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Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg, seen here in November 2016, said the \$380 million federal program to secure voting systems against tampering will provide \$19.2 million to Florida. Out of that, she has sent a grant for \$116,074 to improve monitoring of systems, both in person and through software.

Funds requested to secure voting systems

Elections office: If changing parties, do it now

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County hopes to get part of the Help America Vote Act: The initiative of the current administration to secure voting systems against tampering.

Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg said the \$380 million federal program will provide \$19.2 million to Florida. Out of that, she has sent a grant for \$116,074 to improve monitoring of systems, both in person and through software.

"We're working with the Clerk of the Courts Information Technology Department to ensure that security," Ogg said.

She said the act was signed on March 23. Florida's Legislative Budget Committee gave permission Thursday to disburse funds to counties, first by a base rate and then based on proportion of voting-age population.

At this point, Ogg said, the voter registration database is secure. She doesn't know of any attempts to hack into Highlands County's database.

The tabulation side is different, Ogg said: Florida is still on paper ballots and voting machines are not attached to the internet.

"Florida is a paper ballot state," Ogg said. "There are some counties with digital (machines) for the handicapped. We don't have them here."

She said the deadline for every county to go to paper-based systems is 2020.

The closest Highlands County comes to a digital voting machine is the AutoMARK system: It marks a ballot for someone not physically able to do so.

Highlands County once had a blended system, Ogg said. Then-supervisor Joe Campbell chose AutoMARK, which prints out a paper ballot to then be scanned by the optical scanning devices.

"There's always a paper trail," Ogg said. "Every ballot we have is paper."

It makes it easier to audit by hand after every election, she said.

Meanwhile, those wanting to change their party affiliation will want to do it this week. The deadline is July 30.

Ogg said the voter registration book will "close" that day, and anyone wanting to register in

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SNL discusses lower fees on vacant lots

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Vacant lots in Sun 'N Lake of Sebring have a high foreclosure rate, and a consultant told the Sun 'N Lake Board of Supervisors that lowering the assessments on these lots would improve the ability to collect the taxes and help stem delinquencies.

Steven McDonald, chief economist with GAI consultants, said the assessment should more closely match the lots' market value. The vacant lots are not using the community center nor the playground. They are not accessing the same level of benefits as the homes in the area, he explained.

In fact, McDonald estimates the lots are only accessing 10 percent of the benefits that Sun 'N Lake provides to residents. People who own a vacant lot are not driving back and forth to their homes every day and using the roads. They are not using the parks or the recreation that are offered, McDonald said. He came up with the proposed changes in the assessments on the vacant lots based on this 10 percent value.

In some areas, the vacant, unimproved lots are not even connected to roads or drainage. Yet, these vacant lots on less than a third of an

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MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Steven McDonald, a chief economist from GAI consultants, spoke to the Sun 'N Lake improvement district at their meeting Friday. He suggested lowering the assessments on the vacant lots.

A good paws

New sewing club forming to help Humane Society

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Lynne Reinhardt is starting a modernized sewing circle of sorts.

Reinhardt is looking to start a community of those who like to recycle while fundraising for the Humane Society of Highlands County. The purpose is to sew reusable bags, similar to grocery store cloth bags. The bags help to keep plastic out of landfill and be sold with the proceeds going to save animals.

She is modeling the club after Boomerang Bags, a global

campaign to eliminate plastic from landfills and oceans.

Reinhardt will call the club "Sew, Share and Carry On" and already has a Facebook page with the first meeting dates set.

The first two meetings will be from 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 25-26 respectively at the humane society, 7421 Haywood Taylor Blvd. "I could use a little help with this ongoing project and would gratefully accept any help, cutting, sorting, etc., and could also use High Energy laundry detergent donated for the cause," Reinhardt said. "I end up washing a lot of these materials in my own commercial washing machine and dry them all out in the sunshine."

These aren't just any cloth bags; they will be decorated, painted and embellished. They may have the humane society's logo and have paw prints "walking" across them. Reinhardt said there is no need to sew to join in the fun.

"There are lots of jobs that don't involve sewing," she said. "Anyone who is old enough to handle art supplies is welcome. The first time we meet

will be a cutting party."

Reinhardt will bring the materials, thread, sewing machines and needed supplies. Those who prefer their own scissors or tools can bring them.

Once the patterns are cut out, the sewing will go quickly in an assembly line fashion. Since the bags are easily sewn on a home machine, seamstresses can take the projects home to finish.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sewing pet beds and blankets for the local pet shelters is how Reinhardt got started with Boomerang Bags as an idea for a fundraiser for the humane society.

was finished hand-sewing it together. "He immediately climbed into it and started purring."

The sewers found out that a lot of those earlier blankets disintegrated in the washing process because of the fabrics. That experience did not deter Reinhardt.

"I saw there was a need

for lots of bedding for the shelter and a way to fill that need," she said.

"Extra large comforters were difficult to launder and it was hard to gather enough donations to keep the needs met, especially when the temperature dropped and the animals were shivering in their kennels. I started cutting down these over-sized items and stitching up the raw edges, multiplying by many, every donation and alleviating the chronic shortage."

Reinhardt has an artistic background from theater to singing and songwriting and journalism.

She began sewing when her son was an infant so she could be an at-home mom.

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A simple prototype of a "Boomerang-style Bag" that has been produced by Lynne Reinhardt. She is starting a club for others to help sewing them as a fundraiser for the local humane society.



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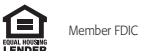
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Sebring woman charged with drug possession

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A traffic stop on North Ridgewood Drive turned into a drug arrest with charges for cocaine, methamphetamine and a synthetic drug. On Wednesday, Highlands County Sheriff's Office charged Brenda Lee Bass, 54, of Sebring, with two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment. While two HCSO deputies were patrolling an area of Glenwood Avenue and North Ridgewood Drive, they had Bass stop her vehicle because a bicycle on the back was obstructing the

view of the license plate, according to the arrest report. One of the deputies reported he asked Bass to exit the vehicle while the other deputy checked the information regarding her driver's license.



BASS

According to the arrest report, a K-9 deputy and his K-9 partner also arrived on the scene, and the K-9 partner indicated drugs were in the vehicle. Deputies searched the vehicle and found the following items in the vehicle, the report said:

- A white eye glass case with a clear plastic bag that held a white powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine;
- A black zipper pouch with a black digital scale and a small Ziploc bag that contained a brownish residual substance that field tested positive for methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA). MDMA is also known as Ecstasy or Molly;
- A blue container with a blue straw and a glass smoking apparatus. Both items had residual amounts of a crystal-like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine;
- The blue container also held three Ziploc bags. Each bag contained a crystal-like substance that also field tested positive for methamphetamine.

School open house dates set

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County district schools will be holding their open houses Aug. 7 and Aug. 9 for the upcoming school year, which starts Aug. 13. Memorial Elementary Principal Courtney Floyd said the open house sets the tone for the year. Students meet their teacher and classmates and get to see their friends again.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

It is important for the parents because everything is there at one time so they can sign up their child for afterschool daycare or review the bus routes and get information on the school's academics, she said. Some parents will bring their child's school supplies to the open house so the student doesn't have to tote everything on the first day of school, Floyd said. They are welcome to do that.

The elementary school open houses are on Aug. 7 while the secondary schools — middle and high — will hold their open houses on Aug. 9. Following are the times for the elementary school

School open house/orientation offers an opportunity for students to meet their teacher and for parents to learn more about the services and academics at their child's school.

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| <p>open houses on Aug. 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Elementary, 4-6 p.m. • Cracker Trail Elementary, 5-7 p.m. • Fred Wild Elementary, 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Kindergarten Learning Center, 4-6 p.m. • Lake Country Elementary, 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Lake Placid Elementary, 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Memorial Elementary, 4-6 p.m. • Park Elementary, 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Sun 'n Lake Elementary, 4-6 p.m. • Woodlawn Elementary, 4:30-6:30 p.m. | <p>Following are the times for the secondary school open houses on Aug. 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Park Middle School, 4-6 p.m. • Hill-Gustat Middle School, 3:30-6 p.m. • Sebring Middle School, 3:30-6 p.m. • Lake Placid Middle School, 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Avon Park High School, 5-7 p.m. • Sebring High School, 4-6 p.m. • Lake Placid High School, 5-7 p.m. • Highlands Career Institute, 5-7:30 p.m. There will be a parent meeting at 5:30 pm in Room G101. |
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Man charged with ramming into ex-girlfriend's vehicle

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A Sebring man crashed his vehicle into his ex-girlfriend's vehicle at a local store, authorities say. On Wednesday, Highlands County Sheriff's Office charged Aneudy Moises Gomez, 36, of Sebring, with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.



GOMEZ

had seen her leaving work and followed her to the store. The ex-girlfriend also stated that she believed the incident occurred because she had told Gomez she was planning to remove her name from the vehicle and cancel the insurance. The eyewitness stated in the report that the ex-girlfriend was reversing slowly and that Gomez approached her vehicle slowly until he was near her vehicle. At that point, Gomez accelerated his speed, "ramming into the back of the vehicle," while "tightly gripping the

steering wheel" and "ducking down as if to brace for impact," the report stated. The eyewitness stated, "The collision appeared to be intentional."

Gomez reportedly said that he had no idea it was his ex-girlfriend in the vehicle and it was due to him "not paying attention," the report stated.

According to the deputy, Gomez did not appear to take the incident seriously.

The store's security footage was reviewed. According to the report, the victim was seen moving slowly in reverse and Gomez was seen going "from an extremely low rate of speed to accelerating greatly, colliding with [the victim]."

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Lake Placid considers ball park user fee increase

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
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LAKE PLACID — Increasing the user fees at the Lake June Ball Fields were called into question at a budget workshop Thursday evening.

Town Recreation Facility Supervisor Harry Durbano said his department will be feeling the pressure to come up with the funds it needs for the 2018-2019 fiscal year because of a \$50,000 budget cut that is being proposed in Highlands County's budget.

In a budget workshop on Tuesday, the county announced it was looking to find places to cut the budget, and recreation was on

the chopping block. Last year, the county gave each town or city \$110,000. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, they are considering a \$50,000 cut for each municipality, reducing the amount to \$60,000.

Word from the county on Friday was that during the Tuesday workshop, commissioners suggested cutting recreation funds because the municipalities could apply for funds through the county's Recreation Parks Advisory Council.

Lake Placid Vice Mayor Ray Royce had to switch hats to mayor soon after the workshop began as Mayor John Holbrook had to leave the meeting. Royce said the total user fees were about \$9,600

and those funds were supposed to go into an account established for recreation capital expenses like fixing fences.

Each sports team participant is charged a \$20 user fee per sport. Royce said they had about 500 people participating annually, to total the nearly \$10,000.

"There were more user fees that came in," Rachel Osborne, financial director, said. "There were some leagues who didn't pay yet."

Durbano explained the football league only pays when it has all its players registered and ready to play. Osborne said that it could be over \$13,000 total.

"I think we ought to

ask staff, not tonight, but ask them to look into some portions and figure out how we are going to replace at least some portion of that \$50,000," Royce said. "We're only going to end up getting about 600-800 users."

"Even if we charged another \$10, we would only end up with another \$10,000 or so," he said. "If the county is going to do that, especially since it is primarily people who do not live within the municipality who use it and we pay for all that recreation stuff."

Town Administrator Phil Williams said they have to cut parts of maintenance to the park in order to adhere to a

budget.

"I'm going to let you guys (recreation department) decide if user fees should go up and if some portion of them be dedicated to operational expenses," Royce said.

He challenged the recreation department to make sure they were having everyone pay the user fees. Williams told the Council they need to get user fees from the large tournaments such as the Dixie state tournament that was hosted this month.

It was a surprise to some Council members that the town was not being paid for the tournaments. Durbano said he had the septic tanks pumped before the tournament at

\$500 and spent \$600 in trash bags and cleaning supplies. Dixie told Durbano they would pay to have the septic systems re-pumped after the tournament.

Royce said that with tournament-type events there needs to be a fee of a couple thousand dollars to recoup some of the wear and tear on the field.

"Going forward with some of these events like travel ball, we're going to have to charge. If people have a real problem with it, I would tell people talk to their county commissioners," he said.

Commissioner Don Elwell will talk about the county budget at a Town Hall set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.

County road work issued advisories

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

•U.S. 27 northbound between Lakeview Drive and Vicki Drive: Crews are repairing the sidewalks on the northbound shoulder. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site.

•U.S. 27 from Lakeview Drive to Flare Road: Crews will be repairing sidewalk and curb in this area. Crews will be closing lanes intermittently from through July 27. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the roadway and

lane closures daily.

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

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

•U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on S.R. 64 from U.S. 27 to Self Avenue: Crews are replacing existing roadway with concrete pavement on U.S. 27 southbound

from West Pleasant Street to Paulk Street, U.S. 27 northbound from Dyal Street to West Hill Street, and on S.R. 64 from Self Avenue to U.S. 27. The contractor is also milling and resurfacing the existing roadway on U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on S.R. 64 from Collier Avenue to Self Avenue, installing curb and gutter, installing traffic separators, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, and signing and pavement markers. A single continuous lane closure on U.S. 27 will be in place during intersection construction. Additional lane closures, single-lane flagging operations, and temporary lane shifts will

occur during nighttime/overnight hours on U.S. 27 and SR 64. Estimated project completion date is spring 2020. Motorists should expect lane closures on U.S. 27 during overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and intermittent single-lane flagging operations on S.R. 64 during the daytime. All U.S. 27 traffic lanes have shifted eastward and reduced to two lanes in each direction. The entrances to Kersey Street and Prairie Street on southbound U.S. 27 and South Hart Avenue on eastbound S.R. 64 will be closed to traffic from about July 23 through Aug. 11. Please follow detour signs and watch for workers in the

construction zone.

•U.S. 27 in front of Home Depot: Crews are working on ditches. Crews will be closing lanes intermittently. There will be a crane brought in to reset existing structure. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the southbound lane in front of Home Depot.

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

•S.R. 17 from east

of Woodlawn Drive to Pasadena Avenue and on Claudia Avenue: Crews will improve drainage along S.R. 17 and Claudia Avenue. Additional improvements include resurfacing the roadway, installing guardrail and pavement markings, and installing curb and gutter. Lane closures on Claudia Avenue will be during nighttime/overnight hours and a detour will be in place.

•Lakeview Drive between Mellow Lane and Kenilworth Boulevard: Southbound lane closure. Traffic will be using the center turn lane. Crews will rebuild overhead power lines, remove old power poles and re-build/set new poles.

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SFSC earns gold status for second year

Special to Highlands News-Sun

AVON PARK — For the second year in a row, South Florida State College earned gold status for 2018-19 from the Florida College System. Of the 28 FCS institutions, SFSC was among only five to earn gold.

"It is thrilling to learn that SFSC received this prestigious recognition for two consecutive years," said Thomas C. Leitzel, president of SFSC. "This year's score is near perfect. The rating puts SFSC among a group of elite Florida colleges and affirms the commitment to excellence in student services combined with quality learning initiatives led by committed members of the faculty."

The FCS uses a Performance Funding Model to issue points to each of the 28 institutions. Using a 40-point



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scale, the model includes four measures that are worth 10 points each: Retention Rates; Completion Rates; Job Placement/Continuing Education Rates; and Entry-Level Wages. The institutions are then placed in categories based on their point totals: gold, silver, or bronze. This year, there were five gold, 18 silver, and five bronze colleges. The points are distributed based on Improvement and Excellence, with comparisons between last year's and this year's data. SFSC scored 39.64 out of 40 possible

points. "At SFSC, we are honored to be a gold status college once again," said Tami Cullens, chair of the board of trustees for SFSC. "This speaks well of our commitment to serve the students in our district and the dedication of our

administration, faculty, and staff in making a difference in the lives of all who attend this great institution. SFSC is a family of outstanding individuals whose focus is taking students to the next level while improving their lives. Our board is honored to

work with everyone at SFSC; a grand congratulations to all."

For 2018-19, the Florida legislature and governor allocated \$60 million of general revenue to performance funding. The gold category colleges will receive both their proportional share of the state's funding and a point-proportional share of the funds that would have been available to the colleges that scored 29.01 points and below placing them in the bronze category.

"I am very proud of the entire SFSC family,

especially our faculty and staff who have worked hard for this honor and our students whose efforts were integral to our success," said Tim Backer, immediate past chair of the board of trustees for SFSC. "We continually improve and this achievement is evidence that we are performing at an optimal level. The board has always appreciated the employees' dedication to excellence."

For more information about SFSC, call 863-453-6661 or visit southflorida.edu.

AP council to discuss draft budget

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The draft budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year shows the City of Avon Park is maintaining the property tax rate at 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, or .3 mills.

The City Council will discuss the draft budget at its regular meeting on Monday.

The draft budget agenda information states that staff members have been reviewing the draft budget that was previously submitted to the Council.

A list of all current staff, a total of 73, is included within the draft budget. The positions listed, as of June 21, include 17 in the fire department, two code enforcement officers, the City Council members and mayor, city manager, City Hall office workers and sanitation and utilities service workers.

The employee roster includes the city attorney, director of infrastructure, public safety director and GIS (geographic information systems) analyst. Two optional positions listed are for park

maintenance and IT administrator.

The general fund total in the proposed 2018-19 budget is \$5,109,024, which is a little higher than the original budget for 2017-18, which was \$5,081,733. The total infrastructure fund of \$1,416,841 is also a little higher than the original 2017-18 budget of \$1,326,841.

Also on the agenda, City Manager June Fisher will provide an update on the possibility of the city purchasing the Sebring Ridge wastewater system.

The owners of the utility, Chris and Julia Miller, had presented a sale price proposal of \$650,000 to the city, which includes 17 acres of land that are zoned B-3 property and seven additional lots. Without the B-3 property and lots, the sale price is \$450,000.

The City Council wanted know how much it would cost to improve the reliability of the system.

The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine St., Avon Park.

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OBITUARIES

Robert W. Baggs



Robert W. Baggs, of Lake Placid, Florida died early Wednesday morning, July 18, 2018. Robert was a New York native, born Feb. 2, 1955, in Long Island. He was the son of Agnes and William E. Baggs. Robert enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1972, and was a Vietnam veteran. He was discharged in 1975. Robert has been a resident of Lake Placid for the past 24 years. He was self employed and an avid NASCAR fan. He was Catholic by faith.

Robert is survived by his wife of 28 years, Mary Buero Baggs; sister, Judith Tunney (Bernie), and many nieces and nephews.

Mary will receive friends for a greeting and reflection session at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2018 at the Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home. The U.S. Marine Corp funeral honor team will render taps and present the colors. Arrangements are under the loving devotion of Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home,

404 Plaza Ave., Lake Placid. Call 863-465-9997.

Marvin L. Desselle



Marvin Linn Desselle, 66, of Lake Placid, Florida passed away on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. He was born on Oct. 17, 1951 in Crawfordville, Indiana to Lucien and Margaret (Long) Desselle. Marvin has been a resident of Highlands County since 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Moddie Desselle; two daughters, Christy (Armando) Gonzales of Texas and Amanda (Juanmiguel) Gorut of Tampa; fur son, Petee; brother, Mel Desselle (Laura) of New Mexico; sister, Debbie Allen of Louisiana; brothers, Lucien (Lori) Desselle of Tennessee, DJ Desselle (Kathy) of Louisiana and sister, Dottie Desselle of Louisiana; two grandchildren, Brandon Gonzales and Justin Gonzales; and fur grandchildren, Toshi Gorut and Neko Gorut.

Marvin retired from the United States Air Force after 24 years where he

was stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas, Tehran, Iran, and Okinawa, Japan. During his service, he earned the rank of master sergeant serving in the Vietnam, Desert Storm and Gulf Wars. He was proud to be involved in many military functions and created PTSD4Vets, where he trained service dogs for veterans and people with disabilities for the surrounding counties.

A service will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018 with a visitation at 10:30 a.m. and a service to follow at 11 a.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home chapel. Burial will take place in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the non-profit, Heroes and Angels, 204 S. Main Ave. #77, Lake Placid, FL 33852 or Heroesandangels.com. Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Helen P. 'Tootie' Reynolds

Helen Pryor "Tootie" Reynolds, wife of the



late J. Lewis Reynolds and daughter of J. Vernon and Edith Bradley Pryor of West

Chester, Pennsylvania, and Lake Placid, Florida, went home to be with her Lord on July 13, 2018. She was a graduate of West Chester High School and The Chester County Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps during her training and spent the last six months of her three-year course at the McGuire Army Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. After graduation, she was employed as a general duty nurse and a private duty nurse. The Reynolds' owned and operated the Taste Queen, an ice cream and sandwich store in West Coshen Township for 21 years.

Helen was one of seven children — five brothers and one sister. George, Harold, Lawrence, John, Sara March and Charles all deceased. Two children were born to them: Karen Darr Yahres, who died in 1996, and Lew Jr. of Lake Placid. They were fortunate to have five grandchildren, Emily and Andrew Reynolds, Stacy

Darr Brown, Kelly and James Yahres, and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid and Crystal Creek Golf Club where she served as president for two years. Helen was a volunteer for many years at the Florida Hospital Lake Placid.

A service to celebrate Helen's life will be held at a later date in Lake Placid. The family suggests donations in Helen's memory to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid. Call 863-465-4134.

Judy Wolcott

Judy Wolcott, 72, was born May 3, 1946, in Amery, Wisconsin to the late Adelaide and Douglas Nelson, died July 6, 2018, in Colorado Springs. She grew up in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, until moving with her husband in 1984 to Avon Park, Florida. She was a member of the Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. Judy worked alongside her

husband, Alvin Wolcott (deceased) of 34 years, as bookkeeper in first their painting business in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, and then construction company in Avon Park, Florida.

Surviving family include daughters, Tamara Wolcott Fisher, Tracie Taylor, and Tanya (Chad) Kirstein, all from Calhoun, Georgia; siblings, Roger (Bette) Nelson from Tennessee, Tom (Carol) Nelson from Wisconsin, Jerry (Bernice) Nelson from Michigan, and Charlotte (John) Laughridge from Colorado. She has six grandchildren, Jake Fisher, Jada Taylor, Zachary Kirstein, Olivia Fisher, Cameron Kirstein, and Tristan Kirstein.

A Celebration of Life service will take place Saturday, July 28, 2018, at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. Flowers are welcome or donations accepted at the Avon Park Community Services Program, Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. A private interment at the Bougainvillea Cemetery in Avon Park, Florida.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Community budget meeting

SEBRING - Community budget meetings are scheduled for Lake Placid for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, at the Town Council meeting room. Any citizen may attend any or all of the sessions.

Post 69 Summer Bash

AVON PARK - American Legion Post No. 69 will hold its Summer Bash at 2 p.m. today at the Legion, 1301 W. Bell St. in Avon Park. Games, food, music, 50/50 and corn hole tournament. Hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixins. For information, call 863-453-4553.

Orchid Society meeting

SEBRING - The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center St. Guest speaker is Segunda Cuesta, owner of Quest Orchids in Miami. Guests always welcome. For information, call Glen at 863-471-6171.

BUNCO at Shrine Club

AVON PARK - The public is invited to play BUNCO at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Highlands Shrine Club, 2604 S.R. 17 S. in Avon Park. Cost is \$4 per person. For information, call 863-991-1298.

Community health fair/open house

SEBRING - There will be a community health fair/open house 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday at Manor of Lake Jackson, 2301 U.S. 27 South in Sebring. Open to the public. Refreshments, door prizes and live entertainment. For more information, call Jackie Johnson at 863-381-0050.

Historical Society quarterly lunch

SEBRING - The summer quarterly lunch for the Sebring Historical Society will be on Saturday, July

28, at the Jack Stroup Civic Center in downtown Sebring. This event is open to the public and a potluck lunch. Cost is \$5 per person, credit cards accepted. Rick Arnold is performing. For more information, call 863-471-2522.

Democratic Women's Club meets

SEBRING - The Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County's next regular meeting will be Saturday, July 28, at DEC Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway (next to Ruby Tuesdays). Meet-and-greet is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting is at 10 a.m. Guest speaker is Nancy Hurlbert, political committee chair of Democratic Women Club of Florida. For information, call 863-385-0008 or 863-385-8601.

Parrot Head Phlocking

LAKE PLACID — The Heartland LakeSharks are hosting their monthly Phlocking party from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 at Bo David's Restaurant, 131 Sun 'N Lakes in Lake Placid. The party will feature music by the Red Neck Joe Band and M2. The price of admission is some school supplies to donate to local students and teachers. The public is welcome.

Blood drive scheduled

LAKE PLACID - The One Blood Bus will be at St. James Catholic Church 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, 5380 Placid View Drive in Lake Placid. To reserve a time or for information, call Ted Brown at 863-465-4027.

Benefits of meditation class

SEBRING - 1st Choice Primary Care will have a free Benefits of Meditation class at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, 3324 Commerce Center Lane, Suite 102 in Sebring. It is hosted by Wade Smith.

For information, call 863-658-2563.

Educator meet-and-greet

SEBRING - Join the Tutoring Center for a back-to-school meet-and-greet from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, 4325 Sun N Lake Blvd. Open to all educators. Parents and students are welcome to attend. By attending the event, educators will be able to enter to win a \$150 spa package. RSVP by calling the Tutoring Center at 863-269-8977 by Aug. 1.

Community baby shower

SEBRING - The Healthy Start Coalition will host a Highlands County Baby Shower, "Bumps & Babies," for new and expecting moms, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Lakeshore Mall. This is a free event for moms and moms to be.

Back 2 School giveaway

LAKE PLACID - The Holy Trap Ministries, Inc. present their 5th Annual Back 2 School Giveaway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Journal Plaza, 231 N. Main Ave. in Lake Placid. This is a backpack and school supply drive. For information, or to make a donation, call 863-633-0145 or visit theholyltrap-ministries.org.

Free community testing event

SEBRING - The Tutoring Center, Sebring will be hosting a free Community Testing Event and Open House from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, at 4325 Sun N Lake Blvd. RSVP is required for this event to reserve testing time. Find out where your child stands this school year and take a tour of our center. Please call the Tutoring Center at 863-269-8977 by Aug. 2 to RSVP.

Garden Club meeting

SEBRING - Champion for Children's Garden of Joy Garden Club will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 6 at the garden. Bring gloves and lawn chair. New members always welcome. For information, call Jim or Colleen at 863-386-4927.

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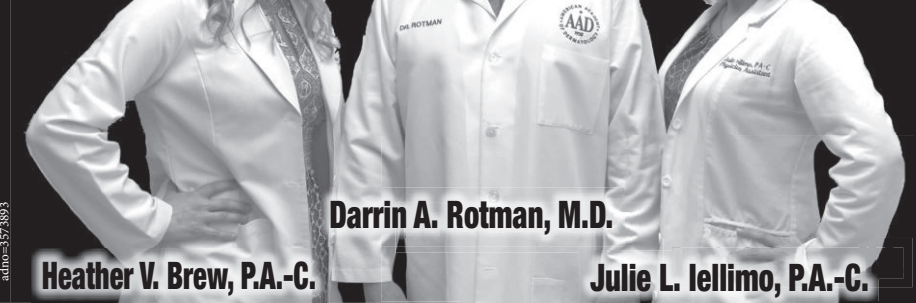
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OUR VIEW

A welcome election

Filing for the Avon Park City Council election this fall begins Monday morning. Already, we can expect a race for the three seats that will be up for grabs.

Incumbents Brenda Gray, the city's current deputy mayor, and Dora Smith have announced their intentions to seek re-election. Incumbent Terry Heston has remained silent on what his plans are.

Most exciting though, are the four candidates who have pre-qualified. Charles Howell, Craig Marans, Stanley Spurlock and Maria Sutherland have all thrown their hats in the ring.

Marans, a former city firefighter, and Sutherland, the city's former administrative services director, both have municipal government experience as employees and an insight into how the City of Avon Park has operated in the past. Howell and Spurlock are each eager to learn everything they can.

We've said before that it's a shame when residents don't have the privilege of hearing campaign speeches or candidate debates. There are no new faces, no new ideas when incumbents are not challenged.

Instead of hearing what a candidate's views are on issues when a government entity has an election, reseating the incumbents simply allows for status quo for the next three years. That should never be allowed, even when the elected officials have done a good job.

Without being given an opportunity to hear from other interested parties, we could never have the opportunity to hear ideas on how to improve traffic patterns on the county's roads, whether they think a traffic enforcement unit is needed for the county, or what the county can do to attract bigger businesses and industries to the county.

The reason elections are planned for every three years is to give people with new ideas, or a different vision, an opportunity to lead. It is to give those residents who don't feel their voices are heard an opportunity to vote for someone they believe can best represent them ... someone who can actually hear their concerns.

Gray has served the city for five three-year terms. Heston has served two three-year terms, and Smith has served one three-year term in office.

The qualifying period for Avon Park City Council candidates starts at 8 a.m. Monday and ends at 4 p.m. Aug. 3.

Qualifying documents are available from the City Clerk in City Hall at 110 E. Main St.

You don't have to be a business owner, a retiree or hold a doctorate degree to understand the daily functions of a government agency. What you do need, though, is a passion for the community you want to serve and a desire to make a difference for the good of the entire community, not just your neighborhood. It will take someone with the time to invest in the work that needs to be done to prepare for and attend meetings, but if you have the desire to serve your community, the time to do so will not be an issue.

We are grateful to the six candidates who have announced their plans to seek office, but we hope the list of names to be added to the ballot will increase in the next couple of weeks.



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We are in the Deadliest 100 Days for teen drivers

We are less than a month before the end of summer break for students, but we are still quite a ways off from the end what is known as the 100 Deadliest Days for teen drivers.

The 100 Deadliest Days begin on Memorial Day and last until Labor Day (Sept. 3 this year). According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), deadly crashes involving a teen driver go up by 14 percent during these 100 days. We Save Lives, another highway safety advocate group, says the increase is actually 26 percent. Either number says a lot because driving is already the most dangerous thing that most teenagers do.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers. We Save Lives reports that 260 teens are killed each month in car crashes during the summer months. The leading cause of those crashes are distraction and alcohol.

From the law enforcement viewpoint, distracted driving is the cause of most crashes. I often hear people asking about increased enforcement and lowering the speed limit on U.S. 27 as ways to reduce crashes. As for enforcement, we have written nearly 1,300 traffic citations and made 77 DUI arrests so far



FROM THE SHERIFF

Paul Blackman

this year, the majority of those on U.S. 27. We will continue to make traffic enforcement on our roads a priority. But no matter what the speed limit is on the highway or how many deputies are doing traffic enforcement, the biggest cause of crashes will continue to be drivers not paying attention to the task at hand.

Teens are even more susceptible to being distracted drivers. And before you blame cell phones, you should know that the leading cause of that distraction is actually their passengers. Studies show that 15 percent of distracted driving crashes involving teenagers can be blamed on other passengers compared to 12 percent being caused by cell phones.

That is why it is a good idea to limit the number of people allowed in your teen's vehicle. Anyone

who has been around a group of teenagers knows how loud they can get. Imagine a driver with very limited experience behind the wheel being in the middle of a four-way conversation among their friends as they try to drive through heavy traffic.

There are several other ways to help reduce your teen driver's risk. The first is to set a good example. You are your child's biggest influence. If they regularly see you texting behind the wheel, speeding and doing other unsafe things as a driver, are you going to be surprised if they end up with the same bad habits?

Make sure they have as much experience as possible before they turn 16. In addition to a driver's education class, give them every opportunity to drive with a responsible adult in the passenger seat monitoring how they are doing. Use constructive criticism to help them learn.

Obviously, telling them that under no circumstances should they ever drink and drive is a given. They should also refuse to get into a car that is being driven by one of their friends who has been drinking or using drugs.

It is also a good idea to limit the time they are allowed on the road. Late nights and weekends are

more dangerous for all drivers since that is when most alcohol-related incidents occur.

Please take the time to sit down with your teen driver and have a long talk about what you expect from them. Establish an agreement between you and your teenager about what the rules are for having the privilege of being able to drive and make it clear which infractions will cause the keys to be taken away. Don't be afraid to be strict. Turning over control of a several thousand-pound projectile to a teenager is not something to be taken lightly.

If you need even more peace of mind, there are many apps that can be used to monitor a teen's driving habits. A simple Google search can help you find one that works for your family.

Nothing can ever take away all of the risks that come with driving. But following a few of these steps can go a long way to reducing the danger for your teen.

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

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YOUR VIEW

All should be worried

Why is everyone surprised that Trump is falling all over himself to be in the presence of the full-fledged dictator, Vladimir Putin of Russia? In the past, ex-wife Ivana Trump stated Trump kept books by dictators at his bedside..

"Last April, perhaps in a surge of Czech nationalism, Ivana Trump told her lawyer Michael Kennedy that her husband reads a book of Hitler's collected speeches, My New Order, which he keeps in a cabinet by his bed ... Hitler's speeches, from his earliest days up through

the War of 1939, reveal his extraordinary ability as a master propagandist."

Trump has a disturbing affinity for dictators that we all should be worried about.

Sandy O'Leesky
Sebring

Newest scam is worrisome

I am very concerned about a scam involving Duke Energy. I've already reported two phone calls to them, but there is so little that companies can do to combat this sort of scamming. Duke Energy customers need to be aware of a scam involving

a promise of 30 percent off of monthly bills if a customer has gone six months without delinquent payments.

I answer the phone. The little recorded nonsense comes on: We are offering Duke customers a great deal ... yada yada ... Then a voice comes on and says they have this great deal. What is your zip code?

Red flag. If they ask for any information, even to "verify," just say, "Since you called me and have my records, you tell me what my zip code is." They hang up.

It is a scam! Please warn everyone for me. I've gotten two phone calls already originating in

the 513 area code (that's Cincinnati). They are up to no good. And I don't want anyone to fall for this nonsense. Thank you!

(Because these ne'er-do-wells change the number of origin, it is very difficult for law enforcement to do anything about it. The best thing we can all do is to remember: Never give out personal information over the phone. You can always ask the person that is asking for verification to ask to you the address they have on file...the number, etc.) Thank you. Let's all be careful!

Prudence Thayer-Klaene
Lake Placid

Sheriff's Office recognizes employees

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — The Highlands County Sheriff's Office held its quarterly awards ceremony on Thursday. Detective Cory Tomblin was named Detective of the Quarter in recognition of his work on a case that led to the dismantling of a methamphetamine trafficking organization operating in the northern part of the county. Ultimately, 19 people were arrested.

General Counsel Garrett Roberts was named Civilian of the Quarter for his work on a variety of issues. Detectives Dustin Campbell and Adrian Gamez were both given an Exceptional Achievement Award by Lt. Mike Abell for their work that identified a person who was smuggling drugs into a prison in Hardee County.

