

Let the dogs out



Where can/ can't you take your dog?

MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

An unidentified golden retriever gets a drink Wednesday morning from a spigot at the Sun 'n Lake Special Improvement District dog park, which opened that day. It's the only free, no-leash park for dogs, but Highlands County residents can take their pets to a lot of places, provided they pay the required fees and/or abide by certain rules.

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Area residents now have a public park in Sun 'n Lake, free of charge, to let their dogs off the leash.

Dogs already may go with their owners to a lot of places in Highlands County, as long as dogs stay on a leash and behave — no barking or biting — and their owners pick up after them.

However, exactly where and to what extent dogs may go with their owners depends on other people.

"It's up to the property owner," said Officer Gage Massey with Highlands County Animal Services, under the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

In general, it's illegal

NEED A PLACE FOR FIDO?

DogFriendly.com lists Highlands Hammock State Park as allowing quiet, well-mannered dogs for no additional fee if they are current on vaccinations and on a 6-foot or less hand-held leash. Also, owners must clean up after them promptly.

However, while in the park, dogs are not allowed in playgrounds or buildings.

BringFido.com also provides a search checklist for local pet-friendly hotels or restaurants. As with all internet searches, however, read the information thoroughly and then call the establishment to double-check. Policies may have changed.

under Highlands County Code of Ordinances Sec. 4.5-21 for an owner to allow a dog to roam free outside a fence onto public property or without permission onto private property.

Likewise, Sec. 4.5-22 requires owners keep dogs on a collar and leash,

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A dog waste station like this one at the Sun 'n Lake of Sebring dog park, complete with plastic bag dispenser and trash can, not shown, below, is a staple for any place that invites or allows canine visitors. However, residents who are allowed to take their pets into other public places should keep plastic bags with them, just in case.

Two arrested in connection with AP restaurant shooting

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — Authorities arrested two men Friday in connection with a shooting at Maryland Fried Chicken June 21 where multiple shots were fired and one victim had to be taken to a nearby hospital after being shot in the leg while eating.

The shooting reportedly happened over a fall-ing-out between friends, a Highlands County Sheriff's Office news release states.

Authorities say Somore Versace Fagan, 19, of Sebring, reportedly entered the downtown Avon Park eatery with a handgun and began shooting as the victim and the other people inside fled out the back. Gates at Avon Park High School, Avon Park Middle School, Park Elementary School and Avon Elementary School were closed as a precaution for a couple of hours and some frightened downtown merchants shuttered down after hearing about the shooting in broad daylight.

According to Sheriff's Office detectives, Fagan fired the shots just after 11 a.m., hitting the 25-year-old man, who was his intended target. Fagan is

charged with attempted first-degree murder, five counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, firing a missile into a dwelling and possession of a weapon by a career offender.

Erick Joseph Rondil, 25, drove Fagan to the restaurant that day, detectives added. He is charged with attempted first-degree murder, five counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and firing a missile into a dwelling.

Both were already in the Highlands County Jail on unrelated charges when they were served with their latest arrest warrants.

According to the investigation, Rondil and the victim had been friends, but had a falling-out.

"The victim said he thought they had patched things up just before the victim returned to Highlands County. On the day of the shooting, however, Rondil learned that the victim was at the restaurant. He borrowed a car that the victim would not recognize, and he drove Fagan to the restaurant at 904 W. Main St., dropping him off at the rear of



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Allstate celebrates mega grand opening event

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Over 100 people and a kangaroo attended Allstate's grand opening at its new location.

Attendees feasted on free food and enjoyed hits from the 1950s to today while celebrating the new office at 2151 U.S. 27 South, which provides better visibility on U.S. 27 and a more central location.

Among those who came to support Jessica Hartline in the grand opening of her new Allstate office were Kelly Dressel from the Children's Museum of the Highlands and Terri

Lynn Crutchfield from TLC Therapy Hooves. In addition to running her insurance agency, Hartline also volunteers at the Children's Museum and TLC Therapy Hooves.

Crutchfield brought a baby kangaroo to the party to visit with Hartline. Animals are part of Crutchfield's therapy program with senior citizens.

"I greatly appreciate the time Jessica gives to TLC Therapy Hooves and serving seniors in our community," she said.

Words of appreciation also flowed from her customers who flocked to the event.

"Before we moved to the area, we were looking

for an insurance company for a house we were going to buy here," Ken Stevens said. "We sent her a question online and she responded quickly." Hartline helped the couple settle into the area, even giving advice about dentists and doctors.

Stevens' wife Verlie agreed. "We have several policies with Allstate. The staff at her office has taken care of every issue that has come up to our 100 percent satisfaction.

"We love the new office," Verlie Stevens said. "They are very convenient for us. Jessica is a generous person and



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Jessica Hartline celebrated the grand opening of her Allstate agency at its new location on US 27. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



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Laser lights, magic tricks turn into life lessons

For Sebring library patrons

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Children laughed, gasped and clapped at the laser light, juggling and magic show held at the Jack Stroup Civic Center in Sebring Thursday.

Gerard Tricarico delighted children with his mixture of entertainment and motivation. Magic tricks with disappearing objects and objects that seemed to teleport from one location made the children gasp and giggle.

Tricarico, who also serves as a substitute teacher in Cape Coral, incorporated life lessons into his magic tricks. For example, before he performed a magic trick, he asked the crowd, "How many people like to save money?" People raised their hands in response.

Then he called a child from the audience and had the child find coins in an empty bag. These coins were placed into a clear, empty box. When he covered the box and later uncovered it, the box was filled with dozens of dollar bills. Tricarico said, "It's always a good idea to save money."

Another life lesson involved disappearing blocks. He had three blocks labeled A, B and C. Block A stood for the word "afraid." He told the children that everyone, including adults, were sometimes afraid. He said, "I've done over 1,000 shows, and it took the first half of the shows to help me overcome stage fright."

Block B stood for bravery, which people needed to overcome their fears. The final block, C, stood for challenges. "At the end of the day, which block is most important?" Tricarico asked.

Blocks A and C disappeared and all that was left was the block for bravery. "The most important thing is to be brave enough to do our very best," Tricarico said.

Tricarico juggled a number of different items, from small ball to large rings. Some of the balls and rings had

neon lights that changed colors as he juggled them. To make the show even more interesting, the lights were turned down low and the neon lights glowed as he juggled the balls and rings in rhythm to popular, upbeat songs.

His eyes darted back and forth among the objects as he juggled up to four balls at one time.

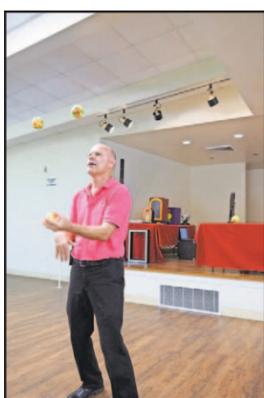
Tricarico demonstrated the ability to always learn one more piece of information with a puzzle.

He asked for a volunteer to put together several puzzle pieces and make them fit into a wooden frame. When completed, the puzzle seemed to take up the entire frame. However, he held up a small rectangular cube, which represented a new piece of information.

"It's always possible to fit one more piece of information into our heads each day," he said.

He rearranged the puzzle and made the small rectangular piece fit. "The library is a good place to go to learn something new. There's always room in our brains to learn something new each and every day."

Kaylee Swafford, a young child in the



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Gerard Tricarico performs his Out of My Hands Laser Light Show for audiences all over Florida.

audience, turned around to her mother during the performance and said, "Mommy, I like it! This is fun!"

Kaylee's mother, Jessica, saw the event on the library calendar. "We were bored and need something to do. During the summer, it's hard to fill up the time."

The event was sponsored by Sebring Friends of the Library. Thursday, Smoky the Bear will be at the library at 2 p.m. The grand finale for the summer will be July 26, a party to celebrate and get together one last time.

Duke Energy customers being targeted by scammers

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Duke Energy customers are being scammed by those claiming to be Duke representatives, and the power company wants to educate customers on how to avoid falling prey.

The fake representative will call clients and tell them they must make a payment or their power will be shut off, usually in a few hours.

The company is combating the most recent run of scams by educating its customers on scam prevention.

Peveeta Persaud, Duke Energy spokeswoman, said businesses are particularly vulnerable because they are worried about not having electricity while serving their customers.

Duke Energy works with Utilities United Against Scams.

The organization meets in the spring for a week-long campaign and to share resources.

"We all work together to minimize scams," Persaud said. "Unfortunately, we can't get to all of the groups who are pulling the strings; sometimes as



soon as we shut down one number, another one pops up.

"We also try to educate our customers," Persaud said.

"In addition to our residential customers, our business customers may feel a sense of urgency.

They may get a call at peak hours and the scammers say they are going to turn off their power."

She said businesses may be targeted more often than residential customers.

Persaud used the example of a restaurant owner getting that scam call in the middle of the lunch rush.

"If we do have to disconnect a customer, there are several notices in advance, so it is not a urgent request," Persaud said. "We wouldn't call the day of (disconnection). There is a process. They can always visit our customer care number or visit the website."

Persaud recommends hanging up on a suspicious call and calling the

800 phone number on the bill and reporting it.

Do not call the same number back because criminals use caller ID spoofing to copy Duke Energy's customer service numbers.

Collectors will never tell you to pay with a prepaid debit card.

Duke Energy provided some "red flag" warning signs:

- The scammer becomes angry and tells the customer their power will be shut off in a short time if a large payment is not received.

- The scammer tells the customer to buy a prepaid debit card and give him the information or asks for a money wire.

- The scammer asks for the pin and receipt number for a prepaid debit card.

There are many tips on spotting a scam, reporting one and how not to be a victim of one, at duke-energy.com/stop-scams or by calling client customer care center at 800-700-8744

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Father, son SFSC alums credit community for strength

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LAKE PLACID — Father and son, Kerry and Kyle Thompson, both South Florida State College alumni, have never lost the sense of home when they speak of Lake Placid or Highlands County and find it a source of great strength.

Kerry is the vice president and office manager of Heartland National Bank's Lake Placid Office. He received his Associate in Arts degree in business administration in 1977 from SFSC, then known as South Florida Community College, and went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Kyle graduated from SFSC in 2011 with his Associate in Arts degree in business administration and earned his bachelor's degree in food and resource economics from the University of Florida in 2013. He earned his Juris Doctor and a Master of Laws in Taxation from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2016. He practices law with Rider & Thompson, in Lake Placid.

Kerry grew up in Miami. "Miami was a really nice place to live in the late 1950s. We didn't lock our doors or our cars," he said. "But my dad was a police officer and could see the landscape changing."

He was introduced to Highlands County early in life when his family camped at Fisheating Creek in Palmdale and shopped for supplies in Lake Placid. Eventually,

the family, discovered they had a distant relative who owned property in Venus. "He was getting older and wanted to sell some property, so we bought some land and ended up building a house," Kerry said. "Then, my mom, my brother, and I moved to Lake Placid in 1973 when I was a junior in high school. My dad continued to work as a police officer in Miami and would commute back and forth on the weekends until he retired from the police force."

Kerry graduated from Lake Placid High School in 1975. Although he didn't plan to attend college, he went to Edison Community College in Fort Myers on the promise of a golf scholarship, but the scholarship didn't materialize. He attended the college for two semesters and played on the golf team, but had to work, go to class, and practice golf.

Disheartened, he returned to Highlands County and enrolled at SFSC.

While attending college, he worked at Sun 'n Lake Golf Course in Sebring, getting up at 4 a.m. to mow the greens. He'd then shower and change, head to class at SFSC, then return to the golf course to work until late in the afternoon.

Kerry's career in banking started in 1978 through an acquaintance, Don Dyer, who had designed and built the golf course at Sun 'n Lake in Sebring.

Kerry worked for Dyer at the Sun 'n Lake Golf Course in Lake Placid



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Kyle and Kerry Thompson.

while he was attending Lake Placid High School and then Sun 'n Lake Golf Course in Sebring after it was opened for business. "Don later went into banking at First Bank in Lake Placid," Kerry said. Kerry's mother ran into Dyer at the bank one day. Dyer told her about an opening at the bank and suggested Kerry come talk to him.

Kerry was hired to work in the bank's loan department. Later, he trained to run the newly opened trust department. He was sent to the University of Florida for a couple of summers and to the Florida Trust School in Gainesville. He worked in trust departments for the next 25 to 30 years, successfully riding the increasing wave of bank mergers and consolidations.

In 1999, after several

bank mergers, Kerry was working at Bank of America in Sebring as the senior trust officer.

He was told that they planned to close the bank's trust department in Sebring and was asked to transfer to their trust department in Vero Beach, but he chose to remain in Highlands County and was hired by SunTrust Bank as the vice president and manager of the Trust and Investments Services Group Office in Sebring.

In 2005, SunTrust closed its trust department in Sebring and asked Kerry to move to Lakeland. In late 2005, he was offered a position with Heartland National Bank where he now works.

"I chose not to transfer to Vero Beach or Lakeland because Kyle and his siblings were then of high

school age, and I thought a move would cause a disruption in their lives," he said. "Lake Placid was, and is today, a great place to raise a family. The community was such that we were well connected with our local church and the kids were involved in the youth program. My wife Lori and I taught a youth age Sunday school class. So, there was no second thought about moving to Vero Beach or Lakeland."

At Rider & Thompson, Kyle practices general civil law. "The areas of real estate, estate planning, and probate are really the foundation of our practice," he said.

Kyle works alongside long-time attorney Mike Rider. "My dad and Mr. Mike were friends before I was even born," he said. "So, that's where the relationship started. Mr. Mike and my dad both played golf and I would join them even as a young boy."

Kyle chose to attend SFSC right out of high school rather than go directly to a university. "It's a smart financial decision for kids to stay here," he said. "Having a dad in banking, the fiscal responsibility was instilled in us, but it wasn't something our parents pushed on us."

Kyle was awarded Top Ten and Bright Futures scholarships for college. "One of the big draws to SFSC was the cost of college," he said. "I worked while I was in school, so I was saving money. I mowed yards in Sebring with my brother-in-law who has a lawn company."

"A lot of kids, when they're in high school, can't wait to get out of Highlands County," he said. "I never had the desire to leave Lake Placid as soon as I could. I didn't have that need or that desire to leave. Certainly the community and the closeness of my family was a big part of it."

While attending SFSC, Kyle developed an interest in law school, so he went to Rider to ask him about the practice of law and what it entailed.

During the summer between his junior and senior year at the University of Florida, he interned in Rider's law office. After his first year in law school, he held internships during the summer and during winter breaks. "I came back to the law firm as much as I could," Kyle said. "I jumped at the opportunity."

Kyle's background in agriculture and his bachelor's degree in food and resource economics has served him well in his law practice. "Obviously, growing up in a rural community, with family property, I fell in love with agriculture and really enjoyed that," he said. "I could see myself doing something in agriculture. When I was going to major in it, I had the idea that I might want to go to law school. So for me, it was good either way because I'd either have a career in agriculture in Central Florida, or if I went to law school, I would return to Central Florida knowing that a lot of my clients would be in agriculture."

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A muscovy duck and its young swim through an algae infested canal off of Orange Grove Boulevard in North Fort Myers on Tuesday.

Lake 0 releases back on

By JIM TURNER

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Fresh water releases from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries as a means of managing regional flood risks resumed Friday, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville said.

The announcement comes as politicians continue to blame each other for the toxic algae outbreaks in the estuaries.

After touring impacted waters in Southwest Florida on Monday, Gov. Rick Scott issued an emergency order for Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties over the reemergence of toxic algae outbreaks on both coasts, which residents believe are caused by the releases.

“We acknowledge the multiple challenges in this system including this summer’s extensive algal blooms,” Col. Jason Kirk, Jacksonville District commander with the Army Corps of Engineers, said in a press release Thursday. “Through our federal-state dike rehabilitation and Everglades restoration efforts, along with the state and local community investments to control nutrients from the lake and adjacent waterways, we are collective on the path to remedying these multiple challenges.”

In response to Scott’s order, the South Florida Water Management District on Thursday announced it had started to lower water levels in conservation areas as a way to send more water south from the lake.

“These pumps will increase the capacity of water that can be moved out of Water Conservation Area 3B into Shark River Slough and into Everglades National Park by up to 200 cubic feet per second,” a release from the district stated. “Additionally, numerous other permanent and temporary pumps are currently being operated by the District 24 hours a day to move more water out of the conservation areas.”

In addition to increasing the flow into Everglades National Park, which will also start Friday, the water management district will slow flows into the lake from the Kissimmee River and other points north of the river, while moving as much water as possible into other storage areas on the south side of the lake.

The Army Corps had suspended releases into the St. Lucie Estuary on June 30 and into the Caloosahatchee Estuaries on Sunday so a full assessment of system conditions could be undertaken.

The lake level neared 14.5 feet on Thursday, the third highest for this date in 11 years. The lake level has increased more than a foot-and-a-half since May 13 due to record rainfalls. Rain over

the past two weeks has caused the lake level to rise just over two inches.

Kirk said the discharges will operate below the limits allowed in the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule for the next two weeks.

“We will implement pulse releases with variable flows that simulate rainfall events in an effort to reduce some of the environmental impacts,” he said in the release.

The Army Corps’ move to limit water levels in the lake is intended to reduce the chance of a major breach of the Herbert Hoover Dike, which is basically a 30-foot-high earthen structure that surrounds the lake. Last week, the corps said that

\$514.2 million is heading toward repairs of the dike.

The toxic blooms have sparked a political firestorm and erupted into major finger pointing by local, state and federal officials operatives.

Palm Beach real estate magnet Jeff Greene, who is running as a Democrat for governor, called the latest algae outbreak “a direct result of the system collapsing after 20 years of Republican leadership” after taking his own tour of the waters on Wednesday.

Scott, who is trying to unseat incumbent U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, has blamed his opponent for failing to push Congress to act on water issues affecting South Florida.

Making the next high school grade easier

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Ninth-graders, 10th-graders and 11th-graders will need fewer credits and can get by with a lower grade point average in the upcoming school year to move up to the next grade level.

The School Board of Highlands County, by a 4-1 vote, recently approved a high school grade classification revision to the Student Progression Plan, which lowers the number of credits and the minimum grade point average needed to progress to the next grade level.

The previous policy classified 10th-graders as meeting the following: 6 to 11.5 credits, including one credit of Level 2 English, a passing grade in a Level 2 Math and a cumulative 2.0 grade point average or higher.

The new policy classifies 10th-graders by meeting the following: 5 - 9.5 credits of which two credits must be core credits and a 1.5 unweighted cumulative GPA or higher.

This was a scaled back plan to improve high school retention rates by reducing some of the requirements to advance to the next grade level.

In March, the School Board turned down the Zero Grade Progression plan that would have automatically advanced high school freshmen and sophomores to the next grade level, without successfully completing the coursework.

Superintendent Brenda Longshore said Friday that Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Programs Jessica Thayer brought together teachers and administrators from the high schools a few months ago to revisit the grade classification topics and it was presented to the board at that time.

School board member Donna Howerton said she again voted “no” on the revision because there are still concerns among faculty, parents and the community.

Though there are no changes in the graduation requirements, by lowering the standards, students may not be able to catch up to meet those graduation requirements, she



MARC VALERO/STAFF

The School Board of Highlands County approved recently a high school grade classification revision to the Student Progression Plan.

said.

The revisions also lower the requirements to be classified as an 11th-grader from 12.0-17.5 credits to 10.0-16.5 and lowers the unweighted GPA requirement from 2.0 to 1.65 or higher.

The 12th-grade classification requirements are lowered from 18 credits and more to 17 credits and over, and the unweighted GPA requirement is lowered from 2.0 to 1.8.

Revised language states that all students who have been retained in high school can be reclassified at the end of the first semester if they meet the criteria.

Also, students will not be classified above their cohort year without principal approval.

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Commission wants historic marker

Looks to recognize Lorida, Hammock

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County's Historic Preservation Commission met Thursday and discussed two places of local historic significance.

One is the Lorida School House and the other is Highlands Hammock State Park.

While no one doubts the historic significance of Highlands Hammock State Park, the first state park in Florida, there are questions of how to establish enough significance of the Lorida School to qualify for a historic marker.

Joedene Thayer, planning supervisor and county staff assigned to work with the Historic Commission, said there has been talk of getting a historic marker for the site — a sign that would teach visitors about the importance of the school.

The difficulty, Thayer said, is finding a great enough historic significance to mark the building as equally significant.

The original school building, constructed in 1925, either burned down or blew away with

a hurricane, according to Historic Commission documents.

A new building, the current one, went up in either 1933 or 1934, depending on differing accounts.

Some accounts have it being built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, but Darrel Smith, a historian for the CCC, has said the group never worked in the area where the school was built.

He also said the CCC only started working in Highlands County in 1934, a year after the school was completed, by some accounts.

Some accounts state, after its completion, that the first elected Superintendent of Schools F.N.K. Bailey was proud of the school and often visited to talk with students.

By the end of World War II, some students were riding buses to Sebring schools.

The building served as a school until the 1950s, when it was converted to a library and meeting hall.

Empty and deteriorating, it got new life in the 1970s when restoration started, spurred by Audrey Vickers and Marie Boley.

Ten years ago, it was transferred by the Highlands County School Board to ownership by South Florida State College.

Local prominent residents who attended the school include, in alphabetical order: Elaine Ables, Sam Bronson, Sadie Brown, Mary Ann Stokes Gosa, Rachel Hunter, Jack Ingle, Bill and Ginger Payne, Neil Ashton Prescott, Nancy Vickers Pyle, Leila Sebring, Edgar Stokes and Ruby Ashton Tomlinson.

The building itself was an example of "frame vernacular," with wood exterior and interior walls, concrete-block foundation, soft wood/pine flooring, gable/hip roof with metal sheeting and three bathrooms.

Meanwhile, the application to have the state park placed on the National Historic Register of Historic Places is working through the system. At last word, Thayer said, it had been submitted to the Keeper of the Register at the federal level.

Thayer hopes to hear back from the National Register soon about the park.

OBITUARIES

Raymond 'Ray' L. Burgin



Raymond "Ray" L. Burgin, 59, was born to Thomas and Mary Ann Burgin on April 27, 1959

in Hialeah, Florida and passed away in Lake Placid, Florida on July 08, 2018.

Raymond is survived by his two sons, Raymond J. Burgin and Thomas J. Burgin, and their mother, Anne Burgin; one daughter, Jenna E. Gatley; father, Thomas Burgin; mother, Mary Ann Burgin; brother, Leonard J. Burgin; sister, Sandra Bothun and brother-in-law, Brian Bothun; three step-sisters, Laura and John Zink, Marie and Buddy Dye, and Cathy and Richard Doble; and finally many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Raymond was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He had a true passion for fishing, hunting, boating and just the great outdoors. Ray will be known for his businesses, Ray's Taxi Service and Ray's Sheds.

A celebration of life will be held at noon on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 30 E. Palm Circle, Lake Placid, Florida. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

Jack L. Clark



Jack Lilburn Clark, 75, of Sebring, passed away on July 6, 2018 at Lawnwood

Regional Medical Center of Fort Pierce, Florida following an automobile accident. He was 75 years old. The family is respecting his wishes to not have a funeral service.

Jack was born on Sept. 4, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky to James P. Clark and Mary Parr. After graduating from High School, he attended the Georgia Tech University. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he loved to golf and spending time with his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Donald Clark. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Turner Clark of Sebring, Florida; his daughter, Dawn C. Hostetler (Dan) of Winter Haven, Florida; his stepdaughters, Kristin Ritsema (Scott) of Cypress, California, Sherry Cassilly of Edgewater, Maryland, and Stacey Steinberg of Middletown, Delaware; siblings, Susan Clark of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Fran Shaw of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Dick Clark (Kathy) of Louisville, Kentucky, Dale Clark of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Kay Parrott (Ed) of Indianapolis, Indiana; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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OUR VIEW

Nightmare on Magnolia Avenue

From across the street, Magnolia Retirement Village doesn't look so bad. It is what's beyond the front door that is disgusting to most of us.

Dead roaches. Live roach and ant infestations. Black mold that is feet high on the walls around air handlers and on the ceilings. Deteriorating drywall. Disgustingly filthy rooms. Leaking roofs. Holes in the bottom of doors where critters can enter from the outside. Electrical wires coming from the walls. Corroding exit doors. Food stored on the floor.

Then there are claims of staff shortages, poor nutritional programs, over-charging residents, and intimidation and elder abuse.

The pictures provided to the Highlands News-Sun said enough and yet what was on Wednesday's front page was not the worst of what we were given.

The complaints against Magnolia Retirement Home were brought to the attention of the Highlands News-Sun by both former employees and some of the 40 live-in residents. Upon doing some public record search, it is clear that the problems at the assisted living facility are not a surprise to officials at the Agency for Health Care Administration or the local Florida Department of Health.

In fact, more complaints have been lodged with AHCA against Magnolia Retirement Village than any other ALF in Highlands County, according to the agency's website.

Complaints have also been lodged with the Highlands County Code Enforcement as well as fire inspectors with the City of Sebring.

Results of scheduled inspections are "unsatisfactory" and although there are some improvements made, re-inspections remain marked "unsatisfactory."

We question why unannounced inspections aren't being made by the investigating agencies, especially when one of the complainants said the administrator "does just enough before inspections not to get shut down."

We would hope the inspectors can predict this type of suspicious activity, which would warrant a re-inspection without letting the administrator know when that will be. Otherwise, the inspections may never get any better, which means the living conditions for these folks will certainly never get any better.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. More reports continue to be reviewed, showing more problems.

The former employees who brought the problems to light said they were released from work after notifying ACHA. Both said they tried to help the residents there, even going so far to use their own money to buy food and items for the residents. They also claim that residents have been charged for toiletries and food, even when it has been donated.

If the conditions can't be resolved in a certain amount of time, then the place should be shut down.

Ask yourself, would you want your mother or father, maybe a grandparent, or a sister or brother living in a place where roaches and mold are the norm? We don't think so.

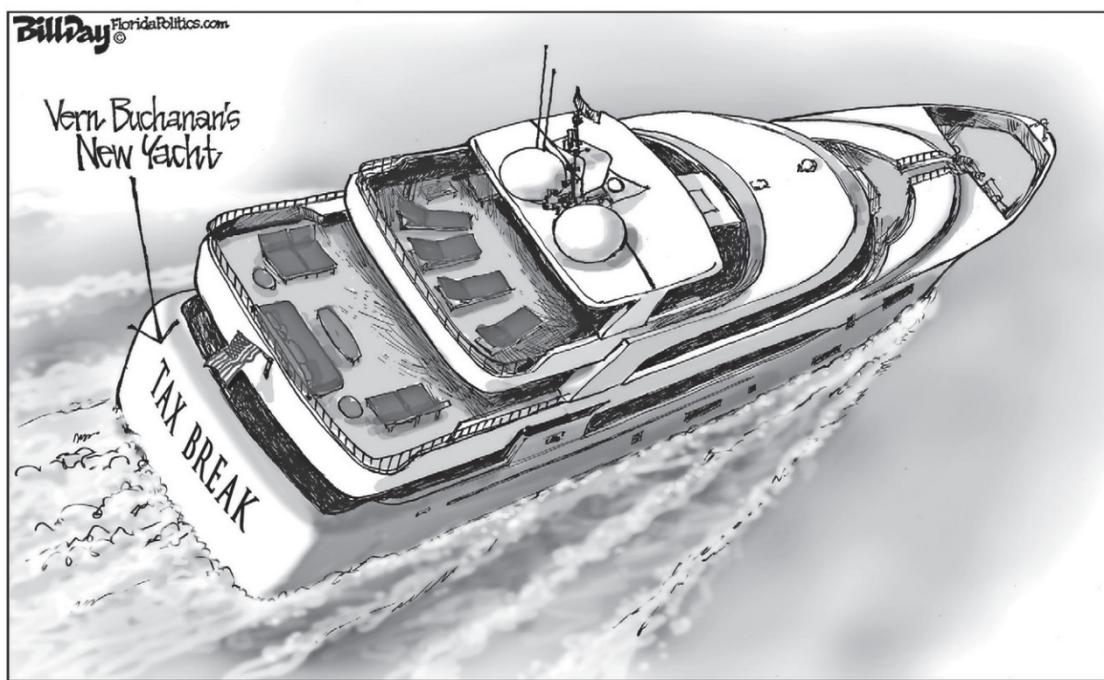
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Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only four letters per person per month.

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Hurner knows where to get the answers

The producer was looking to do the right thing. He had a dead animal on his hands, a casualty of Hurricane Irma.

So he asked the person everyone in Highlands County would ask, Laurie Hurner, how to dispose of it. She took it to county emergency management officials.

But "everyone" meant county officials, too.

Hurner's question boomeranged right back to her – several times. It seems that any official who had the question had the same thought: Ask Laurie.

That's how it goes when you're a community's clearinghouse for all things agriculture.

It's not that Hurner always knows the answers. Former Highlands County Farm Bureau president Scott Kirouac will tell you she doesn't need to. As the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Highlands County Extension director, Hurner knows the people who do.

In the case of the animal casualty, Hurner eventually tracked down a state environmental official whom she put in touch with the producer. More often, it involves bringing the expertise of UF/IFAS to Sebring or Avon Park.

Highlands County farmers and ranchers know that when they call Hurner, they're calling the UF/IFAS faculty at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred, the Range Cattle Research and Education Center in Ona, and the 20-plus



GUEST COLUMN

Jack Payne

academic departments in Gainesville.

Hurner has been the Highlands County citrus agent for the past five years, and the director for nearly three. In a sense, though, she was born into the Extension business, the daughter of the Highlands County citrus agent. Her dad, Tim, had a 30-year career in the UF/IFAS county Extension office in Sebring, and he held both the jobs that Laurie does now.

She's the fifth generation of Hurners in Florida agriculture. She grew up a 4-H kid, went off to college and studied citrus.

Having know-how in the grove wasn't enough for her to serve her community, she decided. So she earned a graduate degree at UF in agricultural education and communication. And she was selected from a field of more than 100 candidates to join a 30-member class in the UF/IFAS Wedgworth Leadership Institute.

Wedgworth continued her education in how to be resourceful and expanded the network of answer people she could call on when a producer called her.

It came in handy in



COURTESY PHOTO

Laurie Hurner, second from right, with some of the Linemen Laundry Ladies in the days after Hurricane Irma swept across the county.

more ways than one after Irma. Hurner organized a laundry brigade to wash the clothes of visiting utility workers laboring long hours to restore power after the hurricane. The women were going through too much of their own money at the laundromat.

Hurner put the call out to a fellow Wedgworth alumnus, and the next day someone showed up at the laundromat with \$200 worth of quarters. "I'm from Wedgworth," he said, handed over the quarters, and left.

Kirouac doesn't hand out compliments willy-nilly. In fact, before Hurner was appointed director, Kirouac came up to Gainesville to see me to offer input about Extension. Let's just say it wasn't all complimentary.

Hurner invited Kirouac and others to her office as soon as she became director. She wanted their input as she assembled a team of agents. Local producers were in on helping her identify people with the knowledge and the

service ethic to support Farm Bureau members and the rest of the local agricultural community.

Today Kirouac has different advice for me. "Hang on to her as long as you can," he says of Hurner. We intend to. I'm optimistic we will, because UF, Highlands County, citrus, and farmers and ranchers all have a hold on her. She's the right person in the right job.

And what to do with a dead animal? It's not the question that's important to me. What really matters to me is that when you have questions, you call your UF/IFAS Extension agent.

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Embracing violence is not what our politics needs

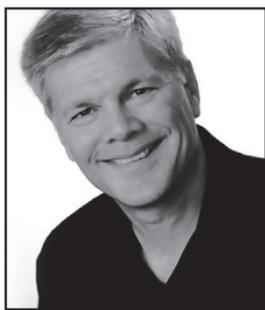
The Democratic Party wants you to be so angry that you are embracing violence and ostracizing everyone who disagrees with your views.

Leadership doesn't seem to want it to be too obvious.

Rep. Maxine Waters is currently the most vociferous, calling on the party faithful to accost Trump administration employees and "push back" at them, screaming that they are "not welcome" in restaurants, at grocery stores and gas stations.

How this cannot be a call to violence is beyond logic.

After Democratic Party leader Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., warned such public calls for aggression could also be



RICK JENSEN

Columnist

used against themselves, Waters feebly evaded the question of violence and pointed to Trump... "don't let him distract you (the press)!" This is about the children!"

Democrats are reminding everyone that Trump encouraged supporters to "punch" protesters who

disrupted his campaign rallies and yearned for the days when such hooligans would be carried out on stretchers.

If the argument is the schoolyard "he started it" theme, then we should all be reminded that Democratic Party operatives bragged on video that they hired criminals to start fights at Trump campaigns. They were paid by the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign.

Still, the "civil" reaction at the Trump rallies would have been to call out the protesters as paid operatives for the Hillary campaign, but that's not Trump's way.

Especially since the "civil" way of the Democrats

to disparage their opponent was to hire criminals to find a Trump supporter willing to punch them for videos destined for the nightly news.

This will not end well.

With liberal business owners joyfully telling Trump employees to hit the street, there has already been pushback from Trump supporters in the way of researching business owners' and employees' most personal information, such as health records, and publicizing it.

Some of the most scurrilous "information" disseminated online may not even be factual, but that doesn't matter in tribal warfare.

DOGS

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direct control and supervision of one who can manage the dog.

Those not on a leash need to obey voice commands, Massey said.

Naturally, he said, all dogs must be up to date on rabies vaccinations, and be registered with the county by a collar tag or — as preferred — an implanted microchip.

Some mobile home parks and/or deed-restricted communities may have exercise areas for animals, Massey said, as well as rules of conduct for the animal and owner under the Homeowners Association (HOA). However, Massey said, such rules must be enforced by the HOA.

Sebring already has a dog park, but it's not free. It's an amenity offered by Dog Designs by Dana Pet Resort on Thunderbird Hill Road.

After paying a registration fee, owners can pay dues per visit, per month or per year.

Kristie Vasquez, executive director of Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency, said the city has talked since 2015 about setting up a public dog park.

City officials have selected an acre of

city-owned land between Spruce Street and Cypress Avenue, off Franklin Street, and have put in an application for a \$25,000 PetSafe grant.

Vasquez has not been told exactly when officials with the program will make a decision.

"Sometime this fall," she's been told.

