



Triathlon fun



Annual event experiences steady growth

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — This year the Heartland Triathlon celebrates its 13th year of promoting health and fitness in Highlands County.

Beginning in 2005 with 200 adults participating in the first event, the race has grown to approximately 1,000 participants each year. During the first eight years of the competition, the race was just a short sprint triathlon, but it has expanded to include the option of an Olympic, or international distance, race. The competition also became a two-day event with youth competing on Saturday and adults competing on Sunday.

As the race grew, so did its popularity with the youth. Most triathlons have youths swim in pools when they compete, but the Heartland Triathlon offers the unique opportunity to swim in a lake — Lake Jackson. In addition, the Heartland Triathlon was chosen as the site for the Southeast Youth Regional Championship. Youths travel from Alabama, Georgia and all over Florida to compete in the event.

The triathlon achieves a rare accomplishment; it appeals to both youth



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Jackie Yost, 90, and her husband, Larry, 88, competed in a recent triathlon. The couple have competed in the Heartland Triathlon for the past 5 years.

and older participants. Youth come for the excellent swimming venue and an opportunity to advance in the sport. Older participants, such as Larry and Jackie Yost from Treasure Island, enjoy the friendly atmosphere in Sebring.

“The town of Sebring loves to have people there for the race,” Jackie Yost said. “Not every place is like that.”

Jackie, 90, and her husband, Larry, 88, have competed in triathlons for years, but the Heartland Triathlon in Sebring is one of their favorite events.

“We thoroughly enjoy the race,” Jackie Yost said, “because the people are so friendly, and they provide you with the best of everything, including the best goodie bag. My husband and I have been coming for the last five to

six years, and I can't say enough good things about the event.”

Besides small town charm and the friendly atmosphere, Sebring also provides excellent safety measures for the participants. According to Assistant Fire Chief Dirk Riley, the Sebring Fire Department will provide medical staff at the start and finish lines. In addition, they will have rescue boats in the lake for swimmers in distress.

For fitness enthusiasts who refuse to participate in water sports, the triathlon has added a new event, the duathlon, a running and biking event that forgoes the swim portion. Another new competition that was added this year is the

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FILE PHOTO

Avon Park's Katelyn Van Rooyen competed in the 2017 Heartland Kids Triathlon.

Legislators focus on efficiency, safety

Albritton, Pigman visit Avon Park Chamber

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Legislators told Avon Park business owners they hope to make state government more efficient and effective in health and education issues, especially school safety, even at the expense of political careers.

Florida Representatives Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, and Cary Pigman, R-Avon Park, both talked about state initiatives. Albritton, suffering a head cold, spoke briefly.

Albritton said one of the best improvements he saw from Tallahassee — one all political parties can support — is an initiative to make government more efficient.

During this year's budget process, he said, legislators added provisional



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Many nursing homes, ALFs don't meet power requirements

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TALLAHASSEE --- Months after Gov. Rick Scott promised a hard line against nursing homes and assisted living

facilities in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, much of the industry is not in compliance with new rules as the state heads into the 2018 hurricane season.

Scott pushed to require that nursing homes and assisted living facilities have backup power systems to make sure that residents can remain cool for 96 hours in case buildings lose electricity.

The Agency for Health Care Administration this week released data showing that nearly 66 percent of nursing homes in the state have

“It's not as simple as snapping your fingers and saying, ‘Let there be air conditioning at all nursing home and ALFs.’”

— Skip Gregory,
Retired Florida Chief of Health Care Facility Planning

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School district, employee contract negotiations to resume

Sometime in July

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Contract negotiations between the School Board of Highlands County and its teachers and support personnel unions are being planned for July after two previous talks yielded no agreements.

The teachers and school

support employees worked the entire 2017-18 school year under the 2016-17 agreements.

Deputy Superintendent Andrew Lethbridge said contract negotiations will likely start in July.

“We still have 2017-18 that is open,” he said. “The



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The School Board of Highlands County and the unions representing the teachers and school support employees are working on setting a date to resume contract negotiations in July.

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Smoke crashes wedding reception

BY KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Most couples will remember their wedding day filled with guests, laughter, good food and dancing. However, newlyweds Joanie Gooravan and Michele Keller will remember being evacuated from Olive Garden, fire engine sirens and lights and smoke.

The couple was married earlier in the day on Friday, and the small wedding party of family and friends sat down at the Olive Garden for an Italian feast.

"We were sitting there, and someone came over to us and said, 'you have to leave now,'" Gooravan said. "We thought they were kidding. They said 'no, really we are evacuating the building



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Wait and cook staff evacuated Olive Garden on Friday as firefighters inspected the cause of smoke inside.

because there is smoke in the kitchen."

The Desoto City Volunteer Fire Department arrived with its bright green

truck to check where the smoke was coming from, followed by Emergency Management Director Scott Canaday and the West Sebring Volunteer

Fire Department.

The restaurant staff waited outside with the wedding party anticipating news. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits and told the couple that they would eventually get their complimentary champagne.

Canaday confirmed that a faulty air-conditioning unit was responsible for the smoky restaurant. Highlands County EMTs reported



Even though smoke disrupted their wedding reception at Olive Garden Friday, Joanie Gooravan and Michele Keller kept their sense of humor and posed for pictures with the fire truck at the Olive Garden.

there were no injuries.

The wedding couple laughed off the incident and said they would never forget their reception.

They also were granted their wish of having some nice pictures taken of them. They posed good-naturedly in front of the bright green fire truck for the photos.

The wedding party did decide to find another location for the reception.

Within an hour or so, manager Nikki Hajian said the restaurant would reopen.

She was not concerned that the restaurant would be hot; she said it had six cooling units.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

SUV vs. semi accident

This Chevrolet Trail Blazer tangled with a semi-tractor sometime around noon Thursday at the intersection of U.S. 27 and West Pleasant Street in Avon Park. The accident blocked two northbound lanes of U.S. 27 for a short time. Additional information was not available at press time.

Sebring woman charged with drugs, theft

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sebring Police Department officials investigated a theft at Family Dollar, and when they searched the female suspect they found stolen goods and methamphetamine.

According to the arrest report, Alicia Jackson, 41, of Avon Park, entered the Family Dollar located at 620 N. Ridgewood Drive, in Sebring May 30. The manager noticed that the size of her purse had changed when she exited the store, the arrest report states. The black purse that had once been flat was bulging with Cheez-It chips and possibly other items, authorities said.

The manager reported

the theft to the police, identifying the suspect as a woman with pink hair and a pink shirt who was trying to leave the store without paying.

Jackson fled on her bike, but police spotted her behind Family Dollar. They pursued and she reportedly entered a nearby parking lot through the northernmost entrance.

Police officers entered through the southernmost entrance, and Jackson almost collided into the patrol car. At that point, she was arrested.

Police officers searched her purse. They found two cold soda bottles



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and an energy bottle, the report said. The Cheez-It chips were found in nearby bushes.

As officers continued their search of her purse, they located drug paraphernalia. Officers also located a backpack outside the Family Dollar that Jackson had been using, authorities said.

Inside the backpack, the officers found several syringes containing clear or red liquid inside of them, the report said. The liquid in one of the syringes was field tested, and it tested positive for methamphetamine.

Jackson was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and petit theft of \$100 or less.

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3. Ruby is the birthstone for July. It is also a traditional gift for those celebrating 15th or 40th anniversaries.

4. Rubies are extremely strong, registering 9 on the Mohs scale of hardness. They are as resilient as sapphires and only slightly softer than diamonds.

5. The most precious

rubies are those with a full, rich red color with just a hint of blue tones. Originally, the finest rubies were mined in Myanmar and it is from there that the term Burmese ruby began to describe the finest rubies.

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2. Rubies are found in shades of red, from rich darkish red to pigeon blood red and pinkish red. The red hue comes from traces of the mineral

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Yandy Marrero, 31, Sebring, on charges of cocaine trafficking, public order crimes, commit first degree felony with a weapon, possession of a weapon, cocaine possession, drug equipment possession and two charges of marijuana possession.

Shakell Secron Spence, 24, Moyock, North Carolina, on charges of marijuana possession and drug equipment possession.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 26:

John L. Brown, 27, Avon Park, on two charges of probation violation.

Laura Ann Rich, 29, Sebring, charged with larceny.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 27:

Francisco Javier Fabian, 26, Sebring, on charges of resisting an officer and battery.

Marcus Durell Hodges, 30, Lakeland, on charges of cocaine possession, marijuana possession and drug equipment possession.

Omar Jucsue Rushing, 31, Sebring, on charges of probation violation, selling drugs, drug equipment possession and failure to keep controlled substance record.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 28:

Christopher James Henson, 31, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

Joseph Glenn Stone, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

Jamal Rashard Ward, 27, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 29:

Alstead Brown, 63, Lake Placid, on charges of larceny and burglary.

Alejandro Angle Ferrell, 19, Avon Park, on charges of drug possession and drug equipment possession.

Jorge Gonzalez, 32, Frostproof, on charges of drug possession, amphetamine trafficking, possession of a weapon by convicted felon, deliver methamphetamine and two charges of drug equipment possession.

Angela Jean Morales, 48, Avon Park, on charges of larceny, dealing in stolen property and fraud.

Norman Earl Ritchey, 34, Lake Placid, on a charge of cocaine possession and two charges of carrying concealed weapon.

Javontai Jonquez Wisdom, 25, Orlando, charged with failure to appear.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 30:

Lavarrien Diqan Coker, 23, Avon Park, on charges of marijuana possession, drug equipment possession and drug possession.

Alicia Ann Jackson,

41, Sebring, on charges of drug possession, drug equipment possession and larceny.

Alvin George Powell, 32, Lake Placid, on charges of drug possession, cocaine possession, probation violation, opium or derivative manufacturing and two charges of drug equipment possession.

Melquiades Rivera-Reyes, 33, Sebring, charged with probation violation.

Holton Samuel Todd, 37, Sebring, on charges of drug equipment possession and drug possession.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on May 31:

Andrew Micheal Burke, 26, Lake Placid, on two charges of drug possession.

Ronnie Coffey, 27, Sebring, on charges of smuggling contraband, drug equipment possession, two charges of drug possession and two charges of probation violation.

Cornelio Diaz, 51, Lorida, charged with parole violation.

Rebecca Ann Garman, 34, Lake Placid, on charges of drug equipment possession, opium or derivative possession and marijuana possession.

Gamaliel Gutierrez, 54, Godwin, North Carolina, on charges of marijuana possession, drug equipment possession and cocaine possession.

Bruin Cole Harllee, 23, Bartow, charged with probation violation.

Nelson Antonio Rodriguez, 55, Hiialeah, charged with probation violation.

Nu-Hope Diamond Bistro re-opens

Ribbon cutting open to public

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Nu-Hope Elder Services will be hosting a re-grand opening of its Diamond Bistro at 212 N. Main Ave. at 9 a.m. Monday.

Representatives from the nonprofit agency as well as the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and local officials will be on hand for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the bistro's return to the area.

A tour of the meal site and light refreshments will be available. The cafe will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on weekdays. Clients must pre-register for the free meals and the availability of transportation can be had by calling 863-382-2134.

"The meals and transportation are at no cost for the clients," the group's Laurie Murphy said. "They are funded by the federal Older Americans Act grant and supported with community donations. There is no fee but if a client wants to make a donation so that others can attend the program, they can."

Seniors over 60 years of

age can visit with other senior friends and make new ones. Community groups will visit the site with information that is important to seniors. Once a month, local artist Judy Nicewicz will create a free art project for the mature residents to participate in.

"The people that attend will help us to develop the site, so that it reflects their interests," Murphy said. "We have other congregate meal sites. They each have a different personality."

The locations are: Emanuel United Church of Christ at 3115 Hope St. in Sebring, Fair Haven Villages at 3015 Spinks Road in Sebring, and the Avon Park meal site at 114 E. Main Street.

All locations are open from 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Fridays, except Emmanuel United Church of Christ, which is open 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays to Fridays.

Senior residents have been without a Nu-Hope congregate meal site since its official closing after Hurricane Irma dealt the final blow to the aging building. The

original site was near the Redlands Christians Migrant Association on Interlake Boulevard across from South Florida State College.

"That location was an older building," said Murphy, resource development director of Nu-Hope. "We had been at that location for over 30 years. It was an older cement block style building, that, over time, was having challenges and then weather-related damage made it irreparable. At least for a congregate meal place, it could not be brought up to code."

Murphy explained why it is important that people support the senior citizens in the community.

"Nu-Hope knows that when we provide services for the seniors, we are actually supporting the entire community. The lives of seniors impact so many, from their children who are helping with their care, to their employers, to the business people. So, when we support them we are making the community stronger for all."



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Contest winner

From left: Lindsay Damon, Sondos Katramiz, Dr. Jessica Forde and Highlands News-Sun Executive Editor Romona Washington posed for a picture in the lobby of the Highlands News-Sun. They congratulated Katramiz on winning Best Overall in the Kids Design the Ads competition. She created the Newsome Eye design.

Pet of the week

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Name: Missy
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The Humane Society of Highlands County, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday.



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Missy is a 9-year-old yellow lab who is housebroken, very friendly and a senior girl. She makes a perfect companion dog.

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County road work advisories issued

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Highlands County road projects for which the Florida Department of Transportation has issued a road advisory:

•**U.S. 27 Northbound just north of South Sun N Lakes Boulevard in Lake Placid:** Crews will be constructing an agricultural driveway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site.

•**U.S. 27 Southbound between Golfview Road and Tubbs Road:** Crews will reconstruct the driveway/connection at the old Mexican restaurant location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site.

•**U.S. 27 Southbound at Shop 16 Road/west Lake Isis Avenue:** Crews will begin the modification of the median opening at West Palmetto Road. This opening will be closed to traffic and will take about two weeks to complete. Watch for trucks

entering and exiting the site. Motorists should expect single, intermittent inside lane closures from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. through 4 p.m.

•**U.S. 27 Northbound between C.R. 17 and the Polk County line:** Crews will be investigating the underground utilities. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site.

•**U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on S.R. 64 from U.S. 27 to Self Avenue:** Crews will be replacing existing roadway with concrete pavement on US 27 southbound from West Pleasant Street to Paulk Street, US 27 northbound from Dyal Street to West Hill Street, and on SR 64 from Self Avenue to US 27. The contractor will also be milling and resurfacing the existing roadway on US 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on SR 64 from Collier Avenue to Self Avenue, installing curb and gutter, installing

traffic separators, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, and signing and pavement markers. The contractor is Concrete Services, LLC. Estimated project completion date is spring 2020. A single continuous lane closure on US 27 will be in place during intersection construction. Additional lane closures, single-lane flagging operations, and temporary lane shifts will occur during nighttime/overnight hours on U.S. 27 and SR 64. Starting on June 4, motorists should expect lane closures on U.S. 27 during overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and shoulder closures on S.R. 64 during the daytime.

•**S.R. 70 from U.S. 27 to C.R. 721:** Crews will be performing weed control and trimming trees along the guardrail in this area. Motorists should use caution and expect intermittent lane closures eastbound and westbound from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

•**S.R. 66 from Highlands/Hardee County Line to west of U.S. 27/US 98:** Crews are repaving approximately 9 miles of roadway on both the eastbound and westbound lanes of S.R. 66 from the Highlands/Hardee County Line to U.S. 27. Additional improvements include the addition of a right turn lane on to Skipper Road, widening the right turn lanes on to South George Boulevard, Sparta Road, and Woodland Creek Trail, installing drainage, curb and gutter, guardrail, pavement markings, and signage. Anticipate daytime and nighttime lane closures on S.R. 66 during construction and expect delays. Motorists should expect single lane closures and be prepared to follow flagger direction from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Estimated project completion is summer 2018. The contractor is Lawrence Lynch Corporation.

Man charged with concealed gun, drugs

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Highlands County Sheriff's deputies followed up at a Lake Placid home Tuesday regarding another case, and arrested a man on a concealed weapon charge.

Deputies have charged Norman Earl Ritchey, 34, of Lake Placid with carrying a concealed firearm, carrying a concealed weapon — brass knuckles — and possession of cocaine. Deputies found the weapons and drugs on a routine body search after Ritchey allegedly reached into his car while a deputy approached him.

At 7:50 a.m. Tuesday,

deputies went to a home in the 1500 block of Oak Avenue in Lake Placid, following up on another incident, and found three people in the driveway. One — later identified as Ritchey — appeared to be having an argument with the other two.

As the deputy got out of his patrol car, Ritchey allegedly walked to the driver's side of a parked car. As the deputy approached, according to arrest reports, Ritchey was standing at the driver's door leaning in the vehicle.

Reports said Ritchey attempted to walk toward the back of his car, but on seeing the deputy, went back to the driver's door



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and leaned into the car.

At that point, the deputy ordered him not to reach in the vehicle and told him to walk

to the back of the vehicle, which he did, according to reports.

Because of what had happened, reports said, the deputy had him face the car and asked him if he had anything on him. Ritchey's answer was redacted from reports.

However, upon searching him, the deputy allegedly found a loaded Ruger LCP II .380-caliber pistol, 13

rounds of ammunition.

When asked if he had a conceal/carry permit, Ritchey said he hadn't finished the class, reports said. A call to dispatchers confirmed this.

The deputy also found a set of metallic knuckles with a retractable 3.5-inch blade in his right front pocket, reports said.

In his left front pocket, reports said, the deputy found two small Ziploc packets containing a white substance and a small glass bottle holding a white substance. The substance, 1.2 grams total, later field tested positive for cocaine, reports said. The deputy also found \$590 in Ritchey's left pocket, reports said.

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OBITUARIES

Lowell A. Anderson



Lowell Arthur Anderson, 95, passed away peacefully on May 26, 2018 at Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center in Sebring, Florida. He previously resided at Hidden Creek Circle in Sebring. Lowell was born on July 8, 1922 in Duluth, Minnesota to Edwin and Ida Anderson. Lowell proudly served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in World War II, serving in the South Pacific and he was an over-the-road truck driver. He moved to Sebring in 1986 and attended Bible Fellowship Church. He loved fishing, camping, and gardening, and he truly loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Dorothy, his wife of 58 years and mother of their children; two brothers; one sister; daughter-in-law, Karen; and granddaughter, Wendy. Lowell is survived by his wife, Ruby of Lake Placid; children, Ed (special friend Karen) of Avon Park, Shirley (Joe) Adamczak of Duluth, Minnesota, Barb (Bob) Stahel of Sebring, and Steve (Sue) of Duluth, Minnesota; 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to the awesome staff at Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center. They provided excellent and loving care to our

dad as well as continued support to his family. They are much appreciated. A graveside service will be held in Duluth, Minnesota. Donations can be made to Kenilworth Care and Rehabilitation Center, 3011 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring, FL 33870. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Mary N. Benschoter

Mary N. Benschoter, 97, died May 21, 2018 at The Palms of Sebring, Florida. Mary was born in Canandaigua, New York, grew up in Lima, New York and moved to Sebring in 1946 from Rochester, New York. She worked for Ford Heacock Sr. at Heacock Insurance from 1950-1970. She married Harvey in 1970 and they traveled to Europe, visiting relatives in Rome, Italy. They lived in Naples and Sarasota, returning to Sebring in 1990 following Harvey's retirement. They were married for 39 years and enjoyed traveling Europe, Hawaiian Islands, Alaska and cruising the Caribbean, Mexico, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal. They also traveled all the states in an RV.

Preceded in death by husband, Harvey; survived by his children, Ross (Chris) Benschoter of Sebring, Florida, Reed (Nancy) Benschoter of Hiram, Georgia, and Rick (Roberta) Benschoter of Reddick, Florida; his eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; her nieces, Barbara Lynn and Mary Jo Scarsgard; and nephews,

James and Stephen Nataline.

A Celebration of her Life will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 in the Kesselring Square at The Palms. Burial was at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

George B. Keagy



George B. Keagy, 49, died early Wednesday morning, May 16, 2018. Born in Fort

Lauderdale, George was the only son of Osborn (Ozzie) Keagy and Alice Keagy. He graduated from Coral Shores High in Key Largo, played varsity football, baseball and was a super bonefish and redfish angler. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard, a gunners mate and Caribbean Fleet Forecast Weatherman aboard the 210 USCG cutter Vigilant. George was a great nighttime big snook fisherman with a keen understanding of Florida Keys bridges and tides and could navigate the maze of islands of Everglades National Park, even by starlight.

He was a true biker who liked to chop his own hard tail Harleys and ride hard. He

enjoyed seeing his team the Miami Hurricanes, his music, The Doors playing "The End" and "The Crystal Ship." George was wheelchair bound his final years but was always renowned for his precision and artistry in the marine welding industry, entrusted to build beautiful tuna towers on high dollar sport fishermen.

George will soon be returned to the Florida Keys ocean, from his best friend's commercial lobster boat in a private, greatly attended and adoring service. The family suggests generous donations in George's memory to your local human society. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida. 863-465-4134.

Dr. William "Bill" Joseph Manint, Sr.



It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. William "Bill" Joseph Manint Sr. announces

his passing after a brief hospitalization from a traumatic brain injury, on May 29, 2018, in Orlando, Florida, at the age of 75 years.

He will be lovingly

remembered by Sandy, his wife of 50 years, and his two children, Laura (Nicholas) Bagnoli and William Jr. (Kimberly). Bill will also be fondly remembered by his five grandchildren, Maria, Monica, Isabella, Anthony and Gabriel, as well as by his sister, Carolyn (Kenneth) Toca. He was predeceased by his sister, Rose Rita (Stanley) Wilson, and brother, Alfred Paul Manint II.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Bill graduated from Warren Easton High School in 1960. After graduation, Bill went into the National Guard Reserves for three years while also attending college. He earned a business degree from Louisiana State University New Orleans in 1965. Shortly after marrying, Bill and Sandy moved to Orlando, Florida where he worked as a contract negotiator for the Department of the Navy. In 1974, Bill furthered his education, attending Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee, graduating as valedictorian in 1978.

Upon graduation, the Manint family moved to Sebring, Florida where Bill opened his optometry practice in 1979, examining eyes until his retirement in 2003. After retiring, Bill enjoyed volunteering his time at St. Catherine Catholic Church in Sebring as a youth minister for five years. He also taught the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults for the past 11 years. His other hobbies included

spending time with his grandchildren, riding motorcycles, photography and traveling.

Visitation hours are from 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 8 at Morris Funeral Chapel, 307 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 820 Hickory St. Very Reverend José González, V.F. presiding. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lake Placid.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Catherine Catholic School, 882 Bay St., Sebring, FL 33870. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Beth Vandygriff



Beth Vandygriff, 65, of Sebring, Florida died May 27, 2018, with the family

at her side. She was born to the late Leo and Gertrude Faustnaugh on March 30, 1953 in Elkhart, Indiana.

Beth is survived by her loving husband, Donald, of 35 years. They were married Oct. 7, 1983 in Indiana by Reverend Ethel Barnes. Beth's career path led her to the medical profession where she had a long and illustrious career as a certified nurse assistant. Don and Beth also had a successful real estate business for over 20 years. She will be missed by many. God bless.

FLORIDA NEWS BRIEFS

Utility worker dies beneath manhole

CAPE CORAL (AP) — Authorities say a utility worker died while working beneath a manhole in Florida.

The News-Press reports that man, whose name wasn't immediately released, died Friday afternoon in Cape Coral. The Southwest Utilities employee had been installing a new water and sewer line.

Police spokesman Dana Coston says it wasn't clear whether the man had fallen into the hole or had suffered a medical problem while in the hole.

Witnesses say paramedics spent almost two hours working to recover the body, which had been submerged under water.

Inmate gets life sentence for killing prisoner

PENSACOLA (AP) — A Florida inmate who was already serving 15 years will now spend the rest of his life in prison.

The Pensacola News Journal reports that 27-year-old Robert Lee Hunt received his life sentence Friday, two days after jurors found him guilty of second-degree murder.

Authorities say Hunt fatally stabbed fellow inmate Jorge Slaughter last June at the Century Correctional Institution in Escambia County.

Surveillance video shows Hunt chasing Slaughter through a common area at the prison and then stabbing and slashing him with an improvised knife. Hunt claimed he was acting in self-defense.

Florida Department of Corrections records show Hunt was in prison for attempted armed robbery in Polk County in 2014.

Slaughter was serving a 30-year sentence for

robbery, grand theft and burglary charges.

Deputy fired over social media posts

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — Officials say a Florida sheriff's deputy has been fired for social media posts that made racially-charged remarks about former first lady Michelle Obama and blamed Muslims for a mass shooting.

The Palm Beach Post reported Saturday that Jason Van Dusen was terminated as a Palm Beach Sheriff's Office deputy. Van Dusen, a deputy since 1998, had been suspended once before for offensive social media posts.

The posts that led to Van Dusen's firing includes one on Twitter displaying a photo of Michelle Obama next to one depicting a "Planet of the Apes" character. In another Twitter post from December 2,

2015 - the day 14 people were shot to death in San Bernardino, California - Van Dusen wrote that the U.S. has a "Muslim problem" and not "a gun problem."

Weight-loss, gardening, topics of women's summit

PALM HARBOR (AP) — A Florida Congressman who is running for his seventh term in office will hold his first-ever Women's Summit, which will include topics like weight-loss and gardening.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Rep. Gus Bilirakis, a Tampa Bay area Republican, said the event will be a chance for women to learn about "relevant topics that have a direct impact" on their lives.

Bilirakis said in a statement to the Times that topics for the June 9 summit came from people

who attended a previous women's session he hosted in 2014.

But some of Bilirakis' opponents in the race, which has drawn parallels to other Republican strongholds being challenged by Democrats nationwide in the November midterm elections, are critical of the event.

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All comments should be received by CODA before the site visit and mailed to:

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Questions about CODA's site visit or SFSC's Dental Education programs should be addressed to: Dr. Deborah Milliken, Chair, Dental Education, South Florida State College, 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825; 863-784-7023.



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OUR VIEW

Seeking answers

So, let's see if we understand this right. The Town of Lake Placid needs more parking, which we agree with. Town Council made a unanimous decision to make an offer of \$15,000 on a vacant lot at the corner of Hibiscus Street and Main Avenue. The property owners decided the price should have been \$25,000, so they countered the town's proposal for what they said is a more realistic selling price. Perhaps the property owners are right. A couple of real estate professionals spoke up, telling council that the higher price was more realistic. Instead of caving in, the council backed off, not willing to pay the higher price. Understandable. The lot is currently full of grass and sand. It will need to be paved and striped in order to properly serve as a parking lot. A pre-quote was given at \$20,000. With the \$15,000 that the town had agreed to as a purchase price, that would make a \$35,000 investment in parking.

Now here comes the part that we are left shaking our heads at. The lot, which would be large enough for the town to create a small park, would only bring an additional 10-12 parking spots. At 12 spots, the town is willing to spend \$2,900 per spot to make the parking lot a reality in a busy portion of town. Town Administrator Phil Williams wrote to neighboring businesses asking them to contribute \$1,000 each to raise enough money to make a counter offer of \$20,000. The park would have to be bought in the town's name and deeded in full to the town "in order for the deed to state that the lot will forever remain a public parking lot, forever maintained by the town."

Here are where the real questions start to come in.

Why is the town asking for help from area businesses to buy the lot? Is the town in financial trouble? The government does not ask businesses, or citizens to pay its bills. If the town wants the lot, then let the town buy it.

We aren't in the habit of seeing a government entity ask its businesses for a gift of money. As with most citizens, if the town doesn't have the funds to buy the lot and yet it is a necessity, then find a way to borrow the money and pay it back, but not from your own businesses, who work hard every day to put money in the pockets of their own employees.

Is it even legal for the town to ask the businesses to partner in the purchase?

Williams named some of the businesses that have already committed to partner with the town: three to date including a non-profit agency.

We simply don't understand why businesses would give the town money to buy something that they won't own with only a simple promise that it will "remain a parking lot."

Who is to say a future town council, 20, 30 years down the road wouldn't decide to do something else with the lot? If there is a need for parking, why include a small park in the design? Why is the president of the chamber of commerce involved in this questionable matter?

And one last question that really has us scratching our heads, why would a non-profit give \$1,000 to the town instead of spending the money to care for its clients? If they can afford to give \$1,000 towards a town's purchase and development of a parking lot, then we question why they cry wolf when threats to cut funding come down from higher levels of government.

There's a lot of questions that need to be answered before any more businesses offer a handout to the town. We think the questions we've posed deserve answers, and we will be seeking just that.

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

The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers.



Decision-making style forged by business successes



INK IN MY VEINS

David Dunn-Rankin

successful in business. He used that business background to launch a political career. President Trump also came from a successful family. Donald faced downturns, borrowed money to stay afloat and eventually built a very successful real estate empire. Both men, forged by business challenges, became supremely confident in their own decision making.

President Carter was so confident, he disdained the chief of staff position. Chris Whipple's book, about the history of the chief of staff position, "The Gatekeepers," chronicles how Carter's distaste for a strong chief of staff hobbled his presidency. President Trump also

seems to have a high opinion of his own decision-making style. Trump is quite dismissive of his chief of staff's attempts to bring order to the White House. Like Carter, Trump wants to be the center – not his chief of staff.

The upside of that management style is seen in foreign policy. I never thought Carter had strong negotiating skills until I read Lawrence Wright's "Thirteen Days in September," which chronicles the peace negotiations at Camp David. Here's hoping our current president has the same success with Korea.

President Carter wanted a strong economy. He averaged over 200,000 new jobs created every month over his four years in office. Better than Reagan, yet we somehow think Reagan did a better job of creating jobs. Carter's new job creation record is similar to President Trump, but slightly better.

Many readers might think Paul Volcker and Ronald Reagan broke our high interest and high inflation rates. But it was Jimmy Carter who hired Paul Volcker to break the inflationary spiral. In Paul Volcker's autobiography,

he writes that Carter blamed Volcker's insistence on raising interest rates during the election season for Carter's loss to Reagan.

Now we have President Trump, who also has a Federal Reserve chairman, focused on raising rates right into the mid-term election and beyond. Volcker's interest rate increases created back to back terrible recessions. Will the current rise in interest rates have the same effect?

President Carter, a Democrat, was frustrated by a Congress that his party controlled. President Trump, a Republican, is stymied by a Congress, that his party controls.

We often want to think that right now is the first time. Right now is a unique moment never before seen. Today is indeed unique, but history is full of similar moments.

Share your thoughts.

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

TDC ordinance will end arts funding

GUEST COLUMN

Fred Leavitt

On June 5, the Tourist Development Council (TDC) will be petitioning the county commissioners to raise the bed tax and remove Art & Culture (A&C) as a funding category. This is an important issue regarding our tourist economy and its stakeholders.

HCA believes it is time to raise the tourist tax to stay competitive. But it is counterproductive to remove A&C as a funding category.

The cultural community has been experiencing remarkable growth in the past few years. New galleries have opened in Avon Park, Lake Placid and Sebring. The Alan Jay Wildstein Performing Arts Center at SFSC, Circle Theatre, Highlands Little Theatre and the Genesis Center in Lake Placid are bringing a new level of talent and variety of performances to the local stage. Peter Powell Roberts Museum of Art & Cultural Center has entered the scene, and new art classes have been developed to fill increased demand.

Tourism is Florida's number one industry and trickle down is fueling the growth in our A&C attractions. Florida Tax Watch studies show that 74 percent of tourists in Florida engage in A&C activities. State, federal, university and hospitality industry studies show cultural tourism has a history of bolstering rural economies and enriching the community as a whole.

The cultural tourist: spends more, stays longer,

is better educated, explores local attractions, shops, and looks for off-the-beaten path cultural experiences.

The TDC is our voice to this market. Currently they are mandated to spend 20% of tourist tax dollars to promote the county's cultural assets. Their reason for eliminating the A&C funding category is that it makes bookkeeping easier for them. It will also enable them not to promote A&C.

This has happened before. TDC raided the A&C kitty for nine years diverting some \$360,000 to promote things other than A&C. They were taken to task by The State of Florida Joint Legislative committee and funds were returned to the A&C budget. \$210,000 was designated to hire an agency to promote Highlands County as an art & culture destination. The agency was fired. TDC had other ideas for the funds.

The county's A&C assets have never been promoted in a cohesive campaign to attract the cultural tourist. To date, TDC continues to drain the funds for other purposes.

Highlands County is rich in cultural assets and rural charm. You need to look no farther than the newly created Art & Culture Passport that lists 37 A&C experiences to know there are gems waiting to be discovered throughout the county

that are sorely in need of advertising. We need to tap into this lucrative tourist market, diversify, and grow our tourist economy, not remove A&C as a category.

TDC is proposing to double the bed tax to 4 percent. They would spend the funds as follows: 1 percent for Asset Development & Enhancement, Administration As Budgeted, and the remaining funds for All Marketing. All Marketing does not specify a percentage of funds, if any, dedicated to promote A&C.

To develop a campaign to identify Highlands County as a destination for cultural tourism requires a budget. No budget no campaign. TDC continues to disrespect the value of the cultural tourist. They remain blindsided by events and sports marketing.

TDC would lead you to believe that without restrictions they can spend more on A&C. The reality is that Category D in the current ordinance has no restrictions on how much they spend for A&C, and Category C mandates at least 20% be used to promote the county's A&C assets.

That ordinance is wise. It incorporates lessons from the past and works to guide the future diversity of our tourist economy.

Other counties that have A&C attractions have ordinances specifying a percentage of funds be used to promote their assets include: St. Johns County,

Broward County, Sarasota County, Palm Beach County and Miami-Dade County.

These counties know the value of the cultural tourist and want to protect their share of the market. Our TDC has no vision or strategic plan.

TDC has come to recognize this shortfall and is seeking a consulting firm to help it develop a strategic plan. A strategic plan would help define A&C's roll in developing a tourist economy. This has been lacking from the beginning.

HCA believes the strategic plan should be in place before TDC asks for an ordinance change removing the A&C category. To do otherwise is premature.

We are against the proposed TDC ordinance because it: 1. Gives too much power to TDC; 2. Eliminates TDC accountability and responsibility for fair distribution in granting bed tax dollars; 3. Is vague on how TDC will spend close to \$900,000 annually.

We ask the commissioners to send the TDC back to the drawing board to craft an ordinance insuring the promotion of the county's growing A&C assets, as well as the businesses supported by them.

Fred Leavitt is president of the Heartland Cultural Alliance. Guest columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily that of the Highlands News-Sun.

I have a new dog, now what do I do?

You decided to bring home a new family member. The whole family discussed it, prepared for it, and everyone agreed, we want to add a dog to our family. Now, do we want a big dog, little dog, high energy, low energy, young, senior or puppy?



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6. If you plan to crate, have it ready with a blanket, toys, etc. Allow him to enter and leave freely until he is used to it.

7. Decide on a feeding schedule. For most dogs, free feeding works best with a quality dry food. You never save money by feeding poor quality food. Most dogs enjoy canned food once a day.

8. For the first few days, remain calm with your dog. Do not over stimulate or rough house. Do not invite everyone you know over to meet your new dog. Do not parade him around to meet all the neighbors. Let him get to know you first. Give your dog space, and give him down time and alone time to take in this is his new home. Imagine you being taken from your family and dropped off with a new one and expected to just "fit in."

9. When you arrive home from being away, do not act very excited to see him. That will encourage him to do the same, causing him to jump, pee and do all things you won't like. Come in and give him time to adjust that you are home, then play.

10. Give your dog time to get to know you. Don't expect him to be your best friend right away. Most of us take time to know someone before accepting them as our best friends. Your dog may have been through bad experiences; he may not trust everyone. Notice what frightens him, watch his body language.

11. If you are adopting a large dog, leave his leash on for at least a week. This has several benefits. It gives you a long handle to control him without having to

reach and grab his collar, which may frighten him. This may be very helpful if anything wrong should happen. It is much safer to grab a leash than a collar.

12. It is never recommended to leave a large or even small dog home alone unrestricted until you know how he is going to act without you home. Nothing will end a new relationship sooner than to come home and find your sofa cushions all chewed up. No matter how innocent he looks when you leave, either crate or contain him to a small area with nothing to destroy.

