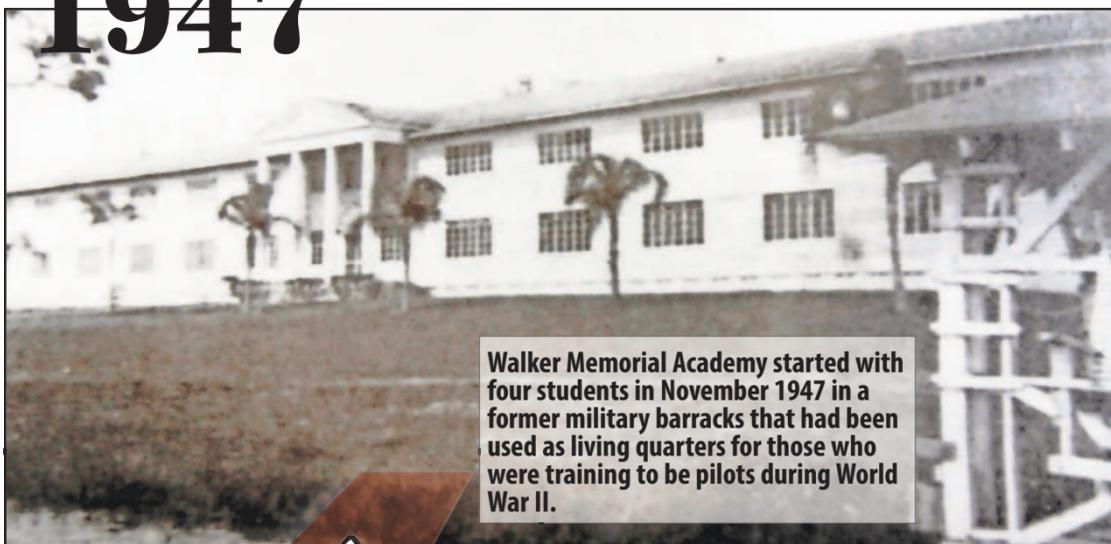


Walker Memorial Academy

Celebrating 70 years

1947



Walker Memorial Academy started with four students in November 1947 in a former military barracks that had been used as living quarters for those who were training to be pilots during World War II.

1947-48 brought a new school and hospital named in memory of a citrus leader

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — What started more than 70 years ago in a World War II Army barracks with one teacher and two students continues today as Walker Memorial Academy.

The establishment of the Adventist Christian School is tied to another significant event of the time — the opening of Walker Memorial Sanitarium & Hospital in January 1948.

The program from a Walker Memorial Academy Alumni Sabbath in 2013 offered a summary of Charles H. Walker's efforts to establish a community hospital, which led to the start of the school.

The former Highlands Lake Hotel on Lake Lillian, which was built in the 1920s,

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2018

A view of the front of Walker Memorial Academy prior to the installation of a security fence.

The school's year book from its 60th year included a timeline

The school's year book from its 60th year included a timeline:

- 1949 - the school relocated to a renovated country club across Lake Lillian.
- Enrollment reaches eight by 1957 with two teachers.
- 1962 - seven acres were purchased on Avon Boulevard and a three-room school was built.
- 1968 - Gymnasium constructed along with kitchen and stage.
- 1969 - Classroom specifically built for science class.
- In the late 1970s at the dedication of the new buildings, the name of the school changed to Highlands Lakes Junior Academy.
- 1980 - Name changed back to Walker Memorial Junior Academy
- 1982 - Kindergarten curriculum initiated.
- 1984 - An 8,000 square-foot building completed to house K-6 elementary classrooms. Building also housed bathrooms and administrative offices. Facade of school refurbished and space by science room was enclosed to create another classroom.
- 1994 - Interior of gymnasium refurbished and air conditioner installed.
- 1995 - New wing encompasses 8,500 square feet of space devoted to a larger computer lab, a music room, a multimedia center/library and multipurpose room, which eventually became a classroom.
- 2000 - Another name change, Walker Memorial Academy, comes about as grade 11 added through distance learning.
- 2001 - Grade 12 (distance learning) is added and five seniors (Class of 2002) graduate.
- 2006 - Pre-kindergarten classes begin.

Currently the school has an enrollment of 218 in grades K-12 and the school now has open enrollment for the 2018-19 school year. Walker Memorial Academy is a non-profit Christian Seventh-day Adventist School, 1525 W. Avon Blvd, Avon Park. Online at: www.wmaeagles.org.



BILL ROGERS/
CORRESPONDENT

1st Choice Primary Care will initially be open five days a week.

Nursing-staff operated health clinic opens

Reportedly the first one in Highlands County

By **BILL ROGERS**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — A clinic with nurse practitioners caring for patients opened last week in Sebring.

1st Choice Primary Care, which is owned by Wade Smith, opened Wednesday, April, 11. The clinic is at 3324 Commerce Center Lane, and its

telephone number is 658-2563.

Clinic hours will initially be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The plan is to eventually be open until 8 p.m. Monday-Friday. Smith also wants to have hours on Saturday and Sunday, allowing people to be able to access their health care seven days a week.

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Sun 'n Lake moves forward with dog park

By **JAY MEISEL**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sun 'n Lake's board of supervisors voted Friday to move forward with Highlands County's first public dog park, despite objections from nearby residents.

Supervisors voted 3-2 to remove a hold put on the project, with the majority favoring the original location on Edgewater Drive and the minority backing consideration of a site near Crown Pointe Assisted Living.

If the board had wanted to vote on alternative sites, it would have needed to wait until its next meeting because the item was only on the agenda for discussion.

Tanya Cannady, general manager, said that work on fencing for the dog park is scheduled to begin in May.

The board had approved the dog park in January, but put it on hold last month after residents asked for consideration

of other sites.

But Board Chairman Mark Camp urged the board to use the original site.

Camp said the district chose a location, completed the design and held public hearings. Email blasts were sent out and public meetings were publicized.

Yet, he said, no one came forward objecting to the location.

Agnes Snowball, a resident who objects to the location, disagreed that the notices sufficed.

When residents looked at the meeting minutes, "These items were buried. When it came to the stage we knew about it; it was a done deal."

Cannaday had presented two possible alternatives. One option would have been district-owned land near Crown Pointe. Cannaday said site prep would cost more and some parking spaces would have been lost, although other

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New cold case team has decades of experience

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SEBRING — Several of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office unsolved homicides will be getting a fresh look from four sets of experienced eyes.

Sheriff Paul Blackman announced Friday the establishment of the Cold Case Homicide Team made up of four retired law enforcement officials with more than 100 years of combined experience in both investigations and prosecutions.

The team will be made up of Howard Godwin, who served four terms as Highlands County Sheriff; Jerry Hill, the recently retired eight-term District 10 state's attorney; John Chess, who retired after a 35-year career in law enforcement, most of it spent with the HCSO; and Dick Langway, who spent 25 years as a federal prosecutor in New Jersey and north Georgia.

"I can't express how grateful I am for the assistance of these experienced investigators with this effort," Blackman said. "They have all done their time and completed

successful careers, but are willing to give up their time to help our agency try to clear some of our most important cases. Having a team with this much background in major cases take a fresh look at these murders will hopefully lead to arrests being made and justice being served."

The inclusion of two former prosecutors is a new wrinkle on cold case investigations, giving the team an additional perspective other than just law enforcement. Christine Pletcher of the District 10 Office of the State's Attorney was at the initial meeting of the team and offered any assistance the state's attorney could provide.

Brian Haas, who succeeded Hill as State's Attorney for District 10, couldn't make the initial meeting, but did pledge his support.

"I look forward to working with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Homicide Team as they seek to solve cold cases that will bring the perpetrators to justice and closure to the families of victims,"



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cold Case Homicide Team (seated) and members of the HCSO. From left, first row; Howard Godwin, Jerry Hill, Dick Langway and John Chess. Back row; Sgt. Jamie Davidson, Lt. Brian Kramer, Capt. Keith Starling, Sheriff Paul Blackman, detective Amanda Dettman, Undersheriff Mike Brown, CSI detective Tom Oувerson and HCSO General Counsel Garrett Roberts.

he said. "I commend Sheriff Blackman for this initiative. We are thankful for the partnership we have with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office."

Godwin and Langway have recently been re-viewing cold cases for the Hardee County Sheriff's Office. "It's one of the most interesting things I've ever done," Godwin said. "We don't go into it to criticize the agency; we go in to find out what happened."

The team's first three cases are:

On the morning of March 28, 2014, 55-year-old Gerardo Rezendiz

was discovered lying on the ground in a dirt trail behind Lupita Grocery at 269 Highlands Boulevard in Lake Placid. Rezendiz suffered from a severe head injury that was determined to be from a physical assault. He was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital for further treatment where he succumbed to his injuries.

Finero Frank Finnikin, 36, was found June 10, 2014 on the side of Maxcy Road in Sebring after workers in a nearby grove heard several gunshots. Finnikin, who had been known to deal drugs, had

been shot multiple times in what may have been a robbery.

Level Marc, 50, was a self-employed harvesting crew-leader. Marc lived at 441 Perry Drive in Avon Park with his girlfriend and her two children and had recently returned home from harvesting vegetables in New York. On November 11, 2005 Marc was in bed and exited to get something to drink. When Marc exited the bedroom he observed a figure in their living room area wearing dark clothing.

Marc engaged in a physical altercation with the subject. The struggle began inside the residence and ended outside their front door. Marc, who was both stabbed and shot, was transported to the local hospital and then flown to Tampa for advanced treatment where he died as a result of his injuries.

The team will meet weekly at the HCSO to work the case files. They will be assisted by a team from the HCSO led by Sgt. Jamie Davidson of the Criminal Investigations Unit along with detective

Amanda Dettman, who will be the cold case team's liaison with CIU. Criminal analyst Faith Hammortree, CIU administrative aide Britney Jones, and Crime Scene Investigations detective Tom Oувerson will also be working closely with the cold case team, but the team will be able to call on anyone in the agency for assistance if they need.

"They are not outsiders. They are part of our family," Undersheriff Mike Brown said at the first meeting of the team. "We want to see these cases brought up to modern investigative standards with some fresh eyes on them. We want to see justice done for our victims and show their families that their loved ones are not forgotten."

If anyone has any information about these cases -- or any other unsolved homicides -- contact the team at 863-402-7250. Anonymous tips can be left with Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS or heartlandcrimestoppers.com. Crime Stoppers tips may be eligible for a cash reward.

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Fire destroys trailer on Friday the 13th



KIM LEATHERMAN / STAFF

The owner of this mobile home said his lunch, which was in his toaster oven, was responsible for the flames that destroyed his mobile home.

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Miguel Proenza may not have been a superstitious man before this most recent Friday the 13th but his opinion may have changed after a fire annihilated his mobile home in the afternoon.

It all started with a simple lunch.

Proenza went to a convenience store to buy a loaf of bread and sandwich makings.

While he was there, he offered the clerk a bed his friend was giving away.

The clerk agreed and the two planned to meet in the mobile home park where Proenza's friend had the bed.

"I put a little butter

on the bread with some bacon and put it in the toaster oven," Proenza said. "I looked up and saw the guy's (the clerk) truck and went out to meet him. We were talking and he looked up and said, 'Your house is on fire!'"

And it was.

Proenza said he was only outside a few minutes and it only took five minutes for the entire home to become engulfed in flames.

Kathy Kelly is one of several neighbors who offered Proenza her sympathies and a place to stay the night.

"I live on the other street," she said. "I looked up when I saw a puff of white smoke. I figured someone started up a grill. The next minute there was a ton

of black smoke."

Proenza was good natured about the loss of his home. He said he was a Christian and knew everything would be alright.

He picked up on Kelly's smoke reference and cracked a joke.

"When the smoke changes from white to black, we have a new pope," he quipped.

Proenza turned down several offers of places to sleep at and offers of help.

"I don't want to be a burden," he said. "We will see what happens when the American Red Cross gets here."

Ironically, Proenza's home still had a blue roof from Hurricane Irma. His daughter had just recently informed him that the Federal



Firefighters from several departments carefully went through the destroyed trailer on Friday to ensure there were no hot spots that could flare up.



These firefighters are aiming water at the roof that was still smoldering in this mobile home fire on Friday.

Emergency Management Agency turned him down for help with the roof replacement again. He likes the park and has resided there for four years. He would like to stay there, either

in the same spot with a new trailer or with a new home in a different lot.

North Lake Drive was blocked by Highlands County EMS, Sheriff's Office and Fire Services, Highlands Lakes and

West Sebring Volunteer fire departments and City of Avon Park Fire Department vehicles.

First responders had to use the fire hydrant across the road to get water to Proenza's home.

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Mike Eldred and Frances Goff, members of the Aktion Club of Highlands County, grab an Easter basket to fill with candy and toys for the children at the Avon Park Community Child Development Center.

Aktion Club assembles Easter baskets for kids

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — Aktion Club of Highlands County assembled and delivered 107 Easter baskets to the children at the Avon Park Community Child Development Center.

The club assembled the baskets on March 15 and delivered them with the Easter Bunny on March 23. The club also handed out treats to all the teachers at the day care.

The baskets were stuffed with eggs filled with candy, prizes, stuffed animals, stickers, etc. This is an annual community service project the club does for the local children.



Aktion Club member Nicole Lewis hands a child an Easter basket assembled by the club.

Sebring grandmother supports grandson who is on 'The Voice'

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — When Shirley Passafume attends family gatherings, she can usually depend on one thing — hearing her grandson, Kaleb Lee, belt out some country music songs.

“He sang from the time he was little,” Passafume said.

So she’s anything but surprised that he has advanced as a contestant on “The Voice,” to the point where he’s reached the round where viewers vote on their favorite contestants.

Passafume said her grandson loves singing, but never pursued a career in it. He obtained a master’s degree in marketing and focused on his career. But the music never left him.

“He kept playing at home,” she said. He would also write songs.

Lee also posted videos on YouTube of him singing.

Then last August, someone at “The Voice” saw the videos, contacted Lee and asked if he was interested in auditioning for the show.

“He knew about it in August, but couldn’t tell anyone until February,” Passafume said.

In January, he did a blind audition. Eventually, he was paired with Blake



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

Shirley Passafume is one of the biggest cheerleaders of her grandson Kaleb Lee. He has advanced to the audience voting round on “The Voice.”

Shelton. But after a match-up singing competition, Kelly Clarkson “stole” him, Passafume said.

“He’s now on Team Kelly,” she said.

The next crucial round is on Monday during a live show when the audience votes. Eventually,

if successful, he’ll get a recording contract.

Passafume has also enlisted community support.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ has urged members to download The Voice app, which would allow them to vote for Lee.

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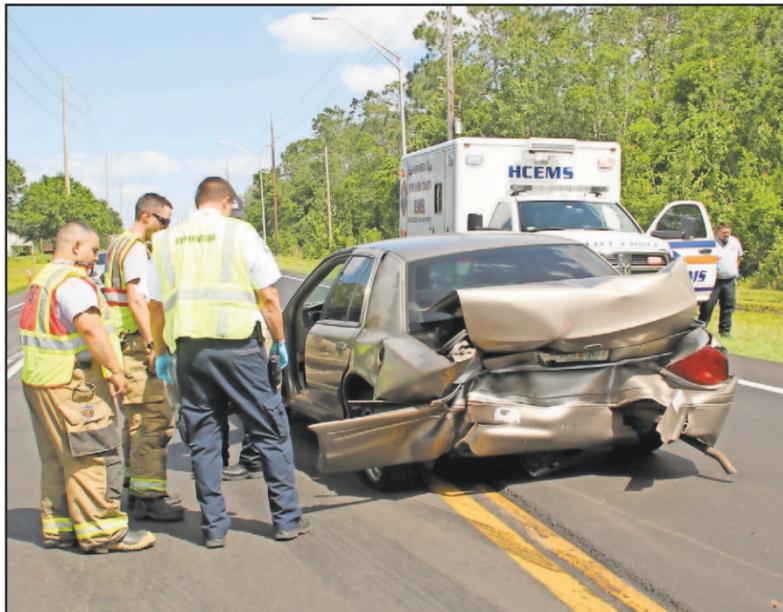
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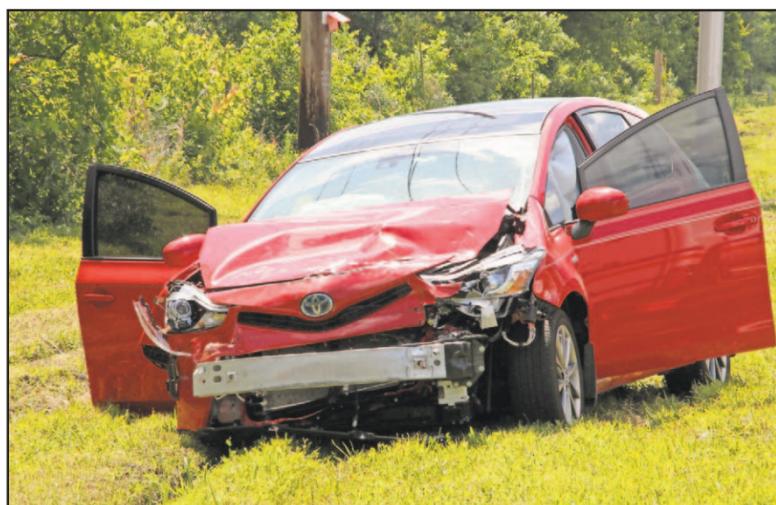
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Two car collision



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The driver of this car was injured in a Friday afternoon accident. He went to a local hospital. Paramedics and police officers look at the damaged Ford to determine if they could move the car themselves. They found that they couldn't and had to order a tow truck.



This Toyota Prius was in a collision with a Ford Crown Victoria at the intersection of SR 66 and CR 635 in Sebring.

Tax deadline looms Tuesday

BY KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — They say that the only sure things in life are death and taxes. The deadline for at least one of those is Tuesday, April 17.

The Internal Revenue Service is giving tax filers a slight reprieve on the usual deadline of April 15 because it fell on a weekend this year.

H&R Block Manager and Tax Preparer Lorrie Lammie said people who have procrastinated should make an appointment to get their taxes filed as soon as possible. Taxpayers have until midnight on April 17. That still gives people two extra days this year.

According to Lammie, it is important to bring in all income documentation, such as W-2s, 1099-MISC for self-employment, Social Security income, retirement income (1099R), any cancellation of debt, interest and dividend income, stock sales and rental income. If someone is self-employed, they need to bring in expenses. Also needed is an ITIN number, and a photo ID is suggested.

Further complicating taxes this year are insurance payments for repairs to homes from damages due to Hurricane Irma.

"Because of Hurricane Irma, many people can receive deductions for casualty losses. If you had damages from Hurricane Irma, you may want to talk to a tax specialist because there

are different avenues for calculations," Lammie said. "Tax payers are seeing larger returns this year because of the hurricane, even with minor damage. Any amount of damage can positively impact a return. Even if you have filed taxes, a return can always be amended."

Lammie recommends any amendments to a return be done by the end of the year.

"If necessary, taxpayers can file an extension to complete their tax returns by Oct. 15," Lammie said. "Be aware, the extension does not keep you from incurring 'failure to pay penalties' and interest on the balance due. Therefore, it is better to file and pay by April 17. People who owe money can make payment arrangements with the IRS."

The worse thing people do is not file for an extension or on time. The IRS is out in full force, as always, enforcing penalties. The interest on a balance will continue to accrue until the balance is paid.

"The IRS does not call you, they will send you a notice in the mail of the amount due, including penalties and

interest," Lammie said. "The people who call claiming to be with the IRS are scammers."

The IRS.gov website has many free service for taxpayers, including hard-to-find forms, free filing and advice. Recipients can find out when their checks will arrive by following the "Where's my refund?" links or by downloading the phone app.

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OBITUARIES

Alfred "Blair" Simmons Jr.

Alfred "Blair" Simmons Jr., of Avon Park, died Wednesday morning, April 11, 2018 at Somers Hospice House. A native of Hampton, Virginia he had lived here for 19 years coming from Ocoee, Florida. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No 487, having been a crane operator.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Simmons; five children, Joe B. Simmons, Dale L. Simmons, Katherine A. Porter, Jessica M. Simmons and David Simmons; two step-children, Christy Keel and Craig Cloud II; sister, Janice Terepka; brother, Richard Wayne Simmons; and nine grandchildren.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made to Somers Hospice House/Good Shepherd Hospice, Development Department, Good Shepherd Hospice, Auburndale, FL 33823-3229.

Thomas A. Simmons (Bo)



Thomas A. Simmons (Bo), 58, of Sebring, Florida died Thursday, April 12, 2018 at his residence. Bo was born in Winter Haven, Florida, graduate of Alamance High School in North Carolina. A veteran of U.S. Army serving in Germany. A long time truck driver for Highlands County Waste Connections. Bo was of the Pentecostal Holiness Faith.

He is survived by his parents, Thomas and Betty Simmons of Winter Haven, Florida; wife, Donna Lamb Simmons;

son, Tommy Simmons; and a daughter, Ashley Simmons; stepchildren, Jonnie Brannon and Corinna Driggers both of Bowling Green, Florida; brother, Timothy (Lisa) Simmons of Winter Haven, Florida; sisters, Teresa (Jimmy) Merritt of Ft. Meade, Florida and Terry Dickerson of Anniston, Alabama; grandchildren, Ireland Brannon, Kyleigh Bollinger and Kanan Hodge.

The family will receive friends 10-11 a.m. with a service at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Bible Fellowship Church, 3750 Hammock Road, Sebring. Military Honors will follow the service at the church, by VFW Post #4300. Interment will be at a later date at Bay Pines National Cemetery, Bay Pines, Florida. Memorials are requested to Wounded Warriors. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

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OUR VIEW

VenturePitch highlights tech savvy entrepreneurs

Last week's second edition of VenturePitch of Southwest Florida provided more evidence of bright, young entrepreneurs willing to invest their talent and ideas in the future of our area.

The Sun Newspapers, which owns the Highlands News-Sun, put up \$60,000 in awards to help the winners advance their products through an investment and partnership with Adrenaline Venture Fund, Fifth Avenue Advisors and Tamiami Angel Funds. It was a wise investment if you talk to the two hosts of the event, Tim Cartwright, general partner of Adrenaline Venture Fund and David Dunn-Rankin, president of Sun Coast Media, which owns this newspaper.

"There is actually a vibrant entrepreneurial technology community (here), that we need to support and lift up," Dunn-Rankin said.

Judges at this year's event were stumped as to who should be the first-place winner — so they named co-winners.

Stabilized Steps of Naples and Envision Solutions of Bonita Springs each received \$25,000 in investment capital as co-winners of the event, which is designed along the lines of the "Shark Tank" TV show. Under competition guidelines, the first two finishers would have been awarded \$25,000 each anyway.

In addition, AmbuTrak of Sebring earned a \$10,000 "local host" award from Sun Newspapers as a startup within its area of influence which deserved a boost through investment.

Punta Gorda builder and inventor Eryk Hardwick, who founded Stabilized Steps with partner Stephanie Gomez, has created patented stabilizers for the bottom of walkers that provide people with mobility issues with freedom of movement on sand, gravel, mud, snow and difficult terrain.

Envision Solutions offers a computer-based therapy training program that can help stroke victims overcome some vision losses.

All four finalists were technology companies focused on healthcare with an emphasis on the aging. This technology niche is appropriate for our area and one that we can build upon.

What judges and sponsors found most exciting about the event is the fact two of the four finalists are still students at Florida Gulf Coast University and a third is a former student. That a local university has developed a curriculum and programs that spur this type of innovative approach to creating new businesses speaks well of the opportunities in Southwest Florida for growth and investment.

The potential certainly exists to make Southwest Florida a hotbed for entrepreneurs looking to put their products on the national market, thanks to a community that embraces their adventurous ideas.

That Babcock Ranch is more than willing to be someplace special and unique and use its Hatchery as an incubator for these new businesses just enhances the opportunities here.

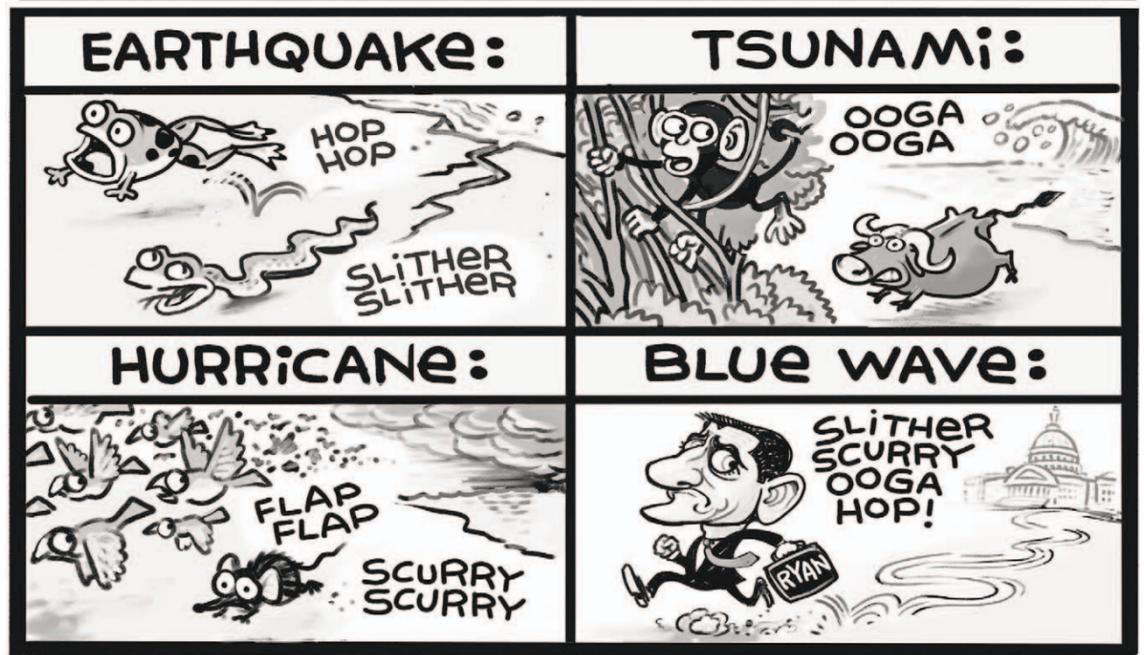
The excitement and success of this event is just one more sign that Babcock Ranch is a game changer for Southwest Florida. The world's first solar city is creating a new type of community that attracts those who want to live and work in the next tech generation of a city built from the ground up.

Congratulations to AmbuTrak owner David Scheck and the other AdventurePitch winners and kudos to those who invested in their future and the future of Southwest Florida by creating such a showcase to present new and exciting business ideas.

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.

STAR TRIBUNE SACK
CAN CRITTERS "SENSE" NATURAL DISASTERS?



One of President Trump's experiments

I've been sharing the effects of international trade disputes on newspapers and their customers. Our customers have strong opinions. Here's just a few about President Trump's decision to engage in a trade war with Canada over paper and lumber pricing.

"Welcome to the dotard's trade policies!" — RK

"I hope that this president will some day come to his senses and do what is right for the majority of the people in this country not the few who profit off of the so-called trade wars. We Americans are the ones who are going to pay higher prices that will just be passed on to us. Our economy will suffer in the long run." — AW

"He continues to exploit fake news and restrict the freedom of the press.

"He continues to attack newspapers and cable networks that criticize him. He loves Fox News because they never criticize him. If it was left up to him, he would control all news and publish only what he wanted.

"Does that not sound like a dictatorship? Can you say Putin? What better way to restrict the



INK IN MY VEINS

David Dunn-Rankin

press, than by manipulating newsprint." — GB

"I am commenting on your article in Sunday's paper. You ask for comments. Here are mine. Trump hates the media with a passion, especially CNN, the Washington Post and the New York Times.

"I doubt even the Post or Times are getting rich. And if he can hurt those two as well as the Columbus Dispatch or the Charlotte Sun — so much the better. If there were no newspapers to criticize and investigate him — he would be ecstatic." — RA

Is the president using trade tariffs to get back at newspapers for criticizing him? That might explain

why he engaged in a trade war with Canada, a country we have a surplus with. It might also explain why he backed down from steel and aluminum tariffs with Canada but left newsprint in place. Hard to know.

I respectfully disagree with RK that the president is senile. Other readers used similar nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Here's why I don't think he is stupid.

I had to take Latin in eighth grade. The Latin word experior means to test or try. Experior is the root word for experiment, experience, and expert.

We each experiment all the time. Some stuff works. Some doesn't. With enough experimenting we get experience. Malcolm Gladwell suggests that with 10,000 hours of experience we become an expert. Experiment, experience, expert.

We elected a man as president who proudly claimed not to be an expert in government. Not to have any experience. He is experimenting as part of the normal process to gain experience.

Hire this chief of staff. Fire him and hire a new one. Threaten to nuke North Korea. Go have tea

with the head of North Korea. We are watching President Trump experiment his way through his first few years on the job.

If you voted for Trump, perhaps you might say you were sick and tired of all the Washington experts. You are glad someone is trying new stuff — even if some of it doesn't work.

If you voted against Trump, perhaps you would say, see I told you his inexperience was going to be a problem. He might create a disaster for America.

Whatever your political persuasion, the president's experiment, experience, expert process is playing out in front of our eyes. His learning process would be a lot more interesting and fun to watch for me if our paper and our customers were not the subjects of one of the president's experiments.

Share your thoughts.

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

YOUR VIEW

What is the belabored point?

In answer to the "Rebuttal of two letters" in the April 8 edition of the Highlands News-Sun, the misguided writer wrote that Hassan, the shooter at Fort Hood in 2009, was not an American, I beg to differ. Had the writer bothered to look it up he would've seen Hassan was an American-born psychiatrist and an officer in the U.S. Army. His religion was not the question.

And, secondly, the writer seems to be completely obsessed with damning the life and legacy of a respected, two-term president of the United States, who is no longer in office. What is his belabored point? Perhaps he should aim some of that vitriol at the sitting prez, who is making a fool of America while enriching himself at the expense of us all with each passing day.

Kathy and Bob Rabatie
Sebring

HLT shows go on, despite stormy mess

For the second time in six months, stormwater has ravaged historic Highlands Little Theatre.

Volunteers were preparing to open the theater's 2017-18 season with "Music Man" when Hurricane Irma unleashed its wrath.

More than a foot and a half of water filled the theater's orchestra pit, submerging lighting equipment stowed below the stage. Storm water — running down Center Avenue toward Lake Jackson — formed a torrent of water that crashed into the south facade of the building. The raging water cut channels on both east and western sides of the main auditorium as it carried mud, water and debris through any doorway in its path. The wardrobe department, make-up room, construction shop,

auditorium and lobby were flooded.

The opening of "Music Man" was pushed back a week as teams of volunteers — teachers, students, and retirees — tirelessly worked to repair the damage as they scraped mud from carpets and used vacuums to pull water from the soaked flooring.

The show went on — with all its glitz and pageantry — thanks in no small part to the tireless dedication of our volunteer family.

Then began the all-to-familiar dance as the theater worked to navigate the ins and outs of insurance adjusters, inspectors, and government officials — a task made all the more delicate when government is also our landlord.

As part of Highlands Little Theatre's long-term lease with the City of Sebring, the theatre — a 501(c)3 — is required to pay the cost the city incurs to insure the building. The theatre also

holds insurance policies beyond the scope of the city's plan.

Delays in processing the claims were inevitable with the city having responsibility for dozens of other properties.

Repair costs — from steam cleaning services to the rental of a pump to empty the flooded pit — continued (and continue) to mount as the claims follow their slow course.

As the theatre finally took a breath, disaster struck once more.

On Tuesday, March 20 — six months and one week since Hurricane Irma struck — flood water once more poured into the theater.

Wardrobe. Make-up. Locker rooms. The lobby. The auditorium. The construction shop. All succumbed once more to watery torrents.

The raging torrent, captured on video by several HLT volunteers, was spectacular in its fury. From the top of the hill

Preparing for the worst, we learned some valuable lessons

We had a sobering learning experience Saturday at Avon Park High School. Our active school shooter unified command exercise was a huge undertaking, and we came away with a lot of valuable information for both the schools and law enforcement.

First off, I want to thank everyone who participated. In addition to our presence, we had 141 civilian volunteers from the school district playing the roles of students, teachers and parents as our "active shooter" roamed the hallways. We also had other agencies, such as fire and EMS and officers from the FWC who took part (there were more than 75 law enforcement officers involved). We



FROM THE SHERIFF
Paul Blackman

could not have put on such a detailed and intensive scenario without all of their help.

That exercise followed a tabletop exercise and educational meeting about school security held April 3 that had 29 law enforcement officers and 52 civilians in attendance.

We tried to make the scenario as real as possible, but we did take some liberties, such as the doors to classrooms being left unlocked to simulate the shooter either taking a master key from an employee or shooting their way through the doors. Another liberty we took was that the school resource officer was not on campus when the shooting started, something that will not happen under the new law passed after the Parkland shooting.

The scenario was a success (we got the shooter just over seven minutes after deputies were first dispatch), but it also revealed several areas that could be improved, such as

communication and coordination. Just like in a real event, there was confusion and mistakes were made. But that was the point of the scenario in the first place. We knew things weren't going to go perfectly. The knowledge we gained, though, will be put to good use to make changes both at the schools and here at the HCSO.

While we hope and pray that something like the scenario will never happen here, the kind of exercise we held on Saturday is by far the best way to be ready in case it does. We are always looking for training opportunities, and will likely do something along these same lines in the future, hopefully with the same amount

of support from the community and other agencies.

We had several dispatchers involved in the scenario, and they did their usual superb job. April 8-14 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, and I want to take this opportunity to salute the men and women in our Consolidated Central Dispatch Center.

Every day, every hour, every minute, they are there to answer the phones when somebody calls. They never know if the next call will be about a barking dog or a bank robbery. They could be dealing with someone who called 911 by mistake or someone who is in imminent danger of death. And no matter

what kind of call, they have to be calm, professional and clear.

Dispatchers are the first of the first responders, and they don't get nearly the credit they deserve. It is a difficult, stressful and oftentimes thankless job. But any dispatcher can tell you that when they literally save somebody's life, it is all worth it. We are blessed to have such a good crew dispatchers here and they deserve much more recognition than they ever receive.

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

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 7

at Historic Sebring Circle came rushing down Center Avenue a river of storm water that rushed across Lakeview Drive and into the parking lot to the south of the main auditorium.

The waters were so high and full of fury that two City of Sebring commercial garbage Dumpsters were floated in the river of rain water.

The raging water continued its downhill trek until hitting the east facade of the building, forcing the river to divide along either side of the auditorium. Mudlines along the side of the

building reached door handles, meaning the flood was at times more than two feet high.

Channels, in one place four feet deep, were cut as the water washed out mud and dirt and even dislodged a rock the size of a suitcase.

Now just days before the opening of "All Shook Up," the theater was forced to cancel the Wednesday preview performance of the play.

Volunteer angels worked through the night to rid the interior of the theater of water and debris.

Others volunteers from the theater's lighting department spent hours desperately working to reset control systems from a flooded

equipment room.

On stage through all of this were a cast of 30 dedicated volunteers working to put the finishing touches on the show.

Mud — dislodged as the downhill torrent raced to Lake Jackson — blocked the entrance to the theatre and created a hazard preventing patrons to safely enter the building.

Opening night of "All Shook Up" was saved by a hard working team of inmate workers provided by Sheriff Paul Blackman who worked several hours shoveling away the mud and debris.

And, again, thanks to dedicated volunteers and supporters, the show with its zest and pizzazz

"went on."

The waiting game, now, begins again as repair costs continue to mount. Repairs to the theater's brand new advertising and digital communications system have been quoted at \$2,800. Replacing and removing flood damaged flooring is expected to be even more considerable.

