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## SROs get ready to go



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From left: Highlands County Sheriff Paul Blackman swears in two new Safe Schools deputies on Tuesday — Phillip Cloninger and James Spires, who, respectively, worked 20 and 30 years for the Sheriff's Office before retiring. They have come out of retirement to work as school resource officers on a modified schedule that will mirror the school calendar.

## Sheriff still hiring, but deputies on campus

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The school resource officer at your child's school Monday may not be the same one there by Christmas break.

That's OK, said Scott Dressel, public information officer for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. They have the same training as a regular SRO, whether they are filling in from patrol or administrative positions. Sheriff Paul Blackman has said, even if he has to patrol hallways, he'll have deputies at every school.

That's the mandate from the state, but it's also Blackman's goal to enhance safety with deputies at all schools and enhance security methods, despite a tight



Highlands County Sheriff Paul Blackman gives a talk during a table-top exercise, testing response protocols for an active shooter situation at a local school.

budget year that has him, county commissioners and municipal councils scraping for funds to cover salaries.

At the last county budget workshop, the county had agreed to Blackman's

\$286,525 request for salaries only, while the School Board of Highlands County will pay \$70,000 toward the Safe Schools program.

This is contingent on Avon Park honoring its

pledge for \$100,000 and Lake Placid stepping up with \$75,000.

Sebring Police Department supplies its own SROs to Sebring Middle School, Woodlawn Elementary School, the Kindergarten Learning Center, Heartland Christian Academy and St. Catherine's Catholic School.

In Sebring, the Sheriff's Office will cover Fred Wild Elementary School, The Academy at Youth Care Lane and Sebring High School, as those schools are in the county.

On Wednesday, Dressel said the Sheriff's Office is currently four short of having all the new SRO positions filled.

The Sheriff's Office will go

SHERIFF | 7A

## Palmetto 'plums' picked without permit

County sees first arrest for illegal harvesting of palmetto berries

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Just a week after the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services sent out notices warning people not to pick palmetto berries without a permit, someone did.

Pedro M. Perez, 64, of Plant City, reportedly stopped a car at midday Wednesday on Brescia Avenue in Lake Placid and allegedly went on private property to pick the fruit.

A Highlands County deputy sheriff reportedly saw Perez carrying a burlap bag loaded with the berries to the back of the car, which was parked on the road.

Perez's statements to deputies were redacted from arrest reports. He was charged with harvesting an endangered plant without

consent — a misdemeanor — and arrested.

People were warned on Aug. 1 that harvesting palmetto berries and selling them would now require a permit, even on their own land.

Neither the permit nor the application would require a fee, according to a Highlands County Sheriff's Office news release at the time, but those who don't get a permit and are caught transporting or selling the berries could get charged with a misdemeanor.

The berry, found in abundance in Highlands County, is a popular natural remedy for prostate issues — one of the reasons people have harvested it, often sneaking onto others' properties to get it, according to the news release.

However, the berries make up a key part of the



PEREZ

diet of the Florida black bear, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, on its web site.

While 80 percent of the bear's diet is vegetable matter, the rest comprises insects — wasps, bees, termites and ants — and 5 percent of it is animal matter, usually scavenged.

People harvesting palmetto berries in large numbers could interfere with the bears' food source, causing the animals to seek other sources, like residential garbage.

The new rules actually went into effect on July 17, two weeks before the notice. Reports did not state whether Perez had received

or seen the notice through local media in Plant City.

However, local landowners got the message, if not from the Sheriff's Office or local media, from member organizations.

Ray Royce, executive director of Highlands County citrus Growers Association, told his members last Monday that the FDACS along with the Endangered Plant Advisory Council had added saw palmetto to the Department's commercially exploited plant list.

He advised members to reach out to Highlands County Agricultural Deputy Fred Tagmeier with issues they might be have on their property, including people trespassing to pick the fruit.

For further details, contact Tagmeier at the Sheriff's Office, at (863) 402-7200.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Loomis Bros. Circus canceled the shows for Aug. 10 and 11 due to threats, stated Media Contact for Loomis Bros. Circus Erik Scott.

## Fair Association got 8,000 anti-circus emails, head says

STAFF REPORT

SEBRING — The Highlands County Fair Association received over 8,100 protest emails from animal rights advocates 48 hours before the now canceled Loomis Bros. Circus shows on Aug. 10 and 11 at the Highlands County Fairgrounds, said the Fair Association's president.

Many residents had purchased tickets to the shows, which were abruptly canceled at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, the day before the shows were scheduled to start, according to the Fair Association.

Michael Chambers, association president, wrote a letter explaining what had happened and posted it on the Fair's Facebook page. "The Highlands County Fair Association received over 8,100 emails in the 48 hours preceding the event, not including several dozen threatening phone calls, letters and other emails from the People of the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and their supporters."

"It is obvious that they were dissatisfied with the Circus and the fact that we

CIRCUS | 8A

## Highlands News-Sun hosts candidate forum Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

SEBRING — Curious about where the candidates in the primary election stand on issues? The Highlands News-Sun will host and moderate a candidate forum so voters can hear from the candidates and have some questions answered.

The forum will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 and is set to be held at The Circle Theatre in downtown Sebring.

"It is important that voters know what the candidates stand for as they head to the polls, or cast their vote by mail. An informed candidate will always make the best decision. What better way than to have the candidates in one place where they have an opportunity to answer questions," said Executive Editor Romona Washington.

Questions from the Highlands News-Sun staff will be asked before allowing time for questions from the audience. Index cards will be placed at the back of the room for questions from the audience. As many of those questions

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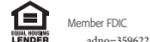
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# Community gathers for National Night Out

STAFF REPORT

AVON PARK – Neighborhoods across the county came together last week to meet the law enforcement officers who are patrolling their areas. It was an evening of fun, food and introductions.

Sheriff Paul Blackman welcomed the crowd at Redland Christian Migrant Association, thanking the residents for welcoming the COPS ADAPT program into the community. He recalled the May 5 game of tug-o-war that took place between his deputies and the neighborhood children. "I have some of the biggest deputies in the world, but those kids beat them," he joked.

To the audience of about 75, he said, "Thank you for allowing us to be part of your community."

Undersheriff Mike Brown echoed Blackman's comments, adding that when the law enforcement officers get to know the residents in the community they protect on a personal level, good things will happen.

In an environment where residents and law enforcement come together in a relaxed setting, everyone has an opportunity to talk and spend time with each other, said Lt. Tyrone Tyson.

National Night Out is held the first Tuesday evening in August. Tyson said this was the first year that the program was brought into the community served by RCMA. "Next year we want it to be bigger and better," he said.

National Night Out is a community-building campaign to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make safer, more caring places to live. Tyson said the unit hopes COPS ADAPT will be the link to make that happen.

Becky Tyson, community liaison for COPS, told the audience that one of the goals of the



ROMONA WASHINGTON/STAFF

**K-9 officers from Avon Park Correctional Institution and Highlands County Sheriff's Office talked about their dogs and showed how they use their dogs to find missing children. From left are K-9 Deputy John Garrison, APCI K-9 Officer J. Thompson, Sgt. M. Tomlinson, Officer C. Lillpop, HCSO Major Darrin Hood, APCI Major Cassandra Williams, Deputy Warden J. Baldrige, Deputy Mike Parker, Deputy Steve Worley, Deputy Elder Salvador and Deputy Brittany Whittington.**

unit is to create safe neighborhoods and invest time with the children. "We want to give the community a person you can turn to, to address any issue that comes up," she said.

She said plans include to start a Community Action Committee, which would be an interactive group that would work to solve problems in the community ... "issues you feel need to be addressed."

Another event planned would be a joint effort between the Highlands County Sheriff's Office and Department of

Justice where they would meet with members of the community to try to break through respectably any issues that cause divisiveness. The unit also plans to start a youth leadership program for high school students.

Residents who are interested in any of the three planned groups are encourage to contact Becky Tyson at the HCSO.

A K-9 demonstration with the HCSO and Avon Park Correctional Institution took place outside, where guests were also served hot dogs and children could get backpacks.



**Christopher Gordon Jr., 3, didn't care that all of his rootbeer float was missing his mouth. He was just enjoying the sweet treat and would even offer to share if you'd take him up on it.**

Inside, guests were treated to ice cream cones or a root beer float.

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4. The traditional birthstone amulets of August are the peridot and the sardonyx.
5. The gladiolus and the poppy are the month's traditional flowers.

Source: <https://popculturemadness.com/Trivia/August/index.php>

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# School bus drivers prepare to drive a million miles

By **JERRY MEISENHEIMER**  
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Monday morning there will be 91 Highlands County school bus drivers, along with 33 bus attendants, hitting the road again.

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, they will have traveled over a million miles, transporting 8,000 students to and from 20 schools. In addition, they drive all the sports teams to their away games, and take kids on field trips.

Currently, there are 91 yellow buses on the road, covering 112 different bus routes. Many of the buses are used exclusively for transporting students with special needs.

Thanks to last year's half-cent sales tax increase, the School Board has been able to replace 18 worn-out buses with new air-conditioned ones that are equipped with seat belts.

Being a school bus driver or bus attendant isn't just about taking children to school. A lot of in-service training is

required to keep everyone safe.

So, prior to the August school bell each year, transportation staff members gather for refresher classes. The training pretty much covers all the potential issues that involves caring for youth.

In case of behavioral situations, a course called CPI is taught. It demonstrates how to non-violently diffuse dangerous student confrontations. Performing CPR, bandaging cuts and abrasions, and dealing with children who experience seizures or diabetic problems are covered as well.

Procedural matters are explained in detail too. Some of them are: radio protocol, accident reports, behavioral referrals, abuse and neglect reporting, surveys, route sheets, emergency bus evacuations, reporting illegal passing, mechanic problems, crossing railroad tracks, stopping on U.S. 27, and on and on.

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license and school bus endorsement. Contracted and substitute operator and attendant positions are available.

## Wawa asks AP for utility service at Valerie Boulevard

By **MARC VALERO**  
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Wawa has been checking on sites to build convenience stores in Highlands County, including at the intersection of Valerie Boulevard and U.S. 27, according to the City of Avon Park.

The City of Avon Park has been approached about providing water/wastewater service to a Wawa at U.S. 27 and Valerie Boulevard, according to the "city manager updates" in the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Avon Park City Council.

The city has service in that area making it feasible to provide service, the agenda item states.

While the City of Avon Park has a utility service, this request in the far southern reaches of its service area, it also has a request to go north with its utilities.

The city has met with representatives from Nucor Steel, which is requesting water/wastewater service, according to the council agenda.

Staff is investigating options for the preferred route and also considering financial options for the construction of the project, the agenda

shows.

The Nucor project proposes to construct and operate a steel rebar micro mill manufacturing facility in Frostproof on the border of Highlands and Polk counties, according to the company.

The location is on a 440-acre parcel containing a historical citrus grove, much of which is currently in operation, according to Nucor. Parbor Lake is located just south of the potential development.

The proposed location is closer to Avon Park than Frostproof.

From U.S. 27, the Parbor Lake area is accessed from West Sun Pure Road.

From U.S. 27 at County Line Road, as the crow flies, Parbor Lake is about a half a mile to the east.

The rebar products produced at the site would be transported via rail and trucks to the eastern United States with a focus in the southeast region, especially Florida, for a wide array of construction projects, according to Nucor.

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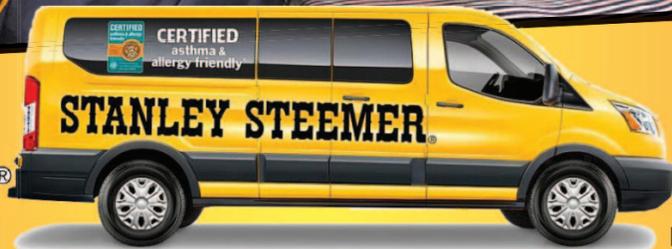
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**OBITUARIES**

**Karlene J. Ebersbach**

Karlene (Karla) J. Ebersbach (Mattice) passed away at Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Florida on Aug. 9, 2018. Karla was born in Albany, New York on Sept. 29, 1942 to the late R. Elizabeth (Betty) Mattice (McBride) and John F. Mattice. She was raised in Johnstown, New York and graduated from Johnstown High School and attended State University of New York-Oswego.

She was employed as a paraprofessional at Avon Elementary School and retired with 29 years of service in 2005. She deeply cared for the children whose lives she touched. She also served as Den Mother and Brownie Troop Leader and as a volunteer for the Avon Park High School Grenadier Band.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Paul; sons, Eric (Sheri) of Casselberry, Florida and Stephen of Avon Park, Florida; daughter, Amy of West Palm Beach; and beloved granddaughter, Kirsten Cole (Charlie) of Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Kirsten is entering the Clinical Mental

Health Counseling Master's Program at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina this fall. Karla is also survived by siblings, Jacqueline of Johnstown, New York; John (Linda) of Wells, New York and David (Wendy) also of Johnstown along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and an amazing circle of friends. She was predeceased by her parents, brother, George and sister, June.

Karla was an avid reader and proficient cross-stitcher. The homes of family, friends and friends of family are adorned with her artistry. She especially enjoyed cross-stitches for babies and weddings. She also enjoyed shopping for bargains at yard sales and local thrift shops. She was always sharing her finds with family and friends. A visitation will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018 with the service at 11 at Stephenson Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park, Florida.

In lieu of flowers family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, Florida 33870. Services entrusted to

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 East Circle Street, Avon Park, Florida 33825. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

**Elden Earl Peters**



Elden Earl Peters "Earl," 88, of Bonita Springs, formerly of Lake Placid, Florida went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday evening, Aug. 7, 2018 at this residence. Earl was the son of Erna (Block) and John Peters. He was born on March 16, 1930 in Glencoe, Minnesota. He served his country with honors in the U.S. Army. Earl was a retired mill wright with U.S. Steel. After his retirement, Earl moved to Lake Placid in 1993. Earl was a member of First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid and First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. He was a volunteer with Little Lambs Prison Ministry and Potter's House. He enjoyed carving birds from wood and making paper beads. He loved to be with his family

and friends.

Earl is survived by his loving wife, Patsy, of over 12 years; daughters, Nancy Bernal, Valerie Curran, Susan Breen and Kathlynn Ocana; step-daughters, Robin Ostertag and Wendy Key Buxton; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and brother, Robert Peters. He was preceded in death by sister, Amy; brother, Rob and a grandchild, Jeffery Scott Ocana.

A service to celebrate Earl's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid, 118 N. Oak Ave., Lake Placid with Rev. Ray Cameron officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to First Presbyterian Church Lake Placid or Hope Hospice of Bonita Springs. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting [scottfuneralservices.com](http://scottfuneralservices.com). Arrangements entrusted to Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, 863-465-4134.

**LeRoy Clifford Burns**

LeRoy Clifford Burns, 91, of Lake Placid,



Florida went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Good

Shepherd Hospice House in Sebring, Florida.

LeRoy was the son of Evadne (Curtius) and Francis "Frank" Burns and was born on Sept. 5, 1926 in Des Plaines, Illinois.

LeRoy served his country with honors during both World War II and the Korean War. After being discharged from the service, LeRoy worked as a blender for the Pabst Blue Ribbon brewery in Peoria, Illinois for over 20 years. In 1980, LeRoy moved from Illinois to Florida, built a new home and became a resident of Lake Placid where he worked as a lift driver for Consolidated — Tomoko Land Company for over 15 years prior to his retirement. LeRoy was active in the Masonic Lodge both in Lake Placid and Illinois, Order of Eastern Star,

Scottish Rites Bodies, Shrine and American Legion Placid Post 25 Lake Placid.

LeRoy is survived by his sister, Dolores (Burns Mergen) Lee of Peoria, Illinois; his stepson, Jerry (Rosita) Hunt of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Lisa, Linda and Jerry; six great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and 20 nephews and nieces. Besides his parents, LeRoy was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine (Darfus); his brother, Ralph; and sisters, Grace (Brown) and Ramona (Welle).

A graveside service to celebrate LeRoy's life will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park. Masonic graveside service will be presented by the Placid Lodge 282 F&AM and military honors provided by VFW Post 4300 Honor Guard and U.S. Army Honor Guard. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting [scottfuneralservices.com](http://scottfuneralservices.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida. 863-465-4134.

**COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS**

**Mark Palmer Memorial scholarship**

AVON PARK — The Highlands Seminole Club is accepting applications and essays now through Aug. 31 for the Mark Palmer Memorial Scholarship. This award is for students who have been accepted to Florida State University and have graduated from a Highlands County high school. For more information, email Erin at [mantarayjeep@gmail.com](mailto:mantarayjeep@gmail.com) or visit the Facebook page [@highlandsnoles](http://highlandsnoles.com).

**Highway Park Community Fun Day**

LAKE PLACID — The Highway Park Businessmen Association Inc. and The Star Program present the 16th annual Highway Park Community Fun Day from 3-6 p.m. today at 141 Josephine Drive in Lake Placid. School supply distribution, free hair cuts, free food, and music. For information, call Frank Branch, Jr. at 239-771-7044, Selvin McGahee at 863-214-6276 or The Star Center at 863-465-0890.

**Free essential oils class set**

LAKE PLACID — There will be a free essential oils class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 24, at the MidFlorida Credit Union activity room, 6 N. Main Ave. (back of the building) in Lake Placid. Light refreshments

will be served. One door prize per session. For more information, call Nicole at 540-742-2381 or email [imashrout@gmail.com](mailto:imashrout@gmail.com).

**Mardi Gras dance scheduled**

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Village will host their Mardi Gras Dance from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, 4343 Schumacher Road in Sebring. Music by Chrissy Harriman. BYOB. Cost is \$7.

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### OUR VIEW

## It's time to head back to school

As summer break draws to a close, hundreds of students are preparing to head back to school tomorrow.

While sleep schedules are starting to be adjusted, we want to join the Florida Department of Children and Families in encouraging parents to do one more important thing: Be engaged in the attention and time given to children.

As parents we need to be vigilant in how we parent young children. It will help promote effective habits and trust within the family dynamic. In today's world, that trust is extremely important.

DCF points out that one of the most important daily decisions a parent or caregiver can make for their children is a commitment to building strong and well-functioning family relationships. The more time spent with a child, the more meaningful the relationship can become. That doesn't necessarily mean time spent in the car taking them from one place to the next, or getting home in time to tell them goodnight.

It means sometimes making a sacrifice and spending time watching your child play that ballgame, attending that concert, meeting with the teacher, or even reaching way back in our traditions and sitting down for a meal as a family.

Working to build a more meaningful relationship means communicating with one another. Just as we adults appreciate being asked how our day went, so too do our children.

"Our lives can often be filled with deadlines and distractions that sometimes leave us feeling overwhelmed," said DCF Secretary Mike Carroll. "However, we are never too busy to close our laptop, put down our phones, and make time for our children. This precious time spent with them not only validates a parent's unconditional love and support, but also teaches children important principles they can carry with them throughout their lives."

There are a variety of simple and easy tools parents can use to become more purposeful, including these suggestions from DCF:

- Engage with your child. Make time to play with them, help with homework, and stimulate their minds. Your presence alone is beneficial to their development.
- Create a safe environment. Talk to your child about strangers, drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and other influencers they may encounter in their lives and how to appropriately react in these situations.
- Establish consistency. Children, like many of us, handle change best if it is expected and becomes part of the context of a familiar routine. Structure and routines teach children how to constructively control themselves and their environment.
- Create and share traditions. Teach your child about their family history. Have a family dinner night at least once a week so your child will know what to expect on this night.
- Provide support. Tell your child how proud you are of him/her. Embrace their uniqueness. Attend school events and extracurricular activities. Teach them trust.
- Screen time can be useful to the parent-child dynamic if utilized properly. Talk to your child about the show or movie you are watching to gauge their reactions, opinions, and thoughts, as well as relate the show to real-life lessons for your child to learn.

Focused parenting provides the foundation from which children grow. Once school begins, engage in their take-home assignments, and let them know when they have accomplished a task to be proud of.

We hope that this school year is a good one for the children, parents, teachers and administrators. Remember, school starts tomorrow.

### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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

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

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



## Make this school year safe for all

Highlands County schools go back in session on Monday, Aug. 13. I want to start off by wishing a fun, safe and successful school year to all students, teachers and staff at all of our schools.

While the fun and successful part is mostly up to the students and teachers, there is a lot that you and I can do to help make sure the school year is safe.

Please be alert for students and school buses on the roads in the mornings and afternoons. If you are near a school, be on the lookout for students walking to school. Some of them will be walking to their school or bus stop for the first time and may not be aware of the best places to cross streets. Even if you don't go near a school, be mindful of students waiting at bus stops.

Drivers also need to remember school zones will be active once again. You haven't had to slow down in those areas for several months, so pay attention to the signs and lights marking the zones, because fines are doubled when you get caught



FROM THE SHERIFF  
Paul Blackman

speeding in a school zone.

Also, be prepared to stop when school buses turn on their flashing lights. Remember, it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus unless you are on the other side of a divided highway, such as U.S. 27 or the Sebring Parkway. Main Street in Avon Park and Main Avenue in Lake Placid also fall under this exception.

There is no excuse for passing a stopped school bus with its flashers activated. If you do, you are putting yourself at risk for a costly ticket, but even more importantly, putting children at risk. Passing a school bus on the left-hand side is a minimum fine of \$165 and four points on your license. Passing a school

bus on the right-hand side is a minimum \$265 fine plus the four points. You will also have to go to a driver improvement course.

A relatively new law imposes harsh penalties on anyone who passes a stopped school bus and causes injury to a child. The Cameron Mayhew Act took effect on July 1 of last year, and it dictates that anyone who causes an injury while passing a stopped school bus will have to serve 120 hours of community service in a trauma center or a hospital, participation in a driver improvement course or a victims' impact panel session, six points on your license, a minimum of a one-year suspension of your license and a \$1,500 fine.

Once the students are on campus, it is our job to keep them safe. We have done a lot of work with the School Board of Highlands County this summer to upgrade our campus safety plans. In addition to holding a large active shooter scenario at the end of last school year, we have developed a new strategy

for confronting an active threat on campus. Faculty and staff have already received instruction on the new method, and students will also get presentations once the school year begins.

Keep an eye on the School Board Facebook page for their three-part video series on the new campus safety initiatives for this year.

As part of the new law passed after the school shooting in south Florida last year, every campus will have a school resource officer on duty every school day. Previously, middle and high schools were manned, but now it will be every campus. That means we had to more than double the size of our School Resource unit. These deputies have all had extra training on how to keep their campus safe. Feel free to introduce yourself to them if you see them at the school.

Have a great school year, everyone!

Paul Blackman is our Highlands County sheriff. Email him at pblackman@highlandssheriff.org

### YOUR VIEW

#### Sebring needs a quiet zone

A letter was written to the mayor of Sebring a couple months ago, about creating railroad quiet zones in Sebring. There was no response.

The idea came up at a recent County Commission meeting, but nothing recently.

When a city or county creates a quiet zone, the trains no longer have to blow their horns, when passing through. There are currently 15 quiet zones in Florida. If the city wants to encourage people to live around The Circle or on the east side of town, a quiet zone would help. It would also help the citizens in those areas, as sometimes trains pass through four times a night.

David Molloy  
Sebring

#### Give another choice on ballot

I put my stinky, maggot-infested garbage that has been percolating in my steamy garage for a week to the curb, as directed, by sunrise

Friday. It fermented all day Friday in the hot sun, continued Friday night and into Saturday morning. I suppose even the bears didn't want anything to do with it. There was no recycle or bulk pick-up either.

This service from Waste Management has been less than satisfactory. You folks who got us into this service (weekly pick-up) many of us neither needed nor wanted should be embarrassed by their performance. I suppose it's a typical example of our government in action. Along with the sales tax increase, fire assessment, the road to "nowhere" and surely the upcoming ad valorem property tax increase. Nice job, folks!

Come November, can we have a place on the ballot for "None of the Above?"

J. Richard Lensis  
Avon Park

#### DNA is not yours alone

I would offer a correction in a statement by a previous writer concerning the ownership of your DNA. It is not yours

alone. Just as you have no expectation of privacy outside your home, so do you not have exclusive rights to your DNA.

This material is left everywhere you go. It's in your hair, your sweat, your saliva, skin cells and so on. It is left on your toothbrush, your comb, your drinking glasses and eating utensils. Your garbage can is lousy with it.

Courts have ruled that discarded garbage is fair game for law enforcement if they want your DNA. It's easier still for a medical facility to collect DNA and they will if they want it badly enough. DNA material has proved invaluable in solving crimes that would have otherwise gone unsolved. We may see the day when DNA samples are taken from newborns as a matter of course and kept in a database.

Collection of DNA has more positive qualities than negative as it can also be used in treating medical ailments and diseases which might otherwise puzzle medical professionals.

Fighting the collection of your DNA is not the battle you want to fight.

It's no longer yours alone.

Warren Pender  
Sebring

#### Facility grades are appreciated

I wish to commend the Highlands News-Sun for publishing Medicare's grading of the five facilities licensed by Medicare and Medicaid in Highlands County. Your story explains the factors considered in arriving at their ratings. This is just not an opinion by Medicare, but based on the facts of state inspections of these facilities as required by law.

All of this information is public knowledge and can be seen by going to their website, Medicare.gov, for a more indepth report. Violations of Medicare regulations weigh heavily in their determining grades. I think any client seeking overall care would want to be aware of this knowledge to make an educated decision.

Thank you for providing your readers with this important information.

Emily Monroe  
Sebring

# SHERIFF

FROM PAGE 1A

from having eight SROs last school year to 19 this year. Dressel said the program has grown large enough to have its own commander: Lt. Chris Gunter, who will keep his office at the Highlands County School District offices.

Dressel said several deputies have transferred in from other divisions. Others, recruited from the ranks of retired law enforcement, must wait a year from retirement before they can rejoin the Sheriff's Office — or any other employer who participates in the Florida Retirement System.

By December, when new people can get sworn in, the SRO program will be only one short, Dressel said, but Blackman hopes to have other recruits by then.

"We've got it so that, other than one position, we will not have any overtime," Dressel said.

He also said all SROs take training to learn the intricacies of the position. They are, essentially, going from being a road patrol deputy to being a "beat cop" on foot.

Some notable transfers to the SRO division include Kevin Gentry, brother to the late Deputy William J. Gentry Jr., and Dwayne Council, former Avon Park High School assistant coach who will now patrol that campus.

"He knows a lot of those kids. That's exactly where he needs to be," Dressel said of Council. "It's going to be good having someone like that in that school. Kids he doesn't know, he probably knows their mom and daddy."



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Highlands County Sheriff's deputies meet with, at left, a member of Highlands County Emergency Medical Services and, at right, Richard 'Bo' Birt, finance director for the Highlands County School District. They took part in a recent table-top exercise to practice plans in the event of an active shooter at a local school.

Many SROs are parents, Dressel said: "It's a double duty for them. They want it to be safe for their kids, too."

Right now, there is no prohibition against an SRO serving at the same school as their children, but such situations would not be published, for security reasons.

Levels of security have changed, as have protocols, Dressel said.

As reported by the Highlands News-Sun on Aug. 2, Deputy

Superintendent of Schools Andrew Lethbridge said school administrators wanted less confusion with two security levels rather than three.

The two new terms are "Controlled Campus" and "Active Threat Plan." Dressel said protocols for the Active Threat Plan have been updated since the Parkland shooting on Feb. 14.

"The traditional lockdown approach doesn't really cover it," Dressel

said. "If kids are outside having (physical education), why take the kids back into the school?"

If students are already outside, and learn the shooter is on the other side of campus, they can just evacuate.

Most shooters, Dressel said, are students who know they can find student targets in a classroom. The old "Run, Hide and Fight" mantra doesn't hold, he said.

Now it's "Alert/Avoid, Barricade and Counter,"

with students and teachers ready to fight or distract the shooter if he — or she — gets through their barricade.

"It's a lot more involved than locking the door, turning off the lights and being quiet," Dressel said. "It's an evolving strategy."

Dressel said school lockdowns started in Los Angeles when drive-by gang shootings outside school prompted students to stay inside. That doesn't work with an active threat on campus.

Also, he said, the new strategies are not linear. Someone may not get a chance to run and hide before encountering the shooter.

They may have to "counter" to offset the shooter long enough to run away.

Dressel said shooters operate on an OODA loop. It's a military strategy protocol that stands for "Observe, Orient, Decide and Act."

"Anything you can do to break up that cycle, (the shooter) has to start over," Dressel said.

Dressel said one superintendent out of state suggested arming students with five-gallon buckets of river rocks in each classroom. In March, The Washington Post reported the story about David Helsel, superintendent of a school district in northeast Pennsylvania.

Helsel called it a "last ditch" option that is "better than nothing" or remaining a stationary target.

Dressel said Highlands County hasn't gone that route. It will have fully trained law enforcement on campus and upgraded school campus security.

That includes more fully functioning cameras on campus, he said, paid for by the half-cent sales tax for school infrastructure.

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## Judge upholds ballot measure on county offices

THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Florida voters have the right to decide whether all local constitutional officers, including sheriffs and tax collectors, should be elected, a Leon County judge ruled.

Circuit Judge James Shelfer on Thursday rejected a challenge from Volusia and Broward counties that sought to have what is known as Amendment 10 removed from the Nov. 6 general-election ballot. The challenge argued the ballot language and summary were misleading.

The amendment, which was placed on the ballot by the Constitution Revision Commission, would make the five constitutional offices — sheriff, tax collector, supervisor of elections, clerk of the court and property appraiser — mandatory and require elections for the offices in all 67 counties. It would also prohibit charter counties from abolishing or modifying those offices.

In his ruling, Shelfer said “an average Florida voter should easily understand” the chief purpose of the amendment. He also rejected an argument from the challengers that the constitutional-officer provisions were unfairly

sandwiched between “feel good” proposals in the ballot measure related to military veterans and counter-terrorism.

He acknowledged the amendment was unclear on whether its impact would be “prospective or retrospective.” But he said “that is a question for another case and another day.”

Shelfer also noted his order was “the first step in a journey to the Florida Supreme Court whose decision will determine if the amendment makes it onto the ballot.”

Volusia, Broward and other charter counties have opposed the amendment, arguing that local voters through the charter process should have the power to decide how constitutional offices are structured and whether they should be elected positions.

Carolyn Timmann, the Martin County clerk of court who helped craft the amendment while serving on the Constitution Revision Commission, said the ballot measure “protects the people’s right to vote” for constitutional officers. She said she was “happy that the people of Florida will have the opportunity to vote on this, along with other measures important to protecting our veterans, families and tax

dollars.”

In addition to the constitutional-officer provisions, Amendment 10 would allow the Legislature to begin its annual session in January in even-numbered years. It would create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism in the Department of Law Enforcement. And it would revise the constitutional authority for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

The Constitution Revision Commission meets every 20 years and has unique power to place proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. Amendment 10 is one of four ballot measures approved by the commission that are being challenged in court.

Other measures under litigation include ballot proposals to ban greyhound racing (Amendment 13), to expand the use of charter schools and impose school-board term limits (Amendment 8) and to establish victims’ rights in the state Constitution (Amendment 6).

In total, 13 constitutional amendments have been slated for the November ballot, including eight measures passed by the commission. To be enacted, each amendment must be approved by at least 60 percent of the voters.

## CIRCUS

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were renting our facility to them for their shows, although the threats made it seem that WE were the ones that would potentially break laws,” Chambers wrote.

Last August the City of Sebring passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of bullhooks, whips or electric shock devices on exotic or wild animals. The ordinance also prohibits using anything that looks like one of these devices.

When the Highlands News-Sun contacted Sebring Chief of Police Karl Hohlund about the enforcement of the ordinance, he said that someone would be present at all the shows to make sure the ordinance was enforced.

Jamey Binneveld, a volunteer at the Humane Society, attended the Sebring City Council meeting to express her concerns about the animals in the circus at the Aug. 7 meeting. She encouraged the council to strictly enforce the ordinance.

She had previously said, “There are modern, humane circuses like the Kelly Miller Circus, Circus Italia and Circus Varga that do not use

animal shows; they only use willing human performers. We are urging the remaining circuses that use animals to replace their outdated, cruel acts and retire those animals to reputable sanctuaries.”

Chief Hohlund also attended the Sebring City Council meeting and addressed the Council members. He told the Council the shows would be videotaped. This was in addition to officers watching for violations. If a police officer did not see a violation of the ordinance, the video tape would be reviewed to ensure that the ordinance was followed, he explained.

Media Contact for Loomis Bros. Circus Erik Scott said at the time that the circus had read the Sebring ordinance, and “we are going to follow it 100 percent. We are working closely with the Chief of Police, who will be in attendance.”

The penalty for an un-contested violation of the ordinance is a \$300 fine per infraction. According to Hohlund, if a person violates this ordinance, then his police officers would issue the individual a civil infraction. A civil infraction is the same type of penalty people receive for speeding and other traffic citations.

Scott said Thursday that they decided to cancel the performances “due to threats and false claims made by animal activists. They are threatening the show and our livelihood.”

“Even though we operated within the laws of Florida and the U.S., it’s not worth it,” Scott said.

The Highlands County Fair Association said no laws were broken. In the letter Chambers said: “In NO way were any state or local laws broken or city ordinances violated by either Loomis Bros. Circus or the Highlands County Fair Association.”

“Each of us have our own voices to be heard, some are more prominent than others. PETA is a large organization with millions of supporters world-wide. There is no way that a small, non-profit organization made up of only a few dozen volunteers would even stand a chance against an organization of that size. Sometimes you have to pick and choose your battles.

“For us, we chose to support our client in their decision to cancel the event,” Chambers added.

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## FORUM

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as possible will be asked during the allotted time.

Each candidate will be given 3 minutes for introductions and 2 minutes for any final remarks at the end of the question/

answer period. Each race will be seated on the stage separately.

Those who have confirmed their participation and the estimated time for them to take the stage are as follows:

5:30 p.m. – Jack Richie, incumbent, and his challenger, Arlene Tuck, for Highlands County Board

of County Commission District 4;

6:10 p.m. – Isaac Durrance, challenger, and incumbent Charlene Edwards for School Board of Highlands County District 1;

6:50 p.m. – Alex “Lundy” Lundmark for Governor; 7:10 p.m. – Catherine Price, State Senate,

District 26;

7:30 p.m. –State Representative, District 55 challengers Audrey Ascitutto and Nicholas Mrozowski will face off against incumbent Cary Pigman; and

8:30 p.m. – Bill Akins and Bill Pollard, candidates for U.S. Representative, District

17.

The Highlands News-Sun will also be planning to host a candidate forum prior to November’s General Election, as well as one in Avon Park for the City Council election, which is also slated for Nov. 6.

Highlands News-Sun Publisher Tim Smoarlick

said, “We are excited to bring these candidates to a public forum. We look forward to an informative session with them. It is important for the for the voters to get a clear understanding for what each one’s vision is for the future of our state and our county.”

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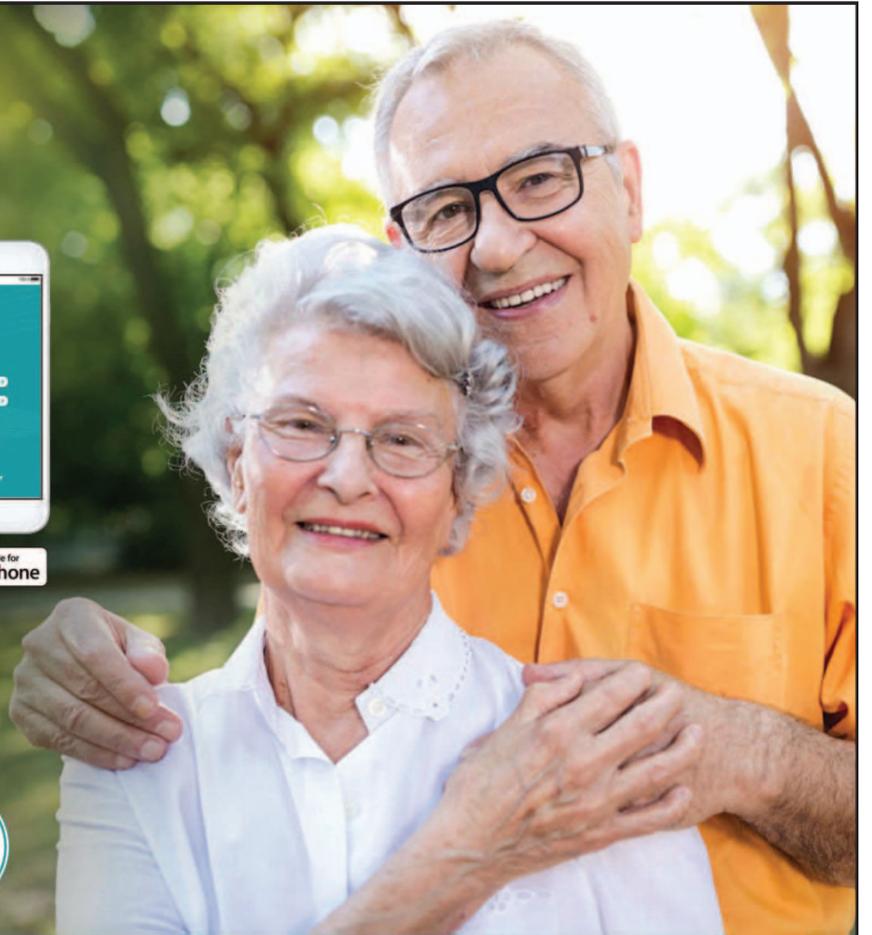
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# County road work advisories issued

By Special to Highlands News-Sun

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

**U.S. 98 from U.S. 27 to Ashton Road:** Crews are cleaning and desilting pipes and culverts along the eastbound and westbound shoulders through Friday, Aug. 31.

**U.S. 98 westbound turn lane at Haywood Taylor Boulevard:** Crews will be repairing asphalt in this area. Crews will be closing the turn lanes intermittently starting Monday through Friday. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**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 Southbound between Golfview Road and Tubbs Road:** Crews are reconstructing the driveway/connection at the old Mexican restaurant location and adjacent property. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site.

**U.S. 27 Southbound 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 US 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 S.R. 64. The contractor is Concrete Services LLC. Estimated project completion date is spring 2020. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on US 27 during overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and intermittent single-lane flagging operations on SR 64 during the daytime. Use caution and watch for crews working in the roadway. All US 27 traffic lanes have shifted eastward and reduced to two lanes in each direction. The entrances to Kersey Street and Prairie Street on southbound US 27 will be closed to traffic through Sept. 7. The entrance to Locke Street on southbound U.S. 27 will be closed through Sept. 14. South Hart Avenue on eastbound S.R. 64 will be closed to traffic through Aug. 25.