13. First and foremost,

if you have small children or other pets never just let the dog in your house off the leash. Even if they previously met. If you have another dog, take them for a walk together. If you have children, do not let them walk the dog alone. Walk with them until you are comfortable that everyone gets along. Don't forget about the cat. Never let a new dog loose with your cat until you are sure it will be OK. Remember, it may not be the new dog; small dogs like to attack big dogs. My tiny chi thinks she is a 90-pound pitbull! If you have other small pets, such as rabbits that run

loose, contain them until you are sure they all get along.

14. Never let anyone put their face in a new dog's face! Keep them away when the dog is eating or being given a treat. Some dogs are possessive of their toys as well.

15. Establish your dog with a vet.

16. Don't set your new dog up for failure.

17. And lastly ... never shop; always adopt!

Using common sense will make the difference between success or failure. You want your new dog to become a part of your family. Take the time to allow this to

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They accept you and you accept them, all is well. However, it does not always work that way. Sometimes it takes time and effort. Depending on the dog's background, it may take some time for the dog to get to know and love you. Keep in mind, dogs have memory: some good, some not so good. Some dogs have led horrific lives before you brought them home. It will take time for them to trust you.

Here are steps that may help the adjustment for both you and your new dog be an easy one. All dogs react differently, so adjust accordingly.

1. Get your new dog an ID tag with your phone number on it, just in case he gets away and doesn't know his way home. Be sure you have a good hold of the leash when you open your car door. Some dogs will bolt out of fear of a new place.

2. Ask the staff questions about your new dog. What are his habits, is crate training right for him? Some dogs are petrified of crates.

3. Dog proof your home.

a.) Tape electric cords to baseboards

b.) Put chemicals out of reach

c.) Move plants out of reach

d.) Keep glass and delicate items out of reach

e.) Keep shoes and electronics out of reach

4. Training starts the first day. Everyone decide what words you will use, ex., potty time, No, Down, etc. This will help lessen confusion. He may already know other words for the same thing.

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GOP moderates rebel on immigration

By **ALAN FRAM and NICHOLAS RICCARDI**
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HOMESTEAD (AP) — Cipriano Garza says Rep. Carlos Curbelo is “a decent man, a family man.” He lauds the South Florida Republican for defiantly pushing his party to protect young “Dreamer” immigrants from deportation.

Founder of a nonprofit that helps farm workers, Garza happily hosted Curbelo at a reception honoring high school graduates last week at the massive Homestead-Miami Speedway. But his praise came with a warning about this November’s elections.

“He better do what’s right for the community,” said Garza, 70, himself a former migrant laborer. “If not, he can lose.”

Across the country — from California’s lush Central Valley to suburban Denver to Curbelo’s district of strip malls, farms and the laid-back Florida Keys — moderate Republicans like Curbelo are under hefty pressure to buck their party’s hardline stance on immigration. After years of watching their conservative colleagues in safe districts refuse to budge, the GOP middle is fighting back — mindful that a softer position may be necessary to save their jobs and GOP control of the House.

“Members who have priorities and feel passionate about issues can’t sit back and expect leaders” to address them, Curbelo said. “Because it doesn’t work.”

Curbelo, 38, is seeking

a third term from a district that stretches from upscale Miami suburbs to the Everglades and down to eccentric Key West. Seventy percent of his constituents are Hispanic and nearly half are foreign-born. Those are among the highest percentages in the nation, giving many of them a first-hand stake in Congress’ immigration fight.

Curbelo and Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., whose Modesto-area district thrives on agriculture powered by migrant workers, have launched a petition drive that would force House votes on four immigration bills, ranging from liberal to conservative versions. Twenty-three Republicans have signed on, two shy of the number needed to succeed, assuming all Democrats jump aboard.

Another supporter of the rare rebellion by the usually compliant moderates is Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., a former Marine who learned Spanish when his district was redrawn to include Denver’s diverse eastern suburbs. In an interview, Coffman expressed frustration over waiting nearly 18 months for House Speaker Paul Ryan to deliver on assurances that Congress would address the issue.

“He was always telling me, ‘It will happen, it will happen.’ I never saw it happen,” Coffman said. “One cannot argue that those of us who signed onto this discharge petition didn’t give leadership time.”



AP PHOTO

In this Tuesday, May 29 photo, Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., greets graduates while attending the 34th Annual Farmworker Student Recognition Ceremony in Homestead, in a district stretching from upscale Miami suburbs to the Everglades and down the Florida Keys to eccentric Key West, 70 percent of Curbelo’s constituents are Hispanic and nearly half are foreign born.

The centrists favor legislation that would protect from deportation hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. They back a path to citizenship for these immigrants, who have lived in limbo since President Donald Trump ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, called DACA. Federal courts have blocked its termination for now.

Trying to head off the petition, Ryan, R-Wis., and conservatives are negotiating with the centrists in hopes of finding compromise. Roll calls are on track for later this month, but it will be tough to steer legislation through the House that’s both liberal enough to survive in the more moderate Senate and restrictive enough for

Trump to sign into law.

At the speedway, a local economic anchor since Hurricane Andrew shattered the city in 1992, Curbelo didn’t mention his battle in Washington to the graduates. “Our country and our community need you,” he told his audience, some of whom Garza said were DACA recipients.

Curbelo’s district backed Democrat Hillary Clinton by a whopping 16 percentage points in the 2016 presidential race over Trump, who has fanned immigrants’ resentment by repeatedly linking them to crime and job losses. That’s left Curbelo facing a competitive re-election, though he’s raised far more campaign cash than his likely Democratic challenger, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell.

Of the 23 Republican petition signees, nine

represent districts whose Hispanic populations exceed the 18 percent national average. Clinton carried 12 of their districts in 2016, and several are from moderate-leaning suburbs of cities like Philadelphia and Minneapolis and agricultural areas in California and upstate New York that rely on migrant workers.

The centrists’ petition echoes the hardball tactics often employed by the hard-right House Freedom Caucus. Its roughly 30 members often band together with demands top Republicans ignore at peril of losing votes in the narrowly divided House.

GOP leaders and Freedom Caucus members fear that under the votes the petition would force, liberal-leaning

legislation backed by most Democrats and a few Republicans would prevail. That would infuriate conservative voters who’ll be needed at the polls to fend off a Democratic wave threatening GOP House control.

Among those envisioning that scenario is Nicholas Mulick, GOP chairman of Florida’s Monroe County, which encompasses the Keys and is the reddest portion of Curbelo’s district. “With the greatest respect for the congressman, I don’t think it’s going to work,” Mulick said.

Others reject that argument, saying moderates’ worries should be heeded because they must be re-elected for Republicans to retain their majority.

“That sounds like somebody who’s never run in a swing district,” former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who once led his party’s House campaign arm, said of claims that immigration votes would dampen conservative turnout. “Do they want to be in the majority, hold gavels?”

Democrats and local immigration activists say they wish Curbelo’s effort well but question his motivation. They say he’s reacting to election pressures and simply wants to show voters he’s fighting for them.

“It feels very late, opportunistic, theatrical,” said Thomas Kennedy, deputy political director for the Florida Immigrant Coalition.

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SAFETY

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language to each budget line item, giving direction to agencies on how to spend their money.

The changes also require reports on expenses, such as travel and meals, Albritton said, to make sure agency staff spend tax dollars wisely.

"If real government reformers can hold the line on that, it's a turning of the rudder," Albritton said. "It shows agencies we are paying attention, (that) they are going to have a cultural shift in how they allocate resources."

He also said he is part of rural Florida and advocates for areas like Highlands County.

Pigman spoke on health care, education and school safety among the 196 joint House and Senate bills passed this year.

"You don't elect us to pass bills," Pigman said. "You elect us to pass good bills."

Reading from a 500-page summary of the 2018-2019 \$88.7 billion budget, Pigman said there were increases in disaster relief and recovery, thanks to Hurricane Irma, in Medicaid funding and in education funding — a 1.4 percent increase to \$7,408 per student per year.

One thing he hopes to see is better logistics funding for rural Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. Rural counties don't have science museums for field trips and must drive to big cities that have them.

Pigman said the state has put \$30 million toward local water projects, including funding septic-tank-to-sewer conversions to reduce nutrient runoff into waterways.

He also said District 55 will have \$2.5 million to put toward water improvement.

"Outside of rural education and health care, taking care of water is a priority," Pigman said.

After the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, legislators passed the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

"In the process, we irritated people," Pigman said.

As an emergency room physician, Pigman was surprised Florida police officers couldn't confiscate weapons under the Baker Act, which is an involuntary commitment up to 72 hours for possible mental illness. Now, officers can confiscate guns for that time.

There is also a hearing process, Pigman said, to see if someone may be a "clear and credible threat" to others. Under the act, various agencies now can communicate more readily on cases, and can analyze social media for threats, he said.

The act, he said, also created a school marshal program. It initially would arm any school employee, but was revised to exclude teachers.

The act also gave counties flexibility on how to implement marshals, Pigman said.

Thirdly, the act banned sale of bump stocks and applied handgun restrictions to long guns (rifles).

Pigman said previous laws treated handguns as more dangerous because they are concealable. However, mass shooters in recent years have used rifles.

"Very little of those who voted for it may get re-elected," said Pigman.

Restrictions prohibit firearm sales to anyone not 21 or older, with exceptions for rifle and shotgun sales to law enforcement officers,

correctional officers, members of active duty military, Florida National Guard or United States Reserve Forces.

The act imposed a three-day waiting period for all firearms sales, again with the same exceptions as the age requirement.

Waiting periods don't apply to rifle or shotgun purchases by those who've had a hunter safety course and hold a hunter safety identification card, or who are exempt from the hunter safety course and hold a valid Florida hunting license.

There are also enhanced criminal penalties for individuals who make threats to schools, such as social media threats of shootings or bombings, the act states.

"Is that perfect? Is that going to change things" I don't know," Pigman said.

The changes represented a consensus, Pigman said.

The day of the vote, victims' families were on the House floor, he said.

Those who voted "yes" got hugged, Pigman said. Those who voted "no" got asked why.

"I took a lot of heat on social media because of this," Pigman said. "I felt comfortable (that) this was the right thing to do."

TRIATHALON

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aquabike, a swimming and biking race.

Participants can choose the sprint or long distance options for both of these new events. According to Dan Andrews, race director, approximately 15-20 percent of the overall numbers are from the aquabike and duathlon events.

In addition to new events, the Heartland Triathlon is also under new management.

However, the same core group of leaders remain involved in the organization. Jeff Carlson, of Carlson Accounting, is the new treasurer, and Dan Andrews and Kevin Shutt, of Legacy Bicycles, serve as president and vice president, respectively.

The leadership team has worked to make the race more affordable.

"We have lowered the price of the race a little bit this year," Andrews said. "In addition, we offered really big price breaks for registering early."

According to Patrick High, another core member of the triathlon organization, the event gives back to the health



FILE PHOTO

Avon Park's John McDaniel competed in the cycling portion of the 2017 Heartland Triathlon.

and wellness of the community by donating to many nonprofit and charitable organizations, including Florida Hospital's fitness center and high school sports teams.

Groups — such as the Sebring High School cheerleaders, SHS band and local churches — volunteer at the event. Heartland Triathlon donates proceeds to support the charities and high school sports teams based on the number of volunteer hours they have contributed.

"Over 13 years, Heartland Triathlon has given back in excess of \$100,000 through these

charitable contributions," Andrews said.

The organization strives to serve the community and listen to the desires of the athletes. After reading the results of the surveys from race participants, the race will no longer be held on Father's Day. Surveys indicated that it would be better to avoid the holiday weekend.

The flurry of athletes who enjoy Sebring's small town charm spend money on the event and in Highlands County, providing local charitable organizations with needed funds and local businesses with increased sales outside



Sebring's Elijah Griffin competed in the bike portion of the 2017 Heartland Kids Triathlon.

of the peak winter season, so the Heartland Triathlon hopes the new date will be a winner for all involved.

The event will be held on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 at the City Pier Beach. Athletes may pick up their packets at Legacy Bicycles from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9.

Youth races begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9 and adult races begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, June 10. For more information on the race, visit heartlandtri.org.

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SCHOOL

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hope is possibly getting a settlement on two years, but we will see where we end up on it."

Negotiation sessions were held last year in June and November. The contract talks scheduled for January were canceled by the school district.

The district had offered a 1 percent raise for non-instructional employees but had no offer for teachers.

At the earlier sessions, the Highlands County Education Association (teachers union) sought an increase of \$500 on

every level on the salary schedule and to move all eligible teachers up one pay level.

Florida Education Association area representative Jim Demchak, who is part of the teacher and support personnel negotiating teams, said Friday the 2017-18 agreement must be completed before bargaining begins for the 2018-19 contract.

He believes there will be a two-year package with "little or nothing for 2017-18." "Both unions understand the financial picture the district has, but they also understand they did not cause it," he said.

Both the district and the union teams must come in with an open

mind and a willingness to compromise, he said.

The district needs to raise starting pay for new teachers, from \$37,001 to \$39,000 plus, just to compete with surrounding counties of Glades to the south and Hardee to the west with starting pay of \$40,000, DeSoto starting at \$39,000 and Polk at \$40,000 plus, Demchak said.

"However, and this is the biggest hurdle to jump - you cannot pay a brand new teacher \$40,000 when you have teachers currently with 12 years experience in Highlands county only making \$39,000," he said, and actually less because they have not had salary step increases every year.

"So how do we make a salary schedule that will attract good early career teachers and reward and retain those already committed to Highlands County students?" Demchak asked.

During a January review of a salary study, it was noted that School Board of Highlands County provides an average of \$10,672 in benefits per employee while the comparison districts provide an average of \$7,615 in benefits.

Demchak also noted that support staff salaries are also lagging behind compared to other districts.

Transportation is one area where there are not enough bus drivers for

the routes necessary to transport children safely to and from schools, he said. Highlands pays far less per hour and offers fewer hours per day so it is not attracting many candidates.

This is an area where creative thinking and cooperation can happen, Demchak said.

He suggests combining bus driving with another job such as that of a custodian so the employee can work a 40-hour week and support a family.

"When we return to the bargaining table, we probably need to look at the pot of money the district is willing to put into salaries, sharpen our pencils and get creative," Demchak said.

"At this point we have no idea if we are looking at \$250,000 or \$2.5 million available.

"We would hope the district understands the position they are in and come to the table with every penny they can find."

The district needs to know what it can offer potential employees now, he said. It is recruiting season and the other counties are signing new teachers up now knowing what they will be paid.

"Two years ago, the school board said they would start building their budget around the employees first," Demchak said. "We shall see."

HOMES

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complied with the new rules but that only 18 percent of assisted living facilities have done so.

Mallory McManus, a spokeswoman for AHCA, said the state expects full compliance with the rules, which required special approval from the Legislature because of the steep costs for businesses. The state will cite facilities that aren't in compliance, which could lead to fines, she said.

But compliance doesn't necessarily mean that facilities have equipment, such as generators, and fuel in place to meet the requirements, which call for being able to keep buildings at 81 degrees Fahrenheit for 96 hours. That's because nursing homes and assisted living facilities that requested six-month

extensions to meet the mandates also are considered compliant, McManus said.

A review of the data shows that 102 nursing homes can meet the requirements and that 348 facilities have asked the state for more time. There are 686 nursing homes in Florida.

The data is as of May 25, a week before the requirements took effect Friday with the start of hurricane season.

Florida Health Care Association spokeswoman Kristen Knapp said nursing homes that requested extensions could face challenges at the local level such as delays in zoning approvals.

"I don't believe it's fair to say that if a facility submitted a request for an extension it doesn't mean they won't be ready," she said in an email.

Likewise, 205 assisted living facilities have proper equipment to

meet the mandates. Another 344 are deemed in compliance because they have approved extensions or have submitted extensions. Six requests for extensions have been denied.

Unlike nursing homes that will be able to offset the costs of equipment with Medicaid funding, there is no assistance for the 3,102 assisted living facilities in the state.

Skip Gregory, who served as Florida's chief of health care facility plans and construction for 17 years, said the industry is moving to comply with the new rules but that it takes time.

"It's not as simple as snapping your fingers and saying, 'Let there be air conditioning at all nursing home and ALFs,'" he said.

But Gregory said there still are "gray areas" regarding the rules and rattled off a number of issues such as long-term

storage of diesel fuel and the use of natural gas for generators.

He also warned that allowing assisted living facilities to use gasoline generators to meet the requirements is a mistake.

He predicted that it would take 100 gallons of fuel to keep the generators powered for 96 hours and said owners of small ALFs would stockpile five-gallon gas tanks.

"I just don't think that's a good idea," Gregory said. "That's like a bomb waiting to go off."

The rules are not what Scott initially sought in 2017 after the deaths of residents at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills in Broward County following Hurricane Irma. The hurricane knocked out the nursing home's air-conditioning system, leaving residents in sweltering conditions for three days. Authorities have attributed 12 deaths

to the problems at the nursing home.

The Scott administration initially issued emergency rules that required facilities to have generators installed. But the emergency rules sparked successful legal challenges from some industry groups concerned about the potential costs. The state appealed the decision and continued to enforce the rules but also worked with Republican legislative leaders on codifying a pair of permanent rules.

The new rules don't require that the equipment be installed, which indicates it could be portable, and don't mandate a generator be used to keep air temperatures cool. They instead suggest generators but allow for each provider to determine the most appropriate equipment to meet their facility needs.

Moreover, the new rules require facilities to

be able to cool off a set amount of square feet based on the number of residents. Nursing homes are required to cool at least 30 square feet per resident, and assisted living facilities are required to cool 20 net square feet per resident.

"By June 1, 2018, facilities must have access to an emergency power source such as a generator for use during a power outage, have arrangements to bring a power source onsite when an emergency is declared, or evacuate if the facility is in an evacuation zone," AHCA said in a news release.

Justice for Aging attorney Eric Carlson supported Scott's original rules but was more reserved in his support of the new ones, noting that the square footage requirements were "pretty tight."

"They've been watered down," he said.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Buffomante takes Trans Am victory



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Tony Buffomante celebrates winning Saturday's Trans Am race at Belle Isle.

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Tony Buffomante captured a flag-to-flag victory in Saturday's 3-Dimensional Services Muscle Car Challenge at the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear, the first of two Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli races this

weekend on Belle Isle.

Buffomante, in the No. 34 Mike Cope Racing Ford Mustang, began the race on pole and led every lap, navigating two full-course cautions and insistent pressure from the No. 74 Palate of Milford / 74 Ranch Resort Chevrolet Camaro of Gar Robinson, who started alongside.

The victory stands as the 13th of Buffomante's TA2 career and a strong rebound from a disappointing outing last round at Homestead-Miami Speedway and earns him a touch of redemption after a frustrating third-place finish last year at Belle Isle.

"We haven't really been up to our standards

yet all year," said Buffomante. "We have a new car and a new engine, and we typically don't start out that well. We don't do a ton of testing and usually come on in the second half of the year. I tried to do something I shouldn't have at Homestead to try

VICTORY | 2

Sertoma golfers swing into action



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Jay Walkup watches his tee shot Thursday in the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour.

Harder Hall site of Junior Golf Tour event

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING - The summer season began in earnest for the junior golfers in the Heartland on Thursday.

The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour began with its first event of the year at Harder Hall Golf Club.

The one-day tournament attracted 44 youngsters, ages 6-18, who posted some solid scores over the tight and demanding Harder Hall layout in the stifling humidity and heat.

"It was a good event and we had the same amount of kids playing that we did at this time last year," said Sertoma Junior Golf Tour Director Andy Kesling.

"We're getting younger and there is definitely some new faces on the tour this year."

In the boys 16-18 age group, Dylan Crawford finished first with an 81, Nick Piccione placed second with a 116 and Zac Taylor shot a 139.

"Dylan is from Wauchula and that's a good score," Kesling said. "We don't have as many players in this group as we'd like, but maybe some other boys will come out and play as the

summer progresses."

Hannah Revell, a standout on the Hardee High School girls golf team, finished first in the girls 14-18 age group with a 73, while Sebring High golfer Alyssa Jordan shot 100 and Blue Streak linkster Samantha Payne carded a 106.

"Hannah works real hard on her game and is a solid player who has been competing on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour for a number of years," Kesling said. "Hannah has the ability to play college golf, while Alyssa and Samantha continue to show improvement."

The boys 14-15 division is loaded with a number of talented players and Avery Hurst and Beckham Donovan tied for first place after each shot an 85. Hurst won on the first hole of a playoff to earn the victory.

Lane Revell, Zach Doorlag and Cade Scarborough each shot 86, while Ranen Carmichael had a 93, Owen Moses came in with a 108, Jace Bryan and Ashton Griffin tied at 117, Ethan Kinney had a 122, Owen Schraeder was at 123 and

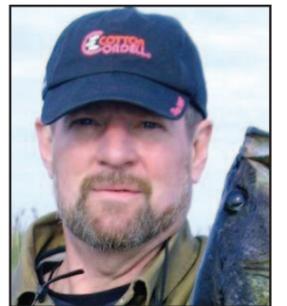


Cole Fann chips onto the green during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event.

Kaleb Revels shot a 136.

"That's a strong division and Avery has spent time working on his game and it's paying off," Kesling said. "A lot of those boys have competed on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour for a number of years and now they're playing 18 holes which requires

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HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER
Dave Douglass

Early and late fishing producing best

The Freshwater fishing forecast for the first full week of June gives anglers the last quarter moon phase and a lot less rain in this week's rainy season weather forecast. A dominant west wind will slow down thunderstorm activity over the next five days which will work well for the typical last-quarter moon fishing pattern — great early morning and evening fishing.

Both June and July will have new moons in orbit perigee, meaning the moon's orbit will be closest to earth on the day it becomes 'new', i.e. a super new moon. This month's new moon and orbit perigee occur t28 hours and 11 minutes apart, a little more than four hours outside of true 'super' status — and July's new moon within five hours and 40 minutes of orbit perigee.

June and July are the last two months until October which provide water temperatures still within the 'ideal-feeding temperature-range' of 70-85 degrees. In other words, fish are feeding and growing at the fastest rates of the year right now. Add in the accelerated daily energy periods caused by a super new moon, and the best fishing results of the year are very likely.

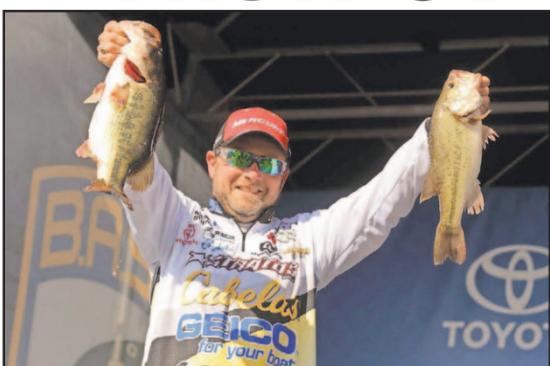
Any time a new or full moon phase occurs while the orbit position is closest to earth, the highest rate of 'fish and wildlife status-change' occurs. The sun's energy will be more lunar-disrupted, and thus produce unnatural highs and lows in daily solar energy levels. This in turn produces greater atmospheric pressure changes, greater wind and cloud-to-sun ratio, and therefore better wave-action which masks the angler's presence and the 'fakeness' of his baits becomes well obscured.

The more the physical elements of our atmosphere change while we're on the water, the more fish adjust. And the 'highest level of adjustment' always occurs on days when new and full moon phases occur during orbit perigee. And with that extra high level of 'adjustment', every 'living thing' expels more energy and eats more out of necessity.

Best Fishing Days: Next three mornings as the sun rises and the west wind picks

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Risk of the run at Sabine



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Mike McClelland.

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Mike McClelland was downright diplomatic; Jeff Kriet was colorfully coarse.

With the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River presented by Econo Lodge approaching June 7-10, both spoke of potential unwanted company on the spot they discovered in previous events there.

They researched, scouted, found and fished waters more than two hours away from the launch in Orange, Texas.

It panned out to varying success for both in the previous Sabine River tournaments, including three Top 12 finishes. Recently, they learned of other competitors practicing in the areas they fished.

"Can you make Houston offlimits to

anybody who's never been over there before?" McClelland half-jokingly asked when first contacted.

The Sabine is a different fishery now that dangerous floodwaters, which forced a postponement from the original April 6-9 dates, have abated. Heat, bugs and postspawn fish should try the 108 anglers.

Even before that, the productive Louisiana

waters were excluded, forcing many in the field to search for fishable areas in pre-practice. That included a number of elites scouting the aforementioned spot near Houston, which Kriet did not appreciate.

While McClelland and Kriet know no angler owns any water, they do know their small spot can't be divided much

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Lux beats cancer and ready to race

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Cindi Lux has battled head-to-head with hundreds of competitors on the race track over her career. With 12 road racing championships on her resume, it is clear that the Aloha, Oregon resident has been the winner more often than not. Amidst her 2017 Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli season, Lux was dive-bombed by an unexpected competitor: colon cancer.

The multi-time Trans Am race winner faced the disease the same way she faces her competition in the No. 45 Lux Performance Group Dodge Viper ACRX Fueled by Black Rock Coffee, she tightened her belts and attacked it head-on. With the cancer faced down, Lux is now ready to take-on the 2018 Trans Am TA3 class with a renewed energy that is sure to worry her racing rivals.

"This will not define me but it will make me a better person," Lux said. "Life is now back on track and somewhat normal. But the word 'grateful' has a whole new meaning. Getting back into the race car is my happy place and it is so relaxing and rewarding too. From the moment of the diagnosis my target was very simple and remains the



COURTESY PHOTO

Cindi Lux.

same: be ready for Indy. It has energized me for the future and I can't wait to put this Black Rock Coffee Bar Viper back on the top step of the Trans Am podium."

When veteran and versatile racer, John Andretti went public with his fight against colon cancer last year it forever changed the life of the former Dodge factory driver. Lux followed the advice of Andretti's #Checkit4Andretti campaign and had a colonoscopy last fall. The results found cancer.

"John [Andretti] chose to go public with it and I really respect that," Lux said. "It saved my life that he did. Everyone approaches this differently and, for (husband)

Fred and me, we wanted to keep it quieter. The hardest part was not telling all my friends in the paddock at the time because you know they care for you. I didn't want a pity party though. That has never been my style. Now that we have overcome it and we are back on-track stronger and more committed to win than ever before, I wanted to step-up and show people that this is far from a death sentence. My message is simple: get checked people! If there is one thing I ask from all my family, friends and fans, get checked now!"

Like the champion she is, Lux faced the disease with her usual lighthearted but focused intensity.

Upon reviewing the options for treatment, Lux scheduled surgery for September 26 - just two

days after winning the TA3 class race at VIRginia International Raceway (VIR) - with chemotherapy planned for late October through January. Having just started chemo one week prior and unsure of the physical toll the chemicals would take, Lux chose safety over bravado, quietly sitting out what was scheduled to be her 2017 Trans Am season finale at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in early November. Despite not driving, she maintained a full workload at the track as a team principal and driving coach for Dirk Leuenberger in Austin.

With the 2017 racing season put to bed, Lux and husband Fred began the joint task of battling

the cancer and preparing for 2018.

As the chemo killed the cancer it left Cindi with several of the well-known side effects. She fought through those continuing to work the business side of Lux Performance and her training routine for returning to the car. With the impact of the chemo fading following the final treatment in the first month of the year, Lux increased her training schedule pushing to the regain strength lost and to force the residue of the treatments from her mind and muscles. Lux Lux will make her competition debut in the Viper at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, June 14 - 17.



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Cindi Lux races at VIRginia International Raceway last year.

VICTORY

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and make up for a fifth-place car, and it cost us: we finished ninth. I've been thinking about that for six weeks, and I've been thinking about this race for 12 months. This is a crown jewel event for Trans Am, and I couldn't be happier to bring it home for Mike Cope Racing and our partners. They've believed in me, and it's a great way to get some confidence back."

Buffomante led the 18-car TA2 class field to the green flag but saw the field immediately fall under yellow to retrieve the No. 99 of Thomas Ellis stopped on the outside of turn four of the 3.25-mile course. Buffomante would take the restart several laps later but was once more hounded by Robinson and the No. 74, who had started in second position alongside Buffomante.

A second yellow would follow, with the No. 91 of Joe Napoleon also stranded on course in four; and on the eventual restart and ensuing laps, Buffomante and Robinson would begin to gap the rest of the field with the battle for the race win narrowed to the two competitors over the

final laps.

"Gar was really strong in the short run and seemed to get more heat under his tires," said Buffomante. "He was all over me; he's a professional and a multi-time champion for a reason. My car took a little longer to come together, but we turned pretty similar lap times all the way through. It's Gar and Tony racing; it's not the first time and it's gone the other way plenty of times. We saw some lapped traffic at the end, and I wasn't too excited about that but had some breathing room and brought it home."

Buffomante would take the checkered flag, but it was not Robinson who followed. The driver of the No. 74 had attempted an unsuccessful overtake on the last lap that cost him momentum and position alike with the No. 88 3-Dimensional Services Chevrolet Camaro of points leader Rafa Matos, running alone in third, capitalizing and securing the second place finish. Robinson would recover to finish third, completing the TA2 podium.

"I was just trying to make something happen," said Robinson. "I'm not racing for the championship, and Tony and I were so close



CHRIS CLARK/TRANS AM PHOTO

Tony Buffomante captured the pole and the first race at Belle Island. The second race of the weekend takes place today.

nothing was going to change without me trying something. It's amazing how we can run almost the exact same times through the whole race. I just tried to catch him — no one was going to make a mistake, and I wanted to try for the win."

The second place finish is Matos' second consecutive in TA2 in Detroit, marking a full year since his Trans Am debut at the venue in 2017. The podium finish comes in the backyard of Rochester Hills based The 3-Dimensional Services Group, sponsor of both Matos' car and the event — the finish also aiding his

pursuit of the 2018 TA2 championship.

"It's a very important event for us and a very important finish," said Matos. "Second place—I keep saying, for us to finish the year with a championship we'll need to finish second, third, fourth and that's fine. Today we probably had a third place car and we got lucky Gar made a mistake on the last lap. This is now two years in a row finishing second to these guys, very professional drivers and past champions; and I'm honored to be representing 3-Dimensional Services and hopefully we can keep maintaining our points lead."

Today Matos and the Coleman Motorsports team will make adjustments and look to contend for the win.

"We set up today looking for long runs," said Matos. "The yellow flags hampered us and took way too long and that really hurt our strategy. We'll work on the car today. It's not perfect; we had a bit of under steer. Hopefully we can fix the problem and be on the pace and fighting for the win."

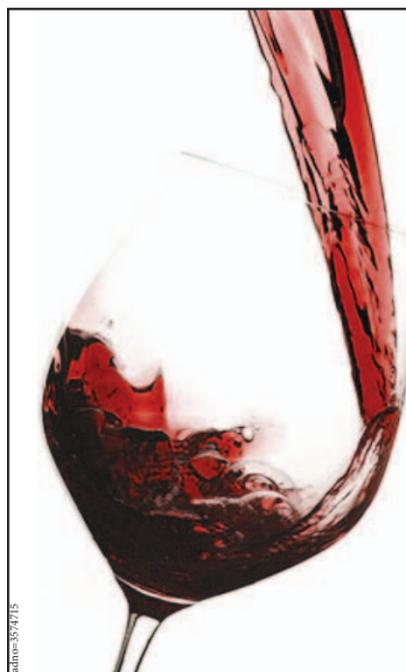
Keith Prociuk, Buffomante's Mike Cope Racing teammate and driver of the No. 9 HP Tuners Chevrolet Camaro, would finish fourth to tie his Trans

Am career best; while Jordan Bupp, in the No. 80 Bupp Motorsports Ford Mustang, completed the TA2 top five. Also featuring in the TA2 top ten were Ethan Wilson, Tom Sheehan, Shane Lewis, Anthony Honeywell and Steven Lustig.

The race spanned 60 minutes and 31 laps, 12 of which were served under yellow.

Trans Am will return to the circuit at the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix at 11:45 a.m. for the 3-Dimensional Services Motor City Dash, a 101.05-mile competition, with the starting order determined by fast lap from today's competition — giving Gar Robinson pole position via his track record 1:35.274 lap. Buffomante and Matos turned identical fast laps for second quickest, at 1:35.478, with the tiebreaker, second fastest lap, going in Buffomante's favor 1:36.633 to 1:35.722, respectively. Prociuk and Bupp will complete the TA2 starting top five.

Fans can keep up with the Trans Am Series presented by Pirelli action throughout the event at www.gotransam.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gotransam and on Twitter at @gotransam.



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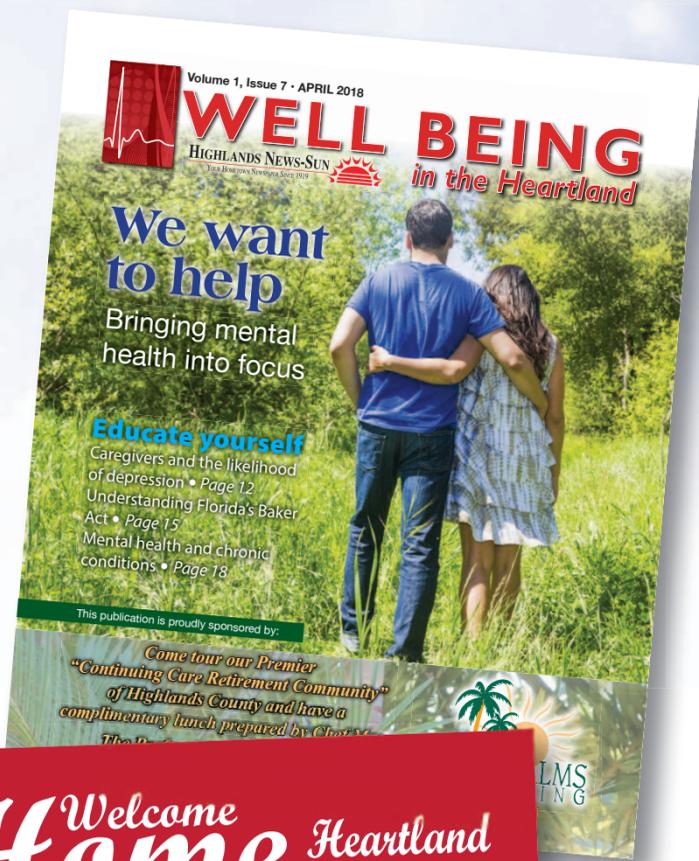
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Porsche goes retro for 24 Hours of Le Mans

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Porsche fields two special Porsche 911 RSR at this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans: The factory-run cars with the starting numbers 91 and 92 will compete sporting the traditional Le Mans liveries of the 1970s and 1980s.

The No. 91 contender is decked out in the iconic blue-and-white finish with red and gold stripes, reminiscent of the Rothmans sponsor colors of that era. The No. 92 car adopts the famous "Pink Pig" design of the 917/20 from 1971. Porsche unveiled the two circa 510 hp racers from Weissach on Saturday at the official test for the Le Mans 24-hour race.

By presenting these special designs, Porsche commemorates its eventful history at the prestigious marathon in the Sarthe Department on the occasion of its anniversary year "70 Years Porsche Sports Cars." Moreover, the two cars are real head-turners for



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The two factory Porsche 911 RSRs have special liveries for Le Mans.

fans.

"With these much-loved designs, we want to thank our loyal supporters who have cheered for us both on and off the track at every race, but particularly at Le Mans, where we as record winners with 19 outright victories received incredible support every year," said Dr. Frank-Steffen Walliser, vice president Motorsport and GT Cars. The 911 RSR with

the number 91, driven by Gianmaria Bruni, Richard Lietz and Frédéric Makowiecki (France), echoes the Rothmans paintwork of various Porsche race cars. An example is the Porsche 959, which won the 1986 Paris-Dakar rally flying the colours of the British tobacco manufacturer. In circuit racing, the Porsche 956 C and the Porsche 962 C celebrated major

successes: Each of these two blue-and-white Group C sports prototypes clinched overall victory twice at the 24 Hours of Le Mans — the 956 C in 1982 and 1983, and the 962 C at the 1986 and 1987 races.

