

## Superintendent's plan cuts 30 positions

By **MARC VALERO**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Amid continued budget challenges, Highlands County School Superintendent Brenda Longshore's draft plan for personnel allocations for 2018-19 shows a net reduction of 30.5 full-time positions.

The proposed changes include a reduction of 13.5 school level instructional positions, 11 school level support positions, four district level instructional and two district support jobs.



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The plan's summary shows a decrease in the remaining four media specialist positions. In commenting on the elimination of the media specialist positions, Deputy Superintendent Andrew Lethbridge said Thursday that salaries and benefits comprise more than 80 percent of the general fund budget and there have been several things

that have hit the budget this school year, including a lawsuit settlement and increasing insurance costs.

If approved by the Highlands County School Board, the plan would reduce the number of full-time positions from 1,544.1 to 1,513.6.

The classroom teacher allocations have been adjusted by following the Class Size formula, resulting in a net reduction of 8.5 teachers.

The School Board will



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**CUTS | 8** Woodlawn Elementary School would gain 3.5 classroom teachers under Superintendent Brenda Longshore's proposed personnel allocations for the 2018-19 school year.

## Adding flavor to your food



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

Javier Cotto and Glenda Torres begin to package and label Everglades Seasoning. Ruben Arocho, who is not pictured, also is part of the team.



Chris Sebring shows boxes of Everglades Seasoning that will be shipped to various retailers, such as Publix. Sebring and his wife, Kristine, recently became the sole owners of Everglades Seasoning.

## For many, Everglades Seasoning fits the bill

By **JAY MEISEL**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Everglades Seasoning, which is now packaged and marketed in Sebring, originated a long distance from the Everglades, or so the story goes.

It all began when Bill Gerstman, a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, ended up with mess hall duty.

Years later, Gerstman would tell people that he would cook the standard army fare and notice that many of the soldiers would only eat some of the food. To his dismay, they would throw away the remainder.

Surmising that the taste of the food was the reason, Gerstman experimented with mixing different spices. Then he came up with a mixture that seemed to make the soldiers want to eat more.

For some reason that remains open to speculation, Gerstman called the spicy mixture "Monkey Dust." And that Monkey Dust was the name that stuck for many years, appearing on the early packaging.

In 1976, people decided that the product would be more marketable if it was named Everglades Seasoning, although it was never actually produced in the Everglades, said Kelly Bronson, marketing director.

Bronson said Gerstman eventually ended up in LaBelle, where for many years he mixed the spices for the seasoning at the LaBelle Trading Post.

"He already had your meat seasoned when you picked it up," said Chris Sebring, the owner of Everglades Seasoning, along with his wife, Kristine.

They also sold the seasoning separately.

"It used to be sold in paper bags," said Jenna Buchanan, office manager for Everglades Seasoning.

Everglades Seasoning turned out to be a natural meat tenderizer, she said.

As to why it was originally called Monkey Dust, "I

don't think we ever knew the answer," Bronson said.

Gerstman, who is no longer living, sold the recipe for the seasoning to a family with the last name Cross.

Then, a few years later, the Cross family sold ownership to four men. One of those men, Chris Sebring — a great-grandson of Sebring founder George Sebring, is today the sole owner.

Sebring said he had always used the seasoning on meat. "We do a lot of hunting and fishing." And Everglades Seasoning enhances the taste of the meat when its cooked, he said.

Sebring said he and his partners approached the Cross family about buying the product, but the family wasn't ready to sell. Then a year later, they sold Everglades Seasoning to Sebring, Elgin Bayless, Seth Howard and Mark Goss.

The headquarters of Everglades Seasoning moved to property at Sebring Regional Airport in 2001. There it remained until last year, when the owners bought a warehouse building on State Road 66.

Every year, upwards of 300,000 pounds of Everglades Seasoning is produced. And there are multiple varieties of the seasoning available, including a barbecue sauce that has won numerous awards. The varieties include mesquite-flavored barbecue rub, Everglades fish and Chicken Seasoning and Everglades Heat.

The seasoning, while originally used primarily for meat, has become popular with many other items, including potato salad and popcorn.

The seasoning is available at some restaurants and some grocery chains, including Walmart, Sam's, Winn-Dixie, Publix and Jungle Jim's. The spices are mixed according to the company's recipes in a plant in Maryland and then shipped to Sebring where its packaged and marketed. A lot of the marketing is done on the internet and that's



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## Housing program benefits public servants

By **JAY MEISEL**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — On Friday, Herman Rogers and his family fulfilled the American Dream.

After several years of trying to accomplish that dream, the captain with Okeechobee Correctional Institute, his wife, Mandy; and his children, Clayton, 8, Caeden, 13, and Kylie, 11, began moving into their new four-bedroom house in Sun 'n Lake.

They have been renting a house in Avon Park.

Their success in buying a home is in no small part to a program called Homes for Heroes that helps teachers, law enforcement officers and veterans,

Jason True, a senior mortgage officer with Geneva Financial, said the program started in the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many firefighters and law enforcement officers lost their lives responding to those attacks.

Homes for Heroes goes beyond just helping law enforcement, firefighters and people in the military, including

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## Crowded race for Fla. ag commissioner

By **CHARLES A BAKER III**  
SUN NEWS WRITER



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CHAMPIONS GATE — With popular Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam now running for governor, the race to elect his replacement has attracted six candidates so far. Three of them, Sen. Denise Grimsley, R-District 26; former member of the House Baxter Troutman of Frostproof; and former member of the House Matt Caldwell of Ft. Myers each gave 15-minute speeches at the annual Lay of the Land Conference near Orlando April 5.

According to the conference organizers, the other three candidates were invited but chose not to attend. They are: Mike McCalister a veteran and registered

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# School district keeps Advanced Academics

By **MARC VALERO**  
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## The first-grade Advanced Academics class at Sun 'N Lake Elementary with teacher Susie Henson-Smith.

will be maintained and there will be no changes in grades 1-5, she said Thursday.

The Advanced Academics committee will start looking at the eligibility requirements to get into the program in kindergarten and also how to better meet the needs of the students who don't fit in the full-time advanced academics classroom, Juve said.

Some students may excel in science and math but don't excel in reading necessarily, but the district wants them to excel in science and math, she said. "So we will all work together to figure out how

to expand the program to meet their needs, but we won't expand it by restructuring it," Juve said.

Many parents and teachers attended Monday's Advanced Academics Committee meeting and several of the district's top leadership attended, listened and explained what they were doing to meet the new regulations, she said.

"We are all on the same page now, which is wonderful," Juve said. "Now we just have to figure out how we can expand to meet those kids we are missing."

SEBRING — Even though some people believed that Advanced Academics was being eliminated or was undergoing a major restructuring, the program that serves advanced students will continue without major changes.

Highlands County School Board Chairman Jill Compton-Twist said she thinks the Advanced Academics confusion has been resolved.

"It is my understanding that we are not getting rid of any of the Advanced Academics classes K through 5," she said.

Commenting on the school district's Facebook page, Superintendent Brenda Longshore said the turnout at Monday's Advanced Academics meeting was good and the input from parents, teachers and administrators was valuable.

Elementary school principals met Tuesday and took this input into careful consideration as they reviewed current procedures and practices used to identify students in grades K-5 for advanced and accelerated academics, she said. "They have recommended continuing existing kindergarten HAART programs and I support them in this recommendation."

Parent Diane Juve led the grassroots effort to start Advanced Academics, also known as HAART (Highlands Advanced Academics Rising Together). It started at the fourth- and fifth-grade levels in 2005 and expanded each year to eventually include kindergarten through fifth grade.

Kindergarten HAART

# Bank names Roberts executive vice president

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WAUCHULA — The Wauchula State Bank board of directors has added Gary R. "Rob" Roberts to its senior leadership group. Roberts, the new executive vice president, has been with the bank 22 years, most recently serving as a vice president, commercial loan officer and branch manager of the Sebring-Lake Jackson office, a position he will continue to maintain.

Roberts helped start that office in 2000. A second branch, Sebring-Fairmount, opened in

2007. "We opened the first Sebring office to accommodate the large number of our customers who lived in the area," Roberts said. "It is very gratifying to be a part of this bank and the extraordinary growth we have experienced over the years. We continue working hard to meet customers' financial needs with honesty and integrity."

Born and raised in Hardee County, Roberts



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has had strong family ties to Florida's Heartland for generations. He joined the Wauchula State Bank family in 1996 after serving 10 years as an officer and Apache attack-helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army.

He is a graduate of South Florida State College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Florida School of Banking. He has served in several nonprofit organizations over the years and is currently on the SFSC Foundation board of directors. He enjoys flying, fishing, hunting and spending time with friends and family.

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5. Radishes are a fast growing crop and grow from seed to eating plant in 25 days.

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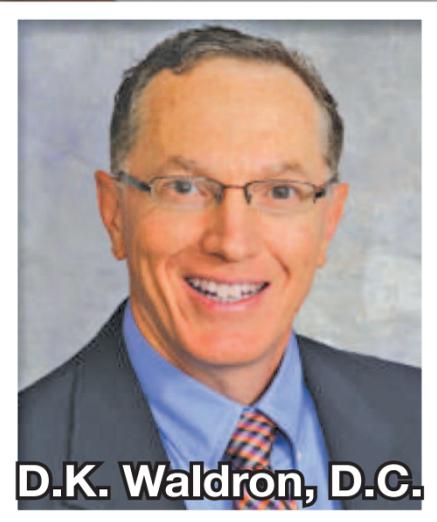
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# New state coordinator hits bullseye with new jobs

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Bill Tillett is aiming to make Florida 4-H the best it can be as the new state co-coordinator for 4-H Shooting Sports with Jerry Culen and as assistant camp resident for 4-H Camp Cloverleaf near Leisure Lakes.

Tillett stepped into his new position on March 23.

“On the shooting sports side, my responsibilities are going to be looking at how often we have the state training so that the volunteers can teach youth,” Tillett said. “I will work on planning and coordinating all the state matches, and I will represent Florida 4-H in the National Shooting Sports and serve as a liaison between the two different committees.”

As a camp resident at Cloverleaf, Tillett is excited to implement

programs that teach lessons while the children play. He is planning on conferring with many others in the communities to better the 4-H programs and camps.

“I will mainly be focused on the summer camps, and I will work with 27 counties in the creation and implementation of their county camp meets that start in June and run through July. I will work with each county agent and find out what they think camp is and how they would like to see their county camp form. I will supervise the camp staff and make sure that all the needs, both physically and mentally, are being met,” he said.

This 4-H alumni said that he grew up in the program and is looking forward to being in charge of the 90-100 kids per week that he will have in summer. He said they had 750-775 kids

last summer. All of the volunteers at the camp are certified Red Cross lifeguards.

“Everything is educational, so we have to incorporate that and fun,” Tillett said. “We incorporate it into things like using a bow and arrow in archery to teach potential and kinetic energy, and when they are kayaking, they are learning about water tension. By incorporating fun, the kids don’t realize they are learning. We take a lot of time to learn that. We are teaching through life skills.”

The toughest part of his job has not been determined by Tillett yet. He said he hasn’t been on the job long enough but he will be talking to several other leaders and asking what they feel his position should encompass. “I want to really develop a plan to make it happen.”

Tillett has fond

memories of growing up in 4-H clubs and attending 4-H camps.

“When I grew up and went to 4-H camp, that was a favorite thing ever,” Tillett said. “Working at camp has been like a dream come true. My favorite thing was to go out on the two-story fishing boat. We used to get our life jackets on and jump off the upper deck”

He will allow his campers to do the same in the middle of the lake. He said that he is not afraid of running into gators because of the club’s close relationship with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation, which can remove problem gators.

Tillett is an alumni of University of South Florida with a bachelor’s degree in business management and is working on wrapping up a master’s degree in hospitality management.

To contact Tillett, email [Wtillett@ufl.edu](mailto:Wtillett@ufl.edu).



COURTESY PHOTO

**Bill Tillett will be a very busy man with two new jobs as the new state co-coordinator for 4-H Shooting Sports and as the Assistant Camp Resident for 4-H Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid.**

# SFSC hosts world’s largest one-day leadership conference

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — South Florida State College will host Leadercast, the world’s largest one-day leadership conference, broadcast live from Atlanta and simulcast to hundreds of locations around the world from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

This year marks the 18th year of the annual leadership conference and the first year that SFSC will be hosting the event at its Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto

campuses.

The theme of this year’s conference is, “Lead Yourself.” What does it look like to lead yourself? How can you intentionally develop your own leadership skills and style? What qualities do you hope to embody as a leader? In 2018, the Leadercast Live stage will highlight leaders who will answer these questions and explain the power and importance of leading yourself first so you can lead others well.

Leadercast Live will allow attendees and viewers to improve their own

personal leadership journey with tips for self-evaluation and self-growth. Top leadership experts will inspire more than the 300 people attending the local event, and the more than 100,000 people who will attend the event live in Atlanta or at hundreds of other simulcast locations in more than 20 countries.

The leadership experts speaking this year are:

- Jen Bricker – acrobat, aerialist, author and speaker
- Kate Cole – top female business leader and COO and president of FOCUS

Brands, North America

- Ian Cron - bestselling author, psychotherapist, enneagram teacher and speaker

- Michael Hyatt - author, speaker and CEO of Michael Hyatt & Co.

- Mae Jemison - NASA astronaut, engineer and physician

- Jim Loehr - co-founder of the Human Performance Institute

- Carey Lohrenz - the first female F-14 pilot, speaker and trainer

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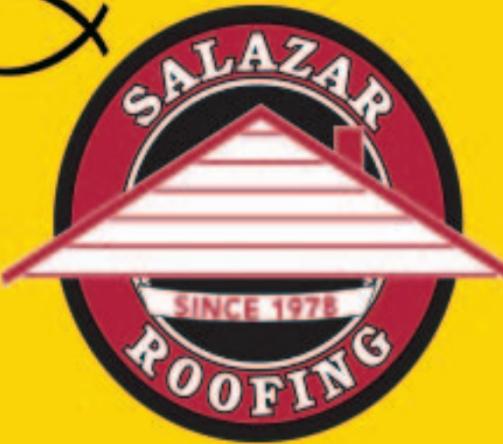
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For years, Leadercast has brought people together and equipped them to become better leaders, managers, community members, and employees, a news release states.

“With a constantly impressive lineup of speakers and the on-target themes year-over-year (and at such a value), I consider Leadercast a ‘can’t-miss’ event,” said Kalpana Ommen, vice president of talent acquisition at Cox Enterprises and nine-year Leadercast attendee

“The whole day was interesting from start to finish. It was valuable to hear from leaders from various fields, as each had different perspectives and experiences. I was able to learn from leaders whom I otherwise would not have known of because I was unfamiliar with their work,” said Katie Booth, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

For more information and to purchase a ticket or sponsorship for the Leadercast SFSC event, visit [sfscarts.org/show/leadercast-live-2018](http://sfscarts.org/show/leadercast-live-2018).



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# Church marks pastor's 70 years of service

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — First Baptist Church of Sebring will celebrate the Rev. Allen Higginbotham's 70 years of ministerial service today. Higginbotham served as FBC Sebring's senior pastor early in his career from 1965 - 1966. He has since served as an interim pastor on multiple occasions.

The community is invited to hear him speak at 10:30 a.m. and to celebrate his 70 years of pastoral service at 6 p.m. today.

He was born in Plant City. He graduated from

Florida Southern College, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Trinity Theological Seminary.

"He gave his heart to the Lord when he was 11 years old and gave his first sermon at First Baptist Church of Plant City when he was 14 years old. By the time he was 15 years old he was a licensed pastor and served as interim pastor at Alafy Baptist Church. He was ordained at the age of 17 when he was a senior in high school and served as the pastor of Richlyn Baptist Church. He served there for five years while he completed

high school and graduated from Florida Southern College," a news release states.

Over the past 70 years, Higginbotham has served in six different churches as the pastor, been an interim pastor 27 times in 16 different churches and spent more than five years as an evangelist across the country.

Higginbotham has been married to his wife Mary for the past 49 years.

FBC Sebring is located downtown at 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring.

For more information, call the church at 863-385-5154.

# Orlando offers tax break to spark revival of empty plazas

By RYAN GILLESPIE  
ORLANDO SENTINEL

ORLANDO (AP) — In one of Orlando's oldest shopping districts, First Class Automotive on east Colonial Drive offers its customers a ride within five miles of the shop.

When it first opened 15 years ago, it was a given that customers would want to go across the street for a shopping trip to Orlando Fashion Square while crews worked on their cars. But with the decline of the mall, that's rare these days.

"Now it's a ghost town," said owner Nabil Armaly. "I'd love to see something new to bring people back. We need to have new things to bring people out to see what's going on outside their neighborhoods."

The mall is among several Orlando sites — including Magic Mall Plaza Orlando, Rosemont Plaza and an abandoned Kmart on Semoran Boulevard — the city has targeted for redevelopment through a new program offering a deep cut in property taxes.

Approved last month by the City Council, it awards developers a 50 percent city property tax refund over 10 years on new taxes generated by improvements.

"The goal of this program is to have full-scale redevelopment," Orlando's business development manager Sherry Gutch said. "(It's) not to just fix things up."

Recently city officials began talking with owners of the sites it has targeted, in hopes of drumming up interest.

Gutch said Orlando officials would like to see mixed-use developments that bring new restaurants, bars and shops to Fashion Square, which Tampa-based DeBartolo Development



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA AP

In this Friday, March 23, 2018 photo, automotive shop owner Nabil Armaly poses in front of his store in Orlando. Armaly has owned the business for 15 years.

Co. is trying to purchase from The Bancorp, a lender. Attempts to reach DeBartolo and The Bancorp weren't successful.

Last year, Bancorp took over the mall from UP-Fieldgate US Investments. UP had big plans to improve the mall with new retailers and a hotel. While a new Dick's Sporting Goods opened, the hotel never came to fruition. Seritage Growth Properties is building an Orchard Supply Hardware and Floor & Decor on out parcels of the mall that until recently housed a Sears for five decades.

As interest in the mall has dwindled, Armaly has seen a drop in business at his shop that repairs imported vehicles as well as turnover at other neighboring stores.

In other neighborhoods along Colonial, new restaurants have helped bring in customers.

"Look at Mills (Avenue), they're building all kinds of new stuff around it that people want to go to," he said, adding that his stretch of Colonial "is just the same old thing."

While encouraged by renewed ideas to spark growth on the mall property, he's not sold that it will happen.

"I've been hearing a lot of talk and no action," Armaly said.

At Curry Ford Road and

Semoran Boulevard, the surrounding neighborhood has grocery stores, restaurants and banks.

But it's also plagued by an empty shopping center that sits dormant with plywood where a door should be. It's been about 10 years since this former Kmart was an operating business, Gutch said.

Next door, Ken Green, a pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, said the new development could help the community, which he said has also seen improvements through a city program designed to lure customers into the district north of the airport.

"I am happy to see that the city is taking an interest in that property," Green said. "It's exciting to think of the opportunities."

If the program is successful, residents could benefit from affordable housing as well as new places to shop and eat, Gutch said. Each plan would be specific to the site and could require developers to meet green and design initiatives, as well as be connected to neighborhoods and trails.

"Some of these properties have tenants in them but aren't operating at full potential," Gutch said.

"For the community, seeing the properties operate at full potential would be the biggest benefit."

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Scribes Night Out

SEBRING - The Scribes Night Out promotes the love of writing in an open mic format. All writers over 18 are invited, published or not. No dues nor admission fees. Meets the second and fourth Monday each month. Next meeting is at 5 p.m. April 9, at Sweet Frogs in Sebring. For information, call Artie at 863-385-1554.

### Writers Roundtable set

SEBRING - The Florida Writers Association Writer's Roundtable Chapter

meets the second Tuesday each month at the Avon Park Public Library from 1-3 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10. This is a topic oriented presentation/discussion group for anyone over 18. For more information, email Suzanna Harvill at vixendor@embarqmail.com.

### MARSP monthly meeting

AVON PARK - The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the Avon Park Public Library in the

conference room. This is the final meeting of the season. All retired school personnel from Michigan are invited to attend. For information, call Dianne at 863-655-6825.

### Chamber membership lunch

LAKE PLACID - The Lake Placid Greater Chamber of Commerce April Membership Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 11, at the Genesis Center. RSVP to lpfla.com or call 863-465-4331 no later than noon Monday. Cost is \$12 per person.

## OBITUARIES

### Kenneth B. Ayres Jr.

Kenneth B. Ayres Jr., 37, passed away on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at his home in Avon Park. He was born Aug. 16, 1980 in Hackettstown, New Jersey to Kenneth B. and Catherine (Wotasek) Ayres and came to the area 21 years ago from New Jersey. He was in construction.

Ken loved spending time with family and friends and always took great pleasure in helping others. Whenever there was a need for repairs on cars of friends and family, he always took care of it. He also enjoyed fishing and gathering for picnics.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth B. Ayres Sr. Survivors include his mother, Catherine Ayres of Sebring; brother, Robert J. Delaney of New Jersey; sister, Caitlin Delaney of Gainesville, Florida; and uncles, Joseph Wotasek and John Wotasek, both of Sebring.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Veterans Beach in Sebring at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Dowden Funeral Home, 2605 Bayview St., Sebring, FL 33870. 863-385-1546.

### William F. Goddard



William Floyd Goddard

passed away peacefully Monday, April 2, 2018 at Highlands Regional Hospital in Sebring, Florida. He was born on April 9, 1926, to James Clarence and Jennie Belle (Starkey) Goddard in Jacksonburg, West Virginia. Bill spent most of his life living in Grafton, Ohio where he served on the village council for eight years before moving to Sebring, Florida in 1982. Here, he enjoyed a full and rewarding life in retirement with his wife Wilma. Bill served as a master sergeant in the United States Army during the Occupation after World War II as a member of the 6th Armored Division.

Bill is survived by daughters, Debra (Steve) Cihla, Anita Goddard, and Cathy (Don) Dusky and son-in-law, Gary Mason. He is Grandpa to Allison (Mark) Poling, Lauren (Bob) Taylor, Jessica (Jeremy) Schillig, Kyle (Brittany) Dusky, Jared

(Emily) Dusky, Rachel (Steve) Silva and Phillip Mason. He is great-papa to William Poling, Laine and Henry Taylor, Austin and Elliana Schillig, and Cruz Silva. Preceding him in death was his wife of 48 years, Wilma (Fisher) Goddard; daughter, Vicki Mason; brothers, James (Boyd), John and Kenneth Goddard; and sisters, Alice Goddard, Ruby Johnston, Jessie Cain, Evelyn (Evie) Byard, and Mary Huggins.

A memorial service will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Sebring Hills Club House, 200 Lark Ave., Sebring. Donations can be made to the charity of choice or Veterans of Foreign War in your local community. Interment will be out of state. Bill will be remembered for his faith in God, love of family and friends, friendliness, kindness, willingness to help and never knowing a stranger.

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

### Jeraldine Humble

Jeraldine (Gibson) Humble, 89, passed away peacefully in her home on March 30, 2018. Jeraldine was born in Clay County, Indiana on Oct. 5, 1928 to Henry and Olive (Orman) Gibson. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star and she enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

Jeraldine was predeceased by her husband, Forrest Hunter. She is survived by several nieces and nephews and her sister, Grace Yowell of Indiana.

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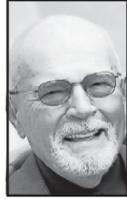
### Earl L. Kent

Earl Lewis Kent, 83, of Sebring, Florida passed away on April 5, 2018 at Sunny Hills Assisted Living. He was born July 11, 1934 in Dayton, Ohio to Earl C. and Shirley T. (Small) Kent. For a number of years he was a vendor at the weekly flea market at the fairgrounds and always enjoyed seeing people there.

He is survived by his brother, Richard T. Kent, and sister, Carole Chapman, both of Avon Park.

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### Raymond T. Maki



Raymond Toivo Maki, 91, was born on Sept. 18, 1926 in Rudyard, Michigan.

He went to his eternal home with the Lord on Feb. 2, 2018 in Sebring, Florida. Raymond was a man of faith who loved the Lord Jesus. He had a quick wit, loved to laugh, and enjoyed riding motorcycles. Raymond was a veteran, serving during WWII with the Army Air Corps. He retired from the fire department in Detroit, Michigan. He also worked as the public safety director for the Sebring, Florida Airport Authority and as a police officer in Sebring, Florida.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Rita, as well as his children, Marlene Marla Shaw, Dianne McCoy, Linda (Craig) Pfent, Sharon (Ed) Gould, Sarah Drake, Marlene (Tom) Overheul, and Darlene (Larry) Selph; his step-children, Janis (Jerry) Ellsworth, Kayla (Bill) Partykula, Jeff (Mary) Olson, Kyle (Sherril) Olson, Randan Olson, and Gayle Wajda. He also leaves behind his brother, Terry Maki, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2018 with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church, 35 Maranatha Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870.

### Sharon K. Monk

Sharon K. Monk passed away on March 2, 2018. She was born in Waterloo, Iowa on Oct. 25, 1945 to George and Inis (Hardy) Bass. Sharon had been a resident of Avon Park, Florida since 1997, coming from Waterloo, Iowa. She was a very active lady who loved home decorating, crafts, painting, and most of all she loved her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Monk; brother, Gary (Kay) Bass of Fort Worth, Texas; sister, Beverly Bass of Goshen, Alabama; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and her son, Ray Monk Jr.

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## OUR VIEW

### Updated sex offender registry a useful tool

Given the recent spate of local arrests on child porn charges, it was welcome news to learn Monday that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has upgraded its sexual offenders and predators search website.

The site — Offender.FDLE.State.FL.US — allows the public to check whether someone is an offender or predator and, if so, find out his or her address, date of birth, convictions and vehicle information. It comes with a photo and a physical description, including identifying marks.

It's also possible to do a search by address up to a five-mile radius. That search parameter for the Highlands News-Sun's address, 315 U.S. 27 North in Sebring, showed more than 120 registrants, with the vast majority of them classified as offenders.

Under Florida law, a sex offender is someone convicted of a crime ranging from sexual misconduct to sexual battery to transmission of child pornography to human trafficking.

A sexual predator is someone who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense and been designated a predator by court order.

The term also applies to someone who has been civilly committed under Florida's Jimmy Ryce Sexually Violent Predator Act.

Offenders and predators are required to register their whereabouts at least twice a year, generally for life, and predators and some offenders must report to the local sheriff's office four times a year. Failing to do so is a felony.

The site has links to national and state registries and connects visitors to forms to sign up for an alert if a predator moves into their neighborhood.

They can also register to receive Amber Alerts for child abductions; Blue Alerts, when a law enforcement officer has been killed or seriously injured or is missing in the line of duty and a dangerous suspect is still at large; missing child alerts, regarding children whose whereabouts are unknown but without evidence of a kidnapping; and Silver Alerts, about a missing person who suffers from "an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties."

We applaud the FDLE's effort to help the public stay better informed, especially to the extent it will help to protect our children.

While school shootings command headlines, children are more at risk from offenders and predators than someone with a gun.

Being able to identify the people who are known to have committed sexual offenses empowers the community at large, and parents in particular, to take appropriate steps to reduce the risk.

The Highlands County Sheriff's Office for years has inserted its Sexual Offenders and Predators publication in the Highlands News-Sun just before Halloween. Last year, Sheriff Paul Blackman chose not to.

If you want to know how many offenders or predators are living in your neighborhood, visit Offender.FDLE.State.FL.US (click on the Offender application). Do it as soon as possible to take advantage of this updated tool in the battle against sex crimes.

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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

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

The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. The newspaper takes no responsibility for the content of these letters.

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

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## He gave back \$200 million, but just call him Jimmy

I recently met a big-wig who said to me, "Just call me Jimmy." His dad is Big Jimmy. His son is Jimmy Theo. His nephew is Little Jimmy. He is Baby Jimmy. That's my kind of family.

Our Jimmy grew up with three older brothers. All four brothers were raised by parents who didn't believe in giving a kid an allowance. The four boys could certainly have money, but by earning money working in the family restaurant. From busing tables in the bakery, a 10-year old boy grew up learning the relationship between hard work and money.

Their restaurant, Capt. Anderson's, located in Panama City, is an old-style Florida restaurant. Great restaurateurs, like Jimmy's family, know that employees and customers are part of the extended family. Multiple generations of employees have other family members among the 200 employees.

During the long, hot, busy summer months in Panama City, customers often bring in three generations to share a family meal. People propose to their spouse, celebrate birthdays and share some of their most intimate celebrations at Capt.



INK IN MY VEINS

David  
Dunn-Rankin

Anderson's. Everyone is part of Jimmy's extended family.

A great restaurateur loves the give and take with the public. When you are in the restaurant business, you are on automatic programming to deliver happiness to customers, or to solve their problems as quick as possible. Serving customers good food with a great experience is a cherished type of public service.

It's too bad more restaurant owners don't go to Tallahassee and serve us in government the way our Jimmy did. With that hint about Tallahassee you've probably guessed this column is about Jimmy Patronis.

Be honest, without

looking at Google, did you know that my new acquaintance, Jimmy Patronis, is the incumbent chief financial officer of the state of Florida and carries a badge? Be honest, did you know that the state's chief financial officer is the state's business manager, fire marshal, arson investigator, head of unclaimed property, trustee for the state's real estate, leads hurricane response efforts, manages the state's insurance and resolves insurance fraud?

Visit the lost and found for unclaimed property. www.fltreasurehunt.gov. A local consumer received a life insurance payout they didn't even know existed. Over \$200 million since July 1 has been returned to its rightful owner by Jimmy. In February, he returned more than \$27.6 million; breaking the 57-year monthly record.

Jimmy's team successfully prosecuted more than 451 people for insurance fraud in the last year. Requested restitution was over \$47 million.

As the state fire marshal, Jimmy's team oversees the first boots on the ground to save lives after a hurricane. Jimmy would like you to know that eight people died during Irma

because they wanted to make sure no one stole their portable generator. A portable generator inside your house creates carbon monoxide and can kill you.

Previously, our first responders were not eligible for workers' compensation if they incur PTSD — Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. First responders see horrific images and our firefighters alone have five times the suicide rate as the rest of the country. Plus, they are macho and don't want to show weakness.

In his first six months on the job, Jimmy fought to have our first responders' PTSD covered. Fortunately, our Legislature worked with Jimmy and unanimously passed a bill to cover our first responders' PTSD this last session.

It's a long way from busboy to chief financial officer of the State of Florida. But please, still call him Jimmy.

Share your thoughts.

*David is CEO of the family- and employee-owned Sun Coast Media Group which owns this newspaper. You can contact David at daviddr@sun-herald.com.*

## YOUR VIEW

### Rebuttal to two letters

This letter is in reply to two previous letters by two different writers on the subject of our 44th President, Barack Obama. The first letter, which is always signed by two people, I will assume are husband and wife. In their letter they remarked that the shooting at the Fort Hood Army base was done by an American. I beg to differ. The shooting was done by a devout Muslim named Hasson, a major in the Army, as he ran through the commissary shouting Allah Akbar shooting down and killing 13 people.

Obama called that workplace violence. Had

that happened on the streets of Baghdad, it would be called a terrorist attack. I don't think the majority of Americans shout Allah Akbar in their workplace.

The second letter questioned the fact that if Obama sat in Jeremiah Wright's church for a number of years, he must be a Christian and not a Muslim. If Wright's church was Christian it must have been a fire and brimstone type with all the damning comments he made about America. Obama left that church because it would not look good on his political resume as he ran for junior senator from Illinois.

Let's not forget he spent nine years in Indonesia in a Muslim school under

the name Barry Satoro. Why the two different names?

These are just the facts folks, not someone's opinion.

Hal Graves  
Sebring

### Focus on the real needs

Our president says it is time to get our armed forces out of Syria. He recently said that after spending more than \$7 trillion over 17 years we have nothing to show for the effort. How correct he is. \$7 trillion would have done more for this country if it had been spent on education, health care, improving social security

and rebuilding the infrastructure of the country.

The position of the president is a recognition that war and bombs achieve little. In the next breath, however, the president reveals a blindness with his focus on building a wall.

The fact that we are still in Syria and will be for many months to come reveals the power of the military industrial complex. It is time for Congress to step up and support the president's position to leave Syria. At the same time, perhaps Congress will find the courage to focus on the real needs of this country and not waste our resources on building a wall.

Alan J. Kromholz  
Sebring

# EVERGLADES

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resulted in sales to people as far away as New Zealand, Bronson said.

There's also a lot of sales to people in the military.

A lot of business, she said, is also generated by word of mouth. And there's almost a cult-like fan base of customers who regularly buy it, she said.

Both Bronson and Buchanan have trouble describing the flavor.

"It's a really unique flavor," Buchanan said.



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

This was the original mixer used to make Monkey Dust, which later was renamed as Everglades Seasoning.



Everglades Seasonings offers several flavors that can be used to enhance the taste of a variety of food.



This newspaper photo is of Bill Gerstman, who developed Monkey Dust, while in the U.S. Army during World War II. The product was later sold as Everglades Seasoning.

# HOUSE

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veterans. It also benefits teachers, healthcare workers and emergency medical responders.

Since the program started in 2002, more than \$35 million has been returned to homebuyers who qualify under one of the public service categories.

During the past 16 years, the program has been gradually expanding.

The Rogers family was the first family in Highlands County to participate, True said.

On Friday, True and Steve Barrett presented Rogers with a ceremonial check for \$2,011. The real paper check the family receives will be about \$1,500. The other \$500 comes from the family not having to pay an appraisal fee. The amount of savings under the program is based on the sale price of the home.

Rogers has worked at the Okeechobee County Correctional Institute for 16 years. He said he

has dreamed of buying a house for years, but was never able to find anything that was affordable while meeting the family needs. They were looking for a home with at least four bedrooms.

Before contacting real estate agent Tom Barrett with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring, Rogers was unsuccessful in qualifying for financing for a home.

Barrett referred the Rogers family to True, who had become involved with Homes for Heroes. True said he got Rogers qualified within 48 hours.

Not only did the program get money back to the Rogers family, but True saved them more money by helping with the appraisal fee. Barrett negotiated a reduction on closing fees.

"It's a way to give back to our local heroes," True said. He said he believes that many people in those professions do not receive adequate salaries.

Barrett gave up 30 percent of his commission. He also said he wanted to give back to people serving the public.



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

From left are Kylie Rogers, Tom Barrett, Herman Rogers, Kaeden Rogers, Mandy Rogers, Clayton Rogers and Jason True. With the help of True and Barrett and the Homes for Heroes Program, the Rogers family is moving into a new house in Sun n' Lake.

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Republican from Plant City, and Democrats Jeffrey D Porter from Cooper City and David Walker of Ft. Lauderdale.

Grimsley currently represents all of Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto and Glades counties plus parts of Polk, Okeechobee and Charlotte counties. She served two terms in the House and is serving her second term in the Senate.

She began her speech with her personal history. In the 1990s, she said her father fell ill, and as a registered nurse, she agreed to quit and help her father run his farms and petroleum distribution business.

"Government, particularly state government at the time, impacted our day-to-day lives," Grimsley said. "Every single state agency, including the legislature, had their hands in our pockets."

Frustrated, she said she drove to Tallahassee and nobody would listen to her. So in 2004, she ran for an open House seat.

"Politics wasn't my thing," Grimsley said. "I still get frustrated with the political process and most days dealing with it I don't like it very much. I don't like the people in it very much. But it's important that we are at the table because there is a saying in Tallahassee that if you are not at the table you are on the menu."

Now a politician and hospital administrator, her experience as a farmer, small business owner and legislator gave her public and private finance experience that should help her administer 3,800 employees and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services budget.

She said one of her top priorities would be trying to partner more with the state water management departments to push for more resident-friendly service and to ensure there is enough water for farmers moving into the future. She said she was also interested in partnering more with the Department of Economic Opportunity to increase the amount of land purchased for conservation.

Grimsley has raised around \$851,000 and spent \$469,000 to date, according to public campaign finance data.

Troutman started his speech with personal history also. In 2010, he hit term limits in the Florida House and soon after, the Tampa Tribune published an article encouraging

him to run for agriculture commissioner.

Troutman said Putnam called him on the phone from Washington, D.C. where he was still a young U.S. representative, saying he read the Tribune article. Troutman said that Putnam congratulated him but asked for help. Troutman said Putnam wanted to come home to Florida and run for agriculture commissioner.

He said given that the two had grown up on farms in Polk County he agreed to help Putnam instead of running against him.

"So this is a big deal for me; it's something I have wanted to do for a long time," Troutman said.

For the past two decades, Troutman has been the CEO of Labor Solutions, an employment-hiring agency centered in Winter Haven. He said this experience as a job creator would help him be agriculture commissioner because agriculture generates two million jobs in the state.

Troutman, now a Winter Haven resident, also said he has invested quite a bit of his own money to his campaign and that he has no plans to use the office as a stepping stone for higher office. According to campaign finance records, Troutman had donated

\$2.5 million of the \$2.7 million he has raised so far. He has spent around \$187,000 to date.

"I'm running for this office to protect and promote Florida agriculture and to keep Florida growing," Troutman said.

Caldwell began his speech talking about guns, saying the National Rifle Association gave him an A-plus rating through his two terms in the Florida House, and that he has been a lifetime NRA member. The agriculture commissioner, in part, leads the concealed carry permit process in the state.

"I believe that we have inalienable rights from our creator," Caldwell said. "The Constitution doesn't give them to us, the Constitution keeps the politicians from taking them away from us. That's the way I voted, that's the way I operate."

Caldwell said his top

priorities if elected were water infrastructure and conservation. He said he would prioritize resources to state beaches and springs, open spaces for wildlife and species recovery and resource conservation.

"You need to make a choice because whoever wins the primary will be the voice of the industry," Caldwell said to close his speech.

The primaries will be in August. Florida is a closed state primary, meaning voters would have to be registered Republican to vote for the Republican candidates for this office. Registered Democrats could only vote for Democratic candidates in their primary.

Caldwell has raised around \$556,000 and has spent \$201,000 to date. The two Democrat candidates and final Republican candidate have not raised much money to date.

