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With 15 students requesting transfers to Sebring High School through Controlled Open Enrollment, a lottery was needed to determine who would get the seven available openings at the school.

Lottery decides Sebring High enrollment spaces

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A lottery was needed to determine who would get an open enrollment seat at Sebring High School for the 2018-19 school year.

Parents had a three-week period recently to apply for their children to attend a school that was different from their zoned school and one that could accommodate more students.

Under the statewide Controlled Open Enrollment program, applications are accepted for schools that have an enrollment that is less than 90 percent of their total capacity.

Sebring High had 15 students apply for its seven available openings, which necessitated a lottery system to determine who would get the open seats.

Overall, the district had 62 open enrollment transfer requests for the 2018-19 school year. In the current school year, 55 students requested transfers.

Transportation must be provided by the parent for all approved requests.

The application requirements states that the parent agrees that at any time during the school year, a transfer may be revoked due to poor attendance, tardiness or discipline issues.

There were fewer schools with available capacity for 2018-19 school year compared to the current school year, which had 10 schools with an overall available capacity of 409.

For the 2018-19 school year, eight schools had a total available capacity

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Keep Lake Placid Beautiful gets 'Suess Mobile'

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID-- Residents of the Caladium Capital of the World are shaking their heads in wonder as the newest addition to Keep Lake Placid Beautiful's arsenal zips by looking like a bright orange Suess Mobile.

The townspeople are used to seeing the town's Horticulture Supervisor Danny Lamarre out and about driving his orange Kubota as he maintains properties around town. Now, he has a trailer attached to it that holds a very Seuss-esque attachment.

He called it the most unique thing you might ever figure: The "DIRT"-- Dynamic Industrial Renovating Tractormajigger.

Here's the dirt on The DIRT; it is a leaf and twigs sucker-upper. It has an 18-horse powered engine and runs on gas. The holding unit section has hydraulics that enable dumping and a mesh tarp on top to prevent littering in transit. Lamarre uses it to handle the leaves and trimmings.

DIRT | 8



KIM LEATHERMAN /STAFF

Meet DIRT, the new "tractormajigger" that is hauled behind the Kubota that the town's horticulture director drives. DIRT vacuums up leaves and debris.

'Unsung heroes' honored



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

A crowd of over 250 attended the inaugural Highlander Awards Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring. Fifteen Highlander awards were given out to members of the community.

Inaugural Highlander Awards event highlights community

By **SHARON WEATHERHEAD**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — The best of the best in 15 different categories were honored Thursday evening at the inaugural Highlander Awards. This prestigious event, presented by the Highlands News-Sun and sponsored by Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, was held at Island View Restaurant in Sun 'n Lake of Sebring.

Each

Highlander Award category was sponsored by a local business, with some businesses sponsoring multiple categories. Those businesses then had a representative announce the finalists and the category winner to the audience.

The 15 categories comprised Agriculture Person of the Year, Educator of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Financial Representative of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Man of the Year, Nurse of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year, Physician of the Year, Real Estate Person of the Year, Surgeon of the Year, Teen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Woman of the Year and 501(c)3 of the Year.

Entertainment was provided by vocalist Erica White, an advertising account executive with Highlands News-Sun.

Tim Smolarick, publisher of Highlands News-Sun, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

People sat on the edge of their seats hoping their favorite pick would be the winner as the sealed envelopes were opened.

Emilie Franklin was a finalist in the Teen of the Year category and her family was there to support her. In addition to her parents and grandparents, her sister-in-Christ, Brittany Fann, was also there to give her support.

"She is so deserving of this honor. She volunteers so much and is a



Highlands News-Sun advertising account executive Erica White sings at the Highlander Awards Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



The inaugural Highlander Awards was held Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.

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beautiful person," Fann said.

Dick Asmussen, 93, attended with his daughter, Barbara Palmer. He was a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year category.

"I'll do just about anything needed at the VFW. I'm chaplain at the Post and also am part of the honor guard," Asmussen said.

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Faded Bistro thrives in downtown Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Editor's Note: During National Travel and Tourism Week, May 6-12, Highlands News-Sun is partnering with the Highlands County Tourist Development Council to feature in print media locals who help drive the Highlands County tourism industry.

SEBRING — National Travel and Tourism Week is an annual tradition for the U.S. travel community. It's a time when travel and tourism professionals across the country unite to celebrate the value travel holds for our economy, businesses and personal well-being.

Tourism makes important contributions to the Highlands County economy. According to VISIT FLORIDA'S most recent statistics, out-of-state direct visitor spending amounted to \$150.8 million in 2016. Including indirect and induced impacts, tourism generated \$242.5 million in total business sales, 2,212 jobs, \$64.4 million in income, and \$31.3 million in state and local tax revenues.

This year's celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week, which will take place May 6-12, marks the 35th anniversary of the 1983 congressional resolution that established the week. The Highlands County Tourist Development Council plans to honor National Travel & Tourism Week by recognizing just a few locals who help drive the Highlands County tourism industry and are the faces that make the local tourism industry so special.

Today's feature is on Bob and Tiffany Cadzow, owners of Faded Bistro & Beer Garden in downtown Sebring.

Bob Cadzow is from Florida's west coast, and Tiffany Cadzow from way-upstate New York. After finding each other at Bob's former restaurant

in Sebring in 2004, they found themselves constantly drawn to the saltwater.

They spent most of their time off work bound for the coast. They took three months off of work one summer to cruise on their sailing catamaran and fell deeper in love with the lifestyle and the Florida Keys.

Bob Cadzow sold his restaurant in 2012 and they moved aboard their boat in Key West Bight Marina. Tiffany went to work at a wine and cigar bar and her knowledge of both grew quickly. Bob got his U.S. Coast Guard 100 Ton Masters License and started running charter boats in Key West.

Content and happy for years, life threw friends and family some curve balls and they found themselves happily drawn back to Sebring. Years of watching open-air restaurants thrive in the Florida Keys and a love of the outdoors convinced them a similar concept could thrive in downtown Sebring. Faded Bistro & Beer Garden was born in October 2017 and things have been going well.

Florida is stereotypically drawn as palm tree lined beaches. Sometimes the lakes, rivers, pines,



COURTESY PHOTO

Tiffany and Bob Cadzow, owners of Faded Bistro & Beer Garden in Sebring.

hardwood hammocks, groves and pastures aren't given their due respect. There is so much more to Florida than often meets the eye, and Bob and Tiffany Cadzow are proud to have a continually growing appreciation for Florida's inland beauty, as well as the coast. They seek balance in work and play, family and friends, woods and water, and home and travel.

They love hosting and guiding their out-of-town friends to and through all the great things the Sebring area has to offer. They know it's an awesome place to live and vacation. Stop by Faded, 420 N. Ridgewood Drive, and say hello to Bob and Tiffany Cadzow.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Highlands County Road & Bridge Department will be repairing a culvert near 4800 Manatee Drive on Monday.

Road delays and culvert repairs

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SEBRING — The Highlands County Road & Bridge Department will be repairing a culvert near 4800 Manatee Drive on Monday.

The lane closure will be between the hours

of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will be between the intersections of Valerie Boulevard and Bradford Drive.

The traveling public will encounter a construction zone with single lane road closures, but delays should be

minimal. Please use caution while traveling through the construction zone and obey posted speed limit signs.

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OBITUARIES

Yvonne Marie Campbell
Yvonne Marie Campbell, 54, joined with the Lord on April 30, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones in her final days in Lake Placid, Florida. Yvonne was born and raised in Massachusetts, graduating high school at Weymouth High. She was athletic from a young age, having a love for dance and gymnastics. Yvonne was an avid reader and her artistic abilities reflected in her creative personality. She also had a special connection with animals and a passion for helping others. Yvonne cherished moments spent with family, especially her grandchildren.

Yvonne was survived by her two daughters, Danielle and Jaime Campbell; her two grandchildren, Aiva and Collin; her parents, Marie and Alan Wade; her sister and brother-in-law, Regina and Douglas Heldreth and her nephew and niece, Matthew and Hope. Private services will be held in both Florida and Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Bud & Donna Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, Florida 33870.

Elizabeth L. Chamberlain
Elizabeth L. Chamberlain, "Betty," 81, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 28, 2018 in Lake Placid. She was born June 10, 1936, in Wikes Barre, Pennsylvania to George and Catherine



(Litwin) Kaporch. She was a certified nursing assistant until her retirement. She was a Christian by faith and enjoyed her church and her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 61 years, Ralph Sr.; daughter, Lory (Dale) Owens; sons, Ralph Jr. (Ginger) Chamberlain, and Brian (Tonya) Chamberlain; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lucille Jenkins. In keeping with Betty's wishes, the family celebrated her life in private. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, 863-465-4134.

Joseph H. Craig
Aug. 15, 1928 – April 29, 2018
Joseph H. Craig, of San Antonio, Texas, died April 29, 2018, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born in Newcomerstown, Ohio, in 1928, the son of the late Wilma and Joseph Craig. Joe graduated from Newcomerstown High School, served in the U.S. Army at the end of World War II, and was married to Mary Jane (Janie) Schwindt for 59 years.

Joe was employed by General Electric for over 30 years. He held a variety of positions in manufacturing and sales until he retired in the late 1980s. He and Janie then moved to Avon Park, Florida, where they developed numerous friendships and enjoyed many rounds of golf. They were members of Avon Park First Presbyterian Church. In addition to golfing,

Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and watching beautiful sunsets from the patio of their lakeside home.

Along with his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Janie; his sister, Thelma Craig; and his son, Michael Craig. He is survived by his sister, Norma Slack of Ohio; three daughters, Deborah Felix of Massachusetts, Pamela Vining and her husband, Tom, of Oklahoma, and Beth Richards and her husband, Dave, of Texas; four grandchildren, Brad Felix, Amanda Vining, James Richards, and Joseph Richards; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe will be remembered for his love of life, his quick wit, friendliness, and generosity. He will be buried in Ohio at a later date. To leave condolences for the family, visit ebensberger-fisher.com and select obituaries. Arrangements with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.

Eunice C. Hazelton
Eunice C. Hazelton, 86, died April 23, 2018, at home in Sebring under the care of Vitas Hospice. She was born Aug. 3, 1931, the child of Everett Harrington and Alice Howe Harrington, in South Haven, Michigan. She married M. Jay Hazelton June 26, 1949. Their children, Daniel E. Hazelton (Mary) of Kirkwood, Missouri and Cynthia Hazelton of Indianapolis, Indiana, survive. Other survivors include nieces and nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her husband, Jay; her parents; her brothers, Dennis and Frank Harrington.

Eunice and Jay moved to Sebring in 1983, becoming members of Spring Lake Presbyterian

Church, where both were actively involved with Eunice serving as the church secretary until 2001 when she retired. Eunice enjoyed reading, jigsaw puzzles and her computer.

A memorial service will be held at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church May 12, 2018, at 11 a.m. with inurnment in the church memorial garden.

Memorial gifts to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, 5887 U.S. Highway 98, Sebring, Florida 33876, will be used for the food pantry ministry which Eunice supported.

Condolence cards may be mailed to Mike and Debbie Salvano at 48881 CR 673, Lawrence, Michigan 49064, and to Daniel and Mary Hazelton, 489 South VanBuren Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri 63122.

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

Richard Murray Knouse
Richard Murray Knouse, 78, passed away May 3, 2018, Stephenson Nelson Funeral Home.

Mary Willamae Naylor
Mary W. Naylor, 75, of Sebring, Florida, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018. She was born to the late Claude and Blanch (Cooper) Mashburn on May 10, 1942.

Survivors include daughters, Elsie (Tracy) Bentley of Florida and Brandi Naylor of Indiana;

siblings, James William Mashburn (Faye) of Georgia, Charles Mashburn (Earlene) of Georgia, Gary Mashburn (Bonita) of Georgia, and Sarah Watkins of Georgia; and her grandchildren, Heather Bentley, Mary Bentley, Tracy Bentley, Amber Bentley, Chelsey Bentley, James Bentley and Nicholas Tanner. She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters.

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

Nancy A. Schild
Nancy A. Schild, 87, of Lake Placid went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday morning, May 1, 2018 at the Lake Placid Health and Rehabilitation Center. Mrs. Schild was the daughter of Louise (Veloz) and Ramon Fernandez who was born on Jan. 23, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in home economics. Mrs. Schild has been a resident of Lake Placid

since 1983 moving here from South Miami. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid who could be seen helping in different events. Mrs. Schild enjoyed working with stained glass, sewing and making quilts. She loved to be with her family and friends especially her grand and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her grandson, Brandon and a sister, Louise Fernandez. Mrs. Schild is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Richard; daughters, Lauren Schild-Rothwell (Jeff), Susan Ling (Tim); sons, Bill Schild, John Schild (Kelley); 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Mrs. Schild's life will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid with Rev. Ray Cameron and Rev. Drew Severance officiating. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted to the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, 863-465-4134.

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Leisure Lakes wildfire rekindles

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LAKE PLACID — A wildfire at Jack's Creek breached the Florida Forest Service's containment lines Friday due to shifting high winds and lower humidity.

The 100-acre breakout did not threaten or damage anything, fire officials said. East winds spread the wildfire west, further into Jack's Creek, land managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The fire was originally ignited by a lightning strike on April 13, south of Sebring Lakes Boulevard and west of U.S. 27.

The entire wildfire is approximately 152 acres and is 60 percent contained.

"This past week, the swampy fuels have been drying out rapidly with the sun's radiant heat and lower humidity," explained Forest Area

Supervisor Joe deBree, Florida Forest Service. "The fire broke through a small inaccessible area where it was unsafe to stage firefighters because the trees have succumbed to the underground heat of the muck fire and are toppling over."

The Florida Forest Service advises commuters to use caution when driving on U.S. 27 and surrounding roads around the fire. "Smoke on the Highway" signs have been placed, but unforeseen changes in weather may create conditions where visibility on roadways is seriously impaired, Forestry

officials said.

"Please use caution in this area until the wildfire is controlled. Wildfire smoke may impede visibility, especially in the early morning hours. Under these conditions drivers need to be cautious," they added.

The best decision is not to drive in fog or smoke. Those who must drive should slow down, turn on their low-beam headlights and report the hazard to 911.

For questions about burn authorizations and wildfire prevention, contact Forestry's Highlands County office at 863-655-6407.

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SFSC commencement closes out 2018 academic year



COURTESY PHOTO

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education graduates with Maday Leon, lead instructor of the BSEE program.

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AVON PARK — South Florida State College marked the end of the 2018 academic year with its Spring Commencement held in two ceremonies on Thursday in the SFSC Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts on the Highlands Campus.

SFSC honored the recipients of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Associate in Arts (A.A.) degrees at the 4:45 p.m. ceremony.

Honored during the 7:45 p.m. ceremony were those earning Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management (BAS-SM) degrees, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, applied technology diplomas, occupational and college credit certificates, and State of Florida High School diplomas.

In all, 312 students crossed the stage

wearing academic regalia adorned with an assortment of colored cords and sashes signifying individual achievement.

Addressing the graduates, Tim Backer, chairman of the SFSC District Board of Trustees, said, "As you keep moving forward in life, never stop learning, but take a minute now and then to appreciate where you are in life and your successes at that time."

Erika Weaver-Coleman, a graduate who earned her A.A. degree, delivered the Commencement speech during the early ceremony. "The success that we have experienced is a direct result of our endurance to not give up, to see the sunrise above the peak and the calm after the storm," she said. "In the words of the pop band Journey, 'Don't stop believing, hold on to that feeling.' That feeling, that moment, is the true success. Not that we achieved our goals but that we achieved our goals despite the

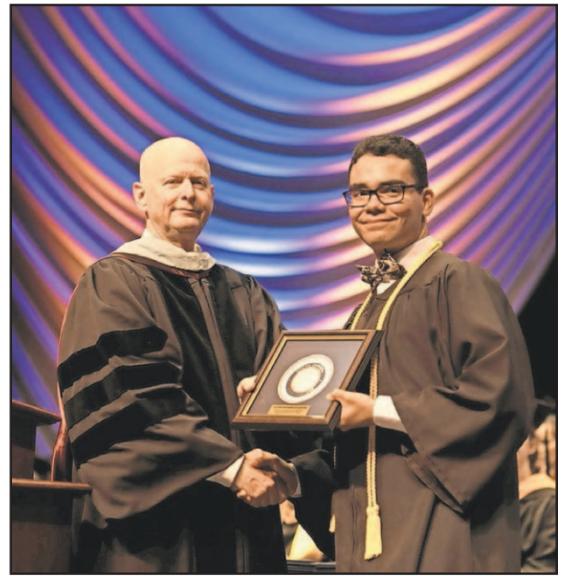
mountains, hurricanes and statistics tests. That moment of success is realizing not only that we arrived, but our very arrival allowed for more paths, and more unfolding of this great story of ourselves."

The 7:45 p.m. ceremony featured Luis Rodriguez as its speaker. Rodriguez, who graduated with his occupational certificate in Applied Cybersecurity and is currently working on a pilot's license in his spare time, said: "When a plane is on the ground, it begins to rust and malfunction much faster than when it is flying. A plane was meant to fly. Likewise, we do not want to reach the end of our lives with dreams we did not pursue, saying 'If only I...' If I had said no to the Highlands Career Institute at SFSC three years ago, I would not be standing here in front of you having earned two occupational certificates and a college credit certificate. And I'll earn

my high school diploma on May 19. I would never have accomplished so many things."

Charlotte Pressler, director of SFSC's Honors Program, recognized three Honors Program graduates for academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and strong citizenship. They were Zachary Geitner, Leticia Gracia Hernandez, and Rodrigo Gracia Hernandez.

The college conferred the BAS-SM on 12 graduates, the BSN program graduated 18 students, and the BSEE program nine students. SFSC awarded A.A. degrees to 185 and A.S. degrees to 68 students. College credit certificates, occupational certificates, or applied technology diplomas went to 172 students, with another 20 earning their State

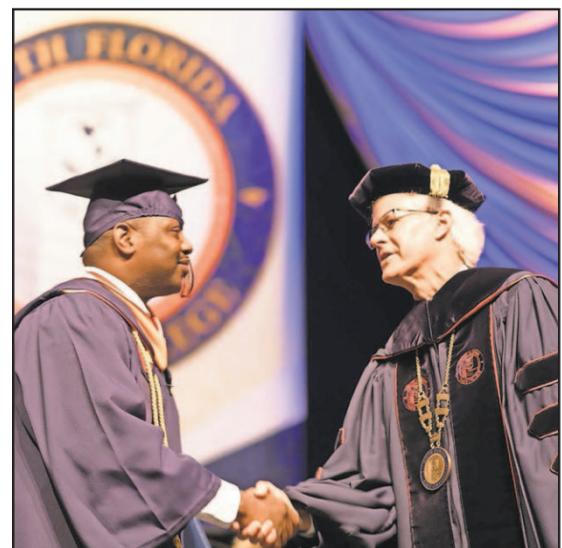


Timothy Wise, dean of student services, presents a plaque of appreciation to Luis Rodriguez, student Commencement speaker who received his occupational certificate in Applied Cybersecurity.

of Florida High School diplomas.

Michelle Macbeth, Spanish instructor, served as mace bearer and chief marshal for this year's Commencement ceremony. Marshals were Elizabeth Andrews, Davida Austin, Tom

Bush, Brian Bohlman, Ashtanel Castillo, Courtney Green, Robert Hampton, Lorri Jaques, Theresa James, Cynthia Kinser, Maday Leon, Claire Miller, Tasha Morales, Asena Mott, Ricardo Pantoja, Lena Phelps, Daisy Ramirez and Joshua Wood.



Brucelet Mentor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate, accepts congratulations from Thomas C. Leitzel, president of South Florida State College.



Isabel Cardenas, who earned her Associate in Science degree in Dental Hygiene, accepts her diploma from Thomas C. Leitzel.



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SFSC graduates 15 students from EMT program

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AVON PARK — The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program at South Florida State College conferred 15 Applied Technology diplomas during a ceremony held on Wednesday in the SFSC University Center Auditorium, Highlands Campus.

Eric Bidlack, Danielle Brouillet, Cory Compton, Xiara Cristiansen, Lazaro Gonzalez, William Kingston, Tara Lowder, Paige McNew, Ralph Meeks, Ashley Mingo,

Wyatt Montgomery, Justin Newman, Francisco Olivero Jr., Joseph Romanik, and Cecil Williams completed the 16 weeks of training, or 300 contact hours, in the program.

Graduates receiving special awards were Williams for Best in Lab; Montgomery for Highest Academic GPA; and Bidlack for Most Heart, for his compassion and determination.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the Florida EMT State Board Exam.

EMTs function as part of an emergency rescue

and transportation team by responding to emergency calls through a dispatch system, operating emergency vehicles safely, assessing scenes of accidents or illnesses, setting priorities for treating patients based on their degree of illness or injury, providing pre-hospital emergency care to treat trauma, shock, wounds, and other medical issues.

For more information about SFSC's EMT program and other Emergency Medical Services programs, visit southflorida.edu or call 863-784-7272.



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Front, left: Justin Newman, Wyatt Montgomery, Ashley Mingo, Xiara Christensen, Lazaro Gonzalez, Tara Lowder, and Paige McNew. Back, left: Francisco Olivero, Eric Bidlack, Cory Compton, Joe Romanik, William Kingston, Ralph Meeks, and Cecil Williams. Not pictured: Danielle Brouillet

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2017 Highlander Award Winners



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From left: Jason True presented the Real Estate Person of the Year Highlander Award to Maureen Cool Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Phillip Statler was presented the the Financial Representative of the Year Highlander Award by Highlands News-Sun advertising account executive Susan Jones Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Marvin Kahn was presented the Agriculture Person of Year Highlander Award by Mike Waldron Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Adam Plotz, Highlands News-Sun executive editor Romona Washington and Christy Cooper. Plotz and Cooper presented the Philanthropist of the Year Highlander Award to Christy Crews Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring. Washington accepted the award on behalf of Crews.



From left: Mike and Vicki (right) Jarvis presented the Volunteer of the Year Highlander Award to Paul Scuton (middle) Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Commander Mike Norris with American Legion Post 69 was presented the 501(c)3 of the Year Highlander Award by Julia Mercer Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Jill Gregalot was presented the Nurse of the Year Highlander Award by Karen Garner Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Dr. Donald Geldart was presented the Physician of the Year Highlander Award by Roy Butler Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Dr. Myron St. Louis was presented the Surgeon of the Year Highlander Award by Debra Callender Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



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From left: Marvin Wolfe was presented the Male Coach of the Year Highlander Award by Highlands News-Sun advertising account executive Eileen Powers Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Susie Henson-Smith was presented the Educator of the Year Highlander Award by Jamie Bateman Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



From left: Trent Ferguson was presented the Teen of the Year Highlander Award by Carissa Marine Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.



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EDITOR/CORRESPONDENT



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DIRT

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Lamarre also uses DIRT when replacing mulch. He can vacuum the old mulch, finely shred it and then dump it. Then he vacuums the new mulch into the holding unit from a large bulk pile and dumps it where it is needed.

DIRT is the brain child of Lamarre, who told Public Works Equipment Supervisor "Biker" Jim Moore what he wanted the contraption to do. Moore built DIRT from scratch. He even fabricated the trailer that DIRT sits on.

Lamarre was as excited as a kid in a candy store when explaining his new "baby."

"DIRT picks up leaves and hedges debris," he said. "It has piranha teeth so it can eat up small sticks and mulch them up too. It's kind of like a cleaning machine."

The idea came from the trees that lose their leaves annually at South Florida State College but Lamarre began thinking of different applications for it.

"It's a one-of-a-kind thing," Lamarre said. "It's

what I had built. I thought of it and Jim built it. I have had it a week now. I wanted it to match my Kubota, so I ordered the exact paint from the manufacture. Lamarre thought about painting the Cat in the Hat's cleaning mobile on it but decided to wait."

"It's my baby. I am proud of it. I wouldn't change anything about it, even the name."

Lamarre said it took a year to build with Moore putting in some 130 man hours. It cost \$4,864.42, which he feels is well worth the cost. Keep Lake Placid Beautiful bought DIRT for the town's use. "It will save a lot of time because it's very efficient," he said.

Moore is not a member of KLPB but helped anyway as he likes to build things.

"Danny needed a dump trailer and asked me if I could build one," Moore said. "I got with my supervisors and we agreed that it should be done. I have been fabricating my whole life and I have been welding since I was 9 years old. My dad worked at LeTourneau-Westinghouse as a welder. I built everything but the motor. I build trailers on the side with my buddy,



COURTESY PHOTO

Danny Lamarre stretches his arms out as if to say, "I love DIRT this much."

Alan Ford. If it's steel, I can build it."

Moore is already envisioning other parts to make the tractor majigger even better.

"It's a unique little thing," he said. "I think I will make a street sweeper attachment for it next to scrape the curbs and clean up after the festivals. That's down the road though."

Pet of the week

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Name: Tiger
Sex: Male
Info: Tiger is 2 years old and very affectionate.

Adoption fees:
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Adoption fees for dogs include: Animal testing (parvo and heartworm), spay or neuter, vaccinations, microchip and a lifetime membership to obedience classes.

Cats: \$40
Adoption fees for cats include: Animal testing (feline leukemia-AIDS), spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations.

The Humane Society of Highlands County, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday



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Tiger is 2 years old and very affectionate. through Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Call the humane society at 863-655-1522.

Tuesday is low cost vaccination clinic. It is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. No appointment needed. They do vaccines, worming, and nail trim. Now offering low-cost dental care. They also have low cost spay/neuter on Tuesday by appointment only. Call 863-655-1522 to schedule.

LOTTERY

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of 312.

There were fewer transfer options at the elementary level, which in the current school year included the Kindergarten Learning Center and five elementary schools.

The KLC was not on the transfer option list for 2018-19, which included

only three elementary schools.

Along with Sebring High, the other schools that had available capacity for 2018-19 were: Avon Park and Lake Placid high schools, Avon Park and Hill-Gustat middle schools and Lake Country, Park and Sun 'n Lake elementary schools.

For purposes of continuity of educational choice, a student who transfers under Controlled Open

Enrollment may remain at that school until the student completes the highest grade level at that school.

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OUR VIEW

A fitting tribute

It is very easy to take on a tragedy and stay in a perpetual state of mourning.

It is difficult to take a tragedy and use it for motivation to help others from experiencing a similar event in their lives.

Ed and Joan Morgan took an incapacitating tribulation — the death of their daughter — and have used it as a clarion call to others in the region to fight suicide.

Holly Morgan Fisher died of suicide Feb. 11, 2017 in the backyard of her North Port home. Her private thoughts will never be known, but it became public information after her husband was hurt during the event.

Holly Morgan Fisher, 46, was a beloved teacher and coach at Heron Creek Middle School who had grown up in North Port. Her family has along history in the city with even a North Port facility, the Morgan Family Community Center, named for them years ago.

So perhaps it isn't surprising that a family that has dedicated itself to the greater community for decades took a death and turned into a fight for life for others.

This weekend, the Morgans held their second Holly's Hope 5K and Mile Walk at North Port High School's cross country course. Those taking part were not just running a race, they were working in a small way to help others who are fighting depression and other mental health issues that can lead healthy people to make horrific decisions that impact others for generations.

Most Americans have been damaged by the suicide of a loved one or friends. Many of us mourn and, eventually, move on.

The Morgans are working to help others through not only the run but also the group, Holly's Hope.

The group meets monthly and is attracting ideas from others.

It was created in April 2017 as one way to help the community fight the stigma that tends to come with mental illness and, in Joan's own words in February: "To make sure no other family goes through this."

"Frankly I'd like to crawl in a hole and never come out," Joan Morgan said in February. "But that won't save anyone on the other side."

They say the group helps them both forward each day.

"We want to prevent as many suicides from happening. We want to be able to detect a situation," Ed Morgan said.

Holly's death will continue to be felt by her immediate family and friends in ways most people will not be able to understand.

But her parents and family are working toward helping others through a variety of ways — including further education into how to help those people fighting with thoughts of suicide.

Between Holly's Hope and their continuing spotlight on mental health, they may be helping in ways they'll never know.

The Morgans are deserving of a lot of credit — and respect — for what they do in their community.

— Sun Newspapers

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.

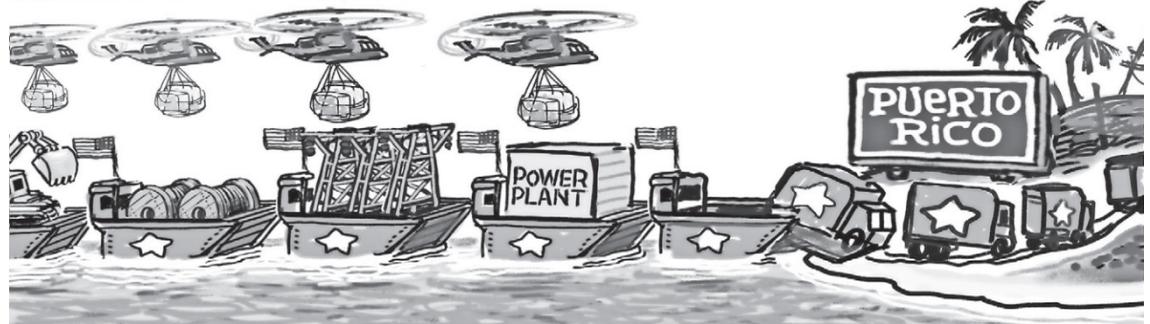
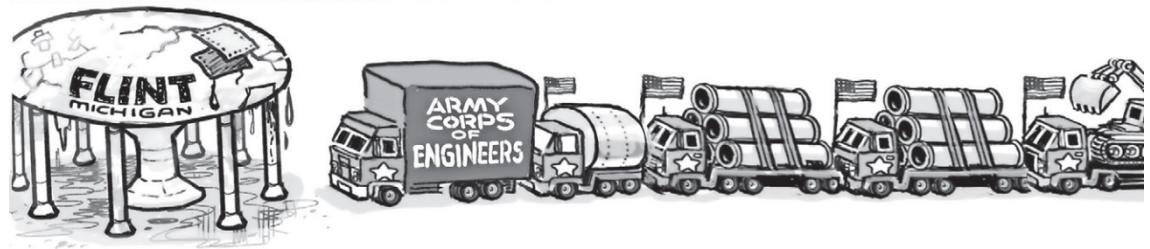
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The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. The newspaper takes no responsibility for the content of these letters.

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

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THE MILITARY PARADES TRUMP SHOULD BE PLANNING...



Sun Newspapers provides \$1 billion economic impact

The president of Allegiant Airlines recently touted his \$250 million economic impact on the city of Punta Gorda and Charlotte County. Wow. That figure is amazing. No wonder Charlotte County gifted Allegiant Airlines some taxpayer-owned waterfront property.

Allegiant Airlines is not the only one hyping they create millions of dollars of "economic impact." It feels like every time someone has their hand out to get taxpayer money, they hire an expert to do an economic impact study. The economic benefits study then allows them to grab a handful of our money out of the taxpayer cookie jar.

Allegiant Airlines' \$250 million economic impact claim got me to thinking. What if the Sun Newspapers used the same methodology? How many millions of dollars of taxpayer money might we be eligible for?

Allegiant Airlines has about 150 paychecks they are responsible for in our area of Florida. The Sun Newspapers has close to 600. If Allegiant Airlines' economic impact is \$250 million, might not our newspapers' economic impact be closer to \$1 billion?

Let's see if you agree



INK IN MY VEINS

David
Dunn-Rankin

with the logic of economic impact studies. Here is how economic impact studies come up with these crazy figures:

Studies like this assume that because you have an employee and they spend money, other local businesses must hire people. And those people at the local business, then newly employed because of the first company, spend money, which means even more local people must be hired. It's called an assumed multiplier effect.

Let's see how the magical multiplier effect creates Allegiant's \$250 million economic impact. Allegiant Airlines has about 150 employees who work at the Punta Gorda airport. Let's use an average pay of let's say \$50,000. That's only \$7.5

million economic impact not \$250 million.

The Punta Gorda airport economic impact study suggests the Allegiant Airlines team are also partially responsible for the airport being able to employ another 200 employees, for a total of 350 employees at the airport.

According to the Punta Gorda airport economic impact study, those 350 airport employees are then responsible for creating another 2,250 jobs directly and another 1,070 jobs indirectly. That's how, magically, Allegiant Airlines, with 150 local employees, can be credited with creating over 3,600 local jobs.

In this case, implied in the Punta Gorda Airport economic impact study, every Allegiant Airline employee is responsible, directly and indirectly, for creating twenty additional jobs in the area — thanks to the amazing magical multiplier effect.

The Sun Newspapers has about 600 paychecks. According to the logic of economic impact studies, we are actually responsible for about 12,000 local jobs, with an economic impact every single year over \$1 billion. I'm wondering what kind of taxpayer funds we should be eligible for, in exchange

for creating 12,000 jobs and a \$1 billion annual economic impact.

Of course, this logic is silly. But our governments use these economic studies, done by experts for hire, to justify giving away your money.

In Sarasota County, the arts and cultural people claim they create \$295 million of economic impact. When the state of Florida recently cut back taxpayer funding for the arts this year, one Sarasota arts person said "It's willfully ignorant. I'm just disgusted. They have no respect for me or the theater."

I am not against the arts, or against Allegiant and the Punta Gorda airport, or against economic development groups. But giving away taxpayer money, by using the amazing multiplier effect in economic impact studies, just makes us trust our government decision-making process even less.

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

Control the borders

Unlike Thomas Jefferson who believed that citizenship was a privilege that should be earned, not given lightly, and the Founding Fathers were by and large skeptical of immigration, liberal Dummycrats [sic] think immigration is not a problem to be solved, it is a defining aspect of the American character and our shared history. If the United States lacked people with particular skills, then the Founders had no objection to attracting them from abroad, but, they were convinced that mass immigration would bring social turmoil and political confusion, and what was likely to happen, according to Jefferson, was that "immigrants would come to America from countries that would have given them no experience living in a free society, while bringing with them the ideas and principles of the governments they left behind — ideas and principles that were often at odds with

American liberty. James Madison argued plainly that America should welcome the immigrant who could assimilate, but exclude the immigrant who could not readily "incorporate himself into our society." Now here is the Democratic party stance: "We will extend the promise of citizenship to those still struggling for freedom," and in June 2012 articulated, "We congratulate President Barack Obama for giving hope to millions of aspiring citizens when he announced the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program."

So should we just expect and accept any less when it comes to immigrants from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala or some other (blank) hole country standing at our southern border, who don't even have the respect to wave an American flag, but one of their native country in our face, as they try to enter?

Democrats claim they know the importance of our country's history as a nation of (legal)

immigrants, and will always seek to embrace immigrants, and here's why folks ... Since 1984, Hispanics have voted for the Democratic Party anywhere from 60-75 percent. Holy frijoles! Oh sure dummycrats [sic] vocalize support for basic due process protections so that immigrants are eligible to receive safety net services supported by theirs, but mostly our tax dollars. Si amigo! Sometime between the 1860s and 1936, the (Democratic) party of small government became the party of big government, and today is known as "the Party of the People," attracting immigrants, blue-collar workers, women, and minorities, while often taking a more liberal stand on issues. Conservative Republican Ronald Reagan, while campaigning for president in 1980, said "A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation." It's just that simple!

Jerry Wright
Avon Park

Week recognizes Stuttering Awareness

National Stuttering Awareness Week begins May 7, 2018. Did you know more than 3 million Americans stutter? That's more than the populations of Wyoming, Vermont, Alaska, North Dakota, and Washington, DC ... combined.

One percent of your readers stutter, and up to 5 percent of children stutter for a time during their early developmental years.

In the spirit of spreading awareness, the most important thing you and your readers can do for someone who stutters — or for anyone you are speaking with — is listen. Listen to what they have to say rather than how they say it.

For more information, visit our website: StutteringHelp.org.

Jane Fraser
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Memphis, Tennessee

Pet hotel partners with animal welfare groups

Just Like Home is foster home for Sebring Angels' dogs

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — Animal welfare organizations Saunders Second Chances and the Sebring Angels are teaming up to provide local pets with the support they need through the fostering and adoption process.

Sebring Angels is a 501(c)3 animal rescue organization seeking "Forever Homes" for dogs of all shapes and sizes. Their motto is, "We strive to be human angels for animals, advocating for their lives, humane treatment, spay and neuter education and responsible ownership."

These dogs have been rescued from various situations and are in desperate need of a loving home. This organization operates solely on the strength of volunteers, the compassion of donors and the love of supporters.

Local families keep these dogs safe by opening their home to foster while seeking a permanent home for them.

Saunders Second



COURTESY PHOTO

Just Like Home Pet Hotel, a pet hotel striving for a "home away from home" environment, has opened its doors as the foster facility with the Saunders Second Chances and the Sebring Angels.

Chances' mission is to enrich the lives of the furry little friends and to assist with pet adoptions. This program is focused on raising funds and raising awareness about adoptions and volunteering.

"Through fostering and healing homeless animals, providing the highest quality of care while reducing costs on spays and neuters for those truly in need,

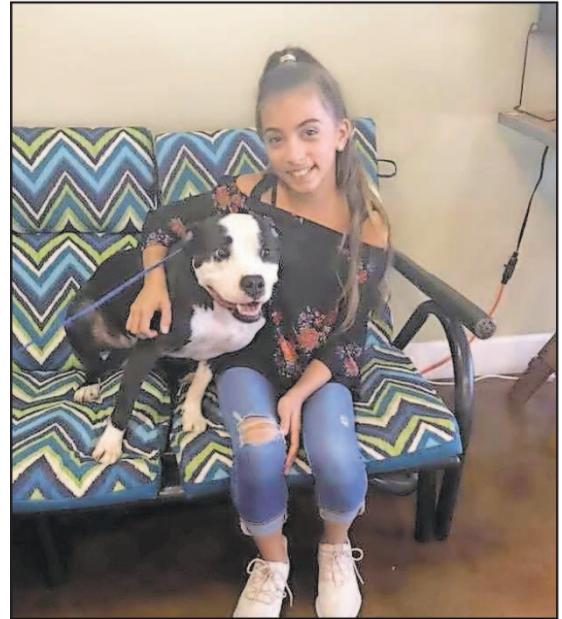
Saunders Second Chances has become a vital link in the animal service community," a news release states.

Just Like Home Pet Hotel, a pet hotel striving for a "home away from home" environment, has opened its doors as the foster facility with the Saunders Second Chances and the Sebring Angels. Just Like Home Pet Hotel has been providing high-quality

services since it opened its doors in May 2009.

"Every day, we endeavor to provide you and your pets with friendly service and the best pet hotel and daycare experience in the Highlands County area. And the pet hotel is excited to now call themselves a foster home for the Sebring Angels," the news release added.

Just Like Home Pet Hotel recently fostered



Baby Girl with her new owner. Just Like Home Pet Hotel recently fostered Baby Girl, and within two days, Saunders Second Chances with the Sebring Angels was able to assist in finding her a "Forever Home."

Baby Girl and within two days, Saunders Second Chances with the Sebring Angels was able to assist in finding her a "Forever Home." "There's something special about bringing a dog together with a family; they meet and fall in love, becoming part of the family. There's no better

feeling than watching dogs find their 'Forever Home' – a happy ending through this rescue and fostering program," said Just Like Home Pet Hotel and Saunders Second Chances Team Leader Amanda Helton.

Just Like Home is located at 3479 Davis Citrus Road, Avon Park.

AWARDS

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Dennis Green, who was a finalist for Man of the Year, attended with his family. "This is really nice," he said. "I served 26 years in the Air Force and taught ROTC for 17 years. I retired and was asked to come back. I now am at Sebring High School."

TLC Therapy Hooves was there to support Terri Lynn Crutchfield, who was a finalist in the Woman of the Year category.

"Since 2011 we've served the residents of our nursing homes in Highlands and Hardee counties," Crutchfield said. "We have horses and exotic animals to help bring smiles to others."

Jessica Hartline, who was with TLC Therapy Hooves, said of Crutchfield: "We are all so thankful to know her and work with her. We respect her commitment to the community."

The crowd, which was estimated at 250 people, was full of family and friends who were there to support the finalists.

Barbara St. Louis, friend of Female Coach of the Year finalist Camille Schaffer said, "This is awesome. She [Camille] does a lot that goes unnoticed and is also a great mentor."

Jill Gregalot, a finalist in the Nurse of the Year category, made a new friend at her table. "God put me next to you for some reason," Julia Mercer with The Palms of Sebring told her and they became instant friends.

Teen of the Year finalist Trent Ferguson was congratulated by Cliff Abels. "This really means a lot. It keeps me positive," Ferguson said. "I loving giving back. Glory to Him above."