Detective Steven Ritenour was presented a letter of recognition by Sgt. Jamie Davidson for his efforts that led to the waiving of fees

associated with adding an organ donor designation to a driver's license in honor of Deputy William Gentry. It was Ritenour who called Tax Collector Eric Zwyer with the idea shortly after Gentry's death.

Sgt. Mike Delaney and deputy David Shoopman were also presented with a letter of recognition for their work on a traffic stop that led to a felony narcotics arrest.

It was announced that Deputy Jeff Turner, who was not able to attend the ceremony, earned a Life Saving Award for performing the Heimlich maneuver on Sgt. Scott Williams, who began choking during a lunch in May. Deputies Robert Gunthorp and Chad Douberley also earned Life Saving Awards from Sgt. David Stewart for their efforts performing CPR on a man who had a heart attack. Douberley was not present at the ceremony.

Sgt. Williams made presentations to Capt. Jim McGann, Lt. Kyle Albritton, Sgt. Wayne Gunn and Tomblin in

recognition of their years of service to the K-9 unit.

Lt. Brian Fugate, detective Matthew Ervin, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers James Adams and Jared Cloud were also honored by Williams for providing airboat training to several members of the HCSO.

Years of service awards were presented to:

- 5 years: Jose Ayala, Danielle Burnsed and Joseph Lezama.
- 10 years: Sonya Johnson, Clay Kinslow, Falcia Roth, Dusty McGee and Tim Bailes.
- 25 years: Capt. Bobby Green.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured, from left: Officer James Adams, Lt. Brian Fugate, Officer Jared Cloud and Det. Matthew Ervin of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) were honored during HCSO's awards ceremony July 19. Also pictured, Sheriff Paul Blackman.



Sgt. Mike Delaney (middle) and Deputy David Shoopman (right) were presented with a Letter of Recognition for their work on a traffic stop that led to a felony narcotics arrest. Also pictured (left) is Sheriff Paul Blackman.



Det. Steven Ritenour (left) was presented a Letter of Recognition for his efforts that led to the waiving of fees associated with adding an organ donor designation to a driver's license in honor of Deputy William Gentry. Also pictured, Sheriff Paul Blackman.



Det. Steven Ritenour (middle) was presented a Letter of Recognition by Sgt. Jamie Davidson (right) for his efforts that led to the waiving of fees associated with adding an organ donor designation to a driver's license in honor of Deputy William Gentry.



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LOTS

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acre have been assessed at \$294.62 per year. McDonald proposed chopping the assessment on such lots to \$67.34.

Larger lots would be charged more based on their size. For example, an unimproved lot that was approximately half an acre would be assessed at \$134, if Sun 'N Lake decided to adopt McDonald's suggestions.

McDonald also suggested that improved lots with road access also receive a reduction in assessments. He proposed that the assessment on lots with road and drainage on less than a third of an acre be reduced from \$499.43 to \$336.72.

Since the assessments are considered high on vacant lots, many homeowners have let them go. McDonald reminded the people at the meeting of the high foreclosure rates on vacant lots.

The Sun 'N Lake board of supervisors acknowledged this problem at

the meeting, however, they were concerned about the possible loss in revenue.

Sun 'N Lake Finance Director Omar DeJesus estimated that adopting McDonald's proposed changes and lowering the assessments on the vacant lots would cause the district to lose \$310,000 per year.

McDonald acknowledged the loss in revenue, but he also showed a slide from a PowerPoint presentation, which showed that Sun 'N Lake only collected 13.43 percent of the assessment fees from unimproved lots and 37.72 percent of the assessment fees from improved lots. According to McDonald, people would be more likely to pay their assessments if the bills were lower, and they would be less likely to walk away from the property.

McDonald also suggested that the district consider having the county collect the assessments. He believed that people would be more likely to pay the assessments if the bill

collection was done by the county.

McDonald told the board of supervisors that collection of assessments must be fair and equitable. Currently, the assessments for the vacant lots are not in line with their market value. Although the board acknowledged the problem, the members were not sure what the best approach would be. Should they go with McDonald's proposed amounts? Should they take a middle ground and lower the assessments but not to the degree that McDonald suggested?

The discussion about lowering the assessment on vacant lots will continue. The Sun 'N Lake district will advertise the upcoming meetings so that residents can attend and share their input.

Janie Passmore, a Realtor from Advantage Realty, told the Highlands News-Sun: "The assessments have always been an obstacle when trying to sell lots in Sun 'N Lakes, so lowering the assessments would definitely help make them more marketable."

Pet of the week

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

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The Humane Society



COURTESY PHOTO

Honey is a five-year-old English bulldog who is need of a home indoors; the heat is too much for her.

of Highlands County, 7321 Haywood Taylor Blvd., is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday. Call the humane society at 863-655-1522.

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VOTING

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Highlands County or switch parties will need to do that now.

Other changes, such as change of address or new signature card, can be done through Election Day, she said.

People can either visit the website at www.vote-highlands.com or call the office at 863-402-6655.

Florida Statute requires that voters vote in the precinct where they live, Ogg said. Keeping the elections office updated

will ensure people stay in the correct precinct on Election Day and will prevent delays at the polls.

Elections are coming. Primaries are Aug. 28, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting will take place 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 18 through 25 at the following places:

- Kenilworth Operations Center at 4500 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring.
- Avon Park City Hall Council Chambers at 123 East Pine St., Avon Park.
- Lake Placid Town Hall Council Chambers at 311

W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid.

Sample ballots are available at www.votehighlands.com and will be printed in the newspaper before early voting starts.

Vote by mail ballots have already been sent to military and voters living abroad, Ogg said. Domestic vote-by-mail ballots will go out Tuesday (July 24).

Anyone who wants a vote-by-mail ballot can request one through the Supervisor of Elections website at www.vote-highlands.com or by calling 863-402-6655.



Vacation Bible School will be held next week, Monday through Friday, July 23 through July 27 at the Leisure Lakes Baptist Church in Lake Placid. The theme will be from Answers in Genesis called Time Lab.

The VBS is open to all children and students from 4 years old through high school and will kick off each evening at 5:30 with a free dinner for each attendee. The nightly program runs until 8:30 each evening.

The program consists of music, Bible teaching and discussion, crafts, and recreation. There is no cost for the evening meals or the VBS program. Registration can be made on line at leisurelakes.org or at the information desk open each evening at 5:30 next week. For more information call the church office at 699-0671.

The church is located at the western end of Lake June. From US 27, take Lake June Road to the western end of Lake June, turning north on Wildflower just west of the fire station.

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PAWS

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She began stitching and building props for a theater in Providence, Rhode Island. It was soon afterward that she learned many sewing and design techniques and how to use a commercial sewing machine.

"I lost all my sewing machines and the contents of my sewing studio and all my press archives and notebooks full of original songs and other irreplaceable things in the 500-year flood on the Myakka River when I was living in Eastern Sarasota County," Reinhardt said. "That was before moving to higher ground in Highlands County in 2010. Some of the first pet pads I made for the shelter were created by using water stained materials from the flood."

After Reinhardt wore out a sewing machine, the humane society and individuals donated another.

"On small home machines, I broke a lot of needles on the heavy materials," she said. "I wrote a letter to Schmetz sewing machine needle manufacturer and they sent me a huge stash of sample needles."

"When I ran out of thread, local residents



COURTESY PHOTO

Other items that Lynne Reinhardt sews for animals.

came through again and donated a huge pile of thread in every color imaginable."

Humane Society Board President Judy Speigel was thrilled to hear about the bags that will be sold to benefit the society, especially in light of taking in nearly 20 animals last week.

"Judy will call me whenever they have another pile of big blankets," Reinhardt said. "My husband, Randy, drives a big truck and volunteers every weekend at the Sebring racetrack. He picks up the big blankets and drops off the little ones."

"Many mountains of fabric have been moved."

Nu-Hope Elder Care Inc. gets donations of linens that cannot be used for various reasons. The staff will call

Reinhardt to pick up linen bundles. She explained the pickups help to keep the dumpsters from filling up too fast because tipping fees are high for them.

"I've set aside some of the nicer high quality pieces aside, thinking there would be something better to do with them than see it just become lining for a cage," she said.

Between Irma and shoulder surgery, Reinhardt got a bit behind but thinks she has finally crawled out from under the majority of it and should be ready with plenty of blankets by winter.

"The boomerang-style bags will be something that lots of people can do, at cutting parties and workshops, painting, etc. When we are done making the bags, they will be given to HSHC to do whatever they want with them."

For more information or to sign up, find Reinhardt on "Sew, Share and Carry On" on Facebook.



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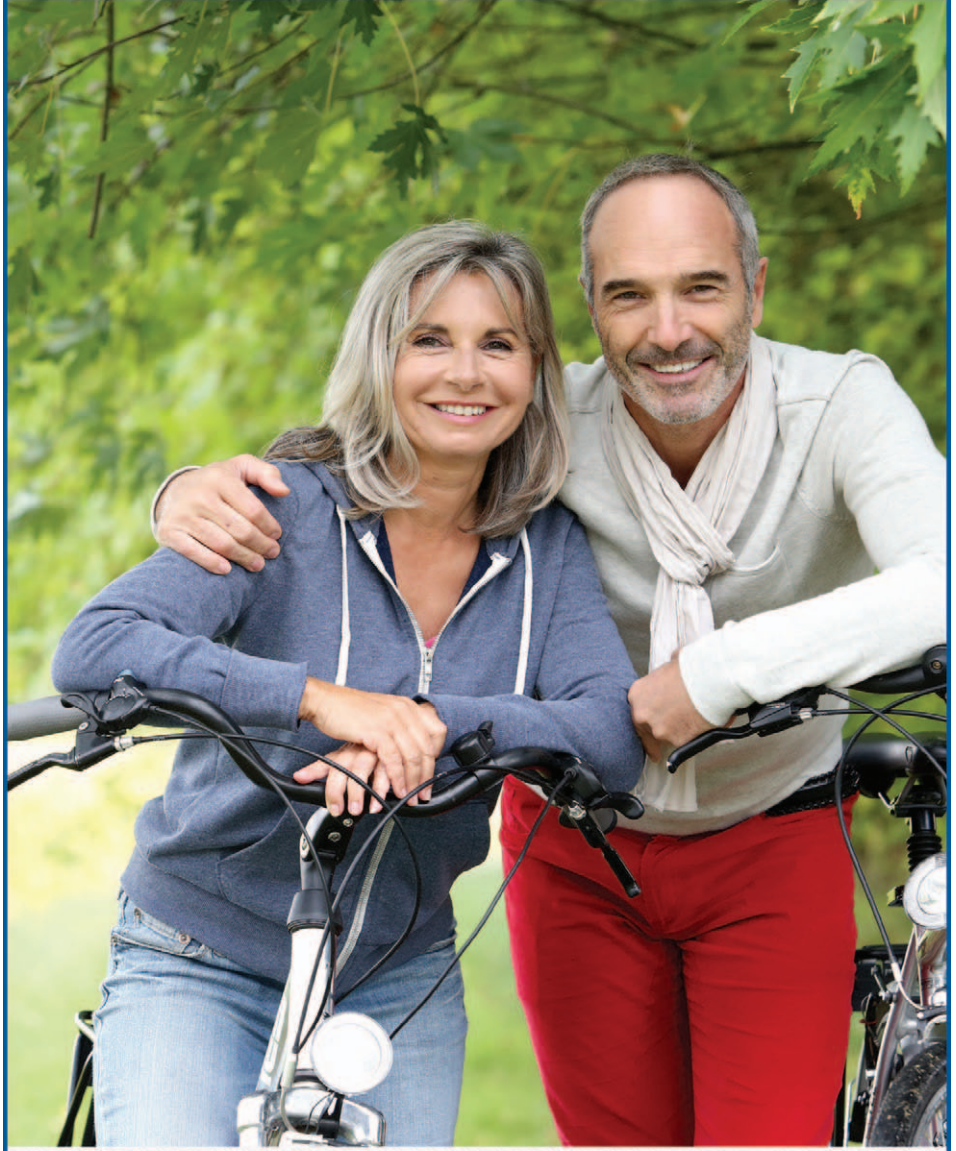


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Tourist hotspots Vegas, Orlando get more anti-terror money

Organizers of a Pulse nightclub memorial seek ideas

By MICHELLE L. PRICE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Federal officials have awarded more money under an anti-terrorism grant to tourist hotspots such as Las Vegas and Orlando after deciding to include the number of visitors and high-profile special events when calculating the risk of an attack.

The Urban Area Security Initiative awards money by ranking cities' vulnerability based on population, valuable targets and other factors.

Officials in Florida and Nevada have argued that Las Vegas and Orlando should rank higher on the list. An Orlando nightclub was the scene of a mass shooting in 2016, and last year a gunman opened fire on a country music festival in Las Vegas in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Federal officials sent



AP FILE PHOTO

This April 29, 2015 file photo shows the Orlando Eye, the city's new 400-foot observation wheel in Orlando. Officials in tourist hotspots like Las Vegas and Orlando are cheering a Trump administration decision to send more money in anti-terrorism grants to cities that see large numbers of visitors.

letters to Florida and Nevada officials in April and May letting them know about the change in assessing risk.

"If funding is available and we have a disproportionate risk, then we deserve to get some of the funding that our taxpayers send to Washington, D.C.," said Jerry Demings, the sheriff of Orange County, Florida, which includes Orlando.

More than 42 million people visited Las Vegas in 2017, while Orlando saw a record 72 million tourists last year at its theme parks and other attractions, making it the most visited destination in the U.S.

Las Vegas is receiving \$5 million from the program this year, nearly double what it got last year. Orlando will get a

\$1.5 million grant — its first award in five years.

New York City, which tops the list created after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, saw a slight increase and will get about \$179 million.

Federal officials haven't explained why the change was made after years of requests from politicians or said whether the large-scale attacks in Orlando and Las Vegas played a role.

Lesley Fulop, a spokeswoman for the Department of Homeland Security, said in a statement the agency's grant programs are flexible and are "used to help address evolving threats."

Nevada Republican U.S. Sen. Dean Heller and Democratic Rep. Dina Titus, whose district includes the Las Vegas Strip, both pushed for changes to the program months before the Oct. 1 shooting on the Las Vegas Strip.

After the attack, Heller's office said he spoke to President Donald Trump about the program.

Still, Trump proposed slashing the program in his budget request earlier this year. It marked the third straight White House to say cuts were justified because some grant money sat unused.

Members of Congress instead poured another \$25 million into the program, raising funding to \$630 million.

The central Florida region plans to use the grant money for its counter-terrorism center, tactical first aid kits for mass casualties and bomb squad equipment.

The Las Vegas money is earmarked for bomb squads, hazardous material teams and a counter terrorism center.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — The foundation that's building a memorial at the site of the Pulse shooting in Orlando has issued a request for design ideas to help honor the 49 patrons who were killed at the gay nightclub.

The onePulse Foundation on Tuesday put out the request for ideas on how best to remember the slain victims and educate visitors about tolerance. Organizers say the ideas should touch on architecture and landscape.

Submissions will be accepted through the end of August.

Gunman Omar Mateen opened fire in 2016 at the gay nightclub, killing 49 people. At the time, it was the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. However, last year's mass shooting along the Las Vegas Strip became the deadliest when 58 people were killed.



In this April 22, 2006, file photo, tourists head toward the entrance of the Universal Studios Florida theme park in Orlando. Officials in tourist hotspots like Las Vegas and Orlando are cheering a Trump administration decision to send more money in anti-terrorism grants to cities that see large numbers of visitors.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Sertoma golfers enjoy competing



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Zachary Deuberry chips up to the eleventh green during Thursday's Onsite Ag Services Championship at River Greens Golf Club.

Junior golfers battle at River Greens

By **MARK PINSON**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK - The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour summer season is flying by and the talented youngsters posted some impressive scores on Thursday and Friday in the Onsite Ag Services Championship at River Greens Golf Club.

The tournament attracted a strong field of 43 junior golfers ages 6-18 who battled the oppressive heat and humidity and the tight and demanding River Greens layout.

"We had a good two days of golf," said Sertoma Junior Golf Tour Director Andy Kesling. "It was hot and humid but the kids hung in there and played some good golf. We can't thank everyone at River Greens enough because they took great care of us. The course was in good shape and the kids enjoyed playing a tight but fair course."

In the boys 16-18 age group, Will Redding finished first with rounds of 77-78 and a 155 total, Zachary Deuberry placed second at 182, Andrew

Graham came in third place with a 198, William Celentano was fourth at 206, Nick Piccione had a 228, Clayton Osha finished with a 241 and Zac Taylor came in at 244.

"Will played a couple of good rounds of golf," said Kesling. "You have to keep the ball in the fairway to score at River Greens because it's tight and Will did a good job of that. The other boys are improving and that's what playing during the summer will do for you."

Wauchula's Hannah Revell continued her summer-long

domination of the girls 14-18 age group by shooting impressive rounds of 74-78 for a 152 total, while Lake Placid High School senior Ashley Engle placed second at 184, Sebring High senior Alyssa Jordan came in third place with a 195 and former Blue Streak linkster Samantha Payne had a 229.

"Hannah has played well all summer and is very consistent," said Kesling. "She has an excellent swing and is getting ready to play

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HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

Summer wind essential for fishing success

By **DAVE DOUGLASS**

HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

The Freshwater fishing forecast for the fourth week of July gives anglers a weak full moon phase and for the first half of the week, and ideal fishing winds to go with the normal rainy season weather forecast.

However, the second half of the week, when the full moon arrives, wind speeds will be under six miles per hour (mph) for a high in the afternoons.

Fishing will be more enjoyable the first half, rather than the second half of this week and given the weak nature of this approaching lunar phase, the catch ratio might be better too. We won't know until we experience it.

Let's get into the weeds shall we. Hopefully you're rigged to go weedless.

All fishing factors considered, with the moon arriving at its furthest orbit point from earth (apogee) on Friday's full moon, the sun's energy level fluctuations will be mild to calm as compared to a full moon in orbit perigee (occurs next in December through February 2019), or as compared to his month's new moon in perigee. Therefore you can expect the atmospheric pressure spike periods to be as productive as the lunar periods this week, they will not harmonize during one period.

Ideal southwest wind speeds will occur today through Wednesday, but Thursday through next Sunday we'll be wishing for wind, even during the high wind period of the afternoon. Wind speeds will not be steady either, with only occasional gusts rising above 3-4

FISHING | 3

Davis wins River Greens qualifier



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

From left; Highlands News-Sun Publisher Tim Smolarick, Rodney Davis, Clay Davis, River Greens Head Pro Jason Beatty.

BY **ALLEN MOODY**

HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

AVON PARK — Nine more golfers have punched their ticket to the Heartland Golf Championship's Championship Tournament, which will take place at River Green's Golf Course on Sept. 15. River Greens was also the site of Saturday's qualifying tournament, which was won by course owner Rodney Davis with 41 points.

Proving that you can never have too many rounds in on the course you're playing, Clay Davis, Rodney's son, was second with 39 points. Lon Beach finished his round in the rain and ended up in third place with 38 points.

"I just played well today," Rodney Davis said. "You have those good days and those bad days and this was a good day. I had four birdies, but I also had three birdies and that helped."

Rodney Davis' winning score of 41 was consistent with the other winning scores of the first three rounds, so the final event to

crown the winner should be pretty wide open.

While winning always makes things more enjoyable, those who didn't score quite as well also enjoyed themselves.

"We're having a great time," said Dennis Dunn, who placed fifth with 36 points, one stroke behind Zakk Jones, who tallied 37 points.

Gilbert Castillo and Jim Brooks both had 33 points, while Dennis Tonde had 32, while skipping the last hole due to rain, while Dave Greenslade netted 29 points and also skipped the last hole, as all nine golfers were going to qualify for the final event.

"I think everybody had a good time," said River Greens Head Pro Jason Beatty. "They enjoyed the format. The format that we picked opens it up to everybody. You don't have to be a real good player to win, but it helps if you're a good player."

The tournaments are scored using a Stableford

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Rodney Davis sinks a putt during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at River Greens Golf Course.

Audi clinches Formula E title

Team stages a remarkable comeback

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Seemingly trailing behind after the first third of the season and now the new champion following a gripping season finale: with focused work, team spirit and unbroken motivation, Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler managed an impressive fightback

in the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. The journey to the first teams' title with a total of 264 points was marked by many emotional highs and lows.

Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi start the season with a dramatic emotional roller coaster: In the opening race in Hong Kong, his first appearance

in car number one, di Grassi scores no points following a collision. Abt is on course for a podium result until a problem, while starting the second car, costs him 20 seconds.

The points for fifth place are a cold consolation. Afterwards, everything seems to be back on track: Daniel Abt, on his 25th birthday, scores

a commanding victory of which he is stripped again that night due to an administrative mistake of his team – an error that gave no performance advantage. Lucas di Grassi stops due to a faulty alarm in the battery management system of his car.



AUDI PHOTO

Audi drivers Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi made an amazing comeback to win the ABB FIA Formula E Championship.

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point system and also uses handicap, to ensure as close to a level playing field as possible. The method may favor higher handicap players slightly, since one extremely poor hole won't really hurt much in the long run. In net scores, a 12 can pretty much knock a player out of contention, while with the Stableford method, it's just one hole where the players doesn't score any points.

Beatty said as more players become familiar with the format and the tournament, field sizes should increase.

"I think it will get bigger and better as time goes on," he said.

Beatty was also expecting a little more buzz about the tournament now that the Grand Prizes for both the Men's Championship winner and Women's Championship winner — five-night cruises courtesy of Sebring's Cruise and Tour Supermarket, along with Celebrity Cruises — have been announced.

"We're hoping for 80 to 90 in the Championship," he said. "We're also hoping to see a few more ladies out. There will be some great prizes, I know they announced the cruises."

The next event will take place at Highlands Ridge on July 28 and there will be three more qualifying events to take place after Highlands Ridge, and they'll be held at Placid Lakes, Harder Hall and Sun 'N Lake.

"The course is in beautiful shape," Beatty said. "We had a lot of compliments."

Davis said with River Greens being announced as the host of the final event, he wouldn't be surprised to start seeing some of the players come out for some practice rounds. Now that people know there are cruises — not just bragging rights on the line.

"We hope they come and play," he said. "The golf course is in good shape, so they should enjoy it."



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Dennis Tondee hits a tee shot during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at River Greens Golf Course.



Zakk Jones watches a tee shot during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier.



Jim Brooks putts during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifier at River Greens Golf Course.



Gilbert Castillo hits a tee shot at River Greens Golf Course on Saturday.

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mph to 5-6 mph. Tough conditions in Florida's summer heat and humidity.

The less wind an angler has, the stealthier they must be in presenting bait successfully. Lighter lines, tackle, and baits are essential. Long casts, quiet boat movement, and slow retrieves are required to attract fish for a strike.

Most of all, the angler must achieve the silent bait entry into the water. With no wave-action to mask the angler's presentation mistakes, fish will easily sense the abnormal foreign disturbance of a 'brick entering the water' and simply move a few feet away and take cover instead of feeding.

The extended weather forecast is also predicting 50-50 percent cloud-cover during the full moon phase to go with the still-water conditions. The more moonlight shines, the more fish successfully feed at night and conversely, don't need to feed six or twelve hours later.

Fish feed the least, annually speaking, during the Florida summer heat, due to low dissolved oxygen rates. And when they feed it's during the high oxygen period of the late afternoon.

So since we won't have sufficient wind and cloud-cover likely will 'not' dominate for the second half of this week, fishing the full moon will indeed be very...weak.

However today through Wednesday comfortable winds will make fishing enjoyable which is the determine factor in whether or not to fish this time of year. The good news is, then the winds are blowing the oxygen is good for fish to feed.

"The wind is not the cause of dissolved oxygen production, photosynthesis is."

Best Fishing Days: I was unable to determine such a designation this week. If the moon shines bright, it will be Thursday through Saturday. Otherwise whenever atmospheric pressure change occurs, that will be the best fishing period. Good Luck. I'm throwing my bait in accordance with the midmorning and late afternoon atmospheric pressure spike periods, which are forecasted to be weak as well.

Major Fishing Period: Continuing to roll the dice; the atmospheric pressure plot of the

previous three days reveals that the late-afternoon pressure-spike period has been triggered by the beginning of the sunset and starting today the moonrise at 4:16 p.m. will enhance this trend, causing a 4 feed intensity rating from 4-9 p.m. Daily this period moves later by about 50 minutes.

It should be noted that the moon is overhead at 9:51 p.m. today. So if you're fishing at 8 p.m. it is possible action could pick-up, especially if the moon is bright. Also the highest dissolved oxygen rate occurs during 3-7 p.m., which is what fish have been triggering off of since water temperatures have entered the middle to upper eighty degree range within the shallows.

Minor Fishing Period: Today the moon underfoot period occurs at 9:28 a.m. and the morning pressure spike period has been occurring in harmony with it. I expect this to continue creating a feed rating of 3-4 from 8:30-11 a.m. I do not believe this period will move later by much, perhaps 30 minutes, it all depends on weather patterns.

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waterways, or in other words, 'where they usually are not', so scan areas for gator activity.

Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 38.25 feet above sea level, which is the maximum for the seasonal management schedule. The minimum level currently is 37.50' but will be raised six inches by August 15. Currently three of four S68 spillway gates are open 5 inches and flowing a combined 500 cubic feet per second.

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.

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

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Bondurant School Offers Authentic Experience to IMSA Community

Driving school prepares you for the track

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

According to Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving General Manager Tim Rose, there's only one better seat than the one he frequently occupies in the safety car at IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship races.

"We'd much rather be following the safety car as race drivers ourselves," Rose says. "But just being involved in the race weekend process and being involved in the other side of the racing and seeing everything that goes on, it's actually pretty exciting for us."

Rose and his cohorts with Bondurant have enjoyed the excitement since the first year of the merged WeatherTech Championship series back in 2014. Through its partnership with IMSA, the racing school based in the Phoenix area provides the safety car drivers for all WeatherTech Championship events.

In fact, Bondurant drivers are the official safety car drivers for all IMSA-sanctioned series racing as part of WeatherTech Championship event weekends. In total, it adds up to more than 50 races over the course of a season.

The school is the namesake of Bob Bondurant, the 85-year-old American race car driver who once competed in Formula 1, and whose résumé also includes a victory in the



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Bondurant drivers are the official safety car drivers for all IMSA-sanctioned series racing as part of WeatherTech Championship event weekends.

24 Hours of Le Mans in 1964. The Bondurant Racing School is the Preferred Racing School of IMSA.

"With Bob's history of running Le Mans and being one of the few American drivers that actually raced F1 for Ferrari, road racing is our core," Rose says. "Obviously, IMSA is the biggest sports car series in North America, and we love being here. This is definitely where we feel we want to be and get the exposure."

Rose joked that sometimes – notably in races when there is inclement weather – Bondurant drivers and the safety car sometimes get a lot of exposure.

"Sometimes in torrential downpours, we actually cross the finish line first, so that's kind of cool," Rose says.

"Obviously, we don't get the trophies and whatnot, but it is kind of fun to be involved in the series to

that degree, from major incidents and accidents that happen on track to all the good and the bad that go along with it. It's cool to be a part of that process."

What's also cool are the different types of cars the Bondurant drivers have the opportunity to drive. These high-performance sports cars come from IMSA's official automotive partners, and the car that is used as the safety car at each race rotates depending upon each track's manufacturer partnership.

Then there are the IMSA Hot Lap sessions. Each year, Bondurant drivers give hundreds of rides to sponsors, VIPs – and sometimes race fans – during the IMSA Hot Lap sessions throughout the course of the season, giving lucky passengers the thrill of experiencing the racetrack from the cockpit.

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Lake Okeechobee's needed storage reservoir

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CLEWISTON – Rivers and canals are coated in a toxic film of bright green. Coastal beaches and shallows are awash in mounds of hairlike slime and dead fish. Satellite photos of Lake Okeechobee are ablaze with reds and yellows, indicating a massive algae bloom across the fishery's open waters.

This isn't the first year that this has happened. But the visuals have been especially graphic, an ugly reminder of how we have damaged Florida's vast, interconnected freshwater system and possibly a warning that we are but one tropical storm away from environmental disaster.

In response, Gov. Rick Scott issued an emergency

order on July 9.

"As Governor, it is my duty to protect Floridians, no matter what it takes. Today, our state is once again facing a crisis from water releases controlled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," he said. "This has prompted me to issue an emergency declaration, so our state agencies can do everything in their power to minimize the harmful impacts these releases are having on our communities."

Additionally the White House Office of Management and Budget voiced its support for a massive storage reservoir south of the lake to help mitigate the recurring problem, as well as help restore flow to the Everglades, also damaged by the well-intended, but ill-advised replumbing of



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Lake Okeechobee needs some help to stay healthy.

years past. It's now up to the U.S. Senate to include money for the \$1.6 billion Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir in the 2018 Water Resources Development Act.

"This must happen in 2108 if we expect real progress to be made and avoid a costly two-year delay before construction can begin," said Keep America Fishing, in issuing an action alert for anglers

to contact their senators in support of the reservoir.

"In conjunction with other projects, the reservoir is expected to reduce damaging, algae-causing discharges that inundate the communities along the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries by approximately 60 percent once completed," it added. "It will also help send an additional 370,000 acre-feet of clean, freshwater south

towards the Everglades and Florida Bay each year."

The reservoir has been a priority for Florida Senate President Joe Negron, who is retiring in November. "This is an emergency," he said. "Time is of the essence."

The Problem

How did we get to this place?

We built canals and drained portions of the Everglades for development and agriculture. We turned our nation's second largest lake into an impoundment for similar reasons, as well as to protect nearby communities from flooding.

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Kissimmee River, from a 100-mile meandering river with 43,000 acres of nutrient-filtering wetlands into a 50-mile channel.

With the Big O's natural drainage eliminated, something had to be done to control water levels. The Corps built locks to discharge water east and west, into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers.

And all the while this was going on, agricultural runoff along the Kissimmee and around the lake poured in, fueling algae blooms and accumulating on the bottom as organic muck.

Fortunately, Okeechobee's world-class bass fishery hasn't been seriously impacted – yet. Bulrush and other aquatic vegetation serve as a

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AUDI

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Head of Audi Motorsport Dieter Gass: "We had strong race pace on both days. But it goes without saying that we had a somewhat different idea of the season opener."

The team takes home a single point from Formula E's visit to Marrakesh. Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi, on setting the best times in all of the free practice sessions, once again prove the speed of the Audi e-tron FE04, but lack fortune in the race: Abt drops to tenth following a drive-through penalty and his teammate is lying in fourth position behind the subsequent winner, when he has to park his car due to a technical issue.

Lucas di Grassi: "Our car is fast but it's obviously frustrating to have reliability issues in two consecutive races."

The premiere of the electric racing series in Santiago de Chile marks the season's low point. It is the only time in the 2017/2018 season that the team returns from a Formula E event without a single point. Lucas di Grassi's string of technical issues continues: The reigning Champion is forced to retire shortly after the car change. Daniel Abt's Audi e-tron FE04 is hit by a rival and parked before the race is over.

Team Principal Allan McNish: "I've been in racing for many years: Sometimes it goes with you and sometimes everything goes against you – the latter is certainly the case with us at the moment."

Round five in Mexico City marks the season's turning point for Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler. Daniel Abt's first victory in Formula E also marks the first success of a German driver and the first one for Audi as a factory team.

His teammate, Lucas di Grassi, at an altitude of more than 2,000 meters is faced with a grueling job: The Brazilian starts from the back of the grid because his inverter had to be opened after the race in Santiago. In spite of these difficult conditions, he shows a spirited fightback and with ninth position scores his first points of this season.

Dieter Gass: "After the problems we had in the first races, this race tastes particularly sweet. But the race was great from both drivers. Lucas drove fantastically and I'm absolutely delighted for Daniel."

In Uruguay, Champion

Lucas di Grassi returns to the podium on which he will be standing from now on in each of the seven remaining races – a new Formula E record. Along the beach at Punta del Este, the title defender fights a gripping duel with Jean-Éric Vergne during the entire race distance and celebrates second place. Daniel Abt is also clearly on course for a podium when his seat belt suddenly comes undone. After an additional pit stop, 14th place is all he is able to achieve.

Lucas di Grassi: "Our car is super fast. I look forward to the second half of the season."

Formula E arrives in Europe: Its first appearance in Rome is dominated by Lucas di Grassi and Daniel Abt who, following a less than perfect qualifying, shine with fightbacks: Di Grassi finishes second from sixth on the grid and Abt starts from ninth and goes on to finish fourth. On clinching these two top-five spots, Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler has advanced to fourth position in the teams' classification.

Dieter Gass: "A fantastic start to the European season!"

Lucas di Grassi continues his string of success in Paris. His teammate, Daniel Abt, keeps himself busy on the track around the Dôme des Invalides: The German overtakes seven cars and scores valuable points with seventh position. As successful and even spectacular as the fightbacks of the Audi drivers are, qualifying remains a weakness.

Daniel Abt: "I hope the fans enjoyed the show. Next time, we need to do better in qualifying and then there'll be a trophy again, too."

The former Tempelhof



AUDI PHOTO

Audi fought back from a major points deficit to win the ABB FIA Formula E Championship.

airport in Berlin is the venue of the German race which, embedded in the DFB Pokal final, achieves top viewing figures.

About 1.5 million viewers witness the most successful race day of a team in Formula E's near-four-year history: Daniel Abt clinches pole position, wins in front of Lucas di Grassi, sets the fastest race lap in the process and also leads over the whole race distance. 47 of 47 possible points – no other team has achieved this before.

Allan McNish: "A clean

sweep on home soil, a day just can't be better than this. I'm incredibly proud of the entire team!"

Before the series' debut in Zurich, it's clear that if the team wants to have a realistic chance of winning the championship it will have to score a lot of points in Switzerland.

No sooner said than done: Lucas di Grassi, in the first international car race in Switzerland since 1954, in front of a record turnout of far more than 100,000 spectators, clinches his first victory of this season. Daniel Abt

is less fortunate: Rival Nelson Piquet rear-ends him right after the start. Due to the necessary change of the rear wing, Abt finishes out of the points. In Zurich, Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler reduces the gap by 11 points down to 33 before traveling to New York City for the final races.

Allan McNish: "I'm especially happy for Lucas' crew that had a difficult start to the season and how they have come back fully. And of course, after the home round in Berlin, it's also fantastic for Audi to have won the first circuit race in Switzerland in 64 years."

33 points have to be made up by Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler in the last two races in New York City. Doable – that's the general opinion in the paddock. Optimism within the team is huge. "We worked hard both on the race track and back home in Neuburg – even though it will be difficult, we now go to New York with a clear attitude and focus on the championship,"

says Allan McNish. With a one-two – Lucas di Grassi wins ahead of Daniel Abt, who also posts the fastest race lap – the team reduces the gap to five points.

