

Giving back



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Highlands County Sheriff's Office staff clear overgrowth for Earl and Janet Hunt, an elder couple in Lake Placid, for Wednesday's United Way Day of Caring. They are, from left, Detention Deputy Joey Lezama, Sheriff's Purchasing Manager Becky Tyson, Administrative Assistant Dorothy Morero and Victims' Advocate Liz Fischer.

United Way Day of Caring effort draws 24 businesses, 300 volunteers

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — "It's quite a blessing," Janet Hunt said as Highlands County Sheriff's Office deputies and staff helped clear up her and her husband's property.

Earl Hunt, on oxygen, can't get outside much. The Hunts have been clients of Nu-Hope of Highlands County for years. They used to do a lot more volunteer work themselves, with Manna Ministries and with the Benevolent Protection Order of the Elks in Lake Placid.

"They were both big at giving back to the community," said Jonda Allan, Nu-Hope case manager. While Nu-Hope provides in-house services, sometimes clients have needs beyond what the non-profit agency can provide. As luck would have it, the Hunts' needs coincided with this year's

United Way Day of Caring. Highlands County Sheriff's Office had approximately 30 members volunteer this year. Twelve of them helped the Hunts at their home off State Road 70.

"He's a retired police chief, so this is an honor for us," said Nicole Brown, detective with the Special Victims Unit.

Brown, Lt. Tyrone Tyson of the COPS Unit, Purchasing Manager Becky Tyson, administrative assistants Brittany Jones and Dorothy Morero, Victims' Advocate Liz Fischer, 911 dispatchers Alicia Peters and Melanie Williams, nurse Treson Francis and Criminal Investigations Det. Melissa Lander gathered shingles from the couple's yard, mowed the yard, trimmed around trees and other objects — including an antique

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Highlands County 911 Dispatcher Melanie Williams helps clean up storm-tossed shingles from an elderly couple's yard in Lake Placid. She was one of approximately 30 volunteers from the Highlands County Sheriff's Office who helped with Wednesday's United Way Day of Caring.

Public meeting set for road project U.S. 27/SR 64 intersection

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting this month to answer questions about a planned intersection improvement at U.S. 27 and State Road 64.

Interested parties will have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with FDOT staff and make comments about the project at the meeting, which will be held 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, in the Avon Park Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine St.

Improvements include replacing the existing roadway with concrete pavement from U.S. 27 southbound from West Pleasant Street to

Paulk Street, U.S. 27 northbound from Dyal Street to West Hill Street and SR 64 from Self Avenue to U.S. 27.

Other improvements include resurfacing the existing roadway on U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street, constructing an eastbound right-turn lane on SR 64 to U.S. 27 and upgrading the southbound right-turn lane on U.S. 27 to SR 64, replacement of traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. 27 and SR 64, installing new pavement markings and signage, installing concrete curb, sidewalks and traffic separator, adding eight new street lights and improving drainage.

Construction begins in early June according to the FDOT and is expected to be



MARC VALERO/STAFF

The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting, 5-7 p.m., May 23, in the Avon Park Council Chambers, to answer questions about planned improvements to the intersection of U.S. 27 and State Road 64.

complete in spring 2020.

The estimated construction cost is \$8 million.

A single continuous lane closure on U.S. 27 will be in place during intersection construction.

Additional lane closures and temporary lane shifts on SR 64 will occur during nighttime/overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.,

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Bowling alley owners 'noncompliant' Building demolition past due date

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The bowling alley owners, Phoenix Rising Unlimited Inc., have missed the deadline to demolish the 16-lane building at 6800 U.S. 27.

On March 28, Avon Park's special magistrate, Jefferey Dawson, ordered the owners to enclose the building within five days and demolish it within 45 days. He said the building was a hazard because it was falling in on itself and children were reportedly playing inside it.

Phoenix Rising Unlimited Inc. is co-owned by Linda, Jonathan and Christopher Davis; they did not show up for the first hearing.

Although late, the owners did put up a fence on three sides of the building that still allowed people to enter the building easily from the front. By April 24, the Avon Park city officials planned on taking the owners to court the next day because of noncompliance with the fence.

Avon Park Public Safety Officer

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Teen center for at-risk youth to open soon

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A group of church, community and business leaders have worked and prayed together for nearly two years to open a teen center with a program to mentor and help at-risk youth.

Grace Bible Church Lead Pastor Dustin Woods explained recently about two years ago the community experienced the tragedy of three young men losing their lives to gun violence in downtown Sebring.

"Like most communities, we pulled together and talked about how we are going to fix this problem," he said. "But, unlike most communities we actually stuck to it."

To reach at-risk youth there were two big objectives — where to do it and what type of program for the youth, Woods said.

Bountiful Blessings Church has a beautiful facility/gymnasium for a

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Tuck pre-submits resignation

Royce to continue as vice mayor

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — During the regular Monday Town Council meeting Councilwoman Arlene Tuck put in her letter of resignation from the Lake Placid Town Council. The letter was read into record by Mayor John Holbrook. The resignation will be effective Nov. 13.

Tuck didn't put in her resignation because of anything bad happening at the council. Her resignation is in place because she is running for Highlands County Commission District Seat



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[submit her resignation] 10 days before qualifying dates that start on June 18," Tuck said.

Tuck has served on the council for the past four years and just began her second term in April. She also served from 1980-1982.

As of right now, only two Republicans are running for the District

4 against Republican incumbent Jack Richie. "The Supervisor of elections, Penny Ogg, told me that I had to



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4 seat. If no Democrat qualifies, a winner will be declared after the Aug. 28 primary election.

The swearing in for the county commissioner is on Nov. 20. Assuming Tuck wins, she wanted to make the effective date of her resignation the day after the regular Nov. 12 Town Council meeting.

"It's hard to think about resigning, when I just started my second term," Tuck said. "I really

think that I can help the people of Lake Placid and the council from the commissioner's position. I have a lot of people that are asking me to check into things already."

Tuck will remain on as a councilwoman, with all the voting rights that it entails, through to the November meeting.

In other actions taken by the council, Councilman Ray Royce was re-elected as vice mayor. Royce has been a councilman since 2008 and is in the middle of serving his third term. He has served the town as vice mayor since 2010.

"I have enjoyed my

terms on the Town Council," Royce said. "I appreciate the faith my fellow Town Council members have in me to exact the duties of the mayor in his [Holbrook's] absence.

"We are fortunate to have a mayor that is very dedicated," he said. "It is very rare that I have to sit in as mayor; I may occasionally run a meeting or sign checks if the mayor is out of town."

International Museum Day is Friday

By **ELAINE LEVEY**
CONTRIBUTED STORY

AVON PARK — The Historical Society of Avon Park is participating in the third annual International Museum Day on Friday. The museum's extended hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and it is located on Museum Avenue.

The historical society will be doing a much requested walking tour on the "Mile Long Mall" for this event. Ricky Helms, president of the historical society, will be leading the tour. The tour will start at 10:30 a.m. and another at 2 p.m.

A new exhibit has been created for this special

day of culture — the "Highwaymen." They were African-American artists that made a pretty good living selling their paintings out of the trunks of their cars or going door to door in the 1950s. This enabled them to escape the hard work in the fields and groves that was more or less expected of them in the era of segregation.

In the railroad dining car a "Vintage Photo Collection" especially made for International Museum Day will be on display. The photos have been enlarged and framed so that more details can be seen. The photos have been never shown before and tell a lot about the culture of

Avon Park in the early 1900s. The most popular of photos are of citrus trees with family all dressed up and photos of their automobiles.

Mrs. Oliver Crosby, the founder's wife, in period dress will be present to mingle with the crowd and can answer questions or be available for photo-ops at 1 p.m. Visitors can see Phase 1 of the "Botanical Garden" sponsored by the Avon Park Rotary. A life-size bench will complete the garden. The garden area is near the entrance to the railroad dining car.

Museum volunteers and board members work hard to keep Avon Park's history alive and

invite the public to come visit and meet the folks that make it all possible. Refreshments will be served in the museum and railroad dining car.

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Jason Lister told the Highlands News-Sun previously that the unsecured building was dangerous, especially after the Sebring Kart Racing, located directly behind the bowling alley, reopened after Hurricane Irma. Sebring Kart Racing and the bowling alley are owned by the same company.

Lister inspected the

property before the April 25 court hearing and found fencing around all four sides of the building.

That left Phoenix Rising Unlimited Inc. to comply with the demolition of the burned out bowling alley. The 45 days deadline expired on May 12. Although a good portion of the building is gone, a significant portion of the building still stands.

"The property is non-compliant of the magistrates previous order for demolition," Lister said.

"There is no daily fine at this point. This property will be taken to the next magistrate hearing, which will be scheduled at the hearing next Wednesday. We continually monitor the progress of the orders that are issued by the magistrate for compliance."

The building was destroyed by fire during Hurricane Irma on Sept. 10.

The Davis' did not return phone calls a of press time on Wednesday.

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weather permitting, according to FDOT.

Highlands County Commissioner Don

Elwell said this is something that had been discussed at a Town Hall meeting on U.S. 27 and is now finally getting some much-needed improvements.

"The intersection

of U.S. 27 and SR 64 in Avon Park is a very difficult one," he said. "Construction will be long, but worth it, as the goal is to make the intersection both safer and more efficient."

Correction

In a story on Page A1 of the Wednesday, May 16 edition of the Highlands News-Sun, Lake Wales Police Chief Chris Velasquez's name was misspelled. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

5 THINGS That Will Make You SMARTER

1. Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up. They can run shortly after birth.
2. Domestic horses

have a lifespan of around 25 years. Horses have been domesticated for over 5000 years.

3. Horses have around 205 bones in their skeleton.

4. A male horse is called a stallion. A female horse is called a mare. A young

male horse is called a colt. A young female horse is called a filly. Ponies are small horses.

5. Estimates suggest that there are around 60 million horses in the world.

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OUR VIEW

Prisons a bad place for state to cut funding

Wrong, wrong, wrong!

The Florida Legislature's decision to cut \$28 million from funding for state prisons is a short-sighted blunder that we'll all pay for.

We understand there is not always enough money for everything everyone wants. And, the Parkland shootings created a stunning need to funnel more cash into school safety measures just about the time lawmakers thought they had the budget all figured out. We get that too.

But our prison system — ignored in too many past budgets — is a bad place to cut funds, especially that much money.

Sure, there will be people who say "they're prisoners. They did bad stuff. We don't need to create cushy accommodations."

Those who work in the prison system can attest to the fact men and women behind bars in Florida are not experiencing anything near cushy, or even comfortable.

Our prisons are falling apart. A study last year found leaky roofs, plumbing issues and all sort of problems that any homeowner would declare an emergency.

But, that is not the crux of the problem.

The issue that we all should be concerned about is the fact much of that \$28 million shortfall in our prison budget would pay for mental and substance abuse treatment for prisoners. Some of it would pay for rehabilitation programs so these people might be able to find a job when they are released.

The lost funds would also have helped pay for Hepatitis C testing and treatment. Hepatitis C has become one of the biggest problems in Florida prisons with more than 20,000 inmates carrying the disease. A federal court has ruled the state must test and treat all inmates — at a cost of about \$37,000 each. It's another example of Florida's lack of attention to state prisons over the past several years that is leading to bigger problems now.

Many of the inmates who are deprived of mental health treatment, rehabilitation and proper health care will be released some day. They will be back in their communities — minus any new job skills, without treatment to cure their substance abuse, devoid of any insight into their mental health condition and, possibly, carrying Hepatitis C.

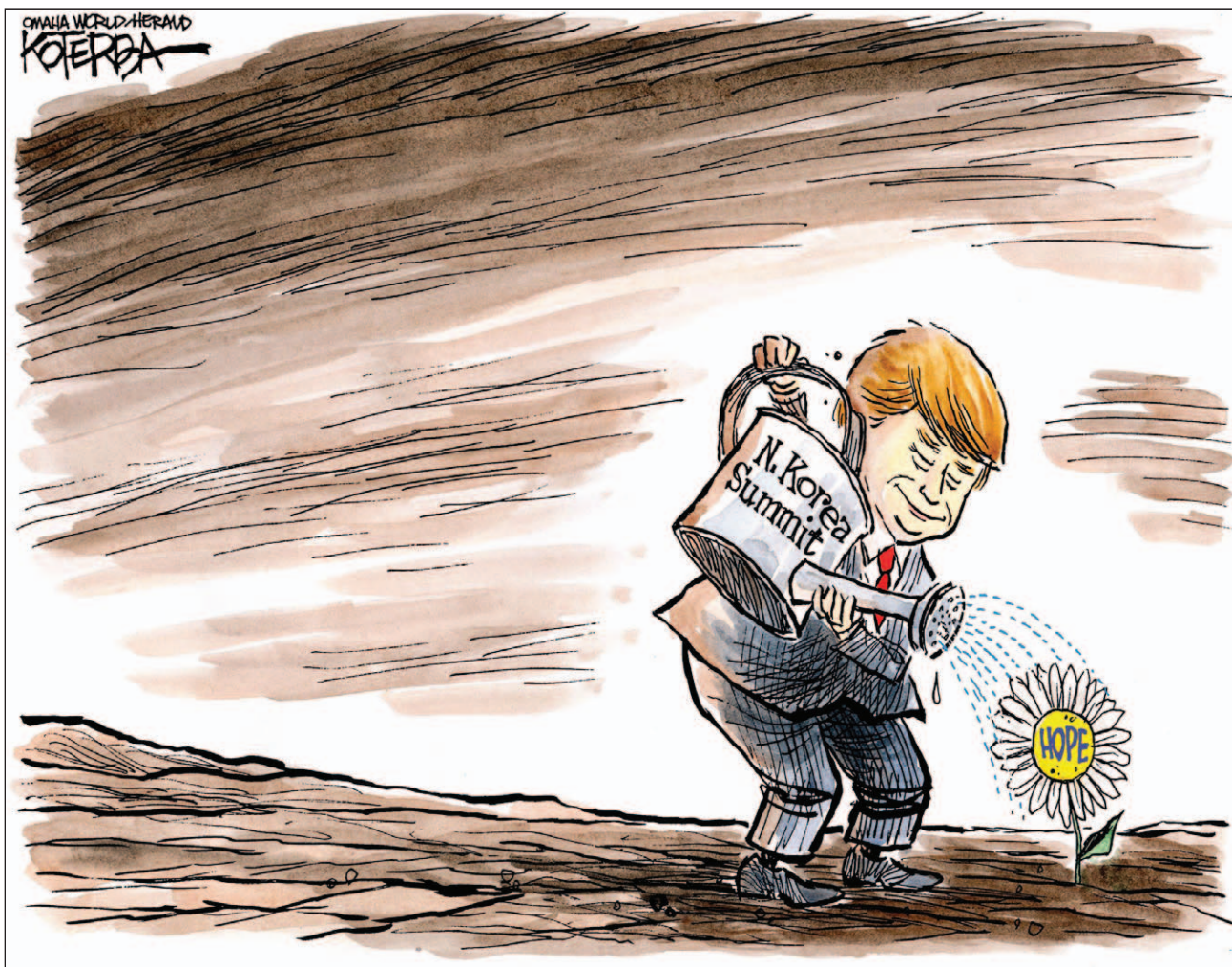
There were lawmakers who wanted to leave the prison funds — money that Corrections Secretary Julie Jones has pleaded for years — untouched. But House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, and Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, did not make that a priority when the budget trimming began.