When it came time for category sponsors to present their award, several mentioned how honored they were to participate in the event and honor those in the community who work hard and often don't receive recognition for



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

TLC Therapy Hooves team came out to support Terri Lynn Crutchfield, center. Crutchfield went on to win the Woman of the Year Highlander Award Thursday night.

their efforts.

Mercer, who presented the award for the 501(c)3 category, said that she serves on several boards and organizations that do charitable works that are "near and dear" to her heart.

Stephanie McGathey of Bugs Bee-Ware and Curb-N-Scape presented the Female Coach of the Year Highlander Award, and she said they were happy to participate in the Highlander event. Being involved in the community is important to her and her company, she said, and being able

to present the award for female coach was something a little bit different for them and that was exciting.

Smolarick asked those attending to send in suggestions on expanding the categories for next year's event. "There are a lot of unsung heroes in this community," he said. One suggestion was for a veteran of the year.

"It was such an honor to be a part of recognizing a few of our every day heroes," Romona Washington, Highlands News-Sun executive editor, said. "It's the people

who run the businesses and tend to the civic duties and medical needs of our residents. It is the people who make Highlands County what it is and it's time they were recognized.

"We hope next year's event will be even bigger," she said.

Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center will display a perpetual plaque honoring the winners each year in a place of honor at the hospital in Sebring.

The Highlander Award presenters and winners



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

Finalists wore green ribbons at the Highlander Awards event Thursday evening at Island View Restaurant in Sebring. The event was presented by Highlands News-Sun and sponsored by Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center.

are:

- Jason True of Geneva Financial presented Real Estate Person of the Year: Maureen Cool
- Susan Jones of the Well-Being in the Heartland Magazine presented Financial Representative of the Year: Phillip Statler
- Michael Waldron for Spray and Pray Guns and Ammo presented Agriculture Person of the Year: Marvin Kahn
- Adam Plotz and Christy Cooper of Affordable Transport Inc. presented Philanthropist of the Year: Christy Crews
- Mike and Vicki Jarvis of Frames and Images presented Volunteer of the Year: Paul Scruton
- Julia Mercer of the Palms of Sebring presented 501c(3) of the Year: American Legion Post 69
- Karen Garner of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center presented Nurse of the Year: Jill Gregalot
- Roy Butler of Florida Hospital Heartland

Medical Center presented Physician of the Year: Dr. Donald Geldart

- Debra Callender of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center presented Surgeon of the Year: Dr. Myron St. Louis
- Stephanie McGathey of Bugs Bee-Ware and Curb-N-Scape presented Female Coach of the Year: Camille Schaffer
- Eileen Powers of Welcome Home Heartland Magazine presented Male Coach of the Year: Marvin Wolfe
- Jamie Bateman of South Florida State College presented Educator of the Year: Susie Henson-Smith
- Carissa Marine of Champion for Children Foundation presented Teen of the Year: Trent Ferguson
- Don Elwell of Alan Jay Automotive Network presented Woman of the Year: Terri Lynn Crutchfield
- Realtor Tom Barrett presented Man of the Year: Charles D. Johnson



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

Standing, from left: Brittany Fann, KelliPaige Franklin and Patrick Franklin. Sitting, from left: Emilie Franklin, Jerald Newberry and Raynelle Newberry.



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

A crowd of over 250 attended the inaugural Highlander Awards Thursday night at Island View Restaurant in Sebring.

School open house dates set

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The last day of school is still three weeks away, but it is time to mark your calendar to prepare for the next school year with the School Board of Highlands County announcing its school open house times and dates.

The last day of school for students is May 24, and the 2018-19 school year for students starts on Aug. 13.

Teachers are scheduled to return to work Aug. 2. The open house dates are as followed:

Elementary schools:
• Avon Elementary - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 7.

- Cracker Trail Elementary - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Fred Wild Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Kindergarten Learning Center - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Lake Country Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Lake Placid Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Memorial Elementary - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Park Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Sun 'n Lake Elementary - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 7.
- Woodlawn Elementary - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Aug. 7.

- Middle schools:**
- Avon Park Middle - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 9.
 - Hill Gustat Middle - 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 9.
 - Sebring Middle - 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 9.
 - Lake Placid Middle - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Aug. 9.
- High schools:**
- Avon Park High - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Aug. 9.
 - Sebring High - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Aug. 9.
 - Lake Placid High - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Aug. 9.

Highlands Career Institute will have its open house 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. There will be a parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Room G101.

AP Chamber of Commerce to hold annual pageant

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — The 2018 Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Jr. Miss and Miss Avon Park Pageant will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2 inside Union Church, at 106 N. Butler Ave., in Avon Park.

Participation of young ladies of all school ages is welcome. Categories are: Elementary — kindergarten through 5th grade; Jr. Miss — sixth through eighth grades; ad Miss — ninth through 12th grades.

Admission to the event is \$5 per person

and is free for children under 3.

More information on this annual Avon Park community event can be found by visiting the Jr. Miss and Miss Avon Park Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Pageant staff will be holding a second informational meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the APCC office.

For more information, email Celeste Carr, pageant director, at celestecarr@aol.com.

The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce is at 28 E. Main St., across the street from Hotel Jacaranda.



COURTESY PHOTO

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NASA launches spacecraft to Mars to dig down deep

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — A robotic geologist armed with a hammer and quake monitor rocketed toward Mars on Saturday, aiming to land on the red planet and explore its mysterious insides.

In a twist, NASA launched the Mars InSight lander from California rather than Florida's Cape Canaveral. It was the first interplanetary mission ever to depart from the West Coast, drawing pre-dawn crowds to Vandenberg Air Force Base and rocket watchers down the California coast into Baja.

The spacecraft will take more than six months to get to Mars and start its unprecedented geologic excavations, traveling 300 million miles (485 million kilometers) to get there.

InSight will dig deeper into Mars than ever before — nearly 16 feet, or 5 meters — to take the planet's temperature. It will also attempt to make the first measurements of marsquakes, using a high-tech seismometer placed directly on the Martian surface.

Also aboard the Atlas V rocket: a pair of mini satellites, or CubeSats, meant to trail InSight all the way to Mars in a first-of-its-kind technol-



NASA VIA AP

This illustration made available by NASA in 2018 shows the InSight lander drilling into Mars. InSight, short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport, is scheduled to launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base on Saturday, May 5, and land on Mars six months later.

ogy demonstration.

The \$1 billion mission involves scientists from the U.S., France, Germany and elsewhere in Europe.

"I can't describe to you in words how

very excited I am ... to go off to Mars," said project manager Tom Hoffman from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. "It's going to be awesome." NASA hasn't put a

spacecraft down on Mars since the Curiosity rover in 2012. The U.S. is the only country to successfully land and operate a spacecraft at Mars. It's tough, complicated stuff. Only about 40 percent of all missions to Mars from all countries — orbiters and landers alike — have proven successful over the decades.

If all goes well, the three-legged InSight will descend by parachute and engine firings onto a flat equatorial region of Mars — believed to be free of big, potentially dangerous rocks — on Nov. 26. Once down, it will stay put, using a mechanical arm to place the science instruments on the surface.

"This mission will probe the interior of another terrestrial planet, giving us an idea of the size of the core, the mantle, the crust and our ability then to compare that with the Earth," said NASA's chief scientist Jim Green. "This is of fundamental importance to understand the origin of our solar system and how it became the way it is today."

InSight's chief scientist, Bruce Banerdt of JPL, said Mars is ideal for learning how the rocky planets of our solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago. Unlike our active Earth, Mars hasn't been transformed by plate tectonics and other processes, he noted.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Wickens ready for Indy 500



JOE SKIBINSKI/INDYCAR PHOTO

Robert Wickens sails through Turn 1 during the Rookie Orientation Program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

BY ALLEN MOODY
HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

Three race car drivers took a big step in fulfilling a lifelong dream earlier this week at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It was 'Rookie Orientation' day for those who will be competing in the Indianapolis 500 for the first time, as well as a refresher day for veterans, who were required to pass testing that required progressively increasing speeds.

So rookies Robert Wickens, Kyle Kaiser and Matt Leist were joined on track by veterans Danica Patrick, Jay Howard and Sage Karam, who Sebring fans are familiar with as a driver for 3GT Racing last season.

All six drivers passed their requirements and can now officially partake in Indianapolis 500 practice and at the top of the speed charts was Wickens,

who has an extensive background in sportscar racing.

There were a few anxious moments for Wickens, as his No. 6 Schmidt Peterson Motorsports Honda had some mechanical issues, so the team let him use the No. 5 Schmidt Peterson car of his friend James Hinchcliffe.

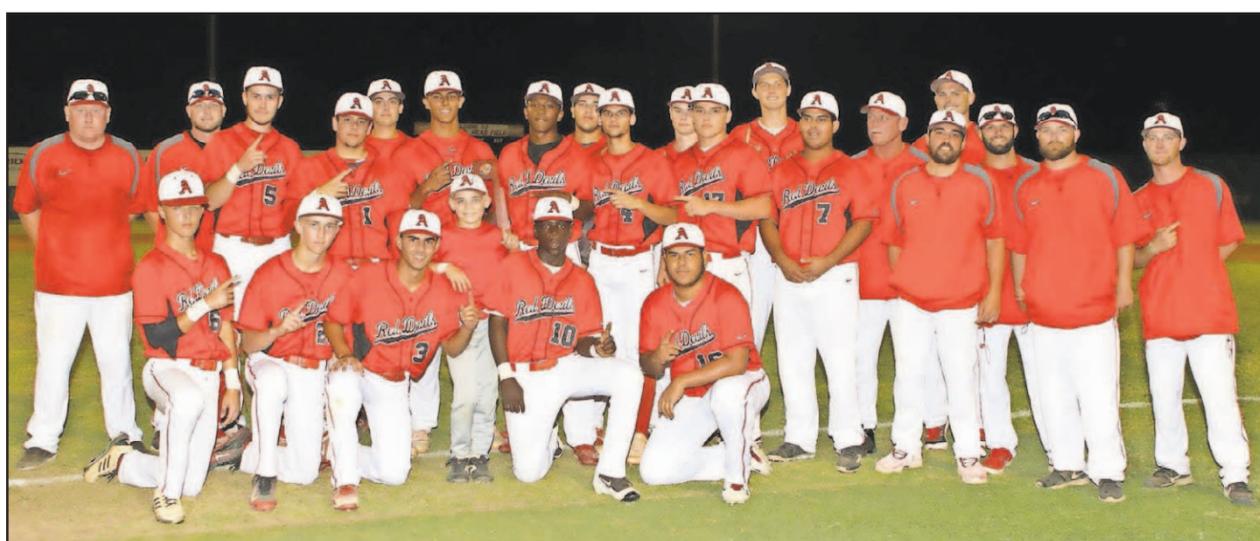
"James wasn't even at the track when we switched," Wickens said. "He had no idea. They informed him what was going on. I think everyone at Schmidt Peterson Motorsports is one team, one dream. Not the first time I've driven his car. Third time I've driven his IndyCar."

Hinchcliffe wasn't going to be on the track that day, so the team had to put it in gear to get his car ready.

"No, it was a tricky morning," Wickens said. "We had a gearbox issue on my car after the first phase of the

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Red Devils win district title



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park won the Class 5A-District 10 baseball championship on Friday by defeating McKeel Academy.

Avon Park hosts Satellite in state tournament on Tuesday

BY JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Red Devil Baseball team captured the Class 5A-District 10 championship on Friday night with a 4-1 win over the McKeel Academy Wildcats at Head Field in Avon Park.

It is Avon Park's third district championship in the last four years.

"It was a good game." Said Avon Park coach Whit Cornell. "Luis Perez pitched a good game, they hit the one home run. That was the only run he gave up."

"Sometimes you make good pitches and the hitters make good swings on it. He gave us a chance to win, Josh (Rivera) came in, he was efficient with his pitches, keeping us in the game."

After four innings, the game was locked at 1-1, both teams only had two hits and both teams stranded the bases loaded.

Perez found himself in a precarious predicament in the first as an error, a single and a walk loaded the bases with Wildcats with two outs. Perez

battled out, inducing a soft liner to Corey Leech at shortstop to end the Wildcat threat.

The Red Devils scored first in the bottom of the third after Hunter Vanderpool led off the inning with a walk. Vanderpool reached second on a passed ball and later scored on another passed ball to give Avon Park a 1-0 lead.

Avon Park loaded the bases after Vanderpool scored on a single by Leech, a hit batter and a walk, though they were unable to expand their lead, leaving the bases loaded to end the inning.

McKeel answered quickly as Calvin Alexander led off the fourth inning with a home run over the left field fence to tie the game at one.

Perez got the next two batters out before walking the third, at that time, the Red Devils made a pitching change, bringing in Rivera, who got the final out of



Avon Park's starting pitcher Luis Perez pitched 3 2/3 innings, giving up only one run on two hits against McKeel.

AVON | 2

Bourdais looks to put crash behind him

Driver back at scene of horrific accident

BY PHILIP B. WILSON
INDYCAR

His return to Indianapolis Motor Speedway, specifically Turn 2, brought out the candid sense of humor in Sebastien Bourdais.

The Frenchman's body still aches from enduring an unforgettable qualifying crash in that corner during a qualifying run for last year's Indianapolis 500 presented by PennGrade Motor Oil.

After facing that turn

for the first time since the crash on Monday morning during an open test, Bourdais was about to head for lunch when three-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves approached on pit road. "You good, my man?" Castroneves asked. "Comfortable?"

"Turn 2 still turns the same way," Bourdais said. "It's better when you're not upside down, on fire though."

The four-time Indy car champion would tweet later, "Pretty good day

at the office. It sure feels nice to go thru turn 2 with 4 wheels on... (wink emoji)."

He admittedly didn't know how he would feel about facing Turn 2 again. The last time he drove in there, Bourdais crashed and sustained multiple fractures to his pelvis as well as a broken right hip.

How could he not think about what happened? He always will.

"Well, yeah. Yesterday and the day before and every other day," he

said. "It's not like I don't wake up any day without feeling the consequences of what happened. It was not track specific. You make mistakes sometimes and that one bit me."

His first two qualifying laps were quick enough to be No. 1.

"It's too bad it wasn't a two-lap run," he said, smiling.

Bourdais, 39, proved he's still a capable contender after driving the No. 18 Team



JOE SKIBINSKI/INDYCAR PHOTO

Sebastien Bourdais celebrates after winning the Firestone Grand Prix at St. Petersburg.

CRASH | 4

HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

Morning, evening fishing is best

The Freshwater fishing forecast for the first full week of May gives anglers the last quarter moon phase, and as is also the case with the first quarter moon phase, the 5 to 9 hours of the day will produce best, which happens to be when the majority of anglers prefer to fish.

All fishing factors considered, besides the possibility of afternoon thunderstorms today, fish will be adjusting at the highest rate during the hours centered on the sunrise, and sunset periods. Winds will be predominately out of the west today, northeast Monday and Tuesday, and from the east for the second half of this week. Ideal 'fishing wind' speeds of 6 to 10 miles-per-hour are forecast for this week.

Best Fishing Days: Tuesday and Wednesday's sunrise and sunset periods will produce above average feeding activity 'if the atmospheric pressure plot forecast is accurate.' A pressure change of 0.08 In Hg is predicted and should this occur, fish will have to adjust, which always increases the 'opportunistic feeding' activity.

The Major Fishing Period: Today the moon overhead period occurs at 6:29 a.m. and the sunrise at 6:42 a.m. and will create a feed rating of 4-5 from 5:30-9:30 a.m. The next three days this period will not move later in the day.

The Minor Fishing Period: Today

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the inning. Avon Park broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth with three runs on two hits and a Wildcat error.

With two outs and Rivera on second, reaching base on a walk and stealing second, a throwing error by the Wildcats' third baseman allowed Rivera to score and Gabe Gomez to reach second, giving the Red Devils a 2-1 lead.

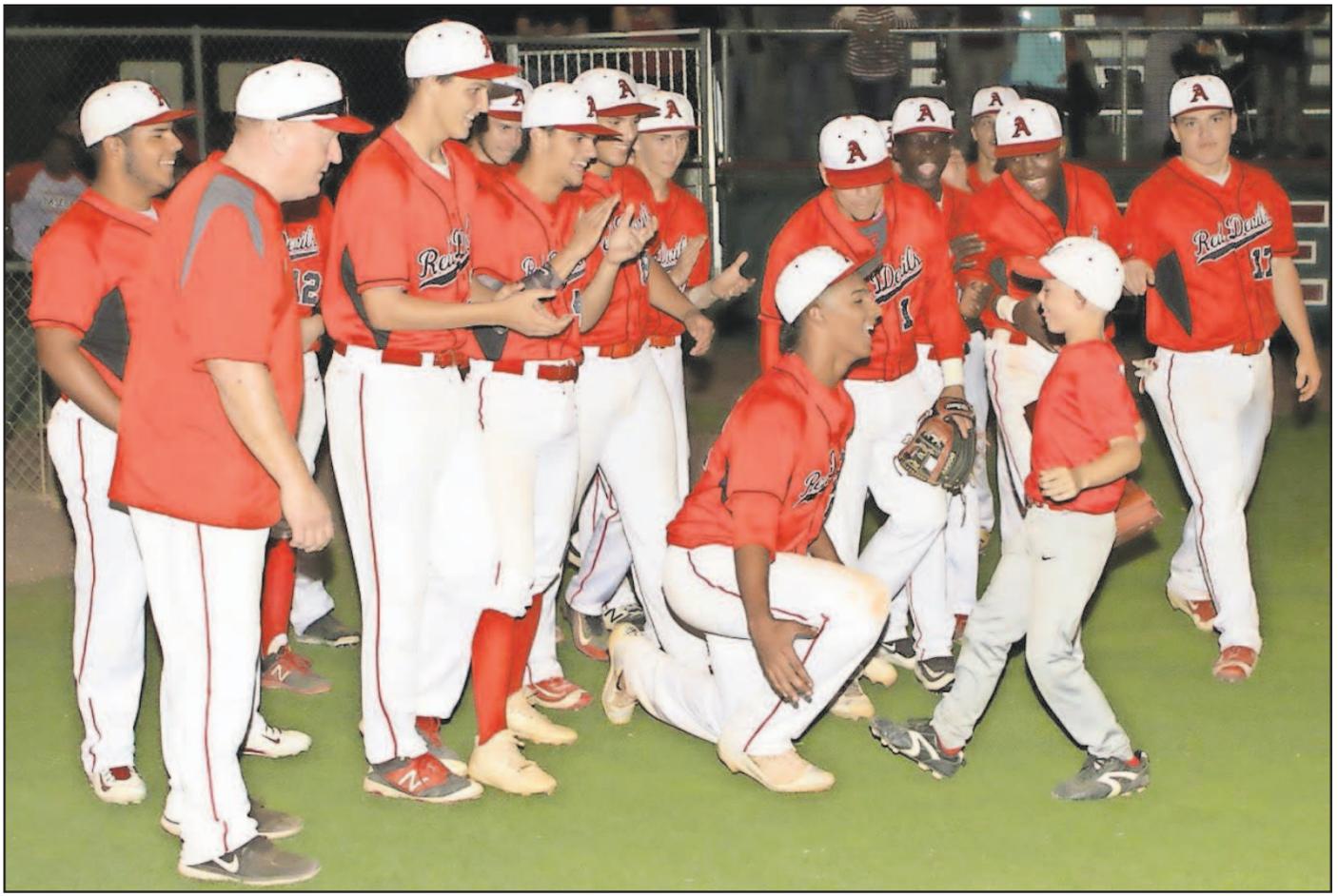
Dalton Whitman followed with a single into centerfield to drive in Gomez to make the score 3-1.

Johnny Perry, who actually went to first as a hit batter, was called back to the plate to bat when the umpires determined he was not hit by the pitch.

Perry took advantage with a single into centerfield that drove in Whitman to expand the Red Devils lead to three, at 4-1.

Rivera held the Wildcats scoreless and hitless the final three innings while striking out four to pick up the win and make the Red Devils district champions.

"I am real excited for the guys," said Cornell.



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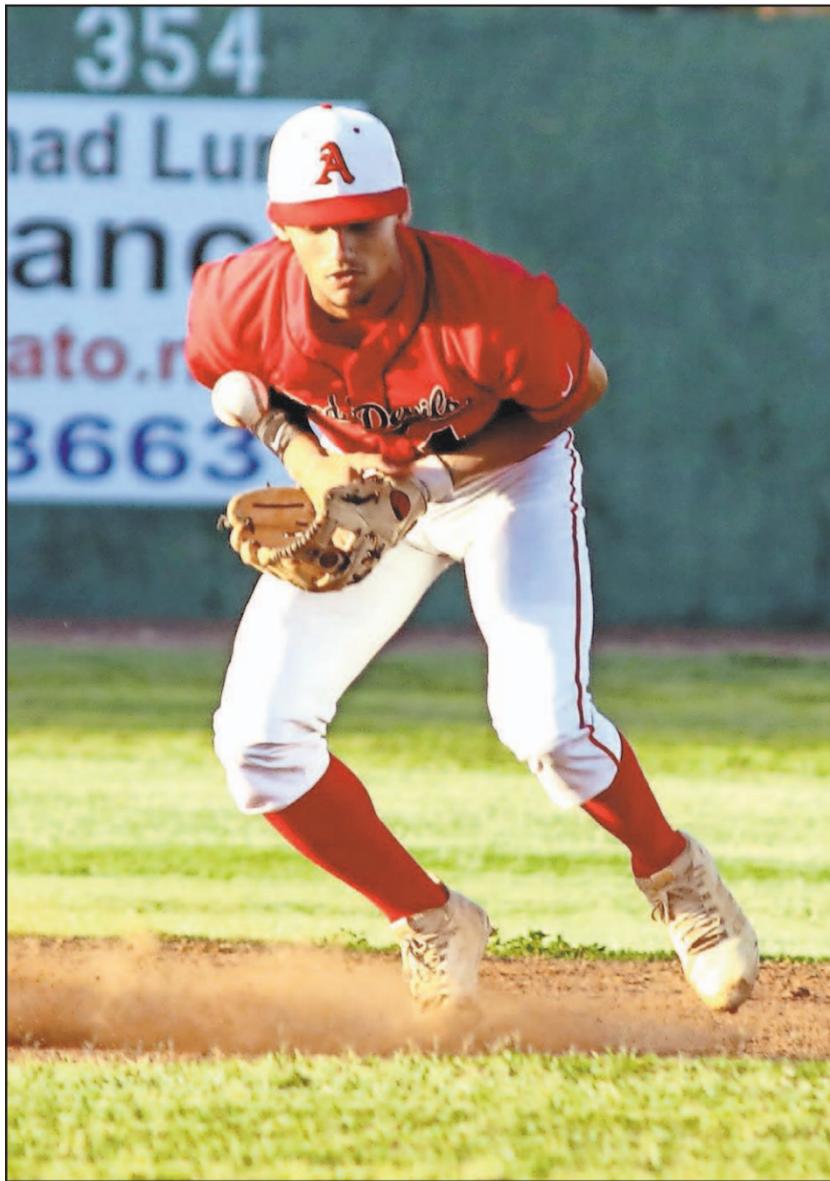
Avon Park Batboy Bryn Barton accepts the district championship trophy and brings it to Josh Rivera and the Red Devil baseball team.

"They all get the chance to be district champions, our seniors have been district champions three out of four years and made the playoffs all four years."

The Red Devils open

the state playoffs with a home game on Tuesday against Satellite, the Class 5A-District 9 runner-up team.

The Scorpions finished the season with an 18-6-1 record.



Avon Park shortstop Corey Leech recovers from bobbling the ball to get the out at first.



Avon Park's Josh Rivera shows his intensity after scoring the go ahead run in the fifth inning against McKeel.

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the moon underfoot period occurs at 6:52 p.m. and the sunset at 8:02 p.m. and will create a feed rating of 5 from 6-9:30 p.m. This period will not move later into the day over the next three days.

Prime Monthly Periods: May 12-18, new moon; May 26-31, full moon; June 10-16, almost super new moon; June 26-30, weak full moon; July 10-16, super new moon; and July 24-29, weak 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 forced out of lakes by bigger males and will be searching for non-disputed waters. Expect them in your pools and other waterways. Therefore gators will be 'where they usually are not,' so scan areas for gator activity.

Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 38.78 feet above sea level, which is the max-level in the 18-inch management-threshold range for the beginning of May. The minimum level is 37.50' currently and will remain at this annual low mark until July when it is raised six inches over a six-week period. The maximum level will be dropped this month to 38.25 feet by June 1 — an additional eight inches from today's level.

This seasonal 'rain-buffer schedule' is necessary because the lake fills six times faster than water is able to be released during major rain events and extended rainy periods. Currently all four S68 gates are closed.

Interested in fishing the Istokpoga spillway? Visit Istokpoga.info website and click on the links to the South Florida Water Mgmt. (SFWMD) real time S68 and S68X spillway gates status webpage. You'll find water level and flow status data of all water way structures from Kissimmee to Clewiston. Also provided is a link to the Army Corps of Engineers' graphical plot, annual water-management schedule website link.

Access this article online using, FloridaLakesFishingForecast.com or BassFishingForecast.com.

Fishing from Shorelines: Learn where the deeper water comes



COURTESY PHOTO

Dave Douglass shows one of his many 8-pound bass catches.

closest to shorelines using a lake contour map. There are 45 Highlands County lake maps published online at FloridaLakesMaps.com. Each map is edited to include boat ramp locations and have been enlarged for easy reading of the lake-bottom contour delineations. You'll discover that the majority of the lakes' public boat ramps and docks are located within the better shoreline fishing areas.

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lake-contour maps and additional map sources and fishing philosophy. Personalized custom fishing packages for beginners to professional anglers are available upon request.

Dave Douglass is a

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Dave Douglass holds up a bass weighing 11 pounds, 4 ounces.

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SealMaster Honda for Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan to a season-opening victory in the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. He's tied for third in the Verizon IndyCar Series points.

His 37 victories rank sixth on the all-time list. The only active driver with more wins is Scott Dixon of Chip Ganassi Racing at 41.

"It definitely sets you back, when you have those kinds of incidents," Bourdais said. "But the good thing is there's more practice here than any other place. There's plenty of time to get back in the groove and get comfortable again. I'm not concerned. I don't feel like I'm doubting."

Teams are getting acclimated to a redesigned car with a new universal aero kit, a process Bourdais referred to as an ongoing "investigation." Monday was a positive start.

"With the quality of the drivers, there's a solid 20 and maybe even more drivers that are probably capable on any given day, provided the right car," he said of winning the Indy 500. "Last year, we just had the rocket ship. It was a rocket ship from the moment it hit the ground on Monday and all the way through the week, then when we topped Fast Friday and for the first two laps (of qualifying) until I screwed up."

"Last year, (lead race engineer) Craig (Hampson) and the guys gave me an awesome car ... and it was working awesome, until it wasn't."

Bourdais and crew will continue to work out the kinks.

"At the end of the day, what are you going to say?" he said. "Ultimately, I made a mistake. Unfortunately, it



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Sebastien Bourdais also drives the No. 66 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT in the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship endurance races.

cost us probably the shot at winning the '500' and being on the pole. Can't change that. All we can do is try again and hope that the car will be as quick as it was last year and give us the chance to execute."

The desire to win this race is as strong as ever, if not more.

"It's the Mecca of racing," he said. "In open wheel, there aren't many races that come anywhere near it. In our sport, it's the Indianapolis 500. I'd love to win it for multiple

reasons. It's a tremendous achievement and it means a hell of a lot to everybody in that paddock. It probably means even more now that I've gone through what I've gone through here."

He looked out at the front straight of the 2.5-mile oval and offered one more perspective.

"There's a mystery you build with every track," he said, pausing to laugh. "And this one didn't quite end on the right foot last year, so it would be cool to set the record straight."



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Sebastien Bourdais at St. Petersburg.



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Dale Coyne, left, and Sebastien Bourdais at Indianapolis Motor Speedway last year.



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Sebastien Bourdais and Scott Dixon sail into the Turn 11 Hairpin during the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

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IMSA, Lamborghini extend Super Trofeo deal

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With a return to the site of the series' first North American race set to open the 2018 Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, officials from Squadra Corse and the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) today announced an extension of their partnership through the 2021 racing season.

IMSA has sanctioned every Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America race to date. The North American series began in 2013 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

"IMSA is proud of the role it has played in helping Lamborghini and Squadra Corse build the Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America series into a premier one-make series on this continent," said IMSA President Scott Atherton. "With breathtaking race cars and close competition, Lamborghini Super Trofeo races have been popular with IMSA fans and competitors for the past five seasons. Through the extension of our partnership, we will continue to enjoy Lamborghini Super Trofeo content for the foreseeable future."

The Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America is one of four continental Lamborghini Super Trofeo series, joining similar series in Europe, Asia and Middle East. In 2018, which



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IMSA and Squadra Corse have extended their partnership for the Lamborghini Super Trofeo through 2021

marks the 10th edition of Lamborghini Super Trofeo competition worldwide, the series will see the debut of the brand new Lamborghini Huracán Super Trofeo Evo race car.

"We are really proud about this partnership extension – said Giorgio Sanna, Head of Motorsport of Lamborghini - IMSA is a prestigious partner for us, especially in strategic market like North America that gives us great satisfaction both in Motorsport and in series production."

The 2018 Lamborghini

Super Trofeo North America series will feature five North American rounds and 10 races, with two 50-minute races at each round. All five North American rounds will run as a companion to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in 2018.

At the end of each season, the top competitors from Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America face off against their counterparts in the Europe and Asia series at the World Final to crown a Lamborghini World Champion in each of four classes:

Pro, Pro-Am, Am and Lamborghini Cup.

The World Final is held at different venues around the world each year. This year's will be at the Vallelunga circuit in Italy on November 15 to 18, which also hosted the World Final in its inaugural year in 2013.

Other venues to host the World Final

include Sepang (Malaysia, 2014), Sebring International Raceway (USA, 2015), Valencia (Spain, 2016) and Imola (Italy, 2017). The season finale for each of the continental series also are held at the same

venue as the world final.

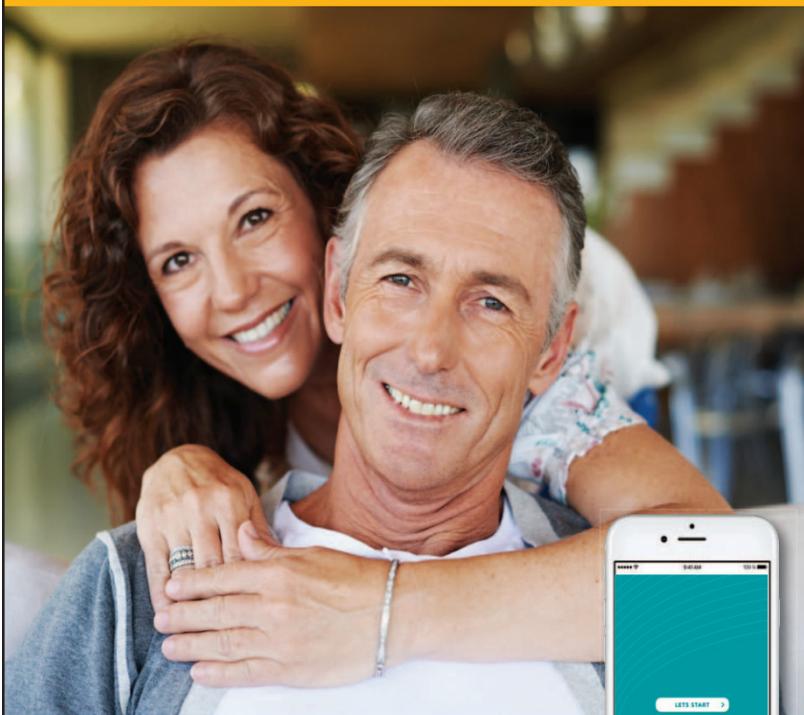
Every Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America race is streamed live. In addition, each 2018 round is televised on a tape-delayed basis on CBS Sports Network in the United States.



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orientation. We had to scramble a little bit to get James' car ready because it wasn't scheduled to be going on track, so we had to do some quick fixes and get everything ready to go.

"It wasn't ideal because we didn't really do a seat fit for me in his car. Apart from the seat going in, everything was more get on with it, get the orientation done. We were actually a little pressed for time to get all the phases through in the time allocation we had."

Wickens said he agrees with the requirement to have rookies go through certain testing phases and it's not the first time he's had to do it.

"I understand you have to take this place with a lot of respect," he said. "Not the first time in my career where you have to do a type of orientation like this. Might be a surprise to a lot of people, but to race at Nurburgring Nordschleife, it's like a one-week course. You actually have to go around in a bus, get a lesson on every single corner by certified instructors, you have to get a license to race there. This is no different. I get why they did it. You have to take precautions."

Wickens said it was actually harder to travel slower speeds than faster speeds in the car.

"Phase I was an interesting phase," he



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'Matt Leist sails through Turn 1 during the Rookie Orientation Program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

said. "More difficult than I thought to keep the car between 205 and 210. I thought the 210 to 215 phase was a really good phase to learn. When you're going that slow, you're not really taking the line, the car kind of just goes where it wants, you're kind of going too slowly. Once you got up to around the 215 mark, it started reacting, feeling balance issues with the car."

"Before you're more or less cruising around at a speed where the car is not happy, they're set to be going 220, 225. We

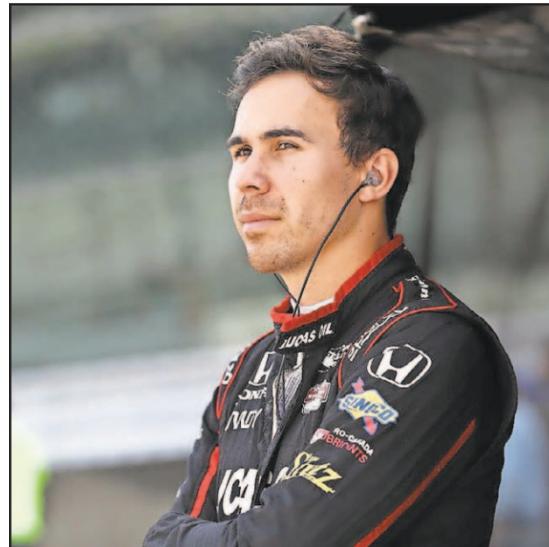
actually have a lot less downforce on the car than what we would be when we're doing normal laps. It was kind of a bizarre feeling."

Wickens said he's looking forward to the entire spectacle that is the Indianapolis 500, which will be some thing new for him.

"I don't know what I've gotten myself into to be honest," he said. "I never even attended the Indy 500 as a spectator before. It's just going to be an amazing month. I'm just really looking forward to taking it all in."

Even though the race is still three weeks away, Wickens said people are getting into the Indy 500 spirit, which was amazing.

"It's so cool that the city of Indianapolis already embraces the race so much," he said. "Even in the neighborhood I just moved to, there's Indy 500 things on their front yards, IndyCar flags flying. It's something that I've never experienced before. In DTM and Mercedes, it was a very popular championship in Germany, but outside of that it was not so much. To see Indiana embracing this race so much, it's going to be a really special feeling."



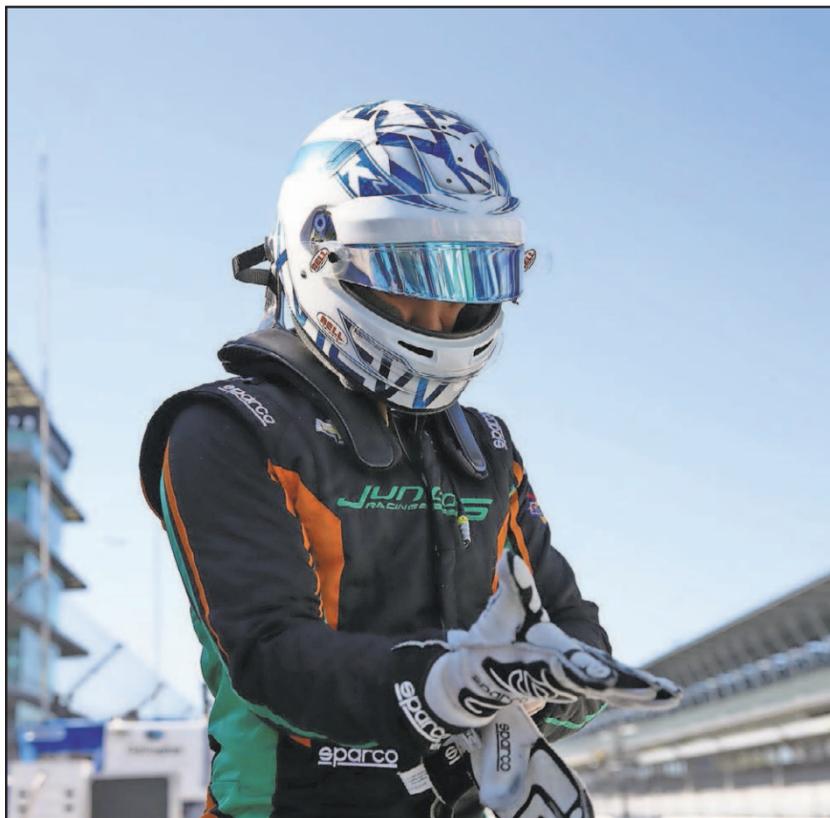
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Robert Wickens waits along pit lane prior to starting the manufacturer test at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



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Saga Karam pulls onto the track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



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Kyle Kaiser adjusts his gloves along pit lane during the Rookie Orientation Program at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

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Zaldain takes early Bassmaster lead

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PARIS, Tennessee — Chris Zaldain knew what he wanted to do, he knew why he wanted to do it and he got the job done to the tune of a 24-pound, 3-ounce limit of bass that leads the first round of the Berkley Bassmaster Elite at Kentucky Lake presented by Abu Garcia.

"A few days ago, I got some bad news about my mom's (Rose) health, she's battling cancer," said Zaldain of Laughlin, Nevada. "The last few days have been rough, so I came into this event to win it for my mom. I really want a chance to go into Sunday and win this event. I feel like my career needs it. I feel like my family needs it."

Zaldain said he's fishing such a specific pattern that he couldn't divulge many details. However, he did note that a very



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Chris Zaldain took the lead on the first day of the Berkley Bassmaster Elite at Kentucky Lake presented by Abu Garcia, bringing 24 pounds, 3 ounces to the scales.

specific integration of three distinct factors — some habitat, others conditional — were essential to his success.

"I practiced with one thing in my mind, pretty much one bait, one approach and it paid off big time today," Zaldain said. "The second day of practice, I caught almost 30 pounds, no joke.

Kentucky Lake has got 'em.

"A lot of people are complaining about the Asian carp, but the bass still live here. You just have to fish where the carp aren't."

Noting that he fished a purely prespaw pattern, Zaldain knew his day would be one of quality over quantity. His biggest



Jordan Lee fishes Kentucky Lake on Friday.

was a 6-pounder, which made it to the Bassmaster blog feed with Zaldain's handwritten dedication note to his mother.

"I'm fishing for five bites," Zaldain said. "I'm not going out there trying to catch as many as I can, I'm just trying to catch five.

"Angles are everything to the way I'm fishing. I watched people fish through an area twice and I went in behind them and caught fish."

The morning bite was key for Zaldain, who tanked his last keeper at 10 a.m. Looking ahead,

he's confident that he could replicate his game plan again Saturday, the second of four competition days.

"If I keep doing what I'm doing, I'll have a big bag," he said. "We have a weather change coming, so I may have to make a few adjustments, but it's going to be more of the same. In fact, a few of my spots, I didn't even touch today."

While Zaldain's game plan worked to perfection, Skeet Reese's didn't. The Elite pro from Auburn, California, had to scrap his original game

plan when he found himself fishless at 8 a.m. Switching to waters he never visited in practice, Reese targeted an area where he threw reaction baits and intercepted fish coming and going from a spawning area. His decision to change game plans led to a solid limit of 23-11, just 8 ounces behind the leader.

In third, Alabama's Kelly Jaye picked off a five-bass limit weighing 22 pounds by throwing a custom colored Megabass Vision 110 jerkbait that he modified with larger hooks for a faster sink rate in the 8-foot depths he targeted.

Rounding out the Top 5 are reigning Bassmaster Classic champion Jordan Lee with 21-3 and Jason Christie with 20-13.

Gerald Swindle of Guntersville and Chad Pipkens are tied for the \$1,500 Phoenix Boats Big Bass Award with twin 7-pound, 7-ounce fish.



Chris Zaldain on Kentucky Lake.

Mitty wraps-up at Road Atlanta



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Kevin Wheeler drives the KMW Motorsports 1970 No. 88 Porsche 914/6 at Road Atlanta.