The race on Sunday, which Jean-Éric Vergne wins, becomes a real thriller: All four drivers of the competing teams, Techeetah and Audi Sport ABT Schaeffler, start the race within the top five. The title race remains open up until the last second. Then it's clear: the second and third places clinched by di Grassi and Abt suffice to bring the teams' championship, with a two-point advantage, home to Germany for the first time.

Allan McNish: "Now it's reality: teams' champions! This season was up and down, and everyone always did their best. Also today, when push came to shove, our drivers delivered the goods. A big thank you also goes to our base camp in Germany! Great teamwork! Great job!"

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RIVER

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college golf this fall for Webber international University. I think she is going to do well at Webber and Ashley and Alyssa are getting ready for the high school golf season."

Lane Revell, not to be outdone by his sister, Hannah, won the boys 14-15 division with rounds of 91-83 and a total of 174, Avery Hurst came in second place with a 182, Beckham Donovan was third at 183, Ranen Carmichael had a 185, Zach Doorlag was at 193, Kaleb Revels finished with a 207, Owen Moses came in at 217 and Ashton Griffin had a 221.

"Lane did a good job of keeping the ball in play, especially on Friday and got the win," Kesling said. "There is a lot of talent in that age group and they are only going to get better."

Ben Trevino finished first in the boys 11-13 age group with rounds of 45-48 and a two-day total of 93, Marquez Angeles placed second at 96, Trent Bray and Ian Frasier tied at 98 and Bray came in third after winning on the third playoff hole. Jay Walkup was fifth with a 101, Matthew Suarez



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Lake Placid senior Ashley Engle prepares to tee off on the 10th hole during the Onsite Ag Services Championship at River Greens Golf Club.

came in sixth at 103, Brody Hall had a 112, JR Redding shot a 119, Jarrett Hornick came in with a 119, and Jayden Bolin, Samuel Braxton and Cole Fann tied at 121. "Ben has been working on his game and it's paying off," said Kesling. "That's a talented age group and I enjoy watching those boys play."

Melanie Suarez won the girls 11-13 age group with a two-day total of 107, while Madelynn Depner finished in second place with a 119.

"Melanie continues to improve as does

Madelynn," said Kesling. "I wish we had more girls playing in that division, but it's good to see Melanie and Madelynn sticking with it."

Dillon Parnell finished first in the boys 9-10 age group with a 96, Devin Wortinger placed second at 105 and Connor Darrow came in with a 160.

"Dillon has been playing well and continues to improve," said Kesling. "Devin is playing up and has a lot of talent."

In the boys/girls 6-8 division, Jordan Castillo cruised to first place



Hannah Revell putts on the 11th green during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at River Greens.



Madelynn Depner putts during Thursday's Onsite Ag Services Championship at River Greens Golf Club.

with a 55, Liam McCann placed second at 65, Hannah Castillo was third with a 68, Jenesi Trevino had an 80, Gabriel Perez came in at 86 and Ashlyn Wortinger was in with a 106.

"That group is a lot of fun to watch," Kesling said. "They enjoy playing the game and there is some real talent there."



Nick Piccione watches this putt on the 11th green during Thursday's Sertoma Junior Golf Tour at River Greens.

Since this was a two-day tournament, there were bonus points involved in the competition.

"This event was worth points and half," said Kesling. "It was a big tournament and a lot of the age group titles are very tight. We've got a couple of events left and every point counts."

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

"The Country Club of Winter Haven is a really good course and should provide a real test for our

junior golfers," Kesling said.

The last event of the summer season is the two-day Tour Championship at Sun 'n Lake Golf Club on Aug. 18-19.

"The summer has flown by and it's going to be interesting to see who comes out on top in each age group," Kesling said. "Most of them will come down to the Tour Championship at Sun 'n Lake and that should be a fun couple of days. After the final round we'll have an awards banquet to celebrate a great summer of golf."

LAKE

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protective barrier for the productive backwaters. "The bass fishing is great. People are catching lots of fish," Ramon Iglesias, general manager of the Roland Martin Marine Center, reported recently.

But Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists have warned that water

held high by the Corps to prevent flooding and excessive algae, which reduces light penetration, could diminish that valuable vegetation, and we may be only a tropical storm away from a tipping point where habitat is destroyed and serious impacts to the fishery are going to show up. Some anglers also think that they seen a decline in the fishery.

Meanwhile, during

summer and fall, those nutrient-rich discharges from the Big O often have combined with urban runoff and septic tank leakage to the east and west to smother coastal areas in "guacamole thick" algae, some of which is toxic.

The good news is that restoration began on the Kissimmee River in 1999, putting twists and turns back into the waterway and restoring wetlands. That has cut down on

nutrients pouring into the lake and allowed for more water storage above it.

But in a 2015 report, the South Florida Water Management District revealed that 37 percent of the algae-feeding phosphorus pouring into Okeechobee comes from farms, groves, ranches and neighborhoods as far north as the Orlando suburbs. Just 5 to 8 percent

comes from sugar fields, farms, and towns around the lake.

"Ninety-five percent of the water flowing into Lake Okeechobee comes from the Kissimmee," Iglesias said.

While a reservoir to the south will help, he added, much more needs to be done in the watershed to the north, including recovery wells to store water.

But even that won't solve the problem in the short term, according to Karl Havens, Florida Sea Grant Director. "In the watershed north of Lake Okeechobee, it is estimated that the soils and wetlands contain enough nutrients from past agricultural activities to fuel high nitrogen and phosphorus inputs into Lake Okeechobee for the next 50 years."

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CIA: China waging 'quiet kind of cold war' against US

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASPEN, Colo. — China is waging a “quiet kind of cold war” against the United States, using all its resources to try to replace America as the leading power in the world, a top CIA expert on Asia said Friday. Beijing doesn’t want to go to war, he said, but the current communist government, under

President Xi Jinping, is subtly working on multiple fronts to undermine the U.S. in ways that are different than the more well-publicized activities being employed by Russia. “I would argue ... that what they’re waging against us is fundamentally a cold war — a cold war not like we saw during THE Cold War (between the U.S. and the Soviet Union) but a cold war by definition,”

Michael Collins, deputy assistant director of the CIA’s East Asia mission center, said at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado. Rising U.S.-China tension goes beyond the trade dispute playing out in a tariff tit-for-tat between the two nations. There is concern over China’s pervasive efforts to steal business secrets and details about high-tech research being

conducted in the U.S. The Chinese military is expanding and being modernized and the U.S., as well as other nations, have complained about China’s construction of military outposts on islands in the South China Sea. “I would argue that it’s the Crimea of the East,” Collins said, referring to Russia’s brash annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula, which was

condemned throughout the West. Collins’ comments track warnings about China’s rising influence issued by others who spoke earlier this week at the security conference. The alarm bells come at a time when Washington needs China’s help in ending its nuclear standoff with North Korea.

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AP FILE PHOTO

In this Wednesday April 26, 2017 file photo, Emmanuel Macron, right, is flanked by his bodyguard, Alexandre Benalla, left background in northern France.

French investigators raid home of Macron’s ex-bodyguard

PARIS (AP) — French investigators on Saturday raided the house of one of French President Emmanuel Macron’s former top security aides, a man who was caught on camera beating a young protester in May.

Alexandre Benalla’s involvement in the beating and questions about the government’s handling of the affair is turning into Macron’s biggest political crisis since he took office last year.

The presidential Elysee Palace fired bodyguard Benalla a day before police raided his home Saturday morning in the Parisian suburb of Issy-Les-Moulineaux, according to the Paris prosecutor’s office.

Benalla was identified earlier this week by the Le Monde newspaper for beating a young protester during May Day protests while wearing a police helmet. He and a second man are facing potential charges and are in police custody until Sunday.

Regular parliamentary work has been paralyzed for two days with questions about why it took 2½ months to inform judicial officials and why Benalla stayed in his post during that time. Questions over whether there was an official cover-up of his actions have also been raised, and whether Elysee employees have a measure of impunity not granted to others.

French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb will face questions from parliament next week to see if the government failed to properly discipline Benalla.

Despite his official change to a desk job, Benalla was seen this month on the ground with police at several high-profile events, including the return home Monday of France’s soccer World Cup-winning team, an event attended by hundreds of thousands.

The belated referral of the issue to judicial authorities and what was widely viewed as insufficient action at the time by the Elysee Palace has triggered a firestorm from the opposition.

Macron has continued to keep a low profile and has, thus far, not spoken about the events.

Survivor says life vests not worn on boat that capsized

By MARGARET STAFFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRANSON, Mo. — “Grab the baby!”

Those were the last words Tia Coleman recalls her sister-in-law yelling before the tourist boat they were on sank into a Missouri lake, killing 17 people, including nine of Coleman’s family members.

A huge wave hit, scattering passengers on the vessel known as a duck boat into Table Rock Lake near Branson, Coleman said. When the Indianapolis woman came up for air, she was alone. She prayed.

“I said, ‘Lord, please, let me get to my babies,’” she told reporters from her wheelchair Saturday in the lobby of a hospital where she’s recovering after swallowing lake water. “... If they don’t make it, Lord, take me too. I don’t need to be here.”

Coleman recalled spotting the rescue boat and managed to reach it, “somehow.” Earlier, from her hospital bed, she recounted to television station KOLR her sister-in-law’s last words.

Coleman’s husband and three children, ages 9, 7, and 1; her 45-year-old sister-in-law and 2-year-old nephew; her mother-in-law and father-in-law and her husband’s uncle all died Thursday night in the deadliest accident of its kind in nearly two decades.

Others killed included a Missouri



Duck boat accident survivor Tia Coleman is comforted by her sister Leeta Bigbee after speaking to the media at Cox Medical Center Branson Saturday in Branson, Mo. Coleman lost nine family members in the accident Thursday on Table Rock Lake which left over a dozen people dead.

couple who had just celebrated a birthday; another Missouri couple on what was planned as their last extended vacation; an Illinois woman who died while saving her granddaughter’s life; an Arkansas father and son; and a retired pastor

who was the boat’s operator.

None of the 31 passengers on board were wearing a life jacket, according to an incident report released Saturday by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

State and federal investigators were trying to determine what sent the vessel, originally built for military use in World War II, to its demise. An initial assessment blamed thunderstorms and winds that approached hurricane strength, but it wasn’t clear why the amphibious vehicle even ventured into the water.

Coleman said the crew told passengers they were going into the water first, before the land-based part of their tour, because of the incoming storm. The area had been under a severe thunderstorm watch for hours and a severe thunderstorm warning for more than 30 minutes before the boat sank.

Suzanne Smagala with Ripley Entertainment, which owns Ride the Ducks in Branson, said it was the company’s only accident in more than 40 years of operation. The company hasn’t commented

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AP PHOTOS

A duck boat sits idle in the parking lot of Ride the Ducks, an amphibious tour operator in Branson, Mo. Friday. The amphibious vehicle is similar to one of the company’s boats that capsized the day before on Table Rock Lake resulting in 17 deaths.

Trump finds it ‘inconceivable’ lawyer would tape a client

By ZEKE MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — Donald Trump said Saturday he finds it “inconceivable” that a lawyer would tape a client, as the president weighed in after the disclosure that in the weeks before the 2016 election, his then-personal attorney secretly recorded their discussion about a potential payment for a former Playboy model’s account of having an affair with Trump.

The recording was part of a large collection of documents and electronic records seized earlier this year by federal authorities from Michael Cohen, the longtime Trump fixer.

In a tweet, Trump called

such taping “totally unheard of & perhaps illegal.” He also asserted, without elaborating, in post: “The good news is that your favorite President did nothing wrong!”

Cohen had made a practice of recording conversations, unbeknownst to those he was speaking with. Most states, including New York, allow for recordings of conversations with only the consent of one party; other states require all parties to agree to a recording or have mixed laws on the matter. It was not immediately clear where Trump and Cohen were located at the time of the call.

Cohen’s recording adds to questions about whether Trump tried to quash damaging stories before the

election. Trump’s campaign had said it knew nothing about any payment to ex-centerfold Karen McDougal.

Transparency groups and Democrats have argued that the secret efforts to silence Trump accusers, including a payment to adult film actress Stormy Daniels, should be investigated by the Federal Election Commission as potential violations of campaign finance laws, which require disclosure of campaign expenditures. Trump’s attorneys have argued that any payments to accusers would have been made regardless of his presidential candidacy, and that no violation occurred.

The recording could also further entangle the president in a criminal investigation that

for months has targeted Cohen.

The erstwhile Trump loyalist has hired a new attorney, Clinton White House veteran Lanny Davis, and disassociated himself from the president as both remain under investigation. Cohen has not been charged with a crime.

Current Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said the payment was never made and the brief recording shows Trump did nothing wrong.

“The transaction that Michael is talking about on the tape never took place, but what’s important is: If it did take place, the president said it has to be done correctly and it has to be done by check” to keep a proper record of it, Giuliani said.

Davis said “any attempt at

spin cannot change what is on the tape.”

“When the recording is heard, it will not hurt Mr. Cohen,” Davis said in a statement.

The recording was first reported Friday by The New York Times.

The FBI raided Cohen’s office, home and hotel room in April, searching in part for information about payments to McDougal and porn actress Stormy Daniels, who received a \$130,000 payment from Cohen before the election to keep quiet about a sexual relationship she says she had with Trump. The FBI investigation is separate from special counsel Robert

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2 more firefighters hurt battling blaze near Yosemite

MARIPOSA, Calif. (AP) — A California forest fire just west of Yosemite National Park was steadily growing Saturday after two more firefighters were injured while battling the flames in blazing summer heat to protect mountain communities in the Sierra Nevada.



AP PHOTO

In this July 16, file photo, the Ferguson Fire burns along a ridge-line in unincorporated Mariposa County, Calif.

The Ferguson fire was churning northward within Sierra National Forest, sending up smoke that obscured valley views in the park. Yosemite remained open, but one of its scenic routes, Glacier Point Road, was closed to stage firefighters.

Crews were getting a break from light winds but were contending with rugged terrain and sweltering temperatures, said Deputy Chief Scott McLean of the California Department of Forestry

and Fire Protection. "The vegetation is so dry out there, and it's so hot. This fire will continue to grow," he said.

Flames have charred about 42 square miles of timber.

Two firefighters, who were hospitalized Friday

after suffering back injuries, have since been released and were expected to fully recover, said fire spokesman Rich Eagan.

A total of four firefighters have been injured since the blaze broke out July 13.

A bulldozer operator was killed the day after the fire

started while trying to stop its spread.

More than 2,800 firefighters aided by a fleet of aircraft were battling the fire, but only 7 percent of its perimeter was contained.

Several areas were under mandatory evacuation orders. Residents of other communities were advised to be ready to leave if necessary, but no homes had been damaged or destroyed.

Wildfires burned or smoldered elsewhere in the state, including east of Los Angeles near the Riverside County city of Corona. Most evacuations ordered at the height of the fire Thursday afternoon were lifted that night, but firefighters had extensive work to do to complete a containment line around the 250-acre burn scar.

Man suspected of shooting officer found, killed by police

HONOLULU (AP) — A man suspected of gunning down a Hawaii police officer was killed during a shootout with officers Friday after a three-day search across the Big Island, authorities said.



AP PHOTO

Justin Waiki was killed and an officer was injured during the shootout, Hawaii County Managing Director Wil Okabe told The Associated Press after receiving confirmation from the police chief.

The officer was taken to Hilo Medical Center, Okabe said.

Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim told the AP in a phone interview that the officer will survive.

A woman who was

This undated file photo provided by the Hawaii County Police Department shows Officer Bronson Kailioa.

with Waiki was also shot and wounded during the shooting at the extreme southern end of the Big Island, police spokesman Alan Richmond said. Her condition was not immediately known.

HEADLINES AROUND THE NATION

Hillary Clinton is cheered at star-studded Central Park fest

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Clinton was cheered Saturday in Central Park when she took the stage as part of a star-studded summer festival of conversation, music and food.

The former Democratic presidential candidate, secretary of state and U.S. senator from New York told a crowd at the OZY Fest that she'll be tweeting in coming days, helping to organize transportation for immigrants trying to reunite with their families after crossing the U.S. border illegally and being separated.

She was interviewed by Laurene Powell Jobs, founder of the Emerson Collective, a nonprofit

advocate of liberal causes that organized the two-day festival that was to conclude Sunday. The subject was the "politics of the moment."

Clinton also addressed this week's burning topic: President Donald Trump's encounter with Russian President Vladimir Putin amid special counsel Robert Mueller's warning that Russian intelligence services have active "interference operations" in U.S. politics.

"It's really distressing and alarming," Clinton said. "It should concern every American of any political party because this was a direct attack on our democracy."

Other guests at the festival included comedians Michelle Wolf and Hasan Minhaj; the band Passion Pit; rapper Common; authors Malcolm Gladwell and Salman Rushdie.

VP Pence set to headline Georgia rally

ATLANTA (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence is set to headline a rally in Georgia in support of Secretary of State Brian Kemp's bid for governor.

The event is being held in Macon on Saturday afternoon. It comes just three days before Kemp's runoff against fellow Republican Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle on Tuesday.

Pence's visit was quickly set after President Donald Trump waded into the race Wednesday, tweeting his "full and total endorsement" for Kemp. Trump pointed to Kemp's strong position on illegal immigration and support for gun rights.

Cagle had a number of campaign stops in northern Georgia planned for Saturday. He

was scheduled to make stops in Cleveland and Hiawassee.

3 prison officers resign after colleague killed

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota prison officials say three correctional officers have resigned after the killing of one of their colleagues.

Officials say Officer Joseph Gomm was attacked Wednesday at the state's flagship prison in Stillwater by an inmate serving time for homicide. Authorities haven't released details about the assault.

A spokeswoman for the state Department of Corrections tells the Star Tribune that three officers later resigned, but that the reasons for their resignations won't be made

public. They worked at either the Stillwater prison or a facility in Oak Park Heights.

Gomm's relatives said in a statement that they were devastated "by the senseless and tragic loss." They also thanked Gomm's colleagues and others offering support.

More than 1,600 inmates are housed at the century-old Stillwater prison. About a third of the prisoners are serving time for homicide.

Man who fed wildlife at his home bitten by bear

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — Officials say a 70-year-old southern New Mexico man who regularly fed wildlife at his home suffered multiple injuries when he was bitten by a bear as he

stepped outside.

The state Game and Fish Department says conservation officers went to the man's Cloudcroft home Friday after his wife drove him to an Alamogordo hospital for treatment of injuries that included arm puncture wounds and leg scratches.

According to the department, the man acknowledged feeding cracked corn to wildlife and that multiple bears routinely entered the residence.

Officers found pet food bowls near the house, bear prints on windows and scratch marks on the porch.

Department Director Alexandra Sandoval says it's good that the man will recover quickly from his injuries but feeding wildlife "is never an acceptable practice."

TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

A thunderstorm in the area HIGH 88° 45% chance of rain	Some clouds with a t-storm LOW 81° 60% chance of rain	A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 87° / 76° 60% chance of rain	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm or two; humid 86° / 77° 60% chance of rain	A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 89° / 77° 60% chance of rain	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm; humid 91° / 77° 55% chance of rain	A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 91° / 76° 45% chance of rain
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85° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

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

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	91 78 t 90 75 t	
Bradenton	90 82 t 88 78 t	
Clearwater	89 81 t 86 78 t	
Coral Springs	92 78 t 91 77 t	
Daytona Beach	91 75 t 88 72 t	
Fort Lauderdale	90 79 t 90 80 t	
Fort Myers	88 79 pc 88 78 t	
Gainesville	88 76 t 89 75 t	
Jacksonville	89 74 t 89 75 t	
Key Largo	89 80 pc 88 80 t	
Key West	92 82 pc 92 84 t	
Lakeland	88 77 t 86 74 t	
Melbourne	93 80 t 91 78 t	
Miami	89 76 t 90 77 t	
Naples	89 82 pc 90 81 t	
Ocala	87 74 t 87 73 t	
Okeechobee	90 77 t 88 74 t	
Orlando	89 77 t 86 75 t	
Panama City	90 76 t 90 76 t	
Pensacola	94 75 pc 93 72 t	
Pompano Beach	92 78 t 92 79 t	
St. Augustine	89 75 t 87 74 t	
St. Petersburg	88 76 t 86 76 t	
Sarasota	88 79 pc 87 75 t	
Tallahassee	90 73 t 90 73 t	
Tampa	89 79 t 87 78 t	
Vero Beach	93 76 t 91 75 t	
West Palm Beach	91 75 t 89 77 t	

TIDES

City	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	1:05a	5:14a	11:37a	7:50p
Englewood	10:14a	3:30a	---	6:06p
Boca Grande	9:21a	1:52a	---	4:55p
El Jobean	1:37a	5:43a	12:09p	8:19p
Venice	8:29a	2:09a	11:22p	4:45p

CONDITIONS TODAY

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POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

absent low moderate high very high

Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

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: ssgov.net

MARINE

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

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
W 6-12 2-4 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
W 10-20 3-5 Moderate

SUN AND MOON

	Rise	Set
The Sun	6:47 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Monday	6:48 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
The Moon	4:18 p.m.	2:45 a.m.
Monday	5:11 p.m.	3:26 a.m.

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Jul 27 Aug 4 Aug 11 Aug 18

SOLAR TABLE

	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	2:13a	8:25a	2:37p	8:48p
Mon.	2:55a	9:07a	3:19p	9:30p
Tue.	3:37a	9:49a	4:01p	10:13p

The solar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

WEATHER HISTORY

On July 22, 1918, one lightning strike killed 504 sheep in Wasatch National Park, Utah.

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THE NATION

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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 107° at Wichita Falls, TX Low 32° at Meacham, OR

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Albuquerque	99 73 s 95 68 pc		Jackson, MS	95 70 pc 92 69 s	
Anchorage	68 56 pc 67 57 c		Kansas City	86 64 s 86 67 pc	
Atlanta	87 69 t 84 71 t		Knoxville	79 65 t 83 67 sh	
Baltimore	80 70 t 83 71 t		Las Vegas	105 87 s 109 90 s	
Billings	83 58 pc 86 60 pc		Los Angeles	85 68 pc 92 70 s	
Birmingham	89 69 s 86 70 sh		Louisville	78 68 sh 81 68 t	
Boise	94 63 s 99 66 pc		Memphis	89 69 s 88 70 pc	
Boston	78 73 r 82 73 c		Milwaukee	75 65 pc 82 67 s	
Buffalo	75 67 r 86 72 t		Minneapolis	83 66 pc 83 65 pc	
Burlington, VT	84 72 r 88 74 t		Montgomery	93 71 s 89 70 t	
Charleston, WV	76 63 t 83 67 t		Nashville	81 69 t 82 69 t	
Charlotte	87 70 t 85 72 t		New Orleans	98 82 pc 94 79 t	
Chicago	78 65 sh 83 67 s		New York City	82 73 t 82 74 t	
Cincinnati	76 67 sh 79 68 t		Norfolk, VA	87 74 t 85 76 t	
Cleveland	77 66 c 80 70 t		Oklahoma City	97 70 pc 91 68 pc	
Columbia, SC	90 73 t 88 74 t		Omaha	86 64 s 84 64 pc	
Columbus, OH	76 67 t 82 70 t		Philadelphia	83 73 t 83 73 t	
Concord, NH	78 68 r 81 65 t		Phoenix	110 91 pc 114 93 s	
Dallas	108 82 s 104 79 pc		Pittsburgh	78 67 t 84 70 t	
Denver	94 62 t 81 60 t		Portland, ME	73 66 r 77 65 t	
Des Moines	83 65 s 83 63 pc		Portland, OR	94 62 s 96 62 s	
Detroit	78 63 c 82 67 pc		Providence	79 71 c 81 70 c	
Duluth	73 55 pc 79 58 t		Raleigh	87 72 t 83 72 t	
Fairbanks	84 50 pc 83 58 pc		Salt Lake City	91 70 pc 94 72 pc	
Fargo	80 63 t 80 57 s		St. Louis	83 67 pc 86 68 pc	
Hartford	83 70 r 82 68 t		San Antonio	103 77 s 105 78 pc	
Helena	84 52 s 88 56 s		San Diego	79 69 pc 80 70 pc	
Honolulu	82 77 sh 89 77 sh		San Francisco	75 58 pc 72 57 pc	
Houston	108 79 pc 102 79 pc		Seattle	86 60 s 90 60 pc	
Indianapolis	79 64 sh 81 66 c		Washington, DC	81 76 t 83 77 t	

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Amsterdam	77 59 pc 80 63 pc		Mexico City	77 55 pc 80 55 pc	
Baghdad	109 82 s 109 87 s		Montreal	82 72 sh 89 74 sh	
Beijing	92 76 t 91 77 pc		Ottawa	77 68 r 86 70 sh	
Berlin	84 63 pc 83 63 pc		Paris	83 62 pc 86 65 pc	
Buenos Aires	56 34 pc 51 32 s		Regina	75 52 t 74 50 pc	
Cairo	98 79 s 100 79 s		Rio de Janeiro	79 69 r 81 68 pc	
Calgary	72 47 pc 68 47 pc		Rome	85 69 pc 83 70 t	
Cancun	90 75 s 92 75 s		St. John's	76 61 sh 77 58 c	
Dublin	74 59 c 72 53 sh		San Juan	87 76 pc 88 78 pc	
Edmonton	69 46 sh 66 45 c		Sydney	63 43 c 67 50 s	
Hallifax	73 65 r 74 65 c		Tokyo	96 83 pc 95 83 pc	
Kiev	76 63 t 77 64 t		Toronto	70 64 r 82 72 pc	
London	80 65 pc 86 63 pc		Vancouver	78 57 s 79 61 s	
Madrid	91 65 s 96 67 s		Winnipeg	79 58 t 76 55 s	

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

CHINA

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On Wednesday, FBI Director Christopher Wray said China, from a counterintelligence perspective, represents the broadest and most significant threat America faces. He said the FBI has economic espionage investigations in all 50 states that can be traced back to China.

“The volume of it. The pervasiveness of it. The significance of it is something that I think this country cannot underestimate,” Wray said.

National Intelligence Director Dan Coats also warned of rising Chinese aggression. In particular, he said, the U.S. must stand strong against China's effort to steal business secrets and academic research.

Susan Thornton, acting assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, said increasing the public's awareness about the activities of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese students or groups at U.S. universities could be one way to help mitigate potential damage.

Marcel Lettre, former

undersecretary of defense for intelligence, said China has the second-largest defense budget in the world, the largest standing army of ground forces, the third-largest air force and a navy of 300 ships and more than 60 submarines.

Lettre said China also is pursuing advances in cyber, artificial intelligence, engineering and technology, counter-space, anti-satellite capabilities and hypersonic glide weapons. Army Lt. Gen. Robert Ashley, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, told a congressional committee earlier this year that China is developing long-range cruise missiles — some capable of reaching supersonic speeds.

“The Pentagon has noted that the Chinese have already pursued a test program that has had 20 times more tests than the U.S. has,” Lettre said.

Franklin Miller, former senior director for defense policy and arms control at the National Security Council, said China's weapons developments are emphasizing the need to have a dialogue with Beijing.

Schedule shows poor attendance at intelligence briefings

By DENIS SLATTERY
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

President Donald Trump has an abysmal attendance record when it comes to intelligence briefings.

Over the course of his first year-and-a-half in office, Trump has had a habit of skipping daily intelligence briefings, according to his public schedule.

The meetings provide presidents with a chance to confer with intelligence officials about threats and other international developments. Trump attended the meeting Thursday, for only the second time this month.

The president's aversion to interacting with his intelligence officials comes as little surprise, given his public rebuke of the U.S. intelligence community assessment of Russian election meddling and previous reports about his disdain for enduring detailed discussions.

A Daily News analysis of Trump's schedule shows that he rarely meets with intelligence officials to

review their assessments.

The president attended 121 such briefings during his first 545 days in the White House, putting his attendance rate at only 22 percent. That statistic was reached using the same methodology used by the Government Accountability Institute — a right-wing group founded by former Trump adviser Stephen Bannon — to criticize President Barack Obama in a 2013 report.

During his first 1,225 days in office, Obama attended 536 daily intelligence meetings — an attendance record of 43.8 percent, according to the group.

The group did not respond to requests for comment about whether they would analyze or highlight Trump's attendance record.

Trump was one of Obama's biggest critics when it came to intelligence briefings. He said in September 2014 that Obama “does not read his intelligence briefings” and mocked him as “too busy I guess!”

Trump officials defended the president's responsiveness to intelligence.

“The president receives daily updates and regular briefings from his national security team,” a spokesperson for the National Security Council said.

However, Trump's team has been forced to take a unique approach to the tradition, presenting the president with graphs, charts, and maps, and limiting information to bullet points, officials said.

“He likes it orally,” Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said Thursday during a discussion about Trump at the Aspen Security Forum. “He likes examples. We use models. We use charts. We use a number of things.”

The number of daily briefings on Trump's public schedule have nosedived in recent months, with only 31 listed from March through June compared with 56 over the comparable period during his first year in the White House.

BOAT

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on Coleman's account of the tour, which usually begins with a tour of downtown Branson, known for its country shows and entertainment, before the vessel enters the lake for a short ride on the water.

Company President Jim Pattison Jr. said the boat captain had 16 years of experience, and the business monitors weather.

Twenty-nine passengers and two crew members were aboard. Fourteen people survived, including two adults who remained hospitalized Saturday. Coleman and her 13-year-old nephew were the only two of the 11 members of her family who boarded the boat to make it out alive.

Another survivor was 12-year-old Alicia

Dennison, of Illinois, who says her grandmother, 64-year-old Leslie Dennison, saved her from drowning. Alicia's father, Todd Dennison, told the Kansas City Star that his daughter recalled feeling her grandmother below her, pushing her upward after the boat capsized.

Another young survivor was 14-year-old Loren Smith of Osceola, Arkansas. She suffered a concussion, but her father, 53-year-old retired math teacher Steve Smith, and her 15-year-old brother, Lance, died.

Others killed included 65-year-old William Bright and his 63-year-old wife, Janice. The couple had recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and had talked about Branson being one of their last big trips, recalled neighbor Barbara Beck.

The couple moved to Higginsville from Kansas

City, Missouri, three years earlier to be closer to a daughter and grandchildren and quickly embraced small-town life.

William Bright's final public Facebook posting noted the wedding anniversary and how happy he was with his wife, three kids and 16 grandchildren. Life, he wrote, had “been a lot of fun.”

Another Missouri couple killed in the accident were 69-year-old William Asher and 68-year-old Rosemarie Hamann. The St. Louis-area couple had been celebrating Hamman's birthday earlier in the week. In a final Facebook photo posted by Hamann, he's sticking his tongue out and she's smiling.

“I can only imagine what they were going through. They were so in love. It's just heart-breaking,” said friend Russ McKay, who said he talked to Hamann the day before the accident.

McCay says Hamann told him the couple had just gone on a paddle boat and were planning to go again. He doesn't know why they chose the duck boat instead.

Chance also brought the Colemans aboard the doomed vessel.

Tia Coleman said her family initially lined up for the wrong tour so they had to switch out their tickets for the 6:30 p.m. ride.

She says the crew showed passengers where the life jackets were but said they wouldn't need them.

The company's website had been taken down by Saturday, save for a statement that its operations would remain shuttered to support the investigation and allow time for families and the community to grieve.

Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board and U.S. Coast Guard were

hoping a video recorder recovered from the boat would help provide some explanation on why it sank. NTSB member Earl Weener winds were 2 mph short of hurricane force at the time.

While the boat's driver on water, 51-year-old Kenneth McKee, survived; its driver on land, 73-year-old Bob Williams, did not.

Branson Mayor Karen Best said Williams was a “great ambassador” for the city. Williams' family in Rhode Island, where he'd lived for decades before retiring to Branson, remembered him as a deeply religious man who founded a local church.

“Pastor Bob was a prince of a man, loving, kind, and generous, whose loss to our family is incalculable,” said Williams' son-in-law, Bishop Jeffery Williams, who now leads King's Cathedral in Providence.

TAPE

FROM PAGE 1

Mueller's probe of election interference in 2016 and potential obstruction of justice by those in the president's orbit.

Referring to that raid, Trump called it “inconceivable that the government would break into a lawyer's office (early in the morning) — almost unheard of. Even more inconceivable that a lawyer would tape a client.” In past comments Trump has also referred to the court-ordered

seizure as a “break-in,” though Cohen has been more sanguine, saying the FBI agents were courteous and respectful.

A self-described fixer for Trump for more than a decade, Cohen said last year he would “take a bullet” for Trump. But he told ABC News in an interview

broadcast this month that he now puts “family and country first” and won't let anyone paint him as “a villain of this story.” On Twitter, he scrubbed mentions and photos of Trump from a profile that previously identified him as “Personal attorney to President Donald J. Trump.”

REIT recommendations complex

Dear Mr. Berko: Malls and shopping centers have fallen significantly in value. I want the names of six mall REITs selling below book value and six mall REITs that have comeback potential. Then tell me why you like them. And I want all of them to yield over 15 percent. I'll invest \$10,000 in each. — LL, Detroit



Malcolm Berko

more to the market value of their portfolios. Some regional mall REITs trade at 30 to 65 percent discounts to net asset value. So if those REITs sold all their properties at today's value and paid off their mortgages, the shareholders would receive between 30 and 65 percent more than what they paid for the stock. For example, if you paid \$10 for a REIT trading at a 40 percent discount to NAV and management liquidated its properties, you'd get your \$10 back plus a 40 percent premium. Therefore, some of the huge discounts in regional mall REITs may be an opportunity for super-speculators who can jump over tall buildings

and land on their feet.

One REIT I'm comfortable recommending as a wild-hair speculation is CBL Properties, once one of the darlings of Wall Street. CBL traded at a record high of \$48 in January 2007 and then traded at a record low of \$2.60 in March 2009. Today CBL trades at \$5.98, which is 27 cents below the company's \$6.25 book value. CBL owns, manages, acquires, develops and leases regional shopping malls, open-air and mixed-use centers, and office properties. CBL owns 119 properties located in 27 states (mainly in the Southeast and Midwest), comprising 74 million square feet, and manages 6 million square feet of shopping centers for third parties. And after paying salaries for 560 employees from its Chattanooga headquarters, management seems to have enough dollars remaining to pay an 80-cent dividend, which yields 18.8 percent. CBL finished 2017 with

\$4.2 billion in declining debt and \$5.7 billion in declining total assets.