Follow detour signs and watch for workers in the construction zone.

**U.S. 27 in front of Home Depot:** Crews will be repairing ditch structure that has major erosion issues. Crews will be closing lanes intermittently through the end of August. There will be a crane brought in to reset existing structure.

**U.S. 27 at E Interlake Boulevard/C.R. 621 and US 27 at Dal Hall Boulevard/Tower Street:** This project is to construct high-emphasis crosswalks and crosswalk landings, install pedestrian signals, and associated drainage improvements. This week, crews will work on the constructing the sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, and pedestrian signals. Drivers should anticipate lane closures; however, lane closures will be prohibited during peak hours from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Estimated completion is summer 2018, weather permitting. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

**U.S. 17 (Lakeview Drive) between Mellow Lane and Kenilworth Boulevard:** Watch for southbound lane closures with traffic using the center turn lane as crews rebuild overhead power lines, remove old power poles and re-build/set new poles.

**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. 70 Westbound one-half mile west of C.R. 721:** Crews will be repairing asphalt in this area. Crews will be closing the westbound lane intermittently starting Monday through Friday. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**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. Please follow posted detour signs and watch for workers in the construction zone. Estimated project completion is the end of year 2018. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction Inc. Motorists should expect intermittent single-lane flagging operations on U.S. 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 5.

**SR 17 from Sebring Parkway to Delaney Road:** Crews will be repairing pavement marking issues in this area. Crews will be closing lanes intermittently through the end of August. Watch for flaggers and construction equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

# Special School Board meeting to consider health clinic contract

By MARC VALERO  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The School Board of Highlands County will hold an unprecedented second special meeting within a week on one topic — entering into a contract for a health clinic for employees.

The clinic proposal that was selected as the top choice from the district's insurance committee was temporarily voted down at last week's special meeting when there was a split 2-2 vote with the absence of School Board Member Bill Brantley.

School Board Chair Jill Compton Twist and School Board Member Donna Howerton voted "no," citing financial concerns.

Compton Twist rescinded her "no" vote, which tabled the issue until Monday's meeting, so that more information could be compiled on the expected savings from having a free clinic for school board employees.

The three-year contract would have the district paying about \$600,000

annually to Treasure Coast Medical Associates, which plans to open an urgent care clinic that would serve the public and have a separate entrance for School Board employees and their eligible dependents and retirees.

At last week's meeting, district staff said the money would come from the pool of insurance money already set aside for each employee.

Treasure Coast Medical President Mike Adelberg and Senior Director of Sales and Marketing Kelly Adelberg provided detailed information on the clinic's staffing and services. There would be no copay for School Board employees and eligible dependents and no additional costs for any clinical services.

The objective is to reduce insurance claims, and by the third year the district would be saving \$3 for every \$1 spent on the clinic, they said.

The meeting starts 4 p.m. in the Garland Boggus Board Room, 426 School St., Sebring.



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## FLORIDA NEWS

### Man charged with threatening to lynch NAACP president

GAINESVILLE (AP) — A 75-year-old Florida man has been charged with a hate crime after allegedly threatening to lynch the president of a local NAACP.

Ronald Wadford was arrested Thursday on two counts of aggravated stalking as a hate crime. Gainesville Police say he threatened to hang Evelyn Foxx who is the president of the Alachua County NAACP chapter. Police say Wadford called Foxx six times in November 2016, saying he was with the Ku Klux Klan and was going to her house to lynch her.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports she left the state to stay with family for weeks and eventually the country because she was afraid to go home.

She went to Wadford's first appearance in court Friday and says she'd like to ask him why and also tell him she loves him even though she said she could see bigotry in his eyes.

### Men bought 69 hard drives, returned boxes full of Play-Doh

ORLANDO (AP) — Employees at Target stores across Florida opened 69 newly returned boxes of external hard drives only to find the pricy items had been replaced with Play-Doh.

Polk County Sheriff's officials say Jose Rivera spent about \$6,200 buying 69 hard drives

from 16 different Targets in several central Florida counties in January. Authorities say Rainer Bentulan then returned the boxes with lumps of child's clay that had a similar weight to the hard drives.

The Florida Attorney General's Office issued warrants charging both men with organized scheme to defraud and conspiracy to commit organized scheme to defraud.

Rivera was arrested Friday. Authorities believe Bentulan is also in central Florida.

Both have lengthy criminal histories and spent time in state prison.

### Supreme Court delays execution scheduled for Tuesday

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Florida Supreme Court has indefinitely delayed the execution of a death row inmate who was scheduled to die next week for fatally stabbing a 63-year-old woman.

The court ruled unanimously Friday to stay the execution of Jose Antonio Jimenez, which was scheduled for Tuesday.

His attorney Martin McClain says the court will consider the lethal injection method of execution and information from North Miami Police case files on how evidence was obtained.

The 54-year old Jimenez was sentenced to death for killing Phyllis Minas in her North Miami apartment in 1992.

The state Department of Corrections says there have been 27 executions since Gov. Rick Scott took office in 2011. That is the most of any Florida governor since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

### Prosecutors toss conviction of man they say was framed

MIAMI (AP) — Florida prosecutors have thrown out the burglary convictions of Haitian man who served four years in prison and was then deported after they say police framed him.

The Miami Herald reports that Miami-Dade prosecutors on Friday asked a judge to strike the conviction of Clarens Desrouleaux, who was arrested by the Biscayne Park police in 2013. The small village is being targeted by federal prosecutors who say a former police chief ordered officers to arrest innocent black men and people with criminal records and charge them with unsolved burglaries to improve crime stats.

Charges against most were dropped before trial, but Desrouleaux had an extensive record and pleaded guilty in a deal that reduced his possible sentence from 30 years. He was deported to his native Haiti last year.

### Florida child welfare head quitting next month

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The head of Florida's child welfare department

will resign next month.

Department of Children and Families Secretary Mike Carroll sent a letter Friday to Gov. Rick Scott, saying he will leave office Sept. 6, four months before the next governor could have picked a replacement. Carroll has worked at the agency for 28 years and took over in 2014.

He did not say why he is leaving.

DCF has long been troubled. The Miami Herald earlier this year found 477 children have died since 2008 after their families came under DCF investigation. A Tampa Bay Times and Sarasota Herald-Tribune investigation in 2015 found that 15 patients had died and almost 1,000 had been hurt at the state's mental facilities.

### 4 Florida governor candidates get public funds

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Four Florida gubernatorial candidates from both major parties are receiving public matching money from taxpayers.

On the Democratic side, former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham has received \$1.1 million, while Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum got a check Friday for about \$436,000.

On the Republican side, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam has received \$1 million and U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis has gotten about \$886,000 even though some GOP leaders have called the program "welfare for politicians."

So far the state Division of Elections has distributed \$4.5 million, with most of it going to gubernatorial candidates. Democratic attorney general candidate Ryan Torrens received \$89,000 Friday.

Any candidate for state office can qualify. The amount each receives is based on how much money they raise from Florida residents.

### Last-minute technical problem delays NASA's flight to sun

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — A last-minute technical problem Saturday delayed NASA's unprecedented flight to the sun.

The early morning launch countdown was halted with just one-minute, 55 seconds remaining, keeping the Delta IV rocket on its pad with the Parker Solar Probe.

Rocket maker United Launch Alliance said it would try again Sunday, provided the helium-pressure issue can be resolved quickly. As soon as the red pressure alarm for the gaseous helium system went off, a launch controller ordered, "Hold, hold, hold."

Once on its way, the Parker probe will venture closer to our star than any other spacecraft. The \$1.5 billion mission is already a week late because of rocket issues. Saturday's launch attempt encountered a series of snags; in the end, controllers ran out of time.

Thousands of spectators gathered in the

middle of the night to witness the launch, including the University of Chicago astrophysicist for whom the spacecraft is named. Eugene Parker predicted the existence of solar wind 60 years ago. He's now 91 and eager to see the solar probe soar. He plans to stick around at least another few days.

### Cops: Couple makes boy clean toilet with toothbrush

KEY LARGO (AP) — A Florida couple is behind bars after an 11-year-old boy alleges they only allowed him to eat one meal a day and forced him to clean the toilet with his toothbrush as punishment.

Monroe County Sheriff's officials charged 36-year-old Randell Howell with child abuse for allegedly punching, kicking and beating the boy with a belt. The child told investigators he was afraid to go home, saying they only let him eat dinner and that Jennifer Franklin often laughed while beating him.

The boy also told child welfare officials that Franklin forced him to perform a graphic sexual act upon her using terminology he didn't understand.

Investigators determined the boy had been sexually abused and neglected. He remains in state custody.

Franklin was charged with sexual battery by a person older than 18 in which the victim was under 12 and cruelty toward a child.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

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SECTION B

## Sertoma Junior Golf Tour nears end

### Season winding down with titles up for grabs



FILE PHOTO

Zach Doorlag blasts out of the bunker during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Highlands Ridge North in July.

By **MARK PINSON**  
STAFF WRITER

The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour wraps up another exciting season with the Tour Championship at Sun 'n Lake Golf Club on Aug. 18-19.

Several of the age group championships are still undecided and

the last two rounds will determine the winner.

The Sertoma Junior Golf tour started the first week of June and has held weekly events during the summer at different courses with points accumulated each week.

"We've had a great summer and the kids have worked hard to

improve their golf games," said Sertoma Junior Golf Tour Director Andy Kesling. "We took a couple weeks break and now we have the Tour Championship coming up to wrap up the summer season. It's going to be interesting to see who plays well in the tour Championship and comes out on top in the

different age groups."

The Sertoma Junior Golf Tour, which has been in existence for two decades, is for young golfers ages 6-18 who have some skill and want to improve.

The tournament conditions have helped many Sertoma Junior

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## Youth football underway



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

The Sebring Juniors defense suffocated the Polk County offense throughout the first half of last week's opening game.

### Sebring, Lake Placid start strong

By **JIM TAYLOR**  
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING – As high school football prepares to start the season on Friday, the youth leagues started theirs last Saturday with impressive Week one results.

The Sebring Blue Streaks started the season by winning three out of four games over the Polk County Panthers.

The Flag team lost in a tight game, decided by an extra point, 13-12 to the Panthers.

The Mighty Mite team avenged the Flag game as Cameron Fuse scored two touchdowns and Jayvion Williams added another to give the Blue Streaks their first win of the day with a 21-6 decision over the Panthers.

The Pee Wees followed with a 42-0 dominating performance for their first win of the season.

The Juniors finished the day for Sebring with a 24-0 win in a game that was stopped after the half.

In the Juniors game, Sebring scored on their first play from scrimmage as Len Grant ran for 60 yards around the right side to reach the end zone. Frederick

Hankerson converted the two-point run as Sebring took an early 8-0 lead.

The two teams traded turnovers to finish the first quarter with Sebring still holding an 8-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Hankerson set up Sebring's next score with a 48-yard run to the Panther's 2-yard line. He bulled his way into the end zone on the next play. Zamarion Albritton converted the two-pointer as Sebring doubled its lead to 16-0.

The Sebring defense stifled the Polk County offense, often in the backfield before the Panthers were able to get a play developed, forcing another fumble turnover and a couple of punts.

The Blue Streaks added their final score before the half on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Travis Kerney to Charles Dale. Kerney converted the 2-pointer as Sebring went into the half 24-0.

The game was called after halftime after several of the Panthers no longer wanted to play and could only field nine players, some of those reluctantly. Though, initially, both teams agreed to play with nine players each, one of the Polk County coaches made

FOOTBALL | 4B



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### Super New Moon fishing week predictions

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for the second full week of August gives anglers the second half of the super new moon fishing week and a fairly good weather forecast which predicts above average atmospheric pressure change during the mid-morning hours and early evening hours.

All fishing factors considered, anglers will need to endure the heat of the day in order to have success. So protect yourself from the Florida summer sun, by using all means necessary to ensure your health; plenty of water and electrolytes, protective clothing, sun blocker several times during the trip and why not fasten an ugly umbrella to your fishing seat to provide much needed shade.

The new moon occurred yesterday and the lunar perigee the day before, so today and Monday will be very good fishing...that is if you learn at what depth the fish are finding adequate oxygen in your particular lake. Each lake is different in this respect. And each lake has a high dissolved oxygen area somewhere. So using some extra fuel and watching your sonar screen as you cruise the lake should reveal where the best submerged grass beds, and well-placed treepiles, are located.

There will be a perfect fishing wind Wednesday but Monday and Tuesday we'll be lucky if speeds reach the six miles per hour range during the midday hours. However if the extended weather forecast turns out to be correct, Wednesday through the weekend will give anglers excellent fishing wind speeds of 7-9 mph.

Keeping your bait down where the fish are holding is the key to producing strikes. Also, achieving the correct retrieve speed while keeping the plastic bait within the right depth requires using a variety of different tactics.

My favorite rigging to achieve this is the Carolina Rig. If you're using plastics, I suggest the floating

FISHING | 6B



Sebring Juniors player Frederick Hankerson rumbles for a 48-yard run during the season-opening win over Polk County.

## Many memories for Team Florida

Squad from Sebring competed in Dixie Ozone World Series

By **MARK PINSON**  
STAFF WRITER

The Team Florida players and coaches have plenty to be proud of after competing in the Dixie Youth Ozone World Series in Lumberton, N.C.

The squad was made up of Sebring players, who teamed up to go undefeated in winning the district and state Ozone Tournaments

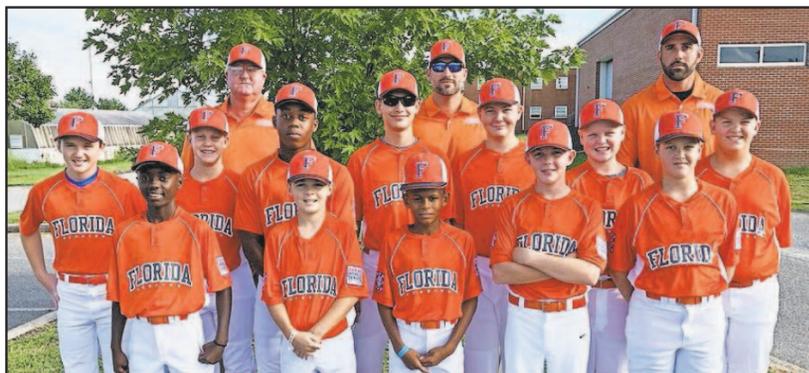
to earn a berth in the prestigious Dixie Youth Ozone World Series.

Team Florida opened with an extra-inning 5-2 win over Mississippi before dropping an extra-inning game to Louisiana.

Team Florida bounced back to win its next context against Alabama, but was eliminated from the double-elimination tournament with a loss to Tennessee.

"I'm proud of all the boys," said Team Florida head coach Will Sebring. "We represented Sebring and the state of Florida as best we could. We had a great time and made memories that we will have for a lifetime."

After capturing the state tournament, the team didn't have much time to raise the needed funds to make the costly



FILE PHOTO

Sebring players and coaches became Team Florida at the Dixie Youth Ozone World Series in Lumberton, North Carolina

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# GOLF

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Golf Tour players go on to have success in high school and the college ranks.

After next Sunday's final round an awards banquet will be held in the beautiful Island View Restaurant.

"It should be a great finish and we'll celebrate and honor all the kids at the banquet," said Kesling, who competed on the Sertoma Junior Golf Tour as a youngster. "I am so proud of all the kids because golf is not easy especially in the hot conditions during the summer. We also will be giving out sportsmanship awards at the banquet. Golf is about etiquette and doing the right thing and sportsmanship is a big part of that."



FILE PHOTO

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



Lake Placid High School senior Ashley Engle prepares to tee off at River Greens Golf Club during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event.



Beckham Donovan prepares to tee off at Golf Hammock Golf Club during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event this summer.



Zach Deuberry chips during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at River Greens Golf Club.



Devin Wortinger chips up to the green during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Spring Lake Golf Resort.



Sebring High senior Alyssa Jordan putts during a Sertoma Junior Golf Tour event at Golf Hammock Golf Club.

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# De Angelis looks to bounce back

## Will compete in GT3 Cup in Canada

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The Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama season is heading into the home stretch, as teams and drivers ready for the penultimate round of 2018 this weekend at the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivières (GP3R) in Québec.



IMSA PHOTO

**For Roman De Angelis in the No. 78 Mark Motors Racing Porsche, the last two race weekends could not have been more different.**

he lost his momentum in the championship standings.

"I'm looking forward to getting back on the track after the Toronto Indy," said De Angelis, who now sits 32 points behind Robichon. "I wasn't pleased with the Sunday race and I'm looking to improve on what we learned there. With only two weekends left, I really need to push as hard as I can to keep the hopes of the championship alive."

De Angelis will have two chances to keep his championship hopes alive this weekend at GP3R. Race 1 of the weekend is scheduled for Saturday at 2:45 p.m. ET, while Race 2 is set for 10 a.m. on Sunday. Both races will be streamed live on IMSA.tv.

"I think the event itself is super interesting, as it's the oldest street race in North America," said De Angelis, who claimed last year's Porsche GT3 Cup Canada Gold class championship. "It's also a race where the town and fans get super involved,

which makes it that much more enjoyable.

"The track also is super short and narrow, which always makes you that much more entertained through the weekend. It's a race I always look forward to from the beginning of the season and a race where winning is that much more special."

Ahead of the weekend's two races, De Angelis and the rest of the Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama field are scheduled for two practices on Friday and a 20-minute qualifying session on Saturday morning. News and updates will be available on IMSA.com and the IMSA app throughout the weekend, as well on social media with the hashtag #GT3Canada.

Fans onsite also have an opportunity to meet the drivers and take photographs during the Driver Autograph Session on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Yokohama Tire Service Center in the paddock.

Approaching this weekend at GP3R, the 17-year-old will look to replicate his performance at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, the weekend in which he scored his first Porsche GT3 Cup Canada Platinum class victory and narrowed the championship gap on leader and teammate Zach Robichon in the No. 98 Porsche.

However, De Angelis returns to track coming off one of his toughest outings so far this season. The Ontario native finished fifth during Round 8 in Toronto after issues early in the race dropped him initially to 10th. While he was able to salvage a top-five finish,

# Sports teach valuable lessons

## Physical lifestyle important to good health

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Sports are a great tool to teach young people various lessons. Sports can instill a sense of teamwork and responsibility in youngsters while promoting a physically active lifestyle that can benefit kids into adulthood.



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**Physical activity is important for good health.**

would during a game. Parents and coaches can emphasize to children that sports safety should be a priority during both practice and games.

Get a sports physical. Preseason physicals are typically required for scholastic athletes, but that might not be so for recreational athletes. Even if leagues don't require sports physicals, Johns Hopkins advises parents to schedule such exams anyway. Such examinations can

determine if kids are fit to play and may uncover injuries or conditions that may make kids vulnerable to injury.

Encourage adequate rest. Johns Hopkins notes that the most common injuries among young athletes are overuse injuries that involve soft tissue. These injuries affect bone, muscle, ligaments, and/or tendons. Overuse injuries can lead to stress fractures characterized by a lack of swelling and feelings of pain and tenderness during movement. Encourage rest between practices, games and events, and make sure to schedule an offseason for young athletes so their bodies have time to recuperate before the next season.

Young athletes injuries are often preventable, especially when parents and children work together and communicate about any aches or pains kids might be feeling.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 30 million children participate in youth sports in the United States each year. Unfortunately, many of those young athletes suffer injuries while participating in sports. Injuries might be seen as an almost inevitable by-product of participating in sports, but the CDC notes that more than half of all sports injuries in children are preventable. Parents and children can work together to prevent injuries.

Speak with your young athlete about pain. Johns Hopkins Medicine recommends parents discuss pain with their young athletes, encouraging them to speak up and seek help if they feel pain or if any part of their bodies does not feel right after playing sports.

Emphasize safety during practice. It's easy to overlook sports practices when considering sports-related injuries, but Safe Kids USA notes that 62 percent of organized sports-related injuries occur during practice. In spite of that, Safe Kids reports that one-third of parents do not have their children take the same safety precautions during practice that they

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# IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge

## Two classes and 10 races in 2019

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The IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge features a new entitlement and television partner, leader-light technology and a reduction to two classes, but the series' familiar slate of 10 races and outstanding on-track competition remain for 2019.

The two-class format includes the lead Grand Sport (GS) class, which this year began using race cars built to international GT4 technical regulations exclusively and the TCR class, which debuted this year with front-wheel drive, turbocharged race cars governed by international TCR technical regulations. The Street Tuner (ST) class has been discontinued for 2019 as previously planned.

In addition to confirming Michelin as the new entitlement partner and official tire, the challenge series will introduce the same leader-light technology used by the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in 2019. All series races will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on NBCSN as part of IMSA's new, six-year television partnership with NBC Sports.

The 10-race 2019 schedule takes the series to all of the same top-tier venues it visited in 2018, with eight, two-hour races on the schedule to go with two, four-hour endurance events.

The season kicks off with the first four-hour race at Daytona International Speedway on Friday, Jan. 25 as part of the Rolex 24 At Daytona event weekend before moving to Sebring International Raceway for a two-hour race on Friday, March 15.

From there, it's on to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the second consecutive year for another two-hour race on Saturday, May 4. Next up is the second and final four-hour race of the season at Watkins Glen International on Saturday, June 29.

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park closes out the first half of the season on Saturday, July 6 before the series makes its way to Lime Rock Park on Saturday, July 20. The series makes its annual trek to Wisconsin for the two-hour battle at Road America on Saturday, Aug. 3, followed by VIRginia International Raceway on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The Michelin Pilot Challenge makes its lone west coast appearance in the penultimate round of the season at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca on Saturday, Sept. 14 and closes out the year at Road Atlanta as part of the Motul Petit Le Mans event weekend on Friday, Oct. 11.

**Prototype Challenge**  
The International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) announced the 2019 schedule for the IMSA Prototype Challenge, its longtime prototype-only series that serves as a platform for aspiring future IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship drivers and veteran drivers alike. The series enters its 14th season under IMSA sanction in 2019.

Among the enhancements made to the IMSA Prototype Challenge schedule is the evolution of the endurance racing format that debuted in 2018. One year after shifting from two



IMSA PHOTO

The 2019 schedule has been set for a number of series.

45-minute sprint races per weekend to a single one-hour, 45-minute endurance race, the series will extend to a three-hour race format for select events in 2019.

The six-race schedule will feature three-hour endurance races at Daytona International Speedway in early January – run during the Roar Before the Rolex 24 weekend – and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. The three-hour races will have a minimum of two drivers per car and a maximum of three. All other events will remain one-hour, 45 minutes in length.

"We received positive feedback from our IMSA Prototype Challenge competitors on the debut of the endurance format this season," said IMSA President Scott Atherton.

"There is no shortage of momentum behind the IMSA Prototype Challenge. We believe three-hour races at Daytona and Canadian Tire Motorsport Park will be another attractive opportunity, not only for our current competitors and stakeholders, but also those interested in the rapidly growing LMP3 platform."

All six races on the IMSA Prototype Challenge calendar will be run in conjunction with the WeatherTech Championship, including Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course which moves onto the series schedule in 2019.

In addition to tape-delayed coverage on NBCSN, every race again will be streamed live on IMSA.com and the IMSA mobile app.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring Juniors quarterback Travis Kerney launches a deep pass for a 31-yard touchdown to Charles Dale during the win over Polk County.



Sebring Juniors running back Frederick Hankerson bulls over the Polk County defender for a 2-yard touchdown behind the blocking of Michael Rivera.

# FOOTBALL

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the correct call in just stopping the game and not risking injury to his players.

This brings up an early season showdown between county rivals for Week 2 in which there will be no quit in either side as Sebring traveled to Lake Placid to play the Green Dragons on Saturday.

Results from the game were not available at press time.

Lake Placid started the season sweeping all four games against the Lake Wales Steelers.

The flag team won 13-7, the Mitey Mites shutout the Steelers 25-0, the Pee Wees edged out the Steelers 12-6 and the Juniors trounced Lake Wales 51-0.

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IMSA is preparing to celebrate 50 years of racing in 2019.

## IMSA unveils plans for anniversary

### Preparing to celebrate 50 year anniversary

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What began as the sanctioning body for a Formula Ford and Formula Vee race at Pocono Raceway in October 1969 has grown over five decades to become an international auto racing powerhouse specializing in world-class sports car competition, and next year, the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) turns 50.

To commemorate the golden anniversary, IMSA and stakeholders including series partners, manufacturers, teams, drivers, event promoters and fans will join together in a season-long 50th Anniversary celebration that will begin with the 2019 Rolex 24 At Daytona on the weekend of Jan. 24-27 and will carry all the way through to the season-ending Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta on Oct. 11-13.

"Almost 50 years ago, Bill France Sr. and John and Peggy Bishop laid a foundation that today supports one of the most prominent auto racing organizations in the world," said IMSA President Scott Atherton. "The story of IMSA over the past five decades is truly fascinating and will be told throughout our 2019 50th Anniversary celebration in several ways by a variety of stakeholders.

"From historic race car liveries and commemorative logos to many other surprises throughout the season for fans at-track and watching through our new-for-2019 partnership with NBC Sports, it will be a year-long celebration for all to enjoy."

A key component of the celebration is the official 50th Anniversary IMSA logo that was publicly unveiled for the first time this evening as part of the State of the Series presentation at Road America. The logo - which will be featured on items such as uniforms, race car liveries and commemorative merchandise in 2019 - incorporates many elements of the traditional IMSA logo, including the 27-degree angle from vertical center and the familiar "apex arrow" that has long been a part of IMSA's brand identity.

Enhancing the logo is the use of gold to signify IMSA's "golden" anniversary, as well as laurels that symbolize excellence, honor and victory. A secondary commemorative logo, which replaces the standard red in the current IMSA logo with gold and features the addition of "Est. 1969" also was unveiled and will be used throughout 2019 in selected applications as well.

IMSA will be centering its celebration

around four cornerstones - "Drivers and Teams," "Tracks," "Manufacturers" and "Fans". These pillars will be highlighted at 2019 events and will have a presence the entire season as the foundation of what has made IMSA what it is today.

Additional elements of the IMSA 50th Anniversary celebration will be unveiled soon.

## B.A.S.S. officials announce championship venue

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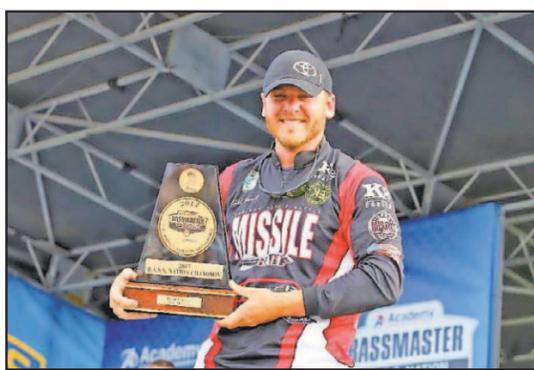
The Academy Sports + Outdoors B.A.S.S. Nation Championship presented by Magellan Outdoors features a field as diverse as any you'll find in bass fishing.

It's not unusual for a boater from North Carolina to be paired with a nonboater from California or Oregon on the first day. Then on Day 2, that same boater might be paired with someone from Australia or Japan.

No matter where they're from, this year's B.A.S.S. Nation Championship venue should offer a little something to make them all feel right at home.

B.A.S.S. officials announced today that Pickwick Lake - a 43,000-acre Tennessee River fishery that sports excellent populations of both largemouth and smallmouth bass - will host the annual year-end event, which is scheduled for Nov. 8-10. More than 125 anglers will take off from McFarland Park in Florence each competition day at 6 a.m. CT. Weigh-ins will be held at the same location at 2 p.m.

"We're really



B.A.S.S. PHOTO

The 2018 Academy Sports Outdoors B.A.S.S. Nation Championship will be held Nov. 8-10 at Pickwick Lake in Alabama.

excited to be having the Championship at a venue with as much to offer as Pickwick Lake," said Jon Stewart, director of the B.A.S.S. Nation, which has chapters in 47 states, nine countries and the province of Ontario. "When you go to Pickwick - especially during that really good stretch in the fall - you never know what it's going to take to win.

"You'd better have a plan going in, plus a backup plan and a second backup plan - and you'd better consider largemouth and smallmouth because they're both usually going to play."

Pickwick has been the site of numerous B.A.S.S.

events, dating back to the early 1980s. Former pro angler and current Bassmaster LIVE host Davy Hite of South Carolina won a Bassmaster Elite Series event on the lake in 2011 with a four-day total of 84 pounds, 9 ounces.

The fishery's historical significance makes it a fitting venue for the Championship, considering the tremendous effect the event has on the pro-fishing world each year.

The Top 3 finishers from the Championship will earn a spot in the 2019 Bassmaster Classic presented by DICK'S Sporting Goods, which is set for March 15-17 in Knoxville,

Tenn. The list of anglers who qualified for the Bassmaster Classic through the Nation Championship at the start of their careers includes Idaho's Brandon Palaniuk, New Jersey's Michael Iaconelli and Connecticut's Paul Mueller.

The Top 3 finishers from the Nation Championship will receive the "Nation's Best" package, which includes paid entry fees into the Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Opens division of their choice in 2019 and the use of a fully rigged Phoenix boat for the year.

The overall winner of the Championship will also receive an invitation to fish the 2019 Bassmaster Elite Series. Last year's Nation Championship winner, Caleb Sumrall of Louisiana, is currently fishing the Elite Series and has finished in the money at four of seven events this season.

"There may still be some people out there who don't realize what a big event the B.A.S.S. Nation Championship really is," said B.A.S.S. CEO Bruce Akin. "It allows anglers from all over the world to showcase their abilities - and for the top finishers, it could truly be a life-changing thing."

# Thank You!

Well the Caladium Festival Car Show, our 22nd show has come and gone and for the first time in many years we were able to get it all in before the rains came. Again our show was a great success with many beautiful cars in all our classes. We had great crowds and plenty of good food from our vendors with reasonable prices. We had plenty of door prizes for our car show entrants and again we had a great 50/50 that paid out over \$600 and again we backed up the 50/50 drawing with over 20 other nice prizes. I know of no other car show that matches our giveaways and what more of a beautiful setting for a car show than our own Devane Park. While on this subject I want to give a huge thank you to our employees for having the park in such great shape. I had many, many compliments on the venue of this car show and how it was put on. The festival and the car show feed off of each other for the many spectators to enjoy. I have many people to thank for making the car show such a success as it was and they are as follows...

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# FISHING

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ones, however if you're targeting large bass you'll need the bait to slowly move through bottom of the weed bed instead of the top, so selecting a slow sinking plastic is more preferred.

Another rigging is the Drop-Shot which holds the bait at the depth you determine based on where the sonar shows fish to be holding. Again floating plastics work well and provide excellent action. The retrieve should be very slow with a slight jiggling motion to attract attention.

Texas and Florida riggings are just about the same thing except the Florida Rig uses a bullet weight secured to the front of the plastic bait using a peg or suppression bullet weight—see Gambler Rattling Florida Rig Goop Weights. Noise makers such as rattling bullet weights, or glass inserts with metal or glass ball bearings inside, are also considered to be a part of the Florida Rigging. The Texas Rig can have a bullet weight or not, depending on structure being fished. In both cases an offset worm hook is used which matches the size bait selected.

Wacky Rigging is used primarily by anglers who fish open water grass beds and tree-piles. The hook is simply put through the center of the plastic bait and no weight is used. Some insert and glue a brad nail at one end to create a faster more erratic action as the bait falls. A 'helicopter effect' is produced as the bait falls.

Since I always target the

largest bass in the lake, and since the larger the bass the more they will not chase a 'constant moving bait' I don't use lipped crank type hard baits. Large trophy bass prefer bait which move very slowly, stopping frequently to take cover at plant-root bases and thicker growth sections of grass beds. She lays in a well-travelled migration route shaded from light to wait for the prey to take cover near her. Once the prey attempt to move again, she inhales it and resumes waiting for the next meal.

But if you're into catching smaller bass which chase just about anything which looks good to eat, using a lipped or lipless crank bait or jerk bait over the top of structures works very well. Depending on your retrieve technique, you might use weights to achieve the correct depth, or put your rod tip a few feet down into the water as you retrieve so that the bait stays within the productive-zone depth for longer distances.

It doesn't matter how you do it as long as the correct depth and action is accomplished to produce strikes. This is the key. I've seen spinnerbaits slow rolled off the bottom like a worm put 12 lb. bass in the boat—the blades basically flopping over striking the lake bottom as it's retrieved. I've seen plastic top-water frogs Carolina rigged to slowly crawl through the center of 16" grass on the bottom, produce 14 lb. bass. And I've caught several 10 lb. bass replacing the treble hooks on a 1 oz. rattle trap with straight shank worm hooks and dragging it through open water grass

beds.

Get creative, try everything. Use every idea you can come up with, sometimes the crazier the better. But remember, the clearer the water, the brighter the bait color, and the more turbid the water the darker the color should be to create bait-contrast.

So pay attention to water clarity and one more thing, your perspective is above the water looking down while the bass' perspective is looking up into the water column which usually has wave-action which disperses light and creates more turbidity resulting in less visibility for bass. The bass has a backdrop of sky, sun, brightness in most cases, so that white bait which works in high clarity water will not work well in Istokpoga.

What is highly visible for you is not highly visible for bass. This is why black baits work best on a new moon night with no light anywhere on the lake.

**Best Fishing Days:** Today and Wednesday are predicted to have greater than average atmospheric pressure change throughout the mid-morning hours and early afternoon hours. Also winds will be above average as well during this period so fish will be more active.

**Major Fishing Period:** Today the moon is overhead at 2:49 p.m. and solar noon occurs at 1:30 p.m. and will create a 6-7 feed intensity rating from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you're not finding feeding fish at the depth you're fishing, move deeper and keep the bait near the bottom, using a slow steady retrieve with a short heavy action bait.

The midday feeding action will be good through



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Monday, Tuesday through the remainder of the week the moonrise period (10:18 a.m. Tuesday) will cause this period to occur from 8-11:30 a.m. and have a rating of 3-5.

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Monday through Tuesday this period will decline somewhat but by Wednesday the moon overhead period will start to help the sunset feeding migration

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If you get caught on the lake with no time to get to safety, keep motors 'in the water' and lay down as low as possible and..... persuade yourself not be this irresponsible with yourself ever again.

**Istokpoga.info News:** The lake level is at 38.35 feet above sea level, which is slightly above the maximum seasonal management schedule. The minimum level currently is 38'. Currently three of four S68 spillway gates are open 6 inches and flowing a combined 600 cubic feet per second to maintain on schedule.

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.

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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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# Wild Continental Tire Challenge Race

## Exciting finish to event

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A combination of strategy and surprises made for a wild IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge finish with the No. 7 VOLT Racing Ford Mustang GT4 of Trent Hindman and Alan Brynjolfsson ultimately surviving and scoring the victory.

Brynjolfsson, VOLT Racing's team owner, started the race and handed the car off to Hindman during the race's lone set of yellow-flag pit stops with just over an hour remaining. The pit stop proved to be one of the determining factors of the race, as it came on the cusp of the teams' fuel windows and drive times.

Hindman wound up in the top five on the restart and made his way into the lead within minutes. However, the No. 76 Compass Racing McLaren GT4 – put on the pole by Paul Holton and co-driven by Matt Plumb – darted to the front to overtake the lead.

The No. 7 dropped back to third place at the hands of another Mustang – the No. 60 of Nate Stacy and Kyle Marcelli for KohR Motorsports – the championship-leading team that pulled an overnighter to fix damage to the car suffered during Practice 1 on Friday. Yet Marcelli was forced to bring the car into the pits with under 10 minutes remaining for tires and fuel.

Then, while still pacing the field in first, Plumb appeared to have the win secured with less than five minutes remaining until an incident in the track's famous Canada Corner sent the McLaren into the barrier and out of contention for the win.

With the top two contenders encountering issues, Hindman then inherited the lead and with a gap of 22 seconds over the rest of the field was able to conserve fuel and survive to cross the finish line first. Hindman credited the team and strategist Mike Johnson for the victory.

"Mike Johnson and the Volt Racing guys in and around our pit box," he said. "They busted too hard this year to not get them a result and I'm glad we finally delivered. Mike's strategy today was a pretty big shot from the hip. Luckily, through good communication between me, him and Alan, we were able to save enough fuel to make it to the end of the race."

The win was the first for VOLT Racing and Alan Brynjolfsson, a sophomore team in the Continental Tire Challenge. The team had yet to land on the podium until Saturday's Road America 120.

"It's a really big moment for us," said Brynjolfsson. "We're super excited because the Continental Tire Challenge series has really gotten extremely competitive, with bigger fields this year and great competition. It's just a huge accomplishment to get a victory here in this series. I knew we could do it, because we have Trent. Trent's not giving himself enough credit. We knew if Trent has a good car, he can pull home a victory."

Coming in second place was the No. 28 RS1 Porsche Cayman GT4 MR of Spencer Pumpelly and Dillon Machavern, who added a fourth podium finish to their season's resume as the team looks to defend its GS title.

After winning one race ago at Lime Rock Park, the

No. 46 Mercedes-AMG GT4 of Hugh Plumb and Owen Trinkler pulled off a third-place finish after a somewhat tumultuous race. The car was involved in the race's second caution flag, which saw the No. 33 Winward Racing / HTP Motorsport Mercedes-AMG GT4 of Russell Ward collide with off-track with No. 9 Automatic Racing Aston Martin Vantage of Craig Lyons. Ward was evaluated and released, while Lyons was transported to a local hospital where he underwent a series of tests which were all negative and he was released.

The wild race resulted in a shakeup of the GS point standings heading into the final three races of the season. Plumb and Trinkler lead 191 – 190 over Pumpelly and Machavern, while Stacy and Marcelli – who entered the race in first – dropped to third with 183 points.

Sales, Wittmer Put Compass Racing Back on TCR Podium's Top Step at Road America

After a two-race hiatus from the top step of the

IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge TCR class podium, Compass Racing returned to its familiar spot on Saturday during the Road America 120.

Leading the way was the No. 74 Audi RS3 LMS of Rodrigo Sales and Kuno Wittmer, who earned their third win of the season and the team's fifth. The No. 74 cycled into the lead after the mid-race pit stops on Lap 22 and stayed the course for the remainder of the race.