Yet, life at Highlands Little Theatre continues. "Arsenic and Old Lace" is now rehearsing on the main stage. Organizers of The Summer Theatre Institute, a four-week theater camp for local youngsters, are hard at work reviewing applications and setting plans. Auditions are underway for "Mary Poppins," the

season's grande finale. It is with some trepidation that we watch the calendar tick ever closer to summer and daily afternoon deluges.

Fears of yet another flood — of yet another expense, of another delay — are center stage in our thoughts.

Will we be flooded again? Experience would say, it is less a question of if the theatre will flood and more a question of when the theatre floods again.

The mission of Highlands Little Theatre is to provide a venue for community participation in live theatrical productions, thereby enhancing the quality of cultural arts in the Highlands County,

Florida area.

We are not civil engineers. We are not stormwater experts.

It does, though, seem clear that something in the city's stormwater plan is not working. Rivers of water surely can't be intended to dump into the front of the theater building.

We are equally sure it is not the city's intent to repeatedly have its own building flooded.

We keep hope that those that plan and govern do just that, so that those of us that perform can continue to entertain before we are washed away with another rain.

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Highlands Little Theatre board member

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Two watersport events nixed

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Two proposed tourist events for this year won't happen, for logistic and financial reasons.

The Fishers of Men (FOM) National Tournament Trail fishing tournament and the Paddle for Paradise proposed waterfront event won't happen. Organizers for Fishers of Men couldn't get registered with a Florida business license in time to start marketing a summer tournament, while Paddle for Paradise gave the Tourist Development Council (VisitSebring) sticker shock on the event startup costs.

Casey Wohl Hartt, TDC marketing consultant, met the organizers for the Paddle for Paradise event at the annual Travel, Events And Management in Sports Conference (TEAMS). Consultants told her they develop destination waterfronts by helping create a signature event, and they liked hearing about Highlands County's waterfronts. Consultants manage



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an event for three to five years, and turn it over to locals.

The proposal was to start with an event in Sebring then follow-up with similar events in Avon Park and Lake Placid.

Consultants told the TDC that eco-travelers — those who travel for ecological attractions — have a higher-than-average income and look for unique experiences that feature local culture. Examples of such local events or activities include hiking, biking, kayaking, taking in historic sites, camping and attending music festivals, all while staying in small hotels or bed and breakfasts.

TDC board members

lost interest when consultants wanted a non-refundable \$7,500 fee for a workshop to help stakeholders decide on a waterfront event.

In total, including startup operations, the consultant would charge up to \$15,000.

TDC board member Mark Stewart flat refused, especially since the consultant would keep the \$7,500 whether or not an event would pan out.

Hartt said she would charge up to \$5,000 for her time, for a similar function.

"Does this happen in your world?" Stewart asked.

When Hartt said, yes, Stewart answered: "In my world, we bid jobs."

TDC board member Cynthia Garren said she would rather the TDC set its own goals for

waterfront activities before hiring a consultant for just one event.

The other event that won't happen this year already had approval from the board: Fishers of Men (FOM) National Tournament Trail was looking to have a fishing tournament in central Florida, and wanted to set one up in Highlands County.

Event organizers asked the TDC for \$5,000 from for prize money.

TDC could only offer \$2,500. However, for that \$2,500 investment, and a possible a meal for

participants along with a pre-tournament meeting, fishing tournament organizers would have brought up to 100 teams of two people each for three days, along with enough staff to fill four to six hotel rooms for two nights.

Hartt told the TDC Board it took so long for organizers to get a Florida business license, they no longer had adequate time to promote the tournament.

They still want to hold an event in Highlands County, she said, and will try again next year.



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Python hunter, designer team up for show

SARASOTA (AP) — A Venice flower dealer moonlighting as an elite python hunter is collaborating with a Sarasota fashion designer to create a line of snakeskin clothing to help raise awareness about the threat the invasive snakes pose to the Everglades.

The “Glades to Gallery” collection includes samples of clothing, accessories and jewelry made from Burmese pythons, a snake native to Southeast Asia, but accidentally introduced into Florida’s ecosystem.

“Dusty and I are friends and he was telling me about what he was doing,” said Nikki Sedacca, co-owner of 530 Burns Gallery. “He had originally brought me a sample of the skin. Immediately, being a designer, I had a zillion ideas on what to do with it.”

Sedacca is primarily a jewelry designer but also designs accessories. It took her about six months to come up with the 75 items for the first collection.

It includes vests, clutches, handbags, and briefcases for men and women.

Dustin “Wildman” Crum is one of 25 hunters who work with the South Florida Water Management District to hunt snakes. He gets minimum wage for up to eight hours daily, plus an additional per-python payment that starts at \$50 for snakes of four feet or less and goes up by \$25 per foot for longer specimens.

An additional \$200 is paid for any eliminated python found guarding a nest with eggs.

Crum, who stalks pythons barefoot through the Everglades and tackles them with his hands, caught the biggest snake ever seen in Florida last year — a 16-foot, 10-inch Burmese python.

While Crum has caught hogs, alligators and pythons, he doesn’t call himself a hunter. His girlfriend challenged him to catch pythons to protect his passion for Florida wildlife.

“I used to go hunt with a camera and take pictures of wildlife, but this is an invasive hunt,” Crum said. “It’s an environmental hunt. These snakes are destroying our ecosystem.”

Burmese pythons were first brought to Florida as pets but were released, either intentionally or accidentally, into the wild when they grew to an unmanageable size.

“Miami has always been a hub for exotic pets and trade,” Crum said. “There was a breeding facility in Homestead that got leveled by Hurricane Andrew. We know for a fact there were 900 baby pythons that literally got blown into the Everglades National Park.”

The snakes began to reproduce and wiped out around 95 percent of the mammal population in parts of the park, according to Crum, who said pythons eat marsh rabbits, raccoons, gray squirrels, bobcats, deer, birds and sometimes alligators.

Hawks can eat python hatchlings, but the larger snakes have no local natural predator. They can travel long distances and females have been found carrying over 100 developing eggs.

Python growth could cause irreversible damage to the Everglades, said Crum,

who first participated in the Python Challenge in 2013. He caught nine snakes the first time out and 33 in 2016.

The South Florida Water Management District put him on the payroll last year.

Hunting the massive reptiles can be dangerous.

“I’ve had these snakes at 11 o’clock at night in the water,” Crum said. “I could only see a little piece of it. I have to dive in the water and grab the snake off the bottom of the water. The only thing I could do to stop it was put the tail in my mouth and bite down on it. I floated up in the water and wrapped my legs around it like a figure-four leg lock.”

Pythons have been found in the Naples area eating livestock and chickens.

“It’s a buffet. They have an unlimited appetite,” Crum said.

Deputy gets house arrest for stealing pills

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — A former Florida deputy accused of stealing prescription medications from a dead man’s home after Hurricane Irma has been sentenced to a year of house arrest.

The Palm Beach Post reports that 36-year-old Jason Cooke pleaded guilty Friday to burglary and petit theft as part of deal with prosecutors.

Authorities say Palm Beach County deputies went to an 85-year-old man’s Boynton Beach home for a wellness check on Sept. 12, two days after the storm made landfall in Florida. The man was found collapsed in the bedroom and later died at a nearby hospital.

Later that day, the man’s son received an alert from the home’s motion detector. Surveillance footage showed Cooke, who wasn’t with the deputies that responded earlier, enter the home through the garage. Authorities say Cooke took pain pills, muscle relaxers and anti-psychotic medication.

Pygmy sperm whale dies after beaching

DAYTONA BEACH (AP) — Officials say a pygmy sperm whale has died after stranding itself on a Florida beach.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that 10-foot-long marine mammal was spotted Friday morning.

Volusia County Beach Safety and Ocean Rescue Capt. Andrew Ethridge says the county’s marine mammal stranding network and the Marine Discovery Center responded to help.

The whale was packed with ice to preserve its internal organs and taken to the Discovery Center so Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute biologists could conduct a necropsy and try to determine why the whale died.

Biologist Wendy Noke says there were indicators of heart disease, a common cause of death in pygmy sperm whales.

Woman sought in death of husband and Florida woman

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minnesota woman who is wanted in connection with her husband’s death is now charged with killing a Florida woman who resembled her, then

stealing the woman’s identity as she eluded authorities, officials said Friday.

Lois Riess, 56, of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, has been charged in the shooting death of Pamela Hutchinson, 59, of Bradenton. Authorities were called to an area of Fort Myers Beach on Monday and found Hutchinson dead, with gunshot wounds.

Authorities aren’t aware of any connection between the two women, but they believe Riess shot and killed



LOIS RIESS

Hutchinson to assume her identity.

“Ms. Hutchinson’s purse was found to be in disarray and all cash, credit cards and identification appeared to be removed,” Lee County Undersheriff Carmine Marceno said, adding: “Further investigation revealed that Ms. Hutchinson was targeted by the suspect due to the similarities in their appearance.”

Riess is believed to be driving Hutchinson’s car, a white Acura TL with Florida license plate Y37TAA. The car has been seen in Louisiana and Corpus Christi, Texas, since Hutchinson died. Riess’ 2005 white Cadillac Escalade was found

abandoned in a Florida park.

Riess is wanted in Florida for murder, grand theft of a motor vehicle and grand theft and criminal use of personal identification. Her current whereabouts are unknown.

“Riess’s mode of operation is to befriend women who resemble her and steal their identity,” Marceno said. “U.S. Marshals are actively involved in a national search for this dangerous fugitive. Riess is considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached if located.”

Riess is also wanted in the March death of her husband, David

Riess. Prosecutors are preparing second-degree murder charges in that case. Minnesota’s Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose said Friday that authorities believe the same gun was used in both killings.

Anyone who sees Riess is urged to call 911, and anyone with information on her whereabouts is urged to call the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension or Florida authorities.

Riess has been on the run since at least late March, after David Riess’s business partner called Dodge County authorities on March 23 to ask them to check on him. The partner said no one at work had seen David Riess in over two weeks.

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"This won't be an urgent care," he said. "This is primary care by appointment only."

Smith wants to offer people who work, have children in school or can't get a day off during the week a place where they can still get their primary care needs met.

Family nurse practitioner-board certified, Smith decided on this major undertaking because he wanted to be his own boss. "My goal has always been to own my own practice," he said. "I don't want to do it from the corporate angle. I want to be able to have a say-so in what's going to happen in my practice. I want that freedom."

Smith said he thinks his practice is the only one in Highlands County that is owned by a nurse practitioner.

He has always had an interest in medicine, from the technology part of it. He said he has been

an RN since 1993 and decided that he wanted to go to emergency medicine "where the excitement was ... I loved



SMITH

having to look at a situation and make that decision now," he said.

Smith said he spent about

18 years as a traveling nurse. He has worked all over the country and has "seen health care across the board."

He said there is a need for nurse practitioners in Highlands County because there is a need for primary care in the county. He said patients have a difficult time here getting in to see a doctor and noted that doctors are not taking new patients or people have to wait several weeks to get in.

Smith said there will be three nurse practitioners at the clinic with a nurse working with each one.

They will treat on the

primary level, among other things, hypertension, diabetes, chronic diseases as well as earaches, sore throats and urinary tract infections.

"The nurse practitioners are capable of providing that primary care and following the patients and following their children and taking care of their basic needs," Smith said. "If they do need advanced care, or specialized care, then we can certainly refer them."

Smith has plans involving lab work and X-rays. To start with, he said he will have Quest Diagnostics do the lab work for him.

"My goal will be to purchase my own lab equipment and have it installed here," he said. "I want try to do everything here that the patient can get everything done here and they don't have to go ... somewhere else to get a test, a procedure done."

He also wants to be able to do X-rays on site.

"We have a room that is actually lead lined and is already set up for



COURTESY PHOTO BY TRACY MCCOY

The waiting room at 1st Choice Primary Care in Sebring.

X-ray," he said.

Smith said that there is a lot of research that has been done on the care that nurse practitioners provide. He claims that they provide "if not the

same, better" care than physicians.

"Well-documented research on that fact," he said.

In an article titled "The Role of Nurse

Practitioners in Health Care Reform," Fiona Erickson writes about how nurse practitioners could be better utilized to provide primary care in the United States.

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fell into hard times when the stock market crashed and was later used by the military during World War II.

The U.S. War Assets Administration sold the hotel to the Florida Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, which is now known as Florida Hospital Orlando. The property transfer included the provision that \$150,000 be quickly raised to convert the hotel into a community hospital.

Walker, who was in the citrus industry, organized the fund-raising effort that included Guignard Maxcy, Richard Archbold, Lee Crews and Ford Heacock. The Alumni program notes that, "More Adventists arrived to aid in the conversion of the hotel into a medical facility so a school for their children was started in 1947 and its name honors the man who spearheaded the fundraising campaign and contributed to the growth of Highlands County."

Walker died Oct. 12, 1947 hence the "memorial" in the school and hospital names.

The school, Walker Memorial Junior Academy, opened in November 1947 and Walker Memorial Sanitarium & Hospital was dedicated Jan. 6, 1948.

Jeannette Zesch, who retired in 2008

after teaching 20 years at the school, said this weekend was going to be a fun packed weekend to celebrate the 70th anniversary, including the Fire and Steel Band concert and dinner, golf tournament, picnic and softball tournament.

Joann Seralde organized the celebration events.

Gordon "Chip" Davis, who taught at Walker for 35 years and retired recently, said the Seventh-day Adventist Florida Conference is opening a new academy in the Wesley Chapel area of north Tampa.

"Because of our success at Walker they hired me as a consultant to help develop the curriculum at that school, specifically science, but also other areas," he said. "North Tampa is not going to really pattern after Walker, but we are going to be sister schools sharing curricular goals and some curricular designs."

The school's year book from its 60th year included a timeline:

- 1949 - the school relocated to a renovated country club across Lake Lillian.
- Enrollment reaches eight by 1957 with two teachers.
- 1962 - seven acres were purchased on Avon Boulevard and a three-room school was built.
- 1968 - Gymnasium constructed along with kitchen and stage.
- 1969 - Classroom specifically built for science class.
- In the late 1970s at the dedication of the new

buildings, the name of the school changed to Highlands Lakes Junior Academy.

- 1980 - Name changed back to Walker Memorial Junior Academy
- 1982 - Kindergarten curriculum initiated.
- 1984 - An 8,000 square-foot building completed to house K-6 elementary classrooms. Building also housed bathrooms and administrative offices. Facade of school refurbished and space by science room was enclosed to create another classroom.
- 1994 - Interior of gymnasium refurbished and air conditioner installed.
- 1995 - New wing encompasses 8,500 square feet of space devoted to a larger computer lab, a music room, a multimedia center/library and multipurpose room, which eventually became a classroom.
- 2000 - Another name change, Walker Memorial Academy, comes about as grade 11 added through distance learning.
- 2001 - Grade 12 (distance learning) is added and five seniors (Class of 2002) graduate.
- 2006 - Pre-kindergarten classes begin.

Currently the school has an enrollment of 218 in grades K-12 and the school now has open enrollment for the 2018-19 school year.

Walker Memorial Academy is a non-profit Christian Seventh-day Adventist School, 1525 W. Avon Blvd, Avon Park. Online at: www.

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nearby public parking was available.

A third option would be near the recreation complex, she said. Public parking would be farther away, but picnic tables are present, she said.

The third option was ruled out because it would hamper future expansion of the recreation complex.

Supervisors Joseph Branson and Raymond Brooks, who voted against allowing the staff to move forward with the Edgewater location, favored the

second option because so many people objected to the Edgewater location.

In a letter to the board, Fairway Villa Condominium Association President Forrest W. Bowling wrote that of the three options, the Edgewater location would have the most negative impacts on people.

"I remind you that the Edgewater community is an over 55 years of age and pet-free community and would not welcome a dog park," he said.

Negative effects from the dog park would be more traffic, an increase in noise level from dogs and traffic, and the loss of lake view for some residents, he said.

Some residents who live in Sun 'n Lake but not next to the site voiced support for the dog park.

Javita McKinney said it's a good thing for residents who don't have a sufficiently large backyard for their dogs. She also said she believes it could reduce the amount of dog droppings people will find.

The park will be open to residents who live outside of Sun 'n Lake.

The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency had considered a dog park project in the downtown area, but support for providing the money for it appears to have diminished.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lane Crosson remembered in ceremony

Avon Park Red Devils recognize former player before game

BY JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — It was a somber night as the community of Avon Park and the Avon Park Red Devil baseball team took a moment before the game against the Mulberry Panthers at Charles R. Head Field to remember, honor and celebrate the life of Lane

Crosson, who unexpectedly lost his life in a work accident last year while repairing power lines in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

With pictures, posters, high school and college uniform shirts and the No. 5 painted several places on the field, Crosson's grandmother, Janet Hardy, made a special point to spotlight

the poster that quoted five things written by Crosson online over the years to emulate the type of person Crosson was. Those quotes are as follows:

"Crazy how everything can change so much, so fast," Nov 8, 2014.

"God, thank you for the good people on this



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

LANE | 6 Avon Park Head Coach Whit Cornell speaks about Lane Crosson, as family, friends and teammates take the field.

Red Devils rally for win



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Gabe Gomez (1) is met by teammates at home plate after his two-run homer over the scoreboard in left field.

Avon Park captures key district victory

BY JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Red Devils baseball team, on a night in which they remembered and honored the life of former Red Devil Lane Crosson with a place on the outfield wall in left centerfield, rallied to beat the Mulberry Panthers 6-2 in a Class 5A-District 10 game.

"It is a big night," said Avon Park coach Whit Cornell. "We wanted to try to honor Lane (Crosson) for all he did for our program, community and all the people's lives that he touched. It was great to have a chance to do that and see all the people show up."

With the win, the Red Devils improved to 15-4-1 on the season and 6-1 in the district. Their seed for the district tournament is dependent on the result of the McKeel and Hardee game.

Mulberry attempted to put a damper on an

emotional remembrance of Crosson early in the game as the Panther's Blake Cousens muscled a solo home run in the first inning to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead.

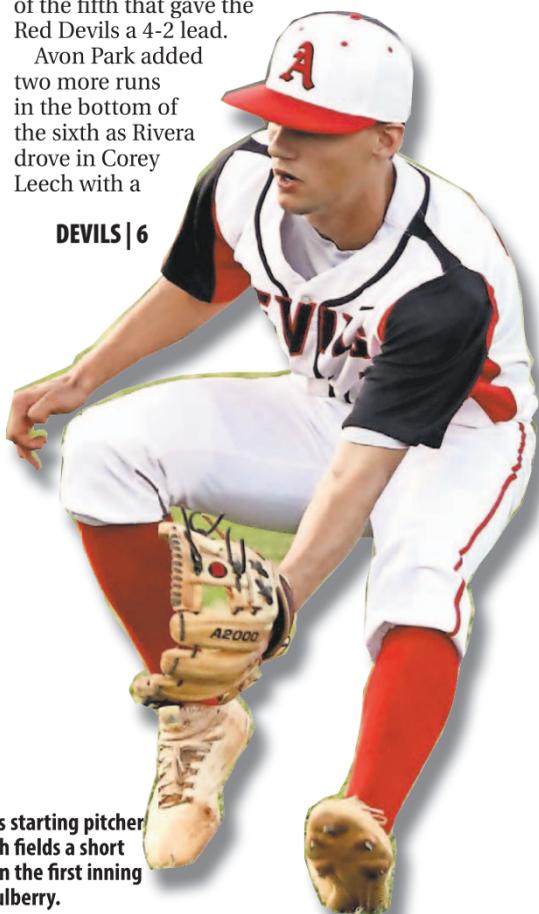
The Panthers increased their lead in the third inning with a run scoring on a wild pitch as the Red Devils found themselves down 2-0. Gabe Gomez would cut the Mulberry lead in half in the bottom half of the third inning with a double into left-center to drive in Josh Rivera to make the score 2-1.

Gomez was not finished for the night. Far from it, actually. After the Red Devils tied the game in the bottom of the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Luis Perez to drive in Johnny Perry, Gomez put the Red Devils on top with a mammoth two-run homer over the scoreboard

in left field in the bottom of the fifth that gave the Red Devils a 4-2 lead.

Avon Park added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth as Rivera drove in Corey Leech with a

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Avon Park's starting pitcher Corey Leech fields a short grounder in the first inning against Mulberry.



HEARTLAND BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

High winds challenge anglers

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the third week of April gives anglers the second half of the new moon week and other than today, an excellent weather forecast. The winds calm down to an ideal fishing wind speed for the arrival of the new moon on Monday, however the wind direction will change daily by 90 degrees.

Today, a 20 mile-per-hour wind will prevail making fishing very tough. However fishing the leeward areas of the lake should produce very well early in the morning. Rainfall is forecasted to start about midday. It is very possible a pre-front feeding frenzy might occur during the sunrise period.

Best Fishing Days: Monday and Tuesday will be the best days due to the greatest atmospheric pressure change upward.

The Major Fishing Period: Today the moon overhead period occurs at 1:16 p.m. and solar noon at 1:25 p.m. which will create a feed intensity rating of 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Crabtree family from Ohio enjoys Istokpoga fishing with Highlands Bass Angler.

Highlands Hammock celebrates Earth Day



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

Brian Woodworth took visitors on a guided tour of Cypress Swamp Trail, a trail that recently re-opened on Good Friday.

BY MELISSA MAIN
CORRESPONDENT

Highlands Hammock State Park buzzed with activity and excitement as residents celebrated Earth Day by painting wildlife, exploring the newly re-opened Cypress Swamp Trail, talking to local environmental agencies and exploring exhibits. Although the official Earth Day celebration is April 22, the park enjoyed a festive day a couple of weeks early. From Kids Discovery Nature Walks for children

to Painting the Park Art Workshops for adults, every age group had activities specially prepared for them.

Many residents have been eagerly anticipating the re-opening of the Cypress Swamp Trail, which had closed due to damage from Hurricane Irma. The boardwalk and connecting catwalk for this trail officially re-opened on Good Friday, and Brian Woodward provided two guided tours of Cypress Swamp Trail for the Earth Day celebration. Woodward encouraged participants

to explore the trail frequently, every two weeks if they were local, to watch the changes in the ecosystem.

Visitors were able to observe birds of prey and other animals at the Woodland Wonders Live Wildlife exhibit. Woodland Wonders, a wildlife rehabilitation facility, provides care and treatment for injured, ill and orphaned wildlife. The organization's goal is to eventually release the wildlife back into their habitat. Approximately

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Long Beach Grand Prix up for grabs

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Being a past winner of the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach paid off in practice for today's 35th Indy car race on the famous street course in Southern California.

All seven prior race winners entered this year finished in the top 10 on the combined timesheet for the two practice sessions on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary circuit. Scott Dixon, the 2015 Long Beach race winner, was quickest for the day with a lap of 1 minute, 8.4112 seconds (103.562 mph) logged in the first of the 45-minute practices.

Many drivers, Dixon included, were surprised that lap times in the second session were slower overall, even though each team ran a set of the softer Firestone alternate tires.

"This afternoon was definitely a bit of a different story; really struggled with front grip," said Dixon, the four-time Verizon IndyCar Series champion whose 41 career wins rank fourth on the all-time list. "It seemed like the temperature really affected our car."

"There were a couple others that went quite fast in that session on the red (alternate) tires, and I actually had to do almost a long run on my reds to get them to work. I think I did my quickest time on Lap 7 or 8 (of the stint). It was kind of an interesting session for us, but I think the car is kind of there. It's just going to take a little bit to get it right."

Andretti Autosport's Ryan Hunter-Reay — the 2010 Long Beach winner — was second quick with a first-session lap of 1:08.4285 (103.536 mph) in the No. 28 DHL



CHRIS OWENS/INDYCAR PHOTO

James Hinchcliff rolls into Turn 2 during practice for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Honda. Alexander Rossi, Hunter-Reay's teammate driving the No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS Honda, led the second practice and was third for the day, at 1:08.5567 (103.342 mph).

"We're going to need to find that gap was Scott was referring to between the cooler track temps and when it heated up," said Hunter-Reay, the 2012 series champion. "It became quite a bit more difficult to get the lap time out of the car. Kind of a bit of a challenge there. It seems like everybody has their work set out for them."

Other previous Long Beach winners who landed in the top 10 in practice Friday were: Simon Pagenaud, fourth in the No. 22 DXC Technology Team Penske Chevrolet; defending Long Beach winner James Hinchcliff, fifth in the No. 5 Arrow Electronics SPM Honda; Takuma Sato, sixth in the No. 30 Mi-Jack/Panasonic Honda; Will

Power, eighth in the No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet; and Sebastien Bourdais, 10th in the No. 18 Team SealMaster Honda.

Meanwhile, newcomers to the track spent the day feeling their way around it. Andretti Autosport's Zach Veach was best of the seven rookies, 13th on the overall chart.

"The car was different to drive — we were having some problems in the turning in mid-corner — but it was also my first day here, learning the track and everything," said Matheus "Matt" Leist, who was 23rd of the 24 drivers in the No. 4 ABC Supply AJ Foyt Racing Chevrolet. "We can only move forward from here."

Live coverage of the 85-lap race commences at 4 p.m. Sunday on NBCSN and the Advance Auto Parts INDYCAR Radio Network.

Davison named to Indy

500 entry James Davison became the 35th confirmed driver for next month's Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil when he was named Friday to drive the No. 33 Chevrolet entered by AJ Foyt Racing along with partners Jonathan Byrd's Racing, Hollinger MotorSport and Belardi Auto Racing.

Davison, a 31-year-old Australian, will be attempting to qualify for his fourth Indy 500.

"I am honored to be driving for the legendary A.J. Foyt with Byrd-Hollinger-Belardi at the Indianapolis 500," said Davison. "This will be my first full program in the four years that

I have been a part of the event now. We have expectations to meet and I cannot wait to get after it."

Davison's Indianapolis 500 performance last year as a substitute for the injured Sebastien Bourdais caught the attention of the Byrd brothers, who put together the deal for this year. The brothers are sons of the late Jonathan Byrd, who first entered a car in the Indy 500 33 years ago.

"The Byrd family is excited to once again partner with the AJ Foyt Racing team, together with Brad Hollinger and Brian Belardi, to give James Davison the opportunity to win the Indy

500," said David Byrd, a principal of Jonathan Byrd's Racing.

Davison's entry is the third for AJ Foyt Racing, paired with full-season drivers Tony Kanaan and Matheus Leist.

The announcement of Davison's entry follows that of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, which named JR Hildebrand on Wednesday to drive the team's No. 66 Chevrolet with sponsorship from Salesforce. Hildebrand will be paired with Sage Karam in the No. 24 WIX Filters Chevrolet as Dreyer & Reinbold fields two Indy 500 entries for the first time since 2011.

"We've had 37 cars start the Indy 500 over the past close to 20 years now," team owner Dennis Reinbold said. "We're looking forward to adding to that number and really going out there and trying to do whatever we can to win the race."

Hinchcliff takes dive at Aquarium of the Pacific

James Hinchcliff is accustomed to G-forces in an Indy car sticking him to the ground. The Verizon IndyCar Series driver experienced a welcome opposite sensation when he conducted the first underwater news conference in Indy car racing history on Wednesday at the Aquarium of the Pacific adjacent to the Long Beach circuit.

An experienced scuba diver, Hinchcliff made

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JOE SKIBINSKI/INDYCAR PHOTO

Scott Dixon hammers into Turn 10 during practice for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

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the 82-foot plunge to the bottom of the Honda Blue Cavern at the aquarium, mingling with the different fish species in the 142,000-gallon tank while answering media questions via an elaborate audio system inside his scuba gear.

"It's like negative G-force down there," Hinchcliffe said, still awash in a smile after emerging from the tank. "It's awesome. In the car, we're getting tossed around and there is a lot of force on the body. Down there, you are as light as a feather. You float around."

"It's one step from being in outer space. It's about as few G's as you can experience on the planet."

As he answered questions from media standing outside the tank, Hinchcliffe also "talked" with fish swimming past. He felt right at home in the Honda Blue Cavern's waters set to represent those in the nearby Pacific Ocean, even if he hasn't been diving on the West Coast.

"That was awesome!" said Hinchcliffe, the defending Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach winner. "I'm a fish at heart. I love any chance I get to get in the water."

"That was definitely cooler temperatures than I'm used to diving in, but they kept me nice and prepared and well-dressed for it. Getting to see (the wildlife) that is local to the area is very cool, as I haven't really done much diving on this coast and this side of the country. To be able to have that (special full-face) mask on and be able to talk to everyone that was out there was really cool."

Castroneves, Montoya earn spots on Long Beach Walk of Fame

Team Penske's Helio Castroneves and Juan Pablo Montoya were forever immortalized at the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach on Thursday. The Indy car greats, each a past winner of the popular street race, had plaques commemorating their winning history added to the Long Beach Motorsports Walk of Fame. Both drivers competed in the IMSA WeatherTech

SportsCar Championship this weekend for Team Penske on the 1.968-mile temporary street course.

Castroneves raced Indy car 13 times at Long Beach between 1998 and 2017, scoring a victory in 2001 and sitting on the pole three straight times from 2015-17. The 42-year-old Brazilian holds the track lap record of 1 minute, 6.2254 seconds (106.980 mph) set last year in Verizon P1 Award qualifying.

"It's an honor, no question," said Castroneves, the three-time Indianapolis 500 winner who will return to the Verizon IndyCar Series next month for the two races at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. "Just seeing the names of people who are already a part of the Wall of Fame, it just blows my mind away. In 1996, when I came over here in Indy Lights, my first race ever (was at Long Beach). I wasn't even thinking about it and, all of a sudden, I'm being inducted and being a part of amazing sport legends."

Montoya won the 1999 Long Beach race — his first of 15 Indy car wins — on his way to

the CART season championship. The two-time Indianapolis 500 winner drove in five Indy car races at Long Beach.

The 42-year-old from Bogota, Colombia, enjoyed following his boss, team owner Roger Penske, who was added to the Walk of Fame in 2016.

"It's unbelievable," Montoya said. "I came here two years ago to see Roger get inducted. It was huge, huge names here. You don't realize when you race and you win races,



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Jordan King and Spencer Pigot with a frosty friend in the Ed Carpenter Racing paddock during the autograph session at Long Beach.

you never do it to be here. To get recognized for everything that you've done, it's amazing."



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Graham Rahal adjusts his gloves on pit lane prior to practice for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

LOCAL RUNNING

2018 SFSC Panther Mile
Saturday at SFSC
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Overall Time
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Emily Vargas 15 2
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Male Open Winner
Corry Haake 41 1 5:43.9
Female Master Winner
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Male Master Winner
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FISH

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The Minor Fishing

Periods: Today the moonrise occurs at 6:58 a.m. and sunrise at 7:01 a.m. and the moonset at 7:38 p.m. and sunset at 7:51 p.m. which will create a feed rating of 5-6 during the hours of 6-9 in the morning and evening.

Prime Monthly

Periods: April 15-18, new moon; April 27-May 2, full moon; May 12-18, new moon; May 26-31 full moon.

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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 lakes 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 now in forecasts. 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 38.98 feet above sea level, which is six inches below the max-level in the 15-inch management-threshold range for 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 level will be dropped another nine inches. This seasonal two-foot buffer schedule is necessary because the lake is able to fill six times faster than water is able to be released. Currently all four S68 gates are closed.

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Golf Hammock ladies on the links

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

The Golf Hammock Ladies have a number of shining stars, but Jean Haig is one of the brightest. Haig shot her age of 92 on Thursday, March 15. Her teammates Caroline Duncan and Shirley Passafume knew she was playing well but never suspected the final outcome. "Not even Jean realized what was happening," remarked Passafume.

On March 28, the ladies of Golf Hammock played for points. Two talented ladies helped themselves to some birdies: Florence Towell and Patty Sibet. One other star, Lorraine Chipper Friend, decided to challenge her play by hitting into the woods on hole No. 14, then over the green and had the nerve to chip in for par.

In Flight One, Jeannie Fivecoat led the way, with Lorraine Northrup placing second and Helene Tremblay finishing third.

In Flight Two, Barb Walczak paced the field, with Theresa Hahn taking second and Patty Sibet placing third.

In Flight Three it was Florence Towell leading the way, with Ruth Kirk in second and Pat Lowe in third.

On April 4, the ladies continued to improve



KATHY SALEEBA PHOTO

Jean Haig.

their abilities and scored very well while playing Low Gross, Low Net. Along the way, ladies once again helped themselves to some birdies: Beth Weiler (2), Helene Tremblay (3), Carolyn Riffle (1), Betsy Wells (1), Judy Triere (1) and Patty Sibet (1).

For low gross, in Flight One it was Beth Weiler in first place, followed by Carolyn Riffle and Lorraine Friend.

For Flight Two, it was Betsy Wells taking first, followed by Sue Pratt and

Caroline Duncan.

Flight Three saw Patty Sibet in first, with Susan Accorsi second and Cindy Dall in third.

Low net in Flight One, saw Helene Tremblay place first, followed by Kathy Saleeba and Ida Warner, while Flight Two honors went to Marilyn Redenbarger,

Judy Trier and Jean Haig.

Flight Three saw Carolyn Troup in first, with Donna Fisher taking second and Pat Lowe placing third.



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EARTH

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300 wildlife are treated each year, and in March the facility rescued six eagles and have already released two.

Ranger Laura McMullen officially introduced the Junior Ranger program designed to help youth ages 7 to 13 explore state parks and learn about recreation, natural resources, cultural resources and service. This program is similar to Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, because youth learn about our parks and wildlife and earn badges and stamps for a passport, but the focus is on the state park system. Parents and youth can stop by the Ranger Station to receive their starter packet and begin their journey towards becoming a Junior Ranger. For more information about the program, visit <https://www.floridastateparks.org/things-to-do/junior-ranger>.

Kristen Hanson, guest artist and eco-tour operator, provided two 90-minute workshops on painting Florida scrub-jays and gopher tortoises. Educational and conservation partners — including Big Cypress National Preserve, Bok Tower, Archbold Biological Station, Defenders of Wildlife and Florida Trails Association — also joined the Earth Day celebration. Dustin Angell, from Archbold Biological Station, stated, "We come to every Highlands Hammock event that encourages educational booths. We are partners in education and conservation in this region."

David Schmidt, curator at Highlands Hammock CCC Museum, gave a lecture about the history of the state park. Margaret Roebing donated \$50,000 to purchase the land for



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

Lee Andrus, left, and Dustin Angell, from Archbold Biological Station, provided an educational exhibit for park visitors. They had skulls from local animals that live in Highlands County. Angell said, "We can learn the life story of animals by reading their skulls."



This cypress tree still bears the water mark from the flooding associated with Hurricane Irma. Cypress trees have cypress knees, which is part of their root system. Their secure root systems usually prevent them from being uprooted during hurricanes. However, the trees may be snapped off instead.



Heavenly Scoops served delicious hot dogs, sausage dogs and ice cream for the hungry crowd celebrating Earth Day at Highlands Hammock State Park.



Pileated woodpeckers have drilled holes in trees along the boardwalk for Cypress Swamp Trail.

the state park. After her death, her husband John Roebing carried out his wife's wishes to conserve the park and open it to the public.

Participants learned a wealth of information about our local environment and conservation

history, including how to recognize and preserve native plant and animal species. They explored trails, examined skulls of native animals, learned about new programs and feasted on ice cream and sandwiches from Heavenly Scoops.



Before entering Cypress Swamp Trail, visitors are reminded not to feed or disturb alligators. They are also reminded to keep their distance from these animals while enjoying the park.

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LANE

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earth," Sept 30, 2106.

"Help someone every chance you can. It all comes back in the end," Apr 18, 2017.