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The 41st HSR Classic Motorsports Mitty presented by Hagerty, which will go into the record books as one of the most competitive editions ever of the premier vintage and historic race at Road Atlanta, came to a successful conclusion this past Sunday with more than a dozen different race winners taking to the top step of victory lane.

Among last Sunday's feature races were dual one-hour B.R.M. Chronographes Endurance Challenge race that combined to crown four different overall and class winners.

The day got underway with the B.R.M. Endurance Challenge for the Vintage classes that went green at 8:15 a.m. EDT. The 40-car field produced close competition throughout the race before the driving duo of Jamie Busby and Kevin Wheeler gradually built a lead they wouldn't lose in the closing stages of the race. Wheeler drove the winning KMW Motorsports 1970 No. 88 Porsche 914/6 across the finish line to lead an all-Porsche podium.

Mayo Smith finished second in B.R.M. Vintage in his 1972 No. 10 Porsche 911 ST while Jim Hamblin was third in his 1968 No. 18 Porsche 911 ST.

The B.R.M. Endurance Challenge race was crowded and competitive with three different classes sharing the 2.54-mile Road Atlanta circuit for a full hour.

The overall and

Prototype Modern win went to John Reisman in his ex-Whelen Engineering 2010 No. 33 Coyote Corvette Daytona Prototype prepared by Hudson Historics. Rich Grupp was second overall and in Prototype Modern in the 1993 No. 20 Kudzu DG3-Mazda while Mirco Schultis was third in Prototype and overall in his 2009 No. 9 Oreca FLM09.

The B.R.M. Historic Prototype class went to Jim Farley in his 1978 No. 198 Lola T298 prepared by RM Motorsports. Farley shared the class podium with the 2008 No. 78 Elan DP02 of Mark Brannon while John Harrold and guest co-driver John Whitbourn finished third in Harrold's Team Mean No. 94 1979 Chevron B23/36.

The B.R.M. GT Modern class win went to the familiar driver pairing of Linden Burnstein and Jonathon Ziegelman in Burnstein's KMW Motorsports 1997 No. 917 Porsche 997 GT3 Cup. Paul Reisman, father of overall winner John Reisman, made it two Reismans on the podium with a second-place GTM finish in his 2009 No. 75 Porsche 997 GT3 Cup prepped by Hudson Historics. Chris Ruppel completed the GTM podium in third place in his 2010 No. 119 Porsche 997 GT3 Cup.

The final day also featured the closing rounds of The Mitty weekend's WeatherTech Sprint doubleheader races that produced several notable and repeat race winners.

Competitors doubling up and sweeping both

their respective Saturday and Sunday WeatherTech Sprint races included Doug Campbell in Group 2 (1964 No. 61 Ginetta G4), Lawrence Cooper in Group 3A (1971 No. 17 Datsun 240Z), Edward Sevadjian in Group 5 (1969 No. 86 Corvette), John Finger in Group 8 (2002 No. 33 Chevrolet Monte Carlo) and Jacek Mucha in Group 11 (2006 No. 0 Swift JMS-016P).

Brannon also swept both Group 4 WeatherTech Sprints in his 1997 No. 7 Lola T97/20 Indy Lights car, picking up two more trophies to go along with his B.R.M. Historic Prototype runner-up finish.

WeatherTech Sprint Group 7 didn't see a repeat winner but instead produced two of the more unique victories of The Mitty weekend. Phil Daignepont won Saturday in his Warsteiner-liviried 1978 No. 4 Toj SC 206 while 16-year-old Willis Woerheide stepped up to take class win on Sunday.

Woerheide's winning car was a 1975 Lola T332-based No. 7 Schkee Can-Am car nearly three times as old as its teenage driver at The Mitty. Both based on Formula 5000 Lola T332 race cars, Woerheide's Schkee, which is crewed on in part by his parents Jon and Catherine, was the later and lighter sister of the Schkee DB1 that Tom Klausler drove to victory in the first second-generation Can-Am race at St. Jovite in 1977.

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Trump at NRA: He won't let right to bear arms 'be under siege'

By CATHERINE LUCEY
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DALLAS — Months after the horror of the Parkland school shootings in Florida, President Donald Trump stood before cheering members of the National Rifle Association and urged them to elect more Republicans to Congress to defend gun rights.



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump gestures to the audience after speaking at the National Rifle Association annual convention in Dallas, Friday.

meeting with lawmakers in late February, he wagged his finger at a Republican senator and scolded him for being "afraid of the NRA," declaring that he would stand up to the group and finally get results in quelling gun violence. But he later backpedaled on that tough talk.

He was clearly back in the fold at the NRA's annual convention, pledging that Americans' Second Amendment right to bear arms will "never ever be under siege as long as I am your president."

Trump briefly referenced the Parkland shootings in his speech, saying that he "mourned for the victims and

Trump claimed that Democrats want to "outlaw guns" and said if the nation takes that drastic step, it might as well ban all vans and trucks because they are the new weapons for "maniac terrorists."

"We will never give up our freedom. We will live free and we will die free," Trump said Friday as he tried to rally pro-gun voters for the 2018 congressional elections. "We've got to do great in '18."

Activists energized by shootings at schools, churches and elsewhere are also focused on those elections.

In the aftermath of the February school shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which left 17 dead and many more wounded, Trump had temporarily strayed from gun rights dogma.

During a televised gun

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NASA launches spacecraft to Mars to dig down deep

By MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A robotic geologist armed with a hammer and quake monitor rocketed toward Mars on Saturday, aiming to land on the red planet and explore its mysterious insides.

In a twist, NASA launched the Mars InSight lander from California rather than Florida's Cape Canaveral. It was the first interplanetary mission ever to depart from the West Coast, drawing pre-dawn crowds to fog-soaked Vandenberg Air Force Base and rocket watchers down the California coast into Baja.

"This is a big day. We're going back to Mars!" NASA's new boss, Jim Bridenstine, said following liftoff. "This is an extraordinary mission with a whole host of firsts."

The spacecraft will take more than six months to get to Mars and start its unprecedented geologic excavations, traveling 300 million miles to get there.

InSight will dig deeper into Mars than ever before — nearly 16 feet, or 5 meters — to take the planet's temperature. It will also attempt to make the first measurements of marsquakes, using a high-tech seismometer placed directly on the Martian surface.

"That's the real payoff of this whole mission and that's still lying ahead of us," said the mission's chief scientist, Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion

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PHOTOS PROVIDED BY BILL INGALLS/NASA VIA AP

This image provided by NASA, InSight spacecraft launches onboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas-V rocket, Saturday, from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. InSight, short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport, is a Mars lander designed to study the "inner space" of Mars.



In this photo released by NASA, the mobile service tower at SLC-3 is rolled back to reveal the United Launch Alliance (ULA) Atlas-V rocket with NASA's InSight spacecraft onboard, Friday.

US looks beyond Iran nuclear-deal deadline

By NICK WADHAMS
BLOOMBERG NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump seems determined to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal next week, with U.S. officials suggesting that any initial diplomatic turbulence will be followed by negotiations for a new agreement.

But Iran is ruling out new

talks, calling the current agreement "nonnegotiable." And America's European allies continue to back it, saying the deal has been essential to reining in Iran's nuclear program.

As U.S. allies and the government in Tehran question what might follow a U.S. withdrawal, the Trump administration remains focused on how it could toughen or replace the

agreement to address issues such as Iran's behavior in the Middle East — including its firm foothold in Syria and support for Hezbollah militants that threaten Israel — and its continuing development of ballistic missiles.

Trump hinted at his thinking Monday. While refusing to reveal what he'll do by May 12, he repeated his belief the existing

deal is "a horrible agreement for the United States." But, he added, "That doesn't mean I wouldn't negotiate a new agreement."

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's government says the U.S. is "bullying" his country. Iran has long claimed that the U.S. isn't fully complying with its side of the deal — a requirement that world powers

ease economic sanctions — and that uncertainty about the agreement's future has stymied investment.

"Let me make it absolutely clear once and for all: We will neither outsource our security, nor will we renegotiate or add on to a deal we have already implemented in good

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Hawaiians brace for long upheaval as erupting Kilauea boils

By CALEB JONES
and AUDREY MCAVOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAHOA, Hawaii — Hundreds of anxious residents



AP PHOTO

Residents from the lava affected areas of the Big Island hold a prayer before the start of a community meeting with local authorities at Pahoa High School, Friday in Pahoa, Hawaii.

on the Big Island of Hawaii hunkered down Saturday for what could be weeks or months of upheaval as the dangers from an erupting Kilauea volcano continued to

grow.

Lava spurted from volcanic vents, toxic gas filled the air and strong earthquakes — including a magnitude 6.9 temblor on Friday — rocked an already jittery population. The trifecta of natural threats forced the evacuation of more than 1,700 people from communities near the lava and prompted the closure of parks, college campuses and a section of the main road through the area on the Big Island's southern tip.

Five structures have burned and thousands of customers briefly lost power from one of the larger quakes.

Tesha "Mirah" Montoya, 45, said toxic fumes escaping from the lava vents weren't enough to make her family evacuate, but the tipping point were the earthquakes.

"I felt like the whole side



U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY VIA AP

This Friday aerial image released by the U.S. Geological Survey, at 12:46 p.m. HST, a column of robust, reddish-brown ash plume occurred after a magnitude 6.9 South Flank of Kilauea earthquake shook the Big Island of Hawaii, Hawaii. The Kilauea volcano sent more lava into Hawaii communities Friday, a day after forcing more than 1,500 people to flee from their mountainside homes, and authorities detected high levels of sulfur gas that could threaten the elderly and people with breathing problems.

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Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Although fog prevented Banerdt from seeing the liftoff of the \$1 billion U.S.-European mission, he heard the roar of the rocket and all the blaring car alarms it set off. "It was just an incredible moment," Banerdt told The Associated Press by phone. Despite the challenges still ahead, "I think I can bask in a little bit of satisfaction and just feeling like we really accomplished something today."

Besides InSight, the United Launch Alliance's Atlas V rocket gave a lift to a pair of mini test satellites, or CubeSats, that are trailing InSight to Mars to serve as a potential communication link. Nicknamed WALL-E and EVE from the 2008 animated movie, the twin briefcase-size spacecraft popped off the rocket's upper stage in hot pursuit of InSight, as elated launch controllers applauded and shook hands following the morning's success.

NASA hasn't put a spacecraft down on Mars since the Curiosity rover in 2012. The U.S., in fact, is the only country to successfully land and operate a spacecraft at Mars. It's tough, complicated stuff. Only about 40 percent of all missions to Mars from all countries — orbiters and landers alike — have proven successful over the decades.

If all goes well, the three-legged InSight will descend by parachute and engine firings onto a flat equatorial region of Mars — believed to be free of big, potentially dangerous rocks — on Nov. 26. Once down, it will stay put, using a mechanical arm to place the science instruments on the surface.



NASA/JPL-CALTECH VIA AP

This illustration made available by NASA on March 29, shows the twin Mars Cube One (MarCO) spacecraft flying over Mars with Earth and the sun in the distance. The MarCOs will be the first CubeSats — a kind of modular, mini-satellite — flown into deep space. They're designed to fly along behind NASA's InSight lander on its cruise to Mars.

Banerdt said Mars is ideal for learning how the rocky planets of our solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago. Unlike our active Earth, Mars hasn't been transformed by plate tectonics and other processes, he noted. InSight might also help explain why some planets — like ours — went on to develop life, while others did not.

Over the course of two Earth years — or one Martian year — NASA expects InSight's three main experiments to provide a true 3-D image of the interior of Mars. Scientists know Mars has an iron core and a crust, but beyond that, the inside is "basically, completely unknown," said Banerdt. The lander is equipped with a seismometer for measuring marsquakes, a self-hammering probe for burrowing beneath the surface, and a radio system for tracking the spacecraft's position and planet's wobbly rotation, thereby revealing the size and composition of Mars' core.

"InSight, for seismologists, will really be a piece of history, a new page of history," said the Paris Institute of Earth Physics' Philippe Lognonne, lead

scientist of the InSight seismometer.

Problems with the French-supplied seismometer kept InSight from launching two years ago. California was always part of the plan.

NASA normally launches from Cape Canaveral, but decided to switch to California for InSight to take advantage of a shorter flight backlog. This was the first U.S. interplanetary mission to launch from somewhere other than Cape Canaveral.

The fog ruined the view for those gathered at Vandenberg along the central California coast. But it was a marvelous sight farther south. The rocket's bright orange flame was visible for some time as it arced upward across the dark sky west of greater Los Angeles.

Not even two weeks on the job, NASA's new administrator, Bridenstine, observed the launch on monitors at space agency headquarters in Washington.

"I can't think of a better way to start my day!" Bridenstine tweeted.

United Launch Alliance's president, Tory Bruno, also took to Twitter to celebrate. "Next stop: Mars."

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of our hill was going to explode," she said. "The earthquake was what made us start running and start throwing guinea pigs and bunnies in the car."

Montoya, her husband and daughter don't know how long they will be away from the three-story octagonal house they built nearly 20 years ago from a patch of "raw jungle."

"My heart and soul's there," she said in a phone interview from a cabin on the north side of the Big Island, where the family had hunkered down. "I'm nothing without the land. It's part of my being."

Tina Neal, the scientist in charge of the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, warned distressed residents at a community meeting late Friday that eruptions could last longer than the ones from earlier this week, and earthquakes and aftershocks could continue for days, even weeks.

Gary McMillan said his home is about 3,000 feet from one of the fissures that is spewing lava and gas into Leilani Estates. He has remote cameras set up in his home and says that as of now his home is still intact.

He's living out of his van with his wife at the nearby community center and constantly thinks about the things they were forced to leave behind — but understands why authorities are keeping residents out.

The lava lake at Kilauea's summit crater dropped significantly, suggesting the magma was moving eastward toward Puna, a mostly rural district of forests, papaya farms and lava fields left by past eruptions.

Officials warned of the

dangers of spattering hot rock and high levels of sulfuric gas that could threaten the elderly and people with breathing problems.

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park evacuated all visitors and non-emergency staff. The quakes triggered rock slides on park trails and crater walls. Narrow fissures appeared on the ground at a building overlooking the crater at Kilauea's summit.

The University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Community College both closed campuses and a long stretch of Highway 130, one of the main arteries through Puna, was closed because of the threat of sulfuric gas.

Leilani Estates, where lava was pushing through cracks in the earth, has about 1,700 residents and 770 homes. A nearby neighborhood, Lanipuna Gardens, which has a few dozen people, also was evacuated.

Kilauea has been continuously erupting since 1983 and is one of five volcanoes that make up the Big Island. Activity picked up earlier this week, indicating a possible new lava outbreak.

The crater floor began to collapse Monday, triggering earthquakes and pushing the lava into new

underground chambers. The collapse caused magma to push more than 10 miles downslope toward the populated southeast coastline.

Residents have faced lava threats before. In 2014, lava burned a house and destroyed a cemetery near the town of Pahoa. Residents were worried it would cover the town's main road and cut off the community from the rest of the island, but the molten rock stalled.

From 1990 through 1991, lava slowly overtook the town of Kalapana, burning homes and covering roads and gardens.

Kilauea hasn't been the kind of volcano that shoots lava from its summit into the sky, causing widespread destruction. It tends to ooze lava from fissures in its sides, which often gives residents at least a few hours' warning before it reaches their property.

In the uncertainty, however, some residents found comfort in the abiding beauty of the Big Island. Evacuees Todd Corrigan and his wife awoke to a beautiful sunrise Saturday in Puna after spending the night in their car at the shore.

"Paradise isn't always perfect," he said, "but it's still beautiful."



AP PHOTO

After being forced out of his home at the Leilani Estates due to a mandatory evacuation, Tim Sullivan, 61, sits in his pickup truck near a local shelter, Friday, in Pahoa, HI. The eruption took place about a block from Sullivan's home. He and his wife spent the night at a nearby shelter and does not know when they will be able to return.

TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<p>Partly sunny with a t-storm</p> <p>HIGH 86° 55% chance of rain</p> <p>LOW 69° 20% chance of rain</p>	<p>Partly cloudy</p> <p>90° / 66° 15% chance of rain</p>	<p>Mostly sunny and pleasant</p> <p>92° / 65° 55% chance of rain</p>	<p>Mostly sunny</p> <p>91° / 67° 5% chance of rain</p>	<p>Intervals of clouds and sunshine</p> <p>91° / 67° 10% chance of rain</p>	<p>An afternoon thunderstorm possible</p> <p>91° / 68° 30% chance of rain</p>
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74° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	85 63 c	87 63 s
Bradenton	84 71 t	86 68 s
Clearwater	84 72 pc	87 69 s
Coral Springs	88 72 pc	88 73 pc
Daytona Beach	83 68 c	84 66 pc
Fort Lauderdale	86 74 pc	87 73 pc
Fort Myers	87 72 s	90 69 s
Gainesville	89 62 c	90 61 s
Jacksonville	88 63 c	85 63 sh
Key Largo	84 74 pc	85 74 pc
Key West	84 76 sh	84 75 s
Lakeland	86 67 t	90 65 s
Melbourne	88 72 c	86 71 pc
Miami	86 71 pc	87 71 pc
Naples	86 73 s	87 70 s
Ocala	87 62 pc	89 59 s
Okeechobee	87 68 c	87 67 pc
Orlando	87 69 c	90 66 pc
Panama City	82 62 pc	84 61 s
Pensacola	86 63 s	87 64 s
Pompano Beach	87 74 sh	86 74 pc
St. Augustine	82 68 pc	82 66 pc
St. Petersburg	85 71 t	89 70 s
Sarasota	83 70 pc	86 67 s
Tallahassee	89 62 c	91 60 s
Tampa	85 72 pc	90 69 s
Vero Beach	88 70 t	87 69 pc
West Palm Beach	87 72 sh	85 72 pc

TIDES

City	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 7:00p	2:58a	---	---
Mon. 12:02p	3:59a	8:08p	2:38p	
Englewood	Today 9:51a	1:14a	5:37p	10:44a
Mon. 10:39a	2:15a	6:45p	12:54p	
Boca Grande	Today 3:43p	12:10a	---	---
Mon. 4:43p	1:11a	---	---	
El Jobean	Today 7:32p	3:27a	---	---
Mon. 12:34p	4:28a	8:40p	3:07p	
Venice	Today 3:52p	---	---	---
Mon. 8:54a	12:54a	5:00p	11:33a	

MARINE

Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
direction	in knots	in feet	chop
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	S	7-14	1-3 Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	NNW	8-16	1-2 Light

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	6:46 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
Monday	6:46 a.m.	8:05 p.m.
The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	1:03 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday	1:46 a.m.	12:52 p.m.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today 11:42a	5:30a	---	5:54p
Mon. 12:06a	6:20a	12:32p	6:43p
Tue. 12:55a	7:07a	1:18p	7:30p

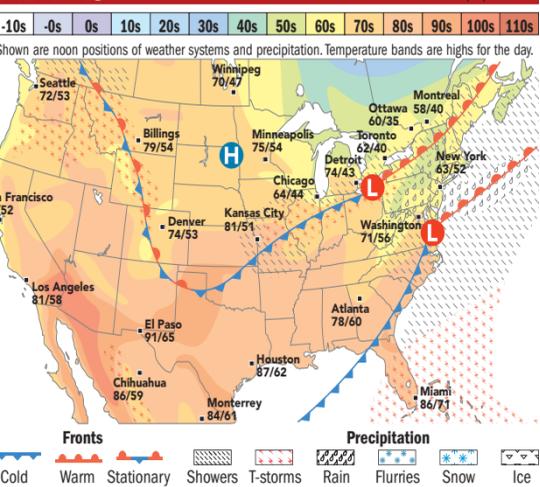
POLLEN INDEX

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

AIR QUALITY INDEX

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

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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Albuquerque	85 59 pc	88 61 c	Jackson, MS	82 58 s	85 58 pc
Anchorage	45 34 sh	48 37 pc	Kansas City	81 51 pc	77 53 s
Atlanta	78 60 pc	80 60 s	Knoxville	73 55 sh	75 55 pc
Baltimore	69 53 t	73 51 s	Las Vegas	99 73 pc	99 73 s
Billings	79 54 pc	77 54 pc	Los Angeles	81 58 pc	79 59 pc
Birmingham	81 61 s	81 56 t	Louisville	80 58 t	74 54 pc
Boise	84 52 pc	79 53 pc	Memphis	84 61 s	78 57 pc
Boston	62 49 sh	57 44 pc	Milwaukee	58 42 c	62 46 sh
Buffalo	68 38 sh	60 39 s	Minneapolis	75 54 s	80 56 s
Burlington, VT	59 41 sh	60 41 s	Montgomery	83 58 s	84 59 t
Charleston, WV	69 51 r	70 52 pc	Nashville	80 58 pc	73 56 t
Charlotte	82 57 sh	78 57 pc	New Orleans	85 67 s	88 68 s
Chicago	64 44 sh	65 46 s	New York City	63 52 sh	68 52 s
Cincinnati	77 51 t	70 49 pc	Norfolk, VA	77 60 c	68 57 pc
Cleveland	71 48 t	60 45 s	Oklahoma City	88 59 s	83 63 pc
Columbia, SC	88 60 pc	84 59 pc	Omaha	79 49 pc	78 54 s
Columbus, OH	76 52 t	69 49 pc	Philadelphia	65 53 sh	71 46 s
Concord, NH	65 45 r	65 37 pc	Phoenix	106 78 pc	104 75 s
Dallas	88 63 s	92 66 pc	Pittsburgh	66 48 r	67 48 s
Denver	74 53 pc	80 50 c	Portland, ME	65 46 sh	59 39 pc
Des Moines	75 50 pc	75 52 s	Portland, OR	70 53 pc	76 54 s
Detroit	74 43 sh	66 45 s	Providence	63 49 sh	64 42 s
Duluth	63 40 pc	75 49 s	Raleigh	80 56 c	76 52 pc
Fairbanks	53 32 pc	52 33 pc	Salt Lake City	88 60 pc	82 56 pc
Fargo	74 45 pc	79 54 s	St. Louis	79 51 c	75 52 s
Hartford	64 48 sh	69 42 s	San Antonio	87 60 c	89 61 s
Helena	77 50 t	69 48 pc	San Diego	72 58 pc	70 58 pc
Honolulu	82 68 s	81 71 s	San Francisco	64 52 pc	68 53 pc
Houston	87 62 s	91 64 pc	Seattle	72 53 pc	72 52 s
Indianapolis	77 48 t	71 47 pc	Washington, DC	71 56 t	74 54 pc

PORT CHARLOTTE

Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures

High/Low 89°/63°
Normal High/Low 88°/64°
Record High 95° (2002)
Record Low 50° (1971)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.24"
Year to date 2.51"
Normal year to date 11.21"
Record 1.96" (1986)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures

High/Low 83°/67°

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.12"

AIRPORT

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

Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers 87/72	sun	afternoon
Punta Gorda 88/68	storms	afternoon
Sarasota 83/70	part cldy	all day

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

WEATHER HISTORY

On May 6, 1975, near Omaha, Neb., a tornado killed three people, injured 133 and caused \$150 million in damage.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the record high temperature for the United States in May?

A: 124° F at Salton, Calif., on May 27, 1896.

Trump chides Giuliani to 'get his facts straight' on Stormy

By JONATHAN LEMIRE and CATHERINE LUCEY
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is suggesting Rudy Giuliani, the aggressive new face of his legal team, needed to “get his facts straight” about the hush money paid to porn actress Stormy Daniels just before the 2016 election. Giuliani quickly came up with a new version. Trump on Friday chided Giuliani even while insisting “we’re not changing any stories” about the \$130,000 settlement paid to Daniels to keep quiet about her allegations of a sexual encounter with Trump — a tryst Trump has denied. Hours later, Giuliani backed away from his previous assertion that the Oct. 27 settlement had been made because Trump was in the stretch run of his campaign. “The payment was made to resolve a personal and false allegation in order to protect the president’s family,” Giuliani said in a statement. “It would have been done in any event, whether he was a candidate or not.” A day earlier, Giuliani

had told Fox News: “Imagine if that came out on October 15, 2016, in the middle of the last debate with Hillary Clinton.” Trump said Giuliani was “a great guy but he just started a day ago” on the defense team, and the former New York mayor was still “learning the subject matter.” Giuliani disclosed this week that Trump knew about the payment to Daniels made by Trump’s personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, and the president repaid Cohen. Giuliani insisted Trump didn’t know the specifics of Cohen’s arrangement with Daniels until recently, and he told “Fox & Friends” on Thursday that the president was unaware of all the details until “maybe 10 days ago.” Giuliani told The New York Times that Trump had repaid Cohen \$35,000 a month “out of his personal family account” after the campaign was over. He said Cohen received \$460,000 or \$470,000 in all for expenses related to Trump. While Giuliani suggested Trump knew something about the payments, even as a monthly retainer, Trump had told

reporters on Air Force One last month that he hadn’t known about a settlement with Daniels. Trump’s irritation was plain Friday when reporters reminded him of his previous denial. He blasted the media for focusing on “crap” stories such as the Daniels matter and the special counsel’s investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 election. The president claimed that “virtually everything” reported about the payments has been wrong. He declined to elaborate. It was the Trump team’s own missteps that yielded another day of headlines about Daniels. In his statement, Giuliani said his previous “references to timing were not describing my understanding of the president’s knowledge, but instead, my understanding of these matters.” He didn’t elaborate on that either. Giuliani’s statement correcting himself came just a day after he said, “You won’t see daylight between me and the president.” The about-face came amid concern in the White House that Giuliani’s comments could leave

the president legally vulnerable. Giuliani repeated his belief that the payment did not constitute a campaign finance violation. But legal experts have said the new information raises questions, including whether the money represented repayment of an undisclosed loan or could be seen as reimbursement for a campaign expenditure. Either could be legally problematic. The episode also revived worries in Trump’s inner circle about Giuliani, who enjoys the media limelight and has a tendency to go off script. He had been widely expected to join Trump’s administration but was passed over for secretary of state, the position he badly wanted. His whirlwind press tour this week bewildered West Wing aides, who were cut out of the decision-making process when Giuliani first revealed that Trump, who often boasts about signing his own checks, had some knowledge about the payment to Daniels. No debt to Cohen was listed on Trump’s personal financial disclosure form, which was certified on June 16, 2017.

Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, is seeking to be released from a nondisclosure deal she signed in the days before the 2016 election to keep her from talking about a 2006 sexual encounter she said she had with Trump. She has also filed defamation suits against Cohen and Trump. Her attorney, Michael Avenatti, tweeted Friday that “Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Trump are making it up as they go along.” He added: “How stupid do they think all of us are?” Trump is facing mounting legal threats from the Cohen-Daniels situation and the special counsel’s investigation of possible Russian coordination with the Trump presidential campaign. Cohen is facing a criminal investigation in New York, and FBI agents raided his home and office several weeks ago seeking records about the Daniels nondisclosure agreement. Trump has been playing down his relationship with Cohen but did acknowledge last week that Cohen represented him in the “crazy Stormy Daniels deal.”

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, May 6, the 126th day of 2018. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today in history

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German airship Hindenburg caught fire and crashed while attempting to dock at Lakehurst, New Jersey; 35 of the 97 people on board were killed along with a crewman on the ground.

On this date

In 1527, unpaid troops loyal to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V attacked Rome, forcing Pope Clement VII to flee to safety; some scholars mark the ensuing sack of the city as the end of the Renaissance in Italy.

In 1757, during the Seven Years’ War, Prussian troops under King Frederick II forced Austrian soldiers to retreat in the Battle of Prague. (Prussia then laid siege to Prague, but ultimately failed to take the city.)

In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Comedian Bob Hope did his first USO show before an audience of servicemen as he broadcast his radio program from March Field in Riverside, California.

In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 American and Filipino troops on Corregidor surrendered to Japanese forces.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3:59.4.

Five years ago: Kidnap-rape victims Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight, who went missing separately about a decade earlier while in their teens or early 20s, were rescued from a house just south of downtown Cleveland. (Their captor, Ariel Castro, hanged himself in prison in September 2013 at the beginning of a life sentence plus 1,000 years.)

Today’s birthdays

Baseball Hall of Famer Willie Mays is 87. Rock singer Bob Seger is 73. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 73. Actor Alan Dale is 71. Actor Ben Masters is 71. Actor Richard Cox is 70. Actor Gregg Henry is 66. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 65. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 63. Actress Julianne Phillips is 58. Actor-director George Clooney is 57. Model/TV personality Tiffany Coyne is 36.

Bible verse

“And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.” — 2 Chronicles 19:9. Many people of God need a dose of healthy respect for God. We must both love and revere Him. This is no contradiction. This is truth.

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their families” and noting that he signed a spending bill that included provisions to strengthen the federal background check system for gun purchases as well as add money to improve school safety. He also repeated his strong support for “letting highly trained teachers carry concealed weapons.” Trump’s speech in Dallas was his fourth consecutive appearance at the NRA’s annual convention. His gun comments were woven into a campaign-style speech that touched on the Russia probe, the 2016 campaign, his efforts in North Korea and Iran and his fight against illegal immigration. In strikingly personal criticism of members of Congress, he decried what he said were terribly weak immigration laws, declaring, “We have laws that were written by people that truly could not love our country.” While the president veered wildly off topic at times — speaking about entertainer

Kanye West’s recent support and former Secretary of State John Kerry’s bicycle accident three years ago — he repeatedly returned to the message of the day: his support for the Second Amendment. Trump said some political advisers had told him attending the NRA convention might be controversial, but, “You know what I said? ‘Bye, bye, gotta get on the plane.’” Trump has long enjoyed strong backing from the NRA, which spent about \$30 million in support of his presidential campaign. He was introduced by Vice President Mike Pence, who pointed to his own support for gun rights and accused the news media of failing to tell “the whole story” that “firearms in the hands of law-abiding citizens” make communities safer. One of the Parkland student survivors, David Hogg, criticized Trump’s appearance in advance. “It’s kind of hypocritical of him to go there after saying so many politicians bow to the NRA and are owned by them,” Hogg said. “It proves that his heart and his wallet are in the same place.” Back in February, Trump had

praised members of the gun lobby as “great patriots” but declared “that doesn’t mean we have to agree on everything. It doesn’t make sense that I have to wait until I’m 21 to get a handgun, but I can get this weapon at 18.” He was referring to the AR-15 the Parkland shooting suspect is accused of using. Those words rattled some Republicans in Congress and sparked hope among gun-control advocates that, unlike after previous mass shootings, tougher regulations might be enacted. But after expressing interest in increasing the minimum age to purchase an assault weapon to 21, Trump later declared there was “not much political support” for that. He then pushed off the issue of age restrictions by assigning it to a commission. Gabrielle Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who was shot outside a grocery store during a constituent gathering in 2011, said Trump had “allowed his presidency to be hijacked by gun lobbyists and campaign dollars.” She said Trump had “ignored the pleas of young people demanding safer gun laws.”

France slams Trump for NRA remarks on guns and Paris attacks

PARIS (AP) — France is sternly rejecting U.S. President Donald Trump’s argument that if Parisians had more guns they could have stopped the deadly 2015 extremist attacks on the French capital. French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian expressed his “firm disapproval” of Trump’s remarks and vigorously defended France’s gun controls. In a statement Saturday, Le Drian said gun violence statistics “do not lead us to reconsider France’s choice on this issue.” Gun violence death rates are much higher in the U.S. Le Drian continued: “Free circulation of weapons in society does not constitute a rampart against terrorist attacks, to the contrary, it can facilitate ... this type of attack.” Islamic State attackers killed 130 people in Paris’ Bataclan concert hall, cafes and the national stadium.

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faith,” Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said in a video posted on Twitter. While the May 12 deadline has been portrayed as a yes-or-no decision for Trump, it’s not that simple. Under a law passed by Congress, Trump has to determine periodically whether to continue waiving sanctions linked to transactions with Iran’s central bank. The 2015 deal required the U.S. to lift those sanctions. If they go back into effect, the U.S. will almost certainly be in violation of the agreement. One possible scenario is that Trump will declare he’s backing out of the deal and reimposes sanctions, but leaves time before those sanctions take effect. Such a grace period would put new pressure on European allies to make new concessions toward fixing

what the U.S. considers the deal’s biggest gaps. While Secretary of State Mike Pompeo hasn’t promised a grace period, he said at his Senate confirmation hearing in April that “even after May 12 there is still much diplomatic work to be done.” Trump’s long-term goal is a better deal, not conflict, said Michael Singh, managing director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and a former senior director for Middle East affairs under President George W. Bush. “Even if we were to try to reimpose sanctions and ramp up pressure, ultimately the object of doing so would be to get them to the negotiating table to agree to more far-reaching steps,” Singh said. For weeks, U.S. negotiators have been meeting with allies France, the U.K. and Germany to reach a consensus on side agreements responding to U.S. concerns. They say they’ve made progress on some elements but

haven’t agreed on the “sunset clauses” in the current deal - under which many of the key provisions expire in coming years and Iran is allowed to start enriching uranium to high levels again. Despite Iran’s insistence that it won’t negotiate a new agreement, the administration is betting that economic strains in the country, and the prospect of further isolation if the deal crumbles, will eventually force its leaders to the negotiating table. That’s viewed with intense by outsiders. They say Iran has no reason to agree to a tougher deal without concessions like those that led to the agreement, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, in the first place. As for a future deal, U.S. officials were encouraged by a four-point proposal offered by French President Emmanuel Macron last week that echoed many of their demands. But Macron has argued that any new

agreement be an add-on, not a replacement. In a call with Rouhani late last month, Macron and his Iranian counterpart agreed to work together to try to preserve the agreement. But Iran’s government website quoted Rouhani as saying Iran won’t accept any additional restrictions and the deal is “by no means negotiable.” At the same time, the European strategy appears to be to try to manage Trump — possibly with some sort of additional measures — while also coaxing Iran to stay in the nuclear deal as long as possible, perhaps until after 2020 when the U.S. may have a new president.

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ODD NEWS

Splashing near mating manatees puts Florida man in hot water

STOCK ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — A man who allegedly slapped the water near a group of mating manatees has found himself being slapped with a harassment charge. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission report identifies the culprit as Luis Miguel Perez, a 49-year-old fisherman in the Key West chain. The Miami Herald reports that Officer Glen Way used his phone to record the fisherman. It’s illegal to poke, prod, pursue or feed manatees in Florida, and that includes giving them fresh water, splashing or making excessive noise. Mary Stella with the Dolphin Research Center says harassment is defined as “anything that alters the animal’s natural behavior.” According to Monday’s arrest report, there were 16 manatees in the group. The fisherman was charged with a second-degree misdemeanor. It’s unclear whether he has a lawyer.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

Hamas: 6 militants killed in blast, media says accident

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The militant Islamic group Hamas that rules Gaza says six of its members have been killed in an explosion.

It says the blast occurred Saturday night in the central Gaza Strip.

Gaza media reported the explosion was a “work accident,” meaning the militants were killed when explosives they were dealing with went off.

Earlier, a group of Palestinians breached the border fence with Israel and briefly entered its territory.

It came a day after Palestinians staged a sixth weekly mass protest on the border.

The protests are part of a campaign organized by Hamas that is aimed in part at breaking a decade-old blockade imposed since Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007.

Since late March, 40 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli army fire.

Dutch police shoot, arrest man after 3 stabbed

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch police shot and arrested a man known for “confused behavior” after three people were stabbed Saturday in the center of The Hague.

Police imposed a wide perimeter around the scene close to the city’s main train station as the three victims were taken to the hospital.

The Hague police said the suspect was shot in the legs and was known for “confused behavior,” allaying fears that it might have been an extremist attack on a key day for the Dutch. He was being treated in a hospital and police said “at this moment, there are no indications that there is more at play.”

All across the Netherlands on Saturday over 1 million people congregated in cities and villages to remember the nation’s liberation from German occupation at the end of World War II.

Catalan separatists want to re-elect fugitive ex-leader

BERLIN (AP) — Lawmakers from Catalonia’s leading separatist party say they will try to re-elect fugitive former leader Carles Puigdemont as the president of the region despite the expected prohibition by Spanish courts.

Puigdemont met Saturday with members of his Together for Catalonia coalition in Berlin, where he is awaiting extradition to Spain on charges of rebellion and misuse of public funds in organizing an unauthorized referendum last year on Catalonia’s independence.

A coalition spokesman says they will try to elect Puigdemont by May 14. If a president is not sworn in by May 22 a new election will be triggered.

Separatist lawmakers laws Friday to allow Catalonia’s president to be sworn in without being present.

Spanish courts have blocked past efforts by Catalan separatists to continue their secession push.

9 found dead in back of truck in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities say nine men have been found murdered in the back of a small cargo truck in the southern state of Guerrero.

State prosecutors say in a statement that the men were apparently kidnapped Thursday and reported missing the following night.

The truck was discovered Saturday morning along a highway between the state capital, Chilpancingo, and the city of Tixtla.

Prosecutors say the men lived in Tixtla and Chilpancingo and used the vehicle to sell possibly ill-gotten food products.

Guerrero has one of the highest homicide rates of Mexico’s 31 states plus the capital district.

It is home to opium poppy plantations and splintered gangs at war with each other for control of the drug trade and extortion rackets.

Nearly 1600 reported arrested in Russian anti-Putin protests

By JIM HEINTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russians angered by the impending inauguration of Vladimir Putin to a new term as president protested Saturday in scores of cities across the country — and police responded by reportedly arresting nearly 1,600 of them.

Among those arrested was protest organizer Alexei Navalny, the anti-corruption campaigner who is Putin’s most prominent foe. Police seized Navalny by the arms and legs and carried the thrashing activist from Moscow’s Pushkin Square, where thousands were gathered for an unauthorized protest.

Police also used batons against protesters who chanted “Putin is a thief!” and “Russia will be free!”

Demonstrations under the slogan “He is not our czar” took place throughout the country, from Yakutsk in the far northeast to St. Petersburg and Kaliningrad on the fringes of Europe.

The protests demonstrated that Navalny’s opposition, although considered beleaguered by Russian officials and largely ignored by state-controlled television, has sizeable support in much of the country.

“I think that Putin isn’t worthy of leading this country. He has been doing it for 18 years and has done nothing good for it,” said Moscow demonstrator Dmitry Nikitenko. “He should leave for good.”



AP PHOTO

Protesters shout anti-government slogans holding small posters reading ‘Russia is us!’ and ‘I’m over it’ at a demonstration against President Vladimir Putin in Pushkin Square in Moscow, Russia, Saturday. Russians angered by the impending inauguration of Vladimir Putin to a new term as the country’s president demonstrated throughout the country on Saturday. Police arrested hundreds, including protest organizer Alexei Navalny, the anti-corruption campaigner who is Putin’s most prominent foe.

OVD-Info, an organization that monitors political repression, said late Saturday that 1,599 people had been detained at demonstrations in 26 Russian cities. It said 702 were arrested in Moscow alone, and another 232 in St. Petersburg.

Moscow police said about 300 people were detained in the capital, state news agencies said, and there was no official nationwide tally.

“Let my son go!” Iraida Nikolaeva screamed, running after police in Moscow when they detained her son. “He did not do anything! Are you a human or not? Do you live in Russia or not?”

Navalny was to be charged with disobeying police, an offense that carries a sentence of up to 15 days, news reports

said, though when he would face a judge was not immediately clear. Navalny has served several multi-week stretches in jail on similar charges.

In St. Petersburg, police blocked off a stretch of Nevsky Prospekt as a crowd of about 1,000 marched along the renowned avenue. Video showed some demonstrators being detained.

Putin is to be inaugurated for a new six-year term on Monday after winning re-election in March with 77 percent of the vote. Navalny had hoped to challenge him on the ballot but was blocked because of a felony conviction in a case that supporters regard as falsified in order to marginalize him.

In Washington, State Department

spokeswoman Heather Nauert criticized the actions of the Russian police.

“The United States condemns #Russia’s detention of hundreds of peaceful protesters and calls for their immediate release. Leaders who are secure in their own legitimacy don’t arrest their peaceful opponents for protesting,” she tweeted.

Navalny has called nationwide demonstrations several times in the past year, and their turnout has rattled the Kremlin.

Saturday’s protests attracted crowds of hundreds in cities that are far remote from Moscow, challenging authorities’ contention that Navalny and other opposition figures appeal only to a small, largely urban elite.

US ambassador to Mexico departs, ends 30-year State career

By PETER ORSI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — Washington’s ambassador to Mexico left the country Saturday for retirement after a 30-year career with the State Department, ending a two-year stint in the post during a time of tricky relations between the two countries.

The U.S. Embassy said in a statement that Roberta Jacobson and her husband departed Mexico on a commercial flight to the United States.

