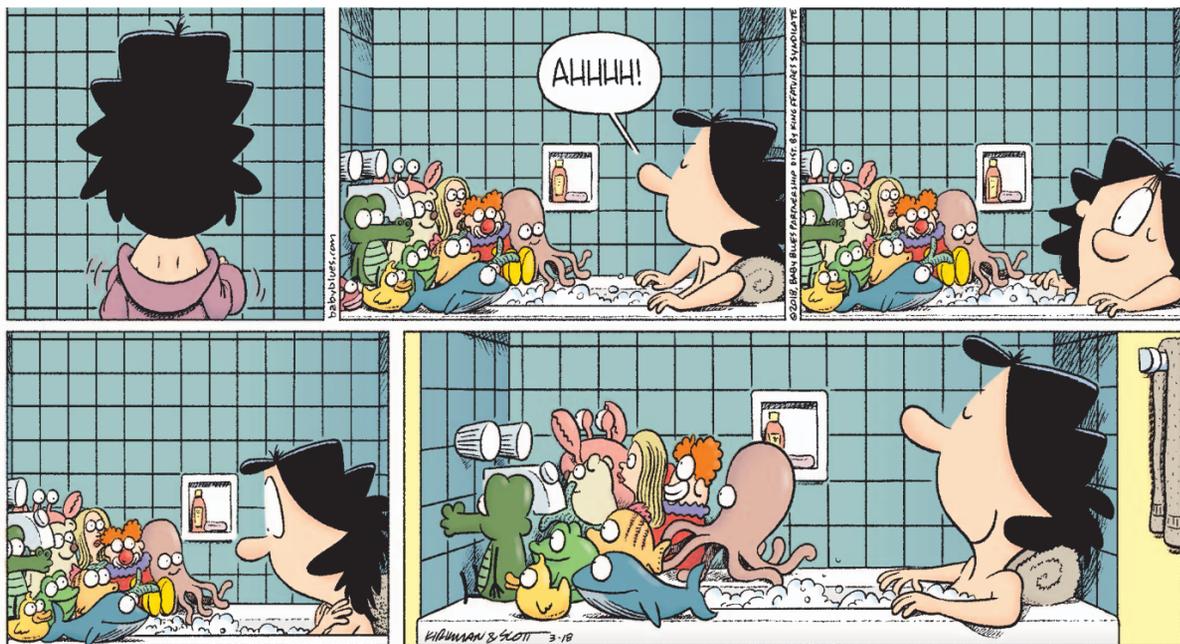
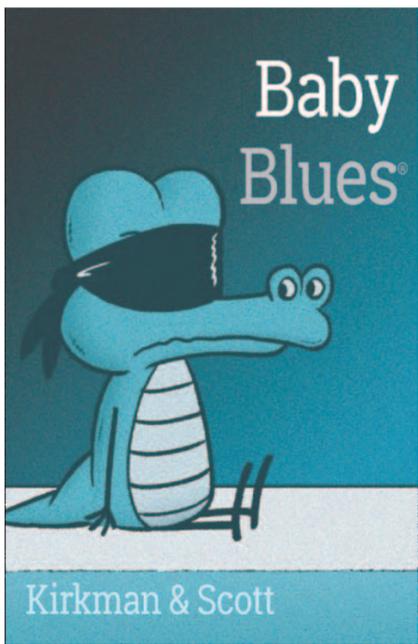
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HOW TO DRAW a friendly bear

Which is the largest planet in our solar system?
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Answer -- c)