Jones has little choice but to make some severe cuts. Not even prison chaplains were spared when she took scissors to the budget.

Some lawmakers have expressed the possibility of coming up with more money this fall when they begin visiting Tallahassee to prepare for the 2019 session. That could be too late — although we would appreciate any help they could give.

There is never enough money to go around in Tallahassee, but cutting back on rehabilitation and health care for inmates only puts the general public at risk — not to mention guards and prison personnel whose lives are often on the line.

— Sun Newspapers



Self-care awareness

Chances are someone you know has shared how it's been a tough couple of weeks. Throughout our community, people are struggling and managing, serving and sighing, all while trying to check on each other. It may be time for a little self-care.

Having been afforded the opportunity to attend a recent Leadercast event, it seemed appropriate to share the knowledge granted. Particularly in the arena of self-care, many of us fall short. We are always ready to lend a hand, hug a neck and hear a story. Sometimes it becomes too much though if we haven't also filled our own cup.

Self-care simply reminds us how we are the most important instrument we take into our workday. If we aren't up to the task, we won't accomplish much. The speaker focused on how it is up to each of us to ensure we bring our best game and suggested simple,



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Dorothy Harris

reasonable ways to do so.

The best and probably biggest issue he brought up was lack of sleep. His insistence that everyone should have at least eight hours of sleep was probably brushed off by all in the room. As he continued through his presentation however, it became clear that refusing to honor our body's need for rest is foolhardy. As he insisted, we are not the exception.

For me to get eight hours of sleep requires that I get ready for bed

by 9:30 p.m. Most nights we aren't even eating dinner until 8 p.m. How in the heck would we get to bed so early? He gave a suggestion of setting a reminder for a half hour before lights out to start the process. Would it be possible? Mulling over proposing this to Mr. Harris, I had a suspicion on how he would respond.

Sure enough, when I shared the bedtime admonition with him, his response mirrored what I had assumed. He said he'd be delighted to go to bed earlier. Always feeling tired has a way of wearing down a body and on the nights we were able to implement the new bedtime, it was surprising how much better we felt throughout the entire next day and evening.

Are you weary friend?

Here is a challenge for you. Set an alarm right now to go to bed early enough to get at least eight hours of sleep

tonight. Then try and hit this mark as many nights as you can the rest of this week and next.

The speaker also talked about play, but those are my words, not his. He shared it in a more eloquent manner, but truth be told whatever it is you do to laugh, sweat, smile or simply feel blissful, it's time to do it a little more. After weeks of stress and angst, bless your mind with a little glee. You probably don't feel like doing it, but believe me you need to — just make the effort.

Sleep and play won't fix everything. It will however offer you a chance to rest from troubles. Once you get a few nights of good rest and have a chance for a couple moments of play or laughter, you might feel better. Schedule it onto your calendar for every week. Life can really be hard some days. Let's make sure we are up to the struggle.

YOUR VIEW

License for bad behavior

Per the FDOT, US 27 is just fine as it is with no need to alter speed limits. We're to understand this would interfere with driver's "comfort zones." We certainly don't want to do that. Bad driving can now be justified because it's important we be comfortable, despite the carnage on this highway. Fly with the wind as you please and if you do get pulled over, just say you were driving in your "comfort zone."

FDOT also says most U.S. 27 accidents are rear-end collisions. I find that questionable. Most of the wrecks I've seen were the result of illegal U turns, speeding, or illegal entry to the highway.

All manner of crazy

antics can be seen on this notorious roadway. Enforcement appears lacking, which adds to the headaches. This latest study appears to give license to bad behavior. The state is watching over us. If careless driving be the food of life, drive on! Your comfort zone is protected.

Warren Pender Sebring

The beer facts

Is there any difference between a can of beer and a can of cola? Many of our young adults see no significant difference.

Alcohol is a product that has directly, or indirectly, negatively impacted every American: loss of life, loss of marriage, broken family, addictions, etc.

Often we are not aware of the \$132 billion paid by taxpayers to clean up after tragic accidents. Alcohol is a sedative; in the brain, it slows the ability to think and move, and it impairs judgment.

Alcohol contributes to the death of around 88,000 Americans every year. Many Americans have looked into a casket of a loved one killed by alcohol.

How can anyone look in the faces of the loved ones surrounding these 88,000 victims and say, "We need more alcohol?"

How can a young mother with three children whose husband has just been killed by a drunk be persuaded that, "We need more alcohol?"

These 88,000 victims represent some of the most tragic and horrific accidents. How can

anyone discount the significance of these unnecessary tragedies and then push for more alcohol? How can anyone deny that more alcohol means more heartache and more death? How can anyone not care?

Many promoters of alcohol are motivated by money. How tragic when money is valued more than life, marriage, and harmony in our society!

The enemy of our soul and the enemies of our nation applaud more alcohol. It makes their goal much easier. Promoters of alcohol ignore the facts because they can never justify the deaths of 88,000 Americans every year.

A beer and a cola are essentially the same only if life has no God-given value.

Virgil Ullom, D.D.S.
Babson Park

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

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

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2017 Water Quality Report

For The Town of Lake Placid Public Drinking Water System

PWS ID #6280286

This report will be available at the Town of Lake Placid Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid FL, 33852; phone number (863) 699-3747 and our website at www.lakeplacidfl.net.

We are pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Utility wants you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The Town of Lake Placid is committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source is from ground water wells. The two wells draw from the deep Floridan Aquifer and the water is treated with chlorine for the purpose of disinfection.

This report shows our water quality results as well as terms and/or abbreviations and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department at (863) 699-3747. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. In addition, if you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. They are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Town Municipal Building, 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. You may also contact the Director of Utilities at the same address and phone number.

The Town of Lake Placid routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. Data obtained before January 1, 2017, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

Terms and Abbreviations

In the following tables (bottom of this page and the next), you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow. "ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL stands for Maximum Residual Disinfectant Limit. MRDL means the maximum level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded.

MRDLG stands for Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water.

Water Quality Test Results

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	11/14	N	1.4	1.3-1.4	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic (ppb)	4/17	N	0.2	N/A	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	4/17	N	0.0198	0.0107-0.0198	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4/17	N	0.092	0.024-0.092	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when used at optimum levels of 0.7 ppm
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	4/17	N	0.154	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	4/17	N	11.8	10.9-11.8	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MRDLG	MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/17-12/17	N	2.5	0.30-2.50	4	4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
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TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	02/17, 06/17 & 8/17 (1 site only)	N	31.1	23.69-31.1	NA	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	8/17	N	0.09	N/A	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	8/17	N	0.5	N/A	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

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The elevated water towers in our system are at Magnolia Avenue in the center of town and just to the west of the county library near the Town Municipal Building. To schedule a tour of the water facilities, please contact the Director of Utilities office at 311 W. Interlake Blvd, Lake Placid, FL, or call the phone number at 863-699-3747.

2017 Water Quality Report

For The

Tomoka Heights Public Drinking Water System Town of Lake Placid

PWS ID #6284074

This report will be available at the Town of Lake Placid Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid FL, 33852; phone number (863) 699-3747 and our website at www.lakeplacidfl.net.

We are pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Utility wants you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The Town of Lake Placid is committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source is from ground water wells. The two wells draw from the deep Floridan Aquifer and the water is treated with chlorine for the purpose of disinfection.

This report shows our water quality results as well as terms and/or abbreviations and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department at (863) 699-3747. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. In addition, if you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. They are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Town Municipal Building, 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. You may also contact the Director of Utilities at the same address and phone number.

The Town of Lake Placid routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. Data obtained before January 1, 2017, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

Terms and Abbreviations

In the following tables (bottom of this page and the next), you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow. "ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL stands for Maximum Residual Disinfectant Limit. MRDL means the maximum level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded.

MRDLG stands for Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water.

Water Quality Test Results

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic (ppb)	11/15	N	1.6	N/A	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	11/15	N	0.046	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	11/15	N	1.4	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	11/15	N	0.084	N/A	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when used at optimum levels of 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Nickel (ppb)	11/15	N	1.1	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	08/16	N	0.02	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	11/15	N	1.3	N/A	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines

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Sodium (ppm)	11/15	N	7.7	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Dalapon (ppb)	07/15	N	0.91	N/A	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way

Stage 1 Disinfectants							
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Chlorine (ppm)	1/17-12/17	N	1.8	0.3-1.8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

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LOCAL SPORTS

Luck takes the long road

From NASCAR to Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA points lead

Special to Highlands News-Sun

As Charlie Luck made his way around the 3.74-mile Sebring International Raceway circuit on the cooldown lap following the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama race on Friday, March 16, he was overcome by emotion.

Weeks after the race, Luck still got choked up thinking about his first victory in the Platinum Cup Masters division on

the day before the 66th running of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts.

After all, it was the culmination of a long journey back to motorsports for the 57-year-old Luck, who serves as president of his family-owned Luck Companies when he's not piloting the No. 45 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race car.

"This past year or two years has been an

incredible commitment of time, money, energy, physical fitness, driver training, all of that," Luck says. "So, when I got the checkered flag, of course, the crew blew up on the radio, I blew up on the radio, and everybody was screaming and yelling. At about the halfway point, I just broke down crying. I cried all the way.

"It's kind of crazy. I get emotional now about it. But it's something that you love and something you care so much about

and something you work so hard at. I think if there's anything in life that you have like that, and when you perform at a very high level, it's just incredibly fulfilling. It's a moment I'll never forget."

It also was a moment that was decades in the making.

"I had an interest in motorsports back in 1972," Luck recalls. "I was born in 1960 and



IMSA PHOTO

Charlie Luck has the No. 45 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 Cup race car leading the points standings in the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama.

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Red Devils ball game stopped by rain

Avon Park battling Melbourne Central Catholic

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

MELBOURNE - The Avon Park baseball team is on a roll and the only thing that seems to be able to slow the Red Devils down is the rain.

Avon Park, which won a Class 5A-District 8 championship and earned a regional quarter-final victory over Satellite High School, took on Melbourne Central Catholic in Tuesday night's Class 5A-Region 3 semifinals.

The Red Devils held a precarious 1-0 lead after four innings when heavy rain and lightning brought a halt to play.

After a lengthy delay, the game was called and the two teams attempted to finish the important contest on Wednesday afternoon. More rain was in the forecast for Wednesday in Melbourne.

Results were not available at press time.

"We would have liked to have finished the game on Tuesday," said Avon Park head baseball coach Whit Cornell. "We scored in the fourth inning and had the momentum on our side. Josh Rivera was pitching great and we were rolling and then the rain started coming down. Now we have to take the bus ride back to Melbourne."

Avon Park and Melbourne Central Catholic were locked in a scoreless pitcher's duel through three innings before the Red Devils broke through in the top of the fourth inning.

Corey Leech singled, Rivera lined a double and Gabe Gomez walked to load the bases with one out. Dalton Whitman grounded into a force out at second base but beat the throw to first base to score Leech to give the Red Devils a 1-0 lead over the Hustlers.