"I swear sometimes I'm a 'yes man.' It's hard to say no to good people,"

Apr 22, 2017.

"Why be jealous of people when you can be happy for them instead?" Jun 6, 2017.

"This means a lot" said Hardy. "We know how much he was loved and how much he loved everybody. It is just a good way to remember him, it is an honor."

By all accounts, not a

bad thing could be heard about Crosson as people talked about him before and after the ceremony that unveiled his name on the left centerfield wall.

But maybe his former coach, Whit Cornell, said it best in one simple sentence during the presentation as he recounted some of his

stories of Crosson.

"We always had good conversations, he was always positive, he always hustled."

Those attributes will always be linked with his name that proudly hangs in the left centerfield wall at Charles R. Head Field, the home of the Red Devils and now, the memory of Lane Crosson.



The No. 5 was painted throughout the field in remembrance of former Red Devil Lane Crosson.



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Lane Crosson's grandmother, Janet Hardy, hangs Crosson's high school and college uniforms before the ceremony.

DEVILS

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double into centerfield to make the score 5-2.

Gomez then capped off a 4 for 4 night with his second double, this time down the left-field line, to drive in Rivera to make the final score of 6-2.

Gomez had four of the Red Devils' seven hits and drove in four of their

six runs while Rivera pitched 3 2/3 scoreless innings in relief for the win.

"Just went to the batter's box and do my job, try to get a base hit" said Gomez. "I'm starting to see the ball better, standing a little further back in the batter's box and waiting for the right pitch, not chasing pitches."

"He had a good night for us," added Cornell. "A

bunch of clutch hits, he really stepped up and had a good game for us."

As for Rivera, Cornell noted that they have been using him in relief and that him coming in the fourth inning facing a 3-0 count and was able to get the strikeout was key to squashing Mulberry's momentum and ending a scoring threat.

Avon Park will be home on Monday to face

the Lake Placid Green Dragons and again on Friday as they host the Fort Meade Miners.



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Avon Park's Mason Huertas beats the throw from first to steal second base.



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Trump claims success in Syria, but chemical weapons remain

By **ROBERT BURNS**
AP NATIONAL SECURITY WRITER

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday declared “Mission Accomplished” for a U.S.-led allied missile attack on Syria’s chemical weapons program, but the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.

“A perfectly executed strike,” Trump tweeted after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. “Could not have had a better result. Mission

SUCCESS | 4

Firefighters extinguish smoke that rises from the damage of the Syrian Scientific Research Center which was attacked by U.S., British and French military strikes to punish President Bashar Assad for suspected chemical attack against civilians, in Barzeh, near Damascus, Syria, Saturday.



AP PHOTOS

Syrian government supporters wave Syrian, Iranian and Russian flags as they chant slogans against U.S. President Trump during demonstrations following a wave of U.S., British and French military strikes to punish President Bashar Assad for suspected chemical attack against civilians, in Damascus, Syria, Saturday.

UN rejects Russian attempt to condemn US aggression in Syria

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council rejected a Russian resolution calling for condemnation of the “aggression” by the United States and its allies against Syria on Saturday.

The vote reflected support for the airstrikes on Syrian chemical sites but it also demonstrated again the paralysis of the U.N.’s most powerful body in dealing with the Syria conflict.

Russia’s demand for condemnation and an immediate halt to “aggression”

and “any further use of force” by the U.S., Britain and France got support from only two other countries on the 15-member council — China and Bolivia.

By contrast, eight countries voted against the Russian draft — the U.S., Britain, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Kuwait, Poland and Ivory Coast. Four countries abstained — Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Equatorial Guinea and Peru.

The vote came at the end of an emergency meeting of the council called by Moscow, which saw Russia and its supporters clashing with the U.S. and its allies

over a suspected poison gas attack last weekend in the Damascus suburb of Douma.

The U.S., Britain and France said they launched airstrikes against Syrian chemical sites after obtaining evidence that poisonous gas was used last weekend on the Damascus suburb of Douma by President Bashar Assad’s government. Russia and its close ally Syria called the attack fabricated and said no evidence of chemical weapons use in Douma exists.

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley told the council “there is clear information

demonstrating Assad’s culpability.” She said President Donald Trump told her Saturday morning that if the Syrian regime uses poisonous gas again “the United States is locked and loaded” to strike again.

Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said after the vote the meeting confirmed that the U.S. and its allies “continue to put international politics and diplomacy in the realm of myth-making — myths invented in London, Paris and Washington.” He accused the allies of violating the U.N. Charter and international law.

Storm system spawns tornado in Arkansas, blizzards in Plains

By **STEVE KARNOWSKI**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — A potent spring storm system that’s expected to persist through the weekend raked across the Midwest, spawning at least one tornado in Arkansas as blizzard conditions blanketed much of the Northern Plains.

A tornado ripped through the tiny Ozark Mountain town of Mountainburg, Arkansas, injuring at least four people and causing widespread damage Friday afternoon.

Crawford County Emergency Management Director Brad Thomas said there were at least three entrapments following the twister. He said he did not know the condition of the four people hospitalized.

Video from the scene showed uprooted trees, overturned cars, damaged buildings and downed power lines.

The huge storm, packing enough energy to cause widespread disruption, isn’t unprecedented for April, said Jake Beitlich, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

“We do get pretty powerful systems coming throughout the Midwest, and on the cold side we do get snow. And this one is particularly strong. So we do have a lot of moisture with it, and a lot of energy,” Beitlich said. “Over the next 24 hours cold air is going to get wrapped into this system and we’re going to see a band of heavy snow develop from southwestern Minnesota through northern Wisconsin. Also we’re going to have really strong winds, especially in western Minnesota.”

Blizzard warnings stretched from northern Kansas across most of Nebraska and South Dakota into southwestern Minnesota and northeastern Iowa, with winter storm warnings and watches covering most of the rest of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Heavy snow already blanketed parts of western Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota by early afternoon Friday, closing major highways in South Dakota and many roads and highways in western Nebraska — including a 200-mile stretch of cross-country thoroughfare Interstate 80 from North Platte west to the Wyoming border.

A road conditions report said most roads in the Nebraska Panhandle to east of Valentine in the northern part of the state were impassable because of heavy snow cover.

The snow also led officials to shut down the Sioux Falls, South Dakota, airport Friday afternoon through Saturday night.

Snow, freezing rain and high winds were expected through Saturday night, with heavy ice accumulations in parts of Michigan through Sunday morning.

A swath of southern Minnesota, including Minneapolis though northern Wisconsin, was expected to get 8 to 12 inches of snow or more. Parts of northern Nebraska could get up to 18 inches, with up to 12 inches in northwestern Iowa. Wind gusts of up to 50 mph will

STORM | 4

Facebook CEO didn’t have all the answers for Congress

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY and MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITERS

NEW YORK — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg often came across as one of the smartest people in the room as he jousts with U.S. lawmakers demanding to know how and why his company peers into the lives of its 2.2 billion users. But while some questions were elementary, others left Zuckerberg unable to offer clear explanations or specific answers.

A series of tough inquiries about how much personal information Facebook vacuums up on

and off its social network seemed particularly vexing for Zuckerberg, who couldn’t quantify it. He was vague about whether Facebook was a monopoly and whether it would offer an ad-free option, as well as about how the company could offer the same level of privacy protection to users around the world.

Zuckerberg squirmed when pressed about a 2011 agreement with the Federal Trade Commission that was designed to force Facebook to tighten its privacy controls. While maintaining that Facebook had adhered to the terms of the settlement, Zuckerberg repeatedly conceded that

the company still made mistakes that led to the personal details about 87 million Facebook users being turned over to Cambridge Analytica, a data-mining firm tied to President Donald Trump’s 2016 campaign.

Prodded by the Cambridge scandal, the FTC is now investigating whether Facebook violated their agreement. If Facebook did, it could be fined \$40,000 per infraction.

Lawmakers also got Zuckerberg to acknowledge that government regulation of Facebook and other internet companies is “inevitable,”



AP PHOTO

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before a joint hearing of the Commerce and Judiciary Committees on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, April 10, about the use of Facebook data to target American voters in the 2016 election.

FACEBOOK | 4

NATION / WEATHER

Is Southern Co. a Good Buy?

Dear Mr. Berko: We have a \$17,000 certificate of deposit coming due and are thinking of buying 300 shares of Southern Co. because of the 5.3 percent yield. We found that the stock has fallen by 9 points in the past three months. What do you think?



Malcolm Berko

— LW, Kankakee, Ill.

Dear LW: Southern Co. (SO-\$43.82) dominates the power business across the Southeast, with 4.6 million electricity customers in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi plus 4.5 million gas customers in Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, Illinois, Virginia and Tennessee. Gas and oil account for 42 percent of SO's power generation. Coal accounts for 31 percent, and nuclear produces 15 percent, while the remaining 12 percent is purchased power.

In the past five years, SO's shares have traded at an average high price of \$52.25 a share, while its low price has been \$42.88 on average. And given today's price of \$43.82 and a dividend that has been raised for 25 consecutive years, SO's 5.3 percent yield is very comforting. But I was gabberflasted to discover that in 2017, several executive vice presidents, the comptroller, the CFO, the general counsel and el presidente sold over 500,000 shares for between \$49 and \$53. What's more, in 2016, the same officers and directors sold 1.2 million SO shares for between \$48.40 and \$54.10.

Today's price appears to be a good level at which to buy 300 shares. SO's dividend yield is among the highest in the utility

industry. The company earned \$3 a share in 2017 on \$22.6 billion in revenues and expects to earn \$3.08 a share this year on expected revenues of \$23.5 billion. Meanwhile, the dividend should be raised to \$2.38 this year, up from \$2.30 last year. However, SO has underperformed most utility issues in the past four years because of construction difficulties related to unexpected cost increases for the company's two major construction projects. These projects were planned and designed to eliminate SO's need to purchase 12 percent of its power from other utilities. I think that the construction risks are minor inconveniences and that revenues, earnings and dividends will continue to improve modestly.

That said, this has crimped SO's non-organic growth. As a result, SO's price has fallen by 9 points, causing the company to take a \$9 billion hit to its capital this year. SO will need about \$1 billion a year in various forms of additional equity to meet its ongoing expenses and complete its power construction projects by 2022. This additional equity could hurt the current shareholders' equity, which has averaged a good 12.2 percent during the past few years. And the issuance of additional shares to pay for this cost could dilute

earnings by a few pennies a share, going out to 2022. Some watchers of SO note that the utility has, like a number of its peers during the past 10 years, cobbled together a strong network of natural gas midstream assets. And these assets could be merged into an independently managed corporate structure with good earnings. If this happens, SO could spin them off as a master limited partnership or even issue a tracking stock. This could easily raise the \$4 billion that SO needs to complete its construction projects. And the sale of two gas utilities, Elizabethtown Gas and Elkton Gas, which should close late this year, will offset a good portion of SO's equity needs and take some of the pressure off management.

Though SO, rated A- by Standard & Poor's, has woefully underperformed most utilities, I believe that it can be safely bought for the stability of its dividends and the near certainty of its annual dividend growth. The dividend yield is certainly better than any CD's, and I suspect that if you were to buy SO shares and hold them for five years, you would see the price of your shares run up to the low \$50s. But if you're uncomfortable with buying 300 shares, consider buying just 100. Meanwhile, most of the analysts on Wall Street have "hold" recommendations on SO, while S&P, Deutsche Bank and SunTrust have "buy" recommendations.

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

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Parents of teen trapped in van seek answers about his death

CINCINNATI (AP) — The parents of a 16-year-old boy who became trapped beneath a minivan's rear bench and died despite two 911 calls say they have questions and want answers.

Ron and Jill Plush said in a statement Friday night that Kyle Plush, a sophomore at a Cincinnati private school, "embraced life with a passion far beyond his years."

Ron Plush found Kyle dead Tuesday night inside the minivan in a school parking lot after two Cincinnati police officers and a Hamilton County sheriff's deputy searched but failed to locate the teen earlier that day.

Kyle Plush used his phone's voice feature to twice call 911 Tuesday afternoon, giving the location and description of the minivan.

Multiple investigations are underway to determine why Kyle wasn't found and rescued.

Videos of 2 black men arrested at Starbucks draws outrage

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Videos showing two black men handcuffed and removed from a Philadelphia Starbucks have drawn outrage and prompted police investigation.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports one clip posted Thursday

on YouTube shows police talking to the men for several minutes before handcuffing them and escorting them out of the Center City establishment.

A second shorter clip shows a white man, who says he was meeting with the two, asking police what the men did wrong. He calls their arrest "ridiculous." A female voice is heard saying "they didn't do anything."

Neither Starbucks nor police would comment on what led to the arrests.

Starbucks said it was reviewing what happened and called the outcome "unfortunate."

Police said they are conducting an internal investigation.

The two men have since been released.

Missouri governor's scandal ensnares unwitting hairdresser

CHICAGO (AP) — The scandal that could trigger impeachment proceedings against the Missouri governor has ensnared a St. Louis woman who testified about an affair with Eric Greitens, though she never went to police or sought an investigation.

The woman's account was made public this week in a report released by lawmakers. It portrays a hairdresser in a rocky marriage whose handsome client bedazzled her with his accomplishments, including a career as a Navy SEAL.

If accurate, her testimony shows her being threatened by one man — Greitens — and betrayed by another — her ex-husband, who gave a TV station a secretly recorded conversation in which she described a sexual encounter with Greitens.

She's also been drawn into a political process that could invite attacks on her character and credibility.

GM ending shift at Ohio car plant amid sales slowdown

LORDSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — General Motors says it will eliminate a production shift at its Chevy Cruze manufacturing plant in Ohio that could cost as many as 1,500 jobs.

GM attributes the move announced Friday to falling sales of compact cars.

The automaker says it will cut second shift operations at its Lordstown factory outside Cleveland by the end of June.

GM officials say they won't know for several weeks how many jobs will be eliminated because of buyout offers and other factors.

The automaker last year eliminated the plant's third shift and stopped production altogether for several weeks during summer because of shifting demand from cars to trucks and SUVs.

GM projects this year's Cruze sales to be on par with the 2017 total of 150,000 cars in the U.S.

TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

Today / Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A severe afternoon t-storm A heavy evening t-storm HIGH 83° 60% chance of rain	Beautiful with some clouds, then sunshine 75° / 53° 0% chance of rain	Pleasant with plenty of sunshine 84° / 58° 0% chance of rain	Pleasant with plenty of sunshine 88° / 63° 0% chance of rain	Partly sunny and nice 87° / 63° 0% chance of rain	Partly sunny 87° / 64° 25% chance of rain

75° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	71 48 r	69 49 s
Bradenton	82 62 t	73 58 s
Cleawater	81 62 t	70 60 s
Coral Springs	88 67 pc	82 58 s
Daytona Beach	83 52 t	71 51 s
Fort Lauderdale	87 67 pc	81 61 s
Fort Myers	87 66 t	80 57 s
Gainesville	79 49 t	72 47 s
Jacksonville	82 48 t	71 46 s
Key Largo	84 72 pc	80 64 s
Key West	85 72 pc	79 69 pc
Lakeland	85 58 t	75 50 s
Melbourne	87 58 t	77 54 s
Miami	88 67 pc	82 60 s
Naples	87 67 pc	79 57 s
Ocala	80 52 t	71 48 s
Okeechobee	87 58 t	79 50 s
Orlando	85 59 t	74 54 s
Panama City	66 48 r	70 53 s
Pensacola	66 45 pc	72 51 s
Pompano Beach	87 65 pc	79 60 s
St. Augustine	81 51 t	70 51 s
St. Petersburg	82 62 t	71 61 s
Sarasota	82 62 t	72 58 s
Tallahassee	71 42 r	71 45 s
Tampa	82 62 t	71 59 s
Vero Beach	87 58 t	77 54 s
West Palm Beach	86 64 sh	79 56 s

TIDES

High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	3:35a	9:48a	3:25p 10:24p
Today	4:21a	10:13a	3:46p 11:05p
Mon.			
Englewood	2:12a	8:04a	2:02p 8:40p
Today	2:58a	8:29a	2:23p 9:21p
Mon.			
Boca Grande	1:15a	6:54a	1:00p 7:25p
Today	2:07a	7:22a	1:14p 8:10p
Mon.			
EJ Jobean	4:07a	10:17a	3:57p 10:53p
Today	4:53a	10:42a	4:18p 11:34p
Mon.			
Venice	12:27a	6:43a	12:17p 7:19p
Today	1:13a	7:08a	12:38p 8:00p
Mon.			

MARINE

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

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
S 10-20 1-3 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
WSW 15-25 4-8 Heavy

SUN AND MOON

The Sun
Today 7:05 a.m. 7:53 p.m.
Monday 7:04 a.m. 7:53 p.m.

The Moon
Today 7:02 a.m. 7:42 p.m.
Monday 7:41 a.m. 8:43 p.m.

New First Full Last

SOLUNAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	5:43a	11:55a	6:07p
Mon.	6:32a	12:19a	6:57p
Tue.	7:25a	1:11a	7:51p
Wed.			8:43p

WEATHER HISTORY

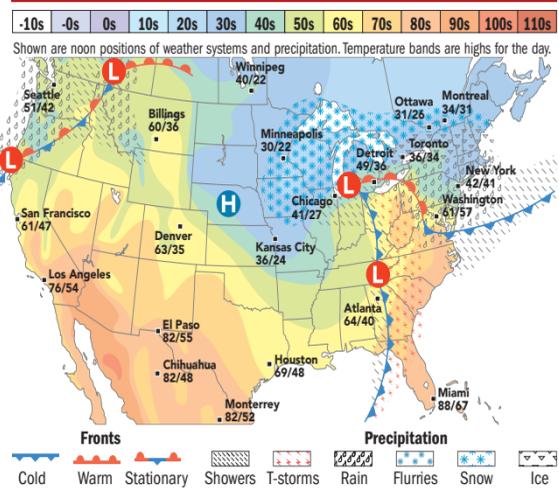
Silver Lake, Colo., got 75.8 inches of snow on April 15, 1921. This was the largest 24-hour snowfall in U.S. history.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the average time a tornado remains on the ground?

A: 10 minutes.

THE NATION



PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 90°/58°
Normal High/Low 84°/61°
Record High 91° (2013)
Record Low 44° (1971)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.17"
Normal month to date 1.34"
Year to date 2.29"
Normal year to date 9.83"
Record 1.33" (1991)

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.	0.58	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	3.75	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

Totals are from a 24-hour period ending at 5 p.m.

VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 84°/64°
Normal High/Low 80°/61°
Record High 91° (1965)
Record Low 51° (1988)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.17"
Normal month to date 1.34"
Year to date 2.29"
Normal year to date 9.83"
Record 1.33" (1991)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 86°/62°

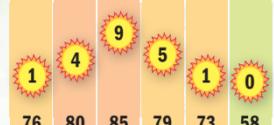
Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"

AIRPORT

Possible weather-related delays today. Check with your airline for the most updated schedules.

Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	87/66	storms all day
Punta Gorda	89/61	storms all day
Sarasota	82/62	storms all day

CONDITIONS TODAY



8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Molds
absent	absent	absent	absent
low	low	low	low
moderate	moderate	moderate	moderate
high	high	high	high
very high	very high	very high	very high

Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

44

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

Main pollutant: Ozone

Source: ssgov.net

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Amsterdam	62 50 t	59 44 pc	Mexico City	76 50 pc	78 53 pc
Baghdad	87 61 t	84 59 s	Montreal	34 31 sn	41 34 r
Beijing	70 47 s	76 54 s	Ottawa	31 26 sn	40 31 i
Berlin	71 50 pc	69 48 pc	Paris	65 47 pc	63 46 pc
Buenos Aires	75 64 s	79 63 pc	Regina	44 25 pc	41 28 c
Cairo	92 66 s	92 70 s	Rio de Janeiro	81 73 t	81 70 pc
Calgary	48 27 pc	35 25 sn	Rome	72 55 t	68 53 t
Cancun	84 69 t	82 68 s	St. John's	36 23 c	33 22 c
Dublin	52 45 r	52 50 r	San Juan	85 74 pc	85 75 sh
Edmonton	40 26 c	37 25 sn	Sydney	78 64 s	83 64 s
Halifax	37 26 pc	38 35 c	Tokyo	75 55 r	66 56 pc
Kiev	70 53 pc	73 51 pc	Toronto	36 34 i	44 30 r
London	58 46 sh	57 47 pc	Vancouver	51 40 c	51 41 r
Madrid	64 49 pc	64 44 pc	Winnipeg	40 22 pc	42 25 pc

Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r-rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, f=ice.

NATION

Woman who drove SUV with family off cliff was drunk

By **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A woman was drunk when she drove her large family off a Northern California cliff last month and her wife and several children had large amounts of a drug in their systems that can cause drowsiness, authorities said Friday.

Police had previously said they believed the Hart family died in a suicide plunge from a scenic overlook. The crash happened just days after authorities in Washington state opened an investigation following allegations the children were being neglected.

Preliminary toxicology tests found Jennifer Hart had an alcohol level of 0.102, said California Patrol Capt. Bruce Carpenter. California drivers are considered drunk with a level of 0.08 or higher.

Toxicology tests also found that her wife Sarah Hart and two of their children had “a significant amount” of an ingredient commonly found in the allergy drug Benadryl, which can make people sleepy. Toxicology results for a third child killed are still pending, Carpenter said.

Carpenter said none of the car’s occupants were wearing seatbelts.

Sarah and Jennifer Hart and their six adopted children were believed to be in the family’s SUV when it plunged off a cliff in Mendocino County, more than 160 miles north of San Francisco.

Authorities have said data from the vehicle’s software suggested the crash was deliberate, though the California Highway Patrol has not concluded why the vehicle went off an ocean overlook on a rugged part of coastline. A specialized team of accident investigators is trying to figure that out with help from the FBI, Carpenter said.

“We believe that the



TRISTAN FORTSCH/KATU NEWS VIA AP, FILE

This March 20, 2016, file photo shows Hart family of Woodland, Wash., at a Bernie Sanders rally in Vancouver, Wash. A body was recovered Saturday, April 7, in the vicinity where an SUV plunged off a Northern California cliff last month, killing the family of eight in what authorities suspect may have been an intentional crash.

Hart incident was in fact intentional,” he said.

Carpenter said the family stopped in the small town of Naselle, Washington, about 80 miles northwest of their Woodland, Washington, home, during their drive to the California cliff. But investigators are still trying to determine why they stopped in Naselle, which added an hour and a half to their trip, and whether they contacted anyone. Naselle is near U.S. Highway 101, a popular, scenic route along the coast.

Five bodies were found March 26 near the small city of Mendocino, a few days after Washington state authorities began investigating the Harts for possible child neglect, but three of their children were not immediately recovered from the scene.

Two more are missing and another body has been found but not identified.

The 100-foot drop killed the women, both 39, and their children Markis Hart, 19; Jeremiah Hart, 14; and Abigail Hart, 14. Hannah Hart, 16; Devonte Hart, 15; and Sierra Hart, 12, have not been found.

Devonte drew national attention after he was photographed in tears while hugging a white

police officer during a 2014 protest.

A neighbor of the Harts in Woodland, Washington, had filed a complaint, saying the children were apparently being deprived of food as punishment. Long before the crash, Sarah Hart pleaded guilty in 2011 to a domestic assault charge in Minnesota over what she said was a spanking given to one of her children.

And authorities have said social services officials in Oregon contacted the West Linn Police Department about the family in 2013 while they were living in the area. Alexandra Argyropoulos, who told The Associated Press previously that she contacted Oregon child welfare officials, said in an email Friday that Jennifer Hart ran the household “like a regimented boot camp.”

Argyropoulos wrote that as a family friend she initially thought Jennifer Hart was a loving mother. But after spending two weeks with the family Argyropoulos said she noticed kindness, love and respect for the children was largely absent. She says the six kids were regularly punished for common childlike and adolescent behavior, such as laughing too loudly.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Legal fight lingers for man freed in 1980 murder case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — John Floyd was freed last year after spending 36 years locked up for a New Orleans murder he insisted he didn’t commit.

A federal appeals court this month upheld a U.S. District judge’s decision to order a new trial for Floyd, who said a detective coerced him to confess to the 1980 slaying.

But Floyd’s legal battle is not over. Nobody is claiming he’s a danger and prosecutors have not objected to his release pending appeal. But New Orleans District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro said the decision that led to Floyd’s freedom still needs to be overturned.

He said the federal judge in Floyd’s case should not be allowed to overrule the state trial judge some 35 years later.

Gun rights advocates to rally at state capitols across US

CHICAGO (AP) — Gun rights supporters are expected to rally at state capitols across the U.S. to counter a recent wave of student-led protests against gun violence.

Saturday’s rallies come less than three weeks after hundreds of thousands marched in Washington, New York and other U.S. cities to demand tougher gun laws after the February school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17.

Organizers are encouraging gun rights supporters to bring unloaded rifles to the rallies.

A group called the National Constitutional Coalition of Patriotic Americans is spreading word of the gatherings on social media. Coalition co-founder David Clayton says organizers have permits for rallies Saturday in 45 states. He stressed that people should only bring guns in states where it’s legal.

New Jersey Gov hails ‘Bon Jovi Day’ for Rock Hall inductees

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — It’s “Bon Jovi Day” in New Jersey.

Gov. Phil Murphy made the declaration Saturday, hours before the platinum-selling New Jersey band was to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame during a ceremony in Cleveland.

The Democratic governor hailed the band as “one of the most famous, enduring rock bands of all time.”

Led by Sayreville native Jon Bon Jovi, the band released its first album in 1984 and has recorded classic rock anthems including “You Give Love A Bad Name,” “Livin’ On A Prayer” and “Wanted Dead or Alive.”

Bon Jovi will be inducted along with Dire Straits, the Moody Blues, Nina Simone and others.

Milos Forman, Oscar-winning director, dies at 86

Milos Forman, a refugee from

Czechoslovakia whose American movies “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” and “Amadeus” won a deluge of Academy Awards, including best director Oscar, has died. He was 86.

Dennis Aspland, Forman’s agent, says in a statement that Forman’s wife, Martina, told him her husband died about 2 a.m. Saturday at Danbury Hospital, near his home in Warren, Conn.

“Cuckoo’s Nest,” based on Ken Kesey’s novel about a misfit who leads the inmates of a mental institution in a revolt against authority, captured every major Oscar at the 1976 Academy Awards. “Amadeus,” the Mozart biopic, captured seven Academy Awards, including best picture, best director and best actor.

Town wants UFO memorial moved; witness objects

SHEFFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A memorial in a remote corner of Massachusetts that marks a 1969 UFO sighting has been ordered moved, but one man who experienced a close encounter is objecting.

The 5,000-pound memorial in Sheffield was installed in 2015, but was moved about 30 feet a few weeks later when it was discovered it was on town land.

Now, Town Administrator Rhonda LaBombard tells The Berkshire Eagle it has to be moved again because it’s on a town right-of-way easement.

That’s not sitting well with Thom Reed. He was 9 when he, his mother, grandmother and brother saw what he described as a “self-contained glow” that flooded their car with an amber light. About 40 people in several surrounding towns reported the strange light. Reed is threatening legal action.

Former U2 stage to be centerpiece of Utah aquarium expansion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A giant metal structure that spent two years touring the world with rock band U2 is finding a new home at an aquarium in suburban Salt Lake City.

The massive, four-legged structure towered above the rock behemoths during a world tour from 2009 to 2011.

Now, the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium in Draper says it will be the centerpiece of a new expansion project.

Aquarium founder and CEO Brent Andersen says the expansion will continue the facility’s mission and help keep up with growth in attendance.

Construction of the expansion is expected to begin this year. The outdoor plaza featuring the former rock stage is expected to be open for visitors next summer.

A new science learning center will be finished in 2021.

Louisiana takes aim at Jim Crow-era jury law

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana is one of just two states allowing juries that are not unanimous to still find a defendant guilty of a felony.

Sen. J.P. Morrell wants to change that. He says split juries are a remnant of the Jim Crow era and a result of longstanding efforts to maintain white supremacy after the Civil War.

The New Orleans Democrat has proposed a constitutional amendment to require unanimous verdicts in felony cases.

Critics of divided juries say they results in unfair verdicts, especially against black defendants.

The measure is gaining steam in the state Capitol. The proposal has passed in the Senate and awaits debate in the House. If the Legislature approves the measure, it will go on a ballot for voter approval this fall.

In Kentucky, teachers claim victory as vetoes rejected

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — As Kentucky teachers declare victory after the Republican-dominated legislature overrode vetoes from the state’s GOP governor of a spending plan that included new money for education, the question going forward is whether teachers will be able to sustain their momentum into the fall elections.

Teacher Karen Schwartz brought a sign to Kentucky’s state Capitol on Friday declaring “Support our Schools.” But it was her shoes, a comfortable pair of Crocs, that had a bigger message for state lawmakers. She said teachers are not going to get tired.

Teachers had been booing Republicans for months after they passed changes to the teachers’ pension system. But Friday, teachers cheered as Republicans voted to override Gov. Matt Bevin’s vetoes.

In Peru, Pence updates allies on US-led airstrikes in Syria

By **KEN THOMAS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIMA, Peru — Vice President Mike Pence told U.S. allies in Latin America on Saturday that the U.S.-led airstrikes on Syria “degraded and crippled” the country’s chemical weapons capability in a series of meetings at an international summit.

Pence, meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the sidelines of a summit in Peru, said President Donald Trump had “made it clear to the world” that the United States “will not tolerate the use of chemical weapons against men, women and children.”

The vice president, filling in for Trump at the Summit of the Americas, said the U.S. remained “hopeful” that with the cooperation of Great Britain and France, and support of allies like Canada, “that we will see Syria, and their patrons in Russia and Iran, once and for all abandon the use of chemical weapons against innocent civilians.” Trudeau expressed solidarity with the U.S. for the “unfortunate but necessary” airstrikes

in Syria.

Pence pivoted to the U.S. response to the suspected chemical weapons attack in Syria as he sought to build support for further isolating Venezuela, which has faced U.S. sanctions amid a political crisis led by President Nicolas Maduro. Maduro has been barred from the summit over his plans to hold a presidential election that the opposition is boycotting and that many foreign governments consider a sham.

But much of his focus involved relationships closer to home. Pence met with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, who has yet to meet with Trump amid an impasse over the wall Trump has pledged to build along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Pence told Pena Nieto he looked forward to discussing the North American Free Trade Agreement and a “broad range of issues.” The Mexican leader said they will discuss NAFTA and other parts of their relationship involving “cooperation and mutual respect.”

The meeting comes amid tensions between Trump and Mexico over

immigration and the president’s calls for a border wall. The two leaders did not respond to shouted questions from reporters about the border wall.

The meeting with Pence was announced on Friday and follows Trump’s push to deploy National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border to fight illegal immigration and drug smuggling.

Pena Nieto and opposing candidates in the Mexican presidential election have condemned the move.

Trudeau expressed optimism that the three neighbors could reach an agreement on a renegotiated NAFTA, telling Pence there was “positive momentum” in the talks. Pence, for his part, told Trudeau that the U.S. was “encouraged” by the progress and hopeful it can lead to “more fair and reciprocal trade.”

Pence left the summit late Friday so he could confer with U.S. congressional leaders by telephone from his hotel suite about Trump’s plans to announce the missile strikes. Pence then attended a banquet hosted by Peruvian President Martin Vizcarra.

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SUCCESS

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Accomplished!"

His choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that tied down U.S. forces for years.

The nighttime Syria assault was carefully limited to minimize civilian casualties and avoid direct conflict with Syria's key ally, Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow in advance. The Pentagon said it gave no explicit warning. The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, John Huntsman, said in a video, "Before we took action, the United States communicated with" Russia to "reduce the



In this image provided by the U.S. Navy, the guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey (CG 61) fires a Tomahawk land attack missile Friday, as part of the military response to Syria's use of chemical weapons on April 7.

danger of any Russian or civilian casualties."

Dana W. White, the chief Pentagon spokeswoman, said that to her knowledge no one in the Defense Department communicated with Moscow in advance, other than the acknowledged use of a military-to-military hotline that has routinely helped minimize the risk of U.S.-Russian collisions or confrontations in Syrian airspace. Officials said this did not include giving Russian advance notice of where or when allied airstrikes would happen.

Russia has military forces, including air defenses, in several areas of Syria to support President Bashar Assad in his long war against anti-government rebels.

Russia and Iran called the use of force by the United States and its allies a "military crime" and "act of aggression." The U.N. Security Council met to debate the strikes, but rejected a Russian resolution calling for condemnation of the "aggression" by the three Western allies.

Trump's U.N. ambassador, Nikki Haley, told the session that the president has made it clear that if Assad uses poison gas again, "the United States is locked and loaded."

Assad denies he has used chemical weapons, and the Trump administration has yet to present hard evidence of what it says precipitated the allied missiles attack: a chlorine gas attack on civilians in Douma on April 7. The U.S. says it suspects that sarin gas also was used.

"Good souls will not be humiliated," Assad tweeted, while hundreds of Syrians gathered in Damascus, the capital, where they flashed victory signs and waved flags in



AP PHOTOS

A Syrian girl holds up a Syrian national flag with a picture of President Bashar Assad as government supporters chant slogans against U.S. President Trump during demonstrations following a wave of U.S., British and French military strikes to punish Assad for suspected chemical attack against civilians, in Damascus, Syria, Saturday.

scenes of defiance after the early morning barrage.

The strikes "successfully hit every target," White told reporters at the Pentagon. The military said there were three targets: the Barzah chemical weapons research and development site in the Damascus area, a chemical weapons storage facility near Homs and a chemical weapons "bunker" a few miles from the second target.

Although officials said the singular target was Assad's chemical weapons capability, his air force, including helicopters he allegedly has used to drop chemical weapons on civilians, were spared. In a U.S. military action a year ago in response to a sarin gas attack, the Pentagon said missiles took out nearly 20 percent of the Syrian air force.

As of Saturday, neither Syria nor its Russian or Iranian allies retaliated, Pentagon officials said. The U.S.-led operation won broad Western support. The NATO alliance gave its full backing; NATO

Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said in Brussels that the attack was about ensuring that chemical weapons cannot be used with impunity.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the attack "necessary and appropriate."

In his televised address from the White House on Friday evening, Trump said the U.S. was prepared to sustain economic, diplomatic and military pressure on Assad until the Syrian leader ends what Trump called a criminal pattern of killing his own people with internationally banned chemical weapons. That did not mean military strikes would continue. In fact, Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said no additional attacks were planned.

Asked about Trump's "Mission Accomplished" assertion, White said it pointed to the successful targeting of three Syrian chemical weapons sites. What happens next, she said, is up to Assad and to his Russian and

Iranian allies.

Marine Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, director of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, said the allied airstrikes "took out the heart" of Assad's chemical weapons arsenal. He said the missiles hit the "sweet spot," doing the expected level of damage while minimizing the unintentional release of toxic fumes that could be harmful to nearby civilians.

When pressed, he acknowledged that some unspecified portion of Assad's chemical arms infrastructure was not targeted.

"There is still a residual element of the Syrian program that is out there," McKenzie said, adding, "I'm not going to say they're going to be unable to continue to conduct a chemical attack in the future. I suspect, however they'll think long and hard about it."

Assad's Barzah research and development center in Damascus was destroyed, McKenzie said. "It does not exist anymore."

FACEBOOK

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although he was vague about what kind of rules he believes are needed or what he would support. He brushed off suggestions that Facebook has built a monopoly but didn't identify the company's competitors. Instead, he asserted without elaborating that "the average American uses eight different apps to communicate with their friends and stay

in touch with people." He didn't mention whether those other apps included Facebook's own Messenger, as well as Instagram and WhatsApp, which are also both owned by Facebook.