The finish of the number 92 car, shared by race drivers Kévin Estre, Michael Christensen and Laurens Vanthoor, harks back to the Porsche 917/20 that tackled Le

Mans in 1971. The 917/20 was dubbed the "Pink Pig" due to its pink paintwork with sections of the car labeled in butcher-style cuts. The idea implemented under the Porsche designer Anatole Lapine caused a stir at the Sarthe. Still today, the 917/20, also known as the "Truffle

Hunter" is one of the

most famous Porsche cars ever.

A total of ten Porsche 911 RSR racers will contest this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans — four fielded by the factory and six by customer teams. The two permanent vehicles from the Sports Car World Endurance Championship (WEC) will line up on the grid sporting the custom design; the #93 and #94 works vehicles will compete under the usual white, black and red livery, which from a bird's eye perspective alludes to the emblem of the Porsche brand. The 86th edition of the Le Mans 24-hour race will be contested June 16-17



The No. 92 Porsche Team 911 RSR, also known as the 'Pink Pig'

GOLF

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more focus and concentration. That's going to be a good group to watch this summer and it will be interesting to see who comes out on top."

Melanie Suarez won the girls 11-13 age group with a score of 51 for nine holes.

Marquez Angeles

finished first in the boys 11-13 division with a 45 for nine holes, while Trent Bray and Ben Trevino tied for second place at 47, Matthew Suarez had a 49, Ian Frasier and Jay Walkup came in at 52, Cole Fann shot a 54, Jayden Bolin was at 55, Samuel Braxton carded a 58, Brody Hall shot 60, Colton Cord a 61, Jarrett Hornick had a 65, Kale Henderson shot a 67 and Tripp Leidel shot a 94.

"Marquez started playing on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour last year and he's a good player," said Kesling. "That's a talented age group with some good players and it should be fun to watch those boys this summer."

In the boys/girls 9-10 age group, Dillon Parnell was first with a 43, Devin Wortinger placed second with a 47, Parker Rapp was third at 56 and Connor Darrow shot a

79.

"That's a good score by Dillon," Kesling said. "He and Devin and Parker should have quite the battle in that division."

Jordan Castillo finished first in the boys/girls 6-8 age group with a score of 31. This group played six holes from the 150-yard marker. Hannah Castillo placed second with a 34, Liam McCann had a 35, Jenesi Trevino shot a 44, Gabriel Perez, Ashlyn

Wortinger and Liam Helms tied at 57.

"That's a fun age group to watch," Kesling said. "They are young but have a lot of talent and several of those kids have experience after playing on the tour last year."

The next event on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour schedule is set for Thursday at Golf Hammock Country Club.

There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for

each player.

"We invite any youngster that has played golf to come out and join us," said Kesling. "This is a great way to work on and improve your golf game. We play different courses each week which really helps you to develop your game. Golf is a great sport for youngsters to learn because it can be played for a lifetime and provides excellent exercise."

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more. If others plan to fish it, not many will make it back to Orange with a competitive bag. McClelland said getting there is only half of it. "It is what it is," McClelland said. "We fish on public waterways and nobody owns anything, by any means. I know that's just part of fishing. Over years of fishing the same lakes, people start to get on top of each other in predominant areas where people catch them.

"There is a lot of water over there, but there's not a lot of water where bass actually live in. Due to the time constraints, you really have to be zeroed in on what you're going to do. The problem is if more than a half a dozen boats end up in the back of one or two of those key backwaters."

Kriet and McClelland first teamed in 2013 to search the area and make practice runs checking on the feasibility of fishing there in competition. It worked nicely that first time as Kriet finished seventh and McClelland was 11th behind winner Todd Faircloth.

When Chris Lane won in 2015, McClelland was runner-up just 4 pounds back. Kriet finished 48th with a Day 3 zero due to a mechanical issue that prevented him from making it back to check-in, but he believed he had the fish to make the Top 12.

"There are so many variables that can truly



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Jeff Kriet.

get in your way — it is a huge risk for the reward," McClelland said. "I will say I've been very blessed. I've literally made the run and been successful eight days."

McClelland believes he has a bit of an upper hand because he's experienced enough to shake most variables and be ready to fish after running a long time. It's 120 miles one way, which with a gas stop, idle zones and potential rough water in Galveston Bay, could make it close to three hours before a first cast.

"It's one thing to load your boat on the trailer and drive somewhere, fish and get a fair number of bites, but when you

absolutely have to make that run, you've got to have the right mental attitude about it," he said. "You've got just a small window to catch them in. You've got to be focused when you get there. I think there's a lot of guys who can spin out when they actually have to make the run."

Kriet added that there are no guarantees once an angler does get there. The Sabine events have been stingy, and he knows two bags of 8 pounds should get an angler paid. That target weight might even shrink with the exclusion of Louisiana waters, where he estimated 60 percent of the field fished.

All those factors contribute to the Sabine being the scariest event of the 2018 season.

"There isn't anybody who's not immune to a zero," Kriet said. "I'm going over there (to Houston) wanting to win. It's not like the fishing is great, but you can fill a limit. The only real benefit is you didn't have a bunch of people over there."

McClelland said there was one Elite who practiced there then watched the show again and discovered he was in their spot. He called to vow he would not fish there in the tournament, which the two thought was a stand-up gesture.

Yet McClelland and Kriet said they might not fish it either. Each said he hopes to find fish closer to the launch, but they will check on it.

"I will go over there if I feel the need to go over there, but honestly, I hope to be able to find another area to fish," McClelland said. "It's not a guarantee in my book right now that I will go."

Kriet said he might stay close in one of the known community holes and get a good seven hours of fishing. That might be easier to swallow because legal bass will be easier since the length has been dropped from 14 inches to 12. He said he still might not decide until

he's running and sees how many actually head toward Houston.

"If you get eight or 10 boats running over there, you can't go," Kriet said. "The most you're going to have to fish is 2 1/2 hours. If you can't get on something yourself, it's not worth going. And I could have that all to myself and run over there and still zero."

"They'll be sorely disappointed if all these guys think they're going to run over there and whack them. I know there's going to be a bunch heading over there. It's just the way it is. Some got no shame. In the olden days, you just wouldn't do that."

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up and then again when the sun sets and the wind settles. Both periods will have the best pressure-change occurrences of the day.

The Major Fishing Period: The moon is overhead today at 5:10 a.m. and the sunrise at 6:30 a.m. and will create a feed intensity rating of 4 today from 5-8 a.m. Daily this period moves later by 45 minutes and will increase in rating to a 5-rating for Tuesday through Thursday morning.

The Minor Fishing Period: The moon is underfoot today at 5:34 p.m. and the sunset at 8:18 p.m. and will create a feed rating of 3-4 today from 5-9 p.m. Daily this period moves later by 45 minutes and the rating will increase Tuesday and Wednesday to a 5-rating.

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Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 38.21 feet above sea level, which is slightly below the max-level in the 9-inch management-threshold range for

June of 28.25 feet. The minimum level is 37.50 feet currently and will remain at this annual low mark until July when it is raised six inches over a six-week period. This seasonal 'rain-buffer schedule' is necessary because the lake fills six times faster than water is able to be released during major rain events and extended rainy periods. Currently three of four S68 spillway gates are open 15 inches and flowing a combined 1,130 cubic feet per second.

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In this Sept. 14, 2017 file photo, Janice Connelly of Hollywood, Fla., sets up a makeshift memorial in memory of the senior citizens who died in the heat at The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills, Fla. Multiple people died and patients had to be moved out of the facility, many of them on stretchers or in wheelchairs. Legislators are considering numerous nursing home laws to provide citizens greater protection.

Agency: Most Florida nursing homes are without backup power

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A government agency reports that most Florida

nursing homes and assisted-living facilities do not have backup power despite new requirements enacted after a dozen people died in a

sweltering center following Hurricane Irma. The state Agency for Health Care Administration says only 48 nursing homes and

91 assisted-living facilities have installed equipment and had state inspections as of May 25. The new rules that went into effect Friday require all facilities to have backup power for cooling for at least 96 hours.

The agency reports that 348 nursing homes and 343 assisted-living facilities have requested extensions to install equipment and have it inspected. They have until Jan. 1, 2019, to meet the requirements, meaning many will not have backup power for this hurricane season.

Gov. Rick Scott first directed the state to issue emergency rules requiring generators in long-term care facilities in the weeks after the tragedy last fall at the Rehabilitation Center

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AMY BETH BENNETT/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL VIA AP

In this Sept. 13, 2017 file photo, a woman is transported from The Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills as patients are evacuated after a loss of air conditioning due to Hurricane Irma in Hollywood, Fla.

Syria FM: Iran has no combat forces, bases in the country

By ALBERT AJI and BASSEM MROUE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria's foreign minister said Saturday Iranian military advisers are embedded with Syrian troops but Tehran has no combat forces or fixed bases in the country.

Walid al-Moallem's comments came amid rising tension in the region as Israel has repeatedly warned against any permanent Iranian military

presence in Syria. Al-Moallem said Israel is making false claims to try to pressure Iran, its archrival.

In May, Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes in response to what it said was an Iranian rocket attack on its positions in the occupied Golan Heights. It was the most serious confrontation between Israel and Iran to date.

Scores of Iranian soldiers have been killed in battles with insurgents in Syria, including

a number of officers. Several others were also killed in the past few months in airstrikes said to be carried out by Israel.

Iran has repeatedly said in the past that it only has advisers in Syria but thousands of Iran-backed groups from Lebanon, Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan have played instrumental role in helping government forces regain control of areas held by insurgents. Those areas include eastern neighborhoods of the northern city of Aleppo, the

eastern province of Deir el-Zour and parts of Idlib and Hama provinces to the west.

On April 9, an airstrike struck the T4 air base in central Syria reportedly targeting a unit of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard Corps and killing several Iranians, including a colonel who was a commander of the guards' Aerospace Force. Russia blamed Israel for the attack.

"There are Iranian advisers in Syria some of whom were martyred while working with

the Syrian Arab army and their presence is part of an agreement and in coordination with the armed forces on where they should be," al-Moallem said. "There are no fixed military bases for the Islamic Republic of Iran and what Israel is circulating are lies."

"When the conspiracy against Syria began in 2011 our brothers in the Islamic Republic of Iran came to help Syria

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Trump and Kim want 'denuclearization' but disagree on what that means

By NOAH BIEMAN and MATT STILES
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un say they have the same goal — denuclearization of the Korean peninsula — at their upcoming summit in Singapore.

But they disagree fundamentally about what that would look like.

The dispute over the shape, scope and speed of a potential disarmament has stymied international efforts to stop or roll back North Korea's nuclear weapons program for three decades. It arguably poses the biggest obstacle to a successful summit now that it is back on track for June 12. Reconciling or finessing

that gap — and determining what the secretive police state would get in return for handing over or dismantling its nuclear arsenal — could make the difference between a deal or no deal after the haggling starts.

"The common mistake is to assume when the North Koreans talk about denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, they're talking about giving up all their weapons," said Victor Cha, who headed Asian affairs in the National Security Council under President George W. Bush and who participated took in nuclear talks with North Korea at the time.

"It's not really the way we look at it, which is 'Crate it up and take it out,'" said Cha, who now heads the Korea program at the nonpartisan

Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Rather, he said, North Koreans view denuclearization as a long-term aspiration, the way Americans talk of someday abolishing nuclear weapons worldwide. North Korea has a long list of other grievances, and could demand the removal of U.S. troops, or even the U.S. nuclear umbrella, from South Korea.

"It's an endless list," said Michael Green, another veteran of Bush administration negotiations with North Korea. "They will keep adding to the list of things we have to do in order for them to denuclearize until the cows come home."

Most experts say



AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

President Donald Trump shakes hands with Kim Yong Chol, former North Korean military intelligence chief and one of leader Kim Jong Un's closest aides, after their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Friday.

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Renowned Texas heart transplant program suspends operations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
HOUSTON — A Houston hospital has suspended all medical procedures in its renowned heart transplant program following the deaths this year of at least three patients and the departure of several senior physicians.

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center said Friday that the transplant program will be inactive for 14 days as administrators assess what's gone awry.

The decision follows a series of joint reports by the Houston Chronicle and ProPublica revealing an unusually high number of patient deaths in recent years.

The program's inactive status means it will turn away all donor hearts during the suspension. "Although extensive reviews are conducted on each unsuccessful transplant, the recent patient outcomes deserve an in-depth review before we move forward with the program," Doug Lawson, CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives Texas Division, which owns St. Luke's, said in a statement. "Our prayers are with the families, as well as all those on the waiting list."

The decision punctuates a dramatic fall for one of the nation's most respected heart transplant programs. It was at St. Luke's that famed surgeon Denton Cooley performed some of the world's first heart transplants back in the 1960s.

But staffers have recently raised concerns to hospital leaders about the program's direction under Dr. Jeffrey Morgan, its surgical director since 2016, according to the Chronicle and ProPublica. Morgan did not respond to requests for comment.

Some St. Luke's cardiologists grew so troubled by the program's direction in 2016 that

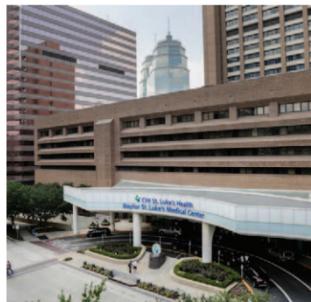
they referred some patients to other hospitals for transplants.

Officials at St. Luke's and its affiliated Baylor College of Medicine have defended the program for weeks, saying they made improvements after a string of patient deaths in 2015. Officials said the program's one-year survival rate after heart transplants had reached 94 percent in 2016 and 2017.

But of nine patients who received heart transplants at St. Luke's since the start of 2018, at least three have died, according to interviews with patients' family members, information provided by the hospital and data from the United Network for Organ Sharing.

James "Lee" Lewis, a 52-year-old pipefitter from Bay City, Texas, received a transplant on Jan. 2. Operating room equipment malfunctioned during surgery, and the donor heart failed. He died nearly three months later after undergoing more than a dozen operations and suffering numerous complications.

His wife, Jennifer, chronicled her husband's transplant and drawn-out death on Facebook. "I'm glad they are doing something," she said Friday. "That was my hope in speaking out and telling Lee's story."



JON SHAPELY/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP

This Friday photo shows Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston.

Remains of 8 veterans, long unclaimed, finally buried

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The remains of eight U.S. military veterans stored for years in the basement of a county courthouse in the Texas Panhandle have been interred as part of a formal ceremony in San Antonio.

The servicemen were buried Friday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery after their cremated remains had been escorted more than 500 miles from the Potter County courthouse in Amarillo.

No family or friend had claimed any of the eight men when they died so their bodies were stored.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that Navy petty officer Coy Washington Black, who died at 67, had been in the basement the longest — 15 years.

Friday's burial was provided by the Missing in America Project, a group that has given final honors to more than 3,500 veterans across the country.

"These veterans that we're locating served our country honorably," said Joyce Earnest, Texas coordinator for the project, which has been locating, identifying and interring the



KIN MAN HUI/THE SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS VIA AP

In this Friday photo, military service members with the Armed Services Honor Guard prepare to present folded flags as Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and the Missing In America Project conduct a military burial service for the cremated remains of eight unclaimed veterans in San Antonio.

unclaimed remains of America's veterans since 2007. "And they deserve to be treated honorably in their deaths."

Little is known about the men other than their names and birth and death dates.

The other seven are: Tech Sgt. Dana Dean Milton Jr., 85, served in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Navy Aviation Recruit George Machoul Aswad II, 58.
Army Pfc. Andrew Benson Bramlett, 61.
Army Pvt. Robert Pete Brunner, 71.
Navy Seaman Everett Earl Criss, 71.
Army Pfc. Don Stewart, 83.
Marine Pfc. Floyd Ray White, 65.

Car careens onto field during baseball game

SANFORD, Maine (AP) — A car careened onto a Maine field during a boys' baseball game Friday night, striking and killing a man and sending screaming ballplayers and bystanders fleeing, police said.

Sanford police said the car drove through an open gate at Goodall Park onto a ballfield, hitting Douglas Parkhurst, 68, of West Newfield, before attempting to speed away. Parkhurst died on the way to the hospital. None of the players were injured.

Police arrested Carol Sharrow, 51, of Sanford, and charged

her with manslaughter. She was taken to York County Jail in Alfred, where she remained on Saturday. Efforts to contact an attorney for Sharrow were unsuccessful.

Sanford police Detective Sgt. Matthew Jones said Sharrow has a drunken driving conviction in Maine and an aggravated drunk driving conviction in New Hampshire, the Portland Press Herald reported. Authorities declined to say whether alcohol was involved on Friday.

Witnesses said that before Sharrow entered the park she tried to drive onto the

basketball court across the street but couldn't get past big boulders lining the court. They said Parkhurst was trying to close a gate when he was hit.

"We want to share our heartfelt gratitude that physically all of our players from Babe Ruth and Little League are safe," the Sanford Maine Little League said in a Facebook post.

The league's leaders called for the community to support the young players and on Saturday about 100 people turned out for a morning game, where the Salvation Army distributed free water and coffee.

TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY THE NATION

TODAY / TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly sunny Partly cloudy HIGH 89° LOW 76° 5% chance of rain	Partly sunny, a t-storm in spots; humid 87° / 77° 40% chance of rain	Partly sunny with a thunderstorm in spots 88° / 73° 40% chance of rain	Intervals of clouds and sunshine 89° / 71° 25% chance of rain	A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 88° / 71° 60% chance of rain	A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 91° / 71° 45% chance of rain

79° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

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

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	90 76 pc	90 69 pc
Bradenton	86 78 pc	85 77 pc
Clearwater	86 77 pc	86 76 pc
Coral Springs	92 74 pc	93 76 pc
Daytona Beach	90 74 pc	89 70 pc
Fort Lauderdale	90 76 pc	90 76 pc
Fort Myers	90 76 pc	89 75 pc
Gainesville	92 74 pc	89 67 pc
Jacksonville	94 75 pc	94 66 pc
Key Largo	86 77 pc	86 76 pc
Key West	85 76 pc	85 77 pc
Lakeland	88 75 pc	88 74 pc
Melbourne	89 74 pc	91 74 pc
Miami	90 75 pc	90 75 pc
Naples	88 77 pc	87 77 pc
Ocala	90 74 pc	89 69 pc
Okeechobee	91 73 pc	90 73 pc
Orlando	90 74 pc	91 72 pc
Panama City	88 74 pc	87 70 s
Pensacola	93 72 pc	91 68 s
Pompano Beach	89 75 pc	90 76 pc
St. Augustine	90 76 pc	89 70 pc
St. Petersburg	87 76 pc	88 75 pc
Sarasota	86 75 pc	86 75 pc
Tallahassee	95 73 pc	93 64 pc
Tampa	88 78 pc	87 77 pc
Vero Beach	90 72 pc	90 73 pc
West Palm Beach	89 71 pc	89 71 pc

TIDES

Location	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 8:44a	1:38a	5:50p	11:43a
Englewood	Today 7:21a	9:59a	4:27p	---
Boca Grande	Today 2:36p	11:32p	---	---
El Jobean	Today 9:16a	2:07a	6:22p	12:12p
Venice	Today 5:36a	8:38a	2:42p	11:18p

THE NATION

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U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 102° at Thermal, CA
Low 16° at West Yellowstone, MT

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures	High/Low	Normal High/Low	Record High	Record Low
High/Low	88°/74°	91°/70°	96° (2000)	58° (1984)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures	High/Low	Normal High/Low	Record High	Record Low
High/Low	88°/70°	91°/70°	96° (2000)	58° (1984)

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03
May	15.98	2.74	2.50
Jun.	0.02	14.79	8.92
Jul.	9.02	8.22	8.22
Aug.	13.12	6.81	15.60
Sep.	12.46	6.04	14.03
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83
Year	20.32	60.36	50.74

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

Time	UV Index	RealFeel Temperature
8 a.m.	2	87
10 a.m.	5	92
Noon	11	98
2 p.m.	11	98
4 p.m.	5	98
6 p.m.	2	92

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Category	Index
Trees	2
Grass	5
Weeds	11
Molds	11

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

Index	Category
46	Moderate

WEATHER HISTORY

Charlotte, N.C., was swamped by 3.78 inches of rain on June 3, 1909 -- a record that stood for decades.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is meteorological summer?
A: The warmest 1/4 of the year, early June until early September.

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Amsterdam	71 54 pc	71 54 c	Mexico City	80 54 pc	82 54 pc
Baghdad	106 78 s	110 81 s	Montreal	75 53 c	58 51 r
Beijing	89 62 c	96 67 s	Ottawa	75 52 pc	60 49 r
Berlin	76 61 pc	81 59 pc	Paris	78 61 pc	77 60 t
Buenos Aires	56 42 pc	55 42 sh	Regina	73 51 s	81 54 s
Cairo	90 72 s	92 70 s	Rio de Janeiro	77 68 sh	73 66 sh
Calgary	74 54 pc	86 39 c	Rome	83 62 c	80 63 s
Cancun	86 74 pc	87 74 pc	St. John's	40 32 r	42 33 r
Dublin	68 47 pc	68 51 pc	San Juan	89 77 s	88 76 s
Edmonton	74 50 c	69 39 pc	Sydney	66 56 sh	63 56 sh
Hallifax	53 39 pc	59 41 pc	Tokyo	80 67 pc	79 68 pc
Kiev	77 59 t	83 63 pc	Toronto	69 57 r	68 51 r
London	77 58 pc	69 53 c	Vancouver	62 51 sh	63 50 pc
Madrid	76 54 pc	68 53 pc	Winnipeg	69 47 pc	72 52 c

New Italian govt vows to create jobs, deport migrants

By NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Italy's new populist leaders commemorated the founding of the Italian republic by attending a pomp-filled military parade Saturday — and then promised to get to work creating jobs and expelling migrants.

"The free ride is over," League leader Matteo Salvini, Italy's new interior minister, warned migrants at a rally in northern Italy. "It's time to pack your bags."

The pledge of mass deportations to come was a reminder that Italy has a staunchly anti-immigrant, right-wing party in its governing coalition — and that the European Union will face a whole new partner governing its fourth-largest economy.

Earlier, Salvini joined Premier Giuseppe Conte and the rest of the newly sworn-in Cabinet to view the Republic Day parade. Italy's aeronautic acrobatic squad flew low and loud over downtown Rome trailing smoke in the red, white and green of the Italian flag.

The national pride on display is a feature of every Republic Day, but it took on a particular significance this year after Italy on Friday ended three months

of political and financial turmoil and swore in a government whose populist and euroskeptic leanings have alarmed Europe.

Conte, a law professor plucked from relative obscurity to head an unlikely governing alliance of the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and League, said the celebrations Saturday transcended all the tensions of recent days.

"It's the celebration for all of us, of our republic," he said.

Conte's Cabinet was sworn in after a last-minute deal averted the threat of a new election that could have turned into a referendum on whether Italy stayed with the shared European euro currency. The political stability relieved financial markets on Friday but Italy's European neighbors continued to express concerns about the euroskeptic bent and the heavy spending agenda of Italy's new government.

"Italy is destroying itself — and dragging down Europe with it," read the headline of Germany's Der Spiegel magazine, the cover of which featured a forkful of spaghetti with one dangling strand tied up as a noose.

While Spiegel is known for such provocations, another Spiegel article last week drew an official protest from Italy's

FABIO FRUSTACI/
ANSA IA AP

Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte is greeted by citizens on the occasion of the celebrations for Italy's Republic Day, in Rome Saturday.



ambassador to Germany. On Saturday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel phoned Conte and invited him to visit soon. Merkel's office said both leaders emphasized the importance of continued close bilateral cooperation.

Conte has so far left policy specifics to the drivers of his improbable rise, his two deputies: Salvini and 5-Star leader Luigi Di Maio.

Di Maio, the new economic development minister, reported for work after the parade to his ministry, which would have otherwise been closed for the holiday.

"Starting today, we get to work to create work," Di Maio said in a Facebook video giving Italians a tour of the empty ministry. Di Maio is also the minister for labor, a combination he

said made sense since the two ministries must work together.

Offering the new government cautious support was Italy's small, far-right neo-fascist CasaPound party, which held its own Republic Day commemoration on Saturday. Banners featured images of a crossed-out EU flag and "#exIT" written underneath, a reference to calls for Italy to leave the 28-nation bloc.

The 5-Star-League agenda has no such plans, but Conte made clear he was irked by comments this week by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, who said Italy had to stop blaming the EU for its problems and must take responsibility to address the poverty in southern Italy.

"That means more work,

less corruption. Seriousness," Juncker said in comments his spokeswoman later said he regretted.

In an unscripted blast from the parade route, Conte insisted Italy wasn't alone in facing cases of corruption and declared that "we all have to work for legality."

Conte's government faces mandatory confidence votes next week in parliament, where the two governing parties have a slim majority.

Republic Day commemorates the day, June 2, 1946, when Italians voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy in favor of a republic, Italy's first.

The political upheaval that has created western Europe's first populist government this week has been dubbed the start of Italy's Third Republic.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

Cuba forms commission to update Soviet-era constitution

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban legislators took the first step Saturday to drafting a new constitution.

Current President Miguel Diaz-Canel convened a special session of Cuba's parliament to propose a list of people to undertake a rewrite of the Soviet-era document.

Delegates gave their approval for a commission presided over by former President Raul Castro and comprised of some 30 others, including Diaz-Canel.

There is no pending draft, but officials have made clear that the constitution will maintain a Communist Party-led system in which freedom of speech, the press and other rights are limited by "the purposes of socialist society."

One change expected to be adapted would limit presidents to two five-year terms and impose an age limit — a dramatic shift following a nearly 60-year run of leadership by Castro and his late brother Fidel, who both ruled into their 80s. Another possible change could regulate private property in a limited way.

The rewrite comes as the country's communist leaders seek to adapt to an era in which hundreds of thousands of Cubans work for themselves, remittances help keep the economy afloat and the daughter of Communist Party chief Castro is campaigning for gay rights.

Castro, who sat with delegates during the

session, asked members of the commission to start the revision process immediately.

Danes seek to limit male circumcision to those 18 and over

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) — A Danish group says petition seeking to set a minimum age of 18 for non-medical male circumcision in the country has gathered the required 50,000 signatures to send the proposal to Parliament for debate later this year.

Lena Nyhus of the group Intact Denmark told The Associated Press on Saturday that her children's welfare organization believes "we need to respect a person's right to decide for themselves" on a possible circumcision when they become an adult.

The ritual of removing an infant boy's foreskin is common among Jews and Muslims for religious reasons.

The American Academy of Pediatrics says the health benefits of male circumcision outweigh the risks but not by enough to recommend universal male circumcision. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says doctors should educate infant boys' parents about the health benefits of circumcision, which it says reduces the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.

A recent poll commissioned by Danish TV2 broadcaster found that 83 percent of respondents supported such an age

limit on circumcising boys.

However, the proposal is unlikely to pass since none of Denmark's main political parties support it.

Conservatives protest in Macedonia, demand early election

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Tens of thousands of conservative opposition supporters are protesting outside Macedonia's main government building in the capital of Skopje to demand an early election.

The VMRO-DPMNE party, which ruled from 2006 to 2017, was holding a large anti-government demonstration Saturday against the left-wing government's one-year rule and wants an early election held in March or April next year.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev, 43, took power in May 2017 after 11 years of conservative rule amid a deep political crisis sparked by a wiretapping scandal in 2015.

The opposition claims the government is incompetent, has devastated the economy, lowered wages and pensions and allowed corruption to flourish. It also claims the government has damaged national interests by negotiating with Greece over a possible new name for the country.

US citizen killed in Nicaragua amid unrest

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguan authorities say a U.S. citizen has been killed in

the streets of Managua as violence and social unrest continue to grip the country's capital.

The Legal Medical Institute said Saturday that Sixto Henry Vera was found beside two burned out vehicles with a bullet wound to the head.

Employees at the Managua bar that Vera owned say he left Friday evening to help a friend who was under attack.

U.S. ambassador to Nicaragua Laura Dogu confirmed Vera was a U.S. citizen and condemned his death via Twitter.

More than 110 people have been killed in Nicaragua during clashes between forces loyal to President Daniel Ortega and opposition groups.

Cuban officials raise death toll from Alberto to 7

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban officials have raised the death toll from Subtropical Storm Alberto to seven.

Civil Defense authorities said Saturday that two others remained missing and had disappeared in the provinces of Villa Clara and Ciego de Avila.

Authorities previously said the storm left four people dead after heavy rains drenched the island.

In addition to damage caused to the agricultural sector, they said Alberto triggered some 100 mudslides in Havana and brought an estimated \$1 million in losses after an oil refinery collapsed in the city of Cienfuegos.

The storm later moved over northwest Alabama and lashed a broad area of the U.S., killing four others.

AfD chief: Nazi era a 'speck of bird poop' in German history

BERLIN (AP) — The co-leader of the far-right nationalist Alternative for Germany party on Saturday dismissed the Nazi era as a "speck of bird poop" in German history, drawing swift condemnation from mainstream politicians and outrage on social media.

Alexander Gauland said Germans must take responsibility for 12 years of rule by Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party, but argued that it's only a small part of Germany's history.

"We have a glorious history and it, dear friends, lasted longer than those blasted 12 years," he told a gathering of the party's youth movement, according to the dpa news agency.

"Hitler and the Nazis are just a speck of bird poop in more than 1,000 years of successful German history," he said to applause.

The party, known by its German acronym AfD, became the third largest in Germany's parliament after the 2017 election. It is also the largest opposition party.

Responding to Gauland, the secretary general of Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Party, wrote

on Twitter that "50 million victims of war, the Holocaust and total war are just bird poop" for Gauland and his party.

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer said Gauland's comments reveal the true nature of a party hiding behind middle-class respectability.

Katrin Göring-Eckardt of the Greens party called Gauland's comments a slap in the face to Holocaust survivors and their descendants and said they highlight the need to push back against a hate-filled minority.

"Those who say they understand the concerns of AfD voters haven't understood anything," she said.

Marco Buschmann of the Free Democratic Party said politicians who systematically play down the Nazi dictatorship and the Holocaust show how bleak their vision for Germany's future is.

Hitler and his party ruled Germany from 1933-1945, in later years engineering the genocide of Jews in Europe. Millions of people were persecuted or perished under Nazi rule, including six million Jews who lost their lives in the Holocaust.

Inauguration of Catalanian government ends Spain's direct rule

PROVIDED BY DPA (TNS)

Catalonia's new regional government was sworn in Saturday, ending months of direct rule by the Spanish government that was imposed after an illegal referendum last year.

Catalonian President Quim Torra swore in his 13 ministers at the regional government's palace in Barcelona.

During the ceremony, Torra also commemorated the politicians from the region's previous government who were in jail or have fled abroad to avoid potential prison sentences over accusations including rebellion and misappropriation of public funds by the Spanish government.

There were major hurdles to forming the Catalan government, with several candidates for president or

minister positions rejected because they could not appear in Parliament because of their legal problems.

In Madrid, the Spanish government also held a swearing-in ceremony Saturday, with socialist leader Pedro Sanchez becoming prime minister. It remains to be seen whether the new Spanish government will behave differently toward the Catalan regional government.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

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Officials: Ex-Baptist leader mishandled separate rape claims

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The president of a leading Baptist seminary in Texas was dismissed because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by students, according to officials at the Fort Worth-based school.

Kevin Ueckert, board chairman for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in a statement Friday criticized the actions of former President Paige Patterson.

Ueckert said Patterson sent an email to the head of campus security in 2015 to say he wanted to meet alone with a student who told him she had been raped, to “break her down.”

The attitude expressed by Patterson in the email was “antithetical to the core values of our faith,” Ueckert said.

Patterson also was criticized by the board for his response to a student’s allegation of rape in 2003 when Patterson was president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake

Forest, North Carolina.

That allegation was never reported to law enforcement, and Ueckert said Patterson gave contradictory information to the board when asked about it.

A working phone number for Patterson could not be found Saturday to answer the allegations.

Also contributing to the downfall of one of the leading figures of the Southern Baptist Convention were documents requested by the North Carolina school.

Southeastern Baptist had requested the return of any school records Patterson took with him when he departed to become president of Southwestern Baptist in 2003. Through an attorney, Patterson initially claimed last month not to have any such records, Ueckert said. But then the attorney later provided records clearly indicating they belonged to Southeastern Baptist, the board chairman said.

Shortly after the records were turned over, the wife of Patterson’s chief of staff posted them online as part of a blog entry, Ueckert said. The records included the names of students and other information not authorized for release by officials at either school, he said.

“I believe this was inappropriate and unethical,” Ueckert said.

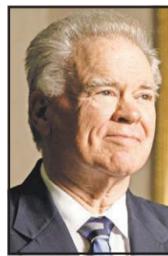
The Fort Worth seminary initially named the 75-year-old Patterson as president emeritus on May 23 after pushing him out of his position as president. The board at the time said that he and his wife could continue to live on campus as theologians-in-residence. But trustees later cut all ties after confirming the new allegations against him, officials previously said.

Patterson had drawn scrutiny in recent months based on accusations that he made remarks about a teenage girl’s body, said female seminarians should work hard to look attractive and argued that abused women should

almost always stay with their husbands.

The comments led to a letter from a group of “concerned Southern Baptist women” dated May 6 to the board, asking trustees “to exercise the authority you have been given by the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and to take a strong stand against unbiblical teaching regarding womanhood, sexuality and domestic violence.”

Patterson issued an apology days later: “I wish to apologize to every woman who has been wounded by anything I have said that was inappropriate or that lacked clarity,” his statement said. “Please forgive the failure to be as thoughtful and careful in my extemporaneous expression as I should have been.”



PATTERSON

POWER

FROM PAGE 1

at Hollywood Hills, where an investigation continues into the residents’ deaths after Irma knocked out power.

Following months of legal disputes between the state and industry groups that pushed back on the requirements, the Florida Legislature passed

rules mandating that those facilities verify they have installed a working generator or alternate backup power source by June 1, the start of hurricane season.

Yet under the rules, extensions can be granted for reasons including construction or delays in delivery, zoning, or regulatory approvals, provided the facility submits alternative cooling plans that can keep residents

at safe temperatures for 96 hours. Obtaining an extension means that the facilities are still in compliance with the law, despite not having the backup power fully in place or not inspected.

The Agency for Health Care Administration says it will ensure all nursing homes and assisted-living facilities will meet the letter of the law.

“It is AHCA’s expectation that all assisted living

facilities and nursing homes are actively planning for hurricane season and complying with the new rules put in place to protect the vulnerable population they serve,” said agency spokeswoman Mallory McManus in a statement. “If a facility has not documented compliance with the June 1 deadline the agency will issue a notice of violation, which can lead to fines and

other penalties.”

The state is tracking when facilities report implementing their emergency power plan, when local emergency management agencies approve the plans, and when fire marshals or the agency’s office does site visits. The agency plans to issue notices of violation after Friday’s deadline if no paperwork has been submitted, McManus said.

SYRIA

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in fighting terrorism,” al-Moallem said adding that the Syrian people are “grateful” for this help from Iran.

“As long as there is war on terrorism, Syria as a sovereign state will cooperate with whoever it wants in fighting terrorism,” he said.

Al-Moallem denied reports that an agreement was reached between regional and other powers over the situation of southwestern Syria where the country’s Israeli-occupied Golan Heights are located.

On Friday, Russia’s ambassador to the U.N. Vasily Nebenzia said he heard from the news that an agreement was reached on “certain disengagement in the southwest of Syria and, I think, my understanding is that an agreement has been reached.”

However, asked about Nebenzia’s comments al-Moallem said no

agreement has been reached for southern Syria, adding that Damascus is not currently involved in any negotiations over the area.

