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Highlands County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. and Cindy Rodriguez, government affairs program manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, speak with Highlands County commissioners about the current Jack Creek Watershed study and how the county may want to work with SWFWMD after it's done to correct drainage problems.

## SWFWMD looking over Jack Creek

### Willing to help with projects, once study done

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — One of the biggest challenges with flooding is where can you put the water?

That's the main issue presented Tuesday to the Highlands County Board of County Commission by Cindy Rodriguez, government affairs program manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) offices in Bartow.

She said displacing water today in Florida is nothing like it was for her parents' generation, or their parents.

"We did a great job of making it a great place to live," Rodriguez said of Florida, "but all water bodies are connected."

The state and/or private landowners can't just cut channels through wetlands to drain them further downstream, risking residential flooding, damage to agriculture or harm to ecosystems around Lake Okeechobee or the Everglades.

She said SWFWMD has at least six watershed studies in progress in and around Highlands County, with the Jack Creek Watershed Management Plan being the largest — 70 square miles feeding water into Lake Josephine, Josephine Creek, Jack Creek, Lake Francis, and Lake June-in-Winter (Lake June).

Right now, she said, the study is looking at where the system has failures — pipes, berms, retention ponds and swales that are backing up or washing out — so they can be included in a design for upgrades.

She said consultants are working to get two to four months ahead of the April 1, 2019 deadline for that phase of the study.

Other deadlines are as follows:  
Feb. 1, 2020 — Have data analyzed fully and turned into a

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# POVERTY IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

According to Rice University, natural disasters widen the racial wealth gap. Hurricane Irma devastated the Highway Park neighborhood, which is still struggling to overcome the effects of Irma.

## County's rate higher than national average

By MELISSA MAIN  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The poverty rate in Highlands County — 38.8 percent in Avon Park, 27.2 percent in Sebring and 54.7 percent in Lake Placid — exceeds the national average of 14 percent, according to government data from 2015-2016 that was analyzed by Data USA.

Using the formula for percent increase, the poverty rate in Avon Park was calculated to be 177 percent more than the national average. Sebring's poverty rate was 94 percent more than the national average, and Lake Placid's poverty rate was 290 percent more.

When Data USA compared Highlands County as a whole, the poverty rate dropped to 19.4 percent, which is much lower than areas in the county's town or city limits. However, 19.4 percent is still 38 percent higher than the national average.

The poverty levels are higher in the city or town limits of Lake Placid, Sebring, and Avon Park than they are in the surrounding areas, and the number of people in the entire area of Highlands County is much larger than the number of people in the city and town limits. According to Florida Tax Watch, an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Washington Heights, an area with a high poverty rate, has many blue roofs. The damage from Hurricane Irma is still highly visible almost a year later.

government watchdog that works to improve the productivity and accountability of Florida government, 75.9 percent of Highlands County's population lives in unincorporated areas.

For example, there are 10,052 people in Avon Park, 10,423 people in Sebring and 2,321 in Lake Placid, but there are 98,862 in all areas of Highlands County. This helps to explain the large difference in poverty levels between the individual municipalities and the county as a whole.

When asked about the

poverty rate in Sebring, City Administrator Scott Noethlich said, "The most important thing we can do about poverty is the creation of jobs."

Economic Development Manager for Highlands County Taylor Benson said, "We have major companies who will be coming to the area." One of the largest companies scheduled to come to our area is Nucor, a steel producer, which will be in Polk County, but near the Highlands County line.

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ROMONA WASHINGTON/STAFF

The residents of Lacey Hills Subdivision in Avon Park are working to clean up their neighborhood for themselves and the children who live there.

## School board candidates have a final word

By MARC VALERO  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Voters will decide by Tuesday who will fill the District 1 School Board of Highlands County seat for a four-year term, with a choice between incumbent Charlene Edwards and challenger Issac Durrance.

Highlands News-Sun offered both candidates an opportunity to make a statement on their candidacy.

Durrance, in his own words:

"Education has always been my passion, including a personal focus of two master's degrees and coursework for my doctorate in

Educational Leadership.

"I have worked for the last 18 years in the Highlands County school system where I have experience as a teacher and school-based administrator including all facets of the district. Also, I have significant experience serving on boards of organizations around our community over the last 25 years.

"These include the Highlands County Y.M.C.A., Miracle League of Highlands County, Sun 'n Lake Elementary P.T.O., Children's Museum of the Highlands, Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, Avon Park High



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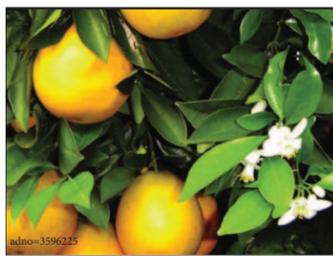
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School Board candidates Issac Durrance and Charlene Edwards.



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# Nu-Hope Speakeasy Soiree a success

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sequined flapper dresses and feathered fascinators were the hit of the night at the Nu-Hope Speakeasy on Friday night at the Jack Stroup Civic Center.

Gentlemen wore pinstriped gangster-style suits and fedoras in the Roaring Twenties style. The event was an annual fundraiser for the elder care services Nu-Hope provides to its clients.

White fabric hung the ceilings, backlit with tiny white lights. The tables were draped in white and black linens, and the chairs were covered with black satin. The centerpieces on the table were tall vases with white feathers and pearls overflowing the containers. The result was a simple but elegant and sophisticated flair.

Scores of attendants played craps, roulette and blackjack games with funny money. Karen Lewis cleaned up at the craps table and she showed off her stack of chips.

"I don't even know



Linda Dolan does the YMCA hand gestures to the Village People's famous song on Friday night at the Nu-Hope Speakeasy Soiree.

she said. "Look at all these chips."

The Golden Era Big Band played music the first half of the night. They played period and oldies but goodies music. Guests could slow dance to "Stars Fell on Alabama" and participate with hand motions to the Village People's famous song, "YMCA."

During the second half of the night, DJ "LatinStyle" Jose DelGado brought the house down with some old-school funk and dance music.

After the dancers worked up a thirst or appetite, they could take advantage of a champagne fountain, courtesy of Baxter Troutman, or the great spread of food sponsored by Positive Medical Transport.

Backdrops and props were used to take "mug shots" of the guests by Mat Delaney, who volunteered his time and talents to the non-profit organization. The pictures were posed and candid and will be emailed to the guest.

Insight Auctioneers held a fast-talking, fast-paced live auction to raise additional funds. The items ran the gamut from a set of tools to a helicopter tour over the county; a John Deere wagon to an acoustic guitar autographed by Chris Janson and Danielle Bradberry. Other items included Disney park hopper passes, and a get-a-way to Little Gasparilla Island. A silent auction took place for even more items like gift certificates to restaurants and services along with airline tickets.

Nu-Hope's Executive Director Ingra Gardner was dressed in a sequined gown for the occasion. She said she was pleased with the number of guests who attended.

"It was an exemplary evening that supported a great cause," she said. "The event embodied the opulence of yesterday and today."

Nu-Hope is a 501 (3)



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Karen Lewis said that, although she didn't know how to play craps, she was cleaning up on Friday night.

nonprofit organization. Its volunteers and staff provide congregate meals sites, and other services such as help with activities of daily living, socialization and helping seniors to age in place when possible.

"The evening would not have been possible without the support of the Heartland Alliance for Aging Members," Gardner said. "I would also like to thank Nu-Hope's Board of Directors for their hard work."



From left is Ingra Gardner, Nan Immel and Cora Schwingel who are having a great time at the Speakeasy Soiree.



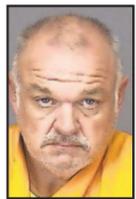
how to play the game,"

# No longer wanted: Hutton arrested, charged

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff's Office called on residents to provide tips on the location of Joseph Francis Hutton, 56, of Sebring, who was accused of attempted murder and robbery on Thursday Aug. 24.

However, just a few hours after HCSO made their plea, Hutton was arrested and booked on charges of attempted murder, robbery with a weapon, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug



HUTTON

paraphernalia for the purpose of the sale, manufacturing or delivery of illegal drugs. Hutton fled the residence where the HCSO found him and five other suspects, who were charged for having illegal drugs on the premises and on their persons.

He incurred warrants for allegedly attempting murder, robbery with a weapon, possession of heroin, possession of

drug paraphernalia and manufacturing and delivering drug paraphernalia. Hutton was on felony probation at the time.

An anonymous tipster told the HCSO's Tactical anti-crime Unit, or TAC, that Hutton was near the area of Valiant Avenue and Peugeot Street, near the Sebring Walmart, according to an arrest report.

The TAC team set up surveillance near the area. They saw Hutton leave a home and drive by on a golf cart, driving south on Valiant Avenue and headed to Dauphine Street.

He was headed straight to an awaiting deputy,

authorities said.

Arrest records show that the deputy positively identified Hutton through a number of different bulletins and master index lists. Hutton turned into a yard and the deputy told him to get off the golf cart.

Hutton refused, put the green golf cart into reverse and drove that way for some time, authorities said. The deputy took off on foot, chasing him while still commanding Hutton to stop the cart. However, Hutton did not stop, according to the reports.

Once at an intersection, Hutton tried to throw

the gear back into drive but an unmarked car pulled in behind him. The deputy who had given chase on foot pulled out his conducted electrical weapon, more commonly known as a Taser. After Hutton ignored another warning, the deputy launched the Taser and hit Hutton in the chest and knee.

The report states that even after he was tased, Hutton was still resisting arrest, and other deputies were trying to get him off the golf cart and he was trying to accelerate it.

Hutton was trying to move the cart forward

where the deputy who chased him was still in front of the cart. Two more tasers had to be deployed to finally get Hutton to the ground and handcuffed.

A search revealed a bag in his front pocket that tested positive for methamphetamine and a glass pipe with residue that also tested positive for the illegal substance, authorities said. The weight of the methamphetamine was 4.8 grams.

Hutton is in the Highlands County Jail and is being held with no bond.

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# LP residents face garbage changes

## No fee hikes but stiffer rules

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Town Council will hear the second reading of the town's proposed new garbage ordinance (2018-765) on Monday, Sept. 10. Barring any persuasive arguments, council members will more than likely approve and adopt the ordinance on second reading, as they approved the first reading.

Residents are urged to attend the meeting to voice their concerns. The ordinance was originally proposed to the council on July 9 and feedback was given to Town Administrator Phil Williams regarding wording and other aspects.

Changes for residents will not be in the form of fee increases or decreases. The main changes will be in the way residents bring items to the curb and what the town's sanitation crew will and won't pick up.

One of the main reasons the ordinance was being looked at is the \$100,000 deficit in the sanitation department that the general fund had to cover last year and also in previous

years. The commercial rates were blamed and are being raised. The residential rate will be spared an increase this go-around as those rates were raised in 2011. The current rate is \$200 per year and is paid monthly within the water bill.

A second reason to change the ordinance is to reestablish best practices that officials have been lax on, which has cost the sanitation department more money in tipping fees. Harvey Waldron will fill the newly formed position of solid waste coordinator in addition to handling his duties as public works director.

For starters, there will be no change in pickup days or fees. When it comes to horticulture debris such as twigs and trimmings, small piles will be picked up with the regular trash. However, if there are several small piles on a single property, the homeowner will be billed for one large pile.

There are exceptions in certain neighborhoods where an agreement with the homeowner's association has been made. Those contracts will be honored through each

contract's specified dates. Even those neighborhoods will see an increase from \$135 for extra pickups to \$150 under the new ordinance.

"We are really good to our people," Williams said. "We are not trying to be unreasonable or break the bank. We are just trying to rein it in. We provide a good service. We just need to rein it in a bit."

Williams also said the council does not want to become a carbon copy of the county's model but would like to mimic some things like not picking up loose garbage on the ground and hauling rain-soaked garbage.

Town Attorney Bert J. Harris III and Williams worked on the ordinance together along with feedback from council members. They decided to mandate garbage cans with lids, preferably lids that are attached, similar to the county cans. There will be a limit of four cans of 45 gallons each with handles. Uncanned garbage bags that are 32-gallon and secured will be taken as long as they weigh no more than 25 pounds, with an eight-bag limit. The cans and bags should be on the inside of the edge of the curb by two feet, but no more than 10 feet.

The reasoning behind the lids is that when rain accumulates into the cans, they become much heavier, making it more difficult for sanitation crews to lift them. According to Williams, it is also harder on the sanitation equipment. In a recent town



COURTESY PHOTO/TOWN OF LAKE PLACID

**This garbage would not be picked up because there is no lid and the garbage bag is not a 32-gallon size.**

meeting, Councilwoman Debra Worley expressed distaste over water spilling out of the trucks and all through town as it hauls garbage away.

Only garbage that is inside the lidded cans, in other words, not overflowing, will be taken. Garbage that has been left loose on the ground near the cans will not be taken away.

Cardboard will be picked up and the only items that are allowed in cardboard are bundles of that same material. Small household items that cannot fit into cans or bags will be picked up at no charge. Big items such as rugs and couches will be picked up but may incur an additional fee.

When a tenant leaves a house and leaves a pile of debris, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay the town for its pickup. If the billing cycle goes through and no payment is made, a lien will be leveled on the property.

For more information, see the proposed new ordinance at [lakeplacidfl.net/sanitation/garbageordinance2018.html](http://lakeplacidfl.net/sanitation/garbageordinance2018.html).

# AP to consider allowing alcohol at special events

By **MARC VALERO**  
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Possession and consumption of alcohol during special events on city property and in city parks may be allowed, according to a proposed ordinance amending city code that the City Council will consider next week.

Ordinance No. 05-18 states that no person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage within any city park or recreation center or any other city property.

The proposed addition to the city code states, "Exemptions for possession or consumption of alcohol during special events may be obtained through the city manager's office."

The first reading of the ordinance is on the agenda for the City Council meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine St.

The final adoption hearing for the ordinance

is set for Sept. 10.

Also on Monday's City Council agenda, it is noted that a long-term lease agreement between the city and Jahna Concrete has expired.

At the Aug. 13 regular council meeting, the City Council requested the city attorney move forward with agreements with Jahna Concrete restating and extending terms on a month-to-month basis.

The City Council will consider the lease agreements with Jahna Concrete.

Also, the City Council will consider approval of the Battle of the Bands Vet Jam and Aqua Fest events in March. Aqua Fest is scheduled for 1-7 p.m. on March 1 and Vet Jam Music Fest is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 2.

City Manager June Fisher is scheduled to provide updates on the city's forthcoming new website and the planned purchase of Sebring Ridge Utilities.



This picture is a good example of garbage that will be taken as it has cans with lids and a 32-gallon bag that weighs less than 25 pounds and has cardboard bundled by cardboard.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Darrel R. Young**



Darrel R. Young, 85, of Sebring, Florida passed away Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018. Darrel was born in Clendenin, West Virginia to the late Darrell E. and Virginia A. (Oliver) Young on June 21, 1933. Darrel was a graduate of Clendenin High School and Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) with a bachelor of arts degree. Prior to his college admission, Darrel served in the U.S. Army as a cryptographer and was stationed in Germany.

When living in West Virginia, Darrel attended Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church located in Elkview, West Virginia, where he was saved accepting Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior. Darrel was a witness for God and shared the gospel wherever he went. He was also a published author on Amazon.com,

having written "Six Hours With God" after having an after-death experience.

The "Good News" of the Gospel and sharing his after-death experience were a passion of his and his desire was to bring souls to Christ and all glory to God. Darrel has been a resident of Highlands County since 2001, coming from Charleston, West Virginia. Darrel during his lifetime was an insurance agent, a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, and if the writer recalls correctly, the youngest insurance agent at that time to ever become a member, a financial consultant, and also a coal operator owning a couple of mining companies.

Darrel enjoyed golf and singing at churches and nursing homes. Darrel also enjoyed spending time at home with his wife. Both mutually enjoyed singing gospel songs together and would spend hours practicing or just singing for the fun of it. Darrel attended Christ Fellowship Church in Sebring.

Survivors include wife of 62 years, Helen Young of Sebring, Florida;

children, Darren Young of Sebring, Florida and Grace Ann Miller of Elkview, West Virginia and two grandchildren, Nicholas A. Keener and Tucker S. Keener. Darrel was preceded in death by his parents; and three siblings, William Eugene Young, Ruth Elizabeth Moles and James C. Young.

A service will be held Monday, Aug. 27, 2018 with a visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the service to follow at 10 a.m. at Stephenson Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring. Entombment will follow at Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park, Florida. Memorial contributions can be made to the VFW Post 4300, 1041 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, FL 33870.

Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

**Charles F. Aubrey**

Charles F. Aubrey, 90, of Sebring, Florida passed away on Aug. 10, 2018 in Tampa, Florida.

He was born on June 5, 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Francis Aubrey and Emma Donze Aubrey. He was a longtime resident of Sebring and had retired from accounting and real estate.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Wilson Aubrey. Charles is survived by his sons, David and wife Debbie of Tampa, Mike and wife Beth of Sebring, Tom and wife Michelle of Whispering Pines, North Carolina, and Don and wife Leah of Sebring; brothers, Ed Aubrey of Melbourne, Florida and George Aubrey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles enjoyed listening to big band music and spending time at the beach. He especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren.

Af uneral service was held Friday, Aug. 17, 2018 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Tampa. Visitation was held at Blount & Curry Funeral

Home in Carrollwood. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Elaine L. Flynn**



Elaine Flynn, 92, passed away peacefully at The Palms of Sebring,

Florida on Aug. 19, 2018. Born in Falmouth Cornwall, England on Sept. 4, 1925 and married to Gordon Flynn for 46 years. She was formerly married to Arthur Moore and has four children, Carolyn (Mike) Housewert of Naples, Florida, Steven (Barb) Moore of Belvidere, Illinois, Denise (Donald) Thompson of Belvidere, Illinois and Jennifer (Bill) Schauer of Pecatonica, Illinois. She has two stepsons, Paul (Emily) Flynn of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Daniel Flynn of Mountain View, Arkansas. Elaine has 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Elaine was aboard the first ship, the Argentina, which brought English

war brides to the United States after World War II. She worked as director of communications in Rockford, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Elaine was an avid tennis player participating in competitions into her 70's. She was a skilled seamstress and enjoyed traveling especially to her beloved homeland of England. She crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary with three children to see her parents. Plants, flowers, nature and the beach were also loved by Elaine. She loved her dog, Charlie, who brought her much joy.

Elaine was predeceased by her parents, William and Doris Pascoe, and her brother, Dennis Pascoe, all from England.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Avon Park, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Shriner's organization. Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

**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 or visit the Facebook page @highlandsnoles.

**Parrot Heads to meet today**

LAKE PLACID — The Heartland LakeSharks are hosting a party for fans of Jimmy Buffet from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Bo David's, 131 Sun N' Lakes Blvd. in Lake Placid. The party will feature music by Rich McGuire. The price of admission are any items for the RCMA. Open to the public.

**Orchid Society to meet**

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Sebring Civic Center, 355 W. Center St. There will be a silent auction as well as many types of orchids up for auction. Open to the public. For information, call Glen at 863-471-6171.

**SFSC closed for Labor Day**

AVON PARK — SFSC and its campuses in Highlands, Desoto and Hardee counties will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3. The college will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 4.

**VFW open house scheduled**

SEBRING — The Sebring VFW Post 4300 will hold a membership drive/open house on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, at their Post, 1041 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. Music provided by Chrissy from 1-4 p.m. and George Durham from 5-8 p.m. Food is available including barbecue pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans and more

at minimal cost. Food is served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Raffles and prizes all day. Membership information is available. Open to the public. For information, call 863-385-8902.

**Scribblers & Scribes to meet**

SEBRING — The FWA group, Scribblers & Scribes, will have its next meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at The Watering Hole Restaurant, 6813 U.S. 27 South in Sebring. The public is invited and FWA membership not required but encouraged. For information, call Barbara at 863-402-9181.

**Quarters for a Cause auction**

SEBRING — Highlands "Quarters for a Cause" auction will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Woman's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. Doors open at 6 p.m. Vendors, raffles, food and door prizes. Wear red, white and blue to get free special raffle ticket. Auction for 18 and older. Proceeds benefit Special STARS.

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**Cats:** \$40  
Adoption fees for cats include: Animal testing (feline leukemia-AIDS), spay or neuter, microchip and vaccinations.

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Lady is a seven-year-old female Cocker Spaniel. She's a very sweet girl.

Monday and Tuesday. Call the humane society at 863-655-1522.

Tuesday is low cost vaccination clinic. It is open from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m. No appointment needed. They do vaccines, worming and nail trim. Now offering low-cost dental care. They also have low cost spay/neuter on Tuesday by appointment only. Call 863-655-1522 to schedule.

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### ANOTHER VIEW

# Judge makes good call on Amendment 8

School boards across the state applauded a judge that removed Amendment 8 from the November ballot.

The amendment was controversial from the outset — as were many of the amendments turned out by the Constitution Review Committee (CRC) this year. The CRC meets every 20 years to propose amendments to the state constitution.

As a general rule we are against amendments to the constitution whether they are proposed by the CRC or citizens in the form of petition through signatures. We believe it is the job of our representatives in Tallahassee to make laws and not make our constitution more cumbersome by tacking on amendments.

Amendment 8 was touted and publicized as placing term limits on school board members. It would also require civics to be taught in public schools. At first glance, voters might like those ideas. But, hidden in legal mumbo-jumbo language in the bill was also a call for eliminating the role of local school boards in approving charter schools in their district. The decision if a charter school could open in a district — and be financially supported by the district — would rest with lawmakers in Tallahassee.

This hijacking of citizens' local control over charter schools and their own tax money is just wrong.

The League of Women Voters charged the amendment language was misleading and confusing — likely on purpose — and that the CRC had “bundled” the charter school provision to “increase ... chances of its passage.”

The League's lawyer, Ron Meyer, said the CRC left the word “charter” out of the amendment proposal. It used language to skirt the charter school issue saying the state would have permission to “operate, control and supervise public schools not established by the school board.”

A lawyer for the state, Blaine Winship, argued the language in the amendment “could not be clearer.” He admitted the state was trying to get around the local school board's total control of supervision of schools.

At that we would ask isn't that the job of school boards?

The judge's decision is unlikely the end of the controversy. The Florida Department of State has said it will appeal the judge's decision.

Any final decision should be made with the idea voters must be very clear what they are voting on. No one should be allowed to slip something by the public by inserting a smelly idea inside two fluffy, feel-good new laws and hoping no one notices.

*An editorial from the Port Charlotte Sun.*

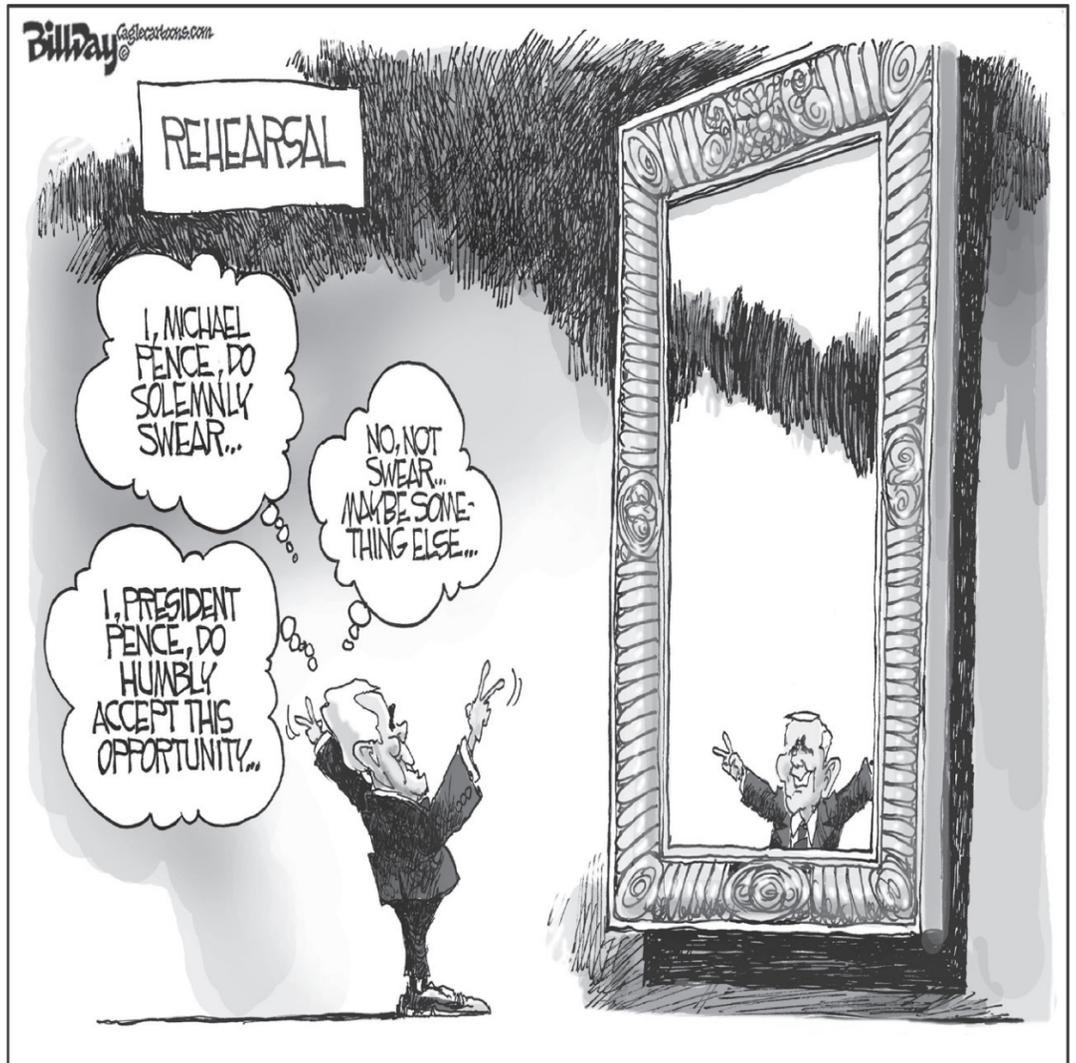
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### YOUR VIEW

#### Be part of the solution for homelessness

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless Inc. is committed to reduce the homeless in our six-county area.

We currently use three grants, Challenge Grant from Department of Children and Families, Emergency Solutions Grant from Department of Children and Families and Permanent Supportive Housing Grant from Housing and Urban Development, and have helped 846 people in 2017.

We are forming a 2019 Continuum of Care Board made up of concerned citizens and public officials. If you want to be a part of the solution for homelessness, please contact Brenda Gray E.D at our office at 863-453-8901.

Heartland Coalition for the Homeless

**Brenda Gray E.D.**  
Avon Park

#### Make Mexico the 51st state

I would propose the United States look south and annex Mexico as our 51st state. Immigration problem solved! No need for a border wall, border patrol, ICE, sanctuary cities, amnesty, deportations, DACA, green cards, immigration courts and judges and paths to citizenship. Children would no longer be torn from the arms of their parents at the border and put in cages.

Democrats would get 25 million or more new voters as well as two new senators. Republicans would get all that cheap labor they have long coveted and insist on. Everybody happy!

Ridiculous, you say? Look around you, folks. Our unique “American” culture is slowly and inevitably eroding to extinction. This proposal only nudges it along somewhat more quickly.

**J. Richard Lensis**  
Avon Park

#### Focus on the game

Growing up in Boston, sports was not uncommon topics at our dinner table.

I remember the Red Sox with Carl “Yaz” Yastrzemski, hometown Tony Conigliaro, Luis Tiant. And Ted Williams? Going out on top, his last “at bat” was another homerun!

The Celtics — Legendary Coach “Red” Auerbach. Players Bill Russell, K. C. Jones, Dave Cowens and more. NBA Game No. 7 in the 1965 East Finals still is etched in my memory. Five seconds left to play. Celtics were up by one. The 76ers had possession of the ball. Suddenly, broadcaster Johnny Most screamed, “Havlicek stole the ball!” In the next five-second eternity, Havlicek passed to Sam Jones, who dribbled out the clock. The Celtics won.

At Boston Patriots games we froze our toes in the bleachers at Harvard, Boston University and Fenway Park, since the team didn't have a regular home stadium until moving to Foxborough in 1971 (and changed its name to New England Patriots). Remember Super Bowl 36? Ninety seconds on the clock; the score was tied. New England had the ball but no time outs. The Patriots pushed down the field and Adam Vinatieri kicked a 48-yard field goal. The Patriots won.

All just a sampling of impressive sports memories.

For many, professional sports mean more than a stats list. They're a catalyst for bringing people together, with light-hearted banter often weaved into the mix. It was and is one way we connect. It was and is one way we create memories. And the players become part of those connections and memories.

Today though, some NFL players still appear to be shifting their focus during part of the football experience by “taking a knee.” This

method of delivering their message to fans, especially younger ones, is disturbing and misplaced. There are appropriate ways to voice protest — ways that can be pursued on their own time and not at the expense of fans who bought tickets or tuned in to see a game and build a memory.

To all of you who take a knee, is this really how you want to be remembered?

**Millie Anderson**  
Sebring

#### Republican Party needs a new name

“There is no Republican Party. There's a Trump party.” This are the words of John Boehner, former Speaker of the House of Representatives. Although no longer a Republican congressman, he is a party insider who knows what he is talking about.

It is shocking and unbelievable that the party of Abraham Lincoln, Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan is now reduced to being apologists and cult followers of Donald Trump.

Trump and his best buddy, Vladimir Putin, have cemented their relationship and are now in complete control. Maybe the Republican Party should be called for what it is, the Trumputin Party.

**Larry Power**  
Sebring

#### Angels on the highway

Did you know that there are angels abroad? They ply the highways and byways, very much present.

Recently we decided to go to Sebring in search of a typewriter. I had bought a small one but was on the hunt for a more standard size. My little one was adequate, but not quite adequate.

So off we toddled for three stores straight out of the yellow pages. Two no longer existed, or at

least at the advertised address. Number three was working away from the office.

Off again, enjoying driving around in circles, on down U.S. 27 to the antique shop on the left going south. Parked. Went in and bumped in to a nice standard size Royal. Clean. Just right. Bought it. Nosed around a while then left with our new proud purchase.

Hadn't gone 500 feet when the dash light lit up. The wheel. I had noticed that it may be getting toward new tires, but ...

The U.S. 27/U.S. 98 light was green so we cleared that OK. Topped a couple of hills then wappity, woppity, woof, and a terrible noise.

We pulled off onto a pull-off and stopped. A small white pickup sailed by and I had only a second to signal for help ... perhaps. He was able to get into the left lane, circle around and head back toward Sebring. Well, there went that.

I moved the typewriter and sat down, then I looked up and there stood our two angels, dressed all in white. What a welcome sight. I didn't know which was Gabriel and which was Michael.

“Where's your jack? Where's your tool for the donut? Where's your donut hole? How do you get to the donut? Found it.”

All found within seconds. Tire off, donut on, down the road to his friend's compressor to boot up the donut. The truck with our angels disappeared into traffic and we were on to Seminole.

Now, while the highway has angels dressed in white, Seminoles are in blue. I left an hour-plus later with a new set of tires and many thanks, driving on cloud nine!

Our thanks go out to our good Lord who has always been faithful to protect us while traveling.

**Philip Pratt**  
Lake Placid

# POVERTY

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Nucor is scheduled to hire 240-250 workers with an average annual salary of \$66,000.

Tru Hotel, on U.S. 27, has almost completed the inner shell of the building, but the company must still complete the interior of the building.

South Florida Senior Living is working on the Harder Hall project. Currently, the company is working to secure financing on the project by the fall. In two years, construction is scheduled to be completed on the facility, which will offer independent living, assisted living and memory care.

Sun Pure Holdings purchased the former Avon Park Cargill Juice Plant, an orange juice processing plant. The company will be turning recycled plastic into plastic products such as garbage bags, said Benson. In one to two years, the manufacturing company plans to begin operations.

Benson said, "We have a great and dedicated

workforce in Highlands County, but improving our workforce is something we constantly need to do to attract more businesses to the area."

According to Benson, local employers have said that one area that needs improvement in Highlands County is soft skills. Soft skills are essential job requirements such as reliability, appropriate dress and showing up for work.

Monster.com states, "Some of the most important professional skills for workers and employers alike simply can't be taught in a classroom or measured on paper. These traits are called soft skills and they're more crucial to your job search and overall career than you think." Skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, adaptability and critical observation play a crucial role in improving a person's career potential, according to Monster.com.

The most common complaints from local businesses are issues such as reliability and appropriate dress, Benson said.

The Highlands County Economic Development Council is working with public schools and South Florida State College to address the deficit in soft skills, but these skills are difficult to teach with a curriculum, Benson said. Instead, these skills are better taught through mentors, she said.

SFSC includes mentoring in its program offerings, and the college also offers the Associate in Science (AS) degree in Engineering Technology with a specialization in advanced manufacturing. Training students in manufacturing helps build a better workforce that will attract more manufacturing jobs, Benson said.

In addition to training offered by colleges,



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Highway Park in Lake Placid has a high poverty rate.

CareerSource Heartland provides free training to people who are searching for a job. The center helps people with resumes, interview skills and provides them with access to job sites and job boards.

The organization helps people improve their soft skills, making it easier for them to secure better,

higher-paying jobs. Employers are more likely to promote a part-time employee to full-time status if the employee is reliable, demonstrates outstanding attendance and dresses appropriately.

Employees can dress appropriately and affordably by taking advantage of shopping

at thrift stores such as Goodwill. SFSC students can access free clothing at the college, so that they can be well dressed for interviews and the workforce.

Although Highlands County has a high poverty rate, the county has advantages to offer for potential industries that might be interested in coming to the area. For example, Highlands County is strategically located in the center of it all, according to the Economic Development Council. It is equidistant to Tampa, Orlando and Ft. Myers. Another incentive for businesses is that operating costs are 12 percent lower than nearby markets, stated the EDC.

# CREEK

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computer model to find and list high-risk areas for flooding.

Jan. 1, 2021 — Determine which structures and roads would get impacted by a certain storm event.

Oct. 1, 2021 — Develop conceptual projects to alleviate flooding in those areas.

The study has been in the works since January when SWFWMD told the county it needed to remove short-term flooding fixes in the Jack Creek area, put in after Hurricane Irma.

SWFWMD agreed to pitch in with the county to install permanent fixes, as long as the county would pay \$150,000 toward the proposed \$600,000 study to see what fixes they need.

Funding those long-term projects will be tougher to pay. Rodriguez said the water management agency keeps overhead costs down so it can dedicate 60 percent of its budget to pay between 50 to 75 percent of the expense to build those projects.

Rodriguez said SWFWMD will even help pay the cost of setting up a storm water utility — essentially a local assessment to help pay for improvements and maintenance of drainage into the future.

Ahmed Hamed, staff engineer with the SWFWMD Water Resources Bureau, said that budget is roughly \$180 million. He confirmed that once pipes go in the ground, local governments have to maintain them, but even getting them in the ground — matching that 25 percent — is tough for some local governments.

County Commissioner Don Elwell asked County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. if the county has any projects in the works. He said 14.

"I don't think you're going to run out of projects," Rodriguez said.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

**Cindy Rodriguez, government affairs program manager for the Southwest Florida Water Management District, speaks with Highlands County commissioners about the study going on right now for the 70-square-mile Jack Creek Watershed.**

# BOARD

FROM PAGE 1A

School Touchdown Club, United Way of Central Florida (education allocation), Avon Park Volleyball Boosters, Highlands County School Board District S.A.C. Committee, S.A.C. Committees at two schools, among others.

"I have also served as a director at two organizations where I reported to a local board including Highlands Regional Medical Center and Good Shepherd Hospice.

"Thank you to our community for the outpouring of support for my campaign. Let's work together to put kids first." Edwards, in her own words:

"The School Board of Highlands County plays a critical role in determining the policy that will improve the education of all our children.

"If elected, as a member of the School Board I will continue to ask

in-depth questions about policy and programs so that we, as a community, understand the value they will bring to the classroom. I will encourage the proposal of new initiatives to improve the education of our children. I will listen to and reflect the concerns of our community and work collaboratively with fellow board members to improve our schools.

"I continue to believe the School Board must increase their efforts to reach and influence the parents and families to become ever more active in their children's education. Parents unquestionably are the greatest untapped resource that, if properly directed, can increase substantially the learning willingness of our at-risk, low income children. We must turn up our efforts as relates to this.

"It would be an honor to serve on the School Board. I ask you for your vote on Aug. 28."

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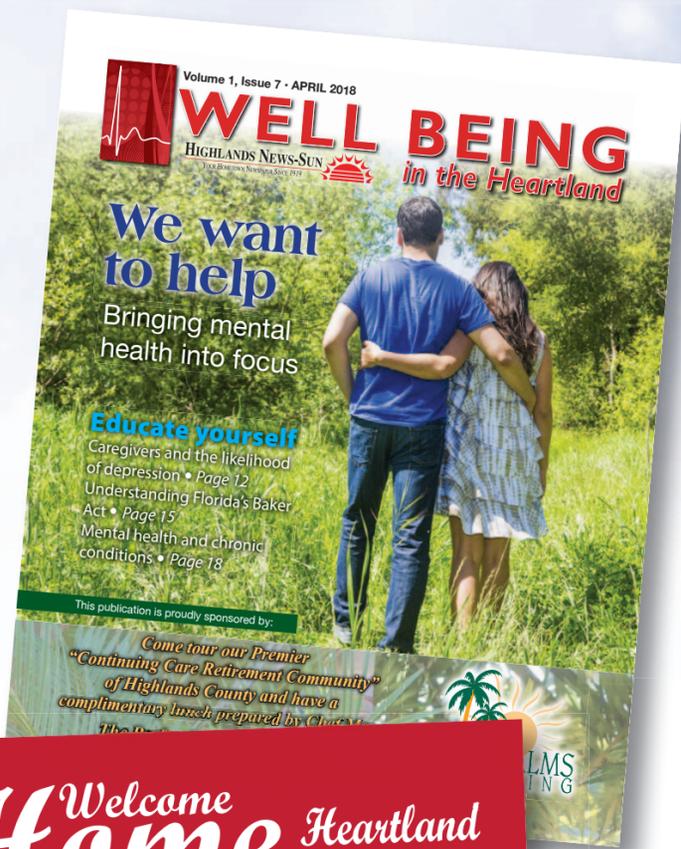
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By KYLE ARNOLD  
ORLANDO SENTINEL

ORLANDO (AP) — One of Orlando's most well-known dive bars, Wally's Mills Avenue Liquors, has shut down after more than six decades as a mainstay east of downtown Orlando.

The establishment posted a sign on its door on Tuesday telling customers about the closing.

"It is with great regret that we have decided to close our doors after 64 years in business & great memories," said the sign, attributed to "The Wally's Family."

Wally's was a part of Orlando nearly two decades before Disney World, it predated the arrival of Asian-Americans who defined the neighborhood and long before Mills 50 became a hip taco and entertainment district. It was known for its cheap, stiff drinks, rowdy crowds and prolonged hours, often closing long after it was required to at 2 a.m.

Calls and messages to Wally's were not returned, and no reason was given as to why it closed.

Wally's opened as

Orange Liquor No. 2 in 1954 by Roy and Walter Updike, but Roy's son, also Walter, renamed the place Wally's.

Wally's kept much of its quirky charm over the past 50 years. Its decor included wallpaper of women's breasts dating from 1961 and an urn filled with Wally Updike's ashes near the bar.

Orlando attorney John Morgan was a frequent customer and said in an email to the Orlando Sentinel that he would consider buying the business.

"Word has reached me that Wally's has shuttered," Morgan wrote on his Facebook page. "I had my first drink there at age 16. When I come home for the summer I will look into buying it."

Walter Pacheco of Orlando said he's been visiting Wally's Liquor since he moved to the area in 2001 and was always drawn by its "diverse crowds" and sarcastic bartenders.

"It really hasn't changed in all those years," said Pacheco, managing editor for Asbestos.com, a cancer awareness group. "It was a really attractive

place to someone that likes the older side of Orlando."

In the early afternoon, small groups of people gathered in front of the bar to drink and pay tribute to it.

Ralph Lagarreta liked to hang out at Wally's whenever he was in Orlando for concerts or spending time at the YMCA.

"It was the kind of place where you can be having a drink with a homeless person, a politician, a doctor, a lawyer or construction workers," said Lagarreta of Deltona. "It really was a place where everyone was welcome. I even met two women there that ended up in serious relationships over the years."

The bar and property are now owned by Wally Updike's widow Linda Updike and operated by Martin Snellgrove.

The 0.35-acre property where Wally's is located has not publicly been listed for sale. The two properties, including a small parking area in the rear and a billboard, are valued at about \$395,000 according to the Orange County Property Appraiser's Office.

## County road work advisories issued

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

### U.S. 98 at Garden Terrace in Spring Lake:

Crews are constructing a new treatment plant, including a new driveway connection to U.S. 98. Watch for workers close to the roadway with shoulder closures.

**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. Watch for daily shoulder closures and trucks and equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**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 Northbound between C.R. 17 and the Polk County line:** Crews are investigating the underground utilities. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Use caution and watch for crews working along the shoulder.

**U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on S.R. 64 from U.S. 27 to Self Avenue:**

Crews are replacing existing roadway with concrete pavement on U.S. 27 southbound from West Pleasant Street to Paulk Street, U.S. 27 northbound from Dyal Street to West Hill Street, and on S.R. 64 from Self Avenue to U.S. 27. The contractor is also milling and resurfacing the existing roadway on U.S. 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on S.R. 64 from Collier Avenue to Self Avenue, installing curb and gutter, installing traffic separators, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, and signing and pavement markers. A single continuous lane closure on U.S. 27 will be in place during intersection construction. Additional lane closures, single-lane flagging operations, and temporary lane shifts will occur during nighttime/overnight hours on U.S. 27 and S.R. 64. The contractor is Concrete Services, LLC. Estimated project completion date

is spring 2020. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on U.S. 27 during overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and intermittent single-lane flagging operations on S.R. 64 during the daytime. Use caution and watch for crews working in the roadway. All U.S. 27 traffic lanes have shifted eastward and reduced to two lanes in each direction.

**The entrances to Kersey Street and Prairie Street on southbound U.S. 27 are closed to traffic.** The entrance to Locke Street on southbound U.S. 27 is closed to traffic. South Hart Avenue on eastbound S.R. 64 is closed to traffic. Please 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. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the southbound lane in front of Home Depot.

**U.S. 27 at East Interlake Boulevard/C.R. 621 and U.S. 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 sidewalks and pavement striping. 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. Variable message signs will be in place to alert drivers that work is underway. Drivers should use caution while traveling in the work zone. Estimated completion is summer 2018, weather permitting. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor.

**U.S. 27 northbound and southbound between S.W. Vista Drive and Heartland Boulevard in Lake Placid:** Crews will be replacing the railroad ties on the bridge. There will be road closures and a detour. Today, the northbound lanes of U.S. 27 will be closed to traffic from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Northbound traffic will be detoured left onto Heartland Boulevard, then

turn right onto County Road 17 North, then turn left onto Lake June Road, then turn right onto S.W. Vista Drive to connect back to northbound U.S. 27.

· All "wide loads" or "oversized loads" traveling southbound must detour at US 98 or SR 66.

· All "wide loads" or "oversized loads" traveling northbound must detour at SR 70.

### 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. Watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. Use caution and watch for crews working close to the roadway.

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

**S.R. 17 from east of Woodlawn Drive to Pasadena Avenue and on Claudia Avenue:** Crews will improve drainage along S.R. 17 and Claudia Avenue. Additional improvements include resurfacing the roadway, installing guard-rail 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 Wednesday, Dec. 5. Use caution and watch for crews working in the roadway.

**SR 17 from Sebring Parkway to Delaney Road:** Maintenance contract project: 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.



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# Scientists search for clues to identify found bones

By WILL GREENLEE  
THE STUART NEWS

FORT PIERCE (AP) — Human remains recovered last month off Kitterman Road in St. Lucie County had been there for more than a decade, and are expected to go to a laboratory in Gainesville for further analysis.

“Pretty much all we can tell from examination is that they’re human remains,” said Dr. Shanedelle Norford, associate medical examiner in Fort Pierce. “There were no teeth; a certain portion of the underskull was gone so there was not many identifying marks.”

The remains turned up July 11 on a wooded lot off Kitterman Road just west of U.S. 1.

Hank Richard, of Welsh Construction, said he was working in the area when he made the discovery.

“Coming off of a mound, I stepped in a soft spot and there was a skull,” Richard said.

Norford said the remains, a portion of the skull and some bones from the upper and lower extremities, appear weathered and discolored.

“They certainly have been there I would say greater than 10 years, approximately,” Norford said.

Norford said in cases like this, the bones are examined, documented and X-rayed to ensure no projectiles or foreign material are in them. They also are checked for “tool marks or any evidence of injury.”

The remains couldn’t be identified, she said.

The next step, she said, is sending them more than 200 miles away to the C.A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida.

It’s the same place where remains found in April near Sebastian Cemetery, and a humerus (bone in the upper arm) found on the beach July 3 in the area of Sexton Plaza in Vero Beach, were sent, according to Christine Canard, administrative manager of the Medical Examiner’s Office, and a Vero Beach police report.