However, it wasn't without a little drama at the end. Fellow Compass Racing teammate Britt Casey, Jr. in the No. 77 Audi closed the gap and pulled alongside Wittmer in the closing laps but was never able to close the deal.

"It was a lot of perseverance from the team, Rodrigo and everybody," said Wittmer. "The car held up. The Audi RS3 LMS was good. The Compass boys did the job, the Contis held up and everything was pretty good. It was purely pace that we had."



IMSA PHOTO

The racing action was non-stop in the Continental Tire Challenge.

Casey, Jr. and co-driver Tom Long finished second, yet lost their one-point lead in the championship standings to Wittmer and Sales. The latter duo now lead 225 – 223.

"This is go time," added Wittmer about the championship. "There's no more turning back now. Now it's full speed ahead. Up until around four, you could still count the points and do whatever, but now it's go time. Now, we need to really crunch down, buckle down and have those meetings and have everything properly set."

Finishing on the podium for the fourth consecutive

race were Michael Johnson and Stephen Simpson in third place behind the wheel of the No. 54 JDC-Miller Motorsports Audi RS3 LMS. The team returned to Road America coming off a victory at Lime Rock Park, the first for the team in the Continental Tire Challenge and the first professional win for Michael Johnson, a paraplegic since the age of 12.

Intense Manufacturer Battle Continues in ST with BMW, BimmerWorld Victory

The battle between manufacturers in the Street Tuner (ST) class continues to intensify as

the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge approaches its final three races of the season.

Saturday's Road America 120 marked the fifth time that BMW and MINI have swapped the ST class victory this season, with the No. 81 BimmerWorld BMW 328i of Nick Galante and Devin Jones claiming their third victory of the year.

The No. 73 of Pombo and Mike LaMarra for the MINI JCW Team ultimately wound up second, with another MINI – the No. 37 of Nate Norenberg and Derek Jones – rounding out the podium in third.

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trip to North Carolina. Coach Sebring was very appreciative of the support from the community and the sponsors who donated money for the trip.

"We really want to thank all the people and our sponsors who helped us be able to make this trip," he said. "We couldn't have done it without all of their help and support. This is a great bunch of kids and families and coaches. It's been a great summer and one we'll always remember."

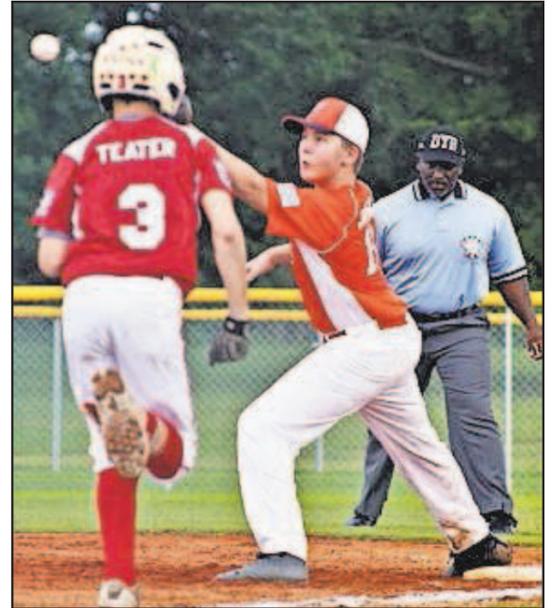


FILE PHOTO

Florida teams at the Dixie Youth World Series were Mariana, light blue; Sebring, orange, and San Antonio, kneeling.



Sebring players and coaches celebrate winning the Dixie Youth Ozone state tournament at Max Long Recreational Complex.



Team Florida's Austin Joiner reaches for the ball during the win over Mississippi in the Dixie Youth Ozone World Series.



Team Florida players gather before the start of opening ceremonies at the Dixie Youth Ozone World Series in Lumberton, North Carolina.

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## Authorities probe how airline employee could steal plane

Airline employee stole empty plane and crashed after being chased by military jets

By RACHEL LA CORTE and KEITH RIDLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Investigators are piecing together how an airline ground agent working his regular shift stole an empty Horizon Air turboprop plane, took off from Sea-Tac International Airport and fatally crashed into a small island in the Puget Sound after being chased by military jets that were quickly scrambled to intercept the aircraft.

Officials said Saturday that the man was a 3.5-year Horizon employee and had clearance to be among aircraft, but that to their knowledge, he wasn't a licensed pilot. The 29-year-old man used a machine called a pushback tractor to first maneuver the aircraft so he could board and then take off Friday evening, authorities added.

The man who stole an empty Horizon Air turboprop plane from Sea-Tac International Airport was Richard Russell, a U.S. official briefed on the matter told The Associated Press.

The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

It's unclear how he attained the skills to do loops in the aircraft before crashing over an hour after taking off into a small island in the Puget Sound, authorities said.



AP PHOTOS

Workers gather in a staging area Saturday, near Steilacoom, Wash., near the site on Ketron Island in Washington state where a Horizon Air turboprop plane crashed Friday after it was stolen from Sea-Tac International Airport. Investigators were working to find out how an airline employee stole the plane and crashed it after being chased by military jets that were quickly scrambled to intercept the aircraft.



Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor talks on his phone at a staging area, Friday, at the ferry terminal in Steilacoom, Wash., near where a Coast Guard spokeswoman said the agency was responding to a report of a smoke plume and possible plane crash. Earlier in the evening, officials at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport said an Alaska Airlines plane had been stolen and later crashed.

Officials said that it did not appear that the fighter jets were involved in the crash of the aircraft. In a news release issued

Saturday, the North American Aerospace Defense Command said

PLANE | 4

## Taliban travel from Afghanistan for talks in a rare diplomatic foray

By KATHY GANNON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD — In a rare diplomatic foray and the strongest sign yet of the Taliban's increasing political presence in the region, the head of the militant group's political office led a delegation to meet senior Foreign Ministry officials, Uzbek and Taliban officials said Saturday.

Taliban political chief Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai represented the insurgents in the four-day talks that ended Friday and included meetings with Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Abdulaziz Kamilov as well as its special representative to Afghanistan Ismatilla Irgashev.

The meetings follow an offer made by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in March to broker peace in Afghanistan.

Suhail Shaheen, spokesman for the Taliban's political office in Qatar, said in a statement to The Associated Press that discussions covered everything from international troop withdrawal to peace prospects to possible

Uzbek-funded development projects that could include railway lines and electricity.

Shaheen said Uzbek officials discussed their security concerns surrounding the development projects.

"Taliban also exchanged views with the Uzbek officials about the withdrawal of the foreign troops and reconciliation in Afghanistan," he said in the statement.

Uzbek's Foreign Affairs Ministry website offered a terse announcement on the visit saying "the sides exchanged views on prospects of the peace process in Afghanistan."

Still, the meetings are significant coming as the Taliban ramps up pressure on Afghanistan's Security Forces with relentless and deadly attacks and Washington holds preliminary talks with the insurgents in an attempt to find a negotiated end to Afghanistan's protracted war.

The Taliban have gained increasing attention from Russia as well as Uzbekistan, who view the insurgency as a bulwark against the spread of the Islamic State group in Afghanistan.

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## New US sanctions could pitch Russia relations to new low

By SUSANNAH GEORGE and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Russia typically brushes off new U.S. sanctions. Not this time.

The Trump administration announcement of export restrictions in response to accusations Moscow used a nerve agent to poison a former Russian spy in Britain sent the ruble tumbling to a two-year low and drew a stern warning from its prime minister. While the initial sanctions may have a limited impact, a second batch expected within months could hit the Russian economy much harder and send already tense relations into a tailspin.

If sanctions are expanded even further to target Russia's top state-controlled banks, freezing their dollar transactions — as proposed under

legislation introduced in the Senate this month — it would amount to a "declaration of economic war," Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Friday.

So much for President Donald Trump's hopes for better relations with Moscow.

On his watch, the U.S. has imposed a slew of sanctions on Russia for human rights abuses, meddling in the U.S. election and Russian military aggression in Ukraine and Syria. For the most part, they have punished Russian officials and associates of President Vladimir Putin rather than targeting broad economic sectors.

In 2014, both the U.S. and European Union introduced sanctions that restricted Russia's access to global financial markets and to equipment

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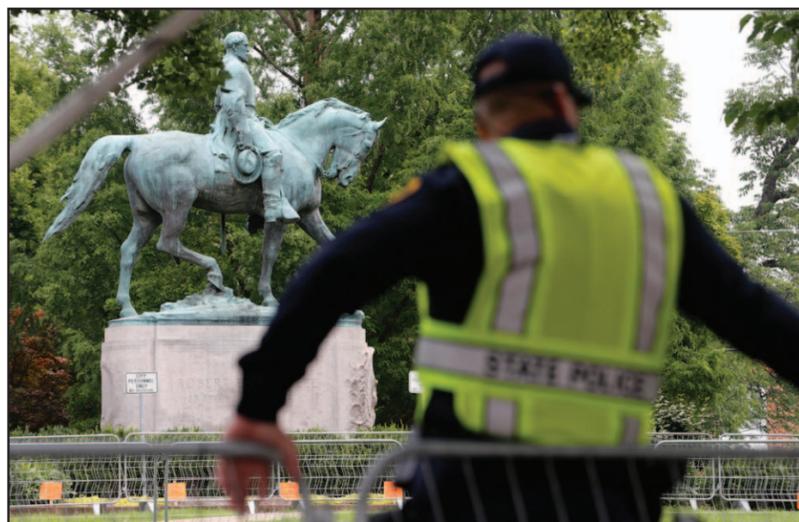
## Peaceful events, heavy security mark Charlottesville rally anniversary

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Charlottesville, Virginia, was marking the anniversary of last summer's white supremacist violence with marches, vigils and other community events that began unfolding peacefully Saturday amid a heavy police presence.

As many businesses in a popular downtown shopping district began to open Saturday, law enforcement officers outnumbered visitors. Concrete barriers and metal fences had been erected, and police were searching bags at two checkpoints where people could enter or leave.

"It's nice that they're here to protect us," said Lara Mitchell, 66, a sales associate at a shop that sells artwork, jewelry, and other items. "It feels good that they're here in front of our store. Last year was a whole different story. It looked like a war



AP PHOTO

State Police patrol the road in front of Market Street park with the state of Confederate General Robert E. Lee as they lock down the downtown area in anticipation of the anniversary of last year's Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va., Saturday.

zone last year compared to what it is today."

Saturday marked the anniversary of a nighttime march by torch-toting white supremacists through the University of Virginia's campus a day ahead of a larger rally in Charlottesville's downtown.

On Aug. 12, hundreds of white nationalists — including neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members — descended on Charlottesville in part to protest the city's decision to remove a monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from

a park. Violent fighting broke out between attendees and counterprotesters that day. Authorities eventually forced the crowd to disperse, but a car later barreled into a crowd of peaceful

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# Weekend sky is alive with meteor shower

By Johnny Diaz  
SUN SENTINEL (TNS)

The Perseid meteor shower is back and can be seen through Monday.

The celestial show peaks every August when Earth passes through the debris trails of the comet Swift-Tuttle, which passes near Earth every 133 years on its trip around the sun.

This year's meteor viewing arrived with a good forecast.

"The moon is very favorable for the Perseids this year, and that'll make the Perseids probably the best shower of 2018 for people who want to go out and view it," NASA meteor expert Bill Cooke told Space.com. He added that the moon "will be a thin crescent and set early, leaving a dark canvas for the meteors' bright streaks and fireballs."

Viewing results tend to change year to year. This year's viewing may make up for last year's underwhelming showing when the glare of a full moon made it difficult to see the shower well.

Cooke said sky watchers could see 60 to 70 meteors an hour during its peak this year. The Perseids are known for "fireballs" which are grain-size pieces of dust that burn up and radiate as they travel through the atmosphere at 37 miles per second.

When is the best time to watch the shower?

The best time to see the shower is after about 2 a.m. when the Perseus constellation is high in the sky.

No special equipment is necessary to see the meteors. It's suggested that viewing is better with the naked eye than with binoculars or telescope because viewers can take in a wider view.

# 'Undetectable' plastic 3D printed guns have been detected by TSA airport screeners

By HUGO MARTIN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

During the controversy surrounding the release of blueprints for 3D-printed plastic guns, the Transportation Security Administration said airport security screeners have been able to spot the so-called untraceable and undetectable weapons in carry-on bags.

The 3D-printed gun controversy began in June when Defense Distributed of Austin, Texas, reached a settlement

with the federal government to allow it to make the plans for the guns available for download. Then a federal judge in Seattle issued a temporary restraining order to stop the release of blueprints, and a coalition of 20 state attorneys general filed a motion Aug. 2 to continue to block the release of the plans.

But TSA officials say 3D-printed guns and firearm components have been in circulation for years and have been found on passengers

trying to board commercial flights.

Since August 2016, the TSA has detected two 3D-printed guns and two 3D-printed firearm components, all of which were voluntarily abandoned by the passengers who packed them in their carry-on bags, TSA spokesman Michael Bilello said.

The most recent component was discovered in January at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. "TSA officers are trained

and on the lookout for 3D guns," he said. "We have proven detection capabilities and screening protocols in place."

Like all firearms, explosives and replica weapons, 3D-printed guns are prohibited in the cabins of commercial planes. Passengers caught trying to bring any weapons into a flight are turned over to local law enforcement for prosecution and could face civil penalties of up to \$9,800 imposed by the TSA

# Facing indictment, Rep. Chris Collins ends re-election bid

By KAREN MATTHEWS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — In an about-face, U.S. Rep. Chris Collins is ending his re-election bid days after the Republican congressman from New York was charged with insider trading.

Collins released a statement Saturday morning saying he will suspend his campaign and finish the rest of his term. Collins was indicted Wednesday on charges he passed inside information about a biotechnology company to family members so they could profit from illicit trades. He had said later that day he would remain on the ballot despite the indictment and fight the charges.

But Collins reversed himself Saturday. "I have decided that it is in the best interests of the constituents of NY-27, the Republican Party and President Donald Trump's agenda for me to suspend my campaign for re-election to Congress," his statement said.

He went on to say he will fill out his term and "continue to fight the meritless charges brought against me." He has denied any wrongdoing.

Collins' decision to end his re-election bid appeared to

boost Democrats' chances of taking in a solidly Republican district, but the announcement left unanswered questions including how Collins' name could be removed from the ballot.

Wednesday's indictment charges Collins and two others, including his son, with conspiracy, wire fraud and other counts.

Prosecutors say the charges relate to a scheme to gain insider information about a biotechnology company headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with offices in Auckland, New Zealand.

It is unclear whether Collins' name can be removed from the November ballot at this point and whether Republican Party officials will be able to nominate another candidate for the seat.

Under New York state election law, Collins' name could be taken off the ballot under certain narrowly defined circumstances that include death, disqualification or being nominated for a different office such as a county clerkship.

Jessica Proud, a spokeswoman for the New York state Republican Party, said party officials are weighing their options. She said no decision



MARY ALTAFFER

This Aug. 8, file photo shows Republican U.S. Rep. Christopher Collins as he leaves federal court in New York.

has been made about a possible replacement for Collins on the ballot — if they are able to replace him.

Stefan Mychajliw, the Erie County comptroller, released a statement putting his name forward for the ballot spot and said he hoped to earn the support of county Republican officials in the district.

A spokesman for Nate McMurray, the Democrat in the race, said McMurray planned a news conference later Saturday in Rochester. "The actions of Congressman Collins should disqualify him, his cronies and corporate donors from choosing his replacement on the ballot," McMurray's campaign said in a news release.

McMurray, the town

supervisor of Grand Island, New York, said after Collins' indictment that he took "no joy in the terrible news" of his rival's arrest. He said tens of thousands of dollars were donated to his campaign in the 24 hours after Collins' arrest and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee reached out to partner with McMurray's team.

The district spans an area between the Rochester and Buffalo suburbs and is considering the most Republican-leaning district in New York. The race had not been considered competitive by many observers, including those predicting a "blue wave" that gives Democrats control of the House.

The area backed Trump over Hillary Clinton by nearly 25 percentage points in 2016, when Collins beat his Democratic challenger by more than 2-1.

Collins was an early supporter of Trump's presidential campaign and has been one of Trump's most ardent defenders. In his statement Saturday, Collins warned of Democrats winning the House in the midterm elections "and then launching impeachment proceedings against President Trump."

## TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<b>TODAY / TONIGHT</b> An afternoon thunderstorm Mostly cloudy and humid HIGH 88° LOW 75° 55% chance of rain 25% chance of rain	<b>MONDAY</b> Some sun, humid; a p.m. t-storm in spots 90° / 74° 45% chance of rain	<b>TUESDAY</b> A thunderstorm around in the afternoon 91° / 74° 40% chance of rain	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mostly sunny and humid 92° / 75° 20% chance of rain	<b>THURSDAY</b> Partly sunny, a t-storm possible; humid 92° / 75° 30% chance of rain	<b>FRIDAY</b> Partly sunny with a thunderstorm possible 92° / 75° 30% chance of rain
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### 84° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

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

**FLORIDA CITIES**

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	90 78 t 90 77 pc	
Bradenton	89 78 t 89 76 pc	
Clearwater	88 78 t 88 77 pc	
Coral Springs	90 76 sh 92 77 pc	
Daytona Beach	88 73 t 89 72 pc	
Fort Lauderdale	89 79 pc 90 79 pc	
Fort Myers	87 76 t 90 73 pc	
Gainesville	90 73 t 89 73 pc	
Jacksonville	91 72 t 91 72 t	
Key Largo	88 79 t 90 80 pc	
Key West	90 83 c 91 83 pc	
Lakeland	88 74 t 89 73 pc	
Melbourne	91 74 t 92 77 pc	
Miami	89 78 pc 90 78 pc	
Naples	88 78 t 90 75 pc	
Ocala	88 71 t 88 72 pc	
Okeechobee	89 72 t 90 73 pc	
Orlando	89 73 t 90 72 pc	
Panama City	91 75 t 90 76 pc	
Pensacola	92 75 t 90 77 pc	
Pompano Beach	91 77 sh 91 79 pc	
St. Augustine	88 73 c 88 73 pc	
St. Petersburg	88 77 t 88 77 pc	
Sarasota	88 77 t 89 76 pc	
Tallahassee	91 73 pc 89 73 t	
Tampa	88 75 t 88 79 pc	
Vero Beach	90 72 t 91 73 pc	
West Palm Beach	90 76 sh 91 76 pc	

## FLORIDA CITIES TIDES

City	Today	Mon.
Punta Gorda	Today: 5:29a 10:05a 4:13p 11:56p Mon.: 5:54a 11:01a 5:06p ---	
Englewood	Today: 4:06a 8:21a 2:50p 10:12p Mon.: 4:31a 9:17a 3:43p 10:48p	
Boca Grande	Today: 2:57a 7:08a 1:40p 8:49p Mon.: 3:31a 8:08a 2:35p 9:25p	
El Jobean	Today: 6:01a 10:34a 4:45p --- Mon.: 6:26a 12:25a 5:38p 11:30a	
Venice	Today: 2:21a 7:00a 1:05p 8:51p Mon.: 2:46a 7:56a 1:58p 9:27p	

## MARINE

Wind direction	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland chop
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	SSW 4-8	0-1	Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	SW 4-8	1-3	Light

## SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	6:58 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Monday	6:59 a.m.	8:07 p.m.

## SOLAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	7:11a 12:57a 7:40p 1:26p		
Mon.	8:12a 1:58a 8:39p 2:25p		
Tue.	9:11a 2:58a 9:36p 3:23p		

## WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature reached 90 degrees for the 19th consecutive day in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 12, 1980.

## WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the coldest major U.S. city in the summer?

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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 ..... 102° at Wolf Point, MT Low ..... 32° at Gothic, CO

## U.S. Extremes

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Albuquerque	85 62 t 89 67 pc		Jackson, MS	91 73 t 91 73 t	
Anchorage	64 55 r 58 53 sh		Kansas City	92 66 pc 87 69 pc	
Atlanta	91 70 pc 90 68 pc		Knoxville	84 66 pc 85 63 pc	
Baltimore	85 71 t 82 67 t		Las Vegas	105 85 s 105 84 s	
Billings	96 62 s 80 57 pc		Los Angeles	85 67 s 83 65 s	
Birmingham	94 72 pc 93 70 pc		Louisville	88 69 c 88 70 s	
Boise	91 62 pc 95 63 pc		Memphis	91 74 t 91 75 pc	
Boston	78 71 sh 77 70 sh		Milwaukee	82 64 pc 86 70 s	
Buffalo	83 65 pc 81 66 t		Minneapolis	91 70 s 92 72 s	
Burlington, VT	83 67 pc 85 70 pc		Montgomery	94 72 pc 93 73 t	
Charleston, WV	82 62 c 82 64 t		Nashville	89 68 c 92 68 pc	
Charlotte	90 68 t 88 66 pc		New Orleans	91 78 t 92 78 sh	
Chicago	88 67 pc 89 69 s		New York City	80 72 t 81 71 t	
Cincinnati	85 63 pc 85 65 pc		Norfolk, VA	87 72 t 85 72 t	
Cleveland	83 66 pc 81 67 t		Oklahoma City	82 69 t 77 66 r	
Columbia, SC	93 72 t 91 69 pc		Omaha	93 67 s 91 71 pc	
Columbus, OH	84 64 c 84 66 t		Philadelphia	85 73 t 83 71 t	
Concord, NH	74 64 c 76 67 c		Phoenix	104 82 pc 105 82 pc	
Dallas	85 72 t 87 73 t		Pittsburgh	81 63 t 80 63 t	
Denver	91 58 pc 90 58 pc		Portland, ME	74 65 pc 76 67 c	
Des Moines	93 66 s 93 71 s		Portland, OR	81 60 s 93 62 s	
Detroit	85 66 pc 86 66 pc		Providence	81 69 sh 81 72 sh	
Duluth	87 64 s 89 64 s		Raleigh	88 70 t 85 68 t	
Fairbanks	69 52 c 66 49 c		Salt Lake City	96 68 pc 93 68 pc	
Fargo	96 70 s 94 59 s		St. Louis	90 69 s 92 71 s	
Hartford	80 66 sh 80 70 sh		San Antonio	91 77 t 94 75 pc	
Helena	91 54 s 80 51 pc		San Diego	85 73 pc 83 71 pc	
Honolulu	88 76 pc 90 77 sh		San Francisco	67 52 pc 66 53 pc	
Houston	93 75 t 93 74 pc		Seattle	78 59 s 85 60 s	
Indianapolis	87 66 s 85 66 s		Washington, DC	86 74 t 85 71 t	

## WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Amsterdam	78 61 pc 71 61 t		Mexico City	71 57 t 73 56 t	
Baghdad	112 82 s 109 83 s		Montreal	84 66 s 86 71 pc	
Beijing	89 76 t 89 76 t		Ottawa	85 63 s 85 67 c	
Berlin	80 58 pc 88 62 pc		Paris	86 61 pc 75 59 t	
Buenos Aires	64 51 pc 65 46 pc		Regina	91 54 pc 67 44 c	
Cairo	98 76 s 97 76 s		Rio de Janeiro	74 66 pc 74 64 c	
Calgary	68 44 pc 67 48 pc		Rome	89 68 s 88 69 s	
Cancun	88 77 s 88 77 pc		St. John's	76 57 pc 82 61 pc	
Dublin	68 55 c 68 55 c		San Juan	89 79 s 86 78 pc	
Edmonton	54 37 sh 66 44 pc		Sydney	62 48 s 68 48 s	
Halifax	78 62 pc 78 66 c		Tokyo	88 79 t 88 80 t	
Kiev	81 55 pc 81 62 c		Toronto	84 64 s 82 65 pc	
London	69 58 r 74 58 pc		Vancouver	73 59 pc 79 62 s	
Madrid	96 66 pc 95 64 s		Winnipeg	98 66 s 75 49 pc	

## WEATHER (W):

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, f-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

## PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

**Temperatures**  
High/Low 86°/75°  
Normal High/Low 93°/74°  
Record High 96° (2007)  
Record Low 66° (2004)

**Precipitation** (in inches)  
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.88"  
Month to date 4.35"  
Normal month to date 2.75"  
Year to date 40.68"  
Normal year to date 31.93"  
Record 4.35" (1974)

## VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday

**Temperatures**  
High/Low 91°/77°  
Normal High/Low 91°/75°  
Record High 97° (1963)  
Record Low 69° (1976)

**Precipitation** (in inches)  
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.11"  
Month to date 2.55"  
Normal month to date 2.68"  
Year to date 26.64"  
Normal year to date 30.74"  
Record 4.35" (1950)

## SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

**Temperatures**  
High/Low 88°/81°

**Precipitation** (in inches)  
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.57"

## AIRPORT

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

City	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	87/76	storms	afternoon
Punta Gorda	89/73	storms	afternoon
Sarasota	88/77	storms	afternoon

## MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg.	Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80	9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52	11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28	9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03	5.80/1994
May	15.98	2.74	2.50	15.98/2018
Jun.	6.23	14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.	9.80	9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.	4.35	13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03/1979	
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88/1995	
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002	
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002	
Year	40.68	60.36	50.74	(since 1931)

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

# Turkey's president: US waging 'economic war' against Turkey

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey's president on Saturday blamed the country's economic downturn on the United States and other nations that he claims are waging "war" against his country.

Speaking in the northeastern province of Rize, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that dollars, euros and gold were now "the bullets, cannonballs and missiles of the economic war being waged against our country."

Erdogan promised supporters that Turkey was taking the necessary precautions to protect its economy but added "the most important thing is breaking the hands firing these weapons."

Turkey was hit by a financial shockwave this week as its currency nosedived over concerns about the government's economic policies and a trade dispute with the United States.

The lira tumbled 14 percent Friday, to 6.51 per dollar, a massive move for a currency that will make Turkish residents poorer and further erode international investors' confidence in the country. The currency drop is particularly painful for Turkey because it finances a lot of its economic growth with foreign money.

The currency's drop — 41 percent so far this year — is a gauge of fear over a country coming to terms with years of high debt, international concern over Erdogan's push to amass power, and a souring in relations with allies like the U.S.

In an opinion piece published in The New York Times on Friday, Erdogan criticized the tensions with the U.S., saying a "failure to reverse this trend of unilateralism and disrespect will require us to start looking for new friends and allies."

Among the issues, Turkey has arrested an American pastor and put him on trial for espionage and terror-related charges linked to a failed coup attempt in the country two years ago. The pastor has proclaimed his innocence.

The U.S. responded by slapping sanctions on Turkey and threatening more. The sides held talks in Washington this week but failed to resolve the spat.

President Donald Trump on Friday tweeted that he had authorized the doubling of steel and aluminum tariffs on Turkey. He said the tariffs on aluminum imports would be increased to 20 percent and those on steel to 50 percent as the



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**Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses his supporters in Ordu, Turkey, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.**

Turkish lira "slides rapidly downward against our very strong Dollar!"

"Our relations with Turkey are not good at this time!" he wrote.

The United States is the biggest destination for Turkish steel exports, with 11 percent of the Turkish export volume. The lira fell further after Trump's tweet.

Turkey later said Erdogan had held a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss economic ties. It did not disclose details, but the move suggests Turkey might gravitate further from its NATO allies toward cooperation with Russia, whose relations with the West are at their lowest point since the Cold War.

Turkey's woes have

been aggravated by investor worries about the economic policies of Erdogan, who won a new term in office in June with sweeping new powers.

Erdogan has been putting pressure on Turkey's central bank to not raise interest rates in order to keep fueling economic growth. He claims higher rates lead to higher inflation — the opposite of what standard economic theory says.

Independent analysts argue the central bank should instead raise rates to tame inflation and support the currency.

Amid the dispute, foreign investors could be spooked and try to pull their money out, reinforcing the currency drop and potentially leading to financial instability.

## HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

**Iran: China's state-owned energy CNPC takes over French TO**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's official IRNA news agency is reporting that China's state-owned petroleum corporation has taken a majority share of the country's South Pars gas project after French oil and gas company Total announced it would pull out because renewed U.S. economic sanctions against Iran.

The Saturday report quotes Mohammad Mostafavi, an official in Iran's state oil company, as saying CNPC now owns 80 percent of the shares in the \$5 billion project, having bought shares from Total.

CNPC originally had some 30 percent of shares in the project.

The renewal of U.S. sanctions took effect on Tuesday.

**Egypt prosecutors order ex-monk detained over abbot death**

CAIRO (AP) — Prosecutors on Saturday ordered a recently defrocked monk to be detained for four days pending an investigation into his alleged involvement in the death of the abbot of a prominent monastery in the desert northwest of Cairo, Egypt's state news agency said.

The defrocked monk, identified by his monastic name of Isaiah, confessed to collaborating with others to kill Bishop Epiphanius, abbot of St. Macarius Monastery, prosecutors said.

Isaiah's lawyer withdrew from the case and ceased defending him, the state-run MENA reported. It remains unclear whether another lawyer will be assigned to the case.

The decision to strip Isaiah of his monkhood came on Aug. 5, a week after the incident. The Coptic Orthodox Church dismissed any connection to the Epiphanius' death, however, saying the decision was made based on "strictly monastic reasons."

The abbot's mystery killing took place July 29. His funeral was attended by Pope Tawadros II, the spiritual leader of Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Christians, one of the world's oldest Christian communities.

In a statement, the church said Isaiah has a record of failing to abide by the monastery's rules and that an investigation committee had previously decided to keep him out of the monastery for three years, but other monks had signed a petition calling for him to be pardoned and pledged to help him change his "wrong course."

Isaiah failed to change his conduct which resulted in his defrocking, the church added.

Following Epiphanius' death, the church took a series of measures aimed at instilling discipline into monastic life. Among them was to halt accepting new novices in monasteries nationwide for a year and giving monks across Egypt one month to close their social media accounts arguing that keeping them is incompatible with monastic life.

Egypt, the birthplace of Christian monasticism, is home to some of the world's most ancient monasteries, nestled in the country's barren desert and which have drawn monks for centuries to lead solitary ascetic lives. Monks have largely remained in retreat even amid the monumental changes that shook Egypt's political and social landscape in recent years.

# French judge charges 2 German officials in campsite flood

PARIS (AP) — A French judge handed preliminary charges Saturday to two Germans whose group ran an unauthorized campsite in southern France that was inundated by flash floods, forcing the emergency evacuation of 119 children.

The men, who were not identified by name, were handed preliminary charges of involuntary injury aggravated by endangerment and creating a campsite without a permit, Nimes Prosecutor Eric Maurel said.

The newspaper Le Monde identified the two as the president and vice president of the Jugendförderung Saint-Antonius group, which owned the land where the campsite was located, in the village of



FRENCH GENDARMERIE NATIONALE VIA AP

**In this photo provided by the French Gendarmerie Nationale, a damaged trailer is photographed after floods at Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas camping site, in southern France, Friday.**

Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas in the Gard region.

The children were rapidly evacuated Thursday as the rivers overflowed their banks. A handful were hospitalized with minor injuries.

The two were placed under judicial supervision and forbidden to visit the Gard region except to appear when summoned by judicial authorities and meet with their lawyers, Maurel said. They were

given 15 days to remove their possessions from the site.

Rescuers continued to search for a missing German monitor at the campsite, which was inundated during the flash floods on Thursday that reportedly swept away his van. The children removed from the camp were among 1,600 evacuated, mostly preventatively, in three regions by Thursday evening after torrential rains quickly transformed rivers and streams into torrents.

The campsite in Saint-Julien-de-Peyrolas was in a flood zone. Just 48 hours before the waters suddenly rose, municipal officials had warned the group of the dangers of remaining due to the threat of rising waters, the prosecutor's office said.

# Thousands attend Arab-led rally against Israeli bill

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Members of Israel's Arab minority are leading a mass protest in central Tel Aviv against a contentious law that critics say marginalizes the state's non-Jewish citizens.

The rally Saturday night marks further fallout from the explosive Nation-State law that the government says enshrines the state's Jewish character but which critics say undermines Israel's democratic values.

One clause downgrades the Arabic language

from official to "special" standing.

Protester Omar Sultan says: "This law is against us, against the Arabic language, against peace, against our future in this land."

Arab citizens make up some 20 percent of Israel's population. They enjoy full citizenship but face discrimination in some areas of society. Some view them with suspicion as many identify politically and culturally with Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza.



AP PHOTO

**Israeli Arabs hold a Palestinian flag during a protest against the Jewish nation bill in Tel Aviv, Israel, Saturday.**

# Pope to youth: Dream, don't let fear make you pessimistic

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis has told Italian Catholic youths in Rome to pursue their dreams despite job market worries.

Tens of thousands of young people filled Rome's ancient Circus Maximus on Saturday evening to hear Francis

advise them to ignore adults who warn against certain professions, saying they are not in demand. Many walked for days to reach the rally.

Francis answered questions submitted in advance. One university student told him that a professor had

discouraged her from pursuing her passion in art, saying that studying business instead would better for getting a job.

Decrying "dreams of convenience," Francis urged them to take "risks on that street of your dreams." He declared that "fear brings pessimism."



AP PHOTO

**Pope Francis arrives at Rome's Circus Maximus, Saturday.**

## ANSWER TO CROSSWORD

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## PLANE

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two F-15C alert aircraft were scrambled from Portland but did not fire upon the plane.

At a news conference in Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, officials from Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air said that they are still working closely with authorities as they investigate what happened.

"Safety is our No. 1 goal," said Brad Tilden, CEO of Alaska Airlines. "Last night's event is going to push us to learn what we can from this tragedy so that we can ensure this does not happen again at Alaska Air Group or at any other airline."

The bizarre incident involving a worker who authorities said was suicidal points to one of the biggest potential perils for commercial air travel: airline or airport employees causing mayhem.

"The greatest threat we have to aviation is the insider threat," Erroll Southers, a former FBI agent and transportation

security expert, told The Associated Press. "Here we have an employee who was vetted to the level to have access to the aircraft and had a skill set proficient enough to take off with that plane."

Seattle FBI agent in charge Jay Tabb Jr. cautioned that the investigation would take a lot of time, and details, including the employee's name, would not be released right away. Dozens of personnel were out at the crash site, and co-workers and family members were being interviewed, he said.

There was no connection to terrorism, said Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the sheriff's department.

Video showed the Horizon Air Q400 doing large loops and other dangerous maneuvers as the sun set on Puget Sound. There were no passengers aboard.

Authorities initially said the man was a mechanic, but Alaska Airlines later said he was believed to be a ground service agent employed by Horizon. Those employees direct aircraft for takeoff and gate approach and de-ice

planes, as well as handle baggage.

Southers, the aviation security expert, said the man could have caused mass destruction. "If he had the skill set to do loops with a plane like this, he certainly had the capacity to fly it into a building and kill people on the ground," he said.

Gary Beck, CEO of Horizon Air, said it wasn't clear how the man knew to start the engine, which requires a series of switches and levers. "We don't know how he learned to do that," he said.

The plane was pursued by military aircraft before it crashed on tiny Ketrion Island, southwest of Tacoma, Washington. Video showed fiery flames amid trees on the island, which is sparsely populated and only accessible by ferry. No structures on the ground were damaged, Alaska Airlines said.

Troyer said F-15C aircraft took off out of Portland, Oregon, were in the air "within a few minutes," and the pilots kept "people on the ground safe."

Sheriff's department officials said they were working to conduct a background investigation on the Pierce County resident.

The aircraft was stolen about 8 p.m. Alaska Airlines said it was in a "maintenance position" and not scheduled for a passenger flight. Horizon Air is part of Alaska Air Group and flies shorter routes throughout the U.S. West. The Q400 is a turboprop aircraft with 76 seats.

The man could be heard on audio recordings telling air traffic controllers that he is "just a broken guy." An air traffic controller called the man "Rich," and tried to convince the man to land the airplane.

"There is a runway just off to your right side in about a mile," the controller says, referring to an airfield at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

"Oh man. Those guys will rough me up if I try and land there," the man responded, later adding "This is probably jail time for life, huh?"

Later the man said: "I've got a lot of people

that care about me. It's going to disappoint them to hear that I did this ... Just a broken guy, got a few screws loose, I guess."

Flights out of Sea-Tac, the largest commercial airport in the Pacific Northwest, were temporarily grounded during the drama.

The plane crashed in a heavily wooded area of thick underbrush on the island, said Debra Eckrote, the Western Pacific regional chief for the National Transportation Safety Board. The crash sparked a 2-acre wildfire.

"It is highly fragmented," she said of the plane. "The wings are off, the fuselage is, I think, kind of positioned upside down."

Investigators expect they will be able to recover both the cockpit voice recorder and the event data recorder from the plane.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Saturday morning that President Donald Trump is "monitoring the situation."

## TALKS

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The United States has accused Moscow of giving weapons to the Taliban.

Still, Andrew Wilder, vice president of Asia programs at the U.S. Institute of Peace said Washington would welcome a "constructive" Russian role in finding a way toward a peace pact in Afghanistan.

"What wouldn't be helpful would be if the Uzbek efforts to facilitate lines of communication with the Taliban are not closely coordinated with the Afghan government," he said.

"High profile talks by foreign governments with the Taliban that exclude the Afghan government risk providing too much legitimacy to the Taliban without getting much in return," Wilder said.

There was no immediate comment from the Afghan government, but neither the Taliban nor the Uzbek foreign ministry statement mentioned the Afghan government.

For Uzbekistan, the IS presence is particularly worrisome as hundreds of its fighters are former members of the radical Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a declared terrorist group considered the architect of some of the more horrific attacks carried out by IS in Afghanistan.

Last year, there were reports that the son of Tahir Yuldashev, the powerful Uzbek leader of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, who was killed in a U.S. missile strike in Pakistan in 2009, was leading efforts to help expand IS influence in Afghanistan.

Last week, Afghan security forces reportedly rescued scores of Afghan Uzbeks who had declared their allegiance to IS when they came under attack by Taliban fighters in northern Afghanistan not far from the border with Uzbekistan. The rescued Uzbek warriors declared they would join the peace process. Most of those rescued were Afghan Uzbeks loyal to Afghanistan's Vice President Rashid Dostum who had gone over to IS after Dostum fell out with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and fled to Turkey in May last year.

Coincidentally their rescue from the Taliban came just days after Dostum returned to Afghanistan and reconciled with Ghani's government.

## RALLY

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counterprotesters, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer.

The day's death toll rose to three when a state police helicopter that had been monitoring the event and assisting with the governor's motorcade crashed, killing two troopers.

Among the remembrance events scheduled for Saturday was a "morning of reflection and renewal" at UVA that featured musical performances, a poetry reading and an address from University President James Ryan.

Ryan recalled how a group of students and community members faced off against the white supremacist marchers near a statue of Thomas Jefferson on campus, calling it a "remarkable moment of courage and bravery."