Al-Moallem said that only when U.S. troops withdraw from the Tanf area near the Jordanian border can an agreement be discussed. The U.S. has military advisers based in Tanf.

“The U.S. troops should withdraw from Syria and Syrian sovereignty over the Tanf area is undoubted,” he said.

Earlier this week, Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Syrian troops should be positioned on the border with the Golan Heights, which have been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Mideast war. The area between the southern province of Daraa and the Golan Heights has emerged as a flashpoint in a wider standoff between Israel and Iran, and the United States has warned it will take action to protect a cease-fire there.

In Tehran, Secretary of the Supreme National

Security Council Ali Shamkhani told the pro-reform Shargh daily that Iran has no presence in south of Syria but supports Damascus’ efforts to regain control over the area.

“Iranian military advisers have no presence in southern area of Syria and have had no role in operations there,” Shamkhani was quoted as saying. “We strongly support Russia’s effort for removing terrorists from the Syria-Jordan border and restoring Syrian army control over the region.”

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitor, reported on Thursday that Iranian troops and members of Lebanon’s Iran-backed Hezbollah group are getting ready to withdraw from southern Syria.

A Syria-based official with the Iran-led axis of resistance denied the report.

Al-Moallem reiterated the government’s position that it aims to regain control of the whole country.

MUELLER

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not have the authority to do so.

A court battle is likely if Trump’s team argues that the president can’t be forced to answer questions or be charged with obstruction of justice. President Bill Clinton was charged with obstruction in 1998 by the House of Representatives as part of his impeachment trial. And one of the articles of impeachment prepared against Richard Nixon in 1974 was for obstruction.

Topics of Mueller’s obstruction investigation include the firings of both Comey and former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, as well Trump’s reaction to Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ recusal from the Russia investigation.

In addition to the legal battles, Trump’s team and allies have waged a public relations campaign against

Mueller to discredit the investigation and soften the impact of the special counsel’s potential findings. Giuliani said last week that the special counsel probe may be an “entirely illegitimate investigation” and need to be curtailed because, in his estimation, it was based on inappropriate information from an informant and former FBI director James Comey’s memos.

In reality, the FBI began a counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 to determine if Trump campaign associates were coordinating with Russia to tip the election. The investigation was opened after the hacking of Democratic emails that intelligence officials later formally attributed to Russia.

Giuliani has said a decision will not be made about a possible presidential interview with the special counsel until after Trump’s summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12 in Singapore.

DENUCLEARIZATION

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Pyongyang wants to be recognized as a full-fledged nuclear power with the weapons it has, but with global obligations, much as Communist China’s nuclear arms program ultimately was accepted after President Richard Nixon’s visit to Beijing in 1972.

The broad parameters of a potential deal are well-established. The U.S. side wants North Korea to give up the estimated 20 to 60 nuclear weapons that it has built, and the infrastructure that created them, and presumably the ballistic missiles that can hurl them across the Pacific.

In exchange, Trump can offer U.S. security guarantees for the regime in Pyongyang, better relations with Washington and its allies in Japan and South Korea and easing of international economic sanctions that have strangled North Korea’s ability to trade with the outside world. Trump has signaled that he won’t

offer financial aid, though he has suggested he would ask Asian allies to do so.

Whether that’s enough — or whether North Korea is really prepared to give up a weapons program that has consumed much of the impoverished country’s energy and resources for decades — remains to be seen.

Many former U.S. negotiators with North Korea are deeply skeptical of how much its leaders will relinquish, and whether they would allow the intrusive inspections needed to ensure the program isn’t secretly restarting — as North Korea has done in the past.

As part of the recent thaw, Pyongyang announced a freeze on further nuclear tests — it previously conducted six — and last week blew up the entrances to its underground test site at Punggye-ri. It didn’t allow international inspectors in to determine if the damage is reversible, however, and it could always lift its freeze.

One of Trump’s chief complaints was the Iran deal focused only on its nuclear

program, not its ballistic missiles or support for terrorist groups. In the case of North Korea, the administration has not made it clear whether it will seek curbs on Pyongyang’s ballistic missiles — or its chemical, biological and cyberwarfare capabilities, demands that would complicate a potential agreement.

Behind the scenes, U.S. officials have sought to narrow their differences with Pyongyang in a rush of advance and even so-called pre-advance planning and talks in Washington, New York, Singapore and in the buffer zone that divides the two Koreas.

Trump’s national security adviser, John Bolton, enraged North Koreans and nearly scuttled the sensitive diplomacy when he suggested that North Korea should follow the “Libya model.” Libya gave up its nascent nuclear program in 2003 in hopes, largely unfulfilled, of economic benefits. Its leader, Moammar Gadhafi, was killed in an uprising eight years later.

Most nuclear experts discount the idea of an immediate and complete denuclearization

in North Korea given its big program and deep distrust of Washington. They say full disarmament probably would require at least a decade and allow the two governments to build trust over time as they see results.

“The summit represents a historic opportunity,” said Siegfried Hecker, a former director of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and one of the few Americans who has toured North Korea’s major nuclear facilities. But he said Washington “will have to settle for a phased process,” not a quick disarmament.

Hecker and two co-authors, Robert Carlin and Elliot Serbin, recently completed a study at Stanford University arguing that full disarmament would take 15 years. After nuclear weapons and missile tests stop, they argue, initial stages would include ending production of plutonium and highly enriched uranium, either of which can power a bomb, and stopping exports of nuclear technology or expertise to other states.

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, June 3, the 154th day of 2018. There are 211 days left in the year.

Today in history

On June 3, 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded at his New York film studio, known as “The Factory,” by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist who ended up serving three years in prison for assault.

On this date

In 1621, the Dutch West India Co. received its charter for a trade monopoly in parts of the Americas and Africa.

In 1781, Capt. Jack Jouett began riding his horse some 40 miles from Louisa County, Virginia, to Charlottesville, where Gov. Thomas Jefferson and other politicians were located, to warn of approaching British troops who intended to take them prisoner.

In 1918, “His Family” by Ernest Poole became the first novel to win the Pulitzer Prize.

In 1943, the “Zoot Suit Riots” began in Los Angeles as white servicemen clashed with young Latinos wearing distinctive-looking zoot suits; the violence ended when military officials declared the city off limits to enlisted personnel.

In 1955, convicted murderer Barbara Graham, 31, was executed in the gas chamber at San Quentin State Prison in California, as were Jack Santo and Emmett Perkins, for the 1953 slaying of Mabel Monahan.

In 1965, astronaut Edward H. White became the first American to “walk” in space during the flight of Gemini 4.

In 1977, the United States and Cuba agreed to set up diplomatic interests sections in each other’s countries; Cuba also announced the immediate release of 10 Americans jailed on drug charges.

Today’s birthdays

The former president of Cuba, **Raul Castro**, is 87. Actress **Irma P. Hall** is 83. Author **Larry McMurtry** is 82. Rock singer **Ian Hunter** (Mott The Hoople) is 79. Actress **Penelope Wilton** is 72. Singer **Eddie Holman** is 72. Actor **Tristan Rogers** is 72. Singer **Suzi Quatro** is 68. Singer **Deneice Williams** is 68. Singer **Dan Hill** is 64. Actress **Suzie Plakson** is 60. Actor **Scott Valentine** is 60. Rock musician **Kerry King** (Slayer) is 54. TV host **Anderson Cooper** is 51. Country singer **Jamie O’Neal** is 50. Writer-director **Tate Taylor** is 39. Singers **Gabriel** and **Ariel Hernandez** (No Mercy) are 47.

Bible verse

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

— **Colossians 2:8.**
Human philosophy, tradition, or ritual will never satisfy the human heart. We must turn our all over to Jesus. He’s the One who gives life.

ODD NEWS

Creative road signs warn Maine motorists in funny ways

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Motorists who traveled around Maine this past holiday weekend saw the residents’ creativity on display.

Message boards warned motorists that, “A Cold Suppah Is Bettah Than a Hot Ticket.” Another one said, “Spend Money on Lobstahs — Not Speeding Tickets.” Yet another said, “Put Down UR Cell — Or You May End Up In One.”

They’re part of contest run by the Maine Department of Transportation.

People were asked to come up with clever messages, and six winners were selected out of nearly 2,000 entries. They’ll be displayed for the next few weeks.

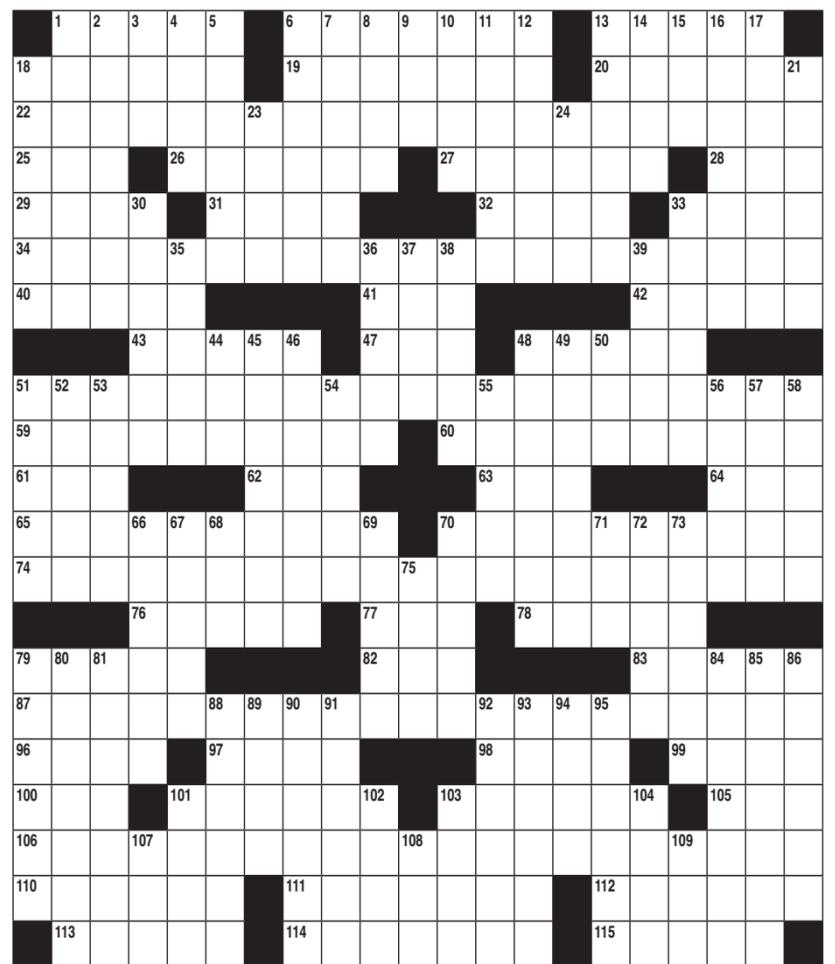
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Ask the Fool

Target-Date Funds

Q What are "lifecycle" funds, and should I invest in them? — M.D., St. Augustine, Florida

A They're often referred to as "target-date" funds and are meant to help you invest for retirement.

People are often advised to hold mostly stocks when they're young and to shift toward bonds as they age. That can be a bother, so target-date funds do it for you.

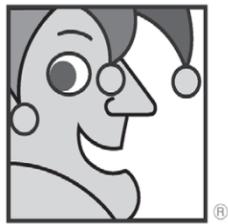
Target-date funds vary widely, though. Before investing in one, consider each candidate's fees, holdings and performance.

Learn more about retirement strategies and investments at fool.com/retirement/index.aspx and money.cnn.com/retirement.

Q How do I sell a stock when I have the stock certificates? — C.U., Erie, Pennsylvania

A You can deliver them to your brokerage, which can then sell them for you, or you can ask the company what transfer agent it uses and sell through the agent.

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Fool's School

Wisdom from Omaha

At Berkshire Hathaway's recent annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, CEO Warren Buffett and his partner Charlie Munger took dozens of questions from shareholders, journalists and stock analysts over more than five hours.

On stock buybacks: When asked about Apple's plan to spend \$100 billion buying back some of its stock, Buffett explained that it can make sense.

Buffett noted that via buybacks, Berkshire's 5 percent stake in Apple might grow to a 7 percent stake.

On women in management: It's true that most of the managers who lead Berkshire's many businesses are men, but Buffett noted

that many of them had the job when their company became part of Berkshire — there's little turnover. Still, about half of the new CEOs Buffett has appointed in the past several years have been women.

Buffett suggested that the #metoo movement (of women coming forward about sexual harassment or abuse) will be good for the economy. He has pointed out in the past how half of the talent in America has been undertapped, and thinks that women are now more likely to have workforce opportunities.

On the importance of learning: Munger opined: "If you're going to live a long time, you have to keep learning — what you formerly knew is never enough.

Read Buffett's enlightening annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. Roger Lowenstein's book, "Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" (Random House, \$20) is an excellent read, too.

Name That Company

I came to life as a grocery-trading company in Korea in 1938. After some years, I entered the textile business, and later got involved in other lines of work, such as shipbuilding, heavy industry and, in 1969, electronics.

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

My Dumbest Investment

A Good Idea Isn't Enough

You can add WebVan to my list of dumb investments. It was a great idea with an unbelievably stupid ad campaign. The company had no clue who their core audience should have been.

The Fool Responds: You weren't alone in being disappointed with WebVan. The Wall Street Journal called it "one of the most glorious flops of the dot-com-bust."

The company's concept of groceries being ordered online and delivered to customers' doors was exciting — so much so that investors plowed more than \$800 million into it, when it wasn't even profitable.

The story reinforces the important lesson that a great idea isn't enough. Many great ideas never catch on — sometimes because their advertising doesn't get the right message.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1927 opening of a root beer franchise in Washington, D.C. I was soon selling hot foods and preparing boxed lunches for airline passengers.

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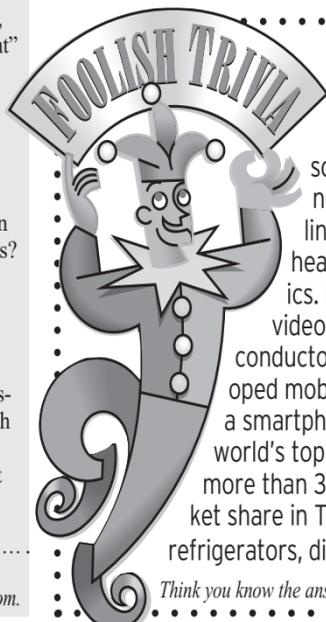
A Visa to Profitland

The world is transitioning away from cash, with Visa (NYSE: V) likely to be a major beneficiary. The company enjoys a host of competitive advantages — such as its scope.

Meanwhile, the barrier to entry in the payment processing industry is exceptionally high. Not only does it take a small fortune to set up the infrastructure to process payments, but it also takes a long time for payment facilitators to build rapport with merchants and consumers.

Visa expanded its geographic reach in June 2016 when it acquired Visa Europe. With much of the world's transactions still conducted in cash, there are great growth opportunities in regions such as Africa, Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Finally, Visa is relatively unaffected by economic swings. Though the company does rely on purchasing to drive the processing fees it collects, it's not a lender, so it doesn't have to worry about credit delinquencies.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

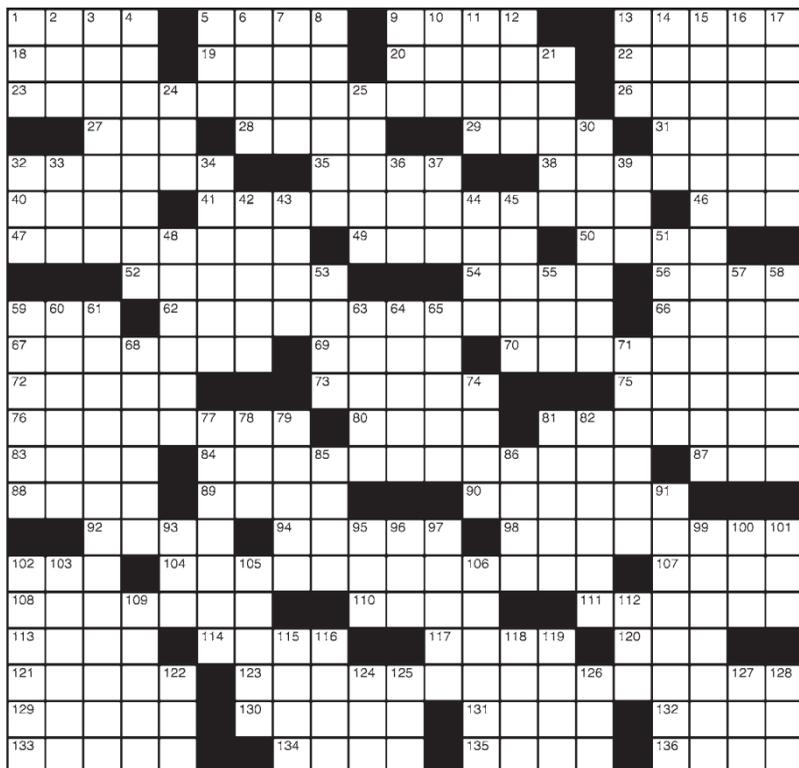
EMERGENCY ROOM

By Matt McKinley

- ACROSS 1 Garments with hooks... 72 DuPont acrylic... 4 Order in the court... 64 Bowling unit...

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GOREN BRIDGE

AGGRESSIVE BIDDING, GOOD PLAY

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

♠ A Q 8 7 5

♥ 6 4

♦ A

♣ A K 10 9 3

WEST

♠ 6

♥ K J 10 8 3

♦ K J 10 6 2

♣ 5 2

EAST

♠ 10 3

♥ 7 5 2

♦ 5 4

♣ Q J 8 7 6 4

SOUTH

♠ K J 9 4 2

♥ A Q 9

♦ Q 9 8 7 3

♣ Void

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. Row 1: 1♠, 2♠*, 3♥**, Pass. Row 2: 4♠, Pass, 5♣, Pass. Row 3: 5♥, Pass, 7♠, All pass.

*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5 **Spade fit with at least invitational values

Opening lead: Six of ♠

North was aggressive when he bid the grand slam, but not overly so. Had either one of South's red queens been the queen of clubs instead, the grand would have been excellent.

South won the opening trump lead with his jack and drew the remaining

trump by leading a low spade to dummy's ace. The ace of diamonds was cashed, followed by the ace and king of clubs. South discarded his nine and queen of hearts on the high clubs. He ruffed a club, which confirmed that West's original distribution had been 1-5-5-2.

South could not be defeated at this point as long as West held the king of diamonds. Declarer led the queen of diamonds, covered by the king, and ruffed in the dummy. He crossed back to his hand with the ace of hearts and led the nine of diamonds. This was covered with the 10 and ruffed in dummy. A heart ruff allowed South to lead the eight of diamonds, covered with the jack and ruffed with dummy's last trump. A club ruff back to his hand left South with the established seven of diamonds for his thirteenth trick.

Once again we see a two-suited bid backfire when it fails to find a fit. The help it gave to declarer on this deal was devastating. Perhaps these bids are over-rated? We'll be on the lookout for deals that show these bids in a better light.

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

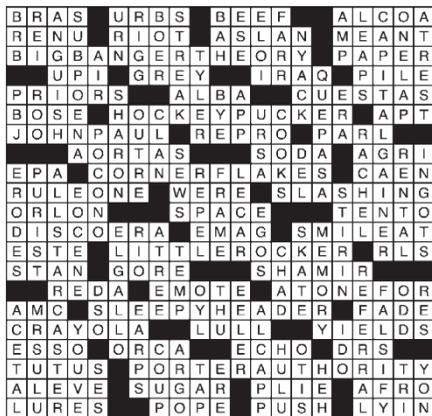
CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS GOOD CATCH 2 by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

HECTIC SMOGGY UTMOST INNING INVEST HUMBLE

To truly comprehend addition, the students needed to —

GIVE IT "SUM" THOUGHT

- 1. Who was the best problem solver among fishes? The mullet, as he could mull it over with logic and find possible solutions. 2. Eager fish easily started a new algae business. They cod-ified it but found after a while it didn't scale! 3. The anglers were getting worried about a defishency of walleye and chub. 4. Out in the Atlantic is the best place to place your bait to catch really pretty place.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love and belonging — this will be both the problem and the solution today. It won't be obvious, but any problems that arise today will be born out of a basic need for love and belonging. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're always looking for ways to improve, sometimes the most legitimate way to do so is not to seek the moral high ground but rather to relax and enjoy yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's almost as if you need a certain amount of stress to feel good about life today. Anyway, you won't call it "stress"; you'll call it "challenge." And it will be the best part of your day. CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people you'll have the best time (and the most good fortune) around are not trying to be anything that doesn't come naturally. They enjoy living out the existence that best suits their nature and most brings them to life. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Happiness is knowing whom you're dealing with. Mistaken identity causes strife. Today this isn't about mistaking two people who look alike; rather, it's mistaking the person in front of you for the person you want him or her to be. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You didn't set out to be fast at what you do. The natural result of repetition is that the mind finds a way to get to the desired result faster and better — to concentrate on the experience for maximum economy and elegance. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thank goodness you're not expected to rate, judge, critique or assess anyone in any way. All you'll be expected to do is to lean into the generous optimism that is your nature and offer a little support.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When social norms clash with the actuality before you, the wise thing to do is let actuality win over your observational powers and stick with it. There is zero to be gained by raging against reality. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To create peace isn't always a matter of effective negotiation. It may simply be an attitude and a mood. Instead of going for an agreement of specific terms, go for a meaningful sense of unity. You'll achieve it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Have you ever experienced a strong feeling of missing someone you haven't yet had the occasion to meet? Well, you'll get a whiff of that today! AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Any anger or frustration that comes up today will be because of a clock face. When you subtract the expectation of having things accomplished in a certain time frame, there will be no cause for negativity. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though it may be difficult for you to buy into something your parents and grandparents believe and still embrace the particular challenges and characteristic mood of this age, you'll find a way to merge the two. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 3). No one else can tell you what to do. You've a strong sense of your own destiny, though it's hiding under a few layers of fear. You'll peel those off, and by September, you'll be running toward a beautiful inevitability. Love will come to you in many forms. Key celebrations will happen in July, September and January. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 20, 1, 28 and 14.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

- | CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 nickname for the US DOD (8) | _____ |
| 2 it keeps a dog from licking (4) | _____ |
| 3 Wildean governess (5) | _____ |
| 4 Pillsbury pastry (8) | _____ |
| 5 propane container (8) | _____ |
| 6 inner courtyard (10) | _____ |
| 7 heavenly body (4) | _____ |

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|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| CYL | AG | ISM | ENT | PE |
| PR | IN | NT | AR | CRE |
| NE | QU | DER | ON | SC |
| RAN | CO | ST | AD | GLE |

Today's Answers: 1. PENTAGON 2. CONE 3. PRISM 4. CRESCENT 5. CYLINDER 6. QUADRANGLE 7. STAR

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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 6/3/18

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

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KENKEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

12X		6+	
2÷			24X
2	3-		
2-		4	

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CHALLENGING

4	3÷	11+		10X	18X
3+		4			
	7+		10+	2-	
6X				20X	5
11+	12X		2-		2÷
	5-			3	

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RULES

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

6-3-18

TODAY'S ANSWERS

1	2	3	4
2	3	4	1
3	4	1	2
4	1	2	3

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DEAR ABBY

Dating is the latest challenge for teenager who has beat leukemia

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is 17. When she was 1, she had leukemia. The treatments have left her with chronic pain as well as some disabilities that she deals with.

She's now a senior in high school, but looks like she's 7 or 8. She yearns for what every teen girl wants — a boyfriend. The problem is, no one wants to date her. It's not because of her personality but because of her size and her young looks.

My heart breaks seeing how depressed she is.

I have told her she will meet that special person when she is supposed to, and she used to think that as well, but she doesn't anymore. What can I do to help my daughter through this? — HEARTBROKEN

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Patience and the passage of time may bring a solution to the problem.

In the meantime, if there is a name for her condition, go online and do some research to find out if there is a support group for survivors who also have it. If there is, your



Dear Abby

daughter may find what she needs there. Surely, others have had her experience, and perhaps they can help. One thing I know for sure — you can't find a date until you find a FRIEND.

DEAR ABBY: Because I was sexually abused as a child, I have difficulty trusting men. My oldest sons have different fathers. While they were toddlers, I met the father of my youngest two sons. In the beginning, I wasn't in love with him, although over the years, I have grown to love him.

While I am now in love with him, because of the emotional, mental and physical abuse I put him through, he doesn't feel the same. He's a great father to all of my boys. My question is, how can I express that I'm in love with him and

want a relationship with him now? — A SECOND CHANCE

DEAR SECOND CHANCE: If you haven't already, offer the poor man a sincere apology for the way you have treated him. Then, if he is unaware of it, explain your history and offer to get counseling if he will give you the second chance you are asking for. It's worth a try. That he would continue to be a "great father" to all of your sons tells me what a prize you may have lost.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married 41 years. We live outside of Chicago, where the winters can be bad.

My son and his family moved to Florida to get away from the weather here. Now my wife wants to move there, too. I have medical issues and don't like hot, humid weather. She says she's going, and I told her I'm staying here. Should I go with her or should she stay here with me? — "WEATHER" TO OR NOT

DEAR "WEATHER": This should not be a question of either/or. Surely there is room for compromise. If your

medical condition is such that you cannot tolerate the Florida climate, then you must stay where you are. If your wife's reason for wanting to move south is to be closer to the grandchildren, perhaps she could arrange to visit them for three or four weeks at a time throughout the year.

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/scholarship and learn more. The deadline is fast approaching.

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HELOISE

Dear Readers: Do you want to know how old your car tires are? The federal government requires that tire manufacturers put standardized information on tires' sidewalls, including a tire ID, in case of a recall. Here's how to locate the info:

Look directly at the tire. For newer tires, the ID number is on the outside sidewall, and for older tires, the ID number will be on the inner sidewall. Adjacent is the tire's serial number, including numbers and letters. The last four digits represent the week and year the tire was manufactured.

Manufacturers recommend that tires be replaced every six years. Ten years is the maximum service life for tires. — Heloise

Dear Readers: When you bake macaroni and cheese, scalloped potatoes or meatloaf, cleaning up afterward can be time-consuming. Here's how to avoid scrubbing:



Hints from Heloise

— Line the baking dish with aluminum foil for baking in the oven, leaving extra foil hanging over the edges.

— After dinner, simply lift up the foil, which will wrap around the leftovers, and store them in the refrigerator. — Heloise

Dear Readers: Our pets are family members, and we want them to participate in our activities, like summer vacations. Here are some hints to make the journey a good and safe one for all.

— When organizing your trip, contact — in advance — parks, motels, hotels, campgrounds and relatives to find out if pets are welcome.

— Place a portable crate/kennel in your car to keep your pet in. Never allow your pet to roam free in the car because that can be dangerous. Never allow your pet to ride with its head sticking outside the car window because dirt might lodge in its ears, nose or eyes, which could cause an infection or injury.

— Bring a copy of your pet's medical history and any medications, in case of an emergency.

— Don't take your dog off its leash and be sure all ID tags are attached. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: My son left a hot drink on a finished piece of wood furniture in my home.

It left a discolored area. How can I get it off? — Marsha from Florida

Dear Marsha: Here's how: Combine equal parts of a non-gel toothpaste and baking soda to create a paste.

Gently rub this mixture over the stain until the paste is warm. Then wipe the area clean with a dampened cloth. You might have to repeat this a couple of times to remove all of the marks. Then buff furniture with oil or polish. Heloise

Dear Readers: We use herbs and spices in our kitchens daily to flavor dishes, from appetizers to main courses and desserts, too.

Here's the difference. Herbs come from the leafy parts of annual or perennial plants. Spices are derived from the barks, roots, seeds, buds or fruits of plants and trees. — Heloise

Dear Readers: If you buy a bunch of bananas and they ripen faster than you can use them, here's what to do:

Peel and mash the bananas, add a bit of lemon juice and freeze in an airtight container. Defrost before using. — Heloise

JUMBLE

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Pushed by voters, GOP moderates rebel on immigration

By ALAN FRAM
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HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Cipriano Garza says Rep. Carlos Curbelo is “a decent man, a family man.” He lauds the South Florida Republican for defiantly pushing his party to protect young “Dreamer” immigrants from deportation.

Founder of a nonprofit that helps farm workers, Garza happily hosted Curbelo at a reception honoring high school graduates last week at the massive Homestead-Miami Speedway. But his praise came with a warning about this November's elections.

“He better do what's right for the community,” said Garza, 70, himself a former migrant laborer. “If not, he can lose.”

Across the country — from California's lush Central Valley to suburban Denver to Curbelo's district of strip malls, farms and the laid-back Florida Keys — moderate Republicans like Curbelo are under hefty pressure to buck their party's hardline stance on immigration. After years of watching their conservative colleagues in safe districts refuse to budge, the GOP middle is fighting back — mindful that a softer position may be necessary to save their jobs and GOP control of the House.

“Members who have priorities and feel passionate about issues can't sit back and expect leaders” to address them, Curbelo said. “Because it doesn't work.”

Curbelo, 38, is seeking a third term from a district that stretches from upscale Miami suburbs to the Everglades and down to eccentric Key West. Seventy percent of his constituents are Hispanic and nearly half are foreign-born. Those are among the highest percentages in the nation, giving many of them a firsthand stake in Congress' immigration fight.

Curbelo and Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., whose Modesto-area district thrives on agriculture powered by migrant workers, have launched a petition drive that would force House votes on four immigration bills, ranging from liberal to conservative versions. Twenty-three Republicans



AP PHOTOS

In this Tuesday photo, Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., shakes hands with band members while attending the 34th Annual Farmworker Student Recognition Ceremony in Homestead, Fla. In a district stretching from upscale Miami suburbs to the Everglades and down the Florida Keys to eccentric Key West, 70 percent of Curbelo's constituents are Hispanic and nearly half are foreign-born.

have signed on, two shy of the number needed to succeed, assuming all Democrats jump aboard.

Another supporter of the rare rebellion by the usually compliant moderates is Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., a former Marine who learned Spanish when his district was redrawn to include Denver's diverse eastern suburbs. In an interview, Coffman expressed frustration over waiting nearly 18 months for House Speaker Paul Ryan to deliver on assurances that Congress would address the issue.

“He was always telling me, ‘It will happen, it will happen.’ I never saw it happen,” Coffman said.

The centrists favor legislation that would protect from deportation hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. They back a path to citizenship for these immigrants, who have lived in limbo since President Donald Trump ended the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, called DACA. Federal courts have blocked its termination for now.

Trying to head off the petition, Ryan, R-Wis., and conservatives are negotiating with the centrists in hopes of finding compromise. Roll calls are on track for later this month, but it will be tough to steer legislation through the House that's both liberal enough to survive in the more moderate Senate and restrictive enough for Trump to sign into law.

At the speedway, a local economic anchor since Hurricane Andrew

shattered the city in 1992, Curbelo didn't mention his battle in Washington to the graduates. “Our country and our community need you,” he told his audience, some of whom Garza said were DACA recipients.

Curbelo's district backed Democrat Hillary Clinton by a whopping 16 percentage points in the 2016 presidential race over Trump, who has fanned immigrants' resentment by repeatedly linking them to crime and job losses. That's left Curbelo facing a competitive re-election, though he's raised far more campaign cash than his likely Democratic challenger, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell.

Of the 23 Republican petition signees, nine represent districts whose Hispanic populations exceed the 18 percent national average. Clinton carried 12 of their districts in 2016, and several are from moderate-leaning suburbs of cities like Philadelphia and Minneapolis and agricultural areas in California and upstate New York that rely on migrant workers.

The centrists' petition echoes the hardball tactics often employed by the hard-right House Freedom Caucus. Its roughly 30 members often band together with demands top Republicans ignore at peril of losing votes in the narrowly divided House.

GOP leaders and Freedom Caucus members fear that under the votes the petition would force, liberal-leaning legislation backed by most Democrats and a few Republicans would prevail. That would infuriate conservative voters who'll be needed at the polls to fend off a Democratic wave threatening GOP House control.

Among those envisioning that scenario is Nicholas Mulick, GOP chairman of Florida's Monroe County, which encompasses the Keys and is the reddest portion of Curbelo's district. “With the greatest respect for the congressman, I don't think it's going to work,” Mulick said.

Others reject that

argument, saying moderates' worries should be heeded because they must be re-elected for Republicans to retain their majority.

“That sounds like somebody who's never run in a swing district,” former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who once led his party's House campaign arm, said of claims that immigration votes would dampen conservative turnout. “Do they want to be in the majority, hold gavels?”

Democrats and local immigration activists say they wish Curbelo's effort well but question his motivation. They say he's reacting to election pressures and simply wants to show voters he's fighting for them.

Many at the speedway event, sponsored by Garza's Mexican-American Council, were sympathetic to Curbelo's battle in Washington, signaling the type of support he'll need to be re-elected.

Rosa Castillo, 51, of nearby Florida City, said she knows people who don't get driver's licenses for fear of having their residency challenged. “He's doing an awesome job for our DACA people,” said Castillo, a Democrat who said she'll back Curbelo.

That sentiment isn't universally shared. Over breakfast at a nearby Cracker Barrel restaurant, retiree and Trump backer Randy Nichols, 73, said he won't support Curbelo.

“If they're illegal, they need to leave. I hate to say that, but even for DACA kids,” said Nichols, who lives in Marathon, one of the Keys.

Mucarsel-Powell, Curbelo's likely Democratic challenger, said in an interview that she was glad he'd “finally found some strength” to take on fellow Republicans.

The former state Senate candidate, an immigrant from Ecuador, said Curbelo's challenge to GOP leaders “will obviously bring some positive attention.”

She said she hopes Curbelo and his supporters “aren't doing it for political reasons.”

Lava cuts off access to more Hawaii neighborhoods

HONOLULU (AP) — A lava flow from the erupting Kilauea volcano has cut off access to

Kapoho and Vacationland on Hawaii's Big Island, officials said Saturday.

The Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency also said vigorous lava eruptions are continuing in Leilani Estates and Lanipuna Gardens.

The volcano began erupting on May 3, forcing thousands of residents to evacuate and destroying dozens of homes.

County officials said in a news release that there is no access to Kapoho and Vacationland along Highway 132 or Highway 137 because of the lava flow.

Video posted on Twitter showed a heap

of smoldering debris blocking the roadway, as smoke billowed into the air.

Officials had issued mandatory orders for residents of Leilani Estates and those in Kapoho Beach and Vacationland to leave by Friday afternoon or risk being trapped and unreachable by emergency crews.

Residents in the nearby areas should also be prepared to evacuate with little notice, officials said.

The erupting Kilauea volcano has been spouting lava, ash and rocks for nearly a month. About two dozen recent fissures in the area have created towering lava fountains and bone-rattling explosions throughout the eruption.

HEADLINES AROUND THE NATION

Police: Phoenix killings of psychiatrist, 2 women linked

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say the fatal shootings of two paralegals in a Phoenix suburb are related to the killing of a well-known forensic psychiatrist in Phoenix, and police are investigating if a fourth homicide is related.

Scottsdale police Sgt. Ben Hoster says the killings Friday of 48-year-old Veleria Sharp and 49-year-old Laura Anderson are connected to the shooting death a day earlier of Dr. Steven Pitt.

The women and Pitt were killed outside their Scottsdale offices.

Hoster said a fatal shooting occurred Saturday morning at an office also in Scottsdale appears to be connected. He didn't identify that victim and didn't immediately respond to an inquiry for further information.

The 59-year-old Pitt assisted in the investigations into the 1996 death of JonBenet Ramsey in Colorado and a string of killings in Phoenix in 2006.

Baby's body found floating in ocean near Boynton Beach Inlet

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — An off-duty firefighter was boating near the Boynton Beach Inlet early Friday afternoon when he discovered a baby girl's body floating in the water, authorities said.

The child's age and how long she was in the water was not yet determined, said Teri Barbera, spokeswoman for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The discovery was made by Chris Lemieux, a 10-year veteran of Boynton Beach Fire Rescue, while he was out catching bait from his conch boat, the Palm Beach Post reported.