Zuckerberg also didn't rule out the possibility that Facebook might eventually offer a version giving people the option of paying a monthly fee in exchange for not having their personal information mined for advertising. Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's

chief operating idea, floated the idea in an interview with NBC before Zuckerberg appeared in Congress.

Although Zuckerberg didn't elaborate, the concept would be similar to what both video-streaming service Hulu and music-streaming service Spotify already do by offering a free version supported by ads or a commercial-free version that requires a subscription.

Zuckerberg emphasized that Facebook will always offer a free

version of its network. But Facebook's business model, as Zuckerberg repeatedly explained in his testimony, depends upon ads shown to people based on the interests they share on the network. That strategy generated \$40 billion in ad revenue for Facebook last year, helping to make it one of the world's most valuable companies just 14 years after Zuckerberg started the business in his Harvard dorm room.

While Facebook users can turn off some data collection used for

advertising, it can't stop tracking entirely.

Zuckerberg also wasn't clear on how the company would offer all users privacy protection equal to that offered by European Union regulations taking effect next month. While he's said he supports the General Data Protection Regulation, Facebook probably isn't following those rules quite yet. "Don't say we already do what GDPR requires," one passage from his cheat sheet reminded him.

STORM

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make travel hazardous.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, had issued tornado watches Friday for eastern Texas and western Louisiana, moving up through eastern Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and into Missouri and Iowa. The weather service also warned of the potential for strong thunderstorms, large hail and damaging winds for Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and eastern portions of Texas.

In Conway, Arkansas, strong winds caused damage at several buildings at the University of Central Arkansas on Friday. The school said on its Facebook page that students were evacuated from an all-female freshman dormitory after its roof was damaged. No injuries were reported.

In Mountain Home

in northern Arkansas, authorities evacuated a nursing home after its roof was severely damaged by heavy winds. Police said no injuries were reported.

The threat of severe weather prompted officials with the French Quarter Festival in New Orleans to cancel all of Saturday's events, held outdoors across 23 stages scattered throughout the historic neighborhood. Organizers said the festival will reopen for its final day on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Forecasters said Alabama was also at risk for a weekend of severe weather, with the National Weather Service predicting storms beginning over north Alabama early Saturday will create a threat of winds up to 60 mph and tornadoes through Sunday.

The Storm Prediction Center said there's an enhanced risk of bad weather in an area that includes Birmingham, Huntsville and Mobile,



AP PHOTO

A line of thunderstorms pass over a barn near Baldwin City, Kan., Friday, April 13. The area was under a severe thunderstorm warning.

and that Montgomery is on the fringe of the risk area.

Severe thunderstorms also popped up to the north Friday morning in parts of Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. Golf ball-sized hail fell Friday morning in parts of southwestern Wisconsin, covering the ground like snow in Richland Center and Gays Mills. Large hail also fell in Parker in southeastern South Dakota while pea-sized hail fell in nearby Sioux Falls.

"That that just kind

of again speaks to how strong the system is, where you're going to get a lot of snow on the cold side, and severe thunderstorms in the warm part of the storm," Beitch said.

In South Dakota, where a blizzard warning covered much of the state, authorities issued no-travel advisories for many highways and closed much of Interstate 90 in the western half of the state. Gov. Dennis Daugaard closed state government offices in 32 counties ahead of the approaching blizzard.

Dozens of school districts canceled classes ahead of snow accumulation expected to reach as much as 18 inches in some areas. Rapid City had already received 5.5 inches by 10 a.m.

Dangerous fire weather conditions in Oklahoma contributed to wildfires that forced hundreds of people to evacuate their homes near Woodward, about 125 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. Emergency crews in western Texas were also battling wildfires amid forecasts of extreme fire danger.

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, April 15**, the 105th day of 2018. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **April 15, 2013**, two bombs made from pressure cookers exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260. Suspected bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a shootout with police; his brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.

On this date

In **1974**, members of the Symbionese Liberation Army held up a branch of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco; a member of the group was SLA kidnap victim Patricia Hearst, who by this time was going by the name "Tania" (Hearst later said she'd been forced to participate).

In **1986**, the United States launched an air raid against Libya in response to the bombing of a discotheque in Berlin on April 5; Libya said 37 people, mostly civilians, were killed.

In **1989**, 96 people died in a crush of soccer fans at Hillsborough Stadium in Sheffield, England. Students in Beijing launched a series of pro-democracy protests; the demonstrations culminated in a government crackdown at Tiananmen Square.

In **1998**, Pol Pot, the notorious leader of the Khmer Rouge, died at age 72, evading prosecution for the deaths of two million Cambodians.

Today's birthdays

Country singer **Roy Clark** is 85. Actress **Claudia Cardinale** is 80. Author and politician **Jeffrey Archer** is 78. Rock singer-guitarist **Dave Edmunds** is 75. Actor **Michael Tucci** is 72. Actress **Lois Chiles** is 71. Writer-producer **Linda Bloodworth-Thomson** is 71. Actress **Amy Wright** is 68. Columnist **Heloise** is 67. Actor **Sam McMurray** is 66. Actress-screenwriter **Emma Thompson** is 59. Bluegrass musician **Jeff Parker** is 57. Singer **Samantha Fox** is 52.

Bible verse

"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early."

— **Hosea 5:15.**

God will not force Himself upon you. He will work in your life when you acknowledge Him. Are you ready to make that step? He's waiting on you.

ODD NEWS

Argument over dog's real owner leads to court custody fight

MADEIRA BEACH, Fla. — A rift between two former neighbors has resulted in them sharing custody of a Labrador retriever mix.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Tina Marie Walker and David Somerville lived next to each other in a Florida apartment complex when he drove her in 2016 to an animal shelter, where she adopted Elario. When she worked, Somerville would take the dog for walks and to the dog park. He says he paid the dog's vet bills.

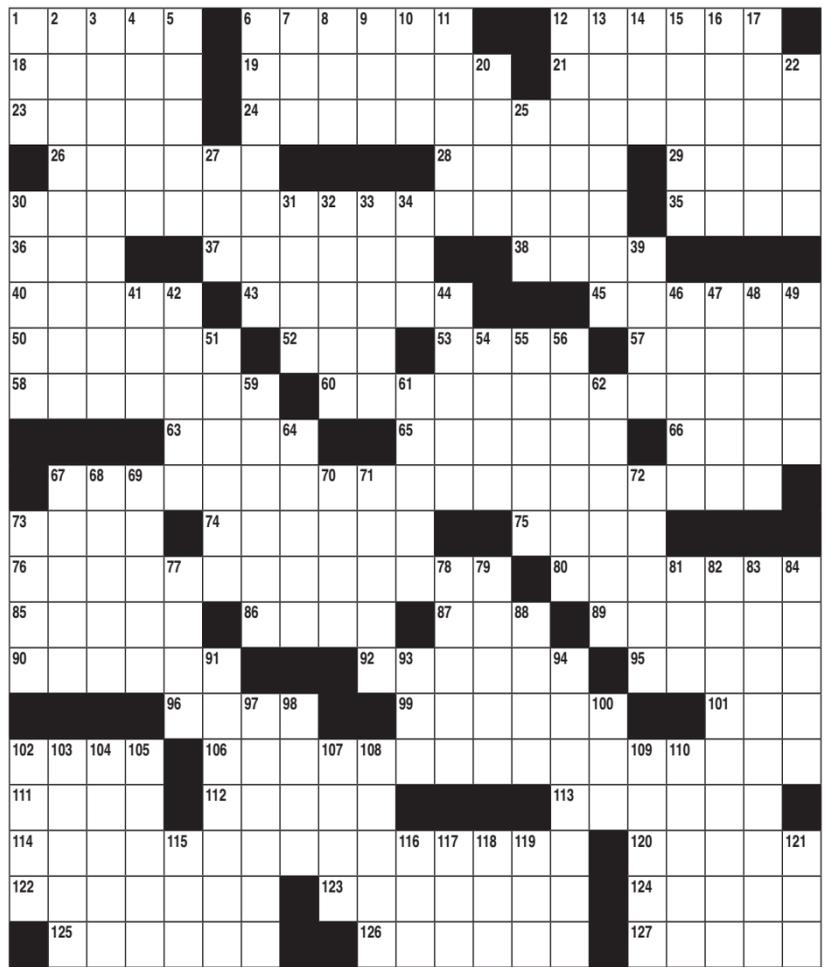
That led to a rift over who really was the dog's owner and Somerville sued Walker in small claims court. A judge ruled recently that they are to share custody and even drew up a schedule. Walker has moved from the apartment complex but now drops Elario off for his stays with Somerville.

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Ask the Fool

Goodwill, Explained

Q What's "goodwill" on a balance sheet? — *L.B., Abilene, Texas*

A Goodwill is an intangible asset listed on a company's balance sheet if it has acquired another company, paying a premium over the intrinsic value.

On the books, a company might be worth, say, \$50 billion, but it might have other assets not represented on its financial statements, such as valuable brands, proprietary technology and/or patents. If those total \$10 billion, the acquiring company might pay \$60 billion, adding \$10 billion of goodwill onto its own books. Some companies pay a premium price when acquiring others simply because there's a bidding war or other possible acquirers.

Imagine that Carrier Pigeon Communications (ticker: SQUAWK), valued at \$100 million, acquires Smoke Signal Communications (ticker: PUFFS), with a book value of \$20 million, paying \$25 million in cash. Carrier Pigeon's value won't change. It will still be worth \$100 million, but it won't have that \$25 million in cash on its balance sheet anymore. That sum would be replaced by the \$20 million value of Smoke Signal along with \$5 million of "goodwill."

Just as capital assets such as factory equipment depreciate over time, with their value decreased eventually to zero, goodwill is also incrementally reduced to zero.

Q Are the dividends in my Roth IRA taxable? — *E.M., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania*

A Whatever you invest in a Roth IRA grows free of taxes on capital gains and dividends. Your ultimate withdrawals will not be taxed, either, if you follow the rules.

Traditional IRAs work differently. The qualified contributions you make to them reduce your taxable income, giving you an upfront tax break. When you withdraw them and their dividends and gains in retirement, that becomes taxable income. Learn more at www.fool.com/retirement.

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Fool's School

Index Funds: Best for Most of Us

Many of us have money we want to invest for our futures, but we don't have the time, skills or interest to learn all about investing, study stocks and decide when to buy and sell them. That's OK, though, because there's a very effective way to invest long-term dollars that's easy, too: index funds.

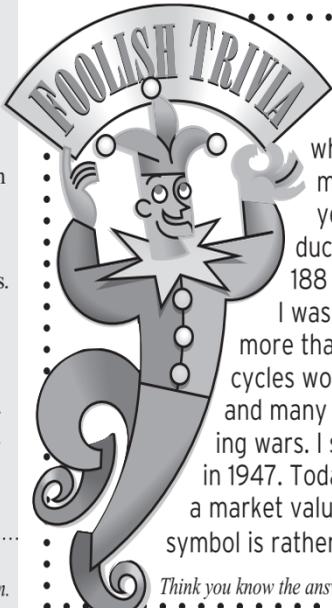
Index funds have long outperformed professional money managers — in large part due to the fees managers charge. So instead of investing in actively managed mutual funds that lose to the market, you can choose to roughly match the market average. Invest your long-term money in index funds designed to track the performance of a broad market index, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000. The S&P 500 is an index of 500 leading companies in America, and you can invest in it through many funds, such as the Vanguard 500 Index (VFINX) or the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY). The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000,

a "whole market" index, contains almost every U.S. stock, and there are even broader indexes, such as the FTSE Global Equity Index, which includes more than 7,400 securities in 47 countries and tracks about 98 percent of the world's investable market. Investments such as the Vanguard Total World Stock ETF (VT) will quickly park you in that index's components.

Index funds usually sport extremely low fees — often near or below 0.1 percent, while many managed mutual funds charge 1 percent or more. There's little turn-over within them, too, so commission costs are minimal.

Best of all, investing in index funds is simple, taking very little time or energy. Once you've invested in them, you can forget about them (ideally adding money regularly, though). However the index performs in the coming years, your index fund will roughly track that — in the case of broad-market index funds, delivering returns that roughly track the overall market.

Learn more in John Bogle's "Little Book of Common Sense Investing: The Only Way to Guarantee Your Fair Share of Stock Market Returns" (Wiley, \$25).



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1901, when a 21-year-old drew an engine meant to fit on a bicycle. Two years later, he and a friend produced it. One of my bikes topped 188 miles per gallon in 1908. By 1912 I was exporting to Japan and had more than 200 U.S. dealers. My motorcycles won lots of races over the years, and many were used by the military during wars. I sold leather jackets beginning in 1947. Today, based in Milwaukee, I sport a market value north of \$7 billion. My ticker symbol is rather porcine. Who am I?

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

My Dumbest Investment

Wiped Out by Bankrupt Investment

My dumbest investment was investing in Delta Air Lines when the company was in trouble and shares were trading for less than they seemed to be worth.

I was sure some other company would buy Delta, but that didn't happen. It filed for bankruptcy protection, then emerged from it later with new shares, after wiping out previous shareholders like me. It almost prevented me from ever investing in stocks again. — *Eaamon, online*

The Fool Responds: It's often best to avoid companies that are going through tough times unless you have a lot of reason to believe that they will recover and prosper. Many times, struggling companies keep struggling for a long time — and sometimes go under.

Challenged by steep fuel prices and increasing competition, Delta had been unprofitable for years before filing for bankruptcy in 2005. (It wasn't the only airline to do so at the time.) It then underwent major cost-cutting before emerging as a new company in 2007. The airline's performance was a bit bumpy in the first few years after that, but then it became a solid performer.

Delta has averaged annual gains of about 10 percent since exiting bankruptcy. Part of its success is due to its merger with Northwest and to beefing up its international business. The company has been posting strong numbers and is looking to add new fuel-efficient planes to its fleet.

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The Motley Fool Take

Profits Brewing

Starbucks (Nasdaq: SBUX) has been a rapid grower for years, steadily expanding and often delivering double-digit earnings growth. However, steady weakening of its comps growth — sales at stores open more than one year — in the U.S. is viewed by some investors as proof that the best days are in the past, fueling a drop in its stock price.

While there's reason to monitor Starbucks' slowing growth in the U.S., savvy investors focusing on the bigger picture could do well buying now, because the growth likely isn't over. The company is working to improve its ability to meet strong demand during the morning rush, is expanding the availability of cold beverages and is introducing its "mobile order and pay" app to all customers, not just those who are members of its Rewards program.

Starbucks still has a massive opportunity internationally, particularly in China. The store count there has more than doubled over the last three years, to 3,124 locations, and the company plans to grow that count to 5,000 by 2021. Its China market produced year-over-year comps growth of 7 percent last year, and an increase of 6 percent last quarter.

Starbucks stock is appealingly priced for long-term investors at recent levels, and its dividend, which recently yielded 2.1 percent, was hiked by 20 percent in November. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Starbucks.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was founded in 1946, and my founder's granddaughter is currently my CEO. In 1974 I debuted the first money market fund against which investors could write checks. I began offering IRAs in 1975, a year after they were created. Today, based in Boston, I'm a global financial giant, employing more than 40,000 people and with more than \$6 trillion of assets under administration. I serve more than 26 million individual investors (and their 25 million brokerage accounts) and more than 22,000 businesses. I offer investment advice, but you can't invest in me as I'm a privately held company. Who am I? (Answer: Fidelity Investments)



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

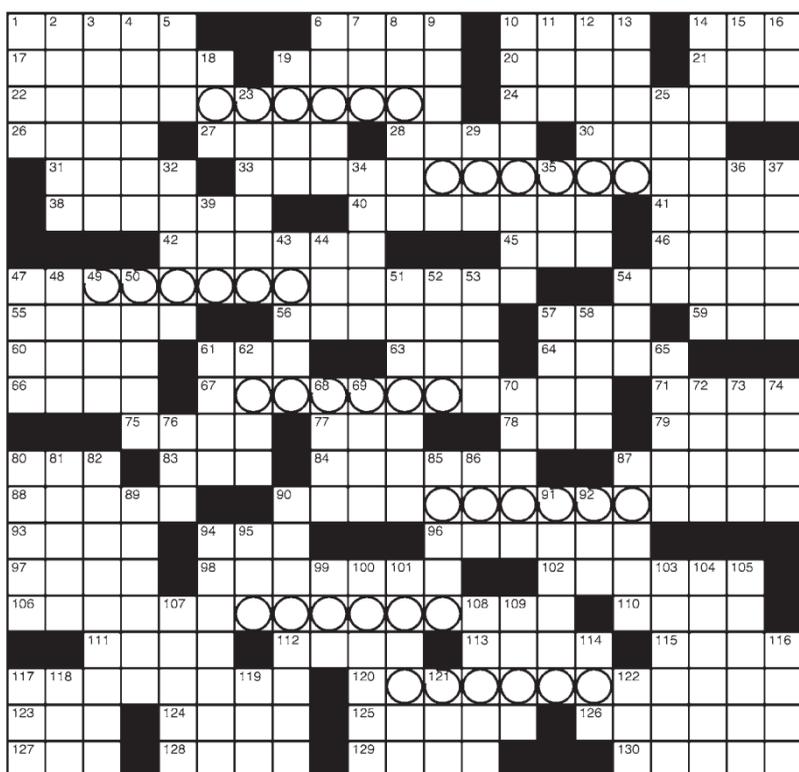
MIRROR IMAGES

By Paul Coulter

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

UDCA

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH ♠ Q 7 3 ♥ A 8 5 ♦ A J 2 ♣ K 8 6 5

WEST ♠ K 8 5 4 ♥ 9 7 4 3 ♦ 9 6 ♣ 10 9 4

EAST ♠ A 10 9 6 2 ♥ J 2 ♦ 10 8 3 ♣ Q J 2

SOUTH ♠ J ♥ K Q 10 6 ♦ K Q 7 5 4 ♣ A 7 3

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST. Bidding sequence: 1♣ Pass, 1NT Pass, 3♦ Pass, 5♥ Pass.

Opening lead: Ten of ♣

"Upside-Down Count and Attitude," or UDCA, is a common signaling agreement among modern tournament players. It simply reverses the normal meaning of a defensive signal — a high card is discouraging and a low card encouraging. Any agreement can bite

you on a bad day, and today's deal is an example.

South's ambitious bidding put him in a contract that appeared doomed. There was a certain spade loser and a club loser, not to mention the missing jack of hearts. One side effect of being a poor bidder is that you get a lot of practice declaring bad contracts. That experience can help you develop some clever techniques.

South played low from dummy on the opening club lead and East, who was playing UDCA with his partner, followed with the encouraging two. South threw a cloud of mystery over the hand when he smoothly ducked and allowed West's 10 to win the trick. Who can blame poor West for continuing the suit? His 10 had held the trick and his partner had encouraged. He quickly led another club, which South captured with the ace. Three rounds of diamonds drew the trumps. The 3-3 club split provided a discard for South's losing spade and the jack of hearts was kind enough to drop. Making six!

East could have saved the day for the defense by overtaking the 10 of clubs with the jack at trick one. Should South duck, East could cash his ace of spades. Would you have done this?

CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS VEGGIE FUN 3 by Myles Mellor

1. W K H P P S N H I W M C H P P Q Z C W Z Z Y F H J

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R Q O W X Y S Z J . R H U Q Z W K K F F H K K H J ,

" M P Y L M P W K D Q Z C O H ! "

2. R X ' G Q U N O V N U A , L N H E Z E M O

A H X Q U N O E R V , Z A W R X ' G H T X U A

T H J A W R A G J C C U N F Z C L : Z E N J G G U M G

G F H J X !

3. U R T M O R T Z E K H T A T O Y J E T B T O P B T K

V B Z G O R T X R Y P B G Y M Z V O R T H P E E Y A T

X Z Q M X P E , R T U Y C K Q J J T K Y R Y C - J T Y M !

4. K T D R E N Z K Q O H M K D G H J J K T D Z E

R Z M D K E D D Q K F U E F O W D E K Z L H J J A

Q F K T D A O H M K D G D W D E A K T Z M U K F

S D L F X B N K D G O Z K T H B J N X S F S !

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

SEASON ALWAYS OUTFIT HUMANE DRIVEL BENIGN

The hotel at the bottom of the Grand Canyon was done, and the owners were ready to—

GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

- 1. A lettuce was getting annoyed with a celery who kept following him around. He finally yelled, "stop stalking me!" 2. It's very green, probably not very big, and it's often found in summer camp: a Brussels scout! 3. When the old vegetable retired from the chairman of the village council, he was dubbed a has-bean! 4. The fruits wanted all their fine trees to grow vertically so they wanted everything to be computed with a plum bob!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Rest is an important component to keeping your energy high. The quality of your sleep really matters, too. It's something to plan for — how you're going to ward off possible distractions; that's how much it matters now. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For a relationship to work well, both parties should agree on what the boundaries are. This is best done organically, though, because people may agree in theory to things that they do not agree with in practice. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a latent potential in you that you will know only when you get in the environment that makes you find it and use it. That will not be a comfortable process. Greatness and comfort rarely go together. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today feels a bit like a trivia game in which you know the answers but can hardly believe your own recollection of them. Producing small bits of hidden information from the way-back brings a unique kind of satisfaction. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Instead of thinking you can accomplish a task with sheer grit and will, you will humbly (and brilliantly) recognize your reliance on the right tools and a conducive environment to accomplish your goals. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Intelligence is not fixed. No matter how smart a person is, they can learn more — or they can go the other direction. At times today, you may feel that you're out of your element, but your choice to push yourself will pay off later. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life in society is role-playing. Don't be afraid to switch roles. Also, you don't have to worry too much about being qualified for a role. The role will be your teacher and qualifier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Theory and experience are never the same. No matter how much you read, prepare and train with a simulator, you're not doing it for real until you're doing it for real. There is always a leap from theory to practice. Take it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is your environment at odds with who you are or who you want to be? Maybe you can move things around to make them fit better. But also consider whether that's going to be enough. Perhaps it's time for a bigger sort of change. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You might thrill to taking your generosity in a sneaky direction — giving anonymously, setting people up for a win, helping behind the scenes. You might pull it off, but you could just as easily get found out. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The breakthrough probably won't happen when you're at work on the project. Instead, it will come after the much-needed rest you have after a period of intense exertion. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Once, you sought the path of least resistance, and it didn't work out that way at all. You are better off for it. A life of ease would make you stuck and confused. You're too big to swim in shallow water. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15). You'll be strongly encouraged to share what's yours — not exactly a gift but an occurrence that makes you better and richer in many ways. Your past catches up to you in a very rewarding way in May. Karmic payback can be reinvested to do more good in the world. The love sector gets sweeter with travel in August. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 3, 35 and 42.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- | CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 gathered fabric (8) | _____ |
| 2 woven fabric edge (7) | _____ |
| 3 fabric surface (4) | _____ |
| 4 fabric softener brand (7) | _____ |
| 5 plain-knit cotton fabric (10) | _____ |
| 6 heavy, ribbed fabric (9) | _____ |
| 7 wrinkle-free fabric (6) | _____ |

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Today's Answers: 1. SHIRTING 2. SELVAGE 3. FILE 4. SNUGGLE 5. BALBRIGGAN 6. GROSGRAIN 7. DACRON

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 4/15/18

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

Mother assisting son's job hunt regularly stymied by internships

DEAR ABBY: My son, a junior in college, is trying to get a summer job. His degree is challenging, and he has a good work ethic plus job experience. Because he hasn't had much luck applying online, I have been calling local businesses to see what's available while he's working hard at school.



Dear Abby

A problem I'm encountering is something I never had to deal with in my own job search.

It's companies asking if he wants an internship. They say they can't pay him to train him. Can you explain the basis of this response? — WANTS TO KNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WANTS TO KNOW: The basis may be economic. The companies don't want to spend the money on an intern, particularly one who exhibits such little initiative that his mother has to call to inquire about a job for him. Keep in mind that some internships have been known to lead to permanent positions. Your son may have better luck if he places the calls himself.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper when hosting guests from out of state? In a few months, two different relatives will be visiting me separately, each for two weeks. For years it has been my custom to go to church early on Sunday and then to brunch with friends. I don't mind giving up the brunch, but I don't want to miss church for an entire month. (I'm a widow now and I enjoy the fellowship.)

One relative is a non-churchgoer, and the other is a Jehovah's Witness. Neither will attend with me even though I invite them. (I tried that.) How do I handle this? — CHURCH OR NO CHURCH

DEAR C. OR N.C.: Having houseguests does not mean you are shackled

together the entire time they stay with you. Because you have "tried that" and your offer was rejected, they already know you like to attend church.

Handle the situation by telling them you will be going to early services on Sunday and then to brunch with some of the church members afterward.

If you're worried about feeding your houseguests, tell them there will be lox, bagels and cream cheese waiting in the fridge when they get up — something from almost every food group.

DEAR ABBY: I have a slightly different version of a "Pennies From Heaven" letter for you.

My darling grandmother would often tell my brother and me she had a "Yankee dime" for us — which meant a kiss.

Not long after her death, I started finding shiny dimes in the strangest places — under birthday gifts, by the Christmas tree and in my kitchen (which is my happy place). My heart fills as the dimes

continue to pile up. I save them all.

If I had a penny for every Yankee dime I got while growing up, I'd be very rich. — SUZANNE IN OCALA, FLA.

DEAR SUZANNE: You ARE rich! You were blessed to have had a grandmother who loved you and your brother and demonstrated it every chance she got. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

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HELOISE

Dear Readers: If you notice bees near your home, there may be a good reason. Lots of them will nest close to yummy things that they can consume — and that includes food, sugary drinks and garbage cans filled with tasty trash. If you get rid of all the tempting food and drink, the bees will move to a more appealing location.

Here's another way to deal with those bees: If a bee buzzes around you, do not swat at it or move fast because that might provoke the bee to sting you. Instead, remain calm and move away very slowly. However, if you stumble onto a nest, run away ASAP. Do not attempt to remove a big nest unless you feel that it is a threat to you. Hire a licensed pest-control professional to handle this task. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: We use a lot of duct tape around our house and in many different ways, but when I pull it off, it



Hints from Heloise

leaves an awful, sticky residue that I find difficult to remove. Can you help me? — Carol from South Dakota

Dear Carol: Yes, use these Heloise Hints with products you have in your house, and you can solve this problem with a little elbow grease. 1. Pour a little bit of vegetable or baby oil onto your hands. Rub your fingers in the sticky areas. Allow the oil to remain on the areas for about 30 minutes. 2. Pat cornmeal into the oil and rub in a circular motion, both counterclockwise and then clockwise, until you see that the residue is balling up. Use a plastic scrubber to lift it all off. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Granite floors can create a gorgeous entrance into your house. They are attractive and durable, but they get dirty and have to be cleaned. Here's how you can keep them in good shape:

— Dust often with a non-treated mop to eliminate sand or dirt, which can be harmful to the floor.

— Mix warm water with a pH neutral detergent. Apply this with a cloth mop. Do not use too much cleaner because it will leave a film.

— Rinse completely and dry with a soft cloth.

— Do not ever apply abrasive or acidic cleaners that can damage the surface. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: My children love peanut butter, and I have heard that I could make my own. I think it could be a good project for my kids. Do you have a recipe? — Eleanor from Louisiana

Dear Eleanor: Yes, this would be a fun family project. Make sure you have dry-roasted or fresh roasted peanuts (you can buy them on sale at the supermarket). Also check your pantry for vegetable or peanut oil, which is needed. Your kids can measure one cup of peanuts and two to three tablespoons of oil.

Pour this into a blender or food processor. Blend until you have crunchy or smooth peanut butter, whichever they like the most. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Do you hate the bitter taste in your coffee? It can ruin the start of the morning.

You can solve this easily by adding a pinch of salt to the coffee grounds BEFORE brewing.

Did you know that the wonderful flavor of brewed coffee begins to deteriorate after only 15 minutes? Drink up! — Heloise

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RULES

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

TODAY'S ANSWERS

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
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JUMBLE

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

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PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

WORLD

'Winnie!' South Africa bids farewell to Madikizela-Mandela

By KRISTA MAHR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG — Tens of thousands of people sang, cheered and cried as the flag-draped casket of anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela was escorted from her official funeral on Saturday, after supporters defended her complex legacy with poetry and anger.

Thunder rumbled and it began to rain as the casket left the 40,000-seat stadium — a blessing, witnesses said.

Heads of state joined the five-hour celebration of the powerful figure who will be buried as a national hero following lively debate over how she should be remembered after her death on April 2 at age 81.

Often called the "Mother of the Nation" and "Mama Winnie," Madikizela-Mandela fought to keep South Africa's anti-apartheid struggle in the international spotlight while her husband, Nelson Mandela, was imprisoned.

"Long before it was fashionable to call for Nelson Mandela's release from Robben Island, it was my mother who kept his memory alive," elder daughter Zenani Mandela-Dlamini said as the crowd erupted in

cheers.

Many South Africans have stood up for Madikizela-Mandela's memory against critics who characterized her as a problematic figure who was implicated in political violence after she returned from years of banishment in a rural town.

"Proud, defiant, articulate, she exposed the lie of apartheid," President Cyril Ramaphosa said during his tribute.

"Loudly and without apology, she spoke truth to power."

He recited Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise."

And as the casket left the stadium, another speaker read out Alice Walker's poem, "Winnie Mandela We Love You."

Since her death, supporters have visited Madikizela-Mandela's family home in Soweto, the Johannesburg township where she lived, and condolences have poured in from around the world in remembrance of one of the 20th century's most prominent political activists.

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, who attended the funeral, said Friday that Madikizela-Mandela was responsible for making the anti-apartheid movement "a global struggle."

Many memorializing Madikizela-Mandela

recognized her as a political force in her own right.

"In apartheid South Africa, the combination of patriarchy and racism together meant that black women confronted enormous obstacles from the cradle to the grave, making her own achievements all the more exceptional," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Friday at a memorial in New York, not mentioning Nelson Mandela at all.

The young Madikizela-Mandela grew up in what is now Eastern Cape province and came to Johannesburg as the city's first black female social worker. Not long after, she met African National Congress activist Mandela and the couple married in 1958, forming one of the most storied unions of the century.

After Mandela was imprisoned, Madikizela-Mandela embraced her own leadership in the freedom struggle with steely determination and at great personal sacrifice.

For years, she was routinely harassed by apartheid-state security forces, imprisoned and tortured. In 1977, she was banished to a remote town.

It took a toll. When Madikizela-Mandela returned from exile she became involved with a group of young men



AP PHOTO

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, center, is flanked by daughters of late anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, Zenani, third from right, and Zindzi, second from right, during her funeral at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto, South Africa, Saturday.

known as the Mandela United Football Club. The men were accused of the disappearances and killings of at least 18 boys and young men and the leader was convicted of killing a 14-year-old, nicknamed "Stompie," accused of being a police informer.

In 1991, a court found Madikizela-Mandela guilty of the boy's kidnapping and assault and sentenced her to six years in jail. She appealed and was found guilty of being an accessory in the assault, and the sentence was reduced to a fine and suspended prison term. Madikizela-Mandela denied knowledge of any killings.

Mandela divorced her in 1996, claiming infidelity and saying that after his release from prison, his wife made him "the loneliest man."

Though she fought fiercely for democracy, Madikizela-Mandela flourished in a political career after the first free elections in 1994. Mandela, South Africa's first black president, fired her as one of his deputy ministers. Her stints as a lawmaker, a post she held until her death, were lackluster.

Mandela-Dlamini, her elder daughter, accused the media of being complicit in a long "smear campaign" against her mother.

"Praising her now that she's gone shows what hypocrites you are," she said during her speech. "It's become clear that South Africa, and indeed the world, holds men and women to different standards of morality."

Ramaphosa said the traumas that Madikizela-Mandela endured as a target of the powerful apartheid state inflicted "deep wounds" that never healed — and went largely ignored by many peers.

"She bore witness to our suffering. We did not do the same for her," he said. "Today is a moment to heal those wounds. Today is a time for healing as we put Mama Winnie to rest."

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This is a fantastic opportunity to own home in the highly desirable Harder Hall neighborhood with 2,226 square feet of living space. This home is located on a street of well cared for homes.

The nicely maintained landscaping offers great curb appeal and the front screened entry will make you feel right at home. As you enter, you will be welcomed by the spacious living area boasting 10-foot ceilings with French doors leading to the 11 by 27 family room.

The home also has a formal dining room. Crown molding, a chair rail in the breakfast room and tray ceilings in both the breakfast room and master bedroom complete the look.

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This home is at 406 Maravilla Ave. in Sebring. It is priced for \$210,000 and is listed with Barbara Bonasera with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

DIRECTIONS

406 Maravilla Ave., Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Golfview Drive. Turn left onto Lafayette Avenue. Turn left on Dozier Avenue. Turn right onto Santa Barbara Drive. Turn left onto Maravilla Avenue. The home is on the left.

Golf course home in Highlands Ridge

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This home is at 4284 North Course Lane in Avon Park. It is priced for \$242,000 and is listed with Helen Ferry and Kim Reed of The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Looking for a move-in ready, as well as a great value in an active adult community that offers a relaxed, low maintenance lifestyle? Look no further than Highlands Ridge. This three-bedroom, plus office, two-bath, oversized two-car plus golf cart garage home could be just the ticket.

Located on the North Course golf course with a lovely view, this home built in 2006 has numerous upgrades that add both style and pizzazz. The first thing you'll notice is the paved driveway and walkway leading up to the etched glass front door with a large window above letting in lots of natural light.

FERRY | 4



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DIRECTIONS

4284 North Course Lane, 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 East Altwater Road. Turn left onto Carter Creek Drive. Turn right onto North Course Lane. The home is on the left.

Amazing home on Red Water Lake

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This home is at 15 Tall Oaks Trail in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$494,000 and is listed with Carole Polk with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

You are welcomed into this luxurious and spacious home via the garden patio. Upon entering the light and airy vestibule, you are drawn into a voluminous layout made for entertaining — all with a panoramic view of the lake.

Every detail was carefully selected and quality crafted. Inside, the sprawling entertaining spaces flow through the magnificent wooden French doors to an awe-inspiring outside living area.

The outdoor area includes a solar-heated pool, a fully-equipped outdoor stainless steel kitchen with granite counter tops, a large fire pit area and a covered dock on tranquil and beautiful Red Water Lake. The property has a 1,600 square foot, two-bedroom, one-bath cozy guest house with a

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This home is at 15 Tall Oaks Trail in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$494,000 and is listed with Carole Polk with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

DIRECTIONS

15 Tall Oaks Trail, Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto Lake Francis Road. Turn left onto Red Water Lane. Turn left onto Tall Oaks Trail. The home is on the left.



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The kitchen features maple-raised panel wood cabinets, plenty of counter space, all appliances, and a breakfast bar that is open to the breakfast room.

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The kitchen features maple-raised panel wood cabinets, plenty of counter space, all appliances, and a breakfast bar that is open to the breakfast room.

With a split-bedroom floor plan, the spacious master bedroom offers his-and-hers closets and the en-suite bath offers a

vanity with double sinks, a walk-in shower, garden tub for soaking and a large linen closet.

Additional features in this beautiful home include French doors in the third bedroom, making it suitable as a guest bedroom or office/den.

There is hardwood flooring in the dining room, tile in the other living areas and carpet in the bedrooms. Other

features include a large utility room with cabinets matching the kitchen and a desk/workspace area, fenced yard, widened driveway and a golf-door garage. The home has city water and sewer and no home owner's association fees.

For more information or to schedule a showing, call Bonasera at 863-441-0168 or email barbara-bonasera@gmail.com.

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POLK

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private entrance and serene garden setting.

On 1.2 acres of premier lakefront acreage, this crème de la crème home is graced by wainscoting and terra cotta tile, encompasses a living square footage of over 2,700 feet and is accompanied by an elegant formal dining room, tremendous chef's kitchen and a den with a charming gas fire place. This home is a haven for viewing of the lake from multiple vantage points.