Later Saturday evening, students and activists planned to hold a "Rally for Justice" on campus.

By midafternoon, the city said hundreds of people had passed through the downtown checkpoints. Police arrested three men in or near the secured



AP PHOTO/

**A group, Anti-fascism demonstrators, march past lunchtime diners in the downtown area in anticipation of the anniversary of last year's Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Va., Saturday.**

perimeter for trespassing, possessing prohibited items and being drunk in public, the city said in a news release.

Gov. Ralph Northam and the city both declared states of emergency earlier in the week, citing the "potential impacts of events" during the anniversary weekend. The state's declaration allocates \$2 million in state funds and authorizes the Virginia National Guard to assist in security efforts.

Some community activists were concerned that this year's heavy police presence could be a counterproductive

overreaction.

An independent investigation of the rally violence, led by a former federal prosecutor, found the chaos last year stemmed from a passive response by law enforcement and poor preparation and coordination between state and city police.

Lisa Woolfork, a University of Virginia professor and Black Lives Matter Charlottesville organizer, said police are mounting a "huge, overwhelming show of force to compensate for last year's inaction."

"Last year, I was afraid of the Nazis. This year,

I'm afraid of the police," Woolfork said. "This is not making anyone that I know feel safe."

But others said Saturday they were comforted by the security measures.

Kyle Rodland, who took his young sons to get ice cream downtown, said he felt much safer than last year, when he left town with his family and stayed with his parents after seeing people armed with long rifles walking around outside his home.

Events marking the anniversary were also expected Sunday in both Charlottesville and Washington, D.C., where Jason Kessler, the primary organizer of last summer's rally, has obtained a permit for a "white civil rights" rally.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, said in an interview with The Associated Press that she has been dreading the anniversary of her daughter's death for months.

Bro likened losing a child to standing in shallow water as waves roll continually in.

"You let the wave wash over, and you don't chase it. You let it go and you're OK until the next one comes," she said. "But today, I feel like high tide is in."

## SANCTIONS

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for new energy projects. Those measures were punishing, but the sanctions announced by the Trump administration this past week could be even worse.

The restrictions were triggered under U.S. law on chemical weapons following a formal U.S. determination that Russia used the Novichok nerve agent to poison former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury in March.

The first tranche, due to take effect Aug. 22, will deny export licenses to Russia for the purchase of many items with national security implications. Existing sanctions already prohibit the export of most military and security-related items, but now the ban will be extended to goods such as gas turbine engines, electronics and calibration equipment that were previously allowed on a case-by-case basis. The State Department said it could potentially affect

hundreds of millions of dollars in trade.

"It's a significant step, but not an overwhelming one," said Daniel Fried, a veteran State Department official who served as chief U.S. coordinator for sanctions policy until he retired last year.

Russia has 90 days to "provide assurances" that it will not use chemical weapons in the future and allow inspections. If Russia does not comply, Trump will be obligated to impose a second set of sanctions, applying restrictions on at least three from a menu of options: opposing multilateral bank assistance to Russia, broad restrictions on exports and imports, downgrading diplomatic relations, prohibiting air carrier landing rights and barring U.S. banks from making loans to the Russian government. That could do significantly more economic harm and have a lasting, destabilizing effect on the currency and stock markets.

Senior Russian lawmaker Vyacheslav Nikonov said a second set of sanctions may be

inevitable and predicted it would pitch relations to new low. The relationship is already routinely described as at its worst since the Cold War.

Things could get even worse if the Defending American Security from Kremlin Aggression Act, which a bipartisan group of senators introduced Aug. 2, makes its way through Congress. It would target Russia's state-controlled banks and freeze their operations in dollars, which would deal a heavy blow to the Russian economy. The prospects for the legislation becoming law remain uncertain.

Medvedev warned the U.S. that such a move would cross a red line and would warrant a Russian response by economic, political or "other means" he did not specify. His tough tone was a departure from past nonchalance from Putin and his lieutenants over the impact of Western sanctions on the Russian economy.

Vladimir Vasilyev, a researcher with the Institute of the U.S. and Canada, a

government-funded Moscow think tank, said U.S.-Russian ties were now approaching "the point of no return with no prospect for improvement" in sight.

Fried said that in addition to uncertainty over sanctions, Moscow's strong response this time is likely also being fueled by larger inconsistencies in U.S. policy toward Russia. While Trump has hankered for closer ties with Putin, the government he leads has been far less accommodating.

"Whatever deal the Russians had or thought they had or thought they could get from President Donald Trump, they're not able to get it from Trump's administration," Fried said.

The State Department denied inconsistency in U.S. policy and maintained that sanctions were aimed at encouraging improved behavior from Russia. "We'd like to have a better relationship with the Russian government, recognizing that we have a lot of areas of mutual concern," spokeswoman Heather Nauert said.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Aug. 12**, the 224th day of 2018. There are 141 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **August 12, 1981**, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York.

### On this date

In **1859**, poet and English professor Katharine Lee Bates, who wrote the words to "America the Beautiful," was born in Falmouth, Mass.

In **1898**, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In **1909**, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home to the Indianapolis 500, first opened.

In **1937**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt nominated Hugo Black to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In **1944**, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In **1953**, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In **1962**, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In **1977**, the space shuttle Enterprise passed its first solo flight test by taking off atop a Boeing 747, separating, then touching down in California's Mojave Desert.

In **1985**, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

In **1992**, after 14 months of negotiations, the United States, Mexico and Canada announced in Washington that they had concluded the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In **2000**, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

In **2004**, New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation and acknowledged that he'd had an extramarital affair with another man.

**Ten years ago:** Declaring "the aggressor has been punished," the Kremlin ordered a halt to Russia's devastating assault on Georgia — five days of air and ground attacks that left homes in smoldering ruins and uprooted 100,000 people.

**Five years ago:** James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant. (Bulger is now serving a life sentence in federal prison.)

### Today's birthdays

Actor George Hamilton is 79. Actress Dana Ivey is 77. Actress Jennifer Warren is 77. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 69. Actor Jim Beaver is 68. Singer Kid Creole is 68. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 64. Actor Sam J. Jones is 64. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 62. Country singer Danny Shirley is 62. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 57. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 55. Actor Peter Krause is 53. Actor Brent Sexton is 51. International Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 47. Actor-comedian Michael Ian Black is 47. Actress Yvette Nicole Brown is 47. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 47. Actor Casey Affleck is 43. Rock musician Bill Uechi is 43. Actress Maggie Lawson is 38. Actress Dominique Swain is 38. Actress Leah Pipes is 30. Actor Lakeith Stanfield is 27. Actress Cara Delevingne is 26. Actress Imani Hakim is 25.

### Bible verse

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" — Isaiah 2:3.

That's the way it ought to be. Trouble comes when we hear but do not act upon his word. "Him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

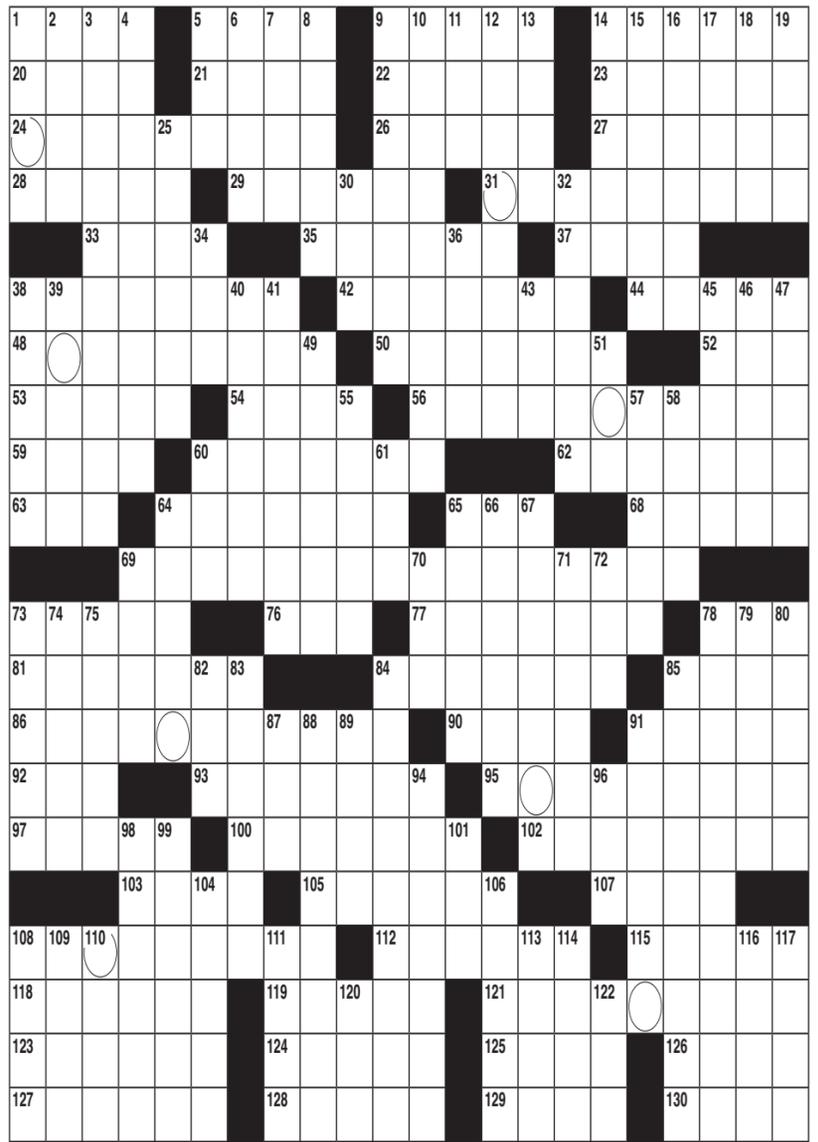
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108 Cause of a tossed joystick, maybe
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38 Birthplace of the Renaissance
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41 Sharer of Russia's western border
43 Setting for many G.I. stories
45 Much of Aries' span
46 Postgraduation stressors, for some
47 Lengthy attack
49 Refining, as muscles
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55 "You only live once," for one
57 Baked-beans flavor
58 Mötley \_\_\_
60 Schedule-keeping org.
61 Team scream
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66 "Fiddler on the Roof" setting
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Ask the Fool

Down Payment Savings

Q I'm saving for a down payment on a home. How should I invest that money? — C.S., Kinston, North Carolina

A It depends. If your home purchase is many years away, your money is likely to grow fastest in the stock market, perhaps via a low-fee, broad-market index fund (such as one tracking the S&P 500) that delivers roughly the market's return. The stock market can be volatile over the short run, though, so if you expect to buy your home in, say, five or fewer years (or 10, to be very conservative), avoid stocks.

Keep short-term dollars invested in safer places, such as CDs or money market accounts or bonds, to protect your principal. Learn about the best savings rates, credit cards, mortgages and more at theascent.com.

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Q What does it mean if a stock market halts trading in a particular stock? — G.D., Madison, Indiana

A A trading halt can be imposed when there's some big news coming out about the company, such as a merger, a product recall or the dismissal of the CEO. It often lasts about an hour or less and is meant to give investors a little time to hear and digest the news. Halts also occur if there's a big imbalance between buy and sell orders.

Another kind of trading halt involves the entire stock market shutting down. That's called a "circuit breaker" or "trading curb," and it's triggered by extreme volatility. On the New York Stock Exchange, for example, if the S&P 500 index drops by 7 percent or 13 percent between 9:30 a.m. and 3:25 p.m., trading will be halted for 15 minutes. If there's a 20-percent drop, trading will stop for the rest of the day.

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Fool's School

If You Lose Your Job ...

It happens to many of us, and often at an unexpected time. Whether you were fired for cause or fell victim to a recent round of layoffs, finding yourself out of a job is a tough spot to be in. As you regain your bearings and start seeking a new position, here are some tips.

• Keep in touch with your former colleagues — even those with whom you weren't very close. There's a good chance that some of them will hear of job openings in your industry that might be right for you. They might not only inform you, but sometimes they can put in a good word for you, too. They might also provide helpful references once you're being considered for a new position.

• Aim to do a lot of networking instead of just mailing out resumes. You want to stand out among the many applications companies receive for each position, so it can help a lot if someone at a company

can vouch for you. According to LinkedIn.com, between 2015 and 2016, fully 85 percent of open jobs were filled via networking. Good ways to network include reaching out to all your professional contacts from past positions, as well as any other well-connected people you know. Inform them that you're looking for a new position and ask them to keep you in mind and to connect you with anyone they know in fields or companies of interest to you. It's smart to build a strong network well before you need it, by cultivating lots of professional relationships and tending to them over the years, through occasional meals, sharing articles of interest and so on.

• Don't bad-mouth your former employer on social media or during interviews, as you'll come across as unprofessional. Instead, say little or just stick to some simple facts about your separation from the company.

Losing a job can be painful, but your next position may be even better than your last one. So freshen up that resume and start being active on sites such as LinkedIn.com, Indeed.com, Monster.com and CareerBuilder.com.

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My Dumbest Investment

Doubled Down

Back in 1980, I invested in a limited partnership involving domestic oil exploration. My broker recommended it, and it seemed like a good idea.

For several years, this investment was successful and paid me well in dividends. But by the mid-1980s, domestic oil production started to drop, along with oil prices. The Wall Street Journal ran an article warning that my company was in trouble. I expressed my concern to my broker, and he pooh-poohed it, suggesting I should invest more money in it. So I invested another \$2,500. By 1987, the partnership was out of business, and I was left with nothing.

I learned that your broker should never be your sole source of information and that you should rely on sources that have no financial stake in your investments. — B.W., online

The Fool Responds: Even the best brokers can make bad calls, and some investments do implode, which is why you should aim to spread your money across at least eight to 15 different investments. (Or just park much of it in one or a few low-fee broad-market index funds.) It's also smart to think twice or thrice before adding money to a plunging investment.

The company you invested in was overly optimistic about oil prices and borrowed heavily. Thus, it was in big trouble when prices fell. Meanwhile, in 1985, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged it with defrauding investors by issuing false statements.

The Motley Fool Take

Microsoft Has Been Changing

If you're still thinking of Microsoft as mainly a producer of the Internet Explorer browser and software for your personal computer, you need to catch up. Microsoft has been reinventing itself, focusing on the cloud and the corporate market, and the results have been substantial.

The company's recently reported fourth-quarter results exceeded analysts' expectations, with total revenue growing by 17 percent year over year to \$30 billion. That's pretty good for a company with a market value recently topping \$800 billion! Revenue from Microsoft's commercial cloud computing businesses surged by 53 percent to nearly \$7 billion, representing about a quarter of the company's total revenue. The "more personal computing" division saw revenue grow by 17 percent, while LinkedIn, which Microsoft acquired in 2016, posted revenue growth of 37 percent.

Microsoft has been good to its shareholders, too, returning \$5.3 billion to them via dividends and share buybacks during the fourth quarter. Its dividend recently yielded 1.65 percent, and it has been regularly increasing its payout by an average of about 13 percent per year.

You can find higher dividend yields elsewhere, but not all companies offer Microsoft's stability and long-term growth potential. (Teresa Kersten, a member of The Motley Fool's board of directors, is an employee of LinkedIn, which is owned by Microsoft.)

Name That Company

I trace my roots all the way back to a paint ingredient company in 1866. In 1873, I introduced my first paint, raw umber, in oil, and in 1877, my founder patented a re-sealable tin paint can. By the 1880s I was selling ready-mixed paint. I introduced a water-based paint in 1941 and a latex paint in 1950. Over the years I also made items such as insecticide, synthetic resins, automobile lacquer and linseed oil. Today, based in Cleveland and with 4,200-plus stores, I'm America's largest specialty paint retailer. My brands include Krylon, Valspar and Pratt & Lambert. Who am I?

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



LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was born 25 years ago in Alexandria, Virginia, as a print newsletter. Today I oversee a great global investment community, educating, amusing and enriching millions through my website, investing services, books, podcasts, syndicated newspaper feature, asset management service and more. (There are millions of copies of my books in print.) With offices in the U.K., Australia, Canada, Singapore and Germany, I'm an advocate for individual investors. My name is taken from Shakespeare and refers to the character who could tell the king the truth without getting his head lopped off. My favorite holiday is in April. Who am I? (Answer: The Motley Fool)



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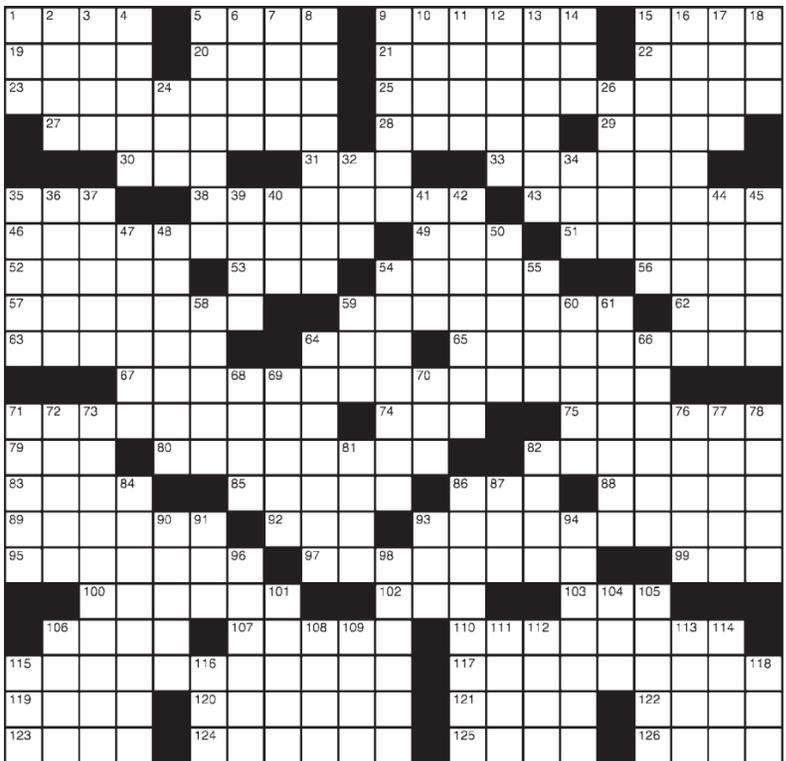
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SOUNDS LIKE A SNOOZE

By Gary Larson

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| 52 Home subcontractor                         | 115 "No legumes for me, please"?         | 40 "Awesome!"                                  | 101 Scruffs  |
| 53 Literary tribute                           | 117 Slept through the alarm?             | 41 Year Columbus' fourth and last voyage began | 104 High deg.  |
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| 63 ___ oil                                    | 124 Co-star of TV's "Dr. Kildare"        | 50 Small plateaus                              | 112 Logical omission   |
| 64 Sound file extension                       | 125 Drops off                            | 54 Takes back                                  | 113 Baum princess  |
| 65 2007 Will Smith sci-fi flick               | 126 First name in desserts               | 55 Sport for heavyweights                      | 114 Jury member  |
|   | <b>DOWN</b>                              | 58 Gun, as an engine                           | 115 Prominent poultry purveyor                                 |
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GOREN BRIDGE

HARD INTO EASY

Neither vulnerable, North deals

**NORTH**

- ♠ AK 6
- ♥ 10 8 7 5 4
- ♦ AJ 6 4
- ♣ Q

**WEST**

- ♠ J 10 9 7 5 4 2
- ♥ J
- ♦ 9 3
- ♣ 8 3 2

**EAST**

- ♠ Q 3
- ♥ Q 9 6
- ♦ Q 10 8 7 2
- ♣ 7 6 4

**SOUTH**

- ♠ 8
- ♥ AK 3 2
- ♦ K 5
- ♣ AKJ 10 9 5

The bidding:

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>EAST</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>WEST</b>
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥*	Pass	7♣	All pass

\*Two key cards without the queen of hearts

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Key Card Blackwood told South that the queen of hearts was missing, but that didn't deter him from bidding a grand slam. His bid of seven clubs gave partner a choice between playing in hearts or clubs. Holding weak hearts and the golden

queen of clubs, North happily passed in seven clubs.

South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and cashed the queen of clubs. Many players at this point would have crossed to their hand with either the king of diamonds or the ace of hearts. This South made the clairvoyant play of cashing the king of spades, discarding a heart, and then ruffing a spade. Seeing East show out on the third spade made a huge difference in the rest of the play.

Two high trumps showed that West had started with three clubs along with his seven spades. When West discarded on the second high heart, that meant that he had started with exactly two diamonds. East was known to hold the queen of hearts, and he would have to keep it to protect against South's three of hearts. All declarer needed to do was run all of his clubs and keep a look-out for the queen of hearts. He came down to a three-card ending, East had discarded down to two diamonds in order to keep his queen of hearts. The king of diamonds and a diamond to the ace was sure to drop the queen, and the jack gave South had his 13th trick. Well done!

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CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS PLUMBING THE DEPTHS by Myles Mellor

1. Q C J B N T K X K G K F E P M D K S H O V Z K F

N T Q C K D B C K E P J H H M D B T X H O V Z K F ?

B C K E C J G K S M S K N F K J V X !

2. R Y D L E H P B U U D P U H E C S D H O

P R E W D W C S D Z B H E F D K C R C E B Y R Y W

K C B H D C S D C B E H D C K . Z B H E F D K R O

C S D O S R L D Y B C S E Y A C B A B B Y . . . .

3. B H X Z C C U L I Y R K G Q S F I I E G I I X C Y

F H O F D L G Q D C H B I J F G S , B Z C C U

T I Y D O K G B E D B T Y I I O C Y D G G J G Q X

E F R G !

4. X N S K N K J X Y D B I D Z U J B J I A C

H A D X I J K S N L : " Q C ' A A G N H H J A R O J W

Q G N Z R Y D U G D B I N K L O N J A C L Z Y O J W ! "

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

CUSTOM LOCALE SHIFTY NEATLY CRUNCH NOODLE

Many of the commuters heading into the station had colds. Together, they rode the —

"ACHOO-CHOO" TRAIN

- What does every fine plumber do when they fall into slumber? They have pipe dreams!
- An evil robber blithely raided the police station and stole the toilets. Police say they have nothing to go on....
- Any good plumber will tell you in his personal view, a good flush beats a full house every time!
- Magnanimous but risible plumbing ad: "We'll happily fix what your husband failed to fix!"

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Life's routines are so much sweeter when you're doing them around people you enjoy. Today you'll appreciate the interesting point of view that others bring to daily life.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You equate rest with laziness, but it's not that, not at all. Really big things are happening when you rest. It's your moment for recovery, renewal, regeneration.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your outreach is kind. You assume the best of others. Kindred souls will come into your world to share what they can and give you company and entertainment.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are those who profess to have deeply held principles, yet they abandon them for a more pleasurable or lucrative opportunity. You're honorable. Surround yourself with the honorable.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Something you romanticized about last year will come to fruition in the days to come. Stay awake, aware and diligent, even if your diligence is in your own health and rest.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are concerned with what's right, not with winning social Brownie points. That's why your choices may cause feathers to ruffle. But better ruffled feathers than false friends.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). This is a beautiful moment. What you're looking for is trying to find you, too. Things like this don't happen every day, yet you still have to keep your cool to pull this off.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The feeling you'll have when a friend reaches out to you in the moment

you need it most is eclipsed only by the feeling you give when you're the one who reaches out to a friend in the moment of need.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a skilled diplomat who knows that getting a person's hopes up is not nice. Not only is it not nice but it's the work of a novice. You'll expertly arrange the expectations of others.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are the egalitarian of the zodiac today. You sincerely don't think that your work or station is any better or less than that of any other person on earth, and for that you'll be rewarded with a wider range of knowledge.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're noticing, and therefore you'll see more that's wrong and more that's right and more that you can't explain or understand. Do not let your awareness confuse you. Take notes without judgment.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a tone to strike today between mysterious and accessible. Hitting the right note will get you access to treats and delights without the encumbrance of weighty commitment.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 12). You know what you want, and your will is so strong this solar return that it would take a very nifty person to oppose you. You'll override any who dare. Your confidence will attract supporters. A variety of unrelated events will lead to fortuitous relationships and deals and a major win for your finances and your family. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 11, 12 and 5.



# Trump hangs with bikers

By JILL COLVIN and JEFF HORWITZ  
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BEDMINSTER, N.J. — President Donald Trump lashed out on Twitter as rain dumped on his New Jersey golf club, lambasting his Justice Department before welcoming members of a “Bikers for Trump” fan group.

Dozens and dozens of gleaming motorcycles descended on the president’s central New Jersey property for what had been billed as an outdoor photo-op with Trump.

But pouring rain and flash-flood warnings scrambled the plan, sending soggy bikers inside a ballroom. Trump signed autographs and posed for selfies, and guests jeered at reporters and called for



President Donald Trump stands in the rain with members of Bikers for Trump and supporters after saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Saturday, at the clubhouse of Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

AP PHOTOS

them to “tell the truth.” Hours earlier Trump

issued familiar Twitter attacks on Attorney

General Jeff Sessions and the Russia investigation.



Left: President Donald Trump waves as he is cheered by members of Bikers for Trump and supporters, Saturday.

# In wake of critical book, Trump calls Omarosa ‘a lowlife’

By JILL COLVIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRIDGEWATER, N.J. — President Donald Trump has one word to describe former White House staffer and fellow reality-TV star Omarosa Manigault Newman: “Lowlife.”

Manigault Newman claims in an upcoming book, “Unhinged,” that Trump used racial slurs on the set of his reality show “The Apprentice.” She also says she later concluded that he is a racist and a bigot.

On Saturday, reporters asked Trump during an event at his golf club in New Jersey if he felt betrayed by Manigault Newman. He responded: “Lowlife. She’s a lowlife.”

Manigault Newman was a contestant on Trump’s “The Apprentice” reality show and later served as a senior adviser to the president. In the book, she paints Trump as scattered, self-absorbed, misogynistic and insecure.

The book is set for release Tuesday. The White House has already slammed it as “riddled with lies and false accusations.”

The Associated Press purchased a copy of the

book ahead of its release. In the book, Manigault Newman claims without evidence that tapes exist of Trump using the N-word repeatedly on the reality show’s set. She acknowledges she had never been able to obtain or hear the tapes but said three unnamed sources had described their contents.

She alleges that Trump has exhibited signs of a “mental decline that could not be denied” and says she went as far as printing out a study linking Diet Coke consumption to dementia and strokes and putting it in his briefing stack. She also described him as a man who “loved conflict, chaos and confusion; he loved seeing people argue or fight.”

Manigault Newman also alleges that Trump allies tried to buy her silence after she left the White House, offering her \$15,000 a month to serve in a “senior position” on his 2020 re-election campaign along with a stringent nondisclosure agreement. She says when she turned down the offer, she received letters from Trump’s lawyers telling her to stay quiet.

# Gaffe by jail prompts new restriction on inmate releases in Hawaii

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — A recent blunder that resulted in an accused murderer being erroneously released has prompted a new restriction for Hawaii Community Correctional Center inmate releases.

Deputy Attorney General Laura Maeshiro, representing the state Department of Public Safety, said Thursday during a hearing that because Brian Lee Smith was mistakenly freed on July 24, the department has delegated the responsibility of releasing inmates from the Hilo jail to just two people — the warden and the chief of security, West Hawaii Today reported.

Smith remained free for two days before calling to turn himself into police around 11 p.m. July 26.

“The court is cognizant that the Department of Public Safety is conducting its own internal investigation in to this case, and as such, the court will leave it up to the Department of Public Safety to determine what did or what did not happen regarding the release of the defendant, Brian Smith,” 3rd Circuit Court Judge Melvin Fujino said after noting there was “no excuse” for the incident.

Smith was supposed to be held on \$1.15 million bail after pleading not guilty on July 20 to multiple charges, including second-degree murder, second-degree attempted murder and first-degree attempted murder, in connection with the fatal shooting of Thomas Ballesteros Jr.

When the court was advised July 26 of Smith’s erroneous release, a hearing was held and Fujino issued a \$2 million bench warrant for Smith’s arrest.

He remains in custody at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center in lieu of \$2 million bail.

Maeshiro said that in addition to delegating inmate releases to the warden and chief of security, the department is working with the judiciary to develop an improved document transmission process to “serve as a check-and-balance to the hand-to-hand delivery type of procedures that are in place now,” which she described as antiquated and in need of much improvement.

Maeshiro also said the investigation is being done at the administrative level and involves no one employed at Hawaii Community Correctional Center.

Fujino suspended proceedings in the case pending a mental health examination by a three-doctor panel to determine Smith’s fitness to proceed with trial. The judge will take up the reports during a hearing scheduled for Sept. 28.

# Tesla CEO taunts short sellers amid scrutiny

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — Tesla founder and CEO Elon Musk used Twitter late Friday to taunt investors who have bet against his company, even though his previous Twitter comments have spurred a government investigation and shareholder lawsuits.

The tweets are aimed at “shorts,” or investors who borrowed shares of Tesla and immediately sold them with the hope that Tesla’s share price would fall. That would allow the shorts to buy back the stock at a lower price, return the shares to the lender, and pocket the difference.

Shorting a stock can temporarily lower its price, making short investors a frequent target of CEO wrath.

The Twitter comments could potentially affect Musk’s legal situation. On Tuesday he tweeted that he had secured funding to buy all Tesla shares and take the company private. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Musk’s disclosure of the potential deal, according to reports earlier this week.

Musk’s attitude toward short sellers could be relevant, securities law experts have said. Musk’s tweet about taking Tesla private sent the stock soaring 11 percent Tuesday and

cost short sellers roughly \$1 billion, according to some estimates.

If his motive for the tweet “was frustration with short sellers, then that could be a case of market manipulation,” John Coffee Jr., a Columbia University law professor and corporate-governance expert, said earlier this week.

Late Friday Musk mocked short investors in a series of tweets, suggesting his antipathy toward them hasn’t dimmed.

“Short shorts coming soon to Tesla merch,” Musk tweeted. “What are your fav short shorts?”

James Cox, a professor of securities law at Duke

University, downplayed the significance of the Friday tweets, noting that Musk’s antipathy toward short sellers is well-known.

“It’s hard for me to think that these blasts are going to get him in trouble,” Cox said.

On Friday, two lawsuits were filed accusing Musk of seeking to harm short sellers by artificially running up the price of the company’s shares through his Tuesday tweets. One tweet on Tuesday said that funding to take Tesla private was “secure.” If there is evidence that the financing wasn’t fully locked down, Musk’s claim would expose him to allegations of fraud, Coffee said.

# Students turn grief into tech startup

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. — California college student Anjali Banerjee was watching fireworks during a 2016 celebration on a seafront promenade in the French city of Nice when a man plowed a huge truck through the crowd, killing 86 people and wounding 200.

The University of California, Berkeley incoming senior ran through mobs of people to escape the chaos and later joined classmates to search hospitals and plaster the city with flyers of fellow students reported missing in the July 2016 terrorist attack. She later learned three students were injured, and UC Berkeley junior Nicolas Leslie, 20, was among the dead.

Banerjee and several classmates have since turned their grief into a startup called Archer that builds digital tools to help journalists, investigators and human rights workers tackle terrorism, sanctions evasion, corruption and other global violence.

The lack of official information following the terrorist attack by a Tunisian man led the students to self-organize and rely on locals to navigate the city as they looked for their missing friends. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility

for the Bastille Day attack.

Collaborating with each other and with the people of Nice made the students realize they could create a space in the digital world to help others do the same in the fight against terrorism, Banerjee said.

The students built a free online platform that makes big data analysis and visualization easy to access and that helps track people and companies that have been sanctioned by the United States for crimes that include money laundering, corruption and terrorism.

They’re still working to turn their data analysis tool into a for-profit company, but the startup has achieved some success. Amnesty International is using one of its tools, Archer Meta, to verify photographs of the crackdown by security forces against minority Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar’s Rakhine state.

The tool identifies when and where the photographs were taken and can process 50 at once, unlike other readily available internet tools that upload one photo at a time and can pose a security risk, said Sam Dubberley, a researcher with Amnesty International.

Archer Meta also offers an added layer of security by allowing users to analyze a photo’s metadata without relying on an internet



AP PHOTO

University of California students, from left, Alice Ma, Tyler Heintz and Anjali Banerjee walk near the university’s campus Wednesday in Berkeley, Calif.

connection, Dubberley said. “These tools are needed in human rights work, but they are prohibitively expensive to develop, and there is no money in it for tech companies to build them,” he said.

The group’s data analysis tool helps those investigating terrorist financing cases, “but there is a broader community of people who can rely on our tools, including those looking into war crimes, sanction violations or environmental crimes,” said Alice Ma, a former UC Berkeley student who founded the startup with Banerjee and classmate Tyler Heintz.

Heintz was also in Nice at the time of the attack. They have since been joined by nearly two dozen other students, including several

others who were with them in France as part of a month-long class and competition hosted by the European Innovation Academy, which focuses on tech entrepreneurship education.

Banerjee, a history major, had considered a career in foreign affairs but after what happened in France, she wanted to take immediate action. Weeks before the attack, her friend Tarishi Jain, a UC Berkeley sophomore, was among 20 hostages killed at a restaurant by militants in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

“A lot of people all over the world exist in this kind of situation on the daily, and we thought it was time somebody suggested another way we could combat it,” Banerjee said.

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SECTION C

## Gorgeous Country Club of Sebring Home

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This home is at 3705 Creekside Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$399,000 and is listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

This gorgeous home features a tile roof with over 3,100 square feet of living space and over 4,100 total square feet under roof. This home offers four bedrooms, three full baths and an over sized porch and garage.

As you enter through the double front doors you will be greeted with an open concept floor plan, high ceilings, beautiful wood floors, columns and plenty of French doors. This home will surely accommodate a larger family who needs plenty of space or someone who loves to entertain.

The formal living room has high coffered ceilings, crown molding, French doors leading to the lanai/ porch and a

**BOCK | 2C**



COURTESY PHOTO

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 3705 Creekside Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Turn left onto County Road 635. Turn right onto Haw Branch Road into the Country Club of Sebring. Turn right onto Creekside Lane. Turn left onto Creekside Drive. The home is on the right.

## Spacious custom home in Sun 'n Lake

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This home is at 4862 Pebble Beach Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$269,900 and is listed with Lisa Terrell with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

This one-owner custom-built, beautifully maintained home is situated in the upscale Woods N Irons section of Sun 'n Lake between the Turtle Run and Deer Run golf courses.

It is a spacious three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bath, split floor plan home built in 2004 with an over sized garage plus golf cart garage. It boasts 2,620 living square feet.

The moment you walk in the front door you will be astounded by the open floor plan. The spacious living area opens onto a glassed lanai affording you a private wooded view.

**TERRELL | 2C**



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### DIRECTIONS

#### 4862 Pebble Beach Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. At the first traffic circle, take the second exit to stay on Sun 'n Lake Boulevard. At the second traffic circle, take the first exit and turn right onto Columbus Boulevard. Turn left onto Woods N Irons Street. Turn right onto Pebble Beach Drive. The home is on the right.

## Remodeled home in Sylvan Shores

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 1552 Cedarbrook St. in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$129,000 and is listed with Steve Fruit with Re/Max Realty Plus II in Lake Placid.

This newly remodeled three-bedroom, two-bath home in popular Sylvan Shores is move-in ready. There is tile throughout the home, including all three bedrooms, and the bathrooms and kitchens were recently updated.

You'll love the open living/dining area. The dining area has a pass through to the kitchen. The kitchen itself has plank tile flooring and back splash, with granite counter tops, an under-mount stainless sink, newer cabinets and newer stainless steel appliances.

The spacious master suite has ample closet space and features an updated bathroom with a cultured marble vanity and re-tiled shower.

The Florida room is enclosed and

**FRUIT | 2C**



COURTESY PHOTO

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 1552 Cedarbrook St., Lake Placid

From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn east onto County Road 621. Turn left onto Lake Clay Drive. Turn right onto Oak Avenue. Turn right onto Camphor Avenue. Turn left onto Cedarbrook Street. The home is on the left.

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The formal living room has high coffered ceilings, crown molding, French doors leading to the lanai/porch and a unique gas fireplace with bench seating on both sides of the fireplace.

## BOCK FROM PAGE 1C

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The over sized kitchen features wood cabinets, granite counter tops, center island, wine cooler, bar sink and an abundance of cabinets for extra storage space.

The 10 by 15 formal dining area is just off the raised entry and has wood floors and chair railing. It is a great space for entertaining as it is close to the kitchen.

The 16 by 20 family room is light and bright and is a great place to sit and watch the wildlife in the backyard. This home has a study area

close to two of the guest bedrooms with built-in cabinets and a workstation counter top.

All of the guest bedrooms are a nice size. The guest bathroom includes an access door to the back yard.

The fourth bedroom is ideal as an in-laws suite or an office and includes a full bath with tile shower.

The master bedroom suite has high ceilings, sliding glass doors to the rear porch, wood laminate floors and includes a sitting area that could also be used as an office plus double closets. The master bath is a great place to retreat to after a long day and features a large jetted tub, tile and glass enclosed shower, beautiful wood cabinets

with marble tile tops and a separate water closet.

The rear lanai/porch area is partially under roof and some of it is screened. This is a great area for relaxing and enjoying a quiet activity.

The over sized laundry room has built-in cabinets with a laundry sink and offers plenty of room for extra storage.

This home is located in much desired Country Club of Sebring. This community has something for everyone — it has a golf course, pool, tennis courts and restaurant.

For more information, Kevin and Teresa Bock at 863-381-9063 or 863-381-7884. You can also visit [teresabock.com](http://teresabock.com) and search for MLS 248222.



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The large master suite has an ornate tray ceiling and opens onto the lanai. The master bath has dual vanities, jetted Jacuzzi tub, block glass lighting, huge walk-in shower and a skylight for natural lighting.

The design of this split floor plan is perfect for guests because it offers seclusion from the other areas of the home.

The kitchen features

beautiful multi-level oak cabinets, newer appliances and a breakfast nook area that opens onto the lanai. The lanai has a wet bar, refrigerator and cabinets, which is great for entertaining.

The utility room has a huge closet for additional storage with cabinets above the washer and dryer.

Upgrades to this property include built-in storage in the garage, skeeter beater, additional storage area in the back of the home, a screened porch area to enjoy

outdoor living, a newly decorated circular drive, ultraviolet light for the newer air-conditioning unit, lighted shelving in the living/lanai area and a half bath with pedestal sink off the lanai.

If you are looking for a spectacular golf course home, then look no further. This home is a must see.