Assistant City Administrator Bob Hoffman said city parks, by ordinance, do not allow dogs. In an email, he provided a 2002 News-Sun article about a child getting bitten at Max Long Field.

He also provided an ordinance the city adopted shortly after that to prohibit all dogs, except guide dogs, at public parks.

In Spring Lake Improvement District, owners take their dogs down every street and to every public park at all times of the day, said District Manager Joe DeCerbo. They even play Frisbee in a field behind the district main offices.

"Our whole community is a 'dog park,'" DeCerbo said, adding the caveat that people don't let dogs run off leashes.

Dogs are also welcome at the Spring Lake Eco-Park at the community's recently-created storm-water treatment area. It includes a 1.3-mile hiking trail around a

man-made stormwater runoff lake. A fenced-in area near the entrance has a plastic bag dispenser to help "curb" dogs before walking them.

People need to pick up after their dogs at Lakeshore Mall, said General Manager Jenny Cheek, but as long as they do that, control their barking and keep dogs on leashes or in carriers, dogs may stay. "If they bark uncontrollably, we ask them to remove the dog," Cheek said.

Cheek said she recently brought in her two cockapoos, ages 12 and 10, to have their photos made. She had them on leashes, she said.

It would be hard for her to prohibit dogs: Lakeshore Mall will host "Bow Wow Dog Days"



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Highlands County residents bring their pooches on Wednesday morning to the new dog park in Sun 'n Lake of Sebring. Officials in charge of the improvement district decided to make it available to all county residents, as long as visitors abide by specific rules to ensure safety of the people and the dogs with them.

dog vendor event this Saturday, July 21.

"I'm going to have to take my girls," Cheek said.

Ken LeBlanc said attracting business was one reason why, when he opened Lake Placid's Journal Plaza three years

ago this December, he included doggie doo bags and a water-drinking hydrant.

"The shops are dog-friendly, for the most part," LeBlanc said.

However, the plaza is not an off-leash "dog park," and the town

needs that, he said.

Right now, Lake Placid has a small dog-walking area by the Gate Gasoline station, sponsored by Gate Gasoline and Delaney Fence Company.

LeBlanc said he's brought the matter to the Lake Placid Town Council in the past.

"I think it's their responsibility to have that," LeBlanc claims.

Attempts to get comment or clarification from Lake Placid officials were not successful. However, the town has several public parks, and county ordinances pertaining to dogs still require owners to keep them on a leash.

For now, LeBlanc said, his family takes their dogs to Dana's facility off Thunderbird Road.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Dogs exercise in early June at the dog park that is part of Dog Designs by Dana Pet Resort. Dana Stanley also opens the dog park daily to pet owners who join as members. So far, the only Sebring-area free public dog park just opened Wednesday on Edgewater Drive in the Sun 'n Lake Special Improvement District.

JENSEN

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Each side has their most fervent online "warriors," certain that they hold the moral high ground.

Indeed, while calling for mobs to encircle, intimidate and physically evict from public spaces any Trump employee, Maxine Waters declared, "God is on our side."

Question: Was God on "their side" when the Obama administration "ripped" children from their parents caught crossing the border illegally and caging them?

While Schumer is worried about violent right-wingers doing to him what the violent left is doing to Republicans, Maxine Waters basically doubled down on her rant.

Then, last week, an intern for Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., saw the president in the Capitol and shouted, "Mister President, f#\$@ you!"

The intern was neither fired nor released from her prestigious position.

Former Gov. Mike Huckabee reports the owner of the Red Hen restaurant wasn't satisfied with kicking Sarah Huckabee Sanders out of her Lexington, Virginia restaurant.

While Sarah went home, other members of her family went to a restaurant across the street. The Red Hen owner followed with others in tow, shouting and screaming at the Huckabee relatives, including a brother-in-law who is a liberal.

Doesn't matter.

Collateral damage.

Florida GOP Attorney General Pam Bondi was forced to call for a police escort to safely leave a movie about Mister Rogers after leftists threatened her at the theater.

Democrat Maxine Waters endorses this, which is utterly stupid.

There are many angry people in this world and Waters is, essentially, yelling, "Fire!" in every theater.

Radical right-wingers have threatened left-wingers and radical left-wingers threaten right-wingers. The more this is encouraged, the worse it will get.

What's different now are the public, bold death threats, such as Florida Democratic Party activist Laurence Key threatening to kill the children of a Republican congressman and James Hodgkinson, a left-wing activist who shot Republican congressman Steve Scalise at a congressional baseball game practice.

Maybe partisan business owners should just post their preferences on their doors and social media sites to avoid violence in their establishments. Mimicking the American Revolution, big-government Tories (Democrats) and limited-government patriots (Republicans) could post a donkey or elephant on their doors.

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ARREST

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the building. Fagan then entered with a handgun and began shooting as the victim and the other people inside the restaurant fled out the back," the news release added.

On the day of the shooting, Melanie DeJesus was on the phone with a client at Parke Sutherland's law office, where she works, when she heard what she thought may have been fireworks, and she knew they were close.

DeJesus knows the sound of a gun; it didn't

take her long to determine what it was, she said. She and the other employees locked the doors to the attorney's office and hid. At 11:03 a.m. she alerted her mother, who lives next door to the restaurant, to lock her doors.

DeJesus and her co-workers watched from the windows as the victim ran out of the restaurant and tried to wave down a car to get help. The attorney's office is just two doors down from Maryland Fried Chicken, with a white house right next to it separated by a line of shrubs.

"The guy was trying to

wave down a car and get some help," DeJesus said then. "He kept yelling, 'Help! I've been shot!' It took a long time but he finally got into a car."

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 863-402-7250 or email detectives@highlandssheriff.org.

Anonymous tips can be made via Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS or online at heartlandcrimestoppers.com.

Crime Stoppers tips may be eligible for a cash reward.

Highlands News-Sun reporter Kim Leatherman contributed to the report.

ALLSTATE

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extremely conscientious."

"Jessica has done an excellent job with our insurance. She has lots of follow-up," Bill Foster said. "If she doesn't follow up, one of the ladies in the office does. She is well deserving of having this new facility. All the food at the party was very good, and the sangria was a nice plus."

Foster's wife, Teresa, said, "I loved all the food, especially the shrimp and the ribs."

Part of Hartline's success comes from her ability to manage her employees. Kathi Rego, a recent hire, said: "I love working here. She's a great boss. She's very relaxed, but she makes sure things are done right. She is very thorough in her training. She wants to be sure we are trained right so we can give the best customer service possible."

"We are constantly training, and I'm



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Tim Smolarick presented Jessica Hartline with a plaque to commemorate the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

constantly training myself," Hartline said. "A couple of weeks ago, I met with the No. 1 and No. 2 top performing Allstate agents in the nation. I, along with four other people, received an invitation to meet with them.

"I totally revamped my training for employees after visiting these top agents," Hartline said.

Hartline has received several awards from Allstate for her sales volume.

"Besides training, I think another thing that makes my company stand out is that everybody in the office loves people," she said.

"Everyone here has a heart for the community. We want to make sure that customers are happy with our service."

In addition to delicious food, attendees were also treated to great musical talent.

DJ Leroy also played classic

hits from the 1950s to today that featured a mix of country, rock and roll, soul and disco.

Erica White sang several country songs at the event, including "Girl Crush," "Dirty Laundry" and "Stay."

"I love singing, and I sing because I like to help others communicate their feelings through music," White said.

The Highlands News-Sun was involved in the grand opening event. Tim Smolarick, publisher for the Highlands News-Sun, said: "We offer a grand opening package that includes catering from the Olympic restaurant, live entertainment, a DJ, a Facebook live post, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a plaque to commemorate the event and we run invitation ads leading up to the day of the event."

"Jessica was very helpful in partnering with us in the inaugural grand opening," Smolarick said. "We believe every business grand opening or milestone is a cause of celebration."

"The Highlands News-Sun intends to celebrate and promote businesses at the inception of the company and throughout their existence."

Fire destroys two bays at Mussleman Storage

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A truck caught fire inside a bay at Mussleman Storage and caused approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 of damage, according to Highlands County Public Safety Director Marc Bashoor.

At 11:07 a.m. Saturday, fire engines were dispatched to the scene of the fire at 5241 Kenilworth Blvd. West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department was the first to arrive on the scene. Lorida Volunteer Fire Station and both Desoto City stations also responded.

Twenty-five firefighters fought the blaze, which destroyed the truck and caused extensive damage to two storage bays, and smoke and heat damage to a total of six bays.

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MELISSA MAIN/STAFF WRITER

A man was working on his truck inside a bay at Mussleman Storage when a malfunction on the engine sparked a fire. The truck was destroyed and two bays had extensive damage.

Emergency Medical Services and Highlands County Sheriff's Office were also present to evaluate the scene.

Bashoor said: "A gentleman was working on a truck, and there was a malfunction of the engine. He was working on the truck inside a storage bay when the engine malfunction sparked a fire."

"He tried to put it out with fire extinguishers but eventually called 911,"

Bashoor said. "He had second-degree burns on his head and arms. He was evaluated by paramedics, but he refused to be transported by EMS for medical services."

However, he was treated on the scene by paramedics, and his wounds were cleaned, explained Bashoor.

Lorida Fire Engine No. 23 was housed in Bay 5 and had soot damage as a result of the fire.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Lake Placid rolls in state tournament

Dragons overcome adversity, weather to win softball openers

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON
CORRESPONDENT

Lake Placid – Raindrops keep falling on my head was the theme for Friday's first day of the Dixie Youth Softball State Tournament at the Lake June Ballfields.

When the girls were able to finally play, three Lake Placid teams dominated on the diamond by winning their opening games.

The Belles started the day with their game

delayed by two hours. The Dragons took to the field and had four lightning delays resulting in the game lasting roughly 10 hours. The girls were exhausted but stayed focused and after a hard-fought battle they defeated Belleview by a final score of 9-8.

"It was definitely a long day," said Lake Placid Coach Todd Moore. "I have been preaching to these girls that is about the team and they have to stick together. That is

not about one individual and they are buying into it and understanding what I am talking about. It is one person's job to get on base, it's the next person's job to move them over and it is the next person's job to get them in scoring position or score. We have to win as a team, we are not going to win this tournament or go to the World Series because of one person, it is about everybody. It's about everyone coming together

for one goal. I am so proud of these ladies. We've had some ups and downs these last couple of weeks. We lost a young lady due to a collarbone injury and we brought up Miracle Jones. Miracle has practiced with us twice and has done everything I've asked of her. I am proud that she rose to the occasion. Our eyes are on the prize. I am exhausted after this long game but sending



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Lake Placid's Makenzi Durbano beats the tag of Belleview's Payton Davis during Friday's Dixie Belles Softball State Tournament at Lake June Ballfields.

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Ruetz takes Pinecrest qualifier



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Players pose for a shot before Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at Pinecrest Golf Club.

BY ALLEN MOODY
HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

AVON PARK — They may have lost a few golf balls during the day, but they didn't lose their sense of humor, as a good time was had by all at the Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at Pinecrest Golf Club on Saturday. Nobody had a better time than Brad Ruetz, who captured top honors with a score of 42 points, which was one point better than the 41 points of Rande Allen.

"I had a great time," Ruetz said. "I played well. I missed a few shots, but driving and putting were both pretty good."

Ruetz said the point system used for scoring was nice.

"It's the first time I've played that way," he said.

Ronnie Carter placed third with 36 points, while Jay Lawrence and Don Brickhaus tied for fourth with scores of 35.

Tim Harker had 30 points

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ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Brad Ruetz, left, and Pinecrest pro Joe Staffieri, after Ruetz won Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier.



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

Evening fishing benefits from the new moon

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for the third week of July gives anglers the last two days of the super new moon phase and a consistent rainy season weather forecast. All fishing factors considered, anglers will enjoy above average fishing action today and Monday as the super new-moon effect dissipates.

Tuesday through the midweek the evening feeding bite picks up significantly as the moon arrives overhead while the sun is setting. Dissolved oxygen rates will also be at the highest point of the day at this time, so feeding action will be greater than average.

Southwest winds will remain just strong enough to be beneficial today through Wednesday. However the second half of this week, for the first time in over a month, we will finally have 'ideal wind speeds' as a dominate south-to-southwest wind picks-up to double digit speeds Thursday through next Sunday—when was the last time you remember a weather forecast predicting ten days or more of a southwest wind?

Best Fishing Days: Today and Monday the end of the super new moon phase will produce excellent results with Monday late afternoon to evening hours, being the best time of the forty-eight hour period.

Major Fishing Period: Today the super

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A sizzling Sertoma summer

Junior golfers battle heat at Highlands Ridge North

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK - The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour held its seventh event of the summer season at Highlands Ridge North on a sweltering Thursday.

The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour, which is for youngsters ages 6-18, has been in existence for more than two decades and is a great place where players can hone their games in a competitive environment at different courses in the Heartland.

Thursday's tournament attracted 39 golfers who managed to post some solid scores in spite of the heat and humidity on the challenging Highlands Ridge North

course.

"We had a good turnout and the course was in great shape," said Sertoma Junior Golf Tour Director Andy Kesling. "The kids did a good job of playing in some tough conditions and they posted some excellent scores on a tough course."

Talk about good scores, Wauchula's Hannah Revell shot an even par 72 to finish first in the girls 14-18 age group, while Lake Placid's Ashley Engle placed second after carding an 87, Sebring's Alyssa Jordan was third with a 94 and Samantha Payne had a 130.

Revell, who had a solid high school career

at Hardee High, will play golf at Webber International University this fall.

"Hannah has a good swing and is a talented player," Kesling said. "She has been playing well all summer and had a great round today. Ashley continues to work hard on her game and has a bright future in the game."

In the boys 16-18 division, Dylan Crawford came in first place with a 78, Will Redding placed second with an 89, Andrew Graham fired a 99, Clayton Osha had a 118, Nick Piccione shot a 120 and Zac Taylor came in at 127.

"Dylan had a solid round and has been

pretty consistent this summer," Kesling said. "The other boys just need to keep practicing and working to get better."

In the boys 14-15 age group, Beckham Donovan finished first with a 79, Lane Revell and Avery Hurst tied for second place after each shot an 82, Ranen Carmichael had an 86, Cade Scarborough came in at 92, Zach Doorlag fired a 93, Ethan Kinney had a 106, Kaleb Revels shot a 108, Ashton Griffin had a 112 and Owen Schraeder was at 120.

"There are a lot of talented players in that age group," Kesling said. "It's been close all summer



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Kale Henderson chips up to the eighth green during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Highlands Ridge North.

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and it's fun to watch those boys play."

Marquez Angeles finished first in the boys 11-13 division with a 45 for nine holes, while Matthew Suarez was second with a 47, Ben Trevino shot a 49, Trent Bray had a 51, Ian Frasier came in at 52, Jay Walkup carded a 53, Samuel Braxton shot a 54, J.R Redding fired a 56, Jarrett Hornick had a 61 and Kale Henderson shot a 78.

"Another age group with some real good players," said Kesling. "It's a tight race and will probably come down to the final event of the season to see who comes out on top."

Melanie Suarez shot a 52 to win the girls 11-13 age group, while Madelyn Depner placed second with a 54.

"Melanie and Madelyn continue to improve,"

Kesling said. "I just wish we had more girls playing on the tour."

In the boys 9-10 division, Parker Rapp finished first with a 69, while Connor Darrow came in second place with a 70.

The boys/girls age 6-8 age group is very competitive and Liam McCann came in first with a 26, Jordan Castillo was a close second at 27, Hannah Castillo was third with a 28, Gabriel Perez shot a 39 and Jenesi Trevino came in with a 41.

"That's a fun group to watch," Kesling said. "They are very talented and enjoy playing the game."

The next event on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour schedule is set for Thursday and Friday at River Greens Golf Club.

"This is a two-day event and we're looking forward to going to River Greens," Kesling said. "It's a fun course to play and not too long. Points are doubled and



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Samuel Braxton prepares to tee off on the ninth hole during the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Highlands Ridge North on Thursday.

at this juncture of the season, every point is important."

After the tournament at River Greens, the next Sertoma Junior Golf tour event on the schedule

is set for July 26 at the Country Club of Winter Haven.

For more information on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour, contact Kesling at 863-835-2436.



Lane Revell lines up this birdie putt on the second green during the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Highlands Ridge North on Thursday.



Zach Doorlag blasts out of the bunker on the second hole during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Highlands Ridge North.



Avery Hurst watches this putt on the second green during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event.

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Clausen on the mend

Angler recovering from a fall

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Luke Clausen continues to lament a fall that sidelined him for the 2018 Elite season. He's on the mend and was able to make it to ICAST, where he was found working the Yo-Zuri booth, but he is getting somewhat stir crazy.

"I'm ready to get fishing again," he said. "This Bassmaster LIVE is kinda like a bad car accident - I can't help but watch it, but while I'm watching it I'm also mad that I'm not there."

Clausen, 39, suffered multiple injuries after falling headfirst out of a loft onto a concrete floor on April 17. The aftermath was worse than many car accidents in that he had a concussion, nasty bumps on the back of his head and shoulder, broken ribs and bone chips in his hand. He's received a medical hardship for the Elite season, which was difficult because he started so well.

While an MRI on his hand will discern if he needs surgery, he continues physical therapy for his



B.A.S.S. PHOTO

Luke Clausen is on the mend after falling out of a loft.

shoulder. "My shoulder is good," he said. "I've got probably 80 percent range of motion. There's still a lot of stuff popping and grinding in there."

Clausen has been cleared to fish, and he said he can go for half a day before tiring. To prep for archery deer season, he's been bow fishing for carp with the draw weight set down to 40 pounds.

The oddest thing he reported was physical therapy for his concussion, which leaves him kinda loopy for a couple hours. The doctor has him looking at Xs on a screen and following them with his eyes and turning his head.

How he fell out of the loft as he retrieved some lures remains a mystery. Too late now, but he helped put up a railing. Best he can figure is he might have stepped down into the fall as the top step was about 8 inches wider than the rest.

"When I regained consciousness, I was 15 feet from there, so I don't really know," he said. "I know the concrete was really hard, and it doesn't feel good on your head."

With his arm in a sling for two months, Clausen said his healing has sped up and he can't wait to compete again. While the Elite season is sadly a wash, he believes he'll be plenty ready and has set

his mark on the U.S. Open in October.

Quantum Reels

Who better than Kevin VanDam to promote a product, and he seemed rather fired up about the upgrades Quantum has done to its popular Accurist reels.

"It's been one of our best sellers for a long time, and it's been improved this year," VanDam said. "It's gone from seven ball bearing to nine for 2019, it has a centrifugal brake system and a flipping switch. That's all for \$100, so it's hard to beat."

He said the new brake system is better than the previous magnetic system, which helps control backlash while keeping performance for casting distance.

"It comes in four colors, and there's an inshore version if you fish saltwater. If you're Adrian Avena, you're going to use that one," he said, holding out the green. "Casey Ashley is blue. Notice there's no red or black, so I'll stick to the KVD stuff."

Wink, wink.

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new moon is overhead at 4:10 p.m. and the sunset at 8:23 p.m. and the water's oxygen content rating will also be at its highest point. The combined effect will be a feed intensity rating of 7-8 today from 4-9 p.m. Daily this period loses a half point of rating and starts about an hour later.

Minor Fishing Period: The moonrise today occurs at 9:24 a.m. and solar noon at 1:32 p.m. and the atmospheric pressure plot of the past three days shows a pressure rise during the midmorning hours after the moonrise, I expect this trend to continue. A rating of 6-7 will occur from 9 a.m. to 1:32 p.m. Daily this period moves later by about an hour.

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Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 38.25 feet above sea level, which is the maximum level in the nine-inch management-threshold range for July. The minimum level for the beginning of July is 37.50' but it will be raised six inches over six-weeks.

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. Currently three of four S68 spillway gates are open 5 inches and flowing a combined 500 cubic feet per second.

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

Fishing from Shorelines: Learn where the deeper water comes closest to shorelines using a lake contour map. There are forty-five Highlands County lake maps published online at FloridaLakesMaps.com. Each map is edited to include boat ramp locations and have been enlarged for easy reading of the lake-bottom



COURTESY PHOTO

Dave Douglass shows off a 12-pound, 12-ounce bass.

contour delineations. You'll discover that the majority of the lakes' public boat ramps and docks are located within the better shoreline fishing areas.

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Dave Douglass is a bass fishing guide and teacher on twenty-five lakes, from the towns of Kissimmee to Clewiston. Visit HighlandsBassAngler.com for complete details. Phone: 863-381-8474. Email: DavidPDouglass@hotmail.com

New rules for harvesting palmetto berries

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New rules for harvesting palmetto berries will take effect next week.

Saw palmetto is a native plant that is here for a long time - long before humans inhabited what is now Florida; is a palm with a low growth rate wide spread over Florida that had a major contribution in shaping different ecosystems.

Saw palmetto is resistant to fire. The leaves are flammable and will burn even when green. When the plant burns partial or to the ground, leaves will begin to grow again in a few weeks. And what many of us do not know, there are common saw palmetto in Florida estimated to be more than 500 years old.

Saw palmetto provides cover and food for a wide variety of wildlife. Black bears like to eat palmetto berries.

Another use for palmetto berries is medicinal. Palmetto berry extracts have been used for diabetes, migraine, and prostate cancer.

For some years now palmetto berries picking, provided a seasonal income supplement for people who are harvesting berries.

Lately wildlife biologists wonder if / how palmetto berry picking, negatively influence Florida's black bear population.

One of last development related to harvesting palmetto berries is that Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has adopted a new rule for harvesting and selling saw palmetto berries. The new rule will be implemented on July 17, 2018

Saw palmetto has been added to the state's list of commercially exploited plants.

A landowner harvesting saw palmetto berries for sale or a harvester picking saw palmetto berries (on either public or private land) must obtain a Native Plant Harvesting Permit from the Division of Plant Industry.

Also anyone who transports for sale, sells or offers to sell the berries must also secure a Native Plant Harvesting Permit.

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Micahel Di Meo will be behind the wheel of the No. 35 Policaro Motorsport / SportsCarBoutique Porsche contesting the seventh and eighth rounds of the 2018 Porsche GT3 Cup Canada championship.

Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge runs in Toronto

Has been a family tradition for Di Meo who now drives

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TORONTO – Attending the Honda Indy Toronto has been a family tradition for Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama driver Michael Di Meo dating back to 1999.

While having watched from the spectator stands in years prior, Di Meo is back again this year in an entirely new role. This weekend, the Toronto native will be behind the wheel of the No. 35 Policaro Motorsport / SportsCarBoutique Porsche contesting the seventh and eighth rounds of the 2018 Porsche GT3 Cup Canada championship.

“It means a lot,” said Di Meo. “This is probably the highlight of my career so far, just how special it is to be on the other side of the fence now and racing. It’s definitely special, but you’ve got to try to ignore that and not let it get to your head, so you can focus on what you have to do.”

Following Day 1 at the 1.755-mile Indy Toronto street circuit, the series rookie is off to a hot start at his home track. Di Meo ranked fourth on the charts after two practice sessions, 1.155 seconds off the time of overall leader Roman De Angelis in the No. 78 Mark Motors Racing Porsche.

“At the beginning of the session, it was a little bit uncomfortable as all street courses are,” said Di Meo after Practice 1. “There’s no room for error at all, so I just had to get in my head to find the limit quick and build on that. It’s particularly tricky because the braking zones are asphalt and then in the middle of the

corner it’s concrete, so the car handles completely different.

“To put a good lap together around here, that was really special,” said Di Meo. “Going down Lake Shore (Boulevard) at 255 kilometers per hour (158.45 mph) is incredible, but I wasn’t paying attention to the skyline because on the front straight, I’m just focused on what I’m doing.”

And while Indy Toronto would be the perfect place for him to bring home his first podium of the season since joining the series at Victoria Day SpeedFest at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in May, Di Meo also wants to deliver for his Policaro Motorsport / SportsCarBoutique team.

“That’s the goal, to take a podium because the guys have worked so hard and I feel that they deserve a good result,” Di Meo said. “Everyone is working as hard as they can and a lot of people are supporting me, so they deserve a good finish, especially in Toronto.”

De Angelis Fastest Heading Into Qualifying, Race 1 on Saturday

Following two practice sessions on Friday at Honda Indy Toronto, Roman De Angelis in the No. 78 Mark Motors Racing Porsche paced the field ahead of Race 1 on Saturday.

De Angelis’ best time of the day was set during the afternoon session, a time of one minute, 12.637 seconds (86.976 mph). Entering the seventh and eighth rounds of the Porsche GT3 Cup Canada championship this weekend, De Angelis is seeking his second win of the season to close the

points gap on teammate Zach Robichon in the No. 98 Porsche.

Robichon was second on the charts at the conclusion of Friday’s on-track activity, just .396 seconds behind De Angelis.

Third fastest on the day was Remo Ruscitti in the No. 96 OpenRoad Racing Porsche. Ruscitti posted the best lap during the morning session and improved upon his time by nearly 1.5 seconds during the 45-minute afternoon practice.

The Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama field started off early on Saturday with qualifying at 9:20 a.m. Race 2 is scheduled for Sunday at 1:40 p.m. immediately prior to the IndyCar Series race. Race 2 can be streamed live on IMSA.tv.

Fans can also keep up with all the Porsche GT3 Cup Canada action on social media using the hashtag #GT3Canada.

Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarships for Females in Fisheries are awarded

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The second annual Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarships for Females in Fisheries were awarded at the recent Southern Division, American Fisheries Society’s annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Amanda Guthrie, a Ph.D. student at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and to Amy Cottrell, who is studying for a master’s degree from Auburn University.

Noreen Clough blazed many trails in the field of fisheries. As the first female regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and later as the conservation director of B.A.S.S., her long and distinguished career was dedicated to the conservation and management of fish and wildlife. Along the way, she served as a mentor to many and a revered colleague to countless others. Clough passed away in January 2015 from pancreatic cancer. As a tribute to her impact on careers and lives and for the good of the resources she helped conserve, friends and colleagues established an endowment to provide a scholarship in Clough’s memory to a female student working toward a career in fisheries conservation.

This year there were 19 applicants representing 13 different colleges and universities from across the United States and Canada. The review committee was hard pressed to choose a single recipient this year, so it was decided to award two scholarships to women who exemplified what Clough hoped to see in future fishery scientists.



B.A.S.S. PHOTO

Amanda Guthrie, a Ph.D. student at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science was awarded one of the Noreen Clough Memorial Scholarships for Females in Fisheries.

“Noreen felt that the issues debated in state legislatures and in Congress were where we stood to make the most progress in protecting our natural resources,” said Gene Gilliland, current B.A.S.S. conservation director. “This scholarship continues her legacy by encouraging female students to get involved in the policy world where they can make a real difference, and that’s exactly what Amanda Guthrie wants to do.” Guthrie’s dissertation research is on how social and ecological factors influence the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. In particular, it looks at how political decisions regarding shoreline development are made and how those decisions ultimately affect the fisheries.

Cottrell’s research interests center on the ecology of native black bass in the Southeast, particularly the Shoal Bass found in streams and rivers in Georgia, Florida and Alabama, and how fish management agencies

can implement range-wide management plans given how these riverine bass species interact with their environment and varying habitats. Gilliland added, “Amy’s research is an important piece of the management puzzle when you consider the threats to water quality and quantity that Southeastern U.S. rivers face as human populations grow and demands on water resources escalate.”

Scholarship winners were also recognized at the 2018 B.A.S.S. Conservation Summit held in conjunction with the recent GEICO Bassmaster Classic presented by DICK’S Sporting Goods in Greenville, South Carolina.

To honor Clough’s legacy and the impact she had on the B.A.S.S. Nation conservation program, Summit attendees took up a collection and donated more than \$1,000 to the scholarship endowment fund.

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that girl home knowing she got the winning run and getting these girls excited and pumped up is just beyond words.”

Lake Placid took the lead in the bottom of the first. Aziyia Patterson was on second when Mackenzie Rogers stepped to the plate and hammered the ball into the left-center field gap for a triple driving home Patterson for an RBI giving Lake Placid a 1-0 lead. Rogers was marooned on third.

“This day was kind of miserable,” said Mackenzie Rogers. “Coffee kept me going until the end. We all did well. I was not expecting us to do this well since we just switched coaches but we all did great and I am proud of my team. I can’t wait until tomorrow. I feel good about my batting; I found that sweet spot on the bat and it felt great. These coaches are pushing us hard. I have grown up with this team and we play well together. My goal is make it to Louisiana for the World Series. I have never been and I hope this is the year.”

Bottom of the second the Dragons extend their lead. With Kinsley Kesterson and Jenna Gutierrez in scoring position, Nevaeh Bonecutter sent a drive down the first-base-line driving home Kesterson and Gutierrez for a two-run RBI double for a 3-0 lead.

After the first rain delay of the game, Miracle Jones drew a walk to get on base. Bonecutter and Jones each stole a base to get into scoring position. Bonecutter used her speed to race home on a passed ball extending Lake Placid’s lead.

Caidence Lingenfelter knocked a grounder to third advancing the runner. Makenzi Durbano sent a liner into left field driving home Jones for an RBI single and Lingenfelter advanced to third. Durbano stole second and as the catcher threw to second Lingenfelter took advantage and stole home for a commanding 6-0 lead.

Bellevue answered in the top of the third accumulating an impressive five runs cutting the deficit to 6-5 with the Dragons holding on to their lead.

After the second rain delay of the day, Bellevue took the lead in the top of the fifth. Bellevue was able to push a pair of runs across the plate to take a 7-6 lead.

Relief pitcher Jenna Gutierrez ended the inning with an impressive double play. Gutierrez caught a line drive headed right for her and threw the ball to first for a double play.

The Dragons answered in the bottom of the frame. Durbano drilled a ball into the right-center field gap for a double, Patterson moved the runner to third and Rogers stepped to the plate and sent a rope into left field for a double sending home Durbano for an RBI tying the game at 7-7.

The game was delayed for the third time due to lightning.

The game resumes but after only two batters it is delayed once again for the fourth time. Lasting over two hours. The field was unplayable and the girls had to wait for another field to become available.

Late into the evening the game resumed in the top of the sixth. Neither team scored in the sixth



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Bellevue's Trinity Kurtz (3 B) slides into second base as Lake Placid's Makenzi Durbano tags her out while Aziyia Patterson backs her up during Friday's Dixie Belles State Tournament.

inning.

In the top of the seventh Bellevue's Paige Thorington was struck by the ball to get on first. Trinity Kurtz hit a sacrifice grounder to the pitcher to advance Thorington to second. Thorington stole third when she saw an opportunity. The bases loaded, Reilly Bair drew a walk sending home Thorington on a bases-loaded walk giving Bellevue an 8-7 lead.

Bottom of the seventh, Lake Placid's last chance for a victory. Bonecutter

doubled to left field, moved to third base on a wild pitch and raced home on a passed ball to tie the score at 8.

Lingenfelter singled and Durbano singled to put runners at first and third.

Patterson steps to the plate with Lingenfelter in scoring position and hits a grounder to shortstop and Lingenfelter beat the throw to the plate to score the winning run to give the Dragons an exciting 9-8 victory.

Lake Placid played Saturday afternoon and

results were not available at press time.

A win would have the Dragons playing at 1 p.m. today for the state championship.

Ponytails Tournament

In the Dixie Youth Ponytails State Tournament, Lake Placid faced Brandon in a game that was delay eight hours.

When the action resumed, the Dragons defeated Brandon very easily by a final score of 16-5.

Bradon jumped into an early lead by scoring a

run in the first inning.

The Dragons answered back by scoring an incredible 12 runs, 7 of the runs were bases-loaded walks, giving Lake Placid an overwhelming 12-1 lead at the end of the first.

Brandon tried to rally but the Dragons defeated them in three innings in a game that was stopped because of the 10-run mercy rule.

“This was a great win,” said Lake Placid Ponytails Coach Derek Davis. “We sat so long waiting for the game and I never thought it would turn out like this. The girls did good hitting strikes, Brandon had some trouble throwing strikes but my girls did a great job. I am very proud, that whole team is pretty much 10-year olds. We catch so much scrutiny from parent who thought they should have played down but these girls came out here and pulled out the win. It is a great feeling. Emily Tharp did a phenomenal job on the mound for us. They played well as a team and did not get down on themselves. We want to win it all and head to the World Series.”

After a long rainy day, the Dragons overcame adversity to win all of

their games for the day making it a clean sweep. Lake Placid showed what they can do and soared past the competition. Lake Placid hopes to continue winning and head to their respective World Series.

Darlings Tournament

Lake Placid had a first-round bye in the Dixie Darlings State Tournament on Friday.

The Dragons played their first game on Saturday against the winner of the Friday's game between Holmes County and Okeechobee.

Results were not available at press time.

Debs Tournament

Lake Placid, the defending state champions, got off to a great start in the Dixie Debs State Tournament with a 17-0 rout of Spring Hill on Friday.

Lake Placid played Saturday against the winner of the Hernando and West Pasco game. The Dragons will play at 1 p.m. today with a berth in the Dixie Debs World Series possibly on the line.



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“Beat Goes On” Cardiac Support Group

Brings together people facing challenges while managing their heart disease. This meeting offers participants the opportunity to speak openly and honestly about their feelings, improve coping skills, reduce stress/anxiety and share information related to heart care. This group meets monthly on the last Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

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“Circle of Hope” Cancer Support Group

Meets monthly and brings together cancer patients, with the support of their friends and family, who need encouragement while going through the challenges of cancer. This group meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

For more information, call the Cancer Institute at (863) 382-2049.

Better Breathers Club

Sponsored by the American Lung Association. This monthly support group provides opportunities for people with lung disorders, along with their family and caretakers, to learn about lung diseases, develop positive coping skills, and share concerns in a social gathering with others. This group meets monthly on the last Friday from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

For more information, call the Respiratory Team at (863) 402-3450.

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Stroke Support Group

Providing stroke survivors and their families an opportunity to support each other as they strive to rebuild their lives and promote health, independence and well-being. This monthly support group will educate you in the changes in physical, social and emotional aspects of life in recovery and assist you in learning new skills or re-learning old ones. You'll also learn to cope and adapt to new limitations post-stroke and help you to live your best life, post-stroke. This group meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

For more information, call the CREATION Health Department at (863) 386-6421.

Parkinson's Support Group

Sponsored by the National Parkinson Foundation. Encourages Parkinson's patients, families, friends and care team members to learn more about caring for and coping with the disease. This group meets monthly on the 4th Monday from 10:00 - 11:00 am in the conference rooms at Florida Hospital Sebring, starting in September.