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have an unusually busy two days this week with a regular meeting and three workshops scheduled.

On Tuesday the School Board will have a budget workshop at 9 a.m. where the board will discuss/review the personnel allocations, followed by a workshop to review board policies at 10 a.m.

The regular school board meeting will be held Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The agenda includes an Insurance Committee recommendation to implement a new pricing structure for employees hired after April 30, 2018 to purchase health insurance coverage for their dependents.

On Wednesday, the School Board will have an early start with a workshop to review board policies at 8 a.m.

# LOCAL SPORTS

## IMSA promotes Mid-Ohio return



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 14 3GT Racing Lexus at Sebring.

### Marcelli visits Blue Jackets during NHL contest

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

3GT Racing driver Kyle Marcelli visited Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday to promote the return of IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship racing to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course next month. Marcelli attended Tuesday's Columbus Blue Jackets game against the Detroit Red Wings where

he got a behind-the-scenes tour of Nationwide Arena and interacted with Blue Jackets fans in the Lexus Lounge. The highlight of the evening for Marcelli was a ride around the ice during the first intermission of the game in a black Lexus LC 500 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lexus F performance brand. The LC 500 debuted last May and is

a performance luxury coupe that signals a new era of uncompromising design and performance.

Marcelli played ice hockey as a kid before focusing on racing and the Barre, Ontario native still plays pickup games to stay in shape.

The driver of the 3GT Racing No. 14 Lexus is

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## Sebring falls to Lake Wales



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring's Jade Sinness puts the ball in play in the first inning. She added a home run in the fourth inning.

### Highlanders pull away late to roll past Blue Streaks

BY JIM TAYLOR  
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — It was supposed to be the battle for first place in the Class 6A-District 10 standings,

which is was. It was supposed to be the game that the Sebring Blue Streaks atoned for a nine inning 3-2 loss to the Lake Wales Highlanders in Lake Wales back in February. That turned out not to be the case, as Highlanders beat the Blue Streaks in Sebring 11-2 on Friday night.

The loss drops the Blue Streaks to 14-3-1 overall in the season and 3-2 in the district, both losses to Lake Wales, who is now 4-1 in the district and 10-1 overall for the season.

Falling behind 3-0 after the first inning, the Blue

Streaks settled down over the next couple of innings, though not being able to mount anything offensively, held the Highlanders in check, as the score remained 3-0 heading into the fourth inning.

An error by Sebring on the leadoff batter opened the door for the Highlanders to start the fourth inning. Moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, Lake Wales bolstered their lead to 4-0 on a double by Cameron Dicks.

Sebring answered in the bottom of the fourth. Held to just one hit over the first three innings, the Blue Streaks hammered out three hits in the fourth to score two runs.

Jade Sinness sparked the offense with a massive solo home run over the centerfield fence to put Sebring on the board. The Blue Streaks added a second run

JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring shortstop Alyssa Perez puts the tag on Lake Wales' Savannah Starling.

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HEARTLAND BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

## Time to fish in the rain

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the second week of April gives anglers the last quarter moon phase, which starts today, and a weather forecast with thunderstorm activity until the midweek rainy season weather pattern.

The moon arrived furthest from earth yesterday which means solar and lunar activity will be at the weakest level of the 28-day monthly cycle. The sun and moon will create feeding activity during the sunrise and sunset periods mainly with perhaps some feeding as the moonset occurs at 1:13 p.m. and solar noon at 1:27 p.m.

All fishing factors considered; overall fish feeding activity will be below the monthly average, however if you fish during the solar periods, you should have worthwhile success. I'm betting on the sunrise and sunset periods and treating the midday period as a wild card, meaning, if you haven't had any success, it's worth a try.

Even though a minor cold front crossed the state yesterday, the change in temperature will not affect fish feeding patterns. Water temperatures are in the ideal range right now and fish are feeding at the annual highest rates. With the low lunar activity levels currently, fish will be triggering off of the atmospheric pressure changes during the day's solar periods.

Suit up, because 'if' the weather forecast is correct, you'll be catching fish in the rain.

**Best Fishing Days:** Today and Monday during the sunrise and sunset, barometric pressure-rise will be significantly more than the norm of 0.05 In Hg.

**The Major Fishing Period:** The sunrise occurs at 7:08 a.m. and the moon overhead period at 7:48 a.m. which will create a feed intensity rating of 3-5 (depending on amount of pressure rise which actually occurs) from 6:30-9:30 a.m.

**The Minor Fishing Period:** The sunset occurs at 7:48 p.m. and the moon underfoot period at 8:12 p.m. which will create a feed rating of 3-4 from 7-9 p.m.

Both periods will remain centered on the sunrise and sunset periods until Tuesday when they move later by 90 minutes. Peak periods within those times might move later by 30 to 45 minutes.

Remember, with pressure change comes 8-12 mile-per-hour winds, creating greater 'fish adjustment levels' and better catch rates.

**Prime Monthly Periods:** April 13-18, new moon; April 27 to May 2, full moon; May 12 to 18, new moon; May 26 to 31, full moon.

**Highlands Bass Angler Bass Guide-Trips:** A 6-7

FISH | 7

## Meyer becomes co-owner of Shank Racing



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

The No. 60 Michael Shank Racing Honda-Liger competes at Sebring in 2016. The team moved to the GTD class for 2017.

### Move expected to boost IMSA and IndyCar programs

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Meyer Shank Racing is pleased to announce that Jim Meyer has joined the organization as co-owner with Mike Shank. The recently completed transaction will see the team build towards a strong future for both its IMSA

and IndyCar programs.

Having brought Acura its first IMSA GTD class victory with the Acura NSX GT3 in 2017, the team will continue to compete in the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with the No. 93 Acura NSX GT3 of Justin Marks and Lawson Aschenbach, as well as the No. 86 Acura NSX GT3 entry of Katherine Legge,

Trent Hindman and Alvaro Parente that is focused on the Tequila Patron North American Endurance Cup title.

Meyer Shank Racing will also contest a select schedule of Verizon IndyCar Series events in 2018 with driver Jack Harvey in the No. 60 AutoNation/SiriusXM Honda entry.

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# LOCAL RUNNING

**2018 Million Centimeter Run 5K March 31 at Highlands Hammock**

**Female Open Winner:** Emily Vargas, 21:23.0.

**Female Master Winner:** Mary Dusseau, 31:43.4.

**Female Grand Master Winner:** Debbie Webber, 35:17.6.

**Female 9 and Under:** Hopelynn Clogston, 39:18.0.

**Female 10 to 13:** Jacey Mandrell, 27:57.7; Karissa Baker, 27:57.9; Molly Elliott, 44:37.5;

**Female 30 to 34:** Desiree Vincent, 34:10.3; Johanna Johnston, 44:35.7.

**Female 35 to 39:** Colleen Guse, 26:19.4; Bobbiejo Kless, 34:33.3; Stacey Clogston, 39:36.2.

**Female 40 to 44:** Linda Arceo, 33:38.3; Lolite Brantley, 43:27.0.

**Female 45 to 49:** Tammie Colbert, 32:42.8; Kimberly O'Connor, 36:36.2.

**Female 50 to 54:** Joyce West, 39:49.5.

**Female 55 to 59:** Sandra Johnson, 34:17.2; Cathy Howell, 40:52.8.

**Female 65 to 69:** Peggy Essex-Klammer, 37:08.2; Deborah Smith, 37:08.7.

**Female 70 to 74:** Ginny Kopperl, 44:35.3.

**Female 75 to 79:** Lois Hotchkiss, 38:03.2; Barbara Jones, 39:07.9; Audrey Smith, 45:58.7.

**Male Open Winner:** Paul Guse, 20:55.1,

**Male Master Winner:** Chris Doty, 2:50.9

**Male Grand Master Winner:** Rod Matthews, 29:29.1.

**Male 10 to 13:** Nic Colbert, 21:56.7; Dane Kelsey, 23:14.9; Brooker Revell, 24:47.7.

**Male 14 to 19:** Nicholas Davis, 21:10.0; Miguel Arceo, 26:18.3; Jaymz Reschke, 27:28.8

**Male 40 to 44:** Brian Triola, 28:21.3.

**Male 45 to 49:** Marcus Brantley, 43:27.4.

**Male 55 to 59:** Dan McCoomb, 34:54.1; Mike Kirsch, 40:54.3.

**Male 65 to 69:** Kenny Vincent, 47:57.4.

**Male 70 to 74:** Ronald Sevigny, 41:05.4.

**2018 Million Centimeter Run 10K March 31 at Highlands Hammock**

**Female Open Winner:** Tera Ming, 50:34.7.

**Female Master Winner:** Kelsie Smoot, 53:48.8.

**Female Grand Master Winner:** Darlene Christensen, 1:00:56.6.

**Female 30 to 34:** Latosha Harnage, 1:09:04.5.

**Female 35 to 39:** Angel Nowling 36 10 56:21.3

**Female 40 to 44:** Erin Holmes, 1:00:42.8; Jeri Browning, 1:01:59.2;

Polly Mandrell, 1:02:01.4; Jennifer Deyoung, 1:02:50.7; Sharla Elliott, 1:10:32.3; Frannie Gillian, 1:18:11.6.

**Female 45 to 49:** Sharon Pridgeon-Fennell, 1:02:54.7; Tammy Mortensen, 1:20:32.0.

**Female 50 to 54:** Kristine Meyers, 1:08:56.1.

**Female 55 to 59:** Jan Shoop, 1:00:30.3; Milagro Blesy, 1:25:39.0.

**Female 60 to 64:** Patricia Caton, 1:06:48.9; Martie Brooker, 1:11:07.0; Dawn Hamm-Troyer, 1:29:09.7.

**Female 65 to 69:** Bettye Hart, 1:26:54.9.

**Male Open Winner:** Corry Haake, 42:24.8.

**Male Master Winners:** Chuck Best, 47:54.6; Craig Meyers, 49:11.5.

**Male Grand Master Winner:** Kirk Becker, 52:23.9.

**Male 35 to 39:** Travis Thomas, 49:54.9; Daniel Hudon, 50:10.5.

**Male 45 to 49:** Ricky Mortensen, 1:05:09.9.

**Male 50 to 54:** Mark Colbert, 52:05.5.

**Male 55 to 59:** Bill Jarrett, 1:07:33.4; Russell Trombly, 1:07:33.7.

**Male 60 to 64:** Bob Stanionis, 59:41.4

**Male 65 to 69:** Ken Cowie, 59:40.9; Charlie Potte, 1:09:17.0.

**Male 70 to 74:** Richard Rucker, 1:10:04.4.

**Male 75 to 79:** Cliff Ables, 1:25:02.5.

**Male 80 and Over:** Harold Smith, 1:12:50.2.

**Run the Track Sebring International Raceway**

**Female Open Winner:** Mary Nicholls, 27:19.5.

**Female Master Winner:** Christine Kortbein, 27:42.0.

**Female Grand Master Winner:** Jane Wickman, 29:59.2.

**Female 10 and Under:** Baxlee Brooker, 43:28.4; Mary Kate Revell, 52:02.2; Marlee Brooker, 52:02.4; Kyleigh Lewis, 1:11:28.0; Harper Brooker, 1:11:28.6.

**Female 11 to 14:** Karissa Baker, 30:49.8; Jacey Mandrell, 30:50.0; Madison Kinchen, 31:28.1; Daniella Chillemi, 31:30.2; Shayla Cox, 34:04.9; Hannah Andrews, 40:32.5; Katelyn Van-Rooyen, 41:38.1.

**Female 15 to 19:** Julieanne King, 28:37.5; Kirsten Oca, 31:25.1; Lexy Haake 34:57.3.

**Female 20 to 24:** Anna Bittes-Freites, 37:36.4; Ashley Castelli, 39:24.0; Amanda Evett, 39:29.0; Maria Castro, 44:11.9.

**Female 25 to 29:** Amanda Kennedy, 30:32.6; Tami Boone, 34:57.9; Karlyn Tyler,

48:19.1; Kacie Lowd, 49:53.4; Ariel Starling, 49:53.4.

**Female 30 to 34:** Maggie Chandler, 32:45.7; Anastasia Saunders, 33:03.1; Latosha Harnage, 34:38.1; Karma Zelenenki, 36:19.2; Laura Johnson, 39:27.1; Amanda Hollywood, 47:30.5.

**Female 35 to 39:** Tiffany Cadzow, 29:04.1; Ginny Cox, 32:47.0; Shawn Beumel, 34:18.4; Leslie Morrison, 37:00.8; Laura Andrews, 40:50.9; Leslie Brooker, 43:46.2; Meleah Remick, 48:07.5; Laci Brooker, 52:02.2; Bonny Revell, 52:02.7; Jerri Kaplan, 54:12.6; Jennifer Lewis, 56:10.7.

**Female 40 to 44:** Janette MacAsieb, 32:06.9; Jen Deyoung, 33:05.1; Joanna Cruz, 33:36.1; Frannie Gillilan, 42:39.4; Heidi Stephens, 45:02.4; Norma Bostick, 53:44.0.

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**Female 55 to 59:** Lisa Foster, 31:32.5; Nancy Drach, 33:55.7; Robin Gonzalez, 46:19.0; Cathy Howell, 46:52.0; Diane Justiss, 54:00.4; Rita Estes, 1:00:57.4.

**Female 60 to 64:** Martie Brooker, 37:55.6; Marcia Percy, 41:27.8; Ann Pisarello, 41:43.4; Linda Taliaferro, 42:46.0; Candy Morehouse, 57:39.6; Kim Gross, 1:01:05.8; Bekki Cahill, 1:02:38.0.

**Female 65 to 69:** Sharon Griffin, 41:30.8; Deborah Smith, 42:01.2; Peggy Essex-Klammer, 43:16.6; Katie Taylor, 47:31.2; Bettye Hart, 47:37.3; Connie Large, 53:21.9; Janice Wall, 53:37.8; Sharon Euler, 1:01:05.5.

**Female 75 to 79:** Lois Hotchkiss, 42:52.0; Audrey Smith, 51:43.2.

**Female 80 and Over:** Doris Welshans, 52:45.2.

**Male Open Winner:** Dylan Branch, 19:45.1.

**Male Master Winner:** Tim Nicholls, 21:58.3.

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**Male 10 and Under:** Nolen Stephens, 29:01.3; Brooker Revell, 29:01.7; C. Remick, 38:39.1; Remington Roby, 41:56.9; Kolton Lewis, 51:59.4.

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Avon Park temmates Emily Vargas, left, and Dylan Branch both captured wins on the local running scene, with Branch winning the Run the Track event and Vargas winning the Million Centimeter Run.

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Sebring's Maci Barnhart (6) gets the Lake Wales batter to chase an outside pitch for one of her six strikeouts.

## BALL

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on base hits by Alyssa Perez, who later scored on a single into center-field by Layla Taylor, to make the score 4-2 after four innings.

The excitement of a comeback was quickly vanquished by the Highlanders in the top of the fifth when Sommer Baker hit a two-run homer over the left-field fence as Lake Wales expanded their lead back to four, 6-2.

Lake Wales scored once in the sixth inning

and posted a four spot in the seventh inning, highlighted by a bases-clearing triple by Melkayla Irvis to make the final score 11-2.

With the district regular drawing near an end, the Blue Streaks play Auburndale on April 13 in Sebring for second place and most

likely the first game in the district tournament. Auburndale is no pushover, as the Bloodhounds split with the Highlanders this season.

The Blue Streaks host Lake Placid on Tuesday and DeSoto on Thursday before playing Auburndale next Friday.



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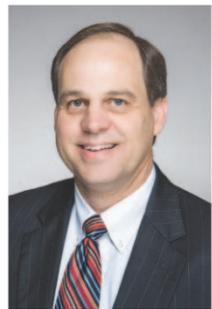
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# SHANK

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Building the team by hand with little more than his know-how, hard work, drive, and expansion-generating loans, Shank started the team in 1994 to support his aspiration of racing in IndyCar as a driver. After making an IndyCar start at Las Vegas in 1997, Shank transitioned to fully focus on team ownership in the Atlantic series.

After mortgaging his house to purchase an IMSA Prototype in 2004, Shank began to build his business with a move to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar ranks.

The team has been a competitive force ever since, with several victories in GTD and Prototype class competition including the 2012 Rolex 24 At Daytona and 2016 Petit Le Mans. The team also holds the track speed record at Daytona International Speedway and has competed in the Le Mans 24 Hour as well as the Indianapolis 500.

"Since day one of this team, it has just been my wife (MaryBeth) and I running it and I hadn't set out to take on a partner," said Mike Shank. "But when I met Jim (Meyer), it was clear how a structure like this could help the team grow in the long term, so it began to make more and more sense. Having a strong financial foundation to build the organization and bringing in a top-level CEO with the kind of commercial background that Jim has is going to help us grow our depth. This is big for everyone on this team, and we're really motivated to go out and be successful with the tools that we have moving forward."

While Meyer and Shank have different professional backgrounds, both team owners have demonstrated a



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 86 Michael Shank Racing Acura leads the No. 48 Paul Miller Racing Lamborghini at Sebring.

long-running dedication to success. Meyer held a number of senior management positions in consumer electronics before becoming SiriusXM's President of Sales and Operations in May 2004 until he was named CEO in 2013, a position he still holds.

MSR made its IndyCar debut with driver Jack Harvey piloting the AutoNation and SiriusXM-sponsored entry in the 2017 Indianapolis 500, giving Meyer the opportunity to see first hand what kind of team Shank had developed.

"I have been thinking about a way to be involved in the sport for a long time, but didn't have a clear path in mind until I met Mike (Shank)," said Meyer, who has attended the Indianapolis 500 regularly for decades. "We are very different people, but he really impressed me with what he has done to build this organization and some of the risks he took along the way. I knew early on that he was the kind of person that I wanted to partner with and I really respect what he



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 93 Michael Shank Racing Acura competes in the 12 Hours of Sebring.

has done. We share the dream of winning the Indianapolis 500 and I'm really excited to be working towards that with Mike."

In partnership with AutoNation and SiriusXM, the organization has a multi-year program in place to compete in the Verizon IndyCar Series starting with six events in the 2018 season. Meyer Shank Racing will debut under the new team banner in the Grand Prix

of Long Beach IndyCar event on April 13-15 and will continue the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship campaign at home for the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course event May 4-6.



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Jack Harvey chats with team owner Michael Shank along pit lane prior to practice for last year's Indianapolis 500.

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## 2018 Panda Prance 5K Saturday at Highlands Hammock

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Amelia Roberts, 32:15.5; Addison McGuire, 37:15.1; Yamileth Diez, 37:37.0; Emerson McGuire, 38:30.0; Mackenzie Anderson, 38:34.7; Jayli Torres, 41:26.0; Alma Sboto, 52:23.0; Jadyne Lavin, 52:35.5; Quinn Carter, 54:36.8; Maricelis Ayala, 1:01:20.0.

**Male 6 and Under:** Kadin Emmons, 38:18.0.

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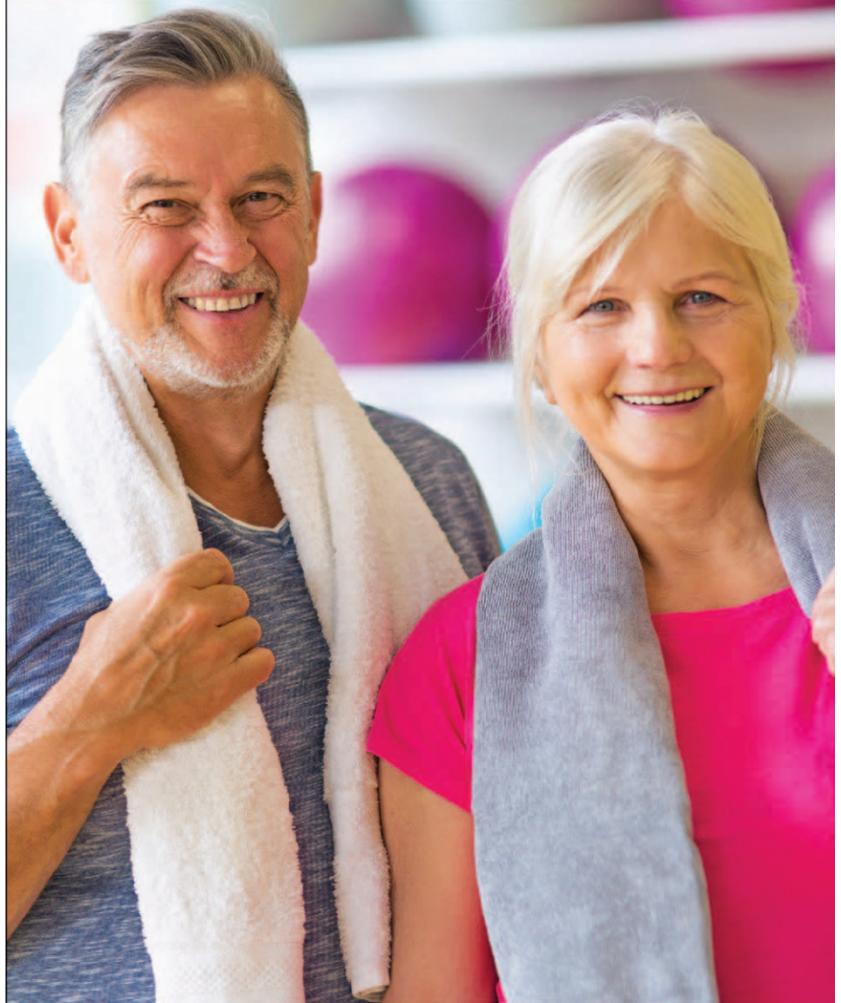


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# Toyota runs 1-2 in Prologue



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The No. 7 Toyota TS050 - Hybrid takes part in the WEC Prologue at Circuit Paul Ricard.

## WEC cars to appear at Sebring in 2019 have 30-hour test

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Toyota Gazoo Racing ran 1-2 in the WEC's Prologue, the mandatory test session for World Endurance Championship teams, which was held at Circuit Paul Ricard in France. Unlike some tests, which have two hour windows for teams to take to the track, Prologue is a 30-hour session and teams can run as much or as little as they choose.

Some teams used all 30 hours, such as Toyota Gazoo, which ran the No. 7 TS050 Hybrid for 839 laps, while the sister No. 8 car only completed 163 laps. The Toyotas were running outside of WEC specs when they set their fast times.

Approximately seven hours of the 24 Hours of Le Mans are conducted in darkness so, apart from the very obvious reason for why teams and drivers test at night, there were more nuanced reasons why WEC had

several 'night-owl teams' at the Prologue.

Fourteen entries chose to run in darkness and utilize the 30 hours of track availability during Friday and Saturday at Circuit Paul Ricard.

"We do a great deal of running in darkness for a variety of reasons," says Toyota Gazoo Racing Team Manager John Steeghs.

"As well the visual practice for the drivers, it is also crucial because the temperature is a lot cooler and we can learn a lot about how this affects balance on a variety of components. Obviously it is critical for tire management and how we adapt strategies when the sun is in and everything is cooler."

The headlights of the cars are crucial in the dusk, full dark and dawn periods of a twice-around-the-clock race, and they are something that Steeghs and his team check thoroughly.

"There are also the practical elements that we test such

as headlights and ensuring the drivers are as comfortable as possible," he continued. "So, we go through a real variety of programs that we test in the dark hours. The attention to detail on the LED lights is impressive and we develop them constantly. They are of course vital components for us over the duration of the Le Mans week."

Paul Ricard is especially useful for the teams due to the long Mistral Straight being similar in length to the two sections of the Mulsanne straight. With GT cars committed to the night section it will be a rare chance for the LMP1 cars to simulate traffic management in night conditions.

This season a regulations change means that GTE cars are sporting 'white' headlights for the first time, with a change in the sporting regulations no longer enforcing yellow-tinted covers for the production-based classes.



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The No. 98 Aston Martin V8 Vantage tests in the WEC Prologue at Circuit Paul Ricard.



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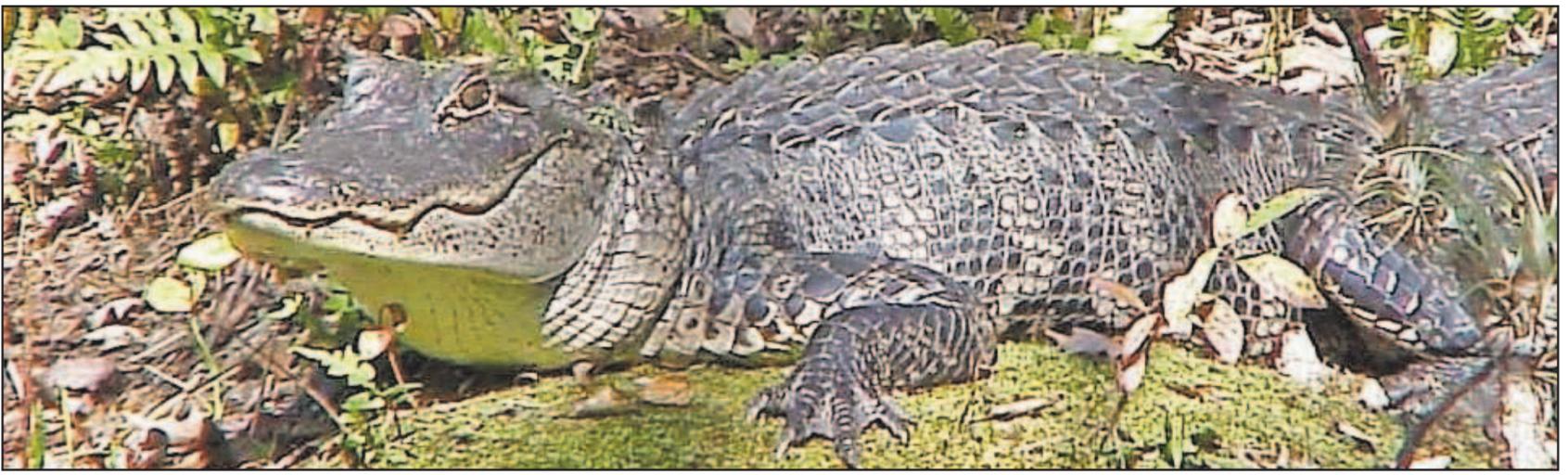
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# FISH

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### Fishing Product Sale

**Find:** At the beginning of this week I stopped by a local boot, firearms and fishing products store, The Gun Rack-Pure Grit Boot Company at 5621 US 27 Sebring, (half mile south of Florida Hospital). They're currently having a '50 percent Off All Fishing

Products Sale' as they phase out that aspect of their business. For great fishing products prices stop in and 'cash-in' while supplies last. Better hurry.

### Seasonal Safety Notes:

Alligators are now in their 'mating season' which occurs from April through August. Males are very aggressive and territorial and 'will not tolerate any encroachment in their mating areas.' Any shallow body of water will have dangerous gators so be alert and constantly scan areas you're in often.

Smaller gators will be on the move as big gators force them out of lake areas to search for non-disputed waters.... such as your pool, or any waterway. So gators will

be 'where they usually are not' so again, scan areas for gator activity.

It might be a little early for 'Lightning Warnings' but thunderstorms are forecast over the next few days during prime fishing periods. Remember, always have a route to a shelter — which is NOT a tree. Vehicles and structures are best. If caught on the water, stay lower than your main motor and trolling motor. Also, test your bilge pumps.

### Istokpoga.info News:

The lake level is at 38.95 feet above sea level, which is six inches below the max-level in the 15-inch management-threshold range for the beginning of April. The maximum and minimum levels will be dropped as part of the

regular seasonal lake-level high-low management schedule from 39.50 and 38.25 feet above sea level to 39.0 feet and 37.50 feet by May 1. By June 1 the hurricane season high will be dropped another nine inches to 38.25 feet and 37.50 feet high-low. Currently all four S68 gates are closed.

Interested in fishing the Istokpoga spillway? Visit Istokpoga.info website and click on

the links to the South Florida Water Mgmt. (SFWMD) real time S68 and S68X spillway gates status webpage. You'll find water level and flow status data of all water way structures from Kissimmee to Clewiston. Also provided is a link to the Army Corps of Engineers'

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3GT Racing driver Kyle Marcelli.

# IMSA

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looking forward to the return of sports car racing at Mid-Ohio May 4-6, which will mark the debut of the RC F GT3 at the 13-turn, 2.258-mile road course.

"Mid-Ohio is a beautiful facility and race track," said Marcelli. "They do a nice job taking care of the grounds and I'm looking forward to getting on track with the Lexus RC F GT3 next month."

The 28-year-old was victorious at Mid-Ohio in the Prototype Challenge class of the American Le Mans Series in 2011. Marcelli considers Mid-Ohio like a home race after getting his professional start for a race team based in Columbus and having family in nearby Dublin, Ohio.

"I'd say Mid-Ohio is the probably the next closest thing to a home race for me," added Marcelli. "It's eight hours from home, but I have family in the area so I'll have friends and family come out and support me at the event next month, so you get a bit of that home race atmosphere when I race there."

Mid-Ohio will also feature the Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge and the Porsche GT3 Cup.

The next



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 14 3GT Racing Lexus competes in the 12 Hours of Sebring.

WeatherTech SportsCar Championship event on tap is the Grand Prix of Long Beach, which is for the Prototype and GTLM classes and is the first time driver line-ups have consisted of just two drivers per car. Both of the street course races this season

— Long Beach and the Detroit Grand Prix at Belle Isle Park — are one hour, 40 minutes in length, making them the shortest WeatherTech races of the season.

There are 14 Prototype entries and the usual eight suspects in the GTLM class.



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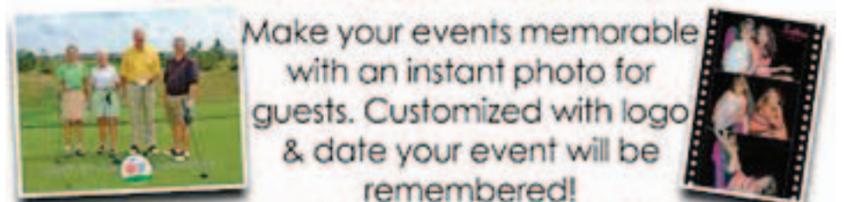


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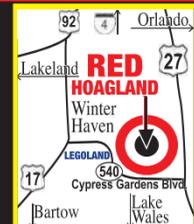
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## 9 killed, scores wounded by Israeli fire in Gaza protest

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KHUZAA, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Palestinians protested along Gaza's sealed border with Israel on Friday, engulfing the volatile area in black smoke from burning tires to try to block the view of Israeli snipers and cheering a Hamas strongman who pledged that the border fence will eventually fall.

Israeli troops opened fire from across the border, killing at least nine Palestinians and wounding 491 others — 33 of them seriously — in the second mass border protest in a week, Gaza health officials said. A well-known Palestinian journalist was among the dead, and hundreds of others suffered other injuries, including tear gas inhalation, the officials said.

The deaths brought the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli fire since last week to at least 31.

Early Saturday, Palestinian health officials confirmed that Yasser Murtaga had died from a gunshot wound sustained while covering demonstrations near the Israeli border in Khuzaa. The area was the scene of large protests Friday, and was covered in thick black smoke.

Murtaga was over 100 yards from the border, wearing a flak jacket marked "press" and holding his camera when he was shot in an exposed area just below the armpit. Journalists were in the area as protesters were setting tires on fire.

The Israeli military has said it fired only at "instigators" involved in attacks on soldiers or the border fence. It had no immediate comment.

Murtaga worked for Ain media, a local TV production company that has done projects, including aerial drone video, for

**PROTEST | 5**

## 2020 census test has critics counting concerns, not people

By **MICHELLE R. SMITH**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The success of the 2020 census, which will be the first to include an online survey, could hinge on a single "dress rehearsal" underway right now in Rhode Island — and so far, many locals aren't impressed.

Providence County, the state's most populous, is the only place where the Census Bureau is running a full test, after plans to test two other sites this year were canceled because of a lack of funding from Congress. A planned question about citizenship that has states suing the federal government isn't on the test.

Several elected officials and leaders of advocacy and community groups this week held an "emergency press conference" to raise concerns, which include a shortage of publicity around the test and its limited language outreach in an immigrant-heavy county, with large communities from countries including the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Portugal and Cape Verde.

"If we don't get it right here, then the country's not going to get it right," Democratic Lt. Gov. Dan McKee warned.

The concerns in Rhode Island are the latest evidence of mounting apprehension over the 2020 census. Seventeen states and six cities, including Rhode Island and its largest city, Providence, sued the federal government on Tuesday to block a question the administration of Republican President Donald Trump announced last month it would ask about citizenship.

The 2020 census will be the first to give respondents the option of answering online. Census Bureau officials say that the Rhode Island test is on track, and that they're focused on ensuring new technology works, including a smartphone app being used by canvassers and cloud computing.

"There's things that aren't exactly

**CENSUS | 5**



LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Humboldt mayor Rob Muench, in the Broncos team jersey, along with other mourners lay down flower on the stairs that enter to Elgar Petersen Arena, home of the Humboldt Broncos, in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada on Saturday.

## 15 die when truck collides with hockey team's bus in Canada

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NIPAWIN, Saskatchewan — A semi-trailer slammed into a bus carrying a youth hockey team in western Canada, killing 15 people and injuring 14 in a catastrophic collision that a doctor compared to an airstrike and left the vehicles obliterated in the snow. The crash sent shockwaves through the team's small hometown and a country united by the national sport.

Canadians were moved to tears on Saturday as they learned of the identities of the deceased on the bus that was driving the Humboldt Broncos hockey team to a crucial playoff game Friday against the Nipawin Hawks.

"An entire country is in shock and mourning," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. "This is every parent's worst nightmare. No one should ever have to see their child leave to play the sport they love and never come back."

The bus had 29 passengers, including the driver, when it crashed at about 5 p.m. on Highway 35, police said. Among the dead are Broncos head coach Darcy Haugan, team captain Logan Schatz and radio announcer Tyler Bieber. Authorities earlier said

three were in critical but later provided an update to say that 15 have now died.

Canadian police said the truck driver was initially detained but has since been released and provided with mental health assistance. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Curtis Zablocki said it's too early to state a cause for the crash.

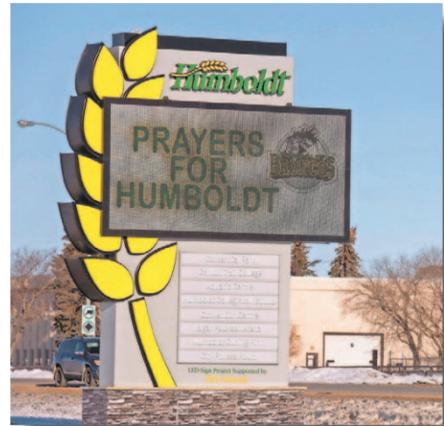
In a tweet, U.S. President Donald Trump said he called Trudeau to offer his condolences to the families of victims.

Darren Opp, president of the Nipawin Hawks, who the Broncos were set to play against, said a semi T-boned the players' bus — an account police confirmed.

"It's a horrible accident, my God," Opp said.

Hassan Masri, an emergency room doctor at Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital who has done work in war-torn Syria, said the crash reminded him of an airstrike. Photographs of the wreckage showed the twisted trailer with most of its wheels in the air and the bus on its side and its back portion destroyed.

Kelly Schatz, Logan's father, says his



Seen here is a welcome sign honoring the members of the Humboldt Broncos hockey team in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Canada, Saturday.

20-year-old son played for the Broncos for just over four years and had served as team captain for the past 2 1/2 years. Meanwhile, tributes poured in online for coach Haugan, a father of two who was described as an amazing mentor to young players.

The names of others killed have not been confirmed. STARS air ambulance

**HOCKEY | 5**

## Germany seeks motive after van crashes into crowd, killing 2

By **KIRSTEN GRIESHABER** and **FERDINAND OSTROP**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MUENSTER, Germany — A van crashed into people drinking outside a popular bar Saturday in the German city of Muenster, killing two people and injuring 20 others before the driver of the vehicle shot and killed himself inside it, police said.

A top German security official said there was no indication of an Islamic extremist motive but officials were investigating all possibilities in the deadly crash that took place at 3:27 p.m. on a warm spring day. Witnesses said people ran away screaming from the city square after the crash. Police quickly set up a large cordoned-off area for their investigation and ambulances rushed to the site.

Six of the 20 injured were in severe condition, according to police spokesman Andreas Bode.

Herbert Reul, the interior minister of North Rhine-Westphalia state, where Muenster is located, said the driver of the gray van was a German citizen. He stressed that the investigation was at an early stage but said "at



AP PHOTO

Police officers secure the crime scene after a car crashed into a group of people, leaving several dead in Muenster, Germany, Saturday.

the moment, nothing speaks for there being any Islamist background."

"We have to wait, and we are investigating in all directions," Reul said, adding that it was clearly not an accident.

Reul said two people were killed in the crash and the driver killed himself — lower than the earlier police toll of three dead plus the driver.

Police spokesman Peter Nuessmeyer told The Associated Press that he could not confirm German media reports that the perpetrator reportedly had psychological issues.

Bode told reporters that police were checking witness reports that other perpetrators might have fled from the van at the scene. Hours later, police

spokeswoman Vanessa Artl said "we didn't find anything (to those reports) but we're still investigating in all directions and not excluding anything."

Police tweeted that residents should "avoid the area near the Kiepenkerl pub" in the city's historic downtown area where

**CROWD | 5**

# FINANCE / WEATHER

## Good Advice From a Different Guy

**D**ear Mr. Berko: My 84-year-old dad is not well and was a very avid reader of your column until he got sick. He would send your columns to me every week with comments. Two years ago, he had a stroke. According to his brokerage statement, he owns two stocks: 400 shares of Citigroup and 3,000 shares of MGIC Investment Corp. In January 2009, he bought 4,000 shares of Citigroup as a gamble at \$1.20 per share. It's now selling for \$73 a share. But for some reason, Dad's 4,000-share investment is now 400 shares. A new stockbroker at his brokerage told me that he has no record of Dad's selling Citigroup and mumbled something about a "revised split" that was unintelligible. Dad's notes say you told him that big banks — such as the Bank of New York Mellon, Bank of America, Citigroup and JPMorgan Chase — were too big to go bankrupt and that the Federal Reserve would step in to do anything necessary to save all the major banks. In the fall of 2012, on your recommendation, Dad bought 3,000 shares of MGIC Investment Corp. at 90 cents a share. His notes say you said that MGIC was on its way to a recovery and that the stock would sell at \$15 a share in the future. Well, MGIC did recover, and it's now trading at \$12.20. I've never seen this rate of profit before, so please tell me what to do. I know nothing about stocks.