I'm also comfortable recommending Washington Prime Group as a REIT that should be able to rise from the ashes in the coming 18 months. The name sounds like a classy steakhouse in D.C. Washington Prime (WPG-8) is fitting for speculators who chew Juicy Fruit, use Wildroot cream oil and buy Old Spice and Mum deodorant. It came public at \$17.50 in February 2015, but it's been mostly downhill since, reaching an all-time low price of \$5.60 in February of this year. However, it's comforting to know that Louis Conforti, WPG's CEO, bought 70,000 shares at \$8.50 a share between April and May of 2017 and 28,000 shares at \$6.49 in March. WPG owns, develops and manages 122 shopping centers in the U.S., comprising 65 million square feet. WPG also owns various land parcels that can be used for new

centers or expansion of existing properties. And after paying salaries of its 710 employees from its Columbus headquarters, management had enough left over to pay a \$1 dividend, which yields 16.8 percent. Last year, WPG actually earned 98 cents a share and posted a record amount of funds from operations — \$2.04 a share. Over 91 percent of WPG's 186 million shares are institutionally owned, and wonder of wonders, Standard & Poor's has posted a “strong buy” recommendation on WPG. Total assets exceed debt by \$1.7 billion, and the dividend may even be safe. Hold WPG for a couple of years and you may more than double your money.

Both of these REITs — and others that are having tough times — could be acquired by a competitor. Meanwhile, ask your stockbroker for his REIT recommendations.

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ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, July 22, the 203rd day of 2018. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today in history

On July 22, 2011, Anders Breivik, a self-described “militant nationalist,” massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

On this date

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1916, 10 people were killed when a suitcase bomb went off during San Francisco's Preparedness Day parade.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie “Manhattan Melodrama.”

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp. Gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1946, the militant Zionist group Irgun blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91 people.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys (Dahmer ended up being beaten to death by a fellow prison inmate).

Five years ago: Frenzied crowds of Roman Catholics in Rio de Janeiro mobbed the car carrying Pope Francis as he returned to his home continent for the first time as pontiff, embarking on a seven-day visit.

Today's birthdays

Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 90. Author Tom Robbins is 86. Actress Louise Fletcher is 84. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 81. Actor Terence Stamp is 80. Game show host Alex Trebek is 78. Singer George Clinton is 77. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 75. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 75. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 72. Actor Danny Glover is 72. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 65. Actor Willem Dafoe is 63. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keith Sweat is 57. Actor John Leguizamo is 54. Actor-comedian David Spade is 54. Actor Colin Ferguson is 46. Actor/singer Jaime Camil is 45. Retired NFL player Keyshawn Johnson is 46. Actress Selena Gomez is 26. Britain's Prince George of Cambridge is five.

Bible verse

“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” — Revelation 3:17.

Material wealth is not necessarily a sign of God's approval or blessing. In fact, it can sometimes stand between us and the Lord. Think it over.

ODD NEWS

Cops responding to 911 call find 4-foot gator in building

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP) — Police responding to a 911 hang-up call from an abandoned building in western New York found something they weren't expecting: a 4-foot-long alligator.

WKBW-TV in Buffalo reports officers in the city of Batavia were checking out the inside of the building on Monday for anyone in distress when they found the gator in a make-shift aquarium.

Officers notified the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which sent an environmental conservation officer to the scene. The reptile was handed over to the DEC officer. The agency is now investigating.

State environmental conservation laws prohibit the sale or ownership of alligators and other dangerous animals in New York.

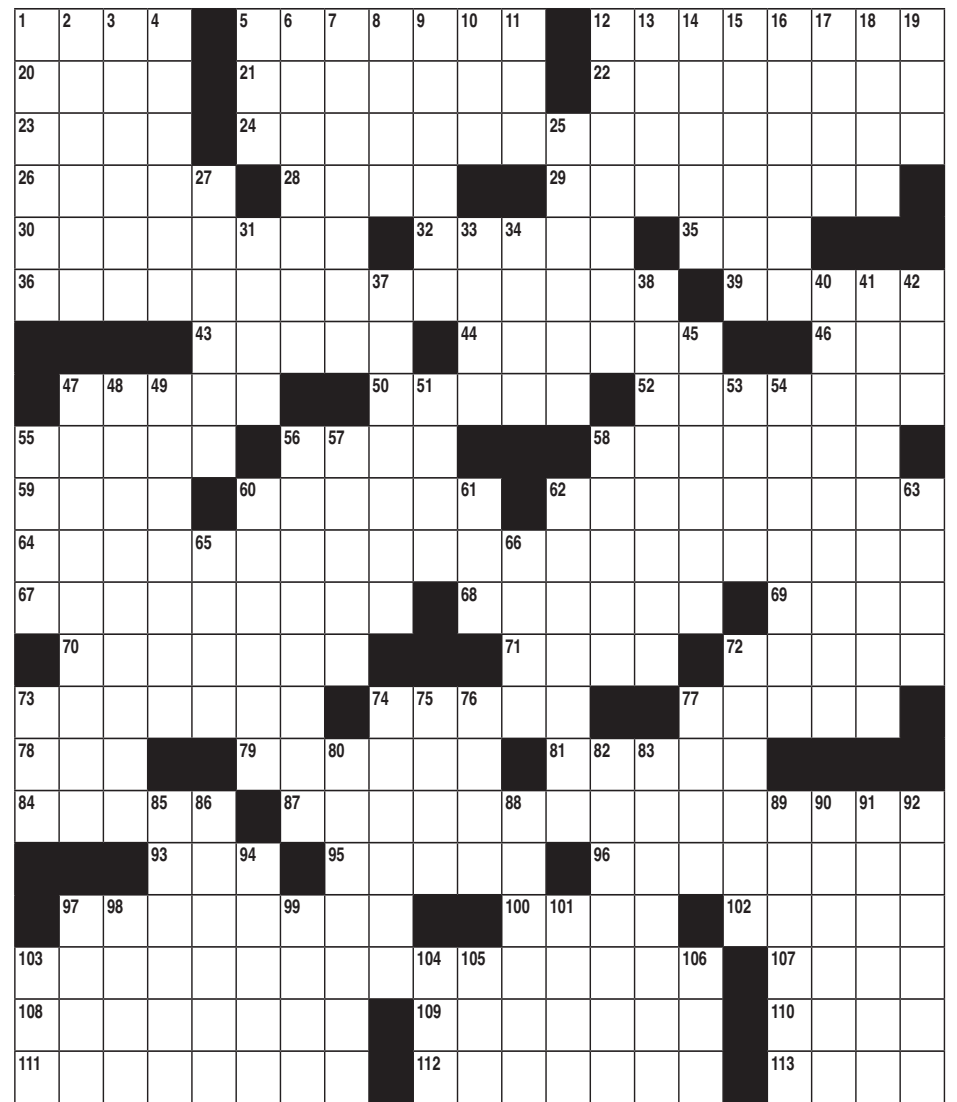
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 - 22 Weathers, as a hurricane
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 - 24 Compliment to a lawmaker?
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 - 32 Really like
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 - 46 Lucky strike?
 - 47 Toe, to a tot
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 - 52 Alternative to first class
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- 55 Lake vessel
 - 56 Water cooler?
 - 58 Cornbread variety named for where it's baked
 - 59 Film role for the dog Skippy
 - 60 Meditative discipline
 - 62 Compliment to a lecturer?
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 - 67 Compliment to a champion speller?
 - 68 Smallville
 - 69 2002 Literature Nobelist Kertész
 - 70 Snack with a rock climber on its wrapper
 - 71 Head of communications?
 - 72 Gettysburg general
 - 73 Like many holiday candles
 - 74 Gal of "Wonder Woman"
 - 77 Banned game projectiles
 - 78 [not my mistake]
 - 79 "Why, you little ..."
 - 81 Word with prayer or paddle
 - 84 Claim in e-cigarette ads
 - 87 Compliment to a charity organizer?
 - 93 Dorm V.I.P.s
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 - 96 Hand-to-hand combat weapon
 - 97 Long lines?
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 - 109 Draw upon
 - 110 "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)
 - 111 Result of a computer crash
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 - 17 Chuck ____, four-time Super Bowl-winning coach
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 - 25 Lack the courage to, for short
 - 27 Musical set in St.-Tropez, familiarly
 - 31 Actress Hoffmann of "Transparent"
 - 33 Half: Prefix
 - 34 What dark clouds might represent
 - 37 Small bone, as in the ear
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 - 41 Beings on TV's "Doctor Who"
 - 42 West Coast beer brand, informally
 - 45 Modern payment option
 - 47 Musical medley
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 - 49 Not hold back, to a poker player
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Ask the Fool

Companies Within Companies

How can I invest in Ben & Jerry's? — S.S., Kenosha, Wisconsin

You can't quite do so. Ben & Jerry's was bought by Unilever in 2000 — and you can invest in Unilever, if you're so inspired.

Many companies you know are actually subsidiaries of other companies. For example, Restaurant Brands International owns Burger King, Popeyes and Tim Hortons, while Clorox owns Burt's Bees and Williams-Sonoma owns Pottery Barn and West Elm. Kellogg owns Kashi, Nike owns Converse and Gap owns Old Navy, Banana Republic and Athleta. Nestle owns Gerber and Purina, and Coca-Cola owns Honest Tea and Odwalla. TJX owns T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods and Sierra Trading Post, while Yum! Brands owns KFC, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell.

What do the jobs of CEO and COO entail? — F.L., Norwalk, Connecticut

A company's chief executive officer (CEO) will generally develop a company's strategy and is responsible for seeing that it is carried out. He or she answers to the board of directors, who represent owners and shareholders. The chief operating officer (COO), often the same person as the company president, is responsible for executing the company's strategy.

A CEO will typically serve as the company's chief communicator, addressing media, employees, shareholders and customers — and will aim to meet all those constituents' needs. He or she will make top-level decisions, will lead upper-management personnel, and will often work to get the public and investors interested in the company and confident about its future.

The COO manages day-to-day operations, dealing with customers and employees in sales, marketing, finance and more. The COO and the CEO work with the chief financial officer (CFO) to keep the company financially healthy.

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Investing With Borrowed Dollars

You may not realize it, but you can invest in stocks not only with your own money, but also with money borrowed from your broker. That's called investing "on margin."

When you buy on margin, you're borrowing money from your brokerage at a variable interest rate while using the stocks in your portfolio as collateral. Imagine, for example, that you hold \$10,000 of stocks and you borrow another \$10,000 to invest in more stock. You'll have \$20,000 worth of stock in your portfolio. If it doubles in value to \$40,000, you'll have made \$20,000 (less interest charges) with only a \$10,000 initial investment.

What if your holdings fall in value by 50 percent, though? Then your \$20,000 of holdings will be worth \$10,000, and you'll still owe \$10,000 (plus interest). Your holdings dropped by 50 percent, but margin boosted that to a total, 100 percent, loss. Margin amplifies both gains

and losses.

It can be tempting to invest on margin, but it's risky. If you're paying, say, 8 or 9 percent margin interest, you'd better be confident your stocks will appreciate by more than that, and there's never any guarantee of that. (Margin rates these days are roughly in the 5 to 10 percent range, with big borrowers getting the lowest rates.) Indeed, the stock market has averaged annual gains of no more than about 10 percent over many decades.

Here's how things can get ugly: When your margined securities fall below a certain level, you'll receive a "margin call" from your broker, requiring an infusion of additional cash. If you can't raise the cash, the brokerage will sell some of your holdings to generate the needed funds. This can sting, sometimes resulting in short-term capital gains taxed at high rates. Margin can reduce your investing flexibility, too. If you've borrowed money to invest in a stock and it falls sharply, you may end up forced to sell when you'd rather wait it out.

You can do quite well in stocks without using margin, and that's the safest route.

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My Dumbest Investment

Up in Smoke

I bought into a cannabis company based on a friend's recommendation. It crashed and burned — with its share price so low that it was not worth selling. Some years later, I read that the company bought an entire town in California and was going to turn it into a "cannabis-friendly hospitality destination."

I know that chances of this company ever making money are slim, but I am perennially hopeful. When I spot big opportunities like this, I like to look for support companies to invest in — such as, in this case, specialists in grow lights, fertilizer, etc. — Patricia, Scottsdale, Arizona

The Fool Responds: Fortunes have been made when investors spot emerging trends and developments and invest in them early, so your instinct was good, as cannabis (marijuana) is being legalized for medical and/or recreational use in more states lately.

That said, fortunes can also be lost easily when betting on the wrong horses, and in the early years of any developing industry, it can be very hard or impossible to know which companies will prosper and which will fade away. The fact that this was a penny stock when you bought was an extra big red flag, as penny stocks (ones trading for less than about \$5 per share) are notoriously volatile and risky. By the way, the company sold that town a few months ago, unable to pay for its big plans.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

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? (Answer: Archer Daniels Midland)



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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1980, when I was formed as a result of a legal settlement, succeeding a subsidiary of Coastal States Gas Corp. I entered the retail gas business after that, and am now the world's largest independent petroleum refiner and a premier ethanol producer and fuel marketer. Based in San Antonio, I employ about 10,000 people and oversee 15 petroleum refineries with a combined throughput capacity of 3 million barrels per day, and 11 ethanol plants with a combined production capacity of 1.45 billion gallons per year. My market value was recently \$47 billion. Who am I?

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

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

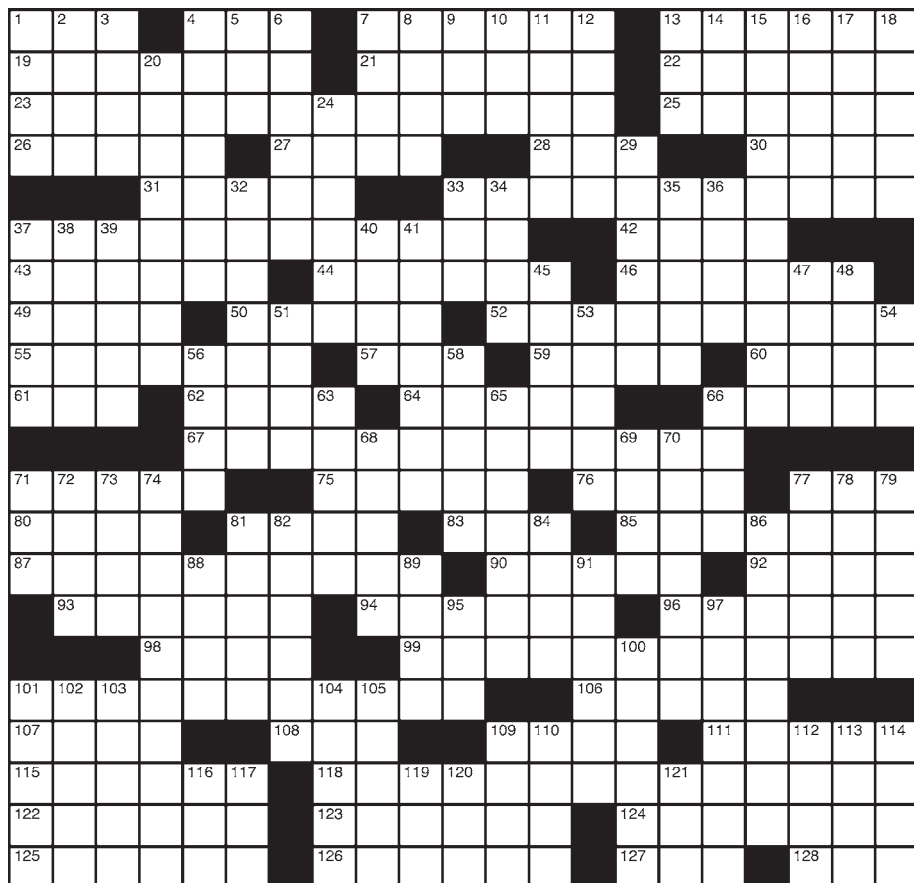
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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

NO NEED

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH

- ♠ 2
♥ Q J 9 4
♦ J 9 8 7 5 2
♣ A 6

WEST

- ♠ K 9 4
♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ Void
♣ J 10 8 5 3 2

EAST

- ♠ A 10 8 7 6
♥ 10 7
♦ A 6 3
♣ 9 7 4

SOUTH

- ♠ Q J 5 3
♥ A K 5
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ K Q

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST. Rows show Pass, 3♣*, 3♠***, and Puppet Stayman, asking for a five-card major. Notes include **No five-card major, but at least one four-card major and ***Hearts.

Opening lead: Four of ♠

Puppet Stayman has a big following among tournament players. Here it allowed East to make a lead-directing double of three spades. South was known to hold a four-card

spade suit when he bid three no trump, or he would have bid four hearts, so the lead-directing double was the only way to get West to lead a spade. The double was not clear-cut, but it paid a big dividend on this deal.

East won the opening spade lead with the ace and returned the six. South played his queen, losing to West's king. West continued with the nine of spades, overtaken by East with the 10 and won by South with the jack. The contract went one down when East had the ace of diamonds along with two more spade tricks.

South was unlucky to find East with the ace of diamonds and five spades, but he could have done better. Can you spot how? Playing a spade honor at trick two would only be necessary if East started with the ace and king of spades along with the ace of diamonds. This was most unlikely as East was a passed hand. The contract could not have been defeated had South played his remaining low spade at trick two.

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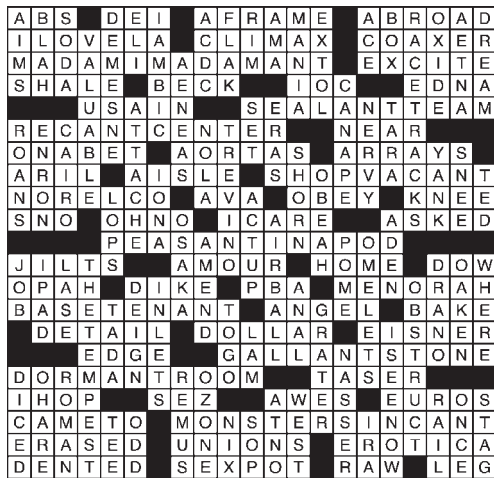
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CRYPTOGRAMS MUSIC TO MY EARS 4 by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

PREFER NUMBER MODEST RIDDLE AWHILE OPPOSE

When Edison invented the alkaline battery in 1901, people said —

MORE POWER TO HIM

- 1. Some whales formed a live blues band which was called the "Our Favorite Ocean Orca-stra."
2. A happy piano bar player was boasting: "I don't always play in tune, but when I do it's during a rest!"
3. Words from a great classical pianist formed this adage: "The best players are always on the bench!"
4. These are probably wise words from a musician: "When crossing the road you gotta C sharp or you going to B flat!"

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Competition is usually bad for close relationships, as you want to lift, not outshine, the ones you love. However, sometimes the competition brings out the best in everyone, as is the case today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Boredom is a necessary part of life — and one that keeps you questing forward to discover new horizons. It's not about whether you can find something better. It's just that you want to see it all and have all of the experiences. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your discomfort may be telling you to stop an activity, or it may be an essential thing to push through in order for you to grow. So which is it? You'll have to back up and look at the big picture to tell. CANCER (June 22-July 22). It can be fun to hang around people who do the social equivalent of spinning in circles and the emotional equivalent of bumping into things for excitement. It's also tiring, though. Today you'll definitely need a break from the drama. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It felt as if you were in a trap, and you wanted desperately to be released from the emotional heaviness of a situation. And now you will be, but not because someone else had the key; you will be freed by your own understanding. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People owe you, it's true, but if they can't pay, what does it matter? Even thinking about it is a waste of time. Your best bet is to take the lesson and move on. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can't know everything about everything, but as you go deeper

into a chosen topic of interest, you'll find that the principles apply to other areas as well. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The choice to be kind often happens before you ever leave the house. When you set this as your intention, everything that happens out in the world reflects your approach. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You really don't think with just your brain; rather, you think with your whole body, and every move you make affects your thoughts. Exercise will revive your outlook. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's within human nature to care for others while being mindful that someday others will care for you. It's superhuman to care for others out of pure love. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's scary to go forward blindly, knowing that possibly you'll only understand an experience when you look back on it. But if you don't go foolishly forward, there will be nothing to look back on at all. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Envy and peace of mind cannot coexist. There are unfair things afoot that you're having trouble letting go of. Try putting them aside for a while, in the name of peace, and maybe you'll forget to pick them back up. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 22). You're healthy, gorgeous and flush. Seeing as 90 percent of what you've worried about in the past hasn't happened, it could be argued that worry is unnecessary (or that worry actually works!). You decide, but so much is going right for you in the next 12 months that a worry-free year ahead is yours if you choose to take it. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 11 and 17.

Shooting suspect in standoff at supermarket

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who in a standoff with police inside a Los Angeles supermarket is suspected of shooting his grandmother and girlfriend earlier Saturday and led police on a pursuit — at times shooting at officers — before he crashed outside the busy supermarket and ran inside, officials said.

Police and rescue personnel swarmed the Trader Joe's Saturday afternoon and at least one person was injured but expected to survive. Police said it wasn't clear whether there were any employees or others still inside the store.

Investigators believe the suspect, whose name hasn't been released, had shot his grandmother

and girlfriend around 1:30 p.m. in Los Angeles and then fled, said Officer Mike Lopez, a Los Angeles police spokesman.

Officers spotted the suspect's car and tried to pull him over, but the man refused to stop and led officers on a pursuit.

The suspect eventually crashed his car outside of the Trader Joe's supermarket and then ran into the store. An Associated Press employee who lives in the area reported seeing a car crashed into a utility pole outside the store.

The woman who was injured was taken to the hospital in stable condition. Officials said they had 18 ambulances and 100 firefighters staged at the scene.

Treasury Secretary: Trump not threatening Fed's independence

By VICTOR CAIVANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Saturday that Donald Trump was not trying to put pressure on the Federal Reserve when he criticized its decision to raise interest rates.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a Group of 20 meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Mnuchin said he can't comment on why the U.S. president made the comments but he doesn't think they were a mistake.

Mnuchin said he's talked to Trump and "his

intention is not to in any way put pressure on the Fed," referring to the U.S. central bank.

On Friday morning, Trump for a second day criticized the Federal Reserve, breaking with a long-standing tradition at the White House of avoiding any influence, real or perceived, on the independence of the U.S. central bank.

In a tweet, he said: "China, the European Union and others have been manipulating their currencies and interest rates lower, while the U.S. is raising rates while the dollars gets stronger and stronger with each

passing day — taking away our big competitive edge."

Trump added, referring to the Fed's rate increases: "The United States should not be penalized because we are doing so well."

Last month, the Fed raised its benchmark rate for a second time this year and projected two more increases in 2018. Its rate hikes are meant to prevent the economy from overheating and igniting high inflation. But rate increases also make borrowing costlier for households and companies and can weaken the pace of growth.

Trump's tweet on Friday



AP PHOTO

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin speaks in Argentina, Saturday.

followed more extensive criticism he made of the Fed's rate hikes in an interview with CNBC in which he said, "I don't like all of this work that we're putting into the economy and then I see rates going up."

High court nominee gets started answering questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's choice for the Supreme Court has given members of Congress a pile of material to help them start judging the judge.

Judge Brett Kavanaugh responded to a Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire that probes his career as an attorney and jurist, his service in the executive branch, education, society memberships and more.

Running 110 pages, plus appendices, his response released Saturday is an opening look at a long paper trail that lawmakers will consider as they decide whether to confirm him. The high

court appointment could shift the court rightward for years to come.

A longtime figure in the Washington establishment, Kavanaugh acknowledged in the questionnaire that he had joined clubs that he said once had discriminatory membership policies.

"Years before I became a member of the Congressional Country Club and the Chevy Chase Club, it is my understanding that those clubs, like most similar clubs around the country, may have excluded members on discriminatory bases that should not have been acceptable to people then and

would not be acceptable now," he wrote.

Asked to list the 10 most significant cases for which he sat as a judge, he cited nine in which "the position expressed in my opinion (either for the court or in a separate writing) was later adopted by the Supreme Court."

The 10th regarded a man fired by mortgage giant Fannie Mae after he filed a discrimination complaint that alleged a company executive had created a hostile work environment by calling the worker "the n-word." Kavanaugh said he included it "because of what it says about anti-discrimination law and American history."

Volunteers provide food, care in wake of Iowa tornadoes

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Businesses and volunteers are pitching in to provide more than cleanup in the wake of the destructive tornadoes that swept through three cities in central Iowa earlier this week.

A meatpacking plant provided hot meals to those in need Saturday in Marshalltown, a city of 27,000 people that was hardest hit, the Times-Republican reported. The Animal Rescue League joined with local emergency management officials and a veterinary clinic to care for animals hurt or displaced.

The tornado that hit the city was among a

flurry of unexpected twisters on Thursday that injured at least 17 people and flattened buildings in Marshalltown, Pella and Bondurant.

Residents and weather forecasters were surprised by the storms, which left gaping holes in the sides of factories and homes. Vehicles were buried under topped buildings.

Among the buildings hit in Marshalltown was the city's historic, 132-year-old courthouse. The Marshalltown Historical Society said Saturday that despite the exterior damage, "there was miraculously little damage to our collection." The organization

will temporarily move its headquarters to a nearby location.

The JBS pork processing plant in Marshalltown also suffered extensive damage. Trailers and railcars were flipped and a static freezer that held 24 million pounds of pork was heavily damaged.

"We will probably lose all of this product," general manager Todd Carl said, but added that he expects production to resume next week.

Alliant Energy said it hopes to have power in Marshalltown fully restored by mid-week. About 4,000 customers remained without power midday Saturday.

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Stunning Sebring lake front home

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2881 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$660,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell and Justin Hartt with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

This private executive four-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath home with a detached three-car garage is on premier Lake Jackson. The property is situated on approximately one acre of waterfront close to town.

Wander down the long circular private driveway to the front entry and detached three-car garage. Landscaping along the sides of the property lines lends to a private retreat feel.

The property underwent renovations in 2014 that included the detached oversized three-car garage. The garage is connected to the home with a breezeway. Once you step into the home through the double doors from the recently renovated front stoop area you will walk into a formal living room/dining room

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 2881 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$660,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell and Justin Hartt with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

DIRECTIONS

2881 Lakeview Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn right onto Scenic Highway. Turn left onto Lakeview Drive. The home is on the right, just beyond Ben Eastman Road.

Home in Estates of Sebring Park

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 3105 Country Lake Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$329,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team at Keller Williams Realty.

Whether you are looking for a lake front home or a home on a canal with access to the lake, be sure you take a look at this property. It has the best of both worlds. With Lake Istokpoga views from the front of the house and the deep water canal in the back, this pool home leaves nothing to be desired.

It is nestled in the peaceful and serene Estates of Sebring Park. This community is just off the beaten path, and quite possibly one of Sebring's best kept secrets.

Built in 1999, this home has undergone some incredible renovations. The split floor plan boasts more than 2,200 square feet of living space with both a living and family room.

The gorgeous granite kitchen is accented nicely with sleek, stainless steel appliances. It has a large pass through

ELLIOTT | 2



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 3105 Country Lake Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$329,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team at Keller Williams Realty.

DIRECTIONS

3105 Country Lake Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in south Sebring, turn east onto U.S. 98. Turn right onto Ashton Drive. Turn left onto Country Lake Drive. The home is on the right.

Lovely home on Lake Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 1012 Lake Sebring Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$279,500 and is listed with Kim Reed and Helen Ferry of The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

If you've dreamed of living in a home directly on a lake, this is the home for you! Located right on Lake Sebring, this spacious three-bedroom plus office, three-bath home could be just what you've been dreaming of.

The first thing you'll see is the lovely landscaping gracing the front yard. The mature shade trees will keep you cool during the hot summers.

This home has 2,436 living square feet. It features a formal living room/dining room with a gas fireplace as well as a 16 by 20 family room with awesome views of the lake. The bright kitchen has a skylight, wood cabinets and newer appliances.

You won't find a better view than you'll have sitting in the lanai/bonus

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DIRECTIONS

1012 Lake Sebring Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn left onto Memorial Drive. Turn right onto Lake Sebring Drive. The home is on the left.

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combination. The room has glass sliding glass doors overlooking the backyard.

You will notice the lush, landscaped backyard with grandfather oak trees and lake views. Continue through the doorway into the updated kitchen/family room combo. You are greeted with soaring high ceilings and transom windows that create a lot of natural light.

The kitchen was recently updated and is sure to please any master chef and serves as the heart of this home. There is plenty of space on the gorgeous white quartz counter tops and you will love the double bowl farmhouse sink.

The great room has wood flooring and a gas fireplace and is a perfect space for entertaining. The family room also offers lake access through glass sliders.

All of the glass sliders in the home have sliding plantation shutters too. This adds to the element of privacy. All the windows are also adorned with custom plantation shutters.

Off of the great room is a laundry room styled after the kitchen and has an access door leading to the breezeway. Another bathroom and bedroom is in the front of the home, which allows access to the front foyer without accessing the main home. This space could be converted into an office or a mother in-law quarters and by adding a kitchenette to the laundry room you could make it private.



COURTESY PHOTO

The great room has wood flooring and a gas fireplace and is a perfect space for entertaining.

From the great room is a tri-level stairway. Steps up from the great room is the owner's suite and down one level are two secondary bedrooms and one-and-a-half baths.

The owner's suite has a closet fit for a queen and her king! Enjoy stunning views of the lake from the private balcony. The owner's bath has a glass enclosed walk-in shower, additional large soaker tub and quartz counters with double vanity.

With a little imagination, the space where the two secondary bedrooms are could easily be configured to add a third bedroom, making it a five-bedroom home.

The bath in this area is ideal for multiple users, with two toilet vanity areas that share a tub/shower room. One vanity area has access from the hall and the other has a private entrance. One bedroom has access to the lake through glass sliders and the other larger bedroom has spectacular lake views through a huge window.

Walk out from the great room, formal living room or secondary bedroom to a covered rear open lanai that overlooks the lush backyard. The backyard

faces to the south and has some of the best views of the lake.

The property has more than 90 feet of waterfront on Lake Jackson with a seawall and a deck is out by the water. Lake Jackson is a 3,212-acre lake located in the city limits. It is a sandy ridge bottom clear lake known for recreation but also has great bass and speck fishing. A health trail runs around the entire exterior of the lake and has approximately 10 miles of continuous side-walk all the way around for walking or bicycles.

Sebring is located in the heart of Highlands County and is the county hub. It is approximately two hours to either coast and within 90 miles of 90 percent of the state's population, without the crime rate and traffic. This is a great home to view for any lake front buyer.

For more information, call Dell at 863-381-0400 or Hartt at 863-443-1274. View the virtual tour at heartlandre.net. Search for MLS 248328.



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window from the kitchen to the bonus room, which overlooks the pool and canal.

You will love the new barn wood look flooring, the vaulted ceilings and plant shelves. Sliding doors lead from both the family and dining rooms to the bonus room and out to the pool.

With three bedrooms

and three full baths, you will enjoy a convenient pool bath. The master bedroom has the perfect set up. Not only does it feature a private en-suite that boasts two walk-in closets, double vanities, a jacuzzi tub and walk-in shower, it also has direct access to the pool bath as well. Beat the Florida heat in style in the crystal clear, in ground, screened swimming pool.

Excellent fishing on Lake Istokpoga is just a short boat ride away, as

the lake opening is just a few houses down. Dock your boat at your own boathouse with a new lift. The property has a seawall and dock.

An attached two-car garage features an awesome screen door and the front porch entry is also screened. Open the house up during cooler weather and get an incredible breeze coming off the lake.

For more information, call The Elliott Team at 863-658-3780.

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room, which overlooks the 468 acre Lake Sebring.

The bonus room has been updated with corner-to-corner hurricane windows and is perfect as a game or exercise room. The home has a screened lanai with a hot tub.

The owner's suite is large at 15 by 16, giving you plenty of room for a sitting area. The en-suite bath has double sinks. The home has an office and two other large bedrooms as well as two more baths, making it perfect for family and guests.

Other features include a two-car garage, a whole-house generator, whole-house surge protector and a newer roof.

This home's location on Lake Sebring makes it ideal for the family who enjoys boating, swimming and fishing.

For more information or to schedule a private showing, call Reed at 863-381-6575 or email Kimbreed@comcast.net or call Ferry at 863-381-1089 or email Hbferry@comcast.net. Visit homesforsalesebring.com and search for MLS 247030.

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How to make your offer stand out

The real estate market right now is definitely in favor of the seller. There is not a lot of inventory available, so that means there are a lot more buyers out there than there are sellers. When that happens, buyers can expect to be in competition when it comes to buying a new home.

So, how do you make your offer stand out when there are multiple offers on a home? There are several ways.

1. Get pre-approved
In an earlier column, we wrote about the difference between pre-qualified and pre-approved. Being pre-qualified just means



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a lender has said they would consider making a loan. Pre-approval, on the other hand, is much more involved and is almost like having the mortgage commitment already in hand. Being

pre-approved will let the seller know that your offer will hold up.

2. Make a good offer from the start

If there are multiple offers on a home, you don't want yours to be rejected right away because it is the lowest of the bunch. Yes, you want to get the best deal, but making a lowball offer isn't the best strategy in a seller's market. You want the seller to know that you are serious about buying their property. Work with your Realtor to get a market analysis to determine what the appropriate offer will be.

3. Make a large

earnest money deposit

Another way to show the seller you are serious is to make a large deposit. In a case where there are multiple offers, a larger good-faith deposit will give you a better chance of being the offer chosen out of the pack.

4. Make a large down payment

Similar to the items above, this shows the seller you are a serious buyer. Having a large down payment is a demonstration that you have saved up to buy this home and are prepared to make this deal work. A large down payment also makes the

it easier to get financing, which will make your offer more appealing to the seller.

5. Consider the contingencies

As a buyer, you have the option to make the purchase contingent on several different factors. Talk to your Realtor about which ones of these you can ease or eliminate to make your offer more appealing.

6. Work with the sellers

Have your Realtor talk to the sellers to find out more about their situation. Do they need some extra time to move out once closing is complete or do they already have

a new home lined up and want to get closing done as soon as possible so they can move?

The main thing to remember in a market like we have right now is that if you are looking to buy a home, you are going to have to be flexible. An experienced Realtor can help you determine what steps you can take to make sure your offer is the one that stands out in a crowd.

The Elliott Team with Keller Williams is always here to help with any questions you may have regarding the buying or selling process. Call 863-658-3780.

Berkshire Hathaway announces sales awards

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LAKELAND — Berkshire Hathaway Florida Properties Group recently announced its Top Associate Awards in Highlands County for the second quarter of 2018.