For more information, call (863) 386-6421.

Grief Support Group

A licensed professional will lead and engage group attendees. The strategy is to develop practical skills and gain knowledge on dealing with the stages of grief. The group will offer coping skills to guide you on your journey toward healing. This group will meet every other Wednesday from Thursdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

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Depression Support Group

A licensed professional will lead and engage attendees with the purpose of identifying and managing stressors and problems that may be worsening their symptoms. This group will help you in developing skills and coping strategies to assist in preventing barriers to recovery. This group will meet every other Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

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after his putter ended the round a few holes before he did, which earned him a bit of good-natured ribbing for his 'consistency' after mentioning he three-putted four of the last six holes.

"That was painfully fun," Lawrence said. "I had never played here before. It has a nice layout."

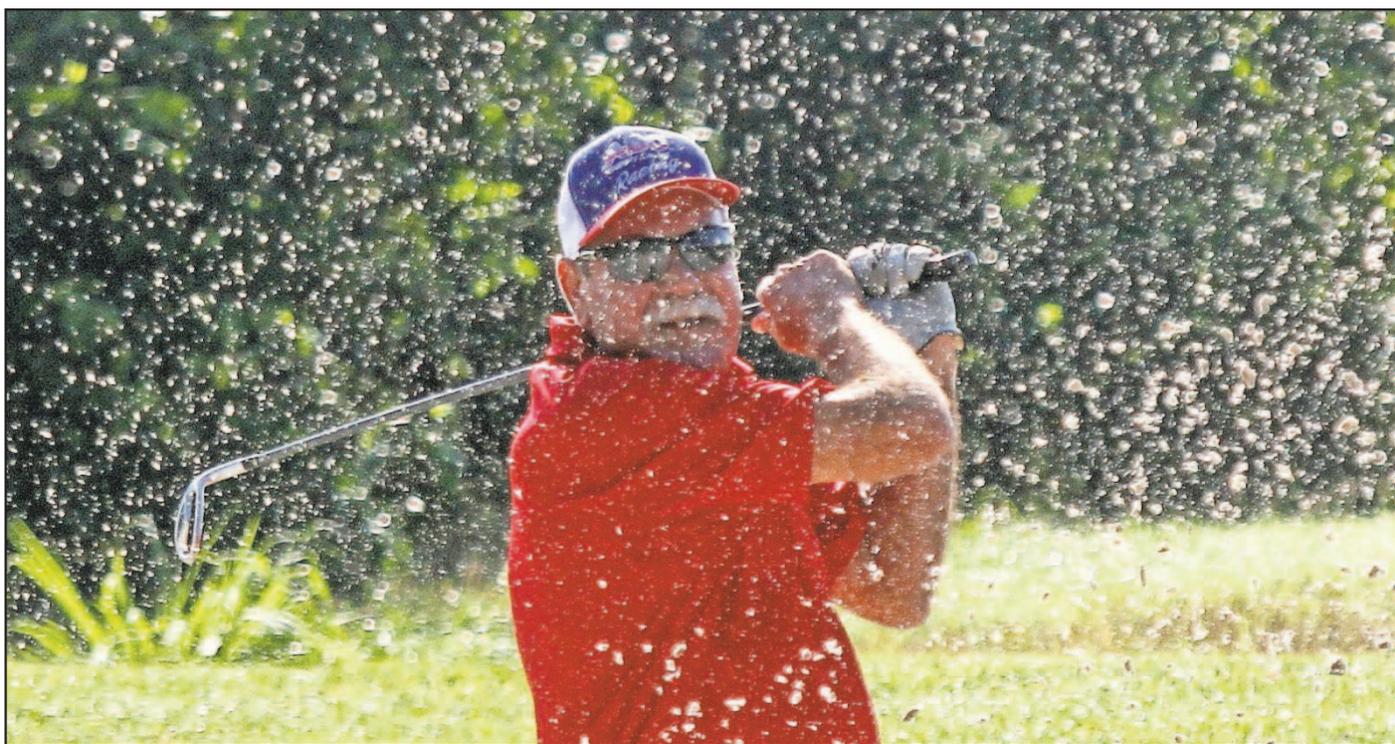
Brickhaus was another who entered the tournament to have some fun and wasn't really concerned with his score.

"I just come out, pay my money and play," he said. "I'm not sure what my score was and I don't really care."

With just six men in the tournament all advanced to the championship round.

Linda Krull was on the scoreboard with 32 points and was the only female to enter the qualifying round.

Pinehurst Head Pro Joe Staffieri said he believes the tournament will gain momentum and he likes the way it's



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Jay Lawrence blasts out of a bunker at Pinecrest Golf Club on Saturday.

set up.

"I think it's a nice format," Staffieri said. "It's something that gets all the clubs involved. There's a couple of guys here who had never played Pinecrest and that's always a plus for us. Anytime we can get new people here, it's great."

"It will take some time to build this tournament up but after this year I think there will be a lot of people who go 'what did I miss? I missed something,'" he said. "There are people here today who couldn't play for one reason or another but they're putting it on their radar

for next year."

Staffieri said it can be difficult to get golfers on the course during the summer months, as there are fewer people in town than during the winter, so he enjoys seeing events designed to try and get the golfers on the course.

"Any business you can bring the golf courses this time of year is a bonus," he said.

The next qualifying event will take place on Saturday, July 21, at River Greens Golf Course, with a stop at Highlands Ridge on Saturday, July 28.

The Championship Tournament Sponsor is Florida Hospital and the Championship round will take place Sept. 15 at a course to be determined.



Ronnie Carter follows the flight of a shot during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at Pinecrest Golf Club.



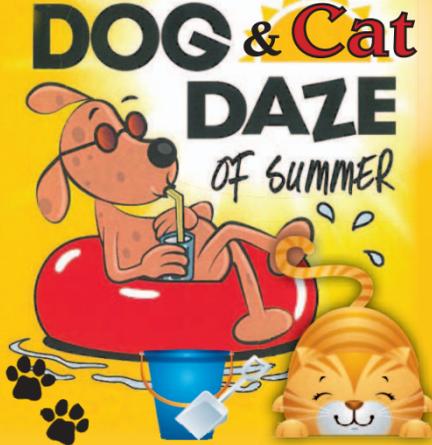
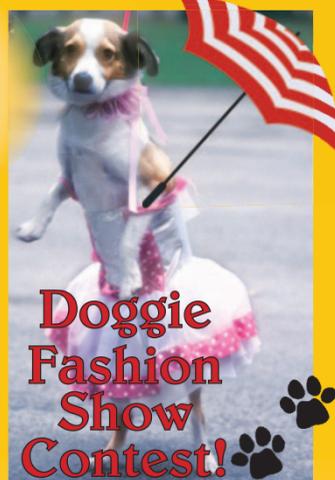
Tim Harker watches a drive during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at Pinecrest Golf Club.



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Don Brickhaus watches a shot during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at Pinecrest Golf Club.

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Trump wish for warm Putin ties highlights policy disconnect

By **MATTHEW LEE**
AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's persistence in pursuing friendly ties with Vladimir Putin has highlighted a growing disconnect within his administration over Russia policy. Trump speaks fondly of Putin and a desire for better relations with Moscow, but the rest of his executive branch remains highly critical and deeply suspicious of the Russian president and the Kremlin's intentions.

The stark contrast in approaches has been thrown into sharp relief as Trump and Putin prepare for their summit in Finland on Monday, amid unremitting criticism of Russia from Trump's State Department, Justice Department, Treasury Department and Defense Department.

That might be explained as a good cop-bad cop strategy with Russia. But the mixed messaging has left America's friends and allies confused, particularly after a contentious NATO summit where Trump questioned the value of the alliance that Putin has long denounced and sought to weaken.

Just three days before the Helsinki summit, the Justice Department announced the indictment of 12 Russian intelligence officers in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Moscow's meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. That brings to 25 the number of Russians charged in the investigation. Trump has denied any collusion with Russia and has repeatedly cited Putin's denials of any Russian interference in the campaign, suggesting there is little or nothing he can do to demand accountability. The Kremlin has denied that the Russian state interfered in the election.

The indictments were unsealed just hours after Trump again referred to Mueller's inquiry as a "witch hunt" and after the president told reporters at a news conference with British Prime Minister

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Trump tweets, hits links before high-stakes Putin meeting

By **JILL COLVIN and RENATA BRITO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Two days before a high-stakes summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, President Donald Trump played golf and tweeted Saturday from one of his namesake resorts, blaming his predecessor for Russian election meddling and lashing out at the free press from foreign soil.

Aides had said Trump would spend the weekend preparing to meet Putin on Monday in Helsinki, but the tweets showed other topics were on his mind.

"I have arrived in Scotland and will be at Trump Turnberry for two days of meetings, calls and hopefully, some golf — my primary form of exercise!" he tweeted early Saturday, referencing his seaside golf resort. "The weather is beautiful, and this place is incredible! Tomorrow I go to Helsinki for a Monday meeting with Vladimir Putin."

Trump was later seen playing the Turnberry links, several holes of which are visible from a nearby beach, where dozens of people staged a protest picnic Saturday. He was videotaped waving at protesters as they shouted "No Trump, No KKK, No Racist USA!" before resuming his game. He was also seen posing for photos.

A line of police, some on horseback, stood between the course and protesters. Snipers perched atop a nearby tower overlooking the vast property.

The protesters were among the thousands who came out in Scotland and England in opposition to the U.S. president's visit to both countries.

Some 10,000 people marched Saturday through the Scottish capital of Edinburgh, while police searched for a paraglider who breached a no-fly zone and flew a protest banner over the resort in western Scotland where Trump and his wife, Melania, are staying through Sunday.

The glider carried a banner that said "Trump: Well Below Par" over the resort Friday night to protest his environmental and immigration policies.



AP PHOTO

U.S. President Donald Trump waves to protesters while he plays golf at Turnberry golf club, Scotland, Saturday. Trump is spending the weekend at his sea-side Trump Turnberry golf resort in Scotland, where aides had said he would be busy preparing for his Monday summit in Helsinki, Finland.

In Edinburgh, anti-fascist groups and political activists joined those who said they'd never protested before, weaving through the capital's streets waving an array of makeshift anti-Trump banners. A choir, a bagpiper, a tambourine band and poetry readings added to the carnival spirit.

"Donald Trump is not welcome here," Scottish Labour leader Richard Leonard told the crowd. "The horrific scenes at the Mexican border are just the latest example of his repudiation of decent human values."

Protesters also launched a 20-foot-tall blimp depicting Trump as an angry baby that had flown over anti-Trump protests in London on Friday.

Trump has spent the weeklong

trip wreaking havoc in Europe, first at a NATO summit in Brussels where he questioned the value of the decades-old alliance, and later in Britain, where he faced fallout from a stunning newspaper interview in which he undermined British Prime Minister Theresa May at an especially vulnerable time.

But Trump was also keeping tabs on domestic issues, including the investigations into Russian election meddling.

In Saturday's tweets, Trump tried to blame former President Barack Obama for failing to stop the Russians from working to help him win the 2016 election.

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Israel exchanges intense fire with Hamas militants in Gaza

By **ARON HELLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military carried out its largest daytime airstrike campaign in Gaza since the 2014 war Saturday as Hamas militants fired dozens of rockets into Israel throughout the day, threatening to trigger an all-out war after weeks of growing tensions along the volatile border.

Two Palestinian teenagers were killed in an airstrike in Gaza City, while three Israelis were wounded from a rocket that landed on a residential home.

Israel said it was focused on hitting militant targets and was warning Gaza civilians to keep their distance from certain sites. But even before the report of casualties the intense tit-for-tat airstrikes and rocket barrages still marked a significant flare-up after a long period of a generally low-level, simmering conflict.

"The Israeli army delivered its most painful strike against Hamas since the 2014 war and we will increase the strength of our attacks as much as necessary," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus said the latest Israeli sortie, the

third of the day, struck some 40 Hamas targets including tunnels, logistical centers and a Hamas battalion headquarters. He said the escalation was the result of the sustained Hamas rocket attacks, its fomenting of violence along the border and its campaign of launching incendiary kites and balloons that have devastated Israeli farmlands and nature reserves.

"Our message to Hamas is that we can and will enhance the intensity of our effort if needed," he said. "What Hamas is doing is pushing them ever closer to the edge of the abyss



AP PHOTO

GAZA | 3 Smoke rises in the background following an Israeli airstrike hits a governmental building in Gaza City, Saturday.

Jaguar escapes habitat at Audubon Zoo, kills 6 animals

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A jaguar escaped from its habitat at the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans and killed six animals.

The male jaguar escaped around 7:20 a.m. Saturday and was captured and returned to its night house after being sedated by a vet team nearly an hour later, after it had mauled four alpacas, one emu and one fox.

No people were hurt. News outlets report the zoo was closed Saturday and would reopen Sunday.

It was not immediately clear how the animal escaped. An investigation is underway.

This is not the first time a jaguar has escaped its enclosure at Audubon. In 2001, a 70-pound cub named Mulac got loose for about 10 minutes before he was



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A jaguar perches on a branch

brought down with a tranquilizer dart. No animals or humans were injured in that escape.

Border measures part of Trump's bigger immigration crackdown

By **COLLEEN LONG and AMY TAXIN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The separation of families at the U.S.-Mexico border caught the attention of the world and prompted mass outrage, but it only tells a small part of the story surrounding the Trump administration's immigration policy.

In reality, the government is working to harden the system on multiple fronts to curb immigration, carving a path around various court rulings to do so. The administration is seeking to lock up families indefinitely, expand detention space and tighten asylum rules and apply more scrutiny to green card

applications.

Many of the initiatives received little attention during the chaos over separated families, but they show how determined President Donald Trump is to stop immigrants from coming — both legally and illegally — even in cases where the administration has been stymied by the courts.

Other administrations may have faced similar problems with illegal immigration and tried similar solutions, but all have been unable to stem the flow of migrants streaming through southern border. No other president, however, has campaigned so vociferously on the topic.

"The United States will not be a migrant camp

and it will not be a refugee holding facility," President Donald Trump declared days before putting an end to the separation of parents from their children. "Not on my watch."

This week's headlines were dominated by stories of reunions of immigrant parents and their young children that the Trump administration had to carry out under a court order. The White House said it "worked tirelessly" to complete the reunifications and make sure the children were put back into safe homes.

In the same week, however, the administration made other moves to clamp down

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US official: No signs Russia targeting elections like 2016

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PHILADELPHIA — The U.S. homeland security secretary said on Saturday there are no signs that Russia is targeting this year's midterm elections with the same "scale or scope" as it targeted the 2016 presidential election.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen spoke on Saturday at a convention of state secretaries of state, an event that's usually a low-key affair highlighting voter registration, balloting devices and election security issues that don't get much public attention. But coming amid fresh allegations into Russia's attempts to sway the 2016 election, the sessions on election security have a higher level of urgency and interest.

Nielsen said her agency will help state and local election officials prepare their systems for cyberattacks from Russia or elsewhere. She said U.S. intelligence officials are seeing "persistent Russian efforts using social media, sympathetic spokespeople and other fronts to sow discord and divisiveness amongst the American people, though not necessarily focused on specific politicians or political campaigns."

The conference of top state election officials she addressed was sandwiched between Friday's indictments of 12 Russian military intelligence officers alleged to have hacked into Democratic party and

campaign accounts and Monday's long-awaited meeting between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Trump has never condemned Russia over meddling in the 2016 election despite the findings of all top U.S. intelligence agencies. In the past, Trump has reiterated Putin's denials, but this week he said he would bring up the issue when they meet on Monday in Finland.

"All I can do is say, 'Did you?'" Trump said days ago at a news conference in Brussels. "And, 'Don't do it again.' But he may deny it."

Some of the state officials who run elections say it's important for Trump, a Republican, to take a tougher stance to avoid having the public's confidence in fair elections undermined.

"I believe as commander in chief he has an obligation to address it and, frankly, put Putin and any other foreign nation that seeks to undermine our democracy on notice that the actions will not be tolerated," California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, a Democrat, said in an interview this week.

Some of his peers declined to go that far. "I don't go around telling the president what to do," said Jay Ashcroft, the Republican secretary of state in Missouri.

Trump portrays the investigation as a partisan attack, but not all Republicans see it that way. This month, the Republicans and Democrats on the U.S.

Senate Intelligence Committee backed the findings of an assessment from U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia tried to interfere in the 2016 election and acted in favor of Trump and against his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

As part of that effort, Russian hackers targeted at least 21 states ahead of the election and are believed to have breached the voter registration system in at least one, Illinois, investigators say. Without naming the state, Friday's indictment said the Russian intelligence officers stole information on about 500,000 voters from the website of one board of elections, a breach that went undetected for three weeks.

There is no evidence they altered any results, but the attempts prompted the federal government and states to re-examine election systems and tighten their cybersecurity.

Federal officials also say it's possible that malware might have been planted that could tamper with voting or paralyze computer systems in future elections.

The election officials talked about technical details of blocking an incursion.

Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, a Republican, told her peers how her state is using its National Guard to help test and shore up cybersecurity for elections. She said it's important to make it clear to voters that the military is not running

elections and does not have access to election data.

"We're acutely aware of the optics of working with the National Guard," Wyman said in an interview. "The whole idea of this is to instill confidence in voters and the public that the system is secure."

Some state officials also said Homeland Security is becoming more helpful in sharing information.

On Friday, a federal grand jury indicted 12 Russian intelligence officers on charges they hacked into Democratic campaign networks in 2016 and then stole and released tens of thousands of documents. The indictment says one of the intrusions came that summer, on a vendor whose software is used to verify voter registration information. The indictment references a spoof email it says the Russian agents sent to more than 100 election-managing customers of the vendor to try to get more information.

"The indictments tell us that ... no longer can we deny in any shape or form that Russians were involved," said cybersecurity expert Sam Woolley, of the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto, California.

The Kremlin has insisted it didn't meddle in the U.S. election. Putin's foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov reaffirmed "the Russian state has never interfered and has no intention of interfering in U.S. elections."

Russia hack followed Trump speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — Was Russia listening, after all?

In a July 27, 2016, speech, then-candidate Donald Trump called on Russian hackers to find emails from Hillary Clinton, his Democratic opponent in the U.S. presidential campaign.

"Russia, if you're listening," Trump said, "I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing."

Hours later, the Main Intelligence Directorate in Moscow appeared to heed the call — targeting Clinton's personal office and hitting more than 70 other Clinton campaign accounts. That's according to a grand jury indictment Friday charging 12 Russian military intelligence officers with hacking into the Clinton campaign and the Democratic Party as part of a sweeping conspiracy by the Kremlin to meddle

in the 2016 U.S. election.

The indictment says July 27 was the first time Clinton's personal office was targeted.

The attempt to penetrate Clinton's campaign began March 10, 2016, and hit a significant success on March 19 when the Russian intelligence officers busted open the email account of John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman, an AP investigation last year found.

They "phished" intensively and repetitively. Throughout at least March and April there were repeated efforts to break into about 120 Democratic National Committee, Clinton and left-leaning activists' accounts across the country.

Then they brought Clinton's personal office into their scope, the indictment says — the very evening Trump appeared to beckon Russians to do just that.

Charges undermine Assange denials about hacked email

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charges against 12 Russian military intelligence officers for U.S. election hacking undermine denials by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange that the Russian government was the source of stolen Democratic emails published by the anti-secrecy organization.

The indictment reveals correspondence between WikiLeaks and a fictional persona that shows them working in an apparent effort to harm the prospects

of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Assange has said that WikiLeaks' source "is not the Russian government and it is not a state party."

But if the charges in the indictment are proved true, it would show that WikiLeaks received the material from a persona directly controlled by Russia's Main Intelligence Directorate, and even gave the Russian hackers advice on how to disseminate it.

TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

TODAY / TONIGHT A stray afternoon t-storm Partly cloudy and humid HIGH 90° 45% chance of rain LOW 76° 15% chance of rain	MONDAY Some sun, humid; a p.m. t-storm in spots 89° / 75° 40% chance of rain	TUESDAY A couple of showers in the morning 90° / 76° 65% chance of rain	WEDNESDAY Variably cloudy, a t-storm in spots; humid 91° / 76° 40% chance of rain	THURSDAY A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 90° / 75° 40% chance of rain	FRIDAY An afternoon thunderstorm possible 91° / 76° 30% chance of rain
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86° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Apalachicola	89 78 pc	89 78 pc
Bradenton	90 78 sh	90 78 pc
Cleawater	90 78 t	90 78 pc
Coral Springs	93 75 pc	91 76 pc
Daytona Beach	90 75 pc	89 76 c
Fort Lauderdale	91 76 pc	89 78 c
Fort Myers	90 75 pc	89 75 c
Gainesville	92 75 t	90 75 c
Jacksonville	88 74 t	90 74 pc
Key Largo	89 79 pc	88 79 pc
Key West	90 80 s	90 80 pc
Lakeland	90 74 t	90 74 pc
Melbourne	90 78 pc	92 77 c
Miami	91 76 pc	89 78 c
Naples	91 77 sh	90 77 pc
Ocala	88 72 t	88 72 c
Okeechobee	90 73 t	89 73 pc
Orlando	90 76 t	90 75 pc
Panama City	89 75 pc	88 77 pc
Pensacola	90 76 pc	88 78 t
Pompano Beach	92 76 pc	91 76 pc
St. Augustine	87 76 t	89 75 pc
St. Petersburg	90 77 t	89 76 pc
Sarasota	90 77 t	90 77 pc
Tallahassee	89 74 t	89 74 t
Tampa	91 80 t	90 80 pc
Vero Beach	92 74 pc	91 73 pc
West Palm Beach	91 74 pc	89 74 pc

TIDES

Point	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 7:00a	12:24a	5:00p	10:48a
Mon. 7:34a	1:08a	5:57p	11:55a	
Englewood	Today 5:37a	9:04a	3:37p	11:24p
Mon. 6:11a	10:11a	4:34p	---	
Boca Grande	Today 4:32a	7:55a	2:22p	10:00p
Mon. 5:11a	9:04a	3:21p	10:42p	
El Jobean	Today 7:32a	12:53a	5:32p	11:17a
Mon. 8:06a	1:37a	6:29p	12:24p	
Venice	Today 3:52a	7:43a	1:52p	10:03p
Mon. 4:26a	8:50a	2:49p	10:45p	

MARINE

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

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
S 4-8 0-1 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
SSW 4-8 0-1 Light

SUN AND MOON

	Today	Rise	Set
The Sun	Today 6:44 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	Monday 6:44 a.m.
The Moon	Today 9:28 a.m.	10:51 p.m.	Monday 10:34 a.m.

UV INDEX AND REALFEEL TEMPERATURE

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

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POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Grass	2
Trees	5
Weeds	11
Molds	11
absent low moderate high very high	3
absent low moderate high very high	1

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

57
0-50 Good; 51-100 Moderate; 101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200 Unhealthy; 201-300 Very Unhealthy; 301-500 Hazardous

Main pollutant: Particulates
Source: sccgov.net

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 93°/76°
Normal High/Low 92°/74°
Record High 97° (2010)
Record Low 68° (1983)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. Trace
Month to date 6.19"
Normal month to date 3.41"
Year to date 20.28"
Normal year to date 24.15"
Record 1.19" (1958)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 92°/72°

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 1.37"

AIRPORT

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

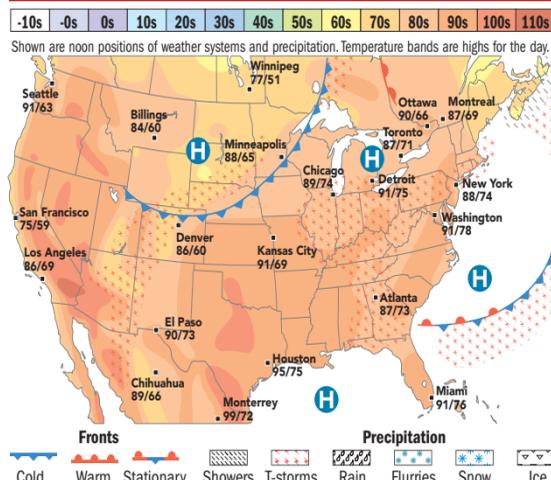
	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	90/75	part cldy	none
Punta Gorda	92/75	storms	afternoon
Sarasota	90/77	storms	afternoon

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80 9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52 11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28 9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03 5.80/1994
May	15.98	2.74	2.50 15.98/2018
Jun.	6.23	14.79	8.92 23.99/1974
Jul.	5.14	9.02	8.22 14.22/1995
Aug.		13.12	8.01 15.60/1995
Sep.		12.46	6.84 14.03/1979
Oct.		2.54	2.93 10.88/1995
Nov.		0.44	1.91 5.53/2002
Dec.		1.04	1.78 6.83/2002
Year	31.67	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

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

THE NATION



U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High 108° at Thermal, CA Low 30° at West Yellowstone, MT

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Albuquerque	89 69 t	85 67 pc	Jackson, MS	92 73 t	93 74 pc
Anchorage	63 52 c	67 54 pc	Kansas City	91 69 pc	89 67 c
Atlanta	87 73 t	87 73 t	Knoxville	91 72 t	88 72 pc
Baltimore	92 72 pc	89 76 pc	Las Vegas	105 87 pc	107 90 pc
Billings	84 60 pc	89 64 s	Los Angeles	86 69 pc	83 68 pc
Birmingham	90 75 t	89 74 t	Louisville	91 76 t	88 73 t
Boise	100 70 s	97 67 t	Memphis	95 79 t	94 77 pc
Boston	80 69 pc	85 73 s	Milwaukee	84 73 pc	85 66 t
Buffalo	87 72 pc	88 68 pc	Minneapolis	88 65 pc	82 61 s
Burlington, VT	88 66 pc	93 73 pc	Montgomery	91 75 t	90 74 t
Charleston, WV	89 71 t	86 71 t	Nashville	91 75 t	89 74 pc
Charlotte	92 72 pc	92 74 pc	New Orleans	94 79 pc	92 80 t
Chicago	89 74 pc	86 66 t	New York City	88 74 pc	90 75 pc
Cincinnati	90 72 t	84 69 t	Norfolk, VA	91 75 pc	92 77 pc
Cleveland	90 72 pc	87 69 t	Oklahoma City	96 72 s	96 71 pc
Columbia, SC	94 73 pc	94 76 pc	Omaha	89 66 pc	83 65 pc
Columbus, OH	90 74 t	85 71 t	Philadelphia	92 75 pc	95 78 pc
Concord, NH	85 61 pc	88 68 pc	Phoenix	102 84 pc	102 83 pc
Dallas	99 78 s	101 77 pc	Pittsburgh	88 69 t	88 69 c
Denver	86 60 pc	85 60 s	Portland, ME	76 63 pc	80 68 s
Des Moines	87 69 c	83 63 s	Portland, OR	99 67 s	96 64 s
Detroit	91 75 pc	88 65 t	Providence	86 67 pc	87 71 s
Duluth	82 58 pc	74 52 s	Raleigh	92 72 pc	93 74 pc
Fairbanks	64 51 c	63 52 pc	Salt Lake City	95 72 s	97 72 s
Fargo	79 56 s	77 52 s	St. Louis	89 76 t	91 70 t
Hartford	89 67 pc	91 72 pc	San Antonio	98 76 s	99 74 s
Helena	87 58 s	91 62 s	San Diego	77 69 pc	77 69 pc
Honolulu	89 78 pc	89 77 pc	San Francisco	75 59 pc	76 60 pc
Houston	95 75 pc	97 74 s	Seattle	91 63 s	91 61 s
Indianapolis	87 74 pc	87 68 t	Washington, DC	91 78 pc	96 81 pc

WEATHER HISTORY

Severe thunderstorms on July 15, 1975, produced damaging downburst winds from the Carolinas to Maryland.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is a swirling wind named for a demon?

A: Dust devil.

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Amsterdam	80 60 pc	82 61 t	Mexico City	75 54 t	78 53 t
Baghdad	112 84 pc	112 84 s	Montreal	87 69 s	91 72 pc
Beijing	90 77 pc	91 76 t	Ottawa	90 66 s	93 68 pc
Berlin	75 56 pc	80 61 pc	Paris	86 64 t	86 62 t
Buenos Aires	61 41 c	56 42 pc	Regina	74 46 t	76 54 s
Cairo	98 79 s	98 77 s	Rio de Janeiro	83 69 s	86 68 s
Calgary	77 52 pc	85 55 s	Rome	87 69 s	85 68 pc
Cancun	88 77 pc	89 76 pc	St. John's	71 62 t	70 58 c
Dublin	68 52 sh	66 48 pc	San Juan	88 79 s	88 79 pc
Edmonton	77 51 pc	85 53 s	Sydney	62 41 s	65 48 pc
Halfonax	71 62 sh	77 60 c	Tokyo	91 81 s	91 81 pc
Kiev	77 60 t	78 63 t	Toronto	87 71 s	88 66 t
London	85 61 pc	81 58 pc	Vancouver	79 61 s	79 61 s
Madrid	87 62 s	88 64 s	Winnipeg	77 51 s	69 47 pc

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

Italy transfers migrants to ships but refuses entry

By NICOLE WINFIELD
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ROME — Two border patrol ships carrying 451 migrants neared Sicily on Saturday but the migrants' fate remained uncertain after Italy's hard-line interior minister insisted they should be sent to Malta or Libya instead.

Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte's office said three ideas were being considered: Redistributing the migrants among European countries, contacting Libyan authorities to arrange for their return, or keeping them on board the ships to screen them for asylum.

Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who has forced migration to the top of Europe's agenda by refusing to let rescue

boats dock at Italian ports, vowed to remain firm Saturday as he created yet another standoff.

But Salvini has already been chastened this week after the Italian president intervened in a rescue on humanitarian grounds.

The migrants had been aboard a large fishing boat when the Italian and Maltese coast guard control centers began squabbling Friday over who was responsible for taking them in.

Malta said it had fulfilled its obligations by monitoring the vessel to see if it needed help. Malta says the ship's crew made clear they didn't need help and were heading toward the Italian island of Lampedusa.

Salvini and his transport minister insisted Malta should



ANSA VIA AP

The Diciotti ship of the Italian Coast Guard, with 67 migrants on board rescued 4 days ago by the Vos Thalassa freighter, enters the Sicilian port of Trapani, southern Italy, Thursday.

have opened its ports to the ship.

Early Saturday, the migrants were taken off the boat and

transferred onto a rescue vessel from the EU border patrol agency Frontex and a ship from the Italian border police. By late Saturday, the two ships were near the Sicilian port of Pozzallo.

In just one month in office, Salvini has upended years of Italian policy toward migrants by refusing them entry.

Italy in general feels that the European Union has left it alone to handle the tens of thousands of migrants coming across the sea every year. Salvini is pressing the EU to step up and take in the migrants who land in Italy and is trying to help Libya prevent them from leaving.

Aid officials say migrants who are being returned to Libya are at risk of facing abuse, rape, beatings and slavery.

Eritrea's leader visits Ethiopia as dramatic thaw continues

By ELIAS MESERET
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ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — To dancing and cheers, Eritrea's longtime president arrived in Ethiopia for his first visit in 22 years on Saturday amid a dramatic diplomatic thaw between the once-bitter rivals.

"This is a historic day for all of us," President Isaias Afwerki said. "Anyone who thinks the people of Eritrea and Ethiopia are separated is considered as naive from now on."

Thousands turned out in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, under tight security to welcome Isaias, whose three-day visit is the latest step in ending a long state of war. "Welcome home President Isaias!" the Ethiopian prime minister's chief of staff said on Twitter.

Ethiopia's reformist new Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed made a similar visit to Eritrea's capital last weekend, welcomed by Isaias with hugs and laughter.

The 42-year-old Abiy broke the ice last month by fully embracing a peace deal that ended a 1998-2000 border war that killed tens of thousands and left families separated. A series of diplomatic breakthroughs quickly followed as one of Africa's longest-running conflicts neared an end.

Some excited

Ethiopians have compared the restoration of relations with one of the world's most closed-off countries to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Telephone links have opened, with some Ethiopians calling complete strangers in Eritrea just to say hello, and the first scheduled Ethiopian Airlines flights to Eritrea begin Wednesday.

A visibly moved Abiy on Saturday praised Ethiopians for their warm welcome of the Eritrean president with chants of "Isaias! Isaias!" and flag-waving. "I'm very emotional right now," Abiy told a luncheon at the National Palace.

"Thank you for the genuine love that you all showed us," Isaias said.

In a speech Saturday evening, Abiy said the countries had agreed to develop together and that Isaias had offered to help "lead this great nation." He added that "we have finally found our sister nation after many years of hiding," and he warned those trying to instigate violence inside Ethiopia to stop or "you may lead us to take a path that we don't want to take."

A grinning Abiy also presented the Eritrean president with a camel wrapped in flowers and the flags of both countries "as a symbol of the blossoming friendship," Abiy's chief of staff said, posting a photo of the moment on Twitter.

Saturday's exuberant scenes defied U.S. President Donald Trump's description of Africa two days ago as "so sad, so vicious and violent."

The international community, including the United States, has embraced the reunion as a welcome development in a key, and often unstable, region along one of the world's busiest shipping lanes and across from the Arabian Peninsula.

The old Eritrean embassy in Addis Ababa has undergone a rapid renovation and is expected to open during Isaias' visit. The two leaders also are expected to attend a concert of about 25,000 people on Sunday featuring local artists.

Some Ethiopians lining the streets for a glimpse of Isaias' motorcade chanted songs that criticized the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front, which for years was the ruling coalition's strongest political party and hostile to Eritrea until the new prime minister came to power in April and began a breathtaking wave of reforms in Africa's second most populous nation.

The gesture of peace with Eritrea has been the most surprising. The country of 5 million people perched on the Red Sea has been ruled by Isaias since gaining independence from Ethiopia in 1993 after years of rebel warfare.

dug under the building.

Shortly after, Israeli medical officials said three Israelis were wounded from a rocket that landed on a house in southern Israel. It said paramedics in the southern city of Sderot were treating a 52-year-old man with a chest wound, a 17-year-old girl with a face wound and a 20-year-old woman with injuries to her limbs.