Malcolm Berko

have me confused with somebody else. There are thousands of brokers in this country, and I think 12 of them are named Malcolm. Perhaps one of those Malcolms could be the "somebody else." I've never recommended MGIC, and I don't recall anyone ever asking me about this stock. And I've never recommended Citigroup. I've never liked the stock. In the past, I've commented negatively about both Citigroup and Bank of America because I believe that their management stinks and their board members are a clique of wealthy toadies who'd barely qualify for board positions at a roach paste factory. Citigroup didn't have a "revised" split. I think that new broker needs to be vaccinated for stupidity. However, about two years after your dad bought Citigroup, its board of directors declared a 1-for-10 "reverse" split to put some oomph in the stock price. So every 1,000 shares of C your dad owned became 100 shares. His 4,000 shares of C, which were trading at \$1.20 (\$4,800) when he bought them, became 400 shares trading at \$12 a share, still valued at \$4,800. Today C is \$73, and his 400 shares are worth \$29,200. Your dad has a smart profit of \$24,400. Keep C.

MGIC Investment Corp. (MTG-\$12.20) is among the largest providers of private mortgage insurance (primarily for residential first mortgages), which protects lenders against default on loans with low or no down payments. MGIC also provides various related services, including claims administration and contract underwriting. After losing over \$8 billion between 2007 and 2014 — and as the housing market improved — MGIC began putting its house in order, and profits started rolling in. This year, management expects to earn \$1.75 a share on \$1.1 billion in revenues, and Wall Street is looking for sustainable forward growth, as buyer incomes, home sales and values still appear strong. MGIC's business seems to be on an upward trajectory, supported by a favorable economic background and low interest rates. Though MTG doesn't pay a dividend and won't for a while, the Street expects the stock price to double in three to four years. But I completely disagree with the Street! Your dad has a gain of \$11.30 per share on 3,000 shares, or \$33,900, and that's a dandy profit. Sell the stock.

Those are two excellent trades that I would never have recommended. Kudos to the old broker for his excellent perspicacity and swell advice.

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

— AD, Detroit

**Dear AD:** Unfortunately, you

# Harvest of clams continues to dwindle in New England

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**PORTLAND, Maine** — The harvest of soft-shell clams is dwindling along the coast of New England, where the shellfish are embedded in the culture as much as the tidal muck. Soft-shell clams, also called "steamers" or "longnecks," are one of the northeastern U.S.'s most beloved seafood items, delighting shoreside diners in fried clam rolls, clam strips and clam chowders. But the nationwide harvest fell to a little less than 2.8 million pounds of meat in 2016, the lowest total since 2000, and there are new signs of decline in Maine.

The Pine Tree State produces more of the clams than any other, and state regulators there say clam harvesters collected a little more than 1.4 million pounds of the shellfish last year. That's the lowest total since 1930, and less than half a typical haul in the early- and mid-1980s.

The clam fishery is coping with a declining number of fishermen, a warming ocean, harmful algal blooms in the marine environment and growing populations of predator species, said regulators and scientists who study the fishery. It leaves clambers like Chad Coffin, of Freeport, Maine, concerned the harvest will decline to the point it will be difficult to make a living.

"It has been a gradual decline, and it's getting to the point where there's a tremendous amount of



AP FILE PHOTO

**In this June 28, 2017 file photo, local softshell clams are displayed at a Portland, Maine, fish market. Maine's clam harvest in 2017 reached its lowest point since at least 1950.**

acres that's not producing anymore," Coffin said. "It should drop significantly more over the next two years."

The clams are still readily available to consumers, but the number of harvesters digging for them has slipped to about 1,600 in Maine. It was more than 2,000 as recently as 2015. The clams are also harvested in smaller numbers in Massachusetts, New York and Maryland, and the haul has been more steady in those states in recent years, helping keep prices about the same.

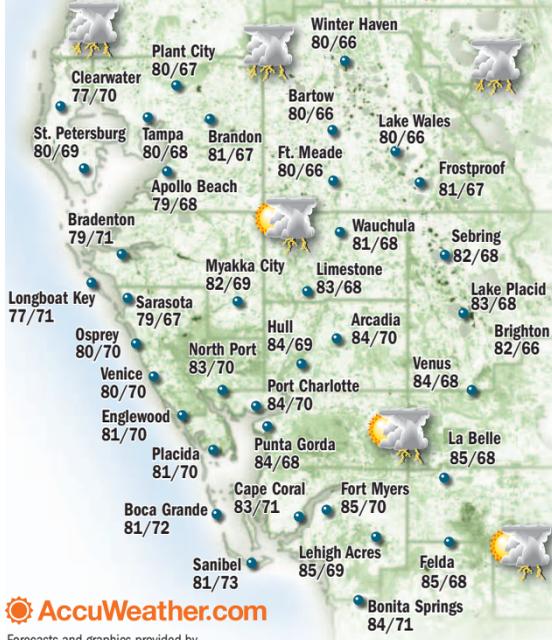
The value of Maine's clams dipped by nearly \$4 million last year, in part due to supply from areas outside the state, the state Department of Marine Resources announced in March. Department director Kohl Kanwit attributed Maine's diminished harvest to clamming closures necessitated by algal blooms that render the shellfish unsafe to eat.

Growing numbers of crabs, fish and worms that eat the clams are another problem, said Brian Beal, a professor of marine ecology at the University of Maine at Machias. The growth of predators could be tied to rising ocean temperatures in the Gulf of Maine, which is a trend that figures to continue, Beal said. "Seawater temperature is driving the biological and environmental factors that regulate clam populations," Beal said. "That spells doom and gloom for the clamming industry and probably for other industries as well." Soft-shell clams are one of several types of clams people buy in grocery stores and restaurants. Clammers collect them by raking for them in tidal areas, while some other species are harvested by boats at sea. The clams are the signature item of a popular summer festival in Yarmouth, Maine, and are central to beloved 1950s-era Maine children's story "One Morning in Maine" by Robert McCloskey.

### TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

A thunderstorm in spots <b>HIGH 84°</b> 50% chance of rain	Partly cloudy <b>LOW 70°</b> 25% chance of rain	Partly sunny <b>86° / 69°</b> 25% chance of rain	Mostly cloudy <b>86° / 65°</b> 25% chance of rain	Partly sunny and pleasant <b>81° / 57°</b> 25% chance of rain	Nice with plenty of sunshine <b>85° / 60°</b> 5% chance of rain	Pleasant with plenty of sun <b>87° / 63°</b> 5% chance of rain
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**76° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE**



### FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today		Mon.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Apalachicola	68	60	75	65
Bradenton	79	71	81	71
Cleawater	77	70	80	71
Coral Springs	87	71	90	69
Daytona Beach	69	64	81	67
Fort Lauderdale	86	73	87	73
Fort Myers	85	70	88	70
Gainesville	73	54	79	64
Jacksonville	63	54	78	58
Key Largo	84	74	85	74
Key West	84	77	85	76
Lakeland	79	66	83	68
Melbourne	78	69	86	70
Miami	88	70	88	71
Naples	84	70	87	70
Ocala	73	57	80	62
Okeechobee	81	66	86	65
Orlando	77	64	84	69
Panama City	88	56	87	58
Pensacola	67	55	75	61
Pompano Beach	86	72	87	71
St. Augustine	64	59	77	61
St. Petersburg	80	69	83	71
Sarasota	79	67	82	67
Tallahassee	70	52	79	58
Tampa	80	68	82	70
Vero Beach	81	67	87	67
West Palm Beach	84	69	88	69

### TIDES

Location	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 8:48p	4:51a	---	---
Mon.	1:53p	6:00a	10:28p	5:18p
Englewood	Today 7:25p	3:07a	---	---
Mon.	12:30p	4:16a	9:05p	3:34p
Boca Grande	Today 5:44p	2:04a	---	---
Mon.	11:31a	3:07a	8:44p	2:11p
EJ Jobean	Today 9:20p	5:20a	---	---
Mon.	2:25p	6:29a	11:00p	5:47p
Venice	Today 5:40p	1:46a	---	---
Mon.	10:45a	2:55a	7:20p	2:13p

### MARINE

Location	Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	WSW	7-14	1-2	Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	NNE	7-14	2-4	Moderate

### SUN AND MOON

Day	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
Today	7:12 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	2:23 a.m.	1:18 p.m.
Monday	7:11 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	3:08 a.m.	2:09 p.m.

### SOLUNAR TABLE

Day	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	12:40a	6:52a	1:04p	7:16p
Mon.	1:27a	7:39a	1:51p	8:02p
Tue.	2:11a	8:23a	2:35p	8:47p

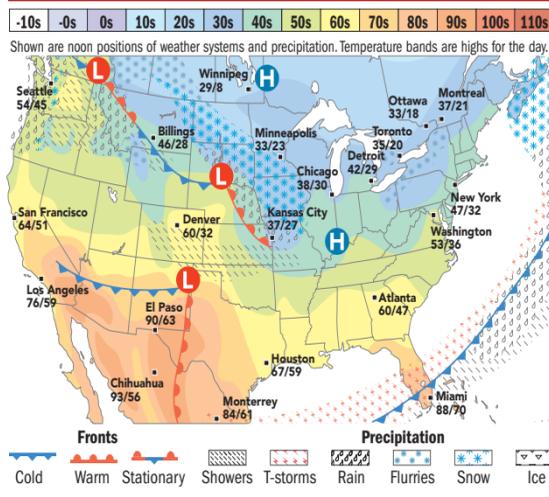
### WEATHER HISTORY

On April 8, 1963, Williston, N.D., had 5 inches of snow, while Laredo, Texas, had a record high of 104 degrees.

### WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: When was New York City's latest measurable snowfall?

### THE NATION



### U.S. EXTREMES

High	90° at Immokalee, FL	Low	-11° at Westby, MT
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City	Today		Mon.		City	Today		Mon.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albuquerque	77	45	70	43	Jackson, MS	64	47	61	49
Anchorage	45	38	47	38	Kansas City	37	27	46	24
Atlanta	60	47	63	49	Knoxville	54	40	58	42
Baltimore	50	32	47	37	Las Vegas	82	61	83	62
Billings	46	28	50	28	Los Angeles	76	59	87	63
Birmingham	65	45	70	47	Louisville	51	35	59	40
Boise	55	36	61	43	Memphis	55	39	65	44
Boston	43	29	45	33	Milwaukee	35	29	39	29
Buffalo	33	22	39	27	Minneapolis	33	23	39	19
Chicago	38	30	40	27	Montgomery	67	48	72	54
Cincinnati	45	30	53	35	Nashville	54	39	65	42
Cleveland	36	27	42	30	New Orleans	66	57	74	61
Columbia, SC	61	43	59	44	New York City	47	32	47	39
Columbus, OH	43	30	48	35	Norfolk, VA	52	39	51	44
Concord, NH	44	21	46	27	Oklahoma City	54	35	62	35
Dallas	64	51	68	49	Omaha	40	26	42	23
Denver	60	32	64	32	Philadelphia	48	32	48	39
Des Moines	36	30	54	25	Phoenix	92	65	94	67
Detroit	42	29	43	30	Pittsburgh	39	26	42	30
Duluth	31	19	38	18	Portland, ME	44	25	44	29
Fairbanks	42	19	43	24	Portland, OR	55	43	68	49
Fargo	28	19	38	15	Providence	46	28	48	32
Hartford	45	24	48	29	Raleigh	55	38	55	40
Helena	45	33	52	29	Salt Lake City	56	40	59	43
Honolulu	80	71	87	79	St. Louis	44	33	54	33
Houston	67	59	75	60	St. Antonio	74	59	75	60
Indianapolis	46	31	50	33	San Diego	69	59	77	63
					San Francisco	64	51	72	55
					Seattle	54	45	63	48
					Washington, DC	53	36	59	41

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today		Mon.		City	Today		Mon.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	68	49	63	51	Mexico City	80	57	80	56
Bahgdad	87	63	89	65	Montreal	37	21	40	27
Beijing	65	41	68	47	Ottawa	33	18	39	25
Berlin	67	45	69	51	Paris	70	53	66	49
Buenos Aires	75	63	80	67	Regina	25	12	30	15
Cairo	79	61	79	60	Rio de Janeiro	86	73	86	72
Calgary	27	15	30	25	Rome	71	55	62	50
Cancun	88	75	87	75	St. John's	34	30	45	25
Dublin	54	39	53	44	San Juan	86	76	87	76
Edmonton	26	8	38	21	Sydney	83	67	89	67
Halifax	37	24	38	26	Tokyo	62	49	68	51
Kiev	59	41	65	45	Toronto	35	20	37	25
London	53	48	58	48	Vancouver	53	45	56	44
Madrid	59	42	69	42	Winnipeg	29	8	34	19

### PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday	Temperatures	High/Low	87°/63°
	Normal High/Low	83°/60°	
	Record High	91° (2014)	
	Record Low	42° (1974)	
	Precipitation (in inches)	24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat.	0.00"
	Month to date	0.00"	
	Normal month to date	0.54"	
	Year to date	3.18"	
	Normal year to date	8.05"	
	Record	0.78" (1980)	

### MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg.	Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80	9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52	11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28	9.26/1970
Apr.	0.01	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	8.21	14.22	1995
Aug.	13.12	8.01	15.60	1995
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03	1979
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88	1995
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53	2002
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83	2002
Year	3.18	60.36	50.74	(since 1931)

### VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday	Temperatures	High/Low	81°/68°
	Normal High/Low	79°/60°	
	Record High	90° (2003)	
	Record Low	42° (1975)	
	Precipitation (in inches)	24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat.	0.00"
	Month to date	0.00"	
	Normal month to date	0.72"	
	Year to date	2.12"	
	Normal year to date	9.21"	
	Record	0.78" (1962)	

### SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday	Temperatures	High/Low	85°/66°
	Precipitation (in inches)	24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat.	0.00"

### AIRPORT

Possible weather-related delays today. Check with your airline for the most updated schedules.	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
	Ft. Myers	85/70	part cldy none
	Punta Gorda	84/68	part cldy all day
	Sarasota	79/67	cloudy all day

### CONDITIONS TODAY

**NATION**

# Photos show black work camps during Great Depression

By **JEFF KAROUB**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — A striking, sepia-toned picture recently acquired by the University of Michigan jumps out from the past and begs to tell a story: A man dressed in a heavy coat and hat is as big as the cabin door whose knob he is reaching to turn and enter.

The picture is labeled simply, “Big Jim.”

The rare photo is among 30 acquired by the Bentley Historical Library last year from a private donor that capture a place and time often overlooked by history: black Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Michigan

and elsewhere during the Great Depression. The photos are the only known images of the state’s segregated, all-black camps. President Franklin Roosevelt established the corps in the early 1930s, offering shelter, clothing, food and wages to a “vast army” of unemployed men who worked to conserve and restore national resources.

As the people and stories behind the pictures are increasingly lost to time, the university posted them online and launched a public call for information. So far, Big Jim’s story is the only one that’s been filled in, thanks to people who knew him and responded:

He was James Richardson, a quiet, strong, hard-working rural Michigan farmer who served in World War I and went on to join the CCC.

For the archivists, it represents delayed but welcome recognition for the contributions of workers who faced discrimination and marginalization during a dark economic era.

“What I liked about the photographs is they show that these young guys were doing work on parks, trails, out in the woods — way away from their homes,” said Morris Thomas, who as a child knew Richardson and identified him for Michigan researchers after seeing his image in a state history magazine. “It is something unique; there aren’t that many photos available.”

Eighty-five years after the Civilian Conservation Corps’ creation, any cache of this kind is a boon to historians. Photographs from designated black camps are far less common than from white camps. Thomas, now 75, says his family also had photos of an uncle who worked in a black camp but laments, “Now we can’t find them.”

Despite the legacy of segregation, the photos and stories they conjure reveal elements of unexpected egalitarianism and advancement.

“That was a tremendous thing for black people,” said Thomas’ cousin Frank Thomas, who as a boy often spent time with Richardson and

neighborhood friends. “There were really no jobs for black people at that time, only menial jobs. All those guys got a chance to ... show people they can work and can do anything anybody else can do.”

CCC camps initially were integrated, according to the university, but became segregated by 1935 amid community protests. Out of Michigan’s roughly 150 camps, some 16 were designated for black men. Black membership was capped at 10 percent of the overall corps, which numbered around 3 million over the course of the program.

The Michigan History Center says the state’s black camps helped build a ski area and contributed to efforts to plant millions of trees, fight forest fires, construct bridges and buildings, and establish public campgrounds.

“The CCC camps did tremendous things to better the community for both black and white people,” Frank Thomas said. “Put in playgrounds, all that stuff.”

Joan Sharpe, president of the Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy, said the segregation in the camps reflected U.S. society at the time. Still, she added, that doesn’t erase the opportunities it provided for people of all races.

“The guys I’ve talked to that were in the CCC camps that were black were very grateful ... to have access to education, access to vocational training, learn how to lay stone, build roads — things they would not have had before,” said



BENTLEY HISTORICAL LIBRARY VIA AP

In a photo provided by the Bentley Historical Library, unidentified Civilian Conservation Corps members are seen in an undated photo.

Sharpe, whose group serves and supports CCC alumni.

“I have to look at it from their perspective,” she added. “Their story and station in life would be very different than us looking back on it and saying, ‘Oh, how awful.’”

After leaving the CCC, Richardson continued his hard-working ways, according to Thomas and his cousin. He tended to his 40-acre farm in Manistee County and did odd jobs such as cutting logs and hauling pulpwood to a paper mill. Local legend

has it that he once lifted a Model A for someone with a flat tire and once attached a plow to himself to take over for a stubborn horse. He died in 1959 at age 65.

Frank Thomas, 79, believes “Big Jim” served “as a big ambassador for black people,” and can still be for people who see his picture and hear his story.

“You’d think of a man that size he would be aggressive, but I never heard tell or saw any indication of that,” he said. “That goes long way in race relations and community relations.”



In a photo provided by the Bentley Historical Library, James “Big Jim” Richardson is photographed outside a cabin in Michigan in 1936.



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# NATION

## Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas facing tornado and wildfire threats

By **KEN MILLER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — Emergency officials in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas are bracing for two types of disasters as spring gets into full swing: The start of what's historically the most active time of year for tornadoes plus wildfire threats brought on by severe drought.

April, May and June are the most active months in the U.S. for tornadoes. At the same time, the three states on the southern end of Tornado Alley are experiencing extreme and exceptional drought that could fuel wildfires.

Tornado Alley extends from northern Texas and covers much of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, plus slivers of New Mexico and Colorado, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Storm Prediction Center.

The past three years,

the U.S. has seen an average of more than 600 tornadoes during April, May and June, according to the center. That is more than half the average of 1,186 tornadoes per year during that time span, although the numbers from the last three months of 2017 are still considered preliminary.

Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas are accustomed to preparing for multiple emergency situations happening at once and train with various agencies to account for different possibilities.

"We're typically preparing for worst-case scenarios year-round anyway," state Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman Keli Cain said, noting that the SPC reports Oklahoma City has been struck by more tornadoes than any other U.S. city, with more than 100 known twisters. "We do have some experience at that. We plan for all hazards anyway."

Katie Horner,

spokeswoman for the Kansas adjutant general's division of emergency management, said last year the state dealt with a blizzard, an ice storm, fire, flooding and a tornado warning all in the same week. "We train not only for one or two events in a day, but three or four events in a day," she added.

Chip Orton, the emergency management director for Amarillo, a city of about 200,000 in the Texas Panhandle, says, "My job is to be worried."

"That's why we come to work every day. Is it likely? Probably not. Could it happen? Sure," he said.

While tornadoes are the result of thunderstorms, which are created from conditions that include moisture, the current dry conditions in the area do not preclude twisters, said Storm Prediction Center meteorologist Patrick Marsh. He noted that two tornadoes were



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Monday, May 20, 2013 file photo, a tornado moves past homes in Moore, Okla. Emergency officials in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas are bracing for the start of what's historically the most active time of year for tornadoes while also facing wildfire threats because of severe drought conditions.

reported in the Texas Panhandle on March 18, even as the area was rated in extreme drought.

Some private forecasting services are predicting an increase in tornadoes during the coming months, based largely on the fact that there was the climate phenomenon La Nina during the past

winter. They're expecting weather patterns in the coming months to be wetter and warmer than usual, particularly in the southeastern U.S. and along the Gulf Coast.

"(Those conditions) would be a petri dish for thunderstorms. You need to add an additional ingredient for tornados. ... You need wind shear.

Wind shear is best described as a change in wind speed and direction," Marsh said, and is created when cold air and warm air collide at the surface.

The national Storm Prediction Center, however, does not forecast severe weather more than about a week in advance.

## YouTube shooter wasn't a scorned lover, but many thought so

By **JULIA PRODIS SULEK**  
THE MERCURY NEWS

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — When word spread that the YouTube shooter wasn't a disgruntled man but a woman, the almost immediate assumption was dead wrong: that she was a spurned lover intent on killing her boyfriend.

The quick explanation, attributed to witnesses and unidentified law enforcement sources, first streamed across the bottom of newscast crawlers and on news sites. They reported that a domestic dispute had driven Nasim Aghdam to sneak into YouTube's San Bruno headquarters at lunchtime Tuesday and critically wound one man and injure two women before killing herself.

"When I heard that, I literally smacked my hand into my forehead," said Jaclyn Schildkraut, an expert on mass shootings and an assistant professor of public justice at Oswego State University in New York. "It was like, 'Oh, it must be domestic violence because she was a woman.'"

While female shooters in public places are rare, history shows that love is never behind such attacks. Like men, female shooters — including Aghdam — appear to have been motivated by resentment and anger.

The "spurned woman" assumption in Tuesday's tragedy is an example

of enduring sexism and a double standard, Schildkraut said. Of the 14 "mass shootings" committed by women between 1966 and 2016 — only 4 percent of all mass shootings — not one was fueled by a domestic dispute.

In interviews with Aghdam's family and in numerous videos she posted on YouTube, it became clear late Tuesday that she was furious at YouTube for what she perceived as the censoring of her graphic anti-animal cruelty videos and her pro-vegan stances that had made her a minor social media celebrity in Iran. She apparently didn't know anyone at YouTube.

Women practicing at a shooting range in Santa Clara this week rolled their eyes at the mistaken motive that she was a lover seeking vengeance.

"It's a little offensive," said Ashley Katena, 29, who had come with a female friend to Reed's Shooting Range in Santa Clara. "That it's because she's an emotional female going on a rampage against her spouse."

So why were the media and public so eager to accept the explanation of a scorned woman?

Although women are more likely to target people they know, including domestic partners and children, they are less likely to use a gun, more often choosing poison or suffocation, according to

Schildkraut's research. And those crimes tend to happen closer to home. Women who commit such shootings at public places are all the more rare and tend to do so at places that are familiar to them — their own workplaces or schools.

The most memorable woman school shooter remains perhaps one of the first: In 1979, 16-year-old Brenda Spencer fired a .22 caliber rifle from her house to the schoolyard across the street in San Diego, killing the school principal and custodian and wounding a police officer and eight children.

When a San Diego Tribune reporter reached her by phone and asked why she was firing on school children, she uttered a response that would be made into a musical hit by the British band Boomtown Rats: "I don't like Mondays."

At the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2010, biology professor Amy Bishop, who had been denied tenure, opened fire at a department meeting, killing three and wounding three.

"These shooters have similar types of grievances, whether they are perceived or actual, that male shooters do," said Schildkraut, co-author of "Mass Shootings, Media, Myths and Realities." "But they are somehow dismissed because of what people believe criminals to be. In our culture today, there is a tendency to justify men's actions and mitigate or down-play women's actions in general."

When 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz killed 17 people at his former Parkland, Fla., high school in February, Schildkraut said, "it was 'Oh, this poor kid wasn't loved enough, his mother died, he was an orphan. There were all these justifications of why he did it. The fact is there is no justification."

The closest to a note or manifesto that Aghdam left to explain her motivations was the angry videos she produced and uploaded to YouTube. She ranted against the company and claimed

that YouTube was censoring her videos and cutting into her nascent celebrity and advertising income.

While Aghdam may have shared the kinds of resentments typical of male shooters, she didn't fit the more common "pseudo commando" persona they tend to take on — the ones who show off caches of weapons on their websites and belts of ammunition slung around their shoulders.

"They're angry and they plot against people who they believe haven't given them their due. And in this big display of power, they go out in this perceived blaze of glory to show the world their worth and how powerful they are," said Amy Barnhorst, a professor and vice chair of community psychiatry at he University of California, Davis. "It's the narcissist, entitled guy in all that commando gear."

Aghdam wasn't that. While witnesses said she called out something like "come and get me," from the outdoor patio before killing herself, she carried only a single handgun.

And she didn't overly concern Mountain View police, who found her sleeping in a parking lot the night before the shootings. From her license plate they learned that her family had filed a missing person's report a few days earlier. When they notified the family they had found her, the family said they expressed their concern in a follow-up call to police that she had a grudge against YouTube. But police said the family never mentioned anything about her potential for violence. By the next morning she was practicing shooting at a nearby range and by 12:45 p.m. was firing her 9 mm Smith & Wesson into a crowd of panicked employees.

"I don't necessarily fault them for it," Barnhorst said of the Mountain View police. "Young males are at the highest risk of perpetrating violence, and middle-aged women are just not up there on the list."

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**SC resorts looks for people who threw carrots at alligator**

FRIPP ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Officials at a South Carolina resort are looking for the people who harassed an alligator by throwing carrots at him, calling the action "a new level of stupid."

The Island Packet in Hilton Head reports the Fripp Island Resort Activity Center posted about the harassment Friday on its Facebook page.

Fripp Island naturalist Jessica Miller says the people were lucky because the alligator didn't respond and later slid back into the water.

The Facebook post says Fripp Island has a description of the people who threw carrots. The fine is \$200 per carrot thrown.

Violators could also face up to 30 days in jail for feeding alligators if convicted, according to South Carolina state law.

Wildlife experts say that most attacks occur when humans feed, poke or swim near alligators.

**Naval academy holds viewing of flag captured in War of 1812**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — The U.S. Naval Academy Museum has held a public viewing of a large British flag that was captured during the War of 1812.

The British Royal Standard displayed Saturday is 35-by-25 feet. It is decorated with lions and a crown.

The event marked the first time since the 1880s that the flag was available to be viewed in its entirety. It has been in an exhibit case in the academy's Mahan Hall, where only part of it was viewable.

The flag flew over present-day Toronto, Canada, and was captured by U.S. forces.

Congressional and presidential directives from more than 150 years ago require the academy to preserve and exhibit captured flags. The museum now has more than 200 battle flags and a total flag collection of more than 600.

**4 charged in man's death; his last moments were on Facebook**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Four people have been charged with murder in the death of a North Carolina man whose final moments were livestreamed and posted on Facebook.

The Fayetteville Observer reports one of the four wanted in the January 2017 death of 27-year-old Calvin Blackshire Jr. turned himself in. Warrants have been issued for the others, including one who is an inmate at a prison in Elizabeth City.

They face charges including first-degree murder and conspiracy.

Blackshire was found in a motel parking lot with a gunshot wound. As he lay dying, an onlooker livestreamed Blackshire's last moments. Authorities said at the time that the person who recorded and posted the video didn't break a law.

Blackshire's mother, Pamela, says she plans to put flowers on her son's grave to mark the arrests.

**Ohio State revokes Bill Cosby's honorary degree amid retrial**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State University has revoked an honorary degree awarded to Bill Cosby when he spoke at commencement in 2001.

University trustees on Friday approved rescinding the degree for the 80-year-old comedian, whose retrial in a sexual assault case begins Monday with opening statements in suburban Philadelphia.

An Ohio State spokesman says Cosby has, by his own admission, violated the university's principles and values.

This is the first time Ohio State has revoked an honorary degree. It adds to the list of schools that have revoked honorary degrees for the comedian in the past few years.

Cosby's retrial involves a woman who says he drugged and assaulted her in 2004. Cosby says the encounter was consensual.

His first trial ended in a hung jury.

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## CENSUS

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the way they need to be. But we're learning that; we're making the changes on the fly," said Jeff Behler, a regional Census Bureau director who is overseeing the test. "We're getting some very critical information about changes that we need to make. And we have time to do that."

In the test, which began March 16, 280,000 homes in Providence County are receiving snail-mail letters that direct residents to a survey website or toll-free phone number. There, they can complete the survey, which includes questions including about age, race and ethnicity.

People may also call to get a paper version of the census sent to them, but census officials hope most will do it online because it is less expensive.

A response is legally required. Those who don't respond on their own will get a personal visit, with door-knocking scheduled through July, Behler said. Census workers who visit homes will use a new smartphone app, instead of paper forms, to enter information they collect in person.

The test survey does not include any question on citizenship, having begun several days before the Trump administration's announcement that it was adding that question, although many people received the letters telling them to take their census around the time the announcement was made.

Entities that use census data worry about

including a question on the census without testing it first.

"Adding a question at this late stage of the Census process does not allow time for adequate testing to incorporate new questions, particularly if the testing reveals substantial problems," the American Statistical Association wrote in a January letter to the federal government.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said he added the citizenship question at the request of the Justice Department to provide a more accurate tally of the number of voting-eligible residents in each neighborhood. Many Democratic officials and advocacy groups fear the question will scare people away from participating because they view the Trump administration as hostile to immigrants, diminishing the survey's overall accuracy.

Many Republican officials have downplayed such concerns, instead echoing the Trump administration's assertion that there is no empirical evidence pointing to a steep participation decline. The Rhode Island test would have to be repeated — the second time with a citizenship question at the end — to gauge whether there is a decrease in participation, but there are no plans to do that.

Even aside from the citizenship question, critics say they worry residents will ignore the test requests because they don't know what they are or because they fear how the government will use the information. And they worry a test with a lot of problems will ripple into the nationwide census two years from now.

## PROTEST

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foreign media. He was not affiliated with Hamas or any other militant group.

The latest casualties were bound to draw new criticism from rights groups that have branded Israel's open-fire orders

on the border as unlawful, after Israel's defense minister warned that those approaching the fence were risking their lives.

The U.N. human rights office said Friday that it has indications that Israeli forces used "excessive force" against protesters last week, when 15 Palestinians were killed or later died

of wounds sustained near the border.

An Israeli military spokesman defended the rules of engagement.

"If they are actively attacking the fence, if they are throwing a molotov cocktail that is within striking distance of Israeli troops or similar activities, then those persons, those rioters, become, may become, a target," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus.

Friday's large crowds suggested that Hamas, the Islamic militant group that has ruled Gaza since a 2007 takeover, might be able to keep the momentum going in the next few weeks. Hamas has called for a series of protests until May 15, the anniversary of Israel's founding when Palestinians commemorate their mass uprooting during the 1948 war over Israel's creation.

Israel has alleged that Hamas is using the mass marches as a cover for attacking the border fence, and has vowed to prevent a breach at all costs.



Palestinian protesters chant slogans next to burning tires during clashes with Israeli troops along Gaza's border with Israel, east of Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, Friday.



Palestinian protesters burn an American flag during a protest at the Gaza Strip's border with Israel, Friday.

AP PHOTOS

## CROWD

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a large-scale police operation was underway.

Police also said they found a suspicious object in the van that they were examining to see if it was dangerous. They told German news agency dpa that was the reason authorities cordoned off such a large area.

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper said the suspect's apartment was being searched Saturday night for possible explosives.

The Muenster University Hospital put out an urgent call for citizens to donate blood — and so many people rushed to help that long



DPA VIA AP

Police vans parked in downtown Muenster, Germany, Saturday.

lines of donors formed. Jan Schoessler, who was among those in line, said dozens of people were waiting shortly after doors opened at 7 p.m.

The university cancelled the call after

only an hour and thanked everyone on Twitter "for your overwhelming support."

Muenster, a major university city, has about 300,000 residents and an attractive medieval city

center that was rebuilt after World War II. TV footage showed a narrow street sealed off Saturday with red-and-white police tape. Dozens of ambulances were near the cordoned-off area and helicopters were flying overhead.

The Kiepenkerl is not only one of the city's best-known traditional pubs, but also the emblem of the city, depicting a traveling salesman with a long pipe in his mouth and a big backpack on his back.

Ugur Hur was working at a nearby cafe in downtown Muenster when the crash took place.

"I heard a loud bang, screaming. And the police arrived and everyone was sent out," he said. "A lot

of people were running away screaming."

Lino Baldi, who owns an Italian restaurant near the scene of the crash, told Sky TG24 that the city center had been packed with people out enjoying a Saturday market and summer-like temperatures, which had risen to 77 degrees Fahrenheit from just 54 degrees a day earlier.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she was "deeply shocked by the terrible events in Muenster."

"Everything conceivable is being done to investigate the crime and to support the victims and their relatives," Merkel said in a statement. "My thanks go to all the responders at the scene."

## HOCKEY

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said it sent three helicopters to the scene.

The tragedy brought to mind an accident in 1986, when the Swift Current Broncos team bus slid off an icy highway and crashed in late December, killing four players.

The Humboldt Broncos are a close-knit team from the small city of Humboldt, Saskatchewan, which has a population of about 6,000. Many gathered at the community center at the hockey arena there after word of the horrific crash began to circulate.

Humboldt Mayor Rob Muench, wearing a green and yellow Broncos team jersey, hugged people Saturday morning as they came to the Elger Petersen Arena in the Saskatchewan town to

comfort each other and learn more.

"It's overwhelming. It's been tough on everybody," Muench said in a phone interview. "We're a small community; some of those kids have been on the team for a number of years. A lot grew up in the community and everybody knows each other."

The team was on its way to play in Game 5 of a semi-final against the Nipawin Hawks.

"Hockey was what brought us all together and we had two communities that were rivals in the rink. To find out that it was their first responders that aided our boys just warms your heart," the mayor said as his voice cracked.

Multiple crisis workers were assisting relatives and friends.

"Everybody is just so devastated. These poor young boys," said Penny Lee, the communications manager for the town of

Humboldt.

The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League is a junior 'A' hockey league under Hockey Canada, which is part of the Canadian Junior Hockey League. It's open to North American-born players between the ages of 16 and 20.

Team President Kevin Garinger said parents from across western Canada were struggling to cope with the tragedy and were rushing to the scene.

"Our whole community is in shock, we are grieving and we will continue to grieve throughout this ordeal as we try to work toward supporting each other," he said.

Michelle Straschnitzki, who lives in Airdrie, Alberta, said her 18-year old son Ryan was transported to a hospital in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"We talked to him, but he said he couldn't feel his lower extremities so I don't



650 CKOM/980 CJME VIA AP

This image provided by 650 CKOM/980 CJME shows emergency crews responding to the scene where a bus carrying a junior hockey team to a playoff game was struck by a semi Friday, north of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada.

know what's going on," she said. "I am freaking out. I am so sad for all of the teammates and I am losing my mind."

Garinger said he still didn't know the fate of one of the players living in his home.

"We just need to try to support each other as we deal with this incredible loss to our community, to our province, to our

hockey world."

Kevin Henry, a coach who runs a hockey school in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, said he knows players on the team.

"This is I would think one of the darkest days in the history of Saskatchewan, especially because hockey is so ingrained in how we grow up here," he said.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, April 8**, the 98th day of 2018. There are 267 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **April 8, 1974**, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

### On this date

In **1913**, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of U.S. senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified. President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.

In **1935**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

In **1946**, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In **1952**, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike.

In **1961**, a suspected bomb exploded aboard the passenger liner MV Dara in the Persian Gulf, causing it to sink; 238 of the 819 people aboard were killed.

In **1988**, TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God after he was defrocked for rejecting an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year amid reports he had consorted with a prostitute.

In **1994**, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

In **2003**, kidnapper-rapist John Jamelske, who had imprisoned five women and girls, one after another, as sex slaves inside a makeshift dungeon in his DeWitt, New York, home, was arrested. (Jamelske, who pleaded guilty to five counts of first-degree kidnapping, is serving an 18 years-to-life sentence in a maximum security prison.)

### Today's birthdays

Comedian **Shucky Greene** is 92. Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter **Seymour Hersh** is 81. Former U.N. Secretary-General **Kofi Annan** is 80. Basketball Hall of Famer **John Havlicek** is 78. "Mouseketeer" **Darlene Gillespie** is 77. Singer **Peggy Lennon** (The Lennon Sisters) is 77.

### Bible verse

*"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."*

— **2 Corinthians 4:3.**

**Christianity was never meant to be a secret or closed society. We have good news to tell a world that is desperately searching. Share Jesus with a friend.**

## ODD NEWS

### UF allows parking violators to pay tickets by food donation

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — When University of Florida's president said on April Fool's Day that people cited for parking violations on campus over the past year could get amnesty by donating food, many thought it was a prank.

But on Friday, nearly 2,000 people learned it wasn't.

UF President W. Kent Fuchs said on Twitter that nearly 2,000 citations had been exchanged for 9,455 food donations.

The food — peanut butter, canned peaches and other canned items — will fill the shelves of the school's Field and Fork Pantry.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Kristen Bell narrates cuddly IMAX documentary 'Pandas'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
AP FILM WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Anyone who has seen Kristen Bell break down in (happy) hysterics over a sloth knows the actress's affinity for animals, especially those of the cute and cuddly variety. So when the people behind the new IMAX original film "Pandas" asked "The Good Place" star if she would consider narrating the documentary, it was a no-brainer.