The divine master bedroom includes an opulent en suite bath with lavish shower and has a separate deck overlooking all the amenities.

The laundry room is prizewinning. It flows into the generous-sized bonus room and is conveniently located on the opposite side of the house, along

with a guest bath and bedroom.

For more information, call Polk at 863-840-1083 or email carole@carolepolk.com. Ask about MLS 246960.

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SUNDAY APRIL 15TH 1-3 PM
956 E LAKE DR. L PLACID, 33852
• 3BR/2.5BA, 1978 Sq.Ft.
• Metal roof, split plan, 2 car garage
• Under construction & on Lake Sirena
\$384,900 MLS#241942
Brooke Foster (863) 441-0781

OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY APRIL 15TH 1-3 PM
406 MARAVILLA AVE., SEBRING 33875
• 3BR/2BA, 2226 Sq.Ft.
• Living area w'10' ceilings
• French doors lead to 11x27 family room
\$210,000 MLS#243187
Barbara Bonasera (863) 441-0168

OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY APRIL 15TH 1-3 PM
3018 SUGAR PINE CIRCLE, SEB 33872
• 2BR/2BA, 1331 Sq.Ft.
• Cormorant Point home, fully furnished
• AC new in 2017
\$135,000 MLS#247213
Lori Brown (863) 835-1196

OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY APRIL 15TH 1-3 PM
1417 KATCALANI AVE., SEB 33870
• 4BR/2BA, 1731 Sq.Ft.
• Family room addition
• Large laundry room, concrete RV/boat pad
\$132,000 MLS#246166
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Lake Placid LAKE JUNE POINTE CUSTOM HOME
• 4BR/3BA, 3278 Sq.Ft.
• Gourmet kitchen w/gas stove, granite
• Private dock, boathouse, lift. Much More!
\$649,900 MLS#245394
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• 5BR/5BA, 5558 Sq.Ft.
• Spacious pool area w/summer kitchen
• Golf course view. Too many extras to list!
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Lake Placid TOO MARVELOUS FOR WORDS!
• 3BR/3BA, 2725 Sq.Ft.
• Custom improvements throughout
• Panoramic view of Lake Redwater
\$494,000 MLS#246960
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Lake Placid GREAT DEAL FOR LAND & BUILDING!
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• On 16.86 acres
• Currently used as a church
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• Exceptionally rare property
• 2 family home
• Each side just under 2,000 Sq.Ft.
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Sebring PRIVATE SETTING
• 3BR/2BA, 2418 Sq.Ft.
• On 4+ acres
• Propane gas, pump house, concrete pad
\$399,000 MLS#244134
Bea Ross (863) 273-0315



Sebring OVERLOOKING LAKE JACKSON
• 3BR/2.5 BA, 2190 Sq.Ft.
• Updated kitchen
• Well maintained home
\$335,000 MLS#246046
Rona Port (863) 414-6570



Sebring BEAUTIFUL GOLF VIEW PROPERTY
• 3BR/2BA, 2115 Sq.Ft.
• Pool home. Completely remodeled
• New roof, gourmet kitchen, SS appliances
\$289,900 MLS#245940
Hyacinth Baxter (863) 443-7285



Sebring IDEAL COUNTRY LOCATION!
• 3BR/2BA, 1486 Sq.Ft.
• Charming home on 4.62 Acres
• Updates made, roof replaced in 2016
\$283,900 MLS#246658
Elease DeYoung (863) 414-1450



Lake Placid DESIREABLE TOMOKA HEIGHTS
• 3BR/2BA, 2418 Sq.Ft.
• Kitchen w/wood cabinets, quartz counter
• Wood Bamboo floors. Much More!
\$259,000 MLS#246064
Carol Edwards (863) 441-2994



Lake Placid AWESOME OPPORTUNITY
• 4BR/3BA, 2000 Sq.Ft.
• On over 4 acres
• Kitchen updates. New septic/drain field
\$249,500 MLS#247105
Leslie Sparks (863) 441-7137



Highlands Ridge GOLF COURSE HOME
• 3BR/2BA, 2119 Sq.Ft.
• High ceilings, custom lighting
• Chefs kitchen w/quartz counters
\$242,000 MLS#247099
Helen Ferry (863) 381-1089



Sebring ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES
• 3BR/2BA, 2011 Sq.Ft.
• Brand new construction
• Time to select some finishes
\$224,900 MLS#247080
Lazaro Martinez (863) 458-0532



Highlands Ridge BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED
• 2BR/2BA, 1626 Sq.Ft.
• Completely furnished
• Eat-in kitchen w/granite, golf course view
\$214,911 MLS#246525
Jamie LaMere (863) 381-5763



Lake Placid ISLAND PARK ESTATES
• 3BR/2BA, 2517 Sq.Ft.
• Upscale contemporary kitchen
• Large bonus room & fully screened lanai
\$199,900 MLS#247165
Roger Ravensborg (863) 840-3298



Sebring ON CANAL CHANNEL TO ISTOKPOGA
• 3BR/2BA, 1086 Sq.Ft.
• New roof & lanai in 2018
• Newer AC, Kitchen updates MORE!
\$179,000 MLS#246855
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Lake Placid WELL MAINTAINED HOME
• 2BR/2BA, 1016 Sq.Ft.
• Bonus 15x20 room under air
• Covered boat house w/lift
\$171,500 MLS#243229
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Sebring MOVE IN READY!
• 4BR/2BA, 2093 Sq.Ft.
• Desirable Manor Hill
• New SS appliances, new flooring
\$169,900 MLS#247095
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Lake Placid ON CANAL TO LAKE GRASSY
• 2BR/2BA, 1346 Sq.Ft.
• Tile floors, oversized garage
• Enclosed Florida room under air
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Sebring SPRING LAKE HOME
• 3BR/2BA, 1660 Sq.Ft.
• New metal roof on the way!
• Fresh paint in & out, new flooring
\$169,000 MLS#246844
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Lake Placid TOMOKA HEIGHTS GATED COMMUNITY
• 2BR/2BA, 1599 Sq.Ft.
• Newer wood laminate floors
• Newer roof, AC, appliances, & more
\$167,500 MLS#247129
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Sebring SUN N LAKE VILLA
• 3BR/2BA, 1381 Sq.Ft.
• Under construction
• High ceilings, 8ft doorways
\$159,000 MLS#247082
Lazaro Martinez (863) 458-0532



Sebring GOLF HAMMOCK HOME
• 2BR/2BA, 1437 Sq.Ft.
• New tile flooring, new plumbing
• Kitchen w/breakfast bar & 9x11 breakfast nook
\$157,500 MLS#247192
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Sebring SUN N LAKE UPDATED HOME
• 2BR/2BA, 1549 Sq.Ft.
• Kitchen w/SS appliances
• Granite counters, new lighting. MORE!
\$154,900 MLS#247077
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Lake Placid PLACID LAKES HOME
• 3BR/2BA, 1408 Sq.Ft.
• Tile floors throughout
• Living/dining combo, plus lanai
\$154,900 MLS#247062
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Sebring CORMORANT POINT
• 3BR/2BA, 1191 Sq.Ft.
• Upgraded features include: newer AC,
• solid surface counters, new roof, flooring
\$141,900 MLS#247136
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Sebring COUNTRY CLUB OF SEBRING
• 3BR/2BA, 1620 Sq.Ft.
• Lovely villa on 16th hole of CC course
• Cherry cabinets, SS appliances, pantry
\$188,500 MLS#244488
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Avon Park CORNER LOT HOME
• 3BR/2BA, 1327 Sq.Ft.
• In ground pool, fenced yard.
• New screened porch
\$134,900 MLS#246139
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Lake Placid IMMACULATE HOME
• 2BR/2BA, 1085 Sq.Ft.
• Large family room opens to large yard
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Sebring SEBRING RIDGE
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• 28x10 all tiled back porch
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Sebring GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN
• 2BR/2BA, 1584 Sq.Ft.
• Kitchen open to large family room
• Concrete block storage shed
\$99,900 MLS#246837
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Lake Placid BEST VALUE!
• 2BR/2BA, 1006 Sq.Ft.
• Renovated condo w/enclosed porch
• Updated baths, completely furnished!
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It's a hot sellers market

If you have been considering selling your home, but haven't been able to decide if the time is right, we have some news for you. Inventory is low, which means home values are up. That means the time is definitely right.

Don't just take our word for it. Trulia, a real estate information company, commissioned a Harris Poll of more than 2,000 U.S. adults to gauge the real estate market for 2018. The results showed that 31 percent expected it to be a better year for selling a home than last year, but only 6 percent were planning to sell their home.

It's also a good time to buy a home. Interest rates are still very low — but won't stay that way forever. The jobs market and economy are continuing to improve. Many people who already own a home have seen the value rise, which means they have equity and can afford to sell. All of those things traditionally lead to more people looking to purchase a home.

So, you have more people wanting to buy a home, but less people selling them. It doesn't take a degree in economics to understand that when supply is less than



ON THE HOME FRONT

Norman & Mandy Elliott

demand, prices go up.

But that won't be the case forever. Real estate markets always shift, and signs show that a price correction may be coming soon. So if you want to take advantage of these market conditions, you don't want to wait too long.

One of the main reasons the market may shift is the rise in interest rates. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will rise to 4.5 percent this year, and rates will rise to 5 percent next year and 5.3 percent in 2020.

Rising interest rates may be a good sign for the economy, but they can also push some potential buyers out of the market. For every 1 percent rise in mortgage interest rates, buyers

lose 11 percent of their buying power. So the time to sell and buy is now, before rates go up any further.

Another way the market may shift is from existing homes to new builds. Zillow predicts that builders will begin to construct more entry level homes to take advantage of demand. Look around as you travel about our county. Do you see more homes being built than there have been over the past few years? We do. And some of those homes are being built "on spec," which means being built in order to put on the market rather than for a specific customer.

While the time is definitely right to sell, we also want to make sure that our potential clients are actually ready for that major step. You need to ask yourself these questions: If I sell my home, can I afford to move into another one? Also, can I afford the little upgrades my home may need to make it market ready?

If you have any questions about how to get your home ready to sell, The Elliott Team at Keller Williams Realty is always willing to talk to you. Feel free to give us a call at 863-273-2861.

FERRY

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This home's high ceilings and decorator features, including custom lighting, give it an open spacious feeling from the moment you step into the foyer. The tasteful ceramic flooring will catch your eye throughout the foyer, living room, kitchen and dining area.

The open floor plan is great for both family and entertaining with the living room, kitchen and lanai all open and easily accessible from each room. A wall of sliding glass doors open to the lanai and golf course beyond.

The kitchen is a chef's delight with white cabinets, easy maintenance quartz counters, center island and breakfast bar. There's even two pantries so there's never a shortage of storage space. The dining area is bright and cheerful with light from the bay window overlooking the golf course.

The office has double French doors, which allows flexibility in its use. The current owners are using it as a formal dining room but it's also the perfect place for an office, work-out room or even a music/piano room.



COURTESY PHOTO

The kitchen is a chef's delight with white cabinets, easy maintenance quartz counters, center island and breakfast bar.

You'll enjoy relaxing in the large tiled lanai with vinyl windows and magnificent view of the golf course. This is a great place to just lay back enjoying nature or a quiet place to read your favorite novel. There's a paved patio area off the lanai just right for grilling or getting a bit of sun.

The spacious owner's suite boasts a spa-like bath with a roomy shower, double sinks and private water closet. The flex second bedroom is adjacent to the owner's suite and is currently being used as a sitting room. If you prefer, it can be closed off with its double doors giving it total privacy as a bedroom.

The third bedroom is on the other side of the home from the owner's suite along with the guest bath, giving both the owners and their guests

privacy.

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If you love purple, 2018 is your year. Ultra Violet is the Color of 2018, according to Pantone Color Institute, and is already available in many household items.

Purple pairings in interiors

By **SHELLY SAPP**

CONTRIBUTED COLUMN

Do you love purple? Me too! And to illustrate how "on trend" we are, The Pantone Color Institute named "Ultra Violet" purple the 2018 color of the year.

Who is Pantone? They are the people in the background telling companies (and us subconsciously) what colors we will respond to, or buy, in the future. To prepare you for what will feel like a flashback to Prince's 1984 iconic rock musical "Purple Rain" lets talk about some color schemes that play beautifully with deep purple. You will be the trend setter of your neighborhood. Very exciting!

For those of us who enjoy the casual spa feel, consider a deep purple with a warm gray like "SW 7015 Repose Grey" from Sherwin Williams, then a

pop of aquamarine. This is a classic beach interior that can be brought to life by blending a woven grass rug with a linen sofa including teal taffeta and deep purple velvet throw pillows.

For inspiration, watch the sunset over Lake Jackson after a hot summer day. You will see this same deep purple, blended with pinks and blues framed by a sandy beach and gray waterfront.

If you want an elegant upgrade for those golden oak cabinets in the kitchen, consider a mosaic back splash tile design that features iridescent purples, stainless steel and smoke glass accents. Then add a strong purple rug in front of the sink and change your cabinet hardware and light fixtures to a tone of gold like "champagne bronze" from Delta or maybe even copper.

If you have always

dreamed of a glamorous powder room, try a dramatic purple wallpaper like "Aquarella" by Stacy Garcia for York Wallcoverings. This design features a stylized modern bouquet of full tone purple, salmon, lilac and cool gray floral petals.

Have caviar taste on a tuna budget? Just use it on one accent wall behind the toilet. Mix with a dark stained floor like mahogany or espresso and bright chrome fixtures including a stunning drop crystal chandelier.

Want help on how to make this stunning jewel tone work for your home? Ask on my blog at shellysappinteriors.com/blog/.

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CHECK OUT THESE GREAT LISTINGS

<p>PEACEFUL SURROUNDING! 2/2 home completely furnished plus all kitchen cook ware stays. Large utility shed. Indoor washer and dryer. Park has lovely lake, pool and clubhouse. SB2153 Kathy Rose (844) 802-7751 \$15,000</p>	<p>REMODELED KITCHEN 2/2 home has newer wood laminate throughout. Never Siding and new Thermal windows. Extra tile downs and newer vapor barrier. Kitchen remodeled in 2016 transferable home warranty good thru April 2022 200 AMP service. SB2193 Kathy Rose (844) 802-7751 \$26,000</p>
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Choosing the best type of mortgage

Most house purchasers look at many houses before they make a decision, weighing multiple features of one against the other. In contrast, the decision about which of numerous mortgage options to select often is made hastily with little thought. Yet borrowers have to live with their mortgage indefinitely, often for as long as they have the house.

This article will provide some general observations about the options available in 2018, and indicate how individual borrowers can find the option that is best for them.

In one respect, the problem is a little simpler in 2018 than it was before the financial crisis because the riskiest options and loan types are no longer available. These include interest-only and negative-amortization options, the 40-year term and adjustable-rate mortgages with initial interest rates that hold for very short periods. Some of these options may be available in the subprime market or on jumbo loans, which are those too large for purchase by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

Nonetheless, the U.S. remains an outlier in its wide range of options offered borrowers. These include fixed-rate mortgages (FRMs) with terms of 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years, and 30-year adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) with initial rate periods of 5, 7 and 10 years. Most of these options are available on both FHA loans, which are insured by the government, and conventional loans eligible for purchase by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

How should borrowers choose from among these options? They should select the type of mortgage that results

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in the lowest total cost over the entire period they have the mortgage, subject to the conditions that the initial payment is affordable and that the risk of future payment increases is tolerable. While few borrowers know exactly how long they will have their mortgage, an estimate of the cost based on their best guess of their tenure is far better than basing the decision on the interest rate or the initial monthly payment, which can easily lead a borrower astray.

Total cost is the future value of all upfront charges, monthly payments of interest, principal and mortgage insurance, and lost interest on those charges, less tax savings at the borrower's tax rate, and less reduction in the loan balance. Calculating this number manually is tedious, but a calculator on my website makes it easy.

I recently used my cost calculator to see if I could develop some broad selection guidelines on which borrowers could depend. The first issue I looked at was how the best mortgage type varied with the borrower's time horizon. The following pattern emerged:

- If borrower has the mortgage 5 years or less, the 5/1 ARM is best
- If borrower has the mortgage 6 or 7 years, the 7/1 ARM is best.
- If borrower has the mortgage 8 to 12 years, the 10/1 ARM is best.
- If borrower has the mortgage more than 12 years, the FRM is best.

In cases where the FRM turns out to be the best, the borrower must then choose between the different terms. The cost saving on the 15-year

FRM is particularly sizeable, but it carries a larger monthly payment that the borrower may or may not find affordable.

Further exploration indicated that the pattern described above did not hold for borrowers with credit scores of 620 or less. Only FRMs were available to such borrowers.

Borrowers who qualify for both FHA and conventional loans are often presumed to be better off with conventional, but that is not necessarily the case. I found that over any time horizon borrowers had lower costs on FHA if their credit score was 700 or less with a 5 percent down payment, and 660 or less with a down payment of 10 percent. In all other cases, the conventional loan had lower costs.

General guidance on mortgage type selection is better than no guidance, but the exceptions noted above point to the limitations. There is no substitute for direct access to a cost calculator by the individual borrower. To use mine, borrowers enter the required information about their transaction, and the program calculates total cost over the period they specify for every type of mortgage, at the best mortgage prices posted that day by the lenders who deliver prices to my site. For ARMs, the program also shows the total cost and monthly payment on a worst-case interest rate scenario. In sum, it shows everything the borrower needs to know to make the best choice.

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This April 2, 2018 photo shows a real estate sign outside of a sold property in San Francisco. On Thursday, April 12, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

US long-term mortgage rates flat to higher

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WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates were flat to slightly higher this week with the spring home buying season well underway.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages edged up to 4.42 percent from 4.40 percent last week. The benchmark stood at an average 4.08 percent a year ago.

Long-term rates fell last week, following a stretch of increases in January, February and early March as interest rates generally rose.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans held steady this week at

3.87 percent.

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 fell to 0.4 percent from 0.5 percent last week. The fee on 15-year fixed-rate loans was unchanged from last week at 0.4 percent.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages slipped to 3.61 percent from 3.62 percent last week. The fee declined to 0.3 percent from 0.4 percent.

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Selecting a Realtor

Today's column is a request from a reader who approached me with a genuine concern of how to select a Realtor to assist or represent you when selling, buying or renting a property. I keep this simple and review the steps you should follow when hiring a professional Realtor.

In real estate a Realtor can be hired to perform as a single agent, which means the Realtor represents you and only you on the type of service you need (buying, selling, renting). The most common is called a transaction broker, which allows a Realtor to work with the buyer, seller or tenant simultaneously, not representing either on the transaction.

In the event a friend, neighbor, or colleague refers a brokerage firm or a Realtor, your first appointment should be in the Realtor's office. This gives you the opportunity to observe every day business and meet the staff.

A brokerage firm may have an office and a sale manager who other than the Realtor are there to guide or assist you. The Realtor may have an assistant, who will be your direct recourse when the Realtor is assisting other customers. The broker of a firm has the final word on the public concern or transaction dealings with his agents.

If you are a seller, remember when you rented a property, you dealt with a landlord directly or his representative. They asked you for proof of income, credit scores, background check, personal references and your last three years of rental history. Well, when hiring a Realtor you can request proof of experience and knowledge related to the services you need, such as the location. Ask the Realtor to submit a comprehensive plan on how your property will be marketed.

If you are a buyer practice the same concepts



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described above. Gear your questions to your needs and financial qualifications. Ask the Realtor how familiar he is with the neighborhood you have chosen or their recommendation based on price range, school district ratings, commercial needs, accessibility and demographic information.

A tenant needs to inquire about the Realtor's familiarity with the rental market and needs such as schools, day cares, pharmacy, hospital and more. A tenant is to be specific on the size needed, monthly rent amount, if pets are allowed and the number of people occupying the property.

A number of brokers do not service the rental market. Tenants have the option to search

for property manager brokers or Realtors who service the rental market. A Realtor can be a tenant or landlord single agent, meaning he only represents one party on the transaction, or as a transaction broker who can service the tenant and landlord simultaneously in the transaction.

Buyers, sellers, tenants, landlords and members of the public, if you happen to be in an unhappy relationship with a professional Realtor, approach the sale or office manager or the Broker through email or visit the office. They will assist you with a fair and reasonable solution.

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To submit questions, comments or topics, call Julio Seda at 786-991-8235 or email 0532315@gmail.com.

The best and worst paint colors for every room

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Colors have a proven psychological effect on our moods. And the colors we choose for our homes have a proven influence on our overall quality of life. Using color psychology, we can create a home that relaxes, energizes and focuses us where and when we need it most. It just takes knowing which colors to use in which room — and which colors to avoid.

BEDROOMS — For the bedroom, it's best to choose peaceful, relaxing colors that will help you get a good night's sleep.

BEST: BLUE AND GREEN — The color blue evokes a sense of calm. In fact, all shades of blue are said to bring down a person's blood pressure, respiration rate and anxiety levels. And light greens are said to make people feel serene, comforted and refreshed. Interestingly, the color green is also said to stimulate fertility.

WORST: DARK PURPLE, ORANGE AND YELLOW — Dark purple is said to

stimulate vivid dreams and nightmares. This is especially true for deep, dark mauve and eggplant shades. If purple is your color of choice, consider a soft lavender. This will bring the bedroom a sense of calm, the same way blue does. Bold orange is said to make people feel excited or energized — making it a better match for an exercise room than the bedroom. And yellows can make people feel hungry, which is undesirable in the one room dedicated to sleep.

KITCHEN — The kitchen is a place for happiness and community. Choose a color that will inspire you to cook for and spend quality time with loved ones.

BEST: YELLOW, EARTH TONES, WHITE — Yellow kitchens tend to make people feel happy, optimistic and inspired. What's more, yellow is said to activate the metabolism and make people feel hungry. Rich browns emulate the color of the earth, which can be associated with the fresh food we eat. And crisp whites will help

give your kitchen a clean, airy feel.

WORST: BRIGHT ORANGE AND RED — Experts warn: Stay away from bright orange and red if you're watching your weight. These colors are said to stimulate appetite.

BATHROOMS — Your bathroom is a place for self-care and self-love. Go with colors that make you feel relaxed, refreshed and confident.

BEST: LIGHT GREEN, LIGHT BLUE AND BLUSH — The calming effect of light green and blue make them great choices for the bedroom as well as the bathroom. And blush pinks are not only flattering to all skins tones, but they are also said to make people feel warmer after stepping out of the tub.

WORST: NEON, DARK PURPLES, BLUES AND REDS — Neon colors, such as hot pink and lime green, are too bold for the bathroom; they won't stand the test of time. And dark purples, blues and reds are considered oppressive colors. They will make a small bathroom feel even smaller.

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Designing a great outdoor room

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Outdoor rooms are sweeping the nation! Everywhere you look there are lavish outdoor spaces. In magazines, design books, HGTV, and even in your neighborhood.

Spring has arrived and I know I want to spend more time outdoors. My advice on how to achieve the luxury look for your own outdoor room would be to start with a plan that helps you create a budget. Consider hardscape, landscape, outdoor appliances, and outdoor furnishings.

When choosing your outdoor furnishings and accessories think of the scale of the space. Consider the use of the furniture. Choose multiple pieces of furniture that give you flexibility such as a dining table with four chairs, and two additional chairs with ottomans.

By choosing a dining table large enough to seat six and using two of the chairs for the use of lounging you have the flexibility that you would not have with just a standard set of four chairs and a table.

Consider the options you have with the material the furnishings are made of and coordinate the use of old and new furniture, or types of material. Aluminum furniture should be made of good quality. You should always consider a brand that gives a long residential warranty, such as 15

years, and has a powder coat finish. This will give you the best product for the longest time, and will keep the product from rusting or needing to be repainted.

Resin wicker is certainly a big trend in outdoor rooms and is another product to research and make sure that you are buying the right type of resin wicker. Be sure it has an aluminum frame and that the wicker is heat molded and won't crack, or peel. Verify that it has a UV protectant.

If choosing a cushioned furniture set, be sure to check on the type of cushion fabric and that it can withstand the outdoor elements. The trend in outdoor fabric is to choose from a custom line like Sunbrella or Outdura so you have the ability to tie in your interior fabrics and outdoor fabrics. This is especially important if your outdoor room is adjacent to a living or family room.

After deciding on your furnishings consider hardscape and landscape. Once you've decided on those items you can move on to accessorizing your outdoor room. This can be done nicely with outdoor kitchens, pool tables, swimming pools, Jacuzzis, umbrellas, pergolas, and outdoor fireplaces. These really are just the beginning in the options of accessories you can add to an outdoor room, but are certainly important when setting a budget. Set your



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This undated photo provided by Betsy Burnham shows a rustic daybed on a patio in Los Angeles designed by Burnham of Burnham Design. As basic patio decorating has grown into the idea of creating an "outdoor living room," seating options have come to include items like this rustic daybed.

priorities based on your needs, then look to some local professionals for assistance.

If you choose to spend more of your budget on furnishings or accessories and want to add color and plants to your space you can do so with several groups of potted plants. Using this option in lieu of adding landscaping to your space allows you the flexibility to move your furnishings and organize your space accordingly. The use of plant stands and smaller tables are a way to add visual effect for potted plants and raises them

off the ground to add movement in the space.

Trying to hide an unsightly part of your yard or other area that is adjacent to an outdoor room? This can be done by adding outdoor curtains or adding a trellis.

When using a fabric for outdoors make sure it is durable enough to handle the outdoor elements (i.e.: fading and soil). Sunbrella and Outdura make nice materials that retailers have available by the yard. Those products can be cleaned with bleach and give you the longevity against fading that you

should consider when purchasing products for outdoor use.

Consider the use of creating a new focal point such as the use of an umbrella, potted tree, or tall shrub. A fountain or outdoor fireplace would also give a new point of interest.

Overall your goal should be to create a place of rest and relaxation. Following the trends may not be the choice for you but making good purchases of the proper products will in the long run actually save you money.

Make wise choices and

think of each purchase as an investment to the curb appeal and overall design of your home. Outdoor furniture and furnishing purchases should be considered with the same considerations as the interior furnishings in your home, as an outdoor room is an extension of your living space.

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4 trends that are changing floor plans in new-builds

By PAT SETTER

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SAN DIEGO — Buying a brand-new home offers many advantages over purchasing resale, and one of the most important is that new houses are designed for the way people live today. Homebuyers are looking for open, flexible spaces to suit a more casual lifestyle — and builders are paying attention.

Here are some of the top trends influencing today's home design:

1. OPEN LIVING SPACES

With the proliferation of television shows and websites devoted to real estate, home décor and design, home shoppers now arrive at a sales office with a list of "must have" features that they want in their next home.

At the top of the wish list is an open concept floor plan. In a National Association of Home Builders report published last year, builders surveyed said the kitchen-family room arrangement is completely or partially open in 84 percent of their homes. In 54 percent, the main living spaces are completely open.

"Five years ago, there was a thought that the desire for a separate dining room may return, but that notion has fallen completely to the wayside," said Tom Redwitz, chief investment officer at The New Home Co., based in Aliso Viejo, Calif.

More than ever, buyers seek bright, inviting spaces for entertaining, and the trend is pulling

the majority of shoppers toward plans with the lowest wall-to-square-foot ratio.

2. OUTDOOR ROOMS

It's not just interior walls that are vanishing. According to a recent American Institute of Architects report, demand for outdoor living space has grown by 70 percent since 2013. San Diego homebuilders CalAtlantic Homes, Shea Homes, Pardee, Brookfield Residential, California West Communities, and Toll Brothers are among the developers that feature outdoor rooms in homes of almost every price range throughout the county.

To provide an indoor-outdoor living experience in denser markets, the use of rooftop decks is soaring, as found at Hallmark Communities' 1125 South Cleveland project in Oceanside. Across the board, exterior spaces are taking shape as sizable outdoor rooms that are functional year-round and are as much a part of the home as its interior spaces. Shading and heating products as well as audio and video technology make it possible to extend entertaining spaces to the outdoors year-round, adding usable square footage to the home.

At Almeria, a luxury residential community in San Diego by Pardee Homes, Robert Hidey Architects designed upper-story private exterior spaces that can be closed off as rooms or opened to flow out of



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Creating an outdoor garden room can be accomplished even with limited space and budget.

the great rooms, making them adaptable for hosting social functions of various scopes and sizes. Downstairs, the kitchen — which receives light from three sides — features a wall that folds away at the sink and provides a catering station for outdoor dining.

In addition, the growing number of product manufacturers offering affordable sliding and foldable window and door systems makes it possible to create an indoor-outdoor flow while still managing costs.

"Collapsible doors are being offered at nearly every price point today.

Plans that don't include them — especially in markets like San Diego with temperate climates — are at a competitive disadvantage," Redwitz said.

3. MULTIGENERATIONAL LIVING

As more people enjoy the benefits of multigenerational households, homes with ground-floor suite options are increasingly in demand. Almost one in five Americans live in multigen households, according to a Pew Research Center report released in August 2016, and the number is growing. In San Diego,

more builders are offering flexible floor plans to accommodate shifting family dynamics.

"As the cost of housing rises, households are expanding to accommodate adult children, elderly parents, and space for a caregiver, and more," said Robby Thorne, CEO of California West Communities, which recently unveiled S.L. Rey in Bonsall.

Three of the four floor plans for the neighborhood had choices for multigen living spaces — and the first two buyers purchased the option, Thorne added.

Brookfield Residential, CalAtlantic Homes, Shea Homes, Lennar and Pardee also build homes with multigenerational living choices that may also include universal-design features such as zero-entry showers and wide, accessible hallways and living spaces.

4. CUSTOMIZATION

Who wants to tear down walls, replace flooring and paint after they move into a home? Turns out, fewer and fewer homebuyers.

According to Mike Moore, author and building industry coach, 53 percent of home shoppers prefer new to resale. The No. 1 reason: Buyers want the ability to be involved in the building process and select options and upgrades before they move in, instead of having to make changes to a home after settling in.

Almost every builder has a design center, staffed with professional design experts and consultants, ready to give step-by-step help along the way. The centers offer design features previously only available for custom homes, including whole-home control systems for security, lighting heating and air; special home theater packages; solar heating choices; and top-end design choices for stone, tile, wood, and more.

Today's savvy homebuyers know what they want, and builders are listening, creating innovative homes fit for today's active families regardless of their size and makeup.



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How to budget for emergency repairs

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You might not like thinking about it, but everything in your house has a built-in time limit. The hundreds of moving parts and structures that keep your home running smoothly are under constant strain. And they will all break down sooner or later. This makes budgeting for emergencies essential, because you usually have no choice but to make immediate repairs when your air conditioning goes out, the sewer line breaks, or a roof leak floods your kitchen.

Your home is a major investment — indeed, perhaps your biggest investment — so assembling an emergency budget is not only prudent, but also an essential tool of financial planning.

How much is enough?

Financial planners say homeowners should build up an emergency maintenance fund of about \$5,000, if possible. That should be enough to handle most sudden expenses, including major repairs such as a complete HVAC replacement.

Veteran contractors recommend saving up between three and six months' worth of your home expenses. This rainy-day fund is a good idea for more than just household emergencies; it will provide a cushion in the event of job loss,

Where should the money come from?

Financial planners recommend opening a savings account attached to your checking account, which transfers a set amount of money into savings every time you're paid. This can cover routine maintenance and emergencies. Financial experts say savers often forget about this automatically set-aside money, so it builds up faster than they might imagine.

If you have no emergency fund, you would be wise to keep a credit card on hand with enough money available to pay for emergencies. This should be a last resort, since you could wind up paying high interest. You might also refinance your home or take out a home equity line of credit if major equipment goes awry without an emergency fund to back it up. But whether this is a sound idea will depend largely on your personal situation.

How to prepare for emergencies

You can plan for emergencies in ways other than saving money. Even if you're not planning to sell your home, a home inspection can provide insight into what systems are most likely to fail soon — and



METRO CREATIVE IMAGES

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it will typically cost only a few hundred dollars. An inspection can't offer guaranteed protection against hidden dangers, but arming yourself with information can help. You should also familiarize yourself with the home emergencies covered and not covered by your homeowners' insurance policy.

Be sure to hire reliable contractors to regularly maintain your HVAC and other systems.

This offers a number of benefits: First, it will extend the lifespan of your systems; second, it will uncover problems before they become catastrophic; and third, it will put you on good terms with a contractor who's familiar with

your home and more likely to jump you to the front of the line if an emergency should arise. This last part can be very important; you don't want to be thumbing through phone numbers trying to get someone on the line if your sewer

main breaks on a major holiday.

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Use these colors for an invigorating spring home

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Although it may not feel like it in some parts of the country, spring is officially here. The transition to spring not only signals the start of warmer temperatures, but also an opportunity to infuse fresh, invigorating colors into the home. While some colors may automatically come to mind when you think of spring, other colors may surprise you.

Looking for interesting colors to use this spring? Here are some of our top spring color tips.

1. Use red
Red is one of the most versatile colors. In nature, found anywhere from flowers to birds, red is an ideal color to signal the return of spring.

2. Consider using a combination of colors
When looking for interesting spring colors to pair, you won't go wrong with yellow and green.

3. Don't be afraid to use tints, tones and shades of green
Green is a very clean color and combined tints, tones and shades in a single space can feel crisp and fresh.

4. Use spring colors in unexpected areas of the home such as kitchens and bathrooms
Often these spaces are ignored and may even need more attention.

5. Go beyond flowers
While flowers are a wonderful way to include elements of spring,



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This photo provided by Amy Sklar Design shows two chairs in a room with floral prints. "As a designer, I love bold floral prints that feel modern but wink to the classics," says designer Sklar. Mixing styles is a hot trend now in decor and design.

accessories and artwork can go a long way in telling a spring color story.

6. Think chartreuse
Chartreuse is one of those colors that is always on trend.

Chartreuse can be paired with dark sophisticated colors like charcoal gray, brown or black. Chartreuse can also be used alone or paired with lighter colors to create a lighter look.

7. Add a new, affordable decor element such as lighting or toss pillows
Tired of your same look? Why not add a new table or floor lamp or toss pillows to your space? These are some low-cost decor options that will help to refresh your space.

Paint. Walls don't have to be white. Whether an accent wall or overall color, painting is a quick, affordable and instant

way to add color to your space.

Greenery. Whether trees or plants, greenery can also help to bring an element of spring into the home.

Orange. Orange is one of the more popular colors in home decor. It's not only a warm and happy color, but it also blends well with other colors including those suitable for spring because most shades have strong yellow undertones.

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IAN POULTER TAKES LEAD

The resurgent Ian Poulter shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead into the final round of the RBC Heritage. **Page 3**

MLB: Phillies 2, Rays 1

Late single lifts Phillies past Rays

By **MARK DIDTLER**
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The Philadelphia Phillies are having success in one-run games.

Jorge Alfaró hit a go-ahead single with two outs in the ninth inning and the Phillies won their fourth straight overall by beating the Tampa Bay Rays 2-1 on Friday night.

Philadelphia is 4-0 in one-run games, with three coming during the current streak.

"If we're going to be a

really good team, we're going to win ballgames like this," rookie manager Gabe Kapler said. "We're going to kind of stick our nose in it. These are games you have to grind out."

Alfaró's ground single to left field off closer Alex Colome (0-2) scored Scott Kingery, who doubled, for a 2-1 lead.

Edubray Ramos (1-0) got the final out in the eighth with a runner on third before Hector Neris worked the ninth for his second save.

Tampa Bay dropped to

0-6 when allowing three or fewer runs. The Rays are the only winless team in the majors when doing so.