The baby's body will be taken to the Medical Examiner's Office to figure out cause of death and possible identification, Barbera said.

The discovery was made about 1:20 p.m. on the ocean side of the inlet, Barbera said.

Detectives were on the scene investigating.

Man trying to dance with woman stabs her boyfriend, friends

NEW YORK (AP) — Police say a man trying to dance with a woman at a Manhattan bar stabbed her boyfriend and his friends.

The suspect entered the bar on Manhattan's East Side early Saturday morning and tried to dance with a woman. Police say he put his hands on her hips when her boyfriend confronted him. An argument ensued and the assailant pulled out a knife, stabbing and slashing the 27-year-old boyfriend in the torso and shoulders.

His friends tried to help him and were slashed around the head and shoulders.

All five are in stable condition.

The Turtle Bay Bar on Second Avenue near East 52nd Street was evacuated after the attack.

Police say the suspect is in his 20s and was wearing a white shirt and white hat.

FBI agent's gun accidentally discharges in Denver nightclub

DENVER (AP) — Denver police say an off-duty FBI agent dancing at a nightclub accidentally discharged a firearm, wounding another patron in the leg.

Police spokesman Sonny Jackson said in a statement Saturday that the victim was taken to an unidentified hospital in good condition.

Jackson says the agent, whose identity wasn't released, was dancing at the downtown club around 12:45 a.m. Saturday when the firearm fell from the agent's waistband holster onto the floor. It discharged when the agent picked it up.

Jackson says the agent was later released to an FBI supervisor. He says police are investigating and any charges would be determined by the Denver District Attorney's Office.

Denver FBI spokeswoman Amy Sanders refused to comment, citing an ongoing investigation.

A telephone message to the nightclub, Mile High Spirits Distillery and Tasting Bar, wasn't immediately returned.



In this Tuesday photo, Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., greets graduates while attending the 34th Annual Farmworker Student Recognition Ceremony in Homestead.

Couple attacked in Honolulu faces \$50K in medical costs

HONOLULU (AP) — A Japanese couple is facing \$50,000 in medical costs after being assaulted in a public restroom at a Honolulu park, a Hawaii visitors' assistance organization said.

The couple was attacked Monday at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park, leading the Japanese consulate to issue a warning Tuesday for tourists to avoid public bathrooms in Kakaako, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported.

The man was hit in the face after entering the restroom, said Jessica Lani Rich, president of the Visitor

Aloha Society of Hawaii. Hearing a noise, his wife then entered the bathroom and was choked, causing her to briefly pass out, Rich said. Honolulu police had reported the encounter to the society.

The couple came upon a group of men injecting drugs inside the bathroom, according to the consulate's warning written in Japanese. Both the man and woman were punched in the face, leaving them with broken teeth, the warning stated.

The couple returned to Japan this week.

“It's really sad when our visitors

are assaulted when they come to Hawaii to have a wonderful, dream vacation,” Rich said.

The group has offered to solicit donations to help pay for the couple's medical expenses, Rich said.

“Their biggest concern is their hospital expense,” Rich said. “(Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii) does not pay hospital bills, but we are trying to do what we can to raise money.”

The city closed the park Tuesday for maintenance. The closure was announced before the attack occurred, and it's scheduled to reopen next month.



Golf Hammock home on the course

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2900 Lost Ball Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$274,900 and is listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus.

This home offers plenty of space to spread out and enjoy. This large four-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath home with oversized two-car plus golf cart garage is located in Golf Hammock and overlooks the golf course.

The home was built in 2001 and has more than 2,800 square feet of living space and more than 3,600 total square feet under roof. The roof was just replaced in January 2018. This one-owner custom-built home has an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings in the living, dining, kitchen and breakfast nook area.

Most of the rooms have tile flooring except for the master bedroom and one of the guest bedrooms, with one other guest bedroom being wood look

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DIRECTIONS

2900 Lost Ball Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Take the second entrance into Golf Hammock onto Golf Hammock Drive. Turn left onto Bogey Boulevard. Turn left onto Lost Ball Drive. The home is on the right.

Gorgeous Sun 'n Lake pool home

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 4611 Mignon Drive in Sun 'n Lake of Sebring. It is priced for \$239,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team with Keller Williams Realty.

Nestled in the Sun 'n Lake community, this home offers lots of privacy and no neighbors. Enjoy the conveniences of community living, while enjoying peace, serenity and privacy. Own your very own piece of paradise with this beauty.

Community amenities include two golf courses, restaurant/bar, park, fitness center, picnic area and tennis courts are all just a short golf cart ride away.

Built in 2007, this gorgeous pool home offers nearly 2,500 square feet of living space. It boasts bedrooms plus an office, which is currently being used as a fourth bedroom. The home has two-and-a-half baths and an attached two-car garage.

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DIRECTIONS

4611 Mignon Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. At the first traffic circle, take the second exit to stay on Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. At the second traffic circle, take the first exit and turn onto Columbus Boulevard. Turn left onto Woods N Irons Street. Turn right onto Myrtle Beach Drive. Turn left onto San Lorenzo Drive. Turn right onto Mignon Drive. The home is on the left.

Beautiful home in Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 1641 Marble St. in Sebring. It is priced for \$177,900 and is listed with Rick Buntenbach with Re/Max Realty Plus II in Lake Placid.

Built in 2016, this home shows as brand new. Every square inch has been meticulously well thought out with many upgrades and high-end finishes found throughout. The furnishings are also available if wanted, including a brand new extra refrigerator in the garage.

This well-appointed home features two bedrooms, two baths and a two-car garage with 1,256 square feet of living area. With solid concrete walls, you can be assured the construction is well done. Colors are found to be neutral to match any decor.

The master bath has a nice tiled walk-in shower. With a split floor plan, bedrooms are located for privacy. Throughout the home, the flooring is

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COURTESY PHOTO

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DIRECTIONS

1641 Marble St., Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn right onto Ben Eastman Road. Turn left onto Stone Ridge Circle. Turn right onto Stone Ridge Circle. Turn left onto Marble Street. The home is on the right.

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vinyl plank flooring. The fourth bedroom also has tile flooring and was used as an office.

The kitchen has solid surface counter tops with glass and tile back splash, plenty of cabinet and drawer space, and a newer stainless steel refrigerator with all other appliances included.

All bedrooms are spacious and have oversized closets. The master suite has an oversized walk-in closet, large cultured marble shower with bench seat, handicap grab bars, double-sink vanity with plenty of storage space and pocket door access into the fourth bedroom/ office.

This home is equipped with central vac system and has speakers throughout the house.

The large family room was previously the rear porch and was finished off and enclosed in 2014. This room has an awesome view overlooking the golf course and has its own air conditioning and heating system as well as having thermopane windows for extra energy efficiency. This area has pocket sliders from several rooms and is nice for entertaining.



COURTESY PHOTO

The kitchen has solid surface counter tops with glass and tile back splash, plenty of cabinet and drawer space, and a newer stainless steel refrigerator with all other appliances included.

The guest bedrooms are excellent sized rooms with a full guest bath being handicap accessible with large wheel-in shower with bench seat, grab bars, shower wand and shower head. The vanity is larger than most with easy access for a wheel chair as well as having a pocket door entering into the bathroom.

There is a half bath located off the hall area that is close to the kitchen and laundry room.

The oversized laundry room has built-in cabinets for storage, washtub sink and shelving for hanging plus room for an upright freezer or refrigerator.

The garage has ramp access coming into the house, which makes this home handicap

accessible. The 24 by 26 garage has a two-car garage door plus one golf cart door for easy access if you have a golf cart or need extra space for a workbench or storage.

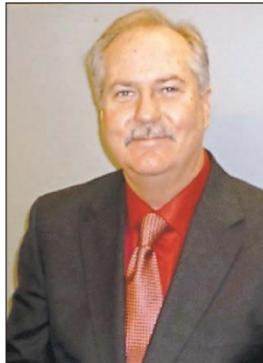
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Your can also visit teresabock.com or email Teresa@TeresaBock.com. Ask about MLS 247703.

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20 by 20 tile with the exception of the two bedrooms.

Beautiful wood cabinets, granite counters and stainless appliances are located in the kitchen with tons of storage and a bar area. Energy efficient Thermopane windows are found throughout the home, as well as a gas tankless water heater.

The entire home is

protected with a Home Surge Protection. A gas line is also in place for the dryer and stove.

The landscaping for the home is also already in place with beautiful trees and plants.

The neighborhood, although conveniently located to all of Sebring's amenities, is a quiet, gated area. This community offers residents a clubhouse with a hot tub, fitness room, card room, billiard room and a beautiful pool. All of the units built have paver driveways and sidewalks

with curbing and storm sewer already in place. The community also features natural gas lines, sewer and city water. With a small HOA fee of \$109 per month, you will receive mowing, edging and maintenance of the sprinklers.

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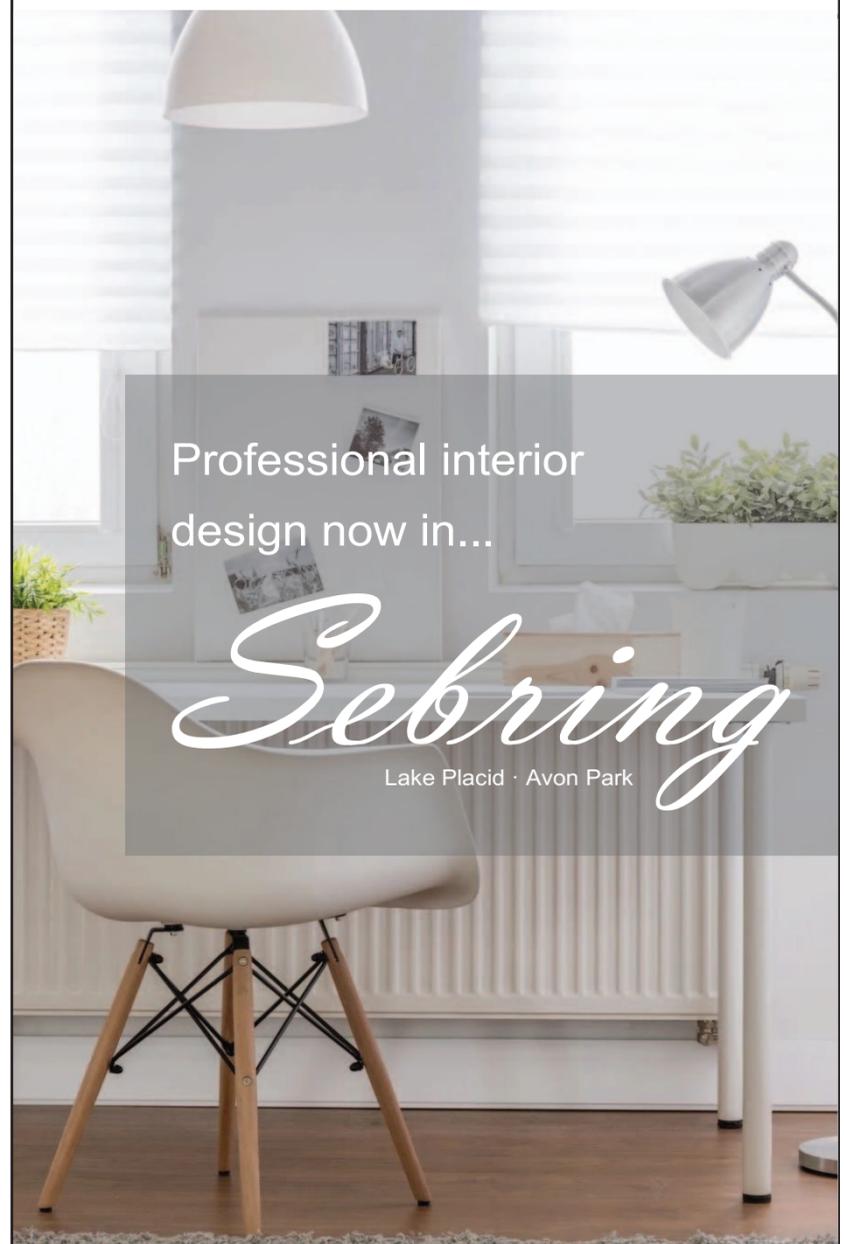
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Allocating your excess cash: Make a larger down payment or pay points?

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Jack Guttentag

Mortgage borrowers with enough money to make a down payment larger than the minimum must decide whether to increase the down payment or pay points. This is an investment decision that should be based on which option yields the higher rate of return.

• Borrowers with long time horizons, who don't have enough money to make a meaningful increase in down payment (see below), should consider paying points. In today's market, the 4.50 percent rate on a 30-year fixed-rate loan to a prime borrower could be reduced to 4 percent by paying 2.6 points — that is 2.6 percent of the loan amount. Over the next 12 years, that would earn a return of 11.5 percent. If the mortgage is terminated after five years, however, the interest saved would not cover the cost of the points, resulting in a negative rate of return.

The rate of return from an investment in points on a fixed-rate mortgage can be derived using calculator 11c on my website.

• Investing a small amount in a larger down payment yields a modest return. A borrower putting 5 percent down who elects to increase the down payment to 6 percent or 7 percent earns a return equal to the mortgage rate, or just a little higher, regardless of how long the mortgage is in force. The return is a little higher than the mortgage rate because of upfront fees scaled to the loan amount.

• To generate a higher yield, the investment in a larger down payment must be large enough to flip the loan into a lower mortgage insurance premium or interest rate category. Mortgage insurance premium categories, expressed in down payments, are generally 3 percent to 4.99 percent, 5 percent to 9.99 percent, 10 percent to 14.99 percent, and 15 percent to 19.99 percent. Where lenders

pay for the mortgage insurance and price it in the rate, they use the same categories.

If the borrower taking a 4.5 percent mortgage at zero points with 5 percent down raises the down payment to 10 percent, the loan shifts into the 10-14.99 percent mortgage insurance premium category. Since the premium is lower, the return on investment over 12 years rises to 7 percent.

The rate of return from an investment in down payment on a fixed-rate mortgage can be derived using calculator 12a on my website

• Increasing the down payment on a loan slightly larger than the conforming loan limit increases the rate of return. The conforming loan limit is the maximum size mortgage that can be purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. A loan for \$453,101 will carry a rate about 0.25 percent higher than a loan of \$453,100, which is the current maximum. Hence, a borrower contemplating a down

payment that would result in a loan amount slightly above the conforming loan limit should consider raising the down payment by enough to get under the limit.

• Borrowers forced into a non-qualified mortgage earn the highest return on investment in a larger down payment. Last week I wrote about mortgages that for one reason or another did not meet the requirements established by Dodd-Frank for the standard mortgage designation. One consequence of this designation is that we now have lenders specializing in non-qualified mortgages who operate in a manner very similar to sub-prime lenders before the financial crisis. One striking point of similarity is that mortgage insurance is not required but variability in interest rate associated with differences in down payment is very large. A result is that the rate of return to the borrower on an investment in a larger down payment is very high.

As an example, one lender of non-qualified mortgages whose price sheets I managed to access quoted 6.625 percent on a high credit score transaction with 10 percent down, and 5.375 percent with 20 percent down. The rate of return to the borrower on the down payment increase would be 12.2 percent calculated over 12 years. With a low credit score borrower, the rates were 8.375 percent and 7.375 percent, resulting in a return on investment of 15.9 percent.

The bottom line is that mortgage borrowers who fall into the highest price categories, whether because of their credit history, weak documentation or whatever, can earn the highest rate of return on investments in larger down payments.

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In this March file photo, a sold sign is shown outside a single-family home on the market in Denver. On Thursday, May 31, Freddie Mac reports on this week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

US pending home sales fell 1.3 percent in April

By JOSH BOAK

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Fewer Americans signed contracts to buy homes in April, reflecting the dearth of properties being listed for sale in the U.S. right now.

The National Association of Realtors said Thursday that its pending home sales index fell 1.3 percent in April to 106.4, after rising for two consecutive months. The index has drifted downward 2.1 percent from a year ago as the housing shortage has grown more intense. The association reported previously that sales listings in April had declined 6.3 percent over the past 12 months.

A relatively robust job market has led more Americans look for homes. But the housing shortage and rising mortgage rates over the past year are putting home ownership out of reach for an increasingly large number of people.

Home prices are rising at more than double the gains in average hourly earnings, meaning that many first-time buyers



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In this March file photo, an "under contract" sign is shown outside a single-family home on the market in Denver. On Thursday, May 31, 2018, the National Association of Realtors releases its April report on pending home sales, which are seen as a barometer of future purchases.

are being forced into lower down payments to afford a home. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index released this week climbed 6.8 percent in March from a year earlier.

Pending sales over the past year have fallen in the Northeast, Midwest and West, a sign of those cost pressures. But pending sales have risen 2.7 percent in the South where home prices are generally lower.

New construction has yet to alleviate the supply shortage. Builders have

said they, too, face price pressures from rising land values, a dearth of construction workers and higher costs for building materials — which could become more expensive given tariffs announced Thursday by the Trump administration on aluminum and steel.

The European Union immediately said that it would impose countermeasures on trade, and Mexico opened its defense with its own tariffs minutes after the U.S. announcement.

US average mortgage rates fall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON AP — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates fell this week, breaking a steady climb that pushed them to their highest levels in seven years.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages was 4.56 percent, down from 4.66 percent last week. Amid the peak

home buying season, the average benchmark rate has been running at its highest levels since May 2011. By contrast, the 30-year rate averaged 3.94 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans dipped to 4.06 percent from 4.15 percent last week.

Last week, long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose, continuing at their

highest levels in seven years amid the peak home buying season.

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

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

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FROM PAGE 1

The property has excellent curb appeal with lush tropical landscaping. Step up to the raised covered entryway and fall in love as you walk through the door. The wood laminate floors and great sprawling floor plan greet you upon your arrival.

The stunning granite kitchen has multi-level cabinets, complete with crown molding, accented beautifully with stainless steel appliances. A large granite breakfast bar overlooks the family room.

With both a living room and family room, as well as a formal dining room, the home has plenty of room to entertain.

The luxurious master suite has a large walk in

closet and resort-style master bath. The private master bath features his-and-her sinks, a large garden soaking tub and walk-in shower. Two additional guest bedrooms and full bath are on the other side of the house.

The office, with a half bath, is currently being used as a fourth bedroom, and the enclosed porch is being used as an office. It really is the perfect set up, but the possibilities for the space in this home are endless.

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The home has a caged, in-ground, saltwater swimming pool with lots of room to host summer barbecues with a covered lanai and large lounging area.

Should you get pre-approved before home shopping?

So you have made the decision that the time is right for you to buy a home. One of the most important first steps you can take — even before you start scouring the real estate ads — is to get pre-qualified or pre-approved for a mortgage.



ON THE HOME FRONT
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There is more than one reason it's so important for you get pre-qualified. First, you know you will be shopping your price range. There's nothing worse than falling in love with a home and not being able to buy it.

Second, our market is so hot right now. Inventory is low and there are lots of buyers looking for a home. This means that any home priced correctly is flying off the market — usually

with multiple offers. Buyers are getting into bidding wars. If you are not pre-qualified, you can't even get in the running!

There is a difference between a pre-qualification and a pre-approval. Pre-qualification is a pretty basic thing, while

pre-approval requires more paperwork. Sometimes the terms are used interchangeably, but usually you get pre-qualified as a first step and pre-approved as the next step.

Pre-qualification usually involves a basic review of your finances — comparing your income versus your expenses — to give you an idea of what you may be able to borrow.

Pre-approval, however, is more in-depth and involves looking at your credit score, credit report and assets and debts in addition to monthly income and expenses.

Your credit score is very important. It can range from a low of 350 to a high of 850. Anything

under 600 is considered low. The higher your credit score, the less risk you are to the bank, which means you will get a better interest rate.

Lenders will also look at your credit report to see your credit history. They like to see things such as accounts that have been open for more than a year with timely payments and no large collections or judgments against you, especially ones that are still open. You will usually have to get those all settled before you can get a mortgage approval.

Another important thing lenders look for is your rental history. If you are habitually late with the rent (or mortgage payments if you already

own a home), then that will make it difficult to find a loan.

Your debt-to-income ratio (DTI) is another factor lenders consider. They want to make sure that the mortgage and associated expenses (taxes, insurance, etc.), coupled with your other fixed monthly expenses like car payments, credit card payments and other loans, are something you can reasonably be expected to keep up with every month.

Lenders will also want to know how much of a down payment you have saved up.

The more you have, the better your chances of getting a loan.

Sellers like it when prospective buyers are

pre-approved for a loan, and makes them more likely to accept your offer than one coming from someone who is not pre-approved.

While it is always good to get pre-qualified and even better to get pre-approved, it's important to remember that neither one of those is a guarantee you will get the loan on the home you want to buy.

They are just the first steps in the process.

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9 grants and programs to help you buy your first home

By **RACHEL HARTMAN**
BANKRATE.COM

Money issues often stand in the way of homeownership. A survey by rental service Apartment List found that 80 percent of millennial renters want to buy a home, but most say they can't afford to.

What you may not realize is that many first-time homebuyer programs and grants offer financial help, and you may be eligible for various types of assistance.

Here are nine first-time homebuyer programs and grants designed to help you land a great mortgage and get a place of your own.

1. FHA loan
In an FHA loan, the Federal Housing Administration insures the mortgage. The FHA is an agency within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The FHA's backing offers lenders a layer of protection, meaning that your lender won't experience a loss if you default on the mortgage.

FHA loans typically come with competitive interest rates, smaller down payments and lower closing costs than conventional loans.

If you have a credit score of 580 or higher, you could be eligible for a mortgage with a down payment as low as 3.5 percent of the purchase price. If your credit score is lower than 580, you

still might qualify for an FHA mortgage, but the down payment would be at least 10 percent of the purchase amount.

2. USDA loan
While not well known, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a homebuyer assistance program.

While the program focuses on homes in certain rural areas, you don't need to buy or run a farm to be eligible.

The USDA guarantees the home loan. There may be no down payment required, and the loan payments are fixed.

Applicants with a credit score of 640 or higher typically get streamlined processing. With a credit score below 640, you still can qualify for a USDA loan, but the lender will ask for extra documentation about your payment history.

Keep in mind that there are income limitations, which can vary by region.

3. VA loan
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) helps active-duty military members, veterans and surviving spouses buy homes.

The VA guarantees part of the loan, making it possible for lenders to offer some special features. VA loans come with competitive interest rates and require no down payment. You aren't required to pay for private mortgage insurance (PMI), and a minimum credit score isn't needed for eligibility.

If it becomes difficult to make payments on the mortgage, the VA can negotiate with the lender on your behalf.

4. Good Neighbor Next Door

The Good Neighbor Next Door program, sponsored by HUD, provides housing aid for law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers.

Through this program, you can receive a discount of 50 percent on a home's listed price in regions known as "revitalization areas."

Using the program's website, you can search for properties available in your state. You must commit to living in the home for at least 36 months.

5. Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are government-sponsored entities. They work with local lenders to offer mortgage options that benefit low- and moderate-income families.

With the backing of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, lenders can offer competitive interest rates and accept down payments as low as 3 percent of the purchase price.

Fannie Mae also provides homeownership education for first-time homebuyers through its "HomePath Ready Buyer" program.

6. Energy-efficient mortgage (EEM)

An energy-efficient, or "green," mortgage is designed to help you add improvements to your home to make it more environmentally friendly. The federal government supports EEM loans by insuring them through the FHA or VA programs.

The key advantage of this mortgage is that it lets you create an energy-efficient home without having to make a larger down payment. The extra cost is rolled into your primary loan.

Some improvements you can make include installing double-paned windows, new insulation or a modern heating-and-cooling system.

7. FHA Section 203(k)
If you've run the numbers to see how much house you can afford and have determined a fixer-upper is best for your budget, the Section 203(k) rehabilitation program may be a good fit.

This type of loan, backed by the FHA, takes into consideration the value of the residence after improvements have been made. It then lets you borrow the funds you'll need to carry out the project and includes them in your main mortgage.

The down payment for a 203(k) loan can be as low as 3 percent.

8. Native American Direct Loan

Since 1992, the Native American Veteran Direct Loan program has helped Native American veterans and their

spouses buy homes on federal trust lands. The VA serves as the lender.

If you're eligible, you won't be required to make a down payment or pay for private mortgage insurance (PMI).

This first-time homebuyer loan also offers low closing costs and a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

9. Local grants and programs

In addition to the various programs provided by the federal government, many states and cities offer help to first-time homebuyers.

Before buying a home, check your state's or community's website for information on housing grants and programs available in your area.

You also might consider contacting a real

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Yellow paint in the family room or “yell-no!”

By **SHELLY SAPP**
CONTRIBUTED COLUMN

As I binge watched HGTV’s “Beachfront Bargain Hunt” the entire holiday weekend thanks to Alberto, I was reminded how many of us paint our family rooms yellow when we move to Florida. Why not?

Color psychologists laud its benefit to bring happiness to its admirers. If you are a follower of Feng shui, it represents not one but two elements: earth and fire; Both provoking positive energy, improving health and increasing self-esteem.

How can you go wrong with such good vibes pouring out of a paint can? Well, it’s in the shading we have a habit of going wrong. Let’s look at why this happens and how we can pick the right shade of yellow paint for your Florida cottage.

Yellow is tough. It is, in my opinion, one of the hardest palletes to choose a paint color from because it is so affected by light. A warm sunflower yellow, if painted in a west facing room with lots of natural sunlight, can become tangerine-orange in the late afternoon. A sweet buttercream yellow will turn to a rather unfortunate shade of khaki when lit by cool LED lamp bulbs.

This quality, which makes yellow a moving target in interiors, is referred to as “metamerism.” The way we perceive a color based on how light is either reflected, transmitted or

emitted.

You may have experienced “illuminant metamerism” when you tried to touch up white painted walls in your bedroom. The white paints looked exactly alike in the store? Yet your meticulous paint job looks like a shoddy mess in the morning! Don’t beat yourself up over that one, it happens to all of us at least once!

May I suggest before you head to the big box store for paint chips, do a little homework. Stand in your room and take note of the natural light sources. If there are a lot of windows, look at what direction the light is coming from.

If the room faces north, you will have a cool blue natural light most of the day. From the south, expect a warm orange haze throughout the day.

Exposure from the east will tend to be more yellow and from the west, more orange. Look at paint chips in the parking lot of the store instead of in the paint department.

If the room is dark and lamps are your primary source of light, look at what type of bulbs you are using. LED bulbs emit a narrow blue light while vintage bulbs will flood the room with yellow-orange colored light. Take your chips on a field trip to the light bulb aisle. There is usually a display showing the different “temperatures” of bulbs. Use the interactive buttons to see how each will affect your paint chips. It’s super fun!

After you have selected what you “think” is your favorite, ask to have three sample cups prepared. One for your

best choice, one for the shade on the paint card above your favorite and one for the shade below your choice. These additional samples are not so much about how dark or light the shade is, however, the undertone.

Yellows are comprised of red or blue bases, what designers call undertones. And one final note on samples, ask for matte paint samples if available. Yellow will reflect a lot of light, think beams of sunshine, so it is at its most pure in matte sheens.

Now go home and place penny bets with your neighbor on which sample will come the closest to the shade of buttercup

you envisioned. (HINT: It will rarely be your first choice!) Paint two coats of each sample in separate 2 by 2 square foot patches then let them sit for at least two full days.

Watch how the color changes throughout the day. Lamps on and lamps off. How do these colors make you feel? Which one makes you smile? You have now mastered the perfect yellow painted wall. Namaste.

Not happy with any of these yellow color chips? Worry not, there are lots of ways to bring yellow into a space without the commitment of paint.

Accessorize with saffron velvet throw pillows

or a set of lemon ombre linen window panels. Choose a statement removable wallpaper like the “Victorian Peacock” in yellow from Zenina Anastasia. Then toss a honey chenille blanket over the sofa and fill a hurricane with gold daylilies.

Sit back, pour a glass of chardonnay and enjoy their most perky color in the spectrum!

Share your favorite shade of yellow on my blog at shellysappinteriors.com/blog/.

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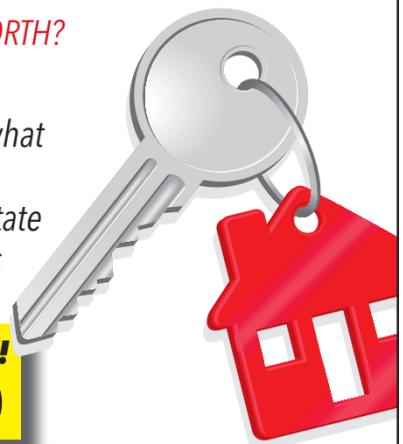
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TENNIS: French Open

Get ready for Williams vs. Sharapova

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
Associated Press

PARIS — If the upcoming French Open showdown between Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova provides any of the sort of animus and back-and-forth they manage to stir up away from the court, look out.

During a news conference after both won Saturday to set up the longtime rivals' fourth-round matchup at Roland Garros, Williams

criticized Sharapova's autobiography as "hearsay" and twice brought up the Russian's 15-month doping ban.

Producing by far the best performance in her return to Grand Slam tennis — 16 months after her last major tournament and nine months after having a baby — Williams played cleanly and powerfully in a 6-3, 6-4 tour de force against 11th-seeded Julia Goerges that lasted a mere 75 minutes and lacked much in the way

of theatrics.

"There is still a ways to go, but it's moving in the right direction," said Williams, who made only three unforced errors in the first set, 12 in all. "And I think that as long as it's moving in the right direction, I know I will get there."

Sharapova advanced with a similarly lopsided win, 6-2, 6-1 against 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova.

Now comes the drama: Williams vs. Sharapova on Monday with a

quarterfinal spot at stake.

They have verbally clashed in the past, such as a 2013 public spat about their private lives.

Williams, 36, owns 23 major singles titles. Sharapova, 31, has won five. Williams has won the French Open three times, Sharapova twice. They are the only active women with a career Grand Slam; they are two of six in history to accomplish that. Both



AP PHOTO

Serena Williams of the U.S. celebrates as she defeats Germany's Julia Goerges during their third round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Saturday in Paris.

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NFL: Football camp



GREG AUMAN | TIMES

Bucs QB Jameis Winston works with kids at his annual youth football camp at the Bucs' indoor practice facility.

Winston stresses teamwork

By **GREG AUMAN**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

Jameis Winston's annual youth football camp had the Bucs' indoor practice facility filled on Saturday morning, with

teammates helping him spread a message to kids that could help his team this fall.

"My main message is 'Teamwork makes the dream work.' I tell the kids to have respect for each other. Be kind,"

Winston said in a break from hands-on work with his campers. "The second thing is energy. We want to be excited. ... The third thing is effort. It takes no talent to have effort. I don't want the

kids to get down on themselves. I just want them to have fun and do their best."

Winston had a dozen or so Bucs teammates, including Gerald

SEE WINSTON, 3

NFL: Buccaneers

First-round Bucs pick Vita Vea is bringing the heat ... and surviving it

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — It was sunny, 87 degrees with humidity around 70 percent. But it felt more like summer than it had in some time during the Bucs' organized team activities practice Thursday. Players ran gassers afterward, testing the limits of "voluntary" offseason workouts.

"It was oppressive," coach Dirk Koetter said. "Really, add six or seven degrees, this is training camp today. I think the guys adjust pretty fast to that. In training camp, we practice in the morning, so (Thursday) is as tough as it gets."

In fact, it felt a lot like the kind of heat the Bucs experience in the summer and early fall. Which brings us to 347-pound rookie defensive tackle Vita Vea.

Of course, players were not in pads, it wasn't close to simulating a game and there is virtually no real contact between offensive and defensive linemen.

But Vea, the first-round pick from Washington, has shown no signs of having trouble adjusting to the warmer, humid climate.

"What we've seen is a guy that his weight definitely has not affected him," Koetter said.

The Bucs have seen more than that. Vea's size and quickness show up in routine line drills. So does his strength, which may be his biggest asset.

"He's got an excellent motor and he is a very strong human being," Koetter said. "You can ask those guards that are playing against him. I mean, he's got a (hump) move with that inside arm. I've seen him lift 300-pound men off the ground with one arm. It's impressive, his strength."

Vea, 23, has a lot to learn about the NFL game. He will have the luxury of having good mentors in defensive tackles Gerald McCoy, Beau Allen and Mitch Unrein.

SEE VEA, 6

MLB: Rays journal

Alex Colome says trade 'hard for me' but thanks club for all it did for him

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

SEATTLE — The shock of being traded by the Rays to the Mariners a week ago has finally worn off for RHP Alex Colome.

The adjustment to a new team and, more importantly, a new role behind closer Edwin

Diaz has gone well.

So Friday, in his first comments to Tampa Bay media since the deal, was the time for his formal goodbye.

"It's really hard for me, Colome said. "They signed me in 2007. I've always been a Ray. I just say, thank you for

SEE COLOME, 3

MLB: Trades

Why the Rays keep trading with the Mariners

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

SEATTLE — Seeing Alex Colome and Denard Span in Mariner home whites this weekend is the latest product of the relationship between the Rays and Mariners that seems to be one of the coziest in the game.

Besides the cracks about a baseball romance between general managers Erik Neander and Jerry Dipoto — and there are plenty, such

as Chris Archer's, "You know they're favorites in each other's phone" — there are several commonalities that have led to nine trades, involving 28 players (including Anthony Misiewicz, twice) over the past 2½ years.

The execs are similar enough in the way they evaluate and, more important, value players to find common ground. They're different enough

SEE TRADING, 3



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Denard Span #4 high fives Chris Prieto #13 of the Seattle Mariners after hitting a single in the second inning against the Texas Rangers during their game at Safeco Field on May 31, 2018 in Seattle, Washington.

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D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 5

June 2N	0-5-4-6-8
June 2D	1-2-2-0-6
June 1N	1-1-8-0-3
June 1D	1-1-4-5-4
May 31N	4-7-3-7-9
May 31D	5-5-0-6-9
D-Day	N-Night

FANTASY 5

June 1	3-14-15-18-33
May 31	8-11-19-29-36
May 30	6-16-17-21-31

PAYOFF for June 1	
1	5-5 \$218,480.87
289	4-5 \$121.50
8,947	3-5 \$11.00
PAYOFF for May 31	
2 ... 5-digit winners	\$98,797.31
297 ... 4-digit winners	\$107.00
9090 ... 3-digit winners	\$9.50

CASH FOR LIFE

May 31	1-28-42-47-55
Cash Ball	4
May 28	13-29-31-34-47
Cash Ball	1

PAYOFF FOR May 31

SPORTS ON TV**AUTO RACING**

2 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Pocono 400, at Long Pond, Pa.
 3:30 p.m.
 ABC — IndyCar, Chevrolet Indy Duel (Race 2), at Detroit

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Noon
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
 ESPNU — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
 3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
 ESPNU — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
 6 p.m.
 ESPNU — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
 9 p.m.
 ESPNU — NCAA Tournament, Regionals, teams TBA
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 1 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA World Series, Game 11, Washington vs. Arizona St., Oklahoma or Florida, at Oklahoma City
 3:30 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA World Series, Game 12, UCLA vs. Florida St., Georgia or Oregon, at Oklahoma City
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA World Series, Game 13 (if necessary), Washington vs. Arizona St., Oklahoma or Florida, at Oklahoma City
 9:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA World Series, Game 14 (if necessary), UCLA vs. Florida St., Georgia or Oregon, at Oklahoma City
CYCLING
 2 a.m. (Monday)
 NBCSN — UCI World Tour: Critérium du Dauphiné, Prologue, at Valence, France (same-day tape)

IN BRIEF**SAN DIEGO****Reds place Bailey on DL, reinstate Brice**

The Cincinnati Reds placed right-hander Homer Bailey on the 10-day disabled list with right knee inflammation

0	5-5 CB \$1,000/Day
0	5-5 \$1,000/Week
2	4-5 CB \$2,500
4	4-5 \$500
139	3-5 \$100

PAYOFF FOR May 28

0	5-of-5 CB \$1,000/Day
0	5-of-5 \$1,000/Week
7	4-of-5 CB \$2,500
8	4-of-5 \$500

LUCKY MONEY

June 1	13-16-17-32
Lucky Ball	16
May 29	20-33-37-42
Lucky Ball	11
May 25	10-13-42-44
Lucky Ball	3

PAYOFF FOR June 1

0	4-4+LB \$800.00
2	4-4 \$2,685.50
32	3-4-LB \$367.50
560	3-4 \$61.50

LOTTO

May 30	2-41-46-48-50-52
May 26	4-8-9-42-46-53

PAYOFF FOR May 30

0	6-digit winners \$3.5 million
9	5-digit winners \$7,546.50
583	4-digit winners \$90.00

POWERBALL

May 30	17-23-26-46-68
Powerball	20
June 2	23, 25, 37, 44, 64
Power Ball	7

PAYOFF FOR May 30

0:5-5 + PB	\$60 Million
0	5-5 \$1 Million
0	4-5 + PB \$50,000
20	4-5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$74 Million	

MEGA MILLIONS

June 1	5-24-52-62-66
Mega Ball 17x3	
May 29	2-11-55-58-67
Mega Ball	2

PAYOFF FOR June 1

0	5-5 +MB \$97 Million
0	5-5 \$1 Million
0	4-5 +MB \$10,000
18	4-5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$97 million	

MILB: Stone Crabs

Stone Crabs' woes continue

Staff Reports

A Stone Crabs 5-run rally in the 6th inning wasn't enough as they fell Saturday night to the Bradenton Marauders 7-6 at LECOM Park.