Phoebe Stubblefield, forensic anthropologist and research assistant scientist at the lab in Gainesville, said the facility has operated since the 1970s. It serves medical examiners in Florida and sometimes other states.

The C.A. Pound lab is involved in “biological identification, forensic anthropology, skeletal trauma analysis and a diversity of topics within the field of biological anthropology,” the agency’s website states.

Asked about the Sebastian case, Stubblefield said she couldn’t speak about specific cases.

In general, she said, a case folder is started to begin the documentation trail, the remains are cleaned and the analysis started. The remains must be inventoried and labeled.

“Sometimes there’s

reconstruction, sometimes we have to put pieces back together to complete the story of those remains, but it really is dictated by what we receive,” Stubblefield said.

Canard said in 2017, the Medical Examiner’s Office in Fort Pierce was brought three sets of bones or human remains in hopes of getting an identification. In 2016 there were two, and in 2015 there were four.

Canard said law enforcement agencies typically bring in the bones, and sometimes they are not even human.

DNA testing typically is requested.

Stubblefield said about 70 cases a year come through the C.A. Pound lab.

But not all cases are analyzed there.

For example, Heather Walsh-Haney of Florida Gulf Coast University is expected to come to the Medical Examiner’s Office in Brevard County to perform an initial assessment of human bones found last month in a heavily wooded area in Malabar, said Craig Engelson, chief medical examiner investigator.

Engelson said Walsh-Haney will take them back to her lab in Fort Myers for further analysis.

Stubblefield said the greater amount of a skeleton present, the more information it can yield. The extent of analysis depends on what’s recovered.

“Your skeleton has interesting things to say about you, like how tall are you, what’s your

ancestry, literally who you’re related to on a large population scale,” Stubblefield said.

Stubblefield said they also report on degenerative changes, or wear and tear, on a skeleton, after death.

“With squirrels and weather, remains left in the woods — and squirrels really are a particular problem — the bones can be gnawed so sometimes many remains will be recovered but the features we need to see may be remodeled,” she said. “The larger the carnivore gets, the more destruction there can be.”

Stubblefield said other lab work involves trauma analysis.

Sometimes a medical examiner might know trauma has occurred, but they want it better described. For example, perhaps there is soft tissue remaining, but not a lot.

“There could be ... multiple forms of trauma like a suspected gunshot wound or a suspected sharp force wound, but then the body was burned or dismembered so it complicates the picture,” she said. “We assist with clarifying that picture.”

Stubblefield said they don’t receive intact bodies because those are the purview of the medical examiner.

She said they try to complete their work in 75 days and get a written report back to the medical examiner.

Stubblefield said the goal in bringing the remains to C.A. Pound depends on a medical

examiner’s requests.

“A typical set of goals is assist with identification with forming the biological profile, choosing elements that might yield DNA and sending those out for DNA (analysis),” Stubblefield said.

She said they don’t extract DNA at the C.A. Pound lab, noting other laboratories in Florida and in other states do so.

They choose the elements that most likely will yield DNA if the medical examiner requests it.

If DNA is extracted by an outside lab, it would be compared to a public database.

She said the Florida Department of Law Enforcement does DNA analysis, as does the University of North Texas.

Bone must be preserved well enough to have DNA left, Stubblefield said.

In Florida, sometimes preservation is poor because of the climate.

“Warmth and decomposition go very well together,” Stubblefield said.

## STATE BRIEFS

### Visitors can meet flamingos at Keys conservatory

KEY WEST (AP) — Florida Keys visitors can now have up-close and personal encounters with two exotic pink flamingos.

Visitors to the Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory had the opportunity Friday to sit on benches in a white gazebo while flamingos Rhett and Scarlett walked free and interacted as they chose.

While participants are not allowed to touch them, the flamingos sometimes play with their hair, react to human voices with honks and spread their coral-pink wings.

Dubbed “Flamingle,” the program is the latest daily offering at the conservatory, a 5,000-square-foot, glass-domed, rainforest-like habitat where visitors walk among some 1,000 butterflies.

The flamingos were bred in Toronto and arrived at the conservatory in 2013. Their colorful pink plumage, social nature and foot-patting “dances” in their pond made them visitor favorites.

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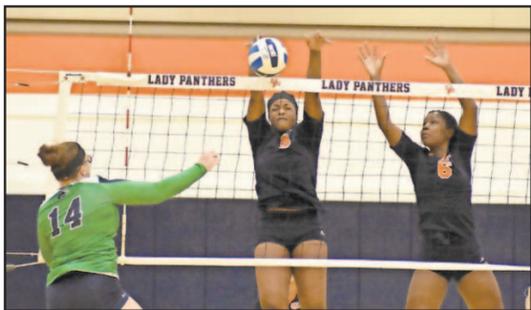
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## Panthers fall flat

South Florida fell short against Ave Maria in the first game of the season



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

South Florida's Diamond Williams (9) and Monet Butler (6) block a hit from Ave Maria's Sydney Clark (14) during Wednesday night's match.

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The South Florida State College Panthers fell short against Ave Maria in Wednesday's home match. Ave Maria defeated South Florida in three sets by scores of 27-25, 25-18 and 25-23.

"We lost," said South Florida head coach Kim Crawford. "We did not finish. We had too many hitting and serving errors.

We did not execute in the critical moments when we needed to execute. It was a good show though. We played a tight game and the scores were close. It is always good to play against four-year schools. Playing against juniors and seniors at universities. Those are always great games to play prior to conference matches."

South Florida came out strong in the first set tying Ave Maria at 6-6. The Gyrenes pulled ahead to

an 11-7 lead.

The Panthers rallied with Libero, Jeysamar Velez, serving an impressive six-point run and Monet Butler made a huge kill to claim a 14-11 advantage.

Ave Maria answered back with a five-point run by Aspen Davidson that included a pair of aces. South Florida tied the game with a three-point run from Lizmary Monges at 18.

Emma Rustenberghe

sparked a run that included an ace to push the Panthers ahead at 22-18.

The Gyrenes fought back, tied the set and won by a 27-25 score.

"We had excellent competition," said South Florida's Monet Butler. "It was a very exciting game to play. I feel horrible that we came up short today. We have some good volleyball on our team but we have some things

PANTHERS | 3B



COURTESY PHOTO

Another former Classic Daytona winner returning this November for the HSR race is the big-bore 1992 No. 5 Oldsmobile Aurora GTS of Steve Cohen and Ray Snowdon from Sundry Racing.

## Classic Race coming up at Daytona

### HSR Classic to run in November

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DAYTONA BEACH — Fan-favorites and former winners of the Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR) Classic Daytona presented by IMSA are among the latest and legendary entries for the fourth running HSR Classic 24-Hour race that returns to Daytona International Speedway (DIS), November 7 — 11.

Recently filed entries include two-time Group E Classic Daytona winners Rogers Motorsports who will be looking for win number three in the Classic 24-Hour race in their fan-favorite 2005 No. 38 Audi R8 LMP. Doug Smith co-drove the No. 38, which carries the livery of the famous Champion Racing Audis campaigned by the late Dave Miraj, to victory in the first two runnings of the Classic Daytona.

Smith co-drove to the repeat victory with Butch Leitzinger in 2015 after winning in the inaugural Classic Daytona in 2014 with Andy Wallace, who returns to the No. 38 this year.

Rogers Motorsports is also bringing its ex-Group 44 1985 No. 44 Jaguar XJR-7 back to the Classic Daytona for the second-straight year. Smith is entered in the Jaguar alongside returning team driver James Gue in Group C.

The Rogers team is looking for a return to victory lane with the Audi and a first Classic Daytona win with the Jaguar after in-race issues hampered both entries in 2017's Classic 24-Hour race.

"We are excited to go back," Smith said. "We are going with two cars in two different classes, both the Audi and XJR-7 Jaguar, crowd favorites, and we are trying everything in our power to make sure we don't have any repeats of the problems we had last year. Sounds like Andy

CLASSIC | 6B

## Green Dragons knock off Jaguars



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid's Quweshmael Sholtz makes a big hit in Friday night's game against Port St. Lucie. The Green Dragons defeated the Jaguars by a score of 28-21 in their season opener.

## Lake Placid special teams excel in win over Port St. Lucie

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Green Dragons made Friday night's season-opening game against Port St. Lucie a memorable one as the Green Dragons' special teams scored twice to spark a 28-21 win over the Jaguars.

Port St. Lucie, which is a Class 5A school, was definitely favored over Class 4A Lake Placid, but the Green Dragons battled from behind to take the lead in the fourth quarter. The Green Dragon defense rose to the challenge by stopping Port St. Lucie late in the game to seal the hard-fought victory.

"It has been a hard week," said an emotional

Lake Placid Coach Andy Judah. "Our offensive coordinator quit on us. This team could have quit at any second. Monday we were at a breaking point and they decided they were going to play for each other and it was nothing I did. This is a big win for us and I am proud of these kids. They had a chance to fold but they are not those kind of people and this is a dang good team and I am just so proud of them. It is great to come on the road and play a 5A team and come out victorious. This was such a hard week and this was a big game for us. This was not about touches or who scored, this is about doing what we had to win

DRAGONS | 2B



Lake Placid's Shamar Mitchell jumps in the air to intercept the ball during Friday's win over Port St. Lucie.

## Full moon improves mid-day fishing

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for the last six days of August gives anglers a weak full moon today and a rainy season weather forecast this week, which finally includes plenty of 'ideal fishing wind' from the east. And as is the normal rainy weather pattern, the east wind will produce afternoon and evening thunderstorm activity.

After considering all fishing factors, fish will feed best during the high wind period of the day, which will happen from the midmorning hours into the early afternoon hours. And since there is very little cloud cover



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER  
Dave Douglass

to block out the light of the full moon over the next three days, fish will not feed normally during the sunrise and sunset hours, but during the midnight period centered on 1:20 a.m. and the solar noon period centered on 1:35 p.m.

One of my favorite times of the year to fish in the light of a full moon, is during the summer months of July through September 22—last day of summer. It the coolest period of the day, the fish are still enjoying the dissolved oxygen production levels of the previous daytime, and thus are feeding very well. Plus the full moon provides just enough light to tie knots and safely work with hooks, knives and other potentially hazardous elements of fishing.

It's also the one time of month when quality size bass will choose to swim to the surface for a slow

retrieved top-water bait; bubbling along through the light wave-action using short pauses, followed by a walking-the-dog type retrieve action for two or three feet, followed by a steady slow retrieve for about four or five feet. This tactic has always produced over the years as the full moon arrives directly overhead—to-night at 12:30-2:30 a.m.

Every angler should have the experience of barely seeing and mainly hearing, the sound of a huge bass breaking the surface to crush what it believes is a potential



COURTESY PHOTO

FISHING | 4B Dave Douglass holds up a 5-pound bass he caught this summer.

# Lester takes lead in Bassmaster Elite event

## Anglers competing at St. Lawrence River

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WADDINGTON, N.Y. — In dramatic Bassmaster fashion, a new leader took the helm during the second round of official competition at the Huk Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River presented by Black Velvet.

The fishing slowed down overall during the second day of the derby, but a staggering 52 limits exceeding 20 pounds on Day 1 will be hard to top. However, 34 limits were produced on Friday that also surpassed the 20-pound mark.

Thanks to a giant five-bass limit of smallmouth bass that tipped the scales at 25 pounds, 13 ounces, Brandon Lester of Fayetteville, Tenn., took charge going into Saturday's semi-final round.

Lester's two-day total is now 50-1.

The 107-angler field has been cut to the Top 50, and the 30-year-old Lester is looking to claim the \$100,000 first-place prize money and notch

his first Bassmaster Elite Series title with two days to go.

"Today was a lot of fun, and I'm super thankful for the big bass I was able to bring to the scales," he said. "But it was a tougher bite. I caught a lot more little bass, which tells me there aren't as many dominant, big small-mouth bass on each spot as there were yesterday."

While still confident, Lester expects the weights to continue to decrease as the event continues — a regular occurrence during multi-day bass tournaments.

"It's no secret that almost everybody is catching bass on a drowsy spot, but I'm doing something a little bit differently with my presentation, which seems to be getting more attention from the larger bass," Lester said.

"My plan won't change much, and I'm confident the right fish are still using the spots I'm focusing on," he said. "I'm excited to get back out there and hopefully



BY SEIGO SAITO/B.A.S.S.

Brandon Lester took the lead on the second day of the 2018 Huk Bassmaster Elite at St. Lawrence River presented by Black Velvet, with a two-day total weight of 50 pounds, 1 ounce.

catch another 20 pounds or more tomorrow."

With this event being the final regular-season Elite Series tournament, the race for valuable Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year points is tightening up. Only the Top 50 pros in season points

will advance on to the AOY championship on Georgia's Lake Chatuge in mid-September.

Fellow Tennessee pro David Walker pushed his two-day total to 49-6, thanks to a hefty 22-14 limit on Friday, which currently has him in second place.

Unfortunately, he won't be competing in the AOY Championship after a relatively tough season. But he's in great position to potentially take home his second Elite Series title.

"It's been a long time since I won one of these, and I really want to win

this one," Walker said. "I'm on the right fish, and I'm dialed into how they are using the current to feed. I have enough spots that are continuing to produce for me that I feel very confident in catching another heavy limit tomorrow."

Arizona's Josh Bertrand caught five bass today that weighed 22-14 for third place and a two-day total of 48-9.

Bertrand is in a tight race for Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year. He trails the frontrunner, Justin Lucas of Guntersville, Ala., who has 713 AOY points to Bertrand's 705. Bradley Roy of Lancaster, Ky., who led the race going into this event, dropped to third with 657 points.

"I do my best to not focus on AOY, but it's impossible to ignore," Bertrand said. "It's not affecting my fishing on the St. Lawrence River, though. My first priority is to win this event, and I feel like I've got a good

BASS | 5B

## DRAGONS

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the football game."

Port St. Lucie struck first when Andres Munoz ran for an 18-yard touchdown. The extra point was good to give the Jaguars a 7-0 lead with 2:49 left in the first period.

It didn't take long for Lake Placid to answer as Javari White returned the kickoff back for a 65-yard touchdown. The Dragons went for a two-point conversion but were unsuccessful and trailed 7-6.

Port St. Lucie extended its lead in the second quarter as Munoz bulled his way into the end zone. The extra point gave the Jaguars a 14-6 lead with 10:16 left in the first half.

After an exchange of possessions, Lake Placid's special teams struck again as Quweshmael Sholtz returned a punt for a 60-yard touchdown.

Lake Placid went for the two-point conversion and quarterback Cade Simmons handed the ball off to White who ran scampers in for the 2-point conversion to tie the game at 14 midway through the second quarter.

Port St. Lucie moved the ball on its next possession but Lake Placid's Tahj Williams intercepted the ball and ran it back to the Jaguars 30 with 8 seconds left in the half.

Simmons passed to Sholtz who came down with the ball in the end zone for a touchdown to give the Green Dragons a 20-14 lead.

"Everyone has been talking down to us and we had to come prove ourselves," said linebacker Quweshmael Sholtz. "It made me feel good to get those big plays and I did them for my grandma. My grandma passed before my first high school game last year and she never got to see me play in high school. It felt good to help my team. My team is filled with strong boys and they did not let me down. Our coach is a good man and we are happy to have him. My goal this season is to get my first offer. As a team we want to make it to the playoffs and get further than we did last year."

In the third quarter the Jaguars reclaimed the lead on a 27-yard pass play. The extra point gave them a tenuous 21-20 lead at the end of the third quarter.

"It was a team effort," added Judah. "Quweshmael Sholtz came on hard, his attitude has been great, he made two big scores and that cat right there would not come out at middle linebacker. Cade Simmons showed tremendous leadership. Javari White and Katwan Ward are both fantastic athletes who could be selfish but that is not how they play. These players could have said I quit but they did not. This should propel us to great things."

Lake Placid refused to head their heads and roared back as Simmons passed to Sholtz who raced 67 yards for a touchdown. The Dragons handed the ball off to Katwan Ward who ran the ball in for the two-point conversion giving Lake Placid a 28-21 lead with 11:46 left in the game.

Port St. Lucie fumbled the ball with 6:28 left in the game and Lake Placid's Spencer recovered the ball.

Green Dragon Izayah Patterson intercepted a pass to kill another Jaguars drive. With just 23 seconds left on the clock



Port St. Lucie's Elijah Hadley and Lake Placid's Kamari Brown watch as Izayah Patterson jumps to intercept the ball during Friday night's win.

Port St. Lucie was on the Lake Placid 20.

But the Lake Placid defense stopped the Jaguars from scoring to win the season opener.

"We have another game next week against Moore Haven and I know they came here tonight,"

Judah said. "They won all of their regular season games last year and we're going to have to be ready to play for four quarters."

Lake Placid will host the Moore Haven Terriers on Friday at Roger Scarborough Memorial Field.



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid's Erskin Tolliver and Shamar Mitchell take down Port St. Lucie's Deandre McFadden during Friday night's game.



Lake Placid's Quweshmael Sholtz celebrates in the end zone after a touchdown against Port St. Lucie.



Quweshmael Sholtz returns the ball for a 60-yard touchdown against Port St. Lucie on Friday night.

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# PANTHERS

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to work on. We showed up too late tonight and we need to be more consistent. We needed to work a little bit harder tonight but we will bring it next game.”

In set two, the Panthers and Gyrenes went back and forth in a close affair. Neither team scored more than a point or two at a time. The game was close with Ave Maria ahead slightly with a 10-7.

The Gyrenes pulled ahead with a three-point run by Lauren Ruby and extended its lead to 20-14.

South Florida's Monges tried to rally by serving a three-point run, that included an ace to cut the Panthers' deficit to 20-18.

The Gyrenes' Ruby went on a four-point run to seal the victory at 25-18.

The final set was another close contest with Ave

Maria and South Florida tied at 15 and 19.

South Florida pulled ahead with Velez back at the line to take a 23-22 lead. Ave Maria roared back and pulled out the set by a score of 25-23 to clinch the match.

“No one really stood out to me tonight,” said Crawford. “I think our chemistry was not on the floor. Last week we played against Webber and we had different chemistry and not as many errors. There were a few people that stood out that I was shocked with the errors that they had. We are going to go watch this game right now and study. We are going to hit the gym and practice. I am only ten strong and I don't have depth in my positions. Being short two or three players is an impact. I played Marina Sugimoto in the middle and I typically would not have done that but she



BY RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

South Florida players try to save this spike during Wednesday's match against Ave Maria.

came in and did better than my other middle that I took out. I am disappointed with the errors for sure.”

South Florida is back in action with a road game

at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce on Wednesday.

The Panthers next home game will be Sept. 6 against Warner University at 6 p.m.



South Florida's Emma Rustenberghe (4) dives for the ball during Wednesday's match against Ave Maria.



Panther Libero Jeysamar Velez (15) gets low to set the ball during Wednesday's match against Ave Maria.



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# Michelin GT Challenge offers exciting racing IMSA season heading toward climactic finish

By Special to Highlands News-Sun

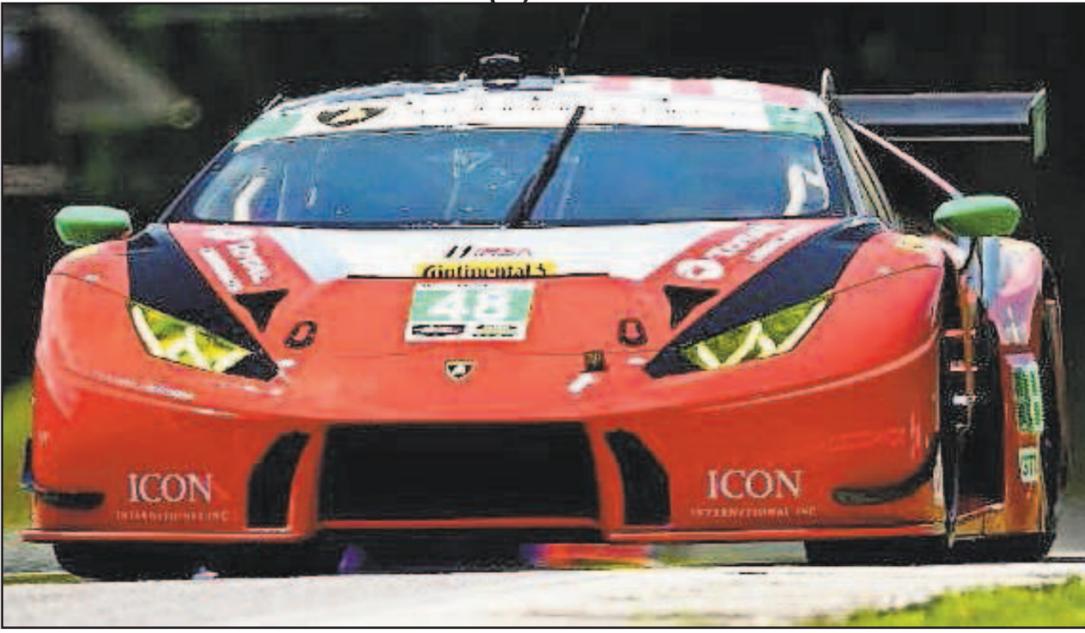
At 3.27-miles in length, VIRginia International Raceway is the fourth-longest racetrack on the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, but Sunday's Michelin GT Challenge featured enough door-to-door racing and beating and banging to please even the most demanding short-track racing fan.

At the end of a tough two hours and 40 minutes, BMW was celebrating a double podium and its first victory for the new M8 GTE race car in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class, Lexus returned to the top step of the GT Daytona (GTD) podium for the first time since May, and the championship races in both classes saw some plot twists that will make the final two rounds of the season that much more exciting.

Here are five takeaways from the second and final GT-only weekend of the season:

### New Boss Same As Old Boss

For the first time all season, a team not named Ford Chip Ganassi



IMSA PHOTO

Paul Miller Racing leads the GT Daytona class in the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship heading into the last two events of the season.

Racing is sitting atop the GTLM point standings. Which one? Corvette Racing, which has won the GTLM title each of the past two years.

More specifically, it's the No. 3 Corvette C7.R duo of Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia, winners of last year's season title as well. While they haven't won a race yet

this season, Magnussen and Garcia took their fourth second-place result in the last five races and their seventh podium result in nine starts this season. That's two more podiums than they had in last year's championship-winning season.

Granted, they did have three race victories last

year, and there's still time to make that happen. If it does (unless their teammates, Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 Corvette, do it first) it'll be a milestone 100th IMSA victory for the Corvette Racing program.

### Legge Closes Gap in GTD

If the finish line at VIR

were at the end of the backstretch, No. 86 Meyer Shank Racing Acura NSX GT3 co-drivers Katherine Legge and Mario Farnbacher would have had their second GTD victory of the season. On the final lap, Legge briefly darted past leader Dominik Baumann in the No. 14 3GT Racing

Lexus RC F GT3, with Patrick Long right on her tail in the No. 58 Wright Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R.

Unfortunately for her, the lead would be short lived as Baumann had better track position going into the roller coaster section of the VIR circuit and he managed to re-take the lead. Meanwhile, Long also had enough momentum to slip past and take away second place. Nevertheless, the third-place run was a significant points haul for Legge, who reduced her deficit in the championship standings from 18 coming into the race to 13 heading to next month's penultimate round at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

"I'm really pleased, the team did an awesome job, the car was great," Legge said. "We had a really strong car, the best car we've had in three or four races. I'm gutted that we weren't able to win; we came so close to getting that second win of the year. I had a bit of a moment when the

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## FISHING

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food source in distress; weak, injured, and desperate to survive—like a bass' targeting a wounded frog...literally.

So break from your normal daily pattern-schedule and plan to do some fishing in the light of the full moon during the next few nights. And remember, the more your bait is presented in a state of extreme stress, the more likely the larger bass will be engulfing your bait.

The 'nighttime full moon angler' must use patients, as in perfecting a very slow and varied retrieval strategy, and even more patients to wait...before setting the hook, as in a 'one, two count, set hard!' Then might I suggest you do "not" hold your rod up high—you know like Bill Dance on T.V.—opting instead to keep your rod tip on the water's surface, allowing the bass to swim downward until it's too tired-out to rip free.

Nothing is worse than seeing and hearing a large bass tail-walking across the surface, in the light of the moon, shaking hard enough to rip the hookset out, and swim away. The

silence is...deafening.

**Best Fishing Days:** With the lunar apogee occurring last Thursday, today's full moon will be weak but still the best fishing day of the next four days. Monday will also produce above average fishing action....for the dog days of August.

**Major Fishing Period:** Today the full moon is underfoot (12:22 hours-minutes opposite of the overhead period at 1:20 a.m.) at 1:42 p.m. (7 minutes after solar noon). And the morning atmospheric-pressure increase-period will occur during the late morning hours. Therefore there will be a feed intensity rating of 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Daily this period will move later by about a 30-45 minutes. Starting Wednesday this period backs up and triggers off of the moonset at 9:42 a.m. causing a minor period from 9-11:30 a.m., with a 3-4 rating.

**Minor Fishing Period:** The moonrise today occurs at 8:16 p.m. and the sunset at 7:53 p.m. which will create a feed intensity rating of 5 from 7-9 p.m. I believe this period will remain during this time period until Wednesday when it...backs-up and triggers off of the underfoot



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Highlands Bass Angler Dave Douglass holds up an 8-pound bass he caught this summer.

period which occurs on Thursday at 4:40 p.m. and becomes the new major period, heading into next weekend—4-7:30 p.m., with a 4 rating.

**Prime Monthly Periods:** August 26-28 weak full moon, September 7-11 strong new moon, 23-27 weak full moon.

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fishing-hole to one of the two safe-place options, should be less than 4 minutes.

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 38.50 feet above sea level, which is the maximum level in the seasonal management schedule. The minimum level currently is 38'. Currently three of four S68 spillway gates are open 15 inches and flowing a combined 1085 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.

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

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# RACING

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front brakes locked and that cost me enough time that I couldn't get around Baumann. I'm pleased that we made a gain in the championship. We're going to take this fight to the very end."

### Ganassi Struggles

Ford Chip Ganassi Racing was the hottest team in the WeatherTech Championship coming into the Michelin GT Challenge, riding a streak of four consecutive victories between its two cars. Leading the way was the No. 67 Ford GT duo of Richard Westbrook and Ryan Briscoe, who own three GTLM race victories, including the season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona.

After Westbrook put the car on pole in Saturday's wet and wild qualifying session, the stage was set for another good day come Sunday. Sure enough, Westbrook took advantage of his starting position and motored out into the lead for the entirety of his driving stint.

Shortly after he pitted and turned the car over to Briscoe, however, the race turned sour for the No. 67 team. Clutch problems that began rearing their head near the end of Westbrook's stint forced the car behind the wall for lengthy repairs. The team eventually got the No. 67 back on track and complete enough laps to overtake the retired No. 911 Porsche of Nick Tandy and Patrick Pilet and finish seventh, but they're now four points behind the new points leaders in the No. 3 Corvette.

"It was a terrible result for us," Briscoe said. "After leading the race and looking strong and being really happy with the car all weekend, there's just a lot of points thrown away right there. It's disappointing, but the points are still close. We've just got to come back strong at the next one at Laguna and keep fighting for the championship."

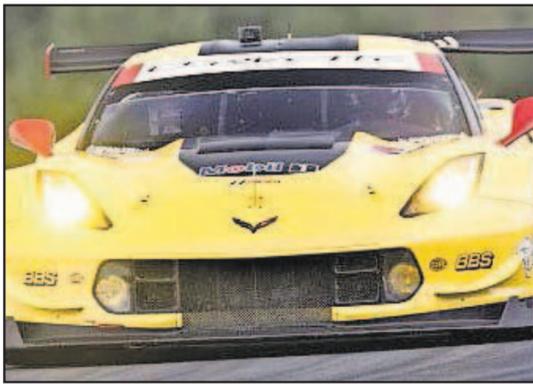
### GT Points Leaders

Virginia International Raceway had been very good to Lamborghini the past two years, as the No. 48 Paul Miller Racing team of Bryan Sellers and Madison Snow delivered the manufacturer's maiden WeatherTech Championship victory at the track two years ago. Last year, Change Racing took the victory in their Lamborghini Huracán GT3.

With that in mind, it was reasonable to expect a strong performance from the lone Lambo in the GTD field, the points-leading No. 48 of Sellers and Snow. It turned out to be a bit of a nightmare for the team instead.

The bad luck started Friday, when Sellers encountered a mechanical failure early in the first practice session that prevented the car from participating the rest of the day. After overnight repairs, Snow qualified a reasonable fifth on Saturday and in the race, he got as high as third during the first pit-stop cycle.

Bad luck returned in the second half, however, as Sellers and Legge – the team's closest pursuer in the championship – made contact, resulting in an extra stop to repair the damaged Lamborghini. Sellers battled back over the closing stages to salvage a sixth-place result, the team's first finish outside of the top four all season. Nevertheless, they



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**Corvette Racing's No. 3 car leads the GTLM point standings with only a few events left on the 2018 schedule.**

still retained the GTD championship. "It wasn't particularly a great day for us, and a bad points day," Sellers said. "But at the end, you look and think that we had to have one of these coming. There was going to be a time where we struggled in the race, where the speed wasn't there, and this time it got the better of us a little bit. It wasn't by lack of effort."

"Everyone on this team gives their absolute best and while we didn't have the quickest car, the guys were good in the pits and got us a couple of positions. You just hate the days where they gain the positions and you can't keep it from them. Madison and I did the best we could and today we were fortunate to walk away with sixth and not a little bit worse than that. We have to reload, figure out where we're at, and go from there."

### GT Manufacturer

With two races remaining, the leaders in the WeatherTech Championship manufacturer standings in both GTLM and GTD have commanding leads.

In GTLM, Ford leads Chevrolet by 12 points, 295-283, with a maximum of 70 points still available. Barring unforeseen circumstances, the manufacturer title will be going to Detroit. Porsche is third and effectively out of mathematical contention with 274 points, as a last-place finish in a GTLM race would deliver 26 manufacturer points at worst.

To pick up its third consecutive GTLM championship, Chevrolet essentially needs to win both of the final races and Ford would need to score last-place points in both. If the Blue Oval does score the championship it will mark the first time since 2010 that Chevrolet hasn't won an IMSA manufacturer's title.

Chevy's run includes back-to-back GTLM titles in 2016 and 2017, Prototype manufacturer championships in 2014 and 2015, American Le Mans Series GT and GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series Daytona Prototype titles in 2012 and 2013, and the GRAND-AM GT championship in 2011.

In the GTD class, Lamborghini is in a similar position to Ford. The Italian manufacturer currently leads the class standings by 18 points, 282-263, over Acura and Lexus is third with 258 points. A race victory is worth 35 points and with eight competing manufacturers in the class, a last-place result offers 23 points.

For Lexus to win the title, it would need to win both of the last two races and have Lamborghini score last-place points in both. That would result in a tie – each manufacturer would have 328 points – and Lexus would prevail on the most-race wins tiebreaker, four to three.

There are more permutations that would allow Acura to take the title

away from Lamborghini, but if Lambo were to score last-place points in both of the final two, Acura needs at least one win and could finish no worse than second in the other to take the manufacturer title.

# BASS

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shot at it."

Rounding out the Top 5 are two Alabama pros: Jesse Wiggins with 47-4 and Lucas with 46-12.

Brett Hite of Phoenix, Ariz., is still leading the Phoenix Boats Big Bass competition thanks to a hefty 6-12 smallmouth bass he caught during Thursday's opening round of competition. If the big bass holds through Championship Sunday, Hite will win a \$1,500 bonus paycheck.

Competition resumed Saturday morning with take-off beginning at 6:15 a.m. at Whittaker Park in Waddington, N.Y., and weigh-in will begin at 3 p.m. at the same

location.

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# Sign up for the Skyway 10K

## Run set for Skyway Bridge next month

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

TAMPA, Fla. – Registration for the second annual Skyway 10K is scheduled to open on Sep. 13 at 1 p.m. Eastern and the event is expected to sell-out quickly.

The top changes for the Second Annual Skyway 10K are: Increased number of waves to reduce the congestion on the bridge.

New awards for King and Queen of the Hill — a timed race up the incline of the bridge.

Improved coordination with the City of St. Pete Police and Tampa Bay Rays to ease parking congestion on both Saturday and Sunday.

New iPhone/Android app to keep you updated on Race Day including live parking suggestions. Improved race shirt sizing.

Redesigned bus boarding queues for easier loading and post-race unloading through the medal and food areas.

Option to have your race packet mailed to you.

Bleacher seating at Tropicana Field around the jumbotron for friends and family to watch the CBS live coverage. GoPros now allowed on the bridge. Virtual Racing – details available later this year.

The inaugural Sunshine Skyway 10K Bridge Run raised \$560,000 for the Armed Forces Families Foundation, meaning 100 percent of every registration fee dollar is going to fund projects to support the families of our service men and women.

The sold-out inaugural Skyway 10K took place on March 4 and was an overwhelming success. Participant registration for the run across the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge realized its targeted 7,000 participant capacity only five days after being announced. It was the first running event across the Skyway Bridge since it opened in 1987.

In all, people from 40 states, three countries and all five branches of the United States armed

forces participated in the run.

As planned, 100 percent of the proceeds from the Skyway 10K are going to benefit the Armed Forces Families Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds they raise back to projects that help our military service men and women and their families.

Additionally, plans are in place so all registration fees from next year's race will continue to support the Armed Forces Families Foundation.

The annual run begins on I-275 at the rest area just south of the Skyway Bridge and ends at the rest area on the North side of the bridge, which equals 10 kilometers or 6.2 miles.

Anyone interested in volunteering for or sponsoring the second annual Skyway 10K can learn more by visiting skyway10k.com or emailing info@skyway10k.com.

About the Skyway 10K The Sunshine Skyway 10K Bridge Run is the only

annual bridge run across the iconic Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The first run took place on March 4, 2018 and the second run is scheduled to take place in early 2019. The Skyway 10K benefits the Armed Forces Families Foundation, with 100 percent of all registration fee dollars. This year, the Skyway 10K raised \$560,000 for military families.

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Exercise benefits both the mind and body. Study after study indicates how physical activity can reduce the propensity for illness, boost mood, lower stress levels, and much more. Still, certain people find it difficult to muster the motivation to get up and move.

In 2013, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed data from more than 450,000 American adults ages 18 and older who were randomly polled across the 50 states. Participants were asked about aerobic physical activity outside of their

jobs. The findings were eye-opening. Estimates indicated nearly 80 percent of American adults do not get the recommended amounts of exercise each week. People most likely to exercise, according to the CDC study, were between the ages of 18 and 24.

Lack of time and inspiration may be to blame for disinterest in exercise. Boredom with routine and being unaware of alternative fitness regimens also may be contributing factors. Increasing the fun associated with workouts could lead to greater success in or outside of the gym.

## CLASSIC

FROM PAGE 1B

Wallace, James Gue and I are going to be the three in the two cars, and we will see if we get lucky."

The Classic Daytona is a tribute race to the 24 Hours of Daytona, known in recent decades as the Rolex 24 At Daytona, which has been held on the DIS road course for more than 50 years. Wallace is a three-time overall 24 Hours of Daytona winner, Gue co-drove to the Prototype Challenge (PC) win in 2014 and Smith has also competed in the Rolex 24.

"Winning the Classic 24 means something, and you do get a nice B.R.M. watch for the privilege," Smith said. "I have done the main 24-hour race at Daytona once and that was a little bit different pressure situation. What's different is that in the Classic you are driving a literal piece of history and you are around other pieces of history. From that standpoint, the Classic, for me personally, is even a little more special. You get to drive cars you grew up idolizing or wanting to drive as a young child, and the Classic 24 Hour gives you a chance to actually do that."

In the case of the Audi R8 LMP, the Classic Daytona has been an opportunity for this world-beating car to run in a true Daytona endurance race for the first time after never having the chance in its competition prime. It's a treat for drivers lucky enough to take the wheel and race fans that finally get a chance to see an Audi LMP wide open on the DIS high banks.

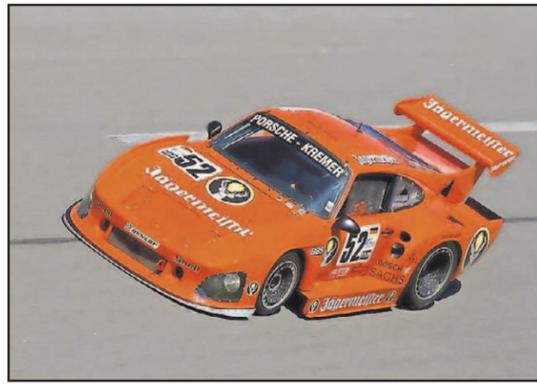
"The Classic 24 Hour is a great event," Smith said. "I never got to drive LMP or GTP cars in their prime, of course, but it is a very visceral experience. The open-air Audi is amazing because you are focused ahead, even though you could probably look up and see the heavens above, and the air conditioning works very well! The Jaguar is a different kind of experience because you have the closed cockpit and the headlights aren't quite as good. Both cars are an amazing experience."

Another returning entry incredibly popular with Classic Daytona race fans is the ex Kremer Racing 1980 No. 52 Porsche "Jägermeister" 935 K3 from Mike Smith and his Smith Motorworks team. Smith and his team have come close to a Classic Daytona class victory in the past and are hoping 2018 is the magic year for their flame-throwing turbocharged Porsche.

Recently retired IMSA Prototypes are popular race cars of choice competitors in the Classic Daytona and other races on the full-season HSR schedule. This includes Daytona Prototypes and Oreca FLM09 PC cars, similar to what Gue co-drove to victory in 2014.

One such PC car entered for the 2018 Classic Daytona is the 2011 No. 54 Roin Realty Holdings Oreca FLM09 entered for Dominick Incantalupo and professional sports car driver Sean Rayhall, who competes in both IMSA and European sports car racing series.

Another former Classic Daytona winner returning this November is the big-bore 1992 No. 5 Oldsmobile Aurora GTS of Steve Cohen and Ray Snowdon from Sundry Racing. The co-drivers won their class and finished an impressive sixth overall last year in the Aurora to earn a B.R.M.



COURTESY PHOTO

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Chronographs watch as the highest placing GT car in Group D.

Additional HSR Daytona Classic presented by IMSA event information and entry forms can be found at <http://hsrace.com/classic-daytona-daytona-historics/>.

Spectator tickets for both the HSR Daytona Classic Presented by IMSA and HSR Sebring Classic 12 Hour are now on sale exclusively through online purchase at <http://www.hsrtickets.com/>.

A variety of tickets are available for the HSR Daytona Classic, including single-day Thursday and Friday admission and two, three and four-day ticket options. Camping accommodations are available for everything from a four-day

tent pass for \$30 on up to Premium RV Parking.

Purchased tickets will begin shipping this month. All tickets ordered after October 22, 2018 will be held in Will Call and available for pick up in the HSR

Registration office inside Daytona International Speedway Gate 40 starting November 8, 2018. Online ticket sales will end on October 28, 2018 with on-site purchases at HSR Registration at Gate 40 beginning November 8, 2018. Learn more at <http://www.hsrtickets.com/>.

Next up for HSR on the 2018 schedule of events is the Fall Historics at Road Atlanta, September 20 — 23. Lean more at <http://hsrace.com/fall-historics/>.

About HSR: Historic Sports car Racing (HSR) was formed in the mid-1970s with an event at Road Atlanta. There was one goal then and it remains true today: to celebrate the race cars from the past. As a "time machine" of sights and sounds, HSR provides a venue for competitors

and spectators alike to share in the wonderful history and excitement created by the cars that competed at race tracks around the world.

HSR currently sanctions eight vintage and historic racing events at some of the world's most renowned race tracks, including Road Atlanta, Sebring International Raceway, Daytona International Speedway and more. The complete schedule and full event information can be found on HSR's website at [www.HSRRace.com](http://www.HSRRace.com).

Look for the HSR Channel on YouTube and follow HSR on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HSRrace/](http://www.facebook.com/HSRrace/) and on Twitter and Instagram at @HSR\_race. A dedicated website for the Classic 24 Hour at Daytona presented by IMSA is available at [www.Classic24hour.com](http://www.Classic24hour.com).

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INTENT TO ADOPT ORDINANCES

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held and ordinances will be considered in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, as follows:

1. A public hearing before the City of Sebring Planning and Zoning Board and Local Planning Agency on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**, beginning at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Consideration will be given whether to recommend that City Council adopt **Ordinance Numbers 1426, 1427 1432**.

2. A public hearing before the City Council on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Ordinance No. 1432 will be presented for adoption upon its second and final reading and is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEBRING, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE UPDATE OF THE ADOPTED 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN OF THE CITY OF SEBRING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMISSION OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR NOTIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3. A public hearing before the City Council on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. **Ordinance No. 1426** will be presented for adoption upon its second and final reading and is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 17 REGARDING SIGNS BY DEFINING TEMPORARY, PERMANENT AND OFF-PREMISES SIGNS AND BY SETTING FORTH THE CRITERIA FOR PROHIBITED AND EXEMPT SIGNS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4. A public hearing before the City Council on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. **Ordinance No. 1427** will be presented for adoption upon its second and final reading and is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEBRING; PROVIDING FOR ILLUMINATION STANDARDS, ELECTRONIC MESSAGE CENTER SIGNS, GENERAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE CRA, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND LOCALLY DESIGNATED HISTORIC PROPERTY AND SEVERABILITY PROVISIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 17; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinances. A copy of this notice and all documents in connection with the Ordinances are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk of the City of Sebring at City Hall, 368 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Inquiries or written testimony regarding the Ordinance should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at this address or by phone at (863) 471-5102. Photocopies may be obtained at this location for fifteen cents (\$0.15) per page. Please reference the Ordinance Number when calling or writing.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, the City Council hereby advises that if any interested person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board and Local Planning Agency or the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the proceedings, he will need a record of the proceeding and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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# Dyson Racing looks for a win Trans Am Series at Road America

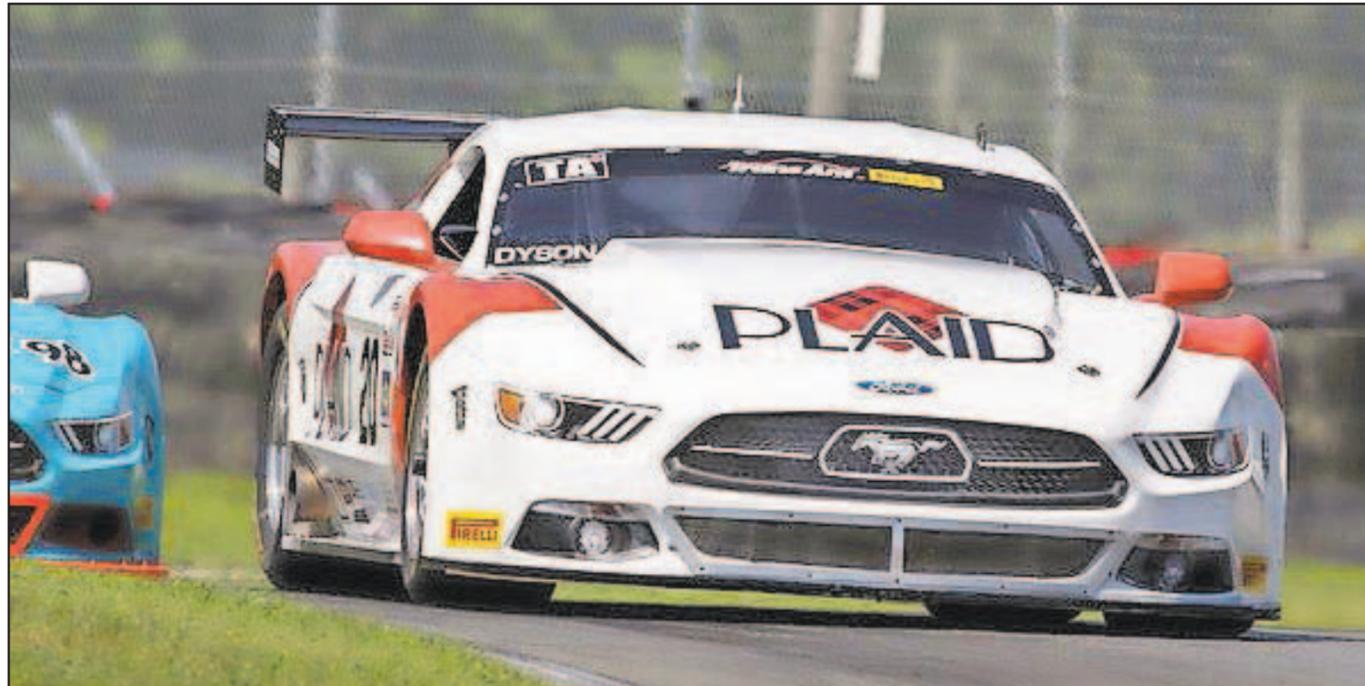
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POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – Chris Dyson is savoring a good result in last weekend's USAC Silver Crown 100-mile race in Springfield, IL, while looking forward to the Trans Am presented by Pirelli race in Elkhart Lake, WI, as an opportunity to shake off a disappointing result in the series' most recent event at Mid-Ohio.