Sirens wailed overnight and throughout most of the day Saturday in southern Israel as waves of rockets and mortars were launched from Gaza amid the airstrikes. The military said it identified about 60 launches of rockets and mortars from Gaza toward Israeli territory, of which about 10 were intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system. As a precaution, the military shut down a popular beach in southern Israel and placed limitations on gatherings of large crowds. Israeli police says four of the projectiles caused damage.

Israel has been warning Hamas in recent weeks

that while it has no interest in engaging in the kind of conflict that led to the sides fighting three wars over the past decade, it will not tolerate Gaza militants' continued efforts to breach the border and its campaign to devastate Israeli border communities with incendiary attacks.

With Israel focused on rising tension along its northern border in its efforts to prevent Iran from establishing a permanent military foothold in post-civil war Syria, it has been wary of escalating hostilities in Gaza. But Netanyahu has also come under pressure to act from southern Israeli communities, who have once again found themselves under rocket fire from Gaza in addition to contending with the daily field fires.

Israel's military chief visited the border area for briefings and the Security Cabinet, Israel's top decision-making body, is expected to convene Sunday to discuss further actions.

On Friday, thousands of Palestinians gathered

near the Gaza border for their near-weekly protest. A 15-year-old Palestinian who tried to climb over the fence into Israel was shot dead. Later the military said an Israeli officer was moderately wounded by a grenade thrown at him.

Gaza's health ministry said Saturday that a 20-year-old struck by gunfire Friday during the protests in the southern Gaza Strip had also died of his wounds.

The Islamic militant group Hamas that rules Gaza has led border protests aimed in part at drawing attention to the Israeli-Egyptian blockade imposed after Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007. The demonstrations have been fueled in large part by pervasive despair caused by the blockade, which has caused widespread economic hardship.

Over 130, mostly unarmed, Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since protests began on March 30.

Israel says it is defending its sovereign border and accuses Hamas of

using the protests as cover for attempts to breach the border fence and attack civilians and soldiers. Most recently, it has been struggling to cope with the widespread fires caused by the incendiary kites and balloons floating over the border.

In a statement, the military said Hamas' activities "violate Israeli sovereignty, endanger Israeli civilians and

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

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US, NKorea will try to discuss return of war dead

By DAVID TWEED
BLOOMBERG NEWS

U.S. and North Korean officials plan to meet Sunday to discuss returning the remains of American soldiers killed almost seven decades ago, a possible chance to ease tensions between the two sides they as argue over disarmament.

The negotiations are the first working-level talks since Secretary of State Michael Pompeo's visit to Pyongyang ended this month with North Korea denouncing the U.S.'s "unilateral and gangster-like demand for denuclearization." The meeting was initially planned for Thursday, but was rescheduled after the North Koreans didn't show up.

The U.S. Defense Department estimates that North Korea is holding about 200 sets of

remains of American military personnel believed missing in the country, and their recovery has long been among the most emotionally charged issues between the two sides. Coffins that the U.S. shipped to the border last month haven't been filled, despite Kim Jong Un's pledge during his June 12 summit with President Donald Trump to immediately repatriate identified remains.

While recovering the war dead would provide Trump a political victory similar to Kim's May release of three living American detainees, it would do little to advance the goal of dismantling the regime's weapons program. The U.S. also risks giving the North Koreans leverage to continue diplomacy and drag out disarmament talks.

The agreement to meet on

the militarized North-South border about American war dead was perhaps the most tangible outcome from Pompeo's trip, which ended with North Korea criticizing the secretary of state's lack of emphasis on security guarantees as "regretful." Pompeo, on the other hand, called the talks "productive."

The divergence in public comments fueled further doubts about whether Trump will ever achieve his goal of "complete denuclearization," much less on the timeline of 1 to 2½ years set out by various administration officials.

Nevertheless, Trump praised Kim Thursday, saying that "great progress" was being made in negotiations. In a Twitter post, Trump attached copies of a July 6 letter from Kim lauding the U.S. leader's

"energetic and extraordinary efforts" and expressing "invariable trust and confidence" in his ability to advance talks. The letter's date suggested that it was written before Pompeo's latest visit.

"It's a process," Trump said Friday at a news conference in the United Kingdom. "It's probably a longer process than anybody would like, but I'm used to long processes, too."

Trump has expressed an eagerness to tout the war dead's recovery, telling Fox News that Kim was "giving us back the remains of probably 7,500 soldiers" and then, to supporters in Nevada, that North Korea had already handed over 200 sets of remains. Pompeo was obliged to correct those claims, telling a U.S. Senate committee June 27 that no remains had been received.

'Hostile Policy'

Efforts to recover the missing war dead date back to before the two sides stopped fighting. Joint efforts to find and identify U.S. personnel between 1990 and 2005 recovered more than 300 sets of remains and were suspended as nuclear talks between the two sides deteriorated. North Korea last repatriated the remains of six individuals in 2007.

Obama administration attempts to restart discussions foundered as Kim accelerated his nuclear program. In 2014, the state-run Korean Central News Agency published a statement blaming the U.S.'s "hostile policy" for ending the recovery missions and warning that the bodies of American soldiers were being "carried away en masse" to make way for infrastructure improvements.

HEADLINES AROUND THE NATION

Firefighter killed in wildfire near Yosemite National Park

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — A firefighter was killed Saturday while battling a wildfire burning near Yosemite National Park, California state fire officials said.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said Heavy Fire Equipment Operator Braden Varney was killed while fighting the Ferguson Fire in the morning hours.

The blaze broke out around 10:30 p.m. on Friday in Mariposa County, near the west end of Yosemite National Park and the Sierra National Forest.

Fire officials said it had burned about 130 acres by Saturday afternoon.

Varney survived by his wife and two small children, state fire officials said. The circumstances surrounding his death were not immediately released and officials said they were still working to confirm details.

"In the meantime, please join us in keeping Braden and his loved ones in your prayers and all the responders on the front lines in your thoughts as they continue to work under extremely challenging conditions," California fire officials said in a statement.

Officials at Yosemite National Park said the wildfire had closed Highway 140 from Midpines to El Portal.

Power in Yosemite Valley had also been affected because power lines had been turned off while firefighters worked to quell the blaze.

Man nabbed in wife's chain saw attack was deported 11 times

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officials say a man accused of attacking his wife with a chain saw in front of their children at their Los Angeles-area home had been deported from the U.S. 11 times.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Lori Haley says 32-year-old Alejandro Alvarez-Villegas is a "serial immigration violator."

Alvarez-Villegas was arrested on Thursday in a stolen vehicle in Chula Vista, a few miles from the Mexican border.

Police said Alvarez-Villegas is suspected of attacking his wife at their Whittier home, leaving her covered in blood. She is expected to recover.

It was not immediately clear if Alvarez-Villegas had an attorney to comment on the allegations.

Haley says federal immigration officials have lodged a detainer against Alvarez-Villegas, asking local officials to notify them before he is released.

Alvarez-Villegas has been in and out of the U.S. since 2005.

3rd child dies following house fire; victims aged 2, 5, 7

UNION CITY, N.J. (AP) — A third child has died following a house fire that earlier claimed the lives of two youngsters and injured several other occupants and firefighters.

Officials had said earlier that Friday morning's fire at a three-story

home in Union City killed a 2-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl. The Hudson County prosecutor's office said Friday night that a critically injured 7-year-old boy had died.

Prosecutor Esther Suarez said two other children and a woman were in critical condition. A man was listed in stable condition.

Eight firefighters were treated at hospitals, mostly for smoke inhalation or heat-related issues.

The Red Cross reported helping 30 people from eight families.

A neighboring building was damaged by the fire, the origin and cause of which remain under investigation.

Mayor Brian Stack, who said he was "heartbroken" by the tragedy, announced a GoFundMe page to help the fire victims. He said donations also could be sent to the city's fire victims' fund.

Police on their Facebook page hailed the efforts of good Samaritans "who risked their own well-being and attempted to help their fellow neighbors who were in need."

Oldest surviving state prison in US reopens after 9 years

EAST GRANBY, Conn. (AP) — The oldest surviving state prison in the nation is reopening for tourists and other visitors.

The public can begin visiting the Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine in Connecticut on Saturday. The archaeological site and national landmark was closed for nine years because of structural repairs.

It's the site of the first operating copper mine in the North American colonies, beginning in 1705. The colony of Connecticut acquired the mine in 1773 and converted it into a prison.

Connecticut abandoned the site in 1827 because it was considered costly and inhumane to operate it as a prison.

The state re-acquired the property in 1968 and turned it into a museum. Officials say the site will be open on weekends, Mondays and Fridays through Oct. 29.

Toddlers dangling from second-floor ledge make it to safety

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities say they are investigating the case of two toddlers seen dangling and later rescued from a second floor ledge of a Chicago apartment building.

Video of the Tuesday incident shows people standing with outstretched hands prepared to catch the diapered toddlers, believed to be two-year-old twins.

One of the toddlers eventually crawled back inside, and a man brought in a ladder to rescue the other. The children weren't hurt.

Denise Ochoa says she and a cousin were driving by the apartment building when they saw the scene unfolding. She says she got out the car to help and was exasperated when no one in the apartment came to the window to see what was going on.

Police responding to the call say the unidentified children were home with their mother at the time. Illinois Department

of Children and Family Services officials say the children have been placed with relatives pending an investigation.

LA's observatory evacuated due to suspicious item

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities say the landmark Griffith Observatory overlooking Los Angeles has been evacuated because of a suspicious package.

Officer Mike Lopez, a Los Angeles police spokesman, says the department's bomb squad was on scene Saturday afternoon.

He says officers located the suspicious item and ordered the evacuations before calling for the bomb squad. The bomb squad was still working to evaluate the situation.

Earlier this week, more than 2,000 people were evacuated from Griffith Observatory and its surrounding park because of a wildfire.

The observatory and urban wilderness park, attractions in their own right, are destinations for movie fans after being prominently featured in decades of films ranging from "Rebel Without a Cause" to "La La Land."

Nancy Sinatra Sr., first wife of Frank Sinatra, dies at 101

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nancy Sinatra Sr., the childhood sweetheart of Frank Sinatra who became the first of his four wives and the mother of his three children, has died. She was 101.

Her daughter, Nancy Sinatra Jr., tweeted that her mother died Friday

and a posting on her webpage says she died at 6:02 p.m. but didn't indicate where she died.

Her daughter calls her "a blessing and the light of my life."

Frank and Nancy Sinatra had been teenage sweethearts. They married in New Jersey, in February 1939, just as Frank's singing career was about to take off.

After Sinatra became a pop-music sensation in the 1940s, the couple moved to Los Angeles, where the singer would also become a movie star, raconteur and notorious womanizer. He left his wife for Ava Gardner in the early 1950s.

25 injured after bus overturns on LA freeway

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities say 25 people have been injured after a bus overturned on a Southern California freeway but most of the passengers had minor injuries.

The Los Angeles Fire Department says the bus crashed shortly before 4 a.m. Saturday in Pico-Union, just south of downtown Los Angeles.

Fire officials say there were 32 people aboard the coach bus when it crashed. They say four were seriously injured.

Video aired by KABC-TV showed passengers with bloodied faces stumbling out of the bus.

The California Highway Patrol is still investigating what caused the crash.



AP FILE PHOTO

Nancy Sinatra Sr. in 1950

Explaining The Silver Krugerrand

Dear Mr. Berko: I'm interested in an advertisement by the U.S. Mint offering silver Krugerrands for \$79.95. This is the first silver Krugerrand ever minted by the South African Mint for the U.S. Mint. Because it's the first, do you think this will have value for collectors? And could you explain to me why a troy ounce of silver weighs more than a regular ounce of silver? — **CP, Joilet, Ill.**



Malcolm Berko

after Troyes, France, which is about 100 miles southeast of Paris. Troyes is a town of 60,000 people, with narrow cobblestone streets, colorful half-timbered homes and magnificent Gothic churches and cathedrals with striking stained-glass windows. Here's how it buries.

Troy weight and avoirdupois weight have the same base unit, the grain. A troy ounce is 480 grains, or 31.1 grams, compared with the avoirdupois

ounce, which is 437 grains, or 28.35 grams. The difference isn't much, but things change when measuring large quantities of precious metals. That's because there are only 12 troy ounces to a troy pound, whereas there are 16 avoirdupois ounces to an avoirdupois pound. Therefore, the troy pound is 5,760 grains, and the avoirdupois pound is 7,000 grains. That's how an avoirdupois pound is heavier than a troy pound but a troy ounce is heavier than an avoirdupois ounce. And I thought calculus was tough!

Now, the U.S. Mint has nothing to do with the misleading advertisement you sent me from your paper. Frankly, some of our newspapers should do a better job of editing and policing the

too-clever adverts that so easily fool the reader about costs and claims. Be mindful that truth requires facts but honesty requires full disclosure.

The ad you saw was from GovMint.com, which has no relation to our federal government. It will sell these 2017 silver Krugerrands to you all day at their regular price of \$99.95, not including the \$12 cost for shipping and handling. Now it has a special deal — the one you saw. The coins are now \$79.95 each, plus \$12 shipping and handling. But if you buy 20 of these Rands, GovMint.com will give them to you for \$49.95 each. That's a savings of \$1,000 from the usual offer. Well then, zip-a-dee-doo-dah.

If you zip around Google after searching

for "South African silver Krugerrands," you'll find that JM Bullion, Apmex and other dealers will sell those Rands to you for \$47.49, plus shipping and handling, all day and all night, Marianne. Meanwhile, dealers purchase them from the South African Mint for about \$27 plus two books of green stamps.

GovMint.com, by the way, is home-ported in Burnsville, Minnesota. And the price of silver, 55 cents a gram, should tell you that the silver content value of the Krugerrand, at 31.1 grams, is \$17.10.

This Krugerrand, a beautiful coin, was issued last year to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rand, which was first issued in 1967. It's a neat coin to own, but you'd never sell

this coin for the \$90-plus it would cost you. For you to break even, silver would have to trade at \$82 an ounce, and I doubt that will happen in this century. And if you were to decide to sell this coin to a dealer, I suspect he'd give you its silver value minus its melting cost. The official original number was 500,000 silver Rands, but the South African Mint soon pushed the mintage up to 1 million. For collectors, there's zero value to this coin unless it's one of the 15,000 first-strike coins that were minted last year.

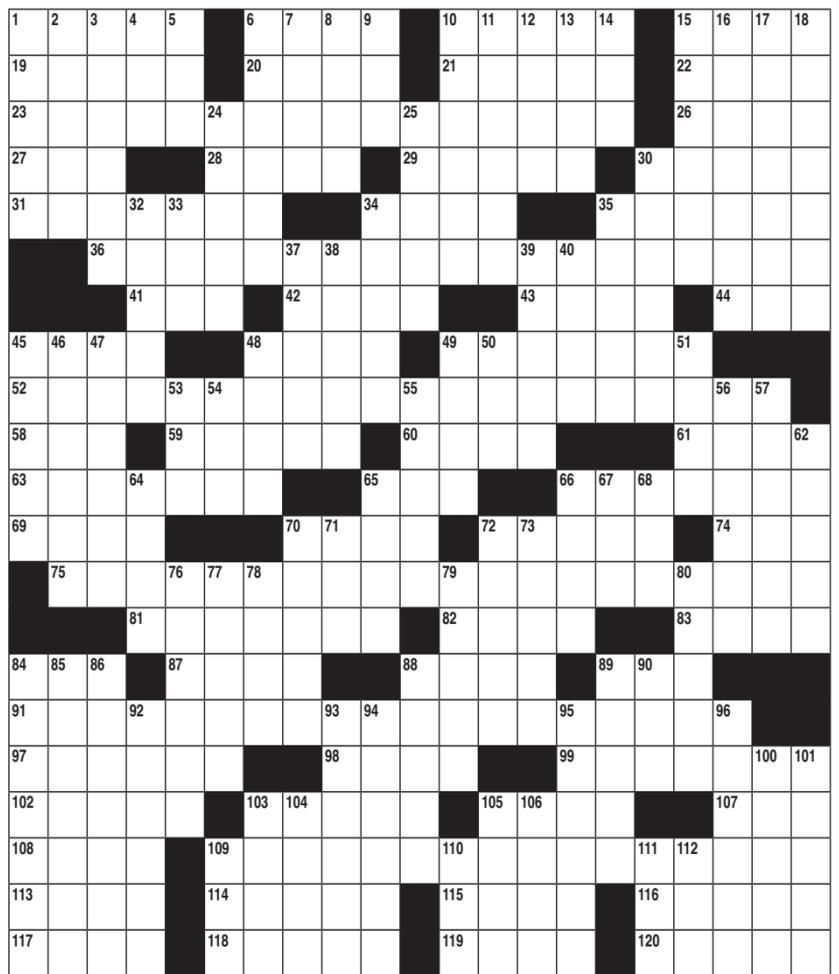
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Ask the Fool

How Stock Ownership Works

Q Can you explain how stock investing works? If I own 2 percent of a company's stock and the company earns \$100 million, do I get 2 percent of that — or \$2 million? — C.H., Honolulu

A If you own a company's stock, you are indeed a part owner of it, though usually with a tiny stake. You won't receive your share of its earnings directly, though. Instead, as the company grows more valuable, other investors will want to buy shares, raising the value of yours.

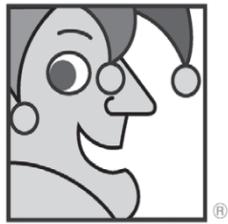
Companies can directly send part of their earnings to shareholders, via dividends. And they can buy back shares, which boosts the value of remaining shares. They might also simply plow money into growing the business, which can encourage other investors and make the share price rise.

Q Where can my teenagers learn about money and investing? — H.G., Kankakee, Illinois

A They can learn a lot from you, if you share and discuss your financial experiences with them — and then help them start investing in stocks a little, perhaps via a custodial brokerage account.

You might also have your teens read "The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens" by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, \$16). Younger kids can read "Growing Money" by Gail Karlitz and Debbie Honig (Price Stern Sloan, \$10); "Go! Stock! Go!: A Stock Market Guide for Enterprising Children and Their Curious Parents*" by Bennett Zimmerman and Kathy Kamel (The Fourth Way World, \$18); or "How to Turn \$100 into \$1,000,000: Earn! Save! Invest!" by James McKenna and Jeannine Glista with Matt Fontaine (Workman, \$13). You should also tackle "The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money" by Ron Lieber (Harper Press, \$16).

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Fool's School

Short-Term Savings

When we think of saving and investments, we often default to long-term thinking. But some of the money you sock away should be for the short term — particularly for possible financial emergencies.

If a medical crisis, costly car expense or a job loss unexpectedly occurs and you're not prepared with sufficient short-term savings, you may end up wiped out, or even in bankruptcy. For emergencies or known upcoming expenses (such as vacations and weddings), you have two main choices: 1) Save up and earn interest, or 2) Borrow the money (often via a credit card) and pay interest (at a much higher rate).

Clearly, saving is better. Generally, aim to have at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund. If it's easy for you to find work, three months' may be enough. If it's not so easy and you're supporting four kids, two elderly parents and six arthritic dogs, you may want to aim for a year's worth of expenses.

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Beyond your emergency fund, any funds you'll need within three to five years (or longer, to be more conservative) shouldn't be in stocks. Stocks are perfect for long investment periods, but in the short run, anything can happen. Remember, for example, 2008's 37 percent drop in the S&P 500. A crash occurring just before you have to make a big college tuition payment can spell disaster.

Short-term savings belong in instruments such as savings accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term government and corporate bonds and bond mutual funds. Interest rates are quite low these days, but they've been inching up. CD rates vary, in large part depending on how long you're willing to tie up your money. Corporate bonds tend to pay more than CDs or Treasury bonds, depending on the risk of the bond. Some savings accounts were recently paying around 2 percent, while some three-year CDs offered 3 percent and some corporate bonds offered 4 percent or more.

Learn more about short-term savings and find good interest rates at fool.com/savings and bankrate.com.

My Dumbest Investment

Falling Knife

Talk about catching a falling knife. Nortel Networks, the Canada-based telecom giant, had been trading for around 100 Canadian dollars per share and then started heading south. When shares were at CA\$33, I thought, "What a bargain!" and discussed it with my financial adviser, who thought it was a great idea. I bought in, and ended up selling at CA\$3 per share before the company went bankrupt. And worse, this all happened in a tax-deferred account. Waah!

This was just another nail in the financial adviser coffin for me, because I have yet to employ one who ever said to me, "Leon, that is a really stupid investment idea." They always said my ideas were great. I am a lot wealthier since dumping them and doing my own investing. — Leon H., online

The Fool Responds: Such losses can be extra annoying when they occur in IRAs or 401(k)s, as you don't get to use the losses to offset taxable gains, shrinking your tax bill. (But those accounts offer tax advantages, too, such as deferring taxation until withdrawals in retirement — or, with Roth accounts, avoiding taxation altogether.) A key mistake here was buying into a stock that was plunging, as that typically signals trouble. If your research had suggested that the troubles were temporary, investing could have been worth a shot. But Nortel was struggling, with its cash running out. You're lucky to have not lost your entire investment.

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The Motley Fool Take

Game On!

Video game stocks have been on fire lately, and for good reason. The phenomenon of the battle royale genre, which pits many players against one another in a winner-take-all contest, has been bringing new gamers into the fold. Whether it's the beginning of a longer-term shift or a short-lived fad, many of these newly initiated video game players will likely stick around as gamers.

One company positioned to greatly profit from this trend is Activision Blizzard (Nasdaq: ATVI), with eight franchises that have produced more than \$1 billion each in sales. (These include "Call of Duty," "World of Warcraft" and "Candy Crush.") Its growing stable of popular games ensures that its future doesn't depend on the success or failure of any single title or franchise.

Compelling updates to existing games continue to draw in new players. "Call of Duty," for example, was originally released in 2003 and continues to be a hit. The latest version, "Call of Duty: Black Ops 4," is one of the most highly anticipated game releases of the year. Activision recently revealed that the game will incorporate a battle royale mode called "Blackout." An even more compelling draw for investors is the exploding popularity of e-sports, which turns video gaming into a spectator sport. Give this stock some consideration. (The Motley Fool owns share of and has recommended Activision Blizzard.)

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a linseed crushing company founded in Minneapolis in 1902. I took on my current name in 1923 and formed a grain division in 1927. Today, based in Chicago, I'm one of the biggest global agricultural processors and food ingredient producers, making products for food, animal feed, industrial and energy uses via about 500 crop procurement locations and 270 ingredient manufacturing plants. My products are in everything from beers to salad dressing to diapers. My 31,000 workers serve customers in more than 170 countries. I rake in more than \$60 billion annually. Who am I?

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

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I'm a young company, born in 2007 to develop games. With my early games hosted on Facebook, where they were quite successful (remember "Mafia Wars"?), I grew extremely rapidly. My market value topped \$10 billion in 2012. It has since retreated and was recently near \$3.5 billion. Based in San Francisco, I'm a top global gamemaker now, with offerings such as "FarmVille," "Words With Friends," "Hit It Rich! Slots," "CSR Racing" and a version of poker. More than a billion people have played my games. I'm named after a dog that graces my logo. Who am I? (Answer: Zynga)



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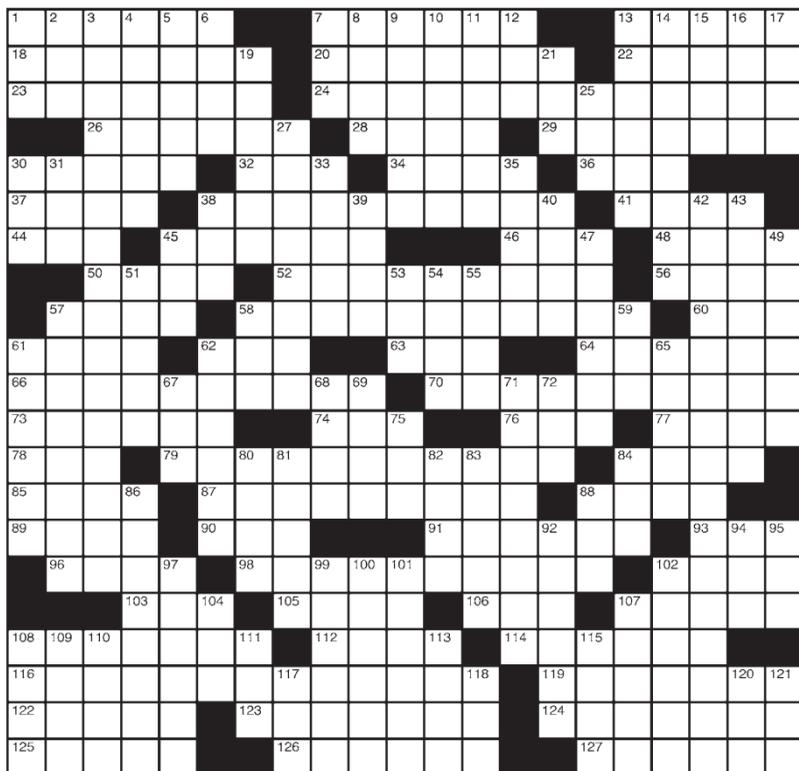
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By Joe Kidd

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

ESTHER BIDS A SLAM

Neither vulnerable, North deals

right to six. "That was exciting", she thought.

NORTH

♠ A J 10

♥ Q

♦ A J 6 5 3

♣ Q 4 3 2

WEST

♠ 9 8 6 4

♥ 8 7 2

♦ 4 2

♣ K J 9 5

EAST

♠ Void

♥ K J 10 9 6 3

♦ K 9 8

♣ 10 8 7 6

SOUTH

♠ K Q 7 5 3 2

♥ A 5 4

♦ Q 10 7

♣ A

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST. Row 1: 1♦, 2♥, 2♠, Pass. Row 2: 4♣, Pass, 6♠, All pass.

Opening lead: Seven of ♥

Esther was delighted to have Fred as her partner once again at the local duplicate. Fred had been urging her to be more aggressive in her slam bidding, and Esther had promised to try. She wasn't sure what to do when Fred bid four spades. It was so long since she had bid a slam that she forgot about Blackwood. She just took a deep breath and jumped

The queen held the trick, as Esther expected, but East hesitated before ducking his king. Esther noticed this, for some reason, and decided that East was trying to be clever. She led a diamond to the ace hoping the king would fall. When it didn't, Esther decided that she'd better start ruffing something and hope for the best. She ruffed a club in her hand and a heart on the board, followed by another club ruff before ruffing her last heart with dummy's last trump.

She ruffed another club in her hand and when she looked at her last three cards, two of them were high trumps. She threw her cards on the table with joy, claiming her slam.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' e-mails: tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

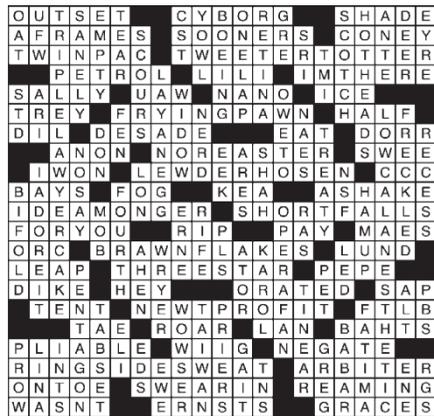
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CRYPTOGRAMS MUSIC TO MY EARS 3 by Myles Mellor

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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- 1. When a tiny corgi started playing the cello, his pal said his Bach was worse than his bite! 2. When I called Bach on his phone his message said he was composing a tenor aria and to call Bach later! 3. What's the fine but vital difference between God and a conductor? God doesn't believe he's a conductor! 4. The harp claimed it's the oldest stringed instrument. The cello disagreed. "Are you calling me a lyre?" the harp retorted.

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some say you can never have too many friends. You can get by with one good friend in life, but take advantage of the current stars and get out there to make a few more on this social day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The question is whether to go soft or draw a hard line. The trick is to employ a little of both. Ultimately, a little more love will solve problems, whatever that means to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you think fast, you can work fast. There's a point at which your brain will get tired of the problem. Push past it. The good stuff is on the other side, with your second wind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll deal with a lot of machines today, so much so that you'll develop a craving for the human voice, human touch and, yes, human foibles, too. Because without human mistakes, there is no real connection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Love is so versatile. You can plant it. You can do it. You can give it. You can live it. Today you'll experiment with many tones and colors of love and be better for it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's this thing called emotional leaning. It's when one person depends on others for a prop up. Paradoxically, the one who can figure out a way to balance and stand alone probably won't have to.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today's answer isn't social or interdependent; rather, it speaks to the need to get skills and become self-reliant. Think about what you'd ask for, and then find a way to provide it for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today features a creative huddle. There is one pretty idea in this mix, and everyone with a brain has it. Compromise and collaboration will be necessary. Even more necessary? Making sure that everyone feels heard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to know everything about the situation to have something valuable to add to the discussion. You never know how your point of view will affect the conversation. Chime in and see.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Simplicity, compassion and patience — those are the qualities that will promote your best interests and coincide most efficiently with the best interests of all mankind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most of the good that's been done in the world had to do with survival — the bad, too. If you use principles of mere survival as a guide, the results will be mixed. Aim higher. Living is great, but what are we living for?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15). You've earned the loyalties of those close to you, and now all you have to do is continue in kind and watch your supporters, clients, employers, friends, loved ones and admirers grow in numbers as the social proof compounds. Let yourself benefit. Walk through the open doors. Accept help. Allow the love. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 40, 22, 25 and 18.

POLICY

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Theresa May, “I think I would have a very good relationship with Putin if we spend time together.”

A day earlier in Brussels, Trump did say he would raise the election issue with Putin, but also said: “I don’t think you’ll have any ‘Gee, I did it, I did it. You got me!’ There won’t be Perry Mason here, I don’t think. But I will absolutely, firmly ask the question.”

Trump also has expressed little interest in continuing the harsh U.S. criticism of Russian activities in Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere, and of Russia’s human rights record. In fact, he’s raised doubts about U.S. demands for Russia to return

to Ukraine the territory of Crimea it annexed in 2014, and has suggested a bargain could be in the works for Russia’s ally Bashar Assad to remain in power indefinitely in Syria.

Contrast that with the messaging of the State Department.

Under Trump, the department has issued regular stinging critiques of Russia, including on human rights and press freedom. Those have been sustained since former CIA Director Mike Pompeo was installed as top U.S. diplomat in April and despite the president’s growing calls for friendship with Putin.

Ahead of Russia’s national day on June 12, Pompeo said the United States honors “the citizens of the Russian Federation and their aspirations for

the democratic principles of universal freedom, civil liberties, and the rule of law.” On July 6, department spokeswoman Heather Nauert condemned the “selective targeting” by Russia of U.S.-funded news organizations. And this Thursday the department criticized a “pattern of intimidation and violence against those who express dissent across Russia.”

Pompeo has also been steadfast in his support of NATO.

While Trump was questioning the commitment of NATO allies at this past week’s summit in Brussels, where leaders agreed on modest steps to improve military readiness in Europe, principally to counter Russia, Pompeo was lauding the 29-nation grouping as “the most successful alliance in

history.”

Pompeo also warned in a tweet: “Weakness provokes; strength and cohesion protect.”

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has been no less critical of Russia and its attempts to weaken or entirely subvert trans-Atlantic alliances.

“Putin seeks to shatter NATO,” he told graduates of the U.S. Naval War College last month. “He aims to diminish the appeal of the Western democratic model and attempts to undermine America’s moral authority. His actions are designed not to challenge our arms at this point but to undercut and compromise our belief in our ideals.”

Measure that against Trump’s suggestion at a rancorous summit of the Group of Seven last month in Canada that

the leading industrialized countries include Russia in their elite grouping of democracies — a suggestion that got short shrift from the other nations.

And as Trump has talked about bringing Putin back into the international fold, the Treasury Department has continued to impose sanctions on various Russian officials, companies and businessmen.

Days after the G-7, the Treasury blacklisted five Russian companies and three individuals, some of whom are accused of directly supporting Russia’s intelligence agency in its efforts to carry out cyberattacks, including intrusions into America’s energy grid and threats to underwater cables that transmit much of the world’s communications data.

TRUMP

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“The stories you heard about the 12 Russians yesterday took place during the Obama Administration, not the Trump Administration,” Trump tweeted, asking why they didn’t “do something about it, especially when it was reported that President Obama was informed by the FBI in September, before the Election?”

It was Trump’s first response to indictments announced Friday in Washington against 12 Russian military intelligence officers who allegedly hacked into the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton, Trump’s Democratic rival, and released tens of thousands of emails in a sweeping Kremlin conspiracy to help Trump.

Trump denies that he or any campaign aides were involved with the Russian campaign and repeatedly dismisses the ongoing investigation that produced Friday’s indictments as a “witch hunt.”

Trump told reporters he plans to raise election meddling with Putin but said he doesn’t expect Putin to ever accept blame.

“I will absolutely bring that up. I don’t think you’ll have any ‘Gee, I did it. I did it. You got me,’” Trump said Friday, referring to Putin.

Leading Democratic senators asked Trump in a letter Saturday to scrap the summit if he was not prepared “to make Russia’s attack on our election the top issue you will discuss.” And John McCain, a leading Republican senator and Trump critic, said Trump must hold Putin accountable or not proceed with the meeting.

IMMIGRATION

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on immigrant families, asylum seekers and those seeking green cards.

The administration’s attempts to deter Central American families and children from making the trip north are designed to send the message to immigrants — and Trump’s supporters in an election year — that reaching the United States is going to get harder, and so will getting papers to stay in the country legally.

“All of these things, I think, are part of a bigger ultimate aim, which is to significantly reduce immigration of all kinds to the United States over the longer term, and in the process, the real desire is to change the character of the country,” said Doris Meissner, a former commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the Clinton administration.

Before departing the White House this week for his European trip, Trump offered his own solution for the government missing a court-mandated deadline to reunite some families: “Don’t come to our country illegally.”

The Trump administration announced plans in April to prosecute illegal border crossers with the crime of improper entry, and in doing so, jailed some parents caught on the border and placed their children in government custody. The U.S. government was sued and the public was outraged, prompting Trump to halt the separations.

The chaos over the separations has put the administration in the difficult position of having to release families with ankle-monitoring bracelets into the public — a practice Trump has decried — while at the same time attempting a series of legal maneuvers to argue for tougher enforcement capabilities.

That’s because two court cases in California restrict what the government can do in carrying out hardline immigration policies. One requires the government to release immigrant children generally after 20 days in detention. The other has banned the separation of families and placed the government under tight deadlines to reunite parents and children.