"We knew coming in we're going to play close ballgames," manager Kevin Cash said. "That's the way our team is built."

Tampa Bay is 2-7 in one-run games.

Colome has blown two saves and has a 10.80 ERA in six games.

"Alex has done a lot of good things over the last three years," Cash said. "He's allowed, just as anybody else in that

clubhouse, to go through some rough stretches.

To me, this (game) didn't come down to Alex Colome's performance, it probably was more our lack of offense."

Vince Velasquez permitted one run, four hits, one walk and had seven strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings for the Phillies, who were coming off a three-game sweep of Cincinnati.

"I only threw six or seven changeups, and that was to upset the timing



Philadelphia Phillies reliever Drew Hutchison (33) and shortstop J.P. Crawford celebrate a win over the Tampa Bay Rays during a baseball game Saturday, in St. Petersburg.

AP PHOTO

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Seminoles

FSU draws 53,974 to wrap up spring practices

By **JOE REEDY**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — When Willie Taggart was hired by Florida State last December, he described his philosophy in two words — lethal simplicity.

The spring practices and Saturday's Garnet and Gold game showed the Seminoles have embraced the changes.

The players aren't the only ones who have embraced the start of the Taggart Era. A program-record crowd of 53,974 showed up at Doak Campbell Stadium for the spring finale.

"That was an impressive crowd and a lot of energy for a spring game," Taggart said. "It gives us a little preview

SEE FSU, 3

NHL: Lightning 5, Devils 4

WINNING AT HOME



Tampa Bay Lightning center Brayden Point (21) celebrates his goal against the New Jersey Devils with center Tyler Johnson (9) during the first period of Game 2 Saturday, in Tampa.

AP PHOTO

COMMENTARY

Florida strength coach is key to turnaround

By **MARK LONG**
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — The most important guy on Florida's sideline Saturday wasn't coach Dan Mullen or quarterback Feleipe Franks.

He didn't wear a headset or have a play-calling sheet. He didn't touch the football or get in the huddle.

He was hardly even noticeable at the team's annual spring game at the Swamp. Yet his role the last three months and the next three months

is more critical to the program's planned turnaround than anyone else.

Strength and conditioning coordinator Nick Savage is working behind the scenes to return the Gators to form.

The early results? Mullen said players averaged a 3.5 percent loss in body fat during the first two months Savage has been there, eye-popping numbers that prove what Florida had been doing wrong and what Savage is doing right.

SEE FLORIDA, 3



Florida's Nick Savage, right, director of football strength and conditioning, talks with running back Iverson Clement (24) during an NCAA spring college football intrasquad game, Saturday in Gainesville.

AP PHOTO

Four-goal second period gives Lightning 2-0 series lead

By **Roger Mooney**
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — Lightning coach Jon Cooper spent a lot of time during the final weeks of the season talking about the importance of home ice during the Stanley Cup playoffs. His take: It's what you do with it that matters.

Here is what the Lightning did with home ice during the first

two games of their quarterfinal series against the Devils: win and win.

The Lightning took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series with a 5-3 victory Saturday afternoon at Amalie Arena.

Alex Killorn scored twice and Andrei Vasilevskiy survived a frantic final 10 minutes to finish with 41 saves.

Game 3 is 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Prudential Center in

Newark, N.J.

Ryan Callahan left near the end of the second period with an upper-body injury. He did not return. Also, Dan Girardi was not on the bench in the third period.

The Lightning scored four goals in a 10-minute span during the second, including two on the power play, to take

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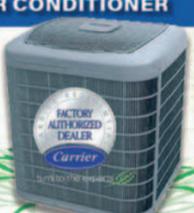
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LOTTO

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NBA: 76ers 130, Heat 103

Without Embiid, 76ers roll past Heat

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ben Simmons had 17 points, 14 assists and nine rebounds in his playoff debut, and the Philadelphia 76ers romped again without Joel Embiid, beating the Miami Heat 130-103 on Saturday night for their 17th straight win.

Embiid was a spectator in Game 1 of the first-round series because of a broken orbital bone around his left eye. The All-Star center has been hopeful he can return early in the series. The Sixers could end this one early with Embiid back in the lineup.

Simmons dished and dazzled in the paint and the Heat had no answer for Sixers reserves Marco Belinelli and Ersan Ilyasova. Belinelli and Ilyasova combined to hit four 3-pointers in the third quarter that helped shift the tone from physical and foul-filled to a long-distance game that allowed the Sixers to put away this one. They used a 15-0 run in the third in their first postseason game in five seasons under coach Brett Brown to get the rout rolling.

Brown won 47 games his first three seasons as the Sixers underwent the Process — and 52, plus Game 1 this season.

JJ Redick scored 28 points to lead the Sixers, who host Game 2 on



AP PHOTO

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, right, makes his move against Philadelphia 76ers' Dario Saric, left, of Croatia, during the first half in Game 1 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Saturday, in Philadelphia.

Monday. Belinelli had 25 and Ilyasova 17.

Embiid ditched the black mask he's been wearing in light shooting drills for a white "Phantom of the Opera" mask to ring the ceremonial Liberty Bell before tipoff.

The Sixers crowd roared as Embiid, the self-proclaimed "Phantom of the Process," waved his arms toward the crowd and exhorted them to get louder. Sixers fans started tailgating in the sports complex about seven hours before tipoff and one group posted a sign on their tent that read "Saturdays Are For The Process." The Sixers had a blue-out and gave

away free T-shirts in preparation of their first playoff game since 2012.

"There is a gratitude that I have, we have. Finally, here we are and our fans genuinely have something to be proud of with us," Brown said.

The Game 1 victory sure didn't surprise Embiid.

He had already mapped out the 76ers' road to an NBA championship on his Instagram feed.

"It's about that time!!! #Playoffs #PhantomofTheProcess

Embiid posted a photo burst of teams in order of a potential road toward a Process title. He started with the Heat, followed by

Boston, then a picture of him hugging Cleveland's LeBron James, and ending with Embiid looking at Golden State's Draymond Green.

The Heat would swipe left on the collage.

For a half, the Heat got what they needed against one of the NBA's toughest teams and James Johnson and Kelly Olynyk helped them take a 60-56 lead at the break. Olynyk led the Heat with 26 points.

The Sixers, who set an NBA record with 16 straight wins to end the season, got the rout in full swing with a raucous crowd behind them. The Heat shot 26 percent in the third and were out-scored 34-18.

SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m.
FS1 — FIA Formula E, CBMM Niobium E-Prix, at Rome (same-day tape)
2 p.m.
FOX — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Food City 500, at Bristol, Tenn.
4:30 p.m.
NBCSN — IndyCar, Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.)

BOWLING

1 p.m.
ESPN — PBA Tour, USBC Masters, at Syracuse, N.Y.

BOXING

8 a.m.
ESPN2 — Ryota Murata vs. Emanuele Felice Blandamura, for Murata's WBA "regular" middleweight title, at Yokohama, Japan

COLLEGE BASEBALL

2 p.m.
ESPN2 — Texas at Oklahoma

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Mississippi St. at Mississippi

GOLF

8 a.m.
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, final round, at Madrid
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, final round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C.
3 p.m.

CBS — PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, final round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C.
GOLF — Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Classic, final round, at Duluth, Ga.

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Detroit OR
Baltimore at Boston
2 p.m.
FS1 — L.A. Angels at Kansas City
8 p.m.
ESPN — Texas at Houston

NBA BASKETBALL

1 p.m.
TNT — NBA playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 1, Milwaukee at Boston
3:30 p.m.
ABC — NBA playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 1, Indiana at Cleveland
6:30 p.m.
TNT — NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1, Utah at Oklahoma City
9 p.m.
TNT — NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1, Minnesota at Houston
NHL HOCKEY
3 p.m.
NBC — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 3,

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
7 p.m.

USA — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Winnipeg at Minnesota
7:30 p.m.

NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 2, Columbus at Washington
10:30 p.m.

NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Vegas at Los Angeles

RUGBY

2 p.m.
NBCSN — English Premiership, Saracens vs. Bath (same-day tape)

SOCCER

8:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Newcastle United vs. Arsenal
11 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United vs. West Bromwich Albion
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga, Schalke vs. Borussia Dortmund
Noon
FS2 — Bundesliga, Werder Bremen vs. Leipzig
4 p.m.
ESPN — MLS, Seattle at Sporting Kansas City
6 p.m.
FS1 — MLS, N.Y. City FC at Atlanta United

NBA ROUNDUP

Warriors rout Spurs in game one

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors had something to prove all right: Oh yes, they plan to stay on top in these playoffs despite a disappointing finish to the regular season.

Kevin Durant helped the defending champions get defensive in a hurry, finishing with 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and the Warriors returned to their old dominant

selfes at playoff time to beat the cold-shooting San Antonio Spurs 113-92 on Saturday.

Durant, Thompson and Draymond Green took charge in Game 1 of the first-round series to elevate the Warriors' intensity at last playing without fellow All-Star and injured two-time MVP Stephen Curry, sidelined since March 23 with a sprained left knee.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night at Oracle

Arena.

RAPTORS 114, WIZARDS 106:

Serge Ibaka had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Delon Wright scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, and the Toronto Raptors snapped a 10-game losing streak in playoff series openers by beating the Washington Wizards 114-106 on Saturday. Toronto entered having lost an NBA-worst 10 consecutive Game 1s since, including six at home. The Raptors host Game 2 on Tuesday.

NHL ROUNDUP

Predators take 2-0 series lead

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ryan Hartman's empty-net goal with 1:09 left wound up the winner as the Nashville Predators held off the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 on Saturday for a 2-0 lead in their first-round Western Conference series.

After Hartman gave the Predators a 5-3 lead, Alexander Kerfoot pulled Colorado to 5-4 with 35.8 seconds left. But the Avalanche couldn't get another puck past goalie Pekka Rinne.

The Presidents'

Trophy winners started slowly, giving up a goal on Colorado's first shot for a second straight game. Yet the Predators rallied again to take their first 2-0 lead when starting a best-of-seven series in their own building.

Game 3 is Monday night in Denver.

BRUINS 7, MAPLE LEAFS 3:

David Pastrnak had a hat trick and three assists to help Boston blow out the Toronto Maple Leafs for the second straight game, leading the Bruins to a 7-3 victory Saturday night and a 2-0 lead in

the best-of-seven Eastern Conference playoff series. Pastrnak shattered his previous career high of four points, scoring his third goal with 1:36 left to bring two trash cans full of caps and winter hats fluttering down to the ice. Brad Marchand and Patrice Bergeron each had four assists, and Torey Krug had three. Tuukka Rask stopped 30 shots for Boston, and David Krejci, Rick Nash, Jake DeBrusk and Kevan Miller also scored. The series moves to Toronto for Games 3 and 4 on Monday and Thursday. Game 5 would be back in Boston on Saturday, if necessary.

LIGHTNING

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control of the game.

Killorn got it started when he directed a pass from Nikita Kucherov into the net to give the Lightning a 2-1 lead. With the Lightning on the power play, Steven Stamkos set up the play with a shot from the faceoff circle that went behind the net and caromed to Kucherov.

It was 3-1 a little over a minute later when Tyler Johnson directed a blast from the blue line by Ryan McDonagh into the net.

Kucherov scored his second of the series when he sped up the left side and sent the puck on net as he neared the goal line. Stamkos was closing in

but never got to the puck because it hit off the skate of Sami Vatanen and into the net to make it 4-1.

It was 5-1 six minutes later when Killorn scored off a scramble in front with the Lightning on another power play.

That goal, the Lightning's fifth on only 15 shots, sent New Jersey goalie Keith Kinkaid to the bench. Cory Schneider, who began the year as the Devils' No. 1 goalie, finished the game.

The Devils still had life, and they cut the deficit to three goals when Sami Vatanen carried the puck into the zone and scored from between the faceoff circles with 26 seconds left in the period.

Blake Coleman scored with 8 minutes to go in

the third to make it a two-goal game.

The Brayden Point-Ondrej Palat-Tyler Johnson line was at it again, with Palat feeding Point from just inside the blue line and Point turning on the jets as he skated in alone on Kinkaid and firing into the top of the net for an early 1-0 lead.

The Devils responded, though. Nico Hischier won a faceoff in the offensive zone. After Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped one shot, Anton Stralman tried to clear the puck but put it on the stick of Hischier, who easily scored. That goal, just over a minute after the Lightning took the lead, took a little of the edge off the Amalie Arena crowd.

PGA TOUR: RBC Heritage



AP PHOTO

Ian Poulter, of England, watches his shot off the second tee during the third round of the RBC Heritage golf tournament in Hilton Head Island, S.C., Saturday.

Resurgent Ian Poulter takes lead

By PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — The resurgent Ian Poulter shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday to take a one-shot lead into the final round of the RBC Heritage, putting him in position for his second victory in three weeks.

Before April, Poulter had not won on tour in more than five years. Now, he's one more solid round away from adding another title to his dramatic win at the Houston Open on April 1.

No joke, Poulter's play is for real.

Seven of the Englishman's last 11 rounds have been in the 60s after having just three such showings in his first 20 rounds this season. His latest left him at 13-under 200, and a stroke ahead of Luke List (67) and Si Woo Kim (68).

World No. 1 Dustin Johnson failed to make a move and, after a 72, was tied for 41st, 10 shots behind.

Poulter and his chasers will have a quick

turnaround Sunday with tour officials starting play at 7 a.m. and going off in threesomes on both tees because of expected bad weather in the afternoon.

C.T. Pan and Billy Horschel, both with 67s, were another stroke back at 11 under, and Kevin Kisner (66) and Chesson Hadley (69) were three shots behind at 10 under.

Poulter made his run in spurts, moving out front with birdies on the fifth and six holes before getting his last two on the 12th and 13th. He saved par out of the bunker on the par-3 17th, rolling in a rock-solid 6-foot putt and making a routine par on the signature light-house hole, the 18th, to stay in front.

Kim was in front at 12 under after birdies on the eighth and ninth holes. He fell back with bogey on No. 12 and could not catch Poulter down the stretch.

List took off with three straight birdies on Nos. 14-16. List, who finished second earlier this season at the Honda Classic, is seeking his first PGA Tour win.

CHAMPIONS TOUR: Mitsubishi Electric Classic

Jay Haas takes lead into Saturday finish

Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Jay Haas nearly shot his age Friday to take the lead into a 36-hole Saturday finish in the PGA Tour Champions' Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

The 64-year-old Haas birdied the final two holes in breezy conditions at TPC Sugarloaf for a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke lead over Steve Flesch. Bernhard Langer shot 67, and Gene Sauers and Scott Parel followed at 68.

Facing a forecast of 1 1/2 inches of rain overnight Sunday and the threat of lightning Sunday, tournament officials decided to play both the second and third rounds Saturday.

"The guys were saying we've got to play 54, so this gives us that opportunity," Haas said. "It will be a long day. Thankfully, we can get in carts. This is a long walking golf course. I'm pretty whipped today. I didn't get in the cart today, but I'll probably be in there a little bit tomorrow."

Haas won the last of his

18 senior titles at the 2016 Toshiba Classic.

"I had a decent year last year, not what I wanted maybe, and then starting off this year I've been pretty poor," Haas said. "Haven't been 100 percent physically, but I'm feeling better."

He birdied all four par-5 holes in a bogey-free round. The nine-time PGA Tour winner birdied four of the first six holes — the par-4 first and third and par-5 fourth and sixth. He added a birdie on the par-5 10th and closed with the birdies on the par-4 17th and par-5 18th.

"I hit the ball well, hit a lot of good iron shots," Haas said. "I had four or five of them inside 10 feet. My distance control was really good. And I made some really nice putts and didn't really struggle at all with long putting or anything. ... I made a really nice one here at 18. It was a bonus there. Hit a beautiful 5-iron at 17 to about 3 feet."

Flesch also birdied the final two holes in a bogey-free round.

half was played with a running clock. Taggart said he is pleased with how the unit has been able to grasp the system along with how it adjusted to the pace of practice, but he is still searching for consistency.

"We can be a lot better. There are still too many mistakes that are drive killers like bad snaps or false

NFL: Buccaneers

Why the Bucs' big improvement could come from players already on the roster

By RICK STROUD
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — The NFL draft still is a few weeks away, and every team is hoping to harvest players who can be the difference on a winner.

But the biggest improvement may come from players entering their second or third seasons. Rookies are great, but player development is the secret sauce of any winning franchise.

To that end, the focus on 2018 should eventually shift away from draft picks to those players poised to make the biggest improvement. For the Bucs, they are a former first-round pick, a versatile offensive lineman, a twice-injured pass rusher, an ascending receiver and determined quarterback.

O.J. HOWARD: He was considered one of the most complete players in the draft, a tight end equally adept at blocking as he was catching passes.

By nearly every measure, Howard had a good rookie year. He caught 26 passes for 432 yards and six touchdowns. But he could've become an even bigger red-zone target. (Remember the final play of the Patriots game?). He also can improve as a run blocker.

But coach Dirk Koetter seems confident Howard has the type of makeup to improve rapidly.

"I know he had tapes he studied in the offseason," Koetter said. "I think O.J. is going to see his room for improvement is immense. He can do so many things better and he's capable of doing them. That's one thing we loved about O.J. He's a do-everything tight end."

CALEB BENOCH: The Bucs signed Ravens center Ryan Jensen and are moving center Ali Marpet to left guard. All that is left is to determine whether J.R. Sweezy, who could miss some time in the offseason recovering from a leg injury, can keep his job at right guard. The Bucs appear ready



JIM DAMASKE | TIMES

Bucs Alan Cross (45) consoles Chris Godwin (12) who just missed recovering a lions punt return fumble at the sideline in the 1st qtr. during the Bucs game against Detroit Lions Sunday afternoon 12/10/2017 at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa.

to move on to Benenoch, a fifth-round pick from UCLA.

Benenoch's versatility has been his best attribute. He's been able to provide help at guard and tackle. But barring the Bucs using a high draft choice on a guard — such as Notre Dame's Quenton Nelson — Benenoch could benefit from focusing on one position.

"The one thing we feel like from watching Caleb's tape, if it would ever be possible for us to put Caleb in a spot and leave him there, it would probably help him just because Caleb is one of those guys that's been moved around so much, that he's never really gotten used to playing somewhere," Koetter said.

"One week he's playing left guard and the next week, he's at right tackle. I think there's a little bit of an art to that. We have high hopes for Caleb, and don't forget, we still have the draft. We have a long road to go here before we have to solve this for real."

NOAH SPENCE: A year ago, Spence was the Bucs'

big hope on defense.

The lack of a productive edge rusher was already evident before he suffered a second shoulder injury. He played in only three games and underwent another surgery.

The good news for Spence is that he's had a good, long period of recovery. But the Bucs traded for two defensive ends, Vinny Curry and Jason Pierre-Paul. Those acquisitions will enable Spence to focus on what he's likely to become — a designated pass rusher. At 6-2, 251 pounds, he always will have trouble holding up physically as an every down player.

"I know Noah is ahead of schedule. He looks great," Koetter said.

"Does it take the pressure off him? I don't know if it takes the pressure off him, but it allows us to play him in a pass rushing role and not so much on every down."

CHRIS GODWIN: Godwin battled through a series of injuries and played predominately on special teams. When DeSean Jackson missed the final two games of the season with a foot injury,

Godwin responded with 10 catches for 209 yards, including a game-winning touchdown against the Saints.

It appears the Bucs still are committed to improving their use of Jackson, but Godwin could force his way on the field more.

"He'll do what you ask him to do and he'll do it to the best of his ability and he'll play through discomfort," Koetter said.

RYAN GRIFFIN: Who knows what becomes of the NFL's investigation of possible misconduct by Jameis Winston? The Bucs felt it was important to re-sign Ryan Fitzpatrick, who went 2-1 as a starter when Winston was injured.

The Bucs also like Griffin, who was winning the No. 2 quarterback job a year ago in training camp when he suffered a shoulder sprain. Griffin is in a tough spot. He's gotten better each year, and after three seasons with the Bucs is still waiting for his first regular season snap. If he can stay healthy and continue to improve, he could gain some ground on Fitzpatrick.

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"That's pretty good in two months," Mullen said. "He could market that and get his own infomercial and make a ton of money off it if you advertise that, right?"

Savage officially unmasked what people close to the program, including former coach Jim McElwain, suspected was a problem in recent years. Former strength coach Mike Kent, who followed McElwain from Colorado State, was seemingly in over his head.

Even McElwain openly questioned Kent's efforts after Michigan handled the Gators in the 2017 season opener in Arlington, Texas.

His tactics came under more scrutiny when athletic director Scott Stricklin pinpointed Florida's strength and conditioning program

as one deficiency during McElwain's tenure.

"It's the backbone," Stricklin said. "Any successful program has a really strong strength and conditioning program that builds accountability, and programs that aren't as successful usually are lacking in that area."

Mullen hired Savage to fill the void.

Savage spent the last two years with Mullen at Mississippi State, so there was no transition period in Gainesville or even talks about philosophy and direction. Mullen trusted Savage to get the job done, and Savage went right to work installing a program that mandates heavier weights and an increased commitment to lifting.

"I loved the last coaching staff," Franks said. "But coach Savage is a bit more, I want to say, strenuous. He's whipping us into shape real quick."

Savage caught players by surprise early. He took

them on a 2.7-mile run around campus on Day One of his conditioning program — he called it a "team-building exercise" — and conducted circuit training along the way. They stopped in certain spots for situps, pushups and squats.

"We were like, 'Wait, what?'" defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson said. "We thought we were just going to be running just to be running. Once we started, it was more like the more we went, we were straining."

They were just getting started, too.

"Obviously it's not pedal down all the way from Day One," Savage said. "You've got to kind of take your steps and build them up. Once that pedal got cranked down, it was a real eye-opener."

Eventually, the results began to show. Guys could see progress on scales, in mirrors and especially in side-by-side photos.

"Talking to the guys on the team, it's very different from what they've done in the past, so they're going to get that huge jump," Mullen said. "I still expect to see big gains this summer because now they're to the point where they're in shape. ...

"The positive of that is it's going to be easier to buy in more in the future because they've seen those results in the short period of time. So if I just buy in over a long period, I'm going to look like an SEC football player."

Short-term results have drawn rave reviews, especially from those who experienced what happened before and what's happening now.

"It's stupid," said defensive tackle Taven Bryan, who is expected to be a first-round NFL draft pick this month. "Savage is an unreal weight coach. ... Just the way he changes everyone's bodies. We looked like the Pillsbury Doughboys."

FSU

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of what it is going to be like for the first game (on Sept. 3 against Virginia Tech)."

Taggart's up-tempo spread offense got plenty of work. It ran 85 plays during the first half and 125 for the game as the second

starts," he said. "There a lot of things we have to clean up but it is good to see guys making plays."

The defense, which is being installed by former Michigan State defensive coordinator Harlan Barnett, was not able to force a turnover, but Taggart was impressed with how they did stopping the

run and pressuring the quarterback.

Taggart said he kept things vanilla for the spring game, but there was a double pass, two halfback passes and a fake punt.

It is clear that Taggart's hiring after Jimbo Fisher left for Texas A&M has revitalized a program that has

struggled the past couple seasons. Since winning 33 of 34 games between 2013 and '15, including a national championship, the Seminoles are 21-12, including 10-10 in the ACC.

Last season, Florida State needed to go on a four-game winning streak to go 7-6 and

avoid its first losing season since 1976.

"It is like the chemistry he has built was fast," defensive tackle Demarcus Christmas said. "He earned our respect quick and I'm sure we earned his respect by pushing us. The energy he has brought to the program has enthused us."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Boston	12	2	.857	—	—	9-1	W-3	7-1	5-1
	Toronto	9	5	.643	3	—	7-3	W-1	4-3	5-2
	New York	7	7	.500	5	2	5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4
	Baltimore	5	10	.333	7½	4½	4-6	L-2	2-4	3-6
	Tampa Bay	3	11	.214	9	6	2-8	L-3	1-5	2-6

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Minnesota	7	4	.636	—	—	7-3	W-3	4-2	3-2
	Cleveland	8	6	.571	½	1	6-4	L-1	6-2	2-4
	Chicago	4	8	.333	3½	4	2-8	L-1	1-5	3-3
	Detroit	4	9	.308	4	4½	4-6	L-5	1-5	3-4
	Kansas City	3	10	.231	5	5½	3-7	L-5	1-7	2-3

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Los Angeles	13	3	.813	—	—	9-1	W-7	4-2	9-1
	Houston	10	5	.667	2½	—	6-4	L-1	6-2	4-3
	Seattle	7	4	.636	3½	½	6-4	W-3	3-1	4-3
	Oakland	5	9	.357	7	4	4-6	L-1	3-5	2-4
	Texas	5	11	.313	8	5	3-7	W-1	2-8	3-3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	New York	11	2	.846	—	—	9-1	L-1	5-2	6-0
	Philadelphia	8	5	.615	3	—	7-3	W-5	5-1	3-4
	Atlanta	8	6	.571	3½	—	6-4	L-1	4-2	4-4
	Washington	7	8	.467	5	1½	3-7	W-1	3-6	4-2
	Miami	4	10	.286	7½	4	2-8	L-1	3-8	1-2

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Pittsburgh	10	4	.714	—	—	6-4	W-1	4-2	6-2
	Milwaukee	8	7	.533	2½	½	6-6	W-1	2-5	6-2
	St. Louis	8	7	.533	2½	½	4-4	W-3	2-4	6-3
	Chicago	7	7	.500	3	1	5-5	W-1	2-3	5-4
	Cincinnati	2	12	.143	8	6	1-9	L-7	1-6	1-6

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Arizona	10	3	.769	—	—	8-2	W-2	5-1	5-2
	Colorado	8	8	.500	3½	1	5-5	L-1	2-4	6-4
	San Francisco	6	7	.462	4	1½	4-6	L-1	3-4	3-3
	Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½	3	4-6	L-2	3-4	1-4
	San Diego	5	10	.333	6	3½	4-6	W-1	2-7	3-3

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Red Sox 10, Orioles 3: Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs, and Boston beat Baltimore to get to 12-2 — the best start in its 118-year history. **Nationals 6, Rockies 2:** Washington's Max Scherzer dominated after an early hiccup, striking out 11 and retiring his final 20 batters. **Cardinals 6, Reds 1:** Greg Garcia hit two home runs for the first time in his career and led St. Louis to a win. **Cubs 14, Braves 10:** Javy Baez had a three-run double as Chicago scored nine times in the eighth inning on just three hits, rallying past Atlanta. **Rangers 6, Astros 5, 10 innings:** Ronald Guzman's first career homer tied the game in the eighth inning, and he put the Rangers ahead with an infield single in the 10th as Texas rallied to beat Houston. **Phillies 9, Rays 4:** Philadelphia

rookies J.P. Crawford and Scott Kingery drove in two runs each in a win over Tampa Bay. **Pirates 1, Marlins 0:** Corey Dickerson's bunt single in the ninth inning scored the only run and Pittsburgh won a game of small ball. **Brewers 5, Mets 1:** Jonathan Villar sliced a three-run homer inside the foul pole and Milwaukee stopped New York's nine-game winning streak. **Angels 5, Royals 3:** Mike Trout, Justin Upton and Luis Valbuena homered as Los Angeles won its seventh straight. **LATE GAMES**
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
Toronto at Cleveland, ppd.
Oakland at Seattle
San Francisco at San Diego
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

BOX SCORES

RED SOX 10, ORIOLES 3	Hicks p	0	0	0	0	0	---
BALTIMORE	AB R H BI BB SO	288	CINCINNATI	AB R H BI BB SO	250	AVG.	
Mancini lf	4 0 2 0 0 0	.288	Hamilton cf	4 0 0 0 0 3	.167		
Alvarez dh	3 1 2 2 1 0	.304	Peraza ss	3 0 0 0 0 1	.250		
Machado ss	4 0 1 0 0 1	.311	Floro p	0 0 0 0 0 0	---		
Vielma ss	0 0 0 0 0 0	---	a-Mesoraco ph	1 0 1 0 0 0	.250		
Jones cf	4 0 1 0 0 0	.234	Iglesias p	0 0 0 0 0 0	.000		
Gentry cf	0 0 0 0 0 0	.250	Votto 1b	4 0 0 0 0 0	.250		
Davis 1b	4 1 2 0 0 1	.143	Gennett 2b	4 0 3 0 0 0	.328		
Beckham 2b	4 0 0 0 0 2	.183	Duval lf	3 0 1 0 1 0	.130		
Sisco c	4 0 0 1 0 2	.286	Barnhart c	4 1 1 1 0 0	.265		
Valencia 3b	4 0 0 0 0 2	.143	Ervin rf	2 0 1 0 2 0	.200		
Santander rf	3 1 1 0 0 1	.205	Pennington 3b	4 0 0 0 0 1	.167		
TOTALS	34 3 9 3 1 9		Finnegan p	1 0 0 0 0 0	.000		
BOSTON	AB R H BI BB SO	AVG.	Brice p	1 0 0 0 0 1	.000		
Betts rf	1 1 0 0 1 0	.353	Blandino ss	2 0 0 0 0 0	.091		
Swihart lf	3 1 2 1 0 0	.333	TOTALS	33 1 7 1 3 6			
Benintendi lf-cf	5 2 2 3 0 2	.229	ST. LOUIS	110 211 000-6 8 0			
Ramirez 1b	5 2 2 3 0 0	.362	CINCINNATI	000 010 000-1 7 0			
Martinez dh	5 1 3 2 0 0	.283	a-singled for Floro in the 8th. b-hit by pitch for Hilland in the 9th.				
Devers 3b	5 0 0 0 0 0	.245	LOB—St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 8. 2B—Pham (3),				
Bradley Jr. cf-rf	3 0 1 0 1 0	.209	Martinez (3), Garcia (2). HR—Garcia (1), off				
Leon c	4 1 1 0 0 0	.167	Finnegan; Garcia (2), off Finnegan; Barnhart				
Holt 2b	4 1 2 0 0 0	.150	(2), off Mikolas. RBIs—Pham (5), Martinez				
Lin ss	4 1 2 0 0 0	.500	(15), Ozuza (10), Garcia (3 (4), Barnhart (3),				
TOTALS	39 10 15 9 2 3		SB—Pham 2 (5), Bader (1). SF—Ozuza.				
BALTIMORE	000 020 001-3 9 3		Runners left in scoring position—St. Louis 4				
BOSTON	301 401 10X-10 15		(DeJong, Ozuza, Molina, Bader); Cincinnati 3				
E—Machado 2 (2), Valencia (1). LOB—			(Pennington, Blandino 2). RISP—St. Louis 3 for				
Baltimore 5, Boston 7. 2B—Mancini (2), Davis			11; Cincinnati 0 for 5.				
(1), Santander (3), Benintendi (3), Ramirez			Runners moved up—Martinez, DeJong, Duval.				
(3), Holt (1), Swihart (1), HR—Alvarez (2), off			GIDP—Ozuza, Pennington.				
Velazquez; Ramirez (3), off Cobb; Martinez			DP—St. Louis 1 (Garcia, DeJong, Martinez);				
(3), off Cobb. RBIs—Alvarez 2 (7), Sisco (4),			Cincinnati 1 (Pennington, Gennett, Votto).				
Benintendi 3 (8), Ramirez 3 (15), Martinez 2			ST. LOUIS	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA			
(13), Swihart (1).			Mikolas, W-2 0	7 4 1 2 4 83 4.26			
Runners left in scoring position—Baltimore			Holland	1 1 0 0 0 1 17 3.86			
2 (Machado, Sisco); Boston 2 (Benintendi,			Hicks	1 2 0 0 1 1 23 0.00			
Devers). RISP—Baltimore 1 for 8; Boston 5			CINCINNATI	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA			
for 12.			Finnegan, L-0 1	4.1 6 5 5 4 4 91 10.38			
Runners moved up—Beckham 2, Sisco,			Brice	1.2 2 1 1 0 4 25 5.40			
Swihart. LIDP—Lin. GIDP—Jones, Beckham,			Floro	2 0 0 0 0 0 23 0.00			
Davis.			Iglesias	1 0 0 0 1 1 20 1.42			
DP—Baltimore 2 (Beckham, Davis), (Machado,			Inherited runners scored—Brice 2-0. HBP—				
Valencia); Boston 2 (Lin, Holt, Ramirez), (Lin,			Iglesias (Wong).				
Holt, Ramirez).			Umpires—Home, Todd Tichenor; First, Alan				
BALTIMORE	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA		Porter; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Angel				
Cobb, L, 0-1	3.2 10 8 7 1 0	7917.18	Hernandez. T—2:43. A—19,213 (42,319).				
Castro	2 3 1 1 1 1	42 3.97					
Hart	1.1 2 1 0 0 1	22 0.00					
Givens	1 0 0 0 0 1	6 6.23					
BOSTON	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA						
Velazquez, W-2 0	5 6 2 2 1 5	86 3.29					
Kelly	1 0 0 0 0 1	12 5.40					
Walden, S,1-1	3 3 1 1 0 3	48 5.00					
Inherited runners scored—Castro 1-1, Hart 1-0.							
Umpires—Home, Stu Scheurwater; First, Gary							
Cederstrom; Second, Eric Cooper; Third, Cory							
Blaser. T—3:05. A—33,584 (37,731).							

NATIONALS 6, ROCKIES 2

COLORADO	AB R H BI BB SO	AVG.
LeMahieu 2b	4 0 0 0 0 2	.308
Parra lf	3 1 0 0 1 1	.245
Blackmon cf	4 1 1 2 0 3	.279
Gonzalez rf	4 0 0 0 0 1	.236
Desmond 1b	3 0 0 0 0 2	.185
Rusin p	0 0 0 0 0 0	---
Story ss	3 0 0 0 0 2	.190
McMahon 3b	3 0 1 0 0 2	.087
Walters c	2 0 0 0 1 1	.188
Gray p	2 0 0 0 0 0	.000
Senzatela p	0 0 0 0 0 0	.000
Valaika 1b	1 0 0 0 0 0	.067
TOTALS	29 2 2 2 14	
WASHINGTON	AB R H BI BB SO	AVG.
Turner ss	4 0 1 0 1 0	.211
Difo 2b	4 1 2 1 0 2	.286
Harper rf	3 1 2 0 1 0	.292
Adams 1b	4 0 0 0 0 1	.185
Madson p	0 0 0 0 0 0	---
Doolittle p	0 0 0 0 0 0	---
Wieters c	4 2 2 2 0 0	.214
Taylor cf	4 1 1 1 0 2	.167
Sierra lf	4 0 1 2 0 1	.222
Reynolds 3b	4 0 1 0 0 1	.125
Scherzer p	2 0 1 0 0 0	.300
a-Zimmerman ph-1b1	1 0 1 0 1 0	.136
TOTALS	34 6 12 6 3 7	
COLORADO	200 000 002-2 1	
WASHINGTON	000 104 10X-6 12 0	
a-singled for Scherzer in the 7th.		
E—Gonzalez (1). LOB—Colorado 2, Washington		
7. 2B—Harper (1), Sierra (2). HR—Blackmon		
(5), off Scherzer; Wieters (1), off Gray. RBIs—		
Blackmon 2 (8), Difo (1), Wieters (2) (2), Taylor		
(2), Sierra (2). SB—Turner (6), Harper (2).		
Runners left in scoring position—Colorado		
1 (LeMahieu); Washington 6 (Turner 2, Difo,		
Adams, Wieters 2). RISP—Colorado 0 for 2;		
Washington 4 for 11.		
Runners moved up—Adams. GIDP—Adams.		
DP—Colorado 1 (LeMahieu, Walters, Valaika).		
COLORADO	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA	
Gray, L,1-3	5.2 8 5 5 1 6	94 6.23
Senzatela	1 2 1 1 0 0	13 9.00
Rusin	2 0 0 2 2 1	32 7.00
WASHINGTON	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA	
Scherzer, W,3-1	7 1 2 2 1 11	103 13.33
Madson	1 1 0 0 1 1	23 2.35
Doolittle	1 0 0 0 0 1	24 2.57
Senzatela pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.		
Inherited runners scored—Rusin 2-1.		
WP—Rusin.		
Umpires—Home, Gabe Morales; First, Jerry		
Meals; Second, Ben May; Third, Ron Kulpa.		
T—2:53. A—31,700 (41,313).		