An incident early in that Trans Am race relegated Dyson to a 13th-place finish, which dropped him from second to fourth in the championship points standings.

On the other hand, racing to a 13th-place finish from a 28th starting spot in this past weekend's Bettenhausen 100 at the Illinois State Fairground marked a strongly positive result for the two-time road-racing champion turned rookie USAC Silver Crown driver.

"It was pretty satisfying because I had to race my way into the field in the first place," Dyson said, noting that his 29th-fastest time in the 43-car qualifying round wasn't quick enough to ensure a place in the 30-car field for the 100-mile feature race. "At first, I was probably too conservative learning the track, which was tricky to read, but by the time we rain in the B-main (consolation) race, I was starting to gain some confidence and figure it out. The feature was an absolute blast. I took it fairly easy at the start, then once I saw the leaders come through, I just hung onto them for a lot of the second half of the race and keep pushing. We were able to pass quite a few cars along the way. The corners at Springfield are pretty



DYSON RACING PHOTO

Dyson Racing is looking for a strong run in this weekend's race at Road America.

wide so you can carry a lot of speed into them. Then the track starts to take rubber and that adds another dimension. I have always wanted to run the historic one-mile ovals, so this year has been a terrific experience. I'm only sorry there's only one more one-mile oval left on this year's Silver Crown schedule."

That one remaining race is the 68th Annual Ted Horn 100 on September 2 at the Du Quoin State Fair. While he has been racing sprint cars and midgets for several years now, 2018 marks Dyson's first year entering events with his own CD Racing team. The Bettenhausen race was only his third time out in the Silver Crown series.

**Road America Classic**  
After a very bright start to the season – second place in the season-opener at Sebring and a victory the following race at Road Atlanta – on-track misfortunes have marred Dyson's three most recent

outings with the #20 CD Racing Plaid Mustang. At the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, contact when a backmarker stopped suddenly on track dropped Dyson to a 9th-place finish, while poorly timed traffic on the last lap at Pittsburgh cost him a runner-up finish.

"The incident at Mid-Ohio was completely my responsibility," Dyson said. "I just locked up the front end and ran into Boris Said. I'm glad it didn't ruin his race, though it meant we were done for the day."

In retrospect, Dyson suspects after reviewing video and in-car data that the track was still slightly damp from overnight rain in the section where he locked up the front wheels soon after the Mid-Ohio race start. "Trans Am cars don't have any driver aids like anti-lock brakes or traction control, and that's one of the things I like about them. Same as with the USAC Silver Crown cars.

It's all up to the driver. And I'm really focusing on doing a better job in the TA car this weekend at Road America.

"I have to admit that the way points are awarded in the Trans Am series, after the last couple events, it's going to be tough to remain in the hunt for winning the championship," Dyson said. "The other side of that coin is that from here on we can focus on winning races and not hold back because we need to protect any position in the points."

Dyson won the Pirelli World Challenge GT race the last time he visited the famous Road America circuit and he

enjoyed multiple victories in there in a decade of IMSA American Le Mans Series prototype competition.

"I've had a lot of races at Road America and done well. I think the Plaid Mustang is going to be very good there and the Trans Am cars should put on an exciting race there. I'm looking forward to the race."

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# Rebuild in rearview mirror for Dussault Team competes in GT3 Cup this weekend

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For the No. 77 Lauzon Autosport team, it's been a long road to this weekend's pair of Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama races.

In the Porsche GT3 Cup Canada round at Honda Indy Toronto just three weeks ago, the car was caught up in a first-lap incident during Race 1. The damage from the incident forced the team and driver Patrick Dussault to withdraw from the next day's race and instead, focus on readying the car for this weekend in Québec.

"We rebuilt the whole car, really," said Dussault. "The front left was wrecked – not the top, just the front left section – and we



IMSA PHOTO

Lauzon Racing is looking forward to a strong run this weekend.

have a new engine also. The car was smashed, basically. Not our fault – obviously it was a pile up, an incident caused by another incident. For

us, it's unfortunate, but I have the best guys in the paddock to repair the car."

"Etienne here is very fast, so we can work as

a team to upgrade our level," Dussault said after Practice 1. "But we don't necessarily have an edge on anybody. Anybody can be fast here...We were

just cruising in practice. No need to push or do any stupid mistakes.

We're all competitive, we all want to be fast, but for us, it's just a recap."

Adding a special twist to the team's return this weekend is that both the driver and team are based in Québec. This weekend's Porsche GT3 Cup Canada trip to the province is the second and final time this year that the No. 77 group will get to race near home, let alone at such a historic event.

"GP3R has a big history for us Quebecers to inspire racing," said Dussault. "Gilles (Villeneuve) came here, Jacques (Villeneuve) came here, the biggest racing family in Canada. They built their dynasty and their history in Three Rivers. For us, it's

inspiring and it's fun having all the families coming out."

Il charts of the day in the No. 78 Mark Motors Racing Porsche. De Angelis' time was just .122 seconds quicker than teammate Zach Robichon in the No. 98 Porsche.

This weekend's Porsche GT3 Cup Canada double-header is crucial for De Angelis.

"We put new tires on so obviously that was a huge help," said De Angelis.

"We looked over some of Zach's data earlier and I could see where I was a bit slower and just built from that. I improved braking a little bit, that's where most of the time is, and just rolling speed with new tires. It's a good start, I think, and a good qualifying simulation, so we know what to expect tomorrow."

## Booking vacation rentals

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Vacation rentals are a relatively new yet popular addition to the travel market. Such rentals, which are typically homes, apartments or condos rented by private citizens via websites such as Airbnb, provide tourists with alternatives to hotels.

The market research firm Technavio estimates the global vacation rental market will grow at a rate of 7 percent between 2017 and 2021. In the United Kingdom, data from the Smarthosts Vacation Rental Forum indicates holiday rentals are now the fastest-growing sector of tourism.

Rentals may offer more space, additional amenities and more affordable prices than hotels. Families often enjoy rental properties because they can provide a home-away-from-home feel. Rentals also may feature fully functioning kitchens, allowing renters to prepare some if not all of their vacation meals

themselves, saving them money on food and beverages.

Even though vacation rentals are quite popular, and there are many booking resources that will put interested parties in touch with private renters or rental organizations, vacationers must recognize that booking and paying for a vacation rental is very different from booking hotels. The following are some tips for travelers to consider before booking their next vacation rentals.

Consider an aggregator site. Aggregator websites showcase properties from

multiple rental sites on a single page so that renters can easily compare their options.

Read the fine print. Read all of the information about rentals carefully. Details like lack of parking or no cable service should not be ignored.

Look at reviews. Read all of the reviews of a property on sites such as TripAdvisor, Google, Yelp, and the vacation rental site itself. Pay attention to the important details on where the property may be lacking.

Do an online map search. Plug in the

address on a satellite mapping site and see what is around the property. This will help renters determine if the property really is steps from the beach or if those steps are actually miles. Mapping also helps identify restaurants, shopping and recreation in the area.

Verify rates and payment information carefully. Price quotes may differ from the final

price when other fees are added on. Certain rentals may have cleaning fees or require renters pay for cable or internet access. Determine all fees before booking a rental. Verify with the rental owners that credit cards are accepted. A credit card offers more protection against fraud than cash or personal checks.

Call the owner or manager. Speaking to

the property owner or manager can give potential renters a feel for the person with whom they are doing business. If it's difficult to get in touch with the manager or owner, or if he or she doesn't answer promptly, it may be best to look elsewhere.

Rental properties should be properly vetted before travelers book their vacations.



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Make sure to check the details when planning to use a vacation rental.

### CITY OF AVON PARK CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Avon Park will hold a public hearing, Monday, September 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 123 E. Pine St., for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-18

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-4 ADDING AN EXEMPTION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Interested persons can appear and be heard on this matter at the Council Meeting by attending the meeting and signing the request form. Copies of the proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the office of the City Clerk, M-F, 8:30 to 5:00 PM at 110 East Main Street, Avon Park, FL 33825.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City of Avon Park City Council, Highlands County, FL with respect to any matter discussed at any meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Verbatim transcripts are not furnished by the City. Any person with a disability requiring reasonable special accommodations in order to participate in this meeting should contact the City Manager with the request at (863) 452-4400.

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## American icon John McCain dies

By NANCY BENAC  
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WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp with jut-jawed defiance and later turned his rebellious streak into a 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination, died Saturday after battling brain cancer for more than a year. He was 81.

McCain, with his irascible grin and fighter-pilot moxie, was a fearless and outspoken voice on policy and politics to the end, unswerving in his defense of democratic values and unflinching in his criticism of his fellow Republican, President Donald Trump. He was elected to the Senate from Arizona six times but twice thwarted in seeking the presidency.

An upstart presidential bid in 2000 didn't last long. Eight years later, he fought back from the brink of defeat to win the GOP nomination, only to be overpowered by Democrat

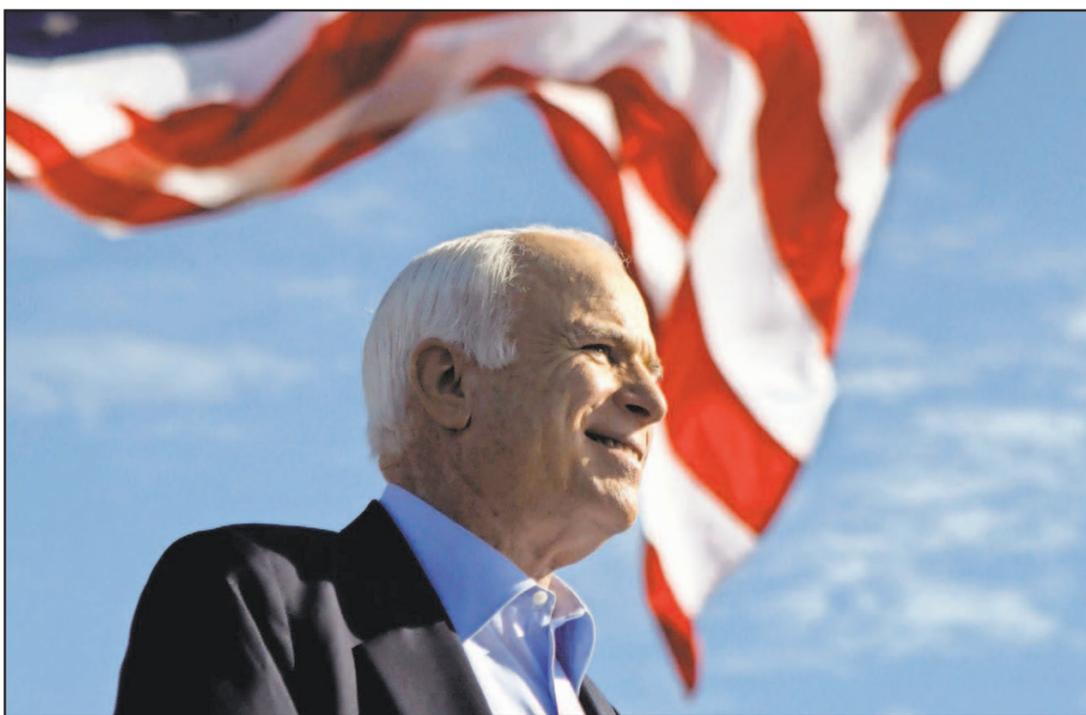
Barack Obama. McCain chose a little-known Alaska governor as his running mate in that race, and turned Sarah Palin into a national political figure.

After losing to Obama in an electoral landslide, McCain returned to the Senate determined not to be defined by a failed presidential campaign in which his reputation as a maverick had faded. In the politics of the moment and in national political debate over the decades, McCain energetically advanced his ideas and punched back hard at critics — Trump not least among them.

The scion of a decorated military family, McCain embraced his role as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military intervention overseas and eager to contribute to “defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America.”

Asked how he wanted to be remembered, McCain said simply: “That I made a major contribution to the defense of the nation.”

One dramatic vote he



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Nov. 3, 2008, file photo, Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at a rally in Tampa, Fla. Aide says senator, war hero and GOP presidential candidate McCain died Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. He was 81.

cast in the twilight of his career in 2017 will not soon be forgotten, either: As the decisive “no” on Senate GOP legislation to

repeal the Affordable Care Act, McCain became the unlikely savior of Obama's trademark legislative achievement.

Taking a long look back in his valedictory memoir, “The Restless Wave,” McCain wrote of the world he inhabited: “I hate to

leave it. But I don't have a complaint. Not one. It's been quite a ride. I've

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## Hawaii emerges from threat as storm veers away from islands

By AUDREY McAVOY  
and CALEB JONES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — Hawaii emerged Saturday from the threat of a potentially devastating hurricane after flooding forced evacuations on some islands but damage appeared less than feared despite historic amounts of rain.

Tropical Storm Lane, once known as Hurricane Lane, began to break apart as it veered west into the open Pacific, leaving behind sighs of relief and plenty of clean-up, especially on the Big Island where rainfall totals approached 4 feet.

No storm-related deaths have been reported, though Big Island authorities said they plucked families from flood waters and landslides had closed roads.

The National Weather Service canceled all storm warnings for the state, several hours after shopkeepers in Honolulu's tourist-heavy areas started taking down plywood meant to protect windows if the storm had made it that far.

Preliminary figures from the weather service show that Lane dropped



PHOTO BY JESSICA HENRICKS VIA AP

Above: In this photo provided by Jessica Henricks, is flooding and damage from Hurricane Lane Friday, near Hilo, Hawaii.

the fourth-highest amount of rain for a hurricane to hit the United States since 1950. Hurricane Harvey, which devastated Texas a year ago, topped the list.

The storm's outer bands dumped as much as 45 inches on the mostly rural Big Island, measurements showed. The main town of Hilo, with 43,000 people, was flooded Friday with waist-high water and authorities rescued people from more than 20 homes overnight, Hawaii County Managing Director Wil Okabe said.

Landslides and pooling water forced the temporary closure of several highways, but the flooding was not as bad as it might have been because porous volcanic rock on parts of the Big Island absorbed it, said Brooke Bingaman, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Honolulu.

One of the island's volcanoes is still erupting, and the rain could still cause whiteout conditions on some active lava fields due to steam.

About 200 miles and several islands to the northwest, tourists wandered Waikiki Beach and took leisurely swims as shopkeepers prepared to reopen.

Hotels began putting deck chairs back alongside pools. Dozens of surfers were in the Pacific, riding small waves. The breeze was light.

Winds were also calmer on Maui, which had seen about 12 inches of rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph. On Saturday, winds were about 11 mph. Like the Big Island, Maui experienced flooding and landslides.

Lane first approached the islands earlier this week as a Category 5 hurricane, meaning it was likely to cause

catastrophic damage with winds of 157 mph or above. But upper-level winds known as shear swiftly tore the storm apart.

As flooding hit the Big Island, winds fanned brush fires that had broken out in dry areas of Maui and Oahu. Some residents in a shelter on Maui had to flee flames, and another fire forced people from their homes.

Flames burned nine homes in the historic coastal town of Lahaina and forced 600 people to evacuate, Maui County spokeswoman Lynn Araki-Regan said. Some have returned, but many have not because much of the area lacks power, Araki-Regan said.

Those outages meant the water provider on Maui's west side was unable to pump, so officials at the Maui Electric utility urged conservation — particularly important because firefighters need supplies to put out the remaining flames.

The central Pacific gets fewer hurricanes than other regions, with only about four or five named storms a year. Hawaii rarely gets hit. The last major storm to hit was Iniki in 1992. Others have come close in recent years.

## Trump hints that Sessions' days as attorney general are numbered

By DON LEE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

WASHINGTON— President Donald Trump has been warring with his attorney general, Jeff Sessions, since Sessions recused himself from the FBI investigation into Russia's election-meddling, which has led to the mounting legal problems for Trump and his associates as special counsel Robert Mueller investigates potential collusion.

Now, after this week's guilty plea from Trump's former personal lawyer Michael Cohen, the tax fraud conviction of former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and news that the Trump organization's longtime chief financial officer may be cooperating with

prosecutors, the president is stepping up his attacks against Sessions and appears to be laying the groundwork to fire the nation's top law enforcement official.

In Twitter posts Saturday morning, Trump again sought to distance himself from the Cohen case and implications that he did anything wrong, and he wrote: “Jeff Sessions said he wouldn't allow politics to influence him only because he doesn't understand what is happening underneath his command position. Highly conflicted Bob Mueller and his gang of 17 Angry Dems are having a field day as real corruption goes untouched. No Collusion!”

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## China blasts Trump comment; Seoul regrets Pompeo trip delay

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SEOUL, South Korea — China on Saturday lashed out at President Donald Trump for accusing Beijing of not being supportive in efforts to denuclearize North Korea, while South Korea called the U.S. decision to call off a trip to the North by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo “unfortunate.”

The reaction in Seoul and Beijing came hours after President Donald Trump directed Pompeo

to delay his trip because of what he saw as a lack of progress on nuclear disarmament talks with the North. Trump also said the nuclear negotiations with North Korea have been hampered by a lack of support from China, which is the North's only major ally and is engaged in an intensifying trade dispute with the United States.

The Chinese foreign ministry blasted Trump's comments.

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Swimmers get tossed around at Makapu'u Beach, Friday, in Waimanalo, Hawaii. As Hurricane Lane approaches Oahu, large ocean swells have impacted the coastline.

## FLORIDA POLITICS

# Florida governor hopefuls making Trump a November issue

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TALLAHASSEE — President Donald Trump inserted himself into the middle of the Florida governor's race by picking sides in the Republican primary, giving a boost to U.S. Rep. DeSantis and handing Democrats a strategy against him in November if he wins Tuesday's primary.

Former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine barely mentioned the president while campaigning until a few weeks ago. Now he is widely airing a television ad that juxtaposes boxing scenes and sounds with images of Trump and DeSantis, who earlier in the month rallied with the president in Tampa.

While stopping at an early voting site six days before the election, it took less than 30 seconds for Levine to mention Trump "and his little mini-me, radical Ron DeSantis." A reporter pointed out that Levine wasn't talking about Trump very much until recently.

"The Donald got more involved in the campaign and the Donald got more involved in Florida," Levine said. "We realize that the Democratic nominee for governor is going to be fighting against the White House and I'm the person that can fight against the White House."

Republican Gov. Rick Scott can't run for re-election because of term limits, and is instead challenging Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

Trump has been handing out endorsements to give his preferred Republicans a boost during this midterm election season. But he's also giving Democrats a strong line of attack. In Georgia, Michigan, and Ohio races, Trump's intervention has quickly made him the focus on the debate.

There's no better window into that like Florida's governor's race.

Trump's endorsement of DeSantis helped erase the early lead Republican Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam held in Florida's GOP primary.

DeSantis has been running almost entirely on being Trump's pick, with a commercial featuring his baby in a "Make America Great Again" onesie. In the 30 second spot, his toddler stacks toy bricks as DeSantis exclaims, "Build the wall!" DeSantis also prominently mentions the president on campaign stops.

While DeSantis has been an almost nightly face on Fox News, he said recently the Trump endorsement has boosted his name recognition in a state with 21 million residents.

"It's a monstrously big state with all these different media markets," DeSantis said. "It's hard to get known."

Trump first tweeted his support for DeSantis in December, a month before he actually got in the race.

"That first tweet, all of a sudden you get on people's radar screens and only he can really do that because of the reach that he has," DeSantis said.

Putnam has struggled to get out an I-like-Trump-too message. Recently he's been showing an ad featuring Attorney General Pam Bondi, who was an early Trump supporter in the 2016 election. In it, she says, "I fought hard to elect President Trump, and I'm supporting Adam Putnam for governor. Adam will stand with President Trump."

Being anti-Trump isn't new in the Democratic primary — U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham's first online ad was solely about her criticisms of



AP PHOTO

In this July 31, file photo, President Donald Trump, right, shakes hands with Florida Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis during a rally in Tampa. Florida's candidates for governor are already making Trump a general election issue even before voters pick nominees on Tuesday.

Trump, in which she says, "Donald Trump is an embarrassment."

"For me it's more about what has been created with Trump's candidacy and then his win. It's ugly, divisive and chaotic," Graham said in a recent interview. "We are far better supporting and caring about each other even with differences ... That's the example we want to set for young people."

How much being anti-Trump is going to play out in the Democratic primary is questionable.

"Any Democrat is going to be anti-Trump anyway. It's a given, so I don't think they need to waste their time being against Trump. Just tell us what you're going to do for us," said Marjorie Taylor, a 60-year-old real estate broker from St. Augustine and an undecided Democrat as voters were already being cast in the race. "How are we going to make our schools safer? How are we going to change our gun laws? What are we going to do about immigration? Those things are important and not just Trump. I'm tired of hearing about Trump."

That hasn't stopped billionaire Jeff Greene from riding around the state on a bus emblazoned

with the words "Trump's Worst Nightmare." He parked it outside the Trump/DeSantis rally and he's made Trump part of his massive air war in the primary, including attacks on Levine for previously praising Trump. Levine has returned those attacks with clips showing Greene calling Trump a "great guy."

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum has also recently become more vocal about Trump, with his campaign saying he has "stood up to Trump louder" than any other candidate. He's also pointing out that he's the only candidate calling for Trump's impeachment, ignoring the fact that as governor he wouldn't have a role in a presidential impeachment.

Orlando-area businessman Chris King has been among the quieter Democrats when it comes to Trump, but he hasn't passed on the opportunity to criticize the president at times, including calling him "dishonest and bigoted" after the last State of the Union speech.



Both Shaw and Torrens are from Tampa and have said during the campaign that the office has become too partisan under Bondi.

Shaw, who is also a first-term Florida House member, is heavily favored to advance to the general election. The last Democrat to be elected attorney general was Bob Butterworth, who served from 1987 until 2002.

"I am not running to be the governor's general counsel and that's how you've seen it used," said Shaw during a meeting with South Florida newspaper editorial page editors. "I am running to be an independent watchdog. This is the one office you can do that without seeking permission from the Governor."

Torrens, whose law firm specializes in consumer protection cases, believes his experience going after corporations suits him well for the job as the state's top prosecutor.

"I want to make this office the biggest consumer watchdog the state has ever seen," he said during a meeting with South Florida newspaper editorial page editors.

## Florida's attorney general primary feistier than usual

By **JOE REEDY**  
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TALLAHASSEE — Candidates in Florida's primary election for attorney general have engaged in the kind of partisan fighting usually seen in the governor's race.

The two Democratic candidates have filed lawsuits against each other, and the two Republicans are fighting over who is more conservative and best suited to carry out the policies of President Trump.

The winners on Tuesday will face off in the Nov. 6 general election to succeed Pam Bondi, who is unable to run due to term limits.

Republican candidate Ashley Moody said most people are surprised how nasty the race has become, because the attorney general role "really a standard bearer for truth and justice."

Frank White, who served one term in the Florida House, has questioned Moody's conservative credentials, noting she registered as a Democrat as a teenager before switching party affiliation five years later. He also says Moody was

part of a family lawsuit against Trump in 2009 over a failed condominium project in Tampa.

Before running for the Florida Legislature, White was general counsel and chief financial officer for the Sansing auto group, which is owned by his wife's family and has dealerships in three states, including Florida.

"The attorney general also needs to know how to run an agency," White said. "The Attorney General's office has 1,300 employees and 400 lawyers. I'm the only candidate with experience managing a large organization."

Part of the attorney general's office duties is managing consumer complaints. According to a records request, the Sansing auto group has had nine consumer complaints against them filed to the attorney general's office since 2017. White has said there would not be a conflict of interest.

Both Republican candidates agree on banning sanctuary cities and refraining from any further curtailing of gun rights.

While Moody has the endorsement of Bondi and most of the state's

law enforcement groups, White had a huge early advantage in ad spending, with nearly \$3 million of his own money going into the campaign. Moody has relied partially on public funding.

Moody is the only candidate from either party who has experience prosecuting and hearing criminal cases. Moody is a former federal prosecutor and stepped down as a Hillsborough County circuit judge in April 2017 to run for office.

"Voters want an attorney general that understands that they can cooperate with the federal government to ensure the laws are followed and that in many instances that leaders are refusing to do," Moody said.

In the Democratic contest, state Rep. Sean Shaw may end up being the only one on the ballot. A Florida circuit court judge has ordered attorney Ryan Torrens removed from the ballot because Torrens relied on an illegal contribution in order to have enough money to pay the \$7,738 qualifying fee.

Torrens, who earlier filed a countersuit for libel, is considering appealing the ruling.

## Former teacher says he wants '200-plus armored tanks' to 'seize' school

By **MONIQUE O. MADAN**  
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A former Florida elementary school teacher is on federal radar after posting several "concerning" YouTube videos. In one of them he says he wants to "seize" the school and the Miami-Dade County School Board building with armored tanks, school district officials confirmed.

David Givins said he wanted "200-plus armored tanks to seize North Hialeah Elementary School and Miami-Dade County Public School Board building."

"I am the superior teacher that will ever exist," he said. "Not one of you Cuban teachers who taught at North Hialeah Elementary was my equal."

Givins worked at the school for 13 years before being fired in 2014 for "teacher certification issues," according to the school district.

Miami-Dade County

Public Schools spokeswoman Daisy Gonzalez-Diego said the district was notified Monday by the Hialeah Police Department about Givins, "who had been posting concerning messages on social media," and that the school had heightened its security.

"The self-identified homeless person has posted dozens of video messages about M-DCPS, the president, the military and federal entities," Gonzalez-Diego said in an email. "We have a full-time Hialeah Police officer stationed at that school, as well as an armed guard. Information is also being circulated through the Fusion Center, where threat related information is received, analyzed, gathered, and shared."

Family members told school police that Givins moved to Washington, D.C., in May and they had not seen him since. Washington police said Givins contacted the department in July to report a theft.

## One dead in shooting after high school football game

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — One person is dead and two others injured after a shooting outside a Florida high school football game.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reported the shooting occurred about 10 p.m. Friday night as the crowd was leaving the Raines High School football game.

There were about 4,000

people attending the game. Director of investigations Ron Lendvay said the person killed was a young man and the two people injured were a teenage boy and girl. He didn't identify the victims, nor would he say if they were students at the school.

The sheriff's office was still looking for the shooter Saturday morning.

### HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

#### DNA leads to Louisiana man's arrest in 1987 sexual battery

CORAL SPRINGS (AP) — The re-testing of DNA evidence has led to the arrest of a man in Louisiana for a rape in Florida more than 30 years ago.

The Miami Herald reports Coral Springs police announced the arrest of 59-year-old Frank Montana on Thursday.

DNA technology has advanced since the crime. Detective Ernesto Bruna says Special Victims Unit detectives requested a re-test in March, and it pointed to the profile of Montana. Also known as Frank Cruz, he was arrested Tuesday in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Police say the woman was assaulted in 1987 by a man who entered her bedroom. Montana has a history of sexual violence and served 15 years in Minnesota for a sex crime. It's unclear if he's got a lawyer.

#### Disney World could start pay at \$15 an hour if deal approved

ORLANDO (AP) — Walt Disney World will begin paying a starting wage of \$15 an hour in less than three years if a new agreement is approved by workers next month.

The company and a coalition of unions reached the tentative deal late Friday after a year of negotiations.

Disney's unionized workers will vote in early September on the

proposal to raise the starting minimum wage from \$10 to \$15 an hour by 2021.

The deal covers about half of Disney World's 70,000 workers in metro Orlando.

If approved, it could have a big impact in the theme park mecca since Disney tends to influence what other Orlando tourism businesses pay their workers.

#### Visitors can meet flamingos at Keys conservatory

KEY WEST (AP) — Florida Keys visitors can now have up-close and personal encounters with two exotic pink flamingos.

Visitors to the Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory had the opportunity Friday to sit on benches in a white gazebo while flamingos Rhett and Scarlett walked free and interacted as they chose.

While participants are not allowed to touch them, the flamingos sometimes play with their hair, react to human voices with honks and spread their coral-pink wings.

Dubbed "Flamingle," the program is the latest daily offering at the conservatory, a 5,000-square-foot, glass-domed, rainforest-like habitat where visitors walk among some 1,000 butterflies.

The flamingos were bred in Toronto and arrived in the conservatory in 2013. Their colorful pink plumage, social nature and foot-patting "dances" in their pond made them visitor favorites.

WORLD NEWS

**Bus crashes in Bulgaria; 16 reported killed**

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Bulgarian authorities say a tourist bus has flipped over on a highway near Sofia, the capital, killing at least 16 people and leaving 26 others injured. Police said a bus carrying tourists on a weekend trip to a nearby resort overturned and then fell down a side road 66 feet below the highway. The accident happened at 5:10 p.m. Saturday about 12 miles north of Sofia.

Health Minister Kiril Ananiev gave an initial death toll of 15, but doctors from Sofia's emergency hospital said another bus victim died Saturday night.

**Egypt officials say 4 police, 4 militants killed**

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian security officials say four policemen and four militants have been killed during clashes in the restive northern Sinai Peninsula.

The officials said that militants armed with explosives and RPGs attacked a checkpoint at the entrance to el-Arish city on Saturday. They said another 10 policemen were wounded.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief media.

Egypt's state-run MENA news agency quoted an unnamed official as saying that police thwarted the attack and confirmed the militants' death. It didn't report any casualties among the police. It also said other militants fled after the attack.

**Cruise ship rescues 3 fishermen from North Sea**

LONDON (AP) — The Pacific Princess cruise ship turned around Saturday in the North Sea to rescue three men in a lifeboat who had sent up a flare, according to an Associated Press journalist onboard the ship. Two other men from their capsized fishing boat were still missing.

The captain announced to the passengers that the ship, which was heading back to Dover after an eight-day cruise around the British Isles, was changing its course to rescue the men, who were floating in a black lifeboat with an orange cover, journalist Diana Heidgerd reported.

She said the rescue took place late Saturday afternoon in 6-foot seas off the coast of Norwich.

Authorities on the ship maneuvered close to the lifeboat and pulled the men aboard.

Ship authorities would not comment on the identities or condition of the rescued men but said the U.K. coast guard had been notified.

Passengers saw a coast guard helicopter searching the water Saturday night for two missing crew members from a fishing boat that authorities said had capsized.

**Italy: Catholic church, Albania, Ireland to take migrants who were stranded at sea**

By FRANCES D'EMILIO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Catholic bishops, tiny Albania and Ireland agreed to take the 140 migrants blocked aboard an Italian coast guard vessel, Premier Giuseppe Conte said Saturday, announcing the end of 10-day standoff over the asylum-seekers but making clear an angry Italy could avenge a perceived lack of overall European Union solidarity by refusing to approve the bloc's next multi-year budget.

"Italy must take note that the 'spirit of solidarity is struggling to translate into concrete acts,'" Conte said in a statement. Conte referred to declarations made at an EU summit in late June promising to help Italy and other Mediterranean countries deal with the burden of migrants rescued from human traffickers' unseaworthy boats.

In his role as head of a nearly three-month-old populist coalition government, Conte said Italy under current conditions "doesn't consider it possible to express adherence to a proposed budget that underpins a policy so incoherent on the social level."

Earlier in the week, some in the government threatened to withhold nearly 20 billion euros (\$23 billion) in contributions to the EU if member nations didn't volunteer to take the last group of rescued migrants reaching Italy. Brussels sharply reminded Italy it was legally obliged to pay.



ANSA VIA AP

**Migrants aboard the Italian Coast Guard ship Diciotti gather on the deck as they await decisions in the port of Catania, Italy, Friday. An Italian lawmaker says rescued migrants stuck aboard an Italian coast guard ship are starting a hunger strike. Rescued on Aug. 16 in the Mediterranean Sea, 150 migrants are still on the ship after minors and the sick were allowed off in recent days.**

Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who leads the anti-migrant League party, refused to let the migrants off the coast guard vessel Diciotti until other EU nations pledged to take the asylum-seekers, most of them young men from Eritrea.

Just before Conte announced the drama's resolution, Salvini told party supporters at a rally in northern Italy that a Sicily-based prosecutor, Luigi Patronaggio, had put him under investigation for suspected abduction for refusing to let the migrants disembark.

If the prosecutor "wants to interrogate me or even arrest me because I defend the borders and security of my country, I'm proud of it," Salvini tweeted. Many of his supporters blame migrants for crime. Earlier in the week, the

government's rights office for detained persons concluded this week that the migrants were being unjustly held by the government.

Salvini took credit for convincing bishops to take many of the migrants. The bishops agreed to "open up their doors, heart and wallet," he told the rally.

Fifty others of the 190 people rescued at sea on Aug. 16 by the Italian coast guard were previously allowed off the ship, including all the minors and ailing adults.

A few hours before Conte's announcement, Italian Red Cross ambulances waiting at dockside took away six ill men, suspected of having tuberculosis, pneumonia or other infections, and seven of the 11 women who were still aboard. Authorities had said

the women recounted how they had been raped while in Libya for months, awaiting the opportunity to leave in migrant smugglers' boats.

Four other women chose not to leave the ship because their husbands were blocked aboard.

The standoff had prompted an impassioned appeal at the height of the standoff Saturday by the U.N. refugee agency's chief, who asked Italy to let the migrants disembark and urged EU countries to take responsibility for the asylum-seekers.

In Geneva, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said it's time to end a "race to the bottom on who can take the least responsibility for people rescued at sea." He urged European countries "to do the right thing and offer places of

asylum for people rescued from the Mediterranean Sea in their time of need."

Foreign Minister Enzo Moavero Milanesi expressed appreciation for Albania's "sign of great solidarity and friendship," his ministry said.

Albania, which isn't in the European Union, saw thousands of its citizens flee to Italy across the Adriatic Sea aboard dramatically overcrowded rickety ferries and fishing boats in hopes of a better life in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, Sicily-based prosecutors took their investigation of the migrant standoff to Rome.

Prosecutor Patronaggio left without speaking to reporters after questioning two Interior Ministry officials at the Italian capital's prosecutors' office, the Italian news agency ANSA said.

Prosecutors would have to seek permission from a special panel to question Salvini. As a lawmaker, Salvini also holds immunity from prosecution that could only be lifted by fellow lawmakers.

Italian Red Cross official Stefano Principato in Catania told reporters that Italy's health minister had ordered an inspection of sanitary conditions for the migrants, who have been sleeping on the ship's deck and coping with a baking sun and limited toilet facilities.

Doctors have said many of the migrants on the ship have scabies but "more than a health emergency, it would be better to speak of a psychological emergency," Principato said.



AP PHOTO

**This image taken from a video footage run by China's CCTV on Aug. 25, via AP Video, shows damaged exterior of Beilong Hot Spring Hotel in Harbin's Sun Island resort area, following a fire.**

**Fire kills 19 at resort hotel in China's northeast**

BEIJING (AP) — At least 19 people were killed in a fire at a resort hotel in China's northeastern city of Harbin early Saturday, the local government said.

The disaster added to a string of deadly blazes that have plagued China despite official efforts to improve public safety over the past two decades.

The fire broke out at the four-story Beilong Hot Spring Hotel in Harbin's Sun Island recreation area at 4:36 a.m. and was extinguished at 7:50 a.m. by a force of 105 firefighters with 30 firetrucks, state television reported.

Firefighters found 16 people dead and three more died at a hospital, the city government and provincial fire department said on their social media accounts. It said 18 people were injured and a total of 70 evacuated.

The cause was under investigation, the Xinhua News Agency said.

Harbin, with about 5 million people, is the second-largest city in China's northeast, after Shenyang. It is known for the Russian architecture of its inner city and as the site of a winter festival with sculptures made of ice blocks cut from the Songhua River.

The ruling Communist Party has tried to improve fire safety following deadly blazes at hotels, shopping malls and apartment buildings. But the country still suffers major fires.

In November, a fire blamed on faulty wiring at a Beijing apartment building killed 19 people.

A 2010 blaze at a Shanghai apartment tower killed at least 58 people. Authorities blamed sparks from a welder's torch.

**Palestinians: US cut aid to bring end to Jerusalem claim**

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' spokesman said Saturday that the U.S. decision to cut more than \$200 million in aid is meant to force the Palestinians to abandon their claim to Jerusalem.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh told The Associated Press the move is part of continuing political and financial pressure on the Palestinian leadership. He said the Americans must be fully aware that there will be no peace without east Jerusalem as capital of a Palestinian state.

The Palestinians were outraged by President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and his moving of the U.S. embassy there in May.

The Trump administration says it's cutting bilateral aid to the Palestinians after a review of funding for projects in the West Bank and Gaza and will redirect the money to "high priority projects elsewhere."

The State Department notified Congress of the decision in a brief, three-paragraph notice sent first to reporters on Friday. The move comes as Trump and his Middle East pointmen, Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, staff up their office to prepare for the rollout of a much-vaunted but as yet unclear peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians.

One main issue the U.S. has had with support for the Palestinian Authority had been the stipends paid to the families of Palestinians killed, injured or jailed for attacks on



AP PHOTO

**President Donald Trump speaks during the 2018 Ohio Republican Party State Dinner, Friday, in Columbus, Ohio.**

Israel. Israel and the Trump administration, have repeatedly demanded that those payments from a so-called "martyrs' fund" be halted because they encourage terrorism. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has refused to do so.

However, several former U.S. officials said that cutting back aid money to

the Palestinians would only strengthen Abbas' more radical rivals in the militant Hamas movement that rules Gaza.

"The U.S. is ceding space to Hamas in Gaza," tweeted Dave Harden, until recently the USAID director in the Palestinian territories.

"No security professional recommends an aid cut off in Gaza. None."

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known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war, and helped make a peace. ... I made a small place for myself in the story of America and the history of my times.”

Throughout his long tenure in Congress, McCain played his role with trademark verve, at one hearing dismissing a protester by calling out, “Get out of here, you low-life scum.”

But it was just as notable when he held his sharp tongue, in service of a party or political gain.

Most remarkably, he stuck by Trump as the party’s 2016 presidential nominee even when Trump questioned his status as a war hero by saying: “I like people who weren’t captured.” McCain declared the comment offensive to veterans, but urged the men “put it behind us and move forward.”

His breaking point with Trump was the release a month before the election of a lewd audio in which Trump said he could kiss and grab women. McCain withdrew his support and said he’d write in “some good conservative Republican who’s qualified to be president.”

By the time McCain cast his vote against the GOP health bill, six months into Trump’s presidency, the two men were openly at odds. Trump railed against McCain publicly over the vote, and McCain remarked that he no longer listened to what Trump had to say because “there’s no point in it.”

By then, McCain had disclosed his brain cancer diagnosis and returned to Arizona to seek treatment. His vote to kill the GOP’s years-long Obamacare repeal drive — an issue McCain himself had campaigned on — came not long after the diagnosis, a surprising capstone to his legislative career.

In his final months, McCain did not go quietly, frequently jabbing at Trump and his policies from the remove of his Hidden Valley family retreat in Arizona. He opposed the president’s nominee for CIA director because of her past role in overseeing torture, scolded Trump for alienating U.S. allies at an international summit, labeled the administration’s zero-tolerance immigration policy “an affront to the decency of the American people” and denounced the Trump-Putin summit in Helsinki as a “tragic mistake” in which the president put on “one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory.”

On Aug. 13, Trump signed into law a \$716 billion defense policy bill named in honor of the senator. Trump signed the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act in a ceremony at a military base in New York — without one mention of McCain.

John Sidney McCain III was born in 1936 in the Panama Canal zone, where his father was stationed in the military.

He followed his father and grandfather, the Navy’s first father-and-son set of four-star admirals, to the Naval Academy, where he enrolled in what he described as a “four-year course of insubordination and rebellion.” His family yawned at the performance. A predilection for what McCain described as “quick tempers, adventurous spirits, and love for the country’s uniform” was encoded in his family DNA.

On October 1967, McCain was on his 23rd bombing round over North Vietnam when he was shot out of the sky and taken prisoner.

Year upon year of solitary confinement, deprivation, beatings and other acts of torture left McCain so despairing that at one point he weakly attempted suicide. But he also later wrote that his captors had spared him the worst of the abuse inflicted on POWs because his father was a famous admiral. “I knew that my father’s identity was directly related to my survival,” he wrote in one of his books.

When McCain’s Vietnamese captors offered him early release as a propaganda ploy, McCain refused to play along, insisting that those captured first should be the first set free.

In his darkest hour in Vietnam, McCain’s will had been broken and he signed a confession that said, “I am a black criminal and I have performed deeds of an air pirate.”

Even then, though, McCain refused to make an audio recording of his confession and used stilted written language to signal he had signed it under duress. And, to the end of his captivity, he continued to exasperate his captors with his defiance.

Throughout, McCain played to the bleachers, shouting obscenities at guards to bolster the spirits of fellow captives. Appointed by the POWs to act as camp entertainment officer, chaplain and communications chief, McCain imparted comic relief, literary tutorials, news of the day, even religious sustenance.

Bud Day, a former cellmate and

Medal of Honor winner, said McCain’s POW experience “took some great iron and turned him into steel.”

McCain returned home from his years as a POW on crutches and never regained full mobility in his arms and leg.

He once said he’d “never known a prisoner of war who felt he could fully explain the experience to anyone who had not shared it.” Still he described the time as formative and “a bit of a turning point in me appreciating the value of serving a cause greater than your self-interest.”

But it did not tame his wild side, and his first marriage, to Carol Shepp, was a casualty of what he called “my greatest moral failing.” The marriage to Shepp, who had been in a crippling car accident while McCain was imprisoned, ended amiably. McCain admitted the breakup was caused by “my own selfishness and immaturity.”

One month after his divorce, McCain in 1981 married Cindy Hensley, the daughter of a wealthy beer distributor in Arizona.

In one day, McCain signed his Navy discharge papers and flew west with his new wife to a new life. By 1982, he’d been elected to the House and four years later to an open Senate seat. He and Cindy had four children, to add to three from his first marriage. Their youngest was adopted from Bangladesh.

McCain cultivated a conservative voting record and a reputation as a tightwad with taxpayer dollars. But just months into his Senate career, he made what he called “the worst mistake” of his life. He participated in two meetings with bank regulators on behalf of Charles Keating, a friend, campaign contributor and savings and loan financier later convicted of securities fraud.

As the industry collapsed, McCain was tagged as one of the Keating Five — senators who, to varying degrees, were accused of trying to get regulators to ease up on Keating. McCain was cited by the Senate Ethics Committee for “poor judgment.”

To have his honor questioned, he said, was in some ways worse than the torture he endured in Vietnam.

In the 1990s, McCain shouldered another wrenching issue, the long effort to account for American soldiers still missing from the war and to normalize relations with Vietnam.

“People don’t remember how ugly the POW-MIA issue was,” former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey, a fellow Vietnam veteran, later recalled in crediting McCain for standing up to significant opposition. “I heard people scream in his face, holding him responsible for the deaths of POWs.”

Over his Senate tenure carer (he took office 1987), McCain became a standard-bearer for reforming campaign donations. He denounced pork-barrel spending for legislators’ pet projects and cultivated a reputation as a deficit hawk and an independent voice. His experience as a POW made him a leading voice against the use of torture. He achieved his biggest legislative successes when making alliances with Democrats.

But faced with a tough GOP challenge for his Senate seat in 2010, McCain disowned chapters in his past and turned to the right on a number of hot-button issues, including gays in the military and climate change. And when the Supreme Court in 2010 overturned the campaign finance restrictions that he’d work so hard to enact, McCain seemed resigned.

“It is what it is,” he said. After surviving that election, though, McCain took on conservatives in his party over the federal debt and Democrats over foreign policy. McCain never softened on his opposition to the U.S. use of torture, even in the recalibrations of the post-9/11 world. When the Senate in 2014 released a report on the CIA’s harsh interrogation techniques at secret overseas facilities after the 9/11 attacks, McCain said the issue wasn’t “about our enemies. It’s about us. It’s about who we were, who we are and who we aspire to be. It’s about how we represent ourselves to the world.”

During his final years in the Senate, McCain was perhaps the loudest advocate for U.S. military involvement overseas — in Iraq, Syria, Libya and more. That often made him a critic of first Obama and then Trump, and placed him further out of step with the growing isolationism within the GOP.

In October 2017, McCain unleashed some of his most blistering criticism of Trump’s “America first” foreign policy approach — without mentioning the president by name — in describing a “half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems.”

Few politicians matched McCain’s success as an author. His 1999 release “Faith Of My Fathers” was a million seller that was highly praised and helped launch his run for president in 2000. His most recent bestseller and planned farewell, “The Restless Wave,” came out in May 2018.

# SESSIONS

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Trump then posted remarks made by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Friday when the senator was asked by Fox News about the acrimonious relations between Trump and Sessions: “Every President deserves an Attorney General they have confidence in. I believe every President has a right to their Cabinet, these are not lifetime appointments. You serve at the pleasure of the President.”

About 20 minutes later, Trump brought up his long-running complaint that Sessions and the FBI had not done a proper job of investigating the controversy over Hillary Clinton’s use of private emails while she was secretary of state. Referring to a Fox report on the email scandal, Trump wrote: “Big story out that the FBI ignored tens of thousands of Crooked Hillary Emails, many of which are REALLY BAD. Also gave false election info. I feel sure that we will soon be getting to the bottom of all of this corruption. At some point I may have to get involved!”