In an attempt to comply with both rulings, the White House wants to

present families with a choice: Stay together in detention or release the child to a government program for immigrant youth for potential placement with a relative while the parent remains locked up.

It’s unclear whether the administration has enough detention beds to do so, but it’s looking. Homeland Security has formally requested 12,000 beds for family detention, with 2,000 beds to be made available immediately at U.S. military bases. The Defense Department has said it also received a request to house up to 20,000 unaccompanied immigrant children.

Officials are also seeking to send immigrants back to their countries sooner and make it harder for them to seek asylum in a backlogged courts system where it can take years to get a ruling. Trump officials say too many people are claiming they are persecuted when they are not, adding that only 20 percent of asylum claims are granted.

Asylum officers tasked with screening immigrants stopped at the border were told this week to heed a recent opinion by Attorney General Jeff Sessions that gang and

of Jim Acosta (actually a nice guy). They didn’t!” Acosta had objected to Trump dismissing the news outlet as “fake news.”

In fact, CNN reported on the exchange of words and interviewed Acosta on air about what happened. Acosta also replied to Trump on Twitter.

“Takedown? I don’t think so. Perhaps we should even the playing field next time and you can take my question. (You’re right about one thing.. I am a nice guy),” Acosta said Saturday.

Trump’s repeated attacks on the news media while overseas — he also lashed out at NBC News and The Sun newspaper during Friday’s news conference

— has alarmed free speech advocates, especially as Trump is set to hold a joint press availability Monday with Putin, whose country is known for being deeply hostile to a free press.

White House Correspondents’ Association President Margaret Talev said in a statement that “saying a news organization isn’t real doesn’t change the facts and won’t stop us from doing our jobs.”

Trump’s decision to stay yet again at a property he owns — and has repeatedly advertised during the trip — caught the attention of ethics experts, who say he should not profit off the presidency.



AP PHOTO

U.S. President Donald Trump plays golf under tight security at Turnberry golf club, in Turnberry, Scotland, Saturday, July. A dozen demonstrators have staged a protest picnic on the beach in front of the Trump Turnberry golf resort in Scotland where President Donald Trump is spending the weekend with the first lady.

domestic violence should not generally be a reason for asylum — reasons cited by many immigrants fleeing bloodshed in Central America.

The result: fewer immigrants will pass these initial screenings that enable them to seek asylum before an immigration judge, said Megan Brewer, an immigration attorney in Los Angeles and former asylum officer.

“If they don’t comply, all their decisions are going to be sent back to them,” she said. “The average officer will go with the path of least resistance.”

Immigrants in the country legally also face new hurdles under various policies.

Since taking office, the administration has ended protected status for hundreds of thousands of people from countries recovering from war and natural disasters, slashed the number of refugees allowed into the United States and said it will seek to strip the U.S. citizenship of those suspected of cheating to get it. And applicants for green cards and other immigration benefits are facing longer waits and more detailed questions.

Immigration on the Southwest border has changed over the years.

Previously there were far more people coming, with more than five times the number of border patrol apprehensions in 2000 than during the most recent fiscal year. More immigrants also came from Mexico than Central America — which made it easier for U.S. authorities to send them back. Far fewer were children or families.

A number of immigration experts contend the arrival of Central American immigrants on the border is not a crisis — except of the administration’s making.

Immigrant advocates said ankle bracelets and community-based programs can be used to ensure immigrants attend court hearings where a judge will determine whether they’re allowed to stay in the country or should be deported. They said it’s much cheaper and more appropriate since detention isn’t meant to be punitive but to ensure court attendance.

Rather, they said resources should be devoted to beefing up the overwhelmed immigration court system to help those genuinely fleeing violence get their cases heard quicker and weed out those who aren’t.

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, July 15, the 196th day of 2018. There are 169 days left in the year.

Today in history

On July 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon delivered a televised address in which he announced that he had accepted an invitation to visit the People’s Republic of China.

On this date

In 1799, French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

In 1910, the term “Alzheimer’s disease” was used to describe a progressive form of pre senile dementia in the book “Clinical Psychiatry” by German psychiatrist Emil Kraepelin, who credited the work of his colleague, Alois Alzheimer, in identifying the condition.

In 1932, President Herbert Hoover announced he was slashing his own salary by 20 percent, from \$75,000 to \$60,000 a year; he also cut Cabinet members’ salaries by 15 percent, from \$15,000 to \$12,750 a year.

In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, California, by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed; the kidnappers were caught.)

In 2002, John Walker Lindh, an American who’d fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, to two felonies in a deal sparing him life in prison.

In 2010, after 85 days, BP stopped the flow of oil from a blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico using a 75-ton cap lowered onto the wellhead earlier in the week.

Today’s birthdays

Author Clive Cussler is 87. Actor Ken Kercheval is 83. Actor Patrick Wayne is 79. Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 74. Singer Linda Ronstadt is 72. Rock musician Artimus Pyle is 70. Arianna Huffington, co-founder of The Huffington Post, is 68. Actress Celia Imrie is 66. Actor Terry O’Quinn is 66. Rock musician Marky Ramone is 62. Country singer-songwriter Mac McAnally is 61. Model Kim Alexis is 58. Actor Willie Aames is 58. Actress Brigitte Nielsen is 55. Actor Kristoff St. John is 52. Actor-comedian Eddie Griffin is 50. Actor Brian Austin Green is 45. Rapper Jim Jones is 42. Actress Diane Kruger is 42. Actress Laura Benanti is 39. Actor Travis Fimmel is 39. Actor Taylor Kinney is 37.

Bible verse

“For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.” — Hosea 6:6.

God is more concerned about the motives of our heart than He is about our religious rituals. Truly love the Lord and the rest will fall into place.

ODD NEWS

‘Dead Body Guy’ ready to wrap up acting career

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A former Ohio man who gained fame from playing corpses in television shows and movies is getting ready to say his final “goodbye” and retire.

The Columbus Dispatch reports Chuck Lamb says he originally pursued his acting career as a “bucket list thing.” He dubbed himself the “Dead Body Guy” in hopes of getting roles and set up a website under that name. His debut was in 2006 on the TV show “What I Like About You.”

The 60-year-old former Galloway resident, credited with 11 on-screen deaths, has been profiled by The New York Times and other news outlets. He says he now believes his story of achievement makes people feel good.

Lamb says he would like to be on “The Walking Dead” before retiring to his Florida home.



Multi-use property in Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2501 Vantage Trace in Sebring. It is priced for \$478,790 and is listed with Eleese DeYoung with Berkshire Hathaway HomeService Florida Properties Group.

The property has 9.5 acres with a charming home. The home has three bedrooms, two baths, a two-car garage, fireplace and screen porch. It features an updated kitchen, bathrooms, flooring, and includes central water for home use and a well for the sprinkler system.

A new roof was installed in 2016. The property, which is zoned agricultural and can be divided into two properties, includes three storage buildings and a pole barn.

There is a nice mobile home on the property, which offers two bedrooms, two baths, a split floor plan, glass top stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, and washer and dryer. Its features include a laundry room, three air-conditioning units, central water for the mobile and a well for outside; also

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This home is at 2501 Vantage Trace in Sebring. It is priced for \$478,790 and is listed with Eleese DeYoung with Berkshire Hathaway HomeService Florida Properties Group.

DIRECTIONS

2501 Vantage Trace, Sebring
From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Thunderbird Road.
Turn right onto Vantage Trace. The home is on the right.

Beautiful home in Sebring

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This home is at 1908 Hibiscus Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$239,900 and is listed with Jeanny Campbell with Re/Max Realty Plus.

Located on a corner lot, this magnificent four-bedroom, three-bath home was built in 2015 and comes with an extra lot where you can build a garage, another home, or just to give you a little space.

The beautifully designed kitchen features an island with a vegetable sink, granite counter tops, double under-mount sink, breakfast bar for seven or eight bar stools, stainless steel appliances, a large pantry and plenty of cabinets. Just off the kitchen is the interior laundry room.

With more than 2,200 square feet of living area, there is plenty of space for large furniture, whether a piano, sectional or a flat screen TV. The large, open

CAMPBELL | 2



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 1908 Hibiscus Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$239,900 and is listed with Jeanny Campbell with Re/Max Realty Plus.

DIRECTIONS

1908 Hibiscus Drive, Sebring
From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway.
Turn right onto Ben Eastman Road. Turn left onto Lakeview Drive. Turn left onto Hiawatha Avenue.
Follow the road to the end and turn left onto Ashbury Drive. Turn left onto Hibiscus Drive. The home is at the corner on the left.

Lovely home in Highlands Ridge

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 3165 E. Pebble Creek Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$164,900 and is listed with Lisa Terrell with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

This beautifully maintained, fully furnished and move-in ready two-bedroom, two-bath home is located in one of the most desirable 55-plus communities — Highlands Ridge.

A gorgeous tiled entry leads to the spacious living area, which is perfect for entertaining guests. The home features a cathedral ceiling, large kitchen, pass-through bar, plenty of cabinet space, large pantry, eat-in dining area and a bay window that provides plenty of natural light.

The master suite has his and hers large walk-in closets and sliding doors that lead to the Florida room. The master

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 3165 E. Pebble Creek Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$164,900 and is listed with Lisa Terrell with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

DIRECTIONS

3165 E. Pebble Creek Drive, Avon Park
From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway.
Turn left onto Home Avenue. Turn left onto County Road 17. Turn right onto Power Line Road. Turn into the Highlands Ridge entrance onto South Clubhouse Boulevard. Turn right onto East Fairway Vista Drive. Turn left onto South Bonnebrook Drive. Turn right onto East Pebble Creek Drive. The home is straight ahead on the left side of the road.



COURTESY PHOTO

This charming home has a fireplace and screen porch.

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a pole barn with electric and water. A new roof

was installed this year. The home and mobile have been updated. It is a wonderful place to live, so peaceful and beautiful land.

To recap, the home

includes the three storage buildings and one pole barn and 4.75 acres. The mobile includes one pole barn and 4.75 acres. The properties have two

PEOPLE IN REAL ESTATE



Jeanny Campbell is with RE/MAX Realty Plus. Call 863-381-1848.



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Lisa Terrell is with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group. Call 863-414-0358.

HOW TO APPEAR IN PEOPLE IN REAL ESTATE

Members of the Heartland Association of Realtors who want to submit articles about their professional achievements should call Eileen Powers at 863-386-5809. People in Real Estate submissions appear on a space availability basis. All submissions are subject to change.

deeds and can be sold expertly.

The property has 660 paved road frontage and the side 650 feet run along Vantage Pointe property which is an

adult community. This property can be subdivided to build villas or small homes and would make a great adult community.

The property is less

than a mile from U.S. 27 and Lowe's and Home Depot.

For more information, call DeYoung at 863-414-1450. Ask about MLS 242253.

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bath has dual vanities, a large shower and linen closet.

The property has so many improvements including a new roof and air conditioning in 2014, and new windows.

The Highlands Ridge community is the ultimate for the Florida lifestyle. Enjoy two golf courses, tennis, pickleball, a community pool and many activities.

For more information or to schedule a private showing, call Terrell at 863-414-0358. Visit lterrell.bhhsfloridaproperties.com and search for MLS 248349.



COURTESY PHOTO

The large, open concept great room has high ceilings and room for a large dining room table and hutch or a coffee bar cabinet.

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concept great room has high ceilings and room for a large dining room table and hutch or a coffee bar cabinet.

The master suite is separate from the other bedrooms. It has two large walk-in closets and a magnificent spa-like bathroom, with a separate shower, corner hot tub and a beautiful large, double vanity with a granite counter top.

The home includes a number of upgrades such as recessed lighting, double pane windows, quality hewn

hard wood floors, crown molding and granite counter tops in all three bathrooms.

The property is ideally located just north of Sebring, near all major shopping, Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, restaurants and Lake Jackson. It's close to Sebring Parkway so is an easy ride to just about any direction.

For more information, call Campbell at 863-381-1848 or visit JeannyCampbell.com and preview MLS 247691. To preview more photos of this property, download the mobile app get-mobile.remax.com/JeannyCampbell.

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3285 ANGLERS STREAM . ~ \$184,900



Built-in Hutch, center island, SS appliance and white cabinets give this 2 BR, plus office/2 BA's kitchen a bright and airy feel. Large owner's suite with walk-in closet, jetted tub, ceramic shower and double sinks. Great view of pond from the A/C'd 16 x 24 Lanai. MLS#246596

3135 E. PEBBLE CREEK DR. ~ \$149,850



Grab your golf clubs and move right in to this fully furnished 2BR/2BA/1.5 Car Gar Home in the sought-after active adult community of Highlands Ridge. Home is located on a quiet cul-de-sac with view of natural foliage and trees from your windows and screened Florida Rm. MLS#246506

3210 ANGLER'S STREAM . ~ \$163,500



No work necessary in this lovely 2BR+Ofc/2BA updated home - just concentrate on your golf or pickleball game! Kitchen boasts white cabinets with granite cabinets, tiled backsplash and newer appliances. New roof in 2017 and 14 x 19 screened/tiled Lanai in back. MLS#247687

3228 E. PEBBLE CREEK DR. ~ \$189,900



Exquisite 2BR+ofc/2BA home features abundant crown molding, volume ceilings and a 21x13 LR with hand scraped wood laminate flooring. Wood cabinets and gorgeous glass tile back splash in Kitchen. 12x28 Florida room w/ windows & screen, plus a paver brick patio. MLS#247323

3261 ANGLER'S STREAM . ~ \$199,500



What a View! This 2BR/2BA home will catch your eye from the moment you pull into the painted drive till you see the lushly landscaped private backyard w/ paved patio! Tastefully decorated inside w/ updated Kit and large LR that opens to the 16x22 A/C'd Fla Rm. MLS#248410

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Solar co-op coming to a close

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SEBRING — Since April 18 numerous people across Highlands County have learned about the cost saving advantages of installing rooftop solar panels.

Several organizations including the Highlands County Audoboun, the NAACP, Alan Jay Automotive Network, The Print Shop, and Faded Bar & Grill have helped to spread the word. Co-op committee members are solar enthusiasts. Howie Kubsh has solar installed on his home already and drives an electric vehicle. Beth Kulick is having solar installed on her home soon, Realtor Peter Blackmore has considered installing, and president of the local Audoboun Society, Dale Gillis, is concerned about how climate change effects the bird population.

Realtor members of the Heartland Association of Realtors saw a beta version of a presentation by Solar United Neighbors of Florida specially designed for Realtors, appraisers and

home-sellers during their June luncheon.

Audrey Ascitto, a local Realtor with Heartland Real Estate Corp. and the local co-op chair, gave what Eve Brock with Land 'n Lake Realty called a "spunky presentation."

Brock has been kicking around the idea of going solar for some time. She came to the presentation with her brokerage and to also get some more information for her and her own home. She has a wood-frame home with low insulation and high energy bills in the summer top \$240 monthly.

With that in mind, Brock was happy she signed up for the co-op. For Brock the presentation was informative and came at a great time when she has been considering going solar, especially since she needs to re-roof her home. She also saw the benefit of incorporating residential solar information into her homeowner and buyer seminars.

Madge Stewart, president-elect of the Heartland Association of Realtors, said, "I am happy seeing people band together for a



COURTESY PHOTO

As of July 9, 40 homeowners have submitted a request for proposal, and on the same day, the first solar install began in the Sebring Hills neighborhood.

cost-effective way to install solar. Any time that people can join together in a project and make something more affordable is a good thing. I am glad that so many people signed up."

As of July 9, 40 homeowners have submitted a request for proposal, and on the same day, the first solar install began in the Sebring Hills neighborhood.

"I am excited at the response from the co-op," Local installer, Dennis Mee with Cornado Solar said. "The first system install is happening and the pipeline is filling with jobs ready to move forward. The county is approving solar permits for the upcoming jobs."

"I have seen co-op's across the country featured in magazines," an installer with Cornado

Solar said. "I never thought that we would see one here. I have been working down in South Florida completing installs. It is nice to be working at home for once."

Job growth in the solar energy field is increasing yearly. Since 2012 job growth in solar careers has risen 16 percent annually. In Florida, employment in the

solar industry rose by 4 percent in 2017.

Currently most of the jobs are in South Florida, specifically Palm Beach County. Having a solar co-op in the county may bring jobs to the area in order to fulfill the service.

The co-op comes to a close on Monday, July 16. Join online at solarunitedneighbors.org/highlands.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this June photo a for sale sign stands in front of a house, in Jenkintown, Pa. On Thursday, July 12, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

Average US mortgage rates edge up

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates edged higher this week, marking their first increase since early June.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages ticked up to 4.53 percent from 4.52 percent a week earlier.

Despite the decline in recent weeks, long-term loan rates have been running at their highest levels in seven years. The average benchmark 30-year rate reached a high this year of 4.66 percent on May 24. The rate stood at 4.03 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans rose to 4.02 percent this week from 3.99 percent last week.

Mortgage rates have declined as investors have bought 10-year U.S. Treasury notes, causing their yield to decline. The yield peaked in May at 3.11 percent and has since dipped to 2.85 percent as market investors have sought a haven amid trade tensions between the U.S. and China and the European Union.

The yield on the 10-year note continues to hover in a narrow range, thereby keeping mortgage loan costs at bay, Freddie Mac chief economist Sam Khater noted. That "is certainly welcoming news for

those looking to buy a home before the summer ends," he said.

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

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to

get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 0.4 point from 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year mortgages was unchanged at 0.4 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages jumped to 3.86 percent from 3.74 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.3 point.

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Interior designer Joan Craig sees many clients who give the decorating of their living room or kitchen a lot of thought.

Yet while "people have become much more attuned to developing personality inside a house," she says, "the outside becomes something that often can be much more generic."

And even if you give your backyard patio or deck some decorating attention, the front entrance often remains an afterthought.

"The front of your home is the first thing your guests will see," says Edyta Czajkowska, founder of the Chicago-based design firm Edyta & Co., "so creating a beautifully crafted, welcoming atmosphere is important."

In this season of outdoor entertaining, we've asked Craig, Czajkowska and Dallas-based interior designer Abbe Fenimore for advice on creating the most welcoming front entry areas.

Step back

It's hard to assess your front-door area when standing right in front of



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This undated photo provided by Abbe Fenimore shows the delicate leaves and flowers of potted flowering plants which creates a perfect balance with the architectural molding and a dramatic black front door at this entryway designed by Abbe Fenimore of Studio Ten 25 in Dallas, Texas.

it. A home's entrance area begins where the visitor can first see it, says Craig, so stand at the road and consider your home from that distance. That may inspire you to embrace larger, more dramatic items.

"Pump up the scale of lanterns on either side of the door," Craig says, or go for dramatic containers for planting.

Or stay with simple planters, but put dramatic plants in them: "Even if you have a small container," Craig says, "it can have an incredible climbing rose coming out of it." She also suggests Boston ivy or climbing ivy.

Czajkowska

recommends hydrangeas, which bloom for months and add color and texture to the front of a house. Climbing roses also add drama and romance, she says, "and if your entry allows for it, adding a spot where they can climb and envelope your entry can add major impact."

Consider the style of your home and the vibe of your neighborhood, says Fenimore. One client of hers, an artist, added artificial flamingos to the lawn around her front door. It wouldn't work in every neighborhood, Fenimore says, but at this house the effect was "jazzy and classy in a fun way, without being too kitschy."

Include seating

Even a small front porch may have room for a little bench, and these designers say it's worth adding seating. Tiny as your space may be, Craig says, "think of it as an outdoor room."

Fenimore likes porch swings, which don't have to take up much space and are welcoming. A simple canvas seat cushion matched with indoor/outdoor pillows can create a perfect space for reading or having coffee in the morning, she says.

Outdoor seating offers not just a spot to relax, Czajkowska says, but can double as a place to rest your bag while searching for keys.

It may even be worth investing in an expanded porch area to make space for seating, Fenimore says. She remodeled her own front porch to create a sitting area.

Be bold with color

A beautiful, bright color can make an otherwise



This undated photo provided by Abbe Fenimore shows how sofa pillows, as seen in this outdoor seating area designed by Texas-based interior designer Abbe Fenimore, bring a touch of indoor comfort to a deck or patio. If a front porch has enough space, comfortable seating like this can create the feeling of an outdoor room.

simple front door area look special. When you pass homes with brightly colored front doors, "you drive by and think, 'Oh my gosh, that's really pretty,'" Fenimore says, and it "gives you the warm fuzzies."

Dark front doors painted black or charcoal have also become popular and work well on some houses.

"Personally, I don't care for dark-colored doors unless it speaks to the rest of your home's architecture and design aesthetic," says Czajkowska. "However, I do think your door should be impactful, whether that means painting it a bold color or letting the beautiful craftsmanship and hardware shine."

Accessories

"Beautifully crafted house numbers," says Czajkowska, "add a ton of character, while highlighting and playing off of the other architectural details on your home."

Ditto for outdoor lighting: "Selecting good outdoor lighting can make or break the ambiance of your home," she says. "Gas

lanterns add an instant charm and set a cozy vibe, but if you don't want to go with gas, make sure to choose warm lighting that creates a soft glow."

Craig and Fenimore agree: Sweating the details can pay off handsomely.

"Whether you have a little space or a lot," Fenimore says, "be creative with even the smallest things."



This undated photo provided by Abbe Fenimore shows a bold blue colored door set against crisp white which creates a cheerful atmosphere in this front entry area designed by Abbe Fenimore, founder of Studio Ten 25 in Dallas, Texas.

Mutant flooring options: a look beyond the big box tile aisle

By **SHELLEY SAPP**

CONTRIBUTED COLUMN

Last week I mentioned a term "mutant materials" as the forth type of flooring available for your home.

Don't get too excited. The X-Men are not coming to save your 1980s kitchen floor. It's a reference to an incredible exhibition in the mid-90's at the Museum of Modern Art in New York titled "Mutant Materials in Contemporary Design."

It was the harbinger of interior design as we know it today. The exhibition featured kitchen knives manufactured of ceramic instead of metal, Kevlar in a fabric form and plastics as a counter top, or as we now know it, Corian. I was a pre-internet design student from a relatively small town. I thought my head was going to explode at the craziness of an injection molded dining chair.

How does this apply to flooring? Let's look at some new and innovative materials or manufacturing techniques in flooring today.

Cement tile is all over Instagram and is trickling its way into the local big box stores. I would like to say this one is new, however it's just a cousin of terra-cotta in that these tiles are "dried" during the curing process rather than "cooked" like porcelain or ceramic.

The innovative way the colors are pressed into the tile, bonding the pigments into the cement is what gives them their attractive natural beauty. Most people choose a gray or black color. I strongly suggest you take a cue from those who created the technique in 1850s northern Spain and choose one of the brighter options.

While these tiles can be pricey, they look best when installed in accent areas like powder rooms, so you will not need many to complete your project. I highly recommend a professional tile installer for this product. It is not a good choice for a DIY project.

For it to last without staining, it must be sealed

several times including prior to installation and can require a week to dry between coats when installed on the floor. Also, periodic cleaning is limited to natural products like Simple Green or Mrs. Meyer's, as harsh chemicals will harm this material. It looks amazing and is still one of my favorite looks for the bathroom floor.

We have all fallen in love with quartz counter tops for the kitchen. They are durable and beautiful, replacing granite as our "go-to" counter top choice.

So how about quartzite on the floor? It requires minimal upkeep beyond routine cleaning. Quartz tiles are non-porous, so no need to worry about staining here. It is extremely strong, manufactured of quartz, sand, resin, pigment, recycled mirror and comes in a variety of colors and patterns. It is perfect for a high traffic room like the kitchen. What could go wrong?

For one thing, these tiles are best installed in rooms without a lot of direct sun light. Sometimes a tough request in Florida. The resin in the mix can discolor over time when exposed to natural light. Also, because they are non-porous, water can sit on the surface making them slippery when wet.

Be prepared for a wider grout line than similar porcelain or ceramic options. This material expands and contracts more than traditional floor tile materials and will need additional room to move. One advantage I do love about this product however is that you can create some dramatic designs by allowing the counter top material to "flow" onto the wall or flooring.

This detail becomes especially stunning when applied to the kitchen island area or in small spaces like bathrooms. Other types of tiles, like river rock, can be added in pivotal areas if necessary to address any concerns about slipping.

The last of the mutant materials we will talk about is probably the one you are

most familiar with: vinyl tile.

No, not that old crackly stuff from grandma's laundry room. Thanks to the many high-end medical facilities being built these days, we now have some gorgeous options for the home in this category.

Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) is cost effective, durable, masterful in mimicking wood or stone, is non-skid and water resistant. I have had more than one client comment on how much softer it is on the tootsies than tile so it's a great choice for any room in the home.

You can confidently install this one on your own, however, read the manufacturer directions carefully. This material requires time to acclimate to its environment (sometimes several weeks) and will be specific in details about substrate, underlayment and installation method.

When installing the "floating" versions of this product, plan on trim molding and/or new base molding because this product can expand and contract up to a half inch depending on the season.

One of the most obvious disadvantages of this product is the fact that it is a form of plastic, so installation near a wood burning fireplace would not be recommended as cinders can melt the floor leaving black spots.

Also, this material will not improve the value of your home in the same way a lovely stone or hardwood floor will.

Finally, the floor must be flat. Your subfloor may require significant, costly preparation or multiple unsightly transitions from room to room may arise. There are a few brands that claim to offer ease of installation over any existing hard flooring however you will still feel the imperfections from below on your feet even when you can't see them.

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5 tips to help you find a starter home

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First-time homebuyers might well wonder: Where are all the starter houses?

They're right to ask because starter homes are becoming increasingly scarce in many housing markets. Housing inventory is low and home prices are soaring.

What's a first-time buyer to do?

Here are five tips for finding a starter home:

- **Be realistic about today's market:** Sellers clearly have an advantage in the current market. Inventory is low, which keeps pushing home prices to record levels, according to the National Association of Realtors. Buyer competition is fierce as homes in the lower price ranges fly off the market.

- **Unfortunately, that leaves many first-time buyers — especially those with tight budgets — on the sidelines.** If you're searching for your first home, be realistic about what you can afford and what amenities come with that budget. (Hint: You may have to forgo top-of-the-line appliances and shiny quartz countertops.)

- **A starter home isn't necessarily your forever home.** Be prepared to make some compromises to get your foot in the homeownership door.

- **Adjust your wish list:** Buyers shopping for their first home need to be open-minded about the location, size and condition of the home they



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want to buy, said Tim Deihl, associate broker with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty in Boston.

For many buyers, a classic starter home, which traditionally doesn't have many amenities, is more achievable.

"If your first home is the place you're going to have your family, maybe build an addition and stay there forever; that's one set of criteria. If your starter home will be a financial launch pad into a larger, better home, that's a different approach," Deihl said.

Another strategy: Look for an older home in a well-established neighborhood. Resales typically cost less than brand-new homes, said Bradley Hunter, chief economist

for HomeAdvisor.com, a home-improvement matching service based in Golden, Colo.

Older homes typically need more maintenance and repairs, which offset some of the savings. However, Hunter said, buyers who choose a used home might be able to do repairs and renovations over time, pacing themselves to make the cost manageable.

- **Hire the right real estate agent:** When you're up against stiff competition, working with an experienced real estate agent who knows the local market is key.

Look for an agent who specializes in the neighborhoods you're interested in. Savvy agents should be able to answer your questions about

neighborhood amenities, local schools, crime and nearby home values.

A good agent shines when it comes to negotiating the deal and writing a strong offer letter backed with solid data. Your agent can suggest certain strategies to win in a competitive market, such as limiting contingencies or writing a personal letter.

Ask friends and relatives to recommend agents they have used and were happy with. Also, interview two or three different agents. Find out how they prefer to communicate with clients and how often you'll get updates. Finally, research the agents you're considering online to see what past clients have said about their work.

- **Rethink location:** If you're thinking about starting a family in the future, don't focus too much on your home's location, size and school district just yet, Deihl said. Resetting those parameters can make it easier to buy a first home.

"Buyers may be in a position where schools won't impact them for six or seven years," Deihl said. "That's a good opportunity to buy in the city, make some money and roll that into a community where they want to be longer-term with the kids."

Buyers who sacrifice location for affordability can find themselves in a neighborhood far from major job centers with a long daily commute and expensive transportation

costs.

Sometimes that trade-off makes sense, but not always, said Cathy Coneway, a broker for Stanberry & Associates Realtors in Austin, Texas.

"You have to look at how much you make and how much you can afford to spend for gas," Coneway said. "You might actually be better off buying a house that's closer to town so you have more cash flow for property taxes, insurance and living expenses."

- **Make a strong offer:** When a well-priced starter house comes on the market, the quest to buy it can be "super competitive," Deihl said.

One way to strengthen an offer is to present a loan preapproval that includes everything but a title search, appraisal and hazard insurance, said Jay Dacey, a mortgage broker at Metropolitan Financial Mortgage Co. in Minneapolis.

A strategic phone call might help, too.

"We call the listing agent and say, 'Mr. and Mrs. Jones submitted an offer on your property. Not only are they preapproved, but they've gone through the underwriting approval process with our bank,'" Dacey said. "That makes the offer stronger."

Other ways to entice sellers: Offer above asking price (if you can afford to), keep repair requests to a minimum, make a larger down payment or give them more time to move after closing.

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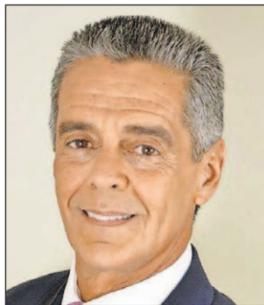
Deductions available on travel trailers

Highlands County and the City of Sebring offer a unique opportunity for folks who are downsizing and changing their home style for multiple reasons, the most common being retirement.

Selling that big home give them a sense of more time to enjoy the outdoors. Investing in a trailer community, which offers lots for rent with you installing your own trailer and or motor home, can be a possibility.

Deduction options are available when you own or rent a home as a personal residence, including a travel trailer that meets the Internal Revenue Service's definition of a home.

A property by itself does not necessarily qualify you for a tax deduction, but several aspects of owning a home might provide you with some tax breaks that



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aren't available to other taxpayers. For example, you can deduct mortgage interest expenses, real estate taxes and sales taxes on your first and second homes.

The IRS considers a qualifying home to be one that you use for residential living. It must have facilities for sleeping, cooking and toilet functions. This description might apply to

a single-family house, condominium, mobile home, boat, house trailer or a similar type of structure. You can claim the appropriate deductions for your travel trailer as long as it meets IRS standards as home and you use it as your first or second home.

In the past, you could write off the interest on your credit cards, auto loans and other personal debts. As of the 2012 tax year, the only personal debt that qualifies for an interest deduction is qualified residence interest. The IRS lets you deduct the interest on both your first and second home, provided the total amount of your mortgage debt on those homes does not exceed \$1 million and the debt is secured by those properties.

For the 2011 tax year, you had the option

deducting either your state and local income taxes or your state and local sales taxes. The sales tax deduction applied to both your regular purchases and extraordinary purchases. If you lived in a state that charged both a state income tax and sales taxes, you would need to figure your deductions using both methods to determine which would provide the largest deduction. The option to deduct state and local sales taxes expired as of the end of 2011, unless Congress votes to extend it.

You can deduct your state and local real estate taxes, provided the taxes are based on the assessed value of your real estate and are charge uniformly throughout the jurisdiction. Your local tax assessor might not consider your travel trailer to be real

estate, but you might have to pay personal property taxes on it.

Your personal property taxes are also deductible, provided they are charged annually and are based on the travel trailer's value. You must itemize your deductions if you want to take any deduction for buying a travel trailer. If the total amount of your itemized deductions is less than your standard deduction, you'll be better off claiming the standard deduction. The IRS recommends figuring your taxes using both methods, choose the method that offers the best results.

Owner-occupied rental property gives you access to different pools of potential tax deductions. Part of the property that you occupy is treated as your house, and you can write off anything that

you'd write off on as an itemized deduction on a single-family residence.

The rental part is treated as a separate investment property, filed under Schedule E. You need to allocate expenses between your unit and the rental unit or units on a pro-rata share. Your unit's pro-rata share of the property mortgage interest and property taxes can be deducted.

However, if you do not itemize your deductions, you will not be able to claim them. Remember to meet with a professional accountant on property ownership deduction, prior to filing to prevent any IRS questioning.

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Q&A: Neighbor's smoke is getting into my unit. What can I do?

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Question: My neighbor in my condo is a heavy cigarette smoker and it is getting into my unit, making it hard for me to breathe. I have an air purifier that helps some but is not perfect. What can I do? — Louise

Answer: Your first step in resolving a neighbor dispute is always communication. Speak with your neighbor nicely and

ask him or her to help mitigate the problem, perhaps by investing in smokeless ashtrays or by smoking outdoors.

If that does not work, you can speak with your condo board. Some condos have rules that allow residents to smoke in certain areas, such as on the balcony. The condo may even be able to make the resident find ways to prevent the smoke from bothering neighbors. Weather-stripping or air filtration

installed in the smoker's unit may prevent the smoke from escaping and seeping into neighboring units.

If your community is not able to help you, you may be able to turn to the legal system. Your city or town may have enacted second-hand-smoke ordinances that might help.

If none of those ideas work, you may need to take your neighbor to court. However, this is one of the areas in which

even smart attorneys disagree. A second-hand-smoke case can be tough to win, but there is legal precedent. There was a case in Broward County, in 2005 in which the judge ruled that secondhand smoke was a nuisance and ordered the smoker to stop. I have even seen smaller lawsuits such as one in which a neighbor sued in small-claims court to get their dry-cleaning bills paid because of the smell left on their closet full of

clothes.

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These mortgages pay for home renovations

By **ROBIN SAKS FRANKEL**
BANKRATE.COM

Many people don't realize that there are renovation loans that can help pay for your housing upgrades.

Whether you need a new roof or your kitchen is outdated, there is a mortgage that's right for your fixer-upper. Here are your options and what you should know about each one.

• Government-backed home renovation loans

One of the best-known loans for home improvements, Fannie Mae's HomeStyle Renovation loan, allows borrowers to either buy a place that needs repairs or refinance their existing home loan to pay for improvements.

The HomeStyle loan is available from any Fannie Mae-approved lender, but there are qualification requirements:

For a primary residence, you must have a credit score of at least 620. You can check your credit score for free at myBankrate to see if you meet this criterion.