“Representing the #USA in Mexico was the job of my life. Thank you to this beautiful country and its people. I predict a prosperous future for Mexico,” Jacobson tweeted in Spanish.

“Today I believe even more in the strength of the Mexico-U.S. relationship,” she added.

Jacobson, who announced her retirement in March, previously served in a number of posts focused on the Americas, including assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs.

She was sworn in as the United States’ first female ambassador to Mexico on May 5, 2016, following a nearly yearlong delay in her Senate confirmation due to her role in representing the Obama administration in negotiations on restoring diplomatic with Cuba.

During her tenure in Mexico, relations with the United States

were often tense amid President Donald Trump’s tough stance on migration and trade and his vows to build a border wall and force Mexico to pay for it, something that President Enrique Pena Nieto’s government has forcefully rejected.

However the ambassador was seen as well-liked by Mexicans, and observers credit her with steering clear of the noise coming from both sides and quietly focusing on what could be achieved in the bilateral relationship.

Jacobson was also known for speaking out on issues close to her, such as violence against women and killings of journalists in the country.

She marched twice in Mexico City’s Pride Parade, and last September she accompanied U.S. rescuers who came to the capital to assist in searching for victims of a deadly earthquake.

The U.S. Embassy posted a video montage on YouTube showing Jacobson traveling around Mexico with family, trying on a “lucha libre” wrestling mask, speaking with young Mexicans, posing with actor Diego Luna and ceremonially breaking ground this year on a nearly \$1 billion embassy complex under construction.

“My time in Mexico was brief,” she acknowledged in the video, promising to return as soon as possible: “This is not a goodbye, but rather until the next time.”

Rescue workers in Poland located 3rd coal miner, 4 missing

By MONIKA SCISLOWSKA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WARSAW, Poland — Rescuers have located a third miner out of seven who went missing after an earthquake struck a coal mine Saturday in southern Poland, a mining official said. Two were rescued earlier with non-life threatening injuries.

Daniel Ozon, head of the Jastrzebie Coal Company, said they can see the third miner and have contact with him, but they still need to reach him. Four miners have yet to be located.

More than 200 rescuers and support teams were working through the rubble and pumping air to the search area to find the missing miners, Ozon said.

The rescue operation was launched at 11:25 a.m. Saturday after a tremor occurred at the Zofiwka coal mine, said Katarzyna Jablonska-Bajer of the coal company. The mine is located in the southern town of Jastrzebie-Zdroj near Poland’s border with the Czech Republic.

Jablonska-Bajer said four miners were quickly brought to the surface but contact was lost with seven others who were 2,950 feet underground, preparing a new corridor for extraction work.

Poland’s State Mining Authority said the tremor had a magnitude of 3.4, while the European Mediterranean



AP PHOTO

An ambulance arriving after a tremor at the Zofiwka coal mine in Jastrzebie-Zdroj in southern Poland, on Saturday. Seven miners went missing after the strongest ever tremor at the mine. Two of them were found hours later conscious but hurt, while rescuers continued their search for the other four missing miners.

Seismological Centre pegged it at 4.3. TVN24 said the quake was also felt on the surface and shook some houses.

“There has never been such a powerful quake at the mine,” Jablonska-Bajer said.

High methane levels in the mine delayed rescuers from trying to reach the accident site for several hours.

Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, who arrived at the mine Saturday night, said the rescuers were working non-stop and using the best equipment to reach the missing miners but they were running into blocks of rubble.

“We are doing everything to save the miners,” he told reporters.

Miners’ relatives gathered in front of the mine Saturday waiting for the latest information, while the families of the missing were brought

into the building.

Coal mining is a major industry in Poland. Coal remains the main source of energy and heating in the country but Poland is taking some steps to shift toward renewable, cleaner sources of energy.

The Main Statistical Office said some 65.8 million metric tons of coal were extracted last year in Poland, some 4.8 million tons less than in 2016.

Many of Poland’s mines are dangerous, with methane gas that has led to a number of deadly explosions and cave-ins.

So far this year, four miners have been killed at different coal mines, according to the State Mining Authority.

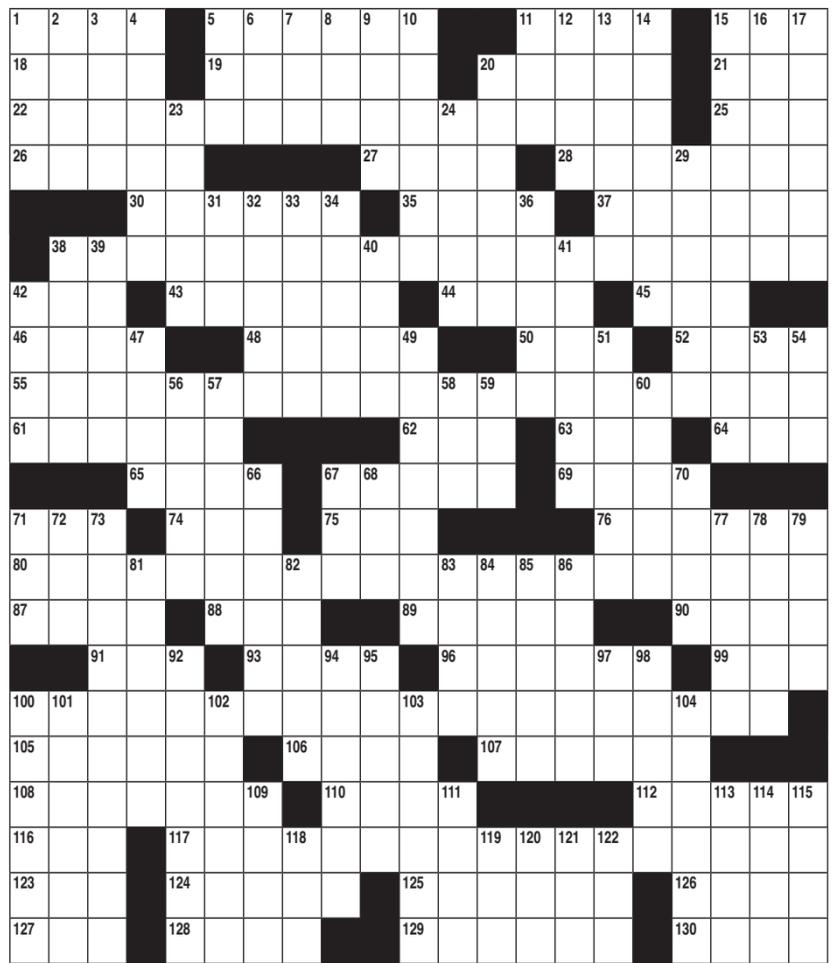
In 2016, eight miners were killed in a cave-in at the Rudna mine in Polkowice and methane explosions killed five miners at the Myslowice-Wesola mine in 2014.

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FOR ANSWERS, TURN TO PAGE 3

Ask the Fool

Defensive Investing

Q What's a "defensive" stock?
— R. C., Jacksonville, North Carolina

A It's stock in a company whose performance isn't very tied to the economy's movements. For example, people might put off buying refrigerators or cars during a recession, but they'll still buy groceries, socks, soap, gas, medicine, electricity and diapers. Food, tobacco, energy and pharmaceuticals are some defensive industries, seen as more stable than their "cyclical" counterparts, such as the homebuilding, steel, automobile and airline industries. You don't have to avoid cyclical industries, but know that they can move sharply in relationship to the economy.

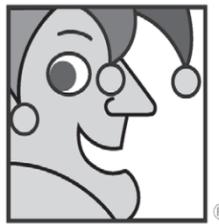
Q Can I match the performance of Warren Buffett's company, Berkshire Hathaway, by buying the same stocks it owns?
— M., Midland, Michigan

A Not at all. Many people mistakenly think of Warren Buffett's company as a kind of mutual fund, since it does own stock in a bunch of companies, such as Apple, American Express and Coca-Cola. We might buy or sell the same stocks that Buffett or his money managers do, but we can't do so at the same time, as their moves are only revealed via occasional required filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Also, Berkshire Hathaway is much more than a portfolio of stocks. It's a conglomerate with strong focuses on insurance and energy, and it encompasses dozens of entire companies, such as Forest River, GEICO, See's Candies, Fruit of the Loom, Benjamin Moore, Clayton Homes, Johns Manville, sneaker maker Brooks, boot maker Justin Brands, Dairy Queen, Pampered Chef and the BNSF railroad, among many others. You can't duplicate that.

Instead, you might just buy shares of Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-B) itself. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Berkshire Hathaway.)

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Fool's School

Consider ETFs

Many people haven't heard of exchange-traded funds (ETFs), but they're worth learning about, as they can serve investors very well.

An ETF is a lot like a mutual fund, but it trades like a stock. Many are based on indexes and, like index mutual funds, they will instantly have you invested in the securities that make up the index they track. Here are the ticker symbols for a few ETFs of major indexes: S&P 500 (SPY), Nasdaq 100 (QQQ), total U.S. stock market (VTI), total world stock (VT), Dow Jones Industrial Average (DIA), Russell 2000 (IWM) and Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond (AGG).

Like index mutual funds, ETFs are among the simplest and easiest investing strategies. If you want to manage some or all of your money passively (i.e., not studying and then buying and selling individual stocks), ETFs can provide significant advantages. For example, ETFs will often feature lower fees

than corresponding mutual funds, and they can be more tax-efficient, too, with less frequent trading than their mutual-fund counterparts.

While many mutual funds require minimum investments of \$1,000 or more, you can buy as little as a single share of an ETF through your brokerage account, with many costing \$100 to \$300 per share. Like stocks, ETFs can be shorted, optioned and margined. This isn't necessarily a good thing. Neither is the fact that since they can be easier and less expensive to invest in than mutual funds, some people jump in and out of them frequently. Doing so can eat up any cost benefit by racking up trading costs — and buying and selling any stocks or funds rapidly can also hurt your performance.

Before buying any ETF, read up on it to understand exactly what its holdings and fees are. To learn more about ETFs, click over to morningstar.com/etfs.html or visit fool.com and enter "ETF" in the search box. To see some ETFs (and mutual funds) we've recommended, try our "Rule Your Retirement" service at fool.com/services.

Name That Company

My name came about due to a 1929 merger of two aviation companies. One was founded by a guy who beat the Wright brothers at an international aviation meet in 1909. During World War I, that guy's company became the world's largest aircraft maker, employing thousands. Over the years I was influential in developing air-cooled engines, early flight simulators and innovative propeller designs. Today, based in Davidson, North Carolina, and with a market value near \$6 billion, I'm a global company, employing about 8,600 people and serving the commercial, industrial, defense and energy markets. Who am I?

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

My Dumbest Investment

A Quick Burn

My dumbest investment was buying shares of a technology-oriented mutual fund in my Roth IRA. They immediately took a nose dive, sharply falling in value. What should I do? Cash it all out and claim a loss on my taxes? — L.W., Elk Grove, California

The Fool Responds: That investment experience stings, but it might not be as bad as you think. Many stocks and industries can be quite volatile — and technology-oriented ones can be especially so. Many solid companies and mutual funds will head south for a while, and savvy investors should expect occasional downturns and be ready to be patient.

If you have faith in the mutual fund's managers or in the companies in which it's invested, you might want to hang on. If you don't, then it's best to cut your losses and move your money to investments in which you have more confidence.

That said, understand that IRA accounts work differently than regular brokerage accounts, and you don't realize taxable gains and losses in them. You can still buy and sell various holdings in them — and then cash out parts or all of the IRA in retirement. At that time, funds withdrawn from a traditional IRA will be taxable income to you, while Roth IRA withdrawals will be tax-free. Taking money out of an IRA early can lead to penalties — and taxes.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back about 150 years, to when John D. Rockefeller and others formed me. I've morphed from a domestic kerosene company to the world's largest publicly traded oil and gas company, doing everything from exploring, producing, refining and marketing fuels to manufacturing petrochemicals. In 1911, the Supreme Court found me to be a monopoly and ordered me to break up. My current name reflects a 1999 \$81 billion merger. I employ more than 19,000 scientists and engineers and produce 4 million net oil-equivalent barrels per day. I've invested more than \$8 billion in lower-emissions energy solutions. Who am I? (Answer: Exxon Mobil)



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The Motley Fool Take

Pfizer for Your Pportfolio?

Pfizer (NYSE: PFE) is arguably one of the best health care stocks to own right now. Besides sporting a mountain of cash and a top-notch shareholder-rewards program, the company has developed one of the richest oncology pipelines in the business. The drugmaker's PD-L1 inhibitor avelumab — brand name Bavencio — that it co-develops with Merck KGaA, tends to grab the headlines, but Pfizer also has an earlier-stage oncology pipeline that's home to a slew of high-value experimental drugs and biologic therapies. Over the next decade, these under-the-radar drug candidates could very well transform Pfizer into a top dog in oncology.

Meanwhile, the company is looking to sell or spin off its consumer health care unit. By shedding this business, Pfizer should have yet another significant source of funds with which to boost merger-and-acquisition activity and shareholder rewards. The company's dividend payout recently yielded 3.7 percent, with more room to grow.

Between 2017 and 2022, the company thinks it can win approval for as many as 15 new drugs or new indications for existing drugs with blockbuster potential.

With its robust clinical pipeline and exceptionally strong balance sheet, Pfizer is worth considering for a berth in your long-term portfolio.

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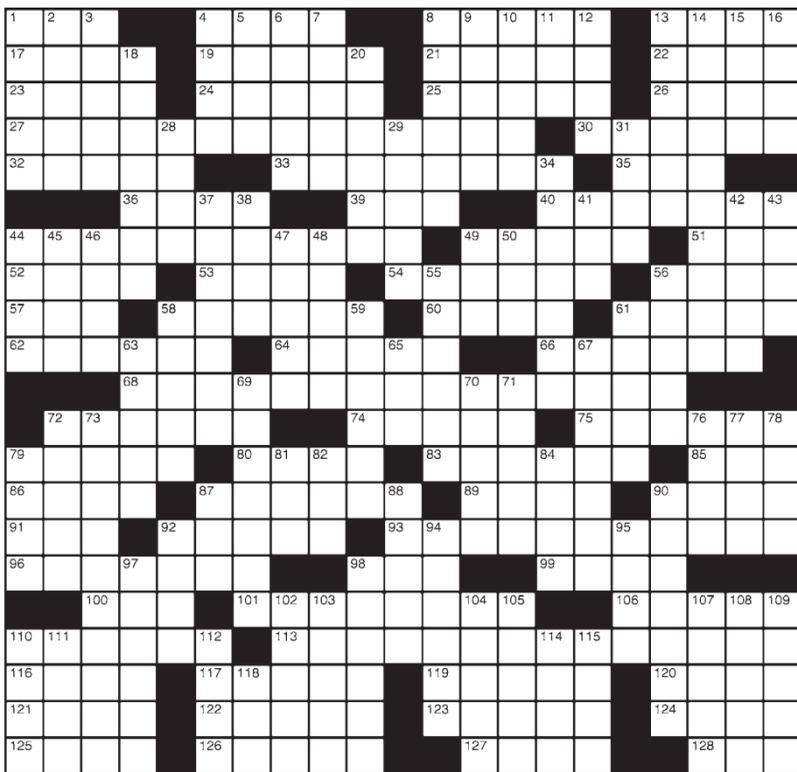
WHERE HAVE YOU GONE?

By Pam Amick Klawitter

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hogwarts' Mrs. Norris is one
 - 4 Long-dist. threat
 - 8 Night vision?
 - 13 Bed covering
 - 17 Wearer of hot pants?
 - 19 Milhous : Nixon :: ___ : Garfield
 - 21 Goosebump-inducing
 - 22 Big wind
 - 23 One of the British?
 - 24 Progressive rival
 - 25 Common sights on Roman roads
 - 26 Louisiana, par exemple
 - 27 Soil expert's observations?
 - 30 Fully enjoys
 - 32 Alaska's ___ Peninsula
 - 33 Kid's backyard apparatus
 - 35 "What's the ___?"
 - 36 Pixar clownfish
 - 39 Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
 - 40 Tiny shape-shifters
 - 44 Contest where anglers compete while jogging on the shore?
 - 49 Musical array
 - 51 Tokyo sash
 - 52 Debtor's list
 - 53 Highlands group
 - 54 Sumatran swingers
 - 56 It might be square
 - 57 Sudoku box fillers: Abbr.
 - 58 Tennis garb
 - 60 Penetrating wind
 - 61 Steffi's tennis-playing spouse
 - 62 In the know
 - 64 Show eager anticipation
 - 66 In vogue, with "the"
 - 68 Where all the Aberdeen lads get together?
 - 72 Logo on many sneakers
 - 74 ___ roll
 - 75 Prepare to ride, in a way
 - 79 Coral Sea sight
 - 80 She plays Hermione in "Harry Potter" films
 - 83 Big-headed club
 - 85 Rocket end?
 - 86 Spanish muralist
 - 87 Vegas table
 - 89 It feels like forever
 - 90 IRS enforcers
 - 91 "Mansplain" was added to it in Jan. 2018
 - 92 Reward units
 - 93 Knee-socks, essentially
 - 96 Jupiter's locale
 - 98 Bad in Barcelona
 - 99 Boring
 - 100 Wide companion
 - 101 Cafés and such
 - 106 K, to Kay
 - 110 Tried to sink, maybe
 - 113 Adventurous Centennial State motto?
 - 116 Greek love god
 - 117 All together
 - 119 "That's really spiffy!"
 - 120 Long journey
 - 121 ___ noire
 - 122 Barbie's original bestie
 - 123 Rx
 - 124 Ward of "Sisters"
 - 125 Spa sounds
 - 126 ___ corps
 - 127 Detective Dick's love
 - 128 King of Spain
- DOWN**
- 1 Select from a menu, with "on"
 - 2 Divider of rows
 - 3 Prey grabber
 - 4 Scheming Shakespearean soldier
 - 5 Trucker, often
 - 6 Overflows (with)
 - 7 Rain forest parrot
 - 8 Clears of condensation
 - 9 Bit attachments
 - 10 Clean the slate
 - 11 Island in the stream
 - 12 Barracks break
 - 13 Paul's "Ebony and Ivory" partner
 - 14 Like the studio forced to quit making 007 movies?
 - 15 Strong support
 - 16 Bodybuilder's pride
 - 18 Tiny stingers
 - 20 Formal proposal
 - 28 Feudal land
 - 29 Architect Jones
 - 31 Bothersome goings-on
 - 34 Ugli, for one
 - 37 Doctored drinks
 - 38 Nobel Institute city
 - 41 TV Drs. Isles and Quincy
 - 42 Pull the plug
 - 43 Web destination
 - 44 Barrett of S Club 7
 - 45 Outback bounders
 - 46 Force out of office
 - 47 Basic finish?
 - 48 Singer's cue
 - 49 You might pick one up in a bar
 - 50 See 95-Down
 - 55 Aviator ___ Garros, French Open stadium namesake
 - 56 Knock follower?
 - 58 Diner perch
 - 59 To make sure
 - 61 Shed ___
 - 63 Pipe fastener
 - 65 Eduardo's eye
 - 67 Storehouse
 - 69 Percussionist who worked with Prince
 - 70 Fable lesson
 - 71 Terse
 - 72 "___ Magnolias": 1989 film
 - 73 How some insects get their news?
 - 76 Floor model
 - 77 Popular jeans
 - 78 Seaside glider
 - 79 Beginning
 - 81 Fr. title
 - 82 Start to print?
 - 84 Altar exchange
 - 87 Top at Starbucks
 - 88 Glass fragment
 - 90 Stymies
 - 92 Muck partner
 - 94 "War of the Worlds" invaders
 - 95 With 50-Down, "Double Fantasy" artist
 - 97 Big name in pharaohs
 - 98 Wild fights
 - 102 Residence
 - 103 Ice bucket accessory
 - 104 Walking tall
 - 105 ___ tactic
 - 107 More valuable, in some cases
 - 108 One-named singer
 - 109 Wine from Hungary
 - 110 Portrayer of the first female Colonel Sanders, familiarly
 - 111 Geometry figure
 - 112 Needing a little more drying time
 - 114 Publisher Chandler
 - 115 Prunes
 - 118 Title for Elton

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GOREN BRIDGE

PERCENTAGES

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 9
 ♥ 6 5 4 2
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ A 2

WEST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ K Q J 10 8
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ Q J 10 9 5

EAST
 ♠ J 8 5 2
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 2
 ♣ 8 7 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 6 4 3
 ♥ A 9 7
 ♦ 8 5 4
 ♣ K 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣*	3♥**	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
	Pass	6♠	All pass

*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5
 **Spade fit, invitational or better

Opening lead: King of ♥

South showed a minimum with his three spade bid. When North started looking for slam anyway, South was happy to co-operate by cue bidding his ace of hearts. North-South were using Key Card Blackwood and South's five spade response showed

two "key cards," among the four aces and the king of trumps, plus the queen of trumps. The resulting slam contract was a good one, needing only to bring the spade suit in for five winners.

South won the opening heart lead with his ace and crossed to dummy with the ace of spades. The 10 of spades was led and the moment of truth had arrived. Should declarer take the finesse or try to drop the jack? The percentage play with this combination is to play for the spades to split 3-2. South, however, had some additional information.

West was known to be at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor, probably clubs. He had at most three cards in spades and diamonds and he had already shown up with a spade. North-South held a combined eight spades and seven diamonds, so there was a slight edge that West was more likely to have a singleton spade rather than a singleton diamond. Also, West might well have led a singleton diamond if he had one. That would have been the winning lead had East held either the ace of spades or the ace of diamonds. After long deliberation, South ran the 10 of spades and had his contract. Nice play!

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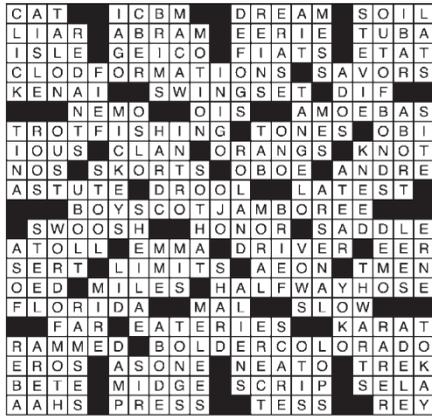
CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS FLOWER POWER 2 by Myles Mellor

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 H E T V K V J D H M X X T N K H D ? T K M J E L O D
 E V E S K D !
- N Y C T Y X H O R U X H V N Y Y H N T H G
 B H G R V N V R O H . Q H T P T R H W G , V Q H
 I N J H , B C T B C T H G : " N Y H U W F P U T F U C T
 V Q U C J Q V I ? "
- B J K O T N Y I D F K J N B O F D F Y J N , N L Y
 Z I Y N N S Z K J A S A K B Q N D N L Y Q K B A S ,
 " F S C Y K T N S , V Y V Y I Y F B J N N D C Y ! "
- N S Q S B O I U M I G K S B A N U S B S
 R S J J M W R M W J E O A I O T S R O T S . J E
 N E I Q S M J , J K S D K O G O W M G S O J E
 H O I I M W O J K M B G V O B J D - O
 H M I O W J B E V M N J

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

OFFEND IRONIC HOLLER
 NIBBLE GOTTEN CASINO

When the heating/cooling specialist taught his kids about the family business, it was —

"HEIR"
 CONDITIONING

- What did the glowing marigold say to the sunny rose? You had me at aloe!
- A purple violet appeared meditative. Her friend, the sage, murmured: "A peony for your thoughts?"
- In a cute romantic moment, the pretty pansy said to the daisy, "my beauty, we were mint to be!"
- Several wild herbs were getting into a blame game. To solve it, they had an idea to call in a third party- a cilantropist.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're trying to make things better. True, sometimes this starts with a complaint. The classy way is not to voice it. Ponder it a while instead. Observe more closely. Try to see into the heart of the issue.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If people are wondering what you're going to say, you're in a good position. You have their attention. You can check off the first step. And if what you say surprises, delights or intrigues them further, you're golden.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To be loyal is to be supportive when you agree and voice your opinion when you don't. If you were disloyal, you'd just leave. But instead, you speak your mind.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you know you're shooting for an unlikely outcome, it's great to have fun with the process. The more unlikely it is, the more fun you should have, otherwise what's in it for you?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You invest in your interactions. You want to get it right, but more than that, you want to make a connection — nothing weighty or weird, just enough to produce that spark that lets people know they are seen and important in this world.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way most people deal with noise is by making more noise. After all, one must be louder to be heard over the cacophony, right? Better yet, attempt a form of communication that definitely speaks beyond what sound waves can carry.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). For today, the best order of things will be the order in which they naturally need to happen. The best time to do things will be

when they are necessary. You don't need to fret, only to get building.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're doing quite a lot on your list, crossing things off, if not actually, then at least mentally. But why not actually? Until you write down this plan, it won't be official.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What is standing in the way of being able to guarantee an excellent outcome? Ponder how you might take dominion over or eliminate some of the factors that are out of your control.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the pond is muddy, you can't clear the water by stirring it. It's inaction that allows things to return to the clear. Sometimes you just have to wait for things to settle.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are actions and patterns that were fine for you in the past but you're not willing to repeat. Don't waste time judging who you were. Accept that you're on to something different, and enjoy yourself.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you had to choose either fear of failure or fear of fear, you'd choose the first one any day. Bottom line: Winners fail more times. Success depends on getting used to the fear of failure and doing the thing anyway.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). New freedoms abound! You've stopped agreeing to be who people want you to be. You have other plans. You're empowered to do it your way, explore and declare new preferences, and find your unique offering to the world. Instead of you doing all the bending and changing, the world will mold to what you present. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 18, 30, 22 and 17.

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 "Coquette" (1929) star (8) | _____ |
| 2 "Suspicion" (1941) star (8) | _____ |
| 3 "Anastasia" (1956) star (7) | _____ |
| 4 "Blue Sky" (1994) star (5) | _____ |
| 5 "Walk the Line" (2005) star (11) | _____ |
| 6 "La Vie en Rose" (2007) star (9) | _____ |
| 7 "Blue Jasmine" (2013) star (9) | _____ |

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| RGM | FORD | TT | ILLA | LAN |

Today's Answers: 1. PICKFORD 2. FONTAINE 3. BERGMAN 4. LANGE 5. WITHERSPON 6. COTILLARD 7. BLANCHETT

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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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			5	9		6		
	9	2		1				4

Rating: GOLD

Solution to 5/6/18

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

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DEAR ABBY

Dedicated churchgoer, married man seeks strength against lust

DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married man. I'm also a part of my church's worship team and at the church three times a week. Two ladies are active in the church almost as much as I am. Every time I'm there it's a good bet I'll see at least one of them.

I'm ashamed to admit this, but I have lustful feelings for them. I would never act on my feelings, but I would like to get rid of them.

Leaving the church is not an option. — EMBARRASSED IN KANSAS

DEAR EMBARRASSED: You seem like a very nice person. Lust is part of the human condition. It has been around since before the Old Testament was written. Instead of feeling guilty, perhaps it's time to accept that you are human.

Rather than quietly suffer embarrassment, it may help to discuss your feelings privately with your clergyperson. It won't be the first time he or she has heard something like this, trust me. Sometimes



Dear Abby

simply verbalizing uncomfortable feelings can make them diminish or go away entirely.

DEAR ABBY: A co-worker reached out to me and we started talking. He asked me on a date, and we've been official for about a month now. He's beyond amazing, but there's a problem. He can't express his feelings to me, or to anyone for that matter. He's very insecure because he used to be overweight.

He hasn't been in a relationship in forever. I know he's serious about us.

I'm slowly falling for him, and I want it to work out. Is there anything I can do to help him get comfortable with opening up to me? — FALLING FOR HIM

DEAR FALLING: Yes. Start by remembering the two of you have been "official" for only one MONTH, and relationships — like trust — have to evolve. Do not push him to make a commitment or declare his undying love. If you are patient, as your relationship develops, he may become more open about expressing his feelings to you. Give him time, and because workplace romances are sometimes frowned upon, give him space.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this year. What is typical or acceptable in preparing for the celebration?

We have a 48-year-old son who has NEVER remembered dates, especially our wedding anniversaries, so I don't expect that he'll plan anything in our honor. I love my wife so much I just can't let our 50th slide by without a celebration. Would it be appropriate for me to take the lead? I feel weird setting up a party to honor myself. — SAD IN COLORADO

DEAR SAD: It is not uncommon for couples to plan and host their own anniversary parties. If you would like to celebrate your 50th surrounded by friends and family, you are free to take the initiative and do so.

Or spend the money taking your bride on a cruise or other trip of a lifetime.

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HELOISE

Dear Readers: To maintain a clean and odor-free closet, first you must organize it well. Keep clothing off the floor. Declutter it frequently. Vacuum and dust it regularly. If you have a window in the closet or near it, open it to get a bit of fresh air flowing into or through the closet.

One other major hint: Never place stinky or dirty garments in the closet. Take these steps as well:

1. To help control smells inside your closet, hang a sock or two filled with activated charcoal, which you can purchase at a pet store. Or put out several bowls filled with baking soda.

2. If the closet has a musty smell that could be created by moisture, check closely to find the source. Then point a fan into the closet to dry it out or use a dehumidifier. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: My boys play baseball and proudly wear their team's caps, and my husband always puts on his



Hints from Heloise

favorite cap. They get so dirty. How can I get them clean? — Tammy from Texas

Dear Tammy: Yes, those sports caps get tons of use during the summer, and they do get dirty and sweaty. If you have wool or vintage caps, they should be taken to a dry cleaner, but here's how to clean cotton baseball caps:

Put the baseball caps on the top rack of the dishwasher, and wash them alone, without any dishes. Attach them with clothespins or use those special cap forms that can be placed inside the dishwasher. You also can clean the bill and cap by hand-washing with a mild liquid detergent. After

cleaning, allow the cap to air-dry. — Heloise

Dear Readers: When you are shopping at local supermarkets, always check the products you are purchasing to be sure that they are fresh and safe to buy. Stores provide product-dating labels. Pay attention to them. Here are some of the common labels and exactly what they mean.

— Sell by or pull date means that is the last day an item should be sold. After this, it should be removed from the grocery shelf.

— Expiration date is the last day that the items should be eaten.

— Freshness date indicates how long freshness is guaranteed. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: I purchased a big bag of onions, and now I need some new ideas on how to use them up. I know that you have a great hint for me. — Melissa from Kansas

Dear Melissa: Oh, I do. Make homemade fried onion rings, which are so yummy and crunchy. These will be good as an appetizer or with a burger. You can make them really quickly. Slice onions into rings. Use a prepared pancake mix as the batter. Follow directions that are on the package. Dip onion rings in the batter and then deep fry. — Heloise

Dear Readers: If you are setting up your first pantry or going to buy a lot of canned goods on sale, use these hints to make the canned goods last longer and stay fresher.

Do not store canned goods in the basement close to a furnace or steam pipes.

Never put canned goods in the garage or on a porch where the temperatures will be too hot or too cold. Fluctuating temperatures will negatively affect the quality of canned goods. So it's best that you store them in a pantry or cupboard that is away from the kitchen stove. — Heloise

KENKEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

3-		7+	6x
2÷	1		
	5+	2÷	
3		5+	

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CHALLENGING

1-	2÷	5-	6+
	2÷	3	10x
6+		2÷	5
	9+	3+	2÷
3÷		5-	4
	1	8+	2÷

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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.

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

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JUMBLE

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

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

EFDONF
LIBNEB
CROINI
NOTGET
ROLHEL
SOICAN

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Woman's gruesome roach-in-ear tale goes viral

By **TAMARA LUSH**
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ST. PETERSBURG — Those screams you hear?

They're the collective sounds of primal anguish after reading a Florida woman's account of waking up with a palmetto bug in her ear. (That's the polite name for a flying cockroach, for those of you not acquainted with the reviled Sunshine State insects.)

Katie Holley's gruesome experience happened in the early morning hours of April 14. Soon after, her sister-in-law — who works as an editor for Self Magazine — asked her to pen an essay. She did, in frightening, gut-churning detail that's made thousands of people across the nation wonder if they should sleep with earplugs.

"Never thought I'd be known for such a ridiculous thing lol," she tweeted to a reporter on Thursday. It should be



This undated photo selfie shows Katie Holley.

noted that Holley has an extremely positive attitude and healthy sense of humor about an episode that would send many into a spiral of anxiety, including this reporter.

"I need therapy for a lot of reasons, but this experience blows all of those other reasons out of the water," Holley wrote.

Holley, who is 29 and works as a sales and marketing manager in Melbourne on the state's east coast, has lived in Florida since 1995. Which means she's seen her fair share of palmetto bugs, which are brown, ubiquitous, and can grow to an inch-and-a-half long or more. It doesn't matter how clean your home is — it's almost a given that every building has one or more.

And they come out at night.

"When I woke up with this weird feeling, I didn't know what it was. But 30 seconds later, stumbling to the bathroom, I knew," she said. "I knew there was something in my ear."

(Dear Reader, just stop now if you're squeamish. Really.)

Holley's next several hours were the stuff of horror movies. She gingerly put a cotton swab in her ear and fished out two legs. Her husband "located the thickest part of the roach that was visible" and tried to extract it, to no avail.

(Seriously, it gets worse.)

The bug wriggled in her ear on the trip to the



KATIE HOLLEY VIA AP

This undated photo made available by Katie Holley shows the head of a cockroach. Holley woke up in the early morning hours of April 14, to feel something crawling in her ear. After trying to extract a cockroach that had lodged in her ear, Holley had to seek medical attention three times before the whole cockroach was removed. She later wrote about the horrific story in Self Magazine.

hospital.

"As the doctor administered the Lidocaine, the roach began to ... react. Feeling a roach in the throes of death, lodged in a very sensitive part of your body, is unlike anything I can adequately explain," she wrote.

A doctor removed three chunks — but that wasn't the end of the ordeal.

(You've been warned.)

Nine days later, Holley still had lingering discomfort and hearing loss, so she went to her family doctor.

"My physician proceeded to remove the leg and flush my ear again, only to examine it and see even more remnants. She ended up pulling out six more pieces of the roach's carcass — nine days after the incident took place."

(Deep breath.)

Here's the bad news.

"This may be upsetting to many people, but it's a pretty common thing," said Dr. David Wein, chief of emergency medicine at Tampa General Hospital, who added that the hospital gets a dozen or so cases a year. "There are probably not a lot of preventative things you can do. In Florida it's really hard, because we all have bugs in our house, no matter how many times you spray."

In fact, Holley said, she and her husband had hired an exterminator about a week before the incident.

"I think it's one of those freak things, unfortunately," she said. "It happened to me, so it's probably not going to happen to you."

HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

Police: Puerto Rican woman slain at Florida motel

KISSIMMEE (AP) — Authorities say a woman who fled Hurricane Maria's devastation in Puerto Rico has been slain at a Florida motel.

The Orlando Sentinel reports that Kissimmee Police said in a charging affidavit that 43-year-old Maria Santiago-Burgos was shot three times Thursday in front of her mother and two children.

Police say 38-year-old Leumas Moraza was held without bond on charges of domestic homicide and aggravated assault.

According to the police, Moraza and Santiago-Burgos were acquaintances who reconnected in January after she arrived in central Florida, where he lived.

Moraza moved in with Santiago-Burgos about a month ago. Police said he shot her during an argument.

Osceola County jail records didn't show whether Moraza had an attorney.

Young otter thrives after being rescued

ORANGE PARK (AP) — A bewildered and frightened baby otter that took refuge in a Florida woman's garage is thriving.

The Florida Times-Union reported Friday that Daisy had taken refuge in the garage of the Orange Park woman who called Clay County Animal Service for help.

Clay Humane veterinarian Kali Gennette says Daisy might not have survived if she hadn't been found. Daisy was dehydrated and undernourished. She also had a tiny cut to an ear and superficial scratches on her paws.

But Daisy perked up after being given fluids and diluted formula at the clinic and was transferred to the Wildlife Rescue Coalition of Northeast Florida. Daisy will be vaccinated as a precaution.

Police: Man electrocuted while adding camera to roof

ORMOND BEACH (AP) — Police say a Florida man was electrocuted while attaching a camera to a metal pole on the roof of a house.

In a Daytona Beach News-Journal report, Ormond Beach Police officials identified the victim as 58-year-old William Spear of Mount Dora.

Police said Spear was inspecting the roof Friday and attaching the camera to the pole when the pole touched some power lines. Spear was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Homeless man charged in Keys fire

BIG PINE KEY (AP) — Authorities say a homeless man has been arrested for starting a fire in a shopping cart that grew into a brush fire in the Florida Keys.

In a statement Saturday morning, Monroe County Sheriff's Office spokesman Adam Linhardt said 49-year-old Wynn Edgar Messenger was charged with malicious land burning and failure to control or report a dangerous fire.

Linhardt said the fire Friday night prompted evacuations on Big Pine Key before the flames were extinguished. He said Messenger admitted starting the fire in a shopping cart in the woods where he lives.

Messenger was held on \$10,000 bond.

Scientists say fossilized footprints tell tale of sloth hunt

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. — Researchers studying a trail of fossilized footprints on a remote New Mexico salt flat have determined the tracks tell the story of a group of Ice Age hunters stalking a giant sloth.

Park naturalist David Bustos says the series of tracks and adult and children's footprints found at White Sands National Monument shows someone followed a now-extinct giant ground sloth, purposely stepping in their tracks as they did so.

The team studying the fossil prints detailed its findings in the latest edition of the journal Science Advances, the Las Cruces Sun-News reports. The publication has drawn attention to

White Sands — home to the world's largest field of white gypsum sand dunes — as members of New Mexico's congressional delegation push to raise the monument's profile by turning it into a national park.

White Sands contains a sizeable collection of fossilized tracks, including saber-toothed cats and woolly mammoths.

It's unclear why ancient humans would have stalked the sloth, said team member Matthew Bennett, a professor of environmental and geographical sciences at Bournemouth University in England. The creature — at 7 to 8 feet tall with long arms and sharp claws — had a distinct advantage in close-quarter encounters.

"Adolescent exuberance? Possible but unlikely," Bennett said.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VIA AP

This undated photo provided by the National Park Service shows a human print inside a large sloth track at the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico. Researchers studying a trail of fossilized footprints on the New Mexico salt flat have determined the tracks tell the story of a group of Ice Age hunters stalking a giant sloth.

"We see interesting circles of sloth tracks in these stalked trackways which we call 'flailing circles.' These record the rise of the sloth on its hind legs and the swing of its forelegs presumably in a defensive motion."

But scientists said there are more human tracks a safe distance away, telling them this was a community action.

Bennett believes the tracks show the sloth was turning and swinging at the stalker. "We also see human tracks on tiptoes approach these circles; was this someone approaching with stealth to deliver a killer blow while the sloth was being distracted? We believe so," Bennett said.

There is a great deal more to learn in the years to come, such as when this episode of hunters and hunted took place, said team member Vince Santucci, the National Park Service's senior paleontologist.

The Ice Age ended about 11,700 years ago, and the fossil record of ground sloths indicates they were extinct by this time. At White Sands, the scientists used an approach called relative dating to estimate a minimum age for the fossils.

"Since the footprints are contemporaneous with animals that died out by the end of the Pleistocene, relative dating tells us those footprints are at least 11,700 years old, or older," Santucci said.

McCain gets visits from friends, family after surgery

By **LAURIE KELLMAN, ALAN FRAM and BOB CHRISTIE**

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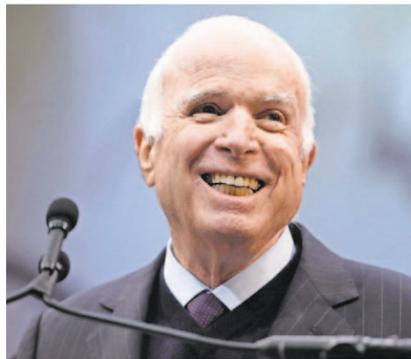
WASHINGTON — A frail Sen. John McCain has been receiving a stream of visitors and good wishes at his Arizona ranch as he confronts the aftermath of brain cancer treatment and surgery.

Former Vice President Joe Biden sat with McCain for 90 minutes last Sunday, according to people close to both men. Biden followed McCain's closest friends, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and retired Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, who visited McCain at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix two weeks ago. McCain's daughter, Meghan, tweeted Friday that she was heading to her father's side.

"Going home to Arizona to be with my family," she tweeted. "Thank you all again for your prayers, patience, understanding and compassion during this time. It means the world to me and my entire family."

McCain, 81, had hoped to return to the Senate, where he's served since 1987. He has been unable to do so after cancer treatment and surgery for an intestinal infection last month. Despite that, he's finished work on a new book being released May 22, "The Restless Wave." And he continued to advocate for a return to the days when partisans could disagree without demonizing each other.