Whether his comment that he may get personally involved was referring to Sessions wasn’t clear, but the latest Twitter posts reflect the president’s swelling agitation at the continuing and widening investigation by Mueller. And in citing Graham’s remarks, Trump may have decided to use that opening to remove Sessions. Trump has made clear he wants to shut down the special counsel investigation, or at least refocus it on his political enemies, and Sessions is his biggest obstacle right now. But such a move would have major legal and political repercussions, raising the

prospect to obstruction of justice and further jeopardizing several vulnerable Republicans in the midterm elections. Democrats are demanding Congress pass legislation that shields the special counsel investigation from being disbanded by Trump or his administration. Republican leaders are balking on advancing it.

The Republicans have argued throughout the investigation that they are confident Trump would not try to interfere with it, and thus, they said, legislation protecting Mueller was unnecessary. Now, the president has complicated matters for them.

Graham, a senior senator who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, was among some other Republican lawmakers who had warned Trump against firing Sessions, as that could compromise the Mueller investigation. Graham said in the summer that there would be “holy hell to pay” if Trump took such action.

But in reversing course this week, Graham said that while Sessions is a “fine man” and “has been a good attorney general,” his working relationship with Trump was neither sustainable nor profitable for the nation. The president is “entitled to an attorney general he has faith in,” he said.

Sessions, the former Republican senator from Alabama and once one of Trump’s biggest supporters on Capitol Hill, earlier in the week fired back at Trump’s criticisms by saying that as long as he is attorney general, the Justice Department’s “actions will not be improperly influenced by political considerations. I demand the highest standards, and where they are not met, I take action.”

# CHINA

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violates basic facts and is irresponsible,” the ministry said on its website. “We are seriously concerned about it and have made solemn representations to the U.S. side.”

Beijing supports “advancing the process of a political settlement” following the Trump-Kim meeting in Singapore, the statement said.

It appealed to both sides to “show more sincerity and flexibility” instead of “being capricious and overly prejudiced.”

Meanwhile, while describing the postponement of Pompeo’s trip as a setback, South Korea’s Foreign Ministry said it expects China to continue serving a “constructive role” in international efforts to solve the nuclear crisis and noted that Beijing continues to express commitment to fully implement sanctions against the North.

“It’s most important to maintain a long-term view while maintaining a momentum for dialogue and concentrate diplomatic efforts to faithfully implement the agreements from the summits between South Korea and North Korea and between North Korea and the United States, instead of attaching meaning to each change in the situation,” the ministry said in a statement.

“While we consider the delay of the visit to North Korea as unfortunate, we believe it’s most important for the North Korea-U.S. dialogue including Secretary Pompeo’s visits to North Korea to contribute to substantial progress in complete denuclearization and the establishment of a permanent peace regime in the Korean Peninsula,” the statement said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-hwa spoke with Pompeo over the phone and agreed that the allies should work to keep the atmosphere of dialogue alive, it said.

Trump’s surprise announcement appeared to mark a concession by the president to widespread concerns that his prior claims of world-altering progress on the Korean Peninsula had been strikingly premature. Ending a period of animosity over North Korea’s nuclear and missile development, Trump made history by meeting North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore in June. But the meeting only produced a vague statement on a nuclear-free peninsula without describing how and when it would occur.

Post-summit nuclear talks got off to a rocky start, with North Korea accusing the United States of making unilateral demands on denuclearization. The North has been demanding that the United States ease or lift the sanctions that are crippling its economy. It also wants the United States to fast-track discussions to formally declare an end the 1950-53 Korean War, which stopped on an armistice and not a peace treaty, leaving the peninsula technically at war.

Pompeo and other administration officials have suggested some concessions short of easing or lifting sanctions are possible before verified denuclearization, but have refused to be specific about what they could be. And they have been skeptical about an end-of-war declaration in the absence of any progress on the nuclear matter.

Trump’s decision to call off Pompeo’s trip is clearly a frustrating development for South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who continues to push for inter-Korean engagement. Moon, who lobbied hard for the meeting between Trump and Kim, plans to visit Pyongyang in September for his third summit with Kim this year. Moon says improving relations between the rivals would be an important part of the global diplomatic efforts to resolve the nuclear standoff because Kim wouldn’t give up his arsenal unless he feels safe.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Aug. 26**, the 238th day of 2018. There are 127 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **August 26, 1957**, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.

### On this date

In **55 B.C.**, Roman forces under Julius Caesar invaded Britain, with only limited success.

In **1883**, the island volcano Krakatoa began cataclysmic eruptions, leading to a massive explosion the following day.

In **1910**, Thomas Edison demonstrated for reporters an improved version of his Kinetophone, a device for showing a movie with synchronized sound.

In **1920**, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women’s right to vote, was certified in effect by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby.

In **1944**, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle braved the threat of German snipers as he led a victory march in Paris, which had just been liberated by the Allies from Nazi occupation.

In **1958**, Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

In **2015**, Alison Parker, a reporter for WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Virginia, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, were shot to death during a live broadcast by a disgruntled former station employee who fatally shot himself while being pursued by police.

**One year ago:** Hurricane Harvey spun into Texas, unloading extraordinary amounts of rain. (The hurricane killed nearly 70 people, damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage.)

### Today’s birthdays

Pop singer **Vic Dana** is 78. Former Homeland Security Secretary **Tom Ridge** is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Valerie Simpson** is 73. Pop singer **Bob Cowill** is 69. Broadcast journalist **Bill Whitaker** is 67. Jazz musician **Branford Marsalis** is 58. Country musician **Jimmy Olander** (Diamond Rio) is 57. Actor **Chris Burke** is 53. Actress-singer **Shirley Manson** (Garbage) is 52. Rock musician **Dan Vickrey** (Counting Crows) is 52. Rock musician **Adrian Young** (No Doubt) is 49. Actress **Melissa McCarthy** is 48. Latin pop singer **Thalia** is 47. Actress **Meredith Eaton** is 44. Actor **Mike Colter** is 42. Actor **Macaulay Culkin** is 38. Actor **Chris Pine** is 38. Actor **Johnny Ray Gill** is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Cassie** (AKA Cassie Ventura) is 32. Actor **Evan Ross** is 30. Actress **Danielle Savre** is 30. Actress **Keke Palmer** is 25.

### Bible verse

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” — **I John 1:9**.

*We have too many “nick names” — for sin. We need to call them as God sees them, acknowledge them before Him and ask Jesus to cover them with His blood. “The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*

## ODD NEWS

### Bear wandered into hotel that inspired ‘The Shining’

ESTES PARK, Colo. (AP) — A black bear wandered the lobby of the Colorado hotel that inspired Stephen King to write “The Shining.”

Stanley Hotel Vice President Reed Rowley tells KDVR-TV that 300 guests were sound asleep as the bruin figured out how to open the door and climbed over furniture. A front desk supervisor captured video of the romp.

There was no damage, but the furniture got rearranged before the bear walked out of the lower level door.

The hotel in Estes Park opened in 1909. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

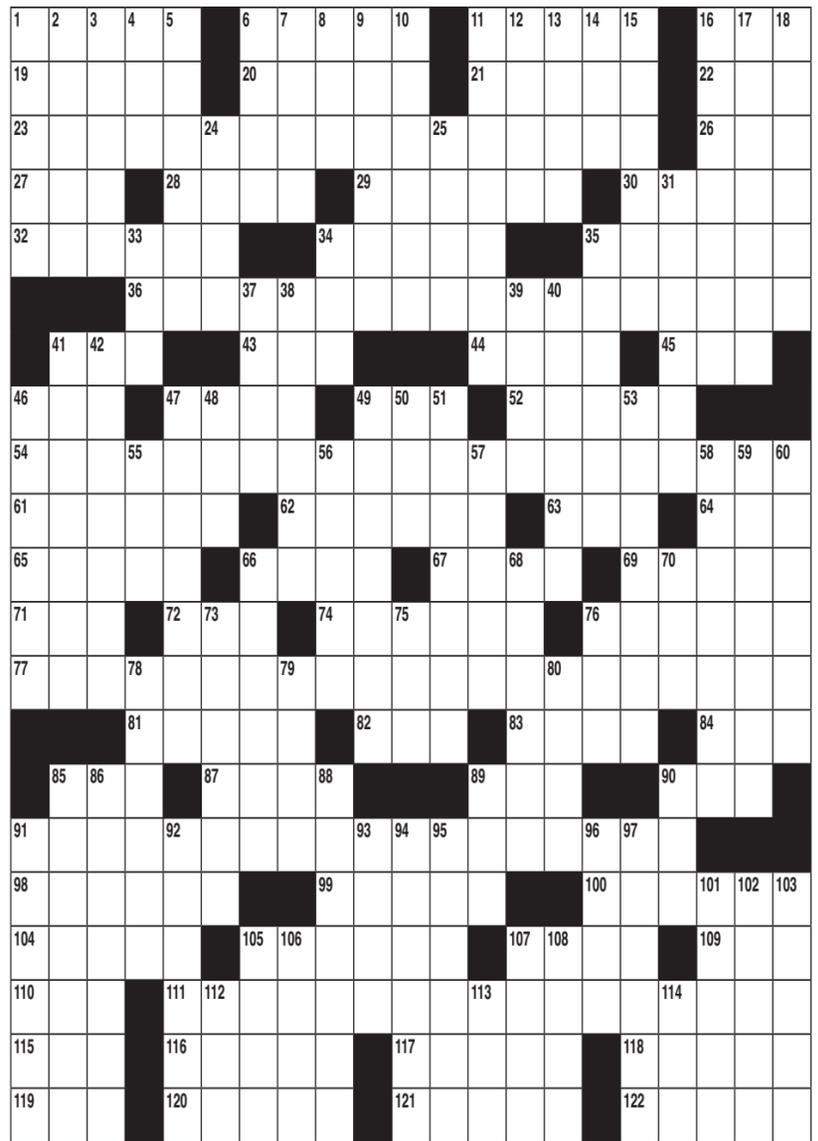
King wrote “The Shining” after he and his wife stayed at The Stanley in 1974. The 1980 horror film was not shot there.

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Ask the Fool

Can Return on Equity Be Too High?

If a company has a return on equity above 100 percent, is that good or bad? — E.M., Rochester, Minnesota

It requires a closer look. Return on equity (ROE) reflects the productivity of the net assets (assets minus liabilities) that a company has at its disposal. It's determined by dividing net income by shareholder equity. (Net income is found on a company's income statement, while shareholder equity is found on the balance sheet and is what you get when you subtract liabilities from assets.) In general, the higher the ROE, the better.

Note, though, that some ROEs are artificially high because the company has taken on a lot of debt or has bought back a lot of shares. These actions shrink shareholder equity, driving up ROE.

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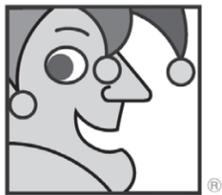
What's 'the accrual method'? — S.L., Maryville, Tennessee

It's one of many accounting concepts worth learning to help you understand companies' financial statements.

In the accounting world, 'revenue' (sales) doesn't necessarily represent the receipt of cash in a sale. Many companies are required to book sales when goods are shipped or when services are rendered. But others can record sales when cash is received, or incrementally, as long-term contracts proceed through stages of completion. With the accrual accounting system, the revenue on a company's income statement may not have actually been received by the company.

Imagine, for example, PieMart Inc. (ticker: GOBBL). With the accrual method, if it has shipped off a thousand pies but hasn't yet been paid for them, those sales still appear on the income statement. The checks in the mail are reported as 'accounts receivable' on the balance sheet. (When receivables are growing faster than revenue, that can be a sign of trouble.)

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A Bad Kind of Churning

Churning doesn't just refer to the production of butter. It's also a financial term, referring to when financial professionals engage in excessive trading — buying and selling securities. They typically do so on behalf of their clients, generating commissions for themselves in the process — and usually not serving those clients well. This churning results in billions of dollars lost each year.

The problem exists because some stockbrokers are paid based on the number of trades they make in your account, not how well that account performs. (This explains brokers who cold-call you, trying to sell you on supposedly terrific investments.) Even if your broker is good and has you invested in growing companies, he or she might still be frequently moving you out of one good company and into another. Each transaction can result in a gain for the brokerage — regardless of how it does for you.

Study the statements you receive from any money managers to see how often they're placing trades. Remember that big bucks are typically made in great stocks when you hold on for many years.

Churning is also a problem in the mutual fund industry, where fund managers can be so pressured to beat the market over short periods that they can't afford to be patient with solid holdings that just need more time to perform. A fund with a high 'turnover rate' reflects intense trading activity, and funds with the highest turnover rates often underperform their less-active counterparts. After all, lots of buying and selling generates lots of commission expenses, which are borne by shareholders.

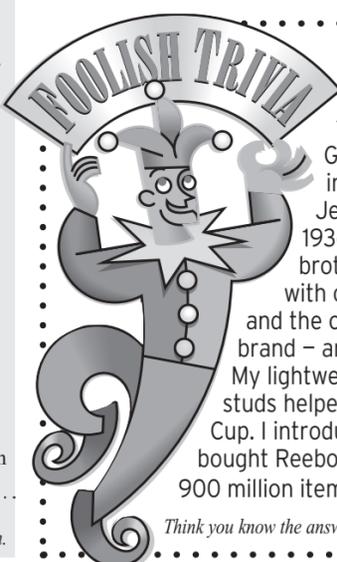
Churned investors also get a tax hit. Gains from stocks you've held for more than a year are taxed at the preferable long-term capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most people. Short-term gains are taxed at your ordinary income rate, which can be more than twice as much.

Even individual investors can sometimes engage in churning, if we have short attention spans or are just impatient. Be aware of churning, and aim to avoid it.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1920s, when two brothers in Germany started making shoes in their mother's laundry room. Jesse Owens won gold in the 1936 Olympics with my shoes. The brothers parted ways in the 1940s, with one setting up the Puma brand and the other registering my name as a brand — and patenting a striped logo, too. My lightweight soccer shoes with screw-in studs helped Germany win the 1954 World Cup. I introduced track suits in 1967 and bought Reebok in 2006. I produce more than 900 million items annually. Who am I?

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



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My Dumbest Investment

Burned by Volatility

My dumbest investment was in Sierra Wireless, which fell from near \$50 per share to the mid-teens, costing me a lot of money. — B.B., online

The Fool Responds: When investing, it's important to remember that not every investment will play out as you expect or hope. Even the best investors regret some of their moves.

It's also critical to understand that no stock will move up in a straight line. There's always some volatility, and it can be especially so with young companies and ones in fast-changing industries. As long as you maintain long-term faith in a company, it's often best to just hang on. Sierra Wireless, in the business of making wireless chips and modules that are used in wearable devices, connected vehicles, smart cities and more, topped \$30 per share about nine months after you wrote us, but it was recently in the teens again, though seemingly heading up.

It's focused on the promising Internet of Things market, which enables items such as cars, health care devices and even home appliances to communicate using Bluetooth and cellular signals.

We can't know how Sierra Wireless will perform in the future, but there's plenty to be hopeful about. Its shares surged 19 percent recently, when it posted strong second-quarter results, featuring revenue growing 16 percent year over year and bullish projections from management. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Sierra Wireless.)

The Motley Fool Take

Shopping for Shopify

Shopify (NYSE: SHOP) helps more than 600,000 businesses sell their products online. It offers more than 100 website templates to help customize the experience, and it can provide services such as invoicing, order tracking, payment processing and shipping integration, too. The recurring revenue that's generated should help Shopify prosper for years to come.

Shopify has been so successful catering to the needs of small- and medium-sized merchants that it has added enterprise-level options for larger companies, which tend to spend more than their smaller counterparts. It's also focusing on international growth, as currently most of its customers are located in the United States.

The company has chosen to forgo profits (for now) in exchange for a rapid expansion (its second-quarter revenue soared 62 percent over year-earlier levels). That's not uncommon for young and fast-growing companies, and increasing sales and more recurring revenue should eventually deliver earnings. Meanwhile, Shopify's stock price has soared more than 700 percent over the past five years.

Management forecasts revenue of about \$1 billion for the full year, which would be a 48 percent jump over last year. With its massive international opportunity and the paradigm shift to e-commerce that is just getting started, Shopify is a promising portfolio candidate for risk-tolerant long-term investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Shopify.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1936 and a guy selling peanuts out of his car in Los Angeles. Over the years, I've been involved in businesses as diverse as publishing and child care, but today, based in Philadelphia and with a market value recently topping \$9 billion, I'm a major food service company. I employ 270,000 people worldwide and regularly serve more than 5,400 dining locations, 2,000 health care facilities, 1,500 colleges and schools and 100 million sports fans at various venues. I've served at many Olympics, Super Bowls, FIFA World Cups and more. Who am I? (Answer: Aramark)



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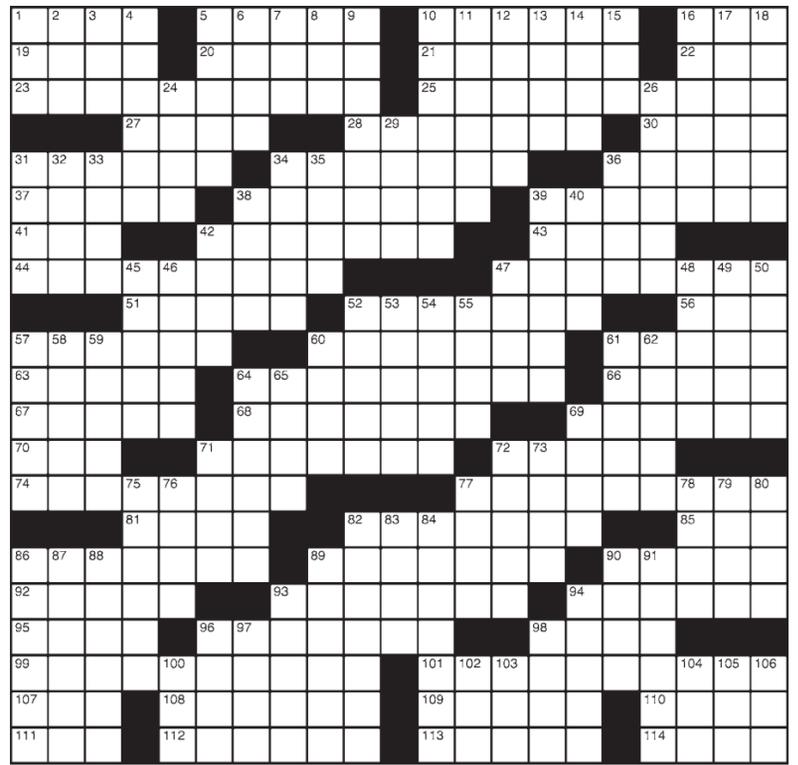
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|                                     |                                       | 37 Eye-fooling genre              | 102 14-Down opposite                                 |
|                                     |                                       | 38 Extraction sites               | 103 Newton fruit                                     |
|                                     |                                       |                                   | 104 Green prefix                                     |
|                                     |                                       |                                   | 105 Sponge (up)                                      |
|                                     |                                       |                                   | 106 Woolly mama                                      |

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GOREN BRIDGE

SURE TRUMP TRICK?

Both vulnerable, North deals

**NORTH**  
 ♠ AKQ6  
 ♥ QJ765  
 ♦ AQ  
 ♣ AJ

**WEST**  
 ♠ J954  
 ♥ 10943  
 ♦ Void  
 ♣ K10754

**EAST**  
 ♠ 1072  
 ♥ A8  
 ♦ 109763  
 ♣ Q96

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 83  
 ♥ K2  
 ♦ KJ8542  
 ♣ 832

The bidding:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 2♣ Pass 3♦\* Pass  
 4♦ Pass 4♥ Pass  
 6♦ All pass  
 \*Positive, 6 or more diamonds with at least 7 points

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

Slam was too ambitious on these cards and would have been defeated on a club lead even if the trumps split normally. West led a heart, which was a reasonable choice after this auction. East happily grabbed his ace, expecting to defeat the contract with a trump trick still to come. East shifted to a spade, won by dummy's queen. Declarer thought he was in clover until he cashed the ace of diamonds

and got the horrible news. He led a heart to his king and a spade back to dummy's ace. East got a little nervous about his trump trick when dummy's queen of hearts was led. East chose not to ruff this — ruffing wouldn't have helped him — and discarded a club instead. South discarded one of his clubs on this trick and another on the king of spades, leaving this position:

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 6  
 ♥ J7  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ AJ

**WEST**  
 ♠ J  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ Void  
 ♣ K1075

**EAST**  
 ♠ Void  
 ♥ Void  
 ♦ 10976  
 ♣ Q9

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ Void  
 ♥ Void  
 ♦ KJ854  
 ♣ 8

South led a spade from dummy and ruffed it when East shed a club. A club to the ace was followed by a heart, and East finally had to ruff high. South over-ruffed, led a diamond back to dummy's queen, and scored the last two tricks with his king-eight of trumps sitting over East's 10-seven. Well played!

CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS PRETTY FISHY by Myles Mellor

- BDJH UHBXO UKCCDLB EHCH  
 BYLLYVF DV K UHCRA. LAH JKRKE  
 KBXHG YT KVODVH BJHWWHG  
 BDJHLAYVF CHKWVO TYBAO!  
 2. PM XTRWPGW TGPQM QNXAVM 'W  
 RDPGY DOR INNV PR DY QPR P  
 AOWWAY RDYAAIORD!  
 3. MWASNACST UQVKU ARIAUTFAC  
 TCSFACS GVCUWRUR. MNTU 'R  
 ZKCCO AR ZARN TQW WTRO UV MWASN  
 TR UNWONTIW UNWAQ VMC RGTFWR!  
 4. KDXR PJP RDL YJCD CXV KDLE  
 JRYINNIKLP JRC WIWVV JERI X  
 KXNN? "PXW!"

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

THOUGH THWART CAMPUS  
 BOOKIE FINITE FLAUNT

The spear had just been invented, and it would be used —

FROM THAT POINT ON

- Some pesky parrots were sitting on a perch. The macaw asked if anyone smelled something really fishy!
- An upstart prawn wouldn't share his food as he was a little shellfish!
- Weighing a trout is vital in angling contests. What's funny is fish are easy to weigh as they have their own scales!
- What did the fish say when it followed its mommy into a wall? "Dam!"

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may not know it yet, but you've already been accepted by someone whose opinion really matters to you. Of course, what counts is your ability to accept and appreciate yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). A request that you deem reasonable is nonetheless extremely difficult for someone to deliver on. It's probably a case of mismatched supply and demand. Stay upbeat while you politely pass, in favor of shopping around.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). So many tried, but you're the one who is here. You only tried a little. You were a natural, and so you landed exactly in the spot. Don't back off. Apply your talent and effort. You'll make more of it than anyone could.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll hone your technical skills. Practice makes better. You'll need these skills in the weeks to come. Tonight, you'll vibe with someone who moves through the world differently.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). While some look around and see problems, you'll sense that there's opportunity in it. Some of the opportunities are harder to see than others. Just keep your eyes open and wait. All will be revealed.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be operating under the radar today, without attention or compensation, consequence or reward. Enjoy the low stakes while they last. It's a great way to learn.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't think for a second that just because you're a certain age, you're grown. There's a lot of growing up to do at every age. Mostly it happens through new experience, so you're sure to go out and get some.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the logistics don't click and the plan doesn't pan out, this is nothing more than a signpost to a better idea. Make a quick shift, and start the new plan.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's one thing to keep a finger on the pulse and do your best to stay current, and it's another to be enslaved by the need to be on trend. You'll take what you can use from the culture without following it blindly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The immature assume that if it's not going right currently, then it will never go right. You'll help them calm down as you take a breath and try again. Persistence wins out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Imagining the worst-case scenario is an entertainment for some, but don't worry yourself. When you're willing to face the worst consequence, it often doesn't come up.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A change of scenery will not solve a problem, but it will put you in a different mindset so you can see new sides of it, or perhaps choose not to identify with it at all.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 26). You'll dig a problem up by the root and life will improve. Over the next seven weeks, you'll follow whims and be surprised with the outcomes you experience. Family needs and promotes you. An important paper will allow you to move forward in February. Wedding season brings love to you. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 11, 24 and 50.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 Northwest Passage user (8)	_____
2 land south of the border (6)	_____
3 Big East, for example (10)	_____
4 Southwest, for one (7)	_____
5 Kanye West, e.g. (6)	_____
6 "The North Star State" (9)	_____
7 land of Southeast Asia (8)	_____

REN	NES	CE	BOD	ICO
CO	AI	RAP	NE	MIN
FA	MEX	PER	SEA	CAM
IA	RER	RLI	NFE	OTA

Today's Answers: 1. SEAFARER 2. MEXICO 3. CONFERENCE 4. AIRLINE 5. RAPPER 6. MINNESOTA 7. CAMBODIA 8/26

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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

Rating: BRONZE

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

DEAR ABBY

Timing is everything for a family feud over leaving during dinner

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife and I have a disagreement about when a person should be allowed to get up from the table. We have an 8-month-old son whom we both want to grow up to have good manners. We know he'll soon be out of his high chair and become squirmy and not want to stay seated.



Dear Abby

My wife was raised to stay seated and be excused only after everyone is finished eating — holding everyone hostage until the last person is finished and extending dinnertime up to an hour or more. I feel it's excessive, and a child would have a hard time sitting still that long.

leaving after 10 minutes is rude because the cook has taken great care to prepare the meal and may feel insulted if the diner gets up too quickly. Long dinners may have been acceptable in Jane Austen's day, but not in today's fast-paced world. — HIGH CHAIR HOSTAGE

**DEAR HIGH CHAIR:**

Your wife appears to be extremely rigid. On the plus side, she appreciates the importance of family dinners in the home. I agree that children should be taught table manners, however, tying a kid to a chair is considered child abuse these days, and I don't recommend it.

When she was little, her parents tied her to her chair so she couldn't get up until everyone finished eating. I was raised to ask to be excused after I was finished, but was welcome to stay and socialize if I liked.

In my opinion, dinner should last about 30 minutes so there's time to finish chores around the house. I agree that coming to the table and

sate for it in various ways. When a child is old enough to understand, the rules should be spelled out. If the children are in another person's home or a public place, materials should be provided so the child can entertain him- or herself while the adults make conversation. If the child needs to get up and move around, he or she should be accompanied by a parent so other diners won't be interrupted.

If a meal at home is going to be a long one, the child should be allowed to be excused from the table as you were. And because you are an adult, you should have the freedom to leave the table if you wish, too.

**DEAR ABBY:** A woman in my social circle has called me a know-it-all and accused me of making her feel stupid. She has refused to accept my apology, canceled our carpool to events and has started challenging me at every turn of any conversation.

I no longer feel comfortable accepting invitations to

gatherings in her home, but frequent encounters with her are unavoidable.

How should I handle confrontations with her in the future? — TRAUMATIZED TEXAN

**DEAR T.T.:** There shouldn't be any "confrontations." When you see the woman, be pleasant and keep your distance. If she tries to start an argument, tell her the problem is hers and you don't intend to make it yours — period. Then, if there are others present, devote your time to them.

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HELOISE

**Dear Readers:** Planning to camp this fall? Here's one indispensable item every camper should include for the trip — a box of baking soda, which can be used in so many ways. Try these hints:

—As a deodorant. Dust baking soda under your arms.

—Soothe bug bites. Mix baking soda and water into a paste and apply to bites.

—Extinguish a campfire. Toss baking soda on a campfire to put it out.

—Use as a temporary toothpaste. Blend baking soda and water to clean your teeth.

—Freshen smelly hiking boots or clothing. Sprinkle baking soda over them to absorb stinky odors. — Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I just realized that my large spice rack is filled with spices that I haven't used in ages. What's the best way to sort them all out? — Amy from Ohio

**Dear Amy:** If you love using spices, like most of us,



Hints from Heloise

your rack probably has new and old spices, and many could be stale. You should try to clear out your spice rack annually. Here's what to do:

Open the can or jar of herbs or spices and take a healthy sniff. The contents should smell flavorful and strong. The color of the spices should be bright. You can keep these. But if the aroma is flat or the color is off, toss the spice out.

To make spices and herbs last longer, storing them properly is key.

Do not place them near light, heat or moisture, which means you shouldn't keep them over the stove or on a windowsill.

When you are done cleaning up, line up your spices alphabetically so that you can find what you need more quickly when you are cooking. — Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I have several small children, and birthdays are a big deal in our house. To make it easy and less messy for me, I came up with a party idea that kids love.

I make cupcakes in flat-bottomed ice cream cones. I fill the cones about two-thirds full of batter and bake according to directions.

Just before I take them out of the oven, I frost them by putting a marshmallow on the top off each cupcake until it melts. This is a big hit with my children and their party guests. — Becky from Oregon

**Dear Readers:** If you suspect you have dust mites in your bedroom, here's how to get rid of them:

Wash pillows, pillowcases, sheets and blankets in water

that is at least 130 degrees F. Hot water should solve the problem. But if mites persist, wash bedding weekly or more often if needed. You also can get special covers for pillows and mattresses, so mites don't have access.

To prevent this problem, be aware that mites' favorite food sources include dead skin cells from you and your pets.

One solution is to keep dogs or cats out of the bedroom. Vacuum and dust the bedroom often. — Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** We have lots of family gatherings and parties with friends. I am constantly packing up food to bring to social events, and I have had a few disasters in our car. Now, when I make stews, soups or cooked veggies that I want to stay warm, I pour them into a wide-mouth, half-gallon thermos.

They stay hot and don't spill in my car. — Lorraine from New Jersey

KEN KEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

5+	2÷		3
	1-		1-
6X	3-		
	3	3-	

CHALLENGING

2-		5-	2÷	8X
2÷	2		30X	
	9+	7+	4+	1
2÷			9+	11+
	5-	12X	4	
1			30X	

**RULES**

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

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

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

1	6	4	5	2	3
2	1	3	4	6	5
4	5	2	1	3	6
6	4	5	3	1	2
5	3	1	6	4	2
3	2	1	6	5	4
5	3	6	4	1	2

JUMBLE

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

GUTOHH  
KIOBEO  
TATHRW  
NIFTIE  
MUCSPA  
TLANUF

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

It's going to change hunting forever. I can give up gathering. So much for clubbing. It's just a fad.

THE SPEAR HAD JUST BEEN INVENTED, AND IT WOULD BE USED ---

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

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

# 7 arrested in protest over torn-down Confederate statue in NC

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Seven people were arrested Saturday at a rally calling for a century-old Confederate statue at the University of North Carolina to be returned after it was yanked down five days ago.

About a dozen people carrying Confederate flags were met by dozens of protesters that don't want the memorial known as "Silent Sam" to return to the campus in Chapel Hill.

Television footage and videos posted to social media showed several punches thrown and at least one man handcuffed after he tried to burn a Confederate flag taken from another man's hands.

None of the seven people arrested was affiliated with the school, Chancellor Carol Folt said.

Three were charged with assault, two were charged with assault, destruction of property and inciting a riot; one was charged with destruction of property and one was charged with resisting an officer, the university said in a statement. Officials did not release their

names or say if they were protesting for or against the statue.

"Silent Sam," erected in 1913, was torn down Monday during a protest. It's now in temporary storage.

Folt said there have been at least 35 demonstrations about

the statue in the past several years, and while she would prefer a safer, more secure location than a main campus quad, the university hasn't decided what to do with the monument. Police surrounded its empty pedestal with barricades Saturday.

The chancellor only promised a "sustainable, lawful solution" during a conference call with reporters, where she also acknowledged there were "very tense moments" during Saturday's demonstrations.

"I won't be rushed into that," Folt said of Silent Sam's fate.



PHOTO BY THE NEWS & OBSERVER VIA AP

Protesters scuffle with police during a rally in front of Graham Memorial Building on the campus of UNC in Chapel Hill, N.C., Saturday. The rally featured those for and against the removal of the controversial "Silent Sam" statue which was toppled earlier this week.

## Judge deals blow to Trump effort to overhaul bureaucracy

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge dealt a blow Saturday to President Donald Trump's efforts to "promote more efficient" government, ruling that key provisions of three recent executive orders "undermine federal employees' right to bargain collectively" under federal law.

U.S. District Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson said Trump had "exceeded his authority" in issuing the orders.

The White House had no comment and referred questions to the Justice Department, which said it was reviewing the judge's ruling and considering options. Federal worker unions that had sued to block Trump's use of his executive authority in this area applauded the outcome.

"President Trump's

illegal action was a direct assault on the legal rights and protections that Congress specifically guaranteed to the public-sector employees across this country who keep our federal government running every single day," said J. David Cox Sr., national president of the American Federation of Government Employees, the largest of the federal worker unions.

Cox's organization, which represents about 700,000 of the approximately 2 million-member federal workforce, was first to challenge the executive orders, filing two lawsuits.

The executive orders, issued by the White House in May, covered collective bargaining rights, grievance procedures and use of "official time."

Andrew Bremberg, the president's domestic policy adviser, said at the time that the

orders would "promote more efficient government" by overhauling civil service rules to make it easier to remove poor-performing employees and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used more efficiently.

Departments and agencies were directed to engage in tougher negotiations over collective bargaining agreements and to conclude talks in under a year to limit the expense of "drawn-out bargaining." Contracts were to be renegotiated to limit the amount of time authorized employees could spend on union business during official work hours, known as "official time."

Lobbying and pursuing grievances on taxpayer-funded union time were to be curtailed, and the orders also aimed to streamline the amount

of time needed to terminate a federal worker for poor performance or misconduct.

The process currently takes between six months and a year, and can last longer if the employee appeals the dismissal.

The unions argued that the executive orders were illegal because federal law requires the government and federal employee unions to negotiate over such changes.

Jackson agreed, ruling that Trump had overstepped his authority. "This Court finds that these provisions conflict with congressional intent in a manner that cannot be sustained," she wrote in a 122-page opinion. It was unclear Saturday whether the administration planned to appeal.

"In this Court's view, these directives undermine federal

employees' right to bargain collectively as protected by" federal law, "and as a result, the President must be deemed to have exceeded his authority in issuing them," the judge wrote.

Tony Reardon, national president of the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents 150,000 federal government employees, said Congress meant for unions and agencies to bargain over the use of official time and grievance procedures.

"The judge rightly found that the president is not above the law and cannot, through these blatantly anti-union and anti-worker executive orders, eviscerate employee rights and undermine the collective bargaining process established by Congress," Reardon said.

### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

#### 12-year-old girl who fought armed robber honored by city

MERIDEN, Conn. (AP) — A 12-year-old girl who tried to protect her family by jumping on the back of an armed robber has been honored by her Connecticut city.

The city of Meriden on Friday honored Leslie Meza Ruiz for her bravery.

Police say Meza Ruiz jumped on the back of the armed robber who was trying to steal cash out of the register at her family's convenience store.

She says she was trying to protect her mother and grandmother, who were injured.

Meza Ruiz is getting free dance lessons for a year, karate lessons and other treats. The city also declared Monday Leslie Meza Ruiz Day.

Meriden Mayor Kevin Scarpati says: "You don't have a badge, but you have just as much bravery and just as much courage as everyone in our department."

#### Deputy tells teacher 'You're dead' during security check

CORTEZ, Colo. (AP) — A Colorado sheriff's deputy and a school resource officer face disciplinary action over a school security check in which the deputy entered one classroom, pointed his finger at a teacher and said, "You're dead."

The Cortez Journal reports Montezuma County sheriff's deputy Donnie Brown entered another unlocked class in Dolores and told the students, "We need to shoot your teacher."

Dolores School District Superintendent Phil Kasper said in a letter to parents and staff that Brown and school resource officer Kaylee Green interrupted lessons in other elementary and secondary school classrooms during the Aug. 17 security walkthrough to lecture teachers about locking their doors.

Sheriff Steve Nowlin said Friday he and his deputies have been frustrated with school security, but "the message delivery was wrong."

Nowlin says Brown faces dismissal or reassignment, and that Green faces disciplinary action.

#### Whale killed by ship will become feast for Washington tribe

SEKIU, Wash. (AP) — A 31-foot humpback whale struck and killed by a ship is being turned into a feast by the Makah Indian Tribe.

The tiny tribe with a reservation on the northwestern tip of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state has been butchering the whale that was pulled ashore Thursday.

"It is sacred," Nathan Tyler, chairman of the Makah Indian Tribe, told The Seattle Times. "We have deep regrets about the whale being struck by a ship and dying, but it will live on, through our culture."

The arrival of the whale came a day before the tribe's annual community feast and festival called Makah Days. The whale will feed the whole village.

Tribal fisherman discovered the whale Thursday in the Strait of Juan de Fuca near Sekiu. A tribal biologist reported the find to the federal stranding network, which sent a biologist.

The fisherman and tribal biologist towed the whale to the beach at Neah Bay, where a necropsy was performed to determine the cause of death. Officials say the whale had a broken jaw and fractured skull from colliding with a ship.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spokesman Michael Milstein said the juvenile male humpback was likely feeding when it was struck and killed.

The tribe has historically harvested stranded whales and also hunted whales, but hasn't done so for years. It has treaty rights to hunt whales, but last did so in 1999 when hunters killed a gray whale and brought it to the same beach as the humpback.

That was the tribe's first whale hunt in 70 years, and it's been working through the courts and with regulators to conduct another hunt.

Meanwhile, the arrival of the humpback whale just a day ahead of the community festival is viewed as a blessing.

"It's very emotional," Tyler said. "It's been a long time, it means so much to us. It has always been part of our way of life."

## Bullish on Tractor Supply Co.

**Dear Mr. Berko:** I bought 100 shares of Tractor Supply Co. in June 2015, paying \$95 a share. But it hasn't been there since. I know that the company's revenues and earnings have increased nicely since I bought the stock, but I watched the stock fall to \$50 last year, and it's still a long way from \$95. My stockbroker wants me to buy another 100 shares and suggested that I write to you for an opinion. He said you told one of his other clients last month that Tractor Supply could be a \$130 stock in two years. If so, then I will buy 100 more shares. — KG, Wilmington, N.C.

**Dear KG:** In May, I told a reader that Tractor Supply Co. could trade at the \$120-\$140 level in two years. However, I have no idea whether the writer was your broker's client.

For a city guy like me, it's a hoot to wander those 15,000-to-20,000-square-foot Tractor Supply stores (TSCO-\$83). TSCO was founded in

1938 as a mail-order tractor parts business and grew to a successful retail store in charming Minot, North Dakota. TSCO now has 1,840 locations in 49 states. It is the largest retail store chain that caters to the rural lifestyle and needs of recreational farmers and ranchers and plans to open at least 80 stores a year in outlying metropolitan markets and rural communities. TSCO is also a go-to spot for tradesmen and small businesses. The bright, clean and colorful store I visited had the sweet smell of wet hay and the pungent scent of fertilizer, mixed with the sharp smell of new Goodyear tires. And all the staff members were well-dressed, friendly people.

TSCO sells a wide variety of agricultural and livestock supplies, plus a fine selection of tools and workwear. It sells a comprehensive yet localized assortment of items for horses, livestock and small animals, including products for their health, care, growth and containment. TSCO sells all sorts of hardware, truck boxes, tires and towing products and has impressive options for footwear. Seasonal products include heaters, lawn and

garden items, snowblowers, trenchers, lawn mowers, and tractors. Gifts and toys round out TSCO's inventory.

And because a growing number of Americans own pets, management in 2005 opened Petsense, a chain of retail supermarkets (about 6,000 square feet) in outlet malls and rural markets across the country. Founded by Jim Dougherty, who also founded PetSmart in 1986, Petsense has 181 stores in 24 states. Petsense promotes a broad selection of competitively priced natural pet foods and supplies. It doesn't sell pets; however, it aggressively promotes animal adoption via local shelters and rescue centers. These bright, clean stores also provide pet grooming services and sell grooming supplies, collars, harnesses and leads, bowls and feeders, and beds and mats, as well as a large variety of natural and gourmet dog and cat foods.

My records only go back to 2000, but since then, TSCO has truly been a remarkable company. Since 2000, TSCO has increased its earnings every year, from 18 cents a share in 2000 to an expected \$4.10 per share this year. This

little-known large-cap company has also increased its book value every year since then, from \$1.02 in 2000 to \$11.15 today. And revenues have grown every year this century, from \$974 million in 2000 to a projected \$7.7 billion this year. Since coming public in 1994 at \$20 a share, TSCO has had four 2-for-1 splits — in August 2002, August 2003, September 2010 and September 2013. According to Historical Stock Price, a \$10,000 investment in TSCO in August 2008 would be worth \$91,000 today. That ain't chopped liver. Oppenheimer, Ned Davis Research, Thomson Reuters, Wells Fargo, Piper Jaffray and Goldman Sachs are bullish on TSCO and have available research reports on this Brentwood, Tennessee, company.

So, add 100 shares to your position. You'll be glad you did.

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# REAL ESTATE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 26, 2018

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SECTION C

## Custom home in Country Club of Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

3604 Creekside Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$499,900 and is listed with Helen Ferry and Kim Reed with The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Situated in the Oak Brook area of Country Club of Sebring on a quiet cul-de-sac of attractive custom-built homes, the first thing you'll notice is the beautiful curb appeal. This home has extensive landscaping, paved drive and walkways and new designer-style garage door.

Enter this executive four-bedroom, plus office, 3.5-bath home through the custom beveled glass double-entry doors to be greeted by the open floor plan with fabulous views of the lanai and pond out the back. You will be awe struck by the many features and attention to detail including 12-foot ceilings, decorative

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 3604 Creekside Drive, Sebring

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



COURTESY PHOTO

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## Golf course home in Golf Hammock

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2900 Lost Ball Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$274,900 and is listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

This home is all about location and it offers plenty of space to spread out and enjoy. A large four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home, with an oversized two-car plus golf cart garage, it is located in Golf Hammock and overlooks the golf course.

Built in 2001, the home has more than 2,800 square feet of living space and over 3,600 total square feet under roof. The roof was just replaced in January this.

This one-owner custom built home has an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings in the living and dining rooms, and kitchen and breakfast nook area. Most of the rooms have tile flooring except for the master bedroom and one of the guest bedrooms; the other guest bedroom has wood-look vinyl plank flooring. The fourth bedroom has tile flooring and is being used as an office.

The kitchen has solid surface counter tops

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 2900 Lost Ball Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Take the second entrance into Golf Hammock onto Golf Hammock Drive. Turn left onto Bogey Boulevard. Turn left onto Lost Ball Drive. The home is on the right.



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 2900 Lost Ball Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$274,900 and is listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

## Lovely home with a country setting

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 700 Plantation Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$245,000 and is listed with Laura Shirley with Re/Max Realty Plus II in Lake Placid.

This lovely home is located in a private country setting with plenty of wildlife. The gorgeous property has more than seven acres scattered with large grandfather oaks and lush pasture land, with two large barns, one of which needs a little TLC. It also has a fenced yard.

The three-bedroom, two-bath home has new wood plank tile everywhere, while the bedrooms have new carpet and both baths have been updated as well.

The kitchen is a chef's dream with new wood cabinets, granite counter tops and new stainless steel appliances. LED lighting is throughout the home, along with newer windows and a wood burning fireplace.

This single-family ranch-style home built in 1978 has 1,847 of living square feet and

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### DIRECTIONS

#### 700 Plantation Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in south Sebring, turn east onto U.S. 98. Turn right onto right onto Afton Road. Turn left onto Rancho Drive. Turn right onto Farm Road. Turn right onto Plantation Drive. The home is on the right.



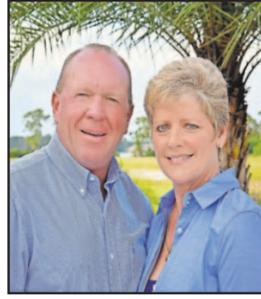
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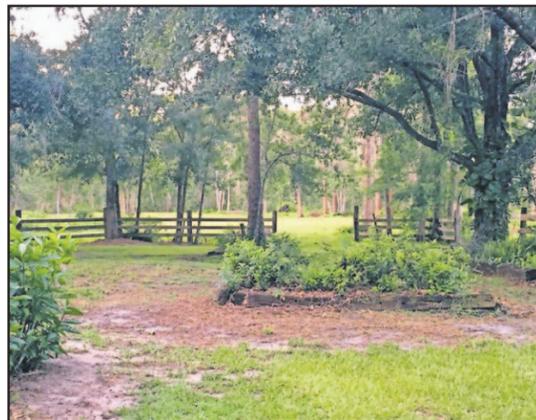
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3,299 total square feet. It is wired for a generator and has hurricane shutters. The home has central air and the property has two parking spaces with room for additional vehicles.

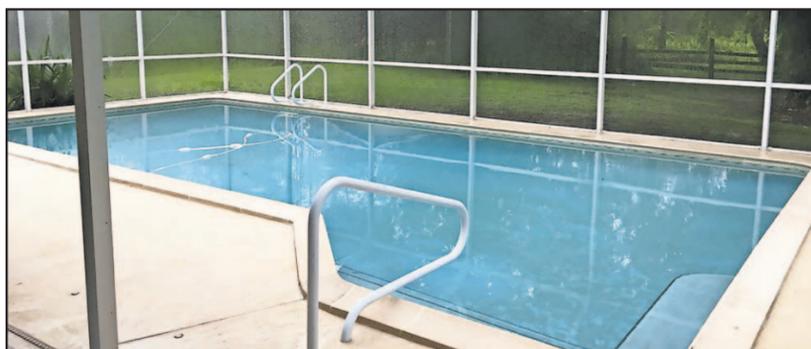
The home also has a covered patio area with a caged pool. This is a great space for relaxing or entertaining as sliders lead to the covered patio from the home.