"I'm not secretive about the fact that I'm an animal lover, or an IMAX lover to be totally honest with you," Bell said. "I think they produce some of the best content out there and I take my kids to the science center every time there's a new IMAX movie. I just think the patience with which they produce particularly their animal documentaries is kind of astounding."

"Pandas," from David Douglas and Drew Fellman ("Born to be Wild" and "Island of Lemurs: Madagascar"), takes audiences to the Chengdu Research Base For Giant Panda Breeding in China where scientists are working toward a goal of releasing captive-born pandas into the wild, where only about 2000 remaining pandas live.

The film, out Friday, focuses in on one, Qian



DREW FELLMAN/WARNER BROS. PICTURES VIA AP  
This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows giant pandas in a scene from the IMAX documentary "Pandas."

Qian (pronounced Chen Chen), from cub stage to her supervised release in the wild and the humans trying to make that happen. Hou Rong, the Director of Research at Panda Base since 1994, has raised over 200 baby pandas during her tenure and hopes that one day their work will help pandas thrive outside of captivity.

In an inspiring display of cross cultural solidarity, she travels to New Hampshire to observe how a man named Ben Kilham has for 20 years been successfully raising orphaned black bear cubs for eventual release in the wild. At Kilham's suggestion, Panda

Base hires American conservation biologist Jake Owens, who Douglas calls "the Indiana Jones of biologists" to help supervise Qian Qian's transition from city panda to country panda.

Bell, who got involved later in the process, didn't get to meet the pandas but hopes that one day she will. But that didn't stop her from peppering the scientists like Owens with questions, like how much do they weigh ("150 pounds"), how much do they feel like they weigh ("about 300 pounds") and what do they smell like ("sweet grass and milk").

An avid watcher of nature documentaries,

Bell said that she and her young daughters Lincoln and Delta particularly love David Attenborough and the "Planet Earth" series. The girls saw an early cut of "Pandas" and "loved it" which makes Bell all the more excited for additional kids and families to experience "Pandas" too.

"It's inspiring the next crop of biologists and conservationists," she said.

She thinks the film will connect beyond animal die-hards too.

"It makes you feel good," Bell said. "It's inspiring, it's beautiful, it's adorable, it's educational and personally I think currently the world could use more things that feel good, you know?"

### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS BRIEFS

#### Ingraham due back at Fox after cooling-off period from tweet

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel host Laura Ingraham is expected back at work Monday following backlash by advertisers upset over her tweet mocking a Parkland, Florida, school shooting survivor.

Several companies say they'll no longer advertise with Ingraham, who was on a one-week vacation that served as a cooling-off period. Ingraham picked up a strong statement of support from her boss and backing from an unexpected source in liberal talk show host Bill Maher late Friday.

Ingraham has apologized for a tweet in which she said 17-year-old high school student David Hogg whined about being rejected by some colleges.

Ingraham's tweet became a symbol of a debate over how minors active in national gun safety talks should be treated by political opponents.

Hogg has said it's "time to love thy neighbor, not mudslinging at children."

#### Hannity vows to attack Kimmel until ABC comic apologizes

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel host Sean Hannity is vowing to continue his attacks on ABC late-night comic Jimmy Kimmel until Kimmel apologizes for a segment in which he joked about the accent of first lady Melania Trump, who was born in Slovenia.

The dispute between the television personalities is unusually vitriolic, with Hannity calling Kimmel a "sick, twisted, creepy, perverted weirdo" during his Fox show on Friday.

Kimmel returned fire on Twitter, often in off-color fashion. He says it's sad that anyone who is "slobbering over" President Donald Trump would call him a pervert. When Trump was the Republican presidential nominee he was heard on tape bragging about fame enabling him to grope women, and he later apologized.

Hannity ran several clips of Kimmel routines he said exposed the comic's "creepy" past.

# Sunday Television

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ABC 40	ABC World News Tonight (N)	News (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos Annoyed siblings. (VPG) (R)	American Idol: 109 (Top 24 Solos) Twelve of the top 24 finalists perform solos; Bobby Bones mentors the finalists. (VPG) (N)	Deception: Masking A street artist is linked to a robbery. (VPG) (N)	ABC7 News at 11pm (N)	(35) Paid Program Sponsored.					
ABC 26	ABC World News Tonight (N)	ABC7 News at 6:30pm (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos Annoyed siblings. (VPG) (R)	American Idol: 109 (Top 24 Solos) Twelve of the top 24 finalists perform solos; Bobby Bones mentors the finalists. (VPG) (N)	Deception: Masking A street artist is linked to a robbery. (VPG) (N)	ABC7 News at 11:00pm (N)	Entertainment Tonight (R)					
CBS 11	(2:00) Masters Golf Tournament: Final Round (Live)	60 Minutes Election infrastructure vulnerability. (VPG) (N)	Instinct: I Heart New York Dylan and Lizzie are reassigned. (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Vendetta Callen and Sam work alongside the ATF.	Madam Secretary: Phase Two Sen. Morjon threatens arms deal. (N)	WINK News at 11pm Sunday (N)						
CBS 10	(2:00) Masters Golf Tournament: Final Round (Live)	60 Minutes Election infrastructure vulnerability. (VPG) (N)	Instinct: I Heart New York Dylan and Lizzie are reassigned. (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Vendetta Callen and Sam work alongside the ATF.	Madam Secretary: Phase Two Sen. Morjon threatens arms deal. (N)	10 News Weekend at 11:00 (N)	Joel Osteen Message of Christ.					
NBC 20	NBC2 News at 6pm - Su (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Lee County Golden Apple Awards (TV G) (N)	Little Big Shots: Little Miss Sunshine Darci Lynne Farmer performs. (N)	Genius Junior: Pint-Sized Genius "Cheese Cabinet." (TV G) (N)	Timeless: The Salem Witch Hunt Ben Franklin's mom faces execution. (N)	NBC2 News at 11pm - Su (N)	Paid Program Sponsored.				
NBC 8	NewsChannel 8 at 6:00 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Dateline NBC: Inside the Hunt for El Chapo Drug boss search. (N)	Little Big Shots: Little Miss Sunshine Darci Lynne Farmer performs. (N)	Genius Junior: Pint-Sized Genius "Cheese Cabinet." (TV G) (N)	Timeless: The Salem Witch Hunt Ben Franklin's mom faces execution. (N)	NewsChannel 8 at 11:00 (N)	(35) Super Sports Sunday (N)				
FOX 36	Comedy.TV (VPG) (R)	Bob's Burgers Spring break. (R)	Bob's Burgers First sleepover. (R)	Brooklyn Nine The Simpsons Visit book store. (N)	Family Guy Stock market. (N)	Last Man Connect with Erica. (N)	FOX 4 News at Ten Local news report and weather update. (N)	Rookie Blue: What I Lost The squad searches for Chris' son. (TV14)				
FOX 13	FOX 13 6:00 News News events of the day are reported. (N)	Bob's Burgers Spring break. (R)	Bob's Burgers First sleepover. (R)	Brooklyn Nine The Simpsons Visit book store. (N)	Family Guy Stock market. (N)	Last Man Connect with Erica. (N)	FOX 13 10:00 News The top news stories are updated. (N)	FOX 13 11:00 News News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)				
PBS 30	Masterpiece: Granchester Vicar investigates parishioner's death. (R)	Father Brown: The Lepidopterist's Companion (TV14)	Call the Midwife A Pakistani family faces a pregnancy. (TV14) (N)	Masterpiece: Unforgotten Four people become suspects in a case involving a skeleton buried in a cellar. (N)	Last Tango in Halifax Alan hides the truth from Celia. (TV14) (R)	Ind. Lens Iranian musician. (R)						
PBS 3	PBS Newshour Weekend (N)	WEDU Arts Plus (TV G) (R)	Father Brown: The Jackdaw's Revenge (TV14)	Call the Midwife A Pakistani family faces a pregnancy. (TV14) (N)	Masterpiece: Unforgotten Four people become suspects in a case involving a skeleton buried in a cellar. (N)	Last Tango in Halifax Alan hides the truth from Celia. (TV14) (R)	Treblinka Treblinka. (VPG) (R)					
CW 46	The Goldbergs Leaving home. (N)	News (N)	Bang Raj's perfect girl. (TVPG)	Big Bang Theory Old nemesis. (N)	2 Broke Girls St. Patrick's Day. (TVPG)	2 Broke Girls Dinner at Deke's. (TVPG)	Blue Bloods: Brothers Erin uses questionable methods. (TVPG)	WINK News at 10pm (N)	Mike & Molly: Mike Likes Briefs (N)	Mike & Molly Detective test. (N)		
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MYN 38	Bones Scientist and cop investigate murders. (VPG)	Family Feud (VPG) (R)	Family Feud (VPG) (R)	News Channel 8 News at 8pm News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)	Full Measure with Sharyl (N)	Seinfeld No toilet paper. (N)	Elementary: An Unnatural Arrangement Gregson's home. (TV14)	Born to Ride Biker events. (N)	Sleep Naked Mattress Topper. (N)			
IND 32	Modern Family Manny's crisis. (TVPG)	Family Embarrassment (TVPG)	Bang Raj's perfect girl. (TVPG)	Big Bang Theory Old nemesis. (N)	Anger A prisoner's sister. (TVPG)	Anger Cheating boyfriend. (TVPG)	Leverage: The Beantown Bailout Job Team renewed. (TVPG)	Leverage: The Three Strikes Job A crooked mayor abuses his power. (TVPG)	Matter of Fact (VPG) (R)	Hiring America (TV G) (R)		
ION 66	NCIS: Los Angeles: Backstropped Team looks for hidden explosives. (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Deadline Libyan movement. (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Sacrifice Drug raid leads to wanted terrorist. (TV14)	Private Eyes: Family Jewels Detectives go undercover as a couple. (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Lone Wolf Navy officer living a double life. (TV14)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Honor Former Marine involved in huge set up. (TV14)						
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HBO	302 302 302 302 302 302 400	(5:05) John Wick: Chapter 2 '17) John Wick comes out of retirement.	(1:10) Paterno '18, Drama) Al Pacino, Riley Keough. A legendary football coach struggles to overcome a sexual abuse scandal.	Here and Now: Dream Logic (TVMA) (N)	Sil Valley Encouraged to act. (TVMA) (N)	(3:1) Barry (TVMA) (N)	Last Week John Oliver (TVMA)	(4:40) Barry (TVMA) (R)				
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HBO3	304 304 304 304 304 304 404	(4:55) Split '17, Thriller) Mentally ill man kidnaps three girls.	(5:5) Romeo and Juliet '13, Romance) Hailee Steinfeld. The son and daughter of warring households must keep forbidden love secret. (PG-13)	Waitress '07, Comedy) Sisto. A baking waitress learns she is pregnant and attains a brand new life and love. (PG-13)	Keri Russell, Jeremy Renner. A sophisticated group of intelligence agents in France is hired to secure a mysterious package for a high-powered client, but the team is betrayed. (R)	(5:5) U.S. Marshals '98, Thriller) A marshal seeks an escaped fugitive.						
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### Today's Live Sports

- 9 a.m. FS1 Bundesliga Match Day . (L)
- 9:30 a.m. FS1 German Bundesliga Soccer Stuttgart at Borussia Dortmund. (L)
- 11:05 a.m. ESPN2 Formula One Racing Gulf Bahrain Grand Prix from Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain. (L)
- 12:30 p.m. FS1 NASCAR Race-Day Texas . (L)
- FSSUN Rays LIVE! Pregame . (L)
- FSN Marlins LIVE! Pregame . (L)
- FSSUN MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (L)
- 1:30 p.m. FOX U.S. National Team Soccer Pregame . (L)
- FSN MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Philadelphia Phillies. (L)
- 2 p.m. CBS 2018 Masters Golf Tournament Final Round from Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (L)
- FOX Women's International Soccer Mexico at United States. (L)
- FS1 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 from Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (L)
- 3 p.m. ESPN2 College Softball Florida Gators at Alabama Crimson Tide. (L)
- 4 p.m. ESPN MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at Orlando City SC. (L)
- FSSUN Rays LIVE! Postgame . (L)
- 4:30 p.m. FSN Marlins LIVE! Postgame . (L)
- 5 p.m. ESPN2 High School Basketball Jordan Brand Classic from Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. (L)
- 7 p.m. ESPN Baseball Tonight: Sunday Night Countdown . (L)
- 7:30 p.m. FSN NHL Hockey Florida Panthers at Boston Bruins. (L)
- 8 p.m. ESPN MLB Baseball New York Mets at Washington Nationals. (L)
- 9 p.m. FS1 MLS Soccer Sporting Kansas City at Los Angeles Galaxy. (L)
- 10 p.m. FSN Panthers Live Postgame . (L)

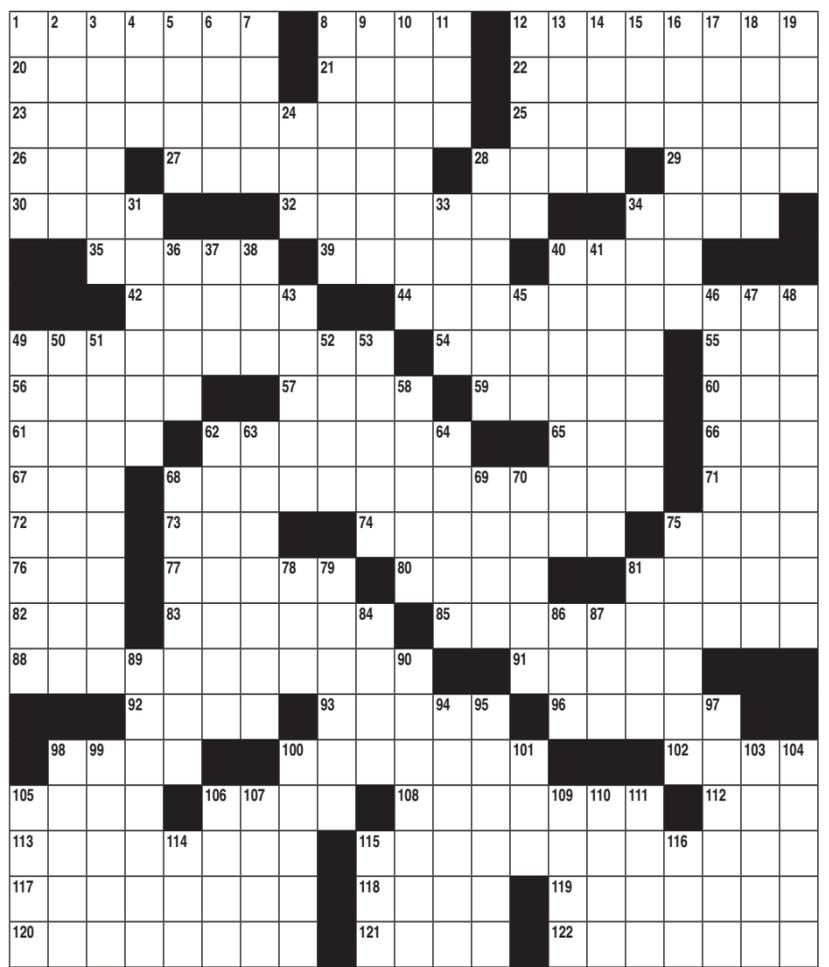
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Ask the Fool

Stocks or Car Loan?

Should I use some extra funds to pay off my car loan or invest in the stock market? — K.M., Fort Wayne, Indiana

If you have any high-interest debt, such as from credit cards, pay that off first. Otherwise, compare your car debt with your alternatives.

Say your car loan interest rate is 5 percent. If you invest in the stock market, the average annual gain in that over many decades is roughly 10 percent, but that's just an average and far from certain. The stock market can be volatile, especially over short periods. So consider your risk tolerance and decide whether you'd rather save a definite 5 percent or hope for a 10 percent gain.

It can be worth paying a little in interest while aiming to earn more through stock appreciation. Just make sure you're investing for the long haul.

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What's a leveraged buyout? — L.B., Hendersonville, North Carolina

Sometimes referred to as an LBO, a leveraged buyout is when a company is bought out by another entity (or entities), using a lot of debt. Private equity investors are typically involved, borrowing lots of money without using much of their own, and often using the acquiree's assets as collateral.

The acquired company is generally taken private, no longer trading publicly on the stock market. It's likely to go public again later, after some changes have been made (such as layoffs, the selling of assets or dividend increases or decreases).

While some LBOs are executed by members of management, others are hostile, executed by outsiders and not welcomed by their targets. Many LBOs don't end well for the company or its shareholders (there are substantial interest payments due, after all), though the acquirers often do well.

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Bonds, Explained

Stocks have outperformed bonds over most 20-year and 30-year periods, and between 1802 and 2017, stocks averaged annual post-inflation gains of 6.8 percent, while bonds averaged just 3.5 percent. Despite that, you might include some bonds in your portfolio for diversification, especially if you're in or near retirement. First, though, be sure you understand what bonds are.

Bonds are essentially long-term loans. If a company or government issues bonds, it's borrowing cash and promising to pay it back at a certain rate of interest. Bonds sold by the U.S. government's Treasury Department are called Treasuries. State and local governments issue municipal bonds, while businesses issue corporate bonds. Companies on shaky ground attract buyers with high-interest-rate "junk" bonds.

If you buy a \$1,000 bond with a "coupon rate" of 5 percent, you'll receive \$50 per year in interest payments. When the bond "matures," you'll be repaid your principal

(the sum you originally loaned, the bond's "par value"). Most corporate bonds have a par value of \$1,000, while government bonds can run much higher.

Sometimes a company will "call" its bond, paying back the principal early. All bonds specify whether and how soon they can be called. Federal government bonds are never called.

Investors don't necessarily buy a bond when it's first issued and then hold it to maturity, for several years or decades. Bonds are often traded among investors, with their prices rising and falling in reaction to prevailing interest rates. When rates fall, people tend to bid up bond prices. After all, if banks are offering 2 percent, a 5 percent bond will be appealing. When interest rates rise, newer bonds with higher interest rates will be more appealing than older bonds with lower rates.

Bonds can make sense for your portfolio, but if you're looking for investment income, consider dividend-paying stocks as well. To see many stocks we have recommended, some of which offer dividends, try our "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" newsletter via fool.com/services.

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My Dumbest Investment

A Guy Who Guessed Wrong

When I got back into the stock market in 2009 after inheriting some money, I made the mistake of listening to this guy who guessed wrong a lot. As a result, I lost money with some bad investments. Now I listen to him less, while listening more to The Motley Fool and a few others I trust.

Oh, the guy who guessed wrong a lot over the last eight years or so? Me. — R.L., Cincinnati

The Fool Responds: We're glad that you trust us, but don't sell yourself short so quickly. A big problem in the scenario you described can be boiled down to one word you used: guessed. The less guessing you employ in investing, the better your results are likely to be.

Sure, no one knows exactly what a given stock or the entire market is going to do in the next day or year, but the more you know, the fewer surprises you'll likely encounter. If you study a company you're interested in, learning about how it makes its money, what its competitive advantages are, how financially healthy it is and what its growth potential is, you can make an educated estimate of its value and its attractiveness as an investment. Remember, too, that you'll never be perfect in your investment decisions. We've made our share of regrettable calls, and the world's best investors have erred, too.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1955, when the United Business Services company, run by two Kansas City, Missouri, brothers, offered tax preparation services to its clients. Revenue more than tripled in a year. I started offering my services in cities where the IRS was discontinuing free tax-prep services and soon adopted the franchising model. My services became more computerized in the 1980s, especially after I bought CompuServe. Now based in all 50 states and with about 12,000 offices and 70,000 tax pros worldwide, I've prepared more than 720 million tax returns. I offer tax-prep software, too. Who am I? (Answer: H&R Block)



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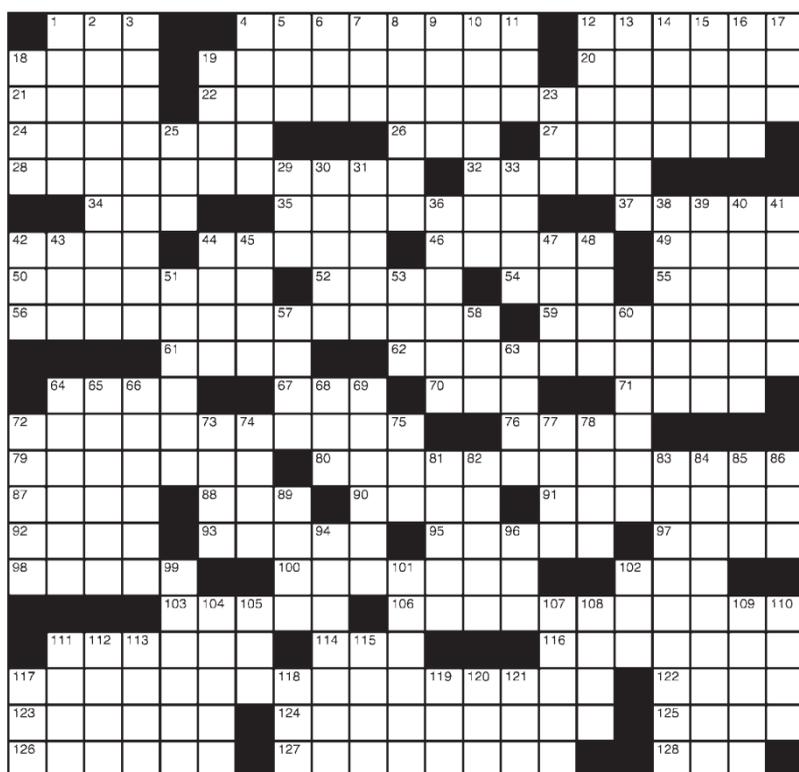
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GOREN BRIDGE

GREAT LEAD

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

- A 10 8 3 2
J 8 5 3
2
A 6 4

WEST

- J 9 4
A 7 6 4
10 9 4
K 10 8

EAST

- K Q 6 5
10 9 2
J 8 6 5
7 2

SOUTH

- 7
K Q
A K Q 7 3
Q J 9 5 3

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. SOUTH: 1 diamond, 3 clubs, 3NT. WEST: Pass, Pass, All pass. NORTH: 1 spade, 3 hearts. EAST: Pass, Pass.

Opening lead: ?

What would you lead from the West hand after this auction? The contract seems impregnable, with four club tricks, three diamonds, a spade, and at least one heart. West was Richard Oshlag, an expert from the Memphis area. He reasoned that a low heart lead might give away a trick and that South was likely to be very short in spades. Oshlag hit on

the brilliant lead of the spade jack, probably hoping to pin a singleton 10 in the South hand. He didn't catch a singleton 10, but the lead still proved to be very effective.

South captured the jack with dummy's ace and led a low heart to his king. Oshlag won this with his ace and continued with the nine of spades. This was covered by the 10 in dummy and won by East with the queen. East switched to a diamond, won by South with the ace.

South could have made his contract at this point a couple of different ways, but the winning lines of play were way below the odds. All South needed was four club tricks to get his total to nine. He could afford to lose a club trick as long as he lost it to East.

Declarer led the queen of clubs, covered by the king, and won in dummy with the ace. He led a club back to the jack and then a third club. Oshlag won this with the 10 and led his last spade. East's king-five of spades took two more tricks to defeat the contract. Nice lead!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

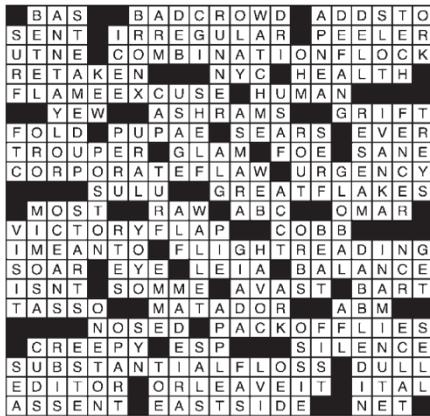
CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS VEGGIE FUN 2 by Myles Mellor

- 1. SYD GMQLYSV OASZSADT NDXD
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ZT SYDV WDFDX TZN DVD SA DVD!
2. O G K M ' B B L K J J K W F H I F K W F E M
O G E B V I H B ? E M ' B W A M K V A L I J A ,
E M ' B K G A K H B I H K F E B G !
3. W K K Q G H S ' I I W M M Z W O M M E
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I D W E ' G P T Q I B Z O B A W O B D H I D W Z T L !
4. P Q C Z F J , X K H E H Z K G C A C E F T S C X F Z
Q C G C L F S S P X C J P Q Q P F K ' Z T H A F L W .
E K C S C C W !

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

GENTLE EXODUS ACIDIC
CURFEW PANTRY HIGHLY

She loved the wording of his marriage proposal and thought it —

HAD A NICE RING TO IT

- 1. The flighty potatoes were always having fights in the pan as they never saw eye to eye!
2. What's small and red and it whispers? It's not a pomelo, it's a hoarse radish!
3. Eggs don't tell really side-splitting in-jokes as they'd just crack each other up!
4. One sad, whitish vegetable was never allowed on Noah's big Ark. The leek!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can have creative insights anywhere, but you're going to have more of them in a brand-new environment, particularly one in which you feel somewhat (but not too) relaxed.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't be too quick to sum up the people and situations you encounter. The trouble with putting things into strict categories is that those boxes will focus you in such a way as to miss the interplay among things.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've been unaware of the subtle pressures around you that were influencing you to be one way and not another. But something happens today to wake you up and help you better understand the dynamics affecting you.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). What brings out your exceptional qualities? A demand for them. Therefore, you don't mind the problems that come up today, because they are a chance to rise up and hone the best parts of you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll figure out how to help another person get past a hurdle, make an improvement or think of the problem differently. This is no small win. The success of others will be your success.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wearing shoes indoors is acceptable or unacceptable, depending on whose house you're in. Neither is more correct, as it's a matter of personal preference. Other matters of personal preference will influence today's proceedings.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The new people around you have something to do with a shift in your thoughts and emotions. You're the one who gets to decide whether this shift is something you'd like to explore further or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your ability to accept, support, care for and love yourself is increasing, and you like how your life is going as a result of this. You're ready to get radically honest on a you-to-you basis.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ideally, you could shed the past like a snake shedding its skin, because wearing the past is just dulling the vibrancy of the emerging you. You're so clever; you can find a way to fold up the story and compartmentalize it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're playful, fun, energetic and curious. Your mood is perfect for making new friends. Seeing as they don't know you, you can be anyone you want to be. Sweet liberation.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll get the chance to observe possible candidates for your friendship. Take in all that you see. There are many things that can affect a person's loyalty, and opportunity should be one of them.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You can't see your own attractiveness in action, and you never know exactly what it is about you that's working for another person, but you can be sure that it is; the response you get now is proof of this.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 8). What you do to be stronger and kinder will also help you enjoy your life more fully. Also, it won't be bad for your image! Many will be attracted to your work and projects, and you'll be able to bank on that. Impressive things come from your family in the next seven weeks. A departure in June will help you glimpse your future. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 30, 48 and 19.



## WORLD

# Violence claims more lives in Syrian capital and suburbs

By **BASSEM MROUE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT — Syrian government forces pressed their offensive against the last rebel-held town in eastern Ghouta near the capital Damascus on Saturday under the cover of airstrikes as shelling of civilian areas on both sides claimed more lives, state media and opposition activists said.

Syrian government forces resumed their offensive on rebel-held Douma on Friday afternoon after a 10-day truce collapsed over disagreement regarding evacuation of opposition fighters. Violence resumed days after hundreds of opposition fighters and their relatives left Douma toward rebel-held areas in northern Syria.

A reporter for Lebanon's Al-Manar TV embedded with Syrian troops near Douma said government forces advanced toward Douma from the towns of Misraba and Madiara that were recently captured by troops. Al-Manar TV is run by Lebanon's Hezbollah group that has sent thousands of fighters to Syria to back government forces.

The government-controlled Syrian Central Military Media said government forces captured several farms Saturday on the southern and western edges of the city that is home to tens of thousands of people. SCMM said the area controlled by the Army of Islam in and around

Douma is 7.3 square miles.

The group said its fighters repelled all government attacks that began Friday, adding that 17 Syrian soldiers were killed.

By Saturday evening, state media was reported that troops are approaching Army of Islam fortifications on the edge of the town adding that street battles could begin soon. It said warplanes bombarded the group's headquarters and command and control center.

State TV said Army of Islam fighters pelted several neighborhoods in Damascus with mortar shells killing six civilians and wounding more than 30.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the bombardment of Douma killed eight people and wounded 48, including 15 children.

Some opposition activists in Douma posted photographs of people wearing gas masks saying that government forces are shelling the town with poison gas. State media denied the reports saying "such farces about chemical weapons" were triggered by the troops' quick push toward Douma.

On Friday, opposition activists said 40 people were killed in Douma while state media said four were killed in government-held Damascus.

Government forces launched a crushing offensive in February and March on eastern

Ghouta capturing dozens of towns and villages forcing thousands of opposition fighters to surrender and evacuate the area toward Syria's north.

A deal was reached last month to evacuate Douma but activists and state media reported that the Army of Islam group demanded amendments to the deal.

The Observatory said the Russian response to the Army of Islam with a list of demands including handing over heavy weapons within three days that should be followed by handing over light weapons and in return government forces will withdraw from the outskirts of Douma within a week.

The Observatory also said that the Russians promised the rebels that once they hand over their weapons, airstrikes would stop. It added that fighters who hand over their weapons can join a local police force that will be established in Douma mostly consisting of Army of Islam members who will be given Russians weapons to fight members of the Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked fighters.

Army of Islam Military spokesman Hamza Bayraqdar told The Associated Press by text message, "the Russians are making humiliating demands that mean surrender and handing over the area. This is something that we categorically reject."

Russia's military said the Army of Islam has



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE WHITE HELMETS VIA AP

**This photo released by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, which has been authenticated based on its contents and other AP reporting, shows smoke rising after Syrian government airstrikes hit in the town of Douma, in eastern Ghouta region east of Damascus, Syria, Saturday.**

forced out leaders who were taking part in negotiations to withdraw from Douma and that their fighters have resumed attacks.

Maj. Gen. Yuri Yevtushenko, head of the Russian center for reconciliation of the warring parties in Syria, said that "as a result of sharp opposition among the odious militants and those who were prepared to participate in the negotiations process, the former leaders of the group (known as) Abu Humam, Abu Omar and Abu Ali were physically removed."

He said the information came from a close aide of Abu Humam.

In northern Syria, the Turkish military said on its Twitter account that it has established the ninth observation post in the rebel-held province of Idlib as part of the

de-escalation agreement with Russia and Iran. Turkey's official Anadolu news agency said the military convoy reached the town of Morek in Idlib province.

Eastern Ghouta was also part of the same de-escalation plan signed last year in the Kazakh capital Astana. Turkey's presidential spokesman said that the Turkish military presence in Idlib would serve as a "guarantee" against attacks to ensure that it does not meet the same fate as eastern Ghouta.

Ibrahim Kalin said, "The Russians and the Iranians have a full understanding of this," adding that the Syrian regime also understands that "Turkish soldiers are not to be attacked in those areas."

Separately, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been threatening to expand the

offensive against Syrian Kurdish militants in northern Syria eastward to the town of Tel Rifat. A spokesman for his office, however, said an operation against Tel Rifat might not be needed. He said Russian President Vladimir Putin told his Turkish counterpart that the main Kurdish militia People's Protection Units, or YPG, which Turkey considers a terrorist organization, is no longer present there.

Elsewhere in Syria, a bomb exploded in the Aleppo town of al-Bab, which is controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters, killing nine people and wounding 15, according to the activist media collective Aleppo Media Center. The Observatory report that eight people were killed in the blast that occurred near the town's Grand Mosque.

## US senator meets with Venezuelan president, jailed Utah man

By **SCOTT SMITH**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — An influential U.S. senator pressed for fair elections and the release of a jailed American during his private meeting with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, the senator said Saturday before departing the turbulent country.

Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Illinois, told The Associated Press that he urged Maduro to uphold democratic rights ahead of Venezuela's upcoming presidential election, but doubts any changes will be forthcoming.

His four-day trip made at Venezuela's invitation included a visit with Joshua Holt, who has been jailed in Caracas for nearly two years on what the U.S. considers trumped-up weapons charges.

Durbin, the author of a recent Senate resolution condemning Maduro's use of food as a "tool of political coercion," said he took time to walk through parts Caracas, seeing the downtrodden faces of residents struggling to feed themselves. He also talked with doctors not able to get enough medicine to treat patients.

"I was heartbroken by what I saw and heard, particularly regarding the collapse of the country's ability to feed and medically care for its people and children," he said in an interview Saturday at the conclusion of his trip.

The government has yet to comment on what was discussed during Durbin's visit, or that of

another lawmaker, Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, who met with Maduro earlier in the week in a privately-funded trip that wasn't organized by the State Department.

But the rare visits came as the Trump administration weighs an embargo on Venezuela's oil shipments on top of sanctions already imposed on dozens of top officials, including Maduro, for decimating the country's economy, spurring a humanitarian crisis and straying away from democratic practices.

Oil-rich Venezuela is in the throes of a five-year economic and political crisis causing dire shortages of food and medicine, while drawing condemnation from the U.S., as well as many Latin American and European countries.

"This isn't a matter of Yankee imperialism," said Durbin, the No. 2 Senate democrat. "He was not happy with my conclusion on that."

Maduro's government invited the senator to Venezuela in an effort to initiate dialogue between the two countries that haven't exchange ambassadors since 2010. Durbin said Maduro made no demands, which he took as a sign that the leader's request was genuine.

Durbin said Maduro greeted him warmly but doubted that the leader will delay or make any changes to boost confidence that the May 20 presidential election will be free and fair, such as allowing banned opposition parties to

participate.

"Democracies don't exile and imprison their political opponents," said Durbin. "This is not a democracy when it comes to the political process."

Durbin also pressed Maduro to hand over Holt, a 25-year-old Utah man who travelled to Venezuela in June 2016 to marry a fellow Mormon he met online practicing his Spanish. The couple was arrested during a police raid on the housing complex where she had lived.

Venezuelan authorities alleged Holt was stockpiling "weapons of war." Asked to release Holt to his care, Maduro told Durbin that he would consider it. "He made no promises," the senator said.

Durbin visited Holt in the Caracas jail where he and his wife are being held alongside some of the government's fiercest opponents, describing him as "distracted and saddened" by the drawn-out ordeal but in otherwise good condition.

"They have been held and are being held for some political purpose either to be part of some trade in the future over some issue," Durbin said.

The senator next returns to Washington to share what he saw and learned with his colleagues in Congress. He said that ratcheting up increasing sanctions against Venezuela is broadly discussed.

"I hope we don't have to turn to further sanctions," Durbin said. "That is really in the hands of the Maduro regime."

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Ship hits historic mansion on Istanbul's Bosphorus Strait

ISTANBUL (AP) — A cargo ship has crashed into a historic mansion on Istanbul's Bosphorus strait, severely damaging the building.

Turkey's official Anadolu news agency said the Maltese-flagged cargo ship had a malfunction Saturday that disabled its rudder and caused it to lose control in the busy waterway.

Videos showed the large ship sailing straight toward the Asian shores of Istanbul, hitting the red seaside mansion of Hekimbasi Salih Efendi. No one was injured.

Anadolu said the 738-foot ship was carrying barley from Russia to Saudi Arabia.

The mansion once belonged to a doctor who served in the Ottoman palace and dates back to the 18th century.

The Bosphorus is a key waterway connecting the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara and then the Aegean Sea.

### Egypt cyclist pedals to Russia to support team in World Cup

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian cyclist has set off on Saturday from the heart of downtown Cairo heading to Moscow to support Egypt's national soccer team in the World Cup.

Mohammed Nufal, 24, embarked on the long-haul journey from the famed Tahrir Square and is planning to traverse seven countries across three continents

including Jordan, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. Nufal said he will only take a flight from Jordan to Bulgaria to bypass war-torn Syria.

"The languages are among the biggest challenges," Nufal told The Associated Press. "I will deal with that using translation apps and sign language."

He expects the weather to be bearable during the trek.

According to his official Facebook page, Nufal said his trip would take 65 days covering a distance of some 3,316 miles. He expects to take nine days to travel 800 kilometers in Egypt alone, where his last stop will be in south Sinai's Nuweiba, before heading to Jordan.

Nufal had previously biked for 70 days to Gabon, passing through Chad, Sudan and Cameroon.

Egypt qualified for this year's World Cup for the first time since 1990.

### Members of migrant caravan protest in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Central American immigrants traveling through Mexico in a caravan that drew the attention of U.S. President Donald Trump are protesting in Mexico City.

Mexico's capital is the final stop for the migrant caravan that left from the Mexico-Guatemala border late last month to draw attention to immigrant and refugee policies.

Standing beside Mexico's Angel of Independence monument, Caravan

organizer Irineo Mujica said Saturday that remaining members of the caravan would march to the nearby U.S. embassy and seek meetings with representatives of the United Nations and Organization of American States.

Migrants traveling in the caravan have begun to disperse in recent days as they received temporary papers from the Mexican government. Some plan to remain in Mexico while others will travel to the U.S. border and request asylum.

### Ailing Algerian leader's backers urge him to seek 5th term

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algeria's governing party is urging President Abdelaziz Bouteflika to seek a fifth term even though the 81-year-old has been debilitated by a stroke for years.

The head of the FLN party, Djamel Ould Abbas, formally asked Bouteflika to run in the May 2019 election in a speech Saturday to party lawmakers. Ould Abbas added that "the last word remains with him, of course."

Bouteflika is barely seen in public even now and it's not clear whether he is still really in charge of Africa's largest country. Ould Abbas praised Bouteflika's record as a leader since winning the presidency in 1999 and bringing a cautious peace to a North African country riven by years of insurgency.

No other presidential candidates have emerged because they are waiting to see whether Bouteflika will run.



## Custom home in Country Club of Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 3604 Creekside Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$539,900 and is listed with The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Situated in the Oak Brook area of Country Club of Sebring on a quiet cul-de-sac of attractive custom-built homes, the first thing you'll notice is the beautiful curb appeal. This home has extensive landscaping, paved drive and walkways and new designer-style garage door.