You have to make a down payment of at least 5 percent of the purchase price of the home.

A certified contractor must prepare and submit a cost estimate and details of the work to be done.

One advantage of a HomeStyle loan is that it's just one loan; you don't have to take out a loan for the mortgage and then another loan for home repairs. One loan reduces paperwork and closing costs.

Keep in mind that the money for the home improvements goes into a separate escrow account that's used to pay the contractor directly. You don't have access to those funds like you do with a home equity loan or a cash-out refinance.

"The nuance with the

HomeStyle loan is that there's a little less freedom for the customer because the funds are held in an escrow account," says Eric Wilson, director of operations at Better Mortgage.

The Federal Housing Administration offers a home renovation loan called a 203(k). There's typically a lower credit-score requirement for this loan than there is for a HomeStyle loan, and a lower minimum down payment of 3.5 percent.

There are two types of FHA 203(k) loans: limited (formerly called streamline) and standard.

A limited FHA 203(k) loan is designed for cosmetic improvements and is capped at \$35,000.

A standard FHA 203(k) loan can be used for extensive remodeling, but it requires you to hire a qualified 203(k) consultant to oversee every step of the work, from the plans to the finished product.

There's security in having the consultant. Most people doing a major home improvement project hire a contractor on their own, notes Stuart Blend, regional sales manager for Planet Home Lending. But with a standard 203(k) loan, the consultant is your project manager, assessing the cost, the plans and overseeing the work.

"When you take out that loan, that money rests with the lender. We're holding those funds in escrow, and we're making sure everything is done the way it's supposed to be done," Blend says.

• Private home renovation loans

Another way to finance your home renovation is by taking out a home equity loan, also known as a second mortgage. This is a one-time loan, so it's not subject to fluctuating

interest rates, and monthly payments remain the same for the loan term.

A similar loan is the home equity line of credit, or HELOC. It has a revolving balance and might be best for someone who has several large payments due over time, like with a big home improvement project.

With either option, you're pledging your home as collateral, meaning if you don't make your payments, the lender will end up owning your house. Alternatively, you can take out an unsecured personal loan to avoid putting up your home as collateral.

But HomeStyle and FHA 203(k) loans have some advantages over home equity loans.

"The loan amount with either of these is based on the completed value and not the present value. A home equity loan is based on the current value," says Gregg Harris, president of LenderCity Home Loans, a division of BBMC/Bridgeview Bank Group.

A cash-out refi allows homeowners to refinance their mortgage. This mortgage will be for a higher amount than the first one, and the homeowner gets the difference in cash.

Like home equity loans and HELOCs, cash-out mortgages require homeowners to use their home as collateral. But if you've got a considerable amount of equity in your home, you might be able to find lower interest rates. Combine lower interest rates with the added home value derived from renovations, and you could save more in the long run.

You'll need at least 20 percent equity in your home to qualify for cash-out refinancing. The total loan amount is limited to the available equity in your home. Credit score requirements vary per loan



METRO CREATIVE IMAGES

One of the best-known loans for home improvements, Fannie Mae's HomeStyle Renovation loan, allows borrowers to either buy a place that needs repairs or refinance their existing home loan to pay for improvements.

amount and value of your home, but generally start at 640.

How do you choose the best renovation loan?

"It really comes down to credit and eligibility," Harris says.

An FHA 203(k) might be best for a borrower with so-so credit and little money to pay down since borrowers can get a mortgage with only 3.5 percent down.

Consider how much you want to borrow and what it is

you want to change. It can be hard to calculate the best home renovation mortgage for your needs, so work with a lender who has extensive knowledge of the different loans, advises Laurie Souza, national business development manager at Mortgage Network Inc. in the Boston area.

"Make sure you're working with a lender that is well versed with the details of the program," she says.

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SPIETH

With past experiences, there's no doubt in Spieth's mind he can overcome adversity at Carnoustie. **Page 3**

NFL: BUCCANEERS

Tony Dungy on Winston: 'He knows the right things to do'

By **GREG AUMAN**
Tampa Bay Times

Former Bucs coach and current NFL analyst Tony Dungy said Friday that quarterback Jameis Winston's three-game suspension is disappointing, but he still hopes the 24-year-old can learn from his mistakes moving forward.

"Obviously, it's disappointing, and you never want to have your leader not there and available for the team," said Dungy, who is promoting a new line of children's books he has written with his wife

Lauren. "I'm sure he's disappointed about that, too. I think time will tell in how he handles it."

"You hope this comes through loud and clear and he says, 'I'm never going to put myself, my family, my team in this position again.' It's a tough one, and something you don't like to see. I think time will tell here."

The Pro Football Hall of Fame coach still calls Tampa home and said he has talked with Winston "quite a bit" in the three years since he was drafted. Dungy said he sees that Winston is

active in the community, especially with children, but said he needs to send a consistent message in his actions.

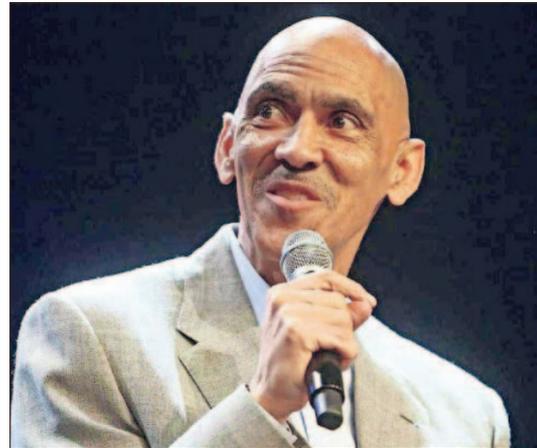
"I know he has a good heart. He wants to do the right thing," Dungy said. "He's very aware of his role as a leader, his role as someone kids need to look up to. I think he knows the right things to do. Now he just needs to follow through on that with good decision-making."

Winston was suspended three games last month after a seven-month NFL investigation found that a female Uber

driver's accusation that he groped her during a March 2016 ride was "consistent and credible." The investigation determined that Winston touched her "in an inappropriate and sexual manner without her consent." He apologized to his fans, teammates and the Bucs for "letting them down" with his suspension.

Dungy said when he was a coach, he would talk regularly with his team about the importance of making good decisions off the field, knowing a

SEE DUNGY, 3



Former Bucs coach Tony Dungy, shown last year at a speaking engagement in Tampa, said he knows Jameis Winston "has a good heart" but needs to make better decisions. **TIMES**

MLB: Rays

Picking the Rays first-half MVP



Tampa Bay Rays first baseman C.J. Cron (44) is showered with a cooler while giving an interview after the Rays 4-2 win over the Detroit Tigers Wednesday in St. Petersburg. **TIMES**

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

MINNEAPOLIS — We'll start with some free advice for the Rays marketing folks: Find a way to play off those old Dos Equis beer commercials and pitch this squad as the "most interesting team in baseball."

Between the innovative, odd and still-hard-to-explain pitching plan; streaky record; roster

reconstruction and ongoing renovations; personalities, back stories and hair styles of key players; hair-graying number of close games; youth, athleticism and exuberance of the roster; and, oh yeah, a winning record going into the All-Star break, name me a more intriguing group. Here's a look back at some of the highs and lows:

Most Valuable Player

Reflective of the

team's success to this point, there is no simple answer. You could say LHP Blake Snell, who has been the best individual performer (and, for those into WAR, ranks highest by far at 4.2) and the one constant in the ever-evolving rotation.

You could say All-Star C Wilson Ramos, who has been the biggest threat in the lineup, leads the team in RBIs (51), OPS (.829) and batting average with

runners in scoring position (.355), and has lent a hand to the pitchers.

You could say INF/OF Daniel Robertson, whose combination of consistently high quality at-bats (team-best .386 on-base percentage), stunningly slick defense and positional versatility is invaluable. But this has been an odd season so it results in an odd choice, which is the pitching staff overall. How in the world is this

SEE MVP, 3

MLB: Rays 19, Twins 6

Rays score 15 in final three innings to beat Twins

By **BRIAN HALL**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Cash didn't want to jinx the roll the Tampa Bay hitters were on, so he just stayed at his spot in the dugout and didn't say a word.

The Rays' manager didn't need to say anything. The hitters had everything under control.

Jake Bauers homered for the second straight game and drove in four runs, Carlos Gomez homered and had two RBIs, and Tampa Bay scored 15 times in the final three innings to rally past the Minnesota Twins 19-6 on Saturday.

SEE RAYS, 3

"I just watched, man," Cash said. "I don't talk to hitters. I don't look at hitters. I don't say anything. I let (hitting coach Chad Mottola) handle that."

C.J. Cron hit a two-run homer and Jesus Sucre, who entered in the sixth for injured catcher Wilson Ramos, drove in two runs for the Rays. They posted season-highs in runs and tied a season-high with 20 hits. Tampa Bay entered the game 2-34 this season when trailing after six innings.

"Part fun, part exhausting," said the rookie Bauers, who is

The Mount Rushmore of Bucs

By **GREG AUMAN**
Tampa Bay Times

The selection process for a Mount Rushmore of former Bucs players — part of a project from the Times Sports department that includes an overall Mount Rushmore of Tampa Bay athletes — is first incredibly easy, and then exceedingly difficult.

Three spots are, as they say, set in stone. The fourth? Not so easy to carve out. Is there room for a fifth in there?

Lee Roy Selmon

The first draft pick in the team's first season in 1976, he became an icon in the community and a Pro Football Hall

of Famer. He's beloved enough we still pay to drive on the expressway that carries his name, and we're now mourning the loss of the restaurant that did the same. The tough defense the franchise is best known for started with No. 63, from the very beginning.

Warren Sapp

Another Pro Football Hall of Famer, Sapp was the brash, confident front of Tampa Bay's dominant defense, both leading up to and in their Super Bowl win against the Raiders in January 2003. He finished his career in Oakland, but had 77 sacks with the Bucs, along with seven

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July 14N..... 8-0-6
 July 14D..... 1-0-1
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 July 12N..... 1-6-4
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PICK 4

July 14N..... 8-1-6-4
 July 14D..... 2-1-3-3
 July 13N..... 4-2-5-0
 July 13D..... 6-6-7-3
 July 12N..... 4-0-7-2
 July 12D..... 4-7-2-3

PICK 5

July 14N..... 4-8-7-0-4
 July 14D..... 6-9-5-8-9
 July 13N..... 9-4-8-9-8
 July 13D..... 8-8-1-8-8
 July 12N..... 4-5-9-1-7
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 D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

July 12..... 11-18-20-29-36
 July 11..... 6-18-23-27-34
 July 10..... 2-5-7-12-28

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PAYOFF for July 12
 0..... 5-digit winners \$555.00
 235..... 4-digit winners \$22.50

CASH FOR LIFE

July 12..... 1-20-28-48-56
 Cash Ball..... 4
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 0..... 5-5 CB \$1,000/Day
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 4 p.m.

2..... 4-5 CB \$2,500
 16..... 4-5 \$500

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July 13..... 2-9-25-35
 Lucky Ball..... 16
 PAYOFF FOR July 13
 0..... 4-of-4 LB \$500,000
 2..... 4-of-4 \$2,306.00
 34..... 3-of-4 LB \$297.00
 525..... 3-of-4 \$56.50
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$550,000

LOTTO

July 11..... 1-19-29-43-49-52
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 PAYOFF FOR July 11
 0..... 6-digit winners \$3 million
 12..... 5-digit winners \$6,032.00
 681..... 4-digit winners \$80.00
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$3 million

POWERBALL

July 11..... 19-21-27-46-47
 Powerball..... 7
 PAYOFF FOR July 7
 0..... 5-5 + PB.. \$80 Million
 0..... 5-5 \$1 Million
 1..... 4-5 + PB..... \$50,000
 23..... 4-5 \$100
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$90 Million

MEGA MILLIONS

July 13..... 21-22-39-59-68
 Mega Ball..... 2
 ...
 PAYOFF FOR July 13
 0.... 5 of 5 + MB \$ 340 Million
 0..... 5 of 5 \$1 Million
 0..... 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
 34..... 4 of 5 \$500
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$375 Million

NHL: LIGHTNING

The Mount Rushmore for the Lightning revealed

By TOM JONES
 Tampa Bay Times

The Lightning just celebrated its 25th anniversary season — long enough to have a Mount Rushmore. Here it is:

Marty St. Louis (2000-14)

St. Louis is the all-time franchise leader in points and the only Lightning player to make the Hall of Fame after spending the bulk of his career in Tampa Bay. His overtime goal in the 2004 finals remains the greatest moment in franchise history, and his number hangs from the rafters at Amalie Arena.

Vinny Lecavalier (1998-2013)

Despite St. Louis' accolades, if you ask any Lightning fan to name the all-time face of the franchise and the answer might be unanimous: Vinny Lecavalier. He's the franchise's all-time leader in games played and was a four-time all-star in Tampa Bay. He was the Lightning's first, dare we say, superstar.

Steven Stamkos (2008-present)

There's no doubt that Steven Stamkos is a superstar. Despite two serious leg injuries, as well as a life-threatening blood clot, Stamkos has been one of the game's elite goal-scorers during his 10-year career.



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The Lightning's Mount Rushmore (from left): Marty St. Louis, Vinny Lecavalier, Steven Stamkos, Brian Bradley.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, he will eventually go down the franchise's all-time leader in games, goals and points.

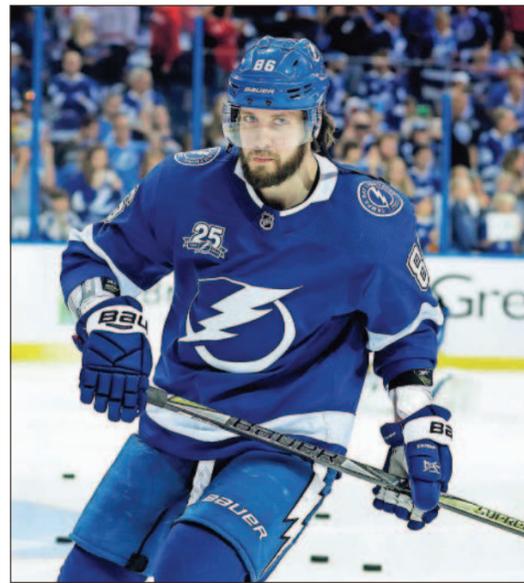
Brian Bradley (1992-98)

The guy who knocked Dave Andreychuk off the mount? We go with Tampa Bay's first all-star: Brian Bradley. His Lightning career wasn't that long. Just six seasons, cut short by concussions. Still, he was the Lightning's first-ever all-star in 1993, which was his 42-goal season during the Lightning's inaugural campaign. He still ranks fourth in franchise history in points-per-game average at 0.91.

Missed the mount

Let's start with the most difficult omission. That would be "The Captain." Ultimately, the reason Andreychuk didn't make the cut is because he spent only four of his 23 NHL seasons in Tampa Bay. He had a big impact here.

Maybe the Lightning doesn't win the Cup without him. Still, his short tenure and



AP PHOTO

Given time, Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Nikita Kucherov could make a strong case to make the mount.

absence on the Lightning all-time records leaders has him just missing.

Brad Richards would not have looked out of place.

And, if we do this list in 10 years, Victor Hedman and Nikita Kucherov will make strong cases.

Editor's Note: News of Lightning great Marty St. Louis' impending induction into the

Hockey Hall of Fame got those of us in the Times sports department thinking: *If Tampa Bay had a Mount Rushmore of sports, who would be on it? You can read columnist Tom Jones' answer to that here, but we didn't want to stop there. We also picked Mount Rushmores for each major league franchise in our market, a bay-area colleges Mount and one for individual sports.*

NBA: SUMMER LEAGUE

NBA Summer League nears its elite 8 as tourney continues

LAS VEGAS — The NBA Summer League is nearing its elite eight.

The quarterfinals would be set by the end of play Saturday, and it will include at least a couple of surprises.

Toronto, the No. 29 seed that was winless in the preliminary round, has put together two straight wins in the tournament and will face 12th-seeded Cleveland and rookie Collin Sexton, who like Lonzo Ball last year is a highly touted point guard trying to win a summer title.

Detroit, the No. 25 seed in the 30-team field, is also still alive. Saturday's results:

Cavaliers 92, Rockets 87

Collin Sexton shook off a 5-for-17 night to score 17 points for the Cavaliers (4-1). The No. 8 pick in the draft had scored 25 in the first round of the tournament.

Scoochie Smith also scored 17, Jamel Artis had 13 and Billy Preston 12 for Cleveland.

Danuel House finished with 30 points for the fifth-seeded Rockets (4-1) in their first loss of the summer.

Raptors 87, Hornets 84, OT

Rawle Alkins made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 32 seconds left in overtime and finished

with 25 points and 11 rebounds for the Raptors (2-3). Rookie Malachi Richardson added 14 points.

Dwayne Bacon had 28 points and rookie Miles Bridges added 18 points and 11 rebounds despite shooting just 5 for 20 from the field for the Hornets (3-2).

Celtics 74, Heat 72

Pierria Henry scored 15 points and Guerschon Yabusele had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the 10th-seeded Celtics (4-1).

They advanced to meet second-seeded Portland.

Boston turned to its defense again, limiting Miami to fewer than

20 points in all but the fourth quarter, when the Heat scored 22.

Derrick Walton Jr. finished with 15 points for the Heat (2-3), but missed a long 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have sent the No. 6 seed to the quarterfinals.

Pistons 72, Bulls 66

Henry Ellenson scored 21 points and No. 25-seeded Detroit (3-2) advanced to a quarterfinal matchup against the top-seeded Lakers.

Antonio Blakeney scored 24 points for the Bulls (2-3). Rookie Chandler Hutchison had 11 points for the No. 24 seeds.

The Associated Press

BASEBALL

Error-filled night for Jupiter fuels Stone Crabs' rout

Staff Report

A night after their comeback effort fell one run short, the Charlotte Stone Crabs left no doubt, capitalizing on six errors in Saturday's 8-2 road win over Jupiter.

After a 1-2-3 offensive inning to open the game, the bats weren't quiet for long as the Stone Crabs (46-44) piled on three runs in the second inning.

Two errors loaded the bases for left fielder Jake Fraley and another, a fielding error by Hammerhead first baseman

Lazaro Alonzo, scored third baseman Tristan Gray from third. With the next atbat, catcher Rene Pinto grounded out, but brought home second baseman Jermaine Palacios to give Charlotte a 2-0 lead.

The final run of the inning came on a sacrifice-fly from Joey Roach scoring Fraley.

The Stone Crabs dipped into the bullpen in the third inning with Kenny Rosenberg replacing starter Trevor Charpie. Rosenberg (7-1) earned the win, throwing six innings allowing

two earned runs on six hits with four strikeouts.

Charlotte kept up the offensive firepower and added two runs in the third. Palacios singled on a ground ball to left fielder Jhonny Santos, but it was deflected by center fielder Aaron Knapp allowing Gray to score. Gray has scored multiple runs in back-to-back games against the Hammerheads (48-43).

Fraley then brought around Palacios on an RBI-double to stretch the lead to 5-0. Fraley went 2 for 3 with two

RBI's on the night.

In the bottom of the fourth, Jupiter's James Nelson reached on a throwing error on an attempted force out at second allowing Knapp to score.

In the following inning, the Hammerheads cut the deficit to three when Roy Morales stole home.

But the offensive push didn't last long. The Stone Crabs created separation in the top of the eighth off a three-run homer from Josh Lowe, his lone hit in five atbats.

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group doing this well? Seriously. They've been using just three, and sometimes two, traditional starters. Guys who are relievers as starters — or, in the proper lexicon, openers — and guys who are starters as relievers. Roles have become amorphous, and somewhat abolished.

- Robertson
- Ramos

Most pleasant surprise

In what was otherwise a dramatically busy off-season, the Rays' biggest moves at the winter meetings were acquiring fringe middle infielders on three consecutive days. Ryan Schimpf didn't make it out of spring training. Micah Johnson has been at Triple-A Durham all year with a sub-.200 average. And Joey Wendle has been one of the top rookies in the American League. He's hit (.273), run, and played second, third, short and, now, leftfield — all well. There's a couple of infielders in New York and a two-way star in Anaheim that will keep Wendle from getting Rookie of the Year votes, but he's turned out to be a keeper.

2. Ryne Stanek. He'd shown the stuff to be successful, but seemed to lack confidence, even earlier this season. But since sliding into the opener role in late May and cutting loose with his 98-mph fastball from pitch one, he's become a dominant force in early and late innings.

3. Matt Duffy. He was a pretty good player before the Rays traded for him in August 2016, but no one was sure what he'd be like after missing all of 2017 with injury. His .309 average, eighth in the AL going into the weekend, and sturdy glove provided the answer.

Runners-up: LHP Ryan Yarbrough, RHP Sergio Romo, 1B/DH C.J. Cron

Biggest disappointment

If you would have told me in March this was going to be a choice between their best pitcher and their best position player, I would have told you this was a terribly bad season. But, alas, the Rays are doing surprisingly well, and opening day starter RHP Chris Archer and lineup catalyst CF Kevin Kiermaier have thus far had little to do with it.

Archer got off to a rough start (2-3, 5.64 in nine games), then started pitching better (1-1, 1.14 in four), then got hurt and missed five weeks, then made a messy return. Kiermaier got off to an even worse start (.163 average, .483 OPS in 12 games), then got hurt and missed two-plus months, then came back, maybe too soon, and did even worse (.127, .456 in 14 games) before warming in the last week, hitting .171 overall.

The bigger disappointment? That's tough, but I'd have to say Archer based on how badly the Rays needed him early in the season given the injuries and other issues in the rotation.

- Kiermaier

3. Carlos Gomez. The hustle and energy helps, but they were expecting more than a .206 average, .619 OPS, two errors and other misplays, eight outs on the bases.

For openers

The Rays seemed to be going outside the box when Cash mentioned in spring training they wouldn't have a fifth starter but would use regularly scheduled bullpen days. They went a bit further when Nathan Eovaldi got hurt right before opening day and they went with three starters and two bullpen days in five.

And in mid-May, well, they pretty much blew up the box, torched convention and turned the baseball world upside down, using

a reliever as an "opener" — to get the first three-six outs — then bringing in a converted starter to work the bulk of the innings, or a series of multi-inning relievers based on the game situation. They've done it 19 times so far, and while they are 9-10 in those games (opened by Romo, Stanek, Jonny Venters and Hunter Wood), the concept — to allow the second pitcher to come in facing the bottom part of the order, and potentially stay in longer as the lineup flips around — seems to be working.

The Rays have a 3.26 ERA in those games, the pitchers following the opener 3.08. Bigger picture, since debuting the opener May 19, the Rays have the lowest ERA in the majors at 2.81.

Oddities

- Romo has pitched in innings 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 this season. Surely there is a third inning for him.

- Robertson has started at all nine spots in the batting order and five positions.

- Grab a large asterisk, but Stanek, as the opener, set major-league records with eight straight scoreless starts (better than Zack Greinke, Orel Hershiser and Don Drysdale) and four hitless starts (better than, among others, Sandy Koufax).

- Three position players have pitched (Johnny Field, Robertson, Jesus Sucre), two pitchers have pinch-run (Eovaldi, Wood) and one pitcher has played first base for a batter (Jose Alvarado).

- Forty-three different players have been used overall; 27 have pitched, including a team season-record tying 14 as starters.

- Rays pitchers had no shutouts in the first 51 games and eight in the next 42.

- Venters in April threw his first big-league pitch since Oct. 5, 2012 and in May got his first save since August 2011.

Let's go streaking

More than anything else, the Rays have been streaky. Up and down. In their first 92 games, they have had eight streaks of at least five straight Ws or Ls. That includes two eight-game losing streaks and an eight-game winning streak.

Close shaves

Cash has never been more right than when he said they'd play a lot of close games. How close? How about 40.9 percent decided by one run? (The MLB average is 27.6, and that would be even lower if you took the Rays out of it.) That's a majors-most 38 one-run games, and though they lost a majors-high 21, they are getting better, winning seven of the last nine. Still, that's nearly half their losses by one run. Also, six 1-0 games (3-3), most of all teams.

Rays rumblings

The Astros, as expected, have reportedly shown interest in Ramos, while the Nats, who are already on him, are now also eyeing Eovaldi. ... Senior VP Chaim Bloom's name has come up in media reports as a potential candidate for the Mets GM job. Better hair for openers, Stanek or Wood? ... One selfish takeaway from the Rays stadium reveal — the press box, as in some other new stadiums, would move up the third-base line rather than behind home plate. ... Also, of note, asked about the financial benefits of a new stadium, principal owner Stuart Sternberg said, "it's not so much about the value of the franchise because I don't plan on selling it."

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GOLF: THE OPEN

British Open title shows Spieth can handle about anything

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

The scenes were nothing alike and wildly memorable.

Both started with a tee shot that sailed some 60 yards to the right during the final round of the British Open, and that's where the similarities end.

Seve Ballesteros didn't have to take a penalty drop from near the front tire of a black car in a parking lot at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. He had a two-shot lead, and once he dropped his ball away from the cars, he had a short iron onto the green. The great Spaniard went on to capture his first major championship in 1979, and he was jokingly referred to as the "Car Park Champion."

Jordan Spieth?

He became the "Driving Range Champion" at Royal Birkdale, and it was no joke.

Spieth already had lost his three-shot lead in the final round last year when his drive on the 13th hole flew well to the right toward the dunes, hit a spectator in the head and wound up in a bush. Spieth had no shot, and really no place to drop that improved his chances. His best option was to go back to the tee and play his third shot.

But wait.

"Is the range out of bounds?" Spieth asked.

The rest was a blur, until he arrived home in Dallas with the claret jug and watched replays for the first time.

"I could help but turn on the final round, and actually fast-forward until the tee shot on 13. I didn't

watch the first 12 holes," Spieth said. "For me, it went by pretty quickly because it was, 'OK, decision here, decision here, now I need to drop here.' But with the coverage, with the commercials, and then they come back and it seems like we haven't even moved, it was like, 'Man, that really did take a long time.' That was kind of tough to watch."

The ending was remarkable.

Once it was determined the range was in play, Spieth hit 3-iron over the dunes toward a green he couldn't see, coming up just short. He pitched that delicately over a pot bunker and made the putt for a bogey.

And then it was pure Spieth after that.

He nearly holed his tee

shot on the par-3 14th with a 6-iron for birdie. He made a 50-foot eagle putt on the 15th, a 30-foot birdie putt on the 16th, an 8-foot birdie putt on the 17th and just like that, he was three legs home to a career Grand Slam.

"After the 13th hole, everything went slower to me than what's on TV," he said.

"So it's kind of this flip based on what I was watching and how I was feeling. For me, it was this whole regrouping and re-motivating and resetting a goal. And all that kind of took place pretty quickly in real time."

Spieth rarely makes it easy on himself.

Of his three majors, only his wire-to-wire, four-shot victory at the 2015 Masters lacked any real drama.

MLB: All-Star weekend

Politics play at Nationals Park, but that's not Trump's game

By BEN NUCKOLS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — During every previous All-Star Game in Washington, the president was part of the story. That might not be the case this year.

Ask former Republican congressman Tom Davis about the prospect of President Donald Trump throwing out the first pitch at Nationals Park on Tuesday night, and the

pageantry of the office isn't the first thing that comes to mind.

"It's very disruptive when a president comes to a game because they stop all the traffic. People can't get in the gates," said Davis, a Nationals season-ticket holder.

He's also familiar with Trump's preference for friendly crowds, noting the president got just 4 percent of the vote inside the Washington city limits

in 2016.

Trump's anticipated absence Tuesday night would allow Nationals Park to perform its usual role for elected officials and other political figures: as a bipartisan oasis where differences are set aside while everyone frets about bullpen moves and Bryce Harper's approach at the plate. Trump would have a good enough excuse for skipping the game: He'll have just returned from a

trip to Europe, including his much-anticipated summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin the day before the Midsummer Classic.

"From Taft to Nixon, before Washington left for good the second time, every president threw out a first pitch at least one time" in the nation's capital, said Frederic Frommer, author of "You Gotta Have Heart," a history of Washington baseball.

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hitting .398 with three home runs and 10 RBIs in his past seven games. "I don't think anyone in here wanted to lose three straight, let alone the series if we do drop that game."

Jamie Schultz (1-0) earned his first major league win with 2 2/3 hitless innings in relief as the Rays overcame

a short start by Chris Archer.

Zach Duke (3-3) gave up three runs and managed to retire just two batters in relief of Minnesota starter Jose Berrios. Eddie Rosario had three hits and two RBIs, but the Twins fell for the second time in nine games on their current homestand. Six of Tampa Bay's runs scored with two outs.

"We tried to stay close the best we could,"

Minnesota manager Paul Molitor said. "We just couldn't get that last pitch to get off the field and give us a chance to keep it within striking distance. And then obviously the old 5-5-5 area code at the end was a little bit too much."

Berrios, who is headed to his first All-Star game next week, gave up six runs for the second time in four starts.

"It was one of those days I felt strong,"

Berrios said. "I'm healthy. I'm feeling good out there the first few innings, but that's kind of how it went today."

Matt Duffy, Malle Smith and Adeiny Hechavarria all had three hits for the Rays. Duffy later left the game after twisting his ankle on a swing in the eighth, but Cash said he was removed because of the score and is expected to be in the lineup on Sunday.

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single negative action can outweigh much more positive work by a person or a team as a whole in a community.

"It's something I used to talk to my players about quite a bit," Dungy said. "Hey, we have 53 guys on the team. Fifty-two of them are going to do great

things we won't hear about very much. If one person has a negative, that's what we're going to hear. So don't be the person with the negative.

"It's the same thing with an individual. You can do 52 great things, but if you do one bad thing, it ruins everything else. You have to be extremely careful when you're in the

public eye and understand it's consistency and doing the right things that are important. We all have things we'd like to take back in our lives. You don't get to take them back when you're in the public eye, so you have to be very careful."

Dungy said he expects that Bucs ownership and leadership have made it clear with Winston what

they expect from their players, and hopes the entire roster has a better understanding of that moving forward.

"I'm sure they've had a conversation with Jameis, and probably with everybody on the team: This is where we are, this is what we expect," Dungy said. "You do hope that everybody grows from this and learns from it."

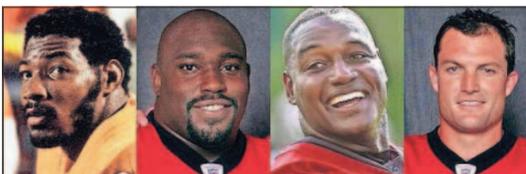
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Pro Bowl seasons and four nods as a first-team All-Pro.

Derrick Brooks

Like Selmon, as beloved in the community as on the field, deservedly joining teammate Sapp in Canton. Brooks was NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2002 when the Bucs won their only Super Bowl championship. He played 221 games, made 11 Pro Bowls and was a five-time first-team All-Pro selection, but fans will remember him best holding the ball high as he went in for a clinching pick-six touchdown



TIMES FILES

Here's our Mount Rushmore of Tampa Bay Buccaneers football (from left): Lee Roy Selmon, Warren Sapp, Derrick Brooks and John Lynch.

with 1:18 left in the Super Bowl.

John Lynch

Another huge foundational part of the Bucs defense under Tony Dungy and in the Super Bowl, Lynch earned a reputation as a hard hitter when the game still embraced it. He finished his career in Denver and is now the 49ers' general manager, but Bucs

fans know No. 47 for his 23 career interceptions, setting the tone with smart, physical play in the secondary.

You could make a strong case for Ronde Barber as a fourth Bucs player on the team's Rushmore. Barber had an amazing longevity, and perhaps the single greatest moment in Bucs history, with his interception to seal a win over

Philadelphia and lock up a trip to the Super Bowl. His rare combination of interceptions (47, eight returned for TDs) and sacks (28) may eventually get him to Canton before Lynch even.

It seems inarguable that a Bucs Rushmore would be entirely on defense, as the franchise's stars have been tilted to that side of the ball. The best quarterbacks had their biggest success elsewhere. Perhaps Mike Evans can pile up enough 1,000-yard seasons and incredible catches to someday stake a claim to a spot there, or Jameis Winston if he can push through off-field problems and lead the team back to the playoffs and national relevance.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

All times Eastern

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT. GB	
Boston	67	30	.691	—
New York	61	32	.656	4
Tampa Bay	49	46	.516	17
Toronto	43	51	.457	22½
Baltimore	27	69	.281	39½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
W	L	PCT.	GB	
Cleveland	51	42	.548	—
Minnesota	43	50	.462	8
Detroit	40	57	.412	13
Chicago	32	62	.340	19½
Kansas City	27	67	.287	24½
WEST DIVISION				
W	L	PCT.	GB	
Houston	64	34	.653	—
Seattle	58	37	.611	4½
Oakland	53	42	.558	9½
Los Angeles	48	47	.505	14½
Texas	41	55	.427	22

Friday's Games
 Cleveland 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Texas 5, Baltimore 4
 Toronto 13, Boston 7
 Houston 3, Detroit 0
 Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 6
 Minnesota 11, Tampa Bay 8
 Colorado 10, Seattle 7
 L.A. Dodgers 3, L.A. Angels 2
 San Francisco 7, Oakland 1

Saturday's Games
 Boston 6, Toronto 2, 10 innings
 Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 0
 Tampa Bay 19, Minnesota 6
 Houston 9, Detroit 1
 Baltimore 1, Texas 0
 L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers, late
 N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, late
 Seattle at Colorado, late
 Oakland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
 Texas (Minor 6-5) at Baltimore (TBD), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Stroman 2-6) at Boston (Johnson 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-6), 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Liriano 3-5) at Houston (Verlander 9-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Fillmyer 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-8), 2:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Staneik 1-2) at Minnesota (Romero 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Leake 8-6) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 3:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Manaea 8-6) at San Francisco (Suarez 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
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 NL vs. AL at Washington, D.C., 8 p.m.