For more information, call Shirley at 863-441-4742. Ask about MLS 248947.



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**The gorgeous property has more than seven acres scattered with large grandfather oaks and lush pasture land.**



The home also has a covered patio area with a caged pool.

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with glass and tile back splash, plenty of cabinet and drawer space and a newer stainless steel refrigerator; all other appliances are also included.

All bedrooms are spacious and have oversized closets. The master suite has an oversized walk-in closet, large cultured marble shower with bench seat, handicap grab bars, double-sink vanity with plenty of storage space and pocket door access into the fourth bedroom/office.

This home is equipped with central vac system and speakers throughout.

The large family room was previously the rear porch and was finished off and enclosed in 2014. This room has an awesome view overlooking the golf course and has it's own air-conditioning and heating system as well as having Thermopane windows for extra energy efficiency. This area has pocket sliders from several rooms and is nice for entertaining.

The guest bedrooms are excellent sized rooms with a full guest bath that is handicap accessible with large wheel-in shower with bench seat, grab bars, shower wand and shower head. The vanity is larger than most with easy access for a wheel chair as well as having a pocket door entering into the bathroom.

A half bath located off the hall, and is close to the kitchen and laundry room. The oversized laundry room has built-in cabinets for storage, washtub sink and shelving for hanging plus room for an upright freezer or refrigerator.

The garage has ramp access coming into the house, which makes this space handicap accessible. The 24



COURTESY PHOTOS

**The kitchen has solid surface counter tops with glass and tile back splash, plenty of cabinet and drawer space and a newer stainless steel refrigerator.**

by 26 garage has a two-car garage door plus golf cart door for easy access if you have a golf cart or need extra space for a workbench or storage.

This property is nicely landscaped and shows great. If you are looking for a super nice home that has been well maintained and in an excellent location, then this may be the home for you.

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crown moldings, bamboo flooring, curved walls and designer-style lighting fixtures.

This home boasts a formal living room as well as a family room making entertaining a breeze. The living room has an attractive gas fireplace for chilly evenings and is adjacent to the kitchen via an arched pass-through.

The dining room is large enough for family gatherings or more formal get-togethers.

The gourmet kitchen is a chef's dream. With plenty of room for all the cooks, this spacious kitchen boasts a six-burner gas stove with pot filler, sub-zero refrigerator, wine cooler, double ovens, a new double dishwasher, center island, and chocolate glazed maple cabinets with granite counter tops and slate back splash.

A granite breakfast bar easily sits six and separates the kitchen from the family room. The bright and cheery family room overlooks the lanai.

You won't find a better view than you'll have sitting in your lanai overlooking the golf course and pond. The screened lanai area is massive giving you plenty of room to enjoy the outdoors.

There is a fire pit for cooler evenings.

The summer kitchen rivals many indoor kitchens with its Copper Canyon granite, refrigerator, cooler, wet bar, grill and side burner.

A guest suite is accessible from the lanai complete with hardwood flooring, a spacious bath with steam shower and decorator ceiling fan.

The master suite is a good size with room for a sitting area. It has French doors that open to the screened lanai.

The luxurious bath rivals an upscale spa with its Vita-bath jetted tub,



The screened lanai area is massive and has a fire pit for cooler evenings.

travertine floors, custom mirrors, solid surface counters, custom knobs, built-in heater and shower with three shower heads – one of which is an immense rain-head. The custom California closets are sure to please. Three additional bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths offer plenty

of room for family and guests.

A spacious utility room acts as a mud room between the two-car,

plus golf cart garage. It includes a washer and dryer, cabinets and an ice maker.

Other features in this

home include solid wood interior doors with custom hardware, plantation shutters, custom window treatments, surround system, central vacuum system, security system, in-wall pest control system, dual air-conditioning systems and a whole-house commercial water filtration and softener system.

A new roof was installed in 2018.

Built in 2005, this like-new home has 3,232 square feet of living area with 4,259 total square feet. It is situated on over 1/3 of an acre.

For more information or to schedule a private showing, call Helen Ferry at 863-381-1089 or email Hbferry@comcast.net, or call Kim Reed at 863-381-6575 or email Kimbreed@comcast.net.



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**CORNER LOT ON THE WATER**  
2/2/2 Furnished w/wood laminate flooring in LR, DR & hallway. Newer carpet in both bedrooms, new inside paint, 2 pantries, Thermal pane windows, includes a golf cart. Some TLC needed! Has some damaged roof shingles, loose baseboard and lanai. But no visible leakage. SB2270 Kathy Rose (844) 802-7751  
**\$47,500**

**EXQUISITE HOME**  
2/2 open floor plan furnished home comes with a den or man cave. Kitchen has lg. pantry & all new S/S appliances. Double sinks in master BA and Xlvg. closet. new carpet in bedroom. new roof in 2017. SB2247 Kathy Rose (844) 802-7751  
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**IRMA CAUSED FIBER UPPER**  
2 BR 2 BA, great view of 5th hole, laminate and tile floors, new inside paint, 2 pantries, Thermal pane windows, includes a golf cart. Some TLC needed! Has some damaged roof shingles, loose baseboard and lanai. But no visible leakage. SB2278 Ray Hammond/The Hammond Team (863) 450-3339  
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**FULL TIME OR SNOWBIRD HOME**  
2/1.5 located in golf community has a split floor plan. Home offers 4-year-old rubber roof and 3-year-old AC. The carport has ample parking and storage shed is more than adequate, also screen room has great relaxing potential. SB2271 Larry Robinson (317) 979-1294  
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**CALLING ALL WATER LOVERS**  
21.5 view of Lake Ory, Boat dock and clubhouse, pool from the FL room and front porch is spacious. The main BA has a walk-in shower, updated kitchen w/new cabinets, countertops, glass top stove & the floor plan layout is open to dining room, and sitting room. SB2284 Kim Strasser (863) 279-3387  
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**UPDATED HOME**  
2/2 Newer kitchen appliances & pantry. Hypoallergenic wood laminate flooring runs throughout the home. Both baths have been nicely updated and have low flush raised toilets. SB2231 Ora Or Don Cox (863) 658-3955  
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**BACK ON THE MARKET**  
2/2 being sold furnished. Contemporary furnishings and window treatment throughout, cathedral ceilings, crown molding and office space. Has fresh paint and new Air conditioner December 2017, with front screened porch, golf cart shed and carport. SB2166 Donald Lariviere (863) 450-3340  
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**NICELY FLOOR PLAN HOME**  
2/2 Nicely decorated home being sold furnished has kitchen with granite counter tops. Tile floor throughout except for bedrooms which has carpet. Newer AC unit, nice porch facing street, carport and golf cart shed. SB2186 Donald Lariviere (863) 450-3340  
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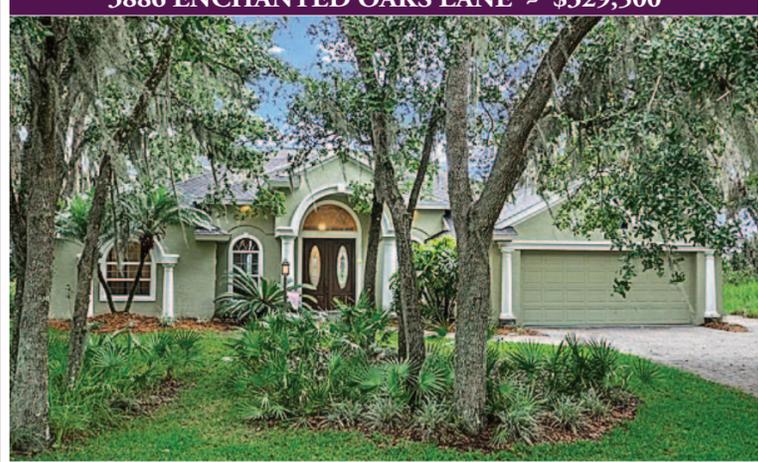
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# Berkshire Hathaway announces sales awards

## Sebring Real Estate agents dominate Central Florida market

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group real estate agents are dominating the Sebring real estate market and the numbers from the first six months of 2018 prove it, according to a recent press release from the organization.

In January 2016 Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group merged with MidFlorida Real Estate Sales in Highlands County, and over the past two-and-a-half years, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices has grown in both the number of



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agents and is currently the No. 2 office in Highlands County in sales volume and in units sold. "Our ability to continue to grow while, at the same time, actively investing in both resources and people to enhance the customer experience sets us apart from other real estate companies," Allen Crumbley, Broker/Owner, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group, said. "Our association with Warren Buffett and the

legendary Berkshire Hathaway name, not only enables us to strengthen our position in West Central Florida but also opens doors of opportunity for our sales executives and the clients they serve."

The top sales team for the first half of 2018 for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group is the Reed-Ferry Team, which consists of Kim Reed and Helen Ferry. The Reed-Ferry sales volume for the first six months of 2018



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exceeded \$15 million closings handling 73 sides. They have also been awarded first place in residential units in the state of Florida from Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. In addition, the Reed-Ferry Team has listed 87 homes for sale in 2018 totaling over \$18 million.

The top individual agent at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices is Lazaro Martinez. Martinez's sales volume for the first six months of 2018 exceeded \$5.2 million in closings handling 42 sides. In addition, Martinez has listed 40 homes for sale in 2018 totaling over \$4.8 million.

"All of our agents have contributed to our success in Highlands County," Debbie Ward-Terry, market president for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group, said. "In addition to the Reed-Ferry Team and Lazaro Martinez, Dennis and Debra Rutledge, Rona Port, Lisa Terrell and Carol Edwards are multi-million-dollar producers in the first six months of 2018. Barbara Bonasera, Marilyn Stokes, Leigh Eures and Elease



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DeYoung have all closed on over \$1 million in sales in the first six months of 2018."

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# US home sales fell 0.7 percent, 4th straight monthly decline

By JOSH BOAK

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. sales of existing homes slipped for the fourth consecutive month, declining 0.7 percent in July to the slowest pace in more than two years as the real estate market shows signs of cooling.

The National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that homes sold last month at a seasonally adjusted annual pace of 5.34 million. Home sales have fallen 1.5 percent during the past 12 months.

The U.S. housing market is hurt by a widening wealth gap, as inventories of lower-priced homes

remain tight. Sales of single-family houses worth more than \$500,000 have jumped in the past year, led by a 16.2 percent surge in sales of houses valued at more than \$1 million. But homes priced between \$100,000 and \$250,000 — a level the middle class can afford — have barely budged, while sales of homes for less than \$100,000 have plunged 10.6 percent from a year ago.

Existing home sales fell in the Northeast, Midwest and South last month, although they increased in the pricier West market.

Inventories did stabilize in July at 1.92 million existing homes available,

which was unchanged from a year ago. Prior to last month, home listings had declined on an annual basis for the past three years.

Would-be buyers are coping with higher mortgage rates than a year ago, and home price growth that has consistently outpaced average wage gains.

The median sales price in July increased 4.5 percent from a year ago to \$269,600.

The average interest rate charged on a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage was 4.53 percent last week, up from 3.89 percent a year ago, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac.



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In this Tuesday, Aug. 21 photo, a home has a sold sign in North Reading, Mass. On Wednesday, Aug. 22, the National Association of Realtors reports on sales of existing homes in July.

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# The role of deductibility

## Adjusting the home mortgage to meet retirement funds crisis

By **JACK GUTTENTAG**  
MORTGAGE PROFESSOR

Most economists are negative or ambivalent about the provision in the US tax code that allows homeowners to deduct mortgage interest from their taxable income.

The major concern is that the provision is regressive. Up to some limit, the benefit increases with wealth. The wealthier the consumer the more costly the homes they buy, the larger the mortgages they take, the higher the interest charge on the mortgage, and the greater the deduction.

Some of this ambivalence is reflected in the recently enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. While it did not generate a lot

of attention at the time, that legislation reduced the maximum mortgage amount on which interest is deductible from \$1.1 million to \$750,000. However, that legislation did not adapt the deduction provision to emerging new social priorities.

A new priority is the amelioration of the retirement funds crisis, as net worth at retirement declines and life expectancy rises. Since home equity is a potential buffer against economic hardship after retirement, the focus of tax deductibility should shift from increasing the affordability of home ownership to inducing homeowners to build equity more quickly.

One way to do that is to shift the deductibility provision from interest

to principal. Such a shift would result in faster equity growth, and could be implemented in such a way that it did not cost the Government any more than the current rule.

Shifting deductibility from interest to principal would cause a swing away from 30-year mortgages to shorter terms by borrowers who can afford them. This would result from the much larger tax benefit on the shorter-term mortgage.

For example, a \$100,000 loan at 4.5 percent for 30 years has a monthly payment of \$506 of which only \$131 is principal in month 1. A loan of \$100,000 at 4 percent for 15 years has a payment of \$739 of which \$406 is principal.

The deduction in month 1 would be \$275 larger on the 15-year term, and the difference increases over time. By month 60, the difference has grown from \$275 to \$331, and by month 120 it is \$398.

Equally important is the swing in the incentive to make extra payments. The present system discourages prepayments because they reduce future deductions. The proposed system would encourage prepayments because they would generate deductions.

To keep the costs down and the incentives properly aligned, the principal payments that are deductible must be properly defined. They consist of the principal component of the recurring monthly

payment, and extra payments that reduce the loan balance by the same amount.

They do not include repayments of the loan balance on sale of the house, since there is no reason to reward house sales.

The eligible mortgage is one that was used to purchase the house, or one that refinanced the mortgage that was used to purchase the house. A mortgage placed on a house that does not have a mortgage would not be eligible. This prevents a homeowner from taking out a mortgage in order to pay it off immediately for a large deduction.

Shifting the deduction from interest to principal would probably cost the government a little

more because principal payments usually exceed interest payments.

For example, on a \$100,000 mortgage for 30 years at 4.5 percent, principal payments add to \$100,000. Interest payments add to \$82,407 if the loan runs to term, \$57,437 if it is paid off in 12 years.

If necessary, the cost of the new system could be reduced by scaling down the percent of principal payments that is deductible, from 100 percent to a smaller figure as needed.

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In this Tuesday, Aug. 21 photo, a home has been sold sign in Melrose, Mass. On Thursday, Aug. 23, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

## Average US mortgage rates fall 30-year at 4.51 percent

By **JOSH BOAK**  
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WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates fell this week for the third consecutive week, yet they remain significantly higher than a year ago.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages ticked down to 4.51 percent from 4.53 percent last week. A year ago, the average was 3.86 percent. The interest charged on home loans have been running at

their highest levels in seven years, although they remain below the long term historic average.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans fell to 3.98 percent this week from 4.01 percent last week.

## Try these 7 tips for affordable artwork

By **CATHY HOBBS**  
DESIGN RECIPES

Artwork doesn't have to be expensive to look expensive. Designers use a number of tricks to create interesting and original artwork without breaking the bank. Here are seven tips for adding artwork to your decor on a budget.

1. Mix and match. Whether using frames and prints of different shapes and sizes or placing two mismatched pieces of art side by side, mixing it up can create interest.

2. Consider mirrors. In many instances, mirrors can be an affordable

solution. Small mirrors placed in a series or grouping can be a creative and attractive display.

3. Use identical pieces of art to create a diptych or triptych. This is a common design trick of interior designers to create the illusion of art in a series.

4. Use black and white. Black and white are often forgotten colors. If you are looking for a modern and minimal look, consider black-and-white or even all-white artwork.

5. Frame posters, postcards, small prints, or even wrapping paper for colorful art solutions for a children's room or

bathroom.

6. Go frameless. Frameless or gallery wrapped artwork is an affordable alternative.

7. Go DIY. Making your own art can be both affordable and fun. Consider framing treasured mementos or have fun with paint.

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# Toilets take center stage in the bathroom

By **SHELLY SAPP**  
CONTRIBUTED COLUMN

When TOTO released their "Washlet" in 1993 here in the US, toilets entered the spotlight and transformed our morning constitutional into a spiritual experience.

I am not kidding, try one and no other visit to the bathroom will be the same. It didn't take long for American toilet manufacturers to take note and offer their own attractive features. Let's look at some terminology and options to help you navigate the No. 1 toilet choice for your number two!

To begin with, there are basically two types of toilets: the higher priced, yet sleeker "1-Piece" toilet and the old reliable, readily available "2-Piece" toilet. A one-piece toilet has no seam between the tank and the base. Less grooves, means fewer places for grime to hang up on.

One-piece toilets are usually more modern in their design sometimes including a hidden trapway. The trapway is the "s" shaped curvature, or annoying dust collector, at the back of the base. This is strictly a style choice. And with the modern bathroom on trend, manufacturers even offer two-piece toilets that look very similar to a one-piece toilet like American Standard's Clean model for roughly \$200.

Both types of toilets are on display here in town at the big box stores if you happen to find yourself in the plumbing department. Unfortunately, they are displayed on an inconveniently high shelf. I will leave the reasoning for that to your imagination.

Then there is the bowl shape. The round bowl is a little less deep than the elongated bowl, probably 3 inches or less. Most consumers just buy the same shape they had before but, in many cases, an elongated toilet will replace a round bowl nicely.

Mobile homes for example are built with a 54-inch wide tub instead of a 60-inch tub; subsequently the home manufacturer chooses the round bowl toilet to give the user a little more knee room. This gained space is in my opinion negligible. And is far less important than a larger seat. After Thanksgiving, do you want your knees to be more comfortable or your tokus?

There is one caveat to this rule however and that is when a door swing intersects the toilet seat. Then a round bowl that allows the door to swing freely is the more appropriate choice.

What's a "rough-in?" The rough-in is the distance from the wall to the hole in the floor your builder cut for the toilet location. This is important! Generally, traditional concrete block and wood framed homes have a 12-inch rough-in toilet dimension. Mobile homes generally have a 10-inch rough-in dimension.

But Highlands County is special. It is not uncommon here to find a 10-inch rough-in in a traditional built home from the 1970's and 80's. As a side note, that goes for 54-inch tubs as well.

To measure your rough-in, start at the wall behind the toilet and use a tape measure to determine the distance in inches to the center of the toilet floor bolt. It doesn't have to be exact, just look and see if its closer to 12 inches or 10 inches. And don't stress if you find a 10-inch rough-in dimension in your concrete-built home. No one is going to toilet shame you, I doubt they will even notice. Big box stores usually carry at least one model in stock for a 10-inch rough-in, or you can shop online or visit your local mobile home supplier for additional options.

What seating height

do you prefer when conducting business? The standard seat height for a toilet is 15-17 inches depending on the manufacturer and is the dimension from the floor to the top of the seat. When the Americans with Disabilities Act passed, the world of ADA-height toilets opened to the consumer.

Production began to increase, and more retirees chose to age in place rather than move into a group living environment. Shockingly no one wanted to buy a residential toilet featuring a giant, neon blue, wheel-chair sticker on the box. Companies like Kohler and American Standard decided to re-brand their ADA compliant toilets for the residential market.

Those featuring a seat height of more than 17 inches became known as "comfort height" or "chair height." It worked! This option is now a common request of my clients in even modest bath remodel projects.

If you are not happy with your toilet height, taller replacement seats can make your current loo experience more comfortable and are available on-line for between \$30-\$60 by searching "elevated toilet seat" or "toilet seat riser." They are not pretty, but get the job done!

"Frustrated" with your toilet's thrust? The EPA act of 1992 required toilets to reduce their water consumption to 1.6 gallons per flush. Back in the early 90s those "pre-prohibition" 5-gallon toilets flew off the shelves as homeowners panicked at the thought of having to flush twice. "Gravity fed" toilets that used the weight of water to fill the tank then gravity to push waste down the pipe, were our only option.

The benefit of this legislation (in addition

to saving Florida's wetlands) was the development of "pressure assisted" toilet models like Kohler's Highline that rely on compressed air to push waste through the system. Pressure assisted toilets use significantly less water, those using less than 1.28 gallons per flush, eligible for certification under the EPA's WaterSense program.

If your toilet includes this certification, you may be eligible for certain tax incentives depending on your municipality. There's usually a much more attractive, neon blue, droplet sticker on the box to tell you if your new toilet is certified under this program.

Other features like dual flush, that include two buttons on the top of the tank also work to save water. One button for light flushes, during cocktail parties for example. And one for higher volume flush needs, like during your Super Bowl barbecue.

A few last "cheeky" notes on toilets. A lot of how your toilet performs depends on your home's water pressure coming from the municipal supply or well. For example, pressure assisted toilets require at least 25 pounds per square inch of pressure to operate properly. You can purchase a water pressure gauge from a big box store for less than \$10 and check it yourself easily.

Also, while having more thrust in your flush is awesome, it is

also very loud! Like the turbo whoosh on a VW Golf, 1.8T; kind of loud. Think about how well insulated your water closet walls are before you buy. You many want something quieter for an en suite master vs. the guest bathroom down the hall.

Finally, gravity fed toilets have been around for years, so parts are easy to get. Pressure assisted toilets may involve model specific parts be ordered from the manufacturer or repair.

I have touched on just a few of the new options available to those who need to navigate porcelain problems. Per your budget, you can get toilets with LED lighting, mood music, voice activated controls, automatic air

fresheners, heated seats and noise reduction features. If you can think of it, someone offers it.

And, if you happen to visit the Davenport Iowa Marriott Autograph, there is a TOTO "Washlet" in every room. According U.S. News and World Report, nearly a third of the hotel's TripAdvisor reviews, since their remodel, now mention the rooms' bathroom. Specifically, they comment on the TOTO "Washlet" toilet.

Told you, you won't forget it!

Have you experienced the TOTO "Washlet?" Share your thoughts on my blog at shellysappinteriors.com/blog/.

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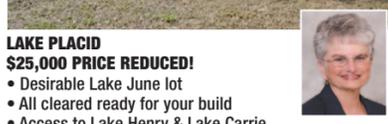


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# Real estate ownership benefits

Dear readers, through my constant research for topics that will motivate you to become a home owner, is important for you to understand the advantages of investing in real estate in Florida. You can enjoy numerous of benefits when you own a property, often beginning with your private residence then growing to own rental property.

For those of you who think it is not possible to own a home due to your income or background, allow me to share a true story. I was blessed to meet a gentleman who had some law issues and when he was back in society, he decided to ask in a junk yard for permission to prepare a junk van in the lot and to make it his home.

At the time here in Florida it was customary for folks every weekend to set up all kind of products that they did not have any use for and place them on the front yard so anyone could take it. Some were creative with the signs, inviting for folks to stop and take what they thought best. For example "I'm being thrown out, I still work please take me home with you or I need a home"

This gentleman started by picking up all kind of things from people's front yards and he would repair them and make them look more attractive in order to resell them. So together with odd jobs, he started saving. Within two years he bought a one-bedroom apartment and rented it out; he kept



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living in his junk van at the junk yard for 12 years.

With his savings and earnings he had bought 40 units, with the majority being free and clear of debt. He then bought an abandoned piece of land in the middle of a lake where he built his permanent home.

This true story is for those who tell themselves they can't own a home because to invest in real estate you need to be wealthy.

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It is the first step that opens a wide range of opportunities in real estate. It is a myth that you need to be wealthy first if you are considering to invest in real estate and make a profit.

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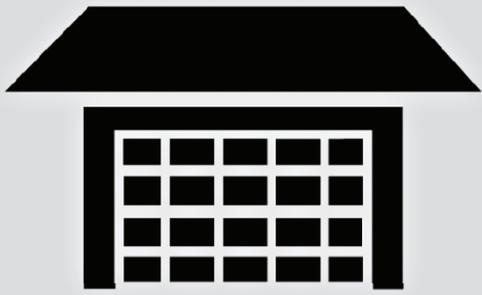
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## Busy fall prep season continues

By **BEN BAUGH**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The DeSoto Lady Bulldogs will host Lake Placid in volleyball Monday night at 7 p.m. Both Charlotte Tarpon golf teams will be participating in the Bishop Verot Invite Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. The Charlotte Lady Tarpons travel to Cardinal Mooney on Tuesday. The Lemon Bay Lady Manta Rays volleyball team will travel to Cape Coral Tuesday evening to take on Ida Baker.

The Punta Gorda Sailing Club sponsors PHRF sailboat racing including cruising sailboats. One design racing is also sponsored for Harbor 20 sailboats. All classes compete in the annual Conquistador Cup Regatta. Most of the Club's members also participate in cruising events. Check out pgscweb.com for more information.

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# Charlotte routs Dunbar

By **CHUCK BALLARO**  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

**PUNTA GORDA** — The Dunbar High School football team didn't look like an elite team with multiple college prospects. It looked more like a team throwing everything at the wall, hoping something would stick.

Thank the Charlotte defense for that, as it completely shut down the Dunbar skill players, forced four turnovers, limited the

Tigers to 135 total yards and produced a touchdown that proved to be the dagger in a 37-10 victory at the Wally Keller Sports Complex, in the season opener for both teams.

The offense didn't do so bad either, as Jayden Grant rushed for 145 yards on 19 carries and three scores, as the Tarpons churned out 299 yards on the ground.

"We played great offensively in the first half. I'm proud of our kids. They came

out ready to play," Charlotte coach Binky Waldrop said. "Jayden shows up and plays like that every game. He'll do that every Friday night."

Both the Tarpons and the Tigers demonstrated that they need a lot of work on their special teams. Charlotte missed a field goal, an extra point, had a punt blocked and allowed a punt return for a touchdown.

Dunbar shanked several punts, allowed

two long kickoff returns and fumbled a kickoff toward the end of the first half to set up a field goal.

Two poor Dunbar punts gave Charlotte their scoring opportunities. Grant ran the ball in from 4 yards to get the Tarpons a 6-0 edge following the missed PAT late in the first quarter.

Moments later, after another three and out, Grant went off-tackle and sprinted 48 yards to give Charlotte a 13-0 lead.

But the Tigers seized the momentum as Seneca Milledge, who is headed for Virginia, returned a punt 93 yards to make the score 13-7.

After getting the ball back on a Major Williams interception, Dunbar drove inside the Charlotte 10 before stalling. Xavier McDonald kicked a 32-yard field goal to cut the lead to 13-10.

Charlotte, on the strength of a long

**TARPONS | 3**



SUN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BLAKE

Charlotte's Jayden Grant tackles Dunbar running back Brandon Benjamin in the backfield during Saturday night's game at Charlotte High School.

# Port Charlotte's Coogan wins Lemon Bay Invite

By **CHUCK BALLARO**  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

**ENGLEWOOD** — Last year, Port Charlotte High School cross-country runner Isabella Coogan quit the sport.

This year, at a new school and with a new attitude, she has come back with a vengeance, winning the girls race Saturday at the Lemon Bay Invitation meet.

Port Charlotte also got strong performances in the boys race, with a pair making the top 15.

Coogan ran down Cape Coral's Cheyenne Young toward the end, and beat her with a time of 19:16.

"I wanted to start out conservatively and work my way up in the second mile, and see what I had left for the third," Coogan said. "It worked out well but it was not easy. I'm glad with how we did and I'm super glad to be with

the Pirates."

Coogan starred for Charlotte in her first two seasons, but she said didn't like the atmosphere. Tired of going home feeling defeated, she quit after the first meet her junior year.

"It wasn't something I liked doing anymore, so I decided to switch to Port Charlotte and they are spectacular," Coogan said. "I feel like we're a family here. We have team dinners on Friday night, and we have an amazing program."

Port Charlotte girls coach Stefany Sanchez said, she felt fortunate Coogan decided to transfer.

"She has given insight to the rest of the girls. We have a strong team this year, so having her come is a big plus," Sanchez said. "She has fit in well with us and has had a positive

attitude."

About the only negative is that Port Charlotte only had three runners and didn't qualify for the team title, which was the same for host Lemon Bay, which is in total rebuild mode. Katelyn Ziarnicki topped the Manta Ray girls with a 22:34 time.

That left Imagine as the only girls team to field an entire team, finishing 16th out of 17 teams. Makayla Rossbach starred for them with a time of 24:47.

Fort Myers (57) edged out Sarasota (62) and Naples (64).

For the boys, the Pirates also looked strong, with John Perez-Dunn taking fourth in the boys race and Joe Bishop a 12th, helping them to a fourth-place in the team standings.

"I wasn't sure today. I was hoping for a sub-17 and went out relaxed in



SUN PHOTO BY TIM KERN

Port Charlotte's Isabella Coogan leads the way down the final 400 meters.

the first mile. I went to attack, but that last mile was tough," Perez-Dunn said.

Pirates boys coach Ray Chumbley said many of his runners did their SAT and ACT tests early so they could run, which was a problem in past years.

"Our top two guys did really well. Joe set a huge PR by beating his previous best by 30 seconds," Chumbley said. "The others ran together and pushed each other and it worked out well."

Lemon Bay's boys finished 11th as a team, with Thomas Blem

leading the way with a 19:23 time and a Top-30 finish. Imagine, which finished 22nd out of 23 teams last year, improved a lot with a 12th place and lots of personal bests. Nick Renaud was best with a time of 19:38.

**COOGAN | 3**

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### PICK 2

Aug. 25N ..... 4-9  
 Aug. 25D ..... 0-5  
 Aug. 24N ..... 3-7  
 Aug. 24D ..... 7-6  
 Aug. 23N ..... 6-8  
 Aug. 23D ..... 3-8

### PICK 3

Aug. 25N ..... 8-7-7  
 Aug. 25D ..... 5-2-6  
 Aug. 24N ..... 1-4-3  
 Aug. 24D ..... 3-6-7  
 Aug. 23N ..... 2-2-1  
 Aug. 23D ..... 0-1-4

### PICK 4

Aug. 25N ..... 8-2-4-6  
 Aug. 25D ..... 8-0-0-7  
 Aug. 24N ..... 9-1-1-3  
 Aug. 24D ..... 3-1-1-6  
 Aug. 23N ..... 0-4-1-6  
 Aug. 23D ..... 2-0-9-5

### PICK 5

Aug. 25N ..... 1-3-3-8-1  
 Aug. 25D ..... 8-8-0-3-2  
 Aug. 24N ..... 4-6-6-0-2  
 Aug. 24D ..... 2-6-7-6-3  
 Aug. 23N ..... 1-8-2-1-4  
 Aug. 23D ..... 9-8-6-2-2  
 D-Day, N-Night

### FANTASY 5

Aug. 24: 2-4-10-22-36  
 Aug. 23: 3-7-11-15-34  
 Aug. 22: 2-12-16-29-32

PAYOFF for Aug. 24  
 1 5-digit winner \$201,739.94  
 314 4-digit winners \$103.50  
 9,641.. 3-digit winners \$9.00

### CASH FOR LIFE

Aug. 23: 5-23-26-31-51  
 Cash Ball ..... 3  
 PAYOFF FOR Aug. 23

0..... 5-5 CB \$1,000/Day  
 0..... 5-5 \$1,000/Week  
 3..... 4-5 CB \$2,500  
 9..... 4-5 \$500

### LUCKY MONEY

Aug. 24..... 2-7-23-42  
 Lucky Ball..... 2

### LOTTO

Late  
 Aug. 22..... 7-9-22-45-47-52  
 PAYOFF FOR Aug.22  
 0. 6-digit winners \$5 million  
 14 5-digit winners \$5,759.50  
 822... 4-digit winners \$69.50  
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### POWERBALL

Late  
 Aug. 22..... 1-7-45-47-69  
 Powerball ..... 13  
 PAYOFF FOR Aug.22  
 0..... 5-5 + PB \$60Million  
 0..... 5-5 \$1 Million  
 1..... 4-5 + PB \$50,000  
 23..... 4-5 \$100  
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT  
 \$70 Million

### MEGA MILLIONS

Aug. 24..... 1-6-13-18-49  
 Mega Ball ..... 8  
 PAYOFF FOR Aug. 24  
 0... 5 of 5 + MB \$118 Million  
 0..... 5 of 5 \$1 Million  
 1..... 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000  
 19..... 4 of 5 \$500  
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT  
 \$134 million

## SPORTS ON TV

### AUTO RACING

9:05 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Formula One, Johnnie Walker Belgian Grand Prix, at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium  
 Noon  
 FS1 — IMSA, WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, Biscuitville Grand Prix, at Alton, Va. (taped)  
 2:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — NASCAR, Camping World Truck Series, Chevrolet Silverado 250, at Bowmanville, Ontario

### BASEBALL

10 a.m.  
 ESPN — Little League World Series, third-place game, Seoul (South Korea)-Kawaguchi (Japan) loser vs. Honolulu-Peachtree City (Ga.) loser, at Williamsport, Pa.  
 3 p.m.  
 ABC — Little League World Series, championship game, Seoul (South Korea)-Kawaguchi (Japan) winner vs. Honolulu-Peachtree City (Ga.) winner, at Williamsport, Pa.

### FOOTBALL

12:30 p.m.  
 ESPN — High school, Phillips (Ill.) vs. Pickerington Central (Ohio), at Westerville, Ohio

### GOLF

7 a.m.  
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, D+D Real Czech Masters, final round, at Prague  
 Noon  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, The Northern Trust, final round, at Ridgewood, N.J.  
 2 p.m.  
 CBS — PGA Tour, The Northern Trust, final round, at Ridgewood, N.J.  
 GOLF — Web.com Tour, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, final round, at Columbus, Ohio  
 4 p.m.  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, CP Women's Open, final round, at Regina, Saskatchewan  
 7 p.m.  
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Boeing Classic, final round,

at Snoqualmie, Wash.

### HORSE RACING

3 p.m.  
 FS2 — Saratoga Live, Smart N Fancy Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

### MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.  
 TBS — Boston at Tampa Bay  
 8 p.m.  
 ESPN — N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore

### MOTOR SPORTS

3 p.m.  
 NBCSN — AMA, Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Series, 2018 Ironman National, at Crawford, Ind. (taped)

### NFL FOOTBALL

4 p.m.  
 FOX — Preseason, Cincinnati at Buffalo  
 8 p.m.  
 NBC — Preseason, Arizona at Dallas

### SOCCER

8:30 a.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Watford vs. Crystal Palace  
 9:30 a.m.  
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Mainz vs. VfB Stuttgart  
 11 a.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Newcastle United vs. Chelsea  
 Noon  
 FOX — Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs. Leipzig  
 7 p.m.  
 FS1 — MLS, D.C. United at N.Y. Red Bulls  
 9:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — MLS, Seattle at Portland

### TRIATHLON

4 p.m.  
 NBC — IRONMAN World Championship, at Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (taped)

### WNBA BASKETBALL

3 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, semifinals (best-of-5 series), Game 1, Washington at Atlanta  
 5 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, semifinals (best-of-5 series), Game 1, Phoenix at Seattle

## Stone Crabs

Saturday evening's game between the Charlotte Stone Crabs and Clearwater Threshers was postponed due to inclement weather.

## MLB: RAYS 5, RED SOX 1

# Kiermaier, Pham help Rays beat Red Sox for 7th straight

By MARK DITTLER  
 Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Kevin Kiermaier tripled to key a two-run sixth inning, Tommy Pham homered and the Tampa Bay Rays won their seventh straight game by beating the major league-leading Boston Red Sox 5-1 on Saturday night.

The surprising Rays will try to become the first team to sweep Boston in a series this season in Sunday's finale of the three-game set.

Tampa Bay is a season-high eight games over .500 (69-61). The Rays have allowed three or fewer runs in seven consecutive games.

J.D. Martinez had two doubles in four at-bats for the Red Sox, who have lost five of seven.

Tampa Bay chased Rick Porcello (15-7) in the sixth after Kiermaier tripled and Willy Adames was hit by a pitch. Kiermaier scored on a wild pitch by Ryan Brasier before Joey Wendle made it 3-1 later in the inning on a sacrifice fly.



Tampa Bay Rays' Ji-Man Choi, of South Korea, runs the bases after his RBI-triple off Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Tyler Thornburg during the eighth inning of a baseball game Saturday, in St. Petersburg.

Pham hit a solo shot off Brandon Workman in the seventh, and Ji-Man Choi's RBI triple put Tampa Bay up 5-1 in the eighth.

Porcello gave up three runs and six hits over five-plus innings.

Rays starter Ryan Yarbrough allowed one run and five hits in five-plus innings. Ryne Stanek (2-3) replaced Yarbrough and worked a scoreless inning for the win.

Tampa Bay threatened in four of the first five

innings but went 2 for 11 with runners in scoring positions during that stretch. Brandon Lowe had an RBI single in the fourth that tied it 1-1.

Boston scored once in the second on Mitch Moreland's double-play grounder.

### Trainer's room

Red Sox: Manager Alex Cora hasn't completely ruled out 2B Dustin Pedroia, limited to three games in May following left knee surgery, from playing again this

season. "We don't have anything set as far as timetables, but we're feeling good with the progress," Cora said. ... LHP Chris Sale (left shoulder inflammation) could resume throwing soon after the team returns home Monday. . LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (sprained right ankle) will make a rehab start Monday with Double-A Portland.

Rays: Pham (dislocated right ring finger) returned after missing three games.

### Up next

Rays All-Star LHP Blake Snell (15-5) will face Boston RHP and former teammate Nathan Eovaldi (5-5) on Sunday. "He really helped me with my work ethic and led by example," said Snell, who is 2-0 with a 0.95 ERA in three starts against Boston this season. "That's just him as a player and a person. He's very special." Eovaldi is 2-1 with a 2.89 ERA in five starts with Boston since being acquired from the Rays on July 25.

## GOLF: Canadian Open golf tournament

# Brooke Henderson leads CP Women's Open, chasing home win

Associated Press

REGINA, Saskatchewan — Brooke Henderson took the lead into the final round of the CP Women's Open, fighting through gusting wind Saturday at Wascana Country Club in pursuit of a breakthrough home victory.

The 20-year-old Canadian star shot a 2-under 70 in clear and cool conditions to reach 14-under 202 and take a one-stroke lead.

"Very exciting," Henderson said. "These crowds this week have been totally amazing, and I've been playing well for them, so I'm happy about that."

Jocelyne Bourassa is the only Canadian to win the national championship, accomplishing the feat in 1973 at Montreal Municipal in the inaugural La Canadienne.

"I don't know a ton, but she was an amazing golfer," Henderson said. "To win the national championship at home, it's truly amazing, especially in front of these crowds. I definitely will



Brooke Henderson, of Smiths Falls, Ontario, tees off of the first hole during the women's Canadian Open golf tournament in Regina, Saskatchewan, Saturday.

hope to be somewhat like her tomorrow and be able to finish the job."

Henderson won the LOTTE Championship in April in Hawaii for her sixth LPGA Tour title. She again attracted a large gallery, with fans lining the fairways to watch her.

"It's amazing to see all the little kids out here," Henderson said. "If I high-five them or sign something for them, just their face kind of lights up, and it's a really cool feeling for me. I remember being in their shoes, as well, and I know it's really meaningful when somebody like myself

spends that little bit extra with them."

Henderson birdied the 12th, 13th and 14th — with her eagle chip on the par-5 14th hitting the back of the cup and staying out — to get to 15 under. She saved par with a 20-foot putt on the par-4 16th, then dropped a stroke when she missed a short putt on par-5 17th.

"The conditions have changed a lot over the course of the week and today it played really tough," Henderson said. "I think you can see that on the leaderboard, as well. People were having some trouble with

it. Hopefully, go out tomorrow, make a lot of birdies, and just kind of see what happens."

Nasa Hataoka of Japan and American Angel Yin were a stroke back. Hataoka had a 69, and the long-hitting Yin shot 71, settling for par on par-5 18th after running an eagle putt long.

"Greens, obviously, got really fast," Yin said. "I felt like I hit it pretty good at 17, but it flew past the hole. Then, wasn't able to make the putt coming back. But overall my game was good. It was really cold. It was windy. The greens were extremely fast. I mean, I think I grinded it out pretty well today."

Yin played alongside Henderson and Amy Yang in the final group.

"Of course they were cheering Brooke on," Yin said. "I don't want to get thrown out of the country for cheering for me. ... It's great to see all these people come out to support women's golf." Hataoka won the NW Arkansas Championship in June for her first LPGA Tour title.

## GOLF: Northern Trust golf tournament

# DeChambeau builds 4-shot lead at Northern Trust

By DOUG FERGUSON  
 Associated Press

PARAMUS, N.J. — Bryson DeChambeau described himself as a "man on a mission," and he sure played like one Saturday in The Northern Trust.

Now it's a matter of which mission he's on. DeChambeau made four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn to pull away from a fading collection of stars, closed with two more birdies and had an 8-under 63 to build a four-shot lead over Keegan Bradley going into the final round of the opening FedEx Cup playoff event.

A victory would assure DeChambeau one of the

top seeds at East Lake to have a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

"That would be something pretty special," he said.

And the timing would be ideal for his Ryder Cup hopes. DeChambeau narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S. team when he missed the cut at the PGA Championship, but a victory against one of the strongest fields of the year might be tough for Jim Furyk to ignore when he makes three of his captain's picks a week from Tuesday.

"I've just got to keep focusing on this tournament," the 24-year-old Californian said. "If I can play well in the first leg of

the FedEx Cup, I'll hopefully show captain that I'm worthy."

He played the part on a day when everyone else around him went the other direction.

DeChambeau and Adam Scott were the only players from the last 10 players to tee off who managed to break par, and Scott had to birdie three of his last four holes for a 70. He was six shots behind.

Dustin Johnson, trailing by two shots after 36 holes despite two triple bogeys, made a double bogey to his week and shot 72 to fall nine shots behind. Brooks Koepka, the U.S. Open and PGA champion who shared the 36-hole lead, began

his slide with a three-putt bogey from 12 feet on No. 5 and by missing a 4-foot birdie putt on the next hole. He went 13 holes in the middle of his round with three bogeys and 10 pars and had to settle for a 72. He was seven behind.

Scott was one shot behind when he made two bogeys, then chopped up the par-3 11th for a double bogey.

"I really switched off there for five holes and made a mess of things around the turn," Scott said. "Might have shot myself out of the tournament. We'll see how it goes tomorrow, but it's going to be costly and make life difficult for me to win this thing now."

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kickoff return from Tai'Viahn Kelly, struck back on Jeremiah Harvey's 34 yard touchdown run to make it 20-10, and following a Milledge fumble on the ensuing kickoff, was able to add three more on a Kenny Scribner field goal at the end of the half to make it 23-10. Dunbar threatened in the third quarter, on a blocked punt, with the ball inside the Charlotte five. Two plays later, Charlotte's Anthony Whitehead made the play of the game, stripping Jadarius McKnight of the ball. With the help of several key blocks, he lumbered slowly but surely into the end zone for a 95-yard touchdown. This led to a 14-point swing that effectively put the Tigers

to bed at 30-10.

It was a special moment for Whitehead, even if the play seemed like it took forever.

"When I picked it up I started running like my life depended on it," Whitehead said. "I did it for my mom. She tells me to play like my life depends on it."

Grant completed the hat trick early in the fourth quarter on an 18-yard run around the left end and beating the Tigers to the pylon.

"I had a great game, but it was a lot of hard work. You have to stay mentally tough and play through pain. Our O-line is a great group. We hang together and we know each other very well," Grant said. "I tell them to do their job, and I'll do mine."

Receiver Roger Mottley had seven catches for 73 yards to lead Dunbar.



Charlotte's Anthony Whitehead tackles Dunbar quarterback Jarques Riggins during the second quarter of Saturday night's game at Charlotte High School.



Charlotte running back Jeremiah Harvey (24) gets a block from Malakai Menzer during the first quarter of Saturday night's game against Dunbar High School at Charlotte Tarpon Stadium.

## CHARLOTTE 37, DUNBAR 10

Dunbar 0 10 0 0 — 10  
Charlotte 6 17 7 7 — 37

### First quarter

CHS — Jayden Grant 4 run (kick fail), :34.

### Second quarter

CHS — Grant 48 run (Kenny Scribner kick), 10:14.

DUN — Seneca Milledge 93 punt return (Xavier McDonald kick), 6:34.

DUN — McDonald 32 field goal, 2:26.

CHS — Jeremiah Harvey 34 run (Scribner kick), 1:47.

CHS — Scribner 22 field goal, :00.

### Third quarter

CHS — Anthony Whitehead 95 fumble recovery (Scribner kick), 9:16.

### Fourth quarter

CHS — Grant 18 run (Scribner kick), 9:59.

### DUN • CHS

First Downs 9 • 9

Rushing Att./yards 26-48 • 44-299

Fumbles/Lost 3-3 • 1-0

Pen/Yards 11-55 • 5-35

SUN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BLAKE

# Tarpons cross-country team teeming with talent

By BEN BAUGH  
SPORTS EDITOR

A veteran team, with a deep roster, with a number of runners who've previously qualified for state.

The Charlotte Tarpons girls cross-country team opened their season Saturday at the Lehigh Lightning Invitational.

The Tarpons boast a roster that includes three strong seniors, who have at least two years of state experience running in the state finals. Coach Chris Robishaw is in his 11th year as the Tarpons girls cross-country coach.