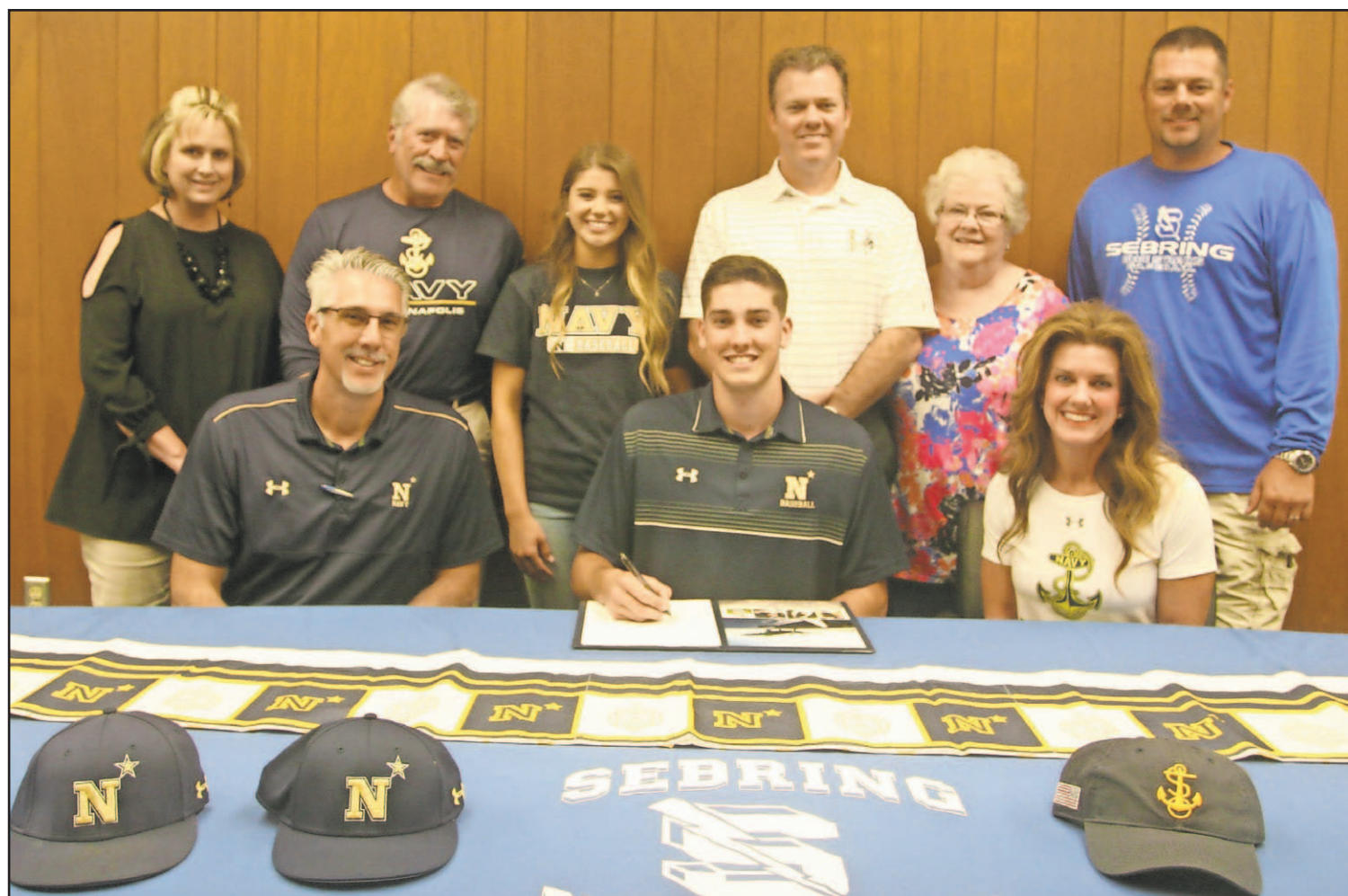
Rivera, who tossed four scoreless innings, will be unavailable to finish the game.

"Melbourne is a solid team and their pitcher was good," said Cornell. "I don't think they would have scored off of Josh, but he and their starting pitcher can't pitch for three days."

Avon Park was looking at using Trent Lewis or Luis Perez on the mound when the game resumed on Wednesday.

"The good thing is we're ahead," Cornell said. "I'm leaning toward using Trent but we'll have to see how things go."

Anchors away for Baker



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Sebring's Dalton Baker, center, will attend the Naval Academy and play baseball for the Midshipmen. Front row, from left, Tim Baker, father, Dalton, Jodi Baker, mother. Back row, from left, Sebring Principal Kim Ervin, Bruce Baker, grandfather, Keerin Bevis, Tommy Lovett Jr., uncle, Ginny Lovett, grandmother, Blue Streak baseball coach Jasone DeWitt.

Sebring athlete to play baseball at Naval Academy

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING - Being accepted to a prestigious institution like the Naval Academy is quite an impressive accomplishment. Sebring's Dalton Baker will not only attend the Naval Academy, but he will also get to play baseball for the Midshipmen.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the Naval Academy baseball program," Baker said on Monday. "I get to play baseball for four more years and get a quality

education at the same time."

Baker looked at attending the Air Force Academy as well as the University of Central Florida.

"The Air Force Academy, UCF and Navy were my top three schools," Baker said. "All of the tradition, a good education and a strong baseball program made me lean towards going to Navy. I visited all three of the schools and the Naval Academy campus is right on the water in Annapolis and it was just too beautiful to pass up."

Being a pilot is a possibility for Baker.

"I'm thinking I want to be a pilot," the Blue Streak senior said. "I'm going to major in economics, but I love flying."

Baker had a solid season on the mound this past season as the right-hander struck out 49 batters in 39 innings and posted a 2.60 ERA. He was selected to play in the FACA All-Star Baseball Classic.

Navy has a solid baseball program with 40 wins last year and a conference championship, and Baker is looking to be able

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Group One Thousand unveils new livery

Zach Veach's Indy 500 car to run in popular race

Special to Highlands News-Sun

INDIANAPOLIS - The bold colors of the new Relay® brand will zoom to the start at the 102nd Indianapolis 500 on the No. 26 Andretti Autosport machine of Zach Veach.

Relay®, a new direct-to-consumer brand to be promoted and administered under Group One Thousand One, incents and rewards financial discipline through planned spending, so people can plan smart and spend happy.

"We couldn't be more excited to have Zach's car feature Relay® at the Indy 500 this year," said Dan Towriss, CEO, Group One Thousand One. "Like us, Zach believes that through empowerment and hard work anyone can



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conquer obstacles. Much like Andretti Autosport and Zach Veach, who relentlessly seek constant improvements, we will be launching Relay® to empower and reward consumers for being better planners

and smarter spenders."

"Relay® will reward planning ahead for everyday expenses," said Andres Barragan, Chief Experience Officer, Group One Thousand One. "Like racing, where every

tenth-of-a-second matters, we know that every dollar counts when it comes to smart saving and smart spending. And, who doesn't like to be rewarded with awesome cash-back?"

"We're proud to have Group One Thousand One's continued partnership in the upcoming Indy 500," said Andretti Autosport CEO Michael Andretti. "With Zach behind the wheel and a fresh new Relay® livery for such a historic racing event, the No. 26 car and Zach are well positioned to make a lasting impression on fans of IndyCar and the U.S. racing community this summer."

Veach and his Relay® car will take the Indianapolis 500 green flag Sunday, May 27, along with teammates

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FILE PHOTO

Sebring senior Dalton Baker had a solid season on the mound for the Blue Streaks and was selected to play in the FACA All-Star Baseball Classic.

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to contribute as soon as possible as a pitcher.

"I'm definitely going to have to get better command of my pitches," he said. "I'm going to have to mature and just be a better pitcher. Navy has beaten Army the last four years in baseball and I want to help continue that."

The Naval Academy is familiar to Baker, since his older brother Jordan is graduating from Annapolis next week.

Seeing another son going to the Naval Academy made the Baker family very proud.

"It's a big day," said father, Tim Baker. "Dalton felt the most comfortable at Navy and with the coaching staff. The campus location and where it's at just kind of fit for Dalton. We're very pleased with his choice because the education



MARK PINSON/STAFF

From left, Alan Kent, Naval Academy Blue/Gold Officer, Sebring senior Dalton Baker at Monday's signing.

he will receive from the Naval Academy is second to none. Jordan is graduating from the Naval Academy so we've spent a lot of time up there. We're excited because we've got a high school graduation this week and a college graduation next week."

Dalton Baker, who

reports to the Naval Academy on June 28 for six weeks of conditioning, is looking forward to the next chapter in his life.

"I've lived in Sebring for 18 years and I'm excited and ready for a change," he said. "It's going to be something new and eye-opening

and I'm looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that are in front of me."

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Alexander Rossi (2016 Indy 500 Champion, No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS Honda), Ryan Hunter-Reay (2014 Indy 500 Champion, No. 28 DHL Honda), Marco Andretti (No. 98 U.S. Concrete / Curb Honda), Stefan Wilson (No. 25 Driven2SaveLives Honda) and Carlos Munoz (No. 29 Ruoff Home Mortgage Honda).

Live TV broadcast of the 102nd Indy 500 is set for 11 a.m. on ABC with radio coverage provided by SiriusXM (Sirius 214, XM 209 and on the SiriusXM app).

Joining Forces
Located in Arizona, the well-known driving

school, Bondurant Racing School, owned by world champion driver, Bob Bondurant, has joined forces with Andretti-Steinbrenner Racing to support Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires driver Colton Herta. The sleek Bondurant Racing logo will ride on the side of the nose of the No. 98 Andretti-Steinbrenner Racing Mazda for the duration of the season.

"As a fan of Formula One and IndyCar Racing, I've always been interested in following the careers of young American drivers on their quests for reaching the pinnacle of motor racing," said vice president of Bondurant Racing School Jason Bondurant. "At such a young age, Colton Herta's driving

talent and professional attitude made quite the impression with me. When the opportunity emerged to become involved with Colton and George Steinbrenner IV of Steinbrenner Racing, it was too good to pass up. I'm very much looking forward to watching Colton Herta and the Andretti-Steinbrenner Racing team compete in Indy Lights this season on their quest for their first championship."

"We are excited to partner with Bondurant Racing School for the 2018 season," said Steinbrenner Racing President and Team Principal, George Michael Steinbrenner IV. "As Andretti-Steinbrenner Racing strives to collect results within a competitive

Indy Lights presented by Cooper Tires field, the Bondurant mission aligns in consistently looking to improve upon race craft with a shared aim of driving results. The Bondurant name is synonymous with racing, driver improvement and coaching, adding a significant partnership for our efforts moving forward."

The 60-acre facility is home to a 1.6-mile track and equipped with a full line of Dodge SRT vehicles, on-site maintenance and highly qualified instructors - all to help young drivers succeed in reaching their racing goals.

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started having an interest in motocross and all of that when I was 12 years old. I raced motocross for about five or six years and then went on into what was then late-model racing in the Richmond, Virginia area, which is where I'm from.

"I always had a dream of moving up and racing within the NASCAR circuit. I worked with Ricky Rudd when he was Rookie of the Year (in 1977). Eventually, I went to Virginia Military Institute for an engineering degree. Then, after I finished those four years, I began racing four years full-time on what was then called the NASCAR Busch (Series), now called the Xfinity Series.

"Anyway, I raced a little over 100 races and we ran from Oxford, Maine to Indianapolis Raceway Park to Daytona, and basically, most of the major NASCAR tracks. It was an incredible experience. I met so many great people and worked incredibly hard. It was a really cool time of my life."

Luck amassed a total of 106 starts between 1982 and 1986, scoring five top-five results and 38 top 10 finishes. He finished a career-best ninth in the point standings in both 1984 and his final season in 1986.

And then he moved into the family business, which was founded by his grandfather, Charles Luck Jr. in 1923. Charlie's father, Charles Luck III, also served as president of the company, which became a leader in the crushed stone industry.

"When I stopped racing, I began to work

for our family company, called Luck Companies," said Charlie. "We operate in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. For 30 years, I spent time working my way up and eventually became president (in 1995)."

Under his leadership, Luck Companies expanded to four business divisions. And as Luck Companies expanded, the desire to go racing came back to Luck.

"My wife (Lisa) and I were talking about how much we love motor-sports and love racing, and my No. 1 criteria to get back into a race car was to try to find the safest series possible," he says. "At 57 years old, that's a big priority for me."

"I also really wanted to find a series where the cars were prepared professionally, where the driver development program was top notch, and for somebody like me who's leading a company, when I take the time off and come to the track, I have to know that the car is ready and safely prepared. Certainly, the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge series is absolutely that. It's incredibly well-run, incredibly professional."

Luck also found a team in Wright Motorsports that adheres to many of the same principles he has.

"We're a values-based company," he says. "If you go to LuckCompanies.com, you can understand the culture that we are looking for when we hire people and bring them on and then have them work in our environment. So, when I was looking for a race team, I looked for a match to my personal values."

"I think the way I

interact with the crew and the team is very similar to how I interact with our people in our company. There are tremendous parallels between the racing business that I'm involved with and our own company that I'm very involved with. Lots and lots of parallels, and I would say the No. 1 thing is people because that's how we run our business, with a tremendous focus on people and leadership."

The approach is clearly working for Luck and the Wright Motorsports team so far this season. He's currently leading the point standings in the Platinum Cup Masters division. Platinum Cup as an overall class is for Porsche 911 GT3 Cup cars built in 2017 or 2018. The Masters division is for drivers 45 years of age or older.

Since that big win at Sebring in March, Luck scored another pair of victories, sweeping April's doubleheader at Barber Motorsports Park. He finished second in both races at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course earlier this month and has an 18-point lead over Mark Kvamme.

Above all, though, Luck is thankful for his opportunity to go racing once again.

"I have so many people to thank," he says. "My wife, Lisa, (team owner) John Wright and the whole team here. I never would have come close to this without them. Also, the people back at Luck Companies who have been very supportive of me doing this. They have been phenomenal."

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LEGOLAND to open LEGO MOVIE WORLD

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

WINTER HAVEN — LEGOLAND Florida Resort has unveiled its biggest news since the theme park first opened in 2011. THE LEGO MOVIE™ WORLD will premiere spring 2019 at the theme park built for kids: The announcement represents LEGOLAND Florida Resort's largest investment yet.

The announcement follows the success of the blockbuster film, THE LEGO® MOVIE™,

the upcoming sequel and the popularity of the film's characters within the children's theme park. Working closely with Warner Bros. Entertainment and LEGO System A/S, THE LEGO MOVIE WORLD will place guests right in the middle of Bricksburg, the city where Emmet lives in THE LEGO MOVIE.

THE LEGO MOVIE WORLD represents the theme park's continuing commitment to providing state-of-the-art experiences specifically designed to create



awesome memories for kids ages 2-12. "The sights and sounds will be

fully immersive bringing THE LEGO MOVIE franchise to life in a way

that only a LEGOLAND Park could," said Rex Jackson, general manager of LEGOLAND Florida Resort. "We know kids come from all over the world to meet the stars of THE LEGO MOVIE and we can't wait to see their faces light up as they interact within the imaginative world of Bricksburg."

THE LEGO MOVIE WORLD created in partnership with Warner Bros. Consumer Products, will feature three new rides, character meet and greets and a

giant themed playscape. The interactive boat ride, The Quest for Chi, will be completely transformed and will offer guests an exciting new experience when it reopens as a key attraction in THE LEGO MOVIE WORLD in spring 2019. Guests are invited to experience the current attraction a final time before it closes on May 29.