Enter this executive four-bedroom, plus office, 3.5-bath home through the custom beveled glass double-entry doors to be greeted by the open floor plan with fabulous views of the lanai and pond out the back. You will be awe struck by the many features and attention to detail including 12-foot ceilings, decorative crown moldings, bamboo flooring, curved

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 3604 Creekside Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Turn left onto County Road 635. Turn right into the Country Club of Sebring onto Haw Branch Road. Turn right into the Oak Brook subdivision onto Creekside Lane. Turn right onto Creekside Drive. The home is on the right.

## 55-plus life style in Highlands Ridge

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This home is at 5045 Birkdale Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$239,000 and it is listed with Maureen Cool with RE/MAX Realty Plus in Sebring.

You will love the life style in the 55-plus golfing community of Highlands Ridge. This home has two bedrooms, two baths plus a bonus room/den and offers 1,752 living square feet under air and 2,460 total square feet.

This home was custom built and professionally decorated in 2009 and is offered for sale by the original owners. The home is beautifully furnished light and bright with a cottage feel from the designer touches and upgrades. The floor plan is open and spacious.

Approaching the screened front entry of the villa, your eye will be drawn to the Southern-style front porch to the

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 5045 Birkdale Drive, Avon Park

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn left onto Home Avenue. Turn left onto 17 North. Turn right onto Power Line Road. Turn left into the Highlands Ridge entrance onto South Clubhouse Boulevard. Turn right onto East Fairway Vista Drive. Turn left onto Birkdale Drive. The home is on the right.

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For more information, call Sue Clark with Lake and Land Realty of Highlands Inc. at 863-441-0969 or email SueSellsLakePlacid@gmail.com.



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Covered Bridge Lake Placid is offering single-family homes beginning at \$159,900 — new construction including the lot.

### DIRECTIONS

#### Covered Bridge Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto Lake Francis Road. Go to the end of the road to the entrance to Covered Bridge. Proceed on Venetian Parkway through the development and turn right on Hillcrest Street. Turn left onto High Grove, to the model on the right.



COURTESY PHOTO

The screened lanai area is massive and has a fire pit for cooler evenings.

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walls and designer-style lighting fixtures.

This home boasts a formal living room as well as a family room making entertaining a breeze. The living room has an attractive gas fireplace for chilly evenings and is adjacent to the kitchen via an arched pass-through. The dining room is large enough for family gatherings or more formal get-togethers.

The gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream. With plenty of room for all the cooks, this spacious kitchen boasts a six-burner gas stove with pot filler, sub-zero refrigerator, wine cooler, double ovens, a new double dishwasher, center island, and chocolate glazed maple cabinets with granite counter tops and slate backsplash. There is a granite breakfast bar that easily sits six separating the kitchen from the family room. The bright and cheery family room overlooks

the lanai.

You won't find a better view than you'll have sitting in your lanai overlooking the golf course and pond. The screened lanai area is massive giving you plenty of room to enjoy the outdoors. There is a fire pit for cooler evenings.

The summer kitchen rivals many indoor kitchens with its Copper Canyon granite, refrigerator, cooler, wet bar, grill and side burner.

A guest suite is accessible from the lanai complete with hardwood flooring, a spacious bath with steam shower and decorator ceiling fan.

The master suite is a good size with room for a sitting area. It has French doors that open to the screened lanai.

The luxurious bath rivals an upscale spa with its Vita-bath jetted tub, travertine floors, custom mirrors, solid surface counters, custom knobs, built-in heater and shower with three shower heads – one of which is an immense rain-head. The custom California closets are sure to please. Three additional

bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths offer plenty of room for family and guests.

A spacious utility room acts as a mud room between the two-car, plus golf cart garage. It includes a washer and dryer, cabinets and an ice maker.

Other features in this home include solid wood interior doors with custom hardware, plantation shutters, custom window treatments, surround system, central vacuum system, security system, in-wall pest control system, dual air-conditioning systems and a whole-house commercial water filtration and softener system.

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# Heartland Real Estate announces Leader Awards

Special to Highlands News-Sun

SEBRING — One of Highlands County's top real estate firms, Heartland Real Estate Corp., announced its 2018 First Quarter Awards in a recent press release.

The award winners are: Sales Leader in Volume — Cheryl Oxsalida Sales Leader in Units — Dawn Dell Listing Leader in Volume — Dawn Dell Listing Leader in Units — Dawn Dell

"We have a tremendous team at Heartland Real Estate full of knowledgeable Realtors who are dedicated to their clients," said Jimmy Wohl,

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This flexible space is currently used as a dining room. The space is also ideal for a family room.

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right. Sit here and enjoy southern hospitality with the neighbors. The double front doors with leaded beveled glass set the stage as you enter this home into the foyer.

Straight ahead is the living room, which extends to a flexible space that is currently used as a dining room. This space is also ideal for a family room.

The living room flows nicely to the large kitchen and breakfast room. The white cabinets are stacked and have bead board doors and a matching double pantry. A center island is great for food prep. The counter tops are solid surface Corian.

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One reason is price. All of you are aware that our country stands out with vast studies on all types of markets and products creating a guideline of reliable information to educate and assist the consumer. The real estate industry has reports showing sellers who hire a Realtor can benefit by up to \$50,000 versus a for sale by owner.

For this to be a reality the seller needs to follow the Realtor's recommendations that shall motivate a buyer to pay a fair market price or be inclined to pay a higher price. The seller should remember a buyer typically has a few first impressions



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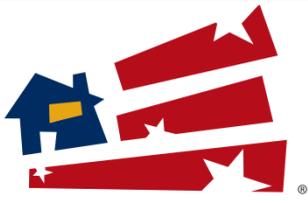
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# Do I have to do stainless?

By COURTNEY SAPP  
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I know you are being told by your real estate agent and everyone in your family has expressed their opinion on the subject. "Buy stainless appliances!"

But, you have cold feet. Maybe you just don't like the industrial look of stainless? It is OK to go with something other than stainless appliances. Technically, stainless is a fad. Yep, I said it.

Does anyone remember the Avocado Green GE refrigerator? And there are lots of appliance

material choices in the world you can buy and not feel dated. I promise it will be OK.

So why the hate? What is not to like about the modern, sleek lines of a shiny new stainless refrigerator? It glistens in the big box store under those LED lights, sometimes greeting you with your favorite "Nirvana" song or offering to re-order almond milk for you from its integrated computer screen. Everyone on HGTV begs for them. Why not just give in to the peer pressure and buy stainless?

Well, after you spend some time getting to know your new stainless refrigerator and the excitement of your relationship mellows to the monotony of chilling day-old barbecue from Sonny's and coffee creamer, you may start to notice some things.

First, if you love magnets — forget it. Stainless is an alloy and as such contains other ingredients in its recipe. Some for good reasons, like nickel for its anti-corrosive properties. However, if the ratio of nickel is high, no magnets from Disney for you. If its

lower, you could see rust pitting.

Additionally, to keep costs low, the sides of the refrigerator on less expensive models will be painted black or dark gray and can be very distracting if your kitchen designer did not account for this detail in their cabinet layout. Some good news, these sides usually are magnetic, so you can pull those magnets back out of the drawer!

And let's not forget, stainless appliances can be pricier and higher maintenance. Fingerprints are a nightmare unless you purchase an upgraded model like the "SmudgeProof" collection from Frigidaire.

So before you make the decision to get hitched to your appliance for the next 15 years (on average), let's look at other options. But what else is there?

I promise, there are lots of finish choices in the sea of appliance manufacturers. Black stainless and graphite are

becoming more common but how about rose gold instead?

Dacor offers a "Alchemy" finish option and Whirlpool debuted their "Sunset Bronze" to give homeowners something warmer than stainless yet still had a glamorous metallic finish. Ooh la la!

Like the retro vibe? Smeg offers an entire line of small and major appliances in 1950s inspired colors including pastel blue, pink, and vintage cream. Each piece is designed with the aviation influenced details of the era with the modern convenience of crispers, ice makers and adjustable storage.

Why not get wild? How about the Signature Red or Cobalt Blue color options offered by KitchenAid on their commercial series of dual fuel ranges.

These models include, stainless accents so it is a good compromise if you already own a stainless refrigerator.

British brand, Aga, also offers the most romantic shade of cranberry in their Legacy appliance suite including a free-standing cranberry metal hood. Yum Yum!

Maybe something fun and easy is more your liking. If you love your old refrigerator and want to do a little cosmetic upgrade to keep things on trend, consider the refrigerator wrap. Transform that avocado green relic into the Tardis from Dr. Who or Han Solo in a deep carbon freeze with a simple removable giant sticker! A trip for ice cream from the freezer should be an adventure!

Buying appliances these days can seem like a lot of work riddled with worries of regret. Need advice? Comment on my blog at <http://shellysappinteriors.com/blog/>.

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## Long-term US mortgage rates fall; 30-year at 4.40 percent

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates fell this week, benefiting potential homebuyers with the spring buying season underway.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 4.40 percent from 4.44 percent last week. The benchmark stood at an average 4.10 percent a year ago.

The decline followed scant movement in long-term rates last week and a months-long stretch of increases in January, February and early March as interest rates generally rose.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans declined to 3.87 percent from 3.90 percent last week.

As trade tensions have escalated in recent weeks between the U.S. and China, investors have been switching into safer assets like bonds. That has pushed bond prices higher and suppressed their yields, which move in the opposite direction and tend to influence mortgage rates. The yield on the closely watched 10-year Treasury note fell this week amid trade



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In this Wednesday, March 28 photo a sold sign is shown outside a single-family home on the market in Denver. On Thursday, April 5, Freddie Mac reports on this week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

anxiety, then steadied Wednesday at 2.80 percent, the same as last week. The 10-year note was back up at 2.82 percent Thursday morning.

Reflecting the demand for homes, applications for new mortgages fell 3.3 percent in the week ended March 30 from a week earlier, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported.

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 fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 0.5 percent, unchanged from last week. The fee on 15-year fixed-rate loans fell to 0.4 percent from 0.5 percent last week.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages eased to 3.62 percent from 3.66 percent last week. The fee held steady at 0.4 percent.

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# How to warm up your decor through color

**DESIGN RECIPES**  
CATHY HOBBS

Warm colors not only help add a sense of coziness, but also warmth to a space. From warm oranges to reds and yellows, warmer tones can help transform a space that may be cold and cavernous to one that is warm and inviting.

Here are some of our top tips if looking for ways to infuse warm colors into your space.

**1. DO:**

Use black. Black is not only a warm color, but one that is neutral as well and can instantly add warmth and depth to a space.

Incorporate color and warmth through your use of artwork, which can warm a space and adds a finishing touch.

Use small decorative items such as books and florals to bring warmth and color into your home.

Mix warm tones together such as yellow, orange and red. The result can be appealing and cozy.

**Do use metallics.**

Brass remains one of the hottest finishes in home decor right now and is a wonderful way to incorporate warmer tones into any room of the home.

**2. DON'T:**

Overwhelm the space with too many warm colors, as it may appear

to be overly dark or muddy. Instead, sprinkle warm accents throughout a space.

Paint ceilings dark, warm colors. This will instantly close in a space and make any space feel smaller. Instead, ceilings should be light and bright, preferably white.

Forget accessories. Accessories are an easy and affordable way to infuse warmth into nearly any room.

Use too many wood pieces in the same room. Too many will add visual weight. Instead, consider mixing heavier wood pieces with those that are lighter such as pieces made of glass.

Forget to use mirrors. Mirrors are one of the best ways to open a space and can serve as a key design element. These days frames also don't have to be generic in nature. Instead of a frame that is plain, why not use one that is painted in a warm color or finished in a warm tone metallic finish?

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# How to decorate above your stove

**STYLE AT HOME**  
MARY CAROL GARRITY

Some spots in your home are easy to decorate. Others ... not so much. One of those problematic places is the empty space above your stove. Many of us have a blank wall there, begging for a creative treatment, something to make us smile while we're slaving over the hot stove. But what? Here are some ideas and inspiration from my cottage and the homes of a few of my friends.

My friend Lisa renovated her kitchen a few years ago. She spiced up the space above her stove with a beautiful tile pattern. She added to the charm with changeable displays on the shelf above the stove, and on either side.

My friend Tammy has a light, bright, airy kitchen. She had the great idea to layer a mix of thin wood cutting boards behind her stove. The boards pick up the tones in her exposed brick walls, adding to the natural warmth and bringing in a bit of organic pattern. The variation in the sizes and shapes of the boards adds to the visual impact.

When my friend Paula bought her home, she loved everything about it, except the kitchen. A complete kitchen remodel was not in the plans, but that didn't stop Paula from revamping the look of the space. Paula is a very clever decorator, who has a home filled with beautiful treasures. So when she spotted a box filled with



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One of those problematic places to decorate in your home is the empty space above your stove.

copper kitchenware at a garage sale (for \$20!), she snatched it up. She installed a pot rack above her stove, then filled it with the copper pieces. It totally changed the look and feel of her kitchen.

When Nancy renovated her little cottage, she wanted to decorate it with her family heirlooms and antiques. She had picked up a piece from beautiful cast-iron stove at an antique store, and was just waiting for a place to use it. The space behind her stove seemed like the perfect spot.

That was before she

tried to pick the darn thing up. It weighted a ton. In fact, it was so heavy, her ever-patient husband, Don, purchased a hydraulic lift just to put it in place. If it had been

my husband, he would have given me that "Are you crazy?" look when I asked him to make these accommodations, and the poor antique would have been drug to the garden, leaned against a stone wall, with a plant stuck in front of it.

You don't have to look very hard to tell that my stove never gets used. I can't help it: I am allergic to cooking. Since I don't have to worry about the stove's functionality, I can go crazy when decorating around it — nothing will ever be at risk of catching fire. Right now, it's home for an oil painting done by my great aunt.

As I have decorated the little cottage next door, where my mom lived at the end of her life, I'm finding it a great place to put the extra furniture and accents I cannot fit into my own cottage.

Case in point: a set of Limoges fish plates. I spotted these beauties when I was treating myself to my annual I-survived-the-holiday-season-working-retail splurge. I didn't have room to put them up in my cottage, so they got moved next door to Mom's. The spot above the stove was perfect.

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# Squeezing the most out of small outdoor spaces

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As herb and vegetable gardens, composting and other aspects of green living become more popular, many people with limited outdoor space are looking for ways to squeeze the most out of it.

"A client in a modern high-rise in downtown Chicago did not have a typical garden per se, but did have a large outdoor balcony with a beautiful view," says interior designer Edyta Czajkowska, founder of the Chicago design firm Edyta & Co. "We created a garden space for her by using planters in varying sizes that she could plant flowers and herbs in. We stuck to one plant per planter, which created an organic yet tailored look, while still elevating something as simple as garlic or chives."

Even a small patio or balcony can be made useful and plant-friendly, interior designers say. Here, Czajkowska and two other experts — Connecticut landscape architect and designer Janice Parker, and Atlanta interior designer Jen Sypeck — offer advice on creating a lush and plant-friendly area even in a tiny space.

## Map out your plan

Assess your space realistically, says Czajkowska, and then seek inspiration at a home and garden store or on Pinterest. Decide what your goals are. Do you want to fill the space with beautiful blooms, cutting some for



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**To make the most of small outdoor spaces, Janice Parker recommends using one large, dramatic planter rather than several smaller ones.**

indoor flower arrangements throughout the summer? Or would you love to grow an ample crop of herbs for cooking or become a composter? Once you choose, get creative.

"A vertical garden is a great option for smaller spaces as it only utilizes wall space, and you can actually plant quite a bit in it," Czajkowska says. "Just like with small interior spaces, you'd be surprised at what you can fit into a space that's well thought out."

As you plan, consider which tools or equipment you'll need for gardening or other outdoor work. One space-saving solution: For seating, choose closed benches with storage space inside.

## Choose plants strategically

If you're a first-time gardener, Sypeck says, "start with a hardy plant like rosemary or lavender. Both of these beauties offer a statement moment, an ornamental element,

aromatic benefits and are hard to kill."

Another good option is buying pre-made container gardens with plants and flowers that work together. "Chances are a garden expert paired everything with similar needs," she says. "That way, you can water accordingly and provide the correct amount of sunlight needed."

For vivid color without too much effort, consider a pre-planted container of succulents such as cheveria, kalanchoe and sedum. They're hardy, Sypeck says, "but they don't look like it, as they produce vibrant colors and flowers. When paired together, they create a striking container garden, with the same care requirements."

If you want color and beauty during the warm season, Parker says, "stick with annuals for high impact color from May to October."

If your outdoor space doesn't get much sun, choose plants that do well in the shade.

And in a limited space, "choose plants that

grow slowly and keep their form," Parker says, like boxwood roses or Japanese maples.

## Embrace color and drama

In a small space, Parker says, don't be afraid to go big. For example, instead of planting herbs or flowers in small planters, choose one large and dramatic planter as a design statement.

She and Sypeck say there are many beautiful, lightweight planters available made with a mix of fiberglass and zinc or bronze, so you can create a dramatic look that's safe to use on rooftops or balconies where weight is an issue.

"I personally love mixing materials and styles with my outdoor containers," Sypeck says. "Layering with a variety of heights and textures is my approach, and I tend to favor copper, cement and stone, all with a soft, modern sensibility."

She also recommends repurposing unexpected items as eye-catching containers: "An old

copper ice bucket was one of my latest victims turned into a now thriving succulent garden," she says. "I've also been known to spray paint a pot or two if I'm craving a new color and vibe."

Even a small composting bin can be hidden inside an attractive planter, helping that practical item blend well into an outdoor living space.

Earth tones work well for planters, Parker says, but "one wonderful brightly colored planter can be terrific" too.

## Make other details count

Think of a balcony or small patio as an outdoor

room, Parker suggests. Choose a beautiful table as a focal point, even if it's small and will have plants on it.

Also consider lighting, and how the space will look and feel at night, as well as during the day. If the outdoor space doesn't have electricity, no problem. Use LED candles or battery-powered lights clustered around the space.

"Outdoor lighting will really create a sense of intimacy," Parker says, "and welcome you out into the space."

As a finishing touch, add a sculpture or other item — like a decorative birdcage painted a bright color — amid your plants.

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MLB: Rays

## Inefficient Faria lets Rays down



AP PHOTO

Jake Faria delivers against the Red Sox during the first inning at Fenway Park. His very abbreviated start helps send the Rays to a seventh straight defeat.

By Marc Topkin  
Tampa Staff Writer

BOSTON – Rays manager Kevin Cash before Saturday's game the No. 1 thing he wanted to see from unsteady starter Jake Faria was "efficiency."

And then Faria went out – after the Rays spotted him a two-run lead – and was historically inefficient.

He allowed the first three Red Sox to reach base and gave up four runs in a 38-pitch first

inning.

Then he walked the based loaded around a couple outs and gave up a grand slam to Xander Bogaerts in a 35-pitch mess of a second inning before getting mercifully pulled.

For his short afternoon's work, in what ended up a 10-3 Rays loss, Faria had arguably the least efficient such outing in franchise history – throwing 73 pitches to get five outs.

No Rays or even Devil Rays pitcher – not Victor

Zambrano, not Dewon Brazelton, not Tanyon Sturtze – had ever thrown as many pitches without getting through two innings. (Zambrano came close, throwing 72 over 1 1/3 innings in a 2004 game.)

The last pitcher to be so inefficient anywhere in the majors was in 2010 when the Mets' Mike Pelfrey threw 74 pitches over 1 1/3 innings in a July game against Arizona.

With a planned "bullpen day" on Sunday the

Rays were looking for Faria to work deep into the game.

Austin Pruitt saved them from bigger problems by working 4 1/3 innings, but the Rays still turned to infielder Daniel Robertson to work the eighth – which he did in an efficient 11 pitches.

The Rays will start Andrew Kittredge on Sunday and also have Ryan Yarbrough and Matt Andriese available; they also could opt to

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GOLF: The Masters

## Steady Reed maintains the lead

By DAVID LEE  
The Augusta Chronicle

A soggy Saturday failed to bog down the Patrick Reed machine.

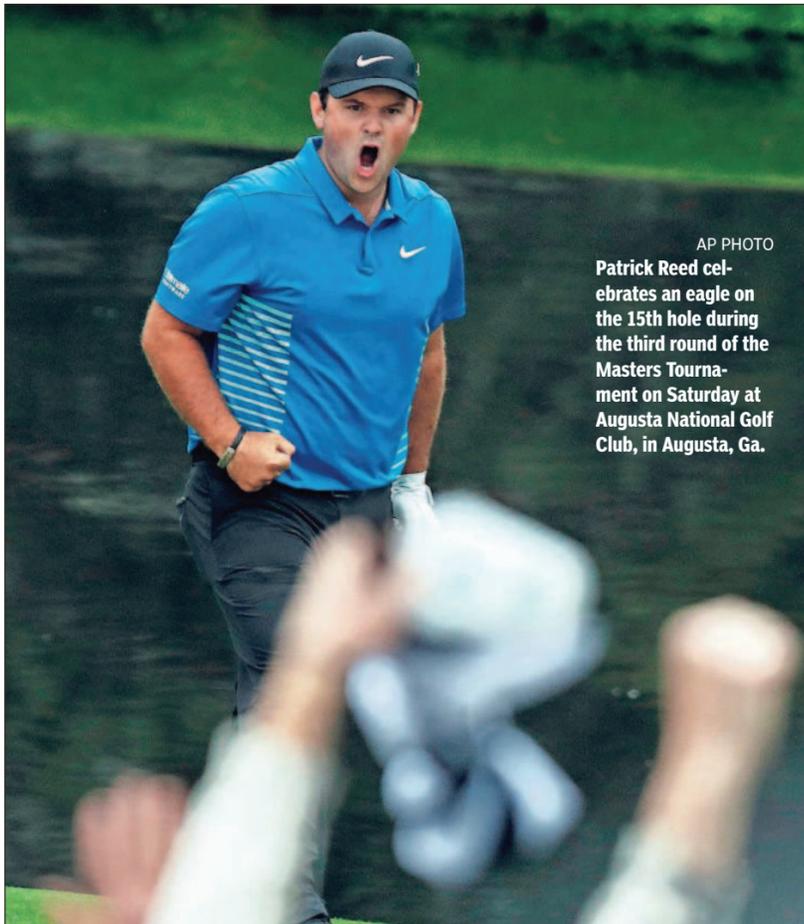
On a day full of off and on rain showers, Reed's game was much more consistent. Another day of attacking Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters Tournament field has him in the final Sunday pairing.

Reed carded 5-under-par 67 in the third round to maintain his lead at 14-under entering the final day of the Masters.

A day after shooting 66 with three spurts of three consecutive birdies, the 27-year-old Augusta State product, who played Augusta National with his teammates during his All-American college days, produced two eagles and four birdies to sit three strokes ahead of Rory McIlroy.

"Any time you can come out and have the lead going into Sunday

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AP PHOTO

Patrick Reed celebrates an eagle on the 15th hole during the third round of the Masters Tournament on Saturday at Augusta National Golf Club, in Augusta, Ga.

NFL: Bucs



(TIMES FILE)

Vernon Hargreaves lost his starting job, then finished the season on injured reserve. The Bucs seem content to let him line up as the slot cornerback.

## Secondary is a 'logical target' in draft for Bucs

By Rick Stroud  
Times Staff Writer

The pro days are over and the NFL draft still is a few weeks away. The next couple of weeks are used for private workouts and scheduling the 30 in-house visits with potential picks.

Not much can be gleaned by which

players are invited to One Buc Place. Obviously, the Bucs have interest in all the top non-quarterbacks in the draft – Penn State RB Saquon Barkley, North Carolina State DE Bradley Chubb and Notre Dame G Quenton Nelson.

Chubb, Nelson,

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F1 RACING: Bahrain

## Vettel takes pole position as Hamilton struggles

By JEROME PUGMIRE  
Associated Press

SAKHIR, Bahrain – Sebastian Vettel is perfectly placed to strike another early blow to Lewis Hamilton's Formula One title defense.

The German driver took pole position for the Bahrain Grand Prix followed by Ferrari teammate Kimi Raikkonen under desert floodlights on Saturday.

The evening got even better for Ferrari, with Hamilton managing only fourth. But he will start from

ninth on Sunday after incurring a grid penalty for an unauthorized gearbox change on his Mercedes.

"I'll try and eke out every last bit of power and strength from this car," Hamilton said. "I don't know what we are going to be able to achieve tomorrow, but I hope I can do something."

This setback follows Hamilton's bitter disappointment in Australia two weeks ago, when he led the season-opening grand

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JUNIOR HOCKEY: Tragedy

## 15 die when truck collides with team bus in Canada

Associated Press

NIPAWIN, Saskatchewan – A semi-trailer slammed into a bus carrying a youth hockey team in western Canada, killing 15 people and injuring 14 in a catastrophic collision that a doctor compared to an airstrike and left the vehicles obliterated in the snow. The crash sent shockwaves through the team's small hometown and a country united by the national sport.

Canadians were moved to tears on Saturday as they learned of the

identities of the deceased on the bus that was driving the Humboldt Broncos hockey team to a crucial playoff game Friday against the Nipawin Hawks.

"An entire country is in shock and mourning," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said. "This is every parent's worst nightmare. No one should ever have to see their child leave to play the sport they love and never come back."

The bus had 29 passengers, including

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AP PHOTO

Emergency personnel work at the scene of a fatal crash outside of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, Canada, Saturday. A bus en route to Nipawin, foreground, carrying the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team crashed into a truck Friday night, killing 14 and sending over a dozen more to the hospital.

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## NHL: Playoffs

# Devils, Blue Jackets sit top players for rest in Game 82

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
Associated Press

Being healthy in the playoffs is taking priority over seeding, with a few teams sitting their top players Saturday in the final game of the regular season.

MVP front-runner Taylor Hall will sit out the New Jersey Devils' regular-season finale after the team clinched a playoff spot but can still move up the standings.

New Jersey is resting Hall, fellow forwards Kyle Palmieri and Travis Zajac, and defenseman Sami Vatanen in Game 82 at Washington, and it isn't alone in taking precautions. The Columbus Blue Jackets won't play stars Artemi Panarin, Seth Jones, Zach Werenski and two-time Vezina Trophy-winning goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky in their final regular-season game at Nashville.

Columbus coach John Tortorella told reporters he was "absolutely not" trying to avoid facing the two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins in the first round. New Jersey coach John Hynes similarly answered that giving Hall a break is more important after a grueling push to clinch the franchise's first playoff berth since 2012.

"We're not looking

to get in the playoffs and just be a Cinderella story," Hynes said before his Devils faced the Metropolitan Division-champion Capitals on Saturday night. "We're looking to get in the playoffs and win, and (Hall is) a big part of that."

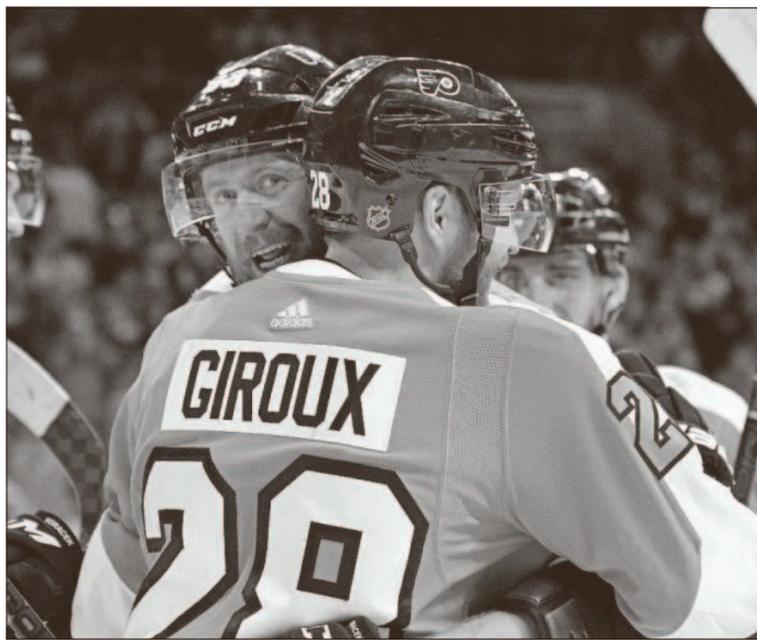
Hall, who is one goal short of reaching 40 for the first time in his career, said he's cool with the decision to rest instead of taking a chance on the eve of the playoffs.

"It's a good time to get some rest and recuperate a little bit," said Hall, who has 93 points in 76 games and is expected to be a finalist for the Hart Trophy. "We've played a lot of hockey lately, and a lot of the stuff in the standings is out of our hands other than our game."

No Eastern Conference first-round matchups have been determined going into the final week-end of the season. The only series that's set is the Winnipeg Jets facing the Minnesota Wild out West as the second- and third-place teams in the Central Division.

There are still numerous combinations of matchups among the seven teams in the East that have clinched, with the Philadelphia Flyers and Florida Panthers still in the running for the final spot.

## NHL: Flyers 5, Rangers 0



AP PHOTO  
Philadelphia's Jakub Voracek, facing, hugs Claude Giroux after Giroux's goal during the second period of Saturday's game against the New York Rangers in Philadelphia.

## Giroux's hat trick helps Flyers clinch playoff berth

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Claude Giroux earned his first career hat trick in the regular season and the Philadelphia Flyers clinched a playoff berth in their final regular-season game with a 5-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday.

Giroux finished with 34 goals and 102 points. He extended his career highs in points and goals while becoming the sixth player in franchise history to reach 100 points in a season.

Michael Raffl and Ivan Provorov also scored for the Flyers, who needed at least one point to make the playoffs and eliminate the Florida Panthers from postseason contention.

The Flyers (42-26-14) are returning to the playoffs for the first time since 2016, and will be vying for their third Stanley Cup. The club won back-to-back titles in 1973-74 and 1974-75.

The Flyers' captain scored his first two goals during Philadelphia's dominating second period in which it outscored the Rangers 3-0 thanks in

part to an 18-5 shots advantage.

Giroux put the Flyers ahead 2-0 with 7:36 left in the second when his shot from the left circle got through Henrik Lundqvist's legs after a screen by Nolan Patrick.

Raffl made it a three-goal lead when he took the rebound of Radko Gudas' shot from the point with a turn-around shot that got past Lundqvist's right pad with 2:07 left in the period.

And Philadelphia set a club record for the quickest two goals when Giroux fired past Lundqvist's glove side with a wrist shot from the slot just 6 seconds after Raffl's tally to make it 4-0. Raffl set up the play by intercepting a Rangers pass at the blue line and dropping a pass to Giroux.

The fans unleashed a thunderous "M-V-P!" "M-V-P!" chant for Giroux when he was shown on the video board.

And Giroux had the sold-out crowd of 20,028 in a frenzy when he scored his third on a breakaway with 9:49 left in the third period. Hundreds

of hats littered the ice, causing a seven-minute delay, and Giroux smiled on the video board and waved to the crowd, which gave him a standing ovation.

The Rangers (34-39-9), who are out of the postseason for the first time since 2009-10, ended their regular season with their ninth loss in the last 11.

Brian Elliott made 17 saves in his second game in goal after returning in Thursday's 4-3 win over Carolina following a 25-game absence because of core muscle surgery on Feb. 13.

Elliott was shaky in the win over the Hurricanes, allowing a pair of soft goals while making 19 saves. He didn't have much action against the Rangers.

Provorov got the Flyers on the board 6½ minutes into the game when he scored on a 6-on-5 advantage as a result of a delayed penalty. Sean Couturier sent the puck toward the crease from the left of the goal, and the puck caromed off Provorov's right shoulder and past Lundqvist. The goal stood after an officials' review.

## SPORTS ON TV

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

## AUTO RACING

11 a.m.  
ESPN2 — Formula One, Gulf Bahrain Grand Prix, at Sakhir, Bahrain  
2 p.m.  
FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, at Fort Worth, Texas

## BASKETBALL

5 p.m.  
ESPN2 — High school, Jordan Brand Classic, at Brooklyn, N.Y.

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

3 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Florida at Alabama

## DRAG RACING

11:30 a.m.  
FS1 — NHRA, Denso Spark Plugs Four-Wide Nationals, qualifying, at Las Vegas (taped)  
6 p.m.  
FS1 — NHRA, Denso Spark Plugs Four-Wide Nationals, finals, at Las Vegas (same-day tape)

## GOLF

2 p.m.  
CBS — The Masters, final round, at Augusta, Ga.

## MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.  
MLB — Regional coverage, Tampa Bay at Boston OR Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — N.Y. Mets at Washington

## NBA BASKETBALL

1 p.m.  
NBA — Dallas at Philadelphia  
3:30 p.m.  
NBA — Detroit at Memphis  
6 p.m.  
NBA — Orlando at Toronto  
9 p.m.  
NBA — Golden State at Phoenix

## SOCCER

9:15 a.m.  
NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal vs. Southampton  
9:30 a.m.  
FS1 — Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs. Stuttgart  
11:30 a.m.  
NBCSN — Premier League, Chelsea vs. West Ham  
Noon  
FS2 — Bundesliga, Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Hoffenheim  
2 p.m.  
FOX — Women, International friendly, United States vs. Mexico, at Houston  
4 p.m.  
ESPN — MLS, Portland at Orlando City  
9 p.m.  
FS1 — MLS, Sporting Kansas City at L.A. Galaxy

## WINTER SPORTS

8 p.m.  
NBCSN — Curling: World Men's Championship, Gold Medal match, at Las Vegas  
WRESTLING  
3:30 p.m.  
NBCSN — United World Wrestling: Men's Freestyle World Cup, Gold Medal match, at Iowa City, Iowa

## RAYS

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to add a fresh arm with a call-up from Triple-A Durham. The Rays hitters didn't do much to get back in the game after their two-run first, as they went down 17 straight against Boston starter Rick Porcello

before scoring again in the eighth. After winning the season opener, the Rays have dropped seven straight, the first team to do that since the 2005 Rockies and the first AL team since they did it themselves in 2001.

Overall, the seven-game losing streak is their longest since July 2016.

## NBA: Nuggets 134, Clippers 115

## Nuggets eliminate Clippers with rout

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Will Barton scored 31 points and Nikola Jokic added 23 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists and the Denver Nuggets earned their fifth consecutive victory with a 134-115 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday.

The Nuggets pulled into a tie with the Minnesota Timberwolves for eighth place in the Western Conference with two games to play. Both teams are 45-35.

The Nuggets finish up the regular season at home against Portland on Monday night before playing the Timberwolves in Minneapolis on Wednesday night.

Minnesota, which holds the tiebreaker over the Nuggets, hosts Memphis on Monday night.

The Clippers were eliminated from the playoff race. The Clippers suffered their fourth loss in five games, falling to 42-38, 2½ games out of eighth place with



AP PHOTO  
Denver forward Paul Millsap shoots against the Los Angeles Clippers during the first half of Saturday's game in Los Angeles.

two to play. The elimination ends a run of six consecutive post-season appearances for the Clippers, who previously missed the playoffs in 2010-11.

Jamal Murray added 19 points, Paul Millsap had 15 and Wilson Chandler 13 for the Nuggets, who shot 62.4 percent from the field.

Lou Williams scored 24 points to lead the Clippers. DeAndre Jordan added 16 points and 17 rebounds, with Tyrone Wallace added 18 points and Tobias

Harris had 16 for Los Angeles.

Leading 81-71, Barton hit a 3-pointer after the Nuggets grabbed a pair of offensive rebounds to ignite a 12-3 run that finished with Harris making the score 93-74 with 3:09 to pay.

The victory was Denver's first this season over the Clippers, who won the first two meetings, 109-104 at Staples Center on Jan. 17, and 122-120 in Denver on Feb. 27.

## Maple Leafs coach grieves, along with Canada and NHL

Associated Press

TORONTO — Toronto Maple Leafs coach Mike Babcock stood at the podium and fought back tears, the grief resonating across Canada and the NHL.

A bus crash in his home province of Saskatchewan left 14 dead and 15 injured, three critically. A junior hockey team, the Humboldt Broncos, was headed to a playoff game Friday afternoon when a truck collided with its bus. Among the dead were the team's coach and captain.

"It's got to rip the heart out of your chest," Babcock, who grew up in Saskatoon, said at Air Canada Centre. "We pray for those families and think about them. Horrific, horrific accident."

Added NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman: "The NHL mourns the passing of those who perished and offers strength and comfort to those injured while traveling to play and be part of a game they all love."

Toronto center Tyler Bozak said he had difficulty sleeping after hearing the news about the crash near Nipawin.

"You can't really put into words, anything," Bozak said before Saturday's regular-season finale against the Montreal Canadiens.

"I can't imagine what everyone's going through back in Saskatchewan."

Colorado Avalanche coach Jared Bednar grew up in Humboldt. He said a friend's son plays goaltender for the Broncos and survived the crash.

"He went to surgery last night in Saskatoon, and hopefully he's doing better," Bednar said from Denver.

"It's a tough time for that town. It's a tight-knit community. It's only 6,000 people."

Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy well understands the "state of shock and confusion" people are feeling. Kennedy was involved in a crash in 1986 that killed four players when a bus carrying the Swift Current Broncos hit a patch of ice and crashed.

"I think one thing that we underestimate with the impact of trauma and PTSD and going through things like this is the magnitude of the impact," he said. "That is what I can't stress enough."

Patrick Marleau of the Toronto Maple Leafs was a boy in Saskatchewan when the Swift Current crash happened.

"It's something you remember when you're that young," he said. "You see the players wearing the logo on their jersey for the players that were lost. It definitely hits home. Growing up around Swift Current, it was always in people's mind."

"There's memorials. They're never forgotten."

Babcock has driven the stretch of two-lane highway north of Tisdale where the team was heading to play Game 5 of a semifinal against the Nipawin Hawks.

"I know that road pretty good," he said. "It didn't seem like a big spot, it's not mountains or anything like that, but accidents do happen."

Marleau knows the hold the game has in his country, and how "hockey is everything in Canada."

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## SOCCER: Manchester United

## Collapse denies Man City title party

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — Manchester City fans were in tears, consoling each other with hugs in the stands as Manchester United reveled in its neighbor's misery.