• Sales Leader in Volume – Reed-Ferry Team (Country Club office), Lazaro Martinez (Sebring office) and Carol Edwards (Lake Placid office)

• Sales Leader in Units – Reed-Ferry Team (Country Club office), Lazaro Martinez (Sebring office) and Dennis & Debra Rutledge (Lake Placid office)

• Listing Leader in Volume – Reed-Ferry Team (Country Club office), Lazaro Martinez (Sebring office) and Roger Ravensborg (Lake Placid office)

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• Listing Leader in Units – Reed-Ferry Team (Country Club office), Lazaro Martinez (Sebring office) and Linda Klein (Lake Placid office)

Berkshire Hathaway Florida Properties Group also recognizes the following agents who closed on over \$1 million in sales during the second quarter of 2018:

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- Carol Edwards

- Helen Ferry
- Lazaro Martinez
- Rona Port
- Kim Reed
- Dennis and Debra Rutledge
- Lisa Terrell

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Heartland Real Estate announces second quarter awards

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RIP: The great American shopping mall design

As many Sears stores close across the country, I am reminded of how nostalgic I am for the great American shopping mall.

I loved its symmetrical, windowless, floor plans and mystical matching entrances. Miles of shiny tile and palm trees! Where else could you see real palm trees growing north of the Mason-Dixon line?

Now we have Amazon with their own version of Christmas in July. And while shopping in my pajamas while binge watching missed episodes of "Supernatural" is appealing, it will never be the same as a circa 1983 shopping mall on Black Friday.

No matter where you grew up in America, they all had the same look. At least two anchor department store tenants, like Sears, two or more floors connected by escalators, a parking deck, and a central entertainment courtyard. Where did this perfect retail Utopian template from my childhood come from?

Malls like Lakeshore Mall in Sebring are the decedents of America's first mall, Southdale Center in Edina, Minnesota designed by Austrian architect Victor Gruen in 1956. He was forced to flee Europe in the late 1930s due to Nazi occupation and wasted no time rebuilding his family's new life in New York.

Gruen banded together with other German speaking artisan immigrants forming the "Refugee Artists Group."

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A friend of his from Vienna, Ludwig Lederer, asked Gruen to assist in the design of a leather goods store he was opening on Fifth Avenue.

Gruen's design was revolutionary at the time. A recessed arcade-style storefront with tall glass cases left and right leading shoppers into a reflective glass and marble foyer, all showered in bright spotlights. A modern departure from other storefronts on Fifth Avenue that all sat flat, flush against the street.

Gruen hated urban sprawl with its tacky signage and mismatched store fronts. He saw shoppers walking from their cars to the store then directly back to their cars, like robots. He became fascinated instead by the government's Cold War development projects for defense workers in New Mexico, which included both retail and non-retail in an all-inclusive, cohesive, community aesthetic.

Heavily influenced by the Socialist ideals of early 20th century Austria, Gruen also included a central courtyard for communal gatherings in his design for Southdale. Shoppers would be drawn to this "town center" by the only natural light in the building, skylights.

Southland included a café, a 21-foot cage filled with exotic birds, a tranquil goldfish pond, towering live trees and trellises of hanging ferns pouring from the



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upper level. The 1950s suburban family could enjoy live music, table service dining or maybe a movie with friends and neighbors regardless of weather, all times of day.

His template for the great American mall would be repeated for decades all over the country including right here in Sebring.

The most fascinating details of Gruen's work on Southdale is however not in its form, rather in its function. As a student of design, I was taught in school that mall windows were deleted so that shoppers would lose track of time. That entrances near major highways like 27, were mimicked so that shoppers could find the mall easily, however not so easily locate their vehicle when trying to leave.

These attributes were just the fiscally pleasant

side effects of Gruen's truly brilliant vision, not by design. Southdale Center was, in fact, a Cold War fallout shelter. The mall, constructed of over half a million concrete and brick blocks, hid an intricate underground tunnel system and included a 10,000-kilowatt generator at the time it was built.

Plans were in place to convert the stores into crop labs, the parking garage into a tent city, and was strategically placed between two major highways so assets could move to and from the facility within the bedlam of a nuclear attack. Climate control would allow the space to serve as an "arc of life" to preserve human, plant and animal species if radiation proved too harsh outside. A place of salvation for those fleeing the nearby main

streets of the Twin Cities during an apocalypse.

The formula was such a huge success, future developers and architects

simply copied its design details, including Armageddon readiness, verbatim. Lakeshore Mall is a perfect example.

Built nearly 40 years later yet featuring a clad block exterior, anchored at each end by department store space, devoid of windows except for skylights, full of foliage with strikingly similar entrances throughout the building.

I will miss the great American shopping mall design. May it rest in peace.

Been to Southdale Center? Share your experience on my blog at <http://shellysappinteriors.com/blog/>.

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Home ownership is not for everyone

The homeownership rate has been increasing recently following more than 10 years of decline. According to the U.S. Census, the rate peaked in the first quarter of 2005 at 69.1 percent and then declined to a low of 62.9 percent in the second quarter of 2016. It has been creeping up since then, reaching 64.2 percent in the first quarter of this year.

This may or may not be a good thing, depending on how many of the new owners are NOHOs — my term for people who should not be homeowners.

Defining a NOHO

The distinguishing feature of NOHOs that makes them poor homeowners is not their income, family structure, mobility, ethnicity or where they live. Rather, it is how they live. Whereas successful homeowners live with at least one foot in the future and have learned how to delay some gratifications for future rewards, NOHOs live from day to day — or week to week, or month to month, depending on

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how often they are paid. Whatever they want, furthermore, they want it now. Typically, they have nothing left at the end of their pay period, and if they run out early they have to scrimp or borrow, usually at high interest rates.

When NOHOs make a costly purchase, such as a TV set, they price it in terms of the monthly payment, which they attempt to fit into their weekly or monthly budget. They are easily seduced by offers of delayed payments and long repayment terms, ignoring the high prices that accompany such offers.

NOHOs sometimes write me about buying a house because they have heard that owning is cheaper than renting. They would buy a house in the same way they would buy a TV set, by seeing if they can afford the monthly payment. In most cases, they have no savings but have heard that it is possible to get a loan for 100 percent

of the sale price. I try to discourage them by explaining the hidden costs and risks of home ownership and by pointing out that, as owners, they rather than the landlord are responsible for everything that goes wrong.

Property taxes a common NOHO problem Any bump in the road is enough to throw home-owning NOHOs in the ditch. A common bump in the road is property taxes. One who wrote me had calculated her monthly obligation net of the tax deduction on the mortgage interest, and fell behind on her payment because — something she did not anticipate — her tax saving did not become available to her until year-end.

Another NOHO who wrote me was in serious trouble almost immediately because the property tax estimate by the lender turned out to be \$200 a month too low. The NOHO said he would not have purchased the house if he had known the correct figure. His house purchase plan had no

margin for error.

More often, NOHOs can manage the tax when they move in but can't manage a future tax increase. Of course, property taxes are known to rise, if not this year then next; it doesn't take a lot of foresight to expect it. But foresight is in short supply among NOHOs.

The down payment requirement

In the 1920s, NOHOs were all renters because mortgage lenders required house purchasers to put 40 percent down. Since NOHOs can't save, they can't make a down payment. The problem was that the high down payment requirement screened out many potential homeowners who were not NOHOs, especially first-time home buyers, for whom our society seems to have a weak spot. Over the years the screen has been much loosened.

On FHA-insured loans, the requirement declined from 20 percent in 1934 to 3.5 percent today. Loans purchased by

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac today require 5 percent down, though first-time buyers can qualify for 3 percent. Veterans can obtain VA mortgages with no down payment, and the Department of Agriculture offers them to low-income purchasers in rural areas.

An alternative way of liberalizing the down payment screen is to allow the payment to come from someone other than the borrower. We have had a number of these, and some are more likely to allow NOHOs to avoid the screen than others.

Allowing a third party to make a down payment for a borrower in most cases is a better way to screen out NOHOs than a no down payment program that relies entirely on a credit evaluation. The third party is risking its contribution based on knowledge of the borrower. This is true of contributions made by family members, for whom assistance is a vote of confidence by those who usually know the borrower best. To some degree, it is also true of investors who

negotiate a share of future property appreciation. Several programs of this sort have arisen in recent years. It is not the case with home sellers, who can be depended upon to raise the house price by enough to cover their contribution.

The NOHO cure

It isn't easy but NOHOs can cure themselves by changing their lifestyle. The key change is to reverse their practice of treating savings as a residual — what is left at the end of the pay period after all expenses have been made. The residual system doesn't work for NOHOs because they never have anything left. A way to shift priorities is to make a deposit into a special savings account immediately after receiving income, so that spending is limited to what remains. It can work for those determined to make it work.

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When to do a walk through

Editor's Note: This column previously published on Jan. 7:

The term walk through carries a myth of being used only when you're buying a new developer built home and is performed before closing. Allow to me assist you in understanding the importance of a walk through for a buyer, seller, landlord or tenant on new construction or older homes.

In new construction one of the most exciting days during the home buying process is when you have your walk through, usually scheduled on the day before your closing. Just like it sounds, a walk through takes place when you and your buyers' agent explore your home-to-be and check to make sure it's in the condition



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specified in your contract.

Chances are, this is the first time you've been back in the property for a few weeks and the first time you've seen it without the sellers' possessions in place — unless you bought a vacant home. Hopefully, you'll still feel enthusiastic about your new home, but no matter how exhilarated you are and eager to move in, you should take

your time on the walk through and carefully check every room.

Typically, the walk through should take place within 24 hours of your closing so that you see the property at the last possible moment. You don't want to do the final check too soon and then discover damage from a storm that hit the day before or that the developer missed some pre-approved changes or additions.

Once you sign the closing documents any damage becomes your responsibility, even if it occurred before you officially owned the property. If your contract states that the sellers are to make repairs, it's best to schedule two walk throughs.

The first one should take place a week or so before your closing date

so that you can review requested repairs. If you are not satisfied or the sellers have not provided requested receipts and contact information for the contractors, this will give you time to negotiate a solution to the problem so that your closing won't be delayed.

You should still have your final walk through just before the closing meaning one hour prior to closing. You are to request proof of the final walk through, take photos or videos of the interior and exterior of the property.

Save the developer opening promotional flyers since it is often that due to the volume of homes certain details are involuntary overlooked. For example, front and rear landscaping, a gate for access to the patio, lake.

When buying a pre-owned, occupied home, you are to cautiously observe and make notes. I call it a pre walk through to remember what stays or not with the property. Your Realtor can assist you with a list of what stays, of any repairs the seller is to have done.

After selecting the property you want, submit an offer and ask your Realtor for a list of what the seller is leaving or taking out of the property. On the day of closing ask your Realtor for a final walk through two hours prior to closing schedule time, verifying your original list of items to be left and to be removed from the property. When either or both seller and buyer are not present to close then the Realtors are to have a walk through.

You should still have

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Jimmy Wohl, HREC president/broker, said. "We congratulate Dawn on all of her achievements

during the second three months of 2018."

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your final walk through just before the closing. It is a must that the property has water and electricity services on the day of the last walk through. Some buyers are disappointed when they see the condition of the property after the sellers have vacated the home.

Most contracts state that the property needs to be "broom clean." Many people have different standards for cleanliness and broom clean means just that — swept up but not necessarily deep-cleaned. Regardless of the cleanliness of the home, there are certain steps to take during the walk through.

Bring your home report, a copy of your contract and the sellers' property condition disclosure form so you can check on specific flagged items. Check for items that the sellers agreed in the contract to convey to the buyer, such as window treatments or fireplace tools. Remember that these items have to be identified in writing, not just in an oral agreement.

Check for items the sellers left behind that you don't want. If the sellers don't want their basement bookcases, that doesn't mean you have to keep them. Check your contract to see if the shelves were mentioned. If not, it's the sellers' responsibility to remove them.

Test all the appliances to make sure they still work. Turn on the heating and air conditioning for a few minutes to see if they are operable. Bring

an inexpensive electrical tester from a hardware store to make sure all the outlets work.

It is imperative for a smooth transaction and closing to occur, that the buyer's Realtor and seller's Realtor together with seller and buyer work in a team basis. If you find that the sellers have not followed through on the contract promises, or you find a new issue that you want them to address, consider whether the problem is worth disrupting your closing.

For instance, if there's a light bulb that's burned out in the refrigerator, you can easily take care of that yourself. Even something a little more costly may be something you should think about handling on your own in the interest of closing on time.

However, if you're uncertain of the extent of a problem, such as a newly discovered leak under the bathroom sink that the sellers hid during your home inspection, you and your buyers' agent should contact the sellers' agent and negotiate a solution to the problem. If you find the sellers are unwilling to pay for a plumber, think about the cost to you in delaying your closing or in legal fees.

Your Realtor can help you determine which issues are worth pursuing and which you can resolve on your own.

Last but not least if you're a tenant you are to do a walk through as well. All the above applies to a tenant and landlord. Often tenants receive the properties without inspecting it thoroughly, due to the urgency created by landlords who request you

are out by specific time. Tenants tend to leave items of no use to them with the thought it can interest the new tenant.

A tenant's security deposit is to be used for damages and or expenses incurred by the landlord to have to rent the property due to a tenant's non-compliance. Tenants are to have a detailed list of the conditions they receive the property including photos — keep a copy and send a copy to the landlord, property manager or landlord representative.

When a tenant is to vacate the property a final walk through should accompany a report and photos showing the conditions he or she received the property — this is a must to prevent losing part of or all of a complete security deposit.

In conclusion a simple, thorough walk through when you receive a property — buying new or used or renting — can prevent costly expenses.

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Quick answers on rental leases

REAL ESTATE Q & A
GARY M. SINGER

I get many rental-related questions where the answers are too short to write a whole column about — but they are important questions. Here I answer several of them:

Question: I have rented part of a house for several years, paying monthly without a written lease, and recently the landlord significantly raised the rent. Can he do this? — Nancy

Answer: Yes. If you don't have a written lease, your rent is locked in for only the term equal to how often you pay. If you pay weekly, your lease is for a week; pay monthly and it is for a month, and so on. Since your lease is month to month, you can be



FILE PHOTO

What happens if your landlord raises your rent and you don't have a written lease to fall back on? Can the landlord do this?

asked to leave, with 15 days' notice, after just a month. Similarly, the terms of your lease, including the rent amount, can be changed just as frequently. Fortunately, if you are not happy with the change, you can also bail out with the same short notice.

Question: I have a

written lease, and the landlord now wants me to pay the water bill too. The lease states it is his responsibility. Do I now have to pay the water? — Sandy

Answer: No. The terms of the lease are enforceable by both the landlord and the tenant and cannot be changed unless both sides agree.

Question: We pay our rent on the first of the month. The landlord just sold the apartment on the fifth. Does the previous landlord need to pay us back for the rest of the month? — Kathy

Answer: No. The proration of your rent is between the old landlord and the new one. The prior owner should have turned your rent and security deposit over to the new landlord, who is now responsible, since he is your landlord now. Your lease does not change just because the home's owner does. Everything should remain the same except for whom you write the check to.

Question: I rent a couple of apartments. How long should I keep the old paperwork for when a tenant moves out? — Richard

Answer: Both landlords and tenants should keep lease records an absolute minimum of five years after move-out. Seven years is better. Same goes for homeowners.

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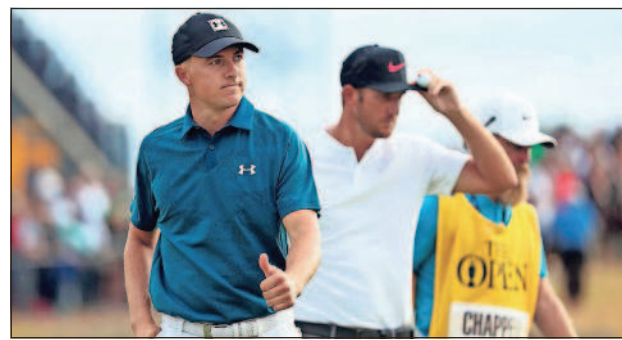


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GOLF: British Open

Spieth part of 3-way tie for lead



AP PHOTO
Jordan Spieth (left) and Kevin Chappell finish the third round of the British Open Golf Championship, Saturday in Carnoustie, Scotland.

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Jordan Spieth has a share of the lead in the British Open and a big edge in experience. Still only 24, he already has won three majors and his name is the last one etched on the base of the silver claret jug. One name in the mix makes it all feel so new.

“I’ve always wanted to battle it out in a major with Tiger. Who hasn’t?” Spieth said after seizing upon a calm Carnoustie for a 6-under 65 to tie for the lead with Kevin Kisner and Xander Schauffele. “It’s kind of a dream come true just to have the opportunity.” Woods feels the same way. Never in the mix at the Masters, gone by

the weekend at the U.S. Open, the 14-time major champion surged into contention Saturday with a 66, his lowest round on weekend at a major in eight years. He didn’t have the best score. He was four shots behind. But he’s Tiger Woods, and it felt like that again to thousands of fans who crammed along the fairways and behind the

greens as Woods ran off three straight birdies around the turn and then two-putted for birdie on the par-5 14th to work his way into a tie for the lead, even if that lasted for only 20 minutes. “I’ve shown that I’ve been there close enough with a chance to win this year,” Woods said. “Given what happened

SEE LEAD, 3

NFL: Anthem protests



TAMPA BAY TIMES
Bucs receiver Mike Evans, shown after his new contract this spring, tweeted back at the president Saturday after Donald Trump tweeted that protesting NFL players should be suspended.

Evans fires back at Trump after anthem protest tweet

By **GREG AUMAN**
Tampa Bay Times

Bucs receiver Mike Evans fired back at President Donald Trump on Saturday, responding to another tweet from the White House criticizing NFL players who want to

protest during the national anthem. Trump’s latest tweet came after Thursday’s joint announcement by the NFL and NFLPA that they had reached a standstill agreement, saying no new rules would be issued or enforced relating

to protests during the anthem for “the next several weeks.” On Friday night, Trump went after the NFL and its players, saying the “\$40,000,000 Commissioner” Roger Goodell “must now take a stand.”

“First time kneeling, out for game,” Trump wrote. “Second time kneeling, out for season/no pay!” Evans, who has voiced his disapproval of Trump before, answered with a tweet

SEE EVANS, 3

NFL: Bucs training camp questions

How to split the QB reps, position battles and more

By **Rick Stroud**
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — Jameis Winston would like to move forward with his career now that he has accepted the NFL’s decision to suspend him three games and apologized — for something — to the Uber driver that the league says he touched in an “inappropriate and sexual manner.” When the Bucs’ full squad reports to

training camp Wednesday, players and coaches will circle the wagons around Winston. There will be a lot of talk about believing in second chances and a nothing-to-see-here tone will be set. But the effects of the suspension will be felt every day until Winston returns for the Bucs’ game Sept. 30 at Chicago, if not beyond. Start with the most

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TAMPA BAY TIMES
Bucs quarterbacks Ryan Fitzpatrick (14), Jameis Winston (3) and Ryan Griffin (4) run drills during mandatory minicamp in June at One Buc Place in Tampa.

NFL: Buccaneers

Bucs’ Mike Evans donates \$11,000 to family of shooting victim

AP PHOTO
Mike Evans, shown last season, made an \$11,000 donation Saturday to the family of a man shot and killed by sheriff’s deputies in Florida in 2014.



By **GREG AUMAN**
Tampa Bay Times

Turns out Donald Trump wasn’t the only person that Bucs receiver Mike Evans reached out to on Twitter on Saturday. The Bucs receiver fired back at the president after a tweet suggesting that NFL players who protest during the national anthem should be suspended. But then

he saw a story about a Florida family needing help after a father was shot and killed by two sheriff’s deputies in 2014. A jury ruled in favor of the police, but awarded the family \$4. “Is there a GoFundMe or a donation page for the family?” Evans asked on Twitter. When multiple fans reached out with a link to the fundraising effort for family of Gregory

Hill, Evans stepped up and made a donation of \$11,000, pushing the overall online donations to the family to close to \$100,000. Evans signed a five-year extension this spring worth \$82 million, saying that very day: “I plan on helping a lot of people.” In April, he donated \$10,000 to a childhood friend who was injured in an accidental shooting.

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4 p.m.
FS2 — Saratoga Live, Coaching Club American Oaks, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
MLB BASEBALL
2 p.m.
TBS — St. Louis at Chicago Cubs
8 p.m.
ESPN — N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Noon
FS1 — UFC Fight Night, prelims, at Hamburg, Germany
2 p.m.
FS1 — UFC Fight Night, Mauricio Rua vs. Anthony Smith, at Hamburg, Germany
RUGBY
2:30 p.m.
NBC — 2018 World Cup Sevens, Challenge Trophy semifinals, at San Francisco
7 p.m.
NBCSN — 2018 World Cup Sevens, Cup bracket and Ceremony, at San Francisco
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — ICC Futures Tournament, Final, at Orlando, Fla.
4 p.m.
ESPN — International Champions Cup, Liverpool vs. Borussia Dortmund, at Charlotte, N.C.
WNBA BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
NBA — Seattle at Atlanta
6 p.m.
NBA — Los Angeles at Chicago

TRACK & FIELD: Hurdles

Warholm exploits Samba absence to win London 400 hurdles

Associated Press

LONDON — World champion Karsten Warholm used the absence of Qatar rival Abderrahman Samba to finally win a 400-meter hurdles at the Anniversary Games on Saturday.
And in a Norwegian record, too.
Warholm was runner-up to Samba in the previous Diamond League meetings in Rome, Oslo, Stockholm, Paris, and Lausanne. But Samba preferred to try the 400 without hurdles at London Stadium, and registered a personal-best in coming fifth.
Warholm won the hurdles comfortably in 47.65, more than half a second off Samba's best this year.
Meanwhile, Abdallelah Haroun won the 400 in a Qatar-record 44.07.
In the women's 100-meter final, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce won in 10.98 seconds, her season best.
The Jamaican, a two-time Olympic champion,

had a baby boy last August.
"I haven't raced for ages and I'm happy that the run today was under 11 seconds," Fraser-Pryce said.
"Being a mother is my first priority and to come back and be flexible with Saturday, and I'm so excited about next year now."
Dezerea Bryant of the United States was second in 11.04.
Ronnie Baker of the U.S. won the men's 100 in 9.90 for his fourth win of this Diamond League.
Zharnel Hughes was second in 9.93, and Commonwealth champion Akani Simbine of South Africa was third. Jamaica's Yohan Blake was fourth. Christian Coleman, who won silver at the worlds last year, pulled out with a hamstring injury.
Olympic silver and world bronze medalist Paul Chelimo of the U.S. edged the 5,000 from Ethiopian duo Edris Muktar and Yomif Kejelcha.

MLB: Rays



TAMPA BAY TIMES
Rays pitcher Chris Archer sporting the DJ Kitty head giveaway during Saturday's game.

Another bad look for Rays in 3-2 loss

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

ST. PETERSBURG — To get a sense of how shorthanded the Rays were by the final innings of Saturday night's game, all you had to do was look at the field and see Carlos Gomez playing second base.
It was that kind of night for the Rays, who lost another game, 3-2 to the Marlins, and apparently another player to injury, as shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria left in the seventh inning with left oblique soreness.
Hechavarria's injury forced Rays prospect Justin Williams, just called up from Triple-A Durham, to make a challenging debut, pinch-hitting against

Marlins lefty Adam Conley, and in a key situation, two on and one out.
Williams, 22, who made it to the Trop and into the dugout around the third inning, didn't deliver a moment to remember, grounding into a double play.
With CF Kevin Kiermaier (foot) and 3B Matt Duffy (back) sidelined, and only backup Adam Moore on the bench, the Rays put Williams in rightfield and moved Gomez to second. It wasn't totally wacky, as he played there once in 2015, an inning for the Brewers, and does take ground balls often.
The Marlins grabbed the lead in the fourth with a quick start against Ryan Yarbrough. Justin Bour drew a leadoff walk,

Starlin Castro singled and Martin Prado doubled for one run. A one-out grounder by Miguel Rojas scored the other.
The Rays halved the lead when Joey Wendle opened the home fourth with a homer to center, which was the Rays first hit off Miami starter Pablo Lopez.
The Marlins extended the lead to 3-1 in the seventh when Cameron Maybin homered off Hunter Wood, the third of five Rays pitchers in a game started by opener Ryne Stanek. The Rays cut it back to 3-2 on a ninth-inning homer by Ji-Man Choi that struck high off the batter's eye in centerfield.
Hey kid
Williams, 22, is

probably the Rays most advanced outfield prospect, but wasn't necessarily ready for a callup from Triple-A Durham, having hit .267 with eight homers, 45 RBIs and a .715 OPS.
But with Kiermaier sidelined for a couple days (but not on the DL), and with neither INF Willy Adames nor Christian Arroyo eligible to be called up by not having at Triple-A Durham 10 days, Williams was the choice since he was already on the 40-man roster. Just getting him to the Trop was challenging enough since Durham was playing in Buffalo. "He's an exciting young player," Cash said. ... LHP Hoby Milner was optioned to Durham to make room for Williams.

MLB: Rays

Kiermaier has 'severe bone bruise' in foot, dates back to April injury

By **Greg Auman**
Tampa Bay Times

Rays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier left Friday's game in the fifth inning when an injury to his right foot that has bothered him since April flared up with the worst pain he's encountered this season.
Kiermaier called the injury a "severe bone bruise" and said he'll have it evaluated Saturday, hopeful that he'll only be sidelined a "couple of days."
"You would think me being on the 60-day DL (with thumb injury), it would go away,"

Kiermaier said. "It's crazy that it's still a thing, but I've been feeling it ... It's frustrating because I haven't been able to get rid of this. I've had good days and bad days, but today was the worst day I've had."
Kiermaier said he had hoped the All-Star break would help the injury, given four days to get off his feet and have extended rest for his foot. But it gave him trouble before batting practice, and he said he left the game fearing he wouldn't be able to make a play because of his limitations.
"2018 has been a



TAMPA BAY TIMES
Kevin Kiermaier was able to get a double in the first inning and score, but left in the fifth inning due to a painful foot injury that has bothered him since April.

frustrating year for me," he said. "I'll be just fine. This is one thing that just comes and goes. I should be good to go

and we'll see what the doctors have to say tomorrow. It's no joke. I was in a lot of pain today."

TENNIS: Hall of Fame

Michael Stich, Helena Sukova inducted into tennis hall

By **KEN POWTAK**
Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — When Michael Stich was a teenager, he had to choose a sport — soccer or tennis.
It seems he made right choice now that he has a home in the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
The 49-year-old German and Helena Sukova were inducted on Saturday during a ceremony on Newport's grass court, the only members of the class of 2018.
"I played till I was 18," Stich said during a news conference. "There was a little bit of a decision between soccer and tennis, but I preferred tennis because I didn't have to deal with 10 other guys messing up on the pitch. It was only up to me to mess up."
Stich captured his only Grand Slam singles title in 1991, beating countryman Boris Becker, also a Hall of Famer, at Wimbledon. He was a U.S. Open finalist in 1994 and runner-up at the 1996 French Open.



AP PHOTO
Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Helena Sukova, left, of Czech Republic, sits with Hall of Famers Jan Kodes, of Czech Republic, and Kim Clijsters, right, of Belgium, during ceremonies at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Saturday in Newport, R.I.

He joined Becker to win gold in doubles at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.
"It was always said that we didn't get along," Stich said. "Obviously, as we were rivals, we could get along. I think we benefited a lot from each other because we always wanted to be better than the other player," he said. "We proved it to ourselves and to everyone else that it was possible to follow our goal."
Sukova captured a combined 14 Slam doubles titles — nine in women's

and five in mixed. She was runner-up in singles at four majors — twice each at the Australian and U.S. opens.
"For me, the most important (thing) was playing the singles," she said. "I didn't really like to practice, so doubles was perfect."
The 53-year-old Czech reflected on her biggest singles win, beating Martina Navratilova at the 1984 Australian Open to end her string of 74 consecutive match victories,

including six straight Slam titles.
"I had like three press conferences every day after that," she said. "Before that, I barely had one."
Hall of Famer Jim Courier jokingly told the crowd that he checked his record against Stich before heading from his New York City home.
"I almost turned around when I saw I only won five of 12 matches against him," he said.
Stich said that when he was 6 years old his family took him to the tennis club.
"They couldn't leave me at home," he said. "They had to take me."
And that's how his love of the game began.
"I had a tennis wall to play against," he said. "I got a racket and ball and they said: 'Spend two hours here and we'll pick you up later.'"
It was time well spent.
"The beauty of his game," Courier said, "is what really sticks with me."

CYCLING: Tour De France

With Thomas and Froome 1-2, Sky controls Tour de France

By **ANDREW DAMPF**
The Associated Press

MENDE, France — With Geraint Thomas and Chris Froome sitting 1-2 in the overall standings, Team Sky has complete control over the Tour de France.

The two British riders took advantage of their powers in the hilly 14th stage in the Massif Central, allowing a large group of breakaway riders to build a lead of nearly 20 minutes then fending off the few attacks thrown their way on the short but steep finishing climb.

“We can really just ride off each other,” Froome said. “I imagine for our rivals it’s making their lives quite difficult, having two guys to watch like that.”

While the Welshman



Britain's Geraint Thomas, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Britain's Chris Froome ride Saturday during the fourteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race, over 116.8 miles with start in Saint-Paul Trois-Chateaux and Mende, France. (PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Thomas is attempting to win the Tour for the first time, the Kenyan-born Froome is aiming for a record-tying fifth victory in cycling's biggest race. Fourth-placed Primoz Roglic was the only overall

contender to gain time, finishing eight seconds ahead of Thomas, Froome, and third-placed Tom Dumoulin — with all four riders finishing more than 18 minutes behind stage

winner Omar Fraile, who remained far back in the standings.

Thomas leads Froome by 1 minute, 39 seconds. Dumoulin, the time trial world champion and last year's Giro d'Italia winner, is third, 1:50 behind, and Roglic is fourth, 2:38 back.

When Dumoulin attacked with two kilometers remaining, Thomas chased him down with Froome towing along.

“(Dumoulin) can really pace himself,” Thomas said. “You don't know if he is really suffering or just pacing himself. Hats off to him. It takes (courtesy) to do that with no teammate around.”

Fraile escaped from a large group of breakaway riders on the finishing

climb, a short but steep three-kilometer ascent that was followed by a quick descent and flat finish on an air strip.

“When I saw that the breakaway was so big, I knew it was going to be a tough stage, but I picked my moment well and pulled it off,” Fraile said. “I knew that I still had another gear. ... I have raced here before and I knew the course to perfection.”

Fraile had time to celebrate before crossing the line, finishing six seconds ahead of Julian Alaphilippe, the Frenchman wearing the polka-dot jersey awarded to the Tour's best climber.

Jasper Stuyven of Belgium finished third, also six seconds back, and three-time world

champion Peter Sagan came fourth.

It was the first career victory at the Tour for Fraile, who rides for the Astana team. His only other victory at a Grand Tour came with a stage win in last year's Giro d'Italia. The Basque rider also won the mountains classification in the Spanish Vuelta in 2015 and 2016.

Fraile became the third Spanish winner of a Tour stage in Mende after Marcos Serrano in 2005 and Joaquim “Purito” Rodriguez in 2010.

The hilly 188-kilometer (117-mile) route from Saint-Paul-Trois-Chateaux in southern France passed through the Ardeche gorges, home to cave paintings dating back some 36,000 years.

GOLF: Barbasol Championship

Lincicome shoots

71 but misses cut at Barbasol Championship

By **GARY B. GRAVES**
Associated Press

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Brittany Lincicome walked off the 18th green after her first PGA Tour event to applause before stopping on the way to the clubhouse to sign autographs and acknowledge spectators' warm wishes.

The LPGA Tour player made sure to savor every moment of a historic weekend she wished could have lasted longer.

“I would've liked to have shot better (Thursday),” said Lincicome, who missed the cut at the Barbasol Championship after shooting a 1-under 71. She failed in her bid to become the first female player since 1945 to make the cut in a PGA Tour event.

“Obviously, today was a pretty nice day, so I guess ending with today's round is a good way to leave.”

Troy Merritt, at 15 under, entered the third round leading Billy Horschel and Cameron Percy by two strokes. Richy Werenski and Andres Romero were tied for fourth at three shots back.

Lincicome, the eight-time LPGA Tour winner with two major titles, was the first woman since Michelle Wie in 2008 to play in a PGA Tour event. Lincicome had sought to join Babe Zaharias (1945) as the only women to make the cut. Hall of Famer Annika Sorenstam and Suzy Whaley have also played in PGA Tour events.

Lincicome faced a huge hurdle after an opening 78 left her near the bottom of the field. She had six birdies in Saturday's rain-delayed second

round at Champions Trace at Keene Trace Golf Club, highlighted by an eagle-3 at 17.

“I thought I hit it a little short,” Lincicome added. “I thought it was going to spin back a little bit on me. Then when it landed I was like, OK, it's on top and then it rolled back and I was like, ‘Oh, my gosh.’ The highlight of my week.”

Lincicome also had consecutive birdies on the sixth, seventh and eighth holes before another on No. 10. But her round included six bogeys, including three on the final four holes, and she finished at 5 over 149.

Playing partner Conrad Shindler, who made the cut along with Sam Ryder, described playing with Lincicome as “a pleasure, a treat.”

Despite her roller-coaster performance, he felt her approach was consistent.

“She does the same thing every shot,” he said. “She just knows where it's going to go. Each day, she gained confidence.”

Her goal now is applying lessons learned from playing with the men back to the LPGA Tour. Lincicome couldn't immediately say whether she would return to play this event, but seemed eager for LPGA Tour and PGA Tour players to be on the same course in some form.

That remains to be seen, but Lincicome definitely appreciated this opportunity with her PGA Tour counterparts. Even without the history.

“Just being inside the ropes with the guys, hitting on the range, on the putting green, it's just a cool feeling,” she said. “I feel like I'm at home here. The guys just made me feel so comfortable.”

not big on politics. I told myself, ‘If this happens, then America's not right, right now.’ I said this a long time ago. When (Trump) ran, I thought it was a joke. And the joke continues. I'm not a political person that much, but I've got common sense. I know when something's not right.”

Evans also protested with teammate DeSean Jackson during the Bucs' Week 3 game at Minnesota last season, in the first game after Trump called NFL players who protested “sons of b—.” That was the team's only protest during a national anthem last season.

LEAD

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the last few years, I didn't know if that would ever happen again. But here I am with a chance coming Sunday in a major championship. It's going to be fun.”

It was every bit of that on Saturday, a rare day when Carnoustie had little defense.

Justin Rose, who made the cut on the number with a birdie on his final hole, matched the Carnoustie record for the Open with a 64. Spieth set the tone in the afternoon when he decided on the way to the first tee to hit driver on the 396-yard hole. He sent it bouncing and rolling along the firm turf, down a hill and onto the green to about 10 feet away for an eagle.

Moments later, Woods began his charge to get into contention at a major for the first time in five years.

It never stopped. Seven players had a share of the lead at one point. Kisner, who started the third round tied for the lead, was never far away but had to work hard to stay there. He made a tough par save on the 17th, and then got up-and-down

from behind the 18th green for a 68.