For the latest news on THE LEGO MOVIE WORLD, visit <https://www.legolandfloridablog.com/>.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Spring job fair

SEBRING — The 2018 Careersource Heartland Spring Job Fair will take place 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, May 17, at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agricultural Center, 4509 George Blvd. in Sebring. 11-11:15 a.m. for veterans only. For information, contact Debra Snyder at 863-385-3672 x308 or dsnyder@careersourceheartland.com.

RPAC meeting

SEBRING — There will be a Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee (RPAC) meeting at 2 p.m. today, May 17, at the Sports Complex Concession Building, second floor, 216 Sheriff's Tower Road, Sebring. Public is invited.

'We the People' class

SEBRING — The Highlands Tea Party will have their "We the People" class at 6 p.m. today, May 17, at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Square.

Friday Night Jazz

SEBRING — The Broadway Lights Theatre Company invites you to the Tanglewood Community Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18 for Friday Night Jazz, featuring the Daryl Patrick Jazz Ensemble. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$5, tickets sold at the door. Free admission to all disabled veterans. Bring your own snack and beverage.

VFW chicken and dumpling dinner

AVON PARK — The VFW Auxiliary will serve a chicken and dumpling dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18 at VFW Post 9853, 75 N. Olivia Drive in Avon Park. Includes sides and dessert. Cost is \$8. Carryout available until sold out. Smoke free dining room. Open to the public.

Ballroom Dancers in action

The Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers will honor Armed Forces Day during their dance on Saturday, May 19 at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge. Buddy Canova will be the musician and will pay tribute

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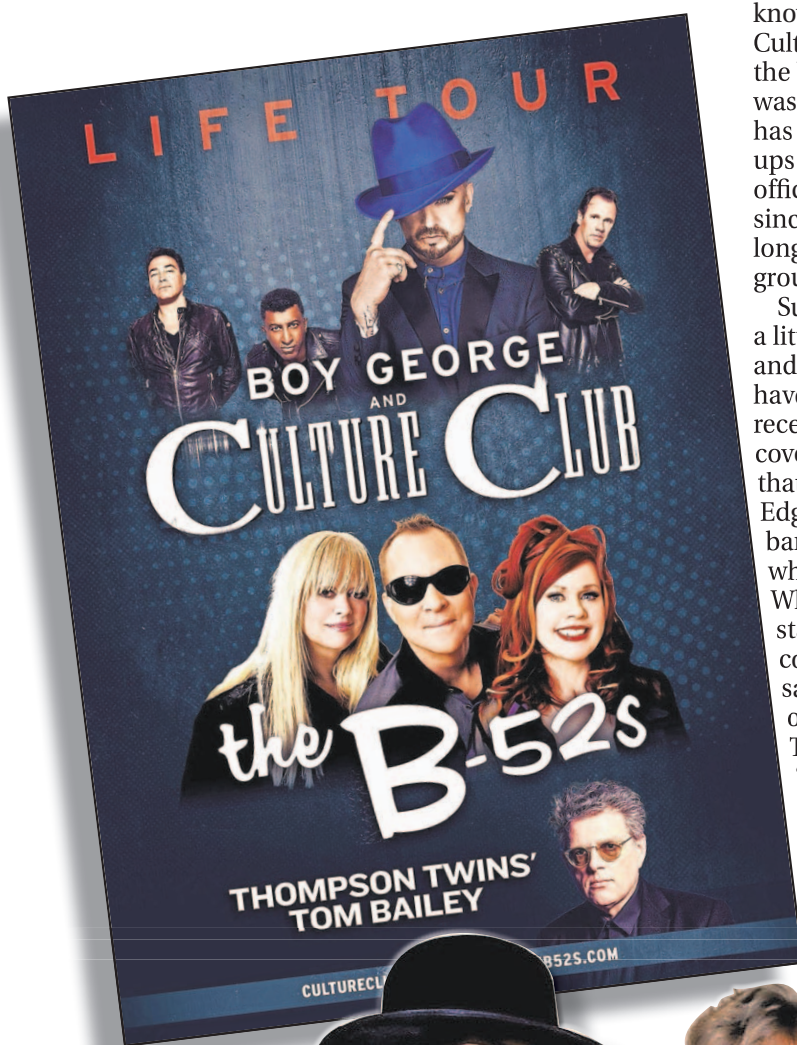
Relive the 80s during 'Life Tour'

Culture Club, B-52s and Tom Bailey appearing together

BY ALLEN MOODY
HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

When it comes to 80s music, most people either love it or they hate it. But for those who feel music has gone downhill ever since the 21st century began, the 'Life Tour' will take you back several decades to when the alternative movement began and MTV actually played music videos, instead of showing 'reality shows' about people with no talent and even less personality.

The headliners of the tour are Culture Club, now



known as Boy George and Culture Club, and remarkably the band is still the same as it was 35 years ago. The group has had several lengthy break-ups along the way, but have officially been back together since 2011, making it the longest continuous period the group has been together.

Sure, they're definitely a little bit worse for wear and Boy George appears to have lost the battle with his receding hairline, which he covers with a hat — a premise that has worked for U2's Edge for decades — but the band can still play and know what people want to hear. While the Life Tour hasn't started, the group's last concert in December, 2017, saw them playing "Church of the Poison Mind," "I'll Tumble For Ya," "Time," "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?" and "Kharma Chameleon," among others.

"We put together an amazing show that is going to be filled with hits and fabulous memories, we know it will be hands down this summer's best night out," said Boy George in a

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EBET ROBERTS/REDFERNS PHOTO

Boy George and Culture Club as they looked back in their heyday.

'Celebrate Summer' in Central Florida

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Central Florida's Visitor Information Center will kick off the summer travel season by hosting "Celebrate Summer" Day on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors and residents are invited to come and explore all that Central Florida has to offer in family fun and activities at this free, family-friendly event. There will be games, prize giveaways, bounce houses for kids, booths and displays by Safari Wilderness Ranch,

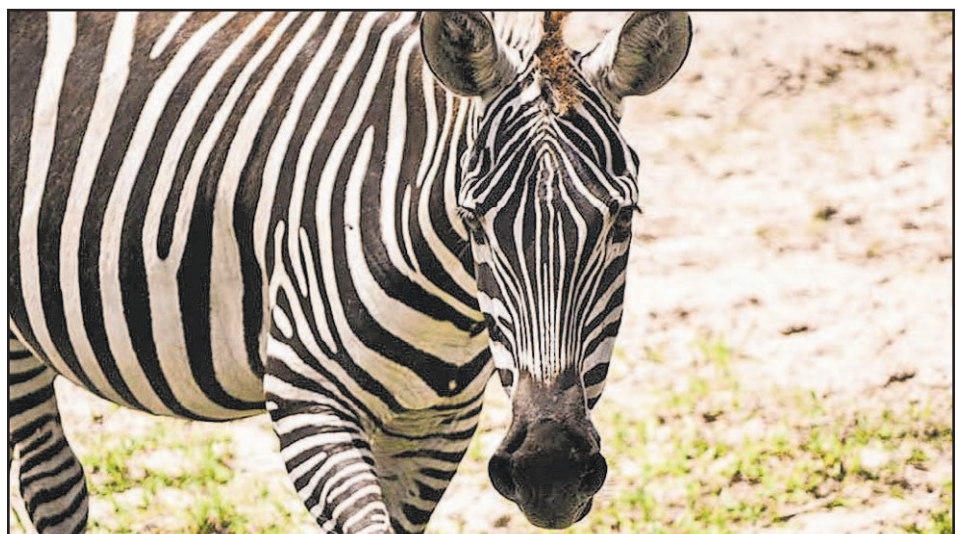
Bok Tower Gardens and Mulberry Phosphate Museum, plus numerous craft and specialty vendors.

Food will be available for purchase from local vendors.

Both LEGOLAND Florida Resort and Bok Tower Gardens will feature special "Buy One, Get One Free" offers on tickets purchased during the event. Attraction tickets sold at Central Florida's Visitor Information Center are already discounted, making this "buy one, get one" special an

especially attractive offer. Note: the "buy one, get one" special on tickets is limited to the first 150 tickets sold.

Central Florida's Visitor Information Center, which sells discounted attraction tickets for many Central Florida attractions (including LEGOLAND Florida Resort), is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week and is located at 101 Adventure Court in Davenport (along U.S. Highway 27), a half-mile south of I-4 at Exit 55. For more information call (863) 420-2586.



SAFARI WILDERNESS PHOTO

A zebra at Safari Wilderness in Lakeland.

Your Guide To What's Going On

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May is a busy month for Florida residents — or visitors — looking for fun things to do. There are plenty of events in Central Florida, ranging from musical performances to festivals celebrating food and drink and everything else in between.



Tampa Bay Margarita Festival

One of Tampa's most popular weekend festivals returns with even more varieties of margaritas ranging from traditional salt-rimmed to exotic fruit-infused flavors and creative spins on the classic Mexican cocktail. Enjoy live music from The Wallflowers, games and giveaways or splurge for a VIP ticket and enjoy lounge seating, tequila tastings, special access and other extras.

When: May 26-27

Where: Curtis Hixon Park, downtown Tampa
Web: tampamargaritafest.com

Orlando Carnival Downtown



In its 31st year, Orlando Carnival Downtown celebrates Caribbean culture with nearly 12 hours of brilliantly colored, feather- and sequin-adorned costumes, dancing,

rhythmic music, spicy dishes and cocktails. This family-friendly event drew more than 20,000 guests last year and promises to be just as popular this year.

When: May 27

Where: Camping World Stadium, downtown Orlando
Web: orlandocarnivaldowntown.com



Orange Blossom Jamboree

Bring your RV or tent and set up camp at this five-day party filled with four days of Florida bands playing everything from rockabilly to funk to country and rock. Bring your own meals or buy food and beer from the many vendors on site while enjoying tunes from Cope, Bobby Lee Rogers Trio, Holey Miss Moley, The Applebutter Express and other Sunshine State favorites.

When: May 16-20

Where: Sertoma Ranch, Brooksville
Web: orangeblossomjamboree.com



Country 500

Daytona continues its Memorial Day weekend tradition of infield camping, barbecue and lots and lots of country music from some of the nation's biggest stars. This year's lineup includes Dierks Bentley, Toby Keith, Sugarland, 38 Special, Chris Stapleton and many more. Get up close and personal with some of the artists in the meet-and-greet stations set up in the Speedway garages.

When: May 25-27

Where: Daytona International Speedway
Web: country500.com

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statement when the tour was first announced.

The name Tom Bailey may not be familiar to music fans, but anybody who grew up on 80s music knows the Thompson Twins, which is the group Bailey spearheaded. The Thompson Twins disbanded in 1993 and while it was his band, Bailey resisted playing any of the group's old songs for years.

On Aug. 17, 2014, he performed songs from the band for the first time live in 27 years.

"This will be the first time I've sung the TT's hits in decades," Bailey said back in 2014. "It's taken a long time, but now I'm really looking forward to playing those songs to some of the fans that were there first time around."

Bailey opened the Dec.



The B-52s are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

9, 2017 concert for Boy George and Culture Club and all seven songs he performed were from the Thompson Twins, with the group's biggest songs, "Hold Me Now," "Love on Your Side" and "Doctor! Doctor" among the seven.

The B-52s are celebrating their 40th anniversary and the "Rock Lobster" gang is still going strong after all these years. While the band members are in their 60s (Fred Schneider, Cindy Wilson) and 70s

(Kate Pierson) they have toured frequently the past few years and appear to be settling in with their status as an "oldies" band, having released their last album 10 years ago.

Their setlist is missing a few of the old hits, such as "Good Stuff," "Legal Tender" and "Song For a Future Generation" but most of the big songs were performed during the group's last concert, which was in January. The Life Tour kicks-off

at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Friday, June, 29, then makes its way to the University of South Florida's Sun Dome on Saturday, June 30. On Sunday, July 1, it's a stop at the Pompano Beach Amphitheatre and then Boy George and Culture Club makes a special appearance at the House of Blues in Orlando on July 3. The B-52s won't be part of the Orlando show, but Bailey is still on the bill as the opening act.



Tom Bailey, best-known as the frontman for the Thompson Twins.



BOY GEORGE/CULTURE CLUB PHOTO

Boy George and Culture Club are headlining this summer's 'Life Tour.'

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2017 Water Quality Report

For The Highway Park Public Drinking Water System Town of Lake Placid

PWS ID #5284133

This report will be available at the Town of Lake Placid Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 311 W. Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid FL, 33852; phone number (863) 699-3747 and our website at www.lakeplacidfl.net.

We are pleased to present to you this year's **Annual Water Quality Report**. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. The Utility wants you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. The Town of Lake Placid is committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

Our water source is from ground water wells. The two wells draw from the deep Floridan Aquifer and the water is treated with chlorine for the purpose of disinfection.

This report shows our water quality results as well as terms and/or abbreviations and what they mean.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department at (863) 699-3747. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. In addition, if you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council meetings. They are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Town Municipal Building, 311 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL 33852. You may also contact the Director of Utilities at the same address and phone number.

The Town of Lake Placid routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. Data obtained before January 1, 2017, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

Terms and Abbreviations

In the following tables (bottom of this page and the next), you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow. "ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MRDL stands for Maximum Residual Disinfectant Limit. MRDL means the maximum level of a disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded.

MRDLG stands for Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) million parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): One (1) part by weight of analyte to one (1) billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water.

Water Quality Test Results

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic (ppb)	11/15	N	1.5	N/A	0	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	11/15	N	0.023	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppb)	11/15	N	0.5	N/A	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	11/15	N	0.081	N/A	4.0	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when used at an optimum level of 0.7ppm.
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	12/14	N	0.05	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	11/15	N	1.9	N/A	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	11/15	N	17.0	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides							
Dalapon (ppb)	07/15	N	0.90	N/A	200	200	Runoff from herbicide used on rights of way

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	1/17-12/17	N	1.9	.08-1.90	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes

Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr)	MCL Violation (Y/N)	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAAS) (ppb)	8/17	N	16.46	16.23-16.46	NA	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (ppb)	8/17	N	36.59	21.21-36.59	NA	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo. /yr.)	AL Violation Y/N	90 th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	8/15	N	0.081	N/A	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	8/15	N	1.0	N/A	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Monitoring of Lead in Drinking Water:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at the EPA web site: www.epa.gov/safewater/lead

Sources of water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include the following:

- (A) *Microbial contaminants*, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from wastewater treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) *Inorganic contaminants*, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) *Pesticides and herbicides*, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) *Organic chemical contaminants*, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also, come from vehicle gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) *Radioactive contaminants*, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the (Federal) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These citizens should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The Town does not contract out the operations of our facilities as we have full time employed state certified treatment plant operators on staff who monitor our systems to insure the absolute best quality of drinking water.