Peter Maris opened the game's scoring in the 1st Inning with his 5th home run of the year, a

solo shot to right field. However, Bradenton would answer back in the 3rd inning, with a home run of their own, the first of three extra-base hits on the night for Marauders third baseman Hunter Owen.

The Marauders would chase Stone Crabs starter Willy Ortiz in

the fifth inning, scoring 5-runs, with the big blast coming from shortstop Jung Ho Kang, whose grand slam helped give Bradenton what they thought would be a comfortable cushion. However, the Stone Crabs rallied back in the 6th inning scoring 5-runs of their own.

Stone Crabs reliever Zack Mizingo pitched effectively in relief, giving way to fellow fireman Brandon Koch in the 8th inning. However, after yielding an infield single and a walk, Koch surrendered the winning run, with Owen delivering his third RBI of the night.

NHL: Finals

Capitals flying high up 2-1 on Vegas in Stanley Cup Final

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov scored, Braden Holtby made enough saves to compensate for his giveaway and the Washington Capitals beat the Vegas Golden Knights 3-1 on Saturday night to take a 2-1 lead in the Stanley Cup Final.

Ovechkin scored his 14th goal of the playoffs and joyfully watched Kuznetsov wrist a shot past Vegas goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury not long after. Kuznetsov was a game-time decision after leaving Game 2 clutching his left arm, but he looked fine and for good measure unleashed his signature bird-flapping celebration as

Ovechkin screamed and raised his arms on the bench.

Holtby stopped 21 of the 22 shots he faced, more than enough to withstand a puck-handling miscue that led to Tomas Nosek's third-period goal to cut Washington's lead to 2-1. Devante Smith-Pelly scored for the Capitals with 6:07 left to put them two away from the

franchise's first title.

Fleury stopped 23 of 26 shots, but Vegas lost back-to-back games for the first time in the playoffs and looked nothing like the team that won 13 of 16 games through three rounds. The Golden Knights' magical, historic run is now in danger of coming to an end with Game 4 back in Washington on Monday.

NHL: Finals

Cup Final is bittersweet validation for fired coach

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The text message lit up Troy Mann's phone the morning after the Capitals eliminated the Penguins with a patchwork lineup featuring five rookies. It came from Barry Trotz. "Thanks Manner for having all those rookie Caps ready," Trotz wrote. "They all played well — you own a piece of this win last night."

Mann beamed with pride when more than a half-dozen players he coached with the American Hockey League's Hershey Bears contributed to the victory that got the Capitals into the Eastern Conference final. Many of those players are still playing key roles for Washington in the Stanley Cup Final against the Vegas Golden Knights — more than a month after Mann was fired from his job as Hershey's head



AP PHOTO

In a photo provided by the American Hockey League, then-Hershey Bears assistant coach Troy Mann celebrates the team's Calder Cup championship on June 14, 2010, in Hershey, Pa.

coach.

This is a bittersweet time for Mann, who had a hand in the development of Jakub Vrana, Chandler Stephenson and Christian Djoos as coach and was an assistant when Braden Holtby, John Carlson, Dmitry Orlov, Andre Burakovsky, Jay

Beagle and Tom Wilson went through Hershey on their way to the NHL. Considering the success of those players and Hershey products Nate Schmidt and Cody Eakin contributing for Vegas, the Cup Final is a validation of Mann's methods of getting prospects ready

for the next level.

"I called Troy Mann the other day and thanked him for producing a lot of good players," Trotz said. "All the players he had the last couple of years are all playing in the Stanley Cup Finals. Guys who haven't played a (playoff) game before. They've brought some of that winning tradition that they had in Hershey. It's important for those guys to be a part of it."

Mann has remained connected to the Capitals' playoff run by talking to Trotz and Hershey video coach Mike King, who's in Washington. Amid interviews with other organizations for another AHL job or work as an NHL assistant, he has watched about 80 percent of the Capitals' games this postseason and can see the elements in players' games he and assistant Ryan Murphy harped on improving during their four-year tenure.

TENNIS: French Open

Nadal's 16-0 streak vs. old buddy Gasquet

By **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS — Surely, that's no way to treat a friend? Rafael Nadal beat his old buddy Richard Gasquet for a 16th consecutive time Saturday, making theirs one of the most lopsided duels in men's tennis.

The Spaniard and the Frenchman were born 15 days apart in 1986. They've known each

other since they were young prodigies. But with a racket in his hand, Nadal is ruthless with the player he calls "a good friend and a good person."

With friends like that, who needs enemies? Nadal's streak against Gasquet stretches back to 2004. Gasquet hasn't taken so much as a set off Nadal in 10 years.

Their third-round match at the French

Open on Saturday followed a familiar pattern: Nadal subjected Gasquet to a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 pummeling.

At 16-0, Nadal's head-to-head record against Gasquet is now one of the most lopsided since the professional era began in 1968. Bjorn Borg went 17-0 against Vitas Gerulaitis; Ivan Lendl did likewise against Tim Mayotte. Roger Federer has 17-0 streaks going

against Mikhail Youzhny and David Ferrer.

With his gentlemanly right-handed tennis, Gasquet quickly finds himself overpowered by the left-handed Nadal.

"When he plays on his backhand, he has an intensity which is monstrous," Gasquet said after the latest loss. "I really have trouble with his forehand that comes to my shoulder every time."

NBA: Finals

Warriors not expecting LeBron James and Co. to lose edge

By **JANIE MCCAULEY**
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — All the chatter is that underdog Cleveland could be completely deflated from the way it flopped in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. Determined and as motivated as ever might be more appropriate and fitting whenever LeBron James is in the mix.

"It's one of the toughest losses I've had in my career," James acknowledged Saturday, "because

of everything that kind of went on with the game and the way we played. Obviously, we all know what happened in the game."

There were miscues aplenty, most notably J.R. Smith's offensive rebound in the final seconds of regulation that he dribbled back toward half-court in a tie game rather than shooting for a chance to win it — later insisting he knew the score, though that remains a huge mystery. The decision baffled a

frustrated and stunned LeBron, who signaled at his teammate with arms pointed toward the basket.

"The game's over. There's nothing we can do about it," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "We've got to move on, move forward."

James has done so all postseason with an edge, intensity and ability to all-out carry the Cavs — will them to win after win, if you wish.

Yes, with King James on the other side in this

familiar June rivalry, Golden State knows much better than to fall into such a trap that the Cavs might be down and out, even if the defending champions have some momentum going into Game 2 on Sunday night back home at Oracle Arena.

The Warriors learned that lasting lesson two years ago, when James led the Cavaliers back from the brink — a daunting 3-1 series deficit — to capture a title in Game 7 on the Warriors' home floor.

GOLF: Memorial

DeChambeau takes 1-shot lead as Woods lurks at Memorial

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Bryson DeChambeau finished off a 6-under 66 with birdies on two of the toughest holes, giving him a one-shot lead going into a final round at a Memorial that features Tiger Woods in the mix at Muirfield Village for the first time in six years.

Woods was in total control of his shots for the second straight day, only to miss short putts down the stretch that spoiled his run. He was briefly tied for the lead Saturday until three-putt bogeys on the 16th and 18th holes, and he had to settle for a 68. He was five shots behind.

Woods wasn't alone in missing short putts.

Walking off the course with his first 54-hole lead, DeChambeau couldn't but help but think of the two that got away. He missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the ninth hole, and then missed a birdie putt from 4 feet on the par-5 15th.

With the course soft and vulnerable to low scores, it was tough to leave shots on the course.

"Just keep thinking about those two 3-footers I missed," said DeChambeau, who was at 14-under 202. "I played great, obviously. Ecstatic about where I am."



AP PHOTO

Bryson DeChambeau follows his tee shot on the 18th hole during the third round of the Memorial golf tournament Saturday, in Dublin, Ohio.

DeChambeau wasn't even sure where he was when he finished because so many players worked their way up and down the leaderboard over the final two hours. He wound up with a one-shot lead over Kyle Stanley, who bogeyed the 18th hole from the bunker for a 70; Patrick Cantlay, who drove into the creek left of the 18th fairway for a bogey and a 66; and Joaquin Niemann, the 19-year-old from Chile who atoned for one big mistake on the 15th hole with a birdie on the 18th for a 70.

Cantlay made two eagles, including a hole-in-one on the par-3 eighth. DeChambeau rolled in a 20-foot birdie on the par-3 16th, the third-toughest at Muirfield Village in the third round, and he hit 9-iron to 5 feet on the toughest

hole, the 18th.

Six players had at least a share of the lead at some point.

Byeong Hun An played bogey-free for a 69 and was two shots behind, while Justin Rose dropped two shots over the last three holes for a 69 and was four back.

Woods played the last five holes of the front nine in 5 under, starting with his second eagle of the week. And then he stalled, just like he did on Friday. He didn't make another birdie until the par-5 15th, when his sharp-breaking 15-footer dropped to give him a tie for the lead.

That didn't last long. Woods ran his 45-foot birdie putt about 7 feet by on the par-3 16th and missed it coming back, and then closed by missing a 3-foot par putt.

"I know I shot 68

today, but again, that's probably the highest score I could have possibly shot," Woods said. "I played really, really well. I played beautifully, actually. Had total control of what I was doing out there and just didn't finish it off."

He won the Memorial for the fifth time in 2012, finished 20 shots behind the following year and then injuries took over. He finished in last place in 2015, the last time he was at Muirfield Village.

This year has produced the kind of golf Ohio fans are used to seeing. And the weather is about par for Muirfield Village, with more thunderstorms expected Sunday. The final round will be threesomes teeing off earlier than usual to account for the forecast.

"The weather is going to be a little iffy," Woods said. "But I'm in a position where if I shoot another good round like I had the last two days, I've got a chance."

Rory McIlroy, remarkably, has reason to feel the same way.

McIlroy nearly missed the cut, surviving on the number after two days. He played bogey-free for a 64 and wound up just six shots behind. Just like Woods and DeChambeau, he had a few regrets on the greens. McIlroy missed three birdie chances inside 8 feet.

GOLF: US Women's Open

Sarah Jane Smith up by 3 at US Women's Open at Shoal Creek

By DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Sarah Jane Smith has a three-shot lead entering the third round of the U.S. Women's Open.

The Australian shot a 5-under 67 Friday, finishing her second round before more thunderstorms soaked an already wet Shoal Creek course. Half the field completed the second round Saturday morning.

Thailand's Ariya

Jutanugarn is second after a 70. South Korean-born Su-Hyun Oh, who moved to Australia at 8, shot a 68 and is third. She's four shots behind Smith, who is at 10-under 134 for the tournament.

Michelle Wie is among eight players tied for fourth, seven shots off the lead. Wie had a 72 in the second round after a 69 Thursday. The third round begins with groups of three, starting on the first and 10th tees.



AP PHOTO

Sarah Jane Smith, of Australia, and her caddie husband, Duane Smith, talk about her tee shot on the 18th hole during the second round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Shoal Creek, Friday, in Birmingham, Ala.

WINSTON

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McCoy, Lavonte David, Kwon Alexander, Donovan Smith and O.J. Howard, with Rams star Todd Gurley helping out as well. The group of about 300 kids (many paying \$149 to attend) included 75 from Special Olympics, as well as 16 boys and girls from his hometown

in Alabama who won a collage contest and were brought to Tampa with their parents to attend the camp for free.

With rain much of the week and summer heat, Winston was grateful to be able to move his camp indoors to the Bucs' new facility, where parents could watch their kids without worrying about sunburns.

"I can't give enough

thanks to the Bucs," Winston said. "Tampa's hot, and for us to be able to do this here in this indoor facility is huge. You see the excitement of the kids. (They) don't have to get 10 water breaks because of the heat. I thank the Bucs wholeheartedly."

Winston, who recently got engaged and has a baby on the way in July, said a fundraiser Friday night for his Dream

Forever Foundation went well, and he's happy to be able to give back to the Tampa Bay area.

"This is our community," Winston said. "Hopefully they can see in their hearts that my foundation is helping support the kids. That's what it's all about. My child is going to grow up in this community hopefully, so it's exciting to be able to put on events like this."

COLOME

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everything they did for me, for giving me the opportunity to be the closer, to be pitching every time."

After sticking with the Rays through a winter of rumors, Colome figured he would be traded at some point this season, just not that soon.

"I was on the couch resting for the game when they called me (in). I said, 'What?' They said, 'Yes, we traded you,'" Colome relayed. "I knew that going to happen this year, but not this soon. When they tell me ... I said, 'Damn.'" A year after leading the

majority in saves, Colome will be used primarily as a setup man to Diaz, who leads the majors with 19 saves and an AL-reliever high 48 strikeouts in 28 innings.

And Colome said that's okay: "I just try to do my job. It's fine. I don't care. Like I told you before, I'll throw anywhere they give me the opportunity."

Manager Scott Servais said he welcomes having Colome as an option for when Diaz needs a day off, already using him to close once.

Aside from being a little chilly on some nights in Seattle, Colome said he has adjusted well and noted how well he has been treated. He is looking

forward to returning to the Trop with the Mariners next week to see the fans and stadium personnel.

As for facing the Rays? "They know what I do, I'm just going to throw the fastball and cutter to everybody," he said. "On the mound, no friends. But they know I love these guys and respect every one for the Rays."

Spanning the country

Tampa-raised OF Denard Span was also traded from the Rays to the Mariners in the deal for two pitching prospects. Though Span wasn't in the lineup Friday, Servais said he has been a "welcome" addition, primarily because of his patient

at-bats.

"He's been around, he's got a lot of experience in the league, his preparation is very good," Servais said.

Nothing sticky here

RHP Nathan Eovaldi denied the on-air accusation by A's TV analyst, and former big-leaguer, Dallas Braden that he was using pine tar on his hand during Wednesday's game, as some pitchers do to improve their grip.

"I don't use any sort of sticky stuff," Eovaldi said Friday. "Honestly, if you all want to look at my glove, that's fine. The only thing I use is rosin. The reason is I want the ball to feel free coming out when I throw my split, because

TRADING

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in the stages of roster construction to recognize and address matchups. And they have enough trust to be able to have open, direct and skip-the-bull-and-cut-to-the-chase talks.

"They obviously have a good working relationship, front office to front office," said Rays infielder Brad Miller, part of the first deal after Dipoto took over the Mariners following the 2015 season.

"It's kind of unique. There's clearly something there. I don't think it's chance. They know how each other works. It's kind of mutually advantageous."

The frat chat between Neander and Dipoto is what seals deals, but there is so much work involved before they say "I do," such as reports on the medicals, analytical projections, financial implications.

It all starts with the work of the scouts, the Rays' eclectic 15-man crew that is out in ballparks across the country and beyond almost every day, watching, identifying, evaluating and recommending players long before their names are ever on the table.

That includes — and proved critical in several of the deals with the Mariners — work at many of the lowest levels of the minors, as far as extended spring training and summer first-year leagues, which the Rays focus on more heavily than some other teams.

"I might be a little biased, but I think our group does a tremendous job from the major leagues all the way down to the Dominican Summer League of really covering all the levels so we don't have a blind spot when someone does have an idea," Rays pro scouting director Kevin Ibach said.

"So when Erik and Jerry might first discuss something and it filters down, I think we're in a really good position to honestly evaluate not only their system but to take a look from our side, too, and weigh in on whether the trade would be a net positive for us."

The Rays encourage their scouts not only to be vigilant and observant, knowing even the smallest tidbit about a player on or off the field can be a big thing, but also open minded, creative and aggressive in making suggestions, pushing the paired themes that "no idea is a bad idea" and "no name is a bad name."

The workload is shared, as the Rays are among the half or so teams that do their pro scouting geographically rather than by organization.

That means, for example, rather than having one scout be responsible for all of Seattle's minor-league teams, they use

several scouts to cover the Mariners affiliates (as well as those of other teams) near where they live, creating what they consider a benefit of multiple opinions on some players.

Seattle-based Dave Myers — a former Mariners major- and minor-league coach and former Rays Triple-A coach — handles the big-league team, Triple-A Tacoma, rookie-level Everett (Wash.) and advanced Class A Modesto (Calif). J.D. Elliby has Double-A Arkansas, Jeff Stewart Class A Clinton (Iowa), Mike Langill extended spring and the complex-based Arizona league, and Jose Gomez the Dominican summer league teams. Cross-checker Jason Cole posts up at the Mariners/Padres shared spring camp. All have had a hand in the deals, and well beyond the obvious.

"You can't go out from our perspective and only scout the famous guys," Ibach said. "I always challenge our guys to find the 'off-the-radar types' that are down a little bit deeper in the system and maybe have that one pitch or the sum of the parts that add up to something that functions really well."

That commitment to scout the low levels and scout hard has factored in to several of the deals with Seattle.

Neither pitchers Ryan Yarbrough nor Andrew Kittredge were considered prime prospects when acquired, but the Rays saw them as future major-leaguers in the skilled hands of their player development staff, and both made it. Shortstop Carlos Vargas was a 17-year-old who had played only one pro season in the Dominican League, but the Rays had good reports on him. Catcher Jesus Sucre proved more than capable of being a big-league backup after three years bouncing to Triple A.

Sometimes the diligence, preparation and complex scheduling (such as trying to scout a team for six straight games to see all the pitchers) pays off.

And sometimes so does a little luck, too. Twice this season Ibach went to see the other team when Tommy Romero pitched, and impressively, for Seattle's Class A Clinton team. So when they were looking to complete the Span/Colome deal last week, Ibach's data, plus reports from the amateur scouting staff, including at last year's predraft workout at the Trop, led to Romero being included.

"Just given the history," Ibach said, "our antennas are up any time we're in the ballpark scouting a Mariners affiliate."

Probably a good idea. *Marc Topkin can be reached at mtopkin@tampabay.com. Follow @TBTimes_Rays.*

team even though its 3-3 in the games when it has used a reliever to get the first three-six outs.

Miscellany

- Interesting that the Dodgers borrowed from the Rays and used a reliever as their "opener" Friday against the Rockies.

- Cash said SS Adeiny Hechavarria remains sidelined by his hamstring strain, still limited to getting treatment with no onfield activity.

- RHP Chris Archer starts Saturday, saying his improved May is the result of executing more pitches but no other real change, more an evening out of his performance over a long season.

For openers

RHP Sergio Romo made his fifth start as the game "opener," and for the first time the opposing team made a significant change to its lineup in reaction, with the Mariners moving up Kyle Seager to have two lefties in the top three.

Rays manager Kevin Cash reiterated that he felt the plan has worked for his

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	37	17	.685	—	—	6-4	W-4	22-9	15-8
Boston	39	19	.672	—	—	6-4	L-2	20-8	19-11
Tampa Bay	28	28	.500	10	6½	6-4	L-2	11-13	17-15
Toronto	25	33	.431	14	10½	2-8	L-5	12-17	13-16
Baltimore	17	41	.293	22	18½	2-8	L-7	10-18	7-23

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	30	27	.526	—	—	6-4	L-2	18-11	12-16
Detroit	28	30	.483	2½	7½	8-2	W-4	19-12	9-18
Minnesota	24	30	.444	4½	9½	3-7	W-2	13-13	11-17
Kansas City	21	37	.362	9½	14½	6-4	W-1	10-20	11-17
Chicago	17	38	.309	12	17	3-7	L-1	9-19	8-19

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	37	22	.627	—	—	6-4	W-2	18-11	19-11
Seattle	35	22	.614	1	—	7-3	W-2	18-12	17-10
Los Angeles	31	27	.534	5½	4½	5-5	W-1	13-17	18-10
Oakland	30	29	.508	7	6	5-5	L-1	15-15	15-14
Texas	24	36	.400	13½	12½	5-5	L-2	11-19	13-17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	34	24	.586	—	—	5-5	L-1	15-12	19-12
Washington	33	24	.579	½	—	7-3	W-1	12-14	21-10
Philadelphia	31	24	.564	1½	½	4-6	L-1	19-9	12-15
New York	27	28	.491	5½	4½	3-7	L-2	12-15	15-13
Miami	20	37	.351	13½	12½	3-7	L-4	10-18	10-19

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	37	22	.627	—	—	7-3	W-1	18-11	19-11
Chicago	31	23	.574	3½	—	6-4	W-2	15-11	16-12
St. Louis	31	25	.554	4½	1	5-5	W-1	17-12	14-13
Pittsburgh	30	28	.517	6½	3	3-7	L-1	17-13	13-15
Cincinnati	21	37	.362	15½	12	5-7	W-2	9-19	12-18

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	29	27	.518	—	—	4-6	W-1	17-13	12-14
Colorado	30	28	.517	—	3	4-6	L-3	11-15	19-13
Los Angeles	28	30	.483	2	5	7-3	W-2	14-17	14-13
San Francisco	27	30	.474	2½	5½	4-6	W-2	15-10	12-20
San Diego	25	34	.424	5½	8½	5-5	L-1	14-20	11-14

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Cardinals 3, Pirates 2: Kolten Wong led off the bottom of the ninth inning with a home run off Richard Rodriguez, giving the Cardinals a win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tigers 7, Blue Jays 4: John Hicks' two-run single in the eighth inning broke open a tie game and the Detroit Tigers went on to beat Toronto.

Royals 5, Athletics 4: Jorge Soler hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning, and the Kansas City Royals bounced back after wasting a four-run lead to earn their third win in four games.

Brewers 5, White Sox 0: Jhoulys Chacin combined with two relievers on a five-hitter, and the Brewers backed him with four home runs.

Twins 7, Indians 1: Eddie Rosario hit a two-run home run and Brian Dozier drove in two runs to support Lance Lynn's third straight victory for

Minnesota.

Nationals 5, Braves 3, 14 innings: Nationals ace Max Scherzer singled as a pinch hitter in the 14th inning and scored the tiebreaking run on Wilmer Difo's triple.

Yankees 8, Orioles 5: Giancarlo Stanton and Miguel Andujar homered to help Masahiro Tanaka win his fifth straight decision.

Dodgers 12, Rockies 4: Joc Pederson hit a pair of solo homers and Matt Kemp went deep during an eight-run seventh inning.

LATE
Boston at Houston
Texas at L.A. Angels
Tampa Bay at Seattle
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets
Cincinnati at San Diego
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Miami at Arizona

BOX SCORES

ROYALS 5, ATHLETICS 4
OAKLAND AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Semien ss 5 1 1 0 0 1 .267
 Joyce lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .196
 Canha lf-cf 1 0 0 0 1 0 .235
 Lowrie 2b 5 0 2 1 0 1 .297
 Davis dh 3 0 0 0 0 0 .233
 Olson 1b 3 1 1 0 1 0 .248
 Chapman 3b 3 0 1 0 1 1 .234
 Fowler cf 3 0 0 0 0 0 .204
 a-Pinder ph-lf 1 0 1 1 0 0 .248
 Piscotty rf 4 1 1 0 0 0 .232
 Maxwell c 3 1 2 2 0 0 .182
 b-Lucroy ph-c 1 0 0 0 0 0 .263
TOTALS 35 4 9 4 3 4
KANSAS CITY AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Jay dh 4 1 2 1 0 1 .305
 Merrifield 1b 3 1 1 0 0 2 .296
 Moustakas 3b 3 0 1 0 1 1 .276
 Perez c 3 0 1 2 0 1 .245
 Soler rf 3 1 1 1 1 2 .273
 Gordon lf 3 0 0 0 1 0 .271
 Almonte cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .211
 Goins 2b 3 1 1 0 0 1 .266
 Escobar ss 3 1 1 0 0 0 .234
TOTALS 29 5 8 5 3 10
OAKLAND 001 100 110 — 4 9 0
KANSAS CITY 220 000 01X — 5 8 0
 a-singled for Fowler in the 8th. b-lined out for Maxwell in the 8th.
 LOB—Oakland 8, Kansas City 5. 2B—Semien (13), Piscotty (14), Jay (9), Merrifield (17), Perez (7). 3B—Escobar (2). HR—Maxwell (1), off Hammel Soler (9), off Pettit. RBIs—Lowrie (41), Maxwell 2 (6), Pinder (13), Jay (16), Perez 2 (30), Soler (26), Escobar (15). CS—Merrifield (3), Perez (1).
 Runners left in scoring position—Oakland 2 (Olson, Lucroy) Kansas City 2 (Merrifield, Soler). RISP—Oakland 3 for 6 Kansas City 2 for 7.
 Runners moved up—Chapman, Piscotty. GIDP—Gordon.
 DP—Oakland 1 (Olson, Semien, Cahill).

OAKLAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Cahill 4.2 7 4 4 2 6 93 2.77
 Pagan 1.0 0 0 0 1 5 3.80
 Coulombe 1 0 0 0 1 2 25 5.03
 Petit, L, 2-2 2 1 1 0 1 0 21 2.25
KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Hammel 6 7 3 3 2 3 105 5.17
 McCarthy, H, 3 1 0 0 0 1 0 12 5.51
 Hill, W, 1-1, BS, 1 2 1 1 0 1 0 22 9.95
 Herrera, S, 13-141 0 0 0 1 12 0.79
 Hammel pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
 Inherited runners-scored—Pagan 1-0.
 WP—Hammel (Davis), Cahill (Merrifield), Pagan (Perez).
 Umpires—Home, Gary Cederstrom First, Cory Blaser Second, Stu Scheurwater Third, Eric Cooper.
 T—3:00. A—24,553 (37,903).

CARDINALS 3, PIRATES 2
PITTSBURGH AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Harrison 2b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .271
 Meadows rf 3 1 1 1 1 1 .404
 Marte cf 4 0 0 0 0 3 .296
 Bell 1b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .248
 Rodriguez p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Dickerson lf 4 0 1 0 0 2 .313
 Moran 3b 3 1 1 1 0 1 .277
 Diaz c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .286
 Mecer ss 3 0 2 0 0 0 .176
 Kuhl p 1 0 0 0 0 1 .176
 Glasnow p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 a-Freese ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .253
 Crick p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Rodriguez 1b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .172
TOTALS 30 2 5 2 1 9
ST. LOUIS AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Carpenter 1b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .254
 Garcia ss 3 0 1 1 0 0 .254
 Pham cf 4 0 1 1 0 0 .267
 Ozuna lf 3 1 2 1 1 0 .271
 Gyorko 3b 4 0 0 0 0 2 .271
 Fowler rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .179
 Norris p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Wong 2b 3 1 1 1 0 1 .179
 Kelly c 2 0 0 0 1 0 .080
 Weaver p 1 1 0 0 1 0 .176
 Gomber p 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Bader rf 0 0 0 0 0 0 .281
TOTALS 29 3 5 3 4 6
PITTSBURGH 000 010 001 — 2 5 0
ST. LOUIS 010 010 001 — 3 5 0
 No outs when winning run scored.
 a-lined out for Glasnow in the 8th.
 LOB—Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 7. HR—Moran (5), off Weaver Meadows (5), off Norris Ozuna (4), off Kuhl Wong (4), off Rodriguez. RBIs—Meadows (8), Moran (25), Pham (22), Ozuna (24), Wong (10). S—Kuhl.
 Runners left in scoring position—Pittsburgh 2 (Meadows, Diaz) St. Louis 3 (Ozuna 2, Kelly). RISP—Pittsburgh 0 for 4 St. Louis 1 for 3.
 Runners moved up—Harrison. GIDP—Bell.
 DP—St. Louis 1 (Garcia, Wong, Carpenter).

PITTSBURGH IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Kuhl 6 4 2 2 2 5 92 3.86
 Glasnow 1 0 0 0 1 1 18 4.35
 Crick 1 0 0 0 1 0 15 1.83
 Rodriguez, L, 1-20 1 1 1 0 0 3 2.61
ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Weaver 5 4 1 1 0 4 90 4.41
 Gomber, H, 1 3 0 0 1 2 32 3.00
 Nrs, W, 2-1, BS, 121 1 1 1 0 3 21 0.08
 HBP—Kuhl (Wong). WP—Weaver, Kuhl.
 Umpires—Home, Jeff Kellogg First, Marvin Hudson Second, James Hoyer Third, Quinn Wolcott.
 T—2:48. A—44,492 (45,538).

BREWERS 5, WHITE SOX 0
MILWAUKEE AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Cain cf 4 1 1 1 0 2 .277
 Yelich rf 3 1 1 0 1 1 .304
 Aguiar 1b 3 1 3 2 1 0 .310
 Shaw 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .252
 Braun lf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .232
 Choi dh 4 0 0 0 0 2 .211
 Villar 2b 4 1 3 1 0 0 .285
 Kratz c 4 1 2 1 0 0 .500
 Arcia ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .197
TOTALS 34 5 10 5 2 7
CHICAGO AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Moncada 2b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .242
 Sanchez 3b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .278
 Abreu 1b 4 0 1 0 0 2 .300
 Skole dh 2 0 0 0 0 2 .273
 a-Rondon ph-dh 2 0 1 0 0 1 .265
 Anderson ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .244
 Narvaez c 3 0 1 0 1 0 .179
 Engel cf 3 0 0 0 0 2 .215
 b-Palka ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .279
 Tilson lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .294
 Thompson rf 2 0 0 0 1 1 .138
TOTALS 32 0 5 0 2 10
MILWAUKEE 001 000 130 — 5 10 0
CHICAGO 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
 a-struck out for Skole in the 6th. b-struck out for Engel in the 9th.
 LOB—Milwaukee 4, Chicago 7. 2B—Aguiar (8), Rondon (3). HR—Kratz (2), off Shields Villar (4), off Fry. RBIs—Cain (17), Aguiar 2 (32), Villar (18), Kratz (2). SB—Yelich (7), Moncada (6).
 Runners left in scoring position—Milwaukee 1 (Yelich) Chicago 4 (Abreu, Rondon, Palka 2). RISP—Milwaukee 0 for 6 Chicago 0 for 6. Runners moved up—Abreu. LIDP—Braun. GIDP—Shaw, Kratz.
 DP—Chicago 3 (Shields, Anderson, Abreu), (Anderson, Sanchez), (Anderson, Moncada, Abreu).

MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Chacin, W, 4-15.2 3 0 0 1 5 79 3.39
 Hader, H, 10 1 1 0 0 1 3 21 1.05
 Williams 2 2 0 0 0 2 33 2.45
CHICAGO IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Shields, L, 1-6 7 8 3 3 1 6 103 4.48
 Fry 1 1 2 2 1 1 17 2.08
 Bummer 1 1 0 0 0 0 18 3.26
 Shields pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
 Inherited runners-scored—Hader 1-0.
 WP—Shields.
 Umpires—Home, Greg Gibson First, Nick Mahrey Second, Doug Eddings Third, Mark Ripberger.
 T—2:52. A—29,281 (40,615).

TIGERS 7, BLUE JAYS 4
TORONTO AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Hernandez lf 2 0 0 0 0 0 .254
 Granderson lf 2 0 0 0 0 2 .227
 Solarte 3b 4 2 2 2 0 0 .256
 Smoak 1b 3 0 1 1 1 0 .249
 Morales dh 4 0 0 0 0 2 .202
 Pillar cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .260
 Travis 2b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .196
 Diaz ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .211
 Grichuk rf 3 0 0 0 0 0 .099
 Maile c 2 2 2 1 1 0 .272
TOTALS 32 4 6 4 2 4
DETROIT AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Candelario 3b 4 1 1 1 0 2 .274
 Castellanos rf 4 0 2 2 0 1 .342
 Cabrera 1b 3 0 1 0 1 2 .323
 1-Reyes pr-lf 0 1 0 0 0 0 .200
 Martinez dh 4 0 1 0 0 0 .251
 2-Rodriguez pr-dh 0 1 0 0 0 0 .286
 Goodrum lf-1b 3 1 0 0 1 1 .246
 Hicks c 4 0 1 2 0 3 2.76
 Jones cf 3 0 0 1 0 1 .231
 Iglesias ss 3 1 1 0 1 0 .255
 Machado 2b 4 2 2 2 1 0 .216
TOTALS 32 7 9 7 3 10
TORONTO 002 020 000 — 4 6 0
DETROIT 101 020 03X — 7 9 0
 1-ran for Cabrera in the 8th. 2-ran for Martinez in the 8th.
 LOB—Toronto 3, Detroit 5. 2B—Solarte (12), Maile (6), Castellanos (19), Martinez (8), Machado 2 (13). HR—Maile (3), off Boyd Solarte (12), off Boyd Candelario (9), off Happ. RBIs—Solarte 2 (35), Smoak (30), Maile (15), Candelario (24), Castellanos 2 (32), Hicks 2 (20), Jones (15), Machado (19). SB—Iglesias (9). SF—Jones.
 Runners left in scoring position—Toronto 1 (Grichuk) Detroit 3 (Cabrera, Martinez, Machado). RISP—Toronto 2 for 4 Detroit 4 for 9.
 Runners moved up—Diaz. GIDP—Morales.
 DP—Detroit 1 (Iglesias, Machado, Cabrera).

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Happ 5 5 4 4 2 8 106 4.08
 Axford 2 0 0 0 0 2 30 3.33
 Oh, L, 1-1 .2 4 3 1 0 0 27 3.12
 Mayza .1 0 0 0 0 0 2 4.05
DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Boyd 7 6 4 4 2 3 94 3.23
 Coleman, W, 3-01 0 0 0 0 1 15 1.38
 Jimenez, S, 1 1 0 0 0 0 13 2.54
 Inherited runners-scored—Mayza 2-0.
 Umpires—Home, Andy Fletcher First, Jeff Nelson Second, Laz Diaz Third, Manny Gonzalez.
 T—2:37. A—34,674 (41,297).