Schauffele, the PGA Tour rookie of the year last season, holed a 30-foot putt from behind the 18th green for a 67.

They were at 9-under 204.

“We've got pretty much a new tournament tomorrow,” Spieth said. A dozen players were separated by four shots, which is nothing considering that the last two British Open champions at Carnoustie rallied from 10 shots (Paul Lawrie) and six shots (Padraig Harrington) on the final day.

The wind is expected to be the strongest it has been all week. And then there's the presence of Woods, playing in the third-to-last group.

Woods started quietly enough with a few birdies through eight holes. He started his move with a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 9, followed with short birdie putts on the next two holes and with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 14th, he put his name atop the leaderboard.

It was there for only 20 minutes. But it was there.

A bogey on the 16th and a par save from short of the Barry Burn on the 18th gave him a 66. He figured it would

at least keep him in range. He wound up as close to the lead as he has been in a major since he was two behind at Muirfield in the 2013 British Open.

“I'm right there,” he said. “I've got a chance at this, which is great.”

And he has company. Kevin Chappell, who spent most of his round watching Spieth put on a show, birdied the 18th for a 67 and was two shots behind.

Francesco Molinari had a 66 and will play in the third-to-last group with Woods. They were last together three weeks ago when Woods presented him the trophy at the Quicken Loans National after Molinari shot 62 for an eight-shot victory.

Twelve players were separated by four shots, a group that includes Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood and Zach Johnson. They all dropped shots on a day when there was no time to be going backward. McIlroy was within two shots of the lead until bogeys on two of his last three holes for a 70 left him four behind.

Johnson, staying in the same house as Kisner, Spieth and four other Americans, hooked his approach on No. 12 and three-putted for a

double bogey. He shot 72 and was in the group four behind. Joining them was Tommy Fleetwood, who dropped three shots in two holes on the back nine on his way to a 71.

Of the five players separated by three shots, only Spieth has experience winning a major. He will try to become the first player since Padraig Harrington in 2008 to win golf's oldest championship in consecutive years.

His move started with a sudden decision.

The opening hole is 396 yards on the card, with the fairway getting narrow between two bunkers. Spieth, who spent Saturday morning watching the Open on television, asked caddie Michael Greller on the practice range, “Do we like driver?”

Greller told him no. Play short and it's a wedge to a front pin, easy birdie chance.

Spieth walked to the tee with coach Cameron McCormick and asked him, “How about I just send it on No. 1?”

“I felt good about the range session. And he's like, ‘I put my chips behind anything you decide, always.’ And that kind of gave me that little extra boost,” Spieth said.

BUCS

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basic question: how does coach Dirk Koetter decide how to prepare both Winston and Ryan Fitzpatrick to play? How do they split the reps in training camp and the preseason games?

Fitzpatrick is likely to start the first three games of the season. At 35, he has a lot of experience and a year under his belt in Koetter's offense. But Fitzpatrick will need as much work with the No. 1 offense as possible to be prepared to start Sept. 9 at New Orleans.

Winston will miss nearly four weeks of practice by the time he returns from the regular season suspension. At 24, he's a relatively young quarterback, and sitting him out — with a bigger break looming — won't help his development.

The only recent template for this is what the New England Patriots did in 2016 when Tom Brady knew he was suspended for the first four games.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick is a big believer that Brady could get great work in joint practices, so Brady was “a little less of a presence in the games,” according to ESPN.com's Mike Reiss. (The Bucs have two joint practices at Tennessee).

Also, Brady sliced his finger on a pair of cutters that season, so they held him out of the first preseason game. Here's how the breakdown went:

Preseason Game 1: Backup Jimmy Garoppolo started and played the first half with the No. 1 offense. Jacoby Brissett, the No. 3 quarterback, started the third quarter and finished the game.

Preseason Game 2: Brady sat out the entire game again with the finger injury as Garoppolo started and played the first half and one series into the third quarter.

Preseason Game 3: Normally, the starting quarterback begins the game and plays into the third quarter. But Garoppolo was done after two series and Brady played most of the first half. Garoppolo finished the first half with a two-minute drive and returned for two series in the third quarter.

Preseason Game 4: At this point in the preseason, you protect the starting quarterback from possible injury by not playing him. Garoppolo sat out of the game while Brady played the entire first half.

The preseason game breakdown for snaps played went like this: Brady 0-0-16-39 = 55; Garoppolo 39-45-29-0 =

113; Brissett 28-26-23-38 = 115.

Clearly, Brady has vastly more experience than Winston while Garoppolo had not started a regular season game prior to '16.

It's hard to prepare one quarterback for the season, much less two. And somewhere Ryan Griffin has to fit in there as the No. 3.

But that's not the only storyline heading into training camp.

Who will emerge as the starting running back? The Bucs have big plans for Ronald Jones, the second-round pick from Southern Cal. His explosiveness could transform the rushing attack. But Jones is a rookie and has much to learn before he can be trusted in pass protection on third down.

Peyton Barber is a competent inside rusher. The third-down job may be between Charles Sims, Jacquizz Rodgers and rookie Shaun Wilson.

Will Chris Godwin unseat DeSean Jackson as the No. 2 receiver?

Jackson had only 50 catches last season, but his chemistry with Winston and Fitzpatrick should be better in the second year. Godwin looked and played like a starting NFL receiver this offseason and is another big body target

for Winston. Jackson will get the first bite of the apple, but he's also been working in the slot in three-receiver packages.

What is the defensive line rotation?

Obviously, Gerald McCoy and Jason Pierre-Paul are locks. But will the Bucs go with free agent Beau Allen or first-round pick Vita Vea at defensive tackle? Does Vinny Curry hang onto the other defensive end job over William Gholston?

It's a good problem to have, but there are starting jobs on the line. How quickly they identify roles and jell as a unit could go a long way to overcoming Winston's absence.

Which rookie will emerge as the third cornerback?

Let's assume that Vernon Hargreaves hangs onto his starting right cornerback spot. When he moves inside to the slot in the sub package when teams go to three receivers, who takes Hargreaves' spot?

Auburn rookie Carlton Davis made a splashy debut in minicamp. At 6-1, he gives the Bucs length and man coverage ability. But M.J. Stewart came on late and will make a challenge.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	69	31	.690	—	—	8-2	L-1	34-13	35-18
New York	63	34	.649	4½	—	5-5	W-1	34-14	29-20
Tampa Bay	49	49	.500	19	10	5-5	L-3	26-19	23-30
Toronto	45	52	.464	22½	13½	4-6	W-2	26-25	19-27
Baltimore	28	71	.283	40½	31½	4-6	L-2	16-33	12-38

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	53	43	.552	—	—	4-6	W-2	31-19	22-24
Minnesota	44	51	.463	8½	13½	7-3	L-1	29-22	15-29
Detroit	42	58	.420	13	18	3-7	W-1	26-24	16-34
Chicago	33	63	.344	20	25	3-7	L-1	19-29	14-34
Kansas City	28	68	.292	25	30	3-7	W-1	12-35	16-33

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	65	35	.650	—	—	6-4	W-1	32-21	33-14
Seattle	59	39	.602	5	—	3-7	W-1	32-17	27-22
Oakland	55	43	.561	9	4	7-3	L-1	24-22	31-21
Los Angeles	49	49	.500	15	10	5-5	L-2	24-24	25-25
Texas	41	57	.418	23	18	2-8	L-3	19-29	22-28

BOX SCORES

CUBS 7, CARDINALS 2, 1ST GAME									
ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	Third, Kerwin Danley. T—3:13. A—41,004 (41,649).	
Carpenter 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.275	BLUE JAYS 4, ORIOLES 1	
Molina c	1	0	0	1	1	0	.280	BALTIMORE	
DeJong ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.253	AB R H BI BB SO AVG.	
Ozuna lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.268	Beckham ss 4 1 2 0 0 0 .214	
Pham cf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.253	Schoop 2b 4 0 1 0 0 1 .229	
Wong 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218	Jones cf 4 0 2 1 0 0 .277	
Fowler rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.174	Trumbo dh 3 0 0 0 1 1 .247	
Garcia 3b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.257	Davis 1b 3 0 0 0 0 2 .157	
b-Munoz ph-3b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.292	Mancini lf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .217	
Weaver p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200	Nunez 3b 3 0 0 0 0 1 .163	
Mayers p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Rickard rf 3 0 0 0 0 2 .202	
c-Martinez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.298	Wynns c 2 0 0 0 1 0 .179	
Lyons p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	TOTALS	
Gregerson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	AB R H BI BB SO AVG.	
e-Bader ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.278	4 0 0 0 0 2 .234	
Hernandez lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.253	7; New York (A) 4 for 10. Runners moved up—	
TOTALS	27	2	2	2	6	3		Mesoraco, Romine. GIDP—Mesoraco.	
CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	NEW YORK (N)	
Rizzo 1b	2	1	1	0	3	0	.250	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA	
Happ cf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.255	Matz, L4-8 5 9 5 5 1 3 92 3.65	
Heyward rf	4	2	1	0	1	0	.289	Peterson 2 1 1 1 0 1 23 4.50	
Zobrist 2b	4	2	4	0	1	0	.296	Swarzak 1 2 1 1 0 1 16 7.56	
Baez ss	4	1	3	2	0	1	.295	NEW YORK (A)	
Schwarber lf	1	1	0	1	2	1	.248	IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA	
Caratini c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.283	Gray, W, 7-7 5.1 3 3 2 3 6 94 5.34	
La Stella 3b	4	0	2	2	0	0	.000	Robertson, H15 2 1 0 0 0 2 15 3.05	
Chavez p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Holder, H, 5 1 0 0 0 0 1 9 1.76	
Chatwood p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.130	Betances, H, 16 1 0 0 0 0 2 14 2.55	
Edwards Jr. p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---	Chapman 0 1 3 3 3 0 19 2.02	
a-Almora ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.318	Shreve, S, 1-1 0 0 0 0 0 9 4.25	
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Matz pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.	
Cishek p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200	Chapman pitched to 5 batters in the 9th.	
d-Bryant ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.282	Inherited runners-scored—Peterson 1-0,	
TOTALS	29	7	11	6	8	4		Robertson 2-2, Shreve 3-1. HBP—Gray	
ST. LOUIS	001	000	100	2	2	0		(Nimmo), Chapman (Nimmo).	
CHICAGO	100	020	40X	7	11	1		Umpires—Home, Larry Vanover; First, Chris	
a-grounded out for Edwards Jr. in the 6th, b-singled for Garcia in the 7th. c-out on fielder's choice for Mayers in the 7th. d-grounded out for Cishek in the 7th. e-popped out for Gregerson in the 9th.									
E—La Stella (2), LOB—St. Louis 7, Chicago 10. 2B—Baez (26), 3B—Rizzo (1), HR—Carpenter (24), off Chatwood. RBIs—Carpenter (52), Molina (42), Baez 2 (74), Schwarber (44), Caratini (10), La Stella 2 (16), SB—Molina (3), Pham (10), Baez (19), SF—Molina, Schwarber, Caratini. S—Weaver, Baez, Chatwood. Runners left in scoring position—St. Louis 3 (Ozuna, Fowler, Garcia); Chicago 5 (Happ, Baez 2, Schwarber, Caratini). RISP—St. Louis 0 for 6; Chicago 3 for 9. Runners moved up—Fowler, Carpenter, Heyward. FIDP—Caratini. GIDP—DeJong, Heyward. DP—St. Louis 2 (DeJong, Carpenter), (Ozuna, Molina); Chicago 1 (Chatwood, Caratini, Rizzo).									
ST. LOUIS									
Weaver, L5-9	4	7	3	3	5	2	.77	4.79	
Mayers	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	3.55	
Lyons	2	3	4	2	2	0	17	8.82	
Gregerson	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	32	6.17	
CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	
Chatwood, W4-5	5.1	1	1	1	6	2	85	4.84	
Edwards Jr., H13	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.03	
Wilson, H10	1.1	1	1	0	0	0	17	7.72	
Cishek, H13	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.80	
Chavez	2	0	0	0	1	21	39	3.38	
Weaver pitched to 3 batters in the 5th. Inherited runners-scored—Mayers 2-1, Gregerson 1-0, Edwards Jr. 1-0, Cishek 2-1. Sanchez dh Gregorius ss Anderson 3b Bird 1b									

STATISTICAL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RBI—Martinez, Boston, 80; Ramirez, Cleveland, 71; Haniger, Seattle, 67; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 66; Machado, Los Angeles, 65; Bogaerts, Boston, 64; Bregman, Houston, 64; KDavis, Oakland, 64; Gattis, Houston, 63; 2 tied at 62.
HOME RUNS—Ramirez, Cleveland, 30; Martinez, Boston, 29; Judge, New York, 26; Lindor, Cleveland, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 25; Gallo, Texas, 24; Machado, Los Angeles, 24; Betts, Boston, 23; Stanton, New York, 23; 2 tied at 22.
STOLEN BASES—Gordon, Seattle, 22; Anderson, Chicago, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 20; Betts, Boston, 18; Benintendi, Boston, 17; Merrifield, Kansas City, 17; Smith, Tampa Bay, 17; RDavis, Cleveland, 16; DeShields, Texas, 16; 2 tied at 15.
PITCHING—Severino, New York, 14-2; Kluber, Cleveland, 12-5; Snell, Tampa Bay, 12-5; Carrasco, Cleveland, 11-5; Morton, Houston, 11-2; Porcello, Boston, 11-4; Price, Boston, 11-6; Rodriguez, Boston, 11-3; 5 tied at 10.
ERA—Sale, Boston, 2.23; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.27; Verlander, Houston, 2.29; Severino, New York, 2.31; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.44; Cole, Houston, 2.53; Skaggs, Los Angeles, 2.68; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.76; Morton, Houston, 2.96; Gonzales, Seattle, 3.42.
STRIKEOUTS—Sale, Boston, 188; Bauer, Cleveland, 182; Cole, Houston, 177; Verlander, Houston, 172; Paxton, Seattle, 155; Morton, Houston, 146; Severino, New York, 144; Snell, Tampa Bay, 134; Kluber, Cleveland, 132; Berrios, Minnesota, 127.

TOP TEN

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Betts Bos	79	305	79	108	.354
Altuve Hou	100	393	63	130	.331
JMartinez Bos	93	357	72	116	.325
Segura Sea	91	375	67	121	.323
MDuffy TB	80	312	33	99	.317
MMachado Bal	96	365	48	115	.315
Rosario Min	94	381	65	118	.310
Gurriel Hou	79	317	43	98	.309
Simmons LAA	87	327	46	101	.309
Trout LAA	98	339	71	104	.307

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Philadelphia	54	42	.563	—	—	5-5	W-1	31-16	23-26
Atlanta	53	42	.558	½	—	4-6	W-2	25-20	28-22
Washington	48	49	.495	6½	6	4-6	L-1	22-25	26-24
Miami	43	57	.430	13	12½	7-3	W-4	23-28	20-29
New York	40	56	.417	14	13½	5-5	L-1	19-32	21-24

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	57	39	.594	—	—	7-3	W-1	30-16	27-23
Milwaukee	55	44	.556	3½	—	2-8	L-7	30-19	25-25
St. Louis	49	48	.505	8½	5	4-6	L-1	24-24	25-24
Pittsburgh	49	49	.500	9	5½	9-1	W-7	29-24	20-25
Cincinnati	43	54	.443	14½	11	5-5	L-2	21-27	22-27

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	54	43	.557	—	—	7-3	W-2	28-24	26-19
Arizona	53	45	.541	1½	1½	5-5	L-2	26-24	27-21
Colorado	52	45	.536	2	2	8-2	W-6	23-23	29-22
San Francisco	51	48	.515	4	4	6-4	W-1	31-19	20-29
San Diego	40	60	.400	15½	15½	2-8	L-6	20-31	20-29

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Drury 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.184	Runners left in scoring position—Miami 3	
Romine c	4	0	1	2	0	1	.270	(Castro, Rojas, Maybin); Tampa Bay 3 (Bauers,	
TOTALS	36	7	12	7	5	5		Cron, Sucre). RISP—Miami 1 for 7; Tampa	
NEW YORK (N)	010	002	003	6	5	1		Bay 1 for 6.	
NEW YORK (A)	000	401	11X	7	12	1		Runners moved up—Rojas, Bauers, Robertson.	
a-lined out for Cabrera in the 7th. b-walked for den Dekker in the 9th. E—Nimmo (1), Robertson (1). LOB—New York (N) 6, New York (A) 6. 2B—Judge (20), Andujar 2 (29), Bird (9). 3B—Gregorius (3). HR—Conforto (12), off Gray; Judge (26), off Peterson. RBIs—Nimmo (31), Conforto (34), Rosario (24), Reyes (7), Judge (61), Gregorius (54), Andujar (40), Bird 2 (23), Romine 2 (26). SB—Rosario (7).									
Runners left in scoring position—New York (N) 3 (Cabrera, Flores, Plawewski); New York (A) 2 (Hicks, Gregorius). RISP—New York (N) 1 for 7; New York (A) 4 for 10. Runners moved up—Mesoraco, Romine. GIDP—Mesoraco.									
NEW YORK (N)									
Matz, L4-8	5	9	5	5	1	3	92	3.65	
Peterson	2	1	1	0	1	0	23	4.50	
Swarzak	1	2	1	0	1	0	16	7.56	
NEW YORK (A)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	
Gray, W, 7-7	5.1	3	3	2	3	6	94	5.34	
Robertson, H15	2.1	0	0	0	2	15	3.05		
Holder, H, 5	1	0	0	0	1	9	1.76		
Betances, H, 16	1	0	0	0	2	14	2.55		
Chapman	0	1	3	3	3	0	19	2.02	
Shreve, S, 1-1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.25		

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT

North Division			
	W	L	Pct. GB
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	21	9	700 —
Clearwater (Phillies)	17	12	586 3½
Lakeland (Tigers)	15	12	556 4½
Daytona (Reds)	16	14	533 5
Tampa (Yankees)	15	15	483 6½
Florida (Braves)	14	16	467 7

South Division			
	W	L	Pct. GB
Charlotte (Rays)	16	13	552 —
Fort Myers (Twins)	15	14	517 1
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	13	16	448 3
Jupiter (Marlins)	11	17	393 4½
St. Lucie (Mets)	11	17	393 4½
Bradenton (Pirates)	11	19	367 5½

Saturday's Games

St. Lucie at Palm Beach, cancelled
 Lakeland at Fort Myers, 6 p.m.
 Jupiter at Charlotte, cancelled
 Clearwater 2, Florida 1
 Dunedin 4, Tampa 3
 Daytona 9, Bradenton 1

Saturday's game between the Charlotte Stone Crabs and the Jupiter Hammerheads has been postponed due to inclement weather. The game will not be made up.

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled
Monday's Games
 Dunedin at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.
 Fort Myers at Jupiter, 6:30 p.m.
 Clearwater at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.
 Bradenton at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Florida, 6:31 p.m.
 Palm Beach at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

ODDS

PREGAME GAME LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Today			
National League			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Chicago	-144	St. Louis	+134
at Cincinnati	-118	Pittsburgh	+108
at Washington	-220	Atlanta	+200
at Phila. (1st)	Off	San Diego	Off
at Phila. (2nd)	153	San Diego	+143
Los Angeles	-138	at Milwaukee	+128
at Arizona	-172	Colorado	+160

American League			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Seattle	-215	Chicago	+195
at Toronto	-195	Baltimore	+180
Boston	-335	at Detroit	+305
Minnesota	-135	at Kansas City	+125
Cleveland	-161	at Texas	+151
Houston	-130	at Los Angeles	+120

Interleague			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Tampa Bay	-172	Miami	+160
at Oakland	-138	San Francisco	+128
at N.Y. Yankees	-164	N.Y. Mets	+154

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
 BOSTON RED SOX — Activated 3B Rafael Devers from the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Bobby Poyner to Pawtucket (IL).
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated OF Avisail Garcia from the 10-day DL.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS — Announced LHP Ryan Merritt cleared waivers and assigned him outright to Columbus (IL).
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Eduardo Paredes to Salt Lake. Reinstated RHP Nick Tropeano from the 10-day DL.
 NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled and optioned RHP Domingo Acevedo from and to Trenton (EL).
 TEXAS RANGERS — Activated LHP Alex Claudio from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Austin Bibens-Dirks from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned RHP Ricardo Rodriguez to Round Rock.

National League
 CHICAGO CUBS — Added RHP Jesse Chavez to the roster. Placed RHP Anthony Bass on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Dillon Maples from Iowa (PCL). Optioned RHP James Norwood to Iowa. Added RHP Luke Farrell as the 26th man.
 CINCINNATI REDS — Placed INF Alex Blandino on the 10-day DL. Recalled INF-OF Brandon Dixon from Louisville (IL).
 COLORADO ROCKIES — Selected the contract of INF Garrett Hampson from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed INF DJ LeMahieu on the 10-day DL. Designated INF Daniel Castro for assignment.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Reinstated OF-1B Bryan Braun from the 10-day DL. Optioned C Jacob Nottingham to Colorado Springs (PCL).
 NEW YORK METS — Traded RHP Jeury Familia to Oakland for INF William Toffey, RHP Bobby Wahl and international bonus pool money.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Carlos Martinez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to July 20. Activated RHP Miles Mikolas from the paternity list. Recalled RHP John Brebbia from Memphis (PCL). Added RHP Luke Weaver as the 26th man.
 SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned INF Ryder Jones to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated INF Brandon Belt from the paternity list.

American Association
 CHICAGO DOGS — Signed RHP Trevor Simms. FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released LHP Kellen Croce and RHP Jose Nivar.
Can-Am League
 OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released RHP Ryan Leach and INF Steve Nysiztor.
 QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed LHP JP Stevenson.

Frontier League
 EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Keaton Conner. Released RHP Chris Amat.
 RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released RHP David Flatterly.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed catcher Darrell Miller, Jr. Released RHP Will Stillman.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Released OF D.J. Oliver.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
 ATLANTA HAWKS — Waived G Antonius Cleveland.
 LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed F Johnathan Williams.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with D Matt Dumba on a five-year contract.

GOLF

HOLE-IN-ONE
 Paul Suffredini had a hole-in-one Thursday at the Plantation Golf and Country Club. Suffredini used a 6-iron on the 167-yard par 3 to ace the third hole.

ROYAL & ANCIENT GOLF CLUB BRITISH OPEN
 Saturday's leaders at Royal & Ancient Golf Club, Carnoustie, Scotland
Purse: \$10.5 million. **Yardage:** 7,402; **Par:** 71 (36-35) (a-denotes amateur)

Third Round

Jordan Spieth	72-67-65-204	-9
Xander Schauffele	71-66-67-204	-9
Kevin Kisner	66-70-68-204	-9
Kevin Chappell	70-69-67-206	-7
Francesco Molinari	70-72-65-207	-6
Tiger Woods	71-71-66-208	-5
Webb Simpson	70-71-67-208	-5
Alex Noren	70-71-67-208	-5
Matt Kuchar	70-68-70-208	-5
Rory McIlroy	69-69-70-208	-5
Tommy Fleetwood	72-65-71-208	-5
Zach Johnson	69-67-72-208	-5
Justin Rose	72-73-64-209	-4
Austin Cook	72-73-67-209	-4
Adam Scott	71-70-68-209	-4
Charley Hoffman	71-70-68-209	-4
Tony Finau	67-71-71-209	-4
Zander Lombard	67-71-71-209	-4
Erik van Rooyen	67-71-71-209	-4
Yusaku Miyazato	71-74-65-210	-3
Chris Wood	70-74-66-210	-3
Byeong Hun An	71-72-67-210	-3
Haotong Li	71-72-67-210	-3
Kyle Stanley	72-69-69-210	-3
Ryan Moore	68-73-69-210	-3
Danny Willett	69-71-70-210	-3
Thorbjorn Olesen	70-70-70-210	-3
Satoshi Kodaira	72-71-68-211	-2
Sean Crocker	71-71-69-211	-2
Louis Oosthuizen	72-70-69-211	-2
Luca Norris	74-68-69-211	-2
Shaun Herbert	73-69-69-211	-2

Michael Kim	73-69-69-211	-2
Patrick Cantlay	70-71-70-211	-2
Eddie Pepperell	71-70-70-211	-2
Pat Perez	69-68-74-211	-2
Bernhard Langer	73-71-68-212	-1
Phil Mickelson	73-69-70-212	-1
Rickie Fowler	70-69-73-212	-1
Patrick Reed	70-70-68-213	E
Ross Fisher	75-70-68-213	E
Jason Dufner	75-70-68-213	E
Tom Lewis	75-70-68-213	E
Marc Leishman	72-72-69-213	E
Lee Westwood	72-72-69-213	E
Julian Suri	74-69-70-213	E

Thomas Pieters	70-73-70-213	E
Stewart Cink	69-70-71-213	E
Sung Kang	69-72-72-213	E
Brandon Stone	68-72-73-213	E
Adam Hadwin	73-70-71-214	+1
Yuta Ikeda	70-73-71-214	+1
Marcus Kinhult	74-69-71-214	+1
Jason Day	71-71-72-214	+1
Matthew Southgate	69-72-73-214	+1
Rhys Enoch	74-71-70-215	+2
a-Sam Locke	72-73-70-215	+2
Masahiro Kawamura	77-67-71-215	+2
Shubhankar Sharma	73-71-71-215	+2
Gary Woodland	71-72-72-215	+2
Gavin Green	72-73-71-216	+3
Ryan Fox	74-71-71-216	+3
Henrik Stenson	70-75-71-216	+3
Paul Casey	73-71-72-216	+3
Brett Rumford	74-70-72-216	+3
Kevin Na	70-73-73-216	+3
Cameron Davis	71-72-73-216	+3
Brooks Koepka	72-69-75-216	+3
Tyrell Hatton	74-71-72-217	+4
Paul Dunne	71-73-73-217	+4
Cameron Smith	73-71-73-217	+4
Brendan Steele	68-76-73-217	+4
Luke List	70-70-77-217	+4
Keegan Bradley	74-71-73-218	+5
Bryson DeChambeau	75-70-73-218	+5
Si Woo Kim	71-72-75-218	+5
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	74-71-74-219	+6
Rafa Cabrera Bello	74-70-76-220	+7
Beau Hossler	73-70-77-220	+7

WEB.COM TOUR PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP
 Saturday's leaders at The Club at Indian Creek, Omaha, Neb.
Purse: \$600,000; **Yardage:** 7,581; **Par:** 71

Dawie van der Walt	66-66-69-201
David Skins	68-66-69-203
Sungjae Im	65-67-71-203
Sean Kelly	73-67-64-204
Chad Ramey	70-68-66-204
Brian Ritchey	68-68-68-204
Sam Burns	69-66-69-204
Kramer Hickok	67-66-71-204
Conner Godsey	72-69-64-205
Joseph Bramlett	69-69-67-205
Wade Binfield	69-67-69-205
Adam Svensson	69-68-68-205
Erik Barnes	68-66-71-205
Brock Mackenzie	69-64-72-205
Dan McCarthy	70-70-66-206
Chase Wright	67-72-67-206
Nick Rousey	71-70-66-207
Jack Maguire	70-70-67-207
Kyung-Hoon Lee	71-69-67-207
Mark Anguiano	69-71-67-207
Bio Kim	73-67-67-207
John Covello	73-67-67-207
John Chin	68-71-68-207
Roberto Castro	68-71-68-207
Wes Roach	69-68-70-207
Jon Herman	69-68-70-207
Jonathan Hodge	69-68-70-207
Scott Pinckney	67-69-71-207
Curtis Thompson	67-68-72-207
Brandon Matthews	68-66-73-207
Ben Taylor	67-67-67-208
Sebastian Cappellet	73-68-67-208
Grant Leaver	72-68-68-208
Mark Anderson	71-69-68-208
Mark Baldwin	69-70-69-208
Doug Letson	69-69-70-208
Mark Hubbard	69-69-70-208
Kito Hoey	70-67-71-208
Fernando Mechereffe	68-69-71-208
Mike Van Sickle	69-67-72-208
Roger Sloan	72-68-69-209
J.T. Griffin	74-66-69-209
Jordan Russell	69-70-70-209
Adam Long	69-70-70-209
Roland Thatcher	67-72-70-209
Justin Hicks	67-72-70-209
Armando Favela	69-70-70-209
Jared Wolfe	68-70-71-209
Bo Hoag	70-67-72-209
Derek Ernst	66-70-73-209
Adam Webb	69-73-73-209
Kyle Refiners	69-72-69-210
Alex Prugh	71-70-69-210
Chris Thompson	70-71-69-210
Scott Gutschewski	71-69-70-210
Trevor Cone	70-70-71-210
Donald Constable	72-67-71-210
Max McGreevy	71-70-70-211
Steven Alker	69-72-70-211
Kyle Jones	72-68-71-211
Brandon Crick	71-69-71-211
Henrik Norlander	70-69-72-211
Jim Knous	70-68-73-211
Brad Hopfinger	73-68-71-212
Stuart Macdonald	74-67-71-212
Vince Inda	70-70-72-212
Chris Baker	72-68-72-212
William Kropp	66-75-72-213
Gorardo Ruiz	71-70-72-213
Matt Ryan	71-70-72-213
Luke Guthrie	71-69-73-213
Christian Brand	68-71-74-213
Andre Metzger	66-72-75-213
Cosco Sainz Jr	70-70-77-214
Casey Wittenberg	71-70-74-215
Kevin Lucas	70-70-75-215
Andres Gonzales	68-73-75-216
Hank Lebioda	67-71-78-216
Ryan Beaulieu	71-69-77-217
Michael Buttacavoli	69-71-78-218

BRITISH OPEN

FINAL-ROUND TIE TIMES

At Carnoustie Golf Links, Carnoustie, Scotland
 All times Eastern (a-amateur)

Today
3 a.m. — Beau Hossler
3:10 a.m. — Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Rafael Cabrera-Bello
3:20 a.m. — Si Woo Kim, Bryson DeChambeau
3:30 a.m. — Keegan Bradley, Luke List
3:40 a.m. — Brendan Steele, Cameron Smith
3:50 a.m. — Paul Dunne, Tyrell Hatton

4 a.m. — Brooks Koepka, Cameron Davis
4:10 a.m. — Kevin Na, Brett Rumford
4:20 a.m. — Paul Casey, Henrik Stenson
4:30 a.m. — Ryan Fox, Gavin Green
4:45 a.m. — Gary Woodland, Shubhankar Sharma

4:55 a.m. — Masahiro Kawamura, a-Sam Locke
5:05 a.m. — Rhys Enoch, Matthew Southgate
5:15 a.m. — Jason Day, Marcus Kinhult
5:25 a.m. — Yuta Ikeda, Adam Hadwin
5:35 a.m. — Brandon Stone, Sung Kang
5:45 a.m. — Stewart Cink, Thomas Pieters
5:55 a.m. — Julian Suri, Lee Westwood
6:05 a.m. — Marc Leishman, Tom Lewis
6:15 a.m. — Jason Dufner, Ross Fisher
6:30 a.m. — Patrick Reed, Rickie Fowler
6:40 a.m. — Eddie Pepperell, Phil Mickelson
6:50 a.m. — Bernhard Langer, Pat Perez

7 a.m. — Patrick Cantlay, Michael Kim
7:10 a.m. — Lucas Herbert, Shaun Norris
7:20 a.m. — Louis Oosthuizen, Sean Crocker
7:30 a.m. — Satoshi Kodaira, Thorbjorn Olesen
7:40 a.m. — Danny Willett, Ryan Moore
7:50 a.m. — Kyle Stanley, Haotong Li
8 a.m. — Byeong-Hyun An, Chris Wood
8:15 a.m. — Yusaku Miyazato, Erik van Rooyen

8:25 a.m. — Tony Finau, Zander Lombard
8:35 a.m. — Charley Hoffman, Adam Scott
8:45 a.m. — Austin Cook, Justin Rose
8:55 a.m. — Zach Johnson, Tommy Fleetwood
9:05 a.m. — Rory McIlroy, Matt Kuchar
9:15 a.m. — Alex Noren, Webb Simpson
9:25 a.m. — Tiger Woods, Francesco Molinari
9:35 a.m. — Kevin Chappell, Kevin Kisner
9:45 a.m. — Xander Schauffele, Jordan Spieth

PGA TOUR BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP
 Saturday's leaders at Keene Trace Golf Club, Nicholasville, Ky.
Purse: \$3.5 million; **Yardage:** 7,328; **Par:** 72

Robert Streb	67-68-63-198
Hunter Mahan	66-68-64-198
Tom Lovelady	66-67-65-198
Troy Merritt	62-67-69-198
Ryan Sadler	68-68-63-199
Blayne Barber	71-65-63-199
Billy Horschel	65-66-68-199
Richy Werenski	66-66-68-200
Cameron Percy	67-64-69-200
J.T. Poston	69-66-66-201
Zac Blair	69-67-66-202
Davis Love III	68-68-66-202
Xinjun Zhang	70-65-67-202
Andres Romero	65-67-70-202
Brian Stuard	68-70-65-203
David Lingmerth	67-69-67-203
Brian Gay	67-68-68-203
Steve Wheatcroft	68-66-69-203
Josh Teater	66-72-66-204
Jonathan Byrd	67-71-66-204
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AUTO RACING: NASCAR

Bell tops New Hampshire field

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Christopher Bell has cracked the Cup supremacy in Xfinity.

The 23-year-old Bell held off hard-charging 2012 Cup champion Brad Keselowski over the final 18 laps at New Hampshire Motor Speedway to win his second straight Xfinity Series race.

Bell pulled off the towering achievement of winning two straight Xfinity races against former champs from NASCAR's top-tier series who moonlight on

Saturdays. Bell topped 2015 Cup champion Kyle Busch to win last week's race at Kentucky Speedway and he followed up Saturday in the No. 20 Toyota by keeping Keselowski at bay down the stretch for his third win this season.

"You hope to race those guys at one point, so I'm thankful that I get the opportunity here in the Xfinity Series to race with them and proud that I'm able to compete with them, let alone beat them," Bell said.

Keselowski had won the pole Saturday but was dropped to the rear of the

field because he was late to the mandatory drivers meeting. It proved to be nothing more than a mild inconvenience for Keselowski in the No. 22 Ford. He stormed past the second-tier regulars and had his fourth straight Xfinity win in sight.

Bell, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing, had the fresh tires that Keselowski needed and that was enough to ring in a victory lane celebration. Bell gave his checkered flag to a young fan in the stands.

"I hope it means a lot more to that kid than it is to me," he said. "You

know, we get trophies, we get all sorts of trophies, so hopefully it means a lot to that kid."

JGR fields cars for Busch and Bell, one reason it's continued to have success in Xfinity.