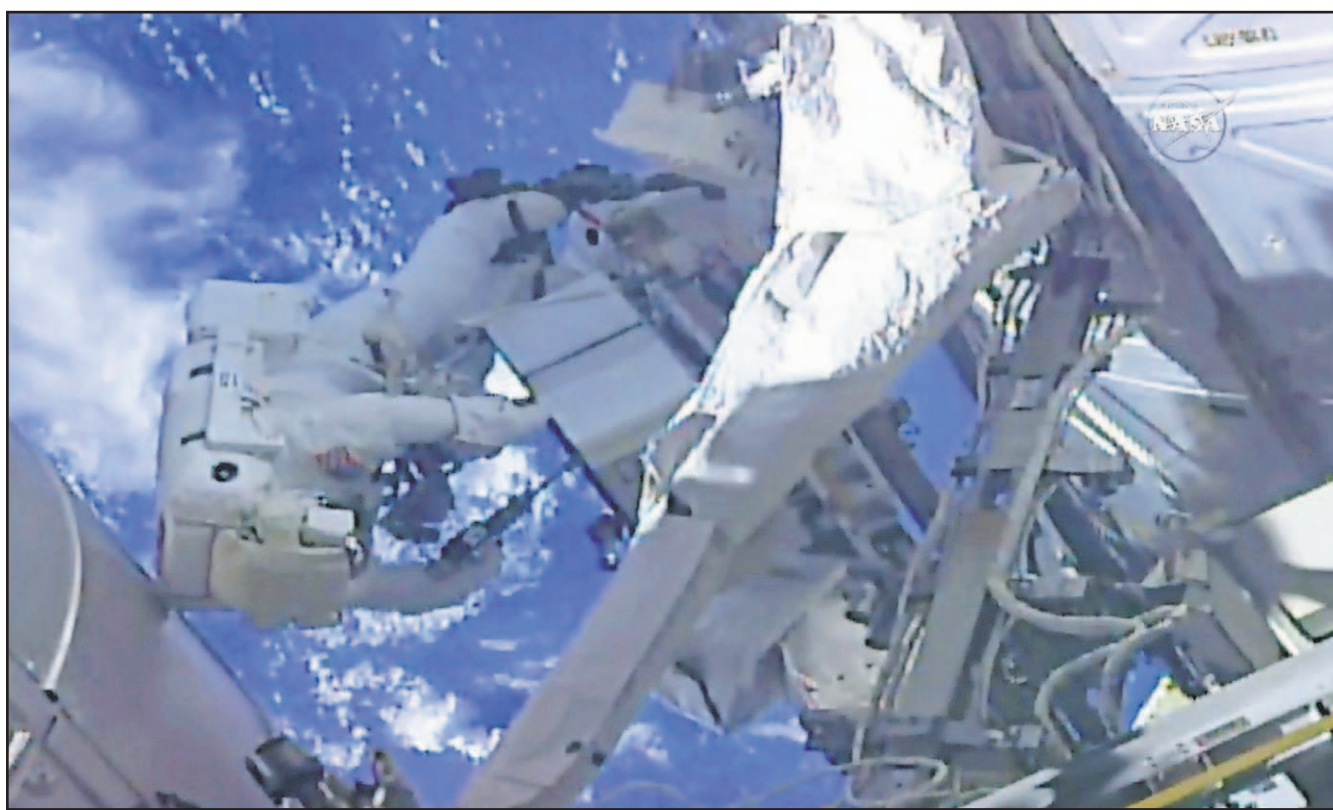
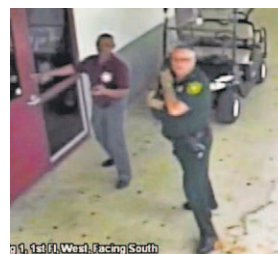
In our continuing effort to maintain a safe and dependable water supply, it may be necessary, from time to time, to make improvements in our public water system. The costs of these improvements may sometimes be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments could be necessary in order to address these improvements. Thank you for your understanding in this matter of great importance to the health and well being of our customers.

The Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department works around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. The Department is committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided herewith, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed. We appreciate your support in allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water.

For your convenience, we have offices in the center of town just to the west of the county library in the Town Municipal Building. To schedule a tour of the water facilities, please contact the Director of Utilities office at 311 W. Interlake Blvd, Lake Placid, FL, or call the phone number at 863-699-3747.



The Florida sheriff's deputy who failed to confront a gunman during a Feb. 14 school massacre is receiving a monthly state pension of \$8,702.35. **See page 2.**



NASA TV VIA AP

In this frame from NASA TV, NASA astronaut Ricky Arnold, left, and NASA astronaut Drew Feustel work on shuffling around a couple of space station pumps at the International Space Station on Wednesday.

Spacewalking astronauts perform pump swap at space station

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Spacewalking astronauts carried out a high-flying, high-tech version of musical chairs Wednesday, rearranging pumps outside the International Space Station.

Popping out early, NASA astronauts Drew Feustel and Ricky Arnold quickly swapped the positions of two spare ammonia pumps that are part of the space station's critical cooling system.

One pump got too cold because of a power shutdown 17 years ago and is called Frosty; flight controllers plan to test it in the coming days to see if it still works. The other, a failed unit dubbed Leaky, spewed out

ammonia five years ago.

Frosty took Leaky's spot on a robot-arm mechanism, while Leaky was moved to a long-term storage platform.

Ammonia coolant is toxic, and Mission Control repeatedly warned the spacewalkers to be careful of any leaks.

A brand new spare pump arrived at the space station last month. This fresh pump is named Motley since it's comprised of a variety of spare parts.

"We've been doing a ton of work to play musical chairs with all these (pumps) so we can have good available spares," flight controller Alex Apyan said from Houston during the spacewalk.

Each 235-pound pump, the size of a flat box, is about 3 feet by 2.5 feet by 1.5 foot.

Feustel and Arnold also installed a new camera and communication device, and even accomplished some extra chores.

"Nice work," Mission Control said as the 6 1/2-hour spacewalk came to a close. "All right, guys, we are ready for you all to start heading home."

The spacewalkers laughed and shared jokes as they floated back inside. "Anyone home? Trick or treat!" one of them jokingly called out.

Meanwhile, the station's six-man crew is expecting a delivery. Orbital ATK plans to launch a supply ship Sunday from Wallops Island, Virginia. Weather permitting, the pre-dawn flight of the Antares rocket should be visible along the East Coast from New England to South Carolina.

Trump disclosure of Cohen payment raises new legal questions

By **BERNARD CONDON** and **TAMI ABDOLLAH**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWYORK — President Donald Trump noted in his financial disclosure Wednesday that he "fully reimbursed" personal attorney Michael Cohen as much as \$250,000 for unspecified "expenses," with no mention of a \$130,000 payment to porn actress Stormy Daniels to keep quiet about a sexual tryst she said they had.

The head of the nation's ethics office questioned why Trump didn't include this in his previous year's disclosure and passed along his concerns to federal prosecutors.

"I am providing both reports to you because you may find the disclosure relevant to any inquiry you may be pursuing," David Apol, acting director of the Office of Government Ethics, wrote to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

Apol wrote that he considers Trump's payment to Cohen to be a repayment on a loan and that it was required to be included in Trump's June 2017 disclosure.

Ethics experts says that if that payment was knowingly and willfully left out, Trump could be in violation of federal ethics laws.

"This is a big deal and unprecedented. No President has been previously subject to any referral by (Office of Government Ethics) to DOJ as a result of having failed to report an item on their public financial disclosure report," said Virginia Canter, a former ethics official in the Clinton and Obama White Houses who is now with the watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington.

How Trump dealt with the Daniels payment in his disclosure has been closely watched, particularly after his attorney Rudy Giuliani gave interviews earlier this month saying the president had repaid Cohen, a payment that had not shown up in Trump's report last year.

In a footnote in tiny type on Page 45 of his 92-page disclosure, Trump said he reimbursed Cohen for "expenses" ranging from \$100,001 to

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Trump Jr: Can't recall discussing Russia probe with father

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK,**

ERIC TUCKER and **CHAD DAY**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump Jr. struck an unapologetic tone during hours of congressional questioning last year, saying he didn't think there was anything wrong with meeting a Russian lawyer at Trump Tower ahead of the 2016 presidential election or that the get-together might have been part of a Russian government effort to aid his father, according to transcripts released Wednesday.

The president's eldest son also deflected multiple questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee, responding to dozens of queries by saying he could

not recall.

The committee released more than 1,800 pages of transcripts of interviews with Trump Jr. and others who attended a June 9, 2016, meeting at which they expected to receive dirt about Trump's opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Meanwhile, the Senate intelligence committee said it stands behind a 2017 assessment by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia intervened in the election to hurt Clinton and help Trump. Republican chairman Richard Burr of North Carolina said in a statement that his staff had spent 14 months "reviewing the sources, tradecraft



AP FILE PHOTO

Donald Trump Jr., son of President Donald Trump

and analytic work, and we see no reason to dispute the conclusions."

The Judiciary Committee transcripts reveal new details about how the Trump Tower meeting — central to special counsel Robert

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House approves plan to increase private-sector care for veterans

By **HOPE YEN**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to give veterans more freedom to see doctors outside the Veterans Affairs health system, a major shift aimed at reducing wait times and improving medical care despite the concerns of some Democrats who cast it as a risky step toward dismantling the struggling agency.

The plan seeks to fulfill President Donald Trump's promise to expand private care to veterans whenever they feel unhappy with VA health care.

The long-awaited bill would change how veterans receive their medical

treatment by allowing them to go to a private physician when they felt government-run VA medical centers couldn't provide the care they needed, with the approval of a VA health provider. Veterans could access private care when they endured lengthy wait times, or the treatment was not what they had expected.

The VA would decide in many cases when a veteran sees an outside doctor, based on conditions it sets that determine what is inadequate care.

Lawmakers passed the bill by a 347-70 vote, with the program to be implemented later next year as the VA works to add private doctors to its network of

outside referrals.

The wide-ranging plan would avert a catastrophic shutdown of the VA's troubled Choice private-sector program, which would receive \$5 billion to continue operating for another year before it is made a longer-term fixture at the VA. The program will run out of money as early as May 31, causing disruptions in care.

The \$51 billion bill has the support of nearly 40 organizations, including The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. The program could be expanded based on veterans' demand for private services and when VA care

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Emissions of banned ozone-eating chemical somehow are rising

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — Something strange is happening with a now-banned chemical that eats away at Earth's protective ozone layer: Scientists say there's more of it — not less — going into the atmosphere and they don't know where it is coming from.

When a hole in the ozone formed over Antarctica, countries around the world in 1987 agreed to phase out several types of ozone-depleting chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Production was banned, emissions fell and the hole slowly shrank.

But starting in 2013, emissions of the second most common kind started rising, according to a study in Wednesday's journal Nature. The chemical, called CFC11, was used

for making foam, degreasing stains and for refrigeration.

"It's the most surprising and unexpected observation I've made in my 27 years" of measurements, said study lead author Stephen Montzka, a research chemist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Emissions today are about the same as it was nearly 20 years ago," he said.

Countries have reported close to zero production of the chemical since 2006 but the study found about 14,300 tons a year has been released since 2013. Some seeps out of foam and buildings and machines, but scientists say what they're seeing is much more than that.

Measurements from a dozen monitors around the world suggest the emissions are coming from somewhere around China,

Mongolia and the Koreans, according to the study. The chemical can be a byproduct in other chemical manufacturing, but it is supposed to be captured and recycled.

Either someone's making the banned compound or it's sloppy by-products that haven't been reported as required, Montzka said.

An outside expert, Ross Salawitch, an atmospheric scientist at the University of Maryland, is less diplomatic. He calls it "rogue production," adding that if it continues "the recovery of the ozone layer would be threatened."

Nature removes 2 percent of the CFC11 out of the air each year, so concentrations of the chemical in the atmosphere are still falling, but at a slower rate because of the new emissions, Montzka said. The chemical stays in the air for about 50 years.



NOAA VIA AP

This undated photo provided by NOAA in May 2018 shows aurora australis near the South Pole Atmospheric Research Observatory in Antarctica. When a hole in the ozone formed over Antarctica, countries around the world in 1987 agreed to phase out several types of ozone-depleting chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Deputy who failed to confront Parkland school shooter getting \$8,702 per month pension

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida sheriff's deputy who failed to confront a gunman during a Feb. 14 school massacre is receiving a monthly state pension of \$8,702.35.

The SunSentinel reports 55-year-old Scot Peterson, who resigned and retired after the shootings, began receiving payments in April.

Surveillance video showed Peterson outside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School as the gunman killed 17 people inside with an AR-15 assault-style rifle. Broward Sheriff Scott Israel said Peterson should have gone inside.

Pension payments are based on the 32 years he worked and the average of his five highest-paid fiscal years.

Man charged with phoning bomb threat to mosque

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man is facing federal charges that he phoned bomb threat messages into a mosque.

Miami federal prosecutors said in a news release Wednesday that 26-year-old Dustin Allen Hughes faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of making the telephone threats. Authorities say several voice mail messages were left earlier this month at the Jamaet U1 Muttaqueen Mosque of Pembroke Pines. Authorities say no bomb was found. Prosecutors say Hughes confessed after his arrest to leaving the messages because he wanted to upset and frighten Muslims.