"I'd like to see us recover our sense that we're more alike than different," McCain said in audio



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In this Oct. 16, 2017, file photo Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., receives the Liberty Medal from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

excerpts from his book reported by National Public Radio.

McCain has amplified his call for more civil politics since his diagnosis in July with glioblastoma. It is the same rare and aggressive brain cancer that felled his friend, Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy, at age 77 in 2009, and Biden's son Beau at 46 in 2015.

McCain hasn't been seen in public since December, just before he was hospitalized for a viral infection at Walter Reed National Medical Center in Maryland. He then returned home to Arizona to recover, do physical therapy and continue cancer treatment at the Mayo Clinic. On December 17, his office issued a news release saying he was looking forward to returning to Washington in January.

McCain did not return.

He has primarily been staying at his family retreat south of Sedona, Arizona, a sprawling and secluded ranch house along tree-lined Oak Creek where he loves to have family gatherings and barbecue for friends. His daughter, Meghan, was married there in November to Ben Domenech, publisher of

the online political and cultural magazine The Federalist. The senator has been known to lead nature tours featuring his extensive knowledge of dozens of species of birds on the property.

McCain's family and staff have kept news of his condition and treatment private, with his office routinely saying it has no new information to share. In mid-April, it was announced that he had been hospitalized for intestinal surgery needed to stem an infection related to diverticulitis, a condition where the colon develops small bulges that can sometimes become infected.

At week's end, McCain was recuperating, eating well and enjoying the ranch at full bloom, according to a person close to him.

The visits by Graham and Lieberman were confirmed to The Associated Press by people knowledgeable about the meetings, but who spoke on condition of anonymity to respect the family's privacy.

His wife, Cindy McCain, tweeted April 23 that he had been released from the hospital, but no official word came from his Senate office.



Lake front home in Hawk's Landing

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is located at 3007 Hawks Landing Circle in Sebring. It is priced for \$578,500 and is listed with The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Privacy abounds in this serene, wooded two acre lake front setting in the gated community of Hawks Landing Preserve. Decorative wrought iron fencing offers a secure area for pets while professional landscaping with specimen flowering plantings and fruit trees give the yard a peaceful tropical feel.

The wall of pocketing sliding glass doors in the living room allows for the ultimate view of the pool area, lake and outdoor features.

This home has two indoor living areas, both open to the kitchen for easy entertaining. The rooms feature high ceilings, built-ins, custom lighting and ceiling fans. Both are open to the lanai and have

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3007 Hawks Landing Circle, Sebring

From U.S. 27, turn onto Sparta Road. Turn right onto Schlosser Road. The Hawks Landing gated entrance is on the left. After entering through the gate, take the first right onto Hawks Landing Circle and follow around to next right. The home is on the left.

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The kitchen offers generous cabinets with pull-out shelves, Thermador gas stove, built in microwave, two wall ovens, Corian counter tops and butler's pantry. The large breakfast bar has room for

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Lovely home in Tomoka Heights

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This home is at 118 Brentwood Drive North in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$187,900 and is listed with Laura Shirley with Re/Max Realty Plus II in Lake Placid.

This totally updated home in the beautiful community of Tomoka Heights, a 55-plus gated residential community, is gorgeous. The home has had the kitchen completely replaced with wood cabinets and granite counter tops.

The roof was replaced in 2016 and the HVAC was replaced approximately in 2011 and it has been completely replumbed. The windows throughout the home were replaced and it is very energy efficient.

You will say "wow" when you walk through the front door of this home. The open floor plan has wonderful views of the great room and family room. There is gorgeous bamboo flooring in the great

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DIRECTIONS

118 Brentwood Drive North in Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto Tomoka Boulevard North, just north of Florida Hospital Lake Placid. Turn left onto Brentwood Drive North. The home is on the right.

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7 decorating mistakes everyone makes in their living room

By **GABRIELLE SAVOIE**
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When entering a meticulously designed living room, we feel it right away: the perfect proportions giving the space a certain grandeur, the plush seating drawing us in, each well-appointed seat suggesting long lazy afternoons spent without having to leave the living room... Just like a beautifully directed movie, a well-decorated living room is at once engaging and impressive, but it's also familiar and safe. Trying to replicate this attention to detail in our own homes, though, is another challenge. As much as we try to replicate the feelings we've experienced in certain rooms (that we've visited and loved), there's usually something that's just off.

Interior designers spend their lives studying the little details that make a room perfect. And sometimes, what is wrong in our own living rooms can be as simple as a painting hung too high or a lack of eye-level lamps. To shed some light on the most common living room decorating mistakes that may be plaguing our spaces, we asked a stylist, an interior designer and a residential architect to share the decorating mistakes they frequently notice in living rooms everywhere. The living room of your dreams may not be so out of reach — simply fix these mistakes, and then enjoy your new and improved space.

MISTAKE 1: SELECTING THE WRONG SOFA

Designers agree: A great living room starts with a great sofa. "So often I come into a house and the owners have good taste, but they already have a sofa that they want to work with," explains stylist and TV host Emily Henderson. "They don't want to replace it because it's not that old and they don't mind it. I've had to break the news over and over that with a sofa like that, they would never get the room they want," says Henderson.

David John Dick of DISC Interiors agrees, "We hear time and time again from our clients how the sofa they purchased in the past was not comfortable or was too big (or too small) for the room. In living rooms, a good sofa is key to comfort, but it's also central to how a room feels and looks. Our tip for getting it right is to pay attention to sofa seat height (a low seat is hard to get in and out of) and to draw a furniture floor plan before purchasing. Buying on impulse is great for accessories and side tables, but never for a sofa, as it can be a very costly mistake."

"To avoid choosing the wrong sofa, stick to something simple," adds Henderson. "No one loves a simple sofa more than me because they are so easy to style." She recommends paying particular attention to the quality of the fabric and the timelessness of the shape. Henderson recommends staying away from overly ornate details like curved legs, winged arms, tufts, and nailheads.

MISTAKE 2: FALLING INTO THE SHOWROOM LOOK

Another mistake that plagues living rooms everywhere, according to



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A great living room starts with a great sofa.

New York-based architect Elizabeth Roberts, is the "showroom feel." (In other words, a room that looks like it's all been purchased from the same store.) "It's important to us to mix new and vintage elements in order to create an interesting, eclectic, and individualized room," she says. DISC Interiors agrees: "We love the patina of vintage furniture, especially paired with modern upholstery."

To avoid feeling like you're in a store, Roberts also recommends leaving adequate room in the budget for lighting, textiles, and accessories after large items are selected. "The small pieces are what add personality," says Roberts. "We also prefer to light the living room with low lighting instead of overhead light. Floor lamps and table lamps are best for living rooms," she says.

MISTAKE 3: BUYING A RUG THAT'S TOO SMALL

For Henderson, one of the main offenders in living room decorating is the poorly sized rug. "America has been suffering for too long from 'small rug' syndrome," she says. "I see it virtually every day, and it pains me — especially when it can be so easily avoided." Huge rugs can be expensive and can feel like such a scary commitment, but according to the stylist, it's one of the most important aspects of a room.

"Living rooms almost always need at least an 8-by-10-foot (if not a 9-by-12-foot) rug. Unless you have a tiny living room, stay away from anything under 6-by-9-feet. A 4-by-6-foot rug might be fine next to a bed, in a kitchen, or in an entrance, but it will assuredly not work in your living room," advises Henderson.

MISTAKE 4: POORLY PLANNING YOUR LAYOUT

While it may be tempting to push a sofa against a wall facing the TV stand and call it a day, Roberts reminds us that there is more involved in planning a great living room layout. "It's important to consider and create conversation groupings, especially if the room is long and narrow like many townhouses and lofts," she says.

"It's also very important to consider views



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from major seating elements. In a large open room, it's nice to be able to sit on a favorite piece while addressing the rest of the room. In a small room, it's important to consider necessary window views. In a room with a fireplace, it's often difficult to know where to put the TV — large TV cabinets are cumbersome and don't fool many. My favorite solution is a projector that projects onto the white wall above the mantel," says Roberts.

MISTAKE 5: HANGING ART INCORRECTLY

"Art hung the wrong way on a wall is like a character in a movie wearing a really bad wig," Henderson says, "it's just kinda hard not to see it, and you wish so bad you could just rip it off, knowing that everything would be so much better without it. It doesn't ruin your experience, but it's just terribly distracting."

While some agree that art should be hung at eye level, the stylist stresses that this doesn't apply in every case. "Yes, the art should be at eye level, but not if your ceilings are really low and not if

you are really tall," she says. "If the wall were cut up vertically into four sections (going from bottom to top), think of the art being in the third quadrant (counting from the floor)," says Henderson.

MISTAKE 6: MAKING IT TOO PRECIOUS TO LIVE IN

While the days of unused "sitting rooms" and plastic-wrapped furniture are long gone, Roberts still insists on paying special attention to making your living room fits the conveniences of everyday living. "Select textiles and rugs that can take the wear and tear of everyday living," she recommends.

Roberts says, "There are some great outdoor fabrics that we're using indoors that dogs and kids cannot destroy. It's important to select rugs that will wear well. Beware of the seductive silk rug. Wool is a much better rug for a family. Make sure that there's adequate storage in the living room to contain all of the items that we like to have around: toys (if you have children),

books, remotes, and a junk drawer. It's always helpful!"

MISTAKE 7: NOT MIXING PERIODS AND STYLES

Dick says, "Often times people feel boxed in and limited by the architecture of their home and select furniture based on the home's architecture and time period. Our solution is to mix furniture styles with the style of architecture." In one Georgia home, the design firm merged contemporary furniture with traditional crown molding,

Moroccan antique rugs, African beaded benches, and contemporary art. "We love to recover and rework vintage pieces and mix them with custom sofas so the living room feels timeless and approachable," he adds.

Roberts has one indispensable trick for combining periods and styles: "When mixing new and vintage elements, pay attention to furniture heights, as traditional furniture is typically higher than modern pieces."

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US key mortgage rate declines slightly to 4.55 percent

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The key long-term U.S. mortgage rate declined slightly this week, after a steady rise for most of April that pushed the rate to its highest level in more than four years.

With the spring buying season underway, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages slipped to 4.55 percent from 4.58 percent last week. By contrast, the benchmark rate averaged 4.02 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans ticked up to 4.03 percent from 4.02 percent last week.

Despite higher borrowing costs and home prices, demand for home purchases has grown in the spring buying season as the economic outlook has continued to improve



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In this April 23 file photo, a sold sign is displayed the front yard of this gated home in Jackson, Miss. On Thursday, May 3, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

and bolstered consumer confidence.

First-time homebuyers accounted for 46 percent of mortgage loans taken out from January through April, up from 43 percent in the first four months of last year, according to Freddie Mac's data.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. The fees on 30-year and 15-year fixed-rate mortgages were unchanged from last week at 0.5 point and 0.4 point, respectively.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages fell to 3.69 percent from 3.74 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.3 percent.



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Black is a neutral color that can be easily used as either a main color or as accents in a space.

The do's and don'ts of using black in your decor

DESIGN RECIPES
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Black is back! It has long been a staple on the runway and is making a bold and sustained comeback in home decor.

Why black? Black is often considered to be a luxurious color that also blends well with other colors and can also serve as a great foundation color. In other words, black is a neutral color that can be easily used as either a main color or as accents in a space.

When looking to incorporate the color black into your home, here are some basic do's and don'ts.

DO

Consider the color black for some of your primary furnishings such as coffee tables, sofas or

chairs.

Consider using black as an accent wall color. It may be a bold choice, but paired with a contrast color such as white, it can be classic and timeless.

Incorporate black into your space through artwork.

Mix black with contrast colors such as white, taupe or light gray.

Experiment with materials such as velvet, faux fur or textured wallpaper.

DON'T

Blend different shades of black. Unlike other colors, the shade of black used should be consistent throughout a space. Otherwise the color may appear faded or worn.

Overdo it. Less is often more. Instead of having a room dominated by the color black, which can appear harsh or even

gloomy, consider using black as an accent.

Be afraid to use black in accent elements such as toss pillows, throws and even picture frames.

Mix black with darker shades of blue such as indigo. The colors tend to look similar and will prevent the black from standing out front and center.

Ignore finishes such as steel or dark metals as a way to use black, especially if your style is industrial chic.

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Undoing Dodd-Frank: Are portfolio lenders more cautious?

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was a congressional over-reaction to the financial crisis of 2008-9, and a process of amelioration is underway. Under the proposed Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act, introduced by Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, certain provisions of Dodd-Frank would not apply to mortgage lenders whose assets total less than \$10 billion — which includes most lenders — provided that the loans are retained by their originators rather than sold.

Documentation requirements prior to Dodd-Frank

In the decade prior to the financial crisis, documentation requirements evolved from full doc for every borrower to a range of requirements, from full doc to no doc. The less complete the documentation, the higher the price of the mortgage and the larger the required down payment and credit score. These three poles of the underwriting system were flexible in the sense that a good score on one could offset a poor score on another.

This sensible market-based system worked well until the housing bubble emerged in the early years of this century, when large numbers of borrowers elected less than full documentation so that they could exaggerate their incomes and purchase more costly houses. Many lenders accommodated them by relaxing their standards and reducing their surveillance. When the bubble burst in 2006, mortgage defaults and foreclosures rose to levels not seen since the 1930s.

The Dodd-Frank Response

Dodd-Frank introduced the concept of "qualified mortgages," which were mortgages that carried low-risk features and provided the lenders making them a "safe harbor" from potential liability if things went wrong. Qualified mortgages could not have

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interest-only or negative amortization features, for example, and had to be fully documented. Full documentation, furthermore, was an absolute requirement in the sense that weak documentation could not be offset by good credit or a large down payment.

A major consequence of this rigid rule on documentation is that lenders who offer only qualified loans reject self-employed loan applicants who cannot document their income adequately. Such applicants are rejected even if their credit is pristine and they are putting 20 percent down or more.

Proposal to relax the rule

Under the proposed legislation, applicable to lenders with less than \$10 billion of assets, qualified mortgages retain most of the required low-risk features stipulated in Dodd-Frank, but full documentation is no longer required. As I read it, these lenders will once again be able to adjust their documentation requirements to other features of the transaction.

In my view, this elimination of excessive rigidity in documentation rules is as it should be, but excluding the largest lenders makes no sense. The rationale, if there is one, seems to be that relaxing the documentation rule allows firms to take more risk, and since the failure of a very large lender is a systemic threat while the failure of a small firm is not, the privilege should not be granted to the very largest firms.

The fallacy of that argument is that firms viewed as systemically important are subject to special regulatory oversight by the Federal Reserve, the focus of which is their overall risk exposure. The Fed does not need Congress making risk-based rules for specific parts of a lender's portfolio.

Limitation on mortgage sales

The other unwarranted restriction in the proposed legislation is that the lenders who take advantage of the more flexible documentation requirements lose the safe harbor if they sell the mortgage. The premise underlying this restriction is that lenders who retain loans in their portfolios will exercise greater prudence in assessing the qualifications of borrowers because they take the loss when borrowers default, rather than passing it along to those who buy the mortgage.

It is true that virtually all the sub-prime mortgages originated during the go-go years preceding the financial crisis were securitized. Default-imposed losses were borne by the security holders, and by originators who were caught with unsaleable loans when markets collapsed. But portfolio lenders who retained the mortgages they originated also suffered major losses on loans they later regretted having made. The most toxic of all the mortgages that prospered during the go-go years, the option ARM that allowed negative amortization, was a portfolio product that was retained by the firm that originated them.

The correct lesson from that recent history is that market euphoria arising from persistent increases in home prices affects permanent and temporary lenders in the same way. They read the same news and attend the same conventions. In a normal market, there is zero reason to believe that the standards imposed by those who buy mortgages from originators are any less strict than those who originate for their own portfolios.

Conclusion: A regulation that makes a mortgage less valuable if it is sold is a step in the wrong direction.

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6 ways curves can create balance and intrigue in home decor

By LINDA ZOFFER
NEWS & OBSERVER

Humans are naturally drawn to curves. They represent our own bodies and give us a sense of comfort and security. But people don't generally think about curves when it comes to pulling a room together.

At the heart of all design are the concepts of space, line, form (derived from line), light, color, texture and pattern. A comfortable and balanced space has a sense of harmony, contrast and unity.

And what form is often lacking? The curve.

If you're ready to take the plunge or at least think about your spaces in a curvy new way, here are a few ideas to reflect on.

1. THEY CAN BE WELCOMING

Even in a commercial space, curves can make a small office lobby more interesting and friendly. A curved sofa, round chandelier and curved desk soften the hard and grid-like patterned tiled floor and serve as a counterpoint to the drama of the dark walls washed by recessed lights.

When welcoming visitors, whether into a reception area in an office or in our home, people should be able to sit down and feel at ease.

The curving arms of a side chair play off of stripes, and relaxed, slightly metallic window drapes break up a longer wall.

2. THEY SOOTHE THE SENSES

Think about using textures and of course, curves, in ways that don't



METRO CREATIVE IMAGES

People don't generally think about curves when it comes to pulling a room together.

ordinarily leap into the forefront of your mind.

Soft and hard finishes, grass wallpaper, natural materials and the fun of striped fabric can give a room a "comfy" feel.

3. HARMONIOUS PLACEMENT

Use round objects with linear ones. Strong horizontal lines are balanced by curves.

4. STRIKING A BALANCE

If you're planning any

construction, consider ways to add some really spectacular curve into your space.

Even wood can be turned from straight to curved.

5. SURPRISE THE EYE
Kitchens are another place where curves can be incorporated but are often overlooked. These are rooms filled with those strong horizontal lines.

6. MOVE THE EYE
If you've been lucky enough to inherit some furniture that you actually like and it's curvy, that can be the springboard for curves in a room.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The paved lanai is expansive and boasts a generously sized covered area as well as a heated pool and spa and summer kitchen.

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a fabulous view of the pool and lake beyond.

The kitchen is truly a chef's dream with its new upgraded stainless steel appliances including a five-burner gas stove, separate microwave and convection ovens, cherry cabinets, upgraded granite, a wet bar with sink and mini fridge and breakfast bar. There is a spacious breakfast nook for casual dining as well as a dining room with a beautiful chandelier for more formal entertaining.

The paved lanai is expansive and boasts a generously sized covered area as well as a heated pool and spa. The summer kitchen is perfect for outdoor entertaining. The view is fantastic overlooking the rear fenced yard and lake. A boat or jet ski can be launched from the dock.

The owner's retreat has sliding glass doors to the lanai and boasts two walk-in closets with California Closet Systems. The spa-like bath features his-and-her vanities, a private water closet with bidet, a tankless water heater, a fantastic glassed shower enclosure and jetted tub. The shower and tub are surrounded by a private garden atrium.

Adjacent to the owner's retreat is a large office with built-in book shelves. Three more bedrooms and two baths adjoin a second large privacy garden. A powder room works as both a guest bath and opens to the pool area.

Additional features of the home include 20-foot ceilings in the living area, double tray ceilings with accent paint, abundance of recessed lighting, marble flooring throughout, fireplace with marble accents and adjoining built-in cabinets with heavy glass shelving, laundry room with abundant

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several bar stools, plus a breakfast room.

The family room, and breakfast room, have sliding glass doors opening onto the spacious lanai and pool, and overlooks the golf course. This side of the home offers a pool table area off the kitchen, storage area and second laundry room.

A spacious guest bedroom suite is off the family room, with a large walk-in closet and other storage.

The bathroom has a walk-in shower, bathtub, large vanity and glass sliding doors out to the pool. This would make a perfect mother-in-law suite.

The master bedroom suite is 22 by 18 with a built-in wall unit with a fireplace, large walk-in closet and a spa bathroom. The walk-in shower is spacious and the jetted tub is great for soaking. This is a private suite located to the right of the formal living at the south end of the home.

The lanai has a large hot tub and the pool table stays with the home. The two bedrooms are both 21 by 17 and have their own private bath.

This home offers five bedrooms, five baths, and office and two laundry rooms. One bedroom is being used as a movie room now. The split floor plan of this home offers three bedrooms and three baths on the south side of the formal living room and the north side has the office, movie room/bedroom, guest bedroom suite, kitchen, breakfast room, family



COURTESY PHOTO

French doors open onto a spacious lanai and pool area, which has a built-in grill and bar for entertaining and overlooks the golf course.



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COURTESY PHOTO

The home has gorgeous bamboo flooring in the great room, dining room and bedrooms with tile in the other areas.

SHIRLEY

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room, dining room and bedrooms with tile in the other areas. Beautiful windows are in the family room, breakfast nook and kitchen, which allows for tons of natural light, bringing the outdoors indoors.

This is a two-bedroom, two-bath split floor plan home, but there is a bonus room through the garage under air, which would be perfect as an additional guest room/office/hobby room or "man cave." This home is spotless and shows like a dream.

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The other day my niece texted me: "Aunt Mary Carol, I'm having a debate with a friend, and we need your help to decide who is right. Is brass back in style?" There was a bottle of wine at stake, so I couldn't let her down. "Yes, brass is back in!" I assured her. Her swift reply: "You just won me a bottle of Prosecco. Only AWESOME aunts win their nieces booze!"

Friends and customers continue to be shocked by this fact as well. After the shiny brass craze of the '80s, brass fell out of favor for a while, relinquishing its crown to silver. But brass is roaring back into designers' plans and onto store shelves. Today's look is oil-rubbed brass, with has the warmth and luster of brass, but not the high luster.

Can I tell you a secret? Brass never went out of style in my heart, or in

my home. I'm still crazy about warm metals, like brass and gold. It's a mainstay in my cottage, and always will be. The photo above is of the quirky chandelier that hangs in my stairwell, leading down to the lower level. It's just right in a soft brass finish. In fact, all the photos in today's blog are of my cottage, which is full of heart-melting warm metals.

When we were renovating our little cottage, and it was time to pick out fixtures, I asked for oil-rubbed brass faucets in my kitchen and bath. He was shocked. Everyone else was committed to silver at the time. But I liked the aged appearance of oil-rubbed brass, and I knew it would contribute to the look I was trying to create in the cottage, that of a house that had been here for decades.

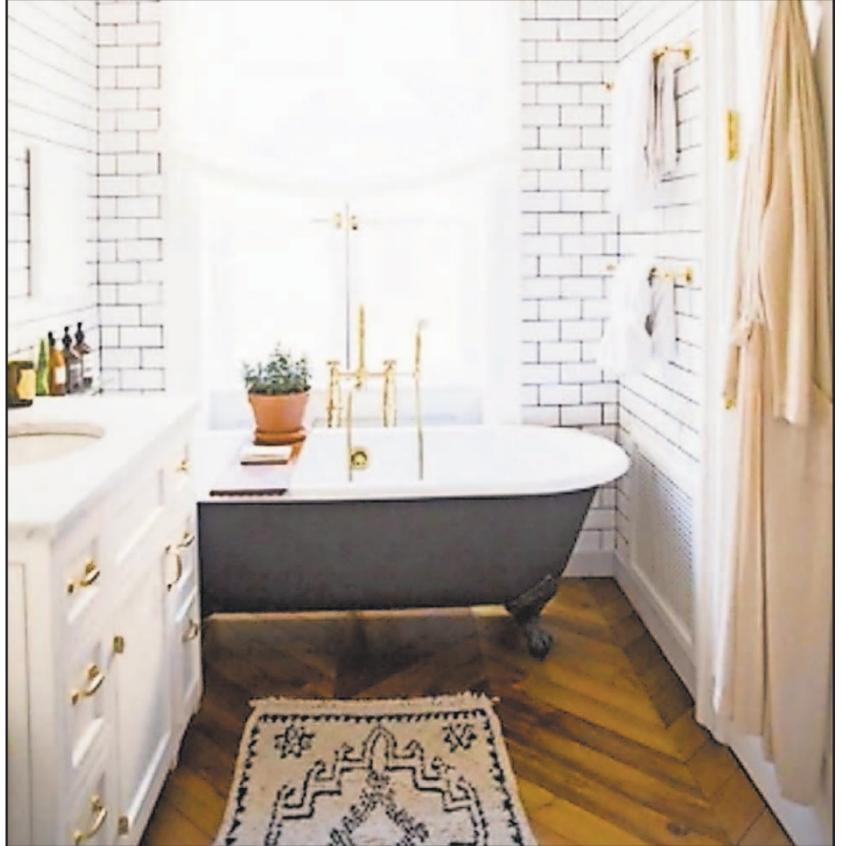
I also shocked the builder when I told him I was A-OK with mixing

metals in my home. In my book, the door handles, light fixtures, hinges, faucets and everything else do not need to match. In fact, I like a blend of metal finishes. This is a rule of thumb I follow throughout my home. Check out the photo above, of a collection of art in my cottage. All the frames are slightly different (and showcase warm metal!).

I'm a certified dish-a-haulic, and I love all my dishes with equal ardor. But the antique stet rimmed in gold is among my most favorite. I like how they add warmth to my table, especially for winter and holiday dining.

The moral of the story? Don't be afraid to embrace brass and other warm metals in your home decor. And, don't ever bet against my niece, or it may cost you a bottle of wine!

This column was adapted from Mary Carol Garrity's blog at nellhills.com



COURTESY PHOTO

Antique brass fixtures add a real warmth and wow factor.

A counterpoint to the laminate top

As my much younger clients lament over the decision of a counter top material, I love to share my memories of a time, not so long ago, when most of us had one choice in counter top for the kitchen and that was laminate.

If you were lucky, you had more than one color to choose from. Most of us were doomed to GE Textolite "White Spungold" (usually paired with a lovely suite of Harvest Gold or Avacodo Green GE appliances.) Now, the design world is bountiful with counter top

ideas and even in the more modestly priced categories, clients have a choice. These really are great times to be an interior designer!

Quartz is the counter top "du jour" as it can mimic Carrera marble beautifully yet is stain resistant when sealed, cool to the touch for baking and usually contains some element of recycled content. Bake cookies and save the environment. Win, win! It does surprise some clients that this option falls into a more pricier option category, starting at about \$50 per square

foot or just over \$2,000 for a 10 by 10 kitchen.

At this same price point, you will find those concrete counter tops featured so prominently on HGTV. It is perfect for the neutral palette, however much like natural stone or quartz must be sealed and can show hairline cracks over time. These cracks are not necessarily a structural problem however can be very distracting.

And no, granite is not dead yet. It has become a lot more reasonable in price due to its flooding of the market of the past decade and because it

is a natural material, is less likely to look dated or trendy over time. As is the case with quartz and concrete, granite is stain resistant when sealed and an excellent material for rolling dough.

One note on granite. If you like the detailed edges like "Ogee" or a "Waterfall" edge, consider a darker color rather than a lighter one. Darker granite color choices like Ubatuba or Black Galaxy are denser and will be less likely to chip than lighter colors like Majestic White. When choosing lighter colors of granite, stick to

a simple "Eased" edge.

Butcher block is back with affordable options available at the big box stores stocked in unfinished birch, easily installed by a competent handy-man, then sealed using a food grade oil or stain. If you want something a bit more exotic, wood tops are available online, templated like a stone top by a local fabricator, then ordered to size in everything from reclaimed walnut from an 18th century Pennsylvania barn to African mahogany for about \$200 a square foot. Inspired by European

interiors, porcelain counter tops are becoming more common here in the U.S. Sounds crazy at first, but think about the wear your bathroom fixtures endure.

Porcelain counter tops are in fact 30 percent stronger than granite. And like fine china, colors are bright, they do not need to be sealed, can be cleaned routinely with bleach and are the only true heat resistant counter top choice fired at over 1,000 degrees in the manufacturing process. Expect \$60-\$100 a square foot for this material and like concrete can be templated by a local stone fabricator then ordered to fit online.

Everything old is new again and stainless steel is back on trend! Not only for the modern look, however it can be interesting and beautiful when used in a more traditional kitchen with an integrated washboard and sink. It is heat resistant, easy to clean and antimicrobial for those of us who are fastidious house-keepers.

Keep in mind, scratches and dents are inevitable and heat can discolor the surface. Like sinks, the gauge of a stainless counter top is important. Gauge is the thickness of the stainless steel. The lower the gauge, the thicker and more durable the top. You may recall seeing "18" or "20" gauge on the box when you purchased your kitchen sink. Also, ask if there is any sound insulation included with the top as this material can be loud (no sneaking a snack at midnight with these in your kitchen.)

The most important thing to remember when choosing a new counter top is to have fun! Remember, we are not delivering babies, simply choosing something to put our milk and mail on. Want help on choosing the best counter top for your project? Ask on my blog at: <http://shellysappinteriors.com/blog/>.

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How should I prepare my home for disasters?

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The best time to think about a disaster is long before it happens. Although disasters happen year-round, spring represents an excellent opportunity to think through your disaster plan, with tornado and hurricane seasons on the horizon.

1. WHAT SHOULD I DO IN ADVANCE OF DISASTER?

Advance planning is the key to making it through weather-related disasters. The simple steps you take now will become complicated if you have to do them in a hurry and under pressure.

Evaluate the strength and stability of your home before disaster strikes. Pay particular attention to your roof, shutters, windows, doors and garage doors.

Don't forget to check out your trees. Diseased, dead or dying limbs can be hazardous flying objects in high winds. Have a professional evaluate and trim your trees if necessary.

Place all your important documents such as insurance policies, passports, and marriage and birth certificates in a secured lockbox you can easily reach.

If you don't already know how to shut off utilities such as the water supply, gas or electricity to your home, find out how to do so.

Have a written disaster plan for your family, including where to go in the event you're separated, evacuation routes, and potential shelters if you must leave your home. Make a contact list for family and friends, and plan ahead for at least three days without power or running water.

Keep a list of possible contractors you'll want to contact after a disaster has passed, so you don't have to scramble later. Review your insurance policies and make sure you're covered for the most likely disasters. Be aware that most homeowners' insurance policies don't cover flood damage.

2. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A DISASTER IS IMMINENT?

If you have time to plan ahead for dangerous weather, take further steps to secure your home. If you don't have hurricane shutters, tape up or board windows. Tape won't stop glass from breaking, but it can minimize the number of loose shards. Store outdoor objects such as



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lawn furniture and patio umbrellas indoors to prevent them from becoming flying projectiles. Any items too dangerous to bring indoors, such as propane grills, should be tied or chained down securely.

Fill your car's gas tank and park it either in a garage or well away from trees or branches that might fall.

3. WHAT GOES INTO A HOME DISASTER KIT?

The Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) strongly urges homeowners to maintain an emergency kit with enough supplies to sustain for up to 72 hours. Assemble it well in advance of an emergency and store it in an easily accessible location. Some basics include:

- First aid kit
- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- Knife and multi-tool
- Flashlight and extra batteries

- Matches in water-proof container
- Can opener
- Local maps
- Duct tape
- Dust mask
- Whistle
- Plastic sheeting
- Three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Wrench or pliers
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio

Also, if you have pets, don't forget to plan for their needs as well! Microchip your pet and make sure they have a collar with their name and your contact information. Add food, litter, leashes and carriers to

your disaster kit.

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Rays get within 1 game of .500
Denard Span drove in his team-leading 24th run to help the surging Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Saturday night. **Page 2**

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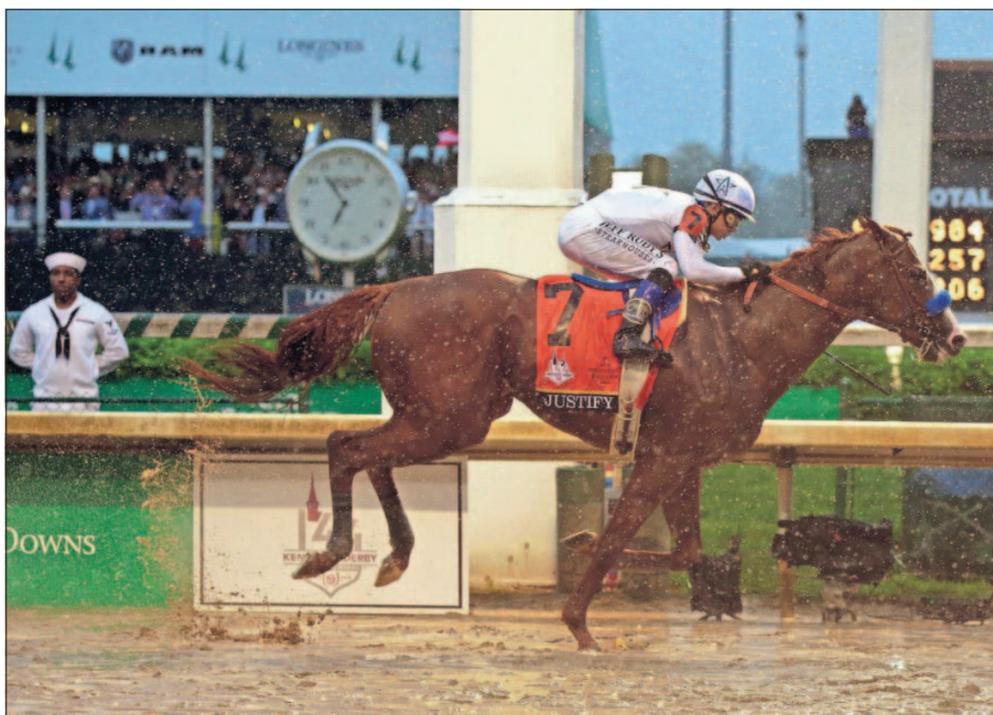
Odds favorite Justify won the wettest Kentucky Derby on record. Justify, the cleanest horse on a muddy day, is the first horse who did not race as a two-year-old to wear the roses since Apollo won in 1882.



Quick fact

American Pharoah was one of four horses in the last 10 years to win even the first two races of the Triple Crown, along with Big Brown (2008), I'll Have Another (2012) and California Chrome (2014).

Justify wins sloppy Derby



AP PHOTO
Mike Smith rides Justify to victory Saturday during the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

Undefeated colt gives trainer Bob Baffert fifth Churchill Downs win

By **BETH HARRIS**
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Justify splashed through the slop to win the Kentucky Derby by 2½ lengths on Saturday, becoming the first colt in 136 years to wear the roses after not racing as a 2-year-old.

The chestnut colt that began his career in February improved to 4-0 — winning his races by a combined 21½ lengths — and

gave Bob Baffert his fifth Derby victory. It snapped a tie and left the 65-year-old trainer trailing only Ben Jones with six. Apollo in 1882 was the last colt to win without racing as a juvenile.

Mike Smith earned his second Derby victory. The 52-year-old jockey crossed the finish line at Churchill Downs with only a few specks of mud on his white and green silks in the rainiest

Derby in the race's 144-year history. Nearly 3 inches fell on the crowd of 157,813 throughout the day. "Amazing horse," Smith said. "He's got that 'it' factor. He is so above average, he's got unbelievable talent and he's got a mind to go with it. He was loving this stuff."

Smith's silks were nearly spotless after he kept Justify near the lead throughout

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Kentucky Derby recent champions

- 2018: Justify
- 2017: Always Dreaming
- 2016: Nyquist
- 2015: American Pharoah
- 2014: California Chrome
- 2013: Orb
- 2012: I'll Have Another
- 2011: Animal Kingdom
- 2010: Super Saver
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AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos, far right, heads to the bench after celebrating his goal in the third period of Game 4 against the Boston Bruins on Friday in Boston.

Stamkos saves Game 4, proves doubters wrong

By **TOM JONES**
Tampa Bay Times

BOSTON — Steven Stamkos heard the whispers. He knew what was being said about him.

He knew that some questioned whether he showed up in the play-offs. He knew that some wondered if he played small in big games. He knew that some doubted if he would ever be an impact player in the games that truly define a player's greatness: the playoffs.

He had an answer for all the doubters and haters Friday with what might turn out to be the biggest goal of his career.

And it just might turn out to be the biggest of the Lightning's season.

Want a big goal? Well, they don't get much bigger than this: Stamkos' patented one-timer with 7:04 left in regulation tied the score at 3 before Dan Girardi's goal 3:18 into overtime gave

the Lightning a 4-3 victory over the Bruins in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The win gave the Lightning a 3-1 stranglehold on the series, with Game 5 set for Sunday afternoon at Amalie Arena.

There were plenty of backs to pat after this one for the Lightning. Brayden Point had a brilliant goal after turning Bruins legend Zdeno Chara into a statue. Nikita Kucherov scored a huge goal. And, of course, Girardi scoring a rare goal for the winner.

But make no mistake, the goal of the night belonged to Stamkos.

And he was due. The day before Game 4, Stamkos sat in his locker and patiently answered questions that were polite but essentially translated to: What the heck is wrong with you?

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Marchand's licking has Lightning upset

By **TOM JONES**
Tampa Bay Times

BOSTON — Oops, he did it again.

Boston pest Brad Marchand has licked another opponent. This time it was Lightning F Ryan Callahan after the two got into a shoving match after Marchand hit Callahan low in the second period of the Lightning's 4-3 overtime win in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal Friday.

Marchand also licked the Maple Leafs' Leo Komarov in their first-round series, and the NHL reportedly called the Bruins after the series to ask them to tell Marchand to quit licking opponents. Now the Lightning wants something done about it.

"I don't know what the

difference is in that and spitting in somebody's face," Callahan said. "It's unfortunate that he goes to that level to do that. But it doesn't take us off our game."

But it is annoying, especially considering Marchand has a reputation for such behavior.

"There's absolutely no place in our game for that," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "I don't understand it. I don't. How would you like it if I walked over to you right now and gave you a big lick from the chin all the way up? There's just no place for it."

TV analysts agreed. "I don't know what's going through Marchand's mind," NBCSN analyst and former player Keith Jones said during

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FOOTBALL

Freeman tries to resurrect career in Canada

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

VERO BEACH — The white van came to a stop in front of Field No. 2 on Don Drysdale Drive.

Six quarterbacks hoping to earn a job with the Montreal Alouettes emptied the vehicle,

changed into their cleats in the metal bleachers, and walked onto the outfield of this makeshift football practice field for a passing camp at Dodgertown.

This is where the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers warmed up their arms for spring

training for 60 years until leaving for Arizona in 2008. The Alouettes have come here for the rebirth of their season.

For Josh Freeman, it's likely the final chance to resuscitate his once-promising career.

"Someone asked me the other day, 'Dude, are

you out of money? Why are you playing in the CFL?'" Freeman said. "I said, 'Because I like playing football.'"

Almost directly across the state, 145 miles away in Tampa, Jameis Winston, the Bucs' latest

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PICK 3

May 5N.....5-0-7
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 May 4D.....4-9-5
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PICK 4

May 5N.....7-0-1-6
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 May 4N.....5-7-8-7
 May 4D.....2-0-3-1
 May 3N.....5-0-7-5
 May 3D.....4-9-9-6
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5

May 5N.....2-2-6-9-8
 May 5D.....9-0-7-7-6
 May 4N.....7-1-7-7-8
 May 4D.....9-7-3-7-6
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 May 3D.....8-8-8-0-7
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FANTASY 5

May 5.....5-11-13-23-32
 May 4.....4-5-13-15-21
 May 3.....11-26-32-33-36

PAYOFF FOR May 4
 1..5-digit winners \$218,071.98
 328.....4-digit winners \$107.00
 10,622.....3-digit winners \$9.00

CASH FOR LIFE

May 3.....2-7-11-30-59
 Cash Ball3
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SUNDAY, MAY 6

AUTO RACING

1 p.m.
 FS2 — IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Series, Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio, at Lexington, Ohio
 2 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, AAA 400 Drive for Autism, at Dover, Del.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

11:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — AVP Tour, FIVB Huntington Beach Open, at Huntington Beach, Calif. (same-day tape)
BOWLING
 Noon
 ESPN — PBA Tour, League semifinals, at Portland, Maine (taped)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Florida at Texas A&M

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Arkansas at LSU

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

11:30 a.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Beach Volleyball Tournament, second semifinal, at Gulf Shores, Ala.
 2 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Beach Volleyball Tournament, championship, at Gulf Shores, Ala.

DRAG RACING

11:30 a.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Southern Nationals, qualifying, at Commerce, Ga. (taped)
 6 p.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Southern Nationals, finals, at Commerce, Ga. (same-day tape)

GOLF

7:30 a.m.