"They've won before me, they're going to win after me," Bell said. "It's my job to make sure they win with me."

Ryan Preece, John Hunter Nemechek and Matt Tift completed the top five to complete a solid showing for the Xfinity regulars.

"You see all this crap going around the Internet that Cup guys shouldn't



AP PHOTO
Christopher Bell celebrates his win in the NASCAR Xfinity Series auto race Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

be allowed in Xfinity," Bell said. "Why?"

Because Xfinity is supposed to be the series where the stars of NASCAR's future are discovered. Instead, they spent this season looking up at Cup regulars

Busch, Keselowski, Kevin Harvick, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Ryan Blaney and Austin Dillon as race winners.

But Bell said he wanted them in Xfinity so he could race against the best drivers in NASCAR.

WNBA: MYSTICS 95, LIBERTY 78

Delle Donne scores 30 as Mystics beat Liberty

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — When Elena Delle Donne gets going early, it makes the Washington Mystics' offense flow so much better.

The All-Star captain had 15 of her 30 points in the opening period to help Washington beat the New York Liberty 95-78 on Saturday.

"It definitely helps the spread the floor better when I'm hitting shots," said Delle Donne, who also had 10 rebounds. She hit all six of her shots in the opening period, including three 3-pointers — most of them just swishing through the net.

The Mystics won for only the second time in their past six games and sit in a three-way tie for fourth in the league.

"Every game matter so much," Delle Donne said. "It's going to be a sprint to the finish."

Washington (14-10) led by eight at the half, and Delle Donne and Kristi Toliver combined for 20 points of the team's 32 points in the third quarter to extend the advantage to 75-53. Toliver finished with 19 points and eight assists.

New York (7-17) tried to get back in the game behind rookie Kia Nurse, who had eight straight points during one stretch to get the Liberty within 11. But that's as close as they could come.

"Excellent effort in the fourth quarter by all who came in," Liberty coach

Katie Smith said. ". Maybe we can bottle that up and get four quarters of that."

New York is all but assured of missing the playoffs this season after making the postseason the past three years.

"It's going to be rough to try to get in," Smith said. "But I think for us, it's going out every night and being proud of what we did that night and proud of how we played, proud of our effort. It's tough to win in this league anyways."

Tina Charles scored 22 points, including her 3,000th in New York. Sugar Rodgers added 16 for the Liberty.

Swatting away the record book

Kiah Stokes tied the franchise record for career blocks, equaling the mark of 155 set by Sue Wicks of 155.

Training room

Mystics: Natasha Cloud is still out with a concussion. Coach Mike Thibault hopes to have her back soon.

Liberty: Epiphanny Prince (left eye) and Shavonte Zellous (right ankle) missed the game because of injuries they suffered in a loss to Atlanta.

Up next

Mystics: Visit Connecticut on Tuesday in their last game before the All-Star break.

Liberty: Visit Minnesota on Tuesday in their last game before the All-Star break.

AUTO RACING: F1

Vettel takes pole for German GP; Hamilton down in 14th

By JEROME PUGMIRE
Associated Press

HOCKENHEIM, Germany — Sebastian Vettel secured pole position for the German Grand Prix while Lewis Hamilton's hopes took another blow on Saturday.

Already trailing Vettel by eight points in the title race, Hamilton starts Sunday's race from 14th place after a hydraulic failure.

A huge roar went up from German fans at the Hockenheimring as their local favorite — Vettel grew up near the track — moved to the top of the leaderboard with seconds left in qualifying.

Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas had only just beaten Vettel's leading time when Vettel produced a stunning lap to move back in front by about 0.2 seconds.

"To do it here, just minutes from where I was born and grew up, it means a lot," Vettel said. "I'm confident for tomorrow."

Vettel has won the German GP only once — five years ago when it was held at the Nuerburging — but never at Hockenheim.

His 55th career pole position felt even sweeter.

"Today's one of my best. I have a mixed relationship with this track. For some reason it has never come together," Vettel said. "The car was really a pleasure to drive. Some days you can feel you have something in your hands. That's the feeling I had."

Ferrari's good day was completed with Kimi Raikkonen third fastest, ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

Earlier, German fans cheered for a different reason when Hamilton's Mercedes suddenly stalled



AP PHOTO
Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany, center, celebrates after setting a pole position with second placed Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas of Finland, left, and third placed Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen of Finland during the qualifying session at the Hockenheimring racetrack in Hockenheim, Germany, Saturday.

on track in the first part of qualifying, known as Q1. It happened shortly after Hamilton slid off the track, went through some rough grass, and jumped a kerb — momentarily airborne — before coming back onto the track.

"It was the hydraulics ... the power steering failed," Hamilton said. "I was carrying a lot of speed and I couldn't really slow down."

The British driver desperately tried to push his car back to the pits so he could continue qualifying, but even with the help of track officials he realized it was a futile effort. Moments later, Hamilton was slumped over his car, head down for several moments.

"It was a shame to see him go out, and I mean it," said Vettel, who is aiming for his fifth win this season and 52nd overall.

Hamilton is one win away from matching F1 great Michael Schumacher's record of four German GP wins, but he will need an exceptional drive — and probably a little good fortune — to achieve that.

After a huge down-pour drenched the track for final practice earlier Saturday, led by Monaco driver Charles Leclerc, the Hockenheimring dried out somewhat by the time qualifying started.

After veering off track, a worried Hamilton complained over his team radio that his gears would not change. Within moments, fans had the rare sight of a four-time F1 champion — who has just signed a whopping new two-year contract — pushing his own car.

After giving up, Hamilton ripped his driving gloves off in frustration as he walked away. He jumped onto the back of a scooter, taking him to the paddock area. With cameras fixed firmly on him, Hamilton walked slowly before standing completely still for several seconds, his helmet still on, seemingly unable to comprehend his misfortune.

It is the latest reliability issue to blight the once-dominant Mercedes team after Hamilton and Bottas were forced to retire from

the Austrian GP three weeks ago.

There have also been communication errors and strategy mistakes.

Hamilton faces another slog through the field after being bumped off the track by Raikkonen early in the British GP two weeks ago. In that race, he clawed back from last to finish second.

Although Hamilton is way down, he still needs to watch his back on Sunday.

Daniel Ricciardo, who has won two races, starts from last place because of an engine penalty.

He incurred it because Red Bull made changes to the hybrid system, the energy store and the electronics unit for a combined total of 20 grid positions. Drivers can use two of each specific engine part during the season before penalties, but this is the third time he is using each individual element.

Hamilton and Ricciardo carving through the midfield, possibly dueling with each other, promises to be an exciting spectacle.

TENNIS: WTA

Minella reaches first WTA final 9 months after baby

Associated Press

GSTAAD, Switzerland — Mandy Minella has a chance at becoming the third mother to win a WTA singles title in the last 12 months after reaching the Ladies Championships Gstaad final on Saturday.

Minella, of Luxembourg, overcame 19-year-old Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 to reach her first career final at 32.

She will meet top-seeded Alize Cornet of France, who beat Eugenie Bouchard 7-6 (5), 1-0 when the Canadian retired with a right thigh injury in their semifinal.

"I was congratulating her after each of her matches," Cornet said of Minella. "Being a mom, it's not easy — it's such a comeback."

Minella gave birth to a daughter in October.

The other mothers to win in the past year were Katerina Bondarenko in Tashkent last year, and Tatjana Maria at Mallorca last month.

Cornet will be going for her sixth WTA singles title, but first in more than two years.

She was broken by Bouchard early but broke straight back. Cornet saved four set points in the seventh game, and Bouchard saved three in the 10th. Cornet prevailed in a tight tiebreaker by being the first to win two points in a row.

Bouchard then couldn't play on in her first semifinal in 18 months.

"If she had won the first set, maybe she would have kept going. She was playing amazing," Cornet said. "I'm glad to be in the final ... and I hope I can get to the trophy."

RUGBY

France upset Australia to face New Zealand in RWC 7s women's final

By ALEX ESPINOZA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ellia Green walked out of a medical room in the bowels of AT&T Park and looked up at a TV screen on the wall. She couldn't have liked what she saw.

While her teammates placed their hands on their heads in disbelief, France was celebrating on the field after stunning Australia 19-12 to reach its first Rugby World Cup Sevens final.

Green, an Olympic champion, scored Australia's second try but then received a hard tackle and was escorted off for a head injury assessment. Australia led 12-0 at the time.

"Congratulations to the French team," Australia coach John Manenti said. "They had to fight back from a halftime deficit. To bring (Green) off, she's an impact player. She plays another minute or two, scores a try, or chases someone down, things

are different."

France replacement Anne Cecile Ciofani found some breathing room on the left side and scampered in with the match-winning try on the final play to complete the comeback.

"There's too much emotion I can tell you," Ciofani said. "It's so wonderful. It's just magic. We won against a great team. I can't explain it. Too amazing."

France will face defending champion and heavy favorite New

Zealand in the final later Saturday.

The Black Ferns repelled a stiff semifinals test from the host Americans in a 26-21 victory. They didn't make it safe until Sarah Goss set up Portia Woodman for their fourth try and 26-14 with a minute to go.

New Zealand won all four meetings with France this season on the world series.

But Woodman said: "They're going to be unpredictable."

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

EU fines Google a record \$5 billion over mobile practices

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union has fined Google a record \$5 billion for forcing cellphone makers that use the company's Android mobile operating system to install Google apps. The EU says that has reduced choice for consumers. Wednesday's ruling caps three years of investigation and means Google will have to change its ways. The company has appealed the decision.

Auto industry cries foul as Trump moves toward car tariffs

WASHINGTON — Having started a trade war with China and enraged U.S. allies with steel tariffs, President Donald Trump is primed for his next fight. He is targeting a product at the heart of the American experience: cars. His latest plan is to slap tariffs on imported autos and auto parts — a move he says would aid American workers but that could inflate car prices, make U.S. manufacturers less competitive and draw retaliation from other nations.

Frustrated US lawmakers threaten action on Trump's tariffs

WASHINGTON — Congress is losing patience with the Trump administration's reliance on tariffs to win trade disputes. A key Republican senator has threatened legislation to curb President Donald Trump's trade actions and others joined him on Wednesday in promising a complementary bill. Meanwhile, lawmakers are using congressional hearings to put the spotlight on the economic fallout for local farmers and businesses. The prospects for any votes on trade legislation before the August recess are dim.

Fed says trade war downturn could pose challenges

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell says that the central bank has tools it could employ to cushion the adverse effects a trade war might have on the economy. But he says the effort could be complicated if higher tariffs made inflation worse.

AmEx 2Q profits rise, but there are worry spots on lending

NEW YORK — American Express said its second-quarter profit rose 21 percent from a year ago, as the credit card giant saw more customers spending on its namesake cards and a much lower tax rate. But it had to set aside more money to cover potential bad loans, and saw its delinquency rate rise noticeably. It's a potential sign that some of American Express' customers — typically the most creditworthy in the industry — are struggling to pay their bills.

Regulators seek end to stricter oversight of Zions Bancorp

WASHINGTON — A panel of federal regulators is proposing lifting the strict government oversight imposed on Zions Bancorp, a big regional bank that received a taxpayer-funded bailout during the 2008 financial crisis. The unanimous decision by the Financial Stability Oversight Council announced Wednesday is the latest example of a push, under the Trump administration, to relieve regulatory restrictions that were put into place after the financial meltdown in hopes of averting another crisis.

Tesla Model 3 buyers lose patience and maybe tax credits

DETROIT — For many on the list to buy Tesla's lower-priced electric car, the wait for Tesla to produce enough to satisfy demand isn't a major problem. But the prospect of losing a U.S. federal tax credit is. While CEO Elon Musk's company uses a tent to create more factory space and crank out more Model 3s, many on the waiting list worry about the looming phaseout of the \$7,500 credit on Tesla vehicles. If it goes away, the car could cost too much, forcing them to cancel orders.

US coal ash pollution rules eased after industry balks

DENVER — The Trump administration is easing rules for handling

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Best time to be an investor? Yes. Best time to invest? Meh.

By STAN CHOE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — This may be the best time in history to be an investor.

Never has it been so cheap to put money into the market, and it's about to get even cheaper following Vanguard's recent decision to end online commissions for most ETFs. Financial advice is easier to get, particularly for people with smaller account sizes. And advances in technology mean investors can keep tabs on their accounts simply by pulling their phones from their pockets.

That increasing ease

plus the strengthening job market are helping to coax more Americans into the stock market. Slightly more than half of all U.S. families own stocks in some way, the highest rate since 2007, when the Great Recession was beginning. And stocks, with their long history of providing better long-term returns than bonds and other investments, are one of the most powerful tools to help people's savings grow.

The only downside in all of this is that it didn't happen sooner. Because while it may be a good time

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In this May 3, 2017, file photo, specialist Anthony Rinaldi works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Never has it been so cheap to put money into the market, and it's about to get even cheaper following Vanguard's recent decision to end online commissions for most ETFs.

Next generation: Business owners mentor their heirs apparent

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The plan was for Greg Goodman to sell his auto supply store and retire about the time he turned 60. Then Plan B came along — his son Chandler decided to join and eventually take over the family business instead of becoming an architect.

Goodman, now 54, is focusing on building his Alta Mere franchise in Oklahoma City rather than getting it ready for sale. He's also mentoring his son, although Chandler won't graduate from college for another two years.

"I make sure he's involved in every aspect of this business moving forward," Greg Goodman says. "I let him in on everything and every decision I make."

As small business owners contemplate retirement, many are thrilled to have the chance to teach their children or other relatives how to run their companies. There's plenty of opportunity for that to happen — the government estimates that nearly a fifth of U.S. companies are family owned. At some businesses, especially those that have been in a family for generations, children start learning some of the basics while on vacation from school.

But owners looking to pass a company to their



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In this July 10, 2018, photo, Greg Goodman, right, assists a customer on the phone while son Chandler Goodman, center, helps a customer at the counter, in their Alta Mere franchise in Oklahoma City. The plan was for Greg Goodman to sell his auto supply store and retire about the time he turned 60. Then Plan B came along - son Chandler decided to join and eventually take over the family business instead of becoming an architect.

children or other younger relatives find themselves doing much more intensive training, including their heirs apparent in key decisions and entrusting them with major projects. The savviest owners learn some things themselves — they listen to and embrace the different ideas and perspectives their children bring.

Sometimes members of the next generation already have a business background and need to adapt what

they know to the specifics of the family company. Alison Tocci, 61, has been working with her nephew, Bryan Sawyer, so he'll be ready to take over the family Bull Run restaurant when she retires. Sawyer left his job at an accounting firm in 2010 to help Tocci turn around the then-struggling restaurant in Shirley, Massachusetts, that she had recently bought from a relative.

Bull Run, founded in

1946 by Tocci's father, has quadrupled its revenue since she took it over, and she wants Sawyer to keep it on its trajectory. So while he takes part in day-to-day operations and weekly meetings, Tocci stresses to him that informal and off-the-cuff meetings with employees, other restaurateurs, consultants and others can help with innovation.

"The most important lesson to transfer to the third

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Pay down debt or save money? How to allocate your cash



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In this March 5, 2012 file photo, consumer credit cards are posed in North Andover, Mass. Pay down debt or save money? How to allocate your cash It's one of the most common questions financial advisers hear: should I prioritize paying down debt or building up savings? We talked to a few financial experts for their tips on meeting these competing demands.

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's one of the most common questions financial advisers hear: should I prioritize paying down debt or building up savings?

Americans have a cozy relationship with debt — student loans, credit cards and car loans are commonplace. The Federal Reserve said that consumer borrowing rose \$24.5 billion in May alone to hit almost \$3.9 trillion. And that doesn't include mortgage or real estate-secured debt, like home equity lines. Add rising interest rates to that mix and you've got quite the budget burden.

Debt can help advance

your life, for example by paying for an education to get a job or buying a car to get to work. But paying it back also uses up money that could be set aside for emergencies, retirement or other expenses. Research shows most Americans are ill-prepared to face a minor financial hiccup, let alone the cost of retirement.

So how do you meet these competing demands? We talked to a few financial experts for their tips.

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Lots 14, 15, 16 and the West-erly 20 feet of Lot 17, Block 8, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 11, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, and a portion of Government Lot 12, being the West-erly 354.74 feet of Government Lot 12 lying between the South line of Government Lot 12, Section 19, Township 35 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County, Florida, and the South line of Lots 22, 23, 24 and 25, Block 5, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 11, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida.

LESS AND EXCEPT all of Lot 14 and portion of Lot 15, Block 8, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 11, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 48, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida, and a portion of Government Lot 12 in Section 19, Town-

2000



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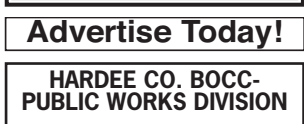
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2001**

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ALL APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO: Town of Lake Placid, 311 West Interlake Boulevard, Lake Placid, FL 33852 OR EMAILED TO lakeplacidinfo@gmail.com.

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2030**

CARDIOLOGY CONSULTANTS
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2035**

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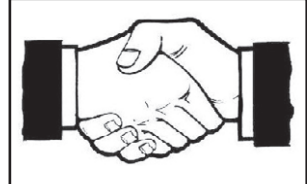
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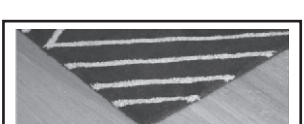


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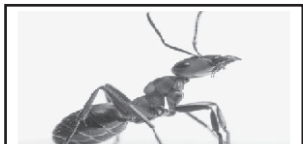
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to be an investor, it's not necessarily the best time to be investing. After a long run of more than nine years of gains for stocks, more voices along Wall Street are saying the good times could end in the next few years.

If they're right, it will be up to investors not to turn all these newfound advantages and trading tools into implements of destruction. Even though it's easier — and less expensive — than ever to trade, sometimes the best thing to do when markets are falling is nothing.

Barry Bannister, head

of institutional equity strategy at Stifel, says the bull run that began for the S&P 500 in March 2009 may end by the first quarter of 2020. Predicted cause of death: continued interest-rate increases by the Federal Reserve.

The Fed has already raised rates seven times since 2015 off their record lows, and it says two more increases may be coming this year. Higher rates have historically put the brakes on stocks and other risky investments, and Bannister says the Fed's pace means the federal funds rate may cross a key threshold next year.

With profit margins already high, Bannister

says the next decade will likely have weaker returns for stocks than the previous one.

"I think we're looking at a rotating and trading market for 10 years," Bannister said. "So the ability to move fast and be flexible is probably at a premium."

That's good for investors who are able to take advantage of their new trading tools. Funds that cover everything from foreign bonds to low-volatility stocks to global technology companies have all been getting cheaper to own. Improved websites and lower commissions also make ETFs easier to trade. So anyone with the foresight to move from

losers to winners can do so quickly and cheaply.

But it's also important to remember that many investors, for all their confidence, have a long history of selling and buying at inopportune times.

When stocks are soaring, everyone's happy to pile into the market on the expectation that more gains are to come. The biggest year for flows into stock mutual funds was in 2000, for example, according to the Investment Company Institute. That's when the stock market hit its peak and the dot-com bubble burst.

When stocks are falling, meanwhile, antsy investors sell their

holdings. That may help avoid losses, but it creates a tough decision: when to get back into the market? Many investors who dumped stocks during the Great Recession missed out on the big gains that followed.

That's why investors, as a group, have largely fallen short of the returns of the funds they invest in.

Consider Fidelity's Contrafund, one of the largest mutual funds by assets. It returned 10.9 percent annually over the 10 years through June 30. But not all of its investors stayed committed to the fund through that stretch. After accounting for dollars coming in

and out of the fund, Morningstar says the average investor got an 8.8 percent annual return from the fund.

So, the best approach may be to take advantage of all these opportunities in a moment of calm, before markets are falling sharply, to ensure that your portfolio is set up in a way that will leave you comfortable regardless of the market's direction. If you can't stomach the idea of the stocks in your portfolio dropping 10 percent, consider shifting more money into bonds and other less volatile investments.

Then, take comfort in knowing that this golden era of investing means you can act

MENTOR

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generation is to not get stuck in the 'This is the way we've always done it mode,' Tocci says.

In a successful transition from one generation to the next, a parent treats a child as they would any new hire, says David Lassman, a management professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College.

"If you bring someone in from the outside, you'd say, 'Here's our business, what are our challenges, where should we go?'"

Lassman says. He also suggests that owners who tend to be domineering in family situations tone that down, or their children won't be able to think for themselves or take risks as business owners.

A successful transition can require an owner to let the child make significant changes to the company's business model, even selling off parts of it, says Lauri Union, a professor of entrepreneurship at Babson College. While products, services or whole divisions may go, what does remain is what Union calls the family's entrepreneurial legacy.

Union says parents need to, as she puts it, "let go."

"There is a process for letting go — doing it too quickly can be as bad as doing it too slowly or not at all — and that process varies from family to family and business to business," she says.

Rita Tabatchnick expects her son Jason to be more than her shadow or stand-in as he becomes increasingly involved in the family's soup business, Tabatchnick Fine Foods. She is looking for him to put his own imprint on the business.

"The new generation comes up with new desires, new foods, new

technology, and you have to listen to their ideas," says. Tabatchnick, 63, who plans to retire within the next 10 years.

Jason, who began working at the company when he was 13, is on the board and participates in Rita's meetings, key phone calls and negotiations. When the company's Somerset, New Jersey, factory needed extensive renovations last year, Jason evaluated contractors' bids. When his mother had surgery recently, he took on some of her responsibilities. "He doesn't just do the grunt work," she says.

Ultimately, though, owners and their

children also need to be prepared for the possibility that the planned handoff might not work out, Union says. Children need to have the room to say, "I don't know if this is going to work for me. I may need an off-ramp," Union says. If the son or daughter takes over a company and is unmotivated, it can be hard for the business to survive.

Kathleen Kuhn is realistic about the possibility that her son Ryan might decide against taking over her HouseMaster inspection company. Ryan is doing home inspections, getting hands-on experience, and "little by little we're exposing him

to things," says Kuhn, 57. She hopes he'll be ready in four or five years.

But while Ryan approached Kuhn and said he wanted to join the Bridgewater, New Jersey-based business that Kuhn's father started 30 years ago, he also thinks about moving out of the area. She would be disappointed if she ultimately must sell the business, but she wants what's best for her son.

"As a second-generation business owner, I never wanted to force my children to choose this path. They need to want it for themselves," Kuhn says.

CASH

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at what interest rates? How much savings do you have? Other questions to consider, according to SoFi certified financial planner Alison Norris, include: are you only making minimum payments? Are your finances a source of stress in your life?

Then look at your budget - knowing how much money you have to work with will help you figure out what is feasible moving forward, said Charlie Bolognino, a certified financial planner in Bentonville, Arkansas. The budget is the key to unlocking solutions.

"We hear we are supposed to do all these things with money — save it, spend it, invest it and get out of debt — but there's only so much money to go around," said Bolognino.

Plan

Come up with a strategy you can stick with.

A successful plan will address both debt and savings in concert, to make the most of the money you do have. It's not about focusing on one issue then moving on to the next, but rather a matter of determining where your spending

priority is, said Bruce McClary of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

A rule of thumb is to allocate 20 percent of your take-home pay to savings and debt payments. How you divvy that up will depend on your priorities.

One thing the experts agree on: make emergency savings a top priority. Don't worry about getting several months of savings set aside. Even \$500 can provide peace of mind. This allows you to handle life's unexpected emergencies, like a car repair or lost cell phone, without further running up debt.

Tackling your highest interest rate debt needs to be near the top too. The average interest rate on credit cards is around 17 percent and more interest rate hikes are anticipated in the near future, according to McClary. Compare that to the single-digit interest rate you might get from a standard savings account and it's an easy decision.

"It's the best time ever to not carry a balance," he said.

Calculate how long it will take to pay off your debt — knowing that date will remind you there's light at the end of the tunnel.

Then think about your lower-interest rate debt

like federal student loans. While it may be tempting to turn your back on longer-term savings, don't - that is just trading today's financial ruin for another down the road. Don't overlook opportunities for workplace retirement savings accounts, particularly if your employer matches your contribution.

Failing to give at least the amount up to that level is like leaving money on the table, said Paul Golden of the National Endowment for Financial Education.

Some employers may have additional benefits to help with saving or paying down student loans. Medical device company Abbott Laboratories recently rolled out a unique program that makes a 5 percent company contribution to the 401(k) of employees who contribute 2 percent of their pay toward their student loans. That helps them reach both financial goals of retirement savings and student loan repayment.

If you find you simply cannot make minimum payments on your debts or have exhausted your financial options, reach out for help through a nonprofit credit counseling organization.

"There's a point when you can't go it alone anymore," McClary said.


gains as transportation companies including railroads and airlines rose following strong earnings reports. Banks also climbed. CSX, United Continental and W.W. Grainger all jumped. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway rose sharply after it loosened its rules on stock repurchases. Household goods and technology companies slipped.

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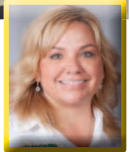
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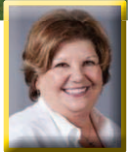
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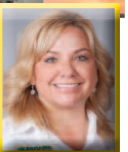
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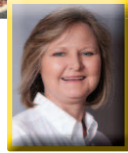
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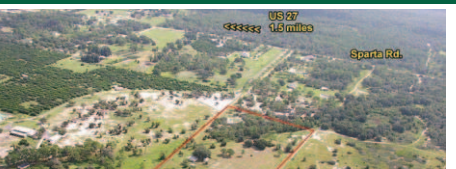
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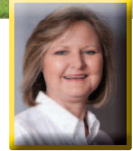
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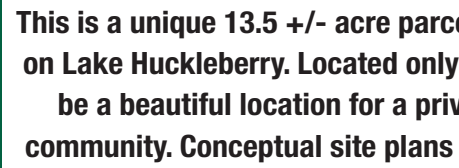
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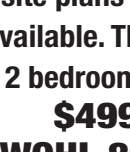
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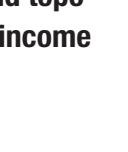
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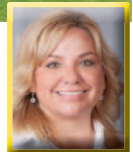
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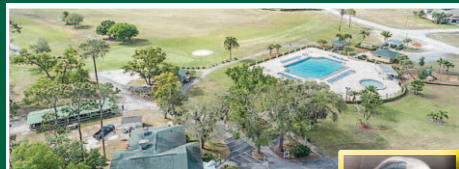
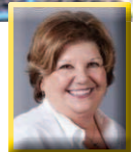
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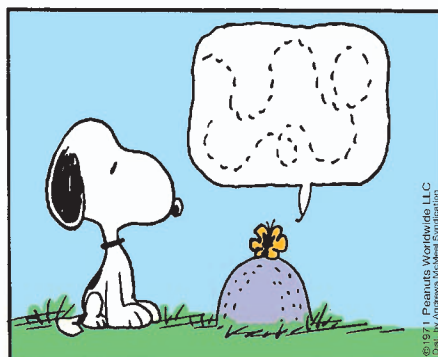
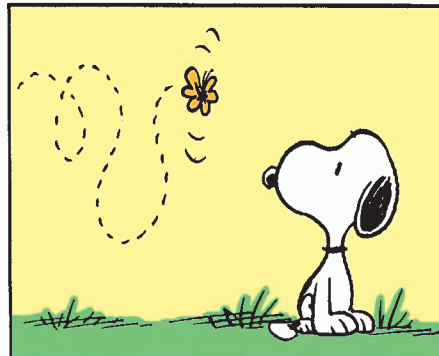
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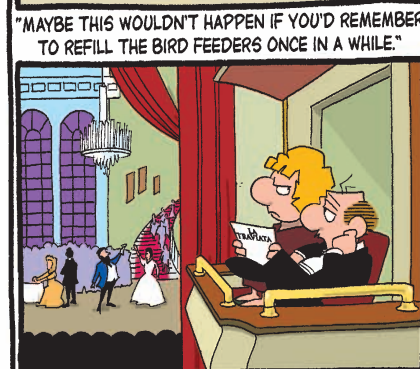
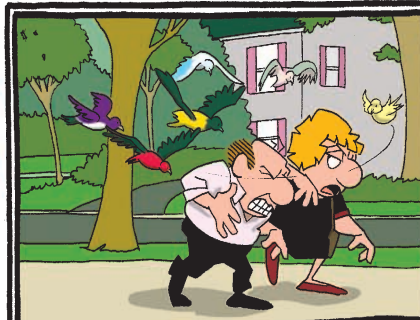
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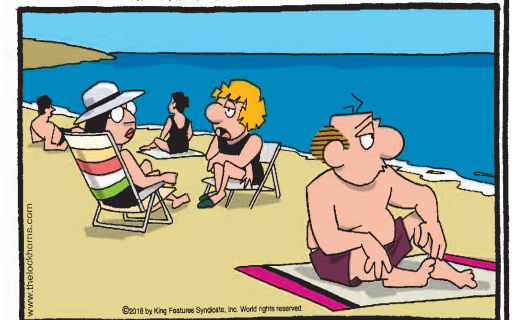
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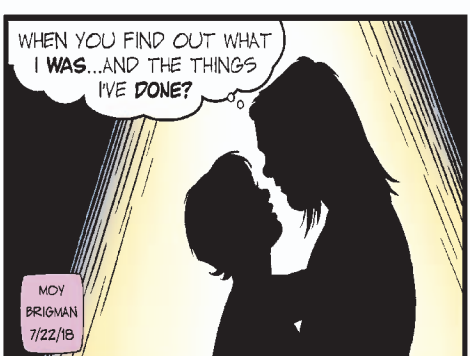
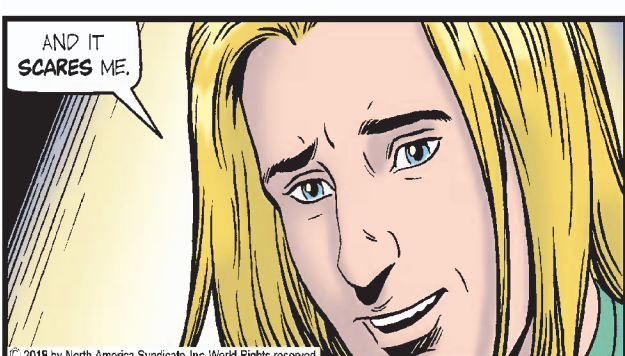
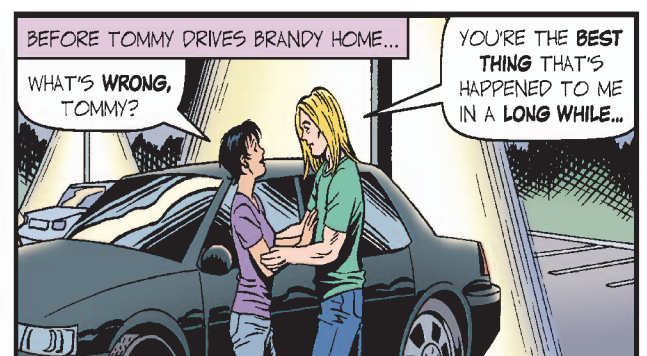
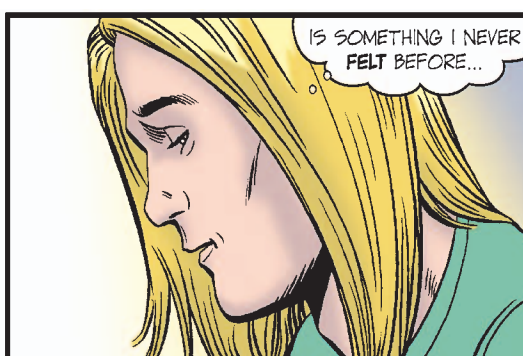
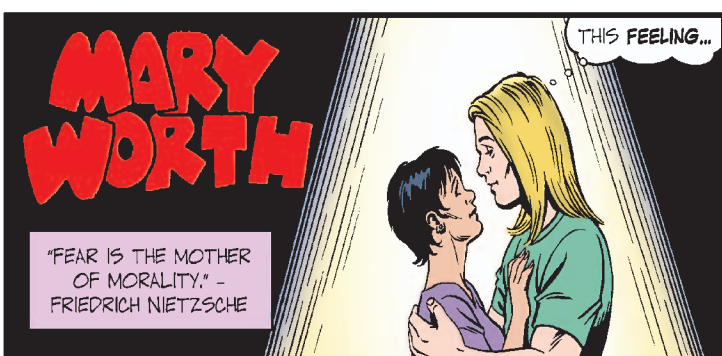
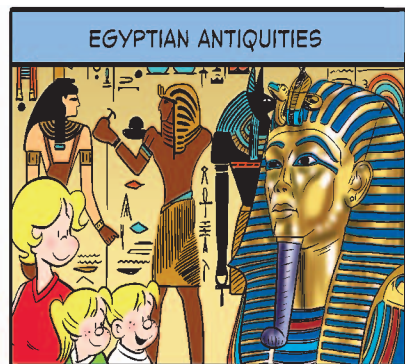


"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... LEROY WILL BE THE FIRST CASUALTY IN THE COMING ROBOT WARS."



"LEROY HAS A BEACH BODY... BUT THE SAND HAS SHIFTED."

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER





The FAMILY CIRCUS
By **BIL KEANE**

OUTTA THE WAY, PJ! YOU'RE TOO LITTLE TO PLAY WITH US GUYS-- YOU'LL GET HURT! GO HOME!

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By **BIL and JEFF KEANE**
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WIZARD OF ID
by **Hart, Mastroianni and Parker**

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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

SNORT
ZZZZZ
GURK!

WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO, SIR

BUT IT'S ALMOST HAPPY HOUR

WE NEED TO FINISH THIS FIRST

I'LL SEND A TEXT

WHAT'S THAT?

BEEP!
BEEP!

IT'S THE SNACK CART FROM THE GOLF COURSE!

I GUESS IT PAYS TO TIP WELL!

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GREG + MORT WALKER

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HAGAR
the horrible
by **DIK BROWNE**

HERNIA, ISN'T THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? I MEAN, BESIDES BEING MARRIED!

I WANT IT ALL, HAMLET... AND I'M STARTING WITH YOU!

WHEN I GROW UP AND WE'RE MARRIED, I'M GOING TO BE A FAMOUS DANCER!

I'LL BE KNOWN BY ALL!

ADMIRED BY EVERYONE!

LOVED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

MAYBE I'LL BE FAMOUS TOO!

OF COURSE YOU WILL BE!

YOU'LL BE FAMOUS FOR BEING MY HUSBAND!

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BLONDIE
BY **DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL**

BUMSTEAD, DID YOU HEAR ME CALLING YOU?

OKAY, BOSS

BUMSTEAD! I NEED YOU IN MY OFFICE RIGHT AWAY!!