Senior Alexa Roughton, who has run in three state finals, returns, will run in the no. 1 position. Junior Mackenzie Flowers, who also competed at state in 2017, will run in the no. 2 position, said Robishaw.

"I lost two strong seniors, including my no.

1 last year, Katie Kanagy (who's now running for Palm Beach Atlantic University, and Brittney Smith who's now in the Coast Guard)," said Robishaw. But six of the eight runners, who were at state, including the alternate (Victoria Simeone, who ran in the state finals in 2016, but was the alternate this past year because of an injury), are back."

The team has a number of new runners, including three juniors and one sophomore, said Robishaw.

A strong team concept and a powerful program has produced confident and consistent performers.

"They still know they have a lot of room to improve," said Robishaw. "You have to buy into the program. It's not about individuals. It's definitely about being part of a

team, respecting one another, being committed and working hard every day."

Senior Sarah Rodetsky, like Roughton, has run for the Tarpons for four years. Simeone has run for three years, with Robishaw having coached her in basketball during her freshman year.

"They're leaders that the other ones can look up to," said Robishaw. "They've bought in, they've been a part of it for a while, and the other kids kind of follow their lead."

The other members of the Tarpons girls cross-country team are junior returnees Natalie Borzyskowski and Mackenzie Flowers; sophomore returnees Savannah Streetman and Faith Winkler and newcomers, juniors, Micah Barns, Hannah Piacitelli



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The Lady Tarpons placed 3rd out of 15 teams Saturday in the Lehigh Lightning Invitational.

and Kalyn Uebelacker; sophomores Aleecia Collins and freshman Danielle Columbia.

The Lady Tarpons placed 3rd and the North Port Lady Bobcats 7th, out of 15 teams Saturday in the Lehigh Lightning Invitational.

**Results:** Alexa Roughton, Charlotte, 5th, 22:04.5; Mackenzie Flowers, Charlotte, 8th, 22:18.5; Faith Winkler, Charlotte, 17th, 23:27.0; Alexis Smith, North Port, 20th, 23:31.0; Micah Barnes, Charlotte, 29th, 24:22.0; Sydney Rodetsky, Charlotte, 31st,

24:35.0; Mackenzie Doyle, North Port, 38th, 24:54.5; Katarina Wilburn, North Port, 52nd, 25:49.3; Hailey Doyle, North Port, 53rd, 25:50.2; Taylor Cooper, North Port, 56th, 25:55.5; Katelynn Hall, North Port, 64th, 26:35.0; Briana Vidal, North Port, 74th, 27:19.1.

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## Lemon Bay Invitational

At Lemon Bay High School, Englewood Girls Fort Myers 57, Sarasota 62, Naples 64, Bishop Verot 127, Sarasota Riverview 133, Cape Coral 137, Cardinal Mooney 220, Venice 236, Clearwater Central Catholic 255, Southwest Florida Christian 278, Braden River 282, First Baptist Academy 316, Palmetto 320, Out-Of-Door Academy 387, Desoto 434, Imagine 455, Bayshore 479

Top 10: 1. Isabella Coogan (PC) 19:16, 2. Cheyenne Young (CC) 19:19, 3. Isabelle Jester (SAR) 19:55, 4. Stephanie Ormsby (FM) 20:37, 5. Carolina Titus (SAR) 20:50, 6. Marissa

Kempf (SAR) 20:51, 7. Caroline MacKenzie (FM) 20:52, 8. Terra Ehrhart (RIV) 20:53, 9. Katie Beam (FBA) 20:56, 10. Jillian Dempsey (NAP) 20:58.

Port Charlotte: Isabella Coogan 19:16, Jocelyn Ramos 23:10, Amy Padilla-Quinones 23:17. Lemon Bay: Katelyn Ziarnicki 22:34, Audrey Werden 25:13, Megan Carley 26:43, Imagine: Makayla Rassbach 24:47, Donna Davidson 26:32, Bella Harper 27:27, Madison Rassbach 29:27, Holly Freund 29:48.

### Boys

Sarasota 29, Fort Myers 59, Naples 79, Port Charlotte 167, Palmetto Senior 199, Braden River 207, Southwest Florida Christian 210, Bishop Verot 236, Riverview 260, Cape Coral 278, Lemon Bay 309, Imagine 343, First Baptist Academy 347,



Lemon Bay's Thomas Blem leads the way for his team.

Clearwater Central Catholic 357, Desoto 360, Cardinal Mooney 388, Bayshore 429

Top 10: Brady Gibson (NAP) 16:31, 2. Alan Romero (SAR) 16:44, 3. Orlando Cicilioni (SAR) 17:00, 4. John Perez-Dunn (PC) 17:13, 5. Adrien Zambaux (SAR) 17:20, 6. Nick Carpenter (FM) 17:27,

7. Liam Holston (FM) 17:31, 8. Ehan Tank (SWF) 17:36, 9. Zachary Jones (SAR) 17:38, 10. Ryan Guendjoian (SAR) 17:38.

Port Charlotte: John Perez-Dunn 17:13, Joe Bishop 17:49, Chandler Mault 20:03, Zac Catron 20:21, Bradley Menzel 20:31, Bracken Yingling 20:51, Chris



SUN PHOTOS BY TIM KERN

Katelyn Ziarnicki leads the way for the Lemon Bay Manta Rays.

Effrem 21:47. Lemon Bay: Thomas Blem 19:23, Matt Finck 19:53, Jake Perry 21:15, Benjamin Tucker 21:25, Enrique Subero 22:34, Zac Robinson 23:41, Brady Tucker

27:18. Imagine: Nick Renaud 19:38, Dylan Brown 20:36, Vladislav Kiktenko 20:49, Aaron Harris 22:13, Cohen Fincannon 23:37, Jacob Terrell 25:03, Armando Luis 25:54.

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Boston	90	41	.687	—	—	4-6	L-2	46-18	44-23
	New York	82	47	.636	7	—	7-3	W-3	45-20	37-27
	Tampa Bay	69	61	.531	20½	9	8-2	W-7	40-24	29-37
	Toronto	60	69	.465	29	17½	6-4	W-5	34-32	26-37
	Baltimore	37	93	.285	52½	41	1-9	L-7	21-43	16-50

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Cleveland	73	56	.566	—	—	5-5	L-4	39-24	34-32
	Minnesota	61	68	.473	12	16½	5-5	L-2	39-28	22-40
	Detroit	53	77	.408	20½	25	3-7	L-2	34-33	19-44
	Chicago	50	79	.388	23	27½	7-3	W-2	25-40	25-39
	Kansas City	40	90	.308	33½	38	4-6	W-2	20-44	20-46

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Houston	78	50	.609	—	—	5-5	W-3	33-29	45-21
	Oakland	78	52	.600	1	—	6-4	W-2	39-26	39-26
	Seattle	73	56	.566	5½	4½	4-6	W-1	38-28	35-28
	Los Angeles	63	66	.488	15½	14½	4-6	L-4	33-31	30-35
	Texas	58	73	.443	21½	20½	5-5	L-1	29-38	29-35

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Atlanta	72	57	.558	—	—	4-6	L-2	34-28	38-29
	Philadelphia	69	60	.535	3	2	3-7	L-2	41-22	28-38
	Washington	64	66	.492	8½	7½	4-6	L-3	33-31	31-35
	New York	58	71	.450	14	13	6-4	W-2	28-39	30-32
	Miami	53	78	.405	20	19	5-5	W-2	31-37	22-41

CENTRAL DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Chicago	75	53	.586	—	—	7-3	W-4	41-23	34-30
	St. Louis	72	57	.558	3½	—	8-2	W-4	34-28	38-29
	Milwaukee	72	59	.550	4½	—	5-5	L-1	39-26	33-33
	Pittsburgh	64	66	.492	12	7½	3-7	W-1	35-34	29-32
	Cincinnati	56	74	.431	20	15½	4-6	L-4	31-35	25-39

WEST DIVISION	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
	Arizona	71	57	.555	—	—	7-3	L-1	34-30	37-27
	Colorado	70	58	.547	1	½	7-3	L-1	33-29	37-29
	Los Angeles	68	61	.527	3½	3	4-6	W-1	33-33	35-28
	San Francisco	64	67	.489	8½	8	3-7	W-1	35-27	29-40
	San Diego	50	81	.382	22½	22	2-8	L-3	23-43	27-38

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**Yankees 10, Orioles 3, Game 1;** **Yankees 5, Orioles 1, Game 2;** Miguel Andujar homered and had four RBIs in the first game. Sonny Gray made the most of a foray into the starting rotation by taking a three-hitter into the seventh inning in the second game. **Cubs 10, Reds 6:** Daniel Murphy and Kyle Schwarber each hit a two-run homer. **Giants 5 Rangers 3:** Andrew Suarez pitched seven scoreless innings of three-hit ball. **Mets 3, Nationals 0:** Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals were shut out for the third game in a row. **Blue Jays 8, Phillies 6:** Aledmys Diaz hit a go-ahead three-run double in the eighth inning and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat Philadelphia, handing the slumping Phillies their sixth loss in seven games.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 1:** Lucas Giolito pitched seven sharp innings in his third straight quality start, and the Chicago White Sox beat the Detroit Tigers. **Rays 5, Red Sox 1:** Kevin Kiermaier tripled to key a two-run sixth inning, Tommy Pham homered and the Tampa Bay Rays won their seventh straight game by beating the major league-leading Boston Red Sox. **LATE** N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 2nd game Oakland at Minnesota Cleveland at Kansas City Seattle at Arizona Houston at L.A. Angels Atlanta at Miami Pittsburgh at Milwaukee St. Louis at Colorado San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

## BOX SCORES

**CUBS 10, REDS 6**  
**CINCINNATI** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Schebler rf 5 0 1 0 0 0 .277  
 Peraza ss 5 0 1 0 0 1 .291  
 Gennett 2b 5 0 1 0 0 0 .309  
 Suarez 3b 5 2 2 0 0 0 .296  
 Ervin cf 2 2 1 0 2 0 .300  
 Barnhart c 3 0 1 0 1 2 .242  
 Casali 1b 3 1 2 4 0 0 .333  
 Herrera lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .173  
 Peralta p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 c-Tucker ph 1 1 1 1 0 0 .245  
 Hernandez p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Castillo p 2 0 1 1 0 0 .128  
 Garrett p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Romano p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .059  
 Dixon lf 2 0 1 0 0 0 .193  
**TOTALS** 36 6 12 6 3 4

**CHICAGO** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Murphy 2b 5 1 1 3 0 0 1 .306  
 Bote 3b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .276  
 Baez ss 4 1 2 3 1 0 .297  
 Rizzo 1b 4 0 2 1 1 1 .270  
 Zobrist rf 5 0 3 0 0 0 .308  
 Kintzler p 0 0 0 0 0 0 ---  
 De La Rosa p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Heyward cf-ff 4 0 0 0 1 0 .271  
 Contreras c 4 1 1 0 0 1 .267  
 Schwaner lf 4 3 1 2 1 1 .238  
 Quintana p 2 0 0 0 0 1 .048  
 Chavez p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 a-La Stella ph 1 1 1 0 0 0 .275  
 Wilson p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 b-Almora ph-cf 1 1 0 0 1 0 .300  
 Happ 3b-2b 4 2 1 1 0 1 .238  
**TOTALS** 38 10 12 10 5 7

**CINCINNATI** 000 200 040 — 6 12 2  
**CHICAGO** 030 211 30X — 10 12 0  
 a-doubled for Chavez in the 6th. b-walked for Wilson in the 7th. c-homered for Peralta in the 8th. E—Schebler (5), Peraza (17). LOB—Cincinnati 7, Chicago 10. 2B—Casali (7), Rizzo (20), Contreras (22), La Stella (6). HR—Casali (4), off Kintzler Tucker (6), off Kintzler Murphy (8), off Castillo Schwarber (23), off Castillo Baez (28), off Garrett. RBIs—Casali 4 (15), Castillo (2), Tucker (27), Murphy 3 (34), Baez 3 (97), Rizzo (84), Schwarber 2 (52), Happ (35). SF—Casali.

**CINCINNATI** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Castillo, L, 7-11, 13.5 5 5 1 2 64 5.07  
 Garrett 1 2 1 1 1 1 25 4.21  
 Romano 1.1 1 1 1 1 28 5.47  
 Peralta 1.1 4 3 0 2 2 50 4.99  
 Hernandez 1 0 0 0 0 1 13 1.26  
**CHICAGO** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Qntana, W, 11-95 6 2 2 3 2 89 4.33  
 Chavez 1 0 0 0 0 1 14 2.93  
 Wilson 1 2 0 0 0 1 11 3.06  
 Kintzler .1 4 4 4 0 0 15 43.62  
 De La Rosa 1.2 0 0 0 0 0 12 4.10  
 Quintana pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Inherited runners-scored—Romano 2-0, Peralta 2-1, Chavez 1-0. HBP—Castillo (Contreras). PB—Barnhart (2). Umpires—Home, Ben May First, Dave Rackley Second, Chris Guccione Third, Larry Vanover.

**YANKEES 10, ORIOLES 3**  
**FIRST GAME**  
**NEW YORK** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Gardner lf 4 2 1 2 1 2 .243  
 Stanton dh 4 1 0 0 1 2 .282  
 Hicks cf 5 2 3 2 0 0 .250  
 Andujar 3b 5 2 2 4 0 1 .298  
 Walker 2b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .230  
 Torres 2b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .313  
 Torres ss 4 1 2 1 0 1 .267  
 Voit 1b 3 0 1 1 1 1 .270  
 Higashioka c 4 0 0 0 0 1 .194  
 Robinson rf 4 2 2 0 0 0 .154  
**TOTALS** 37 10 11 10 3 9  
**BALTIMORE** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Mullins cf 5 0 3 1 0 2 .333  
 Villar 2b 5 0 0 0 0 2 .261  
 Jones rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .280  
 Peterson of 0 0 0 0 0 0 .196  
 Mancini dh 4 0 0 0 0 3 .231  
 Davis 1b 2 1 0 0 2 1 .168  
 Beckham ss 4 1 1 0 0 1 .222  
 Nunez 3b 4 0 3 2 0 1 .243  
 Andreoli lf 4 1 1 0 0 0 .211  
 Wynns c 4 0 0 0 0 1 .235  
**TOTALS** 36 3 8 3 2 11

**NEW YORK** 020 000 001 — 3 8 0  
**BALTIMORE** 020 000 001 — 3 8 0  
 E—Torres (14). LOB—New York 4, Baltimore 8. 2B—Hicks (16), Robinson (1), Beckham (13). HR—Andujar (21), off Yacabonis Gardner (11), off Meisinger Torres (19), off Gilmartin Hicks (21), off Wright Jr.. RBIs—Gardner 2 (37), Hicks 2 (60), Andujar 4 (70), Torres (56), Voit (10), Mullins (5), Nunez 2 (11). Runners left in scoring position—New York 1 (Walker) Baltimore 2 (Mullins, Mancini). RISP—New York 4 for 8 Baltimore 2 for 6. Runners moved up—Andujar. GIDP—Higashioka. DP—Baltimore 1 (Nunez, Villar, Davis).

**NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Happ, W, 15-6 6 5 2 2 1 9 107 3.80  
 Cessa, S, 1-1 3 3 1 1 1 2 53 5.34  
**BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Yacabonis, L, 0-23, 1.5 6 6 2 3 73 8.38  
 Meisinger 1.2 4 2 2 0 2 29 4.82  
 Gilmartin 3 1 1 1 1 2 50 3.38  
 Wright Jr. 1 1 1 1 0 2 19 5.21  
 Inherited runners-scored—Meisinger 1-1. HBP—Yacabonis (Walker). WP—Cessa. Umpires—Home, Quinn Wolcott First, Mark Ripberger Second, Alfonso Marquez Third,

**TOTALS** 30 1 5 0 1 6  
**TAMPA BAY** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Wendle 2b 3 0 2 1 1 0 .291  
 Duffy 3b 4 1 2 0 1 1 .296  
 Choi dh 5 0 1 1 0 1 .261  
 Pham lf 5 1 1 1 0 2 .243  
 Cron 1b 2 1 0 0 1 1 .251  
 Kiermaier cf 3 1 2 0 0 1 .198  
 Adames ss 3 1 0 0 0 3 .257  
 Lowe rf 2 0 1 1 2 0 .195  
 Perez c 3 0 0 0 0 1 .284  
**TOTALS** 30 5 9 4 5 10  
**BOSTON** 010 00000—1 5 0  
**TAMPA BAY** 000 10211X—5 9 0  
 LOB—Boston 3, Tampa Bay 11. 2B—Martinez 2 (36). 3B—Choi (1), Kiermaier (5). HR—Pham (15), off Workman. RBIs—Wendle (46), Choi (16), Pham (44), Lowe (6). SB—Betts (25), Wendle (9), Kiermaier (9). SF—Wendle, S—Kiermaier, Perez.

**BLUE JAYS 8, PHILLIES 6**  
**PHILADELPHIA** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Hernandez 2b 4 0 1 0 1 1 .261  
 Hoskins dh 4 0 1 3 0 1 .251  
 Williams rf 5 0 0 0 0 2 .261  
 Santana 1b 5 0 2 0 0 0 .221  
 Cabrera ss 5 2 3 0 0 0 .264  
 Franco 3b 4 1 1 0 0 0 .276  
 Herrera cf 3 1 2 0 1 0 .268  
 Alfaro c 4 0 1 1 0 2 .252  
 Quinn lf 4 2 2 2 0 1 .357  
**TOTALS** 38 6 13 6 2 7  
**TORONTO** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 McKinney rf-ff 5 1 1 2 0 3 .333  
 Travis 2b 3 0 0 0 1 0 .229  
 Smoak 1b 3 1 0 0 1 1 .249  
 Morales dh 4 1 2 2 0 0 .263  
 1-Granderson pr-dh 0 1 0 0 0 0 .242  
 Pillar cf 4 1 1 0 0 0 .255  
 Gurriel Jr. ss 3 1 0 0 1 0 .313  
 Jansen c 3 2 2 0 0 0 .385  
 Hernandez lf 3 0 1 1 1 2 .239  
 Grichuk rf 0 0 0 0 0 0 .228  
 Diaz 3b 4 0 2 3 0 1 .258  
**TOTALS** 32 8 9 8 4 7  
**PHILADELPHIA** 001 41000—613 0  
**TORONTO** 000 30023X—8 9 0  
 1-run for Morales in the 8th. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Toronto 5. 2B—Santana 2 (23), Cabrera (30), Herrera (17), Quinn (4), Jansen 2 (5), Diaz (18). HR—Morales (20), off Pivetta; McKinney (3), off Pivetta. RBIs—Hoskins 3 (80), Alfaro (30), Quinn 2 (6), McKinney 2 (9), Morales 2 (51), Hernandez (46), Diaz 3 (41). CS—Hernandez (5). SF—Hoskins.

**YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 1, SECOND GAME**  
**NEW YORK** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Gardner lf 5 1 1 1 0 0 .242  
 Stanton dh 4 0 1 1 1 2 .282  
 Hicks cf 4 0 2 1 0 1 .253  
 Andujar 3b 4 0 2 0 0 1 .300  
 Walker rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .226  
 Robinson rf 0 0 0 0 0 0 .154  
 Torres ss 3 1 2 0 1 0 .271  
 Bird 1b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .199  
 Romine c 4 3 3 1 0 0 .260  
 Torreses 2b 4 0 1 0 0 1 .310  
**TOTALS** 36 5 12 4 2 6  
**BALTIMORE** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Mullins cf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .309  
 Gentry rf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .246  
 Villar ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .258  
 Davis dh 4 0 1 0 0 1 .169  
 Mancini 1b 3 1 3 0 1 0 .236  
 Nunez 3b 3 0 0 0 1 3 .237  
 Andreoli lf 4 0 1 0 0 3 .217  
 Peterson 2b 4 0 1 1 0 1 .197  
 Joseph c 4 0 0 0 0 2 .211  
**TOTALS** 34 1 7 1 2 11  
**NEW YORK** 120 100001—512 0  
**BALTIMORE** 000 000001—1 7 1  
 E—Mancini (3). LOB—New York 6, Baltimore 8. 2B—Gardner (17), Gentry (5), Mancini 2 (18). HR—Romine (9), off Castro. RBIs—Gardner (38), Stanton (82), Hicks (61), Romine (37), Peterson (24). CS—Andujar (1), Torres (2).

**WHITE SOX 6, TIGERS 1**  
**CHICAGO** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Anderson ss 4 1 1 0 1 1 .245  
 Rondon 3b 4 0 2 1 1 0 .263  
 Garcia rf 5 1 1 0 0 0 .231  
 Paik dh 4 1 1 0 0 2 .239  
 Davidson 2b 4 1 2 1 0 0 .232  
 Moncada 1b 4 1 2 1 0 0 .220  
 LaMarre lf 3 0 1 1 0 1 .273  
 Smith c 4 1 1 2 0 0 .282  
 Engel cf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .231  
**TOTALS** 35 6 11 6 2 5  
**DETROIT** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Candelario 3b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .228  
 Iglesias ss 4 0 3 0 0 0 .271  
 Castellanos rf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .292  
 Martinez dh 4 0 0 0 0 0 .248  
 Adduci 1b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .273  
 Goodrum 2b 3 0 0 0 0 1 .226  
 Mahtook lf 3 1 1 1 0 2 .200  
 Greiner c 2 0 0 0 1 0 .226  
 Reyes cf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .222  
**TOTALS** 31 1 4 1 1 6  
**CHICAGO** 122 010000—611 0  
**DETROIT** 010 000000—1 4 0  
 LOB—Chicago 6, Detroit 4. 2B—Rondon (4), Davidson 2 (20), Iglesias (31). HR—Smith (1), off Carpenter; Mahtook (4), off Giolito. RBIs—Rondon (9), Davidson (50), Moncada (50), LaMarre (11), Smith 2 (14), Mahtook (14), SB—Garcia (3), Iglesias (15). SF—LaMarre.

**RAYS 5, RED SOX 1**  
**BOSTON** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Betts cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .335  
 Benintendi lf 3 0 0 0 1 3 .294  
 Pearce dh 4 0 0 0 0 0 .296  
 Martinez rf 4 1 2 0 0 2 .337  
 Bogaerts ss 3 0 1 0 0 0 .285  
 Moreland 1b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .257  
 Kinsler 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .241  
 Nunez 3b 3 0 2 0 0 1 .260  
 Leon c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .202

**NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Happ, W, 15-6 6 5 2 2 1 9 107 3.80  
 Cessa, S, 1-1 3 3 1 1 1 2 53 5.34  
**BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Yacabonis, L, 0-23, 1.5 6 6 2 3 73 8.38  
 Meisinger 1.2 4 2 2 0 2 29 4.82  
 Gilmartin 3 1 1 1 1 2 50 3.38  
 Wright Jr. 1 1 1 1 0 2 19 5.21  
 Inherited runners-scored—Meisinger 1-1. HBP—Yacabonis (Walker). WP—Cessa. Umpires—Home, Quinn Wolcott First, Mark Ripberger Second, Alfonso Marquez Third,

**TOTALS** 30 1 5 0 1 6  
**TAMPA BAY** AB R H BI BB SO AVG. James Hoyer, T—3:06. A—32,445 (45,971).  
 Wendle 2b 3 0 2 1 1 0 .291  
 Duffy 3b 4 1 2 0 1 1 .296  
 Choi dh 5 0 1 1 0 1 .261  
 Pham lf 5 1 1 1 0 2 .243  
 Cron 1b 2 1 0 0 1 1 .251  
 Kiermaier cf 3 1 2 0 0 1 .198  
 Adames ss 3 1 0 0 0 3 .257  
 Lowe rf 2 0 1 1 2 0 .195  
 Perez c 3 0 0 0 0 1 .284  
**TOTALS** 30 5 9 4 5 10  
**BOSTON** 010 00000—1 5 0  
**TAMPA BAY** 000 10211X—5 9 0  
 LOB—Boston 3, Tampa Bay 11. 2B—Martinez 2 (36). 3B—Choi (1), Kiermaier (5). HR—Pham (15), off Workman. RBIs—Wendle (46), Choi (16), Pham (44), Lowe (6). SB—Betts (25), Wendle (9), Kiermaier (9). SF—Wendle, S—Kiermaier, Perez.

**NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
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 Cessa, S, 1-1 3 3 1 1 1 2 53 5.34  
**BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
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 Cessa, S, 1-1 3

# SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL

### FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT

**North Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Clearwater (Phillies)	39	21	.650	—
Lakeland (Tigers)	35	24	.593	3½
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	33	27	.550	6
Tampa (Yankees)	30	31	.492	9½
Daytona (Reds)	28	33	.459	11½
Florida (Braves)	20	38	.345	18

**South Division**

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte (Rays)	35	24	.593	—
Fort Myers (Twins)	35	26	.574	1
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	32	29	.524	4
Jupiter (Marlins)	26	32	.448	8½
St. Lucie (Mets)	25	35	.417	10½
Bradenton (Pirates)	19	37	.339	14½

**Saturday's Games**

Dunedin at Bradenton, ppd.  
Dunedin at Bradenton, cancelled  
Palm Beach 7, Jupiter 3  
Charlotte at Clearwater, ppd.  
St. Lucie 5, Fort Myers 2  
Lakeland 5, Florida 1  
Tampa 5, Daytona 4, 10 innings

**Sunday's Games**

Lakeland at Florida, 11 a.m.  
Fort Myers at St. Lucie, 12 p.m.  
Charlotte at Clearwater, 1 p.m.  
Jupiter at Palm Beach, 1 p.m.  
Dunedin at Bradenton, 1 p.m.  
Tampa at Daytona, 5:35 p.m.

**Monday's Games**

St. Lucie at Lakeland, Game 1, 5 p.m.  
St. Lucie at Lakeland, Game 2, TBD  
Clearwater at Jupiter, 6:30 p.m.  
Florida at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.  
Palm Beach at Dunedin, 6:30 p.m.  
Daytona at Charlotte, 6:35 p.m.  
Bradenton at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.

N.C., 3:30 p.m.  
No. 18 Mississippi State vs. Stephen F. Austin, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 21 Boise State at Troy, 6 p.m.  
No. 23 Texas at Maryland, noon  
No. 24 Oregon vs. Bowling Green, 8 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
No. 8 Miami vs. No. 25 LSU at Arlington, Texas, 7:30 p.m.  
**Monday, Sept. 3**  
No. 19 Florida State vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech, 8 p.m.

**RESULTS**

**WEEK 1**

**Saturday's Games**

**EAST**  
UMass 63, Duquesne 15

**SOUTH**  
NC A&T at Jacksonville State, late

**SOUTHWEST**  
Prairie View at Rice, late

**FAR WEST**  
Hawaii at Colorado State, late  
Wyoming at New Mexico State, late

## ODDS

**PREGAME.COM LINE**

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Today**

**National League**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Chicago	-235	Cincinnati	+215
at New York	-107	Washington	-103
Atlanta	-180	at Miami	+165
at Milwaukee	-137	Pittsburgh	+127
at Colorado	-135	St. Louis	+125
at Los Angeles	-230	San Diego	+210

**American League**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Detroit	+100	Chicago	-110
New York	268	at Baltimore	+238
at Tampa Bay	-121	Boston	+111
at Minnesota	-105	Oakland	-105
Cleveland	-213	at Kansas City	+193
Houston	-139	at Los Angeles	+129

**Interleague**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Philadelphia	-116	at Toronto	+106
at San Francisco	-157	Texas	+147
at Arizona	-187	Seattle	+172

## PRO FOOTBALL

**NFL PRESEASON**

All times Eastern

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

EAST	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	
New England	2	1	0	.667	62	62
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	42	45
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	46	37
Miami	0	3	0	.000	54	80

**SOUTH**

W	L	PCT.	PF	PA		
Houston	2	1	0	.667	53	44
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	51	40
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	61	54
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	37	77

**NORTH**

W	L	PCT.	PF	PA		
Baltimore	4	0	1.000	97	52	
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000	51	40	
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	81	71
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	42	29

**WEST**

W	L	PCT.	PF	PA		
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	44	35
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	41	38
Denver	1	2	0	.333	80	83
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	58	58

**NFL PRESEASON**

**Today**

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**

at Buffalo 1½ 1 41½ Cincinnati  
Arizona +3 2 40½ at Dallas

Updated odds available at Pregame.co

## GOLF

**PGA TOUR**

**THE NORTHERN TRUST**

Saturday's leaders at Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, N.J.

**Purse:** \$9 million. **Yardage:** 7,385; **Par:** 71 (35-36)

**Third Round**

Bryson DeChambeau	68-66-63-197
Keegan Bradley	70-69-62-201
Cameron Smith	69-68-65-202
Tony Finau	69-67-66-202
Billy Horschel	69-69-65-203
Adam Scott	69-64-70-203
Jordan Spieth	70-70-64-204
Bear Hoessler	67-71-66-204
Chez Reavie	71-66-67-204
Patrick Cantlay	69-67-68-204
Phil Mickelson	68-68-68-204
Adam Hadwin	71-65-68-204
Brooks Koepka	67-65-72-204
Aaron Wise	70-68-67-205
Nick Watney	69-68-68-205
Louis Oosthuizen	71-66-68-205
Jason Day	69-67-69-205
Justin Thomas	66-66-73-205
Jamie Lovemark	69-70-67-206
Charley Hoffman	70-69-67-206
Scott Stallings	70-69-67-206
Sam Ryder	69-69-68-206
Webb Simpson	71-66-69-206
Kevin Tway	66-69-71-206
Dustin Johnson	67-67-72-206
Kyle Stanley	71-70-66-207
Hideki Matsuyama	67-67-67-207
Patrick Reed	70-69-68-207
Luke List	69-70-68-207
Daniel Berger	68-71-68-207
Peter Uihlein	68-68-71-207
Ryan Palmer	68-67-72-207
Jhonattan Vegas	67-72-67-207
Sean O'Hair	66-69-72-207
Kevin Na	67-75-66-208
Bronson Burgoon	68-73-67-208
Sung Kang	69-72-67-208
Gary Woodland	72-68-68-208
Kevin Streelman	69-70-70-208
Tommy Fleetwood	67-68-73-208
Byeong Hun An	71-71-67-209
Jimmy Walker	69-72-68-209
Paul Casey	67-73-69-209
Ted Potter, Jr.	71-69-69-209
Whee Kim	72-68-69-209
Bubba Watson	71-67-71-209
Harold Varner III	69-68-72-209
Tiger Woods	71-71-68-210
Austin Cook	68-74-68-210
Pat Perez	73-68-69-210
Scott Piercy	67-72-71-210
Brandon Harkins	73-69-69-211
Chesson Hadley	72-69-70-211
Brian Harman	72-69-70-211
Zach Johnson	72-68-71-211
Emiliano Grillo	69-70-72-211
Seamus Power	71-71-70-212
Marc Leishman	73-69-70-212
Ian Poulter	69-73-70-212
Matt Kuchar	72-69-71-212
Danny Lee	67-73-72-212
Brian Gray	71-68-73-212
Tyrell Hatton	69-70-73-212
Sam Saunders	68-70-74-212
Martin Laird	70-72-71-213
Alex Cejka	67-74-72-213
Jason Kokrak	71-69-73-213
Patton Kizzire	70-70-73-213
Kevin Kisner	69-69-75-213
J.J. Spaun	70-71-73-214
Ryan Armour	69-72-73-214
Trey Mullinax	68-74-73-215
Sri Woo Kim	69-72-74-215
Andrew Putnam	67-72-76-215
Rafa Cabrera Bello	67-71-77-215
C.T. Pan	70-72-74-216
Andrew Landry	73-69-74-216
Chris Kirk	70-72-74-216
Anirban Lahiri	71-71-75-217

**WEEK 3**

**Aug. 23**

Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 0

**Friday's Games**

Carolina 25, New England 14  
Denver 29, Washington 17  
N.Y. Giants 21, N.Y. Jets 16  
Minnesota 21, Seattle 20  
Detroit 33, Tampa Bay 30  
Oakland 13, Green Bay 6

**Saturday's Games**

Chicago 27, Kansas City 20  
Pittsburgh 16, Tennessee 6  
L.A. Rams 21, Houston 20  
Indianapolis 23, San Francisco 17  
Jacksonville 17, Atlanta 6  
Baltimore 27, Miami 10  
New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, late

**Today's Games**

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 4 p.m.  
Arizona at Dallas, 8 p.m.

**WEEK 4**

**Thursday, Aug. 30**

New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Cleveland at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Buffalo at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Minnesota at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
Green Bay at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.  
Denver at Arizona, 10 p.m.  
Oakland at Seattle, 10 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 10 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**AP THE TOP 25 POLL**

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last year's final ranking (LYR):

	RECORD	PTS	LYR
1. Alabama (42)	13-1	1,505	1
2. Clemson (18)	12-2	1,476	4
3. Georgia	13-2	1,350	2
4. Wisconsin (1)	13-1	1,271	7
5. Ohio State	12-2	1,256	5
6. Washington	10-3	1,215	16
7. Oklahoma	12-2	1,173	3
8. Miami	10-3	1,027	13
9. Auburn	10-4	1,013	10
10. Penn State	11-2	1,012	8
11. Michigan State	10-3	877	11
12. Notre Dame	10-3	804	11
13. Stanford	9-5	778	20
14. Michigan	8-5	773	—
15. Southern California	11-3	543	12
16. Texas Christian	11-3	533	9
17. West Virginia	7-6	511	—
18. Mississippi State	9-4	450	19
19. Florida State	7-6	384	—
20. Virginia Tech	9-4	351	24
21. Central Florida	13-0	312	6
22. Boise State	11-3	292	22
23. Texas	7-6	216	—
24. Oregon	7-6	148	—
25. Louisiana State	9-4	106	18

**Others receiving votes:** South Carolina 96, Florida 68, Utah 60, Oklahoma State 51, Florida Atlantic University 38, Arizona 28, North Carolina State 22, Texas A&M 21, Boston College 18, Northwester 13, Kansas State 10, Iowa State 8, Houston 6, Memphis 3, Troy 2, Iowa 2, Kentucky 1, Arkansas State 1, Fresno State 1.

**THE AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE**

All times Eastern

**WEEK 2**

**Thursday's Game**

No. 21 UCF at UConn, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 31**

No. 4 Wisconsin vs. Western Kentucky, 9 p.m.  
No. 13 Stanford vs. San Diego State, 9 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 1**

No. 1 Alabama vs. Louisville at Orlando, Fla., 8 p.m.  
No. 2 Clemson vs. Furman, 12:20 p.m.  
No. 3 Georgia vs. Austin Peay, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 5 Ohio State vs. Oregon State, noon  
No. 6 Washington vs. No. 9 Auburn at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 7 Oklahoma vs. FAU, noon  
No. 10 Penn State vs. Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 11 Michigan State vs. Utah State, 7 p.m.  
No. 12 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 Michigan, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 15 Southern Cal vs. UNLV, 4 p.m.  
No. 16 TCU vs. Southern U, noon  
No. 17 West Virginia vs. Tennessee at Charlotte,

**LPGA TOUR**

**CP WOMEN'S CANADIAN OPEN**

Saturday's leaders at Wascona CC, Saskatchewan

**Purse:** \$2,250,000. **Yardage:** 6,675; **Par:** 71 (35-37) (a-denotes amateur)

**Third Round**

Brooke M. Henderson	66-66-70-203
Nasa Hataoka	64-70-69-203
Angel Yin	65-67-71-203
Billy Andrade	70-64-70-204
Su Oh	70-66-69-205
Austin Ernst	66-69-70-205
Minjee Lee	66-73-67-206
Lydia Ko	66-72-68-206
Jennifer Song	71-66-69-206
Mariah Stackhouse	66-69-71-206
Amy Yang	66-65-75-206
Miriam Lee	69-72-66-207
Bronze Law	69-69-69-207
Jim Young Ko	69-69-69-207
Anna Nordqvist	70-66-71-207
Maria Torres	66-73-67-207
Ariya Jutanugarn	64-70-73-207
Thidapa Suwanapura	69-69-70-208
Jaye Marie Green	69-68-71-208
Shanshan Feng	70-68-71-209
Jenny Shin	69-68-72-209
Lindy Duncan	71-71-68-210
Lee-Anne Pace	68-73-69-210
Sally McDonald	69-70-71-210
Caroline Inglis	68-71-71-210
Georgia Hall	68-70-72-210
Marijo Uibe	64-73-73-210
Megan Khang	68-74-69-211
Alena Sharp	71-70-70-211
Katherine Kirk	70-71-70-211
Anne-Catherine Tanguay	70-71-70-211
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	71-68-72-211
Angela Stanford	70-67-74-211
Perrine Delacour	69-68-74-211
Yu Li	67-69-75-211
Celine Herbin	70-70-72-212
Brittany Lincicome	69-70-73-212
Beatriz Recari	68-70-74-212
Charley Hull	68-70-74-212
Nelly Korda	71-71-71-213
Jackie Stoelting	71-71-71-213
Azahara Munoz	70-72-71-213
Min Jung Hur	70-72-71-213
In Gee Chun	68-74-71-213
Caroline Masson	71-70-72-213
Annie Park	69-72-72-213

**PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS**

**BOEING CLASSIC**

Saturday's leaders at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, Wash.

**Purse:** \$2.1 million; **Yardage:** 7,217; **Par:** 72

**Second Round**

Kevin Sturtevant	70-60-130
Ken Tanigawa	66-64-130
Scott McCarron	66-67-133
Scott Dunlap	68-66-134
Scott Parel	65-70-135
Tom Pernice Jr.	65-70-135
Brad Hopfinger	65-70-135
Bernhard Langer	68-68-136
Jerry Kelly	68-68-136
Miguel Angel Jimenez	67-69-136
Tommy Tollie	70-67-137
John Cook	71-66-137
Stephen Ames	68-69-137
Jesper Parnevik	68-69-137
Jerry Kelly	68-69-137
Mike Grob	67-70-137
Billy Andrade	67-70-137
Michael Bradley	69-69-138
Bob Estes	67-71-138
Steve Pate	66-72-138
Dudley Hart	70-69-139
Ken Day	70-69-139
Glen Perry	70-69-139
Jerry Smith	70-69-139
Duffy Waldorf	69-72-140
Mark Calavecchia	71-69-140
Mark Calavecchia	72-68-140
Mark O'Meara	72-68-140
Gary Hallberg	72-67-140
Woodsy Austin	68-72-140
John Huston	67-68-140
Steve Flesch	70-71-141
Oliver Browne	70-71-141
Janzen	70-71-141
Willie Wood	70-71-141
David McKenzie	68-73-141
Gene Sauers	68-73-141
Fran Quinn	73-68-141
Kirk Triplett	71-71-142
Jean Mogg	72-70-142
Brian Mack	68-74-142
Colin Montgomerie	73-69-142
Fred Couples	71-72-143
Paul Goydos	72-72-143
John Sindelar	70-73-143
Steve Jones	73-70-143
Brad Bryant	69-74-143
Tommy Armour III	75-68-143
Todd Hamilton	71-73-144
John Imman	71-73-144
Esteban Toledo	70-72-144
Marco Dawson	72-74-144
Rocco Mediate	72-74-144
Barb Bryant	69-75-144
Dan Forsman	73-71-144
Scott Verplank	73-71-144
Carlos Franco	68-75-144
Darren Clarke	75-69-144
Jeff Sluman	75-69-144
Tim Petrotic	72-73-145

## SOCCER

## COLLEGE: Basketball

## Oklahoma dedicates center named for Blake Griffin family

By CLIFF BRUNT  
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Blake Griffin stood inside the new performance center on the campus where he once starred and knew this project went far beyond him.

The former Oklahoma star was on hand Saturday for the dedication of the Griffin Family Performance Center. Griffin, the AP Player of the Year in 2009, made the largest donation ever from a Sooner basketball player. The school would not disclose the amount.

"I'm a little overwhelmed right now," the Detroit Pistons forward said. "I just can't find the words."

The school's Board of Regents agreed to name the \$7 million facility for Griffin, but he wanted his family included. Griffin said his brother, former Sooner Taylor Griffin, helped with the planning.

"There was a rendering early on that was the Blake Griffin Performance Center, and I hated it," he said. "It



AP PHOTO

University of Oklahoma women's basketball player Ana Llanusa, president James Gallogly, Gail and Blake Griffin, athletic director Joe Castiglione, and Taylor and Tommy Griffin and others cut the ribbon as the new Griffin Family Performance Center is dedicated at the University of Oklahoma, Saturday in Norman, Okla.

made me feel weird just because my whole lives, my brother and I have been supported by my parents. They are the ones driving us to practice, working two jobs to make sure we had the things we needed — shoes, uniforms, all that. This whole thing, again, has been a group effort."

Griffin and the Pistons will train at the facility before their Oct. 3 preseason game against

the Oklahoma City Thunder. It includes basketball training courts, free weights and areas for stretching, cardiovascular training and strength testing. There are locker rooms, an exam and recovery area and a fueling station. The approximately 16,000 square-foot addition has been in use the past two months.

"We've tried to give them every tool



AP PHOTO

Blake Griffin tries to put a presentation basketball back on its stand inside a plastic case after it was presented to him by the men's and women's basketball team, as the new Griffin Family Performance Center at the University of Oklahoma is dedicated on Saturday in Norman, Okla. Behind is senior associate athletic director Zac Selmon.

possible," Griffin said. "So if a kid really wants to earn it and they want to work hard enough, they have everything that they need. There's stuff in here that I've never used and I've never had in my whole NBA career. That's pretty special."

One of Griffin's favorite things is the alumni locker room. Former

Sooners Buddy Hield and Trae Young, current NBA players who were in town for alumni weekend, have lockers with their names on them at the facility so they'll feel at home when they return during the offseason.

Athletic director Joe Castiglione said it has already affected recruiting.

"Just look at a face when they walk in," he said. "The eyes are wide as saucers, the mouth is agape, the wows, the can't believe it, blown away, incredible. They immediately start imagining what they could do with this type of training center. Those are the takeaways you get, and obviously that's what we sought."

## LITTLE LEAGUE: World Series



AP PHOTO

Honolulu, Hawaii's Sean Yamaguchi, right center, hugs Ka'olu Holt as they celebrate getting the final out of the United States Championship baseball game against Peachtree City, Georgia at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. Hawaii won 3-0 and will face South Korea in the Little League World Series Championship game Sunday.

## South Korea, Hawaii to meet in the LLWS championship

By SARA PERLOWITZ  
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Dominant pitching Saturday got South Korea and Hawaii to the Little League World Series championship on Sunday.

Neither of the starters — Choi Ji-hyung for South Korea and Aukai Kea for Hawaii — can pitch for the title, but that's OK. They each have done damage with their bats, too.

## Story so far

South Korea beat Japan 2-1 in the second meeting of the teams at the tournament. This game was a lot closer than South Korea's 10-0 mercy-rule blowout of Japan earlier, but the Koreans hung on. In South Williamsport, they have outscored their opponents 21-4 over four games.

Hawaii defeated Georgia 3-0, thanks to Kea's 15 strikeouts and a couple of two-out rallies in the late innings.

## Who to watch

Hawaii will only need to worry about Choi when he steps up to the plate, but that's still a problem. Choi has hit three home runs so far, one in each of his last three games. Kim Yeong-hyeon was the closer Saturday and will be the starter on Sunday.

Kea, like Choi, won't be available to pitch Sunday, but he's not bad at the plate, himself. He's hitting .500 with a home run and two doubles. Hawaii manager Gerald

Oda wouldn't say who he was starting for the tournament title.

## Did you know

This will be the third time a team from Seoul has advanced to the tournament championship in the last six years. In 2014, South Korea won it all, but it lost to Maine-Endwell, New York, two years ago.

Hawaii lost in the title game in 2010, but won the championship two years earlier in 2008.

## BASKETBALL: Dream vs. Mystics

## Dream face Mystics with coach of year but missing McCoughtry

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Dream are back in the WNBA playoffs, led by the coach of the year but missing the face of the franchise.

When the Dream face the Washington Mystics in a best-of-five semifinal series that begins Sunday in Atlanta, they'll be without star Angel McCoughtry. The 31-year-old went down late in the season with a knee injury.

"It's going to be tough. Washington is a great offensive team," Atlanta's Renee Montgomery said. "They have people who can go off for 30 on any given night. When you have explosive players like that, you really have to be on your toes."

The biggest threat, of course, is Elena Delle Donne, who led the Mystics in scoring at 20.7 points per game. In an interesting twist, she is facing the team she helped beat with one of the greatest comebacks in WNBA history.

Playing for Chicago during the 2014 playoffs, Delle Donne scored 17 of 34 points in the fourth quarter as the Sky overcame a 20-point deficit on the road, handing the Dream an 81-80 loss in the decisive game of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Now, she's looking to lead another team past Atlanta.

"We've built a great culture here," said Delle Donne, who is in her second season with the Mystics. "Our trust with one another has grown this entire season."

McCoughtry, who was averaging 16.5 points a game, sustained her season-ending injury in an Aug. 7 victory over Las Vegas. Her return to the Dream this season after a one-year WNBA layoff was a big reason for Atlanta's turnaround from a dismal 12-22 mark in

2017.