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Cincinnati	43	52	.453	12
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Arizona	53	43	.552	—
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ALL-STAR ROSTERS
Tuesday at Nationals Park, Washington, D.C. (p-player ballot elected; m-choice of MLB; s-Sunday starter, inactive; i-injured, will not play; v-final vote winner)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Manager - A.J. Hinch, Houston
STARTERS
Catcher - Wilson Ramon, Tampa Bay (2)
First Base - Jose Abreu, Chicago (2)
Second Base - Jose Altuve, Houston (6)
Third Base - Jose Ramirez, Cleveland (2)
Shortstop - Manny Machado, Baltimore (4)
Outfield - Mookie Betts, Red Sox (3); Mike Trout, Los Angeles (7); Aaron Judge, New York (2)
Designated Hitter - J.D. Martinez, Boston (2)
PITCHERS
RHPs - m-Trevor Bauer, Cleveland (1); m-Jose Berrios, Minnesota (1); p-Gerrit Cole, Houston (2); p-Edwin Diaz, Seattle (1); m-Joe Jimenez, Detroit (1); p-Craig Kimbrel, Boston (7); p-Corey Kluber, Cleveland (3); p-Luis Severino, New York (2); m-Blake Treinen, Oakland (1); s-Justin Verlander, Houston (7).
LHPs - p-Aroldis Chapman, New York (5); m-J.A. Happ, Toronto (1); p-Chris Sale, Boston (7); m-Blake Snell, Tampa Bay (1).
RESERVES
Catcher - p-Salvador Perez, Kansas City (6)
First Base - p-Mitch Moreland, Boston (1)
Second Base - i-Gleyber Torres, New York (1); Jed Lowrie, Oakland (1)
Third Base - p-Alex Bregman, Houston (1)
Shortstop - p-Francisco Lindor, Cleveland (3); v-Jean Segura, Seattle (2)
Outfield - p-Michael Brantley, Cleveland (3); p-Shin-Soo Choo, Texas (1); p-Mitch Haniger, Seattle (1); p-George Springer, Houston (2)
Designated Hitter - p-Nelson Cruz, Seattle (6)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Manager - Dave Roberts, L.A. Dodgers
STARTERS
Catcher - Willson Contreras, Chicago (1)
First Base - Freddie Freeman, Atlanta (3)
Second Base - Javier Baez, Chicago (1)
Third Base - Nolan Arenado, Colorado (4)
Shortstop - Brandon Crawford, San Francisco (2)
Outfield - Nick Markakis, Atlanta (1); Matt Kemp, Los Angeles (3); Bryce Harper, Washington (6)
PITCHERS
RHPs - p-Jacob deGrom, New York (2); p-Mike Foltynewicz, Atlanta (1); m-Kenley Jansen, Los Angeles (3); m-Miles Mikolas, St. Louis (1); p-Aaron Nola, Philadelphia (1); p-Max Scherzer, Washington (6); m-Ross Stripling, Los Angeles (1).
LHPs - m-Patrick Corbin, Arizona (2); p-Sean Doolittle, Washington (2); p-Josh Hader, Milwaukee (1); p-Brad Hand, San Diego (2); p-Jon Lester, Chicago (5); m-Felipe Vazquez, Pittsburgh (1)
RESERVES
Catchers - p-i-Buster Posey, Giants (6);

m-J.T. Realmuto, Miami (1); r-Yadier Molina, St. Louis (9).
First Base - m-Paul Goldschmidt, Arizona (6); p-Joe Votto, Cincinnati (6); v-Jesus Aguilar, Milwaukee (1).
Second Base - p-Ozzie Albies, Atlanta (1); m-Scooter Gennett, Cincinnati (1)
Third Base - p-Eugenio Suarez, Cincinnati (1)
Shortstop - p-Trevor Story, Colorado (1)
Outfield - p-Charlie Blackmon, Colorado (3); p-Lorenzo Cain, Milwaukee (2); p-Christian Yelich, Milwaukee (1)

ODDS

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Today
National League
FAVORITE **LINE** **UNDERDOG** **LINE**
 Washington -128 at New York +118
 Philadelphia -128 at Miami +118
 at Atlanta -106 Arizona -104
 Milwaukee -108 at Pittsburgh -102
 at St. Louis -158 Cincinnati +148
 Chicago -167 at San Diego +157

American League
 at Baltimore Off Texas Off
 at Boston -154 Toronto +144
 at Cleveland -126 New York +116
 at Minnesota Off Tampa Bay Off
 at Houston -333 Detroit +303
 at Chicago -121 Kansas City +111

Interleague
 at Colorado -145 Seattle +135
 at San Francisco -118 Oakland +108
 at LA Dodgers Off LA Angels Off

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 D.C. United 3, Vancouver 1
 FC Dallas 3, Chicago 1
 Minnesota United 3, Real Salt Lake 2
 Orlando City 2, Toronto FC 1
 Houston at Colorado, late
Today's Games
 Seattle at Atlanta United FC, 2 p.m.
 Portland at Los Angeles FC, 6 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	14	1	3	45	41	14
Seattle	8	4	5	29	19	14
Orlando	8	6	4	28	26	25
Chicago	7	4	7	28	22	22
Portland	6	5	5	23	24	20
Utah	5	6	6	21	14	18
Houston	5	6	2	20	25	25
Washington	2	11	4	10	11	24
Sky Blue FC	0	12	3	3	11	30

Wednesday's Matches
 North Carolina 2, Washington 0
 Houston 3, Orlando 1
 Seattle 1, Utah 0
Saturday's Matches
 North Carolina 4, Sky Blue FC 0
 Orlando 2, Utah 1
 Chicago 1, Seattle 0
Today's Match
 Houston at Portland, 11 p.m.
Friday, July 20
 North Carolina at Utah, 10 p.m.

FIFA WORLD CUP
 All times Eastern
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday
 At St. Petersburg, Russia
 France 1, Belgium 0
Wednesday
 At Moscow
 Croatia 2, England 1

THIRD PLACE
Saturday
 At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Belgium 2, England 0

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP
Today
 At Moscow
 France vs. Croatia, 11 a.m.

ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR WIMBLEDON
 Saturday's results at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, London (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles
Semifinal
 Novak Djokovic (12), Serbia, def. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9), 3-6, 10-8.
Women's Singles
Final
 Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Serena Williams (25), United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Men's Doubles
Final
 Mike Bryan, United States and Jack Sock (7), United States, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven Klaassen (13), South Africa, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
Women's Doubles
Final
 Barbora Krejickova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (3), Czech Republic, def. Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Pietrangeli (12), United States, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	13	8	.619	—
Atlanta	11	9	.550	1½
Connecticut	11	10	.524	2
Chicago	7	14	.333	6
New York	6	14	.300	6½
Indiana	2	19	.095	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB
Seattle	15	6	.714	—
Phoenix	14	8	.636	1½
Dallas	12	8	.600	2½
Los Angeles	13	9	.591	2½
Minnesota	12	9	.571	3
Las Vegas	10	12	.455	5½

Friday's Games
 Washington 88, Chicago 72
 Atlanta 98, Indiana 74
 Connecticut 91, Phoenix 87
 Las Vegas 85, Minnesota 77
Saturday's Game
 Dallas at Seattle, late
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11. (88) Conor Daly, Dallara-Chevy, 108.40.
 12. (4) Matheus Leist, Dallara-Chevy, 108.146.
 13. (15) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 85.984.
 14. (98) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 106.854.
 15. (14) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevy, 85.763.
 16. (21) Spencer Pigot, Dallara-Chevy, 106.833.
 17. (18) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Honda, 85.565.
 18. (59) Max Chilton, Dallara-Chevy, 106.681.
 19. (32) Rene Binder, Dallara-Chevy, 84.719.
 20. (23) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevy, 106.395.
 21. (10) Ed Jones, Dallara-Honda, No Speed.
 22. (26) Zach Veach, Dallara-Honda, 106.175.
 23. (19) Zachary Claman De Melo, Dallara-Honda, 106.026.

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 Bronson Burgoon 68-62-66-196
 Matt Jones 68-63-66-197
 Harold Varner III 67-65-66-198
 Andres Romero 64-71-64-199
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 John Merrick 66-70-70-206
 Patrick Rodgers 66-69-71-206
 Ricky Barnes 70-69-67-2

WORLD CUP: BELGIUM 2, ENGLAND 0 Belgium finishes 3rd at World Cup, beats England

By JAMES ELLINGWORTH
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — For Belgium and England, the third-place match at the World Cup was more like a dress rehearsal for future finals.

At least they hope. The Belgians earned their best World Cup finish by beating England 2-0 on Saturday in a match both saw as the start of a push for the European Championship title in 2020 or the World Cup in 2022.

“With this winning mentality you can win trophies,” said Eden Hazard, who scored Belgium’s second goal. “In two years, in four years, we will be better. We have young players. They are very good also in the team. They push all of us.”

Thomas Meunier and Hazard both scored at St. Petersburg Stadium in a match between the two semifinal losers.

France and Croatia will play in the final on Sunday at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. The French beat Belgium on Tuesday in the semifinals, while the Croats defeated England on Wednesday.

England matched its best World Cup result — fourth in 1990 — since winning the tournament for the only time in 1966.

“Today shows there’s room for improvement. We’re not the finished article. We’re still learning. We’re still getting better,” England striker Harry Kane said. “We don’t want to wait another 20-odd years to get into another major

semifinal.”

Both Belgium and England were playing for the seventh time in 26 days, but the Belgians entered the match with an extra day of rest.

Meunier’s goal matched a World Cup record for Belgium by having 10 different players score in a tournament, something only done before by France in 1982 and Italy in 2006.

Meunier scored in the fourth minute, knocking a cross from Nacer Chadli past England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford. Hazard added the other off a pass from Kevin De Bruyne in the 82nd.

Toby Alderweireld denied England’s best chance of the game, sliding on the goal line to clear a shot from Eric Dier.

Belgium’s previous best finish at the World Cup was fourth, but the team outplayed England in the midfield to go one better this time.

The Belgians could easily have scored more, with Pickford making a good save to stop a shot from De Bruyne in the 11th and Alderweireld volleying narrowly over the bar in the 35th.

England made set pieces the cornerstone of its run to the World Cup semifinals and created chances for Harry Maguire and Dier in the second half. Neither hit the target with their headers.

It was the second time England and Belgium met in this year’s tournament. In the group stage, both teams had already qualified before Belgium’s 1-0 win in Kaliningrad.

WORLD CUP: FRANCE VS. CROATIA

A youthful France faces veteran-laden Croatia for World Cup

By GRAHAM DUNBAR
Associated Press

MOSCOW — France is the established power with a young team full of speed and skill. Croatia has the veterans that have shown they can never be counted out.

The two sides will meet on Sunday in the World Cup final, with France going for its second title in its third final in 20 years. Croatia, a country that only gained independence in 1991, will be playing in its first.

“Tradition is there to be demolished,” Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said Saturday. “I’m not interested who is the opponent.”

Most consider France to be the favorite for the match at the Luzhniki Stadium, just like two years ago when the country’s national team faced Portugal in the European Championship final at home.

But perhaps feeling complacent after beating Germany in the semifinals, France flopped.

“I don’t think it’s going to happen again,” said France captain Hugo Lloris, who has been stellar in goal during this year’s tournament. “We are far from thinking on our side that we have already reached the goal.”

Lloris is the goalkeeper in that 1-0 loss in Paris, facing a Portugal team that had reached the final after some extra-time victories.



AP PHOTO

France's Samuel Umtiti, second from left, is congratulated by his teammates France's Antoine Griezmann, Raphael Varane and Paul Pogba, from left, after scoring the opening goal during the semifinal match between France and Belgium.

Croatia has done the same this year, needing penalty kicks to beat Denmark and host Russia before defeating England in extra time in the semifinals.

France coach Didier Deschamps has made some changes to his team, however. Fourteen, to be exact, from the 23 players who made up the squad two years ago.

Another factor in France’s favor is rest. The French had only two days of rest between the Euro 2016 semifinals and the final. This time, they have four full days to recover, one more than Croatia.

“A lot of things have changed,” Lloris said. “Especially when it comes to recovery and preparation time.”

Croatia has also played a lot more soccer in its six matches in Russia. With its last three matches going

to extra time, the team has played a full 90 minutes more than France. There was also the added stress of two penalty shootouts.

That’s all behind them.

“Now, there is no pressure,” Dalic said through a translator. “Simply this is the greatest moment in the life of all of us. We have come here to enjoy the final.”

First win

Croatia has not beaten France in five games since being accepted as a FIFA member federation in 1992.

The first match was the most momentous — a 2-1 win for France in the 1998 World Cup semifinals at Stade de France outside Paris.

A group game at Euro 2004 ended in a 2-2 draw, and their latest game was a 0-0 draw in March 2011 in Paris.

Unbeaten teams

Both teams were unbeaten in the group stage, and France has trailed for only nine minutes in the entire tournament.

Argentina’s 2-1 lead in the second half of a round-of-16 game was wiped out by defender Benjamin Pavard’s long-range shot. Kylian Mbappe then exploded for two quick goals in the 4-3 victory.

Croatia’s 3-0 win over Argentina was a standout performance in the group stage. The team also never trailed in wins over Nigeria and Iceland.

It’s been different in the knockout rounds. Croatia conceded the opening goal in each game before rallying to advance.

Back to Luzhniki

Both teams have played one game at the Luzhniki Stadium so far.

Croatia beat England 2-1 at the venue on Wednesday, while France’s 0-0 draw with Denmark in its final group game ended with Russian fans booing the tournament’s only scoreless draw.

The past two World Cup finals were 0-0 after 90 minutes, and both were settled by a single goal in the second half of extra time.

Back home

“Win or lose,” Dalic said, “there will be a seismic event in Croatia.”

TENNIS: WIMBLEDON

Serena Williams set to ‘be a contender to win Grand Slams’

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

LONDON — For someone who already owns 23 Grand Slam titles, seven at Wimbledon, Serena Williams sure sounds like a tennis player who is just starting her career.

After losing the final at the All England Club to Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday, Williams was ready to look ahead.

“I didn’t know a couple of months ago where I was, where I would be, how I would do, how I would be able to come back. It was such a long way to see light at the end of the road, kind of,” said Williams, who gave birth to a daughter last September, then dealt with complications involving blood clots.

“So I think these two weeks have really showed me that, OK, I can compete. Obviously I can compete for the long run in a Grand Slam,” the 36-year-old American continued. “I can, you know, come out and be a contender to win Grand Slams.”

There was a time, not all that long ago, that Williams was ranked No. 1 for

years at a time. She won four major tournaments in a row and came close to a calendar-year Grand Slam. She was the favorite every time she entered a tournament.

Williams appeared to be regaining that form this fortnight. Barring some sort of setback in the next six weeks, she will head into the U.S. Open at the end of August as the player to beat.

“I’m sure you will have your next Grand Slam title soon,” said Kerber, now a three-time major champion. “I’m really, really sure.”

If Williams does earn one more, it’ll tie her with Margaret Court for the all-time record of 24. As it is, Williams has the mark for the most majors in the professional era; she moved one head of Steffi Graf by winning the 2017 Australian Open.

She was pregnant at the time. It would be her last tournament for more than a year, in part because of a series of medical procedures that followed a difficult childbirth. As she put it this week: “I lost count after, like, four surgeries.”

WORLD CUP: COLUMN

The World Cup? Fan-bloomin’-tastic

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

MOSCOW — There was high drama even before the first game, when Spain fired its coach. There’ll be drama, promise, at the last game, too, with France aiming to block Croatian membership in the small club of World Cup winners. There were upsets so massive they shook soccer’s established order — Auf wiedersehen, Germany! — and teams so bad — Saudi Arabia in its 5-0 opening-game loss to Russia — that they made a poor advertisement for the future expansion of the showcase tournament.

There was the beauty of Cristiano Ronaldo’s curling free kick that completed his hat-trick against Spain and the not so pretty spectacle of him hitching up his shorts: Behold my thighs. There was pathos, when England’s coach, who knows from bitter experience how mind-warpingly painful letting down one’s country can be, consoled Colombia’s Mateus Uribe after the distraught player smashed his penalty shootout spot-kick into the crossbar.

And there were laughs and more memes than ever from the globally devoured spectacle that not only reaffirmed its magic power to bring families, friends, neighbors, pleased-to-meet-you strangers and entire nations together around TV screens but also dominated our digital lives.

Take a bow Michy Batshuayi. Timelines loved the comedy of the Belgian player’s goal celebration gone wrong. Tournament organizer FIFA says World Cup content has been viewed 11 billion, yes, with a “b,”

times on digital platforms these past weeks when soccer was the only game in town (no offense Wimbledon and the Tour de France).

Comparing one World Cup to another is pointless, because the experience is so subjective. The Spanish, for example, loved 2010 because they won it, even though the tournament in South Africa had the shoot-me-now irritation of vuvuzelas and one of the lowest-ever averages of goals per game.

But the 21st World Cup has been, in a word, fan-bloomin’-tastic. Perhaps the best measure of how addictive the games and multiple story arcs have been is that Monday is going to feel empty without the daily fix from Russia.

Tinged with concern, too, because it is possible that we’ll never have it this good again.

Definitely from 2026 and possibly from 2022 in Qatar, future editions will be bloated by the addition of another 16 teams. That’s great, of course, for nations that rarely or never get to cheer for their colors. But don’t let FIFA kid you that diluting the quality of the football is positive for anything other than its coffers. With 80 matches instead of 64, FIFA has forecast the equivalent of \$1 billion extra income from broadcasting and sponsor deals, plus ticket sales.

There’ll be more lopsided blowouts, like England 6, Panama 1 this time. There’ll be more teams cowering in their own half, with all 10 outfield players forming a block in front of their goal, because they don’t have the depth of talent to do much else tactically.

WORLD CUP

Russia faces uncertain legacy after hosting

By TATIANA TITOVA and JAMES ELLINGWORTH
Associated Press

YEKATERINBURG, Russia — The massive scaffolding seating structures soaring out of each end of Yekaterinburg Arena were built to show Russia was serious about saving money. At the end of the World Cup, the temporary stands symbolize the problems with the tournament’s legacy.

The stands were mocked on social media as fans sitting in those sections were exposed to the elements and looked as if they were watching from a different stadium entirely. No matter. It was fiscally responsible: The seating could be dismantled after the World Cup to save on stadium maintenance, its components donated to smaller local venues.

But now regional officials say they don’t yet have a plan to remove the stands, or the funds to do it, and are asking Moscow to help.

The stadium used to host soccer and other sports like track and field, but after World Cup renovations it’s only suitable for soccer. It costs up to 367 million rubles (\$5.9 million) a year to maintain.

“Just by football you cannot make money at this stadium. It will never pay off by football matches only,” Deputy Governor Sergei Shvindt told The Associated Press. He hopes concerts and shows will eventually cover, or at least reduce, the shortfall.

After reaching the quarterfinals, Russia may have newfound confidence on the soccer field. Its cities, though, could end up burdened with costly arenas.

The Yekaterinburg Arena cost 12.7 billion

rubles (\$203 million) to renovate for the World Cup, and the head of the Ural Yekaterinburg football club, which is due to play there after the World Cup, has told local media it will cost 1 billion rubles (\$16 million) to remove the extra stands.

Maintenance costs for other stadiums have soared, too, and local officials are pleading for help from the federal government.

The stadium in Samara appears the most expensive at around \$8 million a year, according to an estimate acting governor Alexander Fetisov gave the state news agency Tass.

The Russian government remains tight-lipped on how stadiums will be maintained, but World Cup organizing committee chairman Arkady Dvorkovich said Wednesday that Russia must keep spending to avoid a repeat of 2014 host Brazil’s under-used, poorly maintained and loss-making stadiums.

“You can’t throw the stadiums away. You have to work on them every day and be responsible with them,” he said, “and sadly in Brazil they didn’t have the resources to do that at several stadiums.”

Volgograd’s stadium cost around \$276 million — or \$69 million per World Cup game it hosted. The capacity of 45,000 is nearly 12 times greater than the average crowd for club team Rotor Volgograd’s games last season.

Nizhny Novgorod, Sochi and Kaliningrad face similar problems in a country which has Europe’s biggest population but crowds at its top-level soccer games barely average more than the main Belgium league.



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Papa John's is pulling founder's image from its marketing



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In this Oct. 18, 2017, file photo, Papa John's founder and CEO John Schnatter attends a meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. Papa John's plans to pull Schnatter's image from marketing materials after reports he used a racial slur. Schnatter apologized Wednesday, July 11, and said he would resign as chairman after Forbes reported that he used the slur during a media training session. Schnatter had stepped down as CEO last year after criticizing NFL protests.

By **CANDICE CHOI**
AP FOOD INDUSTRY WRITER

NEW YORK — Papa John's, which has featured founder John Schnatter as the face of the company in logos and TV ads, is pulling his image from its marketing after reports he used a racial slur.

His face was off at least some materials by late morning Friday, though the company said the details and exact timing for everything were still being worked out. The pizza chain said there are no plans to change its name.

Schnatter is still on the board and is the

company's largest shareholder — meaning he remains a key presence. Papa John's has acknowledged in regulatory filings that Schnatter's public role as its pitchman could be a liability if his reputation was damaged. The company got a taste of that last year, when Schnatter stepped down as CEO after blaming disappointing pizza sales on the outcry surrounding football players kneeling during the national anthem.

This week, Papa John's was already trying to further publicly distance itself from Schnatter after Forbes reported he

used the N-word during a conference call in May. Schnatter apologized and said he would resign as chairman. That prompted the company's stock to recover some of the losses it suffered after the report, and shares were up less than 1 percent Friday. Schnatter owns nearly 30 percent of the stock.

In addition to appearing in TV ads, Schnatter's image has been on packaging and at the center of a logo that usually was all over the website of the Louisville, Kentucky-based company.

Keith Hollingsworth, a professor with Morehouse College's business

department, said keeping Schnatter in the marketing and advertising would signal to people that the company does not have a problem with his comments, or that it doesn't think they are a big deal.

"Five years from now, they might be able to start bringing him back. But at the moment, you have to be very decisive and show you take this very seriously," Hollingsworth said.

Schnatter had used the slur during a media training exercise, Forbes said. When asked how he would distance himself from racist groups,

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SFSC announces new Get Connected campaign

SPECIAL TO THE HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — In an effort to link the tri-county region with the successful programs and services that South Florida State College (SFSC) offers, it announced its newest advertising campaign, Get Connected.

Get Connected is an approachable, attainable advertising and marketing campaign that aspires to connect individuals to the skills, services, or network they need to move ahead. The experienced faculty and staff will continue to focus on the academic opportunities that the College provides, both globally and on a one-on-one basis. This campaign is SFSC's answer to the question, "How can SFSC help me?"

The College wanted to develop a campaign that ties future students, current students, alumni, donors, companies, and the community to the many offerings at SFSC.

"At South Florida State College, we want people to know that we provide quality and affordable learning solutions," said Melissa Kuehnle, director of institutional communications at SFSC. "There are many advantages to getting connected to the College as a student, a company partner, a community advocate, a supportive donor, or even as a professional who just needs to brush up on a certain skill. Our hope is to set our neighbors on a path to success utilizing the variety of programs, courses, and services we offer. This campaign is also a nod to the many digital communities that our friends belong to and we hope to expand that network by advancing the professional connections that our students, staff, faculty, and alumni make. We want everyone to 'Get Connected' to SFSC, and a better life as a result."

For more information about SFSC, call 863-453-6661 or visit southflorida.edu.

Blockbusters in Alaska set to close; 1 store left in US



MARK THIESEN/AP File Photo

This May 2, 2018 file photo shows the exterior of a Blockbuster Video store in Anchorage, Alaska. Despite the gift of the jockstrap worn by actor Russell Crowe in the 2005 movie "Cinderella Man" from HBO's John Oliver to bring traffic into the store, Blockbuster Alaska General Manager Kevin Daymude said the last two Blockbuster Video locations in Alaska will rent their last video on Sunday, July 15, 2018, apparently leaving the last Blockbuster Video in Bend, Ore.

By **RACHEL D'ORO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's last two Blockbuster video stores are calling it quits, leaving just one store open in the U.S.

The stores in Anchorage and Fairbanks will close for rentals after Sunday night and reopen Tuesday for video liquidation sales through the end of August, said Kevin Daymude, general manager of Blockbuster Alaska.

"It's going to be crazy," Daymude said of the temporary reopening. He said residents were sad when they

heard the news and many people have been reminiscing about their Blockbuster memories.

The news was announced to Alaskans on Blockbuster Alaska's Facebook page.

The closures come just two months after the host of HBO's "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" sent a jockstrap worn by Russell Crowe in the 2005 movie "Cinderella Man" and other items to the Anchorage store, which displayed it in an effort to ramp up business.

Daymude says the buzz from the Oliver connection brought more people to the

store.

"You would not believe how much business we got just from that memorabilia alone," he said. "I can't thank John Oliver or his show enough."

But it wasn't enough to counter a planned lease increase at both Alaska locations.

The jockstrap will probably go to the franchise owner, Alan Payne, who lives outside Austin, Texas.

A request for comment from HBO was not immediately returned.

In its heyday, Blockbuster had 15 stores in Alaska,

Daymude said. Some stores in more remote, less populated parts of the state began closing in the early 2000s.

In recent years, Blockbuster stores have vanished in most of the U.S.

But their survival lasted longer in Alaska, with some crediting expensive internet as a factor in keeping many people renting videos rather than streaming.

The closures will leave the Blockbuster in Bend, Oregon, as the sole holdout.

"How exciting," said the Bend store's general manager

BUSTER | 6

How to fight about money and stay madly in love

The way couples talk about money — and fight about it, inevitably — doesn't depend on whether they're married or not. There are good and bad ways to discuss topics as emotional as money, no matter where you are in your relationship.

If you think this could be a serious long-term thing, you would be smart to start having hard money conversations now. Don't avoid friction that could end up helping you learn valuable information about your partner — and your partnership.

"You want to be able to see that you can move through conflicts before you get married. It's like your training ground," says Carin Catalano, a Seattle-based marriage



BRIANNA MCGURRAN

Ask Brianna

and family therapist with a specialty in financial therapy.

Even if you don't plan to marry, the same rules apply: Start talking money early, get into the details and make it a goal that you'll both walk away from an argument feeling respected and

understood, Catalano says. Get the basics down now, and by the time you've made the decision to commit to each other, you'll be light-years ahead of your peers who've been avoiding the subject.

Make money boring

Money is a huge source of conflict for couples. But talking about it as frequently as you would a more mundane topic takes away some of its power to intimidate. Make "How big is your emergency fund?" the new "What should we watch on Netflix?" Getting to know how your partner approaches money will take some of the fire out of the fight.

Start by laying out your full financial picture as soon as you get serious about each other. Share how much debt you have, what your credit scores are, whether you've had bankruptcies or foreclosures, and how much you earn and have saved. It's a good idea to explain your families' approaches to money, which can help you both understand where your good and bad habits, emotions and beliefs about money are coming from.

Then you're ready to face the stickier, ongoing issues that can come up — such as how you each manage money on a day-to-day basis. Many couples argue about how much is too much to spend on a purchase, for

example, or what amount of debt is palatable. Get into the practice of bringing up your concerns, not pushing them down. Think of it as a couple of minutes of awkwardness in service to the long-term health of the relationship.

Fight The Right Way

Whether or not you're married, fighting a lot doesn't necessarily mean your relationship is unsuccessful. Fighting becomes a problem if the arguments are nasty and result in personal attacks, leaving both partners feeling drained and small. There is, instead, a right way to fight.

Say you've decided to commingle your finances

— which I recommend only if you're planning a future together — and your partner spent way more on a new bass guitar than you thought was reasonable. Follow these steps:

- If you're really angry, take a few hours, or a day, to cool off. Wait to initiate a hard conversation until you're feeling more calm and rational. "When we get angry, we're no longer using the part of our brains that is responsible for our centers of reason and judgment," Catalano says.

- Avoid outright blame. Try saying, "I was hurt when I saw that \$500 purchase from the checking account, because

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Can you afford to help your kid start a business?

Amazon. Chipotle. GoPro.

These household-name businesses were launched thanks to investments by the founders' parents. But parents also have sunk plenty of money into their offsprings' doomed enterprises, sometimes endangering their retirements and family relationships in the process.

Certified financial planner Jon Ten Haagen of Huntington, New York, had a retired client who against his advice gave \$100,000 — most of her savings — to her son to start a restaurant. The business failed within a year, and he has yet to pay any of the money back, he says.

"She's just getting by at this point," Ten Haagen says.

Don't offer money you can't afford to lose

Parents usually want their kids to succeed, and many are accustomed to sacrificing to help make that happen. But parents



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shouldn't be misled about the risks, financial planners say.

"This investment is going to be concentrated, illiquid, and with high risk of total loss," says Hui-chin Chen, a CFP in Arlington, Virginia. "If it fits in the parent's portfolio and does not jeopardize their retirement, then it's something both sides may consider."

Parents whose finances can't withstand losing the money should focus on providing other kinds of support, such as helping draft a business plan or pointing them to the nearest Small Business Development Center. These centers, part of

the U.S. Small Business Administration, provide advice and support to would-be entrepreneurs.

Insist on a plan

Speaking of business plans, make sure your kid has one before any money changes hands, says Douglas A. Boneparth, a CFP in New York. The plan should include details such as the target audience for the business, what competition exists, expected setup and ongoing costs and when the business is likely to be profitable.

"You want to know when you can expect a return, even if it's just knowing your child will be successful," he says.

Good plans require considerable research and effort, so your daughter's or son's willingness to do this footwork can be an indication of whether he or she is entrepreneurial enough to run a business, Boneparth says.

Define your role

Will you be an investor in the company or a

lender? Will you have a say in how the company operates? If the business succeeds, will you share in that success with a slice of the profits or the ability to sell your stake?

Parents who are going to be investors or partners should ask for a formal operating agreement that outlines financial contributions, voting rights, rules on making decisions and how people will join or leave the company. Operating agreements are a normal part of setting up a limited liability company, which also can help protect the parents' assets from lawsuits and other problems created by the business.

Many business founders, however, don't like being told how to run their business and may have a hard time answering to shareholders or investors, Chen says.

"In this case, they need to answer to their parents, which can be even more problematic," she says.

Chen has advised clients to instead structure monetary help as a

loan, with interest rates that meet IRS guidelines to avoid gift tax complications. Parents always have the option to forgive the loan later.

Those who want to minimize parent-child tensions may opt to skip the loan and make an outright gift. Most won't have to worry about gift taxes, since people now have to give away over \$11 million during their lifetimes before taxes might be owed. But gifts larger than \$15,000 per recipient per year trigger a requirement that the giver file a gift tax return.

What about the other kids?

Parents also should consider family dynamics if there are siblings, since helping one child can foster jealousy in the others. Those "Mom always liked you best" rivalries can tear families apart.

Parents don't have to make equal distributions to each child, but may want to consider accounting for money in their wills or other estate

plans. If a loan isn't paid back, for example, it could be deducted from that child's inheritance, says Steve Branton, a CFP in San Francisco.

Resist the urge to keep the arrangement a secret, advises Megan Ford, a financial therapist at the University of Georgia and past-president of the Financial Therapy Association. Engage the other siblings early in the decision-making process to discuss their feelings and concerns, she advises.

"A common tactic families use to sidestep conflict is avoidance, but transparency and communication is key to avoiding resentment within the family," Ford says.

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BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

1st Choice Primary Care offers extended hours

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The Tutoring Center to host free community events

SEBRING — The Tutoring Center, Sebring

is welcoming the public to join them for two events in August to prepare for the school year. Aug. 3, they are inviting all Highlands County educators to come to the Tutoring Center and Aug. 6, hosting a Free Community Testing event to see where your child stands for the school year. Event details are below.

All Highlands County educators are invited to

the Back to School Meet and Greet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. This event is open to all educators — take a tour, come and see first hand what we do, and let's talk about how we can help you throughout the school year.

Parents and students are welcome to attend. By attending the event, educators will be able to enter to win a \$150 spa

package.

Call the Tutoring Center by Aug. 1 to RSVP.

A Free Community Testing Event and open house will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. RSVP is required for this event so we may reserve your testing time. Find out where your child stands this school year and take a tour of our center.

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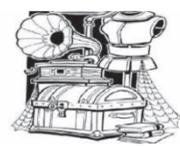
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Class offers Food Manager review and exam

Special to Highlands News-Sun

AVON PARK – A Certified Professional Food Manager Review Class & Exam is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Ridge Area Arc Training Room.

The review class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The exam will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The facility is at 4352 Independence St. (off College Drive), Avon Park.

The cost is \$150 per student. The fee includes a 7th Edition ServSafe® Manager Review Guide, Review Class, ServSafe® CPEM Exam and a First Time Passing Guarantee for those attending the review class and buying the guide. If a student does not pass the first time, the second time the review class and exam are free as long as the student calls within 21 days of original exam. Materials are in English. Seating is limited.

Those who just want to re-certify can take the exam only for \$60 or if a student needs a book to study for the exam then it is \$90. The review class or free second test are not included. Students wanting to take the exam only can come at 1:30 p.m.

Register for the class by July 25. Bring payment to Ridge Area Arc Administration, 4352 Independence St., Avon Park where students can also pick up their Manager Review Guide. Checks or money orders must be made payable to Ridge Area Arc. Cash and credit cards are accepted. A \$20 fee will apply to all returned checks. A "no show" will result in a loss of all registration fees.

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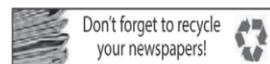
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The food training programs are a service provided to the community by Ridge Area Arc. Arc is a local non-profit charitable organization that offers training and education to individuals with disabilities. The food programs are open to all individuals.



Foodhandler course offered

Special to Highlands News-Sun

AVON PARK — Ridge Area Arc will offer a SafeStaff Foodhandler Certificate program to the public from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 at Ridge Area Arc's main campus.

Anyone in the food service industry or those who are interested in working in the field and want to obtain a certificate can enroll in this class being taught by a Certified Professional Food Manager. Florida law requires that all food service employees be trained in an approved

food safety program. A public food service establishment has 60 days from the date of hire to train their employees with a Florida approved food safety training program. This includes all employees responsible for food storage, preparation, display or any service of food and beverages. It is recommended that even volunteer organizations (churches, clubs and other non-profits) serving food should have their food workers trained in a food safety program.

The SafeStaff

Foodhandler Training Program is the contracted program of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The class will cover the six mandated key food safety principles: 1. Ensuring proper personal hygiene; 2. Preventing cross-contamination; 3. Controlling time and temperature when handling food; 4. Proper cleaning and sanitizing; 5. The causes and effects of major food-borne illnesses; and 6. Ensuring proper vermin control.

A study guide will be

provided and given to each student. A certificate and an original wallet card will also be presented to the students at the end of the class that will be valid for three years. Students only need to bring to class a No. 2 pencil and a picture ID.