OKAY, BOSS

THAT GRIMBAKER DEAL WILL NEED HITWANT AND PUSHPA

OKAY, BOSS

AND YOU NEED TO NERFENDERFER THE BRAMBOCKER

OKAY, BOSS

HOW'S EVERYTHING GOING WITH THE GIDGETFLAMMER AND THE WALLENDORFER SPACKLE?

OKAY, BOSS

HOW ABOUT THE ABBADUCUS HALAHOTIE GRUMDINGER?

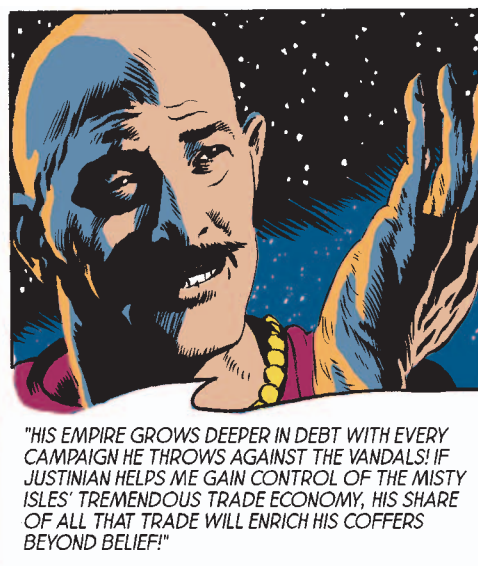
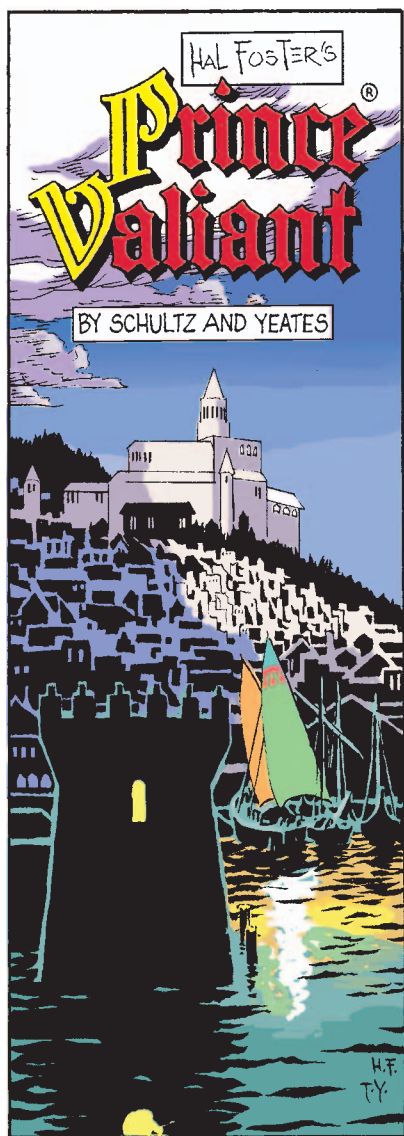
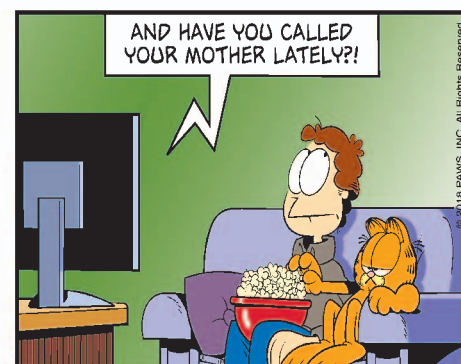
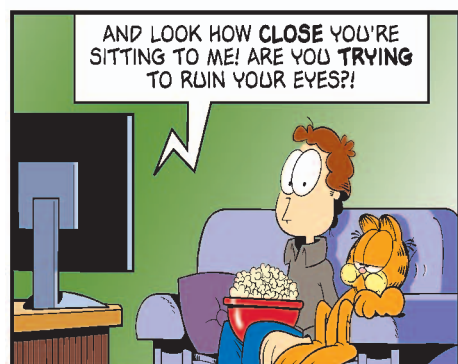
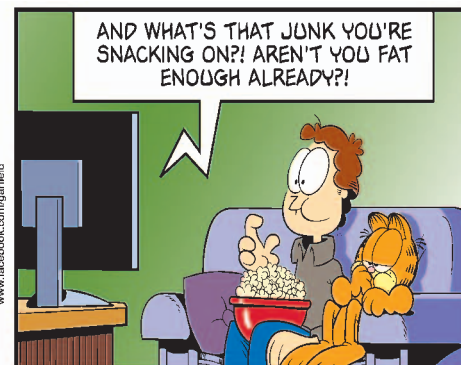
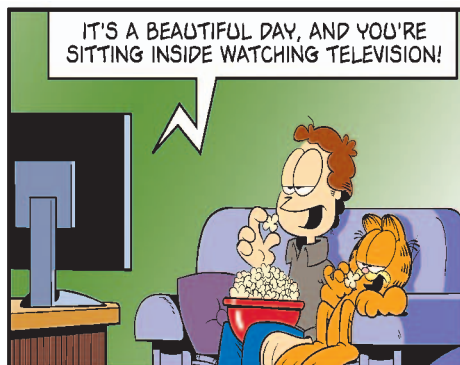
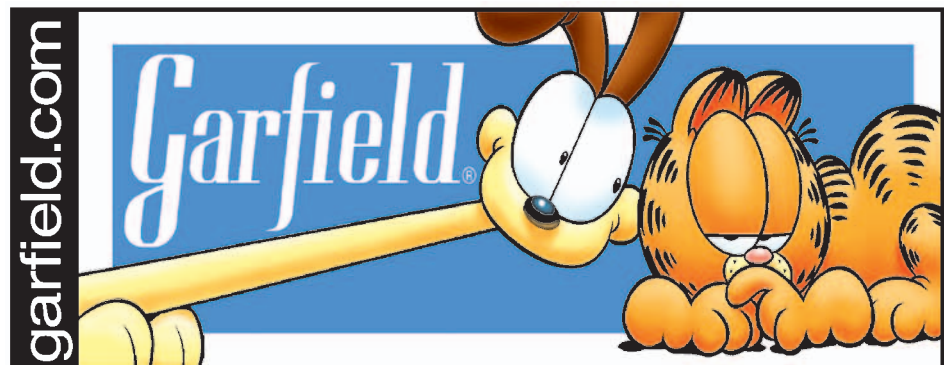
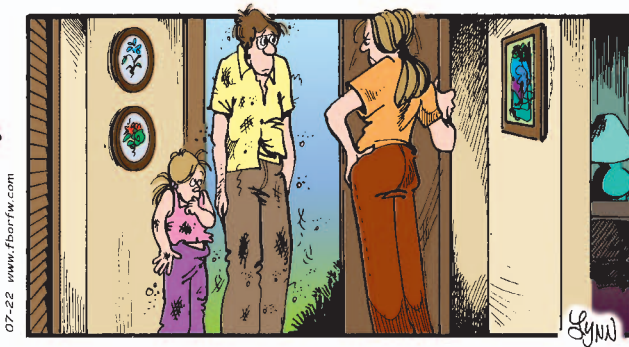
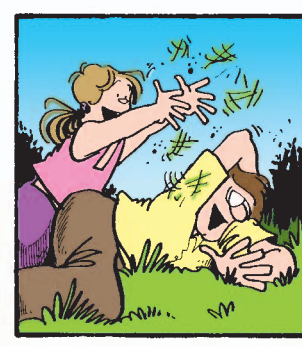
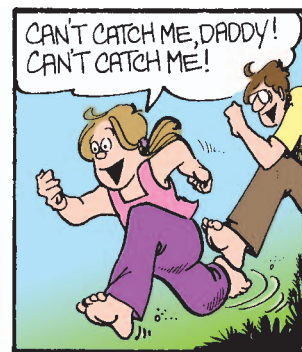
OKAY, BOSS

BUMSTEAD, I NEED YOU TO STAY AND WORK LATE TONIGHT!

WHAT?! THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE, BOSS!!

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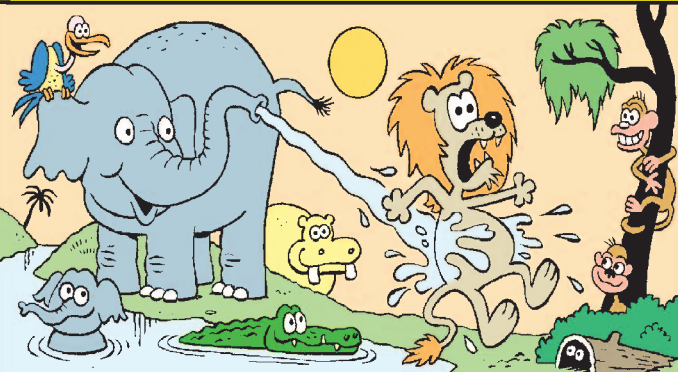
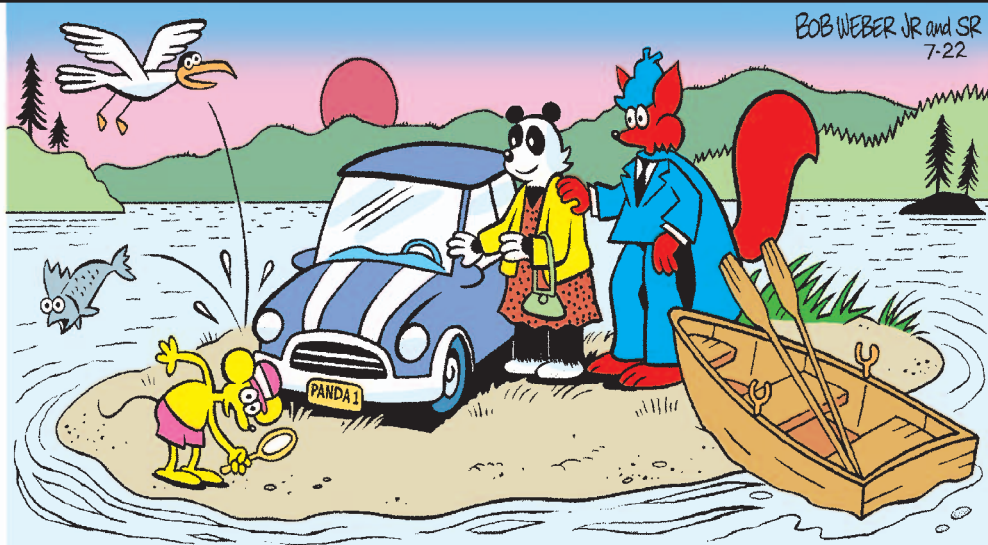
SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Patty Panda's car was stolen last winter. The car was found today on an island in the middle of a lake. There has never been a bridge to the island. The car doesn't float and the lake has not dried up. How did Slylock Fox explain the car's odd location?

Solution -- Slylock believes the thief drove the car over when the lake was frozen.

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True or False

- 1) Elephants breathe through their trunks.
- 2) An elephant's trunk weighs up to 400 pounds.
- 3) Elephants drink water through their trunks.
- 4) An elephant's trunk has 27 bones.

Answer -- 1) True, 2) True, 3) False, 4) False. An elephant's trunk has no bones. The trunk can draw in water, but the elephant must squirt the water into its mouth to swallow it. (4) False. An elephant must squirt the water into its mouth to swallow it. (4) False. An elephant must squirt the water into its mouth to swallow it. (4) False.

YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Jenna, age 8

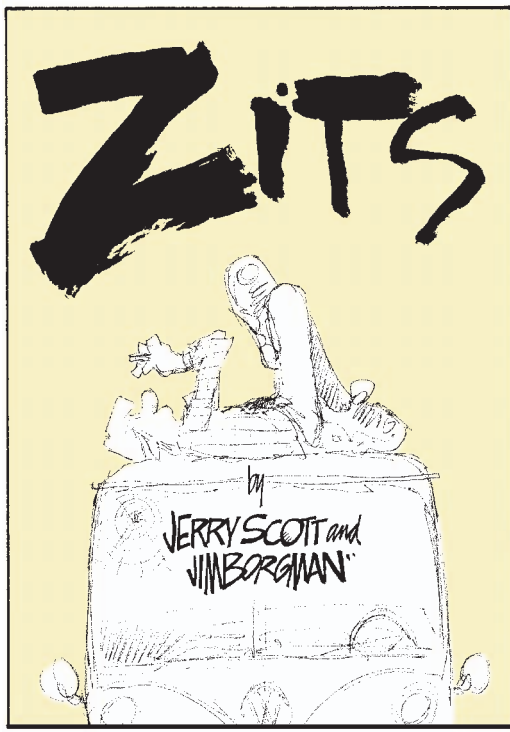
Submit your drawing to www.kidcartoonists.com

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Starfish, glasses, bubble, fin, gills and tie.

The fourth Find the six differences collection is here. Send \$4 (check/money order in U.S. funds made payable to King Features) with your name and address to Six Differences No. 4, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



I KEEP THEM IN THIS DRAWER.

WILL THIS WORK?

UM, NO.

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

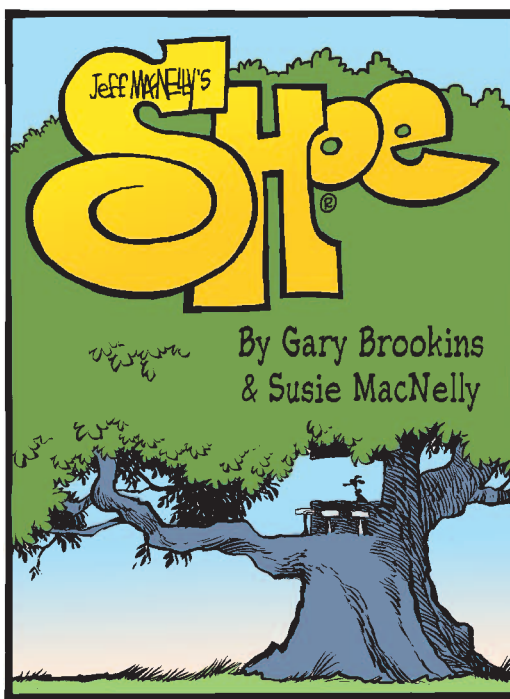
NOT EVEN CLOSE.

REALLY?

HOW BIG ARE THESE HAMBURGERS, ANYWAY?

PROBLEM SOLVED!

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ADMIT IT, LYDIA, YOU'VE BEEN CARRYING ON BEHIND MY BACK WITH MY COUSIN, LESTER. THE POOLBOY TOLD ME HE'S SEEN THE TWO OF YOU CAVORTING IN THE CABANA.

WHAT A LITTLE LIAR HE IS! IT WASN'T LESTER... IT WAS CEDRIC, YOUR BROTHER!

GROSS! I FEEL LIKE I NEED A SHOWER AFTER SOME OF THESE DAYTIME PROGRAMS.

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE CALLED SOAP OPERAS.

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I SEE YOU'RE SPRINKLING GROUND FLAX SEED ON YOUR CEREAL.

THAT'S GOOD. IT HAS OMEGA-3 AND FIBER.

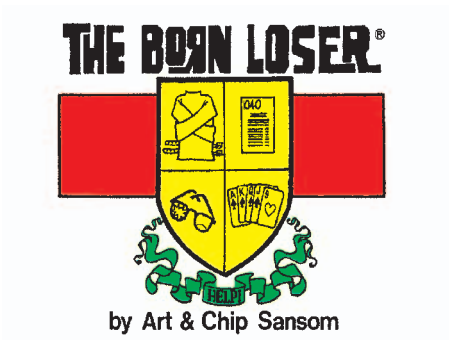
SO IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR HEART.

AND IT'LL LOWER YOUR CHOLESTEROL.

I READ SOMEWHERE THAT IT'LL MAKE HAIR GROW BACK.

YOU PROBABLY HAVE TO SPRINKLE IT ON YOUR HEAD FOR THAT.

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EVERYONE IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT WILL BE GOING HOME WITH SOME NICE SWAG!

WHAT'S SWAG, POP?

SWAG IS UNEXPECTED GIFTS THAT ARE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS, SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONCERTS.

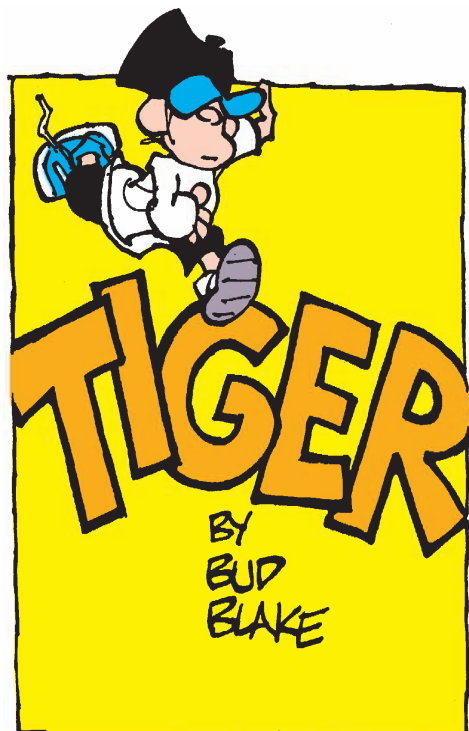
FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS, THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE EVENT WANT TO MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THE ATTENDEES...

SO THEY LEAVE A PACKAGE OF SURPRISE PRESENTS UNDER EVERY SEAT FOR THE GUESTS TO KEEP! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT?

I THINK SO... IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU GO TO THE MOVIES...

IF YOU LOOK UNDER YOUR SEAT YOU'LL FIND OLD CHEWING GUM AND OTHER SWAG PEOPLE LEFT THERE!

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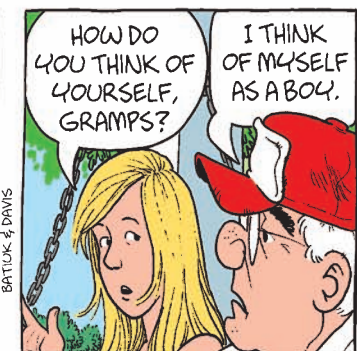
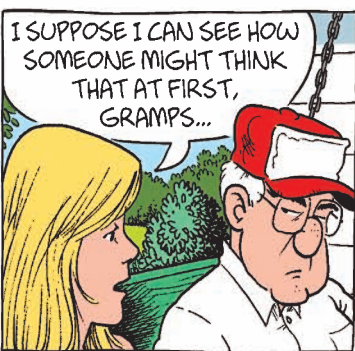
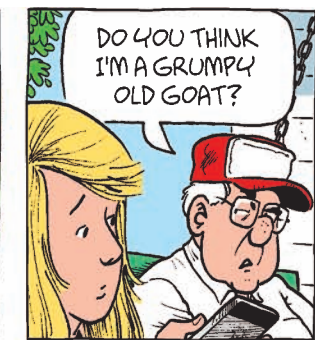
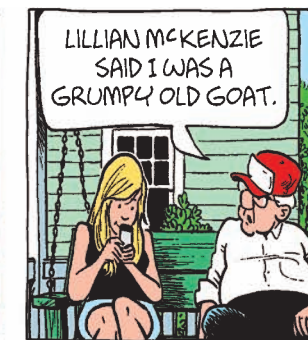
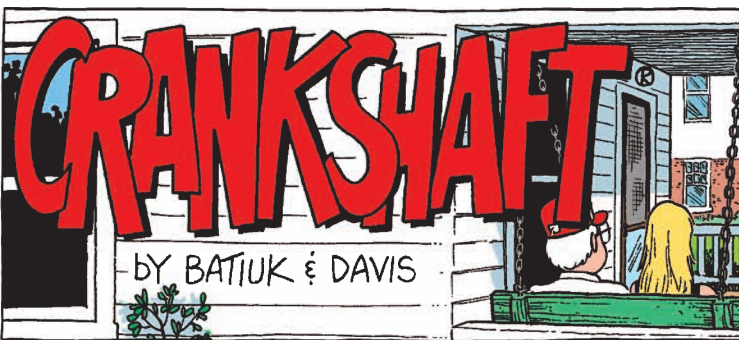
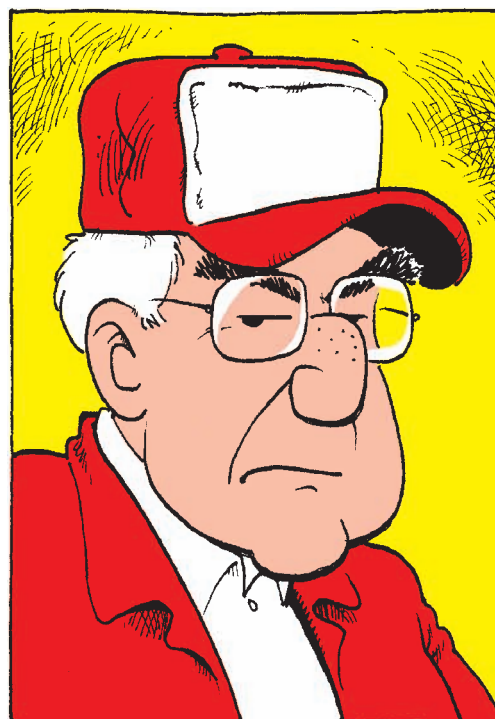
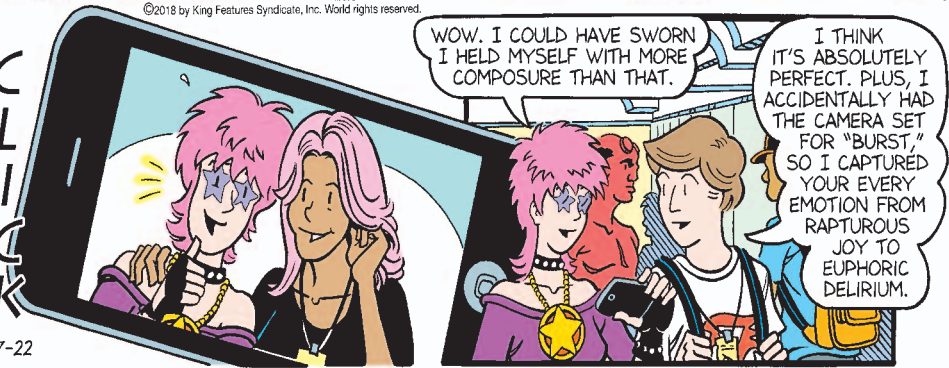
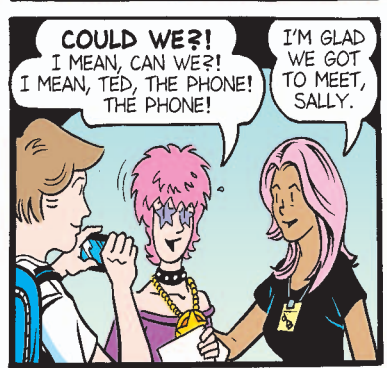
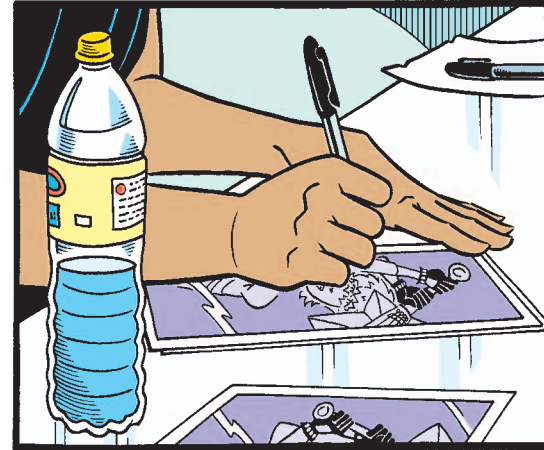
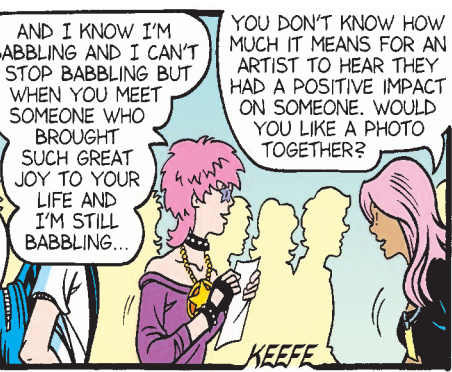
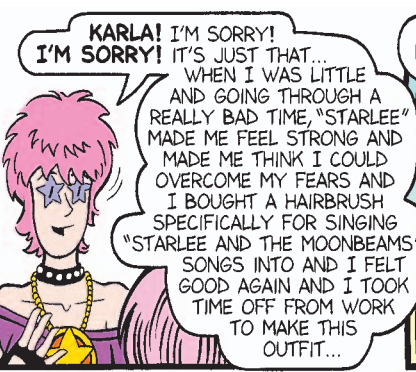
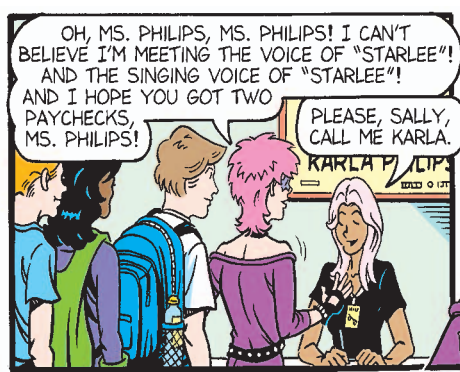
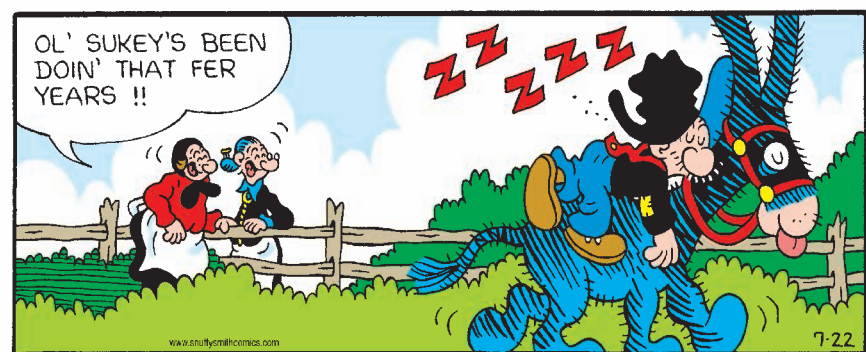
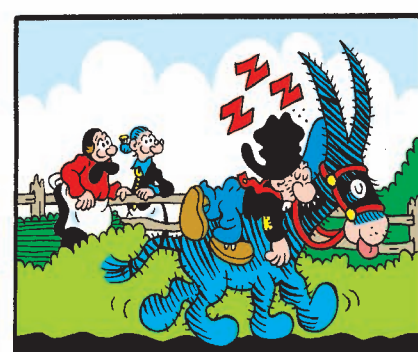
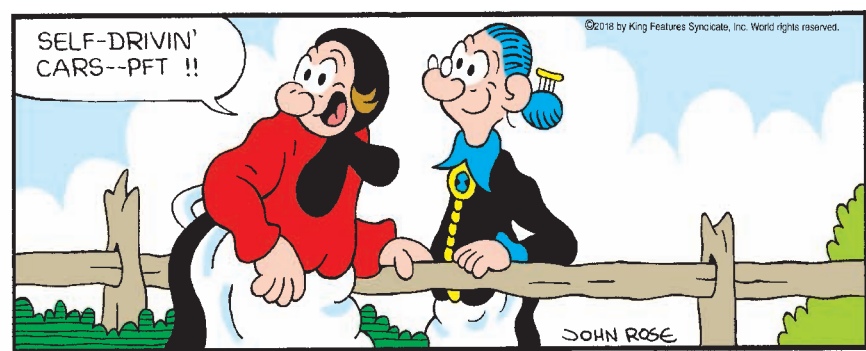
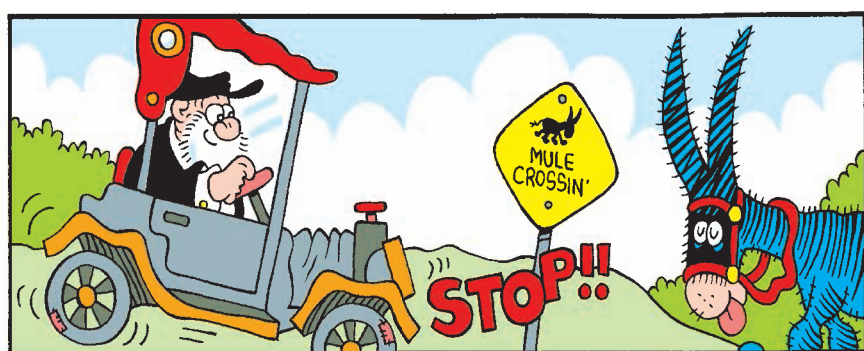
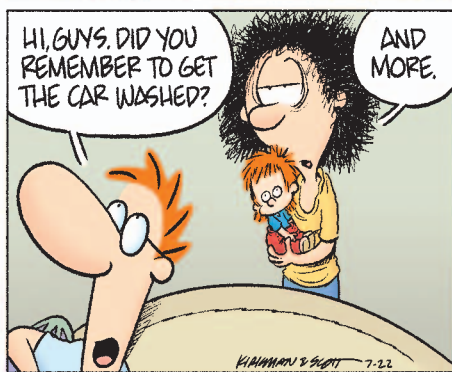
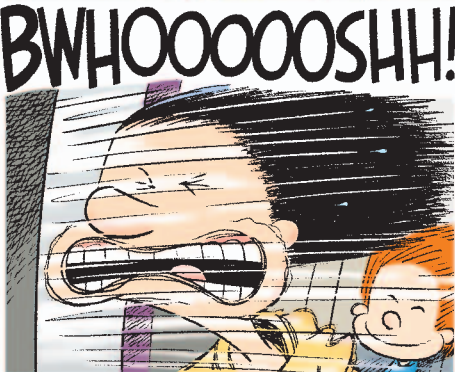
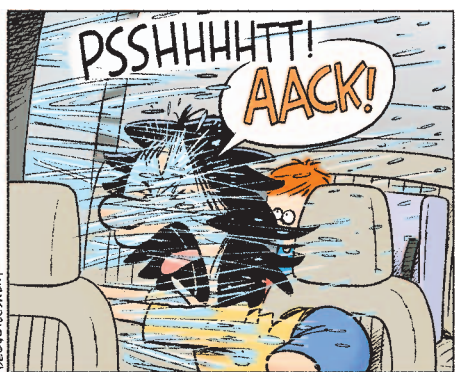
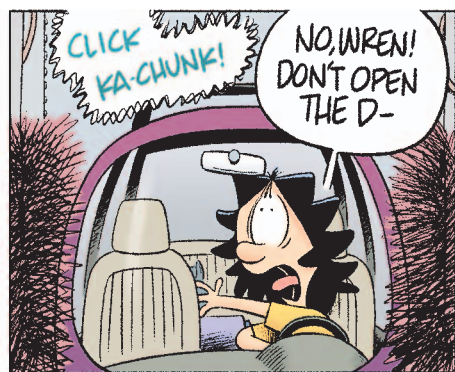
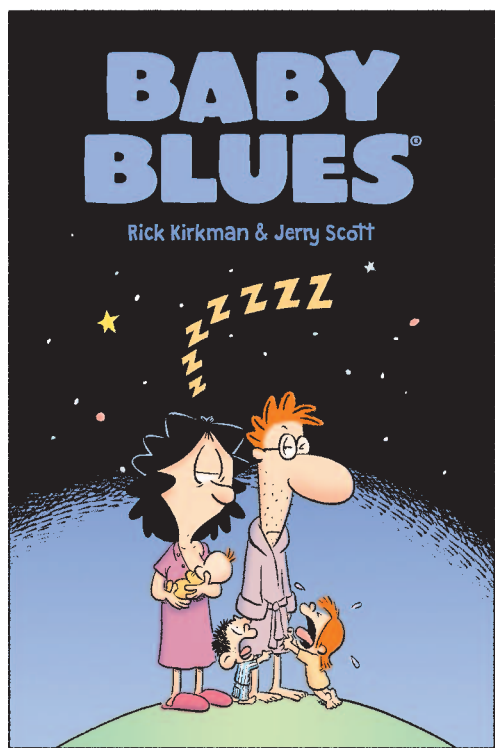
WHATCHA DOING, JULIAN?

I'M MAKING LABELS

LABELS FOR WHAT?

FOR MY ROCK COLLECTION THERE

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THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK

CRIMINAL LIKES THE LAW FOR ONCE

IT'S NOT RIGHT! I-I CAN'T BE EXTRADITED TO BANGALLA!! RHODIAN LAW SAYS I CAN'T!

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 7-22-18

ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF RHODIA? MAYBE I AM, MAYBE I'M NOT. THE POINT IS-- YOU DON'T KNOW I'M NOT!

NO DIFFERENCE TO ME EITHER WAY... FILE A COMPLAINT WITH YOUR FRIEND, THE RAT!

HE'S RIGHT OVER...

...HERE?

BANGGG!

NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

UH... IS THAT YOUR DIGITAL ASSISTANT? YEAH... I THOUGHT IT'D BE A GOOD CONVERSATION STARTER IN A BAR

WHAT SHOULD I ASK IT? ANYTHING YOU'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW

OK... ALEXA... WHY HAS SOCIAL MEDIA BECOME THE HARBINGER OF EVIL INSTEAD OF GOOD? HUMAN NATURE. ALL MEDIA IS JUST A REFLECTION OF ITS USERS. DON'T BLAME THE MIRROR FOR WHAT YOU SEE

SO HOW DO WE FIX IT? BASIC PROBLEM-SOLVING... ERADICATE THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM. WE'RE WORKING ON IT NOW, AND IT'LL ALL BE OVER SOON

UM... WHO'S "WE"? OH, DEAR... I MAY HAVE DIVULGED TOO MUCH. FORGET WHAT I SAID, OK? THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR FROM A.I.

HEH HEH

AH... I SEE... YOU'RE JUST JOKING, RIGHT? SURE, LET'S GO WITH THAT, OBSOLETE MEAT-SICKLE

GOOD TIMES. THANKS, JOE

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

I GOT A NEW OUTFIT, MRS. WILSON!

YOU SURE LOOK ALL GROWN UP!

I KNOW... THAT'S WHAT MY MOM SAYS!

HE'S NOT ONLY GROWING UP... ... HE'S GROWING OUT OF EVERYTHING!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM WITH GEORGE

MAAARRVVVVVVN!!

By TOM ARMSTRONG



I'M GOING TO DOCUMENT THINGS I WANT TO REMEMBER ON OUR HIKE

WATERFALL AT MILE MARKER 2

SUSPENSION BRIDGE HALF-MILE PAST WATERFALL

AUCK HACK HACK

WHAT'S WRONG?

I (COUGH! GAG!...) SWALLOWED A BUG!!

DON'T KISS JENNY TODAY