Nicki Collen was another big part of the Dream's comeback.

The first-year coach took a while to find her groove, but Atlanta has been the WNBA's hottest team since the midway point of the season.

"I inherited a group of players who were hungry for success and have been easy to coach," said Collen, who was named Associated Press coach of the year in her first lead job at any level. "I thank them for their belief in a rookie head coach."

## Filling the void

Tiffany Hayes leads Atlanta at 17.2 points per game, but five other players are averaging at least eight points to ease the sting of losing McCoughtry.

In the regular-season finale against Las Vegas, Elizabeth Williams paced the Dream with 20 points, while Montgomery and Jessica Breland added 16 points apiece. Alex Bentley scored 12 off the bench.

## Streaking teams

Despite losing McCoughtry, Atlanta has won 15 of its last 17 games after going just 8-9 over the first half of the season.

"It wasn't pretty in the beginning, but if there is one thing I am genuinely proud of is when we were working to figure it out, we never lost more than two games in a row," Collen said. "Our consistency at the defensive end gave us chances to win games, and when we found our offensive flow we truly became fun to watch."

The Mystics have also been on quite a roll, ripping off an eight-game winning streak before losing at Minnesota in their regular-season finale. They bounced back to rout the Los Angeles Sparks 98-64 in the second round of the playoffs.

## MLB: Rays

## Rays OF Mallex Smith hospitalized due to viral infection

By MARC TOPKIN  
Tampa Bay Times

OF Mallex Smith has been hospitalized due to a viral infection and placed on the 10-day DL, the Rays said after Friday's game.

Smith was admitted to an area hospital and is receiving antibiotics via IV, the team said, but not expected to stay long. His condition is not considered anything like the life-threatening

bacterial infection that led to Cleveland OF Leonys Martin being hospitalized and sidelined for the rest of the season.

"I don't get the sense it's serious," manager Kevin Cash said. "The kid's in the hospital, so that's concerning enough. I don't know much other than that."

Smith has been one of the Rays' hottest hitters, so it was a surprise he was not in the lineup for Friday's game against Boston. Cash

said Friday afternoon that Smith had woken about 3 a.m. feeling ill but said little else about his condition.

The Rays initially are expected to call up a pitcher to take Smith's place on the active roster to add an extra arm to the bullpen, possibly RHP Andrew Kittredge. If they decide later to call up an outfielder, as they have two days off next week, prospect Austin Meadows, acquired from the Pirates in the Chris Archer trade,

would be an option.

Smith, 25, has been playing at the highest level of his career, hitting .307, seventh in the AL, with multiple hits in seven of his last eight games, and hitting .385 since moving to the leadoff spot Aug. 5. He shares the AL lead with nine triples and is fourth with 27 stolen bases.

Smith was looking forward to going back to Atlanta next week and playing against his former teammates.

## NFL: Buccaneers

## The Bucs best plays are often made up on the fly

By RICK STROUD  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — For all the different formations, runs and pass routes in the playbook, the Bucs' most successful play can't be found there.

"We joke about it, 'What's your No. 1 play in the offense?'" coach Dirk Koetter said. "It's scramble."

"At the end of last year, what we determined to be a scramble play was between 90 and 100 plays."

Considering there are typically between 55-65 plays per game, that's pretty significant. What's more, the ability by quarterback Jameis Winston to extend plays outside the pocket and produce



AP PHOTO

**Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston looks for a receiver as he scrambles in the first half of last week's game against the Titans in Nashville, Tenn.**

positive yardage is one of his biggest assets.

The Bucs' scramble plays in last Saturday's 30-14 win at Tennessee were noteworthy, including Winston's

ill-advised but successful TD pass to Chris Godwin in the second quarter.

"We had four scramble plays from the first half," Koetter said. "One where (Winston) scrambled and

hit O.J. One where (Ryan) Fitzpatrick scrambled and ran for about eight yards. We were flooding the other side of the field. And the other touchdown to Godwin (from Winston) that got called back."

The scramble drill is something offensive coordinator Todd Monken and quarterbacks coach Mike Bajakian have really emphasized in training camp.

"Monk has been really working with these guys," Koetter said. "He did it (Tuesday) when they have these red bags. He's got lots of different versions of it and these guys have really bought into it. It's been good and you can see the results."

Godwin says receivers are aware that both Winston and Fitzpatrick have the ability to escape the pocket. When a play breaks down, receivers know how to make themselves available to the quarterback based on where they are on the field.

"We work on the scramble drill every week," Godwin said. "Going out there, we understand our quarterbacks, they're able to escape and extend the play. So it's our job as receivers to keep the play alive and try to get open for them and give them an option. Obviously, Jameis trusts us enough to give us a chance to try and make a play. Then when the ball is in the

air, it's our job to go and get it.

"Once the ball is in there, it's your job to make a play."

Of course, sometimes Winston takes scramble plays to another level. On occasion, like the play captured on Hard Knocks during a preseason game at Cincinnati last year, it results in an interception. Last Saturday, a similar play to Godwin was a touchdown.

"We can't really be surprised," Godwin said. "It's our job to make sure we're ready for anything. Because if we get into a situation where I didn't expect him to throw and he threw it? Then it's a bad play. We've got to stay ready and don't be surprised by anything."

## COLLEGE: Football

## Florida State CB Taylor feels 'underrated,' yet delivers

By BOB FERRANTE  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State cornerback Levonta Taylor doesn't look the part. The junior is generously listed at 5-foot-10 and 181 pounds.

Not that those numbers interest him. The stats he focuses are 0 and 1 — as in no touchdowns he allowed in 2017 and his jersey number.

Taylor temporarily lost his valuable No. 1 when coach Willie Taggart took away all of the single-digit numbers for Florida State players in the spring, summer and start of preseason camp.

But Taylor is proudly wearing No. 1 again.

"He's a great DB, one of the best in the country," Taggart said. "Great young man, as well. He brings a lot to our team not only on the

football field but off the football field. He's one of the better teammates on the team."

It was confirmation that Taggart recognizes Taylor as a "dude," the coach's definition for a player worthy of a single-digit number.

"Back to being a 'dude,'" Taylor said while wearing an oversized "1" on a gold chain. "I'm happy to have my number back. Like

he said, 'If you work hard for your number, you'll get it back. And if you don't, you'll know why.'"

He'll get his chance to validate his coach's decision when the 19th-ranked Seminoles host No. 20 Florida State on Sept. 3.

Taylor has built a college resume on hard work, refining his technique for the weekly battles against taller

and sometimes stronger receivers. He started all of Florida State's games last season but made just 18 tackles and two interceptions.

Not overly impressive stats, but quarterbacks don't throw his way.

Taylor allowed just 13 receptions, an average of one per game, in 2017 and didn't allow a touchdown in 379 coverage snaps, according to Pro Football Focus. That's the most

snaps without allowing a touchdown pass among Atlantic Coast Conference cornerbacks.

But Taylor wasn't named to last year's All-ACC team or the preseason all-conference team. He was named a preseason All-American by ESPN.com but otherwise was shut out. He feels part of that is a byproduct of the Seminoles' underwhelming 7-6 season in 2017.

## COLLEGE: Football

## Ohio State opener nears, but the talk is not about football

By Mitch Stacy  
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A week before Ohio State's season opener, few in Columbus have been able to focus on football. Not many are talking about the new starting quarterback or how to best use the two elite running backs.

Instead, the discussion has been about domestic violence, misplaced loyalty, lying and how much a football coach at a major university is expected to know about the personal lives of his assistants.

It has been a pre-season unlike any other in Columbus.

On Aug. 1, two days before practice opened, coach Urban Meyer was put on paid leave and the university began an investigation into his handling of domestic violence allegations against receivers

coach Zach Smith against his now ex-wife.

That situation came to a head Wednesday night. After nearly 11 hours of discussions, the board of trustees handed down a three-game suspension for Meyer. A two-week investigation concluded the superstar coach needed to be punished for tolerating Smith's bad behavior for so long. Smith is the grandson of former Ohio State coach and Meyer mentor Earle Bruce.

After Wednesday's news conference, Meyer was criticized for his response to a question about Zach Smith's ex-wife, Courtney. On Friday, Meyer issued a statement apologizing directly to her.

Meyer, who is 73-8 in six seasons at Ohio State, will be off the sideline until the Sept. 22 game at Ohio Stadium against Tulane.

The 54-year-old coach, however, will be allowed to run practice after Sept. 1.

The national debate about off-field issues is not likely to wane by then.

"The fact that Urban is not there still becomes a major part of it, so I don't know that Ohio State gets to directly say, 'Hey, the suspension has been handed down, there was a press conference, now let's talk solely about football.' I don't think that's going to happen," said Austin Ward, who has covered Ohio State football since 2012 and writes for the website Lettermen Row. "He's such a commanding presence, and now this thing could bleed out into the first couple weeks of the season where it still becomes a topic that you just cannot ignore."

## LITTLE LEAGUE: World Series

## South Korea beats Japan 2-1 for a spot in LLWS championship

By TOMMY BUTLER  
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — South Korea won the international bracket Saturday at the Little League World Series and there's no question who led the way.

Choi Ji-hyung blasted his third home run of the LLWS, then struck out seven over 4 2/3 innings Saturday, giving South Korea a spot in the tournament championship with a 2-1 win over Japan.

South Korea will play Hawaii, which shut out Georgia 3-0 to win the U.S. bracket, in the Little League World Series championship on Sunday.

With two outs and

nobody on in the first inning, Choi's homer reached fans camped out beyond the left-field fence. He raised his right index finger in the air as he rounded first and jumped up to high five his third-base coach with both hands on his way home.

Though new bats in use at this year's LLWS have caused home runs to become scarce, it was Choi's second homer against Japan at the double-elimination tournament. He also hit one in South Korea's 10-0 victory on Wednesday, and finished 4-for-5 with three RBIs across the two Japan games, scoring four runs.

South Korea also got

its second run in the first inning Saturday. Just after Choi's shot, Choi Soo-ho's double to center drove home Kim Gi-jeong, who reached second on a throwing error by Japan.

"We didn't expect a 10-0 game today, but getting two runs didn't satisfy us," said South Korea's manager, Su Ji-hee through a translator. "We didn't think the two runs would be the final runs."

Choi Ji-hyung also started on the mound for South Korea, keeping Japan scoreless on three hits while he was in. But was pulled in the top of the fifth with runners on the corners.

## NFL: ROUNDUP

## Chase Daniel, Bears backups give Chiefs starters fits

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bears coach Matt Nagy decided to rest his starters for the next-to-last preseason game rather than use it as the customary regular-season tuneup.

And the backups proved that they're also ready for the regular season. Backup quarterback Chase Daniel directed touchdown drives on the first three possessions and the Bears defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 27-20 on Saturday.

"It's a confidence builder, for sure," Daniel said.

The Bears played in the Hall of Fame Game and have been practicing since July 20, and Nagy liked what he'd seen in practices.

So he decided Friday to keep starters out of what normally would be a dress rehearsal for the regular-season opener at Green Bay on Sept. 9.

"This was, for me, more of just knowing the pulse of our team," Nagy said. "I know this team better than anybody right now."

Daniel replaced Mitchell Trubisky against the Chiefs, the team Nagy last year served as offensive coordinator. Nagy didn't think Trubisky, who is in his second year as a starter, would have benefited greatly after about 2,000 preseason and training camp snaps.

"We've had some grueling practices against Denver, some live reps in our past couple preseason games," Nagy said.

Playing against Chiefs defensive starters and then the backups, Daniel led the Bears to a 24-10 halftime lead.

Daniel, a Chiefs backup quarterback from 2013-15, finished 15 of 18 for 198 yards and two

touchdowns. The first two Bears touchdown drives came against Kansas City's starting defense, minus injured safety Eric Berry and four other injured players.

## JAGUARS 17, FALCONS 6:

The Jacksonville Jaguars might have lost their No. 1 receiver for the season. Marqise Lee, who led the team in receptions in 2017, injured his left knee in a victory against Atlanta in the preseason and could be out for the year. Lee was carted off the field in the first quarter after Falcons cornerback Damontae Kazee twisted his leg making a tackle. Lee fumbled on the play, but it was overturned because Kazee was flagged for tackling with his helmet. Teammates and coaches offered well-wishes to Lee as he left the field. Nonetheless, it was the kind of preseason injury that leaves players, coaches and fans shaking their heads.

## RAMS 21, TEXANS 20:

Rookie John Kelly rushed for 64 yards and two touchdowns, and the briefly debuted their new defensive stars. Although the Rams rested 10 presumptive offensive starters for the third straight preseason game, the Los Angeles defense's three big offseason acquisitions played at the Coliseum. Ndamukong Suh and cornerback Marcus Peters and Aqib Talib got some action early in the first quarter before sitting. J.J. Watt also started and made a tackle in his first on-field action since breaking his leg in the Texans' fifth game last season. The three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year didn't get to see the current holder of the award, Aaron Donald, who is deep in his second consecutive contract holdout from the Rams.

STEELERS 16, TITANS 6: Ben

Roethlisberger made the most of his brief preseason cameo, throwing for 114 yards and a touchdown. New Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Randy Fichtner didn't let Roethlisberger's lone scheduled exhibition appearance ahead of the Sept. 9 season opener at Cleveland go to waste. Roethlisberger completed 11 of 18 passes during his three drives, including a 32-yard rainbow to Justin Hunter for a score late in the first quarter. Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota, meanwhile, struggled against Pittsburgh's starting defense.

## COLTS 23, 49ERS 17:

Andrew Luck threw a touchdown pass on what will probably be his last preseason drive, and Christine Michael scored on a 1-yard plunge late in the third quarter. Luck looked much sharper than he did in Monday night's loss to Baltimore. He wound up 8 of 10 with 90 yards and produced the only TD in the first half. He also had four carries for 27 yards before leaving midway through the second quarter.

## RAVENS 27, DOLPHINS 10:

First-round pick Lamar Jackson led touchdown possessions of 84, 62 and 73 yards against mostly deep reserves. Jackson entered the game at the start of the second half and had his best performance yet for the Ravens. He went 7 for 10 for 98 yards and a touchdown, and ran for 39 yards on three carries, including a 19-yard scoring run. Kenyan Drake sparked one scoring drive with a 30-yard run and another with a 36-yard reception for the Dolphins, whose starters reached the end zone for the first time this preseason. Ryan Tannehill fumbled twice early, and the Dolphins drew boos from the small crowd when they went three-and-out on the first series.

# Our area is replete with recreational activities

Every day I find myself marveling at the copious number of recreational options available in Charlotte County.



Sports Editor

**BEN BAUGH**

There are so many sports and activities people can participate in to keep themselves immersed in energetic pursuits.

The county's rec centers offer a number of programs, and the venues' amenities have something to offer every age group, placing an emphasis on fitness, healthy living, while allowing our residents a way to improve their quality of life in many different and exciting ways.

It's that rich community spirit, one that resonates powerfully, making Charlotte County ideal for recreation, attracting national events and increased interest because of its desirable locale and enthusiastic people.

Charlotte County embodies the spirit of America, and its residents are brimming

with optimism, and the number of athletes in the area continues to grow.

Golf, tennis, sailing, softball, martial arts, pickleball, shuffleboard, bocce, kayaking, professional baseball, high school prep sports, Pop Warner, Little League, BMX racing, rec leagues, club sports, etc ... dominate the landscape, making a definitive impact that's palpable year round.

My experiences, although limited, having been here less than four months, have been pleasant. I would like to learn more about the community's interest in sport, what people are passionate about, and the depth of its rich history.

Please email me at bbaugh@sun-herald.com.



SUN FILE PHOTO

Whether you're interested in softball, rowing, BMX racing, pickleball, or plenty others, Charlotte County has something for everyone.

## TODAY / TONIGHT MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

<p>A stray afternoon t-storm</p> <p><b>HIGH 92°</b> 45% chance of rain</p> <p><b>LOW 74°</b> 15% chance of rain</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy</p> <p><b>91° / 75°</b> 45% chance of rain</p>	<p>Clouds and sun, a t-storm late in the p.m.</p> <p><b>92° / 74°</b> 65% chance of rain</p>	<p>Clouds and sun, a t-storm in the afternoon</p> <p><b>92° / 74°</b> 55% chance of rain</p>	<p>Rather cloudy and humid; a p.m. t-storm</p> <p><b>92° / 74°</b> 30% chance of rain</p>	<p>Variably cloudy, a t-storm possible; humid</p> <p><b>92° / 75°</b> 30% chance of rain</p>	<p>Some sun with a t-storm possible; humid</p> <p><b>92° / 76°</b> 30% chance of rain</p>
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### 88° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FLORIDA CITIES TIDES

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Boca Grande	Today 2:12a 6:36a 1:06p 8:03p Mon. 2:40a 7:18a 1:41p 8:32p	
El Jobean	Today 5:12a 10:11a 4:10p 11:32p Mon. 5:24a 10:48a 4:45p 11:57p	
Venice	Today 1:32a 6:37a 12:30p 7:58p Mon. 1:44a 7:14a 1:05p 8:23p	

## MARINE

Wind direction	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland chop
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	ESE 7-14	1-2	Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	ESE 6-12	1-2	Light

## SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	7:05 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Monday	7:05 a.m.	7:54 p.m.

## CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature Today

Time	UV Index	RealFeel
8 a.m.	1	85
10 a.m.	3	92
Noon	7	101
2 p.m.	7	103
4 p.m.	2	97
6 p.m.	1	90

## POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Trees	absent
Grass	low
Weeds	low
Molds	low

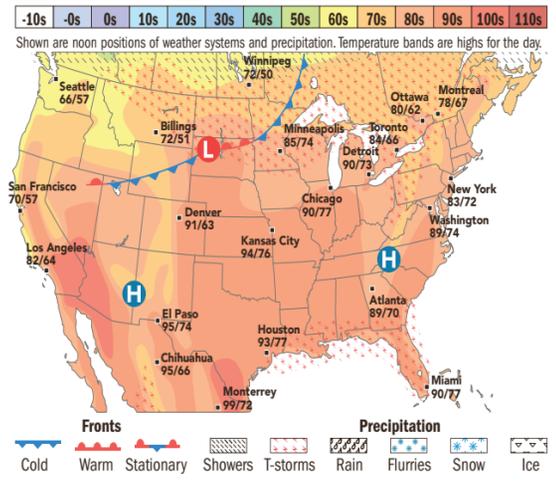
## AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

36

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

## THE NATION



## U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High 101° at Needles, CA Low 28° at Truckee, CA

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Atlanta	89 70 s 90 70 s	Knoxville	89 68 s 91 69 s		
Baltimore	88 69 s 91 71 s	Las Vegas	103 79 s 101 77 s		
Billings	72 51 pc 57 44 sh	Los Angeles	82 64 pc 80 67 pc		
Birmingham	93 72 s 93 72 s	Louisville	92 75 pc 93 76 s		
Boise	76 54 pc 72 47 pc	Memphis	93 76 s 93 76 s		
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Detroit	90 73 pc 91 75 pc	Providence	82 67 s 90 71 s		
Duluth	76 66 t 79 56 t	Raleigh	90 68 s 93 69 s		
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Fargo	81 58 t 70 50 c	St. Louis	95 76 pc 94 78 s		
Hartford	84 66 s 90 70 s	San Antonio	97 77 s 99 77 s		
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## WORLD CITIES

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Temperatures	91°/75°
High/Low	91°/75°
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Record Low	68° (1975)

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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	15.98/1918
Jun.	6.23	14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.	9.80	9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.	9.29	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	45.62	60.36	50.74	(since 1931)

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Temperatures	91°/75°
High/Low	91°/75°
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Record High	95° (1993)
Record Low	68° (1975)

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## How to reset retirement plans to weather a downturn

By **LIZ WESTON**  
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The older the current bull market gets, the more stories you're likely to read about how this is an awful time to retire.

Yes, we're due for a correction that trims 20 percent or more from stock values. That could be a big problem for people taking withdrawals from investment portfolios, since market losses early in retirement increase the

chances of running short of money.

The answer isn't to cower in fear, but to plan for the inevitable downturns. Financial planners say the following actions can

help make your money last.

### Make sure you're properly diversified

Stocks have quadrupled since March 9, 2009, the beginning of the current bull market. Meanwhile, returns on bonds and cash remain low. Investors who haven't regularly rebalanced back to a target mix of stocks, bonds and cash probably

have way too much of their portfolios in stocks.

The time to rebalance is now, before markets start bucking and making it harder to think rationally. The right asset allocation depends on your income needs and risk tolerance, among other factors, but many financial planners recommend having a few years' worth of withdrawals in safer investments to mitigate the urge to sell when stocks fall.

Certified financial

planner Lawrence Heller of Melville, New York, uses the "bucket" strategy to avoid selling in down markets. Heller typically has clients keep one to three years' worth of expenses in cash, plus seven to nine years' worth in bonds, giving them 10 years before they would have to sell any stocks.

"That should be enough time to ride out a correction," Heller says.

Near-retirees who use target date funds or

computerized robo-advisors to invest for retirement don't have to worry about regular rebalancing — that's done automatically. But they may want to consider switching to a more conservative mix if stocks make up over half of their portfolios.

### Start smaller, or be willing to cut back

Historically, retirees

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## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

### For many young investors, the stock market's only gone up

NEW YORK — For many younger investors, the stock market has only gone one direction: up. The S&P 500 is in the midst of its longest-ever bull run, and it's been nearly nine and a half years since the last drop of 20 percent. What will these investors do when the next downturn inevitably arrives? How they respond will be crucial because this generation of workers bears a heavier responsibility for paying for their own retirement.

### San Francisco's \$2.2 billion 'Grand Central' terminal open

SAN FRANCISCO — After nearly a decade of construction, San Francisco's new \$2.2 billion transit terminal is open. Coined the "Grand Central of the West," the Salesforce Transit Center spans 2.5 blocks in the South of Market neighborhood and features a rooftop park. It has already become a popular spot for locals and tourists on sunny days.

### Fed minutes suggest further rate hikes coming 'soon'

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve officials earlier this month said that a strong economy meant that it would "likely soon be appropriate" to boost their benchmark interest rate for a third time this year. But minutes of their discussions also revealed growing concerns about how the economy would fare under the Trump administration's trade policies and a possible escalation of trade wars.

### Can tech giants work together against their common enemies?

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook, Twitter and Google squabble for users, engineers and advertiser money, but when it comes to security threats, elections meddling and other common enemies, it makes sense for these tech giants to work together. Cooperating also makes the companies look good in the eyes of their users and regulators.

### Fed Chair Powell's take on economy is awaited as risks loom

WASHINGTON — Is financial turmoil in Turkey and other emerging economies at risk of spreading? Will America's trade war with China derail the U.S. economy? Does the Federal Reserve have the means to fight the next recession? And: Is Chairman Jerome Powell troubled by President Donald Trump's public scolding of the Fed's interest rate hikes?

### US home sales fell 0.7 percent, 4th straight monthly decline

WASHINGTON — U.S. sales of existing homes slipped for the fourth consecutive month in July. They fell 0.7 percent to the slowest pace in more than two years as the real estate market shows signs of cooling. The National Association of Realtors says homes sold last month at a seasonally adjusted annual pace of 5.34 million. The U.S. housing market is hurt by a widening wealth gap, as inventories of lower-priced homes remain tight.

### Keeping families together on the plane without going broke

The Transportation Department has resisted requiring airlines to ensure that families sit together without paying extra seat fees. Parents can feel pressured to pay more money to sit with their young children on crowded planes. A consumer group is protesting to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, but the agency says instead it's offering tips on its website and monitoring complaints.

### Clouds clear, and Lowe's delivers strong second quarter

NEW YORK — Lowe's rebounded in the second quarter after dismal weather cut into projects at home and into company profits to start the year. Investors shrugged off a more guarded outlook from the home-improvement retailer, which

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## Broken Egg Diner opens in Sebring Square



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There is seating for 100 people in the restaurant.

By **BILL ROGERS**  
CORRESPONDENT

The owners could have named the restaurant in Sebring using their first names, but John Bampounis and Nicholas Alexiou thought that the words broken egg would be funny, simple and, most importantly, something people will remember.

They opened the Broken Egg Diner in July at 950 Sebring Square in the shopping center on U.S. 27 North. It is open from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The restaurant has an extensive menu that not only includes breakfast and lunch but dinner items as well. It offers three-egg omelettes, pancakes, French toast, Skillet, combos, classic egg breakfast, soups, salads, wraps, burgers, sandwiches, melts, seafood and pasta.

Bampounis and Alexiou, who are both from the same town in Greece, are partners in the diner.

They both have experience in the restaurant business. John owned a restaurant in Wauchula and worked at the Olympic Restaurant in Avon Park for several years. Nicholas was a kitchen manager at an eatery in Winter Haven. His brother is a professional chef in Greece.

The wives of John and Nicholas also have something in common. They are related to one another as they are cousins.

The men are actively involved in the eatery and can be found in the kitchen. John said he likes to cook breakfast. One of

Nicholas' favorite things to make is meatloaf. He seems to also enjoy cooking and eating burgers.

"Nobody can say no to the American burger," Nicholas said. "Nobody."

John said he likes Sebring and knew about the restaurant that had been in the shopping center for several years.

"When I heard

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Nicholas Alexiou, left, and John Bampounis opened the Broken Egg Diner in July.



## US durable goods orders fell 1.7 percent in July

By **JOSH BOAK**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Orders for long-lasting U.S. factory goods fell 1.7 percent in July, the third decrease in the past four months.

The Commerce Department said Friday that durable goods orders — items meant to last at least three years such as autos and appliances — totaled \$246.9 billion last month. Much of that decline came from a steep 35.4 percent drop

in orders for nondefense aircraft, a volatile category on a monthly basis.

For most of 2018, manufacturing has been a source of strength with durable goods orders increasing 8.6 percent year-to-date. Excluding aircraft and non-military goods, orders rose 1.4 percent in July, a positive sign for the economy.

Still, U.S. trade show-downs with China, the European Union, Canada and Mexico have left many manufacturers



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In this May 21, 2018, file photo, a family shops for washing and drying machines at Lowe's Home Improvement store in East Rutherford, N.J. On Friday, Aug. 24, the Commerce Department releases its July report on durable goods.

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that it was closing, I think that it was a good opportunity for us," he said.

It is a tough business and they believe a person has to have a passion for serving people to be successful. Being honest with people, treating them right and not getting greedy are also important.

"We're trying every day to put in this restaurant 100 percent of ourselves," Nicholas said.

Keri Welsh has eaten breakfast and lunch there. She said she had been to the restaurant when it was Dot's and noticed the Broken Egg sign while passing by the shopping center.

Welsh said the corned beef hash and potatoes and a biscuit was "very good." The fried chicken, she said, was "cooked perfect." She added that she was not able to eat it all and took some of it home.

"You don't leave there hungry," Welsh said, adding the servers are friendly.

The men said it took



BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

**Breakfast and lunch specials are offered at the Broken Egg Diner.**

four months of working on the place, which they said was in bad shape, before they were able to open.

The Broken Egg has

a Facebook page that includes information about daily specials. The telephone number for the restaurant is 863-402-9050.

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feeling uncertain about their futures. President Donald Trump has levied and threatened taxes on imports as a tool for forcing foreign countries to give the United States

better terms of trade. But tariffs carry the risk of higher prices and fewer sales for manufacturers that rely on a global market.

In its index on manufacturing growth, the Institute for Supply Management found that manufacturers were

still expanding even as international trade has become a dominant concern.

The ISM, a trade group of purchasing managers, reported that its manufacturing index fell in July to 58.1 from 60.2 in June. Anything over 50 signals growth.

## RETIRE

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could minimize the risk of running out of money by withdrawing 4 percent of their portfolios in the first year of retirement and increasing the withdrawal amount by the inflation rate each year after that. This approach, pioneered by financial planner and researcher Bill Bengen, became known as the "4 percent rule."

Some researchers worry that the rule might not work in extended periods of low returns. One alternative is to start withdrawals at about 3 percent.

Another approach is to forgo inflation adjustments in bad years. Derek Tharp, a researcher with financial planning site Kitces.com, found that retirees could start at an initial 4.5 percent withdrawal rate if they were willing to trim their spending by 3 percent — which is equivalent to the average inflation adjustment — after years when their portfolios lose money.

"You don't actually cut your spending. You

just don't increase it for inflation," says certified financial planner Michael Kitces.

**PAY OFF DEBT, MAXIMIZE SOCIAL SECURITY**

Reducing expenses trims the amount that retirees must take from their portfolios during bad markets. That's why Melissa Sotudeh, a certified financial planner in Rockville, Maryland, recommends paying off debt before retirement.

She also suggests clients maximize Social Security checks. Benefits increase by about 7-8 percent for each year people put off starting Social Security after age 62. The more guaranteed income people have, the less they may have to lean on their portfolios.

**IF NEEDED, ARRANGE MORE GUARANTEED INCOME**

Ideally, retirees would have enough guaranteed income from Social Security and pensions to cover all of their basic expenses, such as housing, food, utilities, transportation, taxes and insurance,

says Wade Pfau, professor of retirement income at the American College of Financial Services. If they don't, they may be able to create more guaranteed income using fixed annuities or reverse mortgages, says Pfau, author of "How Much Can I Spend in Retirement?"

Fixed annuities allow buyers to pay a lump sum to an insurance company typically in exchange for monthly payments that can last a lifetime. Reverse mortgages give people age 62 and older access to their equity through lump sums, lines of credit or monthly payments, and the borrowed money doesn't have to be paid back until the owner sells, dies or moves out.

Covering expenses with guaranteed income actually can free retirees to take more risk with their investment portfolios, which over time can give them better returns and more money to spend or leave to their kids, Pfau says.

"They'll be able to invest more aggressively and still sleep at night because they don't need that money to fund their day-to-day retirement

## Lawsuit protocol: Call attorneys, but take time for business

By **JOYCE M. ROSENBERG**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — When a small business is involved in a lawsuit, an owner's concern can't only be about winning or losing — it also has to be about making sure the company stays on track.

Owners who have been sued or who brought lawsuits themselves must meet with lawyers, gather evidence and sometimes give depositions. If they have employees whose testimony is needed, bosses must spend time with them explaining the situation. The time and energy it takes can be a huge disruption to normal operations.

"It was like I had to take on another job — being a defendant. It probably added three hours to my day," Burke Files recalls of the lawsuit brought against his company, Financial Examinations & Evaluations, in 2010. Another business charged Files' company with libel because of information one of his employees posted on a website unconnected to Files' Tempe, Arizona-based firm.

Files hired a legal clerk to read and gather documents, but oversaw the litigation himself and



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**In this Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, photo David Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of FullStack Labs an app and software developer, poses for a photo in the company's office in Granite Bay, Calif.**

still had to go through company's records in search of evidence: "all the communications for the past five years of every single person in the firm."

The lawsuit kept Files from focusing on running the company, and he estimates that the case cost him more than \$500,000 in lost business and \$15,000 in legal costs. The firm, which investigates companies' finances, prevailed nine months after the suit was filed, when its opponent dropped the case.

Although lawsuits brought by other companies can be distracting, they tend to be less time-consuming and

disruptive than product liability suits or cases brought by employees for harassment or back pay, says Joshua Bauchner, an attorney with Ansell, Grimm & Aaron in Woodland Park, New Jersey. The vast majority of business cases are settled before going to trial, he says. Still, the companies do go through discovery, the process of sharing documents and evidence, and often depositions are taken.

Lawsuits brought by current or former employees can be devastating to a small business, especially when other staffers are deposed, Bauchner says.

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trimmed its expectations for the year as it shifts direction under new CEO Marvin Ellison. Ellison came to its helm last

month.

**Cubans getting early taste of mobile internet**

HAVANA — One of the world's least-wired countries is getting a little

more connected. Cubans with cellphones are getting mobile access to the internet in a tentative but significant opening of communications on the communist-governed island.

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## ON THE MONEY

# Keeping families together on the plane without going broke

By DAVID KOENIG

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Little has changed in the two years since Congress prodded airlines to seat children 13 and younger next to an adult family member at no extra cost.

The reason: The Trump administration has declined to draft new rules detailing how airlines should apply the new law. That means that kids, in some cases, are still being separated from their parents while other families are paying more — in advance — to guarantee seats together. Consumer advocates have lobbied Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao to start writing regulations to no avail. Instead, the department added a page to its website with tips for traveling families and links to information on airline sites.

That has not satisfied the critics.

"Your inaction makes DOT a witting accomplice to airlines who hold kids hostage and separate them from their families," Charlie Leocha of Travelers United said in a recent letter to Chao. "The airlines force parents to pay as much as \$200 and more per person to protect their toddlers, young children and preteens from sitting next to a stranger."

The airline industry opposed the family-seating requirement and other provisions that Congress included in a 2016 bill governing operations of the Federal Aviation Administration. Industry

officials called the provisions an attempt to re-regulate airline prices and services.

A spokeswoman for trade group Airlines for America says decisions about customer service are best left to airline employees.

"Airlines have always worked to accommodate customers who are traveling together, especially those traveling with children, and will continue to do so," said the industry group spokeswoman, Sarah Soulier.

Airlines say they have deployed new tools to seat families together.

Ross Feinstein, a spokesman for American Airlines, said the carrier has an automated booking system that accommodates families "the vast majority of the time" at no extra cost. When it can't, he said, gate agents are often able to help families by moving them into any of about 12 seats that are set aside and not assigned until shortly before takeoff.

In cases of last-minute bookings, there might not be four or five seats together so families could be split up, but usually each young child can be seated next to a parent or other family member, he said.

Likewise, Delta Air Lines spokeswoman Lisa Hanna said the airline "does everything possible to work with families so they can sit together."

Both airlines acknowledge there can be some rare occasions when families are still separated.

John Wellner, a



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In this Nov. 22, 2017, file photo, a child pulls a suitcase along a crosswalk upon arriving at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday in Atlanta. Parents may be feeling pressure to pay more money to sit with their young children on crowded planes despite a push by Congress to make airlines let families sit together at no extra cost. A consumer group has protested to Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, asking her to begin writing regulations over the airlines' family-seating policies.

social-studies teacher, said Delta initially refused to seat his 5-year-old and 9-year-old next to him and his wife on a flight this month from Minneapolis to Lima, Peru, unless they paid an extra \$200. The situation was resolved, with no extra charges, after Wellner contacted Delta on Twitter.

"I was stunned to learn that a child as young as 5 years old was not required to sit with their parents," Wellner said. "One bad traveler next to a young kid and I am sure a pretty big lawsuit would be headed their way."

The problem dates back more than six years. That's when airlines started to increase the number of coach seats requiring an extra fee or elite status to book in advance. Some of them had extra legroom, but many of those seats were just closer to the front of the plane. Fliers were either

separated from their loved ones or forced to pay \$25 extra or more, per seat, each way — including middle seats.

In the July 2016 FAA measure, Congress gave the transportation secretary one year to review airline seating policies and, "if appropriate," to require all carriers to create a way that children under 14 would be seated next to a family member 14 or older at no extra cost.

Congress left wiggle room, however. It said airlines only had to comply "to the maximum extent practicable." Lawmakers decided that the requirement would not apply if it meant upgrading a passenger to a better cabin or a better seat with more legroom if the airline normally charged a fee for that upgrade.

Consumer advocates and some travel experts say airlines fail to even offer options when buying

a ticket online or on mobile apps to indicate that a passenger is 13 or younger — many sites only ask if a passenger is much younger than that. They accuse the airlines of pressuring parents to pay an extra \$25 to \$75 per seat assignment to be sure they will be together.

Summer Hull, who writes a family-travel blog called Mommy Points, said she paid \$60 extra for upgraded seats on Spirit Airlines for her 3-year-old and 8-year-old on a recent trip to Disney World.

"The airlines are super-clear — they are not guaranteeing you will sit next to your kids. It's very stressful," Hull said. The extra \$60, she added, "was worth the peace of mind."

The advent of so-called basic economy seats — which generally don't allow customers to pick seats until shortly before the flight — has made matters worse, according

to Hull, further scaring families into paying more for a ticket that comes with a seat assignment.

Travel experts offer some advice for families:

—Book early to ensure the best selection of seats.  
—Don't buy basic-economy fares, which don't come with any advance seat assignments, even though they may be cheaper.

—Check the seat-availability chart and pick seats before clicking on "pay."

—If you must pay fees to find adjacent seats, ask the airline to waive them — you might get a quicker response by contacting the airline on social media.

—If you don't have assigned seats, or during booking got seats that aren't next to each other, arrive at the gate early and ask the gate agent for help.

—As a last resort, appeal to the kindness of fellow travelers and ask other passengers if they will trade seats.

Some airlines, like American, set aside a higher percentage of seats for customers willing to pay for more legroom or other amenities. That reduces the number of seats that may be available to families looking for the lowest price.

Unlike other airlines, Southwest does not assign seats. The airline lets adults traveling with a child under seven to board after the first 60 passengers, when there are more open seats, but there is no special provision for slightly older children.

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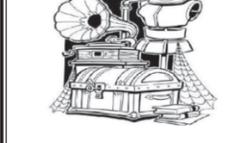
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Sure, your college may allow students to pay for tuition and fees with a credit card. But, like partying the night before a midterm, it's probably not a good idea.

Paying for anything with plastic requires a plan to get rid of your balance fast. That keeps interest charges from piling up. Plus, many schools charge "convenience fees" that could cost more than the value of any rewards points or cash-back bonuses you're hoping to get on your card.

Here's what to weigh before using one type of credit to pursue another.

## FEES

Before brandishing your card, check if the school tacks on an extra charge, called a convenience fee, to accept payments made with plastic.

Colleges with convenience fees charge 2.75 percent of the total payment, on average, according to a survey of 410 institutions by the National Association of College and University

Business Officers. That means if you pay \$2,000 for tuition, your card will be charged \$2,055. The bigger the payment, the more expensive that fee will be.

## ERODING REWARDS

If your credit card offers cash back or travel rewards based on the amount you spend, the idea of charging your tuition bill might make "Free plane ticket" flash in front of your eyes. But do the math first.

On a 1.5 percent cash-back credit card, you'll earn \$30 in rewards on a \$2,000 charge. A 2.75 percent convenience fee of \$55 will more than cancel that out.

It's more likely you'll see savings if you recently

got a credit card with a sign-up bonus — say, if your card offers \$200 back after spending \$1,000 in the first three months. But even then, if a convenience fee were applied, it would eat away at those rewards.

## INTEREST CHARGES

Community colleges are the type of school most likely to accept payment by credit card — and the least likely to charge a convenience fee — according to the National Association of College and University Business Officers survey. They're also the least expensive, according to the College Board.

But even then, it's not a good idea to pay with a credit card if you plan to

carry that balance from month to month. Unless you have a card that doesn't charge interest for an introductory period, carrying a balance could mean paying loads in interest charges. For instance, leaving a \$2,055 balance on a card with an annual percentage rate of 17 percent will accrue about \$29 in interest in the first month alone.

## OTHER FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

Know that you don't have to pay for school out of pocket.

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the FAFSA, to qualify for federal grants you don't have to pay back. Students with financial need can get a Pell Grant, for

instance, of up to \$6,095 for the year. The amount you'll receive depends on your income, school costs and whether you'll attend full- or part-time.

The FAFSA also makes you eligible for federal student loans, whose interest rates — 5.05 percent for undergrads in 2018-19 — are generally lower than the rates on credit cards. Check into scholarships, too, and ask about getting tuition reimbursement from your company if you'll work while studying.

Unless you have a plan to get rid of your balance fast — and you've already exhausted every other financial aid option — paying for college on credit doesn't make the grade.

# Buyers beware: Recalls this week

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## Ford recalls electric car power cables due to fire risk

DETROIT — Ford is recalling the charging cords for more than 50,000 plug-in hybrid and electric cars in North America because they could cause fires in electrical outlets.

The company says the 120-volt cords came with certain 2012 through 2015 Focus electrics and some 2013 through 2015 Fusion Energi and C-Max Energi plug-in hybrids.

Ford says plugging the cords into outlets that aren't on a dedicated circuit or are on damaged, worn or corroded circuits could cause wall outlets to overheat.

The company says it has reports of four fires involving C-Max cords, but no injuries. In three of the fires, owners used extension cords, which Ford says it tells owners not to do. In the fourth fire, Ford says the cause was inconclusive but it does not believe the blaze was related to the cord.

Dealers will replace the cords with ones that can sense high temperatures and shut off charging if

necessary. Owners will be notified by letters starting next week.

Ford says owners can keep using the original cords but should follow owners-manual instructions that spell out requirements for wall outlets.

## Fiat Chrysler recalls vans, SUVs to fix spongy brakes

DETROIT — Fiat Chrysler is recalling nearly 209,000 minivans and SUVs worldwide to fix a brake problem that can cause longer stopping distances.

The recall covers the 2018 Dodge Journey, 2019 Jeep Cherokee and the 2018 and 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan and Jeep Compass. Most are in the United States.

The company says a brake-system part wasn't built to specifications, allowing gas bubbles to form in the brake fluid. FCA has received no customer complaints or reports of any crashes or injuries from the problem.

Owners will be notified shortly. Dealers will replace the brake fluid, which Fiat Chrysler says will solve the problem.

## Back-to-School: Schumer warns of toxic crayons and markers

ALBANY, N.Y. — As children fill their school backpacks with new crayons, markers and notebooks, Sen. Charles Schumer is urging federal officials to take immediate steps to protect kids from potentially harmful chemicals in their classroom supplies.

Schumer told reporters in a conference call Wednesday that reports from consumer advocacy groups have revealed toxic chemicals in common school supplies including crayons, markers, rulers, 3-ring binders, notebooks, glue and lunch boxes.

He called on the Consumer Product Safety Commission to investigate the products mentioned in non-profit consumer group reports, alert the public, and recall items if necessary.

Schumer referred to a recent report from the non-profit U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund. It found toxic chemicals in a variety of school supplies, including asbestos in crayons and benzene in dry-erase markers.



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This Feb. 14, 2013, file photo shows a hybrid logo on the back of a Ford Fusion hybrid automobile at the 2013 Pittsburgh Auto Show in Pittsburgh. Ford is recalling the charging cords for more than 50,000 plug-in hybrid and electric cars in North America because they could cause fires in electrical outlets. The company says the 120-volt cords came with certain 2012 through 2015 Focus electrics and some 2013 through 2015 Fusion Energi and C-Max Energi plug-in hybrids.

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## Google takes on alleged Iranian influence campaign

Google announced Thursday it had disabled dozens of YouTube channels and other accounts linked to a state-run Iranian broadcaster for a political influence campaign. Tech companies have become much more proactive since last year, when they acknowledged Russian propaganda efforts on their networks during the 2016 presidential campaign. Some are offering direct help to protect U.S. candidates in the 2018 midterms, although such assistance may raise campaign-contribution questions.

## Govt acts to stop high-tax states from skirting \$10K cap

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has laid down rules aimed at preventing residents in high-tax states

from avoiding a new cap on widely popular state and local tax deductions. The action over the new Republican tax law pits the government against high-tax, heavily Democratic states in an election-year showdown.

## US, China raise tariffs in new round of trade dispute

BEIJING — The United States and China have increased tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods in a new escalation of their battle over Beijing's technology policy. The 25 percent penalties apply to \$16 billion of imports from each side. The Chinese government called the U.S. duties a violation of World Trade Organization rules and announced it would file a legal challenge.

## Senate panel approves Trump's nominee for consumer watchdog

WASHINGTON

(AP) — The Senate Banking Committee has approved President Trump's nominee to run the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau along a party-line vote. The approval of Kathy Kraninger comes despite protests from Senate Democrats who say she is unqualified to run the consumer watchdog. Kraninger's nomination will now go to a vote in the full Senate.

## Russian ruble tremors continue on sanctions fears

MOSCOW — The Russian ruble endured another day of turbulence Thursday amid the threat of further U.S. sanctions, but made gains after the Central Bank said it would stop foreign currency purchases. The ruble dropped by more than 1 percent in Moscow trading to almost 69 against the dollar, the lowest since April 2016, but recouped those losses to trade slightly up on the day at 67.8 as of late afternoon.

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# Improve your financial picture ahead of potential downturn

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL  
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The economy is growing, the stock market is soaring and unemployment remains low. It's the perfect time to prepare for the worst.

Any economist or financial planner will tell you that no party goes on forever. And it's much easier to make smart decisions when things are going well than when times are tough.

So, The Associated Press talked to a few experts about what steps to take now while things are hot to better position yourself for when they, inevitably, are not.

## Investments

Stocks just set the record for the longest bull market of all time at 3,453 days — about nine and a half years.

It's good news if you've been invested that whole time. But the boom period for stocks might have thrown off your ratio of investments, making it time to rebalance. Take a look at your portfolio and make sure you aren't over-invested in stocks and adjust accordingly.

While you're at it, make sure you are content with the overall investment plan.

"I would suggest everyone take a look at their accounts and make sure they are comfortable, just in case," said Jeanne Thompson, senior vice president at Fidelity Investments. "Would you be comfortable with your plan if it were to drop 10 percent?"

What investors should be doing now is what they should always be doing, said Mark Stoeckle, CEO of the Adams Funds: Be honest about how much risk they can take on to meet their goals and tune out the noise.