Tears were supposed to flow on Saturday.

Tears of joy.

For City's third English Premier League trophy in six years.

The setup couldn't be sweeter for City.

United, the 20-time English champion in whose shadow City has lived for so long, was in City's Etihad Stadium

fortress for the title clincher and derby. What could possibly go wrong?

Nothing in the first half. By halftime, City looked to have wrapped up the league title in record time with a 2-0 lead, shredding United apart with goals from captain Vincent Kompany and Ilkay Gundogan in a six-minute span. United was being embarrassed.

Then they swapped ends and it all went wrong. United scored three times without reply and won 3-2.

The home fans reacted as if the clock had

been wound back two decades when City was relegated in successive seasons. "Typical City," as the faithful have long bemoaned with self-deprecating cries.

But this is a very different City — for a decade fueled by the wealth of oil-rich Abu Dhabi — though still capable of messing things up. When the weeping fans glance at the standings they will still see City 13 points clear of United at the summit with six games remaining.

It is inevitable Pep Guardiola will still get his hands on the

silverware that has spent so long at Old Trafford, without City having to wait until the last day of the season like in 2012 and 2014. But this was a golden opportunity blown.

"This is tough mentally," Guardiola said. "We are sad for ourselves for our fans."

United counterpart Jose Mourinho was more irritated than sad when he addressed his players in the dressing room at the break.

"He said that we didn't want to be the clowns standing there watching them get their title," United defender Chris

Smalling recalled.

For Paul Pogba, after an insipid first-half display, the ramifications of a defeat weighed heavily on his mind.

"If (City) won they are champions," the United midfielder said. "For all the (United) fans, it would be like death. To lose against City and to see them celebrate, I couldn't let that happen."

Particularly after a mischievous intervention on Friday from Guardiola, who claimed he was offered the chance to sign the Frenchman in the January transfer window.

## BAHRAIN

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prix from pole position only to finish second behind Vettel.

Although it is very early, Mercedes is not looking the unshakable, supremely reliable force it was when winning the drivers' and constructors' double in the past four seasons.

"It is going to be one of the hardest races for us in some time. We've been trying to get ahead of the Ferraris, but it has been tough," Hamilton said. "The goal is damage limitation."

In a further boost for Ferrari, the aging Kimi Raikkonen has looked sharp all weekend, leading the second and third practice.

The 38-year-old Finn looked set to secure his first pole since last year's Monaco GP, but Vettel beat his time right at the end of qualifying to clinch his 51st pole.

"It was quite intense," Vettel said. "The car has been excellent."

Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas was third.

"These guys with the red car (Ferrari) they are just a bit too quick. We can't be happy with this," Bottas said.

Hamilton has to take a five-place grid penalty for changing a gearbox on Friday. Drivers must use gearboxes for six consecutive races before being allowed a new one. Hamilton's problem was caused by a hydraulic leak sustained in Australia.

Vettel, last year's championship runner-up, won in Melbourne for his 48th career win and 100th podium. Hamilton ended up second because his team made an error of judgment during Vettel's pitstop.

Hamilton will also be looking over his shoulder in Sunday's race, with Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo starting from fifth.

Ricciardo's



AP PHOTO

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain gestures as he answers to reporters after the qualifying session at the Formula One Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain, Saturday. He sets the fourth fastest time. To compound Hamilton's frustration, a five-place grid penalty for a gearbox change on Friday meant he starts Sunday's race from ninth.

teammate, Max Verstappen, however, was only 15th after clumsily crashing in Q1.

Heading into Turn 2, he slid sideways off and thudded into the crash barriers, the left front wheel of his car mangled. It has been a poor start to the season from him. He spun his car after pushing too hard early on in Melbourne and finished sixth.

At the start of qualifying, Romain Grosjean (Haas), Lance Stroll and Sergey Sirotkin (both Williams), Marcus Ericsson and Charles Leclerc (both Sauber) were eliminated from Q1.

New Zealand driver Brendon Hartley complained about damage to his left front wing and soon found out why: He hit a bird. He'd done enough to make it into Q2, however.

Hartley, Verstappen, and Force India's Sergio Perez were then eliminated from Q2, along with Fernando Alonso and his McLaren teammate Stoffel Vandoorne.

It was a blow to McLaren, after both

drivers finished the Australian GP in the top 10, with Alonso in fifth place.

"Our qualifying performance was worse than we expected," Alonso said. "We cannot extract the maximum over one lap, and we need to find the reasons why."

McLaren entered the season with high hopes after switching to Renault engines, following three troublesome seasons with Honda. But Toro Rosso chose to work with Honda and both of their drivers did better in qualifying than McLaren.

Earlier, Hamilton expressed his annoyance over team radio when pitting after P3, saying spectators got too close to his car.

"Who were those people on the left-hand side?" the British driver asked. "I was coming in at some speed, I could have killed them."

It was a bad day for Hamilton, vying with Vettel for a fifth world title to move level with Argentine great Juan Manuel Fangio.



AP PHOTO

Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany celebrates after getting the pole position in the qualifying session for the Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix, at the Formula One Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain, Saturday. The Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix will take place here on Sunday.

## BUCS

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Washington DT Vita Ve, Florida State S Derwin James, Louisville CB Jaire Alexander and LSU CB Donte Jackson were among the players making pre-draft visits to the Bucs this week.

Aside from re-signing 35-year-old veteran Brent Grimes to a one-year contract, the Bucs haven't really addressed their cornerback situation. Ryan Smith, who moved back from safety in his second pro season,

started 10 games and had 62 tackles, but gave up a lot of yards and had no interceptions.

Vernon Hargreaves seems relegated to playing slot corner, which gets him on the field about 66 percent of the time when teams go to three receivers.

"We said at the end of the year, the No. 1 thing we needed to do was get Brent Grimes back and we did that," said Bucs coach Dirk Koetter. "And then, also, Vernon Hargreaves finished the year on (injured reserve). When you have those two guys coming back

plus the experience that Ryan Smith's got and Justin Evans coming back at safety — all that said, now that the defensive line has had so many additions, I would think secondary is logical to think that would be an area of target in the draft.

"And again, I think it's a strong group in the secondary in this year's draft class. I know I've watched a bunch of guys and there's a lot of guys I like."

The Bucs currently do not have a third-round pick, having dealt it to the Giants

for pass-rusher Jason Pierre-Paul. So if they go another direction at No. 7 overall, the second-round choice could well be a cornerback.

## CLOUDY FUTURE?

There has been radio silence since an Instagram video surfaced of Hargreaves smoking an unknown substance. Neither the Bucs nor Hargreaves have responded.

Hargreaves did not have a good 2017. He lost his starting job and then finished the season on injured reserve. The Bucs seem content to let him line up as the

slot cornerback, even though typically you don't use a first-round pick on someone who is not going to play every down.

The dangerous thing for Hargreaves — and by proxy the Bucs — is that the NFL could use the video as probable cause to place Hargreaves into Phase 1 of the league's substance abuse program, which would make him subject to random drug tests.

A violation of his personal program would result in a suspension. It can be a slippery slope and an inconvenience for players. Former

## CRASH

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driver, when it crashed at about 5 p.m. on Highway 35, police said. Among the dead are Broncos head coach Darcy Hagan, team captain Logan Schatz and radio announcer Tyler Bieber. Authorities earlier said three were in critical condition but later provided an update to say that 15 have now died.

Canadian police said the truck driver was initially detained but has since been released and provided with mental health assistance. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Curtis Zablocki said it's too early to state a cause for the crash.

In a tweet, U.S. President Donald Trump said he called Trudeau to offer his condolences to the families of victims.

Darren Opp, president of the Nipawin Hawks, who the Broncos were set to play against, said a semi T-boned the players' bus — an account police confirmed.

"It's a horrible accident, my God," Opp said.

Hassan Masri, an emergency room doctor at Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital who has done work in war-torn Syria, said the crash reminded him of an airstrike.

Photographs of the wreckage showed the twisted trailer with most of its wheels in the air and the bus on its side and its back portion destroyed. The force of the crash sent both vehicles into the ditch at the northwest corner of the intersection.

Aerial footage showed the bus on its side, its roof peeled back and its front end destroyed. The trailer of the truck lay nearby in a shattered mess, with bags of its peat moss cargo scattered all around. The tractor part of the truck was intact, lying on its passenger side.

The tractor-trailer would have had to yield to a stop sign before crossing over the highway that the hockey bus was travelling on. There is a stand of trees on the southeast corner of the intersection, limiting visibility of the approach on both roads.

Police said a lot of issues have to be investigated, including weather conditions at the time and any mechanical issues with the vehicles.

The tragedy brought to mind an accident in 1986, when the Swift Current Broncos team bus slid off an icy highway and crashed in late December, killing four players.

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Boston	7	1	.875	—	—	7-1	W-7	2-0	5-1	
Toronto	5	3	.625	2	—	5-3	W-1	4-3	1-0	
New York	5	4	.556	2½	½	5-4	W-1	3-2	2-2	
Baltimore	3	6	.333	4½	2½	3-6	L-1	1-2	2-4	
Tampa Bay	1	7	.125	6	4	1-7	L-7	1-3	0-4	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Minnesota	4	3	.571	—	—	4-3	L-1	1-1	3-2	
Chicago	3	4	.429	1	1½	3-4	L-2	0-2	3-2	
Detroit	3	4	.429	1	1½	3-4	W-2	1-4	2-0	
Cleveland	3	5	.375	1½	2	3-5	L-1	1-1	2-4	
Kansas City	2	4	.333	1½	2	2-4	W-1	0-2	2-2	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Houston	6	2	.750	—	—	6-2	L-1	3-1	3-1	
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	—	—	6-2	W-3	3-1	3-1	
Seattle	4	3	.571	1½	½	4-3	W-1	2-1	2-2	
Oakland	3	6	.333	3½	2½	3-6	L-2	3-5	0-1	
Texas	3	6	.333	3½	2½	3-6	L-1	1-4	2-2	

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
New York	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-4	4-1	2-0	
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1	—	5-2	W-3	4-2	1-0	
Washington	4	4	.500	2½	½	4-4	L-4	0-2	4-2	
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3½	1½	2-4	W-1	1-0	1-4	
Miami	2	5	.286	4	2	2-5	L-3	2-4	0-1	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Pittsburgh	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-2	3-1	3-0	
Milwaukee	5	4	.556	2	—	5-4	L-1	2-4	3-0	
Chicago	4	4	.500	2½	½	4-4	W-1	0-0	4-4	
St. Louis	4	4	.500	2½	½	4-4	W-1	1-1	3-3	
Cincinnati	1	5	.167	4½	2½	1-5	L-2	1-3	0-2	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Arizona	6	2	.750	—	—	6-2	L-1	5-1	1-1	
Colorado	4	4	.500	2	½	4-4	L-1	0-1	4-3	
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2	½	3-3	W-1	1-1	2-2	
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	3½	2	2-5	L-3	2-2	0-3	
San Diego	2	6	.250	4	2½	2-6	W-1	1-6	1-0	

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 3:** Sonny Gray pitched six effective innings for New York. **Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 1:** Miguel Cabrera drove in three runs for Detroit. **Seattle 11, Minnesota 4:** Kyle Seager and Guillermo Heredia homered for the Mariners in cold Minnesota. **Kansas City 1, Cleveland 0:** The Royals' Lucas Duda homered off Trevor Bauer for the game's only run. **N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 2:** Asdrubal Cabrera hit an RBI double and scored the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, lifting New York. **St. Louis 5, Arizona 3:** Jose Martinez homered and drove in four runs as the Cardinals snapped the Diamondbacks' four-game win streak. **Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 2:** Ian Happ hit a tiebreaking two-run single during Chicago's four-run ninth, helping the Cubs beat the Brewers.

**LATE:** San Diego at Houston  
Toronto at Texas  
Oakland at L.A. Angels  
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco  
Miami at Philadelphia  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh  
Atlanta at Colorado

## BOX SCORES

RED SOX 10, RAYS 3										
TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.			
Span lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.273			
Smith rf	4	0	0	0	2	200				
Gomez cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.115			
Miller 1b	4	0	1	2	0	200				
Duffy 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.226				
Cron dh	3	0	0	0	1	.167				
Ramos c	3	0	0	0	1	.115				
Wendle 2b	3	1	2	0	0	.313				
Hechavarria ss	3	0	0	0	1	.200				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>				
BOSTON										
AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.				
Betts rf	3	2	1	0	1	.345				
Holt rf	1	0	0	0	0	.000				
Benintendi lf	3	2	0	2	0	.154				
Ramirez 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.303				
a-Swihart ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	.200				
Martinez dh	2	2	1	1	1	.259				
Bogaerts ss	3	2	2	6	1	.371				
Devers 3b	3	1	2	2	1	.321				
Nunez 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.258				
Bradley Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	0	.115				
Leon c	4	0	0	0	0	.111				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>				

TOTALS										
WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.			
Turner ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.241			
Rendon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.273				
Reynolds 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.000				
Harper rf	3	1	1	1	1	.292				
Zimmerman 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.115				
Kendrick 2b	4	0	1	0	1	.333				
Taylor cf	4	1	0	0	2	.120				
Goodwin lf	2	0	0	0	1	.357				
Severino c	3	0	2	1	0	.571				
e-Adams ph	1	0	0	0	0	.182				
Gonzalez p	2	0	0	0	0	.000				
Grace p	0	0	0	0	0	---				
Kintzler p	0	0	0	0	0	---				
c-Eaton ph	1	0	0	0	0	.435				
Madson p	0	0	0	0	0	---				
Doollittle p	0	0	0	0	0	---				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>				

**TAMPA BAY** 200 000 010—3 6 0  
**BOSTON** 440 000 20X—10 9 0  
a-lined out for Ramirez in the 8th.  
LOB—Tampa Bay 2, Boston 5. 2B—Miller (1), Wendle (2), Betts (2), Bogaerts (7), Nunez (4), HR—Bogaerts (2), off Faria; Martinez (1), off Roe; Devers (1), off Roe. RBIs—Span (7), Miller 2 (4), Martinez 2 (4), Bogaerts 6 (9), Devers 2 (7). SF—Martinez.  
Runners left in scoring position—Tampa Bay 1 (Cron); Boston 3 (Bradley Jr. 2, Leon). RISP—Tampa Bay 2 for 5; Boston 4 for 7.  
Runners moved up—Bradley Jr., GIDP—Smith.  
DP—Boston 1 (Walden, Bogaerts, Ramirez).  
**TAMPA BAY** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Faria, L, 0-1 1.2 5 8 8 5 0 7314.29  
Pruitt 4.1 1 0 0 1 2 57 5.19  
Roe 1.3 2 2 0 1 20 7.36  
Romo .2 0 0 0 0 0 9 3.00  
Robertson 1 0 0 0 0 0 11 0.00  
**BOSTON** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Porcello, W, 2-0 7.1 6 3 3 0 7 94 2.84  
Walden 1.2 0 0 0 0 2 12 3.60  
Inherited runners-scored—Pruitt 1-0, Romo 1-0, Walden 1-0.  
Umpires—Home, Alan Porter; First, Bill Miller; Second, Angel Hernandez; Third, Todd Tichenor. T—2:48. A—31,821 (37,731).

**SEATTLE** 000 011 000—2 5 1  
a-grounded out for Matz in the 6th. b-pinch hit for Flores in the 7th. c-popped out for Kintzler in the 7th. d-walked for Ramos in the 8th. e-grounded out for Severino in the 9th.  
E—Frazier (2), Goodwin (1). LOB—New York 9, Washington 6. 2B—Cabrera (3), Frazier (3), Bruce (3). HR—Harper (5), off Robles. RBIs—Cabrera (2), Frazier (5), d'Arnaud (3), Harper (10), Severino (2). SB—Nimmo (1), Turner (4), Harper (1), Taylor (4), Goodwin (1), Severino (1). S—Goodwin.  
Runners left in scoring position—New York 6 (d'Arnaud 2, Matz 2, Rosario, Reyes); Washington 3 (Zimmerman, Kendrick, Reynolds). RISP—New York 1 for 11; Washington 2 for 8.  
Runners moved up—Cespedes 2, Frazier. GIDP—Matz.  
DP—Washington 1 (Kendrick, Turner, Zimmerman).  
**NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Matz 5 3 1 0 2 8 93 3.00  
Robles, W, 1-0 1 2 1 1 0 1 25 3.00  
Ramos, H, 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 11 0.00  
Rhame, H, 1 .1 0 0 0 0 0 6 4.50  
Blevins 0 0 0 0 1 0 5 0.00  
Familia, S, 4-4 1 2 0 0 0 1 21 0.00  
**WASHINGTON** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Gonzalez 5.1 6 1 1 3 3 6 92 1.59  
Grace 2.2 0 0 0 0 0 7 3.18  
Kintzler, L, 0-1, BS, 1-1  
1 2 2 2 1 1 1518.00  
1 0 0 0 1 1 15 0.00  
1 0 0 0 0 2 9 4.50  
Blevins pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.  
Inherited runners-scored—Familia 1-0, Grace 2-0.  
Umpires—Home, Marty Foster; First, Mark Ripberger; Second, Joe West; Third, Doug Eddings. T—2:59. A—28,952 (41,313).

**YANKEES 8, ORIOLES 3**  
**BALTIMORE** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Mancini lf 4 1 2 0 0 0 .235  
Machado ss 4 0 1 2 0 2 .306  
Schoop 2b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .225  
Jones cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .231  
Davis 1b 3 0 0 0 1 1 .100  
Beckham 3b 4 1 1 0 0 1 .162  
Alvarez dh 3 1 1 1 1 1 .250  
Santander rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .130  
Sisco c 4 0 1 0 0 2 .235  
**TOTALS** 34 3 6 3 2 10  
**NEW YORK** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Gardner cf 3 1 2 2 2 0 .222  
Judge rf 4 1 1 2 0 0 .273  
Stanton dh 2 0 0 0 2 0 .200  
Gregorius ss 2 2 0 0 2 1 .367  
Austin 1b 4 1 2 2 0 1 .217  
Andujar 3b 3 0 1 1 0 0 .067  
Peterson lf 3 0 1 0 1 1 .333  
Romine c 4 1 1 1 0 0 .300  
Torreyes 2b 4 2 3 0 0 0 .364  
**TOTALS** 29 8 11 8 7 3  
**BALTIMORE** 002 100 000—3 6 1  
**NEW YORK** 020 012 30X—8 11 1  
E—Gray (1). LOB—Baltimore 6, New York 5. 2B—Mancini (1), Machado (2), Alvarez (1), Gardner (2), Judge (2), Torreyes (1). RBIs—Machado 2 (4), Alvarez (5), Gardner 2 (3), Judge 2 (7), Austin 2 (5), Andujar (1), Romine (1). SB—Gregorius (2). CS—Peterson (1). SF—Andujar.  
Runners left in scoring position—Baltimore 6 (Schoop 3, Alvarez 2, Santander); New York 2 (Stanton, Austin). RISP—Baltimore 1 for 7; New York 3 for 12.  
Runners moved up—Beckham, Judge 2, Peterson, Stanton. GIDP—Gregorius, Torreyes.  
DP—Baltimore 2 (Davis, Machado, Tillman), (Beckham, Schoop, Davis).  
**BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Tillman, L, 0-2 5.1 8 5 5 4 3 106 8.68  
Bleier .2 0 0 0 0 0 4 1.59  
Yacabonis 1 2 3 3 2 0 227.00  
Cortes Jr. 1 1 0 0 1 0 23 4.15  
**NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Gray, W, 1-0 6 4 3 3 2 4 86 3.60  
Warren, H, 1 .2 0 0 0 0 0 13 3.38  
Robertson, H, 21.2 0 0 0 0 4 20 6.35  
Cessa 1 0 0 0 0 2 10 0.00  
Inherited runners-scored—Bleier 2-0, Robertson 2-0. WP—Tillman 2.  
Umpires—Home, Jerry Meals; First, Ben May; Second, Ron Kulpa; Third, Ed Hickox. T—3:03. A—34,388 (54,251).

**TIGERS 6, WHITE SOX 1**  
**DETROIT** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Martin cf 4 1 0 0 1 2 .185  
Candelario 3b 4 0 2 0 1 1 .226  
Cabrera 1b 4 0 1 3 1 1 .308  
1-Goodrum pr-1b 0 1 0 0 0 0 .286  
Castellanos rf 4 0 1 0 1 1 .367  
Martinez dh 3 1 0 0 1 2 .286  
2-Reyes pr 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
Stumpf p 0 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
Farmer p 0 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
McCann c 3 1 0 1 1 0 .208  
Jones lf 3 0 0 0 1 0 .333  
Iglesias ss 3 1 0 0 1 1 .087  
Machado 2b 5 1 2 2 0 1 .300  
**TOTALS** 33 6 6 6 8 9  
**CHICAGO** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Moncada 2b 4 1 2 0 1 1 .200  
Garcia rf 4 0 1 1 0 0 .323  
Abreu 1b 5 0 1 0 0 0 .300  
Davidson dh 3 0 0 0 1 2 .280  
Delmonico lf 4 0 2 0 0 1 .235  
Castillo c 3 0 2 0 1 0 .261  
Anderson ss 3 0 0 0 1 1 .269  
Sanchez 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .333  
Engel cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .174  
**TOTALS** 34 1 8 1 4 7  
**DETROIT** 002 012 001—6 6 1  
**CHICAGO** 000 000 100—1 8 0  
1-ran for Cabrera in the 9th. 2-ran for Martinez in the 9th.  
E—Candelario (1). LOB—Detroit 12, Chicago 11. 2B—Castellanos (2), Machado (6), Moncada (2), Delmonico (1), Castillo (2). RBIs—Cabrera 3 (8), McCann (5), Machado 2 (7), Garcia (3). SB—Jones 2 (2), Iglesias (1), Goodrum (2). SF—Garcia.  
Runners left in scoring position—Detroit 9 (Martin, Candelario, Castellanos 2, McCann 2, Iglesias, Machado 2); Chicago 6 (Moncada 2, Abreu 2, Castillo, Sanchez). RISP—Detroit 2 for 18; Chicago 0 for 8.  
Runners moved up—Cabrera, Iglesias, Anderson. GIDP—Davidson.  
DP—Detroit 1 (Iglesias, Machado, Cabrera).  
**DETROIT** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Fulmer, W, 1-1 5.1 6 0 0 3 4 92 0.68  
Wilson 1.2 1 1 1 0 1 25 5.14  
Jimenez 1 1 0 0 0 2 19 0.00  
Stumpf .2 0 0 0 1 0 22 0.00  
Farmer .1 0 0 0 0 0 219.29  
**CHICAGO** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Giolito, L, 0-1 5.2 4 5 5 3 4 94 6.17  
Santiago 2.1 2 0 0 1 3 49 5.79  
Minaya 0 0 1 4 0 2327.00  
Infante 1 0 0 0 0 2 823.62  
Minaya pitched to 4 batters in the 9th.  
Inherited runners-scored—Wilson 1-0, Farmer 2-0, Santiago 1-0, Infante 3-0.  
HBP—Giolito 3 (Iglesias, Martinez, McCann), Santiago (Jones). WP—Wilson.  
Umpires—Home, James Hoye; First, Jeff Kellogg; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Marvin Hudson. T—3:39. A—16,625 (40,615).

**MARINERS 11, TWINS 4**  
**SEATTLE** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Gordon cf 5 0 1 2 0 0 .367  
Segura ss 5 2 2 0 0 2 .379

**MINNESOTA** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
Dozier 2b 5 0 1 0 0 0 .290  
Mauer 1b 4 1 2 0 0 0 .364  
Sano 3b 2 1 1 1 0 0 .296  
d-LaMarre ph 4 1 2 1 0 1 .231  
Rosario lf 4 1 2 1 0 1 .125  
e-Garver ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .053  
Morrisson dh 4 0 0 0 0 1 .053  
Escobar ss 4 0 1 1 0 0 .400  
Kepler rf 1 0 0 0 1 0 .273  
a-Grossman ph-rf 2 0 0 0 0 2 .100  
Buxton cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .185  
Castro c 2 0 0 0 1 1 .063  
c-Adrianza ph 1 1 1 0 0 0 .200  
**TOTALS** 35 4 9 4 5 7  
**SEATTLE** 000 320 051—11120  
**MINNESOTA** 000 003 001—4 9 2  
a-struck out for Kepler in the 6th. b-struck out for Vogelbach in the 8th. c-doubled for Castro in the 9th. d-singled for Mauer in the 9th. e-struck out for Rosario in the 9th.  
E—Sano (2), Rosario (1). LOB—Seattle 4, Minnesota 3. 2B—Segura (3), Healy (1), Marjama (2), Mauer (3), Sano (3), Rosario (1), Adrianza (1). HR—Seager (1), off Berrios; Heredia (1), off Hildenberger. RBIs—Gordon 2 (3), Cano (3), Seager 2 (4), Healy 3 (4), Heredia 2 (3), Sano (8), Rosario (2), Escobar (6), LaMarre (1). SB—Rosario (2).  
Runners left in scoring position—Seattle 2 (Haniger, Motter); Minnesota 5 (Morrison 4, Garver). RISP—Seattle 5 for 9; Minnesota 4 for 9.  
Runners moved up—Seager, Dozier.  
**SEATTLE** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Leake, W, 2-0 5 3 2 2 4 0 92 3.00  
Rzepczynski .1 2 1 1 0 1 15 6.75  
Altaavilla, H, 2 .2 0 0 0 0 1 6 2.45  
Vincent, H, 3 .1 2 0 0 1 1 20 5.40  
Nicasio, H, 4

# SCOREBOARD

## PRO BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
All times Eastern				
EAST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	7	1	.875	—
Toronto	7	3	.625	2
New York	5	4	.556	2½
Baltimore	3	6	.333	4½
Tampa Bay	1	7	.125	6
CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Minnesota	4	3	.571	—
Chicago	3	4	.429	1
Detroit	3	4	.429	1
Cleveland	3	5	.375	1½
Kansas City	2	4	.333	1½
WEST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	6	2	.750	—
Los Angeles	6	2	.750	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	1½
Oakland	3	6	.333	3½
Texas	3	6	.333	3½

**Friday's Games**  
 Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2  
 San Diego 4, Houston 1  
 Toronto 8, Texas 5  
 Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 3, 14 innings  
 L.A. Angels 13, Oakland 9

**Saturday's Games**  
 N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 3  
 Boston 10, Tampa Bay 3  
 Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 1  
 Seattle 11, Minnesota 4  
 Kansas City 1, Cleveland 0  
 San Diego at Houston, late  
 Toronto at Texas, late  
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

**Today's Games**  
 Baltimore (Wright Jr. 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (TBD) at Boston (Rodriguez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Hammell 0-1) at Cleveland (Clevinger 1-0), 1:10 p.m.  
 Detroit (Fiers 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Ross 1-0) at Houston (Morton 1-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Gonzales 1-0) at Minnesota (Lynn 0-1), 2:10 p.m.  
 Toronto (Garcia 0-0) at Texas (Hameles 1-1), 3:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Gravenmatt 0-1) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 1-0), 4:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
All times Eastern				
EAST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	6	1	.857	—
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1
Washington	4	4	.500	2½
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3½
Miami	2	5	.286	4
CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Pittsburgh	6	1	.857	—
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	1½
St. Louis	4	4	.500	2½
Chicago	3	4	.429	3
Cincinnati	1	5	.167	4½
WEST DIVISION				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	6	2	.750	—
Colorado	4	4	.500	2
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	3½
San Diego	2	6	.250	4

**Friday's Games**  
 Atlanta 8, Colorado 3  
 Pittsburgh 14, Cincinnati 3  
 San Diego 4, Houston 1  
 Milwaukee 5, Chicago Cubs 4  
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, ppd.

**Saturday's Games**  
 N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 2  
 St. Louis 5, Arizona 3  
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late  
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late  
 Miami at Philadelphia, late  
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, late  
 San Diego at Houston, late  
 Atlanta at Colorado, late

**Today's Games**  
 Cinc. (Mahle 1-0) at Pitt. (Taillon 1-0), 1:35 p.m.  
 Miami (Richards 0-1) at Philadelphia (Arrieta 0-0), 1:35 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs (Quintana 0-1) at Milwaukee (Anderson 0-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Ross 1-0) at Houston (Morton 1-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Walker 0-0) at St. Louis (Weaver 1-0), 2:15 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Colorado (Freeland 0-1), 3:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-2) at San Francisco (Blach 1-1), 4:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Harvey 0-0) at Washington (Roark 1-0), 8:08 p.m.

## PRO BASKETBALL

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION				
W	L	PCT.	GB	
x-Toronto	57	22	.722	—
x-Boston	54	25	.684	3
x-Philadelphia	49	30	.620	8
New York	28	51	.354	29
Brooklyn	26	53	.329	31
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Miami	43	37	.538	—
x-Washington	42	38	.525	1
Charlotte	35	45	.438	8
Orlando	24	55	.304	18½
Atlanta	23	57	.288	20
CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Cleveland	49	31	.613	—
x-Indiana	47	33	.588	2
x-Milwaukee	42	37	.532	6½
Detroit	38	41	.481	10½
Chicago	27	52	.342	21½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Houston	64	15	.810	—
San Antonio	45	34	.570	19
New Orleans	45	34	.570	19
Dallas	24	56	.300	40½
Memphis	21	58	.266	43
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Portland	48	31	.608	—
Utah	46	33	.582	2
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3
Minnesota	45	35	.563	3½
Denver	45	35	.563	3½
PACIFIC DIVISION				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Golden State	57	22	.722	—
L.A. Clippers	42	38	.525	15½
L.A. Lakers	34	45	.430	23
Sacramento	26	54	.325	31½
Phoenix	20	60	.250	37½
x-clinched playoff berth; y-won division; z-clinched conference				

**Friday's Games**  
 Atlanta 103, Washington 97  
 Charlotte 137, Orlando 100  
 Philadelphia 132, Cleveland 130  
 Detroit 113, Dallas 106, OT  
 Boston 112, Chicago 104  
 Toronto 92, Indiana 73  
 New York 122, Miami 98  
 Sacramento 94, Memphis 93  
 New Orleans 122, Phoenix 103  
 Minnesota 113, L.A. Lakers 96

**Saturday's Games**  
 Denver 134, L.A. Clippers 115  
 Milwaukee at New York, late  
 Brooklyn at Chicago, late  
 New Orleans at Houston State, late  
 Oklahoma City at Golden State, late  
 Portland at San Antonio, late

**Today's Games**  
 Atlanta at Boston, 1 p.m.  
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Indiana at Charlotte, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Memphis, 3:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Utah at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.  
 Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Memphis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
 Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**NUGGETS 134, CLIPPERS 115**  
**DENVER (134)**  
 Chandler 6-8 0-0 13, Millsap 6-13 2-4 15, Jokic 9-14 4-5 23, Murray 8-10 3-3 19, Barton 11-15 4-4 31, Hernandez 0-1 0-0 0, Lyles 4-7 0-0 9, Plumlee 5-7 1-3 11, D.Harris 3-7 2-4 10, Craig 0-2 0-0 0, Beasley 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 53-85 16-23 134.

**L.A. CLIPPERS (115)**  
 Johnson 2-3 0-0 4, T.Harris 6-19 2-2 16, Jordan 7-11 2-6 16, Rivers 4-11 0-2 10, Wallace 7-11 4-6 18, Dekker 1-3 0-0 2, Harrell 7-9 0-0 14,

Marjanovic 2-3 5-9, L.Williams 6-15 10-12 24, Thornwell 0-1 0-0 0, C.Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-87 23-34 115.

**DENVER 33 33 35 —134**  
**CLIPPERS 26 32 31 26 —115**  
 3-Point Goals—Denver 12-29 (Barton 5-9, D.Harris 2-4, Beasley 1-1, Lyles 1-2, Jokic 1-2, Chandler 1-3, Millsap 1-4, Murray 0-1, Hernandez 0-1, Craig 0-2), L.A. Clippers 6-17 (L.Williams 2-3, T.Harris 2-5, Rivers 2-6, Johnson 0-1, Wallace 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 33 (Jokic 11), L.A. Clippers 25 (Rivers 9). Total Fouls—Denver 26, L.A. Clippers 19. A—16,166 (19,060).

## ODDS

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**Today**

**National League**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Chicago	-132	at Milwaukee	+122
at Pittsburgh	-142	Cincinnati	+132
at Philadelphia	-180	Miami	+165
at St. Louis	-146	Arizona	+136
at Colorado	-136	Atlanta	+126
Los Angeles	-205	at San Fran.	+185
at Washington	-142	New York	+132

**American League**

at Chicago	-143	Detroit	+133
at New York	-200	Baltimore	+180
at Boston	Off	Tampa Bay	Off
at Cleveland	-210	Kansas City	+190
at Minnesota	-144	Seattle	+134
at Texas	-107	Toronto	-103
at Los Angeles	-170	Oakland	+158

**Interleague**

at Houston	-250	San Diego	+230
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**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**Today**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	12½	215½	Dallas
Indiana	2	213½	at Charlotte
at Boston	10	202	Atlanta
Detroit	5	203	at Memphis
at Toronto	Off	Off	Orlando
at L.A. Lakers	Off	Off	Utah
at Phoenix	Off	Off	Golden State

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

**Today**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Boston	Off	Florida	Off

Updated odds available at Pregame.com

## TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**

**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Placed OF Colby Rasmus on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Jimmy Yacabonis from Norfolk (IL).  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Sent LHP Andrew Heaney to Inland Empire (Cal) for a rehab assignment.  
**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Placed 3B Brandon Drury and LHP CC Sabathia on the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Holder to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled RHPs Domingo German and Luis Cessa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Selected the contract of 2B Jace Peterson from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

**National League**  
**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS** — Designated OF Jeremy Hazelbaker for assignment. Claimed RHP Troy Scribner off waivers from the L.A. Angels and optioned him to Reno (PCL).  
**LOS ANGELES DODGERS** — Assigned RHP Zach Neal outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).  
**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** — Placed C Miguel Montero on paternity leave. Designated LHP Enny Romero for assignment. Selected the contract of C Jhonatan Solano from Syracuse (IL). Recalled 3B Matt Reynolds from Syracuse.

**BASKETBALL**

**National Basketball Association**  
**ATLANTA HAWKS** — Transferred G Josh Magette and F Andrew White III from Erie (NBAGL). Recalled Fs Tyler Cavanaugh and Jeremy Evans from Erie.

**FOOTBALL**

**National Football League**  
**CHICAGO BEARS** — Re-signed DL John Jenkins to a one-year contract.

## HOCKEY

**National Hockey League**  
**ARIZONA COYOTES** — Recalled D Joel Hanley from Tucson (AHL) on an emergency basis.  
**NEW JERSEY DEVILS** — Recalled D Steven Santini and G Eddie Lack from Binghamton (AHL).  
**American Hockey League**  
**AHL** — Suspended San Jose D Zach Frye two games.  
**HARTFORD WOLF PACK** — Signed Fs Ty Ronning and Jason Salvaggio to amateur tryout agreements.

## COLLEGES

**DUKE** — Freshman G Gary Trent Jr. will enter the NBA draft.  
**LOUISVILLE** — Named Dino Gaudio, Luke Murray and Mike Pegues assistant men's basketball coaches.

## PRO HOCKEY

**NHL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
x-Tampa Bay	81	54	23	4	112	294	233
x-Boston	80	49	19	12	110	263	208
x-Toronto	81	48	26	7	103	273	230
Florida	80	42	30	8	92	240	241
Detroit	81	30	39	12	72	214	251
Montreal	81	29	39	13	71	207	260
Ottawa	81	28	42	11	67	219	286
Buffalo	81	25	44	12	62	196	276

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
y-Washington	81	48	26	7	103	254	236
x-Pittsburgh	82	47	29	6	100	272	250
x-Philadelphia	82	42	26	14	98	251	243
x-Columbus	81	45	29	7	97	240	226
x-New Jersey	81	44	28	9	97	245	239
Carolina	81	35	35	11	81	225	254
N.Y. Islanders	81	34	37	10	78	260	293
N.Y. Rangers	82	34	39	9	77	231	268

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
z-Nashville	81	52	18	11	115	263	209
x-Winnipeg	81	51	20	10	112	273	217
x-Minnesota	81	44	26	11	99	247	229
St. Louis	81	44	31	6	94	224	217
Colorado	81	42	30	9	93	252	235
Dallas	81	41	32	8	90	231	223
Chicago	81	33	38	10	76	228	252

**Pacific Division**

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
y-Vegas	81	51	23	7	109	271	221
x-San Jose	81	45	26	10	100	249	223
x-Anaheim	81	43	25	13	99	232	216
x-Los Angeles	81	45	28	8	98	237	199
Calgary	81	36	35	10	82	211	247
Edmonton	81	35	40	6	76	231	261
Vancouver	81	31	40	10	72	216	261
Arizona	81	29	40	12	70	208	253
x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference. 2 points for a win, 1 for OT loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs							

**Friday's Games**  
 Pittsburgh 4, Ottawa 0  
 Tampa Bay 7, Buffalo 5  
 St. Louis 4, Chicago 1  
 Anaheim 5, Dallas 3

**Saturday's Games**  
 Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 0  
 N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, late  
 New Jersey at Washington, late  
 Chicago at Winnipeg, late  
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, late  
 Ottawa at Boston, late  
 Montreal at Toronto, late  
 Buffalo at Florida, late  
 Columbus at Nashville, late  
 St. Louis at Colorado, late  
 Anaheim at Arizona, late  
 Vancouver at Edmonton, late  
 Vegas at Calgary, late  
 Dallas at Los Angeles, late  
 Minnesota at San Jose, late

**Today's Games**  
 Florida at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

**FLYERS 5, RANGERS 0**  
**N.Y. RANGERS 0 0 0 — 0**  
**PHILADELPHIA 1 3 1 — 5**  
 First Period—1, Philadelphia, Provorov 17 (Couturier, Voracek), 6:34. Penalties—Beleskey, N.Y.R. (holding stick), 10:41; Gudus, Phil. (key), 10:41.  
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Philadelphia, Raffl 13 (Gudas, Manning), 17:53. 4, Philadelphia, Giroux 33 (Raffl), 17:59.  
 Penalties—Beleskey, N.Y.R. (roughing), 2:50; Fogarty, N.Y.R. (high sticking), 11:52.  
 Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Giroux 34 (Sanheim), 10:11. Penalties—Lindblom, Phil. (high sticking), 18:59.  
 Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 7-5-5—17. Philadelphia 13-18-9—40.  
 Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 1; Philadelphia 1 of 2.  
 Goalsies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 26-25-7 (40 shots-35 saves). Philadelphia, Elliott 22-11-7 (17-17).  
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 Referees—Gord Dwyer, Chris Rooney.  
 Linesmen—Steve Barton, Brian Murphy.