Exploding vape pen killed man

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — An exploding vape pen hurled fragments into a Florida man's head, killing him and starting a fire that burned most of his body, an autopsy report said.

The Pinellas-Pasco Medical Examiner's autopsy report released Tuesday confirms the vape pen was responsible for the May 5 death of Tallmudge D'Elia, 38, in St. Petersburg.

Firefighters found D'Elia inside his burning home, the Tampa Bay

Times reported. Officials found "extensive" fire damage in D'Elia's bedroom, where his body was found, but minimal smoke, the report said.

The explosion sent two pieces of the vape pen into the D'Elia's cranium, the autopsy found. The report listed the cause of death as "projectile wound of the head." He also suffered burns on about 80 percent of his body. The vape was manufactured by the Philippines-based Smok-E Mountain. A company representative told WFTS news that their devices do not explode. The representative said it was likely an atomizer — the part a person inserts into their mouth — or a battery.

Florida officers fatally shoot man after road rage incident

LAKE MARY, Fla. (AP) — Police officers in Florida fatally shot a man who they said pulled a gun on them after a nearby act of road rage Tuesday night in Lake Mary.

Seminole County Sheriff's spokeswoman Kim Cannaday says a woman called 911 to report a man in a SUV who was involved in a road rage incident.

Cannaday says three Lake Mary police officers spotted the man in a shopping center parking lot. She says he ignored their orders, got into his vehicle and pulled out a gun. The man was identified as David Romansky.

School investigates report that teacher drowned raccoons

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — An agriculture teacher at a Florida high school has been removed from the classroom as school officials investigate whether he drowned raccoons in front of students.

The Ocala Star Banner reports that Forest High School teacher Dewie Brewton was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into whether he drowned "nuisance animals" in class.

A school district spokesman says the district had received statements from witnesses that animals were drowned in front of students because the animals were a nuisance to the agriculture program at the school.

Prosecutor will no longer request bail for small crimes

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Florida prosecutor who got into a fight with Florida's governor for refusing to seek the death penalty says her office will no longer request a monetary bail bond for defendants accused of low-level crimes.

State Attorney Aramis Ayala said Wednesday that prosecutors in her Orlando-area jurisdiction will recommend that defendants be released on their own recognizance for crimes involving possession of small amounts of cannabis, driving without a license, panhandling, disorderly conduct or loitering.

Ayala said in a statement that the current system discriminates against defendants who are unable to pay for bail and are often required to stay in jail until their trial dates.

Last year, Ayala said she wouldn't seek the death penalty, triggering a fight with Gov. Rick Scott who took away more than two-dozen cases from her office.

Amazon to give Prime members extra discounts at Whole Foods

NEW YORK (AP) — It's Prime time at Whole Foods: Amazon said it will give its Prime members extra discounts at the grocery chain.

The new benefits started Wednesday at Whole Foods stores in Florida and will expand nationwide this summer. Prime members get an additional 10 percent off sale items and exclusive deals on certain items. This week in Florida, for example, Prime members can get \$2 off a pound of organic strawberries or save \$10 a pound on wild halibut steaks.

In bringing Prime to Whole Foods, Amazon is trying to give members another reason to stay on as subscribers — even as it raises the price — and try to lure those who aren't to join. Amazon said last month that it had more than 100 million paid Prime members worldwide, before it announced it would increase the price to \$119 a year from \$99.

Amazon said Wednesday that shoppers could scan the Whole Foods app at the register or give the cashier their phone number to show that they're Prime members.

FEMA chief preaches local preparedness for disasters

By JIM TURNER NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Local officials across Florida shouldn't rely on the federal government to be on the ground everywhere a day or days after the next natural disaster, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said Wednesday during the annual Governor's Conference on Hurricanes.

FEMA Administrator Brock Long bluntly stressed that his agency and others that offer disaster assistance have been stretched thin after a series of 2017 storms and wildfires, as well as the ongoing volcanic eruption in Hawaii, so local officials should have their own plans to provide water and other essential services for the first few days following a disaster.

"If you don't have the ability to do things such as provide your own food and water and your own commodities to your citizens for the first 48 to 72 hours, and I'm asking you to consider pre-event management concepts, I'm questioning whether or not you're an EMAP (Emergency Management Accreditation Program) accredited emergency management agency," Long said while appearing at the week-long training event at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach.

"If you're waiting on FEMA to run your commodities, that's not the solution," Long added. "I can't guarantee that we can be right on time to backfill everything you need."

With the start of the six-month hurricane season two weeks away, Long said FEMA isn't "going to back away" when disasters strike. But he said local and state capabilities need to be strengthened, such as signing deals with private water bottlers and debris haulers and hardening local communications systems. Long said he's also trying to

revamp FEMA's business model, as he estimated the agency spent about \$300 million a day responding to disasters in 2017, with hotel bills at \$3.5 million a day for displaced residents due to hurricanes Irma in Florida, Maria in Puerto Rico and Harvey in Texas, as well as floods, tornadoes and fires.

"The bottom line is that my operational capacity internally does not grow with the number of events that we have," Long said.

Long's comment came after Rep. Jeanette Nunez, a Miami Republican who oversaw the state House's response to Hurricane Irma, encouraged emergency managers to keep pushing for storm hardening projects. She noted many storm-related proposals failed to advance during this year's legislative session when lawmakers redirected \$400 million to respond to the February massacre at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Lawmakers approved storm-related money for such things as farm repairs, affordable housing in Monroe County and to help students displaced from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Still, many of the measures crafted in response to hurricanes Irma and Maria failed to win support. They included strengthening the electric grid, creating a strategic fuel-reserve task force, requiring the Division of Emergency Management to use certified sign-language interpreters during emergency broadcasts and using rail-tank cars to bring fuel into evacuation areas to avoid a repeat of runs on gas stations.

Meanwhile, Gov. Rick Scott told people attending the conference to "pray" Florida won't be impacted by hurricanes for the third consecutive year.

"Hopefully we won't have any hurricanes. It would be nice not to have, in my eighth year, any hurricanes," Scott said.

AccuWeather.com weather forecast for Florida cities, including today/tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday forecasts, and a detailed Florida cities temperature chart.

THE NATION weather map showing fronts, precipitation, and U.S. Extremes for the 48 contiguous states yesterday.

AccuWeather.com detailed forecasts for Port Charlotte, Venice, and Sebring, including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall data.

AccuWeather.com environmental data including UV Index, RealFeel Temperature, Pollen Index, and Air Quality Index.

AccuWeather.com solar and moon data, including Solunar Table and Weather History.

AccuWeather.com World Cities weather forecast table listing temperatures for various international cities.

Huntington's disease means progressive loss of function

DEAR DR. ROACH:

My sister was diagnosed with Huntington's disease. What are the symptoms she might be experiencing? — R.G.

ANSWER: I am very sorry to hear about your sister. Huntington's disease is a terrible disease with no cure.

Huntington's disease is an inherited condition causing progressive loss of neurological function. It is caused by an abnormality in the huntingtin gene called "CAG repeats": the more repeats, the earlier symptoms tend to occur. This leads to an abnormality of a protein called huntingtin, which is especially present in some parts of the brain. It is a rare disorder, seen in only about 3 people per 100,000 worldwide.

Symptoms can start anytime from childhood to a person's 70s, but onset is most common in middle age. There are three types of symptoms: neurological, psychiatric and dementia. Neurological symptoms include a type of abnormal movement called "chorea."



Dr. Roach

These are involuntary rapid movements, usually of the face, trunk or limbs. People with HD occasionally are unaware of them and may (or may not) notice changes in their walking. There are subtle signs that a trained neurologist can find on physical exam. There are new treatments (tetrabenazine and deutetabenazine) available for the abnormal movements.

Psychiatric symptoms happen in roughly half of people with HD. Depression and irritability can affect people's social lives years before any motor symptoms become ap-

parent. Suicide is a significant risk, at the time of diagnosis or as the disease progresses.

Dementia is universal in people with advanced HD. However, the decline in function may occur early or late in the course of the disease.

I don't know where your sister is in the course of her disease. Early on, people generally are able to continue with their lives, as HD is a slowly progressive disease. Most people live 10-20 years after diagnosis, some much longer. As the disease progresses, though, people slowly lose the ability to live without assistance. The last stage of HD may last for years, and most people eventually will require around-the-clock care.

The majority of people with HD will have a family history of the disease, but that may not be the case in an adopted child, if the affected parent died before HD became apparent, or in the case of a new genetic mutation. Genetic testing is now 99 percent sensitive and 100 percent specific for HD: All family members (this includes you)

should consider having the test and should meet with a genetic counselor prior to proceeding. Testing should not be undertaken lightly for asymptomatic family members. Many people choose not to be tested.

There is no approved treatment to cure or slow down the progression of Huntington's disease. Symptoms can be treated with a combination of medication, physical and occupational therapies and home care. It's critical to discuss advance directives when the person with HD has full capability of expressing his or her wishes.

A new, promising treatment for HD is in clinical trials. It is called IONIS-HTTRx, and it has been shown to reduce huntingtin protein in the brain fluid. Hopefully it will be shown to affect the course of the disease.

There are several places for information and support groups. One is Huntington's Disease Society of America (www.hdsa.org); another is Huntington Society of Canada (www.huntingtonsociety.ca).

Tension mounts for tired mom who gets little help

DEAR ABBY:

I am a working mother of three who may be battling postpartum depression. I feel like I am parenting alone. I get the kids out of the house by myself in the morning before my husband even drags himself out of bed. I drop the kids off. I go to work.



Dear Abby

I teach, so my day is spent dealing with other people's kids, and then I pick my own kids up. I have no time to decompress or devote to myself.

When there are school functions, my husband makes me feel guilty that I'm not spending time with the kids.

Now he's starting to make me feel guilty because the kids like him less than they do me.

How do I get across to him that if he did more and was around them more, they would like him more?

I'm so tired from juggling all these balls. I feel like if something were to happen to me, he'd have no clue what to do. How can I fix this situation? I don't want to resent him, but I'm starting to. — Exhausted, Hot Mess Mom

DEAR MOM:

Postpartum depression

is more than being tired and overscheduled. It's a medical condition that, left untreated, can have serious consequences.

It might help to discuss what's going on with your physician, who can then help you explain to your husband that if he doesn't step up, he could indeed be left with the sole responsibility of taking care of the children.

You're right. You shouldn't be carrying the whole load, and the bonus would be the likelihood that your husband's relationship with the children would improve.

READER ALERT!

If you know a student who would like to enter the \$5,000 Dear Abby College Columnist Scholarship contest, see the information on DearAbby.com and learn more. The deadline is fast approaching.

JUMBLE

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

SEQUT

HYRIA

NAGEAD

PRYUSY

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: GUARD CEASE STUDIO SCRIPT
 Answer: When the basketball player appeared as a witness, the jury had — COURT-SIDE SEATS

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 rock carver (11)	_____
2 having abundant facial hair (7)	_____
3 act of working together (11)	_____
4 elevated (8)	_____
5 egotistical superiority (10)	_____
6 dancers Derek & Julianne (6)	_____
7 most like Dinty Moore (8)	_____

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Wednesday's Answers: 1. DEPARTMENT 2. PATENTING 3. SPEECHIFY 4. INANIMATE 5. WADDLED 6. OBSESS 7. GIFTING 5/17

Challenger

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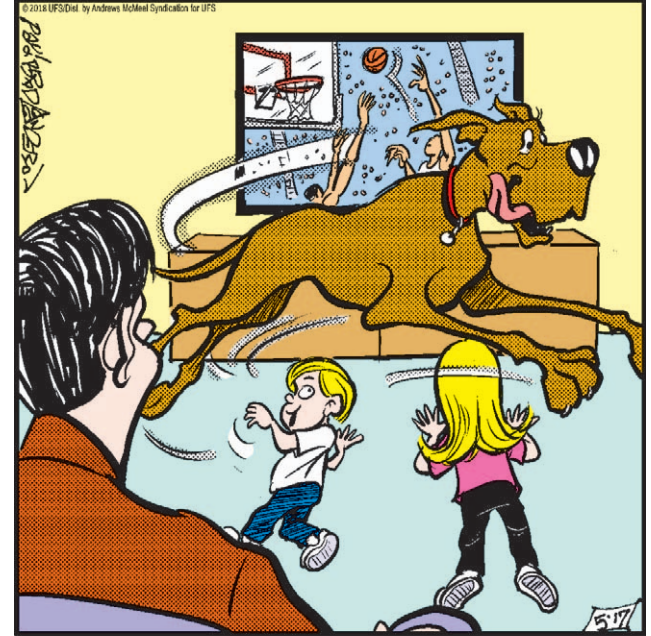
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"Overtime is no match for dinnertime."

Cryptoquip

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KSY MOQSM: FMVYKSP-EVH PBC.
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL IT WHEN YOU'RE DOING A NOTEWORTHY DEED IN FRIGID WEATHER? COLD FEAT.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Y

The details of decanting

Dear Readers:

You can DECANT — what does that mean? For our purposes, it means removing kitchen and bath staples from their original packaging and storing them in clear containers that you can pick up at a discount store. There are pros and cons to this:

Pros

You can see all of your items, and can tell when you are running low. Buying basics at a warehouse store can save money.

The containers can stack efficiently, which will conserve space.

Cons

You can lose the nutritional and usage informa-



Hints from Heloise

tion from the packaging, along with the expiration dates. Tape labels to the bottom or back of the jars.

You must rotate items, and use the oldest product first.