For more information or to view this amazing home, call Terrell at 863-414-0358 or visit [lterrell.bhhsfloridaproperties.com](http://lterrell.bhhsfloridaproperties.com).

## What should I expect from an electrical inspection?

By PAUL F. P. POGUE  
ANGIE'S LIST

We often treat the electrical systems of our homes as if they're invisible, reliably delivering power day and night. That is, right up until the moment they don't. Just like your car, electrical systems can develop a host of problems that are best fixed sooner rather than later.

Don't underestimate the complexity and importance of your electrical system. Your home's power grid involves hundreds, if not thousands, of connections. And that many parts creates numerous potential points of failure. The U.S. Fire Administration estimates electrical malfunctions caused 23,500 residential fires in 2016.

You can hire a licensed electrician for an inspection to check your home's safety. Prices vary based on location and the size of your house. But on average, be prepared to spend a few hundred dollars on this vital checkup. Your electrician should submit a detailed written report of their findings, including recommended solutions and priority for repair based on safety.

Safety first

The most important element of an electrical inspection, of course, is safety. You want your inspector to focus on violations of the National Electrical Code, including the physical integrity of your main box. Loose installation, discoloration, burn marks and breaker switches that aren't tight are all signs of things going wrong. All junction boxes should be covered and all outlets correctly grounded.

An inspector should check the electric meter for defects such as insecure



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installation, broken seals and rust at the bottom of the box.

Outdoor wires should be inspected for fraying and other damage, and the inspector should keep an eye out for unprotected wires anywhere in the home, especially attics, basements and crawl spaces.

Check for the correct outlets

Any outlet in rooms located near water, such as kitchens and bathrooms, should be equipped with a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). This cuts the power to the circuit as soon as it detects a spike and provides a vital safety mechanism in the event water creates a short.

Incidentally, you should check your GFCI outlets every month (which is recommended on the plate of your GFCI outlet, if you look closely.) Plug something small, such as a night light, into the GFCI outlet, then push the "test" button. If the light instantly turns off, the outlet is working properly and you can press the "reset" button. If the light stays on or you can't trip the button, you need to hire an electrician to check and probably replace the outlet. Newer GFCIs

installed since 2015 have a self-testing mechanism, but it's still wise to do so yourself as well.

If you have an older home that hasn't had an electrical upgrade in decades, you may not have GFCI outlets at all, and an electrician can advise you about your upgrade options.

Make sure wires match their purpose

That Christmas-tree-like collection of brightly colored wires blossoming from your circuit breaker looks like that for a reason. Different colors represent ground wires, power carriers, secondary live wires and neutral lines. Your electrician should ensure that circuit breakers, wires and outlets all match up to the correct kinds of amperage for that circuit.

Even in newer homes, this can sometimes be a problem. Veteran electricians report that they frequently find incorrect wire sizes in new construction where contractors were cutting corners.

*Paul F.P. Pogue is a reporter for Angie's List, a trusted provider of local consumer reviews and an online marketplace of services from top-rated providers. Visit [AngiesList.com](http://AngiesList.com).*

## Ideas to inspire your dream bathroom remodel

HOMEADVISOR

Bathroom remodels have consistently high returns on investment year after year. Whether you're setting your home up for a higher resale value or you simply want to make your mornings brighter, these remodeling ideas are sure to enhance both.

**VANITIES:** From central to focal

The vanity can anchor your bathroom's design because it is central to both your routine and the physical space. Updating this feature can be as simple as refacing the cabinets and as complex as ripping out the old for something new.

**Floating vanity:** These features are popular because they add modern flair and create clean lines. What's more, they can be floated at any preferable height and leave floor space for radiant heating or storage.

**Comfort height:** If you find yourself stooping and overreaching to use your vanity and sink, it's no rare inconvenience. A little more than a decade ago, designers realized the standard height vanity at 32 inches wasn't cutting it. The new "comfort height" standard is 36 inches.

**A second sink:** Many homeowners have been dreaming of a second sink since their childhood



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**Freestanding tubs are popular, and they can give your bathroom a quick visual turnaround.**

battles in the family bathroom. If you have the opportunity and the space, adapt your vanity or install a new one that will accommodate.

**SHOWERS AND**

**TUBS:** From necessity to luxury

Standard showers and tubs are built for function rather than inspiration and relaxation. Updating or enhancing these features can transform your bathroom from a basic, functional room into an enjoyable retreat.

**Freestanding Tub:** The tubs are popular, and they can give your bathroom a quick visual turnaround. In fact, they can stand as a design statement rather than a sunken necessity. Plus, they're available in magazine-worthy finishes like wood and copper.

**Multiple showerheads:**

Additional showerheads aren't just a luxury option. They add convenience, especially if you're installing a handheld style to go with a stationary rainfall showerhead.

**Curbless walk-in:** Make your bathroom more accessible and more appealing for resale. Accessible features move higher up on home buyers' priority lists every year. Kicking the curb on your shower makes it safer for older adults and those with disabilities — and even for yourself in case of a clumsy moment.

**FLOORS AND**

**WALLS:** From outdated to upgraded

If you're living with ratty old wallpaper and last century's flooring, give yourself a fresh start with new flooring and wall materials.

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under air. It is currently set up as a third bedroom but will make a nice den, office or extension of the

living area. A private backyard is surrounded by a wooden privacy fence.

The roof was replaced in 2015 with architectural shingles. This home is just blocks from beautiful Lake Clay where you can enjoy sunsets on your

evening stroll. Sylvan Shores is just minutes from quaint Lake Placid, with shopping, schools, and hospital.

For more information, call Fruit at 863-414-4919. Ask about MLS 248895.

# Pro-style kitchens for the home cook

By **KIM COOK**

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Avid home cooks often want to outfit their kitchens with the kind of high-end appliances and gear used by professional chefs. There's that aspirational notion that somehow having the right equipment will lead to better food.

So what's in a pro kitchen that works well in a home kitchen?

Chicago-based kitchen designer Mick De Giulio is a firm believer in buying high-quality gear.

"Appliances sustain a lot of hard use," he says.

"They're expensive at any level and people expect them to last."

From an aesthetic standpoint, De Giulio says, commercial-looking models impart a sense of strength to the kitchen design. And their ramped-up features can also be attractive.

"Pro ranges have higher BTUs on burners, but also finely tuned settings to maintain lower temperatures for simmering," he says.

Big Chill has a 48-inch range equipped with eight powerful burners and a large-capacity oven with a rapid preheat

feature. It's available in tasty hues like green, orange, red and yellow.

Keeping food warm before serving it is a prime concern in restaurant kitchens. At home, we're inclined to just put a microwave lid on a latecomer's plate. But to retain just-prepared flavor and moistness, consider a warming drawer like the pros use.

Wolf has one with several stainless-steel compartments, and the drawer can be set for various temperatures. Use it to warm plates and bowls, too, or to proof bread.

While pro kitchens tend to be gas-powered, not all homes are equipped for that. BlueStar has introduced a suite of electric appliances with professional features: heavy-duty steel construction and fast, powerful heating controls, for example. The oven is roomy, and the fridge and freezer can hold extra-large sheet pans, perfect for hosting large parties.

Celebrity chef and James Beard Award winner Wylie Dufresne, who last year opened Du's Donuts in Brooklyn, just re-did his New York City home kitchen.

"So much about functionality of a kitchen is tied to movement within it," he says, noting that in a home setting, there may be multiple cooks, kids or guests in the space. Isolating task zones is a good idea.

He installed a True Refrigeration ice-making appliance, since those in conventional freezers can contribute unwanted moisture to frozen foods. His fridge is equipped

with noise-dampening insulation and a hygienic, odor-resistant stainless interior.

Michelin-starred chef and restaurateur Thomas Keller recently partnered with global design firm Snohotta to renovate his Yountville, California, restaurant, The French Laundry, incorporating elements that he says are just as important in residential kitchens.

Think smarter, not bigger, when doing a renovation, he advises.

"Size doesn't always yield improved functionality. Our new kitchen is designed around intimacy and proximity — to one another and the tools we need," he says. "Additional steps slow you down. The same lesson rings true for a kitchen layout at home."

Durable surfacing is worth every penny, Keller says: "Zero maintenance can be a benefit to both professional and residential kitchens."

He chose Dekton, a brand of solid surfacing material made of resin and natural minerals that resists spills, heat and wear. Corian's another big brand. Quartz, a durable composite of resin and hard stone or glass materials, is also popular; brands include Silestone, Cambria and Caesarstone.

No room for snazzy, full-size appliances? Consider Wolf's multi-function countertop cooker. The versatile appliance lets you slow-cook, saute, sear, sous-vide and make rice via a range of programmable controls. A removable steel vessel also works on any cooktop, including



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This undated photo provided by Orion Creamer of Big Chill shows Big Chill's pro style range, which has 8 professional level burners and a large-capacity oven with a rapid preheat. It's available in a range of vibrant hues, and is compatible with standard home cabinetry depths.

induction.

IKEA's new Kungsfors rail system was developed in consultation with Swedish chef Maximilian Lundin. It includes stainless-steel grids, hooks, open shelves, containers and clips.

American Standard's new Beale MeasureFill faucet can be preset to deliver a half cup to up to 5 cups, eliminating the need for measuring cups.

But equipment and appliances aside, a well-organized kitchen may be the true mark of a pro-style kitchen.

"In terms of tools, don't clutter your drawers with things you don't need," says Keller. "Take stock and eliminate the gadgets or one-purpose tools."

The multiple James Beard Award winner ticks off his go-to gear: "A good-quality cutting board, scale, plating spoons, sauce whisk, timer, kitchen shears. Quality paring, utility and serrated bread knives."

And one more thing: a good attitude.

"Remember, cooking should be fun," Keller says. "It's rewarding, and it gives us the opportunity to nurture others."



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This undated photo provided by Sub-Zero and Wolf shows Wolf's steamer module, which cooks proteins, vegetables and grains keeping nutrients and flavors intact. It can be used to proof bread dough, steam puddings, and slow roast. A basket accessory allows for sous-vide preparation.



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# Importance of buyer's first impression

When looking for a professional Realtor to list their home, a good number of home sellers focus on the interior of the home, making sure it is organized, clean and appealing. Sellers are convinced that the buyer's main focus is the interior of the home, where they will be the majority of their time on a daily basis.



**TODAY'S REAL ESTATE**  
Julio Seda

Let's not forget the list of possible reasons a buyer may express interest in a property. Typically it starts with the neighborhood, the location of the home within the area, reputation of the neighborhood, accessibility to services and more. Buyers will consider all of these things when selecting a home; this is important because these are permanent facts that are not likely to change about the home.

Sellers tend to forget the buyer's first real impression of a home is how your property exterior is properly groomed, reflecting the seller cares enough to invest in landscaping that enhances the architecture of the property. A common observation of a buyer is, if the seller invests in the exterior presentation I have no doubt the property is to be in excellent condition.

Sellers, understand that buyers who form a favorable opinion of a property even before they step inside the home are more likely to make a fair offer of the property. For some properties, landscaping can make or break a deal. Unless you're selling a real fixer-upper, your

home's yard is an important part of the real estate equation.

If you're looking to put your home on the market, or you've already listed and you haven't had a lot of interest, use these quick and easy landscaping tips to help your property stand out from all the others.

If your home has a yard, don't be afraid of adding accents with pops of color. Many buyers prefer a nice green lawn; if you don't have a sprinkler system, your local home improvement store will have easy-to-use and affordable sprinkler units you can hook up to a garden hose to help revive any dying grass (unless you live in an area where water usage summer is limited).

You can also add color with flower pots: plastic or terra cotta pots filled with annuals are an easy, cheap and quick way to spruce up a drab entryway, driveway or front porch. You don't have to go overboard, one or two pots can do wonders. Sometimes a landscape or outdoor area doesn't need a complete overhaul to look brand new.

When it comes to decks, fences, driveways, and any other outdoor surface that



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can accumulate dirt and grime, an easy way to freshen things up is with a good pressure wash. Pressure washing is cleaning a surface with a powerful stream of high-pressure water, much stronger than a typical garden hose. The water is strong enough to get rid of months and even years worth of dirt and debris on wood, masonry, brick and concrete.

You don't have to go out and buy a pressure washer — many home improvement stores rent them out, and for the cost of the rental and a couple hours of your time, your home could look like new! It's important to note that you will want to test the pressure on the washer prior to spraying your home since very high pressure can remove worn paint.

Take in consideration the windows and side

moldings. While it's highly unlikely you'll have many people come and view your home at night, an interested buyer will take time to see how dark your entrance is along with the surroundings of the home. An easy solution is to add lights to your current landscape. Whether it's adding a new outdoor lamp, or putting in walkway or path lights (solar ones are readily available and environmentally friendly), buyers love to see little details put into homes.

Pathway lights are often overlooked by homeowners, but a home with outdoor lighting will always speak volumes to potential buyers. Spotlights are also a great and easy addition — LEDs can highlight specific areas, and complete units can be found for under \$30.

A nice manicured yard always rates highly

among buyers. But if half of your yard is dead, despite being landscaped, it's a good idea to ditch the dead plants. Take a couple of minutes each day to check out your yard, grass, flower beds, pots, etc. and pull out anything that's dying or dead. While it's definitely a plus to have flowers and shrubs, if they're dead, you're better off getting rid of them than keeping them around because dead plants do not add to a landscape.

Flower beds are a great focal point for any yard, especially when they're a real show stopper. But if your beds look weathered or rough, they can be a definite turn off to potential buyers. An easy, affordable and sure fire way to spruce up a tired flower bed is by adding new mulch or other ground covers like bark chips or gravel to help

make the beds look fresh and new. A yard that has fresh mulch will always draw in a buyer's eye because the yard looks put together and cared for.

Sellers, keep in mind that you are to up keep the original presentation until title has been transferred; sometimes sellers tends to believe that because they are scheduled to close it is the buyer's responsibility and they stop caring about the upkeep of the yard. This would be wrong.

The property needs to be delivered in the same or better condition than the first day the buyer decided to purchase the home. This means no trash, rubbish or waste is to be left inside or outside of the home.

To submit questions, comments or topics, call Julio Seda at 786-991-8235 or email 0532315@gmail.com.

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# Daily interest: A festering sore in consumer loan markets

By **MORTGAGE PROFESSOR**  
JACK GUTTENTAG

Question: What do home mortgage loans (including second mortgage loans), retail installment loans, automobile loans, home improvement loans, and mobile home loans, have in common — aside from being loans to consumers?

Answer: The interest charge sometimes is calculated monthly and sometimes daily. With a monthly interest rate (MIR) the borrower is charged for each month, whereas with a daily interest rate (DIR) the borrower is charged for each day.

Why is this distinction important? Because DIRs are a potential trap for unwary borrowers, countless numbers of whom have found themselves permanently indebted, usually with no understanding of how it happened. The problem has been entirely overlooked by regulators, including the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Consider an example: a 30-year loan for \$100,000 with a rate of 6 percent. The monthly payment for both a MIR and a DIR would be \$599.56, part of which pays the monthly interest charge, with the remainder allocated to principal. To calculate the interest charge on an MIR, the annual interest rate is divided by 12 and then multiplied by the balance at the end of the preceding month to obtain the interest due for the month. If the loan

balance on the 6 percent MIR is \$100,000, the interest due for the month is  $.06/12 \times 100,000 = \$500$ . The principal is  $599.56 - 500 = 99.56$ .

With a DIR of the same amount and same annual rate, the daily interest is  $.06/365 \times 100,000 = \$16.44$ . The interest due for the month is  $16.44 \times 30 = \$493.3$  or  $16.44 \times 31 = \$509.64$ , resulting in principal of \$106.56 or \$89.92, depending on whether the month has 30 or 31 days.

The payment due date is usually the first business day of the month for both MIRs and DIRs. The critical difference between them is their treatment of payments that are posted after the due date. MIRs typically have a payment grace period of 10 to 15 days, during which the lender will accept the monthly payment as payment in full. Borrowers are subject to a late charge only if their payment is posted after the grace period has expired.

On a DIR, daily interest accrual never stops. If the borrower pays on the first day of a month following a month that has 30 days, she owes 30 days of interest. If she pays on the fifth day of the month, she will owe 34 days of interest. But it also works in the other direction. If the borrower pays before the due date, say on the 25th day of the preceding month, she will owe only 25 days of interest.

It follows that DIRs are much more challenging for borrowers than MIRs.

Disciplined borrowers who understand how it works can sometimes use it to their advantage, but they are very few. Most borrowers who have DIRs do not know it, and their ignorance often costs them dearly. Many of those with less than pristine payment habits find themselves on a slippery slope toward permanent indebtedness.

## The slippery slope of a DIR

Consider the DIR referred to earlier with an annual rate of 6 percent, a mortgage payment of \$599.56, daily interest of \$16.44 and total interest due for a month with 31 days of \$509.64. If the borrower pays on the due date, her payment to principal will be  $599.56 - 509.64 = 89.92$ . But for each day she is late, the interest charge rises and the payment to principal declines by \$16.44. If she is six or more days late, the interest charge exceeds her monthly payment, so instead of a payment to principal, the lender records an "interest deficit."

The borrower is now on the slippery slope because the interest deficit is added to the interest charge due the following month. So long as the borrower has an interest deficit, the loan balance remains unchanged.

The higher the interest rate, the quicker is the emergence of an interest deficit. At 3 percent the borrower has 20 days to avoid a deficit, at 6 percent she has five days, and at 12 percent she has

one day. The trap closes most quickly on the weakest borrowers who pay the highest rates.

In a market where borrowers were offered both MIRs and DIRs, and prospective borrowers understood the features of both, those who could make payments at regular intervals shorter than 30 days — every 28 days, for example — would select DIRs. Everyone else would select MIRS unless they were enticed to accept DIRs in order to get a lower interest rate. DIRs would be priced lower. But that is not the market we have.

I have never encountered a case where a borrower was offered the choice of MIR or DIR. Invariably they accept what they are offered, without realizing there is an issue. I have encountered many cases where borrowers initially had an MIR that was switched to DIR by another lender after their loans were sold. Such a switch must be permitted by the note, which has been the case with every note I have examined. Notes are silent on how the interest charge is calculated.

## Misleading documents

Last week I was approached by a lady who had purchased a manufactured home in 1998 for \$39,000 and financed it with a retail installment contract at 12 percent. Her concern was the usual one that arises with DIRs: After 20 years, she owed almost as much as she had borrowed. No one had ever explained

the perils of daily interest to her.

The documents she was given at origination had only one clue. On a document called "Type of Mortgage" there was a checked box called "Simple Interest." That is the code name for a DIR. But the dictionary tells us that simple interest means that interest is not paid on interest. And it is true that on the DIR, interest is not paid on the interest deficit. But almost all MIRs are also simple interest. The only MIRs I know of that permit interest compounding are the toxic option ARMs that were written before the financial crisis but not since. The only reason to describe a DIR as a simple interest loan is to obfuscate its central feature.

The interest rate shown on the origination documents is the annual rate, which is used in calculating the monthly payment. But on a MIR the interest rate the borrower actually pays is the daily rate, and that is not shown. Showing the daily rate could give the game away. Lurking in the shadows is the question of whether that rate is calculated using a 365-day year or a 360-day year. There is no way to know.

The servicing statements the borrower receives perpetuate the obfuscation. They show the interest charges that have accrued but not a clue as to how the charges are calculated.

Where are the federal

agencies? With one exception, they ignore the issue. The pricing schedules and underwriting requirements of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac do not distinguish between mortgages charging monthly interest and mortgages charging daily interest. The agencies purchase both subject to the same requirements and the same prices. This is difficult to rationalize because the loss rates on DIRs are bound to be greater than those on MIRs.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) was created to protect consumers, with a major focus on loan disclosures, which it took over from HUD and the Federal Reserve. Redesigning the disclosure forms was a major priority. Its new Loan Estimate designed for shoppers and Closing Disclosure for borrowers are larger and clearer than the documents they replaced, but neither shows whether interest is calculated daily or monthly. This is shameful.

I am told by reliable sources that FHA will not insure a daily interest mortgage, so they are evidently the exception, but I have not been able to confirm this.

Next week: How to fix this festering sore.

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# Average US mortgage rates decline

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WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates are down this week amid a restrained home buying season this summer.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages slipped to 4.59 percent from 4.60 percent last week. Long-term loan rates have been running at their highest levels in seven years. The average benchmark 30-year rate reached a high this year of 4.66 percent on May 24. By contrast, the rate stood at 3.90 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans fell to 4.05 percent this week from 4.08 percent last week.

Higher mortgage rates combined with steadily rising home prices have dampened home sales this summer despite the robust economy and job

market.

The Federal Reserve recently left its key interest rate unchanged but signaled further gradual rate hikes in the months ahead as long as the economy stays healthy.

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

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which

most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 0.5 point from 0.4 point last week. The fee on 15-year mortgages also increased to 0.5 point from 0.4 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages fell to 3.90 percent from 3.93 percent last week. The fee rose to 0.3 point from 0.2 point.



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In this July 9, 2018, photo a for sale sign stands outside a pre-existing home in Walpole, Mass. On Thursday, Aug. 9, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

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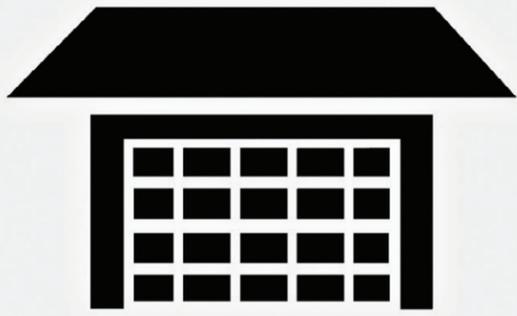
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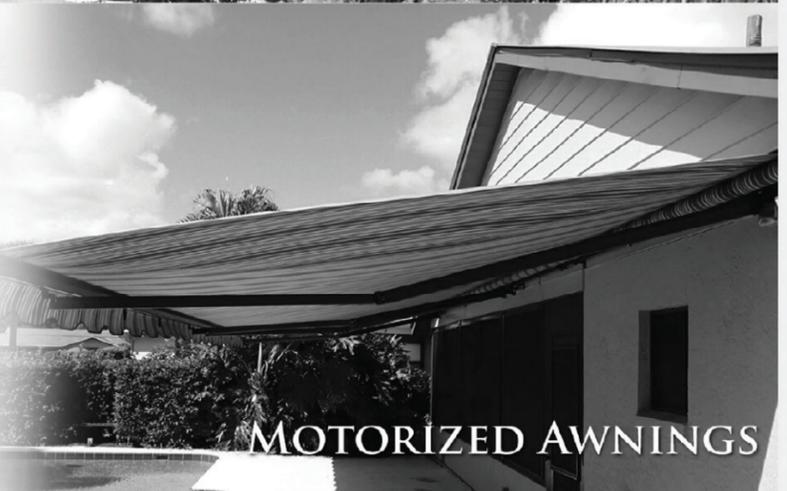
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# Many plants can be poisonous to pets and livestock

By DEAN FOSDICK  
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Not all plants are wholesome for foraging animals.

Certain species of milkweed, for example, that are highly valued as host plants for the dwindling monarch butterfly population, are extremely poisonous to pets and to range animals like sheep, cattle and goats. Even free-ranging chickens aren't immune. Among potentially toxic poultry pickings are castor beans and certain mushrooms, although chickens don't eat them as readily as do animals.

Plant toxicity is directly related to dosage. How many were eaten, how healthy was the

animal, how long do the toxins persist and what can be done?

Some plants, like water hemlock, "can kill a cow in 15 minutes, while others, like buttercups, just leave a burning sensation in their mouths or tongues," said Donna Foulk, an Extension educator with Penn State University.

Ornamental plants either in or outside the home are frequently toxic, she said.

Animal poisoning can be tough to diagnose, but symptoms range from difficulty breathing to refusing food, blistering and skin lesions to dizziness and diarrhea. Call a vet immediately if such conditions arise.

Many weed varieties

aren't toxic unless environmental conditions make them so. "If plants pick up a lot of nitrogens from rain and rapid growth, and animals eat a lot of them, they can die," said Mark Renz, a University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension weed scientist.

The problem becomes even more acute during dry weather when pasture grasses go dormant and troublesome but persistent weeds become more enticing as fodder.

Most of those weeds are unpalatable to animal taste buds but often are eaten when dried and mixed with other materials, like in a hay bale.

"I know of a case

where a llama died from eating baled hay that had milkweed in it," Renz said.

Pet owners may know that daffodil, tulip and hyacinth bulbs can be potentially poisonous to weed-grazing dogs, while Asiatic lilies can cause kidney failure in plant-eating cats.

But people new to small scale or urban farming may not be aware that the roots and seeds of cabbage and broccoli can trigger digestive problems in pigs; foxglove or digitalis can produce irregular heart rates and rhythms

in horses; rhubarb and tomato leaves can cause neurological damage to rabbits; iris rootstocks can result in breathing problems and scours in cattle; and as few as three medium to large oleander leaves can be lethal to llamas.

What can be done to limit plant poison risks?

"Try to know what's out there — what's toxic, and their symptoms," Renz said.

Additional suggestions from a Penn State University fact sheet:

— Keep animals healthy by maintaining good nutrition.

— Eliminate or fence around any poisonous plants or trees in and adjacent to pastures.

— Mow pastures to reduce weeds.

— Do not throw garden or lawn clippings into pastures and do not plant trees, ornamental shrubs or plants near barns or pastures.

It can be risky to let dogs and cats wander around lawns or gardens after herbicides and pesticides have been applied. "But in most urban settings, most of the chemicals have been tested and are fairly innocuous," Renz said.



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This March 31, 2016 photo shows daffodil drifts growing in a pasture near Langley, Wash. Daffodils may be among the first flowers to show their colors in spring but their bulbs contain poisons that can cause vomiting, seizures and even death should they be eaten by certain pets or livestock. Learn to recognize toxic plants and their symptoms.



This June 13, 2017 photo shows several stands of foxglove or digitalis growing wild on a parcel of roadside property near Langley, Wash. Although it produces beautiful blooms, foxglove can trigger irregular heart rates, seizures and breathing irregularity in dogs, cats, horses and a variety of other animals when eaten in quantity. All parts of the plant are considered toxic. Poisonous plants can harm your pets or your livestock. Learn to recognize toxic weeds and their symptoms.

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# Closet organization that lasts

By **MELISSA RAYWORTH**  
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Most people don't start out with a messy closet. Even when a closet is carefully organized at the beginning, however, it might not take long for order to turn to chaos.

"It's common for clients to struggle with keeping the momentum going," says interior designer Caitlin Murray.

But there are planning and design strategies to help closets stay as organized as they were on day one.

We've asked Murray, founder of the Los Angeles-based Black Lacquer Design, and two other experts — Delaware-based home designer and builder Marnie Oursler, and Elena Eskandari, an interior design specialist with Case Design/Remodeling in the Washington, D.C., area — for advice on planning and living with efficient and attractive closet space.

Know your stuff and yourself

The same closet design doesn't work for everyone, so analyze the types of items you need to store. If you'll be hanging a lot of clothes, are they long or short? You may want two levels of hanging space positioned one above the other to maximize storage, says Oursler. Have a lot of shoes? Consider a row of built-in shoe cubbies along the floor.

Then choose a system you'll actually stick with. If you plan to put everything on hangers but that's an extra step that



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This photo provided by Marnie Homes shows a bathroom and bedroom area designed by Marnie Oursler. Kids are more likely to place items on shelves, especially if they can drop clothing in baskets, or use hooks rather than hangers to put away their clothing, says designer and builder Oursler, host of the DIY Networks series "Big Beach Builds."

you'll probably avoid, then you'll end up with piles of clothes in your bedroom.

While organizing, pare down: Even a well-planned closet may not stay organized if it's very full. What do you really like and really wear? If you haven't worn something in a while, Eskandari says, chances are you don't need to keep it. Murray agrees: "You really limit what things you'll actually utilize when you're dealing with a cluttered closet. If you can't see anything or find anything, it might as well not even be there."

Small, visible compartments

"I think the success of any (closet) organization is how you divide stuff and compartmentalize it," Eskandari says.

She suggests separate spaces for everything,

with more shelves fairly close together rather than a few spaced far apart. "How many sweaters can you fold without them falling over?" she asks. She's also a fan of shelf dividers to keep one type of clothing or pantry item from another.

If you have compartments for everything, she says, "then everything is going to have its home."

These designers acknowledge that built-in shelving and compartments can be expensive, but they say it's often worth the investment for a really efficient master bedroom closet or kitchen pantry.

Oursler notes that a closet with lots of built-ins may allow you to eliminate dressers and other storage pieces from your bedroom.

"If we can put that storage in the closet," she says, the bedroom will feel larger and more

peaceful, and may even have space for a sitting area.

As you plan these areas, focus on what you use most. "Store the items you reach for most often in the places where you have the easiest access, so you're not constantly pushing everything around to find one thing," says Murray.

And use transparent storage (glass-faced cabinets or clear acrylic drawers are great if you're doing built-ins, or clear bins on shelves) to make access even easier.

Keep it simple for kids

"Kids have what I call a 'rule of two moves.' If it takes them more than that to put something away, it's not going to go anywhere," says Eskandari. "Don't put as many hangers into childrens' closets. They just won't use them."

Oursler agrees that kids often do better with bins



This photo provided by Case Design shows a closet designed by Elena Eskandari, an interior designer specialist at Case Design. A retractable shoe storage area in this closet keeps shoes organized and easily visible for the homeowner. As you plan out a walk-in closet, consider the size of the items you'll be hanging.

or baskets on shelves and simple cubbies for shoes.

If you'd rather your kids hang things up, hooks are more likely to get used than hangers. "Don't overcomplicate things for kids or teenagers," says Eskandari.

Great lighting, fun style

Murray recommends including plenty of light (natural light when possible) and painting closets "in a clean, bright paint, which not only makes any space feel a bit bigger but it also makes the closet that much more functional."

Eskandari agrees: You can improve your closet's

lighting with minimal expense, she says. Being able to see what you've got will help you use and enjoy those items more often.

Aim for several different light sources, she says, rather than one overhead light. And cheer up the space with bold paint colors and wall coverings.

Your master-bedroom closet is a space you visit at the start and end of every day. So make it fun. As Murray says, closets will "feel that much more special and boutique" if you add items like "wallpaper, a dramatic chandelier and a luxe rug."

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# State housing market: Sales, median prices, new listings up in Q2

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ORLANDO — Second-quarter 2018 saw increased sales, higher median prices and more new listings for Florida's housing market, according to the latest housing data released by Florida Realtors.

Many local markets continued to report a lack of for-sale inventory, which impacts sales and puts pressure on rising median prices. Closed sales of single-family homes statewide totaled 80,711 in 2Q 2018, up 1 percent from the 2Q 2017 figure.

"During the second quarter of 2018, Florida's economy and jobs sector continued to grow," said 2018 Florida Realtors President Christine Hansen, broker-owner

with Century 21 Hansen Realty in Fort Lauderdale. "In June, the state's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent while the U.S. unemployment rate was 4.0 percent. On another positive note, Florida's 2Q 2018 homeownership rate was 65.1 percent.

"Despite tight inventory levels, it's encouraging to see that new listings for single-family homes over the quarter rose 4.9 percent year-over-year, while new condo-townhouse listings rose 3.9 percent. If that trend continues, it will hopefully help ease buyer demand and slow the pace of rising prices."

The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes in 2Q 2018 was \$256,150, up 6.7 percent from the

same time a year ago, according to data from Florida Realtors Research department in partnership with local Realtor boards/associations. The statewide median price for condo-townhouse properties during the quarter was \$189,900, up 8.5 percent over the year-ago figure. The median is the midpoint; half the homes sold for more, half for less.

Looking at Florida's condo-townhouse market, statewide closed sales totaled 34,376 during 2Q 2018, up 4.7 percent compared to 2Q 2017. The closed sales data reflected fewer short sales – and rising traditional sales – over the three-month period: Short sales for condo-townhouse properties declined 41.4 percent

while short sales for single-family homes dropped 45.2 percent. Meanwhile, traditional sales for condo-townhouse units rose 6.8 percent and traditional sales for single-family homes increased 4.3 percent year-over-year. Closed sales typically occur 30 to 90 days after sales contracts are written.

"Through the second quarter, low inventory levels kept the number of single-family sales just barely ahead of last year's pace, whereas a greater selection of condos and townhouses on the market allowed for a nearly 5 percent increase in sales versus last year," said Florida Realtors Chief Economist Dr. Brad O'Connor.

"Competition for existing homes remains fierce,

with over half of successful single-family home sellers in the second quarter getting above 96 percent of their initial listing prices."

He added that the median time to a contract (the midpoint of the number of days it took for a property to receive a sales contract during that time) dropped during the three-month-period.

"Half of the single-family homes that sold in the second quarter were only on the market for 35 days or less, compared to 39 days or less in the same quarter last year," O'Connor said. "Among condo and townhouse sales, there was a similar-sized drop in this regard, from 50 to 44 days."

Inventory was at a

3.9-months' supply in the second quarter for single-family homes and at a 5.5-months' supply for condo-townhouse properties, according to Florida Realtors.

According to Freddie Mac, the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.54 percent for 2Q 2018, up from the 3.99 percent recorded during the same quarter a year earlier.

To see the full statewide housing activity reports, go to Florida Realtors Media Center at <http://media.floridarealtors.org/> and look under Latest Releases, or download the 2Q 2018 data report PDFs under Market Data at: <http://media.floridarealtors.org/market-data>.

## Real estate Q&A: Trees now block my ocean view. What can I do?

By GARY M. SINGER  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Question: I own an oceanfront condo. When I bought it I had an unobstructed view of the ocean. Palm trees are now causing a 90 percent view obstruction. Do I have any recourse? — Dorothy

Answer: Questions about views are always complicated and involve many factors. The general rule is that no one is allowed to block your direct view. However, if

it can be shown that the trees serve a useful purpose to the community, or were pre-planned to grow in front of your unit, you may be stuck with them.

To see if you have any recourse, you will need to review your condominium documents and the ordinances of your municipality. Many beachfront towns and cities have enacted rules protecting their residents' ocean views. These palm trees may be a code violation best

addressed by your city. If this is not the case where you live, check your condo documents since many oceanfront condominiums have rules regulating their landscaping and protecting their constituents' views of the beach.

Typically, view laws are designed to protect people whose property extends all the way to the high-water mark. Condominiums present a particular problem because while you own your unit, your entire

community owns the land that reaches to the water. It may be further complicated because the unit owners below you in your building now have a better view than when the trees were shorter that they would want to protect.

If it turns out that your local government will not be able to assist you, then your best bet would be to appeal to your condo board to come up with a solution that leaves everyone with a better view.

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Rookie fitting in nicely in LA, Page 6

### GOLF: PGA

# Koepka takes 2-shot lead at PGA

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Two-time U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka took a step toward adding a third major to his short list of victories.

Koepka bullied rain-softened Bellerive on Saturday on the front nine and built a four-shot lead, only to run into bad patch that brought a strong list of contenders into the mix — including Tiger Woods — going into the final round of the PGA Championship.

Even with back-to-back bogeys on the back nine, Koepka had a 4-under 66 for a two-shot lead over Adam Scott, the 2013 Masters champion who has been struggling through his worst season in nearly two decades. Scott had a 65 to get into the final group.

Gary Woodland lost his way in his footprints in a bunker and made triple bogey on No. 10, falling six shots behind, and still managed a 71 to stay within three shots of the lead, along with

Jon Rahm (66) and Rickie Fowler (69).

The biggest buzz, as always, belonged to Woods.

Coming off a three-putt bogey on the fifth hole, Woods ran off three straight birdies to get in range, only to stall on the back nine like he has done so often this year. He hit a 4-iron so pure on the par-5 17th hole that he immediately began walking off to it, and thousands of fans roared when it settled 20 feet from the hole for an eagle that could have

brought him within one of the lead.

He missed. And then he missed the next from 4 feet for birdie and ended his day with 10 straight pars. Woods had to settle for a 66, and by the time everyone else came through the 17th hole, he slipped back to a tie for sixth, four shots out of the lead.

That's the same position he was in going into the final round of the British Open at Carnoustie, where he led



AP PHOTO

Brooks Koepka acknowledges the gallery as he walks to the 18th green during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club on Saturday in St. Louis.

SEE GOLF, 3

### SOFTBALL: Olympics



TIMES FILE PHOTO

If Team USA reaches the 2020 Olympics, USF's Ken Eriksen likely would continue as its coach.

# One win away

Bulls softball coach has U.S. national team 1 win from Olympic bid

By JOEY KNIGHT  
Tampa Bay Times

The U.S. national softball team, coached by USF's Ken Eriksen,

finds itself one victory from clinching a spot in the 2020 Olympics.

Team USA got a two-out single from UCLA's Rachel Garcia

in the bottom of the eighth inning to slip past Japan, 4-3, in Saturday's playoff round of the World Baseball Softball Confederation

World Championship in Chiba, Japan.

Eriksen's squad, unbeaten in nine

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### SOCCER

# Pique confirms retirement from Spain's national team

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Barcelona defender Gerard Pique confirmed Saturday he has retired from Spain's national team.

The 31-year-old Pique says he has told new Spain coach Luis Enrique that the World Cup was his last tournament with

"La Roja."

Pique said "the decision had already been made a long time ago and it was well thought out."

Pique had announced before the World Cup that he did not plan on returning to the national team after the tournament in Russia.

SEE SOCCER, 3

### COLLEGE: Football



AP PHOTO

In this Dec. 26, 2016, photo, Maryland head coach DJ Durkin walks the sideline during the first half of the Quick Lane Bowl NCAA college football game against Boston College in Detroit.

# Maryland puts Durkin on leave amid football investigation

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

Maryland placed head coach DJ Durkin on administrative leave on Saturday while the school scrutinizes allegations of poor behavior by the football staff, apparent misdeeds that came to light following the death of a player on the practice field.

In an open letter, athletic director Damon

Evans wrote: "At this time, the best decision for our football program is to place Maryland Head Football Coach DJ Durkin on leave so we can properly review the culture of the program."

Offensive coordinator Matt Canada will serve as interim coach.

Earlier Saturday, the head of the football team's strength and

SEE DURKIN, 3

### NFL: Buccaneers

# Bucs pushing through depth issues at cornerback

By GREG AUMAN  
Tampa Bay Times

Bucs CB Brent Grimes was back at practice Saturday after missing 11 days with an undisclosed injury, and help can't get there soon enough for a Tampa Bay secondary depleted by injuries.