CARDINALS 6, REDS 1

ST. LOUIS	AB R H BI BB SO	AVG.
Pham cf	4 2 3 1 1 1	.327
DeJong ss	4 0 0 0 1 2	.246
Martinez 1b	3 0 1 1 2 0	.373
Ozuna lf	3 0 0 1 1 0	.288
Molina c	4 0 0 0 0 0	.268
Bader rf	4 1 1 0 0 1	.143
Munoz 3b	4 0 0 0 0 3	.118
Chapman 2b	4 3 3 3 0 0	.333
Mikolas p	3 0 0 0 0 2	.143
Holland p	0 0 0 0 0 0	---
b-Wong ph	0 0 0 0 0 0	.162

RANGERS 6, ASTROS 5, 10 INNINGS	TEXAS	AB R H BI BB SO	AVG.
Choo rf	5 0 0 0 0 3	.226	
Profar ss	3 2 2 0 2 1	.226	
Gallo dh	5 1 2 2		

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	12	2	.857	—
Toronto	9	5	.643	3
New York	7	7	.500	5
Baltimore	5	10	.333	7½
Tampa Bay	3	11	.214	9

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	½
Chicago	4	8	.333	3½
Detroit	4	9	.308	4
Kansas City	3	9	.250	4½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	12	3	.800	—
Houston	10	5	.667	2
Seattle	7	4	.636	3
Oakland	5	9	.357	6½
Texas	5	11	.313	7½

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 7, Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Detroit 6
Toronto 8, Cleveland 4
Houston 3, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 5, Kansas City 4
Seattle 7, Oakland 4
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.

Saturday's Games
Boston 10, Baltimore 3
Texas 6, Houston 5, 10 innings
Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 4
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, ppd.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, ppd.
Toronto at Cleveland, ppd.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, late
Oakland at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), ppd.
Baltimore (Bundy 0-1) at Boston (Sale 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 2-1) at Detroit (Liriano 1-1), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-0) at Detroit (Boyd 0-1), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
Philadelphia (Lively 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Snell 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 2-1) at Cleveland (Tomlin 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 2-0) at Kansas City (Skoglund 0-1), 2:15 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 1-2) at Seattle (Hernandez 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Colon 0-0) at Houston (Verlander 2-0), 8:08 p.m.

Monday's Games
Baltimore at Boston, 11:05 a.m.
Miami at N.Y. Yankees, 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	11	2	.846	—
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	3
Atlanta	8	6	.571	3½
Washington	7	8	.467	5
Miami	4	10	.286	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	10	4	.714	—
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	2½
St. Louis	8	7	.533	2½
Chicago	7	7	.500	3
Cincinnati	2	12	.143	8

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	10	3	.769	—
Colorado	8	5	.615	2
San Francisco	6	7	.462	4
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½
San Diego	5	10	.333	6

Friday's Games
Atlanta 4, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3
Miami 7, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Colorado 2, Washington 1
N.Y. Mets 6, Milwaukee 5
Arizona 8, L.A. Dodgers 7
San Diego 5, San Francisco 1

Saturday's Games
Washington 6, Colorado 2
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 1
Chicago Cubs 14, Atlanta 10
Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 4
Milwaukee 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 1, Miami 0
San Francisco at San Diego, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Chacin 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-0), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lively 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Snell 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 1-1) at Miami (Urena 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 1-1) at Cincinnati (Bailey 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Anderson 0-0) at Washington (Strasburg 2-1), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 0-2), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 2-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-2), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Beede 0-0) at San Diego (Lucchesi 1-0), 4:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
Miami at N.Y. Yankees, 6:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
TORONTO 1, WASHINGTON 0
Saturday: Toronto 114, Toronto 106
Tuesday: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA

RAPTORS 114, WIZARDS 106
WASHINGTON 106
Porter Jr. 4-7 0-0 9, Morris 9-15 3-3 22, Gortat 6-9 0-0 12, Wall 6-20 8-10 23, Beal 8-17 1-1 19, Satoransky 0-3 2-2 2, Oubre Jr. 1-4 0-0 3, Scott 7-10 0-0 14, Mahmini 0-0 2-2 2, Frazier 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 16-18 106.
TORONTO (114)
Anunoby 5-9 0-0 12, Ibaka 8-11 4-4 23, Valanciunas 4-6 1-2 9, Lowry 4-9 2-2 11, DeRozan 6-17 3-4 17, Powell 0-1 0-0 0, Miles 4-8 0-0 12, Siakam 2-5 4-4 9, Nogueira 0-0 1-2 1, Poeltl 1-1 0-0 2, Wright 7-10 1-2 18. Totals 41-77 16-20 114.

WASHINGTON 23 36 26 21 — 106
TORONTO 28 27 31 28 — 114
3-Point Goals—Washington 8-21 (Wall 3-5, Beal 2-6, Oubre Jr. 1-2, Porter Jr. 1-3, Morris 1-4, Satoransky 0-1), Toronto 16-30 (Miles 4-7, Ibaka 3-4, Wright 3-4, Anunoby 2-4, DeRozan 2-5, Siakam 1-2, Lowry 1-4). Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—Washington 35 (Morris 11), Toronto 38 (Ibaka 12). Assists—Washington 29 (Wall 15), Toronto 26 (Lowry 9). Total Fouls—Washington 21, Toronto 18. A—19,937 (19,800).

BOSTON VS. MILWAUKEE
Today: Milwaukee at Boston, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: Milwaukee at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Boston at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Boston at Milwaukee, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

PHILADELPHIA VS. MIAMI
Saturday: Miami at Philadelphia, late
Monday: Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Philadelphia at Miami, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 21: Philadelphia at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

CLEVELAND VS. INDIANA
Today: Indiana at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Cleveland at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
HOUSTON VS. MINNESOTA
Today: Minnesota at Houston, 9 p.m.
Wednesday: Minnesota at Houston, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Houston at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

GOLDEN STATE 1, SAN ANTONIO 0
Saturday: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
Monday: San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday: Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA

WARRIORS 113, SPURS 92
SAN ANTONIO (92)
Da.Green 2-5 0-0 6, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Aldridge 5-12 4-4 14, Murray 3-6 2-2 8, Mills 2-5 0-0 5, Gay 5-12 3-4 15, Bertans 0-4 4-5 4, Lauvergne 1-1 0-0 2, Gasol 3-5 0-0 6, White 3-6 0-0 7, Parker 1-8 0-0 2, Forbes 4-8 5-7 14, Ginobili 3-6 1-2-9. Totals 32-80 19-24 92.

GOLDEN STATE (113)
Durant 9-17 5-24, Dr.Green 5-13 0-1 12, McGee 5-7 5-15, Igouddala 1-4 0-2 3, Thompson 11-13 0-0 27, West 2-3 0-0 4, Looney 3-5 0-0 6, Bell 1-3 1-2 3, Jones 0-0 0-0, Livingston 4-6 3-4 11, Cook 2-7 1-2 5, Young 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 44-81 15-22 113.

SAN ANTONIO 17 24 22 29 — 92
GOLDEN STATE 28 29 27 — 113
3-Point Goals—San Antonio 9-22 (Ginobili 2-2, Gay 2-4, Da.Green 2-4, White 1-2, Mills 1-2, Forbes 1-4, Parker 0-1, Bertans 0-3), Golden State 10-22 (Thompson 5-6, Dr.Green 2-6, Igouddala 1-2, Young 1-2, Durant 1-4, Cook 0-2). Fouled Out—None.
Rebounds—San Antonio 30 (Gay 6), Golden State 51 (Dr.Green, Durant 8). Assists—San Antonio 19 (Gasol 4), Golden State 32 (Dr.Green 11). Total Fouls—San Antonio 20, Golden State 18. Technicals—Thompson, A—19,596 (19,596).

PORTLAND VS. NEW ORLEANS
Saturday: New Orleans at Portland, late
Tuesday: New Orleans at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday: Portland at New Orleans, 9 p.m.
Sunday, April 21: Portland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: New Orleans at Portland, TBA
x-Thursday, April 26: Portland at New Orleans, TBA
x-Saturday, April 28: New Orleans at Portland, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. UTAH
Friday: Utah at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10 p.m.
Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. UTAH
Friday: Utah at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10 p.m.
Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA
x-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA
x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

ODDS

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National League
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**
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Pittsburgh -137 at Miami +127
at New York -190 Milwaukee +175
at Washington -195 Colorado +180
at Los Angeles -200 Arizona +180
at San Diego -116 San Francisco +106

American League
at Minnesota -169 Chicago +159
at Boston -214 Baltimore +194
at Cleveland -131 Toronto +121
New York (1st) -210 at Detroit +200
New York (2nd) -149 at Detroit +139
Los Angeles -200 at Kansas City +180
Oakland -113 at Seattle +103
at Houston -325 Texas +295

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Playoffs
Today
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at Boston 4 201½ Milwaukee
at Cleveland 6½ 212½ Indiana
at Oklahoma City 3½ 206 Utah
at Houston 11½ 216½ Minnesota

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Stanley Cup Playoffs
Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**
at Philadelphia -110 Pittsburgh +100
at Minnesota -105 Winnipeg -105
at Washington -150 Columbus +140
at Los Angeles -140 Vegas +130
Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled RHP Alex Cobb from Bowie (EL). Placed 2B Jonathan Schoop on the 10-day DL.
OAKLAND AS—Recalled RHP Ryan Dull from Nashville (PCL) and activated him from the 10-day DL. Placed RHP Liam Hendriks on 10-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Activated DH Nelson Cruz from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Casey Lawrence to Tacoma (PCL).

National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Reinstated LHP Brandon Finnegan from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Zack Weiss to Louisville (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Claimed LHP Enny Romero off waivers from Washington.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Claimed LHP Tyler Webb off waivers from Milwaukee and assigned him to El Paso (PCL). Transferred RHP Dinelson Lamet to the 60-day DL.
Midwest League
QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS—Announced LHP Carlos Hiraldo was transferred from extended spring training to the team. Placed LHP Adam Bleday on the temporarily inactive list.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFINS—Recalled F Mike Borkowski from Toledo (ECHL).

COLLEGES
MICHIGAN—Junior C Moe Wagner announced he is entering the NBA draft.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
TAMPA BAY 2, NEW JERSEY 0
April 12: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
Saturday: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3
Monday: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA

LIGHTNING 5, DEVILS 3
NEW JERSEY 1 1 1 — 3
TAMPA BAY 1 4 0 — 5
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Point 1 (McDonagh, Palat), 12:15. 2, New Jersey, Hischier 1, 13:38. Penalties—Boyle, NJ, (holding stick), 6:27.
Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Stamkos, Kucherov), 3:14 (pp). 4, Tampa Bay, Johnson 2 (McDonagh, Point), 4:36. 5, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 2, 6:01. 6, Tampa Bay, Killorn 3 (Kucherov, Hedman), 13:12 (pp). 7, New Jersey, Vatanen 1 (Greene, Schneider), 19:34. Penalties—Lovejoy, NJ, (delay of game), 2:44; Zacha, NJ, (slashing), 4:43; Cirelli, TB, (slashing), 4:43; Miller, TB, (elbowing), 8:51; Palmieri, NJ, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 12:21.
Third Period—8, New Jersey, Coleman 1 (Moore, Zajac), 11:57. Penalties—Killorn, TB, (hooking), 5:02; Point, TB, (roughing), 19:51; Palmieri, NJ, (roughing), 19:51; Palat, TB, served by Cirelli, (roughing), 19:51.

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 10-15-19-44. Tampa Bay 6-11-9-26.
Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3; Tampa Bay 2 of 3.

Goalies—New Jersey, Kinkaid 0-2 (15 shots-10 saves), Schneider 0-0 (10-10). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 2-0 (44-41).
A—19,092 (19,092). T—2-49.
Referees—Brad Meier, Ian Walsh. Linesmen—Ryan Gibbons, Steve Miller.

BOSTON 1, TORONTO 0
April 12: Boston 5, Toronto 1
Saturday: Toronto at Boston, late
Monday: Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, TBA

COLUMBUS 1, WASHINGTON 0
April 12: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
Today: Columbus at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Columbus at Washington, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, TBA

PITTSBURGH 1, PHILADELPHIA 1
April 11: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Friday: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Today: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NASHVILLE 2, COLORADO 0
April 12: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Saturday: Nashville 5, Colorado 4
Monday: Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Wednesday: Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Colorado at Nashville, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Nashville at Colorado, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: Colorado at Nashville, TBA

PREDATORS 5, AVALANCHE 4
COLORADO 1 1 2 — 4
NASHVILLE 0 3 2 — 5
First Period—1, Colorado, Bourque 1 (Wilson, Compher), 2:34. Penalties—Landeskog, COL, (tripping), 19:03.
Second Period—2, Nashville, Fiala 1 (Sissons, Turris), 1:01 (pp). 3, Nashville, Arvidsson 1, 12:36. 4, Nashville, Johansen 1 (Ekholm, Subban), 16:32. 5, Colorado, MacKinnon 1 (Zadorov), 17:08. Penalties—Ekholm, NSH, (interference), 3:21; Warsfokos, COL, (holding), 3:37; Colorado bench, served by Wilson (too many men on the ice), 7:33; Landeskog, COL, (roughing), 10:46; Ellis, NSH, (roughing), 10:46; Fisher, NSH, (hooking), 13:44; Barberio, COL, (interference), 15:48; Watson, NSH, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 15:48; Nieto, COL, (roughing), 19:55.
Third Period—6, Nashville, Watson 2 (Fiala, Bonino), 7:16. 7, Colorado, Landeskog 1 (Barrie, MacKinnon), 9:14 (pp). 8, Nashville, Hartman 1 (Ekholm, Subban), 18:51. 9, Colorado, Reekot 1 (Landeskog, Barrie), 19:24. Penalties—Subban, NSH, (tripping), 4:07; Turris, NSH, (holding), 8:10; Sissons, NSH, (tripping), 8:24; Andriighetto, COL, (elbowing), 10:42.
Shots on Goal—Colorado 11-8-11-30. Nashville 9-10-14-33.

Power-play opportunities—Colorado 1 of 5; Nashville 1 of 5.
Goalies—Colorado, Bernier 0-2 (32 shots-28 saves). Nashville, Rinne 2-0 (30-26).
A—17,369 (17,113). T—2-34.
Referees—Jean Hebert, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen—Michel Cormier, Brian Murphy.

WINNIPEG 2, MINNESOTA 0
April 11: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2
Friday: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Today: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Winnipeg at Minnesota, TBA
x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA

VEGAS 2, LOS ANGELES 0
April 11: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Friday: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT
Today: Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 19: Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Vegas at Los Angeles, TBA
x-Monday, April 23: Los Angeles at Vegas, TBA

LATE FRIDAY
GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2, KINGS 1, 2OT
LOS ANGELES 0 1 0 0 0 — 1
VEGAS 1 0 0 0 1 — 2
First Period—1, Vegas, Tuch 1 (Smith, Marchessault), 14:47 (pp). Penalties—Clifford, LA, (interference), 12:51; Marchessault, VGK, (slashing), 17:58.
Second Period—2, Los Angeles, LaDue 1 (Phaneuf, Amadio), 15:55 (pp). Penalties—Phaneuf, LA, (roughing), 3:51; Lewis, LA, (tripping), 10:12; McCnabb, VGK, (tripping), 14:19.
Third Period—None. Penalties—None.
Overtime—None. Penalties—Bellmare, VGK, (delay of game), 5-5:3.
nully—3, Vegas, Haula 1 (Theodore, Neal), 0:25. Penalties—Phaneuf, LA, (hooking), 7-7:27.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 5-7-8-7-3-30. Vegas 11-14-9-13-9-56.

Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 3; Vegas 1 of 4.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Quick 0-2 (56 shots-54 saves). Vegas, Fleury 2-0 (30-29).
A—18,588 (17,367). T—4-12.
Referees—Kevin Pollock, Francois St Laurent. Linesmen—Daren Gibbs, Matt MacPherson.

SAN JOSE 1, ANAHEIM 0
April 12: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Saturday: San Jose at Anaheim, late
Monday: Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
x-Friday, April 20: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA
x-Sunday, April 22: Anaheim at San Jose, TBA
x-Tuesday, April 24: San Jose at Anaheim, TBA

ECHL PLAYOFF GLANCE
Division Semifinals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
North Division
Worcester 1, Adirondack 1
Friday, April 13: Adirondack 3, Worcester 0
Saturday, April 14: Worcester 2, Adirondack 0
Sunday, April 15: Adirondack at Worcester, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Worcester at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Worcester at Adirondack, 7 p.m.

Manchester 2, Reading 0
Friday, April 13: Manchester 3, Reading 2, OT
Saturday, April 14: Manchester 3, Reading 2, OT
Monday, April 16: Manchester at Reading, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Manchester at Reading, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, April 19: Manchester at Reading, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Reading at Manchester, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Reading at Manchester, 7 p.m.

South Division
Florida vs. Atlanta
Monday, April 16: Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17: Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Florida at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Friday, April 20: Florida at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
x-Sunday, April 22: Florida at Atlanta, 2:05 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Atlanta at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando 2, South Carolina 0
Thursday, April 12: Orlando 2, South Carolina 0
Saturday, April 14: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1
Thursday, April 19: South Carolina at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Saturday, April 21: South Carolina at Orlando, 6 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Orlando at South Carolina, 7:05 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25: Orlando at South Carolina, 7:05 p.m.

Western Conference
Central Division
Toledo 1, Indy 0

Friday, April 13: Toledo 4, Indy 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Indy at Toledo, 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18: Toledo at Indy, 7:05 p.m.
Thursday, April 19: Toledo at Indy, 7:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, April 21: Toledo at Indy, 7:35 p.m.
x-Tuesday, April 24: Indy at Toledo, 7:35 p.m.
x-Wednesday, April 25

COMMENTARY



AP PHOTO

New York Yankees right fielder Aaron Judge puts Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Joe Kelly in a headlock as they fight during the seventh inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, April 11.

Baseball fights more appropriate for UFC

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

The fights seemed more at home inside an octagon than a diamond.

Baseball showed some moxy this week — take me out to the brawl game! — with a pair of bench-clearing melees that had players swinging, striking and settling scores as violently as a pair of MMA fighters.

No cage could contain the clashes this week between the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox and a National League dustup between the San Diego Padres and Colorado Rockies.

All that was missing was the pay-per-view hype.

UFC lightweight contender Kevin Lee knows a good fight when he sees one. Lee has a Cy Young-worthy 16-3 record and will fight Edson Barboza in the main event of UFC Fight Night 128 on April 21 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The 25-year-old Lee, a Detroit native, never played baseball and sure doesn't watch the MLB Network during downtime from his training.

"It's boring as all hell," he said, laughing.

But even he couldn't escape the hostility that took place Wednesday in Colorado and Boston.

"Two big ones," he said. "I love it."

Before he tries to slap a rear-naked choke on Barboza, Lee helped break down the art of the baseball brawl with The Associated Press, offering some tips for baseball's bad boys who want to play cage fighter when tensions rise over beanballs or raised spikes.

The Rockies were wild — accidentally or intentionally — and hit San Diego's Manuel Margot in the ribs (he went on the disabled list) in the ninth inning of one game and plunked Hunter Renfroe on Wednesday. That marked five Padres batters hit in six games against the Rockies this season.

The Padres had enough. Luis Perdomo threw a pitch behind Nolan Arenado and the All-Star rushed the mound, setting off a brawl that led to five ejections.

Perdomo threw his glove at the bull-rushing Arenado and scampered away from the mound. Arenado connected with a glancing blow over Perdomo's head.

Lee said Perdomo should have stood his ground.

"They're gonna break you up within 30 seconds," Lee said. "Just a few good punches. I'd grab a hold of him. That's the rule in any crowd situation. Just grab a hold of somebody and let him have it."

The Rockies and Padres spilled out of the dugout and pushing and shoving ensued like fighters and their posses needing to be separated at a ceremonial weigh-in scrap.

So what about Arenado? Lee suggested hit batsmen should throw the bat instead of leaving it at the plate.

"Throw it in his general direction. He might flinch or something and take his mind off it," Lee said. "At the end of the day, it's a sport. You don't wish nothing bad on nobody. You don't get no street cred for that."

OK, so the pitcher is ready.

What's next?

A clinch (of locked arms, not the pennant)? A full mount on the mound? A reversal (no replay needed)?

"Go low, right away," Lee said. "The lower guy wins. The natural instinct is to throw that overhead right but you can see that coming from a mile away."

The Red Sox-Yankees skirmish — which resulted in two players suspended for a total of 11 games — started on a slide. The Red Sox were upset with Tyler Austin after he slid late into second in the third inning and his spikes caught Red Sox second baseman Brock Holt, who had leaned away from the bag after receiving the throw from third baseman Rafael Devers for the forceout.

"You just don't get no cred for that from me. It's like a using a weapon," Lee said of the spikes. "What are we doing here?"

Red Sox reliever Joe Kelly later threw at Austin twice. The first pitch missed, but the second one drilled him in the back. The designated hitter then charged the mound, prompting both benches to empty.

Maybe Lee should volunteer to lead an MLB version of "The Ultimate Fighter."

"This is Grade A coaching right here," Lee said, laughing. "Baseball players get paid a lot of money. They need to holler at me in Vegas."

AUTO RACING: NASCAR Xfinity Series

Preece earns big pay day

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Ryan Preece was willing to risk just about anything in hopes of bolstering his racing career. That meant going into major debt last year for a chance to run a few races on the Xfinity Series.

But Preece's investment in himself paid off big time Saturday as the full-time NASCAR Modified Tour driver captured the Xfinity Series race at Bristol Motor Speedway and took home the Dash 4 Cash \$100,000 bonus prize.

"Would I advise somebody to do what I did? Probably not," Preece said of incurring debt. "But I wanted a chance. And it worked out. I guess if you want it bad enough it will all work out."

Preece, driving the Joe Gibbs Racing No. 18 Toyota, added "it's gratifying that when I leave here and I will be debt free."

He became the seventh different winner this year in the Xfinity Series in as many races, beating



AP PHOTO

Preece celebrates after winning a NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race on Saturday, in Bristol, Tenn.

Justin Allgaier and Daniel Hemric to the finish line. Elliott Sadler finished fourth and Spencer Gallagher was fifth.

Cup Series regulars were not eligible to compete because of restrictions placed on the Dash 4 Cash races.

The 27-year-old Preece was racing in only his third Xfinity Series event of the year. It didn't bother the other Xfinity Series regulars that a non-regular like Preece won

the money. In fact, they applauded his win.

"If you qualify for the show, you meet the criteria and you beat out 39 other dudes whose job it is to do this full time at a place like Bristol, well, congratulations you deserve it," Gallagher said. "And that's it."

Added Hemric: "He drove his tail off and put himself in position and stepped up when he had to."

Preece was strong all

day, but it all came down to the final 10 laps.

Brandon Jones bemoaned the final caution that came out late. He gambled by taking on only two tires. Preece, who took four tires, was able to take him on the restart and he pulled away for an easy victory.

Preece was competing with three other qualifying drivers — pole sitter Cole Custer, Christopher Bell and Hemric — for the \$100,000 prize.

AUTO RACING: Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series

Erik Jones in search of first breakthrough win at Bristol

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Second-year Cup Series driver Erik Jones may be on the verge of a getting a breakthrough win at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Jones is coming off a fourth-place finish last week at Texas and has finished in the top 11 five times in seven Cup races this season. He also has a history of running well at Bristol, earning the pole last August and leading a race-high 260 laps before

finishing second to current teammate Kyle Busch.

Add in that the 21-year-old had the top 10-lap average in the first practice Saturday and there are the makings of a first career Cup win.

"Winning my first Cup race is something that I really want to get done," Jones said. "I feel like if we can get one knocked out of the way that more is kind of going to come with that, so we're going to continue to push this weekend."

Jones won at Bristol in 2016 and 2017 in the Xfinity Series, so he certainly

knows his way around the half-mile track.

"It's good to come back to a place where your team is fast, where you're comfortable and the car unloads good," Jones said. "We've had a good weekend so far, we just need to keep it heading that way."

WEATHER CONCERNS: NASCAR has moved the start of the race to 1 p.m. EDT due to the threat of heavy rains and thunderstorms in the area. But it may not matter as rain is predicted beginning in the morning and is expected to last all day and well into

the night.

If the race is postponed, it will be run on Monday.

BUSCH CRASHES LATE: Kurt Busch was scheduled to start on the outside of the front row, but now is headed to the back of the field after a crash late in the final practice on Saturday.

Busch was in the midst of a late run when his No. 41 got into the inside wall and suffered significant damage. The team has gone to a backup car, which means Busch will need to start at the rear of the 39-car field.

AUTO RACING: IndyCar

Newgarden hopes lessons learned pay off

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — In the third race of his IndyCar career, Josef Newgarden found himself starting on the front row alongside a champion at one of the series' storied events. The rookie was determined that day to show he wouldn't back down from Dario Franchitti on the streets of Long Beach.

So Newgarden tried to snatch the lead away from the four-time series champion as they hurtled into the first turn at the start of the 2012 race.

Franchitti's answer? He wrecked the kid.

Newgarden didn't make a single lap and Franchitti

taught him a valuable lesson that has furthered Newgarden's career.

"It was my inexperience and not knowing that was a bad decision," Newgarden said. "The more you drive, the more you get to learn your competition, the more you know what to do and what not to do around certain people. Obviously, that was a bad decision against Dario. He obviously didn't look at it very well, and you saw what happened."

"If I learned anything, it's that, know your competition."

Newgarden is no longer that 21-year-old newcomer fighting his way every race while driving for Sarah Fisher's tiny team. He's now the IndyCar

champion, driving for Roger Penske, and goes into Sunday's race at Long Beach as the points leader.

He took over the top of the standings following last Saturday night's race in Phoenix, where he used new tires to catch leader Robert Wickens on the final restart and then laid in wait until he could pounce on Wickens for the win.

It was a perfect example of on-track maturation.

"I was very patient with Robert, I didn't force it. Like, I could have (passed him) the first time," Newgarden said. "I think you kind of learn that over years in this sport that you don't have to rush everything. You get better knowing what to do when and how. There are times

to force stuff and there are times to take it easy, and I feel like I've gotten better with that."

"The more years you run, the more you understand when to go and when not to go, and when I went on Robert, it was time to go. You learn that through experience."

Which means Newgarden is finally poised to grab a big finish at this historic event. In six previous starts, Newgarden has crashed out of the race twice — he was in a bizarre 2014 multi-car crash when contact from Ryan Hunter-Reay knocked the top contenders out of the event — and didn't earn his first podium finish until last year when as a Penske driver.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

China president's conciliatory trade gesture raises optimism

BEIJING — Investors and China watchers welcomed President Xi Jinping's promise to open his country's market wider to foreign competition, hoping it will defuse a trade dispute with Washington that has unsettled financial markets and could jeopardize a global economic expansion.

McConnell says he's open to paring back US spending bill

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Republican says he's open to a proposal from the White House to pare back a hard-fought spending package that has come under assault from party conservatives. But at the same time, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell said the idea of cutting billions of dollars of just-approved spending may not have enough support to pass the Senate. The idea is being floated by the Trump White House with support from top Republicans like House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy.

Under Trump, a voice for the American consumer goes silent

NEW YORK — In the 135 days since the Trump administration took control of the nation's consumer watchdog agency, it has not recorded a single enforcement action against banks, credit card companies, or any finance companies whatsoever. That's likely no fluke: Mick Mulvaney, appointed acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in November, promised to shrink the bureau's mandate and take a softer approach to enforcement.

Facebook sends privacy alerts to affected users

NEW YORK — Facebook has begun alerting some users that their data was swept up in the Cambridge Analytica scandal. A notification that appeared on Facebook for some users Tuesday told them that "one of your friends" used Facebook to log into a now-banned personality quiz app called "This Is Your Digital Life." Facebook has said as many as 87 million users were affected.

Trump slump? International arrivals data may be wrong

NEW YORK — That "Trump slump" in travel may not be as bad it seems. The U.S. Department of Commerce says government statistics showing a drop in international arrivals may have undercounted some foreigners. Publication of the data has been suspended pending revision. Travel experts applauded the effort to get it right. Tourism Economics President Adam Sacks says his data shows international arrivals to the U.S. increased 2 percent in 2017, but that's still "underperforming" compared with other markets.

EPA to clean up toxic Texas site damaged by Hurricane Harvey

WASHINGTON — Federal environmental regulators have reached a long-awaited agreement with the owners of a polluted toxic waste site in Texas that was damaged during Hurricane Harvey. The Environmental Protection Agency says it reached a deal with International Paper Co. and McGinnes Industrial Maintenance Corp. to remove dioxin-contaminated materials from the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site in the Houston area. The companies say they look forward to working with EPA to protect the community.

Fed proposes streamlining annual stress tests for banks

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is proposing to streamline the annual stress tests that it conducts to see if the nation's largest financial firms can survive a severe recession. Randal Quarles, selected by President Donald Trump to be the Fed's vice chairman for financial supervision, says the change is being put forward in an effort to ensure that the Fed's regulatory measures are as "simple and transparent" as possible.

Stock indexes rally as China's president eases trade fears

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks jump after Chinese President Xi Jinping makes conciliatory remarks on trade, easing the market's fears about U.S.-China trade tensions. China's leader proposed reducing tariffs on autos, which sent automakers higher. Energy and technology companies also made outsized gains. Facebook surged as CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before the Senate.

— The Associated Press

BROOK'S DOG TRAINING

Academy brings dogs to heel

BY KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — They say that necessity is the mother of invention; while Brook Lefkowitz didn't invent dog obedience classes, she did have the necessity for them. When asking her friends for recommendations for an on-site trainer, she was unable to find one. So, she took matters into her own hands and learned how to train dogs and opened



"The whole reason I got into this was because of my own dog having aggression problems

— Brook Lefkowitz,
Owner, Brook's Dog Training Academy

Brook's Dog Training Academy.

"I was looking for a dog trainer for my own dog," Lefkowitz said. "I couldn't

find one. I knew someone who does a lot of fostering in the area and she said, 'we don't have anything like that here.'"

Her friend encouraged her to get into the dog training business. Lefkowitz investigated the topic and found Animal Behavior College based in California, which has an online program. The program had book work and a hands-on program where she worked with an experienced trainer named Cecilia Sumner in Vero Beach. She also volunteered at the local humane

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THE WILD HAWG

Highlands County's newest hangout



JIM ERVIN/CORRESPONDENT

The Wild Hawk is located at 4141 US Highway 27N in Sebring.

BY JIM ERVIN
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — If you're looking for something different to do, welcome to Highlands County's newest hangout, The Wild Hawk. The restaurant and bar establishment opened Feb. 3 and has rapidly built a steady clientele. With a large menu, ice cold beer, wine, live music and a patio to stretch out on, there's much to like.

Whether looking for a snack or a meal, the menu has you covered. Meal choices run the gamut from pulled pork to chicken, burgers, gyros, burritos, tacos, subs, bowls and salads, as well as a large selection of appetizers. There's even a kid's menu. The eight draft beer choices and 17 bottled selections are all ice cold, all the time.

In addition to all of

this, The Hawk is now open for breakfast. Offering 16 meal items and 12 sides, breakfast is served from 7 a.m. until noon.

Every Thursday is ladies night, when the ladies can drink domestic drafts and wine for \$1.00 each.

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Joel Crosby, owner of The Wild Hawk

SFSC Career Institute holds open house/parent night

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AVON PARK — The Highlands Career Institute (HCI) at South Florida State College (SFSC) will hold an Open House/Parent Information Night, Tuesday, April 24, 5-7 p.m., Building L, on the college's Highlands Campus in Avon Park. (Take Entrance 5 from College Drive.) During the open house, parents will hear about HCI's structure, meet the high school teachers, and learn about the various SFSC career and technical programs that students are eligible to attend.



HCI makes it possible for high school students to earn a high school diploma while working toward an occupational certificate or earn college credit. In most cases, the students have earned an occupational certificate and are ready to enter the workforce by the time they graduate from high school. If they choose, students may

continue on a career pathway in a post-secondary institution. Because HCI is considered dual enrollment, costs are waived for tuition and books.

Students spend half a day taking high school classes and the second half of the day in college classes alongside adult college students. HCI students are

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the Open House/Parent Information Night, call 863-784-7209.

held to the same academic and behavioral standards as other college students. Students benefit from small class sizes and focused attention and tutoring by instructors.

To be eligible for HCI, students must be entering the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade

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Saturday is bike night with live music and free raffles, if you're on a bike or golf cart. Every Sunday, from 4-8 p.m. the band Hard Candy will be performing.

Crosby expects to be open on Mondays in about two weeks.

"I started in the 1980s and 90s, working for the New York City Police Department," said Joel Crosby, owner of the establishment. "Grew up in Long Island, worked with the Manhattan PD. Always had an interest in the food business. Even as a hobby, doing cooking events on the side, cooking at benefits for cops or for someone's kid, stuff like that."

"I left New York in 1992, moved to the Fort Lauderdale area. Was involved in nightclubs and restaurants there, working on the cooking side of it and then I got into the management and security of clubs. Dabbled in the private protection industry, doing bodyguard work, jewelry escorts, working in Haiti on relief projects. And it always brought me back (to cooking)," said

Crosby. "Even when I was in Haiti doing protection work, I was cooking. We had people over there cooking for the team, I'd just join them on the line. I've also had pizza and sub places down in Broward County, and was involved with a sports bar."

Crosby was familiar with Highlands County and knew it would be a good place to settle down.

"I had friends living up here already so I kept coming up here, riding around the area. I said 'when the time is right, I'll move up,'" he said. "So I sold, bought the place up here. I actually just got done, for the last two years, working at the prison in Avon Park. I ran the kitchen out there. I was the kitchen officer."

"June will be three years that I've lived here." The Wild Hawg is located at 4141 U.S. 27 North and the phone number is 863-451-5590. You may also email TheWildHawg@yahoo.com.

Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday hours are 7 a.m. to midnight.



The Wild Hawg has a complete menu and a strong beer selection.

JIM ERVIN/CORRESPONDENT

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society and graduated the program with honors. Lefkowitz is continuing her education by attending seminars on her own. She is specifically trying to learn more about treating and training dog aggression behavior, which she admittedly, is not as comfortable with

as she would like to be.

"The most common calls I get are for dog aggression. The whole reason I got into this was because of my own dog having aggression problems. They resolved on their own though."

Lefkowitz is focusing on basic puppy training and bringing new dogs into the house. She said that she prefers individual classes as opposed to group classes that offer

too many distractions.

"Basic commands like sit, come, lay down and I can teach them some silly tricks if people want," Lefkowitz said. "I can help with other bad behaviors like jumping. That can be a big problem when you have a big dog. Leash manners, chewing and puppy nipping, housebreaking and digging are all things I can help with."

Lefkowitz received

advice from the mentors of Service Corps of Retired Executives, or SCORE. SCORE is a local group that helps entrepreneurs navigate the complications of startup businesses. They help with everything from business plans to insurance requirements. Lefkowitz was very pleased with SCORE, especially the free price

tag.

"My SCORE mentor is Mark Barie, he services the Highlands area. The funny thing is, he works with my dad. I have been seeing him since June."

Brook's Dog Training Academy opened in February. Lefkowitz offers in-home classes but would like to have a small facility to be able to offer a combined

boarding and training classes.