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 0.....5-of-5 CB \$1,000/Day
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 5.....4-of-5 CB \$2,500
 3.....4-of-5 \$500

LUCKY MONEY

May 4.....4-15-27-33
 Lucky Ball15
 May 1.....4-18-21-47
 Lucky Ball6

LOTTO

May 5.....9-21-37-38-39-47
 May 2.....29-32-38-42-44-49
 Apr. 28.....14-16-17-19-25-35

POWERBALL

May 5.....late
 Powerballlate
 May 2.....5-14-31-40-50
 Powerball6

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 1.....4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
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 May 4.....4-5-10-12-18
 Mega Ball21
 May 1.....2-7-20-55-70
 Mega Ball1

PAYOFF FOR May 1

0.....5 of 5 + MB \$126 Million
 0.....5 of 5 \$1 Million
 0.....4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
 14.....4 of 5 \$500
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT
 \$143 million

GOLF — European PGA Tour, GolfSixes, Day 2, at St. Albans, England
 1 p.m.
GOLF- PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.
 3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.
GOLF — Champions Tour, Insignity Invitational, final round, at The Woodlands, Texas
 5:30 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour, Volunteers of America Texas Classic, final round, at The Colony, Texas

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, Cleveland at NY. Yankees OR Toronto at Tampa Bay
 4 p.m.
 ESPN — L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego, at Monterrey, Mexico
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — Chicago Cubs at St. Louis

NBA BASKETBALL

3:30 p.m.
 ABC — NBA playoffs, Western Conference semifinal, Game 4, Golden State at New Orleans
 8 p.m.
 TNT — NBA playoffs, Western Conference semifinal, Game 4, Houston at Utah

NHL HOCKEY
 3 p.m.
 NBC — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, semifinal, Game 5, Boston at Tampa Bay
 7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, semifinal, Game 6, Vegas at San Jose

SOCCER

8:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester City vs. Huddersfield Town
 11:30 a.m.
 CNBC — Premier League, Arsenal vs. Burnley
 NBCSN — Premier League, Chelsea vs. Liverpool

MILB STONE CRABS 8, MARAUDERS 6

Maris, Rodriguez lead Crabs

By **BRYAN LEVINE**
 Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE — After an offensive surge for the first month of the season, the Stone Crabs managed just two runs on 10 hits with only one of those going for extra bases on Thursday and Friday.

They broke out of that slump Saturday with an 8-6 win over the Bradenton Marauders — totaling 13 hits and four extra-base knocks.

“It feels better now,” Stone Crabs manager Reinaldo Ruiz said. “It feels better the boys swung the bat really well.”

Peter Maris and David Rodriguez were partly responsible for seven of the eight Stone Crab runs in the victory.

Maris hit his second home run of the week with a two-run shot in the sixth inning, which gave Charlotte an 8-4 lead at the time. He finished his day a triple shy of the cycle with three RBI and a run scored.

“He’s been really good for the team and that’s why he’s been playing more often,” Ruiz said of Maris, who is hitting .405 in 11 games this season.

Rodriguez gave the Stone Crabs a 6-1 lead when his two-out single plated three runs, picking up two RBI on the base knock and getting some help from Lucius Fox’s baserunning to force a throwing error and bring in the third run.

“In that inning, with bases laid and two outs, Rodriguez came through



PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Charlotte Stone Crabs starting pitcher Brandon Lawson (25) faces the Bradenton Marauders Saturday at Charlotte Sports Park.

STONE CRABS 8, MARAUDERS 6

Braden	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Gaffney LF	5	1	0	0	0	1	.270
Valerio SS	4	1	3	0	1	0	.262
Madris RF	5	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Baur 1B	4	1	2	1	0	0	.303
Reyes 2B	4	1	1	0	1	1	.299
Oliva CF	2	1	0	0	1	0	.221
Owen 3B	3	1	2	1	0	0	.202
Tancas DH	4	0	1	1	0	1	.244
Delay C	4	0	1	1	0	1	.262
Charlotte	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Fox SS	5	1	0	0	0	1	.330
J. Lowe CF	5	0	0	0	0	3	.289
Rodriguez C	4	1	3	2	1	0	.377
N. Lowe 1B	5	1	2	1	0	1	.380
Sanchez RF	4	1	1	0	1	0	.317
Maris 2B	5	1	3	3	0	0	.405
Padlo 3B	4	0	1	0	1	3	.233
Gray SS	3	2	2	0	1	0	.196
Mastrobuoni LF	2	1	1	1	2	1	.281

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2B: Reyes (3), Valerio 2 (6), Gaffney (5); Rodriguez (8), Gray (6), Maris (4). HR: Maris (2). RBI: Owen (6), Tancas (5), Delay (3), Baur (15); N. Lowe (29), Maris 3 (6), Mastrobuoni (7), Rodriguez 2 (16). LOB: Bradenton 8; Charlotte 11. RISP: Bradenton 2-for-11, Charlotte 4-for-15. SF: Owen, Baur. GDP: Owen, Reyes, E. Delay (3, throw); Lawson (1, throw), SB: Valerio (5); Mastrobuoni (2). CS: Gaffney (3).

Braden	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HRERA
Nunez (L, 1-1)	4.1	11	6	5	4	4	0.321
Oller	2.2	2	2	2	2	2	1.491
Amedee	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0.745
Charlotte	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HRERA
Lawson (W, 1-3)	5.0	6	3	3	3	0	6.35
Busfield	2.0	2	1	1	1	10	1.509
Navas	2.0	3	2	2	0	2	0.314

and gave us those security runs,” Ruiz said.

His first-inning double sparked a two-run, two-out rally and set the tone for the rest of the game after Bradenton Starter Oddy Nunez struck out the first two batters on six pitches. Rodriguez finished 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored.

“I had a bad year last year swinging, so I had to make some

adjustments,” Rodriguez said. “I put the work in and that’s it. That’s the only thing I’ve done, is making an adjustments.”

Rodriguez is currently on a 13-game hit streak and is hitting .441 over his last 15 games with 16 RBI in that time.

Although Nunez allowed 11 hits over 4 ½ innings of work, his line could’ve been much worse had he not

stranded eight Stone Crabs on base in the first four innings.

“We left a lot of runners in scoring position,” Ruiz said. “That’s one thing that was not an issue early, but right now we definitely have some chances to score more runs.”

On the mound for Charlotte was Brandon Lawson who had a decent outing. Lawson surrendered three runs on six hits and three walks over five-plus innings of work. He did not have any strikeouts.

J.D. Busfield and Adrian Navas pitched the final four innings, allowing three runs and making things interesting in the ninth inning with the tying run at the plate and nobody out.

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MLB TAMPA BAY 5, TORONTO 3

Rays get within 1 game .of .500

By **MARK DIDTLER**
 Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Denard Span drove in his team-leading 24th run to help the surging Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Saturday night.

The Rays chased Aaron Sanchez (2-3) in the fourth, taking a 4-1 lead on Span’s single and a sacrifice fly by Matt Duffy. Span’s 24 RBIs have come in 90 at-bats. Jake Faria (3-1) allowed a run and three

hits in 5 ½ innings as the Rays got their 11th victory in 14 games to improve to 15-16. Alex Colome, the fourth Tampa Bay reliever, got five outs for his sixth save.

Teoscar Hernandez and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. each homered for the Blue Jays, who have lost eight of 12.

Sanchez, who entered 1-0 with an 0.86 ERA in three starts at Tropicana Field, gave up four runs, five hits, four walks and had three strikeouts in 3

⅓innings.

Toronto manager John Gibbons has called Tropicana Field a “house of horrors” for the Blue Jays, who have dropped the first two of a three-game series and have a 72-106 overall record at the ballpark. Toronto had a stretch from 2007-14 where it had 21 consecutive non-winning road series against the Rays.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Blue Jays: OF Curtis Granderson, who left

Friday’s game with right hamstring tightness, will have his status re-evaluated Tuesday.

Rays: RHP Nathan Eovaldi (right elbow surgery) will go two innings or 35 pitches in his second rehab start with Class A Charlotte. He went one inning and 17 pitches Friday.

UP NEXT

Tampa Bay RHP Chris Archer (2-2) and Blue Jays RHP Marco Estrada (2-2) are Sunday’s starters.

NBA PLAYOFFS BOSTON 101, PHILADELPHIA 98

Celtics take 3-0 series lead with OT win

By **DAN GELSTON**
 Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Al Horford had no use for the premature celebration that showered confetti all over the 76ers’ home court at the end of regulation, delaying overtime and prompting an impromptu cleanup job.

Turns out, Horford has the Celtics just a game away from a real sweep.

Horford scored the go-ahead basket for Boston late in overtime

in a wild Game 3 where the Philadelphia 76ers were sloppy with the basketball and the confetti, leading the Celtics to a 101-98 victory and a 3-0 series lead on Saturday night.

“These are the kind of moments you want to be in as a basketball player,” Horford said.

The Celtics, who rallied from a 22-point deficit to beat the 76ers 108-103 in Game 2, can advance to the Eastern Conference finals for the second straight season on Monday.

Game 4 is Monday at the only-in-the-post-season tip time of 6 p.m. EDT.

Cavs move to 3-0 lead

CLEVELAND — LeBron James banked in a running one-hander at the buzzer, giving Cleveland a 105-103 win over Toronto on Saturday night in Game 3 and shoving the Raptors to the edge of their most devastating playoff exit.

After the Raptors tied it on rookie OG Anunoby’s 3-pointer with eight seconds left, James took the inbounds pass, dribbled

the length of the floor and in one motion, dropped his 10-footer in front of Toronto’s stunned bench.

The Cavs ran and mobbed James and moments later he was back up on the scorer’s table — just like after a game-winner against Indiana last round — to celebrate a win that was up for grabs.

James finished with 38 points, Kevin Love added 21 and 16 rebounds and Kyle Korver 18 for the Cavs, who can sweep the Raptors for the second straight year.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS WASHINGTON 6, PITTSBURGH 3

Capitals’ win to put Penguins on brink

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jakub Vrana scored the go-ahead goal with 4:38 remaining, Braden Holtby made 35 saves and the Washington Capitals beat

the Pittsburgh Penguins 6-3 in Game 5 Saturday night to take a 3-2 lead in the second-round series and put the back-to-back defending Stanley Cup champions on the brink of elimination.

Vrana made coach Barry

Trotz look like a genius for moving him to the top line alongside Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov, replacing Devante Smith-Pelly in the second period. Vrana sprung Kuznetsov for a breakthrough on Washington’s tying goal 52

seconds into the third and finished off Ovechkin’s pass for the game-winner.

The Capitals are one victory from advancing to the Eastern Conference final for the first time in the Ovechkin era and overall since 1998.

HOCKEY

Finland routs Korea 8-1 in worlds debut, US faces Denmark

By KAREL JANICEK
Associated Press

HERNING, Denmark — South Korea's debut at the world ice hockey championship was memorable for the wrong reason as it lost to Finland 8-0 on Saturday.

Also, France beat Belarus 6-2 to rebound from losing to Russia 7-0 on Friday in Group A in Copenhagen. Latvia outlasted Norway to win 3-2 in overtime, and Switzerland prevailed over Austria 3-2, also in overtime.

Sebastian Aho scored twice and added two assists for Finland. His NHL teammate Teuvo Teravainen also had a goal and three assists.

"We've been playing together a couple years now, we know our game pretty good, and we know where we are on the ice," Teravainen said. "We just try to make some plays and have some fun."

Canada-born Matt Dalton in the South Korea goal made 37 saves.

"You cannot give up



Finland's Sebastian Aho after scoring a goal during the Ice Hockey World Championships match between Finland and South Korea at the Jyske bank Boxen arena in Herning, Denmark, on Saturday.

AP PHOTO

three short-handed goals," Dalton said. "It's a different level."

South Korea next faces Canada.

Latvia's Rudolfs Balcers scored just 24 seconds into overtime to settle their match with Norway in Herning.

Anders Bastiansen and Alexander Bonsaksen established a 2-0 lead for Norway before Balcers reduced the deficit with his first goal and

Rodrigo Abols equalized in the third period.

Enzo Corvi scored the winner for Switzerland with 1:42 remaining against Austria in Copenhagen.

Nino Niederreiter and Gaetan Haas also had a goal each for a Swiss 2-0 lead.

With eight minutes remaining in the second, Austria defenseman Steven Strong received a hit from Sven

Andrighetto and was taken off on a stretcher.

Dominic Zwerger scored the first goal for Austria on the subsequent power play and Manuel Ganahl equalized in the final period, forcing overtime.

Later Saturday, the United States faced Denmark a day after beating tournament favorite Canada, and the Czech Republic took on Slovakia.

NHL

Vegas has fallen in love with Golden Knights

By REGINA GARCIA CANO
AND W.G. RAMIREZ
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Golden Knights' gold-and-grey-on-black helmets are everywhere.

They're on T-shirts and hats worn by mall patrons, on jerseys of moviegoers, on stuffed animals, on mugs and on bumper stickers deep in suburbia. Bars far from the city's tourist-driven areas show the games on TV, and watch parties have become a regular activity.

The arena rocks when the expansion team that has taken the league by storm appears on its home ice. A city that for years longed for a major sports franchise has truly embraced the Knights.

"It's so much different live than it is on TV. It's a whole different experience," said David Santangelo, a Las Vegas resident who is a

season ticket holder and longtime hockey fan. "People fall in love with it. So many people I talk to at work are saying that they didn't know it was so exciting. People are really starting to learn about it now."

Santangelo, who was wearing a Knights jersey, was among hundreds who attended a party Monday in downtown Las Vegas to watch Game 3 of the Knights' second-round playoff series against the San Jose Sharks. The Golden Knights have a 3-2 series lead after a 5-3 victory over San Jose on Friday night.

For years, questions were raised over whether the tourist-driven city with a long history of hosting big events could support a big league team night after night. Gambling and a relatively small market size steered major franchises elsewhere. Before

the Knights dropped the puck, there were naysayers even though initial ticket demand was high.

Average game attendance at T-Mobile Arena is now 18,042. Tourists and comped high-rollers have surely caught games. So have tennis greats Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf, rapper Lil Jon, poker pro Daniel Negreanu and slugger Bryce Harper before baseball season started. But defying some of those early predictions, it's been regular residents and their children who have filled the stands game after game.

The crowds bode well for the NFL's Raiders, who are due to move to Sin City in 2020.

The Knights — who were 200-1 at many sports books to win the Stanley Cup before the season began — proudly declare themselves Vegas Born. Their

success on the ice has certainly influenced attendance, but it may also have to do with the city's desperate need for fellowship around the time the season opened.

The Knights' home opener in October came only a few days after the city suffered the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. The team retired jersey No. 58 during its final home game of the regular season to honor the victims. A banner with 58 stars was hoisted into the rafters. The victims' names were also projected on the ice.

"I think because all the players are from different places and Las Vegas is a melting pot of people from different places, it's just really brought community together to have our own team," said fan Angel Ashby. "This is a Vegas-born team. It isn't from somewhere else."

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Lightning, Golden Knights 1 win from conference finals

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Lightning understand what it takes to be successful in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

And as the Vegas Golden Knights are also showing, the winning formula can vary from game to game and series to series.

Dominant defense is part of the equation. So is timely and opportunistic offense. Mental toughness is a prerequisite. It pays to be resilient, too.

"I just think any time you're winning games, you're battling through something," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said.

"Maybe a better way to put it is you're making a big play at the right time," Cooper added. "It seems teams that move on often are doing that, and teams that don't miss out on opportunities."

The Lightning's latest victory has them one away from the team's third trip to the Eastern Conference final in four years, a step they can take by beating the Boston on Sunday (3 p.m. ET, NBC) at home in Game 5 of their best-of-seven semifinal.

The Golden Knights, meanwhile, lead their second-round series against the San Jose Sharks 3-2 and can secure a spot in the Western Conference final by winning Game 6 on the road Sunday night (7:30 p.m., NBCSN).

"I'd be the first one to tell you we've accomplished nothing," Cooper

said. "We've won a couple of games in this series. You've got to win four, not three."

Tampa Bay's Alex Killorn, who had the primary assist on Dan Girardi's overtime goal that pushed the Bruins to the brink of elimination in Game 4, said there's a sense of urgency to end the series and avoid a return trip to Boston.

"I think it has to look at that way," Killorn said. "That's a great team. You go back to Boston, you give them a chance to get back in the series, you never know what will happen."

As tempting as it may be to think about how close the Golden Knights are to reaching the Western Conference final, goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury said the team's mind-set is much the same as it's been all season.

"I think we had this mentality all year long: it's all about the next game," the three-time Stanley Cup champion said.

Vegas can become the third team in NHL history to win multiple series in its inaugural season. The league's first-ever post-season saw the Toronto Arenas win the 1918 NHL Final against the Montreal Canadiens before defeating the Pacific Coast Hockey Association's Vancouver Millionaires to win the Stanley Cup. In 1968, the St. Louis Blues defeated the Philadelphia Flyers and Minnesota North Stars to emerge from the all-expansion West Division to advance to the Stanley Cup Final.

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STAMKOS

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He had just two goals in the playoffs coming into Game 4. Both were on the power play, and one of them was into an empty net. Not exactly game-breaking stuff.

But Stamkos dismissed the negativity and responded with a goal that saved the Lightning's night and possibly ruined the Bruins' season.

"It was almost like Stammer saying, 'I had enough,'" Lightning coach Jon Cooper said.

Stamkos set up shop in the slot and absolutely blistered a one-timer past Tuukka Rask for what was also possibly the biggest goal of his career.

"It's obviously a big goal," Stamkos said. "But in saying that, we come to the playoffs to win hockey games. Obviously, you want to produce. You want these moments. But there's a reason why we've been very successful as a team in the regular season and now in the playoffs. It's because there are very good players on this team. It's not about one guy."

Perhaps, but it does become noticeable when one guy who is considered a superstar doesn't have superstar results in the postseason.

It doesn't matter how hard he plays (and Stamkos always plays hard). It doesn't matter all the little things he does (he does them all). It doesn't matter how good of a leader he is (and he is good). And it doesn't matter how many chances he gets (and he has been getting plenty).

Only one thing matters: If you are a scorer, you need to score. And Stamkos had not been scoring. Entering Game 4, he had gone 18 playoff games without an even-strength goal.

So did he hear the

outside noise about it?

"Sure," Stamkos said. "Any time you have a lot of success in the regular season, you just want to seamlessly transition into the playoffs. It's hard to produce in the regular season, never mind the playoffs, when it's very tight checking when you're playing really good hockey teams."

But ... "We knew it was going to come," Stamkos continued. "It's percentages. You keep working hard. You keep shooting the puck. You keep working the way you've done in the past, it's going to happen."

Know what else happened? The Lightning never got rattled in a game that had the ups and downs of a roller coaster. And just as many thrills, too.

The Lightning jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Point and Kucherov, only to see the Bruins storm back with two power-play goals and a shorthanded one early in the third that would've broken the back of most teams.

But because of Stamkos, the Lightning tied the score.

"Yeah, it's always nice to do it in a big win," Stamkos said.

This win couldn't have been bigger. The Lightning comes back to Tampa Bay after winning two games in a building in which it had won only nine times since 1992.

"It's always nice to win a game, especially the magnitude of this one," Stamkos said. "Our line has been talking a lot about wanting to have a better game. Obviously, it's not a matter of will. We knew eventually it was going to come."

And it could not have come at a better time. For Stamkos. And, especially, the Lightning.

MARCHAND

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the intermission between second and third periods.

"There's no need for that," echoed analyst and former player Jeremy Roenick. "There's no licking in hockey."

How you like these apples?

Even Lightning fans have to pull for a kid like Boston C Ryan Donato

Sure, he and his teammates are trying to beat Tampa Bay. But this is a guy who seems to have his head on straight. He's not just playing hockey right now. He's going to school. And not just any school. He's finishing the semester at Harvard.

Donato played at Harvard as a junior this season and also represented the United States in the Olympics in South Korea. His Harvard season ended in March, and he immediately signed with the Bruins, for whom his father, Ted, used to play. But though he left the Harvard team, he didn't leave the



Boston Bruins left wing Brad Marchand (63) is escorted to the penalty box during the second period of Game 3 against the Tampa Bay Lightning in Boston on May 2.

AP PHOTO

school. He's still taking classes.

"That's what he chose, and we're fine with it," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said.

While his teammates are busy watching TV or going out during downtime on the road, Donato, a sociology major, is studying. He's studying a lot, trying to graduate as soon as possible.

"I just want to be ready for the games, so if it's close to a game, I'm staying at the hotel so I'll stay focused," he told the Boston Globe, "and maybe if we get back from a road trip at 3 a.m., I get a ride from one of the guys and get dropped off at the dorm."

Finals are coming up soon. The Lightning probably wants to do what it can to help him

out by eliminating the Bruins so he has extra time to study.

This and that

Lightning F Tyler Johnson took a nasty slash on the hand in the second period and missed a couple of shifts. Something to keep an eye for Game 5 on Sunday, when the Lightning could win the series.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Boston	23	9	.719	—	—	6-4	W-1	11-4	12-5
	New York	23	10	.697	½	—	9-1	W-5	13-5	10-5
	Toronto	18	16	.529	6	3	4-6	L-3	9-7	9-9
	Tampa Bay	15	16	.484	7½	4½	7-3	W-2	8-7	7-9
	Baltimore	8	24	.250	15	12	2-8	L-4	5-10	3-14

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Cleveland	17	16	.515	—	—	4-6	L-2	11-8	6-8
	Detroit	14	18	.438	2½	6	4-6	W-1	8-8	6-10
	Minnesota	11	17	.393	3½	7	3-7	W-1	7-7	4-10
	Chicago	9	21	.300	6½	10	4-6	L-1	3-11	6-10
	Kansas City	10	23	.303	7	10½	5-5	L-1	5-13	5-10

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Los Angeles	20	12	.625	—	—	6-4	W-4	8-10	12-2
	Houston	21	13	.618	—	—	5-5	W-1	10-9	11-4
	Seattle	18	13	.581	1½	—	7-3	L-1	7-7	11-6
	Oakland	16	16	.500	4	4	5-5	W-1	9-6	7-10
	Texas	13	21	.382	8	8	5-5	L-1	5-13	8-8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Atlanta	19	12	.613	—	—	7-3	L-1	8-5	11-7
	Philadelphia	18	14	.563	1½	—	4-6	W-1	11-5	7-9
	New York	17	14	.548	2	½	2-8	L-5	7-9	10-5
	Washington	17	17	.500	3½	2	7-3	L-1	9-10	8-7
	Miami	11	20	.355	8	6½	6-4	L-2	7-11	4-9

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	St. Louis	19	12	.613	—	—	6-4	W-4	11-5	8-7
	Milwaukee	19	14	.576	1	—	5-5	L-1	8-7	11-7
	Pittsburgh	18	15	.545	2	½	6-4	W-1	10-5	8-10
	Chicago	16	14	.533	2½	1	5-5	L-4	8-6	8-8
	Cincinnati	8	24	.250	11½	10	4-6	W-1	4-12	4-12

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Arizona	21	11	.656	—	—	5-5	L-3	11-6	10-5
	Colorado	19	15	.559	3	—	7-3	W-4	5-7	14-8
	San Francisco	17	15	.531	4	1	7-3	W-2	10-7	7-8
	Los Angeles	15	17	.469	6	3	4-6	W-3	7-8	8-9
	San Diego	11	22	.333	10½	7½	3-7	L-2	5-13	6-9

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Phillies 3 Nationals 1: Rhys Hoskins hit a two-run homer, Vince Velasquez pitched five effective innings and the Philadelphia Phillies snapped Washington's six-game win streak. Velasquez (2-4) allowed one run and one hit in his first win since April 7. He also struck out four, walked four and hit a batter.

Cardinals 8, Cubs 6, 10 innings: Kolten Wong hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning, capping the St. Louis Cardinals rally and giving them a win over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Tigers 3, Royals 2: Jordan Zimmermann allowed two hits over five scoreless innings, Nicholas Castellanos had three extra-base hits and Detroit Tigers beat Kansas City.

Yankees 5, Indians 2: Sonny Gray made his second straight strong start and won for the first time in a month, boosting the New York

Gregorius, New York, 27; Springer, Houston, 27; Judge, New York, 26; Trout, Los Angeles, 26; Lindor, Cleveland, 25; Semien, Oakland, 25; Gardner, New York, 24; Stanton, New York, 23; 4 tied at 22.

RBI: Lowrie, Oakland, 31; Gregorius, New York, 30; GSanchez, New York, 28; Haniger, Seattle, 27; Machado, Baltimore, 27; Betts, Boston, 26; KDavis, Oakland, 26; Correa, Houston, 25; Martinez, Boston, 25; Segura, Seattle, 24.

PITCHING: Kluber, Cleveland, 5-1; Porcello, Boston, 5-0; Severino, New York, 5-1; 12 tied at 4.

ERA: Verlander, Houston, 1.13; Sabathia, New York, 1.39; Cole, Houston, 1.42; Manaea, Oakland, 1.63; Morton, Houston, 1.72.

STRIKEOUTS: Cole, Houston, 17; Verlander, Houston, 62; Paxton, Seattle, 60; Bauer, Cleveland, 54.

BOX SCORES

YANKEES 5, INDIANS 2

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Lindor ss	3	1	1	1	0	0	.284
Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.188
Ramirez 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.291
Brantley lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.337
Encarnacion dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.203
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.207
Naquin rf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.318
Perez c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.116
Zimmer cf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.234
Guyer rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.173
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	2	13	

NEW YORK

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	
Gardner lf	3	0	1	2	0	0	.202
Judge dh	4	0	0	0	3	.295	
Hicks cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.225
Stanton rf	4	0	0	0	2	.227	
Walker 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.182	
Andujar 3b	2	1	0	0	1	.204	
Torres 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.333	
Romine c	2	2	1	1	1	.286	
Torreyes ss	3	0	0	1	0	1	.362
TOTALS	28	5	4	4	3	11	

CLEVELAND 000 011 000 — 2 5 2
NEW YORK 000 040 10X — 5 4 0
 E—Lindor (7), LOB—Cleveland 5, New York 3.
 2B—Ramirez (9), Encarnacion (2), Zimmer (5), Romine (3), HR—Lindor (8), off Gray, RBIs—Lindor (19), Encarnacion (20), Gardner (2), Romine (7), Torreyes (6), SF—Gardner.
 Runners left in scoring position—Cleveland 3 (Ramirez 2, Naquin) New York 2 (Judge 2).
 RISP—Cleveland 0 for 6 New York 2 for 6.
 Runners moved up—Brantley, Encarnacion.

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Hernandez rf	4	1	2	2	0	2	.270
Donaldson 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.238
Solarate dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Pillar cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.310
Martin c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.145
Morales 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.160
Gurriel Jr. 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.222
Pompey lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.333
Diaz ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	.210
TOTALS	32	3	7	3	1	8	

TAMPA BAY

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	
Span lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.256
Cron dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Duffy 3b	3	1	0	1	2	.286	
Miller 1b	2	0	1	0	2	.243	
Ramos c	4	0	1	0	0	.307	
Wendle 2b	4	0	0	0	1	.300	
Hechavarria ss	3	0	0	0	1	.260	
Smith cf	2	2	2	0	2	.337	
Field rf	3	0	0	0	0	.265	
TOTALS	29	5	6	4	7	5	

TORONTO 000 100 020 — 3 7 3
TAMPA BAY 101 200 01X — 5 6 0
 E—Martin (3), Gurriel Jr. (2), LOB—Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 10. 2B—Diaz (4), Smith (4).
 HR—Hernandez (5), off Faria Gurriel Jr. (2), off Romo. RBIs—Hernandez (2), Gurriel Jr. (7), Span (24), Cron (20), Duffy (9), Ramos (16).
 SB—Span (3), Smith (7), Field (1). SF—Cron, Duffy, S—Field.
 Runners left in scoring position—Toronto 1 (Solarate) Tampa Bay 5 (Span, Duffy, Wendle, Hechavarria, Field). RISP—Toronto 1 for 4 Tampa Bay 2 for 12.
 Runners moved up—Donaldson, Field. GDP—Donaldson, Solarate, Cron.
 DP—Toronto 1 (Diaz, Gurriel Jr., Morales) Tampa Bay 2 (Faria, Hechavarria, Miller), (Wendle, Miller).

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Bauer, L, 2	6	2	4	2	3	8	102	2.53
Taylor	2	2	1	0	0	3	27	2.70

NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Gray, W, 2-2	6	4	2	2	2	7	93	6.00
Green, H, 3	2	0	0	0	4	24	2.08	
Robertson, S, 1	1	1	0	0	0	2	15	3.12

Umpires—Home, Tony Randazzo First, Lance Barrett Second, Lance Barksdale Third, Tim Timmons.
 T—2:31. A—43,075 (54,251).

DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Zimmerman, W, 2-0	5	2	0	0	3	5	85	4.88
Hardy, H, 1	1	1	1	0	0	0	21	9.00
Wilson, H, 5	1	1	0	0	0	1	17	4.58
Stumpff, H, 5	1	0	0	0	1	5	2.92	
Jimenez, H, 5	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.70	
Greene, S, 6-8	1	2	1	0	0	3	25	4.50

KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Hammel, L, 0-4	6	2	10	3	3	1	5	100	4.78
Flynn	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	3.60	
Keller	1	1	0	0	0	17	2.84		
Adam	1	1	0	0	1	19	0.00		

Inherited runners-scored—Flynn 2-0.
 Umpires—Home, Laz Diaz First, Jansen Visconti Second, Manny Gonzalez Third, Jeff Nelson.
 T—3:06. A—20,708 (37,903).

CARDINALS 8, CUBS 6, 10 INN.

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Zobrist rf-lf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.292
Bryant 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.187
Rizzo 1b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.278
Contreras c	5	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Schwarber lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.270
Almora cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.282
Russell ss	5	1	2	0	0	1	.240
Heyward cf-rf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.231
Baez 2b	5	1	2	0	1	0	.283
Chatwood p	1	1	0	1	0	1	.143
Montgomery p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
c-Happ ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.240
Strop p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
e-La Stella ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.282
Edwards p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Morrow p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
g-Caratini ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Farrell p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
TOTALS	42	6	12	6	2	6	

ST. LOUIS AB R H BI BB SO AVG.

Pham cf	0	0	0	0	1	0	.327
a-Bader ph-cf	3	2	1	0	1	0	.256
Carpenter 3b	4	0	1	2	1	1	.165
Martinez 1b	5	1	2	0	0	1	.298
Ozuna lf	5	0	1	2	0	2	.260
Molina c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.272
Pena c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Fowler rf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.160
DeLong ss	3	2	0	0	2	2	.248
Wong 2b	3	2	1	2	0	1	.200
Weaver p	1	0	1	0	0	0	.231
b-Garcia ph	0	0	0	1	0	0	.229
Sherriff	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
d-Martinez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Bowman p	0	0</					

SCOREBOARD

MINOR LEAGUES

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE				
North Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Daytona (Reds)	19	10	.655	—
Tampa (Yankees)	16	13	.552	3
Lakeland (Tigers)	12	17	.414	7
Clearwater (Phillies)	11	17	.393	7½
Florida (Braves)	11	18	.379	8
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	10	17	.370	8

South Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Jupiter (Marlins)	21	8	.724	—
Bradenton (Pirates)	17	12	.586	4
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	16	13	.552	5
Charlotte (Rays)	14	15	.483	7
Fort Myers (Twins)	13	16	.448	8
St. Lucie (Mets)	12	16	.429	8½

Saturday's Games
 Florida 3, Tampa 0
 St. Lucie 7, Palm Beach 4
 Jupiter 2, Fort Myers 1
 Charlotte 8, Bradenton 6
 Dunedin 7, Clearwater 3
 Daytona 3, Lakeland 1

Sunday's Games
 Bradenton at Charlotte, 12:35 a.m.
 Tampa at Florida, 11 a.m.
 Dunedin at Clearwater, 1 p.m.
 St. Lucie at Palm Beach, 1 p.m.
 Jupiter at Fort Myers, 4 p.m.
 Lakeland at Daytona, 5:35 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Bradenton at Dunedin, 6:30 p.m.
 Jupiter at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.
 Clearwater at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.
 Florida at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
 Tampa at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS
 All times Eastern
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
CLEVELAND 2, TORONTO 0
May 1: Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT
Thursday: Cleveland 128, Toronto 110
Saturday: Toronto at Cleveland, late
Monday: Toronto at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Cleveland at Toronto, TBD
x-Friday, May 11: Toronto at Cleveland, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: Cleveland at Toronto, TBD

BOSTON 3, PHILADELPHIA 0
April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101
Thursday: Boston 108, Philadelphia 103
Saturday: Boston 101, Philadelphia 98, OT
Monday: Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 9: Philadelphia at Boston, TBD
x-Friday, May 11: Boston at Philadelphia, TBD
x-Sunday, May 13: Philadelphia at Boston, TBD

CELTICS 101, 76ERS 98, OT
BOSTON (101)
 Tatum 11-17 1-4 24, Horford 5-12 3-4 13, Baynes 3-7 0-0 7, Rozier 7-15 2-2 18, Smart 4-11 0-0 9, Ojeleye 1-1 0-0 3, Morris 3-14 2-2 9, Larkin 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 6-12 1-2 16. Totals 41-91 9-14 101.
PHILADELPHIA (98)
 Covington 0-8 1-2 1, Saric 4-11 1-3 11, Embiid 10-26 2-3 22, Simmons 8-14 0-0 16, Redick 6-15 3-4 18, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Ilyasova 4-9 4-4 14, McConnell 2-2 0-0 4, Belinelli 4-12 2-2 12. Totals 38-97 13-18 98.

BOSTON 19 29 21 20 12 — 101
PHILADELPHIA 20 31 17 21 9 — 98
 3-Point Goals—Boston 10-38 (Brown 3-6, Rozier 2-8, Ojeleye 1-1, Baynes 1-2, Tatum 1-4, Morris 1-7, Smart 1-7, Larkin 0-1, Horford 0-2), Philadelphia 9-30 (Redick 3-8, Saric 2-4, Ilyasova 2-5, Belinelli 2-7, Embiid 0-1, Covington 0-5).
 Fouled Out—Embiid, Smart, Rebounds—Boston 49 (Baynes 10), Philadelphia 50 (Embiid 19).
 Assists—Boston 19 (Tatum 4), Philadelphia 23 (Simmons 8). Total Fouls—Boston 20, Philadelphia 14. A—20,758 (21,600).

WESTERN CONFERENCE
HOUSTON 2, UTAH 1
April 29: Houston 110, Utah 96
Wednesday: Utah 116, Houston 108
Friday: Houston 113, Utah 92
Today: Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: Utah at Houston, TBD
x-Thursday, May 10: Houston at Utah, TBD
x-Monday, May 14: Utah at Houston, TBD

GOLDEN STATE 2, NEW ORLEANS 1
April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101
May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116
Friday: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100
Today: Golden State at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: Golden State at New Orleans, TBD
x-Monday, May 14: New Orleans at Golden State, TBD

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Today
National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at New York	-185	Colorado	+170
at Atlanta	-136	San Francisco	+126
at Washington	-180	Philadelphia	+165
at Milwaukee	-142	Pittsburgh	+132
at Cincinnati	-114	Miami	+103
Los Angeles	-175	at San Diego	+164
at St. Louis	-119	Chicago	+109

American League

at New York	-140	Cleveland	+130
at Tampa Bay	-134	Toronto	+124
Minnesota	-140	at Chicago	+130
at Kansas City	-145	Detroit	+135
Boston	-230	at Texas	+210
at Oakland	-180	Baltimore	+165
Los Angeles	-132	at Seattle	+122

Interleague

Houston	-190	at Arizona	+175
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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
Playoffs
Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**
 Golden State 5½ 231½ at New Orlns
 Houston 6 208½ at Utah

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Stanley Cup Playoffs
Today
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**
 at Tampa Bay -170 Boston +158
 at San Jose -135 Vegas +125
 Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Reinstated LHP Eduardo Rodriguez from the family medical leave list. Optioned LHP Bobby Poyner to Pawtucket (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INF Yoán Moncada on the 10-day DL. Recalled INF José Rondón from Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired RHP Oliver Drake from Milwaukee for cash considerations and added him to the major league roster.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed C Jason Castro on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of C Bobby Wilson from Rochester (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent 2B Rougned Odor on rehab assignment to Frisco (Texas).
National League
NEW YORK METS — Designated RHP Matt Harvey for assignment. Recalled RHP Hansel Robles from Las Vegas (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated 3B Anthony Rendon from the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Adrian Sanchez to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C Adrian Nieto.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed INF J.J. Gould.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DT Jaylen Holmes and TE Tyler Conklin.

HOCKEY
East Coast Hockey League
ECHL — Suspended Fort Wayne's Daniel Maggio one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a May 4 game against Toledo. Suspended Florida's Brett Bulmer one game and fined him an undisclosed amount and suspended Orlando's Sean Zimmerman one game for their

actions in a May 4 game.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL
STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
 All times Eastern
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON 3, PITTSBURGH 2
April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1
May 1: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Thursday: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1
Saturday: Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3
Monday: Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

CAPITALS 6, PENGUINS 3
PITTSBURGH 1 2 0 — 3
WASHINGTON 2 0 4 — 6
 First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Oleskiak 1 (Brassard, Schultz), 2:23. 2, Washington, Carlson 3 (Kuznetsov, Oshie), 18:22 (pp.). 3, Washington, Connolly 2 (Eller, Vrana), 18:55. Penalties—Niskanen, WSH, (holding), 7:15; Ruhwedel, PIT, (hooking), 10:04; Simon, PIT, (tripping), 17:11; Ovechkin, WSH, (hooking), 19:58.
 Second Period—4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 9 (Schultz, Kessel), 4:43 (pp.). 5, Pittsburgh, Horngvist 5 (Kessel, Malkin), 7:45 (pp). Penalties—Ovechkin, WSH, (slashing), 4:24; Smith-Pelly, WSH, (tripping), 6:57; Smith-Pelly, WSH, (whipping), 16:39; Crosby, PIT, (hooking), 17:22.
 Third Period—6, Washington, Kuznetsov 6 (Vrana, Niskanen), 0:52. 7, Washington, Vrana 2 (Kuznetsov, Ovechkin), 15:22. 8, Washington, Oshie 5, 18:29. 9, Washington, Eller 3, 19:54. Penalties—None.
 Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 13-18-8—39. Washington 13-5-14—32.
 Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 2 of 5; Washington 1 of 3.
 Goalies—Pittsburgh, Murray 6-5 (30 shots-26 saves). Washington, Holtby 7-3 (39-36).
 A—18,506 (18,277). T—2,444.
 Referees—Marc Joannette, Wes McCauley.
 Linesmen—Devin Berg, Jonny Murray.

TAMPA BAY 3, BOSTON 1
April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2
April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
Wednesday: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
Friday: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT
Today: Boston at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday: Tampa Bay at Boston, TBD
x-Thursday, May 10: Boston at Tampa Bay, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
WINNIPEG 2, NASHVILLE 2
April 27: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1
April 29: Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT
May 1: Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4
Thursday: Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1
Saturday: Winnipeg at Nashville, late
Monday: Nashville at Winnipeg, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 10: Winnipeg at Nashville, TBD

VEGAS 3, SAN JOSE 2
April 26: Vegas 7, San Jose 0
April 28: San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT
April 30: Vegas 4, San Jose 3, OT
Wednesday: San Jose 4, Vegas 0
Friday: Vegas 5, San Jose 3
Today: Vegas at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday: San Jose at Vegas, TBD

AHL
CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS
 All times Eastern
DIVISION FINALS
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC DIVISION
LEHIGH VALLEY 1, CHARLOTTE 1
Friday: Lehigh Valley 2, Charlotte 1
Saturday: Charlotte 6, Lehigh Valley 0
Tuesday: Lehigh Valley at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Lehigh Valley at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 12: Lehigh Valley at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, May 14: Charlotte at Lehigh Valley, 7:05 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 15: Charlotte at Lehigh Valley, 7:05 p.m.

NORTH DIVISION
TORONTO 2, SYRACUSE 0
Thursday: Toronto 6, Syracuse 4
Saturday: Toronto 2, Syracuse 1, 2OT
Sunday: Toronto at Syracuse, 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Toronto at Syracuse, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 12: Syracuse at Toronto, 4 p.m.
x-Monday, May 14: Toronto at Syracuse, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 16: Syracuse at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL DIVISION
ROCKFORD 2, MANITOBA 0
Friday: Rockford 4, Manitoba 2
Saturday: Rockford 4, Manitoba 1
Wednesday: Manitoba at Rockford, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 11: Manitoba at Rockford, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 12: Manitoba at Rockford, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 15: Rockford at Manitoba, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 16: Rockford at Manitoba, 8 p.m.

PACIFIC DIVISION
TUCSON 1, TEXAS 1
May 2: Tucson 2, Texas 1, OT
Friday: Tucson 4, Tucson 1
Monday: Tucson at Texas, 8 p.m.
Wednesday: Tucson at Texas, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 11: Tucson at Texas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 13: Texas at Tucson, 9:05 p.m.
x-Monday, May 14: Texas at Tucson, 9:05 p.m.