Label each jar to get started, and see how decanting can work for you! — Heloise

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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SOLUTION Laughing gas

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

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CHALLENGING

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RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2 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.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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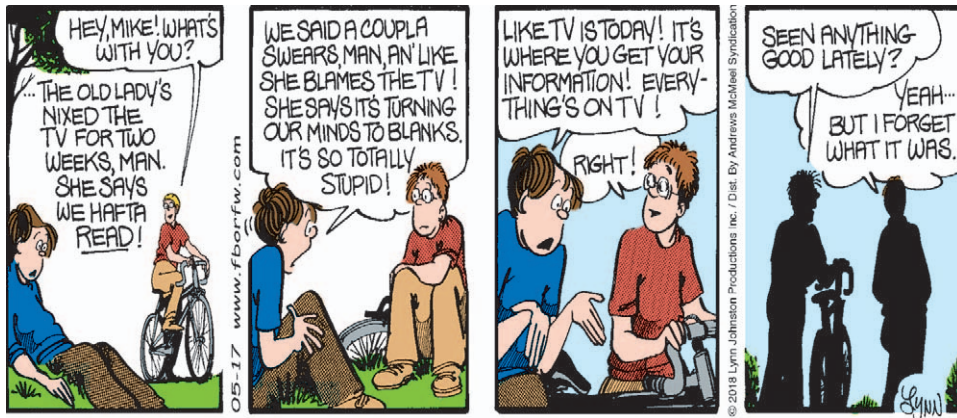
Wednesday's unlisted clue: EQUINOX

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Thursday's unlisted clue hint: — FEDERER

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston



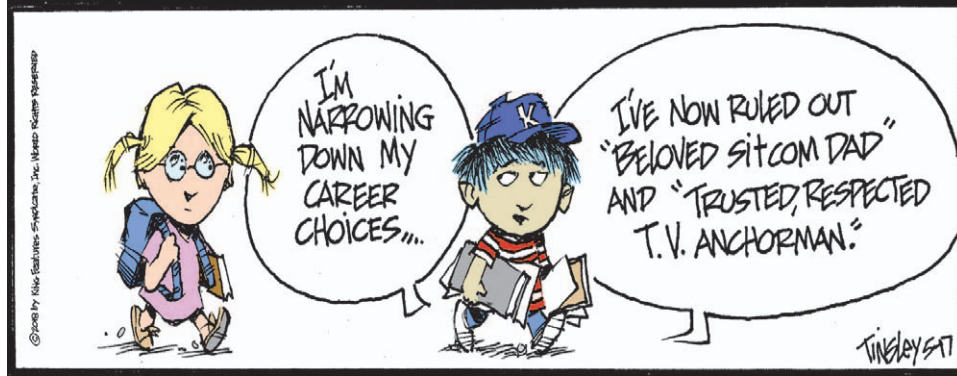
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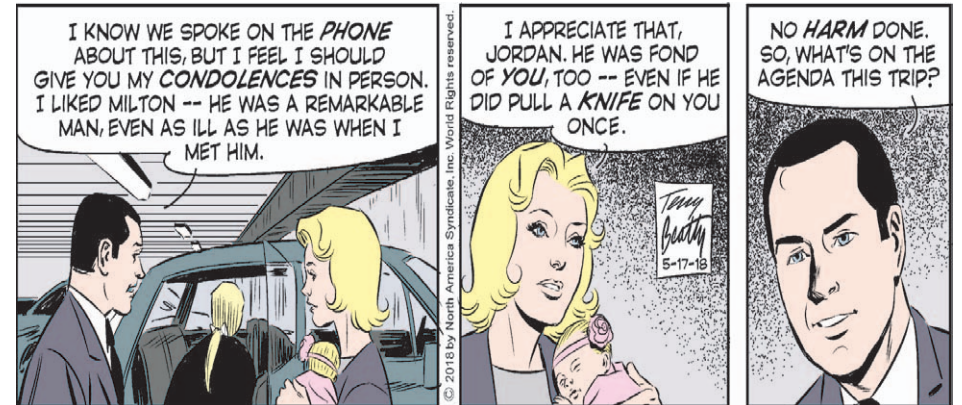
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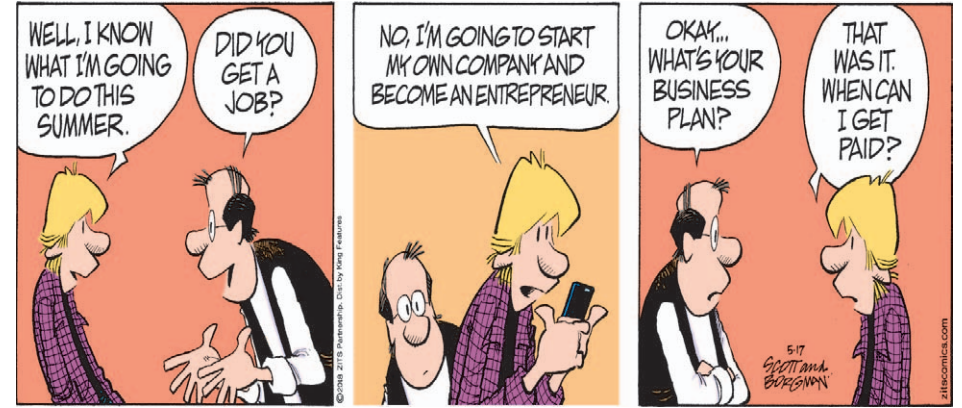
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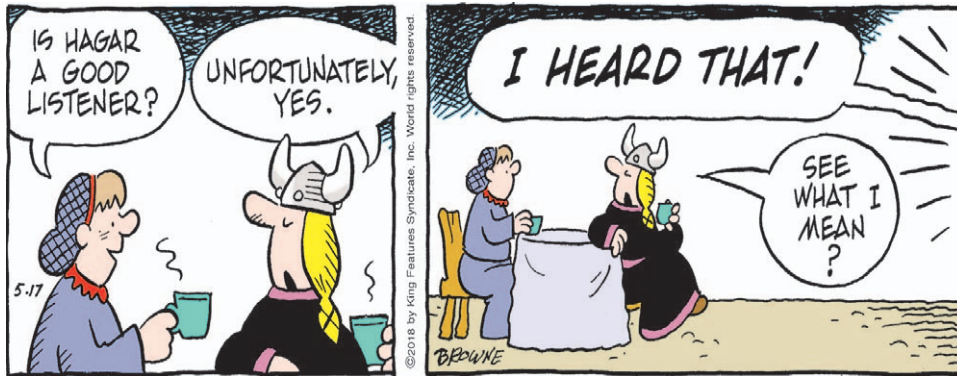
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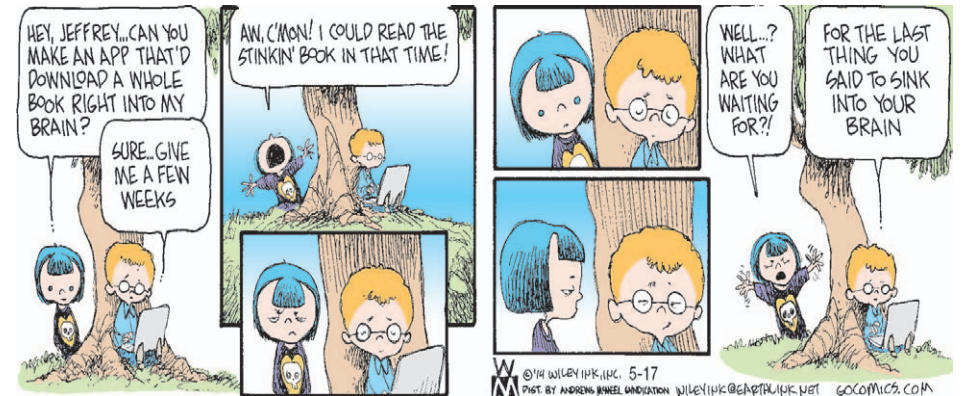
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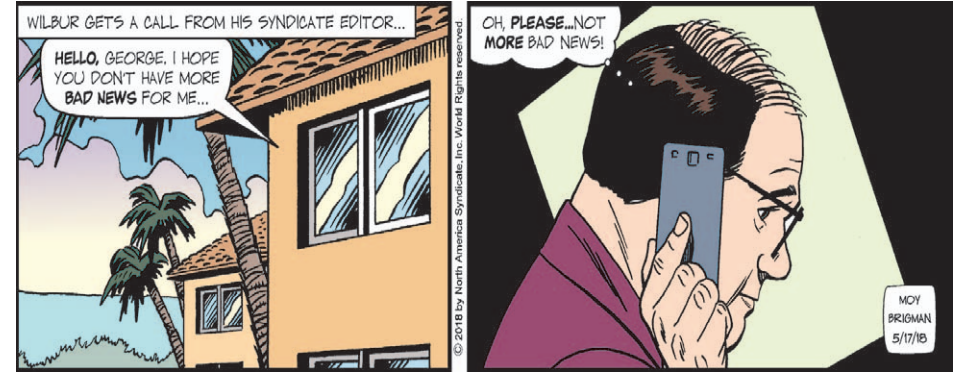
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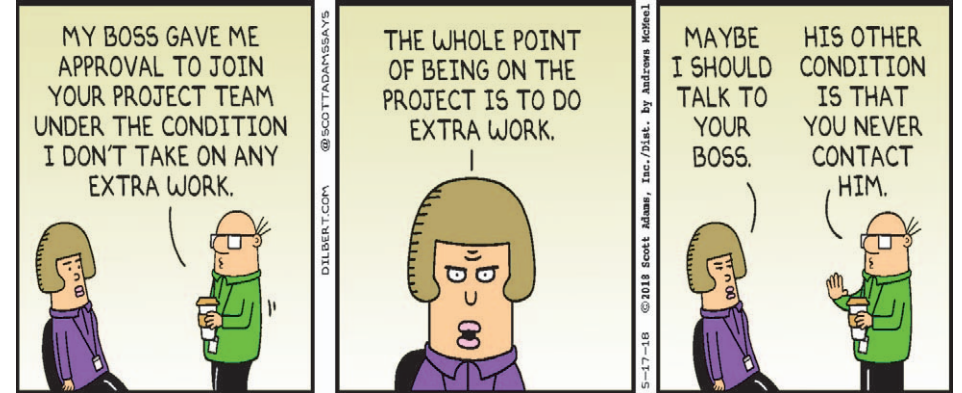
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PICKLES By Brian Crane



DILBERT By Scott Adams



B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart





SEX-ABUSE CASE

Michigan State University agreed to pay \$500 million to settle claims from more than 300 women and girls who said they were assaulted by sports doctor Larry Nassar, officials announced Wednesday. **Page 6**

MLB: Rays 5, Royals 3

Rays complete sweep over Royals

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — C.J. Cron homered and scored three runs, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat Kansas City 5-3 on Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep of the woeful Royals.

Cron extended his on-base streak to 22 games when he was hit by a pitch from Jason Hammel (0-5) in a three-run first that included Brad Miller's RBI groundout and Adeiny Hechavarria's

two-run single.

Cron homered leading off the third, then singled in the fifth and scored on Wilson Ramos' double-play grounder for a 5-1 lead.

Tampa Bay had losing six of seven coming in but swept the Royals for the first time since four games from Aug. 8-11, 2011. The Rays had not swept a series in Kansas City since three games from July 17-19, 2009.

Kansas City has lost five straight and seven of

eight, dropping to 13-30 for its worst 43-game start since opening with a 10-33 record in 2006. The Royals are 6-16 at Kauffman Stadium.

Matt Andriese (1-1) allowed three hits in three scoreless innings. Alex Colome allowed Abraham Almonte's leadoff single in the ninth, then retired three straight batters for his third save in three days and ninth in 11 opportunities.

Staked to a 4-0 lead, Rays starter Jake Faria

allowed three runs, four hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings. He gave up sacrifice flies to Alcides Escobar in the fourth and Mike Moustakas in the fifth, an inning that also included Jorge Soler's RBI double.

Hammel gave up five runs and 10 hits in six innings, raising his ERA to 6.28. He is 0-8 with a 7.28 ERA in 13 starts since winning at Detroit on Sept. 6.



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Alex Colome, left, is congratulated by catcher Wilson Ramos, right, following a win against the Kansas City Royals Wednesday at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

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NHL: Lightning-Capitals

FIGHTING BACK



AP PHOTO

Washington Capitals center Lars Eller (20) pulls on the jersey of Tampa Bay Lightning center Steven Stamkos (91) during the third period of Game 3 Tuesday in Washington. The Lightning won 4-2.

What the Game 3 victory proved about Tampa Bay

By TOM JONES
Tampa Bay Times

WASHINGTON — Somebody had to do something.

The Lightning was in dire straits. Down 2-0 in the series. Nothing working. Nothing happening. Half dead. Halfway to the offseason.

The Lightning needed someone to step up. Who knew that someone would step up wearing dress shoes instead of skates?

There were plenty of stars in the Lightning's off-the-mat victory in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final. Actually, call

them all-stars. Steven Stamkos, Nikita Kucherov, Brayden Point, Victor Hedman, Andrei Vasilevskiy. They all made the All-Star Game in Tampa this season, and their fingerprints could be found all over the Lightning's 4-2 victory.

But, in case you forgot, the Lightning had another all-star this season. And that one left the biggest mark of all in the Game 3 victory. Coach Jon Cooper was masterful. If coaches could be a part of the hockey's three stars of the game, Cooper would get a No. 1 star Tuesday.

"When things go stale a little

bit," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said, "you mix things up."

Cooper mixed things up a lot. It could've blown up in his face. Had it, and had the Lightning lost, the too-emotional fans who doubt Cooper's ability would again show their lack of hockey knowledge by flooding Twitter with #FireCooper tweets. (Seriously, that's crazy talk!)

Instead, he showed once again that the Lightning has one of the best coaches in the business.

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NFL: Bucs

Smith: Defense needs to be better in 2018

By GREG AUMAN
Tampa Bay Times

Bucs fans may still be tempted, but there's no need to tell Mike Smith how disappointing Tampa Bay's defense — last in the NFL in sacks, last in passing yards allowed — was last season.

"It's got to be a hell of a lot better than what we put out there last year," Smith said Wednesday, asked how much better his defense must be. "I've said it many times. The numbers are not anywhere close to what we've got to do. We've got to be more consistent in everything we do, and it starts in the meeting rooms, in building trust with one another across the board. That's the most important thing."

The Bucs have helped Smith out by addressing the defense extensively in the offseason, first in signing end Vinny Curry and tackles Beau Allen and Mitch Unrein, then

trading a third-round pick to get Pro Bowl end Jason Pierre-Paul.