Cost is \$15 per student and must be paid in advance by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1. There will be no refunds for students not attending the class since books have to be ordered in advance but a substitution of another person can be

made. Checks can be made payable to Ridge Area Arc and mailed to 4352 Independence St., Avon Park, FL 33825 or stop by the Arc administration office off College Drive to make a payment. When submitting payment, include your name, birthdate, address and phone number. For more details or to verify there is still an opening, call 863-452-1295, ext. 124.

The class will be taught in Ridge Area Arc's training room at the workcenter, 4352 Independence St., off College Drive, Avon

Park. Students can show up 15 minutes prior to class time and must be prompt.

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Corporations market at World Cup despite absence of US

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW — Budweiser has a boat on the Moscow River and a disco. Coke set up an interactive sculpture-video installation in Gorky Park and entertained 5,000 guests during the monthlong tournament. Visa built a campaign around former Sweden star Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Business went on at the World Cup without the presence of the United States, although the tournament's visibility decreased across America.

"The absence of the U.S. team here doesn't change what we're doing," said Ricardo Fort, The Coca-Cola Co.'s head of global sponsorships. "The real value is based on how broad our programs are implemented. We have over 180 countries doing work."

FIFA said after the group stage that of 2.6

million tickets sold, U.S. residents bought about 97,000 on FIFA's website and from its ticketing centers, second only to host Russia's 1.1 million. The U.S. was second to host Brazil in 2014, but the American total was around 200,000 that year.

"We were all disappointed when the U.S. team didn't qualify," said Brian Perkins, vice president of global marketing for Budweiser at Anheuser-Busch InBev. "But two-thirds of the sales of Budweiser globally are sold outside of the U.S., so actually the bigger part of the business is international, and that's where all the growth is coming from as well. It really didn't change much at all."

World Cup advertising increased sharply in the U.S. during the past few tournaments. Nike used a 70½-foot advertising board near New York's

Penn Station and its store windows to attract attention.

Plans for U.S. marketing changed last October when the U.S. lost at Trinidad and Tobago, ending a string of seven straight World Cup appearances dating to 1990.

"Since Team USA will not be competing, we don't have much going on," Nike spokesman Ilana Finley said in an email.

Past World Cups contributed to soccer's growth in the U.S., both at Major League Soccer and at the youth level. The four matches involving the American team in 2014 were seen by 10 million to 18 million viewers on ESPN and generated what then-U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati called "water-cooler talk." That opportunity was lost in this four-year cycle.

Fox, which holds



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In this July 11, 2018 photo, a man drinks a beer in a Budweiser pavilion in front of Luzhniki Stadium as fans arrive for the semifinal match between Croatia and England, during the 2018 soccer World Cup in Moscow, Russia.

U.S. English-language television rights, had been projecting four of 64 matches involving the American team.

"We had to pivot quickly," Fox Sports senior vice president of ad sales Mike Petrucci said.

While viewers declined from the 2014 tournament in Brazil, the level is up from the 2010 World Cup in South Africa when the U.S. games are factored out.

"You are naturally going to have more people paying attention back home when your country is in the tournament, but there has still been a ton of interest in the World Cup in the United States," current USSF president Carlos Cordeiro said in an email. "That clearly shows how the game has grown over the years."

Visa is using the World Cup to expand the use of near field communication

contactless payment technology and brought Ibrahimovic, now with MLS's LA Galaxy, to Russia for the tournament's first week for promotion.

"Some of the biggest amount of spending that we're seeing in Russia is coming from American fans who travel to Russia to see the World Cup in person," said Chris Curtin, Visa's chief brand and innovation marketing officer.

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Schnatter reportedly complained that Colonel Sanders never faced a backlash for using the word. Schnatter subsequently issued a statement acknowledging the use of "inappropriate and hurtful" language.

"Regardless of the context, I apologize," the statement said.

The fallout from his comments continued Friday. The University of Louisville said it will remove the Papa John's name from its football stadium, and that it will rename the John H. Schnatter Center for Free Enterprise at its business college. Earlier in the week, the school said Schnatter resigned from its board of trustees.

Major League Baseball had also said it was indefinitely suspending a promotion with Papa John's that offered people discounts at the pizza chain after a player hit a grand slam.

Papa John's International Inc. began operations in 1984 and

had more than 5,200 locations globally. The company cannot afford to alienate customers, with sales already under pressure from rivals such as Domino's. For the first three months of this year,

Papa John's said a key sales figure fell 5.3 percent in North America.

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FIGHT

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we'd agreed to talk before spending more than \$200 at a time from there."

- Look to the future. Ask if the way you've decided to manage money together is working for your partner. Demonstrate that you're in this together, and that one mistake or wrong move isn't the end of the line for you.

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Sandi Harding. "It might end up being a little chaotic for a couple of weeks."

As for the fate of that store, the future looks good.

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THAT'S THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH TENNIS... YOU CAN'T PLAY IT ALONE

MAYBE WE WON'T GET TO PLAY AT ALL... THE COURTS ARE ALL FULL...

THE COURTS ARE ALWAYS FULL WITH BIG KIDS, AND THEY NEVER LET YOU PLAY... I HATE BIG KIDS! THEY NEVER GIVE YOU A CHANCE!

THEY'LL PLAY ALL DAY... JUST YOU WATCH! THEY'LL HOG THE COURTS ALL DAY! THEY'LL NEVER QUIT... THEY'LL JUST KEEP ON PLAYING AND PLAYING, AND THEY'LL NEVER...

YOU BIG KIDS GET OFF THAT COURT RIGHT NOW, OR MY BOY FRIEND WILL CLOBBER YOU!!

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THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CALLED... THEY WANT YOU TO PUT ON A SHIRT."

"HOW DID WE MEET? HE SAT DOWN BESIDE ME AS I WAS EATING CURDS AND WHEY."

"HEY, THERE'S PETER, YOUR HAIRDRESSER... THIS MUST BE WHERE HE COMES FOR INSPIRATION."

"VERY MOIST... IT TASTES LIKE A TOWELETTE"

"MAYBE NOW YOU WON'T TRY TO ROLL AND SIDE-EYE AT THE SAME TIME."

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

HEY, MOM! CAN WE SLEEP OUTSIDE UNDER THE STARS?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE BEINGS ON OTHER PLANETS?

DEFINITELY

IN FACT, THERE ARE PROBABLY A COUPLE OF ALIENS LOOKING BACK AT US RIGHT NOW.

THEY'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO SEE US.

WHAT IF THEY HAVE A REALLY SUPER-POWERFUL TELESCOPE?

AND REALLY SUPER-POWERFUL MICROPHONES!!

WHY DID YOU TWO COME INSIDE?

SSHH! MOM! THEY'LL HEAR YOU!

MARY WORTH
"WE ALL HAVE OUR SECRETS. WE ALL HAVE OUR VULNERABILITIES." - BRETT DALTON

I SAW FIRSTHAND WHAT THE MISUSE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS CAN DO...

TO A PERSON YOU LOVE.

WHEN BRANDY REVEALS WHY SHE DOESN'T DRINK...

I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH GROWING UP.

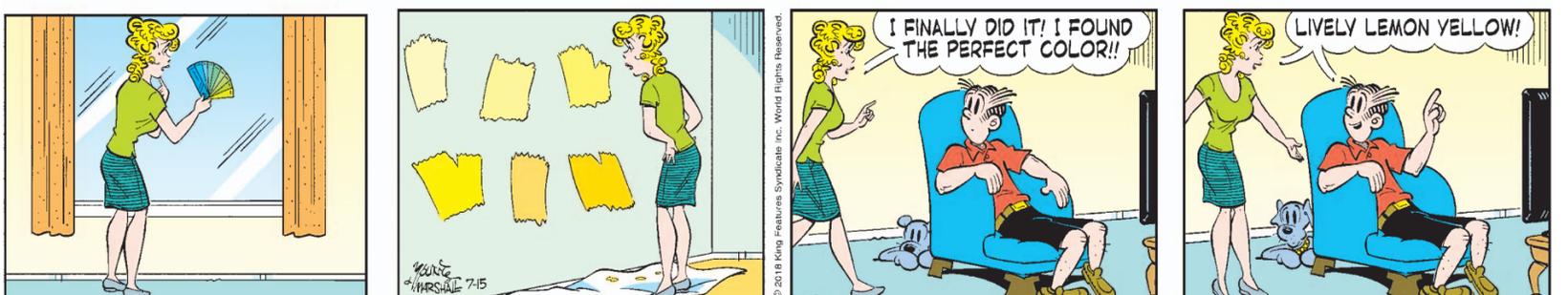
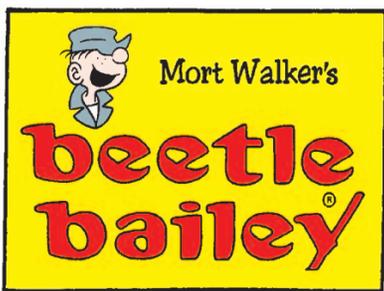
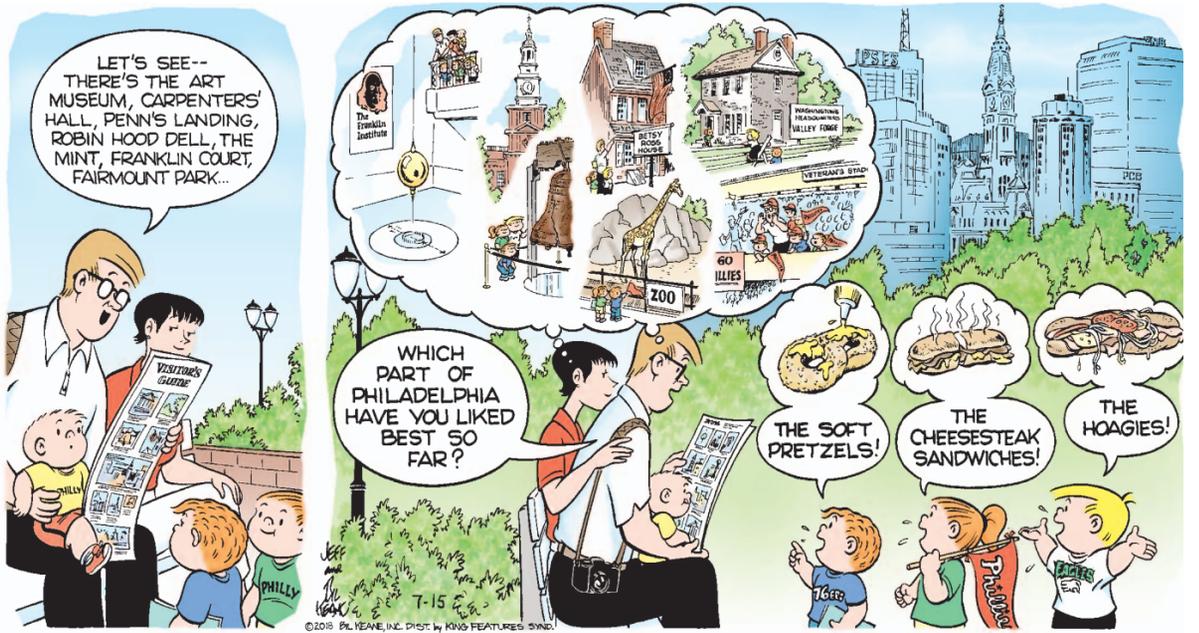
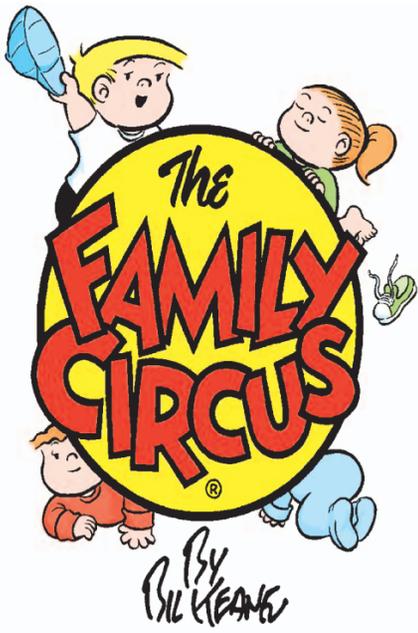
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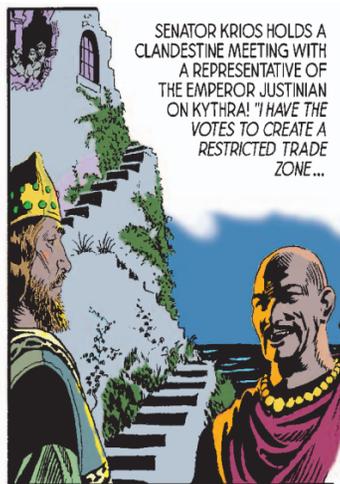
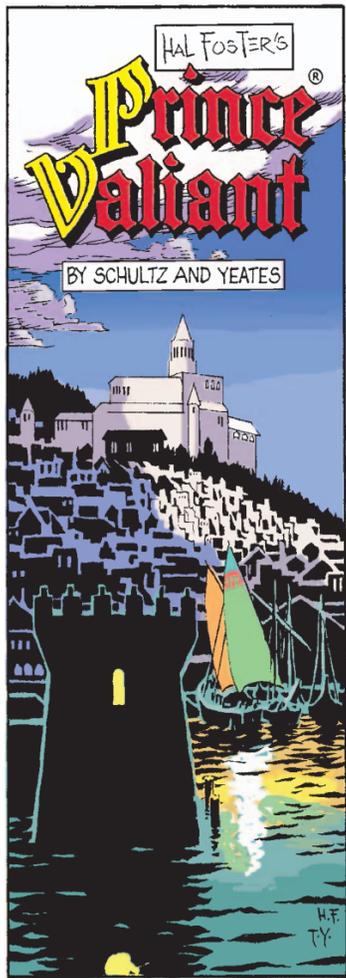
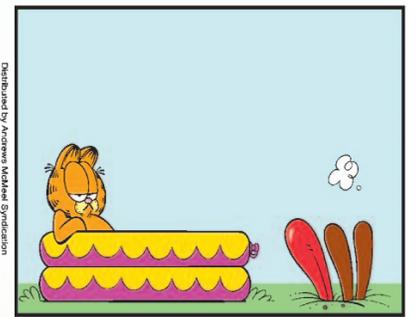
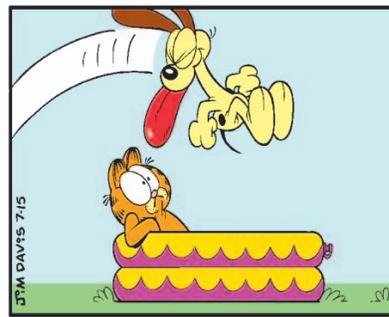
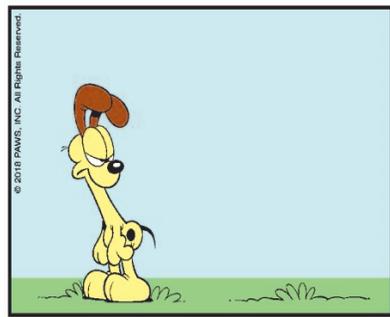
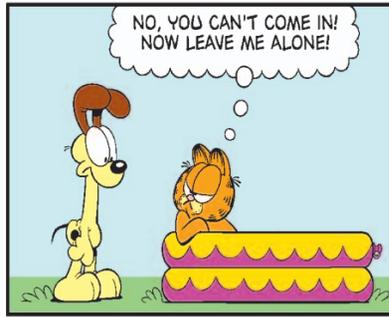
MY FATHER BECAME A DIFFERENT PERSON WHEN HE DRANK AND USED DRUGS! HE BEAT MY MOTHER...

AND HE CURSED AT ME! WHEN HE SUDDENLY LEFT US... WE STRUGGLED TO MAKE ENDS MEET!

THAT'S WHY I DON'T DRINK OR DO DRUGS! JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT MAKES ME SICK!

TOMMY FEELS ASHAMED OF HIS PAST... GULP!

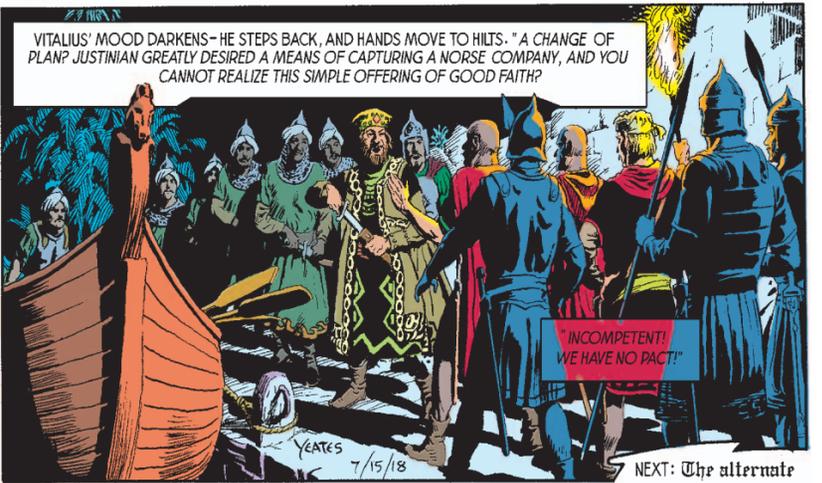




GENERAL VITALIUS OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE REPLIES COOLLY TO KRIOS: "JUSTINIAN HAS INTEREST IN THIS PLAN OF YOURS, BUT EVEN MORE INTEREST IN GAINING A MEASURE OF ADVANTAGE ON THE NORSEMEN WHO RAID HIS COLONIES SO FREELY..."



AT THAT, KRIOS GROWS NERVOUS: "UNFORTUNATELY, A CHANGE OF PLAN WAS NECESSARY - THE NORSE DOG INGOLF GREW SUSPICIOUS AND HAD TO BE ELIMINATED. BUT I OFFER A BETTER..."



SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Forest citizens demand a refund! They report paying to see Slick Smitty's "Amazing Singing Clam" and then not hearing a single song! Slylock Fox understands their outrage, but he says they may have gotten what they paid for. How can that be?

Solution -- The sign reads "See the Amazing Singing Clam." Slylock convinced the forest citizens that the clam was a scam and refund the money.



Spot six differences between these panels.

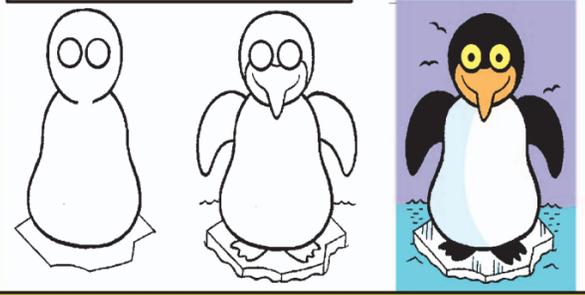


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HOW TO DRAW a penguin

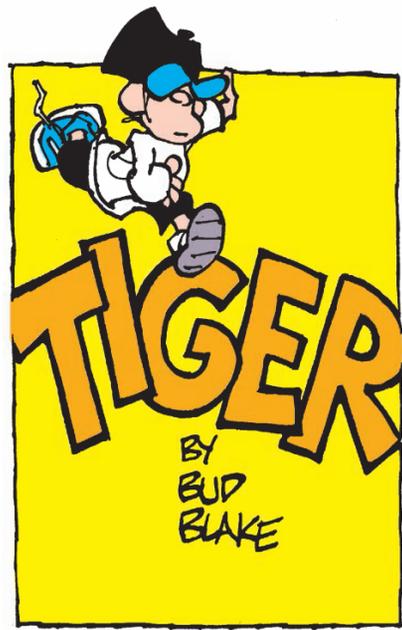
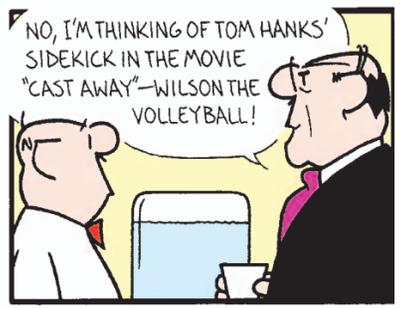
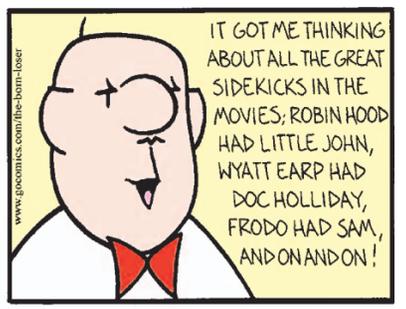
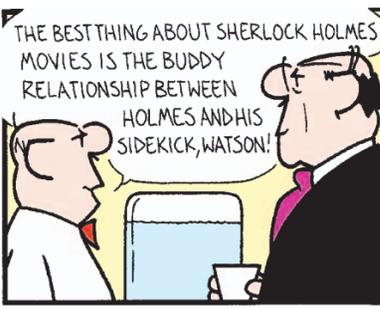
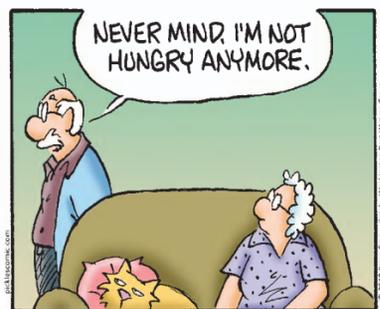
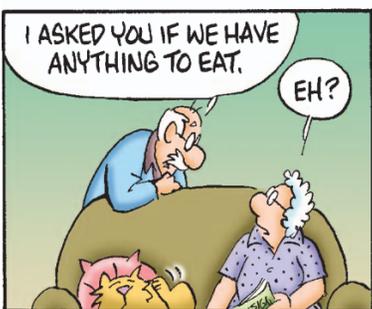
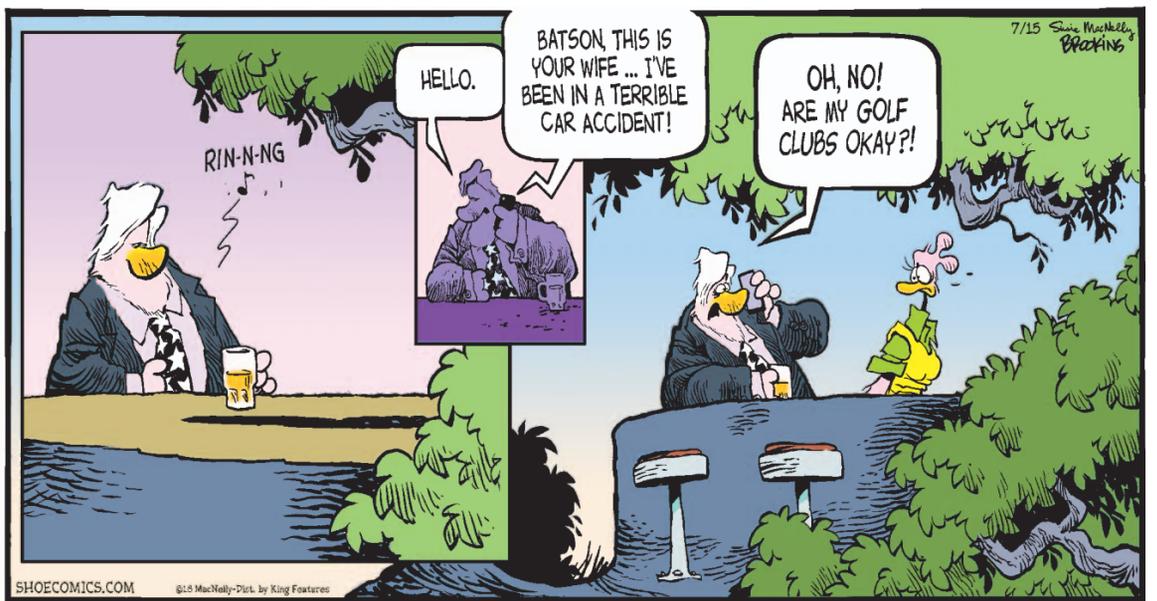
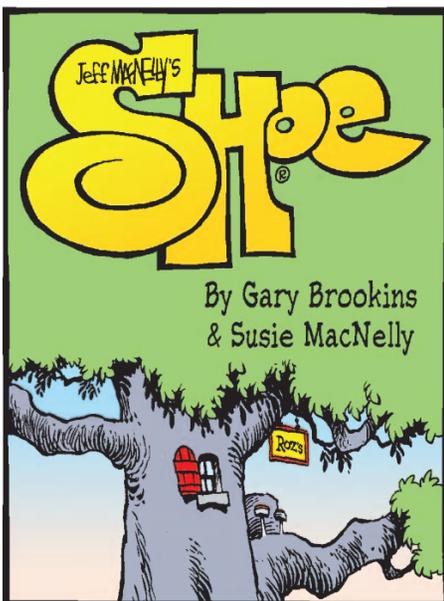
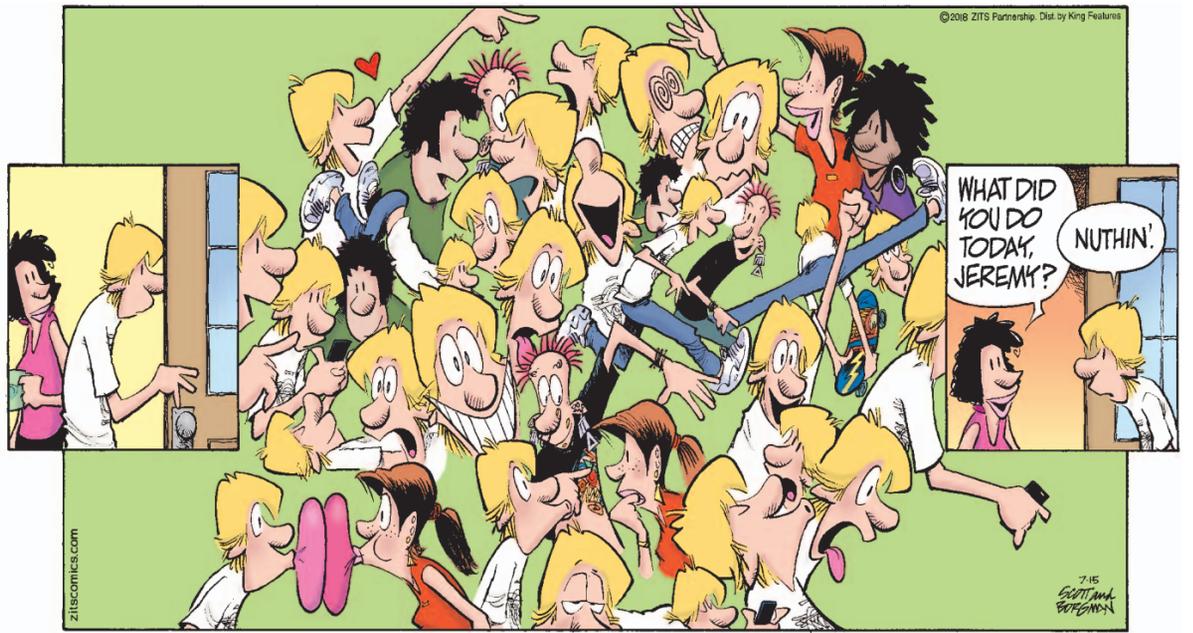
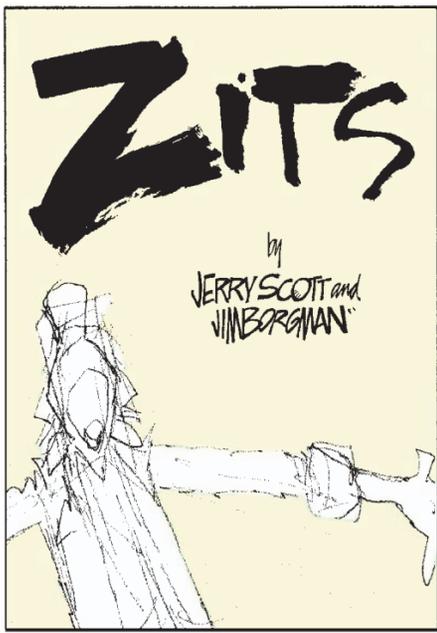


YOUR DRAWING



- Prairie dogs say hello by ...
- a) waving
 - b) kissing
 - c) winking
 - d) whistling
 - e) peeing

Answer -- b)





BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN / BY JERRY SCOTT

I'M HOME!

WHERE ARE YOU?

WE'RE IN HERE.

WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN D--

-O-O-O-ING?

ZOE GOT TIRED OF WATCHING THE GAME.

YOU'RE UP NEXT, MOM!

BARNEY GOOGLE and **SNUSEMYTH** BY JOHN ROSE

SHERIFF TAIT NABBED 'EM BOTH !!

SO...

GALS' NIGHT OUT...?!

DADBURNIT, I LOST HIM !!

NOW WHAT ?!

WOW !! I CANNOT B'LEVE YA FELL FER THAT !!

ENNY CHANCE WE CAN KEEP THIS 'TWEEN YOU AN' ME, SHERIFF ?

OLLIE, OLLIE, OXEN FREE !!

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

AAACHOO!

WHY ARE YOUR ALLERGIES ACTING UP?

LOOK OUT! SABER-TOOTHED TIGER!

I GOT THIS!

FOLD FOLD

TOSS

PRRR

YOU'RE ONTO SOMETHING HERE...

SALLY FORTH by Francesco Marciuliano

Starlee and the Moonbeams

AS "THE ISLAND UNIVERSE" PASSES BY THE LONELY SUN GOD "RA-RA"...

WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T STARLEE AND THE MOONBEAMS. OR SHOULD I SAY "MOONBUMS"?

OH, COME NOW, STARLEE...

DID YOU REALLY THINK THE DARKSTARS AND I WOULD LET YOU ATTEND THE INTERGALACTIC ROCK VIDEO FESTIVAL ON THE PLANET AZTECH AND WIN THE TIME TRAVEL AWARD SO YOU CAN STOP OUR MANAGER FROM BUILDING THE BIGGEST RECORDING STUDIO ON AN ANCIENT BURIAL ASTEROID?

NOT ONLY WILL WE SUCCEED, BUT WE'LL ALSO WIN THE KAVLI MUSIC VIDEO GENIUS GRANT AND STILL MAKE IT IN TIME TO PERFORM A SONG ABOUT GOODWILL FOR THE GALACTIC HIGH COUNCIL WHILE SAVING THE SNOW PLANET MOUNTAIN LODGE!

OH YEAH? HOW?

1, 2, 3, 4!

WE CAN, WE CAN DO IT! LOOK STRAIGHT AT THE PROBLEM AND SWING RIGHT THROUGH IT...

"Believe in Your Heart" Starlee and the Moonbeams

THIS CARTOON GIVES ME LIFE.

DID SHE JUST SMACK HER UPSIDE THE HEAD WITH A GUITAR? TWICE?

"WE CAN, WE CAN DO IT!"

CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

BUNNY BERIGAN HAS TAKEN RALPH TO A 'CUTTING SESSION' WITH FELLOW MUSICIANS AT THE ONYX!

OKAY, KID...

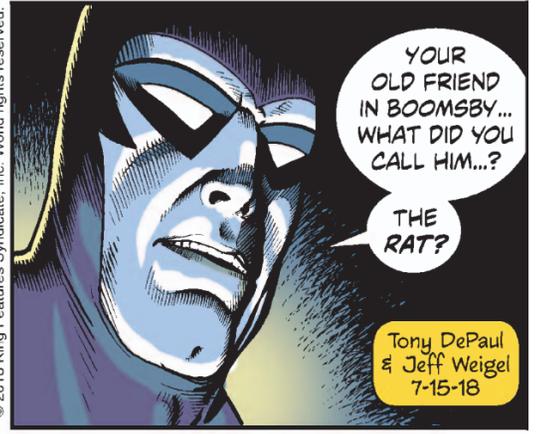
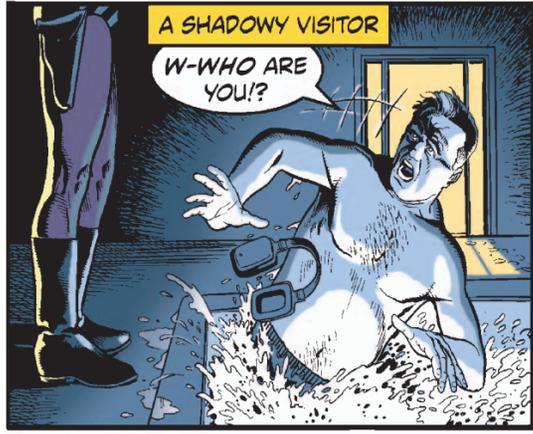
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!

BUT YOU'VE GOT ME DOWN-HEARTED 'CAUSE I CAN'T GET STARTED WITH YOU...



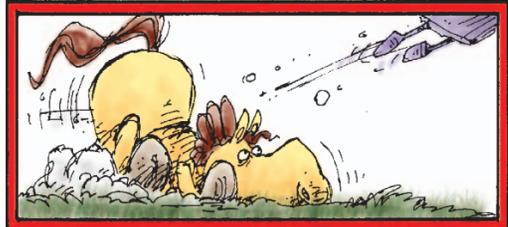
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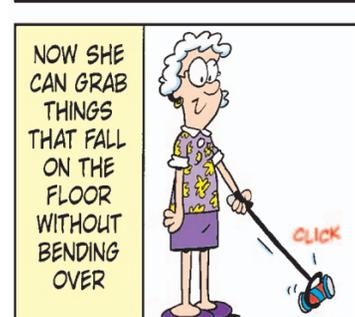
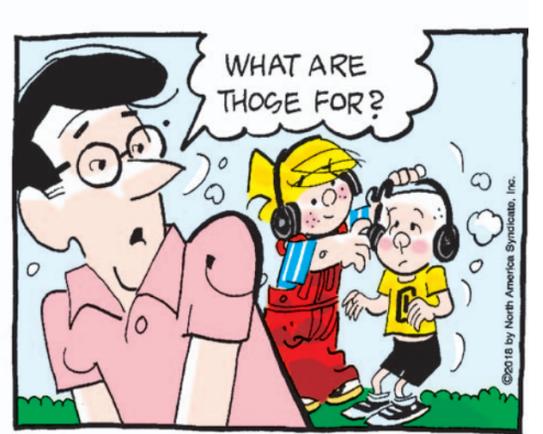
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