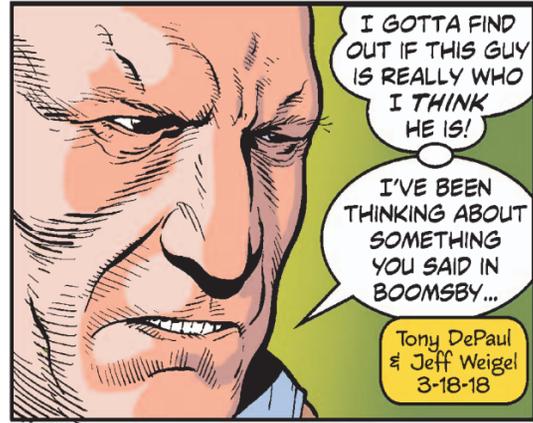
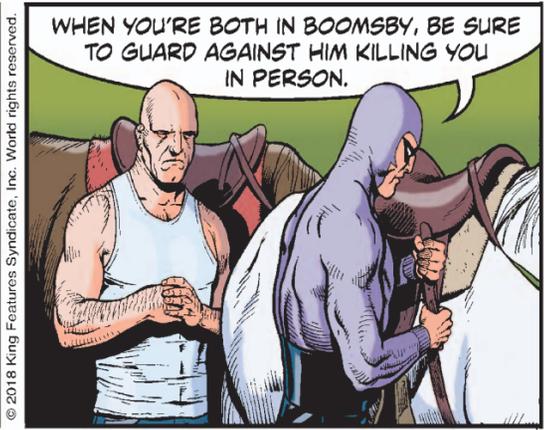
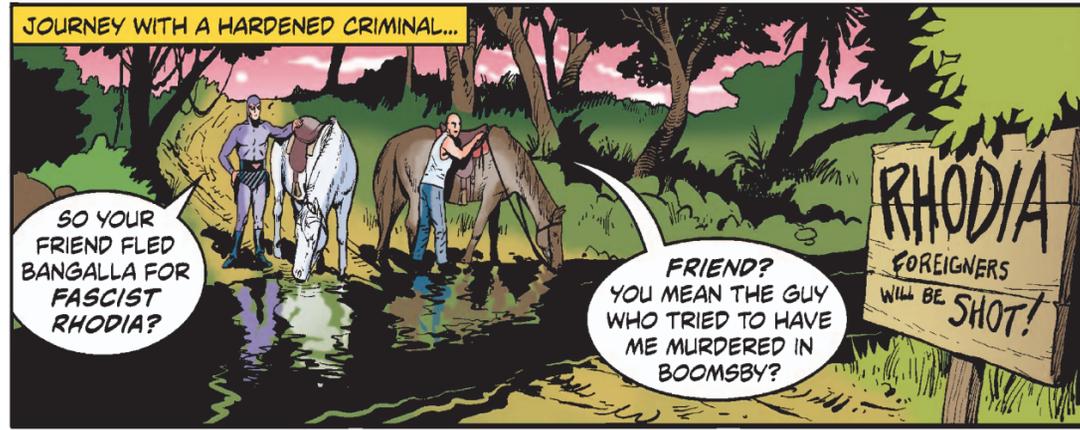
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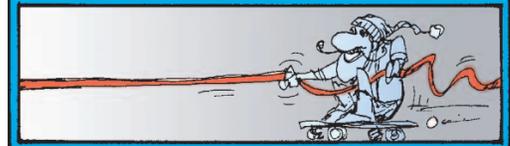
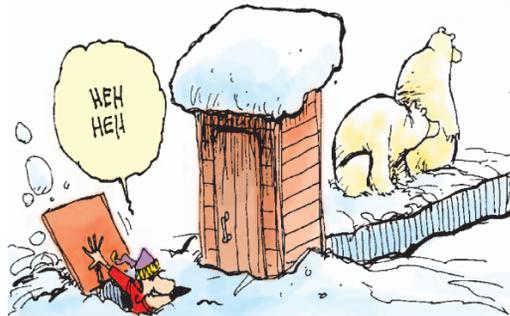
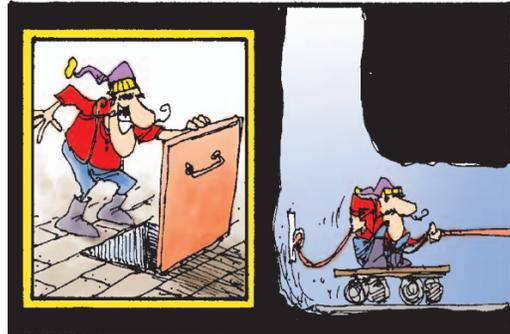
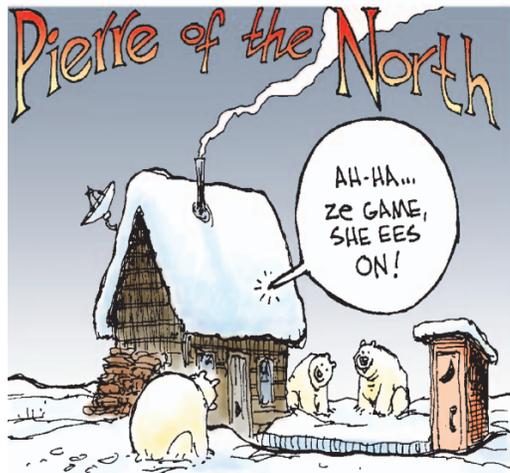
THE PHANTOM

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