In the draft, three of the first four picks were on defense, with defensive tackle Vita Vea in the first round and cornerbacks M.J. Stewart and Carlton Davis in the second round, plus two more defensive draft picks.

The upgraded line, with better depth allowing key players to take fewer snaps and have more left for the end of close games, is the catalyst for an improved defense. Smith hopes that allows his linebackers to come free more often to make plays, and that the added pressure on opposing quarterbacks will help his defensive secondary as well.

Smith said he was encouraged by how his defense continued to fight last year, through injuries and two five-game losing streaks,

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TIMES FILES (2017)

Bucs defensive coordinator Mike Smith says his unit must be "a hell of a lot better" in 2018 and is counting on that as the Bucs try to improve on a 5-11 record.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Florida State

Why playing Boise State in Jacksonville is smart

By MATT BAKER
Tampa Bay Times

Old, unofficial news is expected to become old, official news today with a formal announcement that Florida State and Boise State are kicking off the 2019 season in Jacksonville.

A lot has changed since the schools announced the series (FSU plays at Boise in 2020) five years ago. It looks like a risky move for the Seminoles, but I think it's a good one.

Some of the risks are obvious. Boise State is

a very successful program. Just ask Virginia Tech (which lost to the Broncos in 2010), Georgia (which lost to them in 2011) or Washington (which lost to them in 2015). FSU could be the next big-name program Boise slays.

Some of the risks are a little more nuanced, like this one: All 16 College Football Playoff participants have played at least one Power Five non-conference opponent. Boise doesn't fit that bill.

SEE FSU, 3



AP FILE

Boise State has toppled big-name programs in the past, including Oklahoma. The Broncos will get their shot at Florida State in Jacksonville next year.

MLB: Rays

Rays promote Arroyo, send Gomez to DL

By MARC TOPKIN
Tampa Bay Times

The Rays decided to play it safe with OF Carlos Gomez's groin issue and place him on the 10-day DL, calling up INF Christian Arroyo, the Hernando High product, to add a right-handed bat.

3B Matt Duffy, who left Tuesday's game with right hamstring tightness, will stay on the active roster with plans to return to duty Friday in Anaheim.

Arroyo, the key return in the December trade of franchise cornerstone Evan Longoria to the Giants, has been off to a slow start at Triple-A Durham, hitting .200 with one homer (albeit a grand slam) in 17 games, missing time with a calf strain.

Manager Kevin Cash said they wanted to be careful with Gomez, who is hitting .200 with 49 strikeouts in 37 games.

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GYMNASTICS: Sex-Abuse Case

Michigan State agrees to pay \$500M to settle Nassar claims

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University agreed to pay \$500 million to settle claims from more than 300 women and girls who said they were assaulted by sports doctor Larry Nassar in the worst sex-abuse case in sports history, officials announced Wednesday.

The deal surpasses the \$100 million-plus paid by Penn State University to settle claims by at least 35 people who accused assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky of sexual abuse, though the Nassar deal involves far more victims.

"We are truly sorry to all the survivors and their families for what they have been through, and we admire the courage it has taken to tell their stories," said Brian Breslin, chairman of Michigan State's governing board. "We recognize the need for change on our campus and in our community around sexual assault awareness and prevention."

It's not clear how much each victim will receive, although the money will not be divided equally. It's also unclear where the money will come from. University spokeswoman Emily Guerrant said school leaders will now work on a way to pay the bill.

Rachael Denhollander of Louisville, Kentucky, who in 2016 was the first woman to publicly identify herself as a victim, said the agreement "reflects the incredible damage which took place on MSU's campus." But she said she still has not seen any "meaningful reform" at the university.

Nassar treated campus athletes and scores of young gymnasts at his



AP FILE PHOTO

The shadows of Michigan State University students appear on "the rock" in the university campus which was painted "Thank You" and includes the names of the women who gave victim impact statements during the Larry Nassar sexual assault sentencing hearing in East Lansing, Mich.

Michigan State office, building an international reputation while working at the same time for USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

The university and lawyers for 332 victims announced the deal after negotiating privately with the help of a mediator. Under the agreement, \$425 million will be paid to current claimants and \$75 million will be set aside for any future claims. Lawyers will also be compensated out of the \$500 million pool.

Michigan State was accused of ignoring or dismissing complaints about Nassar, some as far back as the 1990s. The school had insisted that no one covered up assaults, although Nassar's boss, former medical school dean William Strampel, was later charged with failing to properly supervise him and committing his own sexual misconduct.

Nassar, 54, pleaded guilty to molesting women and girls under the guise of treatment and was caught with

child pornography. He is serving three prison sentences that will likely keep him locked up for life.

More than 250 women and girls gave statements in court when Nassar was sentenced in January and February. Since that time, even more accusers have stepped forward, which accounts for the larger number of people covered by the Michigan State agreement.

Nassar's assaults were mostly committed in Michigan at his Lansing-area home, campus clinic and area gyms. But his accusers also said he molested them at a gymnastics-training ranch in Texas and at national and international competitions. Nassar's work far away from campus was spelled out in his employment contract with Michigan State.

During the sentencing hearings, many accusers described an ultra-competitive gymnastics culture in which authority figures could not be questioned and Nassar was free to abuse young patients year after year.

They said they had little choice to see doctors other than Nassar, who was renowned throughout the sport.

He counted on his charm and reputation to deflect any questions. He was so brazen that he sometimes molested patients in front of their parents, shielding the young girls with his body or a sheet. His clinic was decorated with signed photos of Olympic stars, bolstering his credentials to star-struck athletes and their families.

Olympic gold medalists Jordyn Wieber, Aly Raisman, Gabby Douglas and McKayla Maroney say they were among Nassar's victims.

Other cases involved participants in soccer, figure skating, rowing, softball, cheerleading, wrestling, diving, dance, and track and field.

"This historic settlement came about through the bravery of more than 300 women and girls who had the courage to stand up and refuse to be silenced," said John Manly, the lead attorney for the victims.

HORSE RACING: The Preakness Stakes

AP PHOTO

Kentucky Derby winner Justify walks in a barn with trainer Bob Baffert Wednesday in Baltimore.

Justify draws 7 post, is heavy 1-2 favorite

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Justify is the 1-2 morning-line favorite in an eight-horse field at the Preakness coming off his impressive win in the Kentucky Derby.

Trainer Bob Baffert's undefeated colt will leave from the same No. 7 post that he did at the Derby. Baffert is 4-0 with Derby winners at the Preakness and has the opportunity to win his second Triple Crown in four years after American Pharoah did it in 2015.

Baffert joked that being such a heavy favorite puts more pressure on Justify, who held off a hard-charging Good Magic in the Derby. But the trainer added that he'd rather have the favorite in an important race than a 50-1 shot who needs a lot of help just to win.

Justify doesn't need that. After not racing as a 2-year-old, he has won his only four races by a combined 21½

lengths and is far and away the horse to beat in the Preakness.

Justify will face three other challengers he beat two weeks ago at Churchill Downs — Good Magic, Lone Sailor and Bravazo — and four horses who skipped the Derby — Quip, Tenfold, Sporting Chance and Diamond King.

No. 5 Good Magic is the second choice at 3-1, and No. 1 Quip is third at 12-1. No. 2 Lone Sailor is 15-1, No. 6 Tenfold and No. 8 Bravazo are 20-1 and No. 3 Sporting Chance and No. 4 Diamond King are 30-1 on the morning line.

With rain expected at Pimlico Race Course in the days leading up to the Preakness and on race day, veteran trainer D. Wayne Lukas expects the pace to be similar to the Derby. Justify arrived Wednesday about 90 minutes before the post-position draw, and Baffert expects to take him on the track for the first time Thursday morning.

SPORTS GAMBLING: Bookmakers

Bookies have the edge against bettors, but not by much

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — It was shaping up to be the biggest Super Bowl score ever for Las Vegas' legal bookmakers.

Philadelphia plus 4 points against New England, with the money just like the bookies like it — almost perfectly balanced on both sides. In the days before this year's game, bettors carrying fistfuls of cash lined up 20 deep at sports book windows, wagering a total of \$158.6 million.

The reward for those booking the bets? A paltry \$1.17 million win that probably didn't even cover the light bill at most casinos.

The house won, as it usually does. But those eyeing a huge payoff as sports betting is on the verge of expanding across the nation should understand that opening a sports book — while potentially very lucrative — isn't the same as actually printing money.

"It's a high-volume, high-risk operation," said Jay Kornegay, who runs the sports book at the Westgate Las Vegas. "It's a roller-coaster ride every day."

Philadelphia's upset of New England cost the books a big profit on the Super Bowl, with the 198 legal books in Nevada eking out a 0.7 percent hold. It wasn't much, with the bookies narrowly avoiding losing money on the Super Bowl for the third time in 28 years.

It's a bookie's life, as it always has been. Unlike

other games in the casino where there are fixed ranges of percentage win rates, the profitability of sports books in Nevada is often dependent on the skill of those making the lines.

"There's no mathematical probability like the other games," Kornegay said. "You really can't control a lot of it. You just do your best to put yourself in a positive position to win."

It's not like the bookies are crying poverty or about to turn the lights out. They won \$248.8 million in Nevada in 2017, a record payout in an industry that lately has been growing exponentially every year.

But that's only a 5.1 percent return on \$4.87 billion in bets placed. And that's before paying state and federal taxes along with the many costs of operating both sports books and phone betting apps.

That's why bookmakers could bypass states like Pennsylvania, where legislation passed last year calls for a 36 percent tax on sports book revenue, far higher than Nevada's 6.5 percent rate. And they don't have much appetite for suggestions by the big sports leagues that they get a 1 percent cut as an "integrity" tax.

"I think we will do a lot of business with the leagues and we should because their customers are our customers," said Joe Asher, CEO of William Hill US, the offshoot of the British chain that operates about half the sports books in Nevada.

NFL: Panthers

Panthers: Signed agreement to sell team to Tepper

By **STEVE REED**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers are off the market.

The Panthers announced Wednesday they have signed a "definitive agreement" to sell the team to David Tepper, the founder

and president of global hedge fund Appaloosa Management.

The deal is subject to NFL approval.

League owners will meet next week in Atlanta, where they are expected to vote on the purchase. Since Tepper already has been vetted by the league as

a minority owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the approval process is not expected to run into any snags.

The transaction is expected to close in July, the team announced. Tepper, who has been a minority owner of the Steelers since 2009, said Wednesday in a release that he's thrilled to become the next owner of the Panthers.

"I have learned a great deal about the community and the team over the past several months and look forward to becoming part of the Carolinas," said Tepper, who was born and raised in Pittsburgh. "I want to thank Jerry Richardson and the other Panthers partners for all they have done to establish and develop the NFL in the Carolinas. It has been a remarkable 25-year journey and I promise to

build upon the Panthers' success on the field and in the community."

Tepper has a net worth of more than \$11 billion, according to Forbes.

He is paying an NFL-record \$2.2 billion to purchase the team, according to two people familiar with the situation. The people spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the team didn't release the selling price of the franchise.

The release didn't mention if Tepper plans to move the team or keep it in Charlotte.

Jerry Richardson, the team's founder and only owner, abruptly announced he was selling the team last December after coming under investigation from the league for sexual and racial misconduct in the workplace.

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Nasdaq

Table of Nasdaq stock prices with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Tapimmu, Targent, TechData, etc.

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Table of Money Market Funds with columns: Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield. Includes funds like AB Government Money, AIM MMLnV, etc.

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Money Market Funds

Table of Money Market Funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, and Fund details. Includes various government and corporate funds.

Tax Exempt

Table of Tax Exempt funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, and Fund details.

Toronto stocks

Table of Toronto stocks with columns for Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, and Fund details.

Treasury bonds

Table of Treasury bonds with columns for Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, and Fund details.

FOOTNOTE: Rate-The annual interest rate the Treasury bond provides to investors. Date-The month and year the bond will expire. Bid-The price investors will pay for the bond. Ask-The price at which investors will sell. A bond price is expressed as a percentage of its original purchase cost of \$1,000. The whole numbers and the decimals which represent 32nds of a point must be converted to dollars and cents; for example, 103.18 equals \$1,035.63. Chg-The change between the preceding day's final bid price and the final bid price from the day before. Yld-The annual percentage return to the investor, based on the bond's current price, if the bond is held until it matures. K-Taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens. n-Treasury note. p-Treasury note; taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens.

Mutual Funds

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and Fund details.

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables

Here are the 4,300 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or net asset value (NAV), daily net change and weekly net change. Underlining highlights the funds ranked in the top 20% in each of the last 5 years.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by year-to-date percent return.

By Total Net Assets

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Assets, Percent Return/Rank, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by total net assets.

By 4-Week Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by 4-week percent return.

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Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Continuation of top 20 mutual funds by year-to-date percent return.

Mutual Funds

Large table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds across different categories.

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Mutual Funds

Table with 20 columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Contains various mutual fund entries such as OppInst, Carillon, Center Coast Capital, Champlain, City National Rochda, ClearBridge, Colorado BondShares, Columbia, Davenport, Delaware Inv, Deutsche, Edgar Lomax, Edgewood, Elfum, Emerald, EuroPac, Evermore, Fidelity, FPA, Fairholme Funds, Federated, and FIMI.

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Mutual Funds

Table with multiple columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Contains various mutual fund entries with performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

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Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and a detailed list of fund names and their performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, and multiple columns for various mutual fund categories including ShrtTrm, Bond, Equity, and Specialty funds.

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Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund names like SmCpEqP b, The Investment House, Third Avenue, etc.

Mutual Funds

Table of mutual fund performance data (continued) including columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund names like HlthSci, IntflProt, IntlEqSldx, etc.

Mutual Funds

Table of mutual fund performance data (continued) including columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund names like STBdldxnsPlus, STBdldxlnv, STCPBdldxAdm, etc.

Mutual Funds

Table of mutual fund performance data (continued) including columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund names like DiscpUSCorA f, DiscpUSCorAdm, DvrsCptlBldrA f, etc.