"That's something I want to expand in the future," Lefkowitz said. "But first I have to get this off the ground."

Training classes last about an hour and cost \$75 each or \$200 for four sessions. Lefkowitz can be reached at 863-840-6720.

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at a Highlands County public school and have earned a 2.0 GPA.

Currently, the college offers nine programs to HCI students. They are air conditioning,

refrigeration and heating; applied cybersecurity; computer systems and information technology; commercial foods and culinary arts; automatic collision technology; automotive service technology; medical administrative specialist; and medical assistant. Three additional programs

are under consideration and may be available by mid-summer.

For more information about the Open House/Parent Information Night, call 863-784-7209. To apply to HCI at SFSC, students should meet with their high school guidance counselor.

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SMALL TALK

Retailers hope for certainty as Supreme Court hears tax case

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Retailers are hoping for a resolution this year from the Supreme Court, which hears arguments Tuesday in a decades-old dispute: Whether companies must collect sales tax on items sold in a state where they don't have a store or other building.

If the court backs government officials who say they're losing billions of dollars in uncollected taxes, thousands of small companies could be forced to start charging their out-of-state customers for them. Some businesses fear that could alienate customers used to tax-free shopping. On the other side: Retailers who do collect sales tax and believe those who don't have an unfair advantage.

The justices will hear online retailers Wayfair, Overstock.com and

Newegg challenging a South Dakota law enacted last May requiring out-of-state retailers that have sales of more than \$100,000 or over 200 transactions a year in the state to collect sales tax. Their decision could have national implications on e-commerce, although Congress can pass legislation afterward that broadens or narrows the law.

It's not only about the money, says Stephanie Harvey, owner of exit343design in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. There are more than 10,000 sales tax jurisdictions in the United States: 35 states, the District of Columbia, counties and municipalities.

"Adding this sales tax isn't just about the tax itself — it's about the cost of time to navigate and file (taxes) or the additional expense of hiring someone to do so on

behalf of the business," says Harvey, whose design and printing company has an online store and sells merchandise to other retailers.

The justices are likely to rule by June on whether to overturn a 1992 decision, Quill v. North Dakota, that said companies cannot be forced to collect sales tax from customers in a state where they don't have a physical presence like a store or distribution center. Collecting tax from online sales hasn't been a question for big online retailers like Walmart or Macy's since they have physical stores in most or all states. They also have accounting systems and financial staffs to handle the work.

Small retailers have software options to help collect taxes and do the administrative work, but it's an added cost. Whether it's worth it may depend on how

much revenue a seller gets from other states. The most comprehensive software can work with the programs retailers use to process sales transactions. The software sellers determine the correct sales tax rate and submit payments and reports to tax authorities.

Retailers who sell through Amazon.com can also have sales tax collected, although many don't on out-of-state transactions. Amazon itself long resisted collecting sales tax but now does so nationwide on its own merchandise. Some of the smaller sellers say their overhead will increase if Quill is overturned.

"It is going to be a process, and frankly, it would affect the bottom line of the company," says Dave "Lando" Landis, owner of Rocker Rags, an online seller of clothing with photos and logos of rock musicians. The company, based in Albuquerque,

New Mexico, gets a small percentage of its sales from out-of-state customers.

Landis uses e-commerce software and expects to link it with a sales tax program if he must start collecting taxes in other states. "Should we be required to, we'll be on it extremely quickly," he says.

Adrienne Kosewicz pays \$3,300 a year for tax collection software to handle payments and reports to her home state, Washington. Her Seattle-based online business, Play It Safe World Toys, sells through Amazon, which handles computation and collection. "When you expand your reach, costs often come with it. That's business," she says.

It's customer sentiment, not an administrative burden, that concerns Gregory Hook. The vice president at QKiddo, an online children's clothing

retailer in New York, worries that consumers who don't understand the situation will wonder, "How come a couple of months ago I got this product and I wasn't being charged tax and now I am?"

He's planning on explaining any changes to customers. "We don't want them to think we're running an unethical business," he says.

Though some retailers aren't daunted by the effort required to collect taxes, the potential for complications is clear, said Bill McClellan, vice president for the industry group Electronic Retailing Association.

"Each situation is going to be a little different, depending on their legacy software, bandwidth. Multiply that across the ecosystem and there just isn't a magic wand," says McClellan, who describes his group's members as split on the out-of-state tax question.

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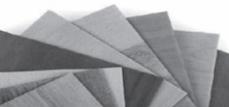


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SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WWTP SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CAS PROJECT No. 17-1933

The Spring Lake Improvement District is seeking proposals from qualified proposers, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor shall provide construction services to include all labor, material, equipment and incidentals required to construct the prosed duplex lift station, the installation of 8-inch and 10-inch force mains, and an 80,000 GPD extended aeration activated sludge wastewater treatment plant including three acres of effluent disposal absorption beds.

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A non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 will be required for each set of Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Checks are to be made payable to Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc. (CAS) Contract documents can also be downloaded at no cost from DropBox.com, a link will be provided upon request.

Bidders will confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial bids will not be accepted. Each bidder will submit with this bid evidence that the bidder is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination to be so licensed. Bidders who fail to include proper evidence of licensure will be considered non-responsive and their Bid will be discarded.

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No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after date set for opening of this bid. It is incumbent upon each bidder to check the listed CAS link for addendums and submit addendum acknowledgements as required and with the bid submittal.

There will be a pre-bid conference at **10:30 AM on April 25, 2018** at the SLID Office, located at 115 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, FL 33876.

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District Manager
April 11th and 15th, 2018

END OF SECTION HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF ACTION

The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners provides public notice of the intent to include the following positions in the Florida Retirement System's Senior Management Class effective May 1, 2018.

● **Parks & Facilities Superintendent**
Additional information may be obtained by contacting Highlands County Board of County Commissioners directly at 863-402-6500.

April 8, 15, 2018

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Highlands County Hospital District will hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 1:15 p.m. at the Highlands County Engineering Training Room, 505 S. South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida. The Board will vote on auditor adjustment fee request, review grant applications for completeness, and meet with applicants. One or more members of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners may be present at the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Highlands County Hospital District Board, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. "Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26 Florida Statutes should contact Ms. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6842 (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.

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INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")

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A PRE-BID meeting will not be held for this solicitation. Each submittal shall include one (1) original and (1) exact copy of the BID submission packet. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave, Sebring, Florida 33870-3809 so as to reach said office no later than **3:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 16, 2018**, at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy ("Local Preference Policy") and Women/Minority Business Enterprise Preference Policy (W/MBE) will apply to the award of this ITB

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Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
April 15, 22, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. **PC 18-146**
IN RE: ESTATE OF **DORIS W. POLLARD**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of **DORIS W. POLLARD**, deceased, File Number **PC 18-146**, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. Commerce, Sebring, Florida 33870; that the decedent's date of death was **January 18, 2018**; that the total value of the estate is **\$57,293.00**, and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

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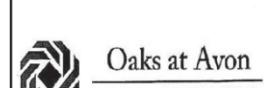
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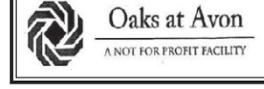


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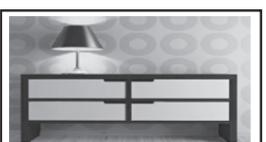
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Ask Brianna: How to say no to being a bridesmaid

Q: A friend asked me to be a bridesmaid in her wedding, but I'm afraid I won't be able to afford it. How do I say no and keep our friendship intact?

A: You don't need to go into debt to celebrate a friend. This might sound blasphemous when your social media feeds are drenched in destination bachelor parties and designer bridesmaid dresses. But the truth is that many 20- and 30-somethings are just getting by, and bridesmaids in particular are asked to drop a lot of cash.

The average bridesmaid spends \$1,200 per wedding, including attire, travel to the event, accessories and gifts, according to a May 2017 study from wedding-planning website WeddingWire. But that average climbs to over \$1,800 when accounting for bachelorette parties and bridal showers. You'll want to know precisely what you're signing up for as a bridesmaid.

A true friend will understand if your finances keep you from participating, and that declining her request isn't reflective of the friendship. Here's how to make sure nothing gets lost in translation.

Be realistic about your budget

First, know what you truly can and can't afford. "These types of unscheduled expenses are really what blow up people's budgets, and also what get people into credit card debt," says Krista Smith, an Atlanta-based certified financial planner and founder of Planning in Motion LLC.

- Consider:
- Do you have more weddings coming up?
 - Might you be asked to be in other wedding parties?
 - Will any of them require significant travel?
 - Are there financial goals you're prioritizing, like paying off credit card debt?

Try to build up at least some emergency savings, even \$500, before agreeing to any wedding-related spending, and be realistic about when you could pay off items charged to a credit card. Ideally, you'd do so within a month, Smith says.

Few people would advise you to pass up supporting your best friend so you can avoid carrying a credit card balance. But if you see no way to get out of the debt you'd take on to be a bridesmaid, doing everything your friend wants might not be feasible right now.

Understand expectations

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your opting out of certain events.

Consider saying, "Thank you so much for including me in your wedding. I'm on a really tight budget, and I want to make sure I can participate in the way that you deserve. How are you hoping your bridesmaids will be involved in the wedding?" Get a sense of whether you'll have to buy a specific dress, say, or co-host a bridal shower.

Tell the truth

You might know from the get-go that there's no way you can make it work. Or maybe you come to that conclusion after learning how elaborate the wedding and associated events will be.

Either way, don't put off the conversation or come up with half-baked excuses for why you can't participate. That could "leave an ocean of room" for the bride to misinterpret and worry you don't value her, says Mariana Bockarova, a researcher in psychology at the University of Toronto.

Break the news in person, or over Skype or FaceTime if that's not possible. "Seeing each other's facial expression is really, really important in terms of eliciting empathy," Bockarova says.

Clearly explain that you care deeply about your friend but that you can't be in the wedding party, and end the news on a high note. Bockarova suggests saying something like this: "Thank you so much for thinking of me. I'm in a really difficult financial place right now. But you mean so much to me — I'm so happy we have this friendship — and I would love to attend as a guest. I can't wait to share in your special day."

Showing gratitude and a heartfelt desire to celebrate your friend is crucial. Bridesmaid life can feel like an expensive chore, but being asked is still meaningful and flattering — more flattering, most likely, than the dress you'd have to wear.

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How not to run out of money in retirement

Americans aren't terrific at saving for retirement. Many are even worse when it comes to figuring out how much to spend once they get there.

An actuary who's studied the issue for three decades recently proposed a relatively straightforward strategy that can help. In its simplest form, the "Spend Safely in Retirement" plan suggests waiting until age 70 to claim Social Security and using the IRS' required minimum distribution table to determine how much to withdraw from savings each year.

Even those who stop work earlier can use the strategy, or a version of it, to figure out when they can afford to retire and how much they can spend, says Steve Vernon, a research scholar at the nonprofit Stanford Center on Longevity in Stanford, California. Vernon worked with the Society of Actuaries to study nearly 300 different retirement income approaches. The strategy was the best way for middle-income people with \$100,000 to \$1 million saved to create an income stream, Vernon says.

Most people nearing retirement don't consult a financial adviser, and only about half try to calculate how much money they'll need to retire comfortably, according to surveys by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Instead, retirees typically take one of two approaches, Vernon says:



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— They try to minimize withdrawals, viewing their retirement savings as an emergency fund that must be conserved, or

— They wing it, using retirement savings as a checking account to pay their current living expenses without much thought for the future.

"These approaches really aren't ideal," says Vernon, author of several books on retirement. The winging-it crowd often burns through their money too fast, while the conservers may spend too little.

Traditionally, financial planners have recommended the "4 percent rule" — withdrawing 4 percent of retirement savings in the first year and increasing the amount each year by the rate of inflation. Recently some researchers have questioned that approach, saying it may not be safe enough for retirees who could be facing a lower-return environment than previous generations.

Another way to set up a retirement income is to buy an immediate annuity, which offers a stream

of payments in exchange for lump sum, from an insurance company. Many retirees, however, don't want to give up a chunk of money that they won't be able to access in an emergency or leave to heirs.

Social Security, on the other hand, is a kind of annuity that can be a solid foundation for most people's retirements, Vernon says. Benefits increase with inflation, don't fluctuate with the market and can't be outlived.

If people can delay claiming benefits until they are 70, they'll get the largest possible check. (For married couples, only the higher earner needs to wait until 70, Vernon says. The other spouse can begin Social Security checks at full retirement age, which is currently 66.)

Once maximized, Social Security benefits likely will make up 75 percent or more of the typical retiree's income, Vernon says. With the bulk of their income guaranteed, retirees can keep their savings invested in stocks to reap inflation-beating growth. A balanced index fund or a target-date fund can be an easy, low-cost way for them to invest, he says.

Those who want to quit work earlier, say at age 65, can use some of their savings as a "transition fund" to replace Social Security checks.

"There's some judgment involved in the size of the transition fund,"

Vernon says, since carving out too much could leave too little to live on later. People may need to reduce their living expenses and consider working part-time.

Withdrawals can start at age 65, using an initial 3.5 percent withdrawal rate. At age 70, people can switch to the IRS' required minimum distribution table, which dictates how much people must take from most retirement accounts at that age. The withdrawal rate at 70 is 3.65 percent and it increases slightly every year after that; by age 90, for example, it's 8.7 percent.

The spend safely strategy won't make up for inadequate savings, and some people may need to supplement their income by tapping their home equity, either through a reverse mortgage or by selling their house, Vernon says.

How much people withdraw can vary considerably every year with the rising and falling of the stock market. But the method allows people to squeeze as much income as possible from the savings they have without running out, he says.

"We really didn't set out to find a simple solution," Vernon says. "But compared to the others, this is the best."

Liz Weston is a columnist at NerdWallet, a certified financial planner and author of "Your Credit Score."

ECONOMY

Wholesale prices up 0.3 percent in March

A hint of inflation

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WASHINGTON — U.S. wholesale prices increased 0.3 percent in March, driven higher by the largest increase in food costs in nearly four years.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the March gain in the producer price index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, followed a 0.2 percent rise in February and a 0.4 percent jump in January.

Food prices at the wholesale level surged 2.2 percent, the biggest increase since April 2014, with many categories showing gains. Energy costs, however, fell 2.1 percent as gasoline prices dropped 3.7 percent, the largest monthly decline since last May.

Over the past 12 months, wholesale prices have risen 3 percent, the fastest annual pace since last November and another sign that inflation pressures have started to increase after years of being dormant.

Rising food prices are tied to weather that affected crops, but analysts still believe the report shows that inflation pressures are beginning to increase.

"The numbers aren't yet alarming, but neither can we say with any confidence that (wholesale) inflation

FAST FACT

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has peaked," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, was up 0.3 percent in March, and 2.7 percent over the past 12 months.

The Federal Reserve last month increased its benchmark interest rate by a quarter-point and signaled that it expected to raise rates a total of three times this year, the same number of rate hikes it delivered in 2017. However, many economists believe that stronger economic growth and a rise in inflation pressures will end up pushing the Fed to slightly accelerate its pace of rate hikes to four increases this year.

The big increase in food costs reflected widespread gains across a number of categories with fish prices jumping 62.5 percent, the biggest gain since 2014, while egg prices were up 41.6 percent and vegetable costs rose 31.5 percent.

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Saturday, April 28, 2018
Sun 'N Lake Golf Club
Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE – Make your own team
ENTRY FEE: \$70.00 per person
INCLUDES: One Mulligan, lunch, beverages, prizes, cart, range balls, and a lot of fun. Total team handicap determines flight

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____	Name: _____
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the FUNNIES

PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, CHARLIE BROWN!

POW!

CHASE IT YOURSELF! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PITCHED IT!!

% SIGH %

HEY, KID! YOU WITH THE BASEBALL GLOVE! W'WANNA PLAY RIGHT FIELD? WE'RE SHORT A PLAYER!

WELL, I'M ALREADY IN A... W'WANNA PLAY OR NOT? GET OUT THERE! WE'RE READY TO START!

I'LL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW THIS LOOKS IN THE BOX SCORE...

THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"LORETTA PLAYS BY EAR... TOO BAD SHE HAS TO USE HER FINGERS."

"THIS IS THE HOUSE SPECIAL BECAUSE IT TASTES LIKE BRICK AND MORTAR."

"IT WAS A HALF-PRICE SALE, SO I ONLY SPENT HALF YOUR PAYCHECK."

"I GUESS MY SKILL IS NO MATCH FOR YOUR LUCK."

"I'D NEVER TRADE LEROY... I WOULD, HOWEVER, CONSIDER PUTTING HIM ON WAIVERS."

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

AHHH...

THIS IS GREAT!

I LOVE SPENDING THE WEEKEND DOING TAXES.

GOING THROUGH STATEMENTS AND FORMS...

ENTERING NUMBERS INTO THE COMPUTER...

PRINTING OUT PAGES AND PAGES OF RETURNS.

WHEE! THIS IS FUN!

IS DADDY BEING SARCASTIC?

VERY.

MARY WORTHCK'S SPORTING GOODS

"WHEN IT'S GONE, YOU'LL KNOW WHAT A GIFT LOVE WAS."
- IAN MCEWAN

IT'S FUNNY WE RAN INTO YOU HERE OF ALL PLACES!

SMALL WORLD...

TOO SMALL...

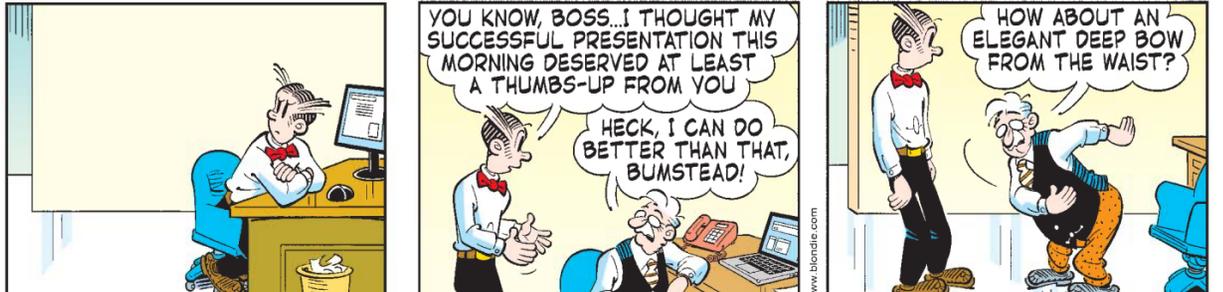
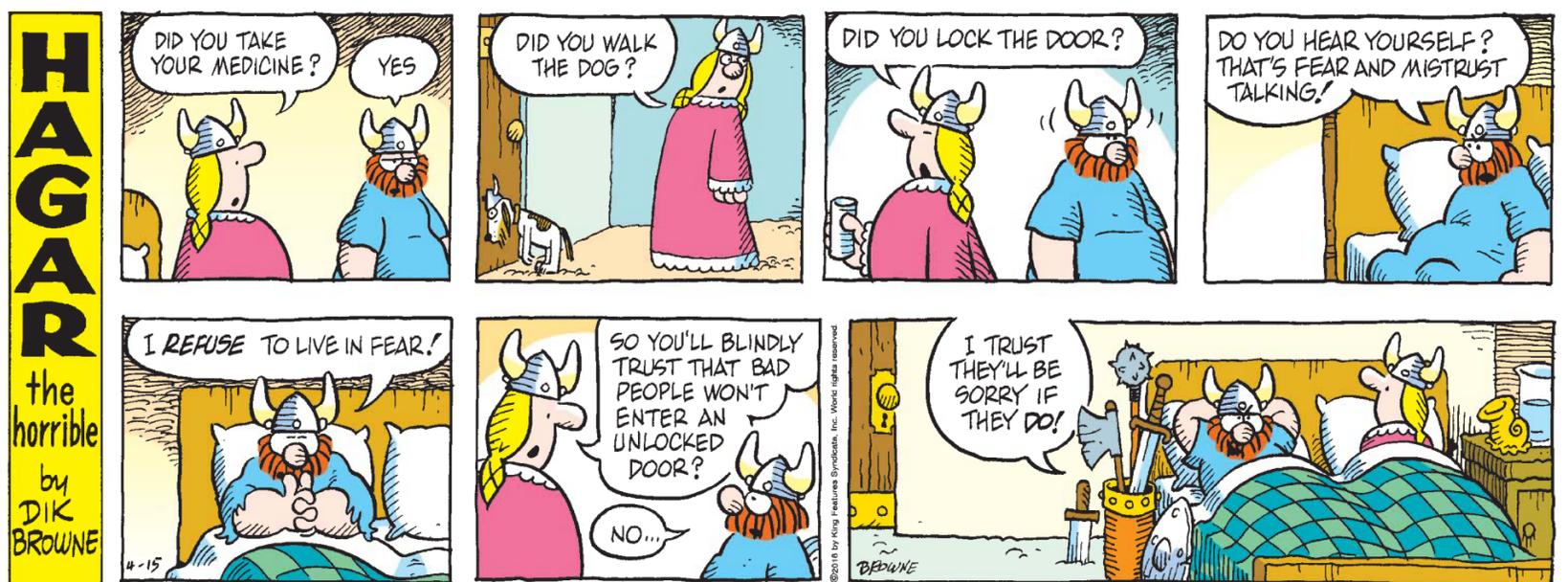
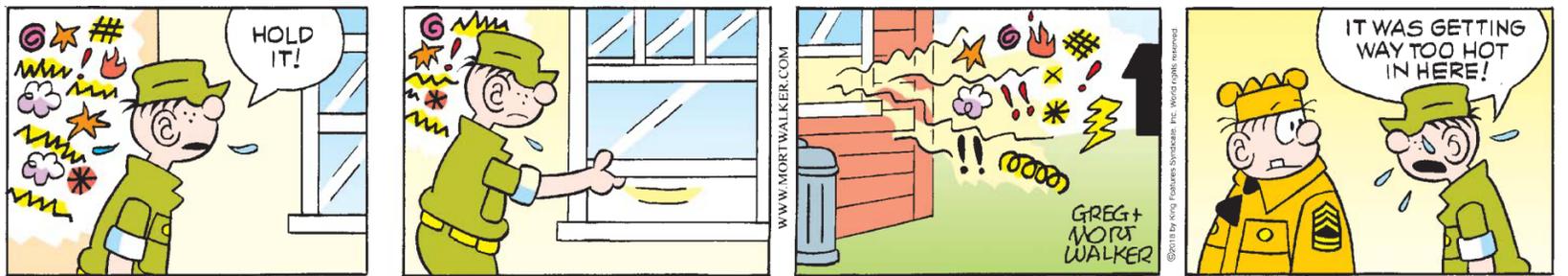
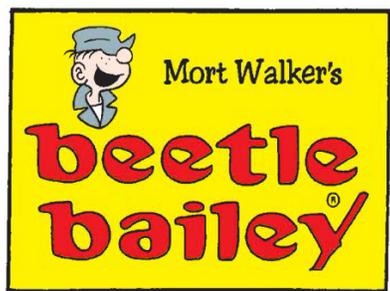
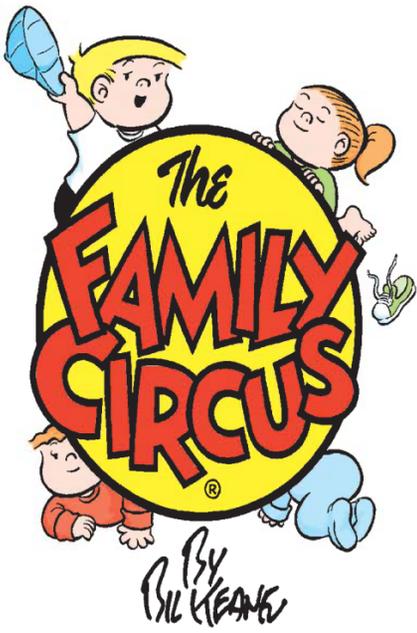
WHEN WILBUR RUNS INTO IRIS AND ZAK WHILE SHOPPING... WE CAME HERE FOR CAMPING SUPPLIES... FOR A WEEKEND TRIP!

GREAT! I GOT NEW FOOTWEAR. SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO...RUN...

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, WILBUR.

YOU TOO.

MOY BRIGMAN 4/15/18





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

CLANK BAM! CLANK BAM!

BERG BAM! WHIZZING GRAK GRAK GRAK BAM!

MICHAEL, THE RUG BEATER IS ONLY FOR CARPETS! THIS ATTACHMENT IS FOR THE FLOOR!

THE CORD IS GOING TO BREAK! MOVE IT TO ANOTHER PLUG!

LIZZIE, YOU DON'T NEED THIS MUCH CLEANSER TO CLEAN A SINK!

WHO PUT THE DIRTY LAUNDRY ON TOP OF THE CLEAN PILE?!!

HONEY- YOU ARE CLEANING THE TOILET, NOT PLAYING IN IT!!

I DON'T GET IT, EL...

IF THE KIDS DID ALL THE HOUSEWORK... HOW COME YOU'RE SO TIRED?

GARFIELD

SIGH...

JON, AREN'T THOSE COALS READY YET?

NOT YET

I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WON'T LIGHT

THE BAG SAYS THEY'RE "SELF-STARTING"

I KNOW WHERE HE HIDES THE DONUTS

HAL FOSTER'S Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VALETA COMES TO HER MOTHER AND EXPLAINS EXCITEDLY WHAT SHE AND ZULFA LEARNED FROM PROVOKING KRIOS' DAUGHTER. ALETA IS NOT HAPPY...

... "ARE YOU TWO INSANE? THAT WAS FAR TOO DANGEROUS!" BUT VALETA ARGUES: "ZULFA HAS ALSO BEEN WORKING TO COMPROMISE ANTERO, ANDRINA'S BROTHER..." ALETA GROANS...

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... AND WOULD FEEL EVEN MORE ANXIOUS IF SHE KNEW THAT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, ZULFA HAS POSITIONED HERSELF BOLDLY TO CATCH ANTERO'S EYE AS HE AND HIS FATHER'S IMPOSING RETINUE MARCH TO THE SENATE HOUSE.

YEATES 4/15/18

ZULFA'S WIFE PROVIDES RESULTS. A FEW MINUTES AFTER PASSING, A SERVANT RETURNS WITH A NOTE FROM HER QUARRY, INDICATING A TIME AND PLACE.

AND IN THE SENATE HOUSE, THOSE ASSEMBLED SIT ABASHED AS KRIOS HOLDS COURT, BACKED BY AN INTIMIDATING MOB OF SUPPORTERS. "THE TIME HAS COME - THE PEOPLE DEMAND THAT WE CREATE A RESTRICTED TRADE SECTOR AND AT LAST PROTECT OURSELVES FROM FOREIGN THREATS!"

NEXT: The rendezvous

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Someone broke into Slylock Fox's office. The intruder was looking for a particular folder. As Slylock studied the scene, he observed evidence that suggests the folder was removed from the top drawer. What evidence led Slylock to reach that conclusion?

Solution - The thief opened the bottom drawer first so he wouldn't have to close each drawer to examine the next one. He didn't find the folder until he had reached the top drawer.

BOB WEBER JR and SR 4-15

Spot six differences between these panels.

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Answer -- Frog, cloud, splash, gill, land and feather.

HOW TO DRAW a hungry bear cub

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Tucker Smart, age 9

The scrambled words are species of bears. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) RYZGLZI
- 2) NROBW
- 3) RPAOL
- 4) DAPNA

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Answer -- 1) Grizzly 2) Brown 3) Polar 4) Panda

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ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BERGMAN



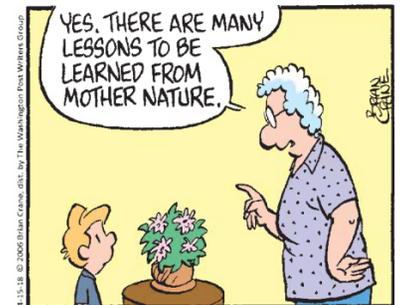
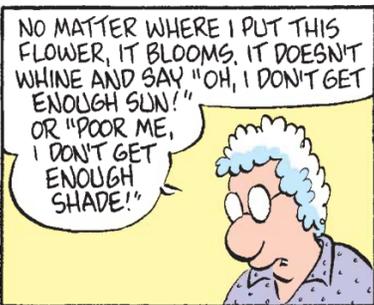
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By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



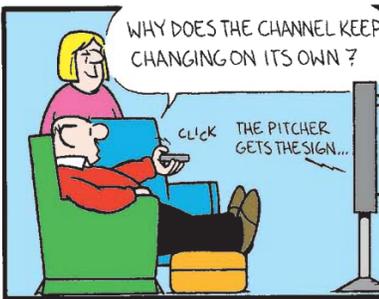
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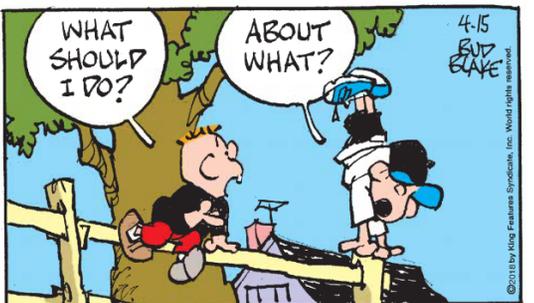
THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom



TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE





BABY BLUES

RICK BY JERRY KIRKMAN / SCOTT

MOMMA! MOMMA! MOMMA! MOMMA! MOMMA! MOMMA!

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

SIGH!

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

THAT DOES IT.

HERE, WREN. PLAY WITH THE BABY FOR A WHILE!

QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK! QUACK!

BARNEY GOOGLER and SNUS FIFTH BY JOHN ROSE

I'LL BE BACK LATE, PAW-- SO DON'T WAIT UP !!

LIKE THAR'S ENNY DANGER OF THAT !!

WIF YORE AUNT 'WEEZY BEIN' AWAY, I'LL BE FIXIN' SUPPER T'NIGHT, FELLERS !!

ENNY IDEA HOW SHE MAKES THOSE BODACIOUS MASHED 'TATERS, JUGHAID ?

YEP !!

FURST SHE WASHES TH' 'TATERS... THEN SHE PEELS 'EM... AN' CUTS 'EM UP AN' BOILS 'EM !!

WHILE THAR COOKIN', SHE GOES OUT AN' GITS SOME MILK FROM OL' BESSIE, ADDS A HUNK'A BUTTER AN' THEN MASHES AN' MASHES !!

ALRIGHTY THEN-- 'TATER CHIPS IT IS !!

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

I'D LIKE TO SAFELY INVEST MY MONEY, DAD.

I'LL GIVE IT TO YOUR MOTHER.

BEHIND THIS CALLOUS FACADE, A BATTLE WAGES OVER THE TRUE MEANING OF PURPOSE...

BECAUSE JUST BEYOND THE COOL, CALCULATED EXTERIOR, DEFINED BY ACQUISITION, WEALTH AND PRESTIGE,

LIES A FRAGILE SEMBLANCE OF A CHILD'S HEART, WITH ALL THE VULNERABILITY OF A...

STOP.

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU DOING ?

ESTABLISHING YOUR BACKSTORY.

CAN YOU DO IT WITH A BROKEN CLAVICLE ?

WE CAN FINISH THIS ANOTHER TIME.

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

NOTHING LIKE A LAZY SUNDAY TO MAKE YOU START TO PANIC HOW YOU DIDN'T GET ANYTHING DONE ON SATURDAY, EITHER.

YOU KNOW, SAL, EVERY SO OFTEN I HAVE TO SAY IT...

YOU ARE THE VERY BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME.

HEY!

WELL, OBVIOUSLY THE EQUALLY BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME IS HAVING YOU.

MEOW

SERIOUSLY? I'VE GOTTA MAKE THIS A THREE-WAY TIE?

JUST DON'T LET HER KNOW WE ALMOST ADOPTED A TEACUP PIG INSTEAD.

CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

IT'S TIME FOR THESE BUSHES TO GET A DORMANT SPRAYING.

I'M ON IT!

DON'T TELL ME YOU ORDERED A BACKPACK SPRAYER FROM BEAN'S END!

NOPE... A FOUR-WHEEL FIFTY-GALLON TANK AND TRAILER.

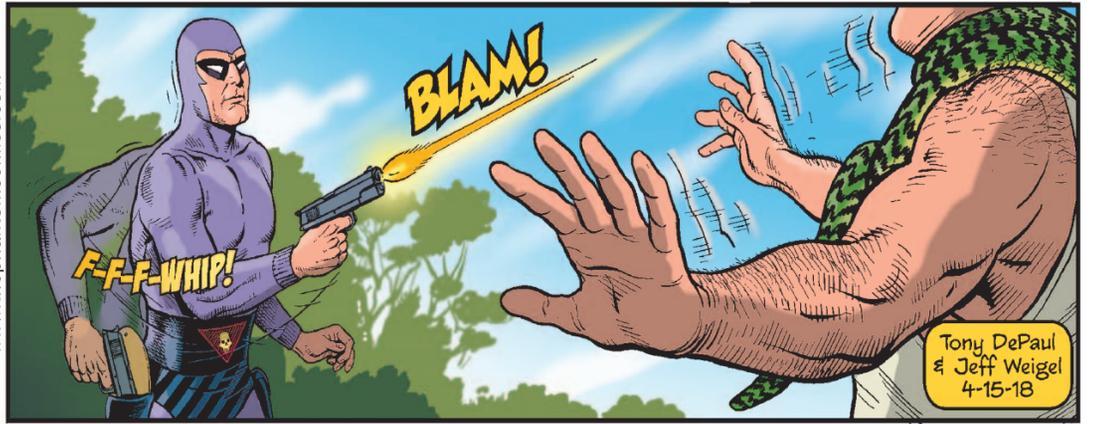
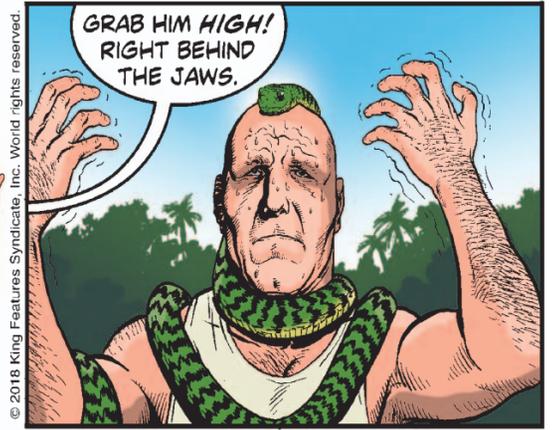
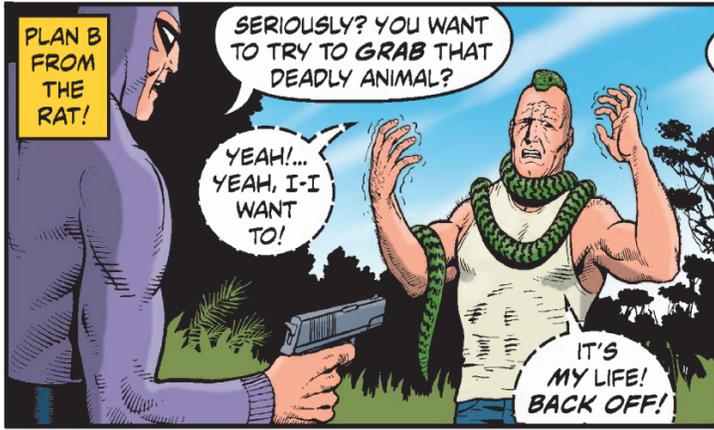
THE SPRAY IS PERFECTLY SAFE AND NONTOXIC.

AND THIS IS THE HAZMAT SUIT THAT YOU NEED WHEN YOU APPLY IT.



THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK



NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