"We're thin," coach

Dirk Koetter said, with Vernon Hargreaves out with a groin injury and Javien Elliott sidelined with an undisclosed injury. "Last week and continuing into this week, offensive tackle we're thin, and we're thin in the secondary, especially at corner. We just signed two corners yesterday; if we

wouldn't have signed those guys, we would have had four corners to practice today. It would have been tough."

The Bucs were short-handed enough that starting safety Justin Evans stepped in as the starting nickel corner Saturday, with rookie Jordan Whitehead taking his place as a

starting safety.

The Bucs added two undrafted rookies in Central Michigan's Amari Coleman and Georgia's Aaron Davis, who made their practice debut Saturday.

"You've got to keep going, and the two new guys got baptism by

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Aug. 11N .....	2-9
Aug. 11D .....	8-4
Aug. 10N .....	9-9
Aug. 10D .....	2-2
Aug. 9N .....	8-0
Aug. 9D .....	4-1

### PICK 3

Aug. 11N .....	9-1-8
Aug. 11D .....	1-5-1
Aug. 10N .....	9-1-8
Aug. 10D .....	9-7-5
Aug. 9N .....	1-0-1
Aug. 9D .....	7-7-2

### PICK 4

Aug. 11N .....	1-8-7-1
Aug. 11D .....	4-7-1-6
Aug. 10N .....	1-8-7-1
Aug. 10D .....	0-0-5-7
Aug. 9N .....	4-4-2-4
Aug. 9D .....	2-3-7-2

### PICK 5

Aug. 11N .....	8-0-1-9-5
Aug. 11D .....	3-2-1-2-0
Aug. 10N .....	8-0-1-9-5
Aug. 10D .....	3-1-1-4-6
Aug. 9N .....	4-9-7-6-8
Aug. 9D .....	0-7-8-6-3

D-Day, N-Night

### FANTASY 5

Late	
Aug. 10: 7-11-15-18-34	
Aug. 9: 1-6-11-13-33	
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PAYOFF for Aug. 10	
3.. 5-digit winner \$69,274.35	
320. 4-digit winners \$104.50	
9,720.. 3-digit winners \$9.50	

### CASH FOR LIFE

Aug. 9.....	1-24-26-48-60
Cash Ball .....	1
***	
PAYOFF FOR Aug. 9	
0.....	5-5 CB \$1,000/Day

### SPORTS ON TV

<b>AUTO RACING</b>	
2:30 p.m.	NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Consumers Energy 400, at Brooklyn, Mich.
<b>BASEBALL</b>	
8 p.m.	MLB — High school, Perfect Game All-American Classic, at San Diego
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	
3:30 p.m.	FOX — Jr. NBA World Championship: Girls World Championship, at Kissimmee, Fla.
4 p.m.	SEC — Big Blue Bahamas Tour, Team Toronto vs. Kentucky, at Nassau, Bahamas
4:30 p.m.	FOX — Jr. NBA World Championship: Boys World Championship, at Kissimmee, Fla.
<b>CYCLING</b>	
4:30 p.m.	FS2 — Tour of Utah, Stage 6 (final stage), at Park City, Utah (same-day tape)
<b>GOLF</b>	
11 a.m.	TNT — PGA of America, PGA Championship, final round, at St. Louis
2 p.m.	CBS — PGA of America, PGA Championship, final round, at St. Louis
FS1 — USGA, U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, championship match, at Kingston Springs, Tenn.	
<b>MLB BASEBALL</b>	
2 p.m.	TBS — Seattle at Houston
8 p.m.	ESPN — Washington at Chicago Cubs
<b>SOCCER</b>	
7:30 a.m.	FS1 — Women, FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group stage: Group B, England vs. Mexico, at Saint-Malo, France
FS2 — Women, FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group stage: Group B, Brazil vs. North Korea, at Saint-Malo, France	
8:30 a.m.	

0.....	5-5 \$1,000/Week
3.....	4-5 CB \$2,500
4.....	4-5 \$500

### LUCKY MONEY

Aug. 10.....	18-26-29-43
Lucky Ball .....	16
***	
PAYOFF FOR Aug. 10	
0.....	4-of-4 LB \$550,000
5.....	4-of-4 \$911.00
25.....	3-of-4 LB \$399.00
505.....	3-of-4 \$58.00
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$600,000	

### LOTTO

Late	
Aug. 8.....	3-4-11-17-25-45
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PAYOFF FOR Aug. 8	
0. 6-digit winners \$3 million	
25 5-digit winners \$2,959.00	
1,291 4-digit winners \$44.50	
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$3.5 million	

### POWERBALL

Late	
Aug. 8.....	10-21-30-43-63
Powerball .....	17
***	
PAYOFF FOR Aug. 8	
0.....	5-5 + PB \$168 Million
0.....	5-5 \$1 Million
1.....	4-5 + PB \$50,000
39.....	4-5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$247 Million	
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### MEGA MILLIONS

Aug. 10.....	1-3-12-22-42
Mega Ball .....	6
***	
PAYOFF FOR Aug. 10	
0.....	5 of 5 + MB \$ 55 Million
1.....	5 of 5 \$1 Million
2; 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000	
25; 4 of 5 \$500	
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$75 Million	

NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool vs. West Ham United	10:30 a.m.
FS2 — Women, FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group stage: Group A, Netherlands vs. France, at Concarneau, France	11 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal vs. Manchester City	2 p.m.
FS2 — German-DFL Supercup, Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Bayern Munich, at Frankfurt, Germany	3:30 p.m.
ESPN — Supercopa de Espana, Final, Barcelona vs. Sevilla, at Tangier, Morocco	4 p.m.
ESPN — MLS, N.Y. City FC at Toronto FC	8 p.m.
FS1 — MLS, Orlando City at D.C. United	10 p.m.
FS1 — MLS, FC Dallas at Seattle	12:30 a.m. (Monday)
FS1 — Liga MX, Primera Division, Tijuana vs. Cruz Azul (same-day tape)	2:30 a.m. (Monday)
FS2 — Women, FIFA Under-20 World Cup, Group stage: Group A, Ghana vs. New Zealand, at Concarneau, France (same-day tape)	
<b>SWIMMING</b>	
4 p.m.	NBC — Pan Pacific Championships, at Tokyo (same-day taped)
<b>TENNIS</b>	
1:30 p.m.	ESPN2 — WTA Tour & U.S. Open Series, Rogers Cup, final, at Montreal
4 p.m.	ESPN2 — ATP World Tour & U.S. Open Series, Rogers Cup, final, at Toronto
<b>WNBA BASKETBALL</b>	
3 p.m.	NBA — Dallas at Washington
7 p.m.	ESPN2 — Los Angeles at Phoenix

## MILB: STONE CRABS 10, BLUE JAYS 8

# Stone Crabs hold off Blue Jays

Staff reports

A strong start by the Stone Crabs, one which saw them plate six runs in the 1st inning, allowed them to build a substantial cushion early. It would be a critical component in Saturday evening's 10-8 win over the Dunedin Blue Jays.

Brendan McKay delivered the Stone Crabs first run of the game, doubling to left to drive in Vidal Brujan. The first of two doubles for Kevin Padlo, cleared the bases, staking the Stone Crabs

to a 4-0 advantage. Jermaine Palacios singled to center to plate Padlo. The first of Miles Mastrobuoni's three hits, a double to right, scored Palacios.

Charlotte would score twice in the fourth. Robbie Tenerowicz, who along with the Mastrobuoni had three hits against Blue Jays pitching, singled to left and in the process plated Brujan. The Stone Crabs would tack on another run as Tristan Gray singled to right, but an error by Blue Jays outfielder Rodrigo Orozco

allowed McKay to score. Padlo's second double of the game delivered Gray home in the 6th inning. Tenerowicz doubled to left in the 7th inning, plating Mastrobuoni with the Stone Crabs' 10th run.

Tenerowicz and Mastrobuoni led the Stone Crabs 15-hit attack, with three hits each, Brujan, Gray, Padlo and McKay all had a pair of hits in the victory.

Rays reliever Chaz Roe, in a rehab appearance, started the game, posting a sole strikeout in his scoreless one

inning of work. Roe gave way to Brian Shaffer, who was acquired in the Matt Andriese trade, with the former Terrapin working five innings, allowing six hits and one run, while issuing two walks and recording a lone strike out. The right-hander would earn his first win in a Stone Crabs uniform. However, after Shaffer turned the ball over, the bullpen proceeded to give up seven runs, with fireman Ivan Pelaez finishing the game, recording his fourth save.

## MLB: RAYS 3, BLUE JAYS 1

# Rays defense holds off Blue Jays

BY KEEGAN MATHESON  
Times Correspondent

TORONTO — Coming off a week of one-run games, the Rays used their speed and defense to grind out another close win on Saturday afternoon in Toronto.

Tampa Bay entered their series at Rogers Centre riding a six-game streak decided by a single run, but gave themselves a little more breathing room for the second day in a row with a 3-1 victory after snuffing out a handful of potential rallies from the Blue Jays.

Mallex Smith kicked-started the Tampa Bay offense early in an unlikely fashion, which means that his month-plus hot streak is still alive and well.

Smith beat a chopper into the dirt in front of home plate that bounced high over the head of starter Sam Gaviglio, but when the Blue Jays shortstop and second baseman were close to converging on the ball, both jumped away at the last second assuming the other was taking charge.

The ball rolled slowly through the infield dirt as Smith took a wide turn



AP PHOTO

**Rays pitcher Ryne Stanek opens the game against the Blue Jays on Aug. 11, 2018.**

around first base and quickly turned on the jets for second. Joey Wendle brought Smith home later in the inning when he ripped a ground-rule double down the right-field line.

Ryne Stanek got the nod as Saturday's opener and gave the Rays 1 1/2 innings to open the game. Stanek breezed through the first inning, forcing two harmless pop flies, but found trouble in the second inning and was pulled in favor of Diego Castillo.

Castillo entered with two runners already on, then plunked Russell Martin to load the bases. He managed to escape the jam, though, by forcing a pop out and a ground out, which kept the Rays in

front early.

The 24-year-old right-hander gave the Rays 2 2/3 innings of shutout ball while striking out two, and along the way, he managed to duck under a sharp line drive from Martin that just buzzed inches over his head.

Toronto had an opportunity to put something together in the seventh against Hunter Wood, but Martin was thrown out trying to steal second before Kevin Pillar walked and was picked off two pitches later. The play went to review and couldn't have been closer, but the umpiring crew stuck with the call on the field that C.J. Cron had applied the tag just in time.

## MLB: Rays journal

# Patience paying off for Mallex Smith

By KEEGAN MATHESON  
Times Correspondent

TORONTO — It's all clicking now for Rays OF Mallex Smith, who continues to ride a prolonged hot streak and flash game-changing ability at the top of Tampa Bay's lineup.

A hot April from Smith generated plenty of buzz, but that quieted through the summer. The 25-year-old has been in a groove since the calendar flipped to July, though, and he's only getting hotter.

Smith entered Friday's series in Toronto hitting 14-for-30 (.467) over his previous 10 games and has been making hard contact consistently, but the most impressive part of this streak has been his improved plate approach with eight walks over that span.

"To put it as simply as possible, it's swinging at the pitches I like and not at the pitches I don't," Smith said before Friday's series opener in Toronto.

Manager Kevin Cash went a little deeper on Smith, well, going a little deeper.

"He's really confident right now," Cash said. "Hitters go through different periods of the season where they see the ball really well. He's

confident hitting behind in the count, so he's not going up there looking to get the at-bat over. He'll swing early on, but if not, has full confidence in his ability that he can work deep."

Smith has speed to burn, which has always been his most impressive tool dating to his days as a prospect in San Diego and Atlanta. In 2013 and 2014, which Smith split between Class-A and high-A in the Padres system, he stole 64 and 88 bases.

With his average hovering near .300 this year and the top on-base percentage on the team behind the injured Daniel Robertson, Smith is seeing more opportunities to run.

He plans on taking them, too.

"I think of myself as a base stealer, and base stealers need to steal bases," Smith said. "It's all about picking the right spots."

### Pep talk

When dealing with a younger team, part of Cash's job is encouraging players who are performing better than their stat line might suggest.

Ryan Yarbrough was the most recent rookie to have that talk after surrendering two home runs in each of his



AP PHOTO

**Mallex Smith breaks out in a dance as the Rays celebrate a 7-0 win over the Blue Jays on Aug. 10, 2018.**

last two outings. That bumped the 26-year-old's ERA up from 3.67 to 4.24, but Cash is still impressed with the overall package of Yarbrough's season.

"We talked with Yarbrough the other day. He's frustrated," Cash said. "Two outings where he was not pleased with himself, but it's easy to look at his stats and remind him he's got 11 wins, he's basically been under a four ERA all year long as a rookie pitcher."

### Roe begins rehab

Relief pitcher Chaz Roe made his first rehab appearance on Thursday after missing a month with a torn left meniscus. It was a fine first step, too, as Roe struck out the side on 18 pitches with high-A

Charlotte.

Roe was one of Tampa Bay's busiest arms before hitting the disabled list with a 3.60 ERA over 41 appearances and 35 innings.

### This and that

The Rays entered their series in Toronto riding a streak of six one-run games. It's the second time that has happened in franchise history, and the second time it's happened in the majors this season ... Time to get familiar, because 13 of the Rays final 47 games (including Friday) are against the Blue Jays ... Only 14 players on Friday's active roster were on it when the Rays last faced the Blue Jays on June 13 at Tropicana Field. That's 11 new faces in under two months.

## CLEVELAND TRIATHLON: Death

# Man dies after pulled from lake during Cleveland Triathlon

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Authorities say a 75-year-old man competing in the swimming portion of the Cleveland Triathlon was found unconscious in Lake Erie and later died.

WKYC-TV reports USA Triathlon has confirmed the death of Oklahoma native Jim Hix on Saturday

morning in Cleveland.

The U.S. Coast Guard says a crew saw Hix floating in the water and tried to revive him onboard a boat. He was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

Hix won the duathlon national championship for his age group last year and has represented the U.S. at international events.

A cause of death hasn't yet been determined.

## IN BRIEF

### MAKUHARI, JAPAN

## US beats Japan to reach final of softball worlds

Pitcher Rachel Garcia drove in the winning run in the eighth inning Saturday to lift the United States to a 4-3 win over Japan and into the final of the women's world softball championship.

It also gave the Americans a chance to qualify for the Olympics.

With a runner on third

base, Garcia hit a line drive to the gap in left-center field to seal the win. The defending champions will face either Japan or Canada in Sunday's final of a tournament that doubles as a qualifier for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The winner of the tournament will be awarded an Olympic spot. If Japan wins, the second-place finisher will get the Olympic spot because Japan has an automatic berth as host.

The Associated Press

## RACING: Austrian GP

# Marquez edges Dovizioso for Austrian GP pole

Associated Press

SPIELBERG, Austria — Defending MotoGP champion Marc Marquez edged Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso by 0.002 seconds in qualifying on Saturday to take pole position for the Austrian Grand Prix.

Honda rider Marquez timed 1 minute, 23.241 seconds for his 49th career pole, and fourth of the season. Marquez is chasing his first victory in Austria since the event returned to the calendar in 2016.

Dovizioso's teammate Jorge Lorenzo was 0.135 behind in third to complete the front row for Sunday's race.

Qualifying ended in disappointment for Yamaha with Maverick Vinales placing 11th and six-time world champion Valentino Rossi missing out on Q2 and finishing in 14th.

Chasing his fifth championship, Marquez leads the overall standings after 10 of 19 races with 181 points, ahead of Rossi with 132 and Dovizioso with 113.



AP PHOTO

Third placed Spain's rider Marc Marquez of the Repsol Honda Team celebrates after the MotoGP race at the Czech Republic motorcycle Grand Prix at the Automotodrom Brno, in Brno, Czech Republic, Sunday.

## GOLF

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briefly in the final before fading.

Now he gets another shot, and it most likely will take another round like Saturday.

"Not just myself, but everyone's going to have to shoot low rounds," Woods said. "It's soft, it's gettable, and you can't just go out there and make a bunch of pars."

Koepka was at 12-under 198 and will play in the final group of a major for the first time. He won in the penultimate group at the U.S. Open each of the last two years.

He already burnished his reputation two months ago by winning a U.S. Open on two entirely different courses — one at Erin Hills with a record-tying score of 16-under par, the other at Shinnecock Hills where he survived to win at 1-over par.

He has only one other PGA Tour victory, one in Europe and two in Japan. But put him against the strongest fields and the biggest events, and he's a world-beater.

This test figures to be different.

Bellerive is so soft that

a charge can come from anywhere.

"I've watched Tiger win 14 of these things hanging around a lot of the time," Scott said. "He ran away with a few, for sure, but he hung around for a lot. And I would love to hang around tomorrow. And that might mean shooting 5 under again to hang around, but I would love to be in the mix coming down the stretch and have the chance to hole some putts to win."

Ten players were within four shots of the lead, which includes defending champion Justin Thomas (68), Jason Day (67) and Stewart Cink, the 2009 British Open champion who played with Woods and matched his 66.

"It's a pretty intense environment out there. It's fun," Cink said. "Hearing the crowd, and Tiger's performing great, it was like turning back the hands of the clock."

As easy as it looks at times, Bellerive can still bite at any moment.

Jordan Spieth found that out on a hole that effectively ended his second bid for the career Grand Slam. From well right of the 12th fairway, he tried to hit through a gap and instead carved off a tree and

out-of-bounds, leading to triple bogey and falling back to 4 under for the tournament. He had to settle for a 69 and was eight shots behind, with 27 players in front of him.

No one paid more dearly than Woodland. Three shots behind at the turn, he and Kevin Kisner were in a front bunker. Woodland went over the green onto a slope at the back of another bunker, and his next shot went through the green back into the first bunker. The sand had yet to be raked, and Woodland's ball was in his footprints. He wound up with triple bogey, and scrambled to get back in the mix.

"Really confident going into tomorrow with the way I fought the last eight holes," he said.

Koepka almost headed down that direction. He had to make an 8-foot par save on the 13th. He couldn't save par with a 100-foot bunker shot on the 14th after a poor drive, and his tee shot on the 15th settled behind a tree, forcing him to take relief with a penalty shot. He got up-and-down to escape with bogey. And as Woods was moving into position for a potential eagle, Koepka made a 10-foot par save on the 16th.

He said he felt "fortunate for being a part of the national team during such a beautiful and successful time."

Pique will continue playing for Barcelona, which begins its season against Sevilla in the Spanish Super Cup on Sunday.

goals.

Only 12 other players have 100 appearances or more with Spain's national team.

Pique was an indisputable starter when Spain won the 2010 World Cup and the 2012 European Championship.

## SOCCER

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The central defender made his international debut in a friendly in 2009 and played 102 matches with Spain winning 73 of them. He also scored five

In his open letter, Evans wrote: "The external review into the tragic death of Jordan McNair continues, and we have committed to releasing publicly the report being prepared by an independent and national expert."

ESPN reported that head football athletic trainer Wes Robinson and director of athletic training Steve Nordwall were placed on leave by Maryland.

An ESPN story Friday quoted unidentified players, former players and former members of Durkin's staff, who contended Court and Durkin created a toxic culture within the program.

"The safety and well-being of our student-athletes is our highest priority," Evans wrote. "These alleged behaviors are not consistent with the values I expect all of our staff to adhere to and we must do better."

Durkin is starting his third season at Maryland. The 40-year-old former Michigan defensive coordinator is 11-15 in two

seasons after receiving a five-year, contract worth \$12.5 million in December 2015.

Durkin brought Court to Maryland to lead the strength and conditioning staff in 2016. Court had been the head strength coach at Mississippi State since 2014 under coach Dan Mullen. Court also worked with Durkin at Bowling Green in 2005 and '06, when Durkin was an assistant.

Mississippi State quarterback Nick Fitzgerald expressed support for Court on Saturday.

Fitzgerald's first two seasons with the Bulldogs coincided with Court's time leading the strength program at the school.

"He worked us hard," Fitzgerald told the AP. "They were definitely tough workouts, but ultimately he wasn't out to get anybody. He wasn't out to hurt anyone. His job is to make us physically fit and ready for the season and that's exactly what he did. From what I remember, he never really went over the line or did anything crazy like that."

## TRACK: European Athletics Championships



AP PHOTO

Norway's gold medal winner Jakob Ingebrigtsen, left, and silver medal winner Henrik Ingebrigtsen celebrate after the men's 5000-meter final at the European Athletics Championships at the Olympic stadium in Berlin, Germany, Saturday.

# Ingebrigtsen, 17, beats big brother for 1-2 finish at Euros

By CIARAN FAHEY  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen had the joy of beating his older brother in a 1-2 finish in the men's 5,000 meters, and host nation Germany celebrated two more golds at the European Athletics Championships on Saturday.

The 17-year-old Ingebrigtsen, who became the youngest athlete to clinch a European track title when he won the 1,500 on Friday, finished in 13 minutes, 17.06 seconds for a European under-20 record.

"We started preparing for the 5K final as soon as we crossed the line on the 1,500 last night," Ingebrigtsen said.

His 27-year-old brother, Henrik Ingebrigtsen, was second, ahead of Morhad Amdouni of France.

"This could only feel better if our brother Filip was here to take the bronze medal. Unfortunately, he injured himself and couldn't take part in the final," Henrik Ingebrigtsen said of 25-year-old Filip Ingebrigtsen, who

had raced as defending champion in the 1,500 the night before but finished 12th.

"We have another brother who is turning 5 years old, and soon can join the Ingebrigtsen team," Henrik Ingebrigtsen joked.

Another trio of brothers, including a pair of twins, helped Belgium to win gold in the men's 4x400 relay. Jonathan and Kevin Borlee, both 30, joined younger brother Dylan, and Jonathan Sacoor, for victory ahead of Britain and Spain.

Poland won gold in the women's 4x400 ahead of France and Britain.

Germany's Mateusz Przybylko delighted the home crowd, winning the men's high jump by clearing 2.35 meters to equal his personal best.

"I always want to jump higher — up to the sky," Przybylko said beforehand.

Celebrations continued in Berlin's Olympic Stadium when Malaika Mihambo won the women's long jump with 6.75.

"I made it difficult for myself," Mihambo said. British sprinter Dina

Asher-Smith, who won the 100 on Tuesday, successfully defended her 200 title ahead of Dutch sprinters Dafne Schippers and Jamile Samuel in a joint world-leading time of 21.89.

"I know this is not the Olympic Games or the world championships, but I'm still very proud of myself," said the 22-year-old Asher-Smith, who is targeting a treble in the 4x100 on Sunday.

World and Olympic discus champion Sandra Perkovic of Croatia defended her title with a throw of 67.62 to become the first to win five consecutive European titles.

Justyna Swiety-Ersetic, part of Poland's 4x400 winning team, finished strongly to win the women's 400 ahead of Greece's Maria Belibasaki, and Adam Kszczot of Poland defended his 800 title ahead of Sweden's Andreas Kramer and France's Pierre-Ambroise Bosse.

Earlier, Alvaro Martin and Maria Perez made it a Spanish double in the men and women's 20K walks.

## BUGS

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fire," Koetter said. "They got a lot of reps

today."

Second-round picks M.J. Stewart and Carlton Davis both played extensively Thursday, getting among the highest snaps on the defense.

Grimes could be back on the field for Saturday's preseason game at the Titans, but the Bucs will lean on their youngest corners extensively this week.

## SOFTBALL

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WBSC World Championship contests, will face either Canada or Japan in Sunday's title game, set to start at 6 a.m. EST. For live stats and a possible live stream of the game, go to this link.

With a triumph, the

U.S. earns a spot in the '20 Olympic Games (Japan automatically qualifies as the host country). If Team USA reaches the Olympics, Eriksen likely would continue as its coach.

Per WBSC tie-break rules, the eighth began for Team USA with a runner — former University of Florida star Kirsti Merritt — on

second base. Delaney Spaulding (UCLA) moved Merritt to third with a grounder before Garcia came through with the game-winner.

Current USF director of operations Valeria Arioto, who starred at California, had a walk and RBI. Arioto is batting .438 (7-for-16) with four RBIs in the tournament.

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Boston	83	35	.703	—	—	8-2	W-2	42-15	41-20
	New York	73	43	.629	9	—	5-5	W-1	40-17	33-26
	Tampa Bay	60	57	.513	22½	8½	6-4	W-3	34-24	26-33
	Toronto	52	64	.448	30	16	4-6	L-2	28-32	24-32
	Baltimore	35	82	.299	47½	33½	3-7	L-3	20-37	15-45

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Cleveland	65	51	.560	—	—	7-3	W-1	37-23	28-28
	Minnesota	54	62	.466	11	14	5-5	W-1	33-24	21-38
	Detroit	48	69	.410	17½	20½	3-7	L-1	30-28	18-41
	Chicago	42	74	.362	23	26	5-5	L-1	22-37	20-37
	Kansas City	35	81	.302	30	33	2-8	L-2	16-41	19-40

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Houston	73	45	.619	—	—	6-4	L-3	32-27	41-18
	Oakland	68	48	.586	4	—	7-3	L-1	33-23	35-25
	Seattle	68	50	.576	5	1	5-5	W-3	36-24	32-26
	Los Angeles	59	58	.504	13½	9½	5-5	W-4	33-28	26-30
	Texas	52	67	.437	21½	17½	6-4	L-1	25-36	27-31

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Philadelphia	64	51	.557	—	—	6-4	L-2	38-18	26-33
	Atlanta	63	51	.553	½	—	6-4	L-1	29-24	34-27
	Washington	60	57	.513	5	4½	6-4	W-1	30-28	30-29
	New York	48	65	.425	15	14½	4-6	W-2	24-37	24-28
	Miami	47	70	.402	18	17½	1-9	L-3	27-34	20-36

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Chicago	67	49	.578	—	—	6-4	L-1	36-22	31-27
	Milwaukee	67	53	.558	2	—	4-6	W-1	36-24	31-29
	St. Louis	62	55	.530	5½	2½	8-2	W-4	29-26	33-29
	Pittsburgh	60	57	.513	7½	4½	5-5	L-1	33-29	27-28
	Cincinnati	51	65	.440	16	13	3-7	W-1	27-31	24-34

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Arizona	64	53	.547	—	½	5-5	L-1	32-29	32-24
	Los Angeles	64	53	.547	—	—	5-5	L-1	31-28	33-25
	Colorado	61	55	.526	2½	3	3-7	W-1	29-27	32-28
	San Francisco	58	59	.496	6	6½	5-5	W-1	33-25	25-34
	San Diego	47	71	.398	17½	18	5-5	W-2	21-36	26-35

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**Red Sox 5, Orioles 0, 1st game:** David Price struck out 10 over six sparkling innings in the opener of a split doubleheader.

**Yankees 5, Rangers 3:** Rookie Miguel Andujar hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Yankees newcomer Lance Lynn turned in another strong start.

**Nationals 9, Cubs 4:** Ryan Zimmerman hit two home runs off a shaky Jon Lester and tied a career high with six RBIs, sending the Nationals over Chicago.

**Rays 3, Blue Jays 1:** Willy Adames had two hits and drove in the decisive run, and the Rays beat the Blue Jays, their seventh win in eight meetings with Toronto this season.

**Twins 4, Tigers 3:** Tyler Austin hit a two-run homer in his Minnesota debut, helping the Twins beat the Tigers.

**Brewers 4, Braves 2:** Mike Moustakas hit a two-run double in the eighth inning, Josh Hader recorded a two-inning save and the Milwaukee Brewers rallied to beat the Braves.

**Cardinals 8, Royals 3:** Jack Flaherty struck out nine in seven innings, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Royals for their fourth straight win.

**Mariners 3, Astros 2:** Ryon Healy had three hits and drove in the go-ahead run, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Houston Astros.

**LATE**  
Arizona at Cincinnati  
N.Y. Mets at Miami  
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado  
Boston at Baltimore, 2nd game  
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox  
Oakland at L.A. Angels  
Philadelphia at San Diego  
Pittsburgh at San Francisco

## BOX SCORES

**YANKEES 5, RANGERS 3**

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Choo rf	5	2	3	0	0	1	.277
Odor 2b	4	1	2	0	1	1	.278
Andrus ss	4	0	1	1	1	2	.288
Beltre dh	3	0	1	1	1	2	.279
Profar 3b	5	0	0	0	3	248	
Gallo lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Chirinos c	4	0	0	0	2	219	
Guzman 1b	2	0	0	0	2	243	
Tocci cf	3	0	0	0	1	176	
a-Kiner-Falefa ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.272
Totals	34	3	8	2	6	13	

Runners moved up—La Stella, Almora.

**WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**  
Roark, W, 7-127.2 9 2 2 1 7 117 4.12  
Suero 1.1 2 2 2 1 1 23 3.58

**CHICAGO IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**  
Lester, L, 12-5 3,210 9 8 1 5 88 3.89  
De La Rosa 1.1 0 0 0 1 4 26 4.46  
Montgomery 1 0 0 0 1 1 13 3.62  
Chatwood 3 3 0 0 2 2 57 5.06  
Inherited runners-scored—Suero 2-0. HBP—Roark (Rizzo), WP—Suero.

Umpires—Home, Nick Mahrley First, Alan Porter Second, Todd Tichenor Third, Bill Miller.  
T—3:11. A—41,320 (41,649).

**RAYS 3, BLUE JAYS 1**

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Smith rf-IF	4	1	1	0	1	2	.299
Biddle p	4	0	0	0	0	1	.301
Winkler p	0	0	2	1	0	0	.295
Jackson p	0	0	2	0	0	0	.247
E-Culberson ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Suzuki c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Swanson ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.238
Teheran p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Brach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
b-Inciarte ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.251
Totals	31	2	7	2	1	3	

Flynn 3 3 2 2 2 1 48 4.22  
Inherited runners-scored—Hicks 1-0. WP—Duffy, Hudson.

Umpires—Home, Ryan Blakney First, Adam Hamari Second, Phil Cuzzi Third, Tom Hallion.  
T—2:56. A—38,427 (37,903).

**NEW YORK**

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	
Gardner lf	4	0	0	0	1	.246	
Stanton dh	3	2	2	1	1	0	.279
Gregorius ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Andujar 3b	4	2	2	2	0	0	.296
Bird 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.216
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Walker rf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.227
Higashioka c	3	0	0	1	0	0	.157
Robinson cf	2	0	0	1	1	0	.138
Totals	31	5	8	5	4	3	

**TOTALS**  
100 000 030 — 4 7 1  
ATLANTA 100 100 000 — 2 7 1

a-grounded out for Miley in the 7th. b-lined out for Brach in the 7th. c-walked for Thames in the 8th. d-struck out for Burnes in the 8th. e-grounded out for Jackson in the 9th.

E—Burnes (1), Biddle (1). LOB—Milwaukee 8, Atlanta 4. 2B—Moustakas (25), Freeman (31). HR—Acuna (14), off Miley. RBIs—Moustakas 2 (70), Braun (43), Kratz (11), Acuna (32), Markakis (74). SB—Cain (21). CS—Cain (6). S—Teheran.

Runners left in scoring position—Milwaukee 4 (Shaw 2, Perez 2) Atlanta 2 (Acuna, Inciarte). RISP—Milwaukee 4 for 9 Atlanta 1 for 5.

GDP—Camargo, Duvall.  
DP—Milwaukee 2 (Moustakas, Thames), (Arcia, Shaw, Thames).

**MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**  
Miley 6 6 2 2 1 0 77 2.23  
Burnes, W, 3-0 1 1 0 0 0 0 13 2.77  
Hader, S, 9-12 2 0 0 0 0 3 29 1.54

**ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA**  
Teheran 6 2 1 1 2 6 90 4.33  
Brach, H, 6 1 0 0 0 0 9 4.30  
Biddle, L, 3-1,BS,2 1 3 3 2 0 0 9 6.60  
Winkler 2 1 0 0 1 2 15 2.79  
Jackson 1 1 0 0 0 2 10 3.70

Inherited runners-scored—Winkler 2-1.  
HBP—Teheran 2 (Braun, Kratz). WP—Miley.  
Umpires—Home, Jim Reynolds First, Chad Whitson Second, Mark Wegner Third, John Tumpane.  
T—2:42. A—40,297 (41,149).

**TEXAS**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	
Hutchinson	5.1	5	3	4	4	2	85	6.07
Springs	1	1	0	0	0	10	1.29	
Martin, L, .1	2	2	2	0	0	12	5.08	
Claudio	1	0	0	0	0	7	4.99	

**TOTALS**  
28 1 5 1 4 8

**BALTIMORE**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	
Staneck	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	25	4.49
Schultz	2.2	1	1	1	1	35	4.86	
Wood, H, 2	1	1	0	0	1	0	16	3.91
Alvarado, H, 22	1	0	0	0	2	10	2.39	
Romo, S, 15-22	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.57	

**MARINERS 3, ASTROS 2**

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Haniger rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.271
Span lf	3	0	1	0	2	0	.278
Segura ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.305
Cruz dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.271
Seager 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.229
Herrmann c	4	1	1	1	0	1	.236
Zunino c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Healy 1b	4	0	3	1	0	1	.236
Gordon 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.276
Heredia cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.224
Totals	33	3	10	3	1	6	

**NEW YORK**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	
Staneck	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	25	4.49
Schultz	2.2	1	1	1	1	35	4.86	
Wood, H, 2	1	1	0	0	1	0	16	3.91
Alvarado, H, 22	1	0	0	0	2	10	2.39	
Romo, S, 15-22	1	0	0	0	1	12	3.57	

**TOTALS**  
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a-grounded out for Solarte in the 2nd. b-flied out for Urena in the 9th.

E—Pillar (6). LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 5. 2B—Smith (19), Wendle (15), Cron (21), Choi (5), Hernandez (25). HR—Diaz (15), off Schultz. RBIs—Wendle (38), Adames (15), Sucre (15), Diaz (35). SB—Kiermaier (8), Adames (4). CS—Martin (3).

Runners left in scoring position—Tampa Bay 4 (Duffy, Choi, Kiermaier, Lowe) Toronto 2 (Pillar 2). RISP—Tampa Bay 2 for 12 Toronto 0 for 3.

Runners moved up—Duffy, Adames, Kiermaier, Bauers, GIDP—Morales, Urena. DP—Tampa Bay 2 (Adames, Wendle, Cron), (Adames, Wendle, Cron).

**HOUSTON**

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Kemp cf	4	0	0	0	0	.293
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.278
Correa ss	3	0	0	0	1	.262
Gattis dh	4	0	0	0	0	.238
Gonzalez lf	4	0	0	0	3	.240
Gurriel 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.279
Reddick rf	4	1	1	0	0	.248
White 1b	2	0	1	2	1	.286
Stassi c	3	0	1	0	2	.246
1-Fisher pr	0	0	0	0	0	.169
Maldonado c	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Totals	31	2	5	2	3	8

**BOSTON**

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Price, W, 12-6	6	5	0	0	10	94	3.75
Thorburg	1	0	0	0	0	12	4.97
Brasier	1	0	0	0	1	13	1.15
Barnes	1	0	0	0	2	13	2.47

**TOTALS**  
35 4 9 3 6 7

**DETROIT**

# SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

### FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Clearwater (Phillies)	30	18	.625	—
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	29	20	.592	1½
Lakeland (Tigers)	25	20	.556	3½
Daytona (Reds)	23	25	.479	7
Tampa (Yankees)	23	26	.469	7½
Florida (Braves)	16	29	.356	12½

South Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte (Rays)	30	17	.638	—
Fort Myers (Twins)	28	20	.583	2½
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	23	24	.489	7
Jupiter (Marlins)	20	25	.444	9
St. Lucie (Mets)	20	27	.426	10
Bradenton (Pirates)	15	31	.326	14½

### Saturday's Games

Lakeland at Palm Beach, 5:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte 10, Dunedin 8  
 St. Lucie 11, Clearwater 0  
 Tampa 5, Bradenton 2  
 Florida 3, Fort Myers 2  
 Jupiter at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Fort Myers at Florida, 11 a.m.  
 Dunedin at Charlotte, 12:35 p.m.  
 Lakeland at Palm Beach, 1 p.m.  
 St. Lucie at Clearwater, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa at Bradenton, 1 p.m.  
 Jupiter at Daytona, 5:35 p.m.  
**Monday's Games**  
 Daytona at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.  
 Jupiter at Dunedin, 6:30 p.m.  
 Florida at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.  
 Tampa at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.  
 Bradenton at Clearwater, 7 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL PRESEASON

All times Eastern

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	26	17
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	17	0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	26
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	23	28

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	20	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	17	31

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	50	23
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	10
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	30	27

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	17
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	21	24
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	26
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	14	31

SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	28	23
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	0	17

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	16
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	43	47
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	19
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	7	33
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0

### WEEK 1

**Aug. 9**  
 New Orleans 24, Jacksonville 20  
 Pittsburgh 31, Philadelphia 14  
 Carolina 28, Buffalo 23  
 Cleveland 20, N.Y. Giants 10  
 Tampa Bay 26, Miami 24  
 Cincinnati 30, Chicago 27  
 New England 26, Washington 17  
 Baltimore 33, L.A. Rams 7  
 Green Bay 31, Tennessee 17  
 Houston 17, Kansas City 10  
 Indianapolis 19, Seattle 17  
 San Francisco 24, Dallas 21  
**Friday's Games**  
 N.Y. Jets 17, Atlanta 0  
 Oakland 16, Detroit 10  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Minnesota at Denver, late  
 L.A. Chargers at Arizona, late

### WEEK 2

**Thursday's Games**  
 Philadelphia at New England, 7:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Washington, 8 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 8 p.m.  
**Friday, Aug. 17**  
 N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Arizona at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 18**  
 Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Oakland at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Denver, 9:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.  
**Monday, Aug. 20**  
 Baltimore at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### AMWAY PRESEASON COACHES TOP 25 POLL

The preseason Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 2017 final records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and last year's final ranking (LYR):

	REC.	PTS.	LYR
1. Alabama (61)	13-1	1621	1
2. Clemson (3)	12-2	1547	4
3. Ohio State (1)	12-2	1458	5
4. Georgia	13-2	1452	2
5. Oklahoma	12-2	1288	3
6. Washington	10-3	1245	15
7. Wisconsin	13-1	1243	6
8. Miami (Fla.)	10-3	1091	13
9. Penn State	11-2	1050	8
10. Auburn	10-4	1004	12
11. Notre Dame	10-3	892	11
12. Michigan State	10-3	870	16
13. Stanford	9-5	768	19
14. Michigan	8-5	752	—
15. Southern California	11-3	691	10
16. Texas Christian	11-3	530	9
17. Virginia Tech	9-4	524	25
18. Mississippi State	9-4	407	20
19. Florida State	7-6	328	—
20. West Virginia	7-6	310	—
21. Texas	7-6	265	—
22. Boise State	11-3	261	22
23. Central Florida	13-0	259	7
24. Louisiana State	9-4	254	18
25. Oklahoma State	10-3	168	14

### Others receiving votes:

South Carolina 138; Florida 135; Oregon 105; Utah 81; Northwestern 67; Texas A&M 67; Kansas State 35; Florida Atlantic 27; Boston College 23; Memphis 23; North Carolina State 22; Arkansas State 19; Troy 19; Appalachian State 16; San Diego State 15; Iowa 8; Iowa State 8; Kentucky 8; Washington State 7; South Florida 6; Duke 5; Fresno State 4; Louisville 3; Arizona 2; Houston 2; Army 1; Northern Illinois 1.