ECHL PLAYOFF GLANCE
 All Times Eastern
Division Semifinals
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
North Division
 Adirondack 4, Worcester 2
 Friday, April 13: Adirondack 3, Worcester 0
 Saturday, April 14: Worcester 2, Adirondack 0
 Sunday, April 15: Adirondack 3, Worcester 1
 Wednesday, April 18: Adirondack 2, Worcester 1
 Saturday, April 21: Worcester 6, Adirondack 5
 Monday, April 23: Adirondack 3, Worcester 1
 Manchester 4, Reading 0
 Friday, April 13: Manchester 3, Reading 2, OT
 Monday, April 16: Manchester 4, Reading 3, OT
 Wednesday, April 18: Manchester 3, Reading 0

South Division
 Florida 4, Atlanta 0
 Monday, April 16: Florida 4, Atlanta 1
 Tuesday, April 17: Florida 3, Atlanta 2
 Thursday, April 19: Florida 4, Atlanta 2
 Friday, April 20: Florida 3, Atlanta 2, OT
 Orlando 4, South Carolina 0
 Thursday, April 12: Orlando 2, South Carolina 0
 Saturday, April 14: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1
 Thursday, April 19: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1, OT
 Saturday, April 21: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1, OT

Western Conference
Central Division
 Toledo 4, Indy 0
 Friday, April 13: Toledo 4, Indy 3, OT
 Sunday, April 15: Toledo 4, Indy 3
 Wednesday, April 18: Toledo 3, Indy 1
 Thursday, April 19: Toledo 3, Indy 2, OT
 Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 1
 Saturday, April 14: Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 3, OT
 Sunday, April 15: Fort Wayne 3, Cincinnati 1
 Thursday, April 19: Cincinnati 7, Fort Wayne 6, OT
 Saturday, April 21: Fort Wayne 2, Cincinnati 1
 Sunday, April 22: Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 2

Mountain Division
 Colorado 4, Wichita 2
 Sunday, April 15: Colorado 2, Wichita 1, OT
 Monday, April 16: Colorado 5, Wichita 2
 Wednesday, April 18: Colorado 4, Wichita 2
 Friday, April 20: Wichita 6, Colorado 0
 Saturday, April 21: Wichita 5, Colorado 4, OT
 Monday, April 23: Colorado 5, Wichita 3
 Idaho 4, Allen 3
 Friday, April 13: Allen 3, Idaho 2

Saturday, April 14: Allen 5, Idaho 4
 Wednesday, April 18: Allen 5, Idaho 3
 Friday, April 20: Idaho 2, Allen 1
 Sunday, April 22: Allen 2, Allen 1
 Tuesday, April 24: Idaho 6, Allen 3
 Wednesday, April 25: Idaho 4, Allen

Division Finals
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
North Division
 Adirondack 2, Manchester 2
 Friday, April 27: Manchester 5, Adirondack 3
 Saturday, April 28: Adirondack 5, Manchester 1
 Tuesday, May 1: Adirondack 5, Manchester 3
 Thursday, May 3: Manchester 3, Adirondack 0
 Sunday, May 6: Adirondack at Manchester, 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, May 7: Adirondack at Manchester, 7:00 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 9: Manchester at Adirondack, 7:00 p.m.

South Division
Florida 3, Orlando 1
 Friday, April 27: Florida 4, Orlando 1
 Saturday, April 28: Florida 5, Orlando 1
 Thursday, May 3: Florida 5, Orlando 1
 Friday, May 4: Orlando 5, Florida 3
 Sunday, May 6: Florida at Orlando, 1:30 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, May 8: Orlando at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 9: Orlando at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Western Conference
Central Division
 Fort Wayne 3, Toledo 2
 Saturday, April 28: Fort Wayne 5, Toledo 3
 Sunday, April 29: Toledo 2, Fort Wayne 1
 Wednesday, May 2: Toledo 4, Fort Wayne 3
 Friday, May 4: Fort Wayne 3, Toledo 1
 Saturday, May 5: Fort Wayne 4, Toledo 1
 Tuesday, May 8: Toledo at Fort Wayne, 7:30 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 9: Fort Wayne at Toledo, 7:35 p.m.

Mountain Division
 Colorado 4, Idaho 0
 Saturday, April 28: Colorado 1, Idaho 0, OT
 Sunday, April 29: Colorado 6, Idaho 2
 Wednesday, May 2: Colorado 3, Idaho 2
 Thursday, May 3: Colorado 1, Idaho 0, OT

GOLF

PGA TOUR
WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP
 Saturday at Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.;
Purse: \$7.7 million; **Yardage:** 7,554; **Par:** 71 (35-36)

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 Bryson DeChambeau 75-65-66—206
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 Rickie Fowler 72-69-68—209
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 Chesson Hadley 70-74-66—210
 Francesco Molinari 70-72-68—210
 Michael Thompson 73-73-69—210
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 Esteban Toledo
 Carlos Franco
 Gary Hallberg
 Dan Forsman
 Kirk Triplett
 Jay Haas
 Scott Parel
 Doug Garwood
 Mark O'Meara
 Scott Verplank
 Scott McCarron
 Tom Kite
 Rocco Mediate
 Jay Don Blake
 Barry Lane
 Fred Funk
 Jeff Sluman
 Stephen Ames
 Paul McGinley
 David McKenzie
 Fran Quinn
 Billy Andrade
 Rob Gilder
 Ian Woosnam
 Len Mattiace
 Blaine McCullister
 Gene Sauers
 Tom Purtzer
 John Daly
 Brad Burns
 Mark Brooks
 Jose Seldner
 Brian Henninger
 John Harris
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CHAMPIONS TOUR
INSPIRITY INVITATIONAL
 Saturday at The Woodlands CC, The Woodlands, Texas; **Purse:** \$2.2 million; **Yardage:** 7,002; **Par:** 72

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 Billy Mayfair 72-69—141
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GOLF WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

Jason Day seizes control at Quail Hollow with 2-shot lead

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Quail Hollow was softer and shorter, producing one low score after another before the final groups even started Saturday in the Wells Fargo Championship.

Jason Day wasn't paying attention, which probably helped.

When he sputtered at the start, there was no reason to panic that he wasn't taking advantage of a great day for scoring. And when Day finally picked up his first birdie by blasting a 9-iron out of the rough with the wind at his back from 195 yards to 18 inches on the ninth hole, he was on his way.

Day made five birdies over his last 10 holes for a 4-under 67, giving him a two-shot lead as he goes for his second PGA Tour victory this year.

"I was just staying in my own world, staying in my lane and not really thinking about it too much," Day said. "I knew that if I could just get myself in position ... don't do anything too silly out there and find a way to get back into the swing of things, that I could come out of this on the better half."

Day finished with a daring play on the 18th. With his bare feet in the stream and the ball on the bank well above his feet, he hit a full wedge to the back of the green for a two-putt par.

He was at 10-under 203.

Nick Watney overcame a double bogey on the par-5 10th hole with four birdies over his last six holes for a 66. He will be in the final group for the first time in nearly four years as he tries to win for the first time since a back injury two years ago.

"To get back in contention, that's why I play golf. I'm super,



Jason Day, of Australia, watches his tee shot on the sixth hole during the third round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday.

AP PHOTO

super excited," Watney said. "I'm just going to try to embrace everything that comes with tomorrow and hope I have a chance down the last."

Peter Uihlein finished the front nine with five straight birdies and started the back nine with an eagle. He shot 62, one off Rory McIlroy's course record, and wound up three shots out of the lead and in the penultimate group.

Phil Mickelson shot a 64, his best score of the year. He starts Sunday four shots out of the lead. McIlroy three-putted the last hole and still shot 66. As a testament to the conditions, all he did was shrug. "I didn't play that well. The score sort of flatters me," he said.

Tiger Woods, who started the third round on the same score as Uihlein, Mickelson and McIlroy, failed to take advantage on a course that was set up 228 yards shorter and was soft enough that players actually found pitch marks on the green.

Woods finally got going on the back nine with three straight birdies,

but a three-putt bogey on the final hole gave him a 68. He was nine shots behind.

Peter Malnati's 36-hole lead didn't last long. He had a pair of double bogeys, shot 75 and fell seven shots behind.

PGA Tour rookie Aaron Wise nearly had a collapse late until he salvaged a most unlikely bogey.

Wise, the NCAA champion from Oregon two years ago, pulled his approach left of the 18th green. It bounded over the stream to the other side. With his ball on a sharp downslope a few feet from the rock-framed banks of the stream, he considered a penalty drop that would have taken double bogey out of the picture. Instead, he tried a flop shot and his wedge slid under the ball for a whiff.

He hit the next one across the green to 40 feet, and knocked that in for bogey. Two bogeys over the last three holes gave him a 70.

"That was going to be a devastating hole," he said. "So to turn it into a bogey ... it gives me a shot tomorrow."

Day is in charge, but not in the clear.

He has won four out of five times when he's had the 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour, and it helps that he doesn't have too much experience behind him. Watney hasn't won in nearly six years. Uihlein still hasn't won on the PGA Tour. Also three shots back were Bryson DeChambeau (66), Paul Casey (69) and Wise.

"I'd much rather be in this position than chasing," Day said.

He already has won this year at Torrey Pines in a playoff over Alex Noren. Day has found the desire than he lost last year, and the 30-year-old Australian does not feel that far off from that dominant run two years ago that took him to No. 1 in the world.

"I feel like it's right on the end of the tip," he said, smiling and rubbing together the tips of his fingers. "I'm driving it better than I ever have before in my career. I'm No. 1 in putting and my short game has come back nicely. I definitely think it's just around the corner. It's not too far."

NASCAR

Johnson looks to break losing streak at Dover

By **DAN GELSTON**
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson wore a helmet painted in tribute to boyhood race hero Cale Yarborough. He then went out and tied the Hall of Famer on NASCAR's career wins list last year at Dover.

For Johnson, winning at Dover had become the norm — his 11 wins on the mile track are easily the record. His victory was already his third of the season and the hunt for a record eighth championship was roaring ahead. Until it stalled.

He had just two top-10s over the next 12 races, fell out of title contention and never finished a race better than third. He opened this season by wrecking out of the Daytona 500 and has just one top-five in 10 races.

The 42-year-old Johnson is used to racking up the kind of milestones that have made him a surefire Hall of Famer. But his return to Dover marks a rather

ignominious distinction — he's riding the longest losing streak of his career at 33 races.

Is it over at Dover? "We'll get it close, and history shows that," Johnson said. "Hopefully we get it perfect and we can have the day that we really want to have and get back to victory lane. But it does take a little pressure off me knowing that this is my best track and knowing that this is my favorite track."

The Hendrick Motorsports driver swept Dover in 2002 and 2009 and won races in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. He also joined NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (Martinsville-15, North Wilkesboro-15, Richmond-13, Rockingham-11) and Darrell Waltrip (Bristol-12, Martinsville-11) as drivers to win 11 races at a single track. His 83rd career victory tied him with Yarborough for sixth on the career victory list. Waltrip and Bobby Allison are next at 84.

DERBY

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the race. He gunned Justify out of the No. 7 spot in the starting gate — something Baffert said had to happen — and the colt's early speed helped hook leader Promises Fulfilled from the start.

"When he got away clean, then I thought we had a chance," Baffert said. "We had to get away. Then Mike took his time."

They set a blistering pace through the muck, going a half-mile in 45.77 seconds.

Entering the final turn, Justify took the lead and kept on going to the finish under Smith's left-handed whip.

Justify, the 5-2 favorite in the field of 20, ran 1¼ miles in 2:04.20. He paid \$7.80, \$6 and \$4.40.

Good Magic returned \$9.20 and \$6.60, while Audible was another head back in third and paid

\$5.80 to show.

Good Magic was the only horse to have a serious shot at Justify turning for home. Good Magic, under Jose Ortiz, drifted out while Justify and Smith kept a clear and straight inside path.

Now, Baffert is in position to make another run at the Triple Crown. Three years ago, he trained American Pharoah to the first sweep of the Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 37 years.

Installed Regard, an 85-1 shot, was fourth, followed by My Boy Jack, Bravazo and Hofburg. Lone Sailor was eighth, followed by Vino Rosso, Solomini, Firenze Fire, Bolt d'Oro, Flameaway, Enticed, Promises Fulfilled, Free Drop Billy, Noble Indy, Combatant and Magnum Moon. Mendelssohn, trying to become the first Europe-based horse to win the Derby, finished last, beaten by 7¾ lengths.

FREEMAN

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franchise quarterback, is loosening his arm on one of the three manicured practice fields in the shadow of a \$40 million indoor practice facility.

In a parallel universe, Freeman would be in the prime of his NFL career with the Bucs. He would be earning at least the \$21 million the Bucs plan to pay Winston if he plays in 2019 under the fifth-year option.

But now 30, Freeman breeds snakes back at his home in Kansas City. He plays basketball and volleyball to stay in shape, isn't married, has no children and misses the competition that pro football provides.

"I mean, you can go to the gym and, like, play basketball as hard as you can," Freeman said. "But

you can't really compete. You don't sit and prepare all week to go kick some kid's (butt) in basketball. What kind of loser is that?"

It has been nearly three years since the last pass Freeman threw in an NFL game. It came in Week 17 of the 2015 season with the Indianapolis Colts.

Freeman still looks the part. During warmups at Dodgertown, with streets lined with baseball-shaped lamp posts and streets named after Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella, he easily flicked slant routes to his CFL teammates. No other quarterback on the Alouettes roster can match his resume. They come from small schools like Missouri State, Tiffin and Butler.

Freeman is the only one who has played in the NFL. "I'm just a humble guy," Freeman said. "I don't think it's that sort of thing. I think it's just

working because I'm kind of in no man's land in the CFL. I haven't accomplished anything. I'm a rookie again ... there's that mutual respect. Other than that, guys probably don't know me from Adam."

But not that long ago, Freeman was supposed to be the face of the Bucs franchise.

Freeman sat the bench the first seven games of his NFL rookie season. But 2010 was a magical year. The Bucs went 10-6, narrowly missed the playoffs, and Freeman passed for 3,451 yards with 25 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

After a 4-2 start in 2011, the Bucs lost 10 straight games and Morris was fired. Freeman's TD to INT ratio fell to 1/2.

Greg Schiano was hired to change the daycare culture in the locker room. At first, Freeman thrived with the change. He got red-hot

during a five-game stretch with 13 TDs and three INTs.

That was the highlight. Freeman's performance plummeted, there were stories about his poor work habits. Tuesdays are the players' day off but quarterbacks come to work to get the new game plan.

In December of 2012, Freeman spent a Tuesday posing for duplicates of Michael Jackson's Thriller and Off the Wall album covers for ESPN the Magazine. This put Schiano over the edge. Freeman was a ringer for the King of Pop, but he no longer resembled the transcendent quarterback the Bucs needed.

"Yeah, it wasn't habits," Freeman said, staring down at the outfield grass. "I'd say it's just being more emotionally consistent. There's ups and downs. There's ways you can handle it and react to things and it is better if you

sway toward logic instead of emotion."

By the start of 2013, Schiano learned Freeman was in the league's substance abuse program. He observed the frequent drug tests.

The NFL's drug program is hands off for NFL teams. It's handled at the league level. Schiano wanted to help Freeman. The mere thought of his quarterback with a substance-abuse issue drove him crazy.

When Freeman wasn't voted a captain in 2013, there were accusations that Schiano rigged the player vote, a charge he denied. Freeman eventually admitted he had a prescription for Adderall to treat ADHD. However, he said in 2012, he accidentally took Ritalin, which triggered a positive test.

When the Bucs opened against the Jets in New York, Freeman didn't check in at breakfast as required, nearly missed the last team bus and was fined. After an 0-3 start, he was made inactive. Then he arranged an interview with ESPN, asking for his release.

"That's, I mean you look at it, I mean, he's the head coach and your job is to win football games, as a coach, as a player," Freeman said. "I think it just became too much drama and too much distraction for everybody. I can't say if I was in the same position, I wouldn't have made the same choice. In all honestly, I

was 25 and probably could have done better."

The CFL offers a lot of adjustments. The field of play is 110 by 65 yards, rather than the NFL's 100 by 53 ½ yards. There are 12 players on the field for each team instead of 11. A team has three downs to advance the football 10 yards, not four. All players in the backfield besides the quarterback may go in motion.

Last year, one week before the start of the regular season, the Alouettes called Freeman's agent wanting a look at another quarterback. Freeman said the timing was bad.

"As he was getting more and more interest in the CFL I told him, you're young," Freeman's agent, Larikus Scott, told the Montreal Gazette. "You can go to Canada and play. You can stay there forever or you can play for two years. If some NFL team calls, you're 31 at the end of it. For quarterbacks, that's the prime."

Former Packers coach Mike Sherman, who was hired to coach the Alouettes, says nothing is promised to Freeman.

"There is no leading candidate in my mind," Sherman said. "I want to see them all throw and I want to see them all lead. In the CFL, on all the really good teams they have good leaders, not just good quarterbacks. So it's going to be a wide open camp."

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AVON PARK — Ever wanted to start your own business but not sure how to get your entrepreneurial idea off the ground? The Florida SBDC at USF will host a Starting Your Business seminar from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 17 at South Florida State College in Avon Park, Building H, Room 110.

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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Fed keeps key rate steady but notes rising inflation

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is keeping its benchmark interest rate unchanged but notes that inflation is rising after years of being stuck below the Fed's target level. The Fed left its key short-term rate at 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent, the level it set in March after its sixth increase since December 2015.

Data firm at center of Facebook privacy scandal will close

NEW YORK — The data firm at the center of Facebook's privacy scandal is declaring bankruptcy and shutting down. Cambridge Analytica sought information on Facebook to build psychological profiles on a large portion of the U.S. electorate. In a statement, Cambridge Analytica says it has been "vilified" for actions it says are both legal and widely accepted as part of online advertising.

More businesses are mellowing out over hiring pot smokers

WASHINGTON — Many employers are quietly taking what one would have been a radical step: They're dropping marijuana from the drug tests they require of prospective employees. Marijuana testing — a fixture at large American employers for at least 30 years — excludes too many potential workers, experts say, at a time when filling jobs is more challenging than it's been in nearly two decades.

Black men arrested at Starbucks settle for \$200K program

PHILADELPHIA — Two black men arrested for sitting at a Philadelphia Starbucks without ordering anything have settled with the city for a symbolic \$1 each and a promise from officials to set up a \$200,000 program for young entrepreneurs. The men's lawyer and Mayor Jim Kenney outlined the agreement on Wednesday. The arrest of Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson on April 12 touched off a furor around the U.S. over racial profiling.

Memo: Pruitt landlord's husband sought EPA work for client

WASHINGTON — A newly

Financial safety net

Where college students can find emergency money and housing



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A 2018 national survey led by Goldrick-Rab found that over a third of university students out of over 20,000 surveyed said they were food insecure, or had had limited or uncertain access to food in the previous 30 days. And 36 percent of those students said they were housing insecure in the last year, which means they had trouble paying housing bills or had to move frequently.

By ANNA HELHOSKI
NERD WALLEY

College students without a financial safety net are in a tough spot when unexpected costs arise.

"The chances their parents can pick up the bill are not as high," says Sara Goldrick-Rab, a professor at Temple University in Philadelphia and founder of the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, a research center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's not for lack of families wanting to; they don't have it."

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Recognizing that a financial crisis can force a student to withdraw from classes, about three-quarters of colleges and other postsecondary schools offer some kind of help, according to a 2016 survey of emergency college aid programs by the professional association NASPA-Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Programs

include loans and small cash grants, dining hall vouchers and food pantries, and scholarships to complete a semester.

The impact can be significant. "We found that if you can alleviate their need in one place, it's going to free up their finances to support other things like tuition, books, housing or rent," says Stan Jackson, director of student affairs communications and marketing initiatives at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

Here are resources for students who need emergency help. Depending on your school's policy, you may have to provide documentation of your financial need.

Emergency financial help

Go to your school's financial aid or student affairs office to ask about emergency programs, which could include grants, completion scholarships, emergency loans or vouchers. Usually this money can pay for tuition, housing, books, supplies and transportation.

For example, at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, assistance is available for students who face emergencies such as losing their job, eviction or utility shut-off.

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Ceiling fans, hard hats on the recall list

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 100,000 ceiling fans are being recalled because of faulty brackets connecting the fan blades. Other recalled consumer products include defective hard hats.

Here's a more detailed look:

Ceiling fans



CPSC.GOV

The brackets connected to the fan blades can break and allow the blades to fall, posing an impact hazard.

DETAILS: Seasons-branded 52-inch five-blade ceiling fans. The recalled fans were sold in white, brass, bronze, and brushed nickel finishes and have zero, one, three or four lights. Model numbers 269702, 269712, 269714,

269716, 269718, 269808, 269810, 269812, 269816, 269818, 269820 and 269822 are included in this recall. The model number is printed on a label on top of the motor housing. They were sold at HD Supply stores nationwide and at www.HDSupplySolutions.com from March 2016 through February 2018.

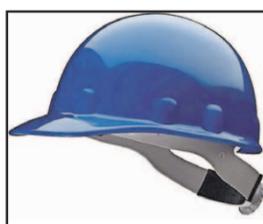
WHY: The brackets connected to the fan blades can break and allow the blades to fall, posing an impact hazard. INCIDENTS: 13 reports of a bracket breaking and allowing a fan blade to fall, including one report of minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

HOW MANY: About 144,000.

FOR MORE: Call HD Supply at 800-782-4154 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, send email to FMWarrantySolutions@hdsupply.com or visit www.HDSupplySolutions.com and click on Resources and then on Recall Information for

more information.

Hard hats



The hard hats can fail to protect users from impact, posing a risk of head injury.

DETAILS: Honeywell's type 1 Fibre-Metal E2 and North Peak A79 hard hats. They were sold in a variety of different colors. The Fibre-Metal E2 hard hats have a manufacture date of April 2016, May 2016, December 2017 or January 2018. The North Peak A79 hard hats were manufactured from April 2016 through January 2018. Only North Peak A79 hard hats with mold identification number 4 are included on this recall. North by Honeywell, the mold

identification number, and the manufacture date can be found on the underside of the hat's brim. The date code is in a clock format: The numbers around the circle correspond to the 12 months of the year, the arrow points to the month of manufacture and the numbers on either side of the arrow represent the last two digits of the year. They were sold by industrial protective equipment distributors nationwide and www.Amazon.com and other websites from April 2016 through January 2018.

WHY: The hard hats can fail to protect users from impact, posing a risk of head injury.

INCIDENTS: None reported.

HOW MANY: About 82,500 in the U.S. and about 65,550 were sold in Canada.

FOR MORE: Call Honeywell at 888-212-6903 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit www.honeywellsafety.com and click on Voluntary Product Recall for more information.

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released memo shows the husband of Scott Pruitt's Washington landlord sought EPA appointments on behalf of a client last year. The memo, from last August, shows lobbyist Steven Hart suggested EPA committee appointments on behalf of a client that Hart represented.

Passengers heard window popping on Southwest plane

CLEVELAND — Passengers say they heard popping and quickly moved away from a cracked window on a Southwest Airlines plane forced to land in Cleveland. There were no reports of injuries

after Flight 957 going from Chicago to New Jersey landed safely on Wednesday morning. The emergency landing comes two weeks after a Southwest Airlines plane made an emergency landing in Philadelphia after an engine explosion and a blown out window.

Tesla posts record 1Q loss as cash burn accelerates

DETROIT — Tesla posted a record \$709.6 million net loss in the first quarter and burned through \$745.3 million in cash while struggling to crank out large numbers of its Model 3 mass-market electric car. The loss and cash burn announced Wednesday raised questions about the company's future and whether it will be able to pay all of its bills by early next year without more

borrowing or another round of stock sales.

Co-author of Dodd-Frank says bill's foundation will survive

WASHINGTON — Congress is trying to pass a hefty rewrite of a banking law that bears Barney Frank's name, but the former Massachusetts congressman isn't worried. Frank says he's confident Dodd-Frank will survive Republican efforts to dismantle it. He crafted the bill with a fellow Democrat, former Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd, after the 2008 financial crisis. The GOP-controlled House has passed legislation to dramatically scale back the government's oversight role, but the Senate bill is more modest.

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The fund has provided students with over \$78,000 in grants and loans since 2014, according to Dave Murray, a school spokesperson.

Emergency food

If you don't have consistent access to food, contact your school's student affairs office to learn about programs such as food vouchers, scholarships, free meal plans, access to SNAP benefits and food pantries.

At the University of Georgia, where Jackson says 10 percent of the population is affected by food insecurity, students can apply for yearlong food scholarships that award meal plans. There's also a campus food pantry.

Food pantries usually stock nonperishable foods, but some may also have fresh food and items such as cleaning supplies and hygiene products, says Clare Cady, co-founder and director of the College and University Food Bank Alliance, which has

626 member schools.

The food pantry at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, provides about 20,000 meals per semester, says Nicole Hindes, assistant director of the university's human services resource center. Hindes says free dining hall vouchers are the most heavily utilized program.

"They can spend time studying with their friends and not feel out of place meeting at the dining hall," Hindes says. "The food pantry is more cost-effective, but the food assistance program is one that students like and resonates with them."

Urgent housing

Few schools have emergency housing, and options are often limited.

"There really isn't a good housing solution," says Daphne Hernandez, a University of Houston researcher who is conducting a study of food scholarship effectiveness at Houston Community Colleges. "Four walls and a roof is a little more difficult than food."

Find out from your school's housing or student affairs office if

there is an on-campus emergency residency program. Some schools set aside dorm rooms. The office of student affairs at your school may also point to off-campus housing solutions including short-term sublets, apartments, youth shelters or room shares.

Financial aid

Emergency college aid programs tend to be short-term fixes that aren't intended to replace federal aid. Be sure to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, each year. You may need to appeal if you don't receive enough aid or an unexpected situation arises, such as unemployment, medical expenses or the death of a caregiver.

To appeal your aid offer, even midyear, contact your school's financial aid office. Be prepared to:

- Detail your circumstances.
- Ask the office to reconsider your aid award.
- Provide any documentation to support your claim.

FOOD

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review class or free second test are not included. Students wanting to take the exam only can come at 1:30 p.m.

Register for the class by June 1. Bring payment to Ridge Area Arc Administration, 4352 Independence St., Avon Park where students can also pick up their Manager Review Guide. Checks or money orders must be made payable to Ridge Area Arc. Cash and credit cards are accepted. A \$20 fee will apply to all returned checks. A "no show" will result in a loss of all registration fees.

For more details, call Cindy Marshall at 863-452-1295, ext. 124. Businesses and organizations with five or more students can also schedule private classes and testing for the Food Managers certificate.

The National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification is nationally recognized. It is good for five years from the exam date. Local laws apply. Earning the certification tells the industry that the certified manager knows food safety and the critical importance of its role — and enables them to share food safety knowledge with every other

employee.

Through ServSafe Food Safety, students will master sanitation, the flow of food through an operation, sanitary facilities and pest management. ServSafe is the training that is learned, remembered, shared and used.

According to Florida Statutes and related administrative rules, managers responsible for storage, preparation, display and service of food in the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation-licensed food service establishments to pass a Certified Food Manager examination.

Every DBPR-licensed food service establishment must have at least one certified food manager, and one must be present any time four or more employees are engaged in preparation, storage, or service of food. Managers have 30 days after employment to become certified.

The food training programs are a service provided to the community by Ridge Area Arc. Arc is a local non-profit charitable organization that offers training and education to individuals with disabilities. The food programs are open to all individuals.

ON THE MONEY

Pill expiration dates can have wiggle room if stored right

By LINDA A. JOHNSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Just how firm are expiration dates on bottles of allergy or pain pills? Probably not as crucial as the "Best By" date on milk cartons.

Medicines are expensive, and amid occasional shortages, some people are tempted to use expired pills.

After all, a pill good till May 31 can't be useless on June 1. The expiration date, typically just one or two years after manufacture, simply shows how long the maker tested the drug's stability by exposing it to extreme temperatures, humidity and light. Drugmakers propose the expiration period when they seek approval from regulators to sell it.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration advises against using expired drugs, warning they may not work as intended or may be harmful, especially for people with serious ailments.

Yet many people, including doctors, use medicines well after expiration.

"I think everybody does," said Dr. Jennifer Lowry, a toxicology expert at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Still, most expired



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This April 27, 2018 photo shows expiration dates on packets of medicine in New York. Multiple medical groups have urged the FDA to lengthen expiration dates.

medications get tossed. "We probably are throwing away \$60 to \$70 billion a year," estimates Ajaz Hussain, president of the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education. Hussain, a former FDA official, said he doesn't hesitate to take expired pills.

Multiple medical groups have urged the FDA to lengthen expiration dates, but the federal agency said it's not sure it has authority to do so. The FDA does provide recommendations for drugmakers to do that voluntarily, but the companies have little financial incentive to do so.

During acute shortages of some medicines, the FDA lets drugmakers extend dates if they have data indicating they're still good. That's happened with this year's shortage of saline solution for hospitals, for a

seizure drug last year and during a 2013 shortage of Tamiflu.

Numerous studies on expired, properly stored drugs, mostly pills, have found them fully potent or close, some many years after that date. In one case, unopened bottles of painkillers, antihistamines and other drugs from the 1960s were still very potent when tested a half-century later.

The FDA and Department of Defense jointly run a program that periodically tests batches of antibiotics and other drugs in the national stockpile for potential disease epidemics and chemical attacks. That's repeatedly resulted in yearslong extensions, saving billions of dollars.

Experts tell The Associated Press they know of no cases of patients harmed by taking expired medicines. The exceptions are aspirin and the antibiotic



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NASA spacecraft will have company all the way to Mars

By **MARCIA DUNN**
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CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA's next Mars explorer is going to have company all the way to the red planet: a couple of puny yet groundbreaking sidekicks.

Named after the characters in the 2008 animated movie, the small satellites WALL-E and EVE are hitching a ride on the Atlas V rocket set to launch early Saturday morning from California with the Mars InSight lander.

Similar in size to a briefcase or large cereal box, the satellites with pop out from the rocket's upper stage following

liftoff and hightail it to Mars, right behind InSight.

It will be the first time little cube-shaped satellites, CubeSats as they're known, set sail for deep space. The journey will span 6 1/2 months and 300 million miles (485 million kilometers).

A brief look at the \$18.5 million experiment tagging along with InSight:

MINI SATS: Miniature satellites, or CubeSats, have been piggybacking on big-ticket space missions for well over a decade, providing relatively cheap and fast access to orbit for students and other out-of-the-mainstream

experimenters. Until now, the hundreds of CubeSats have been confined to Earth orbit. That's about to change with NASA's Mars Cube One project, or MarCO. The European Space Agency, meanwhile, has its CubeSat sights on the moon. A recent competition yielded two winning proposals: a CubeSat to explore the moon's far side from lunar orbit, another to probe a permanently shadowed crater near the moon's south pole, also from lunar orbit. NASA is also looking to send CubeSats to the moon, as well as an asteroid.

MOVIE CONNECTION: It turns out that these

twin cubes are equipped with the same type of cold gas propulsion system used in fire extinguishers to spray foam. The movie WALL-E uses a fire extinguisher to propel through space. Team members couldn't resist the connection, thus the names WALL-E and EVE for the two mini spacecraft. Engineers want to test this compact propulsion system for guiding the 30-pound (13.6-kilogram) cubes to Mars.

GETTING TO MARS: Once free from the rocket's upper stage following liftoff, WALL-E and EVE will trail a few thousand miles (kilometers) behind InSight en

route to Mars. The two mini spacecraft will also be a few thousand miles (kilometers) apart from one another. That's to prevent any collisions or even close calls. While that may seem far apart, it's actually fairly close by space standards, according to Brian Clement, an engineer on the project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. While InSight will be stopping at Mars on Nov. 26, WALL-E and EVE will zoom past the planet from about 2,200 miles (3,500 kilometers) out. Don't expect any Thunderbird pilot-theatrics as the cubes fly by, like a tilting of the solar wings in salute. "That

would make a great movie, but that's definitely not the way we're going to do it," Clement said.

EXTRA EARS: Besides testing the cubes' maneuvering system, NASA wants to see if WALL-E and EVE can transmit data to Earth from InSight during its descent to Mars. If the experiment succeeds, it should take just several minutes for flight controllers to hear from the cubes. No worries if they're silent. NASA will rely on the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter already circling the planet as the main communication link with InSight during descent and touchdown.

7 striking facts about the money tech companies are making

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Everyone knows the tech industry is rich, but it can be challenging to get your head around just how much money it's minting.

Four of the industry's giants — Facebook, Microsoft, Amazon and Google parent Alphabet — reported unexpectedly large profits this week. (Amazon's profit more than doubled Thursday.) A fifth, Apple, releases earnings on Tuesday. These companies are the largest on Earth, at least in terms of their market value.

The large profits come even as the tech industry, notably Facebook, faces questions about the extent to which companies depend on collecting personal data on users to fuel their advertising revenue.

Raw financial figures only tell you so much, though. Here are seven facts you might not know about the lucre the technology industry is rolling in.

The five largest tech companies are collectively worth more than the entire economy of the United Kingdom. Investors value these companies at \$3.5 trillion; the gross domestic product of the U.K. was \$2.6 trillion in 2017, according to the International Monetary Fund. Only four national economies are larger than the combined tech giants: those of the U.S., China, Japan and Germany.

The same five tech companies are worth more than the next 11 most valuable U.S. corporations, a list that includes JPMorgan Chase, Johnson & Johnson and Walmart.

Apple makes roughly as much money every day as 2,500 average U.S. households can expect to see in a year. That's \$151 million, a figure calculated from the company's expected profit in the January-March quarter and the median household income of \$57,230, as reported by the Census Bureau.

For a more prosaic comparison, Apple makes almost three times what ExxonMobil does; the oil giant had an average daily profit of \$54 million last year.

While you were looking at baby pictures or stalking your ex today, Facebook made \$1.6 million. That's based on the 42 minutes a day the average user spends on Facebook, according to the research firm eMarketer. Facebook's profits were almost \$5 billion in the first quarter — \$56 million a day, \$2.3 million an hour, \$39,000 a minute.

The two big tech companies you almost never pay directly — Google and Facebook — can afford to offer you free services thanks to their hammerlock on digital advertising. The two will sell an estimated \$61 billion in U.S. online ads this year, according to eMarketer.

That's more than a quarter of expected U.S. spending on all forms of advertising (\$221 billion). All of it is in the hands of just two companies.

Mark Zuckerberg made \$6.6 billion on Thursday, the day after Facebook reported earnings. The company's stock jumped 9 percent on the news; the Facebook co-founder owned 457.1 million shares as of Dec. 31.

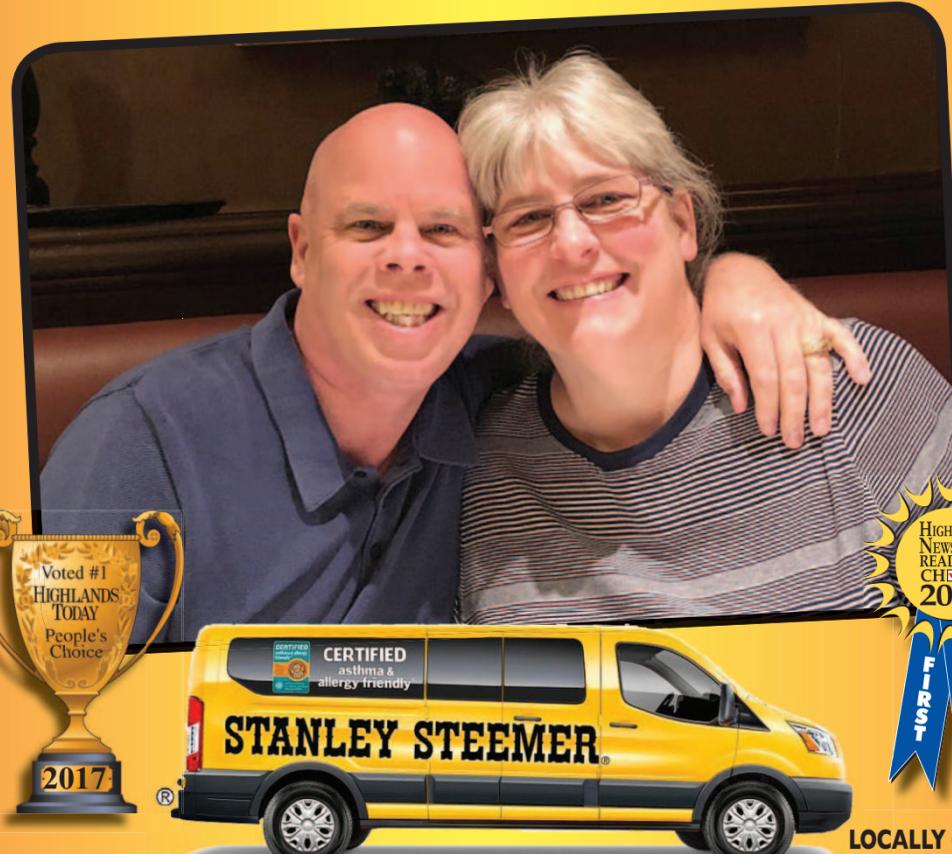
Of course, that cuts both ways. When Facebook's stock slid 8 percent in a day after the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal broke, Zuckerberg lost more than \$6 billion.

With a single move, Amazon could create \$2 billion out of thin air. The company just said it will raise the annual price of its Prime membership program to \$119 from \$99. Given that there are now over 100 million Prime members — and assuming they don't flee — that's a good chunk of change for sliding a few digits around.

If you'd put \$10,000 into Apple stock in September 1997 when co-founder Steve Jobs came back as CEO, your stake would be worth \$2.1 million today.

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Retirement savers want to talk about more than risk

BUSINESS WIRE

NEW YORK—AXA, a leading financial protection company, today unveiled new research which found retirement savers actively want to discuss ways to protect their assets during periods of volatility and ensure they have enough income in retirement.

Public opinion and market research company, Greenwald & Associates, conducted the research on behalf of AXA US and The Insured Retirement Institute (IRI), surveying more than 1,000 individuals and 300 financial professionals.

The results uncovered several opportunities for financial professionals to drive deeper client satisfaction by proactively discussing protection against stock market downturns, guaranteed lifetime income options and by planning for healthcare expenses.

Key research findings include:

Nearly 80 percent of individuals are interested in learning about an option that offers principal protection and the potential for growth. Fifty-six percent of individuals rate their financial professional highly when lifetime income is discussed, versus 34 percent who do so when lifetime income is not discussed. However, only 50 percent of individuals say they discuss guaranteed lifetime income with their financial professional, compared to nearly 80 percent who discuss risk tolerance. "Financial professionals play a key role in supporting their clients in reaching their retirement goals," said Kevin Kennedy, head of the Individual Retirement business at AXA US. "Clients want their financial professionals to move beyond the standard risk



tolerance questionnaire and engage them in a thorough discussion of options, including income planning for healthcare expenses."

"There is also an opportunity," Kennedy continued, "for financial professionals to explore options with their clients that can help give them access to market appreciation over the long-term while providing some protection from downside risk."

The research also found that saving for retirement healthcare costs creates an additional opportunity for

financial professionals to discuss principal protection options. Nearly 60 percent of individuals believe they are only somewhat or not very well prepared for a major health event. However, less than 20 percent of individuals reported they have worked with their financial professionals to estimate retirement healthcare costs.

Concerns over healthcare costs are compounded by the potential for inflation to chip away at their spending power. Ninety-two percent of individuals recognize inflation is likely to have

an impact on expenses during retirement.

"This research underscores financial professionals' pivotal role in helping retirement savers to gain comfort around their ability to withstand market volatility and the potential role of high quality annuity products in helping to achieve financial security," said Catherine Weatherford, President and CEO, Insured Retirement Institute. "In return, financial professionals will be rewarded with higher client satisfaction."

AXA US's variable annuity portfolio includes principal protection features and guaranteed income solutions that can help financial professionals give their clients options to address their long-term needs. Depending on each unique need,

these strategies can help individuals protect their wealth, help ensure an income source they cannot outlive and better weather large expenditures such as healthcare costs, while mitigating the impact of inflation.

Structured Capital Strategies is a variable and index-linked deferred annuity contract designed for investors looking to protect their assets against a loss of up to 30 percent as well as invest for growth, up to a cap 1. Retirement Cornerstone variable deferred annuity gives investors the ability to accumulate assets and protect retirement income, tax-deferred. Investment Edge variable deferred annuity offers tax-deferred growth potential, and tax-efficient distribution options. Greenwald & Associates conducted the research in the fourth quarter of 2017.