TOP TEN						
AMERICAN LEAGUE						
Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Betts Bos	48	184	52	66	.359	
Castellanos Det	55	222	30	76	.342	
Simmons LAA	56	209	32	70	.335	
Segura Sea	54	230	42	77	.335	
Altuve Hou	59	241	33	80	.332	
MMachado Bal	58	226	32	74	.327	
Brantley Cle	47	191	31	62	.325	
MDuffy TB	41	166	10	53	.319	
JMartinez Bos	55	211	37	67	.318	
Rosario Min	54	213	33	66	.310	

Grossman dh 4 0 1 0 0 1 .234
 Kepler rf 4 1 1 1 0 2 .244
 Garver c 4 1 0 0 0 1 .219
 Adrianza ss 3 1 0 0 1 2 .227
 LaMarre cf 4 1 1 1 0 3 .278
TOTALS 33 7 8 6 3 15
CLEVELAND 010 000 000 — 1 7 2
MINNESOTA 003 004 00X — 7 8 0
 a-grounded out for R.Perez in the 9th.
 E—Alonso (4), Kipnis (4). LOB—Cleveland 11, Minnesota 5. 2B—Lindor (20), Dozier (12), Grossman (9). 3B—Dozier (2). HR—Rosario (10), off Bauer. RBIs—Dozier 2 (23), Rosario 2 (36), Kepler (24), LaMarre (6). SB—Allen (2), Kipnis (1).
 Runners left in scoring position—Cleveland 6 (Ramirez 2, Allen 2, Kipnis, Zimmer) Minnesota 3 (Rosario, Morrison, Kepler). RISP—Cleveland 0 for 9 Minnesota 5 for 13. Runners moved up—Kepler.
 GIDP—Encarnacion.
 DP—Minnesota 1 (Escobar, Dozier, Morrison).

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Bauer, L, 4-4 5.2 6 7 3 3 11 104 2.77
 Otero 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 6.97
 O.Perez 1.1 0 0 0 0 3 18 0.00
 Marshall 1 0 0 0 0 1 16 6.75
MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Lynn, W, 4-4 6 2 1 1 5 5 113 5.46
 Hildenberger 1 1 0 0 0 1 18 2.79
 Pressly 1 2 0 0 0 2 26 2.15
 Duffey 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 8.64
 Otero pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
 Inherited runners-scored—Otero 2-1.
 O.Perez 2-1. HBP—Lynn (Alonso). WP—Bauer, O.Perez. PB—R.Perez (2).
 Umpires—Home, Vic Carapazza First, Jerry Layne Second, Jansen Visconti Third, Jordan Baker.
 T—3:12. A—23,476 (38,649).

NATIONALS 5, BRAVES 3, 14 INN.
WASHINGTON AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Turner ss 7 0 0 0 0 5 .260
 Harper rf 6 0 1 0 0 4 .233
 Rendon 3b 5 0 0 0 1 2 .257
 Adams 1b 2 0 0 0 0 0 .254
 Reynolds 1b 3 0 0 0 1 1 .319
 Soto lf 5 2 3 1 0 1 .349
 Miller p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 e-Scherzer ph 1 1 1 0 0 0 .310
 Severino c 0 0 0 0 0 0 .218
 Taylor cf 6 1 1 2 0 0 .202
 Difo 2b 6 1 1 1 0 1 .250
 Kieboom c 6 0 2 1 0 1 .167
 Doolittle p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Gonzalez p 2 0 0 0 0 2 .043
 a-Sanchez ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .158
 Madson p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Solis p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Kelley p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Kintzler p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 c-Goodwin ph-lf 1 0 0 0 1 1 .214
TOTALS 51 5 9 5 3 18
ATLANTA AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
 Inciarte cf 6 0 0 0 0 0 .251
 Albies 2b 6 0 0 0 0 0 .267
 F.Freeman 1b 5 0 1 0 0 2 .335
 Markakis rf 5 1 1 0 0 1 .329
 Flowers c 5 1 1 0 0 2 .270
 Camargo 3b-ss 5 1 1 3 0 2 .221
 Culberson lf 5 0 1 0 0 1 .229
 Swanson ss 4 0 0 0 0 3 .256
 Biddle p 0 0 0 0 0 0 1.000
 d-Suzuki ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .268
 Socolovich p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 McCarthy p 2 0 0 0 0 2 .083
 S.Freeman p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Carle p

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT
North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Daytona (Reds)	30	20.600	—	
Lakeland (Tigers)	28	26.519	4	
Tampa (Yankees)	28	27.509	4½	
Florida (Braves)	22	28.440	8	
Clearwater (Phillies)	22	30.423	9	
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	21	31.404	10	

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Jupiter (Marlins)	34	20.630	—	
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	29	21.580	3	
Bradenton (Pirates)	28	22.560	4	
Charlotte (Rays)	24	27.471	8½	
St. Lucie (Mets)	22	27.449	9½	
Fort Myers (Twins)	22	31.415	11½	

Saturday's Games

Fort Myers 5, St. Lucie 1
Fort Myers 3, St. Lucie 1
Jupiter 9, Palm Beach 1
Daytona 9, Lakeland 6
Clearwater 10, Florida 6
Dunedin 4, Tampa 0
Bradenton 7, Charlotte 6
Sunday's Games
Fort Myers at St. Lucie, 12 p.m.
Palm Beach at Jupiter, 1 p.m.
Tampa at Dunedin, 1 p.m.
Charlotte at Bradenton, 1 p.m.
Daytona at Lakeland, 1 p.m.
Florida at Clearwater, Game 1, 1 p.m.
Florida at Clearwater, Game 2, TBD
Monday's Games
Lakeland at Jupiter, 6:30 p.m.
St. Lucie at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Bradenton, 6:30 p.m.
Dunedin at Charlotte, 6:35 p.m.
Palm Beach at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
Clearwater at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
NBA FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
GOLDEN STATE 1, CLEVELAND 0
May 31: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114, OT
Today: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Wednesday: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	4	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	2	.714	½
Atlanta	5	2	.500	2
New York	2	2	.500	2
Chicago	2	3	.400	2½
Indiana	0	6	.000	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Seattle	5	1	.833	—
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	1
Phoenix	3	3	.500	2
Dallas	2	3	.400	2½
Minnesota	2	4	.333	3
Las Vegas	1	4	.200	3½

Friday's Games
Phoenix 95, Minnesota 85
Connecticut 110, Chicago 72
Las Vegas 85, Washington 73
Saturday's Games
New York 87, Indiana 81, OT
Seattle at Dallas, late
Today's Games
Connecticut at Washington, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
Las Vegas at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Monday's Games
None scheduled

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Today
National League
FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE
Chicago -150 at New York +140
Washington -120 at Atlanta +110
at St. Louis -140 Pittsburgh +130
Los Angeles -130 at Colorado +120
Philadelphia -130 at San Fran. +120
at Arizona -130 Miami +120
Cincinnati -118 at San Diego +108
American League
New York -170 at Baltimore +158
at Detroit -120 Toronto +110
Cleveland -125 at Minnesota +115
at Kansas City -105 Oakland -105
at Los Angeles -165 Texas +153
Tampa Bay -107 at Seattle -103
at Houston -157 Boston +147
Interleague
Milwaukee -140 at Chicago +130
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
NBA Finals
Today
FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG
at Golden State 11½ 215 Cleveland
Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 2B Dustin Pedroia on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 30.
Recalled 1B Sam Travis and LHP Bobby Poyner from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Signed LHP Oliver Perez to a one-year contract. Designated LHP Jeff Belliveau for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Claimed OF Rossell Herrera off outright waivers from Cincinnati and optioned him to Omaha (PCL). Transferred RHP Nate Karns to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Jaime Barria to Salt Lake (PCL). Placed OF Kole Calhoun on 10-day DL, retroactive to June 1.
Retired UCL Kalb Cowart and OF Michael Hermosillo from Salt Lake.
TEXAS RANGERS — Activated OF Carlos Tocci from the 10-day DSL. Optioned INF Hanser Alberto to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated RHP Austin Brice from the 10-day DL. Placed RHP Homer Bailey on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 29.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed LHP P.J. Conlon from the New York Mets and assigned him to Oklahoma City (PCL). Transferred LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu to the 60-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RHP Walker Lockett to El Paso (PCL). Recalled LHP José Castillo from El Paso. Announced LHP Kyle McGrath cleared waivers and was sent outright to El Paso.
American Association
CHICAGO DOGS — Released LHP Miles Moeller and OF Zach Racusin.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed LHP Michael O'Neal.
GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS — Signed OF John Price, Jr.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released INF Jordan Edgerton and RHP Julio Eusebio. Signed RHP Scott Carroll.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Mikey O'Brien.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed RHP Mario Mendoza.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed INF Fernando Perez.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Announced the contract of LHP Daniel Schlereth was purchased by Seattle (AL). Activated INF David Washington and LHP Jake Fisher. Signed RHP Lee Sosa and LHP Tyler Honahan. Placed RHPs Jair Jurrjens and Matt Larkins on the inactive list.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Chad Grenden.
Frontier League
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed 1B Jacob Wark. GAVEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed C/1B Kevin Martir.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Released RHP Andrew Cohen.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Transferred WR Charles Nelson to the retired list.

HOCKEY

ECHL — Suspended Florida's Mitchell Heard one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a June game against Colorado.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
VEGAS 1, WASHINGTON 1
May 28: Vegas 6, Washington 4
May 30: Washington 3, Vegas 2
Saturday: Vegas at Washington, late
Monday: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.

AHL CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
CALDER CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
TORONTO 1, TEXAS 0
Saturday: Toronto 6, Texas 5
Today: Texas at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Tuesday: Toronto at Texas, 8 p.m.
Thursday: Toronto at Texas, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Toronto at Texas, 8 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 12: Texas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Texas at Toronto, 7 p.m.

ECHL
All Times Eastern
Division Semifinals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
North Division
Adirondack 4, Worcester 2
Friday, April 13: Adirondack 3, Worcester 0
Saturday, April 14: Worcester 2, Adirondack 0
Sunday, April 15: Adirondack 3, Worcester 1
Wednesday, April 18: Adirondack 2, Worcester 1
Saturday, April 21: Worcester 6, Adirondack 5
Monday, April 23: Adirondack 3, Worcester 1
Manchester 4, Reading 0
Friday, April 13: Manchester 3, Reading 2, OT
Saturday, April 14: Manchester 3, Reading 2, OT
Monday, April 16: Manchester 4, Reading 3, OT
Wednesday, April 18: Manchester 3, Reading 0
South Division
Florida 4, Atlanta 0
Monday, April 16: Florida 4, Atlanta 1
Tuesday, April 17: Florida 3, Atlanta 2
Thursday, April 19: Florida 4, Atlanta 2
Friday, April 20: Florida 3, Atlanta 2, OT
Orlando 4, South Carolina 0
Thursday, April 12: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1
Saturday, April 14: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1, OT
Thursday, April 19: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1, OT
Saturday, April 21: Orlando 2, South Carolina 1, OT

Western Conference
Central Division
Toledo 4, Indy 0
Friday, April 13: Toledo 4, Indy 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Toledo 4, Indy 3
Wednesday, April 18: Toledo 3, Indy 1
Thursday, April 19: Toledo 3, Indy 2, OT
Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 1
Saturday, April 14: Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 3, OT
Sunday, April 15: Fort Wayne 3, Cincinnati 1
Thursday, April 19: Cincinnati 7, Fort Wayne 6, OT
Saturday, April 21: Fort Wayne 2, Cincinnati 1
Sunday, April 22: Fort Wayne 4, Cincinnati 2
Mountain Division
Colorado 4, Wichita 2
Sunday, April 15: Colorado 2, Wichita 1, OT
Monday, April 16: Colorado 5, Wichita 2
Wednesday, April 18: Colorado 4, Wichita 2
Friday, April 20: Wichita 6, Colorado 0
Saturday, April 21: Wichita 5, Colorado 4, OT
Monday, April 23: Colorado 5, Wichita 3
Friday, April 13: Allen 3, Idaho 2
Saturday, April 14: Allen 5, Idaho 4
Wednesday, April 18: Allen 5, Idaho 3
Friday, April 20: Idaho 2, Allen 1
Sunday, April 22: Idaho 2, Allen 1
Tuesday, April 24: Idaho 6, Allen 3
Wednesday, April 25: Idaho 4, Allen 1

Division Finals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
North Division
Adirondack 4, Manchester 2
Friday, April 27: Manchester 5, Adirondack 3
Saturday, April 28: Adirondack 5, Manchester 1
Tuesday, May 1: Adirondack 5, Manchester 3
Thursday, May 3: Manchester 3, Adirondack 0
Sunday, May 6: Adirondack 6, Manchester 0
Monday, May 7: Adirondack 3, Manchester 2, OT
South Division
Florida 4, Orlando 1
Friday, April 27: Florida 4, Orlando 1
Saturday, April 28: Florida 5, Orlando 1
Thursday, May 3: Florida 5, Orlando 1
Friday, May 4: Orlando 5, Florida 3
Sunday, May 6: Florida 5, Orlando 2
Western Conference
Central Division
Fort Wayne 4, Toledo 2
Saturday, April 28: Fort Wayne 5, Toledo 3
Sunday, April 29: Toledo 2, Fort Wayne 1
Wednesday, May 2: Toledo 4, Fort Wayne 3
Friday, May 4: Fort Wayne 3, Toledo 1
Saturday, May 5: Fort Wayne 4, Toledo 1
Tuesday, May 8: Fort Wayne 4, Toledo 2
Mountain Division
Colorado 4, Idaho 0
Saturday, April 28: Colorado 1, Idaho 0, OT
Sunday, April 29: Colorado 6, Idaho 2
Wednesday, May 2: Colorado 3, Idaho 2
Thursday, May 3: Colorado 2, Idaho 0, OT

Conference Finals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Florida 4, Adirondack 1
Friday, May 11: Florida 4, Adirondack 3
Saturday, May 12: Adirondack 3, Florida 2, OT
Wednesday, May 16: Florida 3, Adirondack 2
Friday, May 18: Florida 7, Adirondack 3
Saturday, May 19: Florida 3, Adirondack 2
Western Conference
Colorado 4, Fort Wayne 3
Saturday, May 12: Colorado 3, Fort Wayne 2, OT
Sunday, May 13: Fort Wayne 3, Colorado 2
Wednesday, May 16: Fort Wayne 4, Colorado 2
Friday, May 18: Colorado 2, Fort Wayne 1
Saturday, May 19: Colorado 4, Fort Wayne 3, OT
Tuesday, May 22: Fort Wayne 3, Colorado 2
Wednesday, May 23: Colorado 4, Fort Wayne 3, OT

Kelly Cup Finals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Florida 3, Colorado 2
Friday, May 25: Colorado 3, Florida 1
Sunday, May 27: Florida 4, Colorado 3
Wednesday, May 30: Florida 5, Florida 4, OT
Friday, June 1: Florida 7, Colorado 6, OT
Saturday, June 2: Florida 5, Colorado 0
Wednesday, June 6: Florida at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Colorado at Florida, 7:00 p.m.

ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR FRENCH OPEN
Saturday at Stade Roland Garros, Paris (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Third Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Richard Gasquet (29), France, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Maximilian Marterer, Germany, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
Diego Schwartzman (11), Argentina, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson (6), South Africa, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
Fabio Fognini (18), Italy, def. Kyle Edmund (16), Britain, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
John Isner (9), United States, def. Pierre

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Hughes Herbert, France, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Juan Martin Del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Albert Ramos-Violas (31), Spain, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1.
Women's Singles
Third Round
Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 7-5, 6-0.
Elise Mertens (25), Belgium, def. Daria Gavrilova (24), Australia, 6-3, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (12), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens (18), Netherlands, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).
Caroline Garcia (7), France, def. Irina Begu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.
Garbine Muguruza (3), Spain, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia, 6-0, 6-2.
Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Magdalena Rybakova (19), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.
Serena Williams, United States, def. Julia Georges (11), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (28), Russia, def. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-1.
Anett Kontaveit (25), Estonia, def. Petra Kvitova (8), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (4).
Sloane Stephens (10), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6.

Men's Doubles
Third Round
Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Rohan Bopanna (13), India, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Alexander Peya, Austria and Nikola Pietrangeli (1), Croatia, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven Klaasen (10), South Africa, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4).
Feliciano Lopez, Spain and Marc Lopez (12), Spain, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-3.
Henri Kontinen, Finland and John Peers (3), Australia, def. Daniele Bracciali, Italy and Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

Women's Doubles
Second Round
Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (1), Hungary, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia and Nao Hibino, Japan, 6-1, 6-3.
Makoto Ninomiya, Japan and Eri Hozumi, Japan, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Raquel Atawo, United States, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.
Yi-Fan Xu, China and Gabriela Dabrowski (5), Canada, def. Carina Witthoef, Germany and Kaitlyn Christian, United States, 6-2, 6-2.
Mihaela Buzarnescu, Romania and Irina Maria Bara, Romania, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Lachina Chan (4), Taiwan, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Vania King, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine and Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

Barbora Krejickova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany and Heather Watson, Britain, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.
Andreja Klepac, Slovenia and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (3), Spain, def. Irina Begu, Romania and Qiang Wang, China, 6-3, 7-5.
Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova (2), Czech Republic, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles
Second Round
Robert Farah, Colombia and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (8), Germany, def. Nikola Pietrangeli, Croatia and Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-0, 6-1.
Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears, United States, def. Oliver Marach, Austria and Yi-Fan Xu (3), China, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 10-6.

SHOW COURT MATCHUPS
Today at Paris
Court Philippe Chatrier
Madison Keys (13), United States, vs. Mihaela Buzarnescu (31), Romania
Dominic Thiem (7), Austria, vs. Kei Nishikori (19), Japan
Anett Kontaveit (25), Estonia, vs. Sloane Stephens (10), United States
Novak Djokovic (20), Serbia, vs. Fernando Verdasco (30), Spain
Court Suzanne Lenglen
Karen Khachanov, Russia, vs. Alexander Zverev (2), Germany
Barbora Strycova (26), Czech Republic, vs. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan
David Goffin (8), Belgium, vs. Marco Cecchinato, Italy
Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, vs. Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark
Court 1
Sorana Cirstea, Romania and Sara Sorribes Tormo, Spain, vs. Zhaoxuan Yang, China and Hao-Ching Chan (8), Taiwan
Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Nicolas Jarry, Chile, vs. Stephane Robert, France and Calvin Hemery, France
Venus Williams, United States and Serena Williams, United States, vs. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (3), Spain

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP POCOINO 400 LINEUP
Aftern Friday's qualifying for race today at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (Car number in parentheses)
1. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 176.897 mph.
2. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 176.807.
3. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 176.626.
4. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 176.516.
5. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 176.478.
6. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 176.208.
7. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 176.184.
8. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 175.864.
9. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 175.798.
10. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 175.792.
11. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 175.230.
12. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 174.689.
13. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 174.676.
14. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 174.490.
15. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 174.365.
16. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 174.253.
17. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 174.213.
18. (19) Daniel Suarez, Ford, 174.115.
19. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 173.708.
20. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 173.635.
21. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 173.297.
22. (95) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 172.997.
23. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 172.473.
24. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 173.054.
25. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 172.808.
26. (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 172.612.
27. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 172.457.
28. (11) Cole Custer, Ford, 172.424.
29. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 170.914.
30. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 170.768.
31. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 170.107.
32. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 168.685.
33. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 168.297.
34. (10) Eric Almirola, Ford, 167.115.
35. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 167.032.
36. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 166.892.
37. (7) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 166.868.
38. (99) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 164.375.

NASCAR XFINITY POCOINO GREEN 250
Saturday at Pocono Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Pole position in parentheses)
1. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100.
2. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 100.
3. (11) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 100.
4. (3) Austin Dillon, Ford, 100.
5. (1) Cole Custer, Ford, 100.
6. (7) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 100.
8. (10) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 100.
9. (13) Paul Menard, Ford, 100.
9. (9) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 100.
10. (2) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 100.
11. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 100.
12. (18) Shane Lee, Chevrolet, 100.
13. (20) Ryan Reed, Ford, 100.
14. (21) Matt Tifft, Chevrolet, 100.
15. (14) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 100.
16. (15) Kaz Grala, Ford, 100.
17. (17) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 100.
18. (23) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 100.
19. (24) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 100.
20. (29) David Starr, Chevrolet, 99.
21. (28) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 99.
22. (32) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 99.
23. (26) Dylan Lupton, Ford, 99.
24. (6) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 99.
25. (27) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 99.
26. (37) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 98.
27. (31) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 98.
28. (36) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 97.
29. (39) Josh Billicki, Toyota, 96.
30. (35) Chad Finchum, Toyota, 96.
31. (30) Vinnie Miller, Chevrolet, 96.
32. (38) Brandon Hightower, Toyota, 95.

33. (40) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 93.
34. (25) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, Brakes, 68.
35. (22) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Suspension, 66.
36. (5) Justin Allgaier, Toyota, Accident, 61.
37. (19) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, Accident, 60.
38. (16) Chase Briscoe, Ford, Accident, 57.
39. (34) Jeff Hill, Dodge, Overheating, 10.
40. (33) Jimmy Green, Chevrolet, Brakes, 4.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 127.137 mph.
Time of Race: 1 Hrs, 57 Mins, 59 Secs. Margin of Victory: 2.852 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 18 laps.
Lead Changes: 7 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C. Custer 1-2; K. Busch 3-26; A. Cindric 27; C. Custer 28-48; P. Menard 49-51; J. Nemechek 52-55; B. Jones 56-60; K. Busch 1-100.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): K. Busch 2 times for 64 laps; C. Custer 2 times for 23 laps; B. Jones 1 time for 5 laps; J. Nemechek 1 time for 4 laps; P. Menard 1 time for 3 laps; A. Cindric 1 time for 1 lap.

VERIZON INDYCAR CHEVROLET DETROIT BELLE ISLE GRAND PRIX 1
Saturday at The Raceway at Belle Isle Park Detroit
Lap length: 2.35 miles
(Pole position in parentheses)
1. (2) Scott Dixon, Honda, 70, Running.
2. (15) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 70, Running.
3. (4) Alexander Rossi, Honda, 70, Running.
4. (1) Marco Andretti, Honda, 70, Running.
5. (7) Takuma Sato, Honda, 70, Running.
6. (11) Ed Jones, Honda, 70, Running.
7. (6) Will Power, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
8. (10) Robert Wickens, Honda, 70, Running.
9. (14) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
10. (12) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
11. (9) James Hinchcliffe, Honda, 70, Running.
12. (16) Zach Veach, Honda, 70, Running.
13. (17) Sebastian Bourdais, Honda, 70, Running.
14. (15) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
15. (21) Matheus Leist, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
16. (20) Jordan King, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
17. (13) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
18. (19) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
19. (22) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
20. (10) Max Chilton, Chevrolet, 70, Running.
21. (23) Rene Binder, Chevrolet, 67, Running.
22. (18) Santino Ferrucci, Honda, 55, Contact.
23. (8) Graham Rahal, Honda, 45, Contact.

Race Statistics
Winner's average speed: 99.285 mph.
Time of Race: 1:39:24.6189.
Margin of victory: 1.8249 seconds.
Caution: 2 for 10 laps.
Lead changes: 6 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Andretti 1-22; Dixon 23; Rahal 24-25; Hunter-Reay 26-31; Dixon 32-44; Hunter-Reay 45; Dixon 46-70.
Point standings: Rossi 276, Dixon 272, Power 269, Newgarden 255, Hunter-Reay 227, Wickens 202, Rahal 191, Bourdais 185, Andretti 175, Pagenaud 168.

NHRA ROUTE 66 NATIONALS
Friday qualifying at Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, Ill. (Qualifying continues Saturday for today's final eliminations)
Top Fuel
1. Steve Torrence, 3.677 seconds, 333.58 mph.
2. Brittany Force, 3.721, 329.34. 3. Tony Schumacher, 3.749, 329.99. 4. Clay Millican, 3.753, 326.48. 5. T.J. Zizzo, 3.771, 326.48.
6. Blake Alexander, 3.781, 328.06. 7. Doug Kalitta, 3.786, 321.96. 8. Leah Pritchett, 3.797, 328.30. 9. Anton Brown, 3.801, 325.14. 10. Richie Crampton, 3.826, 296.83. 11. Scott Palmer, 3.839, 326.24. 12. Pat Dakin, 3.841, 320.51. 13. Terry McMillen, 3.895, 311.13. 14. Chris Karamessines, 4.130, 231.56. 15. Billy Torrence, 4.231, 202.18. 16. Kyle Wurtzel, 5.361, 123.44.
Not Qualified: 17. Terry Haddock, 10.562, 55.97. 18. Luigi Novelli, 10.985, 48.33. 19. Bill Linton, 13.138, 68.76.
Funny Car
1. Matt Hagan, Dodge Charger, 3.917, 326.79.
2. Ron Capps, Charger, 3.921, 325.92. 3. Jack Beckman, Charger, 3.944, 322.81. 4. Courtney Force, Chevy Camaro, 3.966, 327.66. 5. Cruz Pedregon, Toyota Camry, 3.969, 320.05. 6. John Force, Camaro, 3.971, 324.59. 7. Shawn Langdon, Camry, 3.980, 326.08. 8. Bob Tasca III, Ford Mustang, 3.988, 318.47. 9. J.R. Todd, Camry, 4.019, 310.20. 10. Robert Hight, Camry, 4.073, 267.85. 11. Dale Creasy Jr., Dodge Stratus, 4.112, 314.46. 12. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.409, 201.73. 13. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.503, 185.36. 14. Bob Bode, Charger, 4.662, 187.99. 15. Jim Campbell, Charger, 4.942, 160.12. 16. Jonnie Lindberg, Mustang, 5.640, 122.76.
Not Qualified: 17. Justin Schriever, 6.059, 88.64.
Pro Stock
1. Greg Anderson, Chevy Camaro, 6.546, 211.03. 2. Tanner Gray, Camaro, 6.556, 210.21. 3. Matt Hartford, Camaro, 6.559, 209.95. 4. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.560, 210.67. 5. Vincent Noble, Camaro, 6.564, 210.87. 6. Jeg Coughlin, Camaro, 6.579, 209.07. 7. Erica Enders, Camaro, 6.581, 210.18. 8. Deric Kramer, Camaro, 6.582, 209.75. 9. Bo Butner, Camaro, 6.584, 210.14. 10. Drew Skillman, Camaro, 6.585, 209.49. 11. Alex Laughlin, Camaro, 6.589, 1

MOTORSPORTS: NASCAR

Busch has few mountains left to climb in NASCAR career

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kyle Busch spent the week in New York City with his family, hitting the town and taking in the sights like any other tourist. His wife wore a Yankees cap as they caught a baseball game and the couple attended a theater production of "Sleep No More."

The outings seemed fitting: Busch is enjoying his time leading the points standing while he gives the rest of the field a few restless nights.

Busch and Kevin Harvick have turned NASCAR into a two-driver show — they've won nine of 13 races — and the rest of the drivers are simply playing catch-up to the former champions.

The 33-year-old Busch,

the 2015 Cup champ, is on course for a career year.

His four wins are four shy of matching his career best in 2008, he has three poles and eight top-five finishes, and he has racked up so many playoff points (25) that he could seemingly waltz into Homestead in the season finale and race for the title.

The Joe Gibbs Racing star is coming off a sensational effort in the No. 18 Toyota at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He won the pole for the Coca-Cola 600, won all four stages, led 377 of 400 laps and became the only driver in NASCAR's modern era to win a points race on every track on the schedule.

Busch won the second Pocono race last season and then romped at Charlotte to knock the last

two winless tracks off his resume.

"It's just something that has never been done, and it's hard to find things that have never been done in this sport," Busch said. "It's been around for a long, long time. So it's very meaningful and special and something that I've kind of strived for."

Busch has been special in the sport since he won two races driving for Rick Hendrick in 2005 and has at least one victory every season of his career, including at least four each from 2015 to the present.

He won Saturday's Xfinity race at Pocono and has 189 wins across NASCAR's three national series (Cup, second-tier Xfinity and Trucks), which puts him 11 shy of matching Richard Petty for the overall record.

Petty, of course, won all 200 races in the Cup series and the countdown to The King has irked traditionalists who believe the two drivers should barely be mentioned in the same sentence. Busch's 47 Cup wins, while impressive in any era and 15th on the career list, can't catch Petty and 200 will remain NASCAR's Holy Grail.

What's not in dispute is Busch's milestone of winning at every active Cup track. NASCAR returns in September to Charlotte, where the series for the first time will race on the track's road course. Some of Busch's critics — of which he has plenty because of a career pockmarked with boorish behavior — believe the track record won't count until he wins on the new layout.



AP PHOTO

Kyle Busch answers questions in an interview during practice for Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Saturday, in Long Pond, Pa.

"Everybody wants to make my life more difficult, so I'm sure that I won't be credited for all the racetracks once the Roval gets here," he said.

But the track name is the track name and the mark stands, no matter the result.

"I think everybody just

around the sport really appreciates how hard that is," team owner Joe Gibbs said. "For him to do that, particularly Kyle is young, and for him to be able to get that done at this age I think is special. I think everybody around the sport really appreciates it."

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But opposing offenses will have to account for Vea. It's hard to imagine teams trying to block Vea with one player, and McCoy already draws more than his fair share of double teams. Together, they should create some one-on-one opportunities for their line-mates, which is key for a team that was last in the NFL with 22 sacks last season.

Mr. Inside, Mr. Outside

It takes more than one running back in the NFL these days. The Eagles certainly proved what you can do splitting carries with three. New Orleans had the perfect combination last season of a tough, inside runner in Mark Ingram and a threat on the perimeter in Alvin Kamara.

As good as Drew Brees is, the Saints rode those backs to the NFC divisional playoff game.

The Bucs believe they have that in Peyton Barber and rookie Ronald Jones, the second-round pick from Southern Cal.

Barber led the Bucs in rushing despite not really seeing much action until the second half of the 2017 season. He had career highs with 23 carries for 102 yards (4.4 avg.) to with four catches for 41 yards in an overtime loss against the Packers. It was the only time a Bucs player reached the century rushing mark last season.

"I don't know what Ronald is going to do because Ronald hasn't done it in the NFL," offensive coordinator Todd Monken said. "I know what I've seen from Ronald and I know what I've seen from Peyton Barber. Peyton gives you a different



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Defensive tackle Vita Vea runs drills during organized team activities on May 22.

dimension in the case of 2 yards being 4 yards, and 4 yards being 6 yards, and 6 yards being 8 yards — finishing off runs. There is something about a run that gets finished off invigorates your team right along your sideline, or a great block by a wideout, or an effort play, or a guy that breaks a tackle."

Titanic workouts

The Bucs will have joint workouts with the Titans for two practices before their Aug. 18 preseason game at Tennessee. Koetter believes it not only breaks the monotony of training camp, but the practices give coaches a better evaluation of players.

"I think the main thing that people try to get out of those joint practices is — training camp is a fairly long process and it doesn't take too long for the players to get tired of going against each other," Koetter said. "I mean, even out here, you're going (against) the same matchups every day. When you're the right guard for the Buccaneers and the two guys you're going against are Gerald McCoy and Vita Vea every day, you want to go against somebody else."

"As an offense and defense, we want to go against different schemes. The Bucs' O playing the Bucs' D, we

sort of know each other's tendencies. So you want to see some different things, and then we also get officials so we play some situations. It's just good crossover work and we're thankful that the Titans are going to let us work with them."

Player of the week

WR Bobo Wilson, an undrafted rookie from Florida State a year ago, is making some splashy plays during OTAs but could have trouble earning a job on a crowded receiving corps.

"Yeah, Bobo's having one of the best off-seasons of anybody," Koetter said. "I said at the end of last year he was one of the most improved players. Two guys, receiver-wise, that stick out almost every day are Bobo Wilson and Freddie Martino. They're going with the second group because we've got four guys going with the first group."

"So they get to go with Fitz (Ryan Fitzpatrick) and with Griff (Ryan Griffin), whoever's working the second quarterback that day, and they're getting a lot of balls thrown to them. Bobo has gone from a guy that could only play one position to a guy that could play all three, which helps his chances. He's just become so much more coachable."

MOTOR SPORTS: Xfinity Series

Busch dominates again to win Xfinity Series race at Pocono

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kyle Busch had a flicker of concern when a speeding penalty dumped him to the rear of the field.

"You're always worried about something crazy or unpredictable situations taking place," he said.

There's very little unpredictable about an Xfinity Series race with Busch in the field.

He romped again, overcoming an early penalty that dropped him to the

back to win the Xfinity Series race on Saturday at Pocono Raceway for his 189th career NASCAR victory.

"We knew we had speed in our race car. It was really fast out front," he said.

He led 24 of the first 26 laps and the final 40 to win for the 92nd time in Xfinity to add to his series record. Busch scaled back his schedule in the second-tier series and won for the first time in four races this season.

"I hear about the

numbers from everyone else. I don't necessarily go back and check stats or look at records," he said.

The 33-year-old Busch is piling up quite the list of milestones over a 14-plus year career.

Busch also has 47 Cup wins and 50 in the Truck Series to become perhaps the most dominant driver across all three national NASCAR series in history. He dominated early on Saturday and won the first stage until he was busted on the 27th lap for speeding on pit road.

HORSE RACING: English Derby

Dubai-owned Godolphin stable claims 1st English Derby win

Associated Press

EPSOM, England — The Dubai-owned Godolphin stable celebrated its first victory in the English Derby on Saturday when Masar achieved a 16-1 upset victory in the 239th edition of the race.

Beaten into third in the 2000 Guineas last month by Saxon Warrior, William Buick's Masar turned the tables on Aidan O'Brien's favorite, which

finished fourth.

"It's not easy to win the Derby, but we have won it," said Dubai ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who founded Godolphin. "I was jumping up and down in the final furlong. Horses are in my blood, I love them."

In a Godolphin double, Dee Ex Bee was second — running in the colors of Sheikh Mohammed's son, Sheikh Hamdan bin

Mohammed Al Maktoum.

Masar, trainer Charlie Appleby's colt, finished 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Dee Ex Bee.

"We came here with doubts about his effectiveness on the track and I'm not sure it suits," Dee Ex Bee trainer Mark Johnston said. "Because of the camber he rolled on to the one on his inside, but he rallied again up the hill so it bodes really well for the future."

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have been ranked No. 1.

But the head-to-head history is overwhelmingly in Williams' favor: She has won 19 of 21 meetings, including 18 in a row.

"Quite frankly, she's probably a favorite in

this match, for sure," Williams said with a chuckle. "She's been playing ... for over a year now. I just started. So I'm just really trying to get my bearings and trying to feel out where I am and see where I can go."

The last time Sharapova beat Williams was in 2004.

The last time they played was in the 2016 Australian Open quarterfinals, Sharapova's final appearance before her 15-month drug suspension.

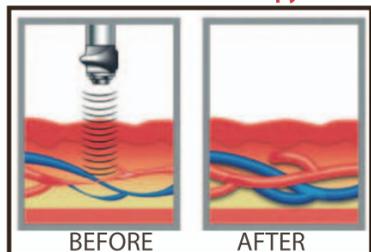
"Well, it's been a while," Sharapova said, "and I think a lot has happened in our lives for the both of us, in very different ways."

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U.S. construction rises

Spending up 1.8 percent in April to record high

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — U.S. construction spending surged 1.8 percent to a record high in April as home building rose by the largest amount in 24 years.

The April gain reversed a 1.7 percent drop in March, the Commerce Department reported Friday. The strength stemmed from a sizable 4.5 percent rise in residential construction, the biggest percentage gain since November 1993. Non-residential construction rose by a more modest 0.8 percent while

spending on government projects fell 1.3 percent as both the federal government and state and local governments saw declines.

The overall gain pushed construction to an all-time high of \$1.31 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, 7.6 percent above the level of a year ago. Construction is expected to provide a healthy contribution to economic growth this year.

The gain in home construction marked a rebound from a 2.6 percent drop in March and was driven by a 3.6 percent jump in

the volatile apartment sector. Spending on single-family homes was flat in April. But the overall level of residential spending was the highest since October 2006. The increase in nonresidential spending included a 3 percent rise in spending on hotels and motels and a 1.8 percent rise in office building.

The weakness in government spending reflects in part tight budgets at all levels of government. State and local construction spending edged down 0.3 percent, while spending by the federal government dropped 10.2 percent.



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In this May 4, 2018, file photo, a frame is raised on a house under construction near Roseville, Calif. On Friday, June 1, the Commerce Department reports on U.S. construction spending in April.

New business workshop coming in June

AVON PARK — Coming in June is a business workshop that provides insight on how to purchase commercial buildings using the U.S. Small Business Administration's 504 loan program.

The workshop takes place from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 in the University Center, Room 109 at South Florida State College, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park. The workshop cost is \$10.