## ODDS

### PREGAME.COM LINE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Washington	-141	at Chicago	+141	
New York	-157	at Miami	+137	
at Cincinnati	-105	Arizona	-105	
at Atlanta	-117	Milwaukee	-107	
at Colorado	Off	Los Angeles	+106	
Philadelphia	-116	at San Diego	+106	
at San Francisco	-115	Pittsburgh	+105	

American League	Cleveland	-255	at Chicago	+225
at New York	-210	Texas	+210	
Boston	-335	at Baltimore	+305	
at Toronto	-121	Tampa Bay	+111	

at Detroit -115  
 at Houston Off  
 Oakland -107  
 Minnesota +105  
 Seattle Off  
 at Los Angeles -103

## GOLF

### PGA TOUR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday's leaders at Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis  
**Purse:** TBA (\$10.5 million in 2017). **Yardage:** 7,316; **Par:** 70 (35-35)  
**Third Round**  
 Brooks Koepka 69-63-66=198 -12  
 Adam Scott 70-65-65=200 -10  
 Jon Rahm 68-67-66=201 -9  
 Rickie Fowler 65-67-69=201 -9  
 Gary Woodland 64-66-71=201 -9  
 Tiger Woods 70-66-66=202 -8  
 Stewart Cink 67-69-66=202 -8  
 Jason Day 67-68-67=202 -8  
 Justin Thomas 69-65-68=202 -8  
 Shane Lowry 69-64-69=202 -8  
 Charl Schwartzel 70-63-69=202 -8  
 Julian Suri 69-66-68=203 -7  
 Francesco Molinari 68-67-68=203 -7  
 Kevin Kisner 67-64-72=203 -7  
 Daniel Berger 73-65-66=204 -6  
 Xander Schauffele 70-67-67=204 -6  
 Webb Simpson 68-68-68=204 -6  
 Pat Perez 67-67-70=204 -6  
 Thomas Pieters 67-66-71=204 -6  
 Brandon Stone 66-68-70=204 -6  
 Eddie Pepperell 72-66-67=205 -5  
 Ian Poulter 67-70-68=205 -5  
 Matt Wallace 71-66-68=205 -5  
 Emiliano Grillo 69-67-69=205 -5  
 Justin Rose 67-69-69=205 -5  
 Patrick Cantlay 68-67-70=205 -5  
 Dustin Johnson 67-66-72=205 -5  
 Chris Kirk 68-70-68=206 -4  
 Ryan Fox 68-70-68=206 -4  
 Brandon Grace 68-69-69=206 -4  
 Billy Horschel 71-68-67=206 -4  
 Jordan Spieth 71-66-69=206 -4  
 Jason Kokrak 68-67-71=206 -4  
 Seungsu Han 74-66-66=206 -4  
 Andrew Landry 73-65-69=207 -3  
 Rafa Cabrera Bello 70-68-69=207 -3  
 Tyrrell Hatton 71-67-69=207 -3  
 Kevin Na 70-69-68=207 -3  
 Ryan Moore 69-70-68=207 -3  
 Zach Johnson 66-70-71=207 -3  
 Ben Kern 71-69-67=207 -3  
 Martin Kaymer 71-69-67=207 -3  
 Dylan Frittelli 73-67-67=207 -3  
 Mike Lorenzo-Vera 73-65-70=208 -2  
 Rory McIlroy 70-67-71=208 -2  
 Tommy Fleetwood 69-70-69=208 -2  
 Satoshi Kodaira 71-68-69=208 -2  
 Yuta Ikeda 68-69-71=208 -2  
 Keegan Bradley 69-68-71=208 -2  
 Brice Garnett 71-68-69=208 -2  
 Russell Knox 71-68-69=208 -2  
 Austin Cook 67-72-69=208 -2  
 Brandt Snedeker 72-67-69=208 -2  
 Jimmy Walker 69-70-69=208 -2  
 Ted Potter, Jr. 74-66-68=208 -2  
 Sungjae Im 71-67-71=209 -1  
 J.J. Spaun 69-68-72=209 -1  
 Andrew Putnam 68-69-72=209 -1  
 Adrian Otaegui 73-67-69=209 -1  
 Tony Finau 74-66-69=209 -1  
 Byeong Hun An 70-70-69=209 -1  
 Ollie Schniederjans 67-71-72=210 E  
 Ross Fisher 68-69-73=210 E  
 Russell Henley 74-65-71=210 E  
 Hideki Matsuyama 68-69-73=210 E  
 Joaquin Niemann 68-71-71=210 E  
 Kevin Chappell 69-71-70=210 E  
 Nick Watney 75-65-70=210 E  
 Jhonattan Vegas 70-70-70=210 E  
 Thorbjorn Olesen 70-68-73=211 +1  
 Marc Leishman 68-71-72=211 +1  
 Jim Furyk 69-71-71=211 +1  
 Brian Harman 72-68-71=211 +1  
 Vijay Singh 71-69-71=211 +1  
 Charles Howell III 74-66-72=212 +2  
 Cameron Smith 74-66-73=213 +3  
 Scott Brown 72-68-74=214 +4  
 Chris Stroud 69-70-76=215 +5  
 Brian Gay 67-73-75=215 +5

### EUROPEAN GOLF TOUR

#### EUROPEAN GOLF TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

at PGA Centenary Course, Gleneagles, Scotland  
**Purse:** \$635,000. **Yardage:** 6,624; **Par:** 72  
**Wednesday's Four-Ball Match Play Men**

**Group A**  
 Britain 1, halved Spain 2  
 Sweden 2, def. Sweden 1, 1 up  
**Group B**  
 Britain 3, def. Britain 2, 4&3  
 Italy 2, def. Ireland, 2&1  
**Group C**  
 Spain 1, def. Portugal, 2&1  
 Poland, def. Denmark, 1 up  
**Group D**  
 Norway, def. Italy, 4&3  
 Iceland, def. Belgium, 6&5

#### Women

**Group A**  
 Britain 1, def. Spain, 5&4  
 Germany 2, def. Belgium, 5&3  
**Group B**  
 France 1, def. Germany 1, 4&3  
 France 2, def. Sweden 2, 2&1  
**Group C**  
 Britain 3, def. Iceland, 5&4  
 Finland, def. Austria, 3&2  
**Group D**  
 Britain 2, def. Sweden 1, 3&2  
 Sweden 3, def. Norway, 5&4  
**Thursday's Four-Ball Match Play Women**

**Group A**  
 Britain 1, def. Sweden 1, 6&5  
 Spain 2, def. Sweden 2, 1 up  
**Group B**  
 Italy 2, def. Britain 2, 2&1  
 Britain 3, def. Ireland, 2&1  
**Group C**  
 Spain 1, def. Poland, 2&1  
 Portugal, def. Denmark, 2&1  
**Group D**  
 Norway, def. Belgium, 2 up  
 Iceland, def. Italy, 1, 2&1

#### Women

**Group A**  
 Britain 1, def. Germany 2, 4&3  
 Spain, halved Belgium  
**Group B**  
 France 1, halved France 2  
 Sweden 2, def. Germany 1, 3&2  
**Group C**  
 Britain 3, def. Austria, 5&3  
 Iceland, halved Finland  
**Group D**  
 Britain 2, def. Norway, 1 up  
 Sweden 3, def. Sweden 3, 5&4  
**Friday's Four-Ball Match Play Group A**  
 Sweden 2, def. Britain 1, 3&2  
 Spain 2, def. Sweden 1, 3&2, Spain 2 advanced to semifinals  
**Group B**  
 Ireland, def. Britain 2, 4&3  
 Britain 3, def. Italy 2, 1 up, Italy 2 advanced to semifinals  
**Group C**  
 Denmark, def. Spain 1, 4&3, Spain 1 advanced to semifinals  
 Portugal, def. Poland, 5&3  
**Group D**  
 Italy 1, def. Belgium, 4&3  
 Iceland, def. Norway, 2 up, Iceland advanced to semifinals

#### Women

**Group A**  
 Britain 1, def. Belgium 4&2, Britain 1 advanced to semifinals  
 Germany 2, def. Spain, 1 up  
**Group B**  
 Sweden 2, def. France 1, 4&3  
 France 2, def. Germany 1, 1 up, France 2 advanced to semifinals  
**Group C**  
 Britain 3, halved Finland, Britain 3 advanced to semifinals  
 Iceland, halved Austria  
**Group D**  
 Sweden 3, def. Britain 2, 2 up, Sweden 3 advanced to semifinals  
 Norway, def. Sweden 1, 2&1  
**Saturday's Mixed Team Foursomes-Stroke Play**  
 Iceland - 141  
 Britain 3 - 142  
 Sweden 2 - 143  
 Spain - 143  
 Britain 1 - 145  
 Sweden 1 - 145  
 Austria - 147  
 Belgium - 148  
 Britain 2 - 149  
 Norway - 149  
 Italy - 150

### U.S.G.A. U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Saturday's leaders at The Golf Club of Tennessee, Kingston Springs, Tenn.  
**Yardage:** 6,275; **Par:** 70  
**Semifinals**  
 Kristen Gillman, Austin, Texas, def. Kaylee Benton, Litchfield Park, Ariz., 19 holes.  
 Jiwon Jeon, South Korea, def. Lauren Stephenson, Lexington, S.C., 23 holes.

### WEB.COM TOUR

#### ELLIE MAE CLASSIC

Saturday's leaders at TPC Stonebrae, Hayward, Calif.  
**Purse:** \$600,000. **Yardage:** 7,024; **Par:** 70  
**Third Round**  
 Trevor Cone 64-63-66=193  
 Sebastian Cappelen 64-66-64=194  
 Samuel Del Val 63-64-67=194  
 Josh Teater 64-62-68=194  
 Adam Long 63-66-66=195  
 Alex Prugh 64-60-72=196  
 Max Homa 68-65-64=197  
 Rico Hoey 65-67-65=197  
 Seth Fair 67-63-67=197  
 Seth Reeves 67-63-67=197  
 Andrew Novak 67-63-67=197  
 Brian Richey 67-63-67=198  
 Billy Kennerly 67-66-66=199  
 Conner Godsey 65-67-199  
 Joseph Bramlett 67-65-67=199  
 Cameron Champ 68-67-65=200  
 Andres Gonzales 69-66-65=200  
 Nick Rousey 66-68-66=200  
 Vince Covello 67-67-66=200  
 Cameron Davis 66-68-66=200  
 Chad Ridings 66-67-67=200  
 Maverick McNealy 68-65-67=200  
 Chris Thompson 66-65-69=200  
 Nick Hardy 64-67-69=200  
 Bhavik Patel 65-65-70=200  
 Steven Alker 69-65-67=201  
 Nate Lashley 67-67-67=201  
 Levi McCoy 67-67-67=201  
 Brandon Hagy 65-68-68=201  
 Sean Kelly 66-67-68=201  
 Ryan Brehm 65-67-69=201  
 Marcelo Rozo 74-62-66=202  
 Brandon Rizzio 67-69-66=202  
 Michael Buttaucavoli 65-70-67=202  
 Nelson Ledesma 68-67-67=202  
 Taylor Montgomery 69-64-69=202  
 Mark Baldwin 66-69-69=202  
 Steven Ihm 69-64-69=202  
 Matt Harmon 64-66-72=202  
 Donald Constable 64-72-67=203  
 Dicky Piter 67-68-68=203  
 Brian Campbell 65-69-69=203  
 Cyril Bouniol 67-67-69=203  
 Frank Lickliter II 68-68-68=204  
 Daniel Chopra 68-68-68=204  
 Max Rottluff 69-66-69=204  
 Rafael Campos 71-64-69=204  
 John Chin 68-67-69=204  
 Bryce Snell 69-65-70=204  
 Carlos Ortiz 67-67-70=204  
 Vince India 68-64-72=204  
 Gonzalo Fdez-Castano 66-66-72=204  
 Dan Webb 65-70-70=205  
 Edward Lo

## WNBA: Sparks

## Russian star Maria Vadeeva enjoying time in WNBA

By DOUG FEINBERG  
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Maria Vadeeva dreamed of playing in the WNBA after growing up watching Diana Taurasi and Lauren Jackson compete in the Russian Basketball League.

It fueled her love of the sport.

Now the 20-year-old Russian star is living out those childhood hopes with the Los Angeles Sparks, who drafted her with the No. 11 pick last April.

"It's been fun so far," Vadeeva said after the Sparks practiced in New York this week.

While she's a rookie in the WNBA, Vadeeva has been playing professionally in Russia since she was 16. The 6-foot-4 center is on the Russian league powerhouse Dynamo Kursk that features her Sparks teammate Nneka Ogumike and won the EuroLeague title in 2017.

"There are so many



AP PHOTO

**FILE - In this July 10, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles Sparks' Maria Vadeeva passes the ball during the team's WNBA basketball game against the Seattle Storm in Seattle. While she's a rookie to the WNBA, Vadeeva has been playing professionally in Russia since she was 16. The 6-foot-4 center is on the Russian league powerhouse Dynamo Kursk that features her Sparks teammate Nneka Ogumike and won the EuroLeague title in 2017.**

good players here," Vadeeva said. "I wanted to play with the best in the world."

Coming to America was a little bit of an adventure for Vadeeva as she had visa issues and couldn't get to the U.S. until early June — a month into the season. Her transition was made a little

easier as her brother has been around to help her acclimate to living in Los Angeles.

"He's definitely helped me," she said. "Also, my teammates have been very good, too."

She's shown flashes of her incredible talent despite not getting much playing time yet. She

filled in well when Ogumike was out with an illness, scoring 10 points and grabbing six rebounds in a loss to Atlanta right before the All-Star break.

"She's shown glimpses of what she can do," Ogumike said. "She's a very versatile player, young obviously. She has a really great work ethic

and has a lot of drive.

... She's a sponge and is having a great first experience in the WNBA."

Sparks coach Brian Agler has liked what he's seen so far from Vadeeva. He thinks she'll get more playing time down the road and that she's been hurt by the lack of practice time the team has had because of a condensed schedule.

"Her basketball IQ is elite, her potential is off the charts. She can hit 3-point shots. Her learning curve is great," he said. "She knows the good players having played against them in Europe. She knows them better than the college players. Glad we have her. She's a big time talent."

What's impressed both Agler and Ogumike is Vadeeva's ability to score in the post.

"Her back to the basket game is probably the best I've seen. She has great footwork," Ogumike said. "She's not afraid, she knows what she's capable of."

Vadeeva is the centerpiece of a core of talented young Russian basketball players. Once a major power in women's basketball, Russia has fallen off lately, not qualifying for the Olympics in 2016 or the world cup this September.

"She's our main player," Russian national team manager Svetlana Abrosimova said. "The whole system is building around her. She knows that. She has to accept the role she's the best player. By coming here she'll help Russia a lot."

Vadeeva's commitment to play for the Russia made a few teams shy away from her, knowing she may miss some time in the WNBA over the next few years during Olympic qualifying.

"I hope I can play in the Olympics," Vadeeva said.

Before then, she's enjoying her time in California, especially the food and beaches.

"It's very different than Moscow," she said with a smile.

## AUTO RACING: NASCAR

## NASCAR's Big 3 running strong entering Michigan race

Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — NASCAR's Big 3 has essentially lapped the competition.

Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. have combined to win 16 of 22 races and haven't allowed the field to win consecutive races with points at stake this year. Of the other 56 drivers who have started a race, only Clint Bowyer has won twice.

That could potentially change Sunday in the Consumers Energy 400 because Chase Elliott won last week at Watkins Glen.

Chances are, though, one of the series' top three drivers will finish first.

Busch and Truex drive a Toyota while Harvick is in a Ford. Clearly, it helps to have one of those manufacturers on your side this season.

Toyota drivers have won 11 races and Ford has nine first-place finishes.

"They got everything together," Ryan Newman, who drives the No. 31 Chevy, said on Saturday after practice. "They've got great downforce, horsepower, tires. Drivers are doing their job and collectively their organizations are strong."

"Stewart-Haas Racing as well as the Toyota camp seems to be strong right now and have been all year."

Chevrolet, meanwhile, has won just two races and Karl Larson, who is eighth in points, is its only driver among the top 10 in the standings.

"We're trying to catch up," said Newman, who will start sixth. We were prepared as well as we thought we needed to be.

"As it turns out, we needed to be more prepared and you can see the results across the Chevrolet camp."

Some other things to know for the Cup race:

## Best of rest

Bowyer, who will start 16th, has a chance to get closer to the Big 3 and create more separation from the pack. He won his second race at the series' previous stop at Michigan International Speedway in June. Four other drivers have won one race this

year.

"It is always exciting to go to any race track for the second time, especially when you have had some success to see how you will stack up when you load again," Bowyer said.

## Streaking

Hamlin hopes to finish where he'll start — first — to earn a victory for a 13th straight year. He is on the pole for a second straight week.

"We're starting to turn back the other way and be pretty fast again," Hamlin said. "We've really worked on the right things to get us to this point and nothing is more frustrating than working as hard as I have and the team has over the last two months and not getting any results."

Hamlin won at Michigan in 2010 and 2011.

## Chase's chance

Elliott won his first Cup race last week, in his 99th start, to put him in the playoffs.

"I've been on the other end of the stick these past two years and it's such a nice feeling to come into these last few races and know that you're locked-in to the deal," he said.

Elliott has had three runner-up finishes at MIS.

## Fa frenzy

Many drivers have been mentioned as possible free agents after the season. Chip Ganassi insisted he wants Jamie McMurray back on his team next year after Motorsport.com reported he would be replaced by Kurt Busch.

Does Newman have a deal for 2019?

"Working on it," he said.

## On the low

NASCAR does not plan to make interim CEO and chairman Jim France available for interviews. France was approached by reporters Saturday and declined to say much.

He has a larger role in the family business because nephew Brian France took an indefinite leave after he was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and criminal possession of oxycodone nearly a week ago.

## WNBA: DREAM 92, WINGS 82

## Montgomery scores 24 to help Dream beat Wings

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Renee Montgomery was 6 of 7 from 3-point range and scored 24 points to help the Atlanta Dream beat the Dallas Wings 92-82 on Saturday.

Elizabeth Williams had 18 points, nine rebounds and five blocks, Tiffany Hayes added 15 points, seven boards and five assists and

Jessica Breland scored 13 points for Atlanta. The Dream (21-10), who learned Thursday that all-star forward Angel McCoughtry will miss the rest of the season due to a knee injury, have won five games in a row and 13 of their last 14.

Montgomery's first 3-pointer capped a 14-2 spurt that made it 16-6 midway through the first

quarter and Atlanta led the rest of the way. The Wings scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter, trimming their deficit to 70-67 with seven minutes left after Tayler Hill hit a 3. Williams scored six points and Montgomery hit two 3-pointers as the Dream scored 12 of the next 14 points to push their lead to 13 with three minutes to go.

Skylar Diggins-Smith led Dallas (14-16) with 26 points and 10 assists. The Wings have lost seven in a row and have a two-game lead over the Las Vegas Aces — which plays last-place Indiana later Saturday — for the eighth and final playoff spot. Dallas and Aces play in Las Vegas on Friday before wrapping up the regular season on Aug. 19.

## TENNIS: Rogers Cup

## Simona Halep, weary and aching, reaches final

Associated Press

MONTREAL — A weary Simona Halep, upset over how her matches are scheduled, beat Ashleigh Barty 6-4, 6-1 on Saturday to reach the final Rogers Cup final.

The top-ranked Romanian will play for the title Sunday against the third-ranked Sloane Stephens in a rematch of Halep's victory in the French Open final.

Stephens, preparing for her U.S. Open title defense, beat fifth-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-3.

Halep reached the Rogers Cup final for the third time in four years. She won the last time it was in Montreal in 2016.

Halep complained Friday about playing

the first semifinal day after two straight night matches. She contended she has the worst schedule in the 56-player event and "this happens almost every tournament."

Despite playing on only 15 hours rest, Halep was in control from the outset against the 15th-seeded Barty, eliminating the Australian in 71 minutes.

"I was very sore when I woke up," Halep said. "During the match, it's not easy to run so much. But, you know, I just tried to focus on what I have to play and, to make it a little bit easier, which I did in the end, was to finish it early."

Halep played four matches in three days after a night session was postponed because of rain.



AP PHOTO

**Simona Halep of Romania, celebrates her victory over Ashleigh Barty of Australia, during semifinals play at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament Saturday in Montreal.**

"I think I talked enough about it," she said. "I hope in the future it's going to be better. I was upset. I am upset. But doesn't change my performance on court."

The Romanian broke Barty in the opening game and broke again for a 4-1 lead en route to

taking the first set. Halep broke twice more to open the second set.

"I think I played smart tennis today," Halep said. "I pushed her very back on her backhand, then I could just receive a shorter ball, an easier ball for me to open the court."

## SWIMMING: Pan Pacific Championships

## Ruck wins 200 at Pan Pacific, Ledecy gets 3rd

By STEPHEN WADE  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Taylor Ruck almost psyched herself out before the race even started.

Knowing she was swimming against five-time Olympic champion Katie Ledecy in the 200-meter freestyle on Thursday at the Pan Pacific Championships, the Canadian had to calm herself down as she readied to dive into the pool.

"It's the name, I guess, because she is the fastest woman on the planet in a lot of races," Ruck said of the American great. "My coach kind of saw that, so he told me to focus on my lane and my race."

And there's another

factor. Almost everyone is already thinking about the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo and using this event as a trial run.

Ruck won the 200 in 1 minute, 54.44 seconds, just ahead of Japanese rival Rikako Ikee. Ledecy was third in 1:55.15.

Ledecy won this event two years ago at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics — and the 400 and 800, too — though it probably is her weakest race. She was second in the 200 a year ago at the world championships in Budapest.

It wasn't a lost day. Ledecy took the 800 in 8:09.13 — the fifth fastest on record — and will be the favorite in the 400 during the four-day event in Tokyo, the biggest meet

of the year for most swimmers around the Pacific Rim.

"I knew it was going to be tough," Ledecy said. "It's a tough double. I've done it a number of times, but it's always a difficult thing. I really put a lot of work into not having that happen again. But I still have two more years to go until the big show here in Tokyo."

American teammate Lilly King did her thing. The Olympic champion in Rio again won the 100 breaststroke, this time in 1:05.44. Not her best time, but she'll take it.

"I'm just trying to take it year by year, but I do feel it's a little bit of a rehearsal for the Olympics since we're in the same city,"

King said. "I'm just trying to get used to the culture and things like that. But the Olympics are always in the back of my mind."

King hasn't lost this race since 2015.

"It's definitely my baby," she said. "I don't know how I would take losing, so I'm just trying to keep winning."

Host nation Japan won twice. Yasuhiro Koseki took the men's 100 breaststroke, and Yui Ohashi won the women's 400 individual medley.

Australia's sole victory was the sole mixed medley relay. China has sent fewer swimmers and is focusing instead on the Asian Games later this month in Jakarta, Indonesia.

## New ways to pay: Installment payments with a twist



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This updated image provided by Afterpay shows an advertisement for a T-shirt being sold by Urban Outfitters. (Urban Outfitters via AP)

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — New kinds of installment plans are offering options to shoppers who may remember layaway as something their parents or grandparents used.

The payment businesses, many of them startups, are working with companies like Urban Outfitters or Expedia to give shoppers an alternative to traditional credit cards. While layaway plans were getting used again during the Great Recession, their popularity has faded as shoppers don't want to wait for their purchases.

The payment firms say

they appeal to younger shoppers. "For them, it's more like a budgeting mechanism," says Nick Molnar, co-founder and CEO of Afterpay. "It means it's more manageable to them."

Afterpay, which launched in the U.S. in May, hopes to replicate its adoption in Australia, where it says it processes more than 25 percent of all online fashion and beauty transactions. Another company, Affirm, claims 1.5 million active U.S. users. Even American Express is jumping into the game.

Shoppers who use the new payment options are likely to spend more compared to when they

use traditional forms of payment, says Tyler Higgins of the consulting firm AArete. The installment plans may also help stores prevent abandoned carts by offering other ways to pay. And many of the payment firms take on any fraud risk, says Forrester Research's Brendan Miller.

But experts caution the new plans could also be encouraging customers to stretch for purchases they can't really afford.

HOW IT WORKS: Many of the new plans are basically mini-loans shoppers can take out for specific purchases when checking out at stores and online sites that participate.

The payment firms are

promoting themselves on the front pages of the retail and travel websites they're working with, and people can decide when they're ready to buy something if they want to try it out.

WHAT CAN I BUY?: Retailers like Casper, Wayfair, and Expedia work with Affirm.

Afterpay works with names like Urban Outfitters and the online site Revolve.

Meanwhile, a company named Uplift has teamed up with travel partners such as American Airlines Vacations and Southwest Vacations and with Universal Orlando resorts.

American Express' Pay

it Plan option, available on its mobile app, allows customers to pay in installments for purchases of \$100 or more.

WHAT ABOUT CREDIT CHECKS?: The new payment firms don't do traditional credit checks but use several pieces of data. Both Uplift and Affirm asks for the last four digits of customers' Social Security numbers. Afterpay doesn't ask for the social security number but looks at how long people have lived at their addresses and their buying histories. The "loans" are approved or rejected in seconds or minutes.

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### BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

#### Concern in Arkansas town highlights trade fears in US states

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — State and local officials worried about President Donald Trump's trade dispute with China are trying to reassure a Chinese company that has delayed building a major paper mill outside a rural Arkansas college town. The Sun Paper project was expected to be one of the largest economic deals in Arkansas history, employing 2,000 people during its construction and creating an additional 1,000 jobs in the local timber industry. Company officials cite the trade friction as the reason for their delay.

#### China exports accelerated in July despite rise in US tariffs

BEIJING — China's exports to the United States surged last month as its merchants rushed to fill orders ahead of a jump in U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods. Its shipments to the United States climbed 13 percent in July from a year earlier, to \$41.5 billion, after a roughly similar rise in June, customs data show.

#### Who's in, out in small business tax break? It's complicated

WASHINGTON — Architects and engineers are still in; accountants, doctors and lawyers remain out — mostly. New rules floated by the Trump administration lay out what kinds of businesses can take a 20 percent deduction against income taxes under the new tax law. With the proposed rules issued Wednesday, the Treasury Department and the IRS had worked for six months to bring clarity to Congress' blueprint. But the requirements for "pass-through" businesses to score generous tax breaks are stunningly complex.

#### Robots are getting more social. Are humans ready?

BOSTON — Personal home robots that can socialize with people are finally getting ready to roll out of the laboratory and into our living rooms and kitchens. But are humans ready to be their friends? A growing number of tech companies — from tiny robotics startups to Amazon — are counting on it, despite some early setbacks.

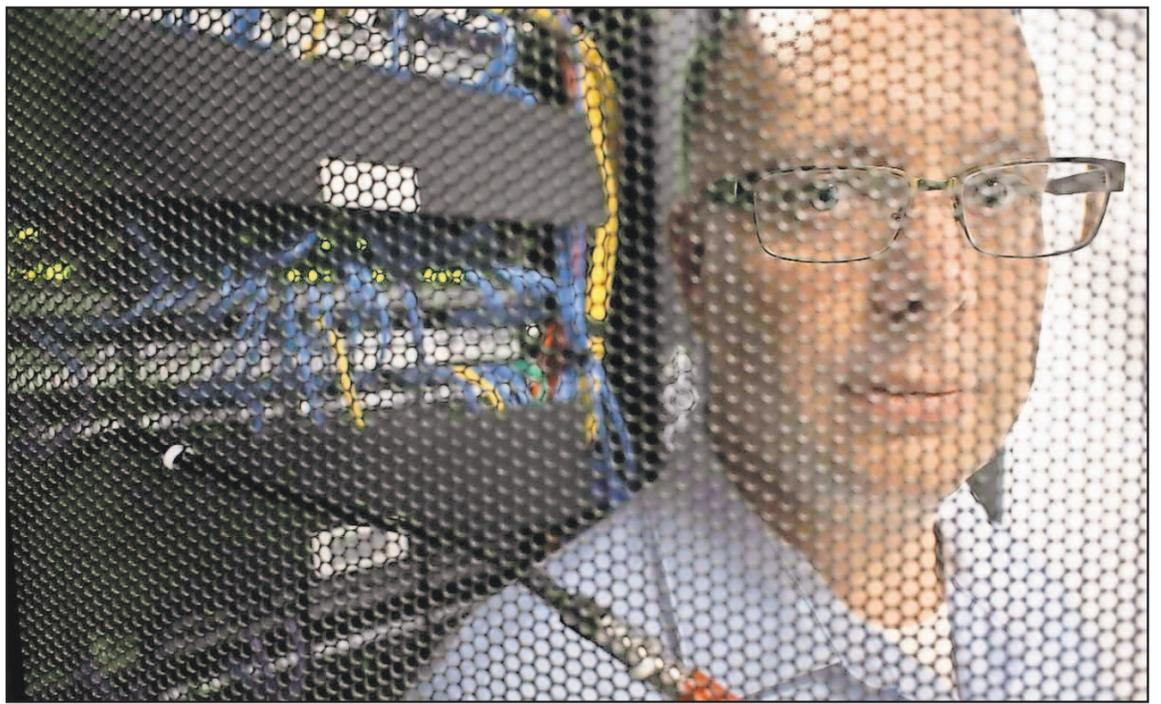
#### GOP congressman from New York charged with insider trading

NEW YORK — Republican U.S. Rep. Christopher Collins of western New York state has been arrested on charges he fed inside information he gleaned from sitting on the board of a biotechnology company to his son, helping themselves and others dodge hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses. Collins is a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump who was among the first two sitting members of Congress to endorse his candidacy for the White House. Collins was arrested Wednesday and has denied any wrongdoing.

#### CVS Health tops 2Q forecasts, downplays help from rebates

CVS Health detailed a better-than-expected second quarter Wednesday and then reassured investors that it doesn't depend heavily on much-criticized prescription drug rebates that regulators may eliminate. Shares of the drugstore chain and pharmacy benefit manager climbed after CEO Larry Merlo told analysts that rebates from drug-makers will amount to only about 3 percent of the company's adjusted earnings this year.

## New law may force small businesses to reveal data practices



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, photo Russell Benoit, of Dartmouth, Mass., marketing manager for AVTECH Software, stands behind the door of a server cabinet in the company's data center in Warren, R.I. AVTECH Software, which makes software to control building environmental issues, is preparing for what some say is the wave of the future: laws requiring businesses to be up-front with customers about how they use personal information.

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG,  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — A Rhode Island software company that sells primarily to businesses is nonetheless making sure it complies with a strict California law about consumers' privacy.

AVTECH Software is preparing for what some say is the wave of the future: laws requiring businesses to be upfront with customers about how they use personal information. California has already

passed a law requiring businesses to disclose what they do with people's personal information and giving consumers more control over how their data is used — even the right to have it deleted from companies' computers.

Privacy rights have gotten more attention since news earlier this year that the data firm Cambridge Analytica improperly accessed Facebook user information. New regulations also took effect in Europe.

For AVTECH, which makes software to control

building environmental issues, preparing now makes sense not only to lay the groundwork for future expansion, but to reassure customers increasingly uneasy about what happens to their personal information.

"People will look at who they're dealing with and who they're making purchases from," says Russell Benoit, marketing manager for the Warren, Rhode Island-based company.

Aware that California was likely to enact a data law, AVTECH began

reviewing how it handles customer information last year. Although most of the company's customers are businesses, it expects it will increase its sales to consumers.

While it may yet face legal challenges, the California Consumer Privacy Act is set to take effect Jan. 1, 2020. It covers companies that conduct business in California and that fit one of three categories: Those with revenue above \$25 million; those

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## US probes Ford F-150 fires possibly caused by seat belts

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DETROIT — U.S. safety investigators are looking into complaints of fires that may have been caused by the seat belts in Ford F-150 pickup trucks.

The investigation covers trucks from the 2015 through 2018. Ford sold about 2 million F-150s during those years.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating five complaints that fires began in the trucks after seat belt pretensioners made by ZF-TRW or Takata were activated. Pretensioners prepare

seat belts to gradually restrain passengers. Three fires destroyed the trucks, while two went out by themselves.

The agency says the fires began in a support pillar that houses the belts. Investigators will figure out the exact cause and whether a recall is necessary. None of those who complained reported any injuries.

Ford says it's cooperating with the probe.

In one of the complaints, an owner in Grand Rapids, Michigan, told NHTSA that on July 7, a deer ran into the driver's side of a pickup, causing minor



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In this Nov. 19, 2015, file photo a row of 2015 Ford F-150 pickup trucks are parked on the sales lot at Butler County Ford in Butler, Pa. U.S. safety investigators are looking into complaints of fires that may have been caused by the seat belts in Ford F-150 pickup

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# How to get rid of a timeshare

Some timeshare buyers know almost instantly that they've made a mistake. Other owners struggle for years with loan payments and ever-escalating annual fees before they're ready to throw in the towel. Even the happiest timeshare owners may decide they want out of their contracts, perhaps when they are no longer able to travel.

Buyers can cancel a timeshare purchase if they do so within the "rescission period," which varies by state and ranges from three to 15 days. After that, for most owners there's no easy way to get rid of a timeshare. That angers Jeff Weir, chief correspondent for RedWeek, a timeshare rental and resale site.

"The industry has failed to provide a dignified exit for owners," Weir says. "That leaves an opening for crooks and shysters to take advantage."

A common scam is



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Liz Weston

to promise to sell an owner's timeshare, often for an unrealistically high price, in exchange for an upfront fee, says Brian Rogers, owner of Timeshare Users Group, another forum for timeshare users. Or the fraudsters may promise to find a charity that will accept the timeshare. In reality, few charities are willing to take timeshares.

## GIVE UP ON GETTING YOUR MONEY BACK

Timeshare owners need to be wary — and realistic. Far more people want to sell timeshares than want to buy them. Timeshares at higher-end properties — those

owned by Disney, Marriott, Wyndham or Hilton, for example — sell for at most 15 percent of their original price, Weir says.

Timeshares at older and less swanky resorts may find no buyers, or sellers might have to pay annual fees for a year or two to induce someone to take their shares. Maintenance fees average about \$900 per year, but can exceed \$3,000 for better resorts.

A caveat: If you borrowed money from the timeshare developer, that loan has to be paid off before you can sell or give away your timeshare. Many novice buyers get talked into 10-year loans with interest rates of 15 percent or more, Weir says. Interest costs can easily inflate a \$20,000 purchase into a \$40,000 debt, he says.

## ASK THE RESORT TO TAKE IT BACK

Wyndham and Diamond Resorts are

among the few developers with formal programs for owners who want to relinquish their shares, Weir says. The programs are discretionary, meaning the chains decide which timeshares they're willing to take back, he says.

Most other developers won't take back timeshares at all, but it doesn't hurt to ask. Developers that accept returns may require owners to pay annual fees for a year or two while the resort finds another buyer, he says.

## SELL IT

Beware of people who contact you offering to sell your timeshare, since those are typically scams. If you need help and you own a timeshare at one of the high-end resorts, you can look for a broker through the Licensed Timeshare Resale Brokers Association site. These brokers don't charge upfront fees but instead take a commission from

any sale.

The Timeshare Users Group and RedWeek both have active marketplaces to facilitate sales. RedWeek also has a "What's My Timeshare Worth?" tool to help people research values based on previous sales through the site, while the Timeshare Users Group has a "bargain bin" section for owners willing to give away their shares. Owners also list their timeshares on Craigslist and eBay.

## RENT IT OUT

Many owners discover they can rent their timeshares for enough to pay or at least significantly offset annual fees, Rogers says. The same sites that list timeshares for sale also list options to rent.

## WALK AWAY (OR FILE BANKRUPTCY)

People who stop paying their loans or annual fees can be subject to foreclosure. At a minimum, they should expect their credit scores to plunge if the

developers turn their accounts over to collection agencies. They also could face lawsuits and wage garnishment, depending on the collector, although Rogers says that's unlikely to happen to older people who can no longer use the timeshare.

"No resort is going to actually sue an elderly retired person," he says. The owners "will likely take a credit hit, but most folks don't care at that age."

A bankruptcy filing can suspend collection activity and ultimately erase timeshare debt, but that obviously isn't a good solution for everyone. Anyone considering walking away from a timeshare should discuss their situation with an experienced bankruptcy attorney who can assess the situation and discuss options. The National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys offers referrals.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### \$3.9B buyout of Tribune by Sinclair ends in acrimony

NEW YORK — Tribune is withdrawing from its \$3.9 billion buyout by the Sinclair Broadcast Group, ending a bid to create a massive media juggernaut that could have rivaled the reach of Fox News. Tribune Media Co., which is on the hook for a \$135 million breakup fee, said

Thursday that it is suing Sinclair for breach of contract and at least \$1 billion in damages.

### Merger cancellation pushes Rite Aid into uncertain future

NEW YORK — Rite Aid shares have plunged as the company headed into an uncertain future after calling off its merger with the grocer

Albertsons. Analysts and retail insiders questioned the drug-store chain's chances for remaining viable after it ended a planned takeover by Albertsons before Rite Aid shareholders could vote on it.

### Samsung's new phone shows how hardware innovation has slowed

NEW YORK

— Samsung's new smartphone illustrates the limits of innovation at time when hardware advances have slowed. The Galaxy Note 9 will be faster and last longer without a recharge, but won't offer earth-shattering new features. The new phone will get some automatic photo editing and a stylus that can serve as a remote control. The new phones, announced Thursday, will come out Aug. 24.

### Uber faces new roadblock in New York on its way to IPO

SAN FRANCISCO — Uber will now have to navigate around a new regulatory pothole in New York on an already bumpy road to its initial public offering of stock next year. New York is imposing a one-year moratorium on new ride-hailing licenses in Uber's largest U.S.

market, raising the specter that other cities may adopt similar crack-downs as they try to ease traffic congestion. If that were to happen, it would be more difficult for Uber to reverse its uninterrupted history of losses leading up to its IPO.