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## GOLF: The Masters

## A good round for Woods at this Masters is even par

Associated Press

AUGUSTA — Tiger Woods was trying to figure out how to get to the 17th green from closer to the 15th fairway when the massive gallery anticipating his shot heard a huge roar behind them that caused them to look over their shoulders.

Rickie Fowler was responsible for making all that noise with an eagle on the second hole.

The third round of the Masters was just getting started on Saturday. The player so many fans wanted to see was about done.

Needing something special to even have hope, Woods had to settle for ordinary.

A few sloppy bogeys, two of them on par 5s. A few birdies. It added to an even-par 72, his best score of the week.

"I'm not hitting it close enough. I'm not taking advantage of the par 5s and consequently a good round is even par," Woods said.

It was disappointing, sure, but it also was surprising.

Woods spent so much of the Florida swing of the PGA Tour piecing his game back together, and his iron game was particularly sharp. And then at the Masters, it wasn't. Woods said he knows what the problem is, he just can't fix it.

And now it's too late for



Tiger Woods reacts after missing a birdie on the 17th hole during the third round at the Masters golf tournament Saturday, April 7, 2018, in Augusta, Ga.

AP PHOTO

him to do anything about it.

So instead of Woods capping off this comeback with a fifth green jacket, he had to settle for playing the Masters for the first time in three years. Regardless of the score, no one wanted to miss him. Fans packed into Amen Corner and celebrated with Woods when he hit the green after two days of going

into Rae's Creek. This one settled 8 feet away from the left pin.

"I just couldn't do it three days in a row," Woods said. "Missed the putt. But hey, that's a lot easier to play the hole from the green than it is dropping."

They stood on their toes — some of them hopped in place — to try to see over all the heads lining the 13th fairway to

check if his shot cleared the tributary in front of the green. It narrowly did, except that Woods then chipped it too close to the edge and off the back of the green.

It wasn't great golf. It was simply golf by one of the greatest players.

Woods was assured of moving back into the top 100 in the world, notable only because he was at No. 1,199 just over four

months ago when he returned from yet another long layoff following multiple back surgeries.

"I've had some success in this comeback, and I'm getting there," Woods said. "I wish this week would have been a little bit better."

"Hopefully, tomorrow I can shoot something, get me to even par or even in the red. I think that will be a good goal tomorrow

and hopefully I can get it done."

For now, all that can be said about this comeback is that he's at least back.

Woods played the third round with Ian Poulter — they had not played together in a tournament since the Bridgestone Invitational in 2011. Poulter said as they walked up the 18th fairway, he said to Woods, "It's good to see you healthy again."

It wasn't always like that.

"It would have felt different 15 years ago than it did today," Poulter said. "I would have been more nervous. It would have been more intimidating. He would have been hard, with his game face on."

He described Woods now as having a softer personality, and Poulter isn't alone in sensing that.

Woods is 1 under for the week on the four par 5s. He went just over the back of the 15th green with a wedge, chipped only up to the putting surface and missed his par putt. It was an example of how loose his game has been all week.

"It's been scratchy this week," he said. "I just haven't gotten it done. I feel like I'm driving it better than I have all year, but I am not capitalizing on it."

"And when I did miss I missed in the wrong spots. My swing is just off with my irons, just at the wrong time."

## MASTERS

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you're always going to be excited, but playing with Rory and being side by side is going to be fun," Reed said.

Another day in the 60s means Reed is one round away from all four rounds under 70, something that's never been done in the Masters. He entered this year's tournament without a score under 70 in 12 Masters rounds.

After a bogey on 3, Reed bounced back with a birdie on 5 on a 19-foot putt. A birdie on 8 sparked a three-hole stretch of birdies that included a 25-foot putt on 9. A bogey on 12 was backed by an eagle on 13 when he drained a 14-foot putt, and he did the same on 15, this time from off the green with a chip from the front right side.

The conditions, which produced softened greens compared to the first two days, caused Reed to have to adjust, especially on his putts. He had three more putts compared to Friday but hit two more greens and remained consistent throughout his game.

The impact of Reed's round rippled down the leaderboard, as low rounds took on a sense of desperation to keep up. That included McIlroy, who shot 65 to finish 11-under and join Reed in the final pairing.

McIlroy went bogey free with five birdies and an eagle. A combination of clutch iron play and long putts, capped by a dramatic 17-foot birdie putt on 18 that drew a fist pump, kept McIlroy just behind Reed and well within striking distance.

Going for the career Grand Slam, the 28-year-old McIlroy nearly holed out on the par-3 sixth before holing a 32-yard pitch for eagle on 8. He drained long birdie putts on 3, 4 and 15 before doing the same on 18 to end his round with

momentum.

"I have the chance to win another major, so I'm excited," McIlroy said. "You can't ask for much more. I've been waiting for this chance, to be honest."

Rickie Fowler and Jon Rahm matched McIlroy for low round of the day at 65, yet Fowler is in third at 9-under, five shots back of Reed, and Rahm is in fourth at 8-under, six strokes back. Fowler also posted a bogey-free round with five birdies and an eagle, the highlight coming on the par-5 second hole when he drained a 25-footer for eagle. The roll continued on 5 by sinking a 42-foot birdie putt.

"We're definitely in the golf tournament," Fowler said. "I'm going to need to play the front nine well tomorrow and put myself really in the mix for when this golf tournament starts, which is the final nine holes."

Rahm followed the formula of McIlroy and Fowler with five birdies and an eagle to put himself on the map. He opened with birdies on 1 and 2 before holing out a 32-pitch on 8 for eagle. He added a rare birdie on 10, sank a putt from the fringe on 16 for birdie and made a 14-footer for birdie on 17.

Henrik Stenson stayed steady with another 70 to sit in fifth alone at 7-under.

Tommy Fleetwood nearly matched the magic of McIlroy, Fowler and Rahm by shooting 66 to reach a tie for sixth at 6-under. He's joined by Bubba Watson and Marc Leishman at eight strokes back of Reed.

Two notable names, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas, sit just inside the top 10 at 5-under. Thomas shot 70 and Spieth posted 71 to stay on the leaderboard.

Tiger Woods, playing in his first Masters since 2015, produced his best round of the week so far with 72.

## NASCAR XFINITY: Texas

## Blaney 3rd straight driver to win race in No. 20

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Three Xfinity Series races, three different drivers and three consecutive wins for the No. 22 car.

Ryan Blaney became the third different Cup Series regular in a row to win an Xfinity race in the Team Penske Ford. He was the pole sitter and led 132 of 200 laps on an unseasonably chilly Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway.

"You never want to be the person who breaks the streak of wins, especially when a car's been so fast," Blaney said. "There was that reminder in the back of my head to try to get this one."

Especially from the drivers that won the previous two before the Xfinity Series had a two-week break. Joey Logano won in the No. 22 car at California, a week after Brad Keselowski went to Victory Lane in Phoenix.

"Brad and Joey, they definitely reminded me that this week," Blaney said.

Joe Gibbs Racing is the only other team in the series to win three straight races with the same car and different drivers. Kyle Busch, Tony Stewart and



AP PHOTO

Ryan Blaney, standing outside car on right, hands the checkered flag to a group of boys after winning the NASCAR Xfinity series auto race in Fort Worth, Texas Saturday.

Denny Hamlin won consecutive races in their team's No. 20 Toyota in 2008. That car actually made it four victories in a row when Stewart won again.

Christopher Bell finished 2.327 seconds behind Blaney in second place. Bell led twice for 10 laps, but isn't sure if a pit penalty that put him at the tail end on a restart after a caution had a big impact on his outcome.

"I don't know. There's been a lot of people that have run second to the 22 here recently, so they obviously have

something figured out," Bell said. "It doesn't matter who's driving that thing, it goes really fast."

It was the seventh career Xfinity victory for Blaney, who qualified fourth for Sunday's Cup Series race at the 1½-mile Texas track.

Blaney had finished in the top eight in each of his first five Xfinity starts at Texas, where he was a three-time runner-up — including both races last year.

Some other things to know about the Xfinity Series race in Texas:

## COLD CARS

When the green flag waved, it was 34 degrees and cloudy.

Texas Motor Speedway officials said it was the coldest start for a NASCAR race at the track. The previous low was 47 degrees for an Xfinity race on April 14, 2007. The temperature was about 50 degrees cooler than Friday, when it was near the mid-80s during the day for practice. Cold weather and misty conditions earlier Saturday cut qualifying to one round, instead of the usual three.

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By **DANA DRATCH**  
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Before you start on the road to homeownership, make sure you are ready.

—**Improve your credit score.**

A high credit score snags you the best deals. "Below 660 or 680, you're either going to

"The No. 1 thing is (homebuyers) better have everything in order."

**Dick Gaylord,**  
Re/Max Real Estate Specialists

have to pay sizable fees or a higher down payment," says Barry Zigas, director of housing policy for the Consumer Federation of America.

A score of 700 to 720 will get you a good deal, and 750 and above will garner the best rates on the market.

Pull your credit reports and make sure you're not penalized for old, paid or settled debts.

Stop applying for new credit a year before you apply for a mortgage. Keep the moratorium in place until after you close on your home.

—**Figure out what you can afford**

There are various ways to determine how much house you can afford. If you're using an FHA loan, your monthly payment can't exceed 31 percent of your monthly income. The FHA will let you go higher under some circumstances.

For conventional loans, home expenses should not exceed 28 percent of your gross monthly income, says

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### BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

#### At the brink: US and China threaten tariffs as fears rise

WASHINGTON — The world's two biggest economies stand at the edge of the most perilous trade conflict since World War II. Yet there's still time to pull back from the brink. Financial markets trembled Wednesday at the prospect of a U.S.-China trade war after Beijing and Washington proposed tariffs on \$50 billion worth of each other's products in a battle over the aggressive tactics China employs to develop its high-tech industries.

#### Facebook scandal affected more users than thought: up to 87M

NEW YORK — Facebook says tens of millions more people might have been exposed in the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal than previously thought, up to 87 million instead of the 50 million reported before. Facebook says it will restrict the data it allows outsiders to access on its users. Those developments come as congressional officials said CEO Mark Zuckerberg will testify next week, while Facebook has a new privacy policy that aims to explain the data it gathers on users more clearly.

#### Police: YouTube shooter was calm when found sleeping in car

SAN BRUNO, Calif. — The woman who shot and wounded three people at YouTube headquarters calmly told police who found her sleeping in her car that she was having family problems and had left her home. Authorities say Nasim Aghdam did not mention being angry with YouTube and gave no indication she was a threat to anyone. Later that day, she went to a gun range before walking into a courtyard at YouTube's campus south of San Francisco. That's where she fired a handgun several times and then killed herself.

#### AMC to open Saudi Arabia's first movie theater

NEW YORK — AMC says it will open Saudi Arabia's first movie theater on April 18. Cinema operators are rushing to build theaters in the Gulf kingdom after the Saudi government in December said it would open the country to commercial movie theaters for the first time in more than 35 years. AMC's first theater will open in Riyadh. It plans to open up to 100 theaters by 2030.

#### Marijuana not part of North Dakota's corporate ban

BISMARCK, N.D. — A North Dakota official says the state's Great Depression-era law banning corporate farming won't preclude horticulture operations from growing medical marijuana, provided it's not done on agricultural land. Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem issued the opinion at the request of the state health department. The intent of the corporate farming law is to protect the state's family farming heritage. But Stenehjem says the marijuana question is a tax law matter that doesn't fall under farming law.

#### CVS Health eyes kidney patients for next expansion into care

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — CVS Health is now planning to treat kidney failure patients as the drugstore operator branches deeper into monitoring and providing care. The company said Wednesday it will offer home dialysis for patients through its Coram business and it is working with another company to develop a new device for that. A spokeswoman declined to name the company or say how much CVS is spending on the venture.

#### US services firms grew at a slower pace in March

BALTIMORE — U.S. services firms expanded at a slower clip in March compared to the prior month, largely because the pace of business activity and new orders fell. The Institute for Supply Management says its services index dropped to 58.8 from 59.5 in February. Any reading above 50 points toward growth. The services sector has been expanding for more than eight years.

— The Associated Press

## 5 steps to turn your tax refund into an investment



COURTESY PHOTO

What you should do with your tax refund depends on your financial goals and situation.

By **CHANTELL COLLINS**  
GOBANKINGRATES.COM

As the April 17 federal income tax filing deadline fast approaches, you might already be dreaming of ways to spend that refund check. What you should do with your tax refund depends on your financial goals and situation.

If you decide to invest your refund, there are many options available including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, interest-earning savings accounts and certificates of deposit. The choices can be overwhelming, but ultimately you want to know how much return you will receive for your deposit before picking an investment.

Here's a five-step method you can use to help decide how to best invest your tax return.

### Pick different investment options to compare

Whether you are considering

an interest-earning savings account, a CD or some other option, it's important that you choose at least two to get a complete comparison. You want to understand all your options.

### Decide how much to invest

Consider if you want to invest only your estimated tax refund or put in additional cash. Of course, if you have the means, you might want to consider investing additional money to get more back in the long run.

Whichever you choose, the total will be the principal amount for your investment.

### Calculate the number of periods

Now you need to determine the number of periods that interest will be paid.

If the interest is being paid yearly, then the number of periods will be the number of years for the investment. For

example, for a five-year CD that pays annual interest, the number of periods will be five.

If the interest is being paid more than once a year, multiply the number of years by the number of times interest is paid per year. For example, for a five-year CD that pays interest twice per year, the number of periods will be 10.

Note that if you are considering a savings account, then your number of periods would be the length of time you plan to keep the money in that account without withdrawing or adding funds.

### Calculate the value of your investment options

It might seem intimidating, but you can actually calculate the future value of your investment options fairly easily by using an online financial calculator.

You can use any finance calculator, and you just need

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## Electric blankets, halogen light bulbs on the recall list

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Electric blankets that can overheat and start a fire are among this week's recalled consumer products. Others include faulty halogen light bulbs.

Here's a more detailed look:

### Electric blankets

**DETAILS:** Shop LC's heated micro plush flannel sherpa throw blankets. "Homesmart" can be found on a label on the sherpa side of the blanket. All blankets with date code 22217 and model number OB205B2 are included in the recall. The date code is printed on the bottom right corner of the textile label, sewn on the fleece side of each blanket. They were sold by Shop LC television networks airing on DirecTV channels 75 and 226, Dish Network channels 274

and 225, AT&T channels 399 and 1399, Verizon channel 159, Comcast, Cox, Time Warner, Charter, Roku, Amazon Fire, Google Chromecast, Samsung Smart TV and at [www.shoplc.com](http://www.shoplc.com) from November 2017 through January 2018.

**WHY:** The blankets' heating coils can overheat, posing fire and burn hazards.

**INCIDENTS:** Four reports of the blanket found burning, including one report of a minor burn injury to a consumer's lower body.

**HOW MANY:** About 1,650.  
**FOR MORE:** Call Shop LC at 877-899-0078 anytime or visit [www.shoplc.com](http://www.shoplc.com) and click "Product Recalls" at the bottom of the page for more information.

### Halogen lightbulbs

**DETAILS:** GTC halogen light bulbs. They were sold in



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**The halogen light bulbs can shatter while in use in a lamp or light fixture, posing laceration and fire hazards to consumers.**

packages of 2 or 4 bulbs. The bulb packages were sold in 25 watt, 40 watt, 60 watt, 75 watt, or 100 watt bulb varieties in either clear or soft white colors. The bulbs measure approximately 4.5 inches in length and 2.375 inches in diameter. The tops of the bulbs read "GTC" and include the wattage and lumens values. The bulbs are packaged in

blue and red cardboard boxes that read: "GTC NATURAL LIGHT" across the top, along with the wattage and color of the bulb. The UPC codes are printed on the product packaging. They were sold at H-E-B stores in Texas or at [www.heb.com](http://www.heb.com) from August 2015 to December 2017.

Information on the UPC codes can be found at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/H-E-B-Recalls-Halogen-Lightbulbs-Due-to-Laceration-and-Fire-Hazards>

**WHY:** The halogen light bulbs can shatter while in use in a lamp or light fixture, posing laceration and fire hazards to consumers.

**INCIDENTS:** 14 reports of the light bulbs shattering while in a lamp or light fixture. One consumer had a cut on his hand, and another had a burn to his hand and cuts on

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# HOME

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Susan Tiffany, retired director of personal finance publications for adults for the Credit Union National Association, or CUNA.

Use Bankrate's calculator to figure out how much house you can afford. Add to that other housing expenses, such as taxes, insurance and utilities. Then, bank the difference between that total and what you're paying now.

**—Save for down payment, closing costs.**

You'll need to save between 3 percent and 20 percent of the house price for a down payment. Your credit history and loan terms help determine how

much you'll need to come up with.

For example, with an FHA loan, the down payment requirement can be as low as 3.5 percent. You'll need a credit score of at least 580. Home loans backed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, require no down payment.

Another cash expense will be closing costs. The national average for closing costs for a \$200,000 mortgage is \$2,084, according to Bankrate's latest survey.

If a big down payment is a hardship, look for down-payment assistance. Search online using the city name, the county name and key word combinations such as "down payment assistance," "first-time

homebuyers" or "home-buyer's assistance."

Down-payment assistance often is based on location or reserved for particular buyers, such as first-time buyers. In a buyer's market, you can negotiate to have the seller pay a portion of the closing costs.

**—Build a healthy savings account**

Building up your savings, not just for a home, is very important. Your lender wants to know that you're not living paycheck to paycheck. If you have three to five months' worth of mortgage

payments set aside, you're a much better loan candidate. Some lenders and backers, like the FHA, will give you more latitude on other criteria if they see that you have a cash cushion.

That money will also help pay for maintenance and repairs of the home. Most repairs are sporadic, but big-ticket fixes such as a new roof or water heater can come up suddenly and drain your budget.

A good rule of thumb is to assume that you'll spend 2.5 to 3 percent of your home's value each year on upkeep

and repairs. If you buy a \$250,000 home, aim to save \$520 to \$625 per month.

**—Get preapproved for a mortgage**

Before you start house shopping, you should get your financing in place.

"The No. 1 thing is (homebuyers) better have everything in order," says Dick Gaylord, of Re/Max Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, California, and a former president of the National Association of Realtors.

Gaylord says you should get a mortgage preapproval "before you walk

through the first house." Otherwise, "How do you know how much you can afford?"

**—Buy a house you like**

Short-term homeownership can be expensive, depending on how much you put down and what it cost you to sell your old house and move.

To get a home that will make you happy, don't count on a quick purchase. Step back and make certain the house you're considering is one that will fit the needs of you and your family.

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to input the number of periods for the deposit and the interest rate per year. The calculator will do the math.

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**Compare the value of your investment options**

In investing, it is important to understand your

options before diving in head first. After calculating the amount of interest for different investment options of the same period, you can compare and decide how to best invest.

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In this Monday, March 19, 2018, photo, Judy Ishayik, owner of Mary Arnold Toys, in Manhattan's Upper East Side, poses for a photo in the store's book department. Mary Arnold, a nearly 90-year-old store in Manhattan, is thriving along with many other small and independent toy stores, even as Toys R Us is going out of business and more consumers shop online.

## SMALL TALK

# Magic, expertise and service help independent toy retailers

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — When a young customer returned to Mary Arnold Toys a few days after an Easter egg decorating event, store owner Judy Ishayik asked the child, “How is your egg?”

The little girl responded with a big smile, and her mother thanked Ishayik, telling her, “That’s so special.”

Mary Arnold, a nearly 90-year-old store in Manhattan, is thriving along with many other small and independent toy stores — even as Toys R Us is going out of business and more consumers shop online. These store owners know what they’re up against and focus on toys that customers can’t find at chains like Target and Walmart, and provide families with events, service, expertise and emotional experiences that internet retailers can’t match.

At Mary Arnold, some customers come in every week. It doesn’t take long to tell which toys a child will like.

“I know your kid, so if you need a birthday present, I can help you find something in a particular theme or something new,” Ishayik says.

Many indie toy retailers carry international and niche brands — items a shopper isn’t likely to find on the shelf of a big discount chain, or at the Toys R Us stores now closing. Small stores are less likely to carry big brands like Barbie and Hot Wheels, or movie-related action figures. At Mary Arnold, the offerings include German brands Bruder, a line of trucks, and Haba, preschool toys, and Tegu blocks, made in Honduras.

The independents may pick up some sales from former Toys R Us shoppers, but they’re not likely to see a windfall — partly because the small stores don’t tend to carry the big brands.

“I don’t necessarily think that people who are shopping for toys at big box stores are looking to shop at stores like ours,” says Scott Friedland, owner of Timeless Toys in Chicago.

Some of the brands the indies showcase are sold online, but store owners say they aren’t fazed by the competition even though nearly 14 percent of toy sales were made online in 2016. That’s more than twice the sales of five years ago, according to the research company GlobalData Retail. Indie owners say those sales aren’t usually items that overlap with what they sell.

The number of very small toy stores in the U.S., those with under 20 employees, dropped 4 percent to about 4,300 from 2012 to 2015, according to the most recent Census Bureau figures. Meanwhile, the number of department stores also fell almost 4 percent to 7,885. As part of its liquidation, Toys R Us plans to close more than 700 stores.

Whitney and Joe Novak opened Kazoo in Atlanta five years ago, knowing that Amazon and other online retailers would be among their biggest rivals. They recognized the need for unique merchandise, because as they were starting their family they couldn’t find the kind of toys they wanted, Whitney Novak says.

“We were wondering, where are the local toy stores? Where are we going to find something for our new baby to play with?” she says.

The variety of lesser-known brands at indie stores is part of their appeal, says Richard Gottlieb, owner of Global Toy Experts, a consulting group. Parents, grandparents and other shoppers spy a doll, game or construction set they’ve never seen before, and buy it.

“In a great retail store, there’s the excitement of stumbling on something,” Gottlieb says. “If you have a really fascinating selection of merchandise that changes frequently, I’m going to go there.”

There’s also the wow factor; stores are jammed with toys and games, many of which are in smaller displays than in a typical Toys R Us or discount store. Many owners allow children to take them out of the boxes and try them out.

“When kids walk into a toy store it should be a magical place,” says Jim Silver, CEO of TTPM, a toy industry review website.

Indies can also thrive because staffers do more than point parents to a section of the store. Silver says parents with questions — how does a toy work, is it right for a particular child’s age and interest — may be more likely to get answers in a

smaller store.

“In a big box store, I had to chase salespeople down and sometimes they don’t know the difference between one toy and another,” says Heath Fradkoff, who shops for his son at two indie stores in Brooklyn, New York. “In a smaller store, sales people show you the different features in a toy and explain why some people buy it over others.”

Employees at some independent stores have taught preschool or elementary school. They understand childhood development, how children play and the types of toys that are appropriate for different ages and interests, Friedland says.

“It’s important for us to have those conversations with parents. It’s not what the most popular toy is, it’s the toy that’s right for the child you’re shopping for,” he says.

When small store owners hire, they are looking for people who love children and can be patient with them and their parents. Being able to answer parents’ questions is “a full-time job for all of us,” says Carol Staley, owner of Tomfoolery Toys in Houston.

Sometimes parents are looking for Barbie or Star Wars toy. Mary Arnold carries some national brands including Barbie because customers want them, but many indies don’t. Staley says if a customer wants a name brand she doesn’t offer, she recommends a nearby Target and doesn’t worry about losing a sale.

“If I don’t have it, I’m doing a service by helping them find it,” she says.

Toy stores have a critical advantage in another area — the last-minute rush. Gifts for birthday parties are a big part of the business, with parents often coming in on their way to a party, needing to find a present quickly and have it wrapped.

“Saturday morning from 10 to 12:30 is the busiest time of the week,” Novak says. “Online isn’t going to help when it’s the morning of the party and you didn’t get anything yet.”



In this Monday, March 19, 2018, photo, a woman pushes a stroller as she enters Mary Arnold Toys in Manhattan's Upper East Side.

## RECALLS

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his foot.

HOW MANY: About 2.5 million.

FOR MORE: Call H-E-B at 800-432-3113 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit [www.heb.com](http://www.heb.com) and click on “Product Recalls” under the “Customer Service” heading at the bottom of the homepage for more information.

## Beverage dispensers

DETAILS: Primo hTrio Multi-Purpose beverage dispensers purchased on or before December 31, 2017 which provides both hot and cold water and brews 6, 8, and 10 ounce hot beverages. Model numbers 601225, 601229, and 601240 are printed on the bottom of the product and Primo is printed on the front. They were sold at Sam’s Club and at Amazon.com, and Wayfair.com from January 2017 through December 2017.

WHY: Hot water can

drip from the machine when it is used in high altitude areas over 6,000 feet in elevation, posing a burn hazard to users.

INCIDENTS: Three reports of hot water leaking from the product being used in high altitude areas, including one burn injury to a customer’s hand.

HOW MANY: About 11,000.

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The U.S. Air Force Invites You to Attend a Public Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Air Force Reserve Command F-35A Mission Environmental Impact Statement

### Proposed Action and Alternatives

The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is proposing to establish an Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) F-35A mission. The AFRC F-35A mission includes the beddown and operation of 24 Primary Aerospace Vehicles Authorized (PAA) F-35A aircraft with 2 Backup Aircraft Inventory (BAI), facility and infrastructure development, and personnel changes at a military base in the continental United States where the AFRC conducts a global precision attack mission.

The Strategic Basing Process resulted in the identification of Naval Air Station (NAS) Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (JRB) in Texas as the preferred alternative and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (AFB) in Arizona, Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB) in Florida, and Whiteman AFB in Missouri as reasonable alternatives for the AFRC F-35A mission.

The AFRC F-35A mission would be a replacement mission. The 24 PAA AFRC F-35A aircraft with 2 BAI would replace either 24 AFRC A-10 aircraft at Davis-Monthan AFB or Whiteman AFB or 24 AFRC F-16 aircraft at Homestead ARB or NAS Fort Worth JRB. Along with the No Action Alternative, all four bases will be evaluated as alternatives in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

### Environmental Impact Statement

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the USAF will prepare an EIS to evaluate the environmental consequences that could result from implementation of the AFRC F-35A mission.

### Public Scoping Meeting – Please Attend

A public scoping meeting is being held to inform the public about the proposed action and alternatives under consideration, and to “scope” important issues to evaluate in the EIS. The meeting will be arranged in a “come and go,” open-house format with no formal USAF presentation or opportunity for public testimony. Written comments will be accepted. **Your input is valuable and assists the USAF in making more informed decisions.**

Homestead ARB – April 17, 2018, at William F. Dickenson Community Center, 1601 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030  
Open House: Drop in anytime from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

### Public Comment

For more information or to submit written comments, please visit the project website at <https://www.AFRC-F35A-beddown.com> or contact:

Mr. Hamid Kamalpour, United States Air Force, AFCEC/CZN, 2261 Hughes Ave, Ste 155, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236-9853.

The USAF will accept comments at any time during the environmental impact analysis process. *However, to ensure the USAF has sufficient time to consider public input in the preparation of the Draft EIS, please submit comments by May 11, 2018!*

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April 8, 15, 2018

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## INVITATION TO BID 14

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ("RFP")**

The Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida will receive sealed Proposals in the Highlands County Purchasing Department for:

**RFP NO. 18-025 INSURANCE AGENT OF RECORD FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS**

Request for Proposal package may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbcc.net or by contacting: Chris Davis, Purchasing Manager; 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3809, Phone: 863-402-6528; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E Mail: cmdavis@hcbcc.org

A PRE-PROPOSAL meeting will not be held for this solicitation.

PROPOSALS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Department, 600 S. Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870-3809 so as to reach said office no later than **3:00 P.M., Thursday, May 3, 2017** at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy ("Local Preference Policy") will apply to the award of this RFP.

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 Ms. Pam Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hcbcc.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**  
[www.hcbcc.net](http://www.hcbcc.net)

April 1, 8, 2018

**INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")**

The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida ("County") will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

**ITB NO. 18-033 Crestmore Drive/Washington Street Improvements; Highlands County Project No. 15012 (Highlands County Project No. 15012)**

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A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting** will be held at **3:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 19, 2018** in the Engineering Training Room, 505 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. **BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED** to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 and reach that office no later than **3:00 P.M., Thursday, May 3, 2018**, at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

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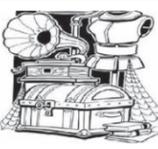
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# Glut of used cars gives buyers more options



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**In this Jan. 17, 2017, file photo, certified pre-owned vehicles sit on display at an auto dealership in Miami. Used vehicle sales hit 39.2 million vehicles in 2017, more than double the number of new automobiles sold, according to the Edmunds.com auto website.**

DETROIT — Bargain prices on 2- and 3-year-old vehicles fueled record sales of used cars, trucks and SUVs last year, a trend that is expected to continue because people can save thousands of dollars over buying new.

Used vehicle sales hit 39.2 million vehicles in 2017, more than double the number of new automobiles sold, according to the Edmunds.com auto website. To be sure, Americans for years have bought more used cars than new, but a recent glut of well-equipped vehicles coming off leases is sending more people to the used market.

That cut into new vehicle sales last year, helping to push them down 2 percent. And the trend is likely to continue because leasing remains around a near-record 30 percent of all U.S.

new vehicle sales. That will provide an ample supply of used cars for at least three more years, said Ivan Drury, senior manager of industry analysis for Edmunds. (Edmunds regularly provides content, including automotive tips and reviews, for distribution by The Associated Press.)

"In almost every instance, that 3-year-old car is going to save you so much money it wouldn't make any financial sense" to choose new, Drury said.

About 4 million vehicles are coming into the used market from leases this year, many of them cars that can be bought cheaply because buyers are more interested in SUVs.

On average, the buyer of a 3-year-old car can save around \$14,000 over buying the same car new, according to Edmunds.

New vehicle prices continue to rise to record levels, pushing some people out of the market and making off-lease vehicles even more attractive, Drury said. At the same time, the rate of increase for used cars is slowing due to abundant supply, so the gap between new and used prices is growing.

The average new vehicle in 2012 sold for \$30,803. By the end of 2017, that rose by nearly \$4,400, according to Edmunds. During the same period, the average used auto price rose \$2,784, to \$19,462. The difference between new and used prices grew by almost \$1,600, from \$14,125 in 2012 to \$15,714 last year.

The spread between new and used is even more dramatic for a 3-year-old vehicle. Last year, 3-year-old autos sold for about \$20,500. From 2012 to 2017, the gap between a 3-year-old vehicle and an average new one grew more than

\$3,500 to \$13,877. For Jonathan Bursevich, who lives near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the spread between new and used was just too great to pass up. In December, he bought a well-equipped, mint condition gray 2015 Audi A4 from a dealership for about \$23,000, a savings of at least \$16,000 over the cost of a new one.

The 25-year-old risk management broker checked prices on Google and found a new A4 to be "way out of my budget." His parents always bought used cars, foregoing the latest features but saving thousands. So he checked and found an Audi-certified used A4 with 46,000 miles on it for a little over half the price of a new one "which I thought was a fantastic value for the car."

The used Audi lacks some technology that's on the new one, including a backup camera and a steering assist feature, Bursevich said. "If I don't feel like I'm in the stone age and everything else works, then I would be more than happy to save money," he said.

The only reason buyers would go for a new vehicle is if the design is dramatically different or if it has new technology they want, Drury said. But not every vehicle has been redesigned, and technology hasn't changed that much in the last few years. Most 2 or 3-year-old cars have backup cameras and Bluetooth technology to link phones to the cars, he said. Many have blind spot detection and other features, he added.

Currently the good used deals are on cars, but even that will change in the next few years as more SUVs are added to the mix of vehicles coming off leases, said Jeff Schuster, a senior vice president at the forecasting firm LMC Automotive.

Seeing the trend toward higher used-vehicle sales and the slowing price increases of used cars, many dealers have changed their business models and aren't marking up used vehicles like they used to, Drury said.

David Kelleher, who runs a Fiat Chrysler dealership in suburban Philadelphia, lowered used vehicle prices and moved more of them last year. As a result, he doubled used-vehicle sales from 45 per month to 90, while new vehicle sales stayed flat.

Buyers, he said, come to the dealership knowing the average price for a used car. "We're pricing to the market rather than the old model, which was you trade the car, put it in the shop and mark it up \$2,500," Kelleher said.

# How schools can teach kids to be smart consumers

Most financial literacy efforts in schools don't improve people's behavior later in life. That could be because we're focusing on the wrong things.

Trying to teach teenagers how to shop for a mortgage, for example, may be an exercise in futility. The information simply isn't relevant to them — yet. By the time they are ready to buy a home, the loans available and the rules surrounding them may have changed.

Instead, we should be teaching kids the habits that make savvy consumers. These four skills make a difference regardless of someone's circumstances or the economic climate:

**SKEPTICISM.** Smart consumers need to think critically about the advertising, offers and advice that bombard them every day. They need to look beyond surfaces to determine what's really being sold to them, and why.

"We need to ask, 'What is the motivation of the entity that's giving me this



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information?" says Josh Golin, executive director of the advocacy group Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

Some people are unnerved by the idea of teaching skepticism to children, worrying that it could foster distrust, inaction and negative thinking.

"Not all marketing is deception and not all advisers are people only eager to take your money," says financial literacy expert Annamaria Lusardi, economics professor at the George Washington University School of Business.

Others, including the nonprofit financial

literacy advocate Foolproof Foundation, say healthy skepticism can be taught in an age-appropriate way that helps young people feel empowered rather than paralyzed.

"I don't think we can teach 6-year-olds skepticism, but by the time children are in middle school they're able to understand the concepts of persuasive intent and self-interest," Golin says.

**DISCERNMENT.** Research and comparison shopping may be second nature to the financially savvy, but they're skills like any other that need to be learned — and many adults don't have them, says financial literacy expert and Rutgers University professor Barbara O'Neill.

O'Neill emphasizes the "rule of three" in her financial literacy courses. O'Neill has students research three credit card offers, for example, comparing the interest rates, penalty rates, fees and rewards for each, and evaluating which might be best for their particular situation.

The exercise gives students practice in comparison shopping, but also gives them a handy rule of thumb for other decisions.

"Whether they're hiring a plumber or buying a car, they need to check at least three different sources," O'Neill says.

**PLANNING.** Being able to anticipate setbacks and challenges is as important as setting goals. People who plan ahead for large, irregular expenses are 10 times as likely to be financially healthy as those who don't, according to a 2015 study by the Center for Financial Services Innovation, a nonprofit that promotes financial health.

Financial literacy education often focuses on goal-based planning, such as budgeting for retirement or a down payment, or saving a set amount for emergencies, notes John Thompson, CFSI chief program officer. That's important, he says, but perhaps not as relevant to early-stage workers as building

financial flexibility into their lives.

Schools can teach the importance of having access to lower-cost lines of credit, such as a credit card with a reasonable interest rate, in addition to savings. Too often cash-strapped young people turn to payday lenders and other high-cost credit because they haven't planned for the unexpected, Thompson says.

"You want to make sure you have access to the tools and products you need before a problem presents itself," Thompson says. "When you have to act immediately, your options are fewer."

**SAVING.** A regular savings habit is also associated with financial health, the CFSI study found. The act of saving is more important than the amounts, Thompson says.

"A few hundred dollars can really make a difference," he says.

Regular doesn't necessarily mean automatic. People who automate their savings, through paycheck

contributions to 401(k)s or recurring transfers from their checking accounts, do tend to save more. But automation requires relatively stable finances, something millions of Americans don't have, O'Neill points out.

"People with these volatile incomes can't do anything automatically," O'Neill says. "They need the flexibility to juggle."

Some startups are betting that smarter apps can help, either by helping people save or invest small amounts (Digit and Acorns are examples) or by smoothing out incomes using savings and payday advances (Even). Schools can teach kids to do something similar by tracking the ups and downs of their incomes, and saving when they have surpluses.

"When you have the peaks, that's when you save," O'Neill says.

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## Pace of US factory growth slipped in March

By **JOSH BOAK**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. manufacturers say they expanded at a slower pace in March, with many factories saying they're having a tough time getting supplies in order to meet demand from customers.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, reported Monday that its manufacturing index slipped to 59.3 last month from February's reading of 60.8, which had been the highest since 2004. Any score above 50 signals growth.

"The details of the March data point to the steady growth in the factory sector seen over

the past several quarters being sustained," said Richard Moody, the chief economist at Regions Financial.

The categories of new orders, production and employment each fell in March for manufacturers, even though the underlying numbers remained positive. But companies surveyed for the index highlighted another issue: a shortage of raw materials that is causing them to lose out on possible sales.

Multiple companies also said that the introduction of steel and aluminum tariffs by President Donald Trump was causing concerns about rising prices. Some companies bought up the metals ahead of their

implementation, driving up costs. Trump is trying to support U.S. steel and aluminum mills, though his tariffs include exemptions for allies such as Canada and Mexico.

Any supply shortage and price increases could further worsen as Trump is imposing up to \$50 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese imports in response to concerns about Beijing stealing foreign companies' technology or forcing these firms to share their innovations in order to have access to Chinese customers. China responded Monday to the tariffs by announcing \$3 billion of additional tariffs on U.S. pork, apples and other products.

## US economic growth in Q4 revised up to 2.9 percent rate

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a solid 2.9 percent annual rate in the final three months of last year, a sharp upward revision that caps three quarters of the fastest growth in more than a decade. The Trump administration is hoping the economy will accelerate further this year, aided by sizable tax cuts and increased government spending.

The gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, grew at a faster clip than its previous estimate of 2.5 percent, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday.

That 2.9 percent fourth quarter advance followed gains of 3.1 percent in the second quarter and 3.2 percent in the third quarter. It's the strongest nine-month stretch of growth in a dozen years, since the economy expanded at rates of 3.7 percent, 3.5 percent and 4.3 percent from the third quarter of 2004 through the first quarter of 2005.

Wednesday's revision, the government's third and final look at GDP in the quarter, was better than analysts had been expecting.

"The economy's wheels were spinning faster than we thought in the fourth quarter," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial

economist at MUFJ Union Bank in New York. "There is nothing in today's report that holds the economy back from its historical run to beat the 10-year expansion of the Clinton years in the 1990s."

The current expansion is already the third longest on record and will become the second longest, surpassing the expansion of the 1960s next month. If it lasts through June 2019, it will become the new record-holder, surpassing the 10-year expansion from March 1991 to March 2001.

The updated growth figure reflected in part more spending by consumers in services including auto repairs. Overall consumer spending grew at the fastest pace in three years. The revision also reflected less of a slowdown in inventory rebuilding than previously thought, stronger business spending on new structures and more spending by state and local governments.

For the year, the GDP expanded 2.3 percent, a solid rebound from a 1.5 percent GDP increase in 2016, which had been the weakest showing since the last recession ended in 2009.

President Donald Trump often points to the pickup in growth last year as evidence that his economic program of tax cuts, deregulation and stronger enforcement of trade deals is already having a positive impact.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump promised to double growth, which has averaged a lackluster 2.2 percent annually since the recession ended.

While Trump has talked about hitting GDP growth of 4 percent or better, his budget is based on an expectation that the economy will expand at average annual rates of 3 percent over the next decade. That forecast has been challenged as overly optimistic by private forecasters who point to the retirements of the baby boom generation and lagging productivity as factors likely to constrain growth.

But economists have been revising up their GDP forecasts for this year and 2019 based on Trump's success in winning approval in December of \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts over the next decade and a February budget deal that will boost government spending on the military and domestic programs by \$300 billion over the next two years.

Private economists do not expect the burst in government stimulus to last, forecasting that expected growth around 2.9 percent this year and 2.7 percent in 2019 will be followed by a return to slower rates closer to 2 percent. Interest rate increases from the Federal Reserve to guard against inflation and rising rates triggered by increasing government deficits are expected to slow growth in coming years.

## Survey: US businesses add a healthy 241,000 jobs in March

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
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WASHINGTON — U.S. companies hired 241,000 new workers in March, a private survey found, a solid total that suggests the already-low unemployment rate may be headed lower in the coming months.

Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that the gains were strong across different industries, with construction, manufacturing and professional services such as accounting showing healthy hiring increases.

The figures come two days before the government releases its monthly employment figures. Economists forecast that Friday's official report will show employers added 185,000 jobs, a smaller but still solid figure, according to a survey by data provider FactSet.

ADP compiles hiring data from millions of companies that are clients of its payroll services. Its figures frequently diverge from the government's report. Last month, the government said 313,000 jobs were added, much higher than ADP's initial estimate of 235,000.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, which prepares the ADP report, cautioned that the actual job count in the government's report Friday may be lower than ADP's because the government's figures are more sensitive to weather. Several Northeastern cities were hit with snowstorms last month, which may have restrained hiring in construction and other industries.

Still, the figures suggest that the recent run of healthy job gains

may have continued into March. Employers nationwide have added an average of 242,000 jobs a month in the past three months. Hiring at that pace indicates that businesses anticipate robust consumer and business spending.

Zandi expects hiring will remain strong enough over the next 12 months to reduce the unemployment rate, already at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, to as low as 3.5 percent.

The emerging trade fight with China should have only a small impact on growth and jobs, Zandi said in a conference call with reporters, unless it escalates significantly. It may slice one or two-tenths of a percentage point from growth.

"So far, at least, this is relatively minor," he said. "It's going to take a lot to derail this economy."

## US services firms grew at a slower pace in March

By **JOSH BOAK**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — U.S. services firms expanded at a slower clip in March compared to the prior month, but growth levels still appear to be solid.

The Institute for Supply Management said Wednesday that its services index dropped to 58.8 from 59.5 in February. Any reading above 50 points toward growth. The services sector has been expanding for the past 98 months, or more than eight years.

The March index from the trade association of purchasing managers suggests that the robust pace of growth seen at the start of 2018 might be unsustainable. Measures of both business activity and new orders declined in March, but they were down from relatively high levels and still pointed to growth. The employment component of the index improved in March.

"It's still a strong reading, it just cooled off a bit," Anthony Nieves, chair of ISM's business survey committee for

non-manufacturing companies, said about the drop in new orders.

The index is drawn from a survey of purchasing managers in the services industry, which includes finance, health care and retail and accounts for the majority of U.S. economic activity.

Of the industries surveyed, 15 reported expansion last month, including the transportation and lodging and food services. Just two industries — education and information services — contracted.

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# Assessing the true value of tax-loss harvesting

By **JIM ROYAL**  
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Leading automated financial advisers — often called “robo-advisers” — such as Wealthfront and Betterment tout daily tax-loss harvesting as a way to significantly increase your returns. But independent research suggests the technique has less effect than claimed and may be more a gimmick than a true advantage for investors.

## Tax-loss harvesting

Tax-loss harvesting is a perfectly legal technique for reducing your tax

liability. If you’ve sold an investment at a loss this year, you can use that to offset capital gains elsewhere in your portfolio. Or, if you didn’t book any gains, you can use the loss to offset your ordinary income — declaring the maximum-allowed capital loss of \$3,000 could mean a savings of several hundred dollars on your taxes.

But an investor who harvests a loss today might be raising her taxes in the future. Because loss harvesting only defers taxes — it doesn’t eliminate them.

“It is the equivalent of getting an interest-free loan from the federal

government,” Michael Kitces, director of research at wealth manager Pinnacle Advisory, has written. “The benefit of tax deferral is simply the value of the growth that can be generated on that temporary loan.”

## Claims vs. Independent research

While much loss harvesting is done manually at year-end, robo-advisers harvest losses automatically, perhaps daily. If an investment’s loss passes a specific threshold, it is sold and replaced with

a similar asset (though not too similar, so as to stay on the right side of IRS rules). The advisers’ algorithms typically avoid snafus common in manual harvesting such as accidentally turning low-tax long-term gains into higher-tax short-term gains.

Robo-advisers tout significant benefits. Wealthfront figured that it increased annual performance between 0.73 and 2.6 percent from 2012 to 2017, while Betterment estimates that it can deliver a 0.77 percent increase. But those figures are vastly overstated and the reputed gains are based on flawed math,

says one critic of the robo-advisers.

“Wealthfront’s calculation ignores two things: It ignores that these taxes are deferred and must be paid later, and that the maximum write-off for any one year is \$3,000,” says Michael Edesess, mathematician and chief investment strategist at Compendium Finance, an investment adviser. “Betterment’s number is better but still exaggerated.”

Wealthfront ignores that today’s tax savings must be repaid in the future, unless the investor never plans to realize future capital gains (for example, by

donating the asset to charity). Wealthfront’s formula also assumes the investor can take the full value of a loss on her taxes. Investors can offset capital gains elsewhere, up to a net capital loss of \$3,000 annually. But Wealthfront assumes that the investor is taking the full value of the loss, says Edesess.

“To figure the value of loss harvesting properly, you have to run a long-term calculation, across someone’s lifetime,” says Edesess. “The real effect is between 0.15 percent and 0.25 percent annually.” That’s much smaller than what the robo-advisers have advertised.



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According to a study released on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, middle-aged Americans who experienced a sudden, large economic blow were more likely to die during the following years than those who didn’t. The heightened danger of death after a devastating loss, which researchers called a “wealth shock,” crossed socio-economic lines, affecting people no matter how much money they had to start.

## Midlife ‘wealth shock’ may lead to death, study suggests

By **CARLA K. JOHNSON**  
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A big financial loss may shorten your life, a new study suggests.

Middle-aged Americans who experienced a sudden, large economic blow were more likely to die during the following years than those who didn’t. The heightened danger of death after a devastating loss, which researchers called a “wealth shock,” crossed socio-economic lines, affecting people no matter how much money they had to start.

The analysis of nearly 9,000 people’s experiences underscores well-known connections between money and well-being, with prior studies linking lower incomes and rising income inequality with more chronic disease and shorter life expectancy.

“This is really a story about everybody,” said lead researcher Lindsay Pool of Northwestern University’s medical school. Stress, delays in health care, substance abuse and suicides may contribute, she said. “Policymakers should pay attention.”

Overall, wealth shock was tied with a 50 percent greater risk of dying, although the study couldn’t prove a cause-and-effect connection. The study was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers analyzed two decades of data from the Health and Retirement Study, which checks in every other year with a group of people in their 50s and 60s and keeps track of who dies.

About 1 in 4 people in the study had a wealth shock, which researchers defined as a loss of 75 percent or more in net worth over two years. The average loss was about

\$100,000.

That could include a drop in the value of investments or realized losses like a home foreclosure. Some shocks happened during the Great Recession of 2007-2009. Others happened before or after. No matter what was going on in the greater U.S. economy, a wealth shock still increased the chance of dying.

Women were more likely than men to have a wealth shock. Once they did, their increased chance of dying was about the same as the increase for men. Researchers adjusted for marital changes, unemployment and health status. They still saw the connection between financial crisis and death.

The effect was more marked if the person lost a home as part of the wealth shock, and it was more pronounced for people with fewer assets.

The findings suggest a wealth shock is as dangerous as a new diagnosis of heart disease, wrote Dr. Alan Garber of Harvard University in an accompanying editorial, noting that doctors need to recognize how money hardships may affect their patients.

The findings come at a time when U.S. life expectancy has dropped for two straight years.

“We should be doing everything we can to prevent people from experiencing wealth shocks,” said Dr. Steven Woolf, director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Center on Society and Health, who was not involved in the study.

What exactly to do, however, may take more research, said Katherine Baicker, dean of the Harris School of Public Policy at University of Chicago, who also was not involved in the study.

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# the FUNNIES

**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

GENTLEMEN, THE FOLLOWING MATTER HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION..

AND BECAUSE OF THIS, MUCH EXTRA EXPENSE WAS INCURRED...

NEVER ASK YOUR SECRETARY TO READ SOMETHING BACK

**THE LOCKHORNS**  
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"THIS IS AN UPSCALE PARK, LEROY ... THEY PREFER CASHEWS."

"THIS MUST BE A SPIRITUAL ... EVERYONE IS PRAYING SHE'LL FINISH."

"HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO COME IN FIFTH FOR 'PARTICIPATION?'"

"IT'S OKAY, LORETTA ... ALL THE SILVERWARE IS STILL HERE!"

"REALLY? MY HUSBAND'S A DO-IT-YOURSELFER TOO!"

**Hi and Lois**  
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

THE BIG KIDS SHOULD BE HOME FROM SCHOOL ANY MINUTE!

I MADE THE BASEBALL TEAM!

THAT'S GREAT, CHIP!

THANKS, DOT!

I MADE A POT-HOLDER FOR YOU!

I MADE A PICTURE!

THAT'S NICE, DITTO!

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE HAS BEEN BUSY TODAY!

I MADE A MESS!

**MARY WORTH**

"WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING COUNTRY MUSIC, YOU HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH." - CHRISTIAN KANE

REGRETS... ARE PART OF LIFE...

I GUESS...

AS WILBUR DROWNS HIS SORROWS IN A SONG...

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, IRIS!

"AND I FEEL LIKE A STONE..."

"YOU HAVE PICKED UP AND THROWN..."

"TO THE HARD ROCK BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART!"

YEP.

IT'S MY OWN DANG FALLT!



**The FAMILY CIRCUS**  
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YOU CAN'T GIVE A SMILE AWAY. IT ALWAYS COMES BACK.

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**Wizard of ID**  
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

EPIC SILHOUETTE...

READY? WAIT...

WAIT!

WAIT! WHOA!

WHOA, PLEASE!

WHOA!

ALL THE KNIGHTS IN THE KINGDOM, AND I GO UP AGAINST YOSEMITE SAM

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Mort Walker's **beetle bailey**

I NEED A CHANGE OF SCENERY

OH! WHAT A CUTE DOGGIE!

DO YOU LIKE HAVING YOUR EARS RUBBED?

UMMM

HOW ABOUT A BIG HUG?!

SMACK AND A BIG KISS ON YOUR NOSE!

YOU REEK OF PERFUME

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS

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**HAGAR**  
the horrible  
by **DIK BROWNE**

IT'S TRUE, OUR WINTERS IN SCANDINAVIA ARE HARSH...

FORTUNATELY, OUR WINTERS ARE ONLY SIX MONTHS LONG!

SPRING IS MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR!

THE AIR IS SWEET!

BARE TREES OF WINTER ARE GREEN AGAIN!

EVERYTHING COMES BACK TO LIFE!!

TWEET! TWEET!

TWEET! TWEET! TWEET!

WELL... ALMOST EVERYTHING!

HEY! SHUT THAT @!#!% WINDOW! THOSE BIRDS ARE KEEPING ME AWAKE!

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**BLONDIE**  
BY **DEAN YEAGER** & **JOHN MARSHALL**

READY TO GET TROUNCED, TENDERFOOT?

IN THE HOLE! IN THE HOLE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE GOLFERS THESE DAYS ARE ALWAYS YELLING "IN THE HOLE!!"

OH, THEY'RE JUST CHEERING

WELL, THINK ABOUT IT, THEY'RE TALKING TO A BALL!!

YEAH, THAT IS KINDA NUTTY

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? TELL PEOPLE NOT TO YELL IT?!

EXACTLY!!

HA! FIFTY BUCKS SAYS YOU WON'T!

YOU'RE ON! THE NEXT PERSON WHO YELLS "IN THE HOLE" IS GONNA GET IT!!

WELL, MAYBE THE PERSON AFTER THIS ONE

PAY UP, CHUMP!

IN THE HOLE, YOU BLASTED BALL!!

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**FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE**  
By Lynn Johnston

SNORT.

ELIZABETH!! YOU'VE BEEN INTO MY SEWING CHEST AGAIN!!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO LEAVE MY THINGS ALONE?!!

AND MY SCISSORS! YOU'VE BEEN CUTTING PAPER WITH MY GOOD SCISSORS!!

ASK FIRST! UNDERSTAND? IF YOU WANT TO USE MY THINGS, I WANT YOU TO ASK FIRST!!

AS I WAS SAYING.... I'M TIRED OF YOU DOING THINGS BEHIND MY BACK!

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POUND! POUND! POUND! POUND!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT THAT SO FAST!

BUT IT'S SO GOOD!

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**Prince Valiant**

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

SPURRED BY JEALOUSY, ANDRINA LUNGES AT VALETA. SUDDENLY, ANTERO, THE CRAZED WOMAN'S BROTHER, LEAPS INTO THE ROOM. "CONTROL YOURSELF, YOU STUPID LITTLE..."

UNABLE TO ESCAPE ANTERO'S IRON GRIP, ANDRINA EVENTUALLY COLLAPSES, AS IF EMOTIONALLY SPENT. "FORGIVE MY SISTER," GROWLS ANTERO. "YOU KNOW SHE HAS A TORTURED MIND."

VALETA HAS OBTAINED WHAT SHE WANTED - CONFIRMATION OF A CERTAIN ATTACHMENT BETWEEN ANDRINA AND THE DEAD INGOLF. SHE BACKS FROM THE ROOM: "THE FAULT IS MINE - I FEAR I UNWITTINGLY PROVOKED HER. PLEASE TELL HER THAT I WILL SPEAK NO MORE OF... INGOLF."

MEANWHILE, VALETA RECEIVES WORD ON KRIOS' BUSINESS DEALINGS: "YOU WERE CORRECT, MY QUEEN - KRIOS HAS BEGUN TO ACQUIRE A GREAT NUMBER OF PROPERTIES ON KYTHRA..."

... BUT HOW HE CAN DO THAT IS A MYSTERY. THE MONEYLENDERS TELL ME THAT KRIOS IS HOPELESSLY IN DEBT!

NEXT: Zulfa's game

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

The baking contest is today. Last night Granny Squirrel wrote her cake recipe on a pad. Later a crooked contest competitor stole the recipe page. Now Granny can't remember everything she wrote. How will Slylock Fox help Granny?

Solution -- The page underneath the one Granny wrote the recipe, she pressed hard enough to leave indentations on the next page. Slylock Fox shaded over the page with a pencil, and the recipe appeared.

Spot six differences between these panels.

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**HOW TO DRAW a donkey**

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- 1) TROHISC
- 2) NUPENGI
- 3) NOLFIAMG

Answer -- (1) Ostrich (2) Penguin (3) Flamingo

Answer -- Orange juice, finger, knife, egg, cat and light.

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# ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT and JIM BERGMAN

HI, DAD. HOW WAS WORK?

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SO THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO BE A MUSICIAN.

YEAH. NOT WANTING TO BE AN ORTHODONTIST HAS BEEN A BIG MOTIVATOR.

JEFF MACNELLY'S

# SHOE

By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

ROZ, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ARE YOUR THREE MOST FAVORITE THINGS IN THE WHOLE WORLD?

SUNSETS...

LONG WALKS ON THE BEACH...

AND FREE SHIPPING!

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# PICKLES

by BRIAN CRANE

ARE YOU READY TO GO YET, OPAL?

NO, I CAN'T FIND MY OTHER SHOE.

THIS IS GETTING OLD, OPAL. YOU'RE ALWAYS LOSING SOMETHING. IF IT'S NOT YOUR SHOES, IT'S YOUR PURSE OR YOUR GLASSES.

INSTEAD OF CRITICIZING, YOU COULD TRY TO HELP ME.

OKAY, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO... ASK YOURSELF "IF I WERE MY SHOE, WHERE WOULD I BE?"

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

# THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

THE FIRST BIG MOVE I MADE WAS TO HIRE THE CHIEF DESIGN PERSON AWAY FROM OUR BIGGEST COMPETITOR...

HIS DESIGNS WERE THE REASON FOR OUR COMPETITOR'S EDGE OVER US...

SO I INSTRUCTED HIM TO RE-CREATE HIS DESIGNS FOR US, TWEAKED JUST ENOUGH TO DISTINGUISH THEM FROM HIS OLD DESIGNS...

THEN I PUT THE NEW DESIGNS ON THE MARKET AT A FIVE PERCENT DISCOUNT AND DROVE OUR COMPETITOR OUT OF BUSINESS!

AND THAT'S HOW I MADE MY FIRST MILLION!

SIGH... I'VE GROWN WEARY OF TALKING ABOUT MYSELF...

WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT ME FOR A WHILE!

# TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TIGER!

WHAT'D YOU GET ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY?

A NEW BALL AND GLOVE! GREAT!

I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY 'EM OUT!

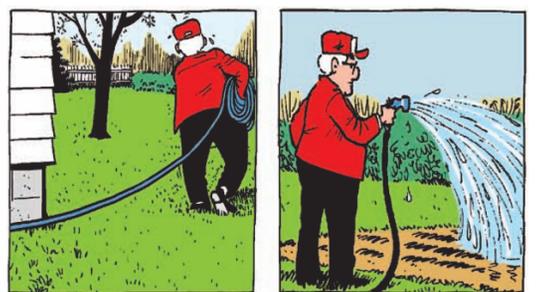
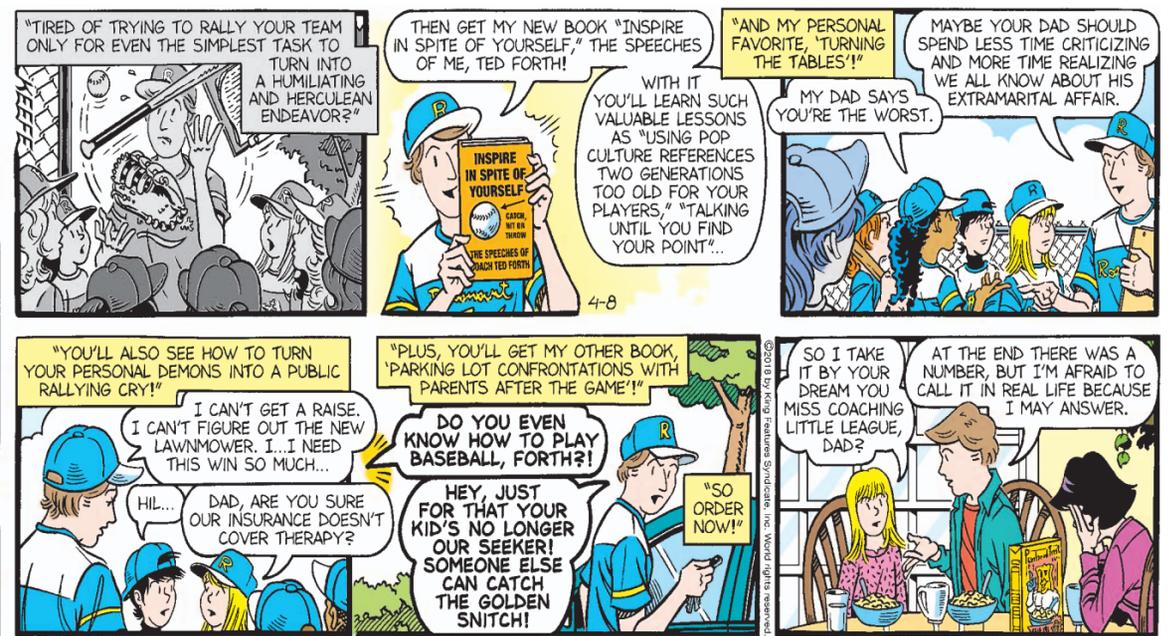
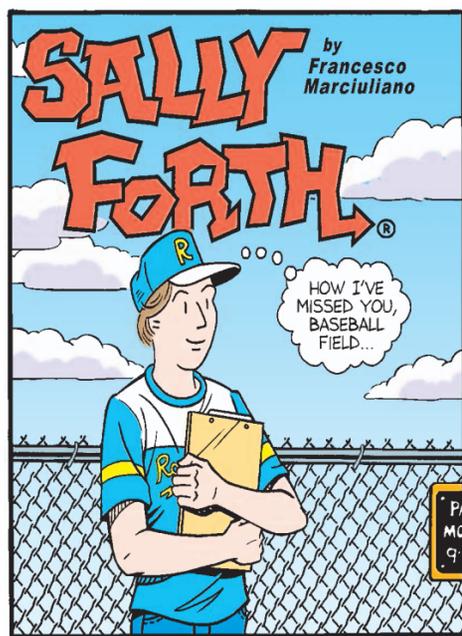
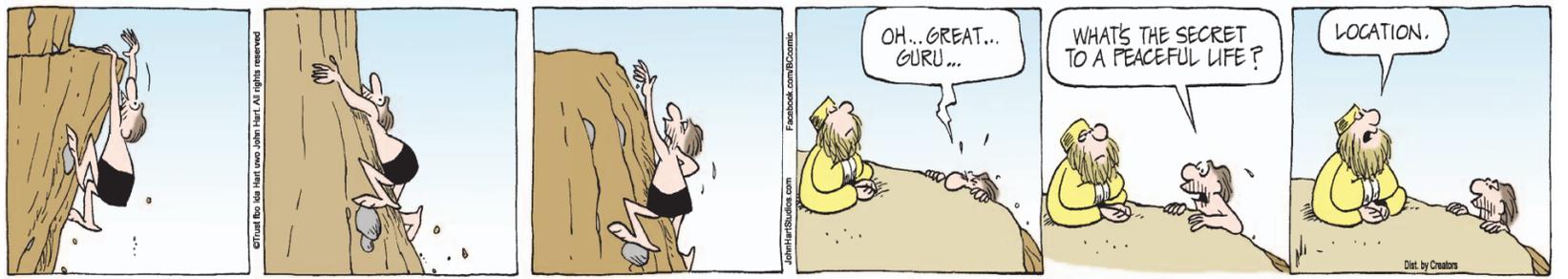
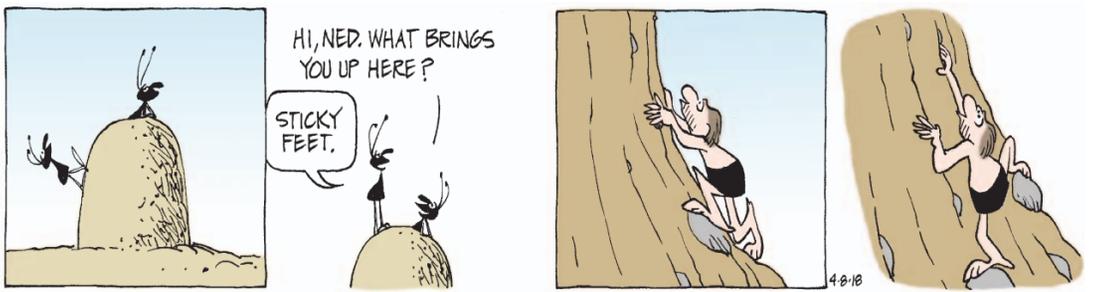
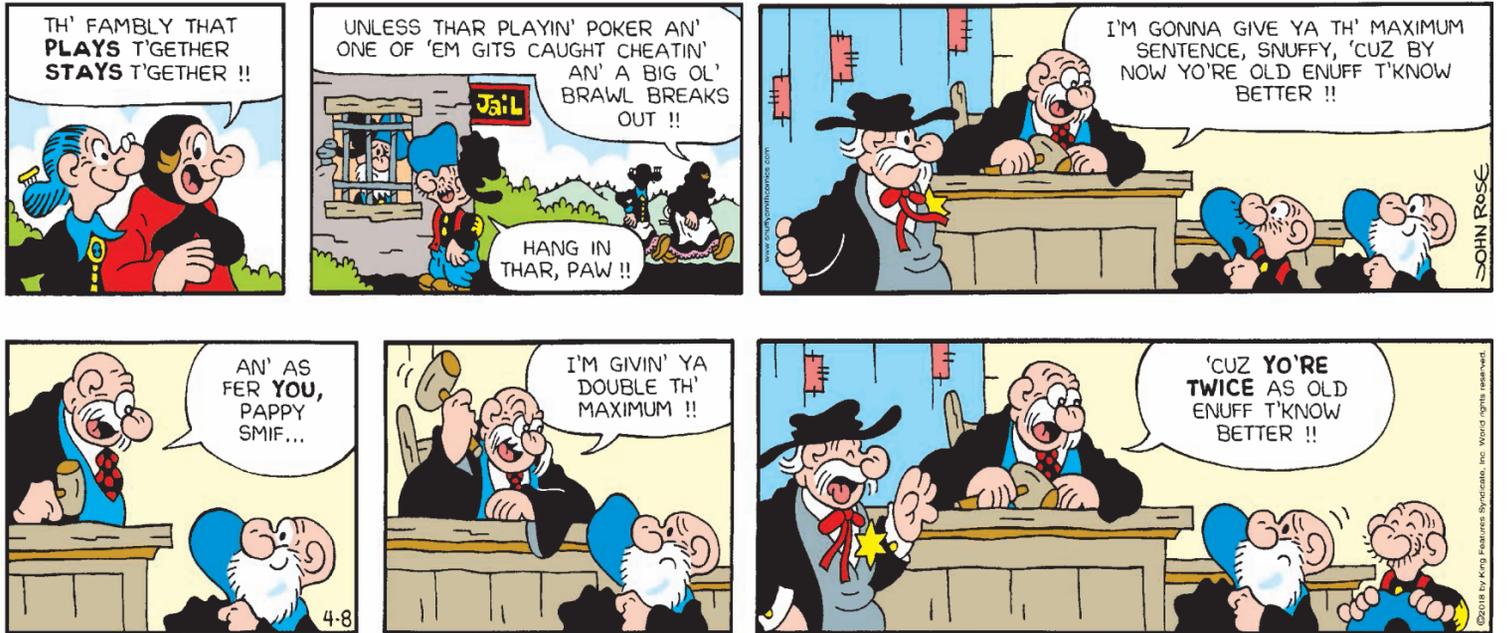
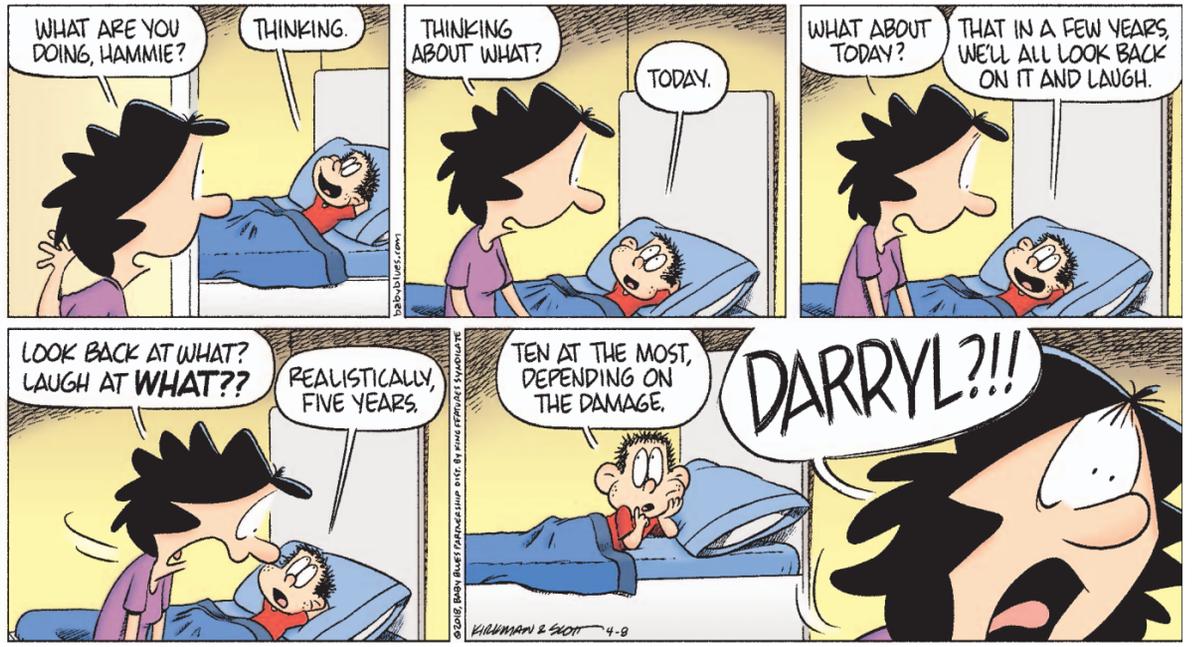
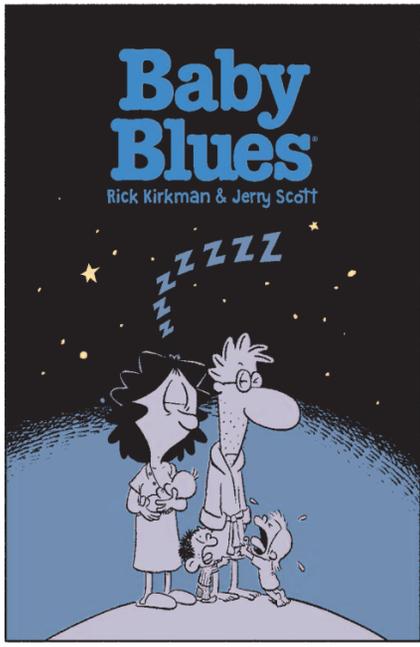
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I'M READY!

I'M GONNA CALL HUGO

...AND SEE IF HE CAN COME OVER AND PLAY CATCH WITH ME

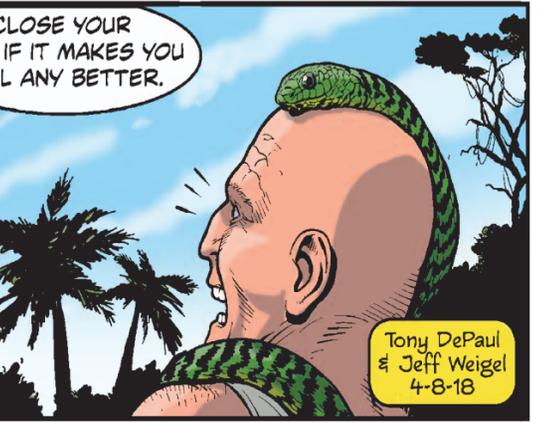
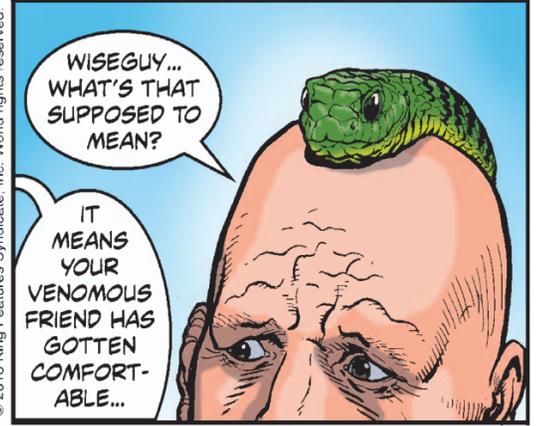
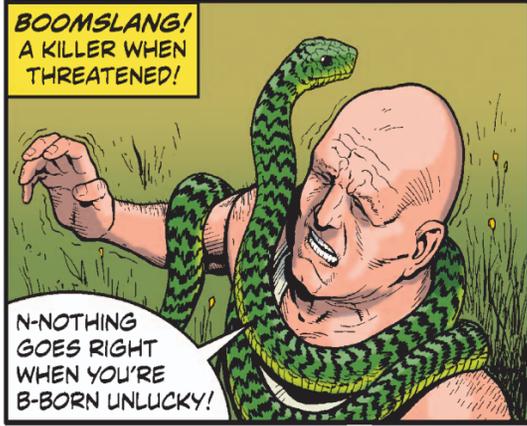
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BY LEE FALK



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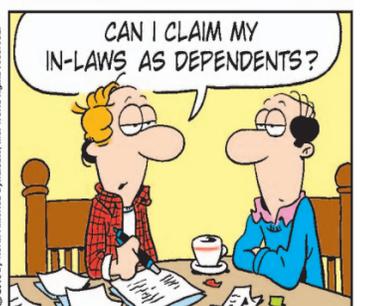
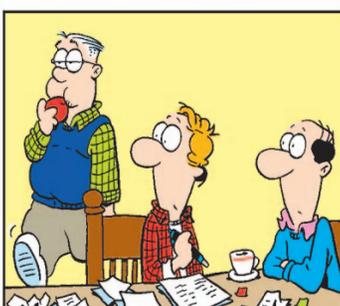
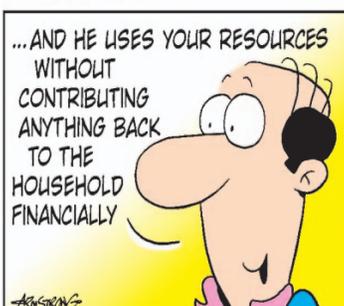
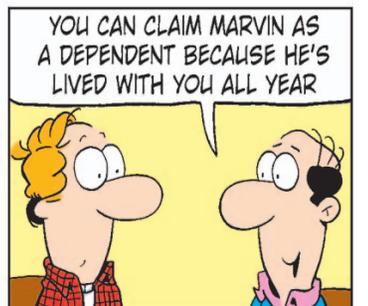
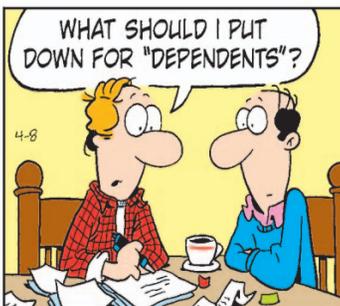
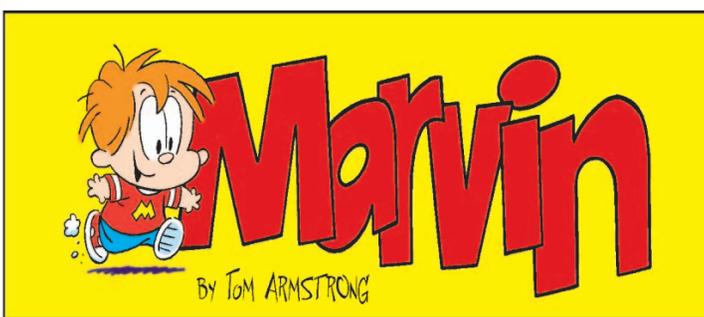
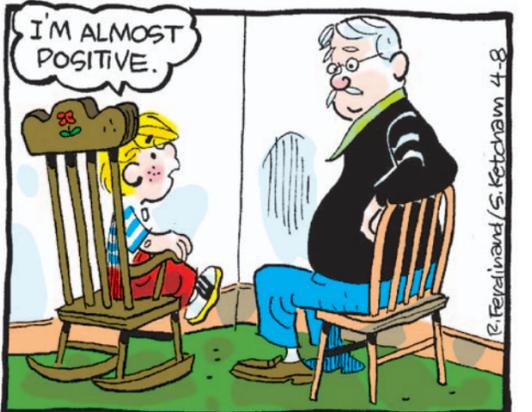
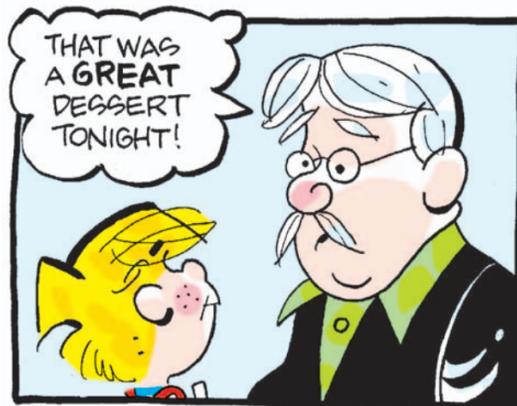
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# DENNIS THE MENACE

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