Attendees will learn: How the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) 504 loan program can help business owners purchase, build or renovate commercial buildings as well as provide funds for things like

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mattress Direct relocates

AVON PARK — Another victim of Hurricane Irma is now moved into a new location.

Mattress Direct has been operating from a tent since the hurricane blew through Highlands County. The store is now in its new location at 1009 U.S. 27 South in Avon Park.

The Avon Park store phone number is 863-453-5580.

Tutoring Center Sebring approved for Step Up For Students scholarships

SEBRING — The Tutoring Center Sebring has partnered with Step Up For Students, which will give parents options to improve their child's educational experience. Step Up For Students empowers parents to pursue and engage in the most appropriate learning options for their children, with an emphasis on families who lack the financial resources to access these options. By pursuing this mission, The Tutoring Center and Step up for Students help public education fulfill the promise of equal opportunity.

Step Up For Students is a state-approved non-profit scholarship funding organization that helps administer two scholarships for Florida schoolchildren: the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program (FTC) for low-income families and the Gardiner Scholarship (PLSA) for children with certain special needs. The Tutoring Center of Sebring looks forward to a long standing partnership that will benefit the children of Highlands County.

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U.S. gains 223K jobs



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In this March 14, 2018, file photo, Dan Cieslak, left, a Human Resources representative for the Dunham's Distribution Center, and Warren Whitlow, a training manager, speak to students and other visitors during the Experience Indiana job fair event in the student center at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. The U.S. government issues the May jobs report on Friday, June 1.

Unemployment at 18-year low of 3.8 pct.

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — U.S. employers extended a streak of solid hiring in May, adding 223,000 jobs and helping lower the unemployment rate to an 18-year low of 3.8 percent from 3.9 percent in April.

Average hourly pay rose 2.7 percent from a year earlier, a slightly faster annual rate than in April, the Labor Department reported Friday. But pay growth remains below levels that are typical when the unemployment rate is this low.

Still, the report shows that the nearly 9-year old economic

expansion — the second-longest on record — remains on track. Employers appear to be shrugging off recent concerns about global trade disputes.

Roughly an hour before the employment data was released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time, President Donald Trump appeared to hint on Twitter that a strong jobs report was coming. "Looking forward to seeing the employment numbers at 8:30 this morning," he tweeted.

The president is normally briefed on the monthly jobs report the day before it is publicly released, and he and other administration officials are not supposed to comment on it

Where Americans found jobs in May

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retail, professional services and health care led the way in May in a month of strong broad-based hiring for the U.S. economy.

Among retailers, general merchandise stores added 13,000 jobs, clothing shops 6,500. Over the past year, retail has added more than 125,000 jobs.

Professional and business services, the category that has added the most jobs over the past 12 months, continued

its hiring spree by generating 31,000 additional positions. The sector recorded notable gains in higher-paying positions in accounting, computer systems design and management consulting.

Health care, a consistent job engine during the recovery from the Great Recession, gained nearly 32,000 jobs last month.

Overall, U.S. employers added 223,000 jobs in May. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.8 percent, an 18-year-low, the Labor Department said Friday.



In this May 15, 2018, file photo, Joan Herrera, center, sits and waits as his mother Andrea Batista Garcia, left, and Marlene Gonzales, fill out job applications while attending the Great Northeast 2018 Job Fair at Capriotti's in McAdoo, near Hazleton, Pa. The U.S. government issues the May jobs report on Friday, June 1.

beforehand.

Friday's report showed that hiring in the United States is benefiting a wider range of Americans: The unemployment rate for high school graduates reached 3.9 percent, a 17-year low. For black Americans, it hit a record low of 5.9 percent.

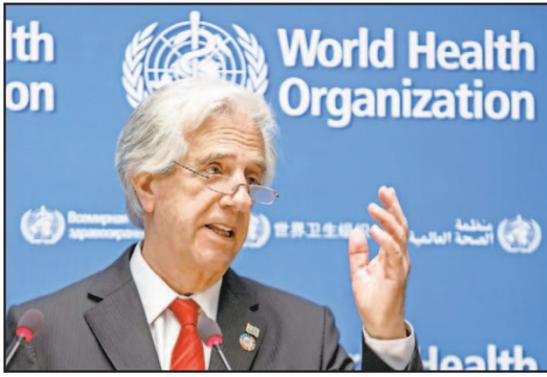
"The economy and labor market appear to be firing on all cylinders, with all sectors showing strength," said Paul

Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

With the jobless rate so low, employers have complained for months about the difficulty of finding workers to fill jobs. The number of open positions reached a record high in March. Friday's report suggests that some companies are making extra efforts to find people.

UN health agency backs away from call to tax sugary drinks

By JAMEY KEATEN and MARIA CHENG
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Uruguay's President Tabare Vazquez gestures during his statement as part of the launch of the report WHO Independent High-Level Commission on Noncommunicable Diseases (NDCs) at the headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland, Friday, June 1, 2018.

GENEVA — An independent World Health Organization panel is backing away from the U.N. health agency's own call two years ago to tax sugary drinks, in a new report on diseases like cancer, obesity and diabetes that some experts slammed as being "conspicuously limp."

International health experts said the decision was especially baffling, given the rising obesity crisis worldwide and WHO's own previous attempts to curb sugar consumption.

In 2016, the U.N. health agency urged countries to tax sugar-laden drinks like sodas and sport drinks as a way to fight obesity and diabetes. Back then, it said a 20 percent price increase in such drinks would dramatically cut consumption.

But in a report published Friday, although WHO recommended taxes on tobacco and alcohol, experts pointedly dropped any recommendation to tax sugary beverages. The

experts wrote instead that, regarding sugar taxation, "some views were conflicting and could not be resolved."

Dr. Sania Nishtar, co-chair of the recently created independent commission on non-communicable diseases behind the report, said most of its 26 members supported a tax on sugar sweetened beverages. But one commissioner — whom she did not identify — hampered drafting stronger language, mainly over the effectiveness of the sugar tax that has been introduced in some

countries. "The introduction of the tax (on sugary drinks) is fairly recent, and the data that we have relates to a decrease in consumption," Nishtar told reporters at WHO headquarters.

She said "the objection was that ... we should not make a bold recommendation." She said the commissioner did not believe there was enough health data on this yet — a point later disputed by WHO's own director-general, Tedros Ghebreyesus.

While the sweetened-drink industry



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP FILE PHOTO

In this Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 file photo soft drinks are on display at a supermarket in London. An independent World Health Organization panel is backing away from the U.N. health agency's own call two years ago for taxing sugary drinks, in a new report on diseases like cancer, obesity and diabetes that some experts slammed as being "conspicuously limp."

has come out strongly against any such tax, Nishtar said she was not aware of any industry lobbying of the commissioners.

Instead of explicitly recommending a sugar tax, WHO is leaving such decisions up to countries.

"When engagement with the private sector fails to contribute to the achievement of public health goals, governments should employ their regulatory and legislative powers to protect their populations," the report says.

Jack Winkler, an emeritus professor of nutrition policy at London Metropolitan University, said there is now convincing evidence that taxing sugary drinks works, citing, among other work, a recent article

in the journal, The BMJ. He said policies recently adopted in Britain show that taxing sugar-loaded drinks not only spurred manufacturers to reformulate their products but that "it has made the healthy choice the cheaper choice."

He said WHO's own acknowledgment that progress on combating obesity and other non-communicable disease has been slow makes their refusal to endorse sugar taxes outright especially unfortunate.

"When WHO doesn't pick up on a practical solution that also raises money, it is particularly absurd," he said.

In its new report, WHO also recommended governments prioritize measures to restrict junk food advertising.

"WHO should explore the possibility of establishing an international code of conduct on this issue...while acknowledging the need for partnerships based on alignment of interests," experts wrote.

Martin McKee, a professor of European public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said the failure of WHO's commission to reach an agreement on sugar taxes was "difficult to fathom."

He noted that since this was the only the first report from WHO's expert commission, they might still revise their advice in later reports.

"It would be very disappointing if this issue remained unresolved in its next report," McKee said.

Fiat Chrysler unveils plan to make more electrified cars

By COLLEEN BARRY
AP BUSINESS WRITER



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BALOCCHO, Italy — In his last big presentation as CEO of Fiat Chrysler before retiring, Sergio Marchionne announced a big investment push to make more electrified cars, while acknowledging that traditional engines will continue to dominate production for some time.

Unveiling the company's plans through 2022, Marchionne said Fiat Chrysler will invest 9 billion euros (\$10.5 billion) as it tries to catch up in the market for gas-electric hybrids and fully-electric vehicles, without forsaking a core market that still wants internal combustion engines.

"Reducing our dependence on oil is one of the single, greatest challenges that our society faces," Marchionne told financial analysts as he presented the business plan that will be a final legacy to the company he created through the merger of Fiat with failing Chrysler.

"At FCA, we believe there is no single solution, no magic formula, to solve this problem. We believe to achieve a quantum leap, the entire system — political, economic and industrial — needs to work together with the right measure of realism based on finding the appropriate balance between consumption levels, cost and efficiency."

"At the same time, conventional internal combustion engines will continue to be in the vast majority of our productions."

The daylong presentation focused on plans for the brands that drive revenues: Jeep SUVs, Ram trucks and premium brands Maserati and Alfa Romeo. CFO Richard Palmer said by 2022 those brands with Fiat Professional would represent 80 percent of revenues, compared with 65 percent today.

Palmer said Fiat expected to recover 65 percent of electrification costs through higher

Journalists watch a giant screen as Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne speaks during the 'Capital market day' at the FCA headquarters in Balocco, Italy, Friday, June 1, 2018. Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne is outlining his business plan for the automaker's next five years in his last big presentation to investors before retiring next year.

prices, while 15 percent of capital expenditures of 45 billion euros in the period would be invested in conventional engine technology.

Notably absent were the marquee brands: Fiat and Chrysler, which both represent the less-profitable passenger cars currently off consumers' radar, particularly in the United States, where Fiat Chrysler makes more most of its profits, but also in fast-growing China.

The business plan is Marchionne's grand finale, 14 years to the day after he was named Fiat CEO. His tenure has included landmark deals, including the Fiat merger with bankrupt U.S. carmaker Chrysler and the spin-offs the industrial vehicle business and sports carmaker Ferrari.

The 65-year-old Italian-Canadian has said his successor as CEO will come from within the company.

In a break from fashion tradition, Marchionne unzipped a knit cardigan to reveal a blue tie — the first, he said, he has worn in a decade. It is a gesture he had promised if Fiat eliminated debt, which he said will happen by the end of the month. Marchionne is famous for unfailingly wearing navy blue cashmere sweaters and never a tie, no matter the event.

Marchionne said debt is "a legacy that has dogged both Fiat and Chrysler for decades," and that erasing it "a significant milestone."

All new models for the Jeep, Maserati and Alfa Romeo brands launched in the next five years will have some version of electrified powertrains, while eliminating diesels, executives said. Truck maker Ram will limit its alternative powertrains to a high-end premium truck, the TRX, which will compete with Ford's Raptor.

Jeep brand chief Mike Manley did not provide a future target for sales, which are currently around 1.9 million vehicles a year. But he said that now one in every 17 utility vehicles sold in the world is a Jeep and he expects that to be one in 12 by 2022.

Meanwhile, the premium brand Alfa Romeo plans to increase annual sales to 400,000 by 2022, having missed a goal this year.

The head of the luxury line Maserati, Tim Kunsiskis, said the brand aims to compete with Tesla with an all-electric supercar named "Alfieri" that will accelerate from 0-100 kilometers (0-60 miles) an hour in around two seconds. The brand forecasts sales will double from last year to 100,000 cars a year by 2022.

Maserati is entering an exclusive deal with Ferrari for all future powertrains, including hybrid, plug-in hybrid and full-battery electric, while it eliminates diesel engines.

"With an all-electric supercar, it may look like we are targeting Tesla. We are," Kunsiskis said.

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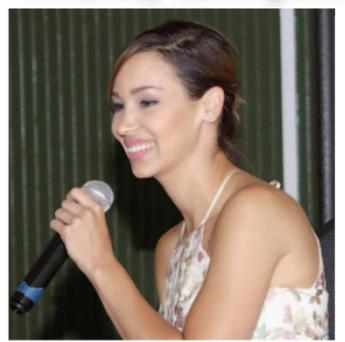
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IN THE INTEREST OF: Minor born 2015

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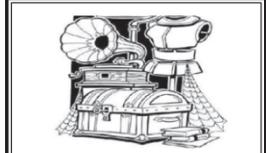
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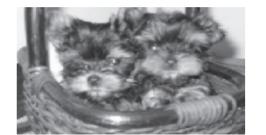
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For example, the number of part-time workers who would prefer full-time jobs declined slightly and is down 6 percent from a year ago. That may mean that businesses are converting some part-timers to full-time work.

to step up spending. Consumer spending rose in April at its fastest pace in five months.
Some of the spending reflects more money needed to pay higher gas prices, a potential trouble spot for consumers in the coming months. The average price of a gallon of gas nationwide reached \$2.96 on Thursday, up 15 cents from a month ago, according to AAA. Some economists calculate that higher gas costs could offset up to one-third of the benefit of the tax cuts.
Companies are spending more on industrial machinery, computers and software — signs that they're optimistic enough about future growth to expand their capacity. A measure of business investment rose in the first quarter by the most in 3½ years. That investment growth has been spurred partly by higher oil prices, which have encouraged the construction of more drilling rigs.
Manufacturers have benefited from the healthier business spending and have increased hiring. In April, factories expanded production of turbines and other heavy machinery by the most in seven months.
Macroeconomic Advisers, a forecasting firm, says it now foresees the economy expanding at a robust 4 percent annual pace in the April-June quarter, which would be the fastest in nearly four years. That is up from its forecast last week of less than a 3 percent rate for the current quarter.
Yet even with unemployment at an 18-year low, wage growth has been chronically sluggish in most industries, leaving many Americans still struggling to pay bills, particularly as inflation has ticked up. Still, companies are starting to pay more to lure workers from other companies, a trend that could lead to broader pay gains in coming months.
Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said higher pay for job-switchers tends to augur more robust raises for everyone else.

Companies are also hiring the long-term unemployed — those who have been out of work for six months or longer. Their ranks have fallen by nearly one-third in the past year. That's important because economists worry that people who are out of work for long periods can see their skills erode. Yet employers now seem more willing to hire them.
The job gains in May were broad-based: Professional and business services, which includes higher-paying fields such as accounting and engineering, added 31,000 jobs. Health care, a consistent job engine for the entire recovery, gained nearly 32,000.
Manufacturing added 18,000 jobs and construction 25,000.
The solid hiring data coincides with other evidence that the economy is on firm footing after a brief slowdown in the first three months of the year. The economy grew at a modest 2.2 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter, after three quarters that had averaged roughly 3 percent annually.
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BUSINESS WIRE

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In February 2018, Humana announced it had enhanced its agreement with the VFW as the national Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug and Medicare Supplement plans carrier for the organization.

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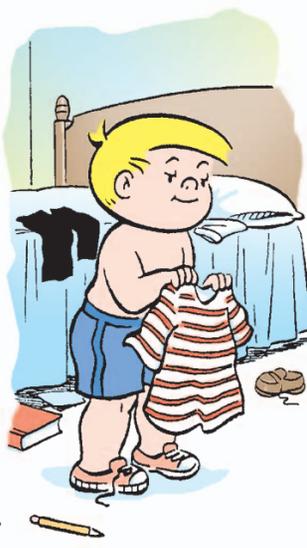
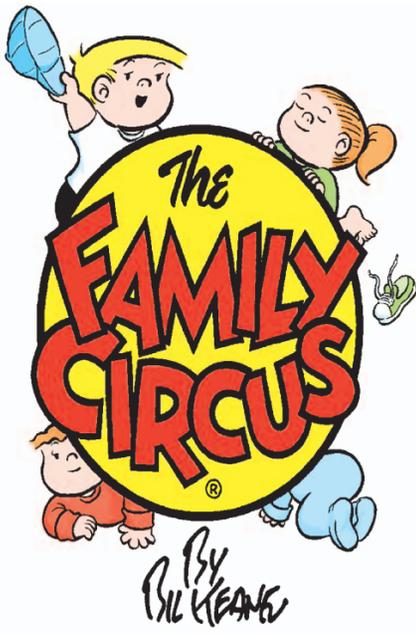
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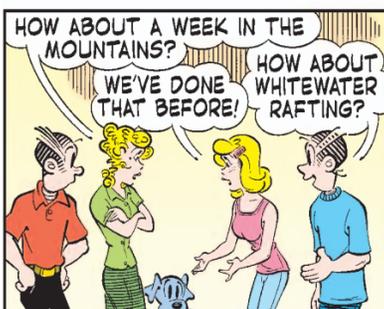
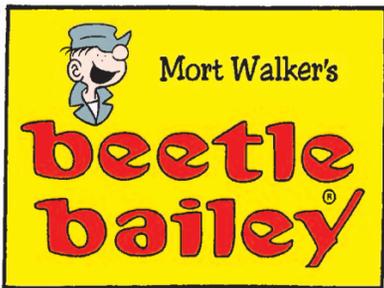
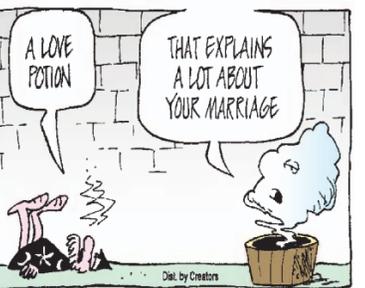
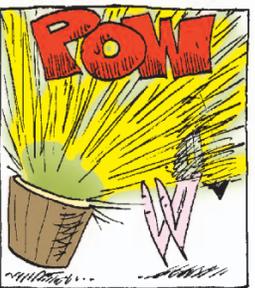
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By GYNN JOHNSTON

SLURRRUPPPHHH

GULP - AAAHHHHH

GRUNCH GRUNCH! GRUNCH! GRUNCH! ... GULP.

SLURRRUPPPP ... GULP.

AAAAAAHHH GRUNCH-MUNCH MFF GRUNCH GRUNCH - GULP.

SLURRRUPPPP MMM

AAAAGHH!

OOOH-YAH I LOOOVE YEW OOOEEE BAY-BEEEE WAP-WAP - AH-DOOOO

KIDS! ... DON'T KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH A LITTLE SILENCE!

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JON, THE COMMERCIAL IS OVER! THE MOVIE IS BACK ON!

WHAT?!

WHAT?!

WHAT?!!

WHAT?!!

WHAT?!!! ARE YOU GUYS SURE YOU'RE NOT MARRIED ALREADY?

HAL FOSTER'S Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

ZULFA CAN FIGURE ONLY ONE ROUTE OF ESCAPE FROM THE HOUSE OF KRIS, AND THAT INVOLVES SWINGING OVER THE WALL ON A PALM FROND.

HER PLAN WORKS - FOR THE MOST PART. THE FROND BREAKS OVER THE WALL AND SHE FALLS AWKWARDLY ON THE FAR SIDE.

SHE TRIES TO FLEE, BUT HER LEFT LEG WON'T RESPOND - AND BEHIND HER SHE HEARS A HARD, LABORED BREATHING...

... AND THEN A BLOODY, LIMPING DRAGON LOOMS ABOVE HER! "YOU CANNOT KILL ME," THE GIANT GASPS THROUGH SMASHED LIPS. "I WILL NOT BE STOPPED! BUT THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, WITCH..."

SUDDENLY, ZULFA HEARS A DISTANT BEAT OF MARCHING FEET. IN DESPERATION, SHE SCREAMS...

...AND THEN DRAGON HEARS THE STEPS AS THEY QUICKEN AND GROW CLOSER! HE HOLDS HIS SWORD STROKE...

...AND SCUTTLES AWAY INTO SHADOW AS A COMPANY OF ROYAL GUARDSMEN, LED BY VALETA, RUSH TO ZULFA'S SIDE.

NEXT: The sacrifice

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

One of these three ladies shoplifted shampoo and a toothbrush from the store. Which one does Slylock Fox suspect is guilty?

Solution - The turtle has no teeth or hair. The alligator has teeth, but no hair. Slylock suspects the bear stole the toothbrush and shampoo.

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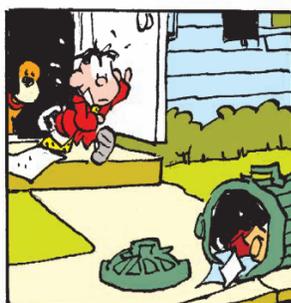
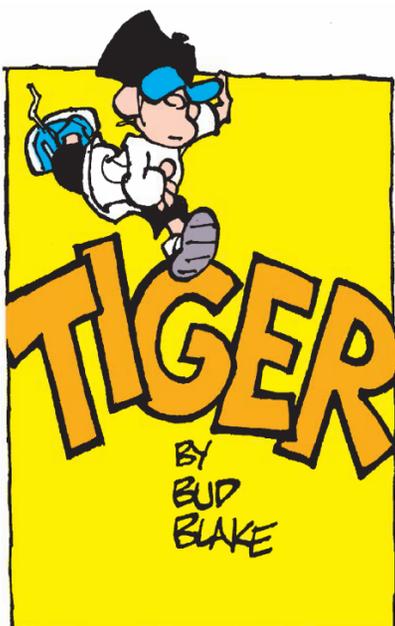
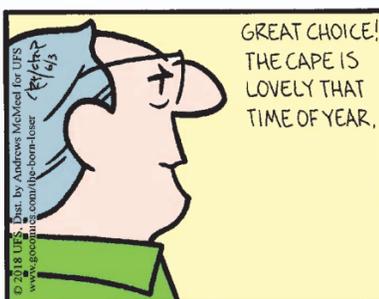
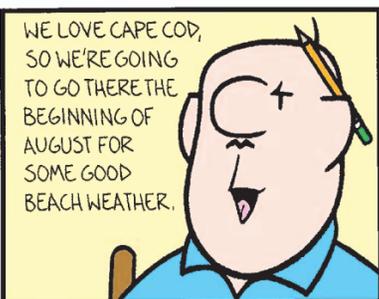
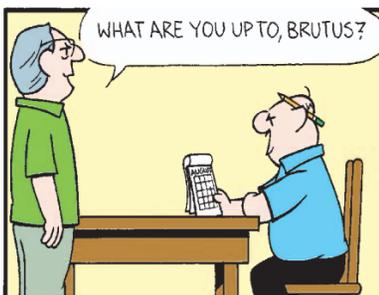
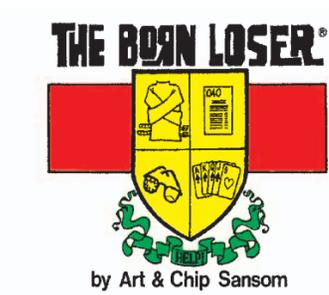
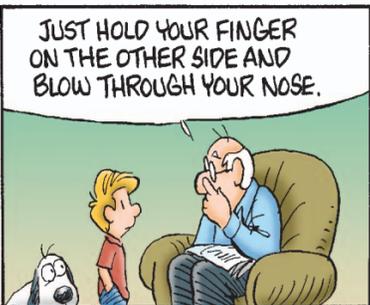
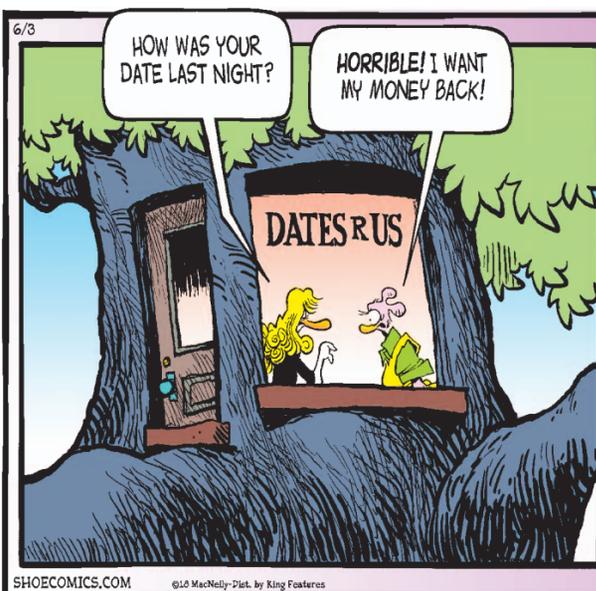
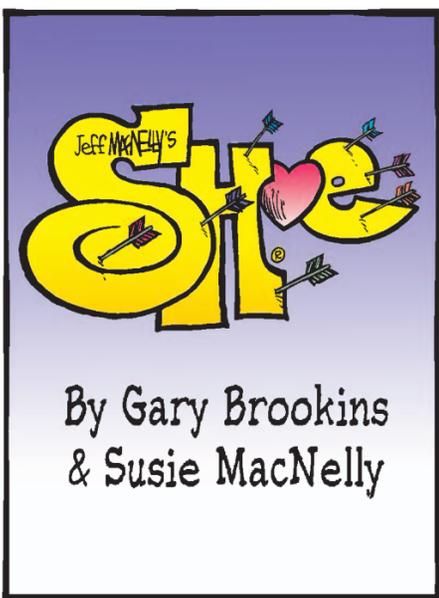
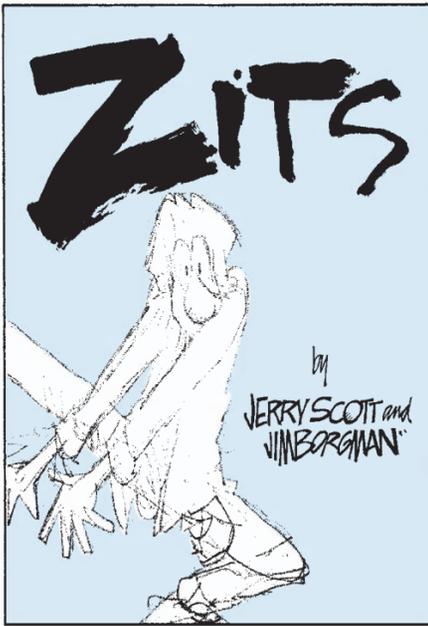
Answer -- Crack, tongue, sock, mouse's tail, ball and hair.

Which one of the following creatures is not an ape?

- Chimpanzee
- Baboon
- Gibbon
- Gorilla
- Orangutan

Answer -- (b) The baboon is a monkey.

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BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN BY JERRY SCOTT

SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!

HA! HA! HA!

SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

HEE! HEE! GASP!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO WREN??

YOUR ARM FAT JIGGLES WHEN YOU SHAKE THE CAN.

YEAH. IT'S PRETTY HILARIOUS.

KINDA HOT FOR LONG SLEEVES, ISN'T IT?

DON'T. EVEN. START.

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BARNEY GOOGLER and **SNUSMIFITH** BY JOHN ROSE

WHAT'S TH' OPPOSITE OF INSOMNIA?

SNUFFY SMIF !!

TOO HOT T'GO FISHIN' !!

YEP !!

TOO TIRED T'GO HUNTIN' !!

YEP !!

TOO BROKE T'PLAY CARDS !!

YEP !!

OKEY-DOKEY THEN--WE'LL GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY TOMORRY !!

YEP !!

IT SHORE DON'T TAKE MUCH TO RETURN OUR FELLERS TO THAR DEE-FAULT SETTIN'S !!

NOPE !!

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

I'VE ALWAYS WISHED WE ANTS COULD SEE THE WORLD FROM A BIRD'S EYE.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR.

HOP

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HOPE FOR SUCCESS. PLAN FOR FAILURE.

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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

TED! GET OUT OF BED AND COME SEE THIS! QUICK!

"THIS" BETTER MEAN "MONSTER" OR "MONSTERS."

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE?

OR THAT GIANT MONTY PYTHON FOOT COMING DOWN.

IS THERE ANYTHING MORE MAGICAL THAN THE EARLY MORNING OF EARLY SUMMER?

YES! THE DREAM I WAS JUST HAVING! I WAS PLAYING A REAL-LIFE VERSION OF THE ARCADE GAME "JOUST" MEETS "QUIDDITCH" WITH LIGHT-SABERS!

WINTER IS FOR SLEEPING, TED. SUMMER IS FOR MAKING MEMORIES! FOR MAKING THE MOST OF ALL THE DAYLIGHT AND WARM WEATHER WE CAN!

MY DREAM WAS IN 8K RESOLUTION. I NEVER SAW SUCH VIVID COLORS IN ALL MY LIFE.

COME ON! LET'S GO RIDE BICYCLES! YOU CAN BRING THE WIFFLE BAT AND PRETEND IT'S A LIGHTSABER BECAUSE THE NEIGHBORS AREN'T UP YET.

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CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

NO MORE SCHOOL... NO MORE BOOKS!

NO MORE CRANKSHAFT'S DIRTY LOOKS!

SEE YOU IN EIGHTY-SEVEN AND A HALF DAYS!

YOU HADDA RUIN IT!

SEE YOU, MR. CRANKSHAFT!

HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

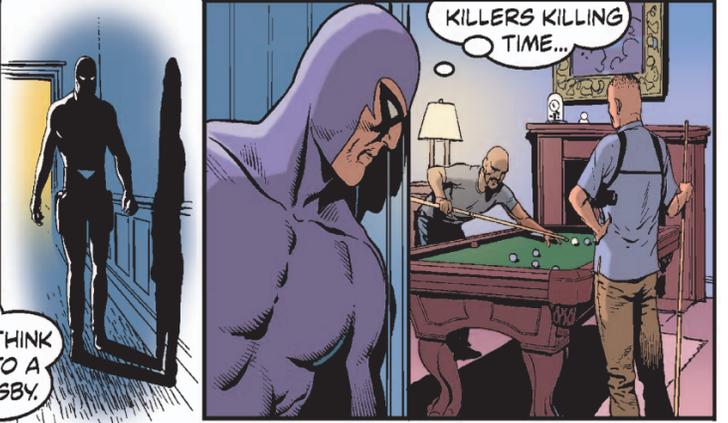
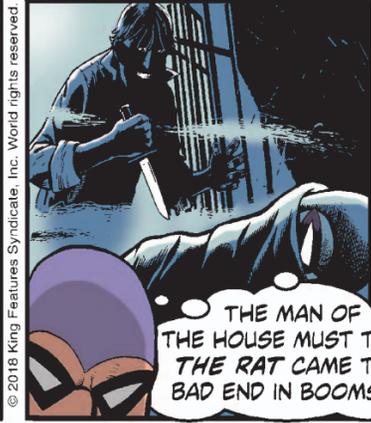
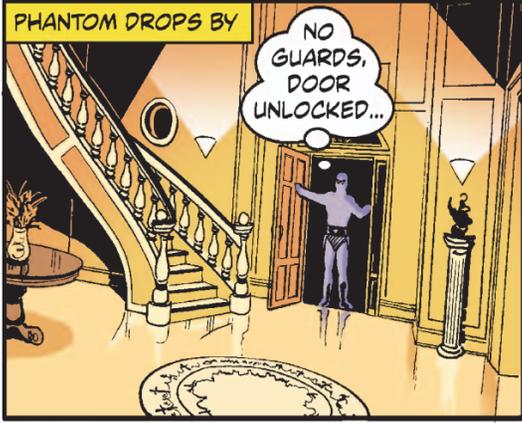
OUR MOTHER TOLD US... YOU SHOULD ALWAYS SAY 'HAVE A NICE SUMMER.'

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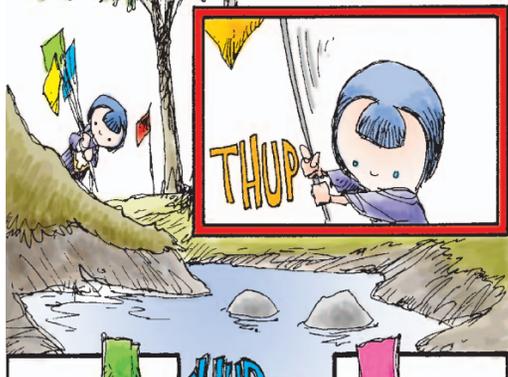
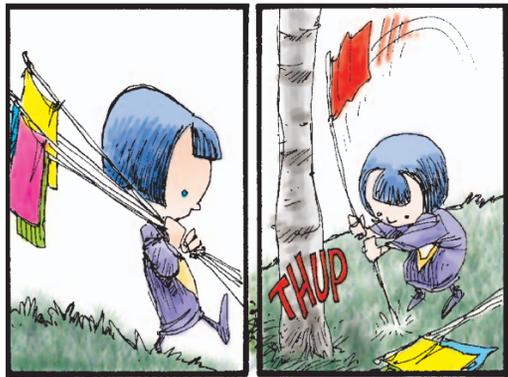
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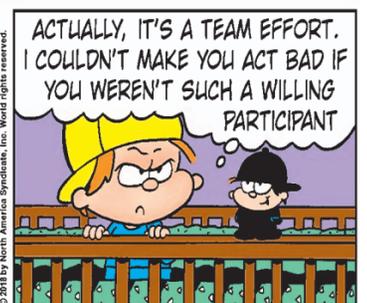
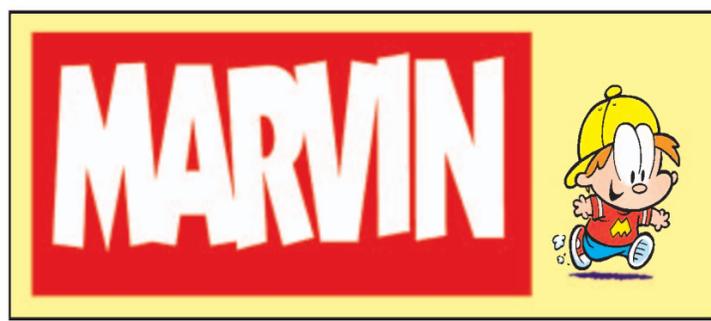
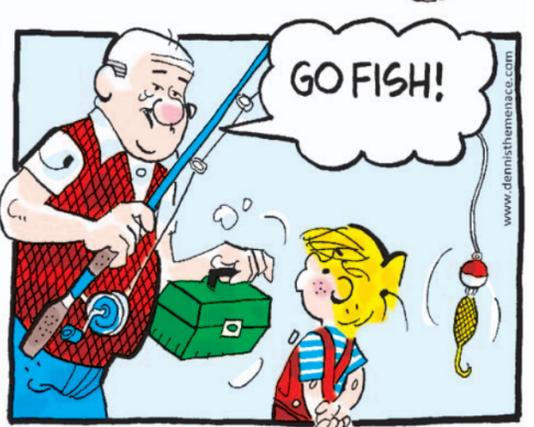
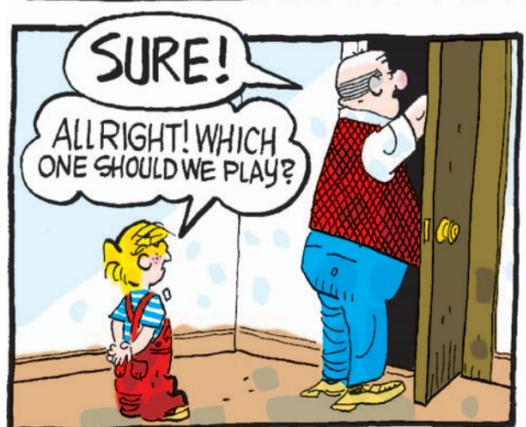
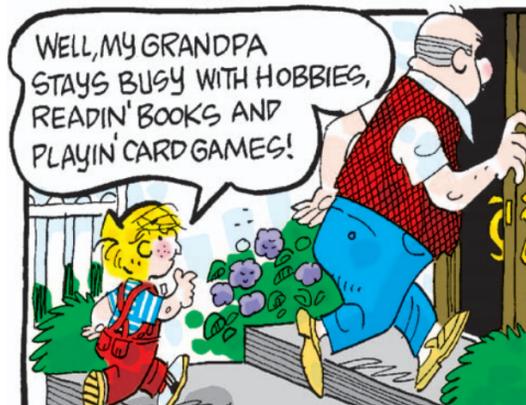
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