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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated **June 28, 2018**, entered in Case No. **15000556GCAXMX** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2007-2 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2 is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Elnora Scott Sanders a/k/a Elnora Sanders, Deceased; Zeeywue Hipps are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the courthouse, 430 South Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870, beginning at 11:00 AM on the **30th day of August, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this **9th day of July, 2018**,  
 Robert Germaine  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: **/s/ Cyndi S. Dassinger**  
 As Deputy Clerk

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**LAW**  
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that collect or receive the personal information of 50,000 or more California consumers, households or electronic devices; and those who get at least half their revenue from selling personal information.

Although many small businesses may be exempt, those subject to the law will have to ensure their systems and websites can comply with consumer inquiries and requests. That may be an added cost of thousands for small companies that don't have in-house technology staffers and need software and consulting help.

Under California's law, consumers have the right to know what personal information companies collect from them, why it's collected and who the businesses share, transfer or sell it to. That information includes names, addresses, email addresses, browsing histories, professional or employment information, educational records and information about travel from GPS apps and programs. Companies must give consumers at least two ways to find out their information, including a toll-free phone number and an online form, and companies must also give consumers a copy of the information they've collected.

Consumers also have the right to have their information deleted from companies' computer systems, and to opt out of having the information sold or shared.

The law was modeled on the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, which took effect May 25. The California Legislature passed its law to prevent a more stringent proposed law from being placed on the November election ballot.

Frank Samson hopes the California law will help prevent what he sees as troubling marketing tactics by some in his industry, taking care of senior citizens. When people inquire about senior care companies online, it's sometimes on sites run by brokers rather than care providers themselves.

"It may be in the fine print, or it may not be: We're going to be taking

your info and sending it out to a bunch of people," says Samson, founder of Petaluma, California-based Senior Care Authority.

That steers many would-be clients to just a handful of companies, he says, and can mean seniors and families get bombarded with calls while dealing with stressful situations.

But many unknowns remain about the California law. The state attorney general's office must write regulations to accompany several provisions. There are inconsistencies between different sections of the law, and the Legislature would need to correct them, says Mark Brennan, an attorney with Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C., who specializes in technology and consumer protection laws. Questions about the law might need to be litigated, including whether California can force businesses based in other states to comply, Brennan says. There are similar questions about the European GDPR.

In the meantime, small business owners who want to start figuring out if they're likely to be subject to the California law and GDPR can talk to attorneys and technology consultants who deal with privacy rights. Brennan suggests companies contact professional and industry organizations that are gathering information about the laws and how to comply.

Some small businesses may benefit, such as any developing software tied to the law. Among other things, the software is designed to allow companies and customers to see what information has been gathered, who has access to it and who it has been shared with.

The software, expected to stay free for consumers, could cost companies into the thousands of dollars a year depending on their size, says Andy Sambandam, CEO of Clarip, one of the software makers. But, he says, "over time, the price is going to come down."

And other states are expected to adopt similar laws.

"This is the direction the country is going in," says Campbell Hutcheson, chief compliance officer with Datto, an information technology firm.

**PAYMENTS**  
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**FEES?:** They vary. Affirm says for many fashion purchases and certain other types of items, shoppers pay no interest. For others, it could be up to 30 percent based on customers' credit. It doesn't charge late fees, service fees or prepayment fees to shoppers. Shoppers can choose a payment schedule over a period of months. Affirm charges a fee to its retail and other business partners, though it declined to disclose the figure.

Afterpay requires customers to pay every other week in four payments. A missed payment draws an \$8 fee every time, while late fees cap at 25 percent of the price. Afterpay

also charges from 4.5 percent to 6 percent fees to the retailers, but doesn't charge interest to shoppers.

Uplift sets interest based on how it judges a person's credit worthiness. A \$1,500 trip broken down into 12 equal installments would average about \$10 in extra interest per month, according to founder and CEO Brian Barth. There are no late fees.

At AmEx, customers pay a fixed monthly fee based on their credit card's annual percentage rate, but no interest charge.

**WHAT TO WATCH FOR:** Know the upfront fees. Stick to a budget. And keep in mind that these companies reserve the right to report bad behavior to credit bureaus. "You can't overextend yourself," said Miller.

**FORD**  
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damage. The side air bags inflated, and after five to 10 minutes, a passenger noticed a fire on the bottom of the post between the front and rear doors

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# You Can Now Invest in Real Estate Using Bitcoin

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August 28, 2018  
Highlands County, Florida  
Nonpartisan**

**Precincts 1 - 25**

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**County Commissioner District 4 Universal Primary Contest (Vote for One)**

Jack L. Richie REP

Arlene Tuck REP

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**Circuit Judge, 10th Circuit Group 10 (Vote for One)**

Lee Cohen

Melissa Gravitt

Keith P. Merritt

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**Circuit Judge, 10th Circuit Group 11 (Vote for One)**

Dana Y. Moore

Stephen Paul Pincket

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**School Board District 1 (Vote for One)**

Isaac Durrance

Charlene Edwards

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**End of Ballot**



**Dear Registered Voter,**  
This is a sample of the Optical Scan Paper Ballot that will be used for the **Primary Election to be held August 28, 2018.**

Please note the following instructions and reminders.

**1. OPTICAL SCAN PAPER BALLOT:**

When you vote an Optical Scan Paper Ballot, you are filling in or darkening, with a blue or black ink pen, an oval on a paper ballot.

The Golden Rule when voting an Optical Scan Paper Ballot is:

**“COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL”**

Please remember this Golden Rule and follow it exactly. This allows the Optical Scanner to read and accurately tabulate your choice(s). You will be furnished a marking device at the voting location.

Please mark the sample ballot with your choices and take it with you as a guide to vote at your polling location.

**2. VOTERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE:**

For voters with disabilities we will have an AutoMARK ballot marking device available at each precinct. Election workers are trained and available to instruct and assist you with this machine. We also provide language and voting assistance for any voter who may wish to request this service. Please see the Clerk for any questions or concerns you may have.

**3. VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:**

Each Voter must vote in the precinct where they currently reside on Election Day. This Primary Election is a county-wide election and all precincts will be open and every qualified, registered voter will be able to cast a ballot. Polling locations will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018.

**4. CLOSED PRIMARY STATE:**

Since Florida is a closed primary state, only voters who are registered members of the respective political party's candidates can vote for those candidate nominees in a primary election.

**5. VOTER REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES:**

To vote in this Primary Election, you must have been a qualified registered voter in Florida by July 30, 2018 and you must be currently residing within Highlands County. If you are registered to vote in the State of Florida and have moved into Highlands County from another Florida County or you have changed residential addresses within Highlands County, you will be able to change your address on Election Day and cast a ballot.

**6. ID REQUIRED:**

You must produce a current, valid and accepted form of PICTURE AND SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION before you will be allowed to vote. For a list of accepted identification, please visit our website, www.votehighlands.com, and click on the VOTER INFO tab. If you cannot produce picture and signature identification you will be required, by law, to vote a provisional ballot.

**7. SIGNATURE UPDATES:**

If your signature has changed since you registered to vote, you may need to provide a signature update to the Elections Office. Signatures on Petitions and Vote By Mail Ballots are always checked against the original voter registration signature, and it is the responsibility of the voter to be sure the signature is updated when it changes. If you need to update your signature, please call the Elections Office at 863-402-6655 to have a form sent to you.

**8. EARLY VOTING:**

Early Voting will be held beginning Saturday, August 18, 2018 and everyday afterward through Saturday, August 25, 2018. Locations will be open for voting from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day. There will be no early voting on Sunday, August 26, 2018 or Monday, August 27, 2018.

Early Voting Locations:

- Avon Park – Avon Park City Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine St. Avon Park
- Sebring – Supervisor of Elections Operations Center, 4500 Kenilworth Blvd., Sebring
- Lake Placid – Lake Placid Town Hall Council Chambers, 311 W. Interlake Blvd, Lake Placid

**Remember, every vote counts!**

If you have any concerns or if you need further information, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 863-402-6655.

Sincerely,  
Penny Ogg  
Supervisor of Elections

Highlands County Precincts (\*\* denotes new precinct location)

WHERE TO VOTE	
PRECINCT	Name and Address
**1	<b>Avon Park Community Center</b> 310 W. Main Street, Avon Park
2, 2N	<b>Avon Park City Council Chambers</b> 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park
3	<b>Community Bible Church</b> 1400 CR 17A North, Avon Park
4, 4A, 4D	<b>Sun 'N Lake Community Center</b> 3500 Edgewater Drive, Sebring
5	<b>Sebring Hills Clubhouse</b> 200 Lark Avenue, Sebring
6	<b>Highlands County Shrine Club</b> 2602 SR 17 South, Avon Park
7	<b>Sebring Elks Lodge</b> 2618 Kenilworth Boulevard, Sebring
8	<b>Sebring Recreation Club</b> 333 Pomegranate Avenue, Sebring
9	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> 111 N. Highlands Avenue, Sebring
10	<b>Sebring Masonic Lodge</b> 1809 Home Avenue, Sebring
11, 11S	<b>Old DeSoto City Hall</b> 6305 CR 17 South, Sebring
12	<b>Lorida Community Building</b> 1909 Oak Avenue, Lorida
13, 13L	<b>First Baptist Church of Lake Placid</b> 119 E. Royal Palm Avenue, Lake Placid
14	<b>Venus United Methodist Church</b> 962 CR 731, Venus
15, 15S	<b>Bible Fellowship Church</b> 3750 Hammock Road., Sebring
16, 16A	<b>Avon Park Lakes Clubhouse</b> 2714 Nautilus Drive, Avon Park
17, 17L	<b>American Legion Building</b> 1490 US 27 North, Lake Placid
18	<b>Brighton Baptist Church</b> 24050 SR 70 West, Okeechobee
19, 19L	<b>Sun 'N Lakes South Clubhouse</b> 440 Sun 'N Lakes Boulevard, Lake Placid
20, 20N	<b>Spring Lake Community Center</b> 209 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring
21	<b>First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine</b> 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring
22	<b>Maranatha Village</b> 3945 Arbuckle Creek Road, Sebring
23	<b>Francis II Mobile Park Clubhouse</b> 2800 Real McCoy Drive, Sebring
24	<b>Sebring Falls Clubhouse</b> 2100 Caribbean Road East, Sebring
25, 25D	<b>Church of Christ</b> 3800 Sebring Parkway, Sebring

## Official Primary Election Ballot August 28, 2018 Highlands County, Florida Democratic Party

Precincts 1 - 25

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<p><b>Representative in Congress District 17</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> April Freeman DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bill Pollard DEM</p>	<p><b>Commissioner of Agriculture</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nicole "Nikki" Fried DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Duane Porter DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Roy David Walker DEM</p>	<p><b>End of Ballot</b></p>
<p><b>Governor and Lieutenant Governor</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Andrew Gillum Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gwen Graham Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeff Greene Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Chris King Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Philip Levine Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alex "Lundy" Lundmark Not Yet Designated DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Wetherbee Not Yet Designated DEM</p>	<p><b>State Representative District 55</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Audrey Ascitutto DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Nicholas Mrozowski DEM</p> <p><b>County Commissioner District 4</b> <b>Universal Primary Contest</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jack L. Richie REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Arlene Tuck REP</p> <p><b>Circuit Judge, 10th Circuit Group 10</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lee Cohen</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Melissa Gravitt</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Keith P. Merritt</p> <p><b>Circuit Judge, 10th Circuit Group 11</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Dana Y. Moore</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stephen Paul Pincket</p>	

# Official Primary Election Ballot

## August 28, 2018

### Highlands County, Florida

### Republican Party

Precincts 1 - 25

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	<p><b>Commissioner of Agriculture</b> (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Matt Caldwell REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Denise Grimsley REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike McCalister REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Baxter Troutman REP</p>	<p><b>End of Ballot</b></p>

# The FUNNIES

**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

YOU WANTED ME, MANAGER?

I THINK YOU NEED A LITTLE PRACTICE ON FLY BALLS, LUCY, SO IF YOU'LL GET OUT THERE, I'LL HIT YOU A FEW...

JUST TROT ON OUT THERE, AND I'LL HIT SOME HIGH ONES, AND WE'LL SEE HOW YOU DO...

WELL, GO ON! GET OUT THERE BEFORE I HIT ONE AND YOU HAVE TO CHASE IT!

I'M WARNING YOU...I'M NOT GONNA WAIT! I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND WHACK ONE SO FAR YOU'LL HAVE TO RUN FIFTY MILES!

GO AHEAD! GET MOVING! GET OUT THERE BEFORE I SWING BECAUSE I'M NOT WAITING ANOTHER SECOND!

YOU'D BETTER START MOVING.. HERE IT GOES!!

**THE LOCKHORNS**  
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER



"IF I COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE THINGS, YOU'D BE WEARING A DIFFERENT SHIRT."

"NOT ONLY DOES LORETTA FINISH MY SENTENCES, SHE STARTS THEM, TOO."

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MEMO

"OCCASIONALLY, I LIKE TO MAKE LEROY FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHAT HE'S DOING AT WORK."

"NO, DON'T ERASE ALL THOSE EPISODES OF 'HOARDERS'... I WANT TO SAVE THEM!"

"LEROY IS DETERMINED TO HAVE THE BIGGEST BARBECUE GRILL ON THE BLOCK."

**Hi and Lois**  
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

BLAH, BLAH, BLAH...

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE!

CLASS REUNION

CHUCK GREEN! GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

HIRAM FLAGSTON. MARRIED. FOUR KIDS. ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER FOR FOOFRAM INDUSTRIES.

NICE CATCHING UP WITH YOU.

DON'T YOU WANT TO CHECK OUT MY FACIAL RECOGNITION APP?

**MARY WORTH**

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?

UH...

"LOVE IS WHEN YOU GIVE SOMEONE ELSE THE POWER TO DESTROY YOU, AND YOU TRUST THEM NOT TO." - E. LOCKHART

ME...AND YOU...

BRANDY, YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME...

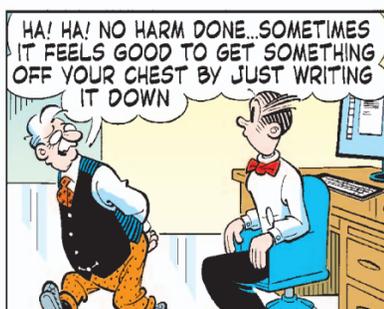
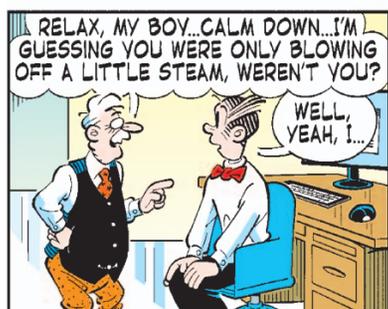
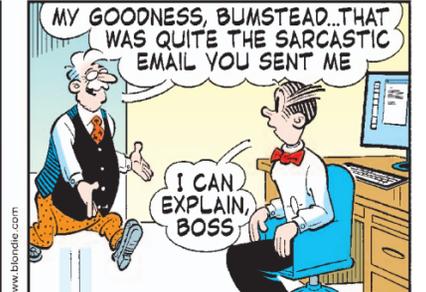
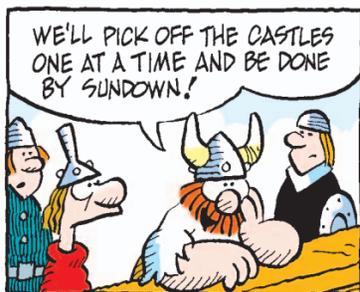
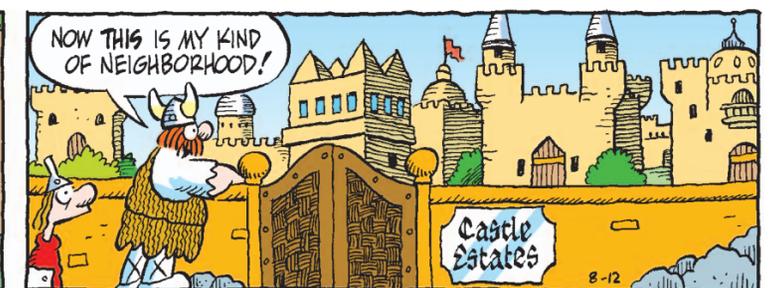
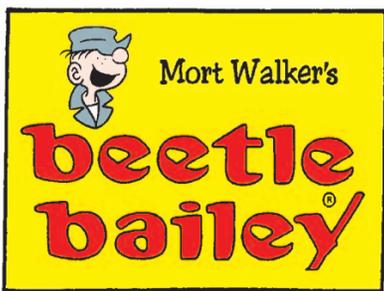
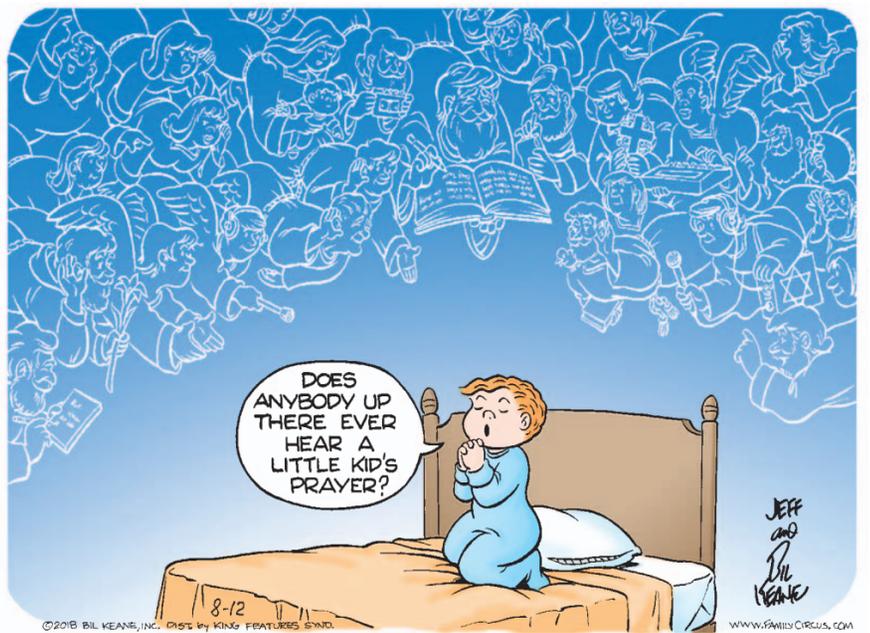
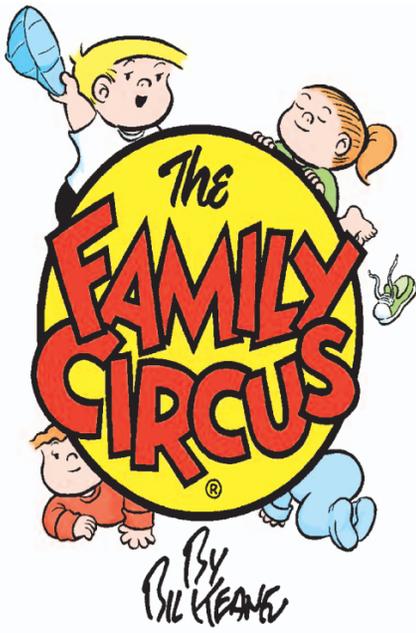
I FEEL THE SAME ABOUT YOU, TOMMY.

THAT'S WHY THIS IS SO HARD...

TOMMY...DO YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME?

NO! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT ME YOU DON'T KNOW...

I HAVE...UM, SOME THINGS IN COMMON WITH YOUR FATHER...





**FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE**  
By JIM JOHNSON

HOW CAN ONE SMALL FAMILY PRODUCE SO MUCH TRASH?!

BEFORE YOU GO, I WANT YOU TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE.

TOOK THE GARBAGE OUT LAST TIME - IT'S ELIZABETH'S TURN!

IS NOT! ALL HE TOOK OUT WAS A SOAP BOX! IT'S NO FAIR!!!

LOOK! I DON'T CARE WHO DOES IT... I WANT **SOMEBODY** TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE!!

...IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE A SOMEBODY.

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GARFIELD! COME QUICK!

JIM DAVIS 8-12

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HURRY!! HURRY!!

I HAPPEN TO THINK RAINBOWS ARE SPECIAL!

SO ARE MY NAPS

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HAL FOSTER'S

**Prince Valiant**

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

H.F. TY.

VALETA HAS CAUGHT SENATOR KRIOS IN THE TREASONOUS ACT OF COLLUSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN. THE PRINCESS GIVES GENERAL VITALIUS THE CHANCE TO DEPART IN PEACE, WHICH HE UNQUESTIONINGLY ACCEPTS WHILE CONTEMPTUOUSLY REJECTING KRIOS' PLEA TO BE TAKEN ALONG.

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CORNERED AND DESPERATE TO SAVE HIS HIDE, THE CUNNING SENATOR GRABS THE TWO TORCHES LIGHTING THE WHARF... ... AND HURLS THEM INTO THE WATER. THE LANDING IS PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.

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"NOW!" SCREAMS KRIOS. "THE ARCHERS CANNOT SEE YOU! THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO KEEP OUR LIVES! ONTO THEM!" THE OBEДИENT DRAGON NEEDS NO MORE URGING - HE PUSHES THE FAMILY GUARDS FORWARD...

...IN A RUSH AT VALETA'S COMPANY! THE ROYAL GUARDS IMMEDIATELY SURROUND THE DEFENSELESS VALETA AND HUSTLE HER TO THE REAR, AS EVEN SENATORS CHARIS AND METHODIOS DRAW SWORDS AND JOIN THE FRAY. AND KRIOS? HE SCURRIES TOWARD HIS BOAT...

NEXT: **Dysfunctional**

YEATES 9/12/18

**SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS**

**BY BOB WEBER JR.**

Count Weirdly is suspected of stealing a top-secret soda pop formula from an international beverage company. Slylock Fox wants to question the count. How did Slylock safely reach the castle door, despite the presence of Weirdly's guard monster?

Answer -- Slylock led the mindless monster around and around the tree until the chain was too short to reach the door.

Spot six differences between these panels.

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**HOW TO DRAW a howling cat**

BOB WEBER JR and SR 8-12

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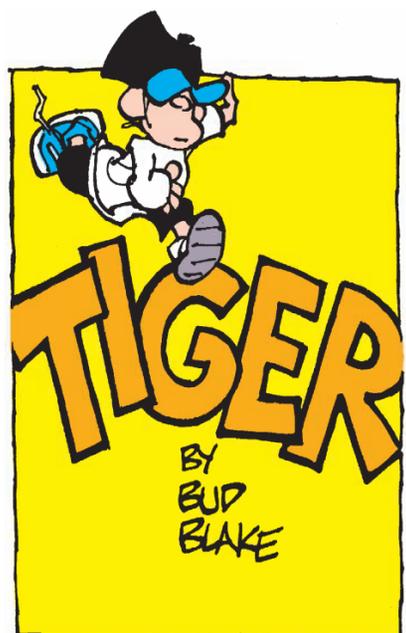
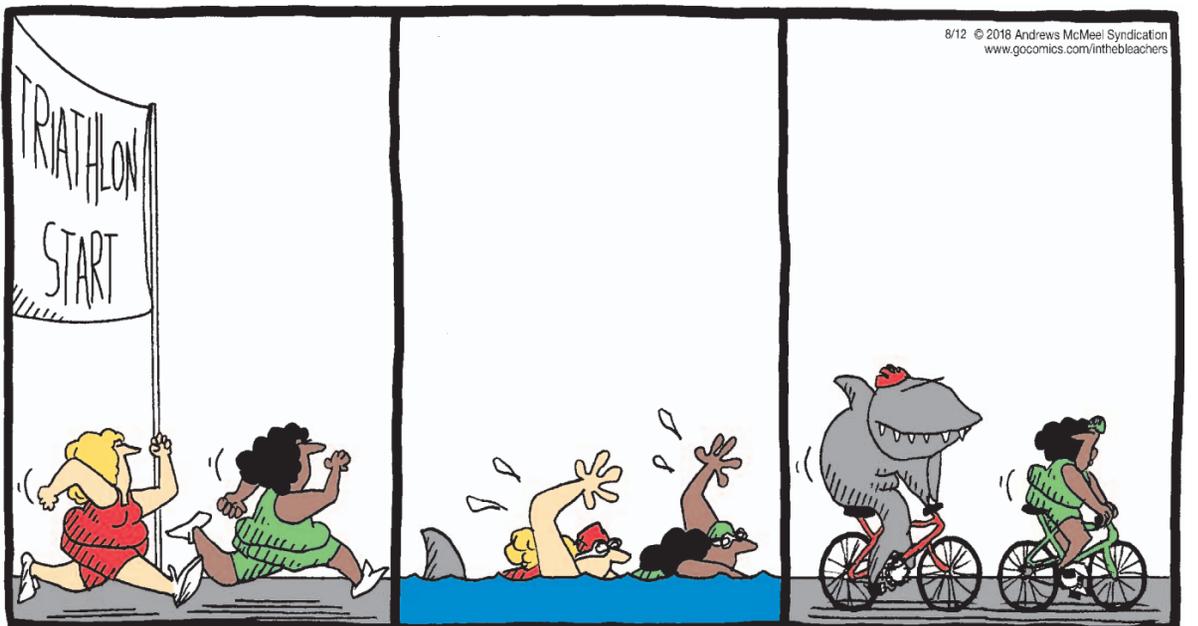
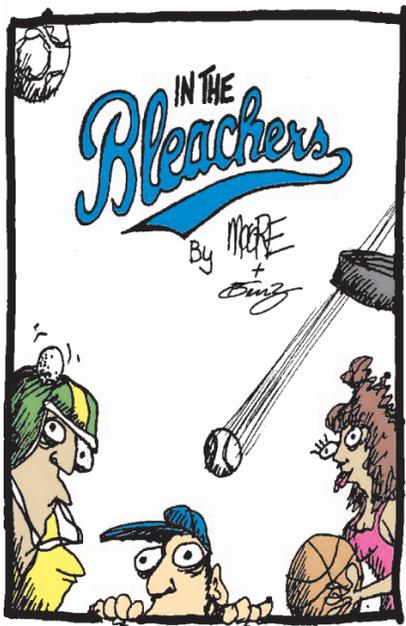
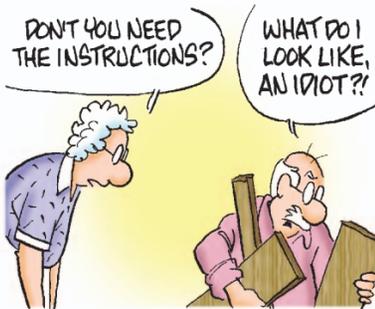
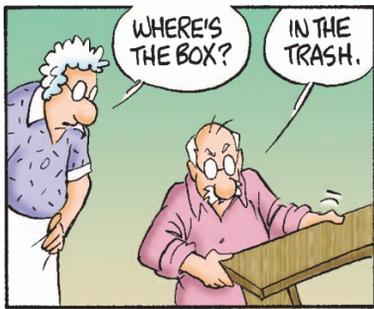
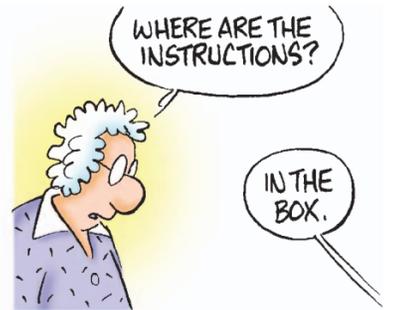
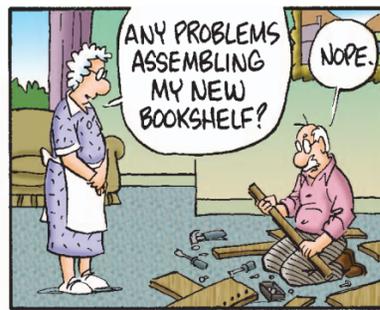
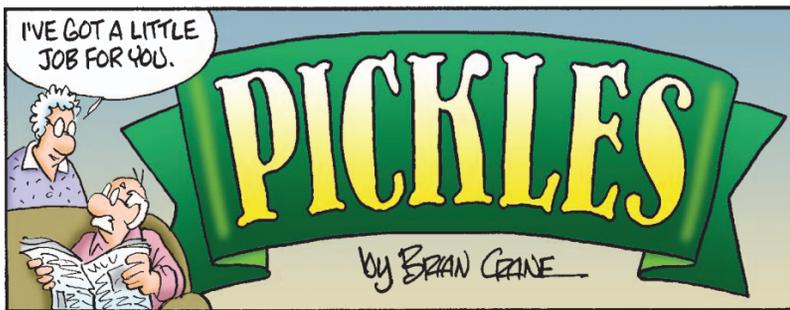
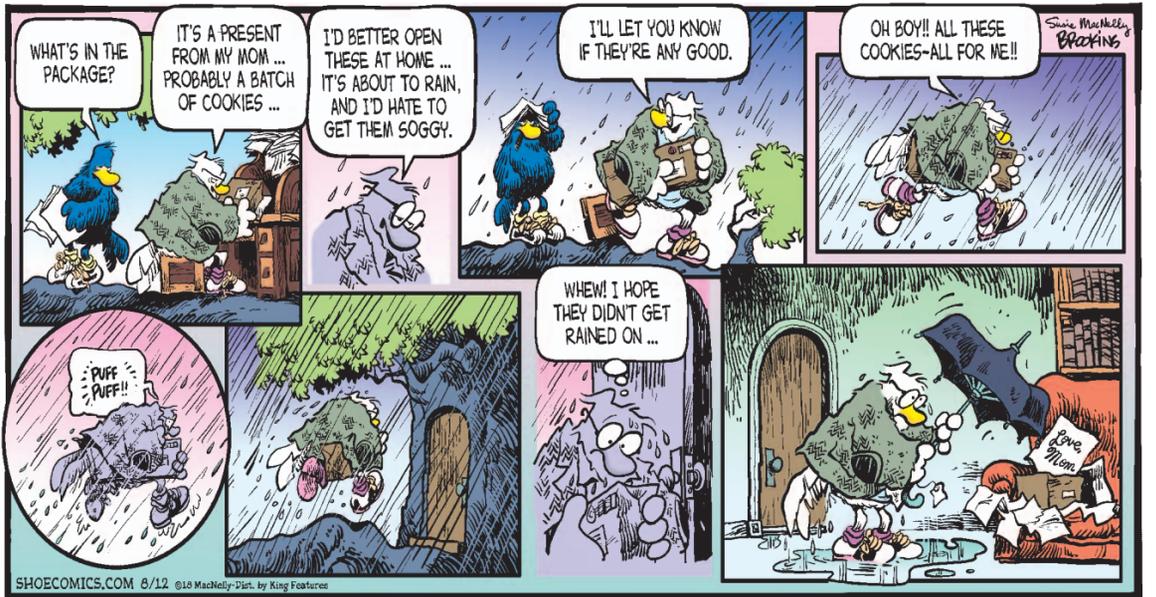
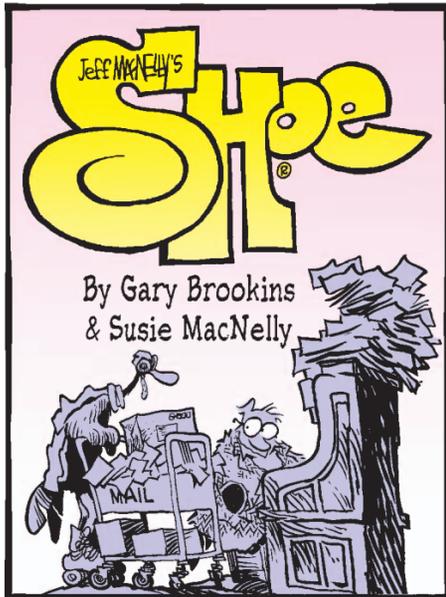
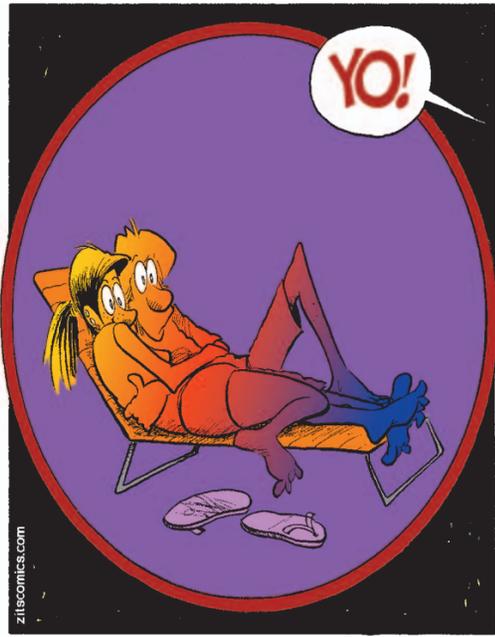
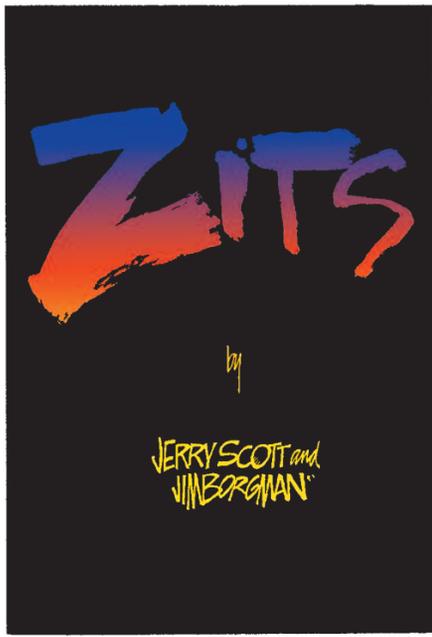
**What am I?**

Each year my bug-eating relatives and I devour around twice the combined weight of all the world's humans. And research suggests that you are rarely more than 10 feet from one of us. What am I?

Answer -- I am a spider!

Answer -- Spider; tooth, bird, baby ape's mouth, nostrils and leaves.

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# BABY BLUES

Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WREN GETS TO RIDE IN THE STROLLER?

GIVE HER A BREAK, HAMMIE. SHE'S JUST A TODDLER.

BARNEY GOOGLER and **SNUFFY** BY JOHN ROSE

HOW SOON WILL TH' FELLERS BE HERE FER YORE CARD GAME, PAW?

NOT SOON ENUFF !!

NATURE'S LAWN MOWER !!

NATURE'S LEAF BLOWER !!

NATURE'S POWER WASHER !!

TH' LESS YA SPEND ON POWER EQUIPMENT, TH' MORE YA HAVE FER POKER !!

HOWDY, BOYS !!

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

YOU KNOW WHAT I DISLIKE ABOUT SUMMER?

THE BUGS.

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SNAP

CHOMP

GLOMP

I THINK IT'S BATH TIME, BUDDY.

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WHAT DO YOU THINK PEOPLE SEE WHEN THEY LOOK UP AT US?

POLITICS. EVERYTHING'S ABOUT POLITICS NOW.

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES WHEN I LIE ON THE GRASS, LOOK UP AT THE SKY AND TRY TO ENJOY THE MOMENT, I WORRY I'M NOT MAKING THE MOST OF MY SUMMER VACATION...

BUT CONSTANTLY FOCUSING ON WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING PREVENTS YOU FROM ENJOYING WHAT YOU ARE DOING...

IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU TAKE A CELLPHONE PHOTO OF SOMETHING RATHER THAN JUST EXPERIENCE IT. THE MOMENT BECOMES SECONDARY, THE SENSATION FEELS REMOVED, AND THE MEMORY IS NEVER NEARLY AS VIVID IN YOUR MIND.

BUT IF YOU ACTUALLY JUST STOP - IF YOU DON'T JUMP AHEAD, DON'T LOOK BACK AND DON'T REMOVE YOURSELF FROM WHERE YOU ARE...

YOU MAY JUST FIND NOW IS THE MOMENT YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.

LIKE REALIZING WE'RE REALLY WORKING ON A GOOD-SIZE GROUP OF FRIENDS HERE.

MEANWHILE, YOUR NEIGHBORS PROBABLY THINK WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE SPELLING SOMETHING OUT ON YOUR FRONT LAWN.

I JUST MOVED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IS THIS NORMAL?

# CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

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I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE GIVING ONLINE BANKING A TRY, DAD.

YEAH, I DECIDED TO SWITCH WHEN THEY STARTED PEPPER-SPRAYING ANYONE WHO TRIED TO WALK INTO THE BANK LOBBY.

TO ME, THE TRICKY PART OF ONLINE BANKING IS GETTING THE PASSWORD RIGHT.

THAT'S NOT REALLY A PROBLEM.

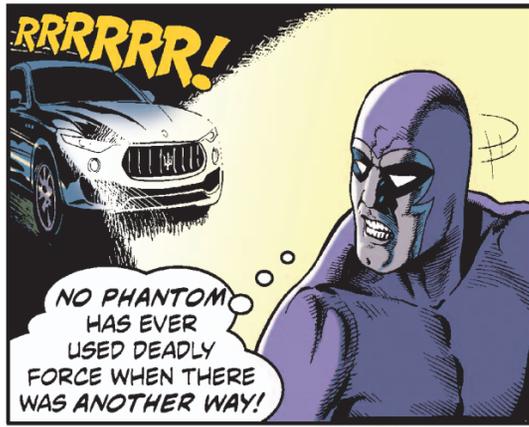
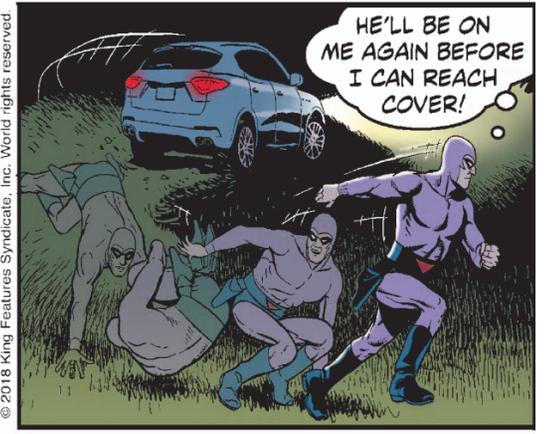
WOW, HOW DO YOU REMEMBER SUCH A LONG PASSWORD?

EASY... I USE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.



# THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK



# NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY



# DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