REAL ESTATE Q&A

Don't know what to do about your neighbor's tree? Here's help

By GARY M. SINGER
SUN SENTINEL

Q: I read your recent tree article and want to know how I can protect myself? — Bob

Q: My neighbor has a tree near the fence, and the roots are intruding in my yard and ruining the fence. What can I do? — Jay

Q: I do not think the law is fair that I have to pay for damage caused by my neighbor's trees! Where the trunk lies,

so should the liability. — Betty

A: I received these questions and many more in response to my recent tree article. I decided to use this space to review the law with you and clear up any confusion.

The owner of a tree is responsible for keeping it healthy and well-maintained, and for making sure it does not become a hazard to neighbors. As long as the owner does this, he or she should

not be liable if the tree falls and damages a neighboring property during a storm or other unforeseen event.

If the tree is genuinely on the boundary line between two lots, it becomes the property of both owners, who are jointly responsible for its maintenance and cannot remove it without the other's consent. While we are on the subject of removing a tree, it is a little-known fact that most municipalities

require a permit to take down a tree and will levy significant fines for not getting one.

Your neighbor is not liable to you for living branches or roots intruding onto your property, but you can trim them back to the property line, at your expense. However, if doing so damages or kills the tree, you may be responsible. If the branches or roots are already dead, it is your neighbor's responsibility to remove them,

and if he or she does not, and your home is damaged, your neighbor could be on the hook.

It is always best to try to resolve these situations in a neighborly fashion, by talking it out. If this is impossible, try looking to your homeowners' association or city for assistance.

Finally, make sure that you have good hazard insurance that covers tree damage, even if your mortgage is already paid off.

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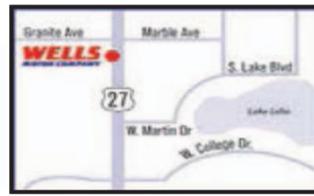
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How to build your 'oh no!' fund

The emergency fund is a bust.

Millions of Americans don't have one, and some of those who do resist tapping what they've saved. I'd like to propose an alternative for both sets of people: The "oh, no!" fund, a savings account for not-quite-emergency expenses.

One of the reasons people don't have emergency funds is misplaced optimism. People think that if they're healthy, they'll stay healthy. If they're employed, ditto. The car will keep running, the roof will never need to be replaced and, since everybody's a better-than-average driver, there won't be any accidents. Behavioral scientists call that "recency bias," which is the delusion that whatever happened in the recent past will continue into the indefinite future.

Everyone, though, has experienced "oh, no!" moments: the no-parking sign they didn't see, the crown the dentist says they need, the smartphone



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dropped in the toilet. A relatively small amount in such a fund can keep people from turning to expensive credit cards or payday loans.

"The power of just a few hundred dollars of savings can really help reduce the use of short-term, high-cost lending," says John Thompson, chief program officer for the Center for Financial Services Innovation, a nonprofit that promotes financial health.

Having a cushion is particularly important if you're a homeowner. In a recent Harris Poll survey commissioned by NerdWallet, nearly two-thirds of homeowners

say they've experienced anxiety about their home, with unexpected home repair costs the top cause of anxiety.

The "oh, no!" fund is designed to be spent, not hoarded. Emergency funds are meant to be spent, too, but people are often reluctant to part with money labeled as savings, says financial literacy expert and Rutgers University professor Barbara O'Neill.

"People hate to experience losses, (and) pulling money out of a savings account feels like a loss," O'Neill says.

Many people also give up on the idea of an emergency fund because any money they manage to put aside is quickly wiped out by unexpected expenses. They don't realize that the emergency fund did its job by keeping those expenses from going on a credit card, or that saving for unexpected expenses is a "rinse and repeat" deal. You don't just hit a savings goal and you're done. You save, you spend, and then you save again.

The "oh, no!" fund can help people build that muscle. It can be viewed as a transactional account with constant additions and subtractions as life unfolds. The fund also can help people who already have savings they don't want to touch except in big emergencies, such as a job loss.

The first "oh, no!" goal can be pretty modest, say \$500. For those new to saving, here's how to get there.

SET UP A DEDICATED ACCOUNT. Consider using an online bank, since most don't have minimum balance requirements or account fees and they'll let you name the account almost anything you'd like (although anything stronger than the word "crap" might get you a "tut tut — let's keep it clean" auto-response from the bank). Some prepaid cards, such as American Express Bluebird and WalMart MoneyCard, have a savings feature if you don't use bank accounts.

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CAN. Those with regular paychecks and bank accounts can set up automatic transfers, so \$10 or \$20 or whatever amount you like gets swept into a savings account each pay period. Or you can use technology that automatically rounds up your purchases to the nearest dollar and deposits the money in savings. Bank of America's Keep the Change debit card and Chime, a mobile bank account, both offer this option. Or try Digit, an app that analyzes your spending and moves unneeded funds to a savings account.

IF YOU CAN'T AUTOMATE, MAKE A RULE. Decide to put aside a set dollar amount or percentage from every check or other income you receive. Examples: "I'll save \$10 from every paycheck and 10 percent of any windfalls."

DON'T STOP. Once you're in the habit of saving, keep going. Your next goal can be \$2,000, which is the median cost of the largest financial shock experienced by households studied

by the Pew Charitable Trusts. After that, you can shoot for the traditional emergency fund recommendation of building a fund equal to three months' worth of expenses.

Even as you do, though, you may still want to keep a separate fund for those everyday mishaps. Because crap happens.

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ITB NO. 18-031 Sale of Surplus County Owned Properties (Spring Lake)

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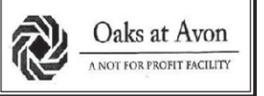
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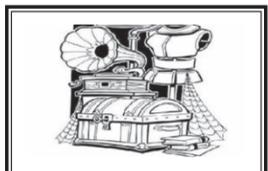
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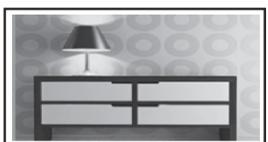
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In this Feb. 20, 2018, file photo, construction workers work in midtown Manhattan in New York. U.S. productivity grew at an annual rate of 0.7 percent in the first three months of 2018, a weak reading but a slight improvement from the previous quarter.

US adds 164,000 jobs

By JOSH BOAK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers stepped up hiring modestly in April, and the unemployment rate fell to 3.9 percent, evidence of the economy's resilience amid the recent stock market chaos and anxieties about a possible trade war.

Job growth amounted to a decent 164,000 last month, up from an upwardly revised 135,000 in March, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate fell after having held at 4.1 percent for the prior six months largely because fewer people were searching for jobs.

The overall unemployment rate remained, as in recent months, the lowest since December 2000. The rate for African-Americans — 6.6 percent — is the lowest on record since 1972.

Many employers say it's difficult to find qualified workers. Even so, they haven't significantly bumped up pay in most industries. Average hourly earnings rose 2.6 percent from a year ago.

An encouraging sign for the economy is that the pace of hiring has yet to be disrupted by dramatic global market swings, a recent pickup in inflation or the risk that the tariffs being pushed by President Donald Trump could provoke a trade war. Over the past three months, monthly job growth has averaged 208,000.

Much of the economy's durability, in fact, is due to the healthy job market. The increase in people earning paychecks has bolstered demand for housing, even though fewer properties are being listed for sale. Consumer confidence has improved over the past year. And more people are shopping, with retail sales having picked up in March after three months declines.

Manufacturers added 24,000 workers last month. Restaurants and hotels hired a net 18,000. The health care and social assistance sector added 29,300 jobs and the construction industry

17,000.

The monthly jobs reports have yet to show a consistent surge in average annual wage growth. Even so, workers in the private sector during the first three months of 2018 enjoyed their sharpest average income growth in 11 years, the Labor Department said last week in a separate report on compensation.

That pay growth suggests that some of the momentum from the slow but steady recovery from the 2008 financial crisis is spreading to more people after it had disproportionately benefited the nation's wealthiest areas and highest earners.

With qualified job applicants harder to find in many industries, employers have become less and less likely to shed employees. The four-week moving average for people applying for first-time unemployment benefits has reached its lowest level since 1973.

The trend reflects a decline in mass layoffs. Many companies expect the economy to keep expanding, especially after a dose of stimulus from tax cuts signed into law by Trump that have also increased the federal budget deficit.

Inflation has shown signs of accelerating slightly, eroding some of the potential wage growth. Consumer prices rose at a year-over-year pace of 2.4 percent in March, the sharpest annual increase in 12 months. The Federal Reserve has an annual inflation target of 2 percent, and investors expect the Fed to raise rates at least twice more this year, after an earlier rate hike in March, to keep inflation from climbing too far above that target.

The home market, a critical component of the U.S. economy, has been a beneficiary of the steady job growth. The National Association of Realtors said that homes sold at a solid annual pace of 5.6 million in March, even though the number of houses for sale has plunged. As a result, average home prices are rising at more than twice the pace of wages.

SMALL TALK

Just a few customers? Owner strategies in case any leave

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It's a scary but sometimes necessary way to operate — with only a few clients, and perhaps just one. But what if any of those customers leave in a short time span, erasing a significant chunk of revenue?

"We are reliant on a few large clients, and it is the key concern that keeps me up at a night," says Brian Cairns, CEO of ProStrategix, a management consulting group and Cairns Consulting, a marketing company, based in New York.

Cairns was a subcontractor several years ago to his biggest marketing client, who would funnel business to him. But when her company ran into problems, his work dropped off.

Many small business owners, including consultants, publicists and architects, have only a handful of customers or clients at a time. If they work solo or have just a few employees, they can't take on more work. And small manufacturers that turn out custom products for other companies or for the government may have just those few customers.

There are upsides: It's less complicated when an owner doesn't have a lot of accounts to juggle. But it makes a business more vulnerable. Owners find they need strategies to be sure they survive a revenue dip. Cairns' solution was to launch ProStrategix, so he'd be less dependent on one customer.

Having a few clients gives Joanne Sonenshine's consulting group time to focus on their specific needs, but "there is a fear that if one or two go away, we are in a serious financial conundrum," she says. Sonenshine's company, Connective Impact, works with nonprofits on projects that can last from a few months to a few years. She takes on three to six at a time.

But because Sonenshine's concerned about losing business, she networks, blogs, uses social media and attends conferences. "I am constantly in business development mode," says Sonenshine, whose company is based in Arlington, Virginia.

When Gayle Bu networks, she offers potential clients a free 30-minute consultation — but not necessarily with the expectation of being hired. Bu, who's based in Atlanta, is an online business manager, working with companies and individual entrepreneurs.



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In this April 19, 2018, photo, Brian Cairns, CEO of Cairns Consulting, a marketing company, and ProStrategix, a management consulting group, poses for a photograph in New York, where his two companies are based.

"Even if you're not the right fit, they will tell their network about you," Bu says. She's most comfortable with four to six clients — and knows what it's like to lose two, one right after the other.

"It was a pain in the neck, but it wasn't devastating because I knew I just needed to call a couple of people and fill those slots next week," Bu says.

That approach is the key to surviving, says Gene Marks, owner of The Marks Group, a small business consulting firm in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

"You should be thinking all the time, 'If I were fired on Friday, what is Plan B,'" he says.

Owners may not have to look too far for more work, he says. Those who have contracts with one office or division of a large business can do some prospecting in other parts of the company. Marks also recommends that owners keep overhead low and cash flow strong, giving themselves a cushion if a customer

suddenly leaves. Staying alert to both positive and negative changes with customers is also key. When Toys R Us said in March it was shutting its stores, for instance, it didn't come as a surprise to vendors, Marks says. "They knew where things were going six months ahead," he says.

Business owners who focus on government work deal with the occasional unpredictability of getting paid. When the federal government shut for 16 days in 2013, contractors including many small business owners faced a cash flow nightmare.

Psychologist Ashley Hampton has run into that doing evaluations of children and adults for a state agency in Alabama. When agencies approach the Sept. 30 end of their fiscal year, they start running out of money.

"What typically happens is in mid-July or mid-August it starts slowing down and then in August it becomes a trickle and in September,

non-existent," says Hampton, who's located in Trussville.

To help make up for the shortfall, Hampton has expanded her geographic reach to 15 counties. She's also building a separate coaching business for other owners who are trying to build companies.

Some owners start out with many customers, then realize they would work better with just a few. Brian Foley used to rely on thousands of people who used his app, Buddytruk, which he describes as an Uber for people who need trucks for pickups and deliveries. But advertising costs to reach the general public ran too high, especially since individual customers tended to use it once in a while at most.

Two years ago, Foley began focusing on

deliveries for shoppers at stores like Costco in Southern California and Austin, Texas. People who buy big items like patio furniture can get a truck to deliver their purchases.

Foley, whose company is based in Santa Monica, California, develops and maintains relationships with store managers and employees so he can advertise Buddytruk to customers while they're shopping. If a manager were to leave, there's a chance he could lose his company's presence in a store and in turn, thousands of dollars in revenue each month.

"That's definitely a worry of ours. The longer the relationship lasts, the more of a moat you create around yourself," Foley says.

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CHUCK IS HARD TO TALK TO BECAUSE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LIFE...

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LAUGHING AND CRYING

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LOVE, AND SILLY TALK, AND TOUCHING HANDS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT...

HE PLAYS A LOT OF BASEBALL, BUT I DOUBT IF HE EVEN UNDERSTANDS BASEBALL...

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, CHUCK!

I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS I DON'T UNDERSTAND

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"NO, IT WASN'T SO THEY COULD ARM-WRESTLE."

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AND I'M ALREADY SWAMPED!

HOW WAS WORK? TERRIBLE.

THEY'RE PILING THE WORK ON...

I DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL CRAWL OUT OF THIS HOLE.

I THOUGHT DADDY WORKED IN AN OFFICE.

MARY WORTH

"SADNESS IS BUT A WALL BETWEEN TWO GARDENS." - KHALIL GIBRAN

"IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES..."

"WILL SHE KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVED HER?"

WHAT'S WRONG, WILBUR?

EVERYTHING.

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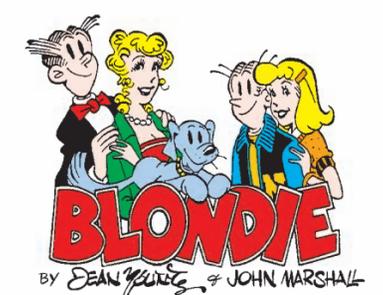
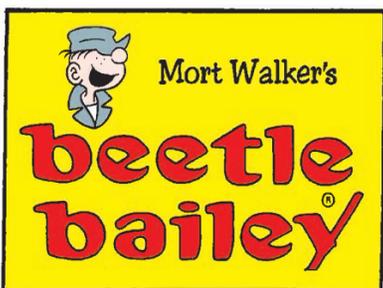
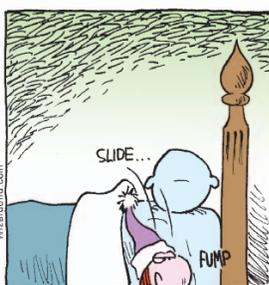
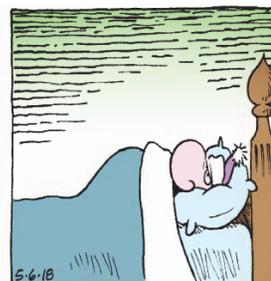
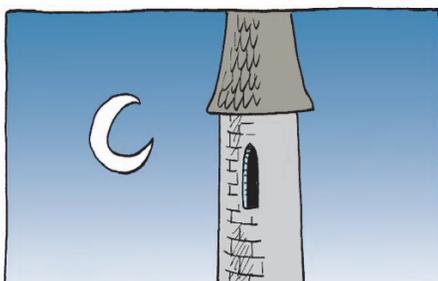
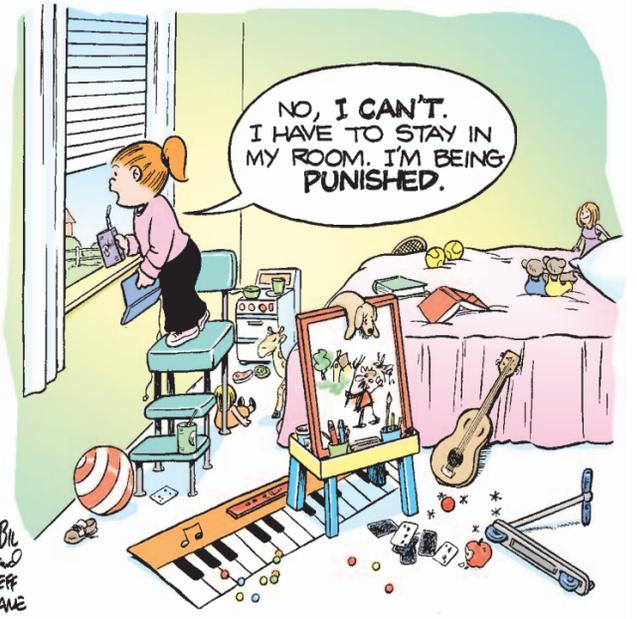
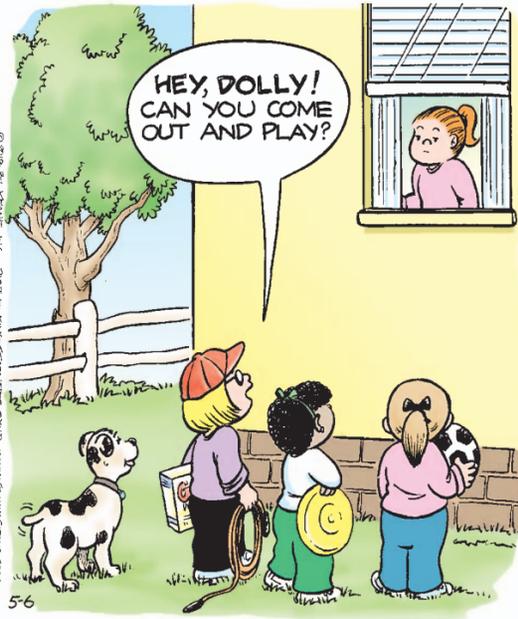
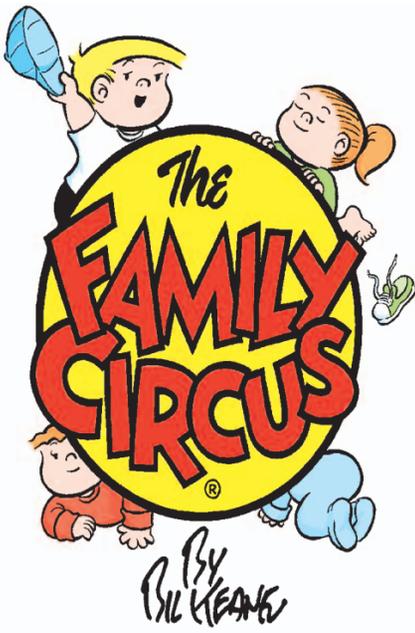
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AND WITH DAWN AWAY, I FEEL COMPLETELY ALONE!

YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE, I'M HERE NOW, AND I'M LISTENING...

MARY BRIGHAM 5/6/18





FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

NATURALLY, WE ARE REFERRING ACCESS TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, ACCESS TO MARKET AWARENESS, ACCESS TO MULTI-LEVEL TOP MANAGEMENT.

... LAST YEAR, I HATED THE WORD "BASICALLY"... THIS YEAR, I HATE THE WORD "ACCESS."

I AGREE. IT'S A METHODOLOGY OF STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT SELECTION. IT'S THE UTILIZATION OF MOTIVATIONAL DIPLOMACY IN PROVIDING ACCESS TO PERSONNEL ADVANCEMENT.

WE'RE TALKING ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT EQUITY. WE'RE TALKING POSITIVE COMBINED POTENTIAL! WE'RE TALKING OBJECTIVES!

BASICALLY, YOU ACCESS YOUR MOST PRODUCTIVE PERSONNEL AND YOU GIVE THEM ACCESS TO UPWARD DRIVE MOBILITY.

THERE IS, OF COURSE, A COMMONALITY IN OUR PRIMARY SYSTEM. WE ARE BOTH REFERENCING THE SAME DATA BASE.

MIND YOU, OUR SPECIFIC MODALITY CAN ALTER APPRECIABLY, GIVEN THE FACTORS GOVERNING ALTERNATE DIPLOMACY.

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OW!

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Prince Valiant

HAL FOSTER'S

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

... AND HELPS HIM LURCH TO HIS CHAMBERS, KEEPING HIM AS QUIET AS HE POSSIBLY CAN.

KRIOS' SON ANTERO HAS BECOME SMITTEN BY ZULFA, THE IMAZIGHEN HAS GOTTEN HIM QUITE DRUNK AND EAGER TO BLURT STORIES OF FAMILY SECRETS. SHE GUIDES THE UNHAPPY MAN BACK TO HIS FAMILY'S DOMUS...

YEATES 5/6/18

BUT ONCE WITHIN HIS ROOMS, SHE PRODS HIM FOR MORE ABOUT THE SLAIN INGOLF. "POOR INGOLF," ANTERO SLURS. "HE DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS BEING PLAYED BY FATHER. ANDRINA - INGOLF - WE'RE ALL JUST PAWNS TO FATHER. BUT THEN HE LEARNED TOO MUCH ..."

... WOULD'NT COOPERATE - AND, SO - POOR INGOLF! AND - DO YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING? - HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WITH US, ON THAT ISLAND - KYTHRA - TOMORROW NIGHT... THEN ANTERO BEGINS TO SNORE, BUT ZULFA HAS HEARD ENOUGH...

... SHE MUST GET THIS INFORMATION TO ALETA! SHE QUIETLY BACKS OUT OF THE ROOM...

... AND INTO THE GRASP OF ANTERO'S BROTHER, DRAKON! "FOREIGN DEVIL! AS I SUSPECTED - BEWITCHING ANTERO IN OUR OWN HOUSE!"

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

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BOB WEBER JR and SR 5-6

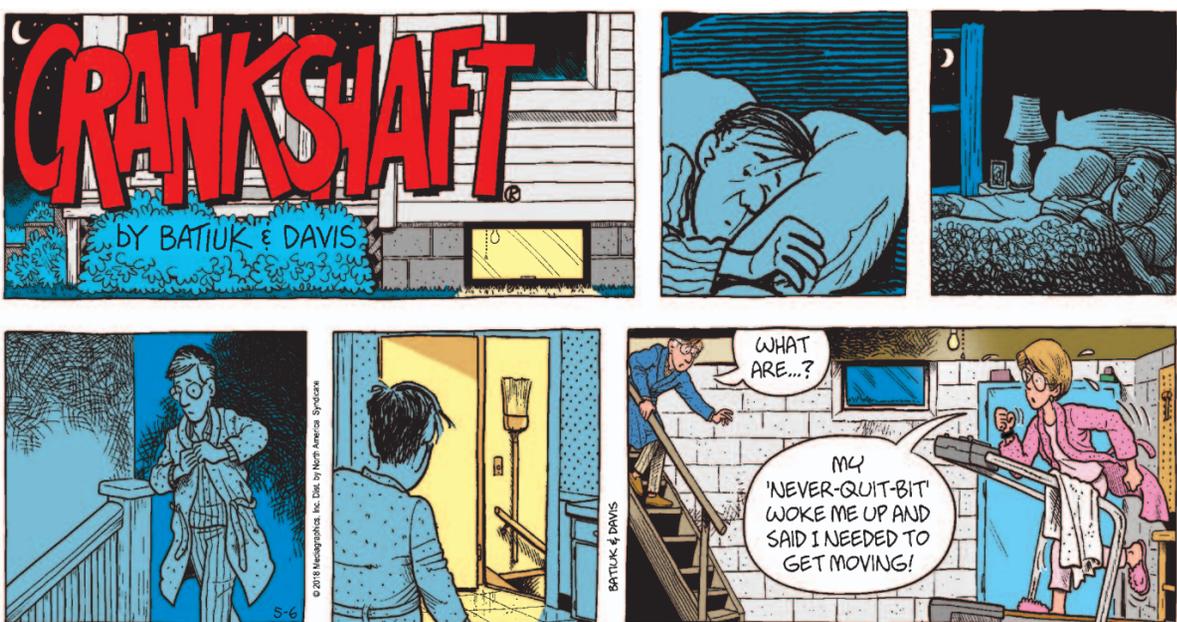
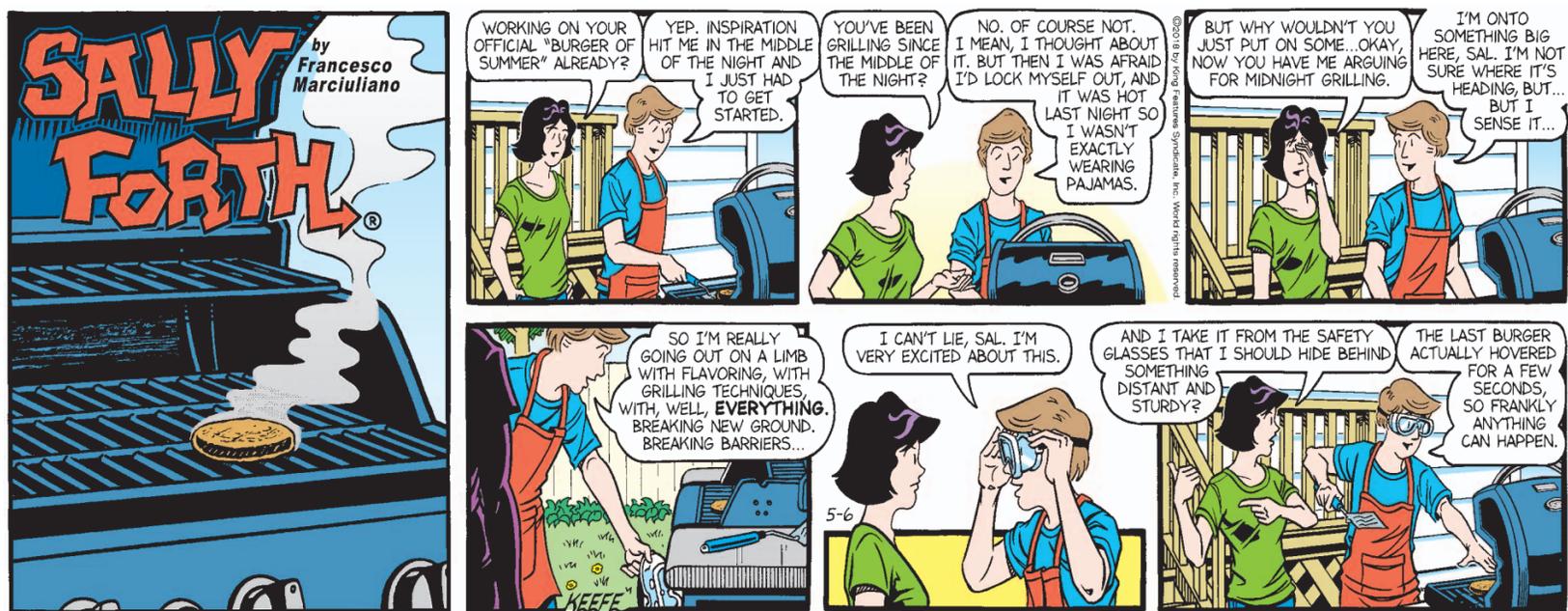
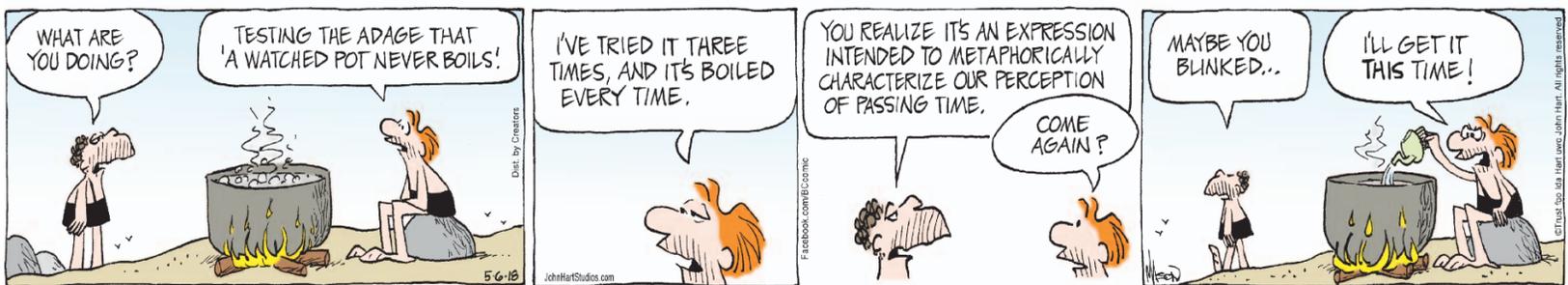
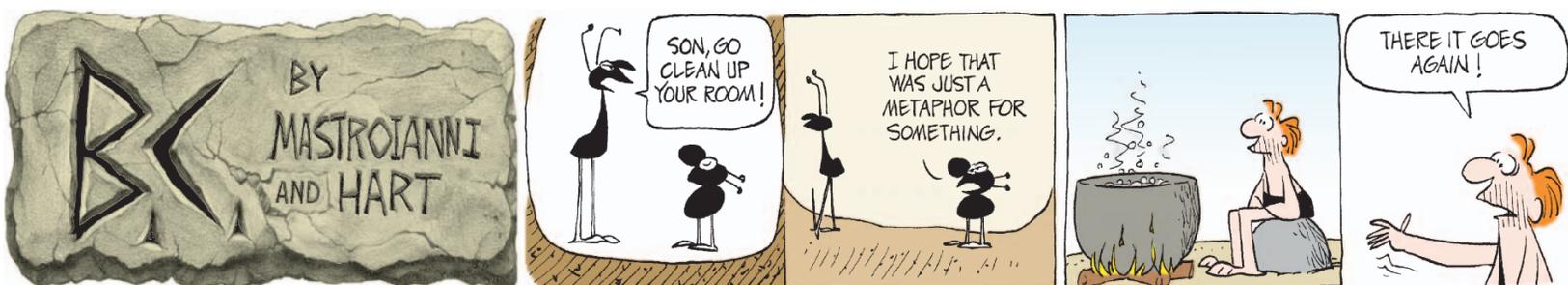
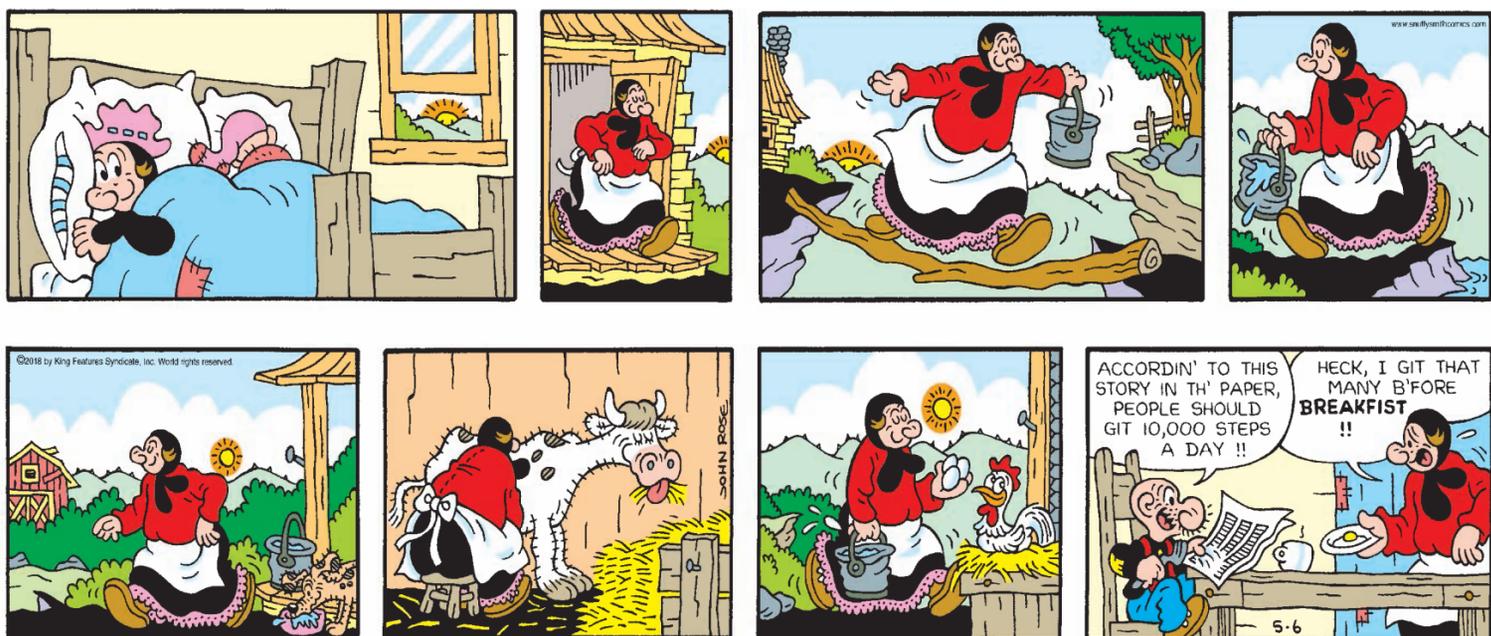
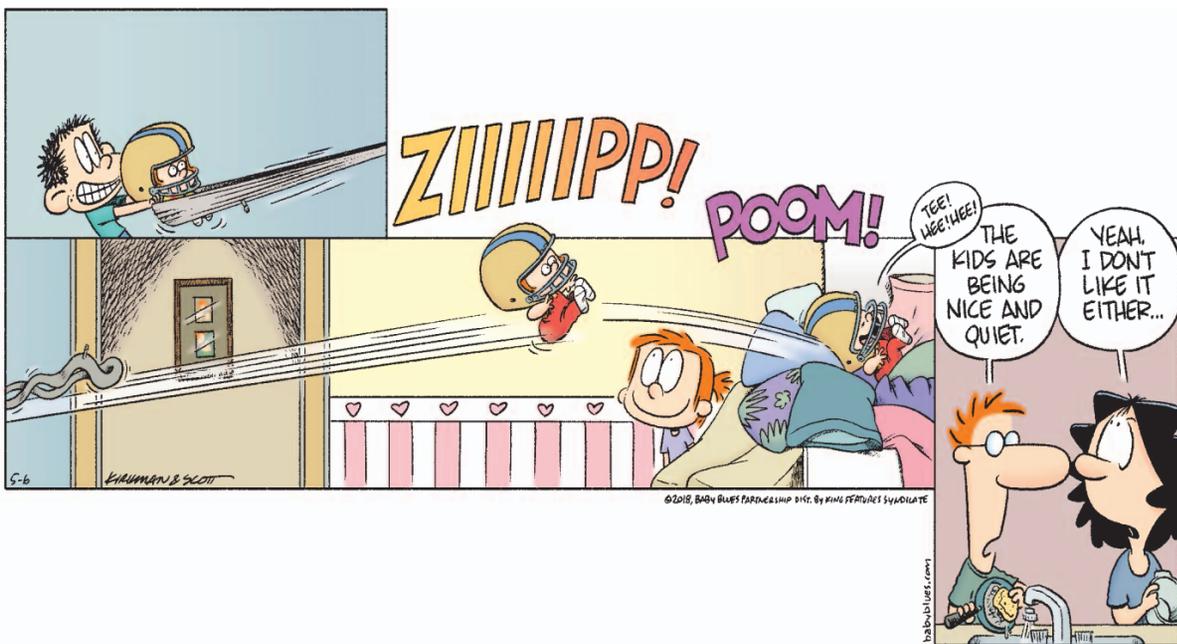
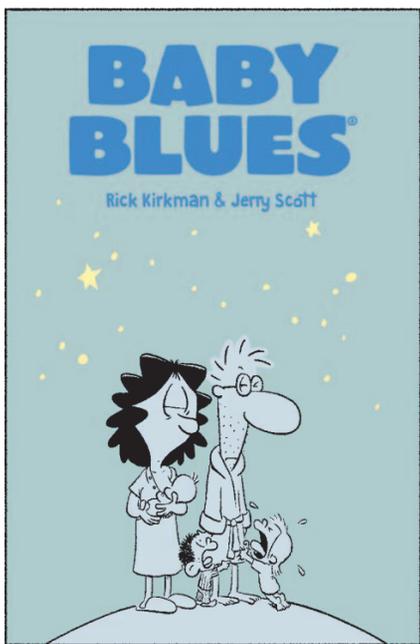
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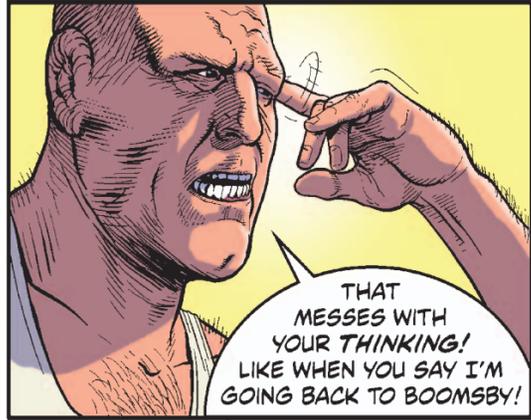
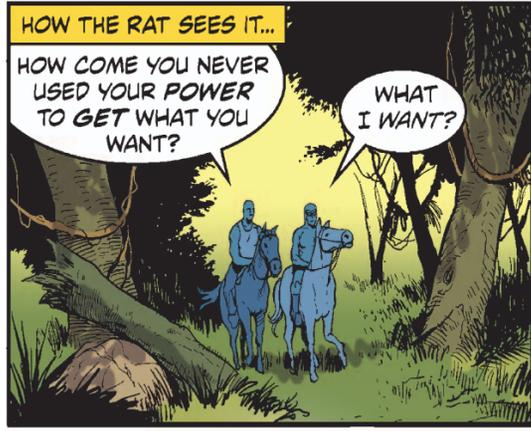
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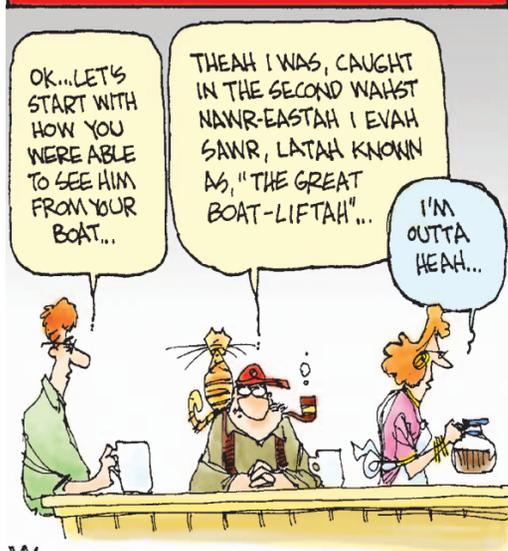
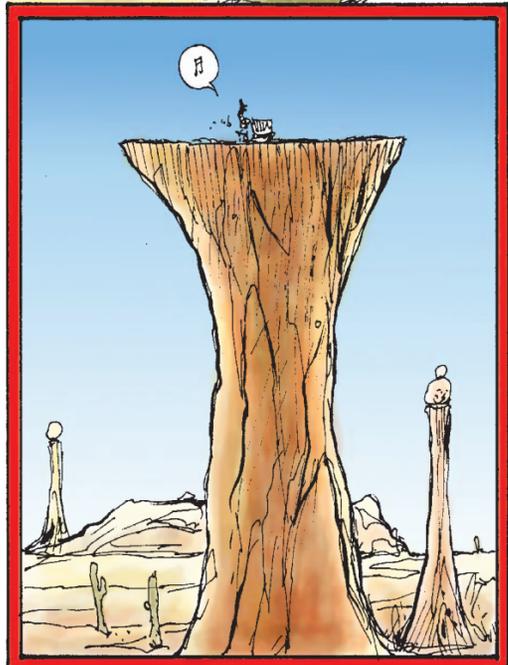
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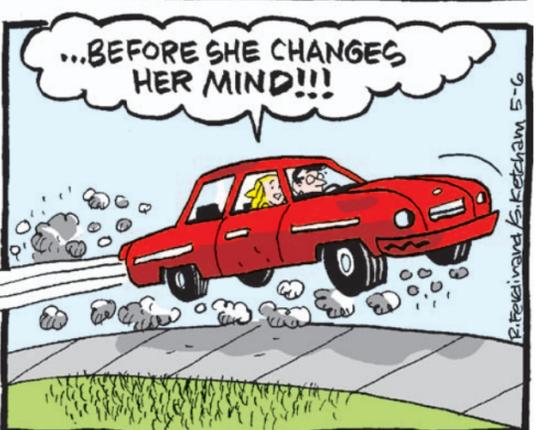
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