In short, make a plan and stick to it. Trying to time when you should be in or out of the market is a fool's game, he said.

## Debt and savings

It's a good time to rededicate yourself to the basics of financial health — paying off debt and saving adequately.

Interest rates are going up — that's bad news if you're carrying any variable debt, but good news if you have savings.

Savings have been earning little to no interest as the Federal Reserve kept benchmark rates at historic lows, but online savings accounts are now approaching as high as 2 percent and CD rates are as high as 3 percent, according to Bankrate.

"You can put yourself on the right side of the interest rate equation by paying off debt and increasing savings," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.

## Work

Your job, in some sense, is one of your biggest financial assets as it's the source of your

livelihood.

Unfortunately, most people pay attention to managing their career only when their job is threatened, and that is often after a period of denial, said career coach Sheryl Spanier. But taking care of your professional life proactively can pay off — financially and emotionally.

Spanier said that the people she sees who are most successful think about their career strategically — being savvy about both where they and their industry are going. They also are always marketing themselves and building their portfolio of experiences and expertise to better position themselves

within that framework.

Following that script can make you indispensable when times are tougher, should layoffs or other unwelcome job changes come

"Don't approach this whole thing with a fear perspective," she said. "It's about growing, it's about what you care about and what you are curious about. That tends to get submerged when people are under duress and trying to protect themselves against a career crash."

Networking is also important, even in good times. This means staying connected to people you like, those who have helped you and that you can help.

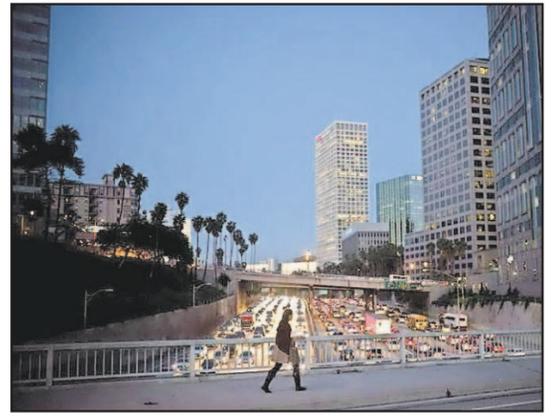
## Housing

Housing should, first and foremost, be treated as a place to live and not an investment, said Mark Fleming, chief economist for First American Financial Corp.

All the same, it's good to consider the financial implications of any decisions you might be making.

Homeowners should make sure, as always, that they aren't playing too fast and loose with their cash.

If you own a home, make sure you have savings on hand to protect yourself if you hit a financial pothole in the future. If you are feeling confident and want to



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By taking care of your professional life proactively can pay off well, financially and emotionally. Career coach Sheryl Spanier said that the people she sees who are most successful, think about their career strategically.

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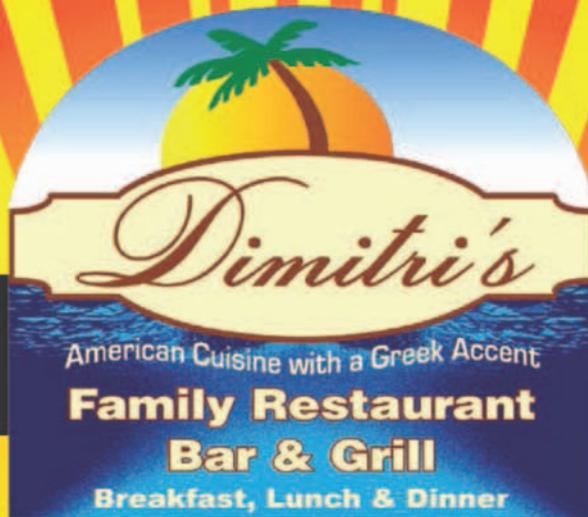
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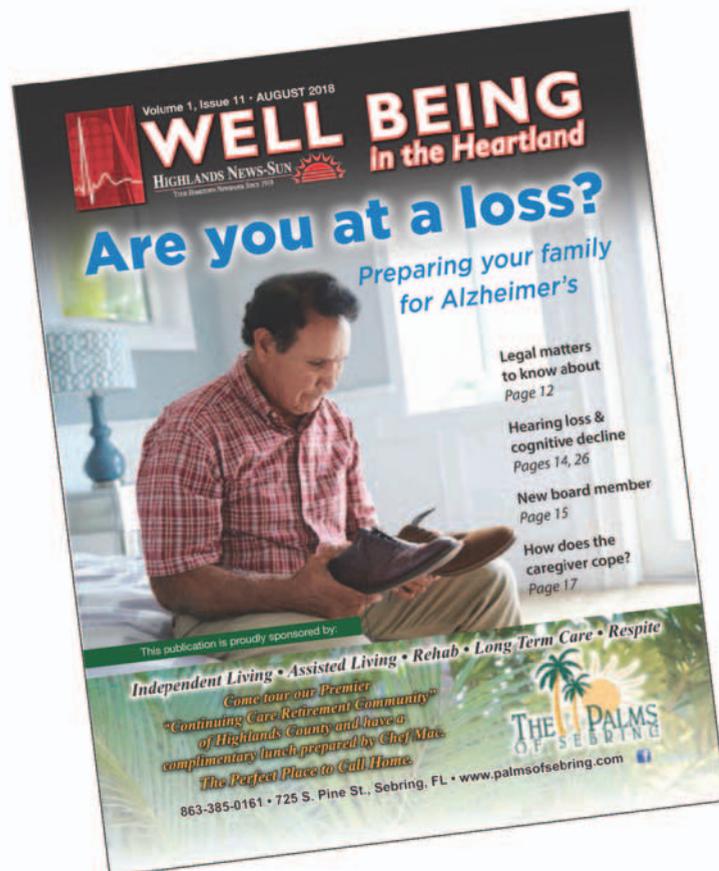
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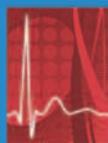
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**Are there healthy food alternatives to consider at fairs and festivals?**

**Answer:** When purchasing food from a vendor, look for healthy options first. If they are not available, consider bringing your own food to save money and calories. Bringing food from home allows you to eat a healthy meal or snack as a family, while still enjoying the festive atmosphere around

you. Don't forget to keep safe food storage practices in mind. Always remember to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

September is National Self-Care Awareness Month.

**What are some good tips to share with caregivers about respite?**

**Answer:** Here are some steps to design a custom respite plan for caregivers who are responsible for loved ones with a chronic condition:

1. Know your needs and theirs. What do you need? What does your loved one need?
2. Compile a list of possible pinch-hitters – draw from friends and family to serve as back up when needed.
3. Call a family meeting. Explain the situation, be flexible and encourage questions.
4. Stop talking. Silence will give everyone time to consider how they can help or join forces to cobble together a

solution. Group brainstorming can motivate a reluctant helper.

5. Offer options. Family members can take over one night a week, or an out-of-state sibling can stay for a week so the caregiver may take a vacation. Others may be able to provide financial support.

6. Make it simple – try an online scheduler.

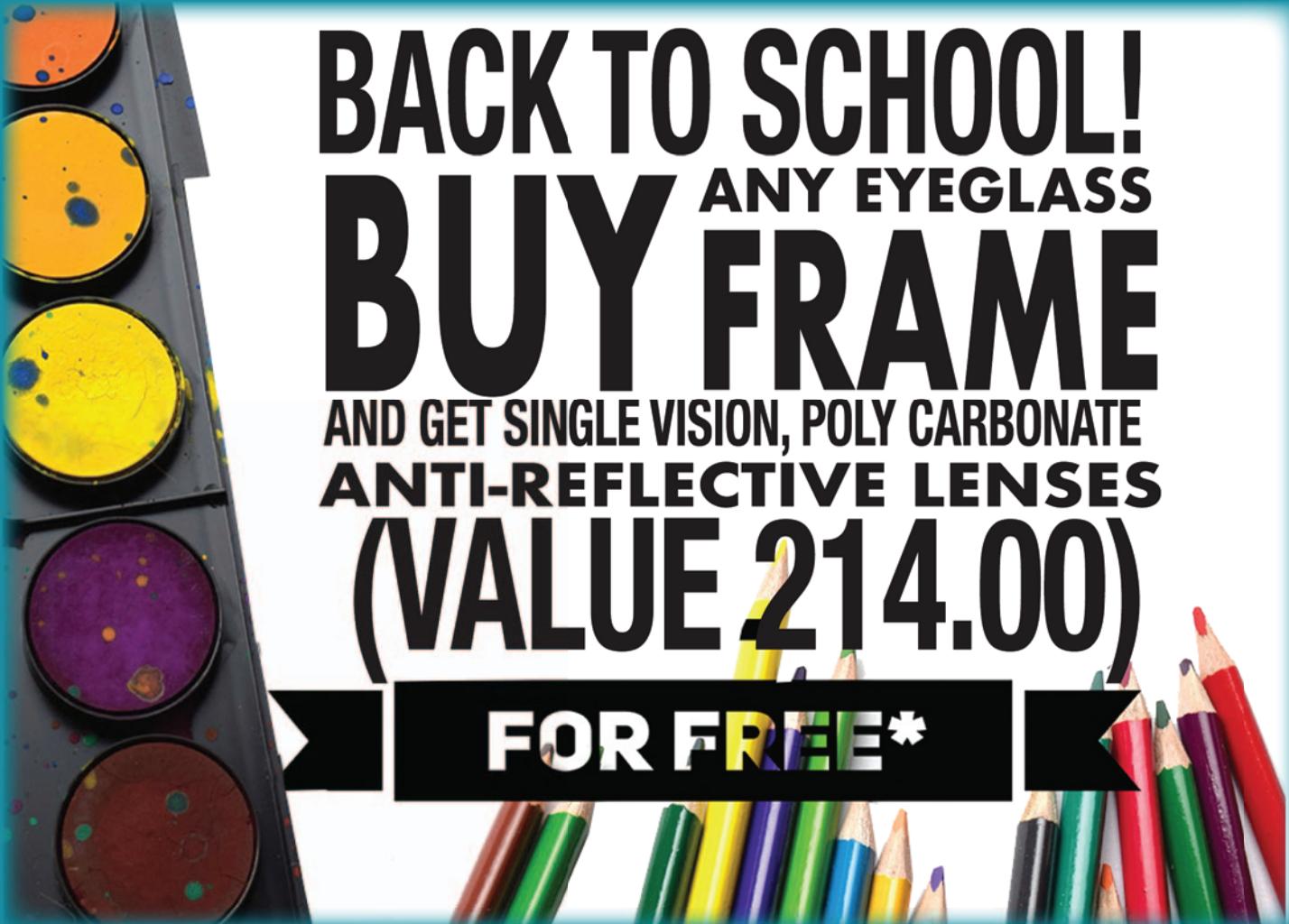
7. Spread the word. Share your calendar schedule with those who are participating in the respite plan.

8. Go away. Leave written instructions about meals, medicine and phone numbers for a backup home health aide or personal care provider and for your loved one's medical team.

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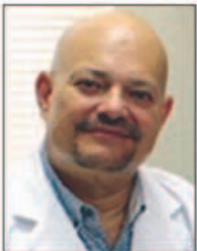
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# Preparing your family for Alzheimer's

You might wonder what an attorney has to say about preparing your family for Alzheimer's. I can tell you a lot.

I have had many couples come in to my office to prepare their estate planning documents only to be told that I cannot help them because their Alzheimer's prevents them from understanding what they are doing. I once had a husband make an appointment for him



**Charlotte Stone**

Contributed column

and his wife to prepare wills, durable powers of attorney, health care surrogates and living wills. He informed me at the beginning of the meeting that his wife had Alzheimer's.

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# HEARING LOSS & COGNITIVE DECLINE

## Preparing your loved one



**Andrea Livingston**  
Contributed column

It has been well documented in recent years that untreated hearing loss in the elderly may severely compromise their quality of life. However, no one truly addresses what can be done prior to memory loss while a patient is still cognitively alert.

The percentage of Americans 65 years and older is expected to increase rapidly, with the fastest growing age group being individuals 85

years and older, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Older adults typically have characteristics, and needs, that are quite different from younger populations. It's important for family members, friends, and audiologists to address their unique needs as soon as the hearing loss is identified, even prior to any form of memory loss.

Acknowledgement of hearing difficulties is not as easy as we may think. After reviewing how the hearing deficit affects communication



and determining if medical referral is appropriate — one would think that a person would immediately seek rehabilitation. Unfortunately, this does not occur, and patients

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**Wade Smith**

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After 25 years as a traveling nurse throughout the United States, Wade Smith, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, brings over 30 years of experience to his new Sebring health care office — 1st Choice Primary Care, at 3324 Commerce Center Lane, Suite 102, in Sebring. Smith is the latest health care provider to join the Well Being Advisory Board. With a background in patient care for infants to geriatrics in Level-1 trauma emergency rooms and rural hospitals, he is excited to introduce his nurse practitioner-owned and operated primary care facility to the Highlands County community.

“Nurse practitioners provide primary, acute and specialty health care to patients of all ages and can assess patients, order and interpret diagnostic tests, make diagnoses and initiate and manage treatment plans,” Smith said. “NPs are also able to prescribe medications.”

With a focus on providing top-notch patient care, Smith and his two other NPs utilize a state-of-the-art facility equipped with the latest diagnostic equipment.

“We are ready to become your main source for day-to-day health care,” he said.

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“We treat far beyond the common cold, and best of all, we provide care for every member of the family,” Smith said.

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# Do your finances have you in a tough spot?



**Jason Bianca**  
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Have you seen those infomercials that promise a new career with large paydays and minimal effort? It is typically someone talking about their four luxury

cars while standing in front of their multi-million dollar house.

It sounds legitimate and the host promises they will give you their “secret step-by-step process” to achieve this type of success. As with most “get rich quick” schemes, the vast majority of people never achieve anywhere near the success seen on the original infomercial they watched.

Most Americans would agree that there is no free lunch or easy road to success. In addition, these infomercials are concentrating on the wrong concept. They are focusing on how to make more money instead of focusing on how to simply manage money better.

The famous financial guru, Robert Kiyosaki of Rick Dad, Poor Dad fame, has a very appropriate quote in

regards to this: “Making more money will not solve your problems if cash flow management is your problem.”

This simple but profound concept is often understood and championed, however the majority of Americans do not put this into practice. Prudent cash flow management is the foundation for a sound financial plan.

Below are some tips that can help you get into a better place in regards to your finances:

**Fixed vs. Discretionary.** One of the most basic and effective ways to define your expenses is to differentiate between Fixed and Discretionary.

Fixed expenses are those that are ongoing on a monthly basis. These include mortgage/rent, electricity, water/sewer, car payment, gasoline, food, etc. These “fixed” expenses may not be the same amount every month, however they are essential for everyday life and therefore will be present every month. We recommend reviewing these by line item and seeing what can be reduced.

# Alzheimer's is a dark valley, but there is light



**Jim Baker**  
Contributed column

Alzheimer's is a thief that robs us of our memories. It is a kidnapper, stealing away the ones we love into the fog of dementia. Most of us have experienced it in some way, either a friend, or family member is a victim of this dreaded disease.

As director of Spiritual Services at the Palms of Sebring, I deal with it every day.

So what are some ways to deal with someone with Alzheimer's? Perhaps you are a caregiver, or daughter, or son who is directly interacting with the person who has this disease. Here are some suggestions that may help:

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# Immunizations *for all ages*



August is National Immunization Awareness Month — for all ages. When it comes to immunizations, the focus tends to be more on children when in fact there are immunizations adults should receive, too. Adults are busy with work, school and caregiving and often neglect this aspect of their own care.

Immunizations help prevent dangerous and sometimes deadly diseases such as the flu, measles and pneumonia. Even if you were vaccinated as a child, the protection from some vaccines can wear off with time, or the viruses or bacteria



**Sara Rosenbaum**  
Contributed column

that the vaccines protect against can change, so your resistance is not as strong.

As you get older, you may also be at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases due to your age, job, hobbies, travel, or health conditions.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

thousands of American adults get sick each year from diseases that vaccines can prevent. For patients with asthma or COPD, vaccines are an important step in protecting their health from serious diseases like influenza and pneumonia.

The CDC recommends that all adults get the following vaccines:

- Influenza (flu) vaccine every year to protect against seasonal flu
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# Alzheimer's

## Alzheimer's and the world of dementia

Alzheimer's is a form of dementia that can reduce a once vibrant, intelligent, interactive human being to someone who is not even aware they are alive.



This hideous disease affects 5-10 percent of the population older than 65 years and 40-50 percent of those over the age of 85. The Alzheimer's Association estimates 16 million people in the United States will have this disease by 2050 unless a cure is found.

Currently there is no cure for this disease and it can't be diagnosed for certain without doing a biopsy on the actual brain



**Wade Smith**  
Contributed column

after death. There is a criterion for diagnosis that must be met to state someone has probable Alzheimer's.

All three of the following must be present:

- Clear evidence of decline in memory and learning and at least one other cognitive domain.
- Steadily progressive, gradual decline in cognition, without extended plateaus.
- No evidence of mixed etiology (i.e., absence of other neurodegenerative or cerebrovascular disease, or another neurological, mental, or systemic disease or condition likely contributing to cognitive decline).

There are three stages to Alzheimer's and we see a variety of clinical symptoms with each

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# Your dental health and Alzheimer's disease



**David Willey**  
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When you think of Alzheimer's disease, you usually do not consider your dental health. Both diseases are closely related to your overall health. Maintaining good oral health in people with dementia is important for a variety of reasons.

Researchers have found that Alzheimer's disease is linked to poor oral health. New findings indicate a possible association between periodontal (gum) disease and individuals who may be susceptible to developing Alzheimer's disease.

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# Alzheimer's and CBD oil

Timothy Wheaton  
Ashley Tinker

*Contributed column*

Growing more prevalent every day, Alzheimer's is a neurodegenerative disease so common that almost everyone can say we know someone living with the disorder.

About 10 percent of adults 65 and older are affected by it. Those 85 and older have a 1 in 3 chance of developing a form of dementia. Thankfully, due to years of research, we can work together to ease the transition and provide support and care.

Though there's no cure yet, there are ways to help our loved ones more easily deal with the effects of Alzheimer's. Some signs are forgetfulness, confusion and agitation, or aggression, which is often connected to the previous two effects.

If we can ease these symptoms, we can ease our patients or loved ones into this new stage of their life.

Something that is becoming more common for conditions like anxiety, depression, and even Alzheimer's is the use of CBD oil. There are a lot of preconceived

notions and myths surrounding CBD oil, so let's get the science stuff out of the way.

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# Sjogren's Syndrome: A dry topic



**Valerie Moulds**

Contributed column

With the humidity of summer still pressing upon us, not many people are thinking of dry eye syndrome. As an eye doctor, I see this condition numerous times throughout the day.

Oftentimes, it doesn't just stop with the eyes. There are many underlying systemic conditions or diseases that can aggravate the signs and symptoms of dry eye disease. Sjogren's syndrome is one such condition.

Sjogren's syndrome peaks between the ages of 40 and 60, affecting women about nine times more frequently than men. It is the second most common autoimmune rheumatic disease affecting about 5 in 100,000 Americans.

A diagnosis of dry eye in a patient with Sjogren's can show up before their systemic symptoms, such as dry mouth, joint pain, skin rashes, etc., by as much as 10 years.

Autoimmune diseases target your body's own tissues. Sjogren's syndrome specifically targets the glands of mucous membranes that produce saliva and tears. This leads to the hallmark symptoms of dry eyes and dry mouth that many patients with



Sjogren's complain of.

Other symptoms include, but are not limited to, muscle pain, chronic dry cough and vaginal dryness. It has been estimated that up to 60 percent of patients with Sjogren's syndrome will develop some of these additional symptoms. It can also occur in conjunction with another autoimmune disease like lupus or rheumatoid arthritis.

Because ocular symptoms can precede other systemic symptoms of this disease, diagnosing dry eye syndrome is often the first step in identifying Sjogren's. Suspicion is raised when patients suffer from complicated dry eye, inflammation and dry mouth. This disease attacks the gland responsible for making

tears (lacrimal gland), resulting in decreased production of natural moisture in the eye.

If a patient's dry eye disease proves to be difficult to control, the eye doctor may request a consult with a rheumatologist in order to evaluate the patient for Sjogren's. The Sjo Test is a blood test the rheumatologist may order to test for markers in the blood that are specific for this disease.

As of right now, there is no cure for Sjogren's syndrome. Goals of treatment are primarily aimed at managing the symptoms of dry mouth and dry eyes.

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# Diminish Alzheimer's risk with hearing instruments



**Roseann Kiefer**  
Contributed column

With the aging process come many attacks against our health. Whenever something affects us, it also affects our loved ones.

If your loved one is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease it is a war in which your whole family must battle. Over 5 million people in our country have Alzheimer's and that number will double for every five-year interval beyond age 65.

There are many types of dementia

and many people actually have a combination of dementia and Alzheimer's.

Dementia takes place when the healthy neurons in the brain die excessively. This causes the inability to do normal tasks, remember things, speak normally, pay attention and focus, visual perception may be skewed, and emotions may not be in control. People with dementia may become paranoid.

It is now known that there is a link between hearing loss and Alzheimer's. Normal hearing ranges between 0- 20 decibels.

Studies at John Hopkins show that even a hearing loss of greater than

25db increases the risk of dementia. In fact, people with hearing loss were 24 percent more likely to develop dementia.

When a person has a hearing loss, it is harder to process thoughts. The brain has to work harder at processing auditory information and it will adapt how it does this. When a person isn't hearing well, then all day long they use all their mental energy trying to communicate and thus other mental functions are pushed to the back of the grid.

Therefore, they may not remember where they put things, or the directions that were given to them. This

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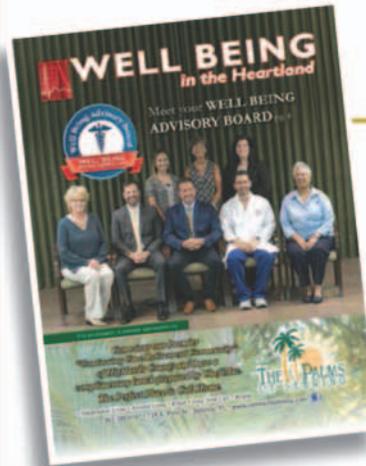
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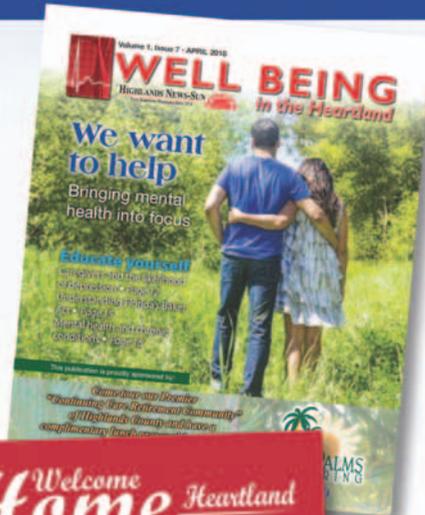
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# How aging adults can maintain their mental acuity



Aging is associated with or linked to a host of mental and physical side effects. For example, many adults expect their vision to deteriorate as they grow older.

While physical side effects like diminished vision might not strike much fear in the hearts of aging men and women, those same people may be concerned and/or frightened by the notion of age-related cognitive decline. Some immediately associate such decline with Alzheimer's disease, an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys memory and cognitive skills, ultimately compromising a person's ability to perform even the simplest of tasks.

But age-related cognitive decline is not always symptomatic of Alzheimer's disease. Learning about Alzheimer's and how to maintain mental acuity can help aging men and women better understand the changes their brains might be undergoing as they near or pass retirement age.

## *Is Alzheimer's disease hereditary?*

The National Institute on Aging notes that only a very rare form of Alzheimer's disease is inherited. Early-onset familial Alzheimer's disease, or FAD, is caused by mutations in certain genes. If these genes are passed down from parent to child, then the child is likely, but not certain, to get FAD. So while many adults may be concerned about Alzheimer's because one of their parents had the disease, the NIA notes that the majority of Alzheimer's cases are late-onset, which has no obvious family pattern.

## *Can Alzheimer's disease be prevented?*

Studies of Alzheimer's disease are ongoing, but to date there is no definitive way to prevent the onset of the disease.

## *How can I maintain*

## *mental acuity as I age?*

Researchers have not yet determined a way to prevent Alzheimer's disease, but adults can take certain steps to maintain their mental acuity into retirement.

- Exercise regularly. Routine exercise may be most associated with physical benefits, but the NIA notes that such activity has been linked to benefits for the brain as well.
- Read more. Avid readers may be happy to learn that one of their favorite pastimes can improve the efficiency of their cognitive systems while delaying such systems' decline. A 2013 study published in the journal *Neurology* by researchers at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center found that mentally active lifestyles may not prevent the formations of plaques and tangles associated with Alzheimer's disease, but such lifestyles decreases the likeli-

hood that the presence of plaques or tangles will impair cognitive function.

- Stay socially connected. Maintaining social connections with family, friends and community members also can help women prevent cognitive decline. Epidemiologist Bryan James of the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center studied how social activity affected cognitive decline, ultimately noting that the rate of cognitive decline was considerably lower among men and women who maintained social contact than it was among those with low levels of social activity. The idea of age-related cognitive decline strikes fear in the hearts of many men and women, but there are ways for adults to maintain their mental acuity well into their golden years.

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ommended, such as a good artificial tear four times a day, or reducing time spent in dry or windy environments. Increasing the intake of omega-3 fatty acids and taking time to use eyelid scrubs twice a day can also help.

As the disease progresses, dry eye symptoms will worsen. When the above-mentioned treatments are no longer effective, a good gel tear four times a day may be substituted for the regular tear drop.

Gel tears are more viscous and therefore last longer on the ocular surface. They will blur the patient's vision for the first couple of minutes, but clear up soon after instillation, providing longer lasting relief of dryness.

In more severe cases, ointments can be added at bedtime to hydrate the ocular surface during sleep.

Inflammation of the surface of the eye is often seen with Sjogren's patients. Anti-inflammatory drops can be used to control this symptom; however, these drops can sometimes lead to the development of cataracts and increased pressure within the eye.

Restasis is an eye drop that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat severe dry eye syndrome and can go a long way in increasing tear production. It doesn't necessarily replace the need for tears and ointments, but is used in conjunction with them.

Patience is key, as it can take up to six months for the patient to realize the maximum effectiveness of this drop.

Xiidra is a newer medication that is also FDA approved for the treatment of severe dry eye. Patients seem to notice relief of their symptoms sooner than what is reported with Restasis. Xiidra has not been around as long, so long-term studies are still pending. Some patients report altered taste sensation as well as burning when the drop is instilled. As with Restasis, patients should continue to use their tears and/or ointments for lubrication with this medication.

Punctal plugs are small plugs made of collagen or silicone that can be used to keep the patient's natural tears on the eye longer. These plugs are inserted into the tiny openings at the nasal corners of the lids by the eye doctor.

Patients often report improvement in symptoms of dryness after having the plugs inserted; however, lubrication is still recommended as patient's with Sjogren's syndrome will become drier over time.

As an eye doctor I not only diagnose and treat diseases of the eye, but have to be cognizant of other related systemic diseases at the same time. When other signs are present, including other autoimmune diseases, complaints of a dry mouth or a cracked tongue aid in diagnosing Sjogren's sooner, allowing treatment to begin in a timely fashion.

Patients suffering from Sjogren's syndrome also battle fatigue as well as depression. When the disease is diagnosed early, it allows for an improved quality of life.

Referral to and comanagement with a rheumatologist is the best way to manage Sjogren's. Other autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis often occur along with Sjogren's syndrome and the anti-rheumatic medications used by rheumatology often prove to be beneficial for these patients as well.

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#### WHEATON | FROM 23

CBD oil is taken from hemp, not cannabis. The oil soothes anxiety and eases irritability and aggression. CBD oil is also anti-inflammatory and helps with blood flow and circulation.

Ingesting the oil or even using it topically can help improve quality of life for people living with forms of dementia in a safe and natural way. It is also known to help people living with chronic pain or those who are battling cancer. *Sabrina Wheaton is the office manager at Heal by Touch in Sebring.*

was found in the brains of patients who had developed dementia. This bacterium is usually associated with chronic gum disease.

Researchers theorize that the bacteria found in the mouth enter the blood stream and possibly enter the brain. Each time the bacteria enter the brain, it could trigger an immune system response. This may cause the release of excess chemicals that can kill neurons (brain cells). This process could lead to symptoms of confusion and deteriorating memory. It remains to be proven whether poor dental hygiene can lead to dementia in healthy people.

Dental problems in Alzheimer’s patients can lead to pain, unmanageable behavior and extensive treatment. The dental needs of Alzheimer’s patients are often overlooked.

A key reason is the patient’s forgetfulness, which results in dental neglect. Medications also can cause xerostomia, or dry mouth, which results in an increase in dental decay. Many times patients and their families do not maintain treatment with a dentist as they focus on other health issues. Good dental health makes eating and digesting foods easier for the Alzheimer’s patient and improves

overall quality of life. It is important for the caregiver to encourage each patient to brush his/her teeth twice a day.

An electric toothbrush is an effective way to brush if the patient can tolerate the vibration sensation. Sometimes Alzheimer’s patients cannot tolerate toothpaste. This can be omitted and replaced with a Fluoride rinse.

If an Alzheimer’s patient wears dentures, it is important to remove the dentures after each meal. Some patients do not swallow well. By removing the dentures, the patient is able to rinse his mouth and clean the dentures to reduce odors and infections.

Dental treatment of Alzheimer’s patients can be challenging. It is important to treat dental problems as early as possible in the progression of Alzheimer’s disease. The behavior of an Alzheimer’s patient tends to become more resistant or combative to dental treatment over time. This may lead to the inability to tolerate dental procedures and subsequently the need for general anesthesia to remove painful teeth.



The key is to treat dental problems while the Alzheimer’s patient can be managed. It is important to treat dental problems before they become painful. Also, restoring teeth to ideal health will reduce problems in the future when behavior may be an issue.

A dentist can help develop a plan specifically tailored for each Alzheimer’s patient’s dental needs and tolerance to treatment. Dental health plays an important role in the health of an Alzheimer’s patient. Dentistry helps to improve the quality of life for a patient and reduces dental problems for dementia patients.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease it is important to take a proactive approach with proper dental care. Good dental health may reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease.

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may cause arguments with friends and family.

Eventually, because it's so difficult to understand people, they may start to withdraw from situations that cause them confusion and stress. This separation from friends, family and activities often causes depression. It is known that staying active and engaged helps to fight off the onset of dementia.

Ongoing research shows that risk factors include:

- Drinking excessive alcohol.
- Eating fatty foods that contribute to cholesterol lining and fats building up on the lining of arteries. If the arteries become blocked then blood cannot get to the brain, which may lead to a stroke.
- Diabetes, if not controlled can increase the risk of strokes, thus dementia.
- Hypertension/high blood pressure, and smoking.
- Mental illness, which causes depression.
- Genetic — more than one family member with dementia increases the risk.
- Age — risk increases as we get older.

Eating a healthy diet low in fats and sugar along with getting daily exercise is known to help ward off many ailments. Research shows this and plenty of good sleep is also helpful in the battle against Alzheimer's disease. Every adult who is experiencing any type of communication difficulty should have their hearing tested. Those aged 50 and older should have a complete diagnostic hearing evaluation. Thorough testing reveals not just hearing loss but many other possible health related issues that may be looming in the distance.

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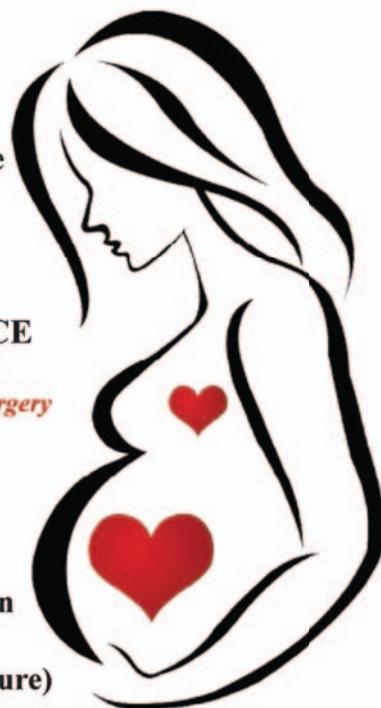
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Vaccines you need may include those that protect against: shingles, human papillomavirus (which can cause certain cancers), pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, hepatitis A and hepatitis B, chickenpox (varicella), measles, mumps and rubella.

Adults with certain chronic conditions such as heart disease, lung disease (asthma or COPD) or diabetes (type 1 or 2) are more likely to develop complications, including long-term illness, hospitalization and even death, from certain vaccine-preventable diseases.

Talk to your health care professional to make sure you, and those you care for, are up to date on the vaccines the CDC recommends for your age group.

Maintaining high immunization rates protects the entire community by interrupting the transmission of disease-causing bacteria or viruses. This reduces the risk that unimmunized people will be exposed to disease-causing agents.

This type of protection is known as community or herd immunity, and embodies the concept that protecting the majority with safe, effective vaccines also protects those who

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you know and love is still there and they need you. You will find that Alzheimer's patients lose short term memory, but retain memories of days gone by.

Some have said that it is like the unwinding of a spring, with the patient slowly going back to the past. In the early stages one usually finds that the patient can still remember short term things, but they are often frustrated that they cannot remember as they used to, so it's important that the caregiver or relative reassure them and love them.

Let them know that you will be with them on this dark journey and while you can't fix them, you will walk with them through this dark valley.

2. Next, be a good listener. Alzheimer's patients tell the same stories over and over again, and sometimes we get impatient with the repetition. But these memories are important and it's good to learn how to be a patient listener.

Learn to redirect the conversation. One time I was working with a lady that was convinced that someone was coming to pick her up, but that was just in her mind, so I asked her

what her favorite thing to cook was, and every time she said someone was coming for her, I would ask about something in the past; her family, her hobbies, etc. After a while she stopped saying someone was coming for her.

The same thing can work for any caregiver. For example the patient might be retelling the same story or is convinced a dead loved one is coming for them, so one might ask them to tell you more about the person who is coming for them, or have them talk about the dead loved one. This will often bring them back to a more rational thinking, but they will probably go back and believe the same thing and tell the same stories over again, so one must be patient.

3. Finally, don't see the Alzheimer's patient as a burden, see them as a blessing. In the end stages of this disease the patient loses all memories. They stop eating and drinking, which is a signal that death is near. So it is important to pay attention to the memories the Alzheimer's patient is sharing during more lucid moments earlier in the disease's progression.

Often caregivers see a side of the patient they never knew existed.

They learn family history and sometimes even family secrets. They impart knowledge the caregiver often does not know. Therefore, while the disease is a horrible robber, it can also be a teacher.

To those who are taking care of someone with Alzheimer's, it is important you have someone to vent your feelings with. Caregiving is very hard and the frustration of dealing with someone who is slowly dying is a great burden to endure.

So look for support groups, or find a compassionate friend or relative who will bear this burden with you. As a result you will be a more effective caregiver.

Yes Alzheimer's disease is a dark valley, but there is light to help and provide guidance. Make sure you make the Alzheimer's patient comfortable and to know they are loved and safe.

If you are a person who prays, ask for wisdom and strength to get you through the difficult moments. If you do this, you will make this long journey a little less of a burden.

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stage. There is early stage, middle stage and late stage dementia. The goal is to treat any correctable reasons for cognitive impairment and to delay the advancement of the disease process itself.

Two classes of drugs are currently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for treatment of cognitive symptoms of dementia: the cholinesterase inhibitors and N-methyl-D- aspartate receptor antagonists.

The cholinesterase inhibitors include Aricept, Exelon, and Razadyne. These can be used for mild to moderate dementia caused by Alzheimer's or those with vascular dementia. Namenda is a receptor antagonist that can be used in combination with cholinesterase inhibitors for moderate to severe dementia.

Many patients will require institutionalization in order to be cared for. The other piece to this is the family and the devastation they face as they see a loved one become unrecognizable to them.

It is important to treat the family as well as the patient in these situations. The American Alzheimer's Association is a valuable resource during these times. There is a 24-hour help line at 800-272-3900 for those who may need it.

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Discretionary expenses can be completely removed if there is a loss of employment, for example. These include entertainment, dining out, hobbies, traveling, non-essential shopping, gym memberships, etc. It is an excellent habit to review what we have spent on discretionary items on a monthly, if not weekly basis. Attack debt. There are not many times in life when it is appropriate to attack ... anything. However, it is acceptable when discussing debt.

Step No. 1 is to find out where we stand. Call each of your debtors and inquire about the following: balance, term of loan, interest rate and minimum payment.

Step No. 2 will be to rank them, the smallest balance to the largest. This approach has its roots in human psychology.

As we payoff the debts with smaller balances it often times motivates us to continue and even increase our debt-payoff efforts. Once a smaller debt is paid off, that monthly payment amount is then directed toward the next debt on the list. This strategy has been proven to be effective; however there are many other strategies. Find one that works for you.

Pay yourself. This is one of the simplest habits we can implement. We need to define a savings rate and

then treat it like a bill and pay it every month. Having completed tips 1 and 2 above, this tip will allow us to begin to build our emergency fund and eventually, save for retirement.

The rule of thumb is to have six months of expenses in savings if you are a one-income household and three months of expenses if there are two income-earners in the household. Define your plan. This is our long-term strategy. Where do we want to be in three years? How about 10 years down the road?

Many Americans can miss substantial opportunities unless we have a defined plan in place that we review often and adjust accordingly. This will help us to determine where we should invest our money and answer the million-dollar question of "when can I retire?"

It is a beneficial habit to have a clear understanding of where our money goes each month. This allows us to curb our spending so that we can get to a better place financially. Scores of people have come into our office with regret. They wish they would have been more disciplined with their spending. Many wish they would have had a better understanding of their investments in which they lost money. Most all wish they would have seen a financial professional many years ago.

Here's the good news ... not all is lost! We always tell people, it's never too early and never too late. I hope these tips help you in regards to your cash flow management so you can reap the harvest of your efforts.

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seem to fall into three categories: complete acknowledgement, partial acknowledgement, and non-acknowledgement. It is up to an audiologist to determine what stage their patient is in as different interventions can be recommended, depending on the level of problem awareness shown by the older individual.

One way to identify older individuals who are not fully acknowledging their hearing difficulties is to simply ask them if they think they have hearing loss. The non-acknowledger will state they do not have a hearing loss and may make comments that most audiologists have heard over and over, such as “I can hear when I want to,” or “folks just don’t speak clearly anymore, they mumble.” The partial acknowledger may say “I know I have hearing loss, but it’s not causing any problems.” If acceptance of the deficit is not addressed at the very beginning stages of the selection of hearing devices, there may be limited benefit.

Well-meaning family members or friends may want to “get them help,” but if patients are in the non- or partial acknowledgment stage, family members may be disappointed when the audiologist suggests a return to the clinic at a later date. The audiologist should explain why hearing aids are not being recommended or dispensed at this time.

Family members should be

advised to be patient, gently explain how the hearing loss is affecting the older individual, and above all, not nag the person. The goal is to assist a patient in acceptance, in order to be able to rehabilitate their communication difficulties.

The next key component following readiness for hearing aids is addressing pre-fitting concerns for this population. These include:

- lack of problem awareness
- personal lifestyle and patient characteristics
- increased likelihood of further cognitive decline and psycho-acoustic auditory processing components to the listening difficulties — for example, how well a person is able to understand in quiet vs. noise, is there an abnormal growth in how they perceive loudness, and stage of cognitive decline
- manual dexterity compromises
- sensory difficulties beyond hearing loss (touch and vision)
- any special issues in adjusting to hearing loss and hearing aids

Once the selection and fitting process is undertaken, it is important to send home a framework of support to improve a patient’s listening skills or cognitive function. Aural rehabilitation provides these tools.

It invites active participation of a patient with hearing loss, and their family members, in setting goals, identifying satisfactory outcomes and choosing solutions. It helps the person with hearing loss to organize and actively take charge of commu-

nication by creating a hearing loss management plan.

The person with hearing loss can begin to tackle the obstacles in communication and evaluate possible solutions. This goes far beyond thinking that hearing devices will solve all communication issues.

The use of the items below is vital to the successful use of hearing devices:

- Hearing assistive technology and/or captions
  - Communication strategies
  - Auditory training sessions to build stamina for listening and sustained attention
  - Relaxation techniques
  - Peer support groups: Hearing Loss Association Chapters build confidence and social support
- According to MarkeTrak VII data, less than half of the 65-plus age group who could benefit from hearing aids actually purchase them. Further, market research has shown that almost 20 percent of older adults who actually do purchase hearing aids discontinue their use.

If specific considerations are haphazardly addressed and patient-centered care to address the loss of hearing are not appropriately managed, the likelihood of successful fitting and use of devices is diminished. This in turn undermines our goal to increase social engagement, for actively challenging cognition.

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she no longer had capacity to understand and respond to basic questions. To test her capacity, I asked her questions like how many children she had, what their names were, if she was married and her husband's name.

She, unfortunately, was unable to answer those questions and provide any correct answer. The look on her husband's face was one of disbelief and sadness. He actually had tears in his eyes from the pain of her not knowing him.

Had they come to my office prior to her diagnosis or at the onset, I would have been able to help her with her estate planning needs. Instead, the husband prepared his documents but his wife who needed the documents could not. Rather, he would be looking at going through the court to obtain guardianship over her — a process that is both expensive and intrusive and one that I try and have clients prevent, if at all possible.

It is important to make sure your family member gets their affairs in order before an Alzheimer's diagnosis. Once there is a diagnosis, if legal documents need to be prepared, there could be a capacity issue that could create all kinds of problems. Make sure you have a current and proper durable power of attorney and health care surrogate over your family member. These two documents are vital for you to have the legal authority to care for your family member.

Additionally, make sure there are beneficiary designations (both primary and contingent) on all accounts, including bank accounts,

life insurance, annuities, retirement accounts and stock. All too often, I have had to assist a spouse with opening a probate estate because their deceased spouse, who had Alzheimer's, was unable to add a beneficiary to their individual account prior to their passing. This is something that can easily be avoided if reviewed and handed at the onset of the disease. After receiving a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or dementia the need for and cost of future care may not be immediately considered. Financial planning often gets pushed aside due to the stress and fear of the topic.

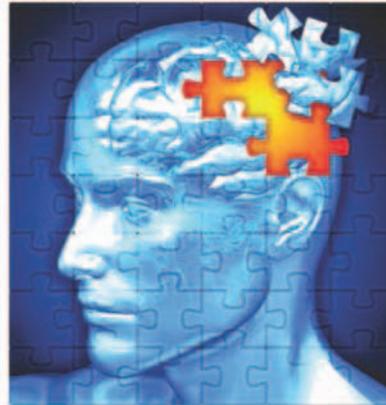
However, financial stress can be reduced by preparing for care costs. The sooner planning begins, the more the person with the disease will be able to participate in decision making.

When you have a family member with Alzheimer's, it is important to remember to take care of yourself, the caregiver. I often meet with family members and they are exhausted, depressed and overwhelmed.

There are support groups you can join and people you can talk to and get the help you need. The Alzheimer's Association has an endless amount of information including support groups in your area. Their website is [alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/stages](http://alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/stages). If you go to the Help and Support tab, you will be able to find your local chapter.

I have had many conversations with families who say how they feel all alone and are unable to get any help at all even for something as

simple as having time just to sleep, to take a shower or even go to the grocery store. Many small things can become monumental and eventually stress can take a toll, causing



the caregiver to become mentally and physically run down.

Rest assured, there are agencies out there that can and will assist you, including home health agencies as well as adult day care facilities

that will bill Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's Affairs and supplemental insurances.

You, as the caregiver, need to make sure that you have your affairs in order, like a durable power of attorney and health care surrogate, so that if something happens to you and you are incapacitated, you have someone to help you.

In planning ahead, you are prepared for whatever life throws your way. Having the right documents in place can provide a tremendous amount of peace of mind.

Lastly, remember, your loved one did not ask for this horrible disease. While it is horrible for them, I believe, it is harder for you. You may have a spouse or parent who doesn't remember your name or know who you are to them.

Addressing Alzheimer's as early as possible will be key in understanding and managing the rocky road ahead.

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# The FUNNIES

**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
"Good ol'  
Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

OKAY, BALLOON, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M GONNA DO..

I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO SO YOU CAN FLY AROUND FOR AWHILE AND GET A LITTLE EXERCISE, BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE TO COME BACK; OKAY?

THERE YOU GO!

**HAHAHAHAHA**

BOY, IF YOU'RE NOT THE STUPIDEST PERSON ALIVE, I DON'T KNOW WHO IS! "FLY AROUND FOR AWHILE AND GET A LITTLE EXERCISE, AND THEN COME BACK!" A BALLOON? WOW!

BALLOONS AND LITTLE BROTHERS DRIVE ME CRAZY!

**THE LOCKHORNS**  
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"NOW, THIS IS THE WAY CHICKEN IS SUPPOSED TO TASTE!"

"LEROY USED TO BE A LADY KILLER... NOW HE JUST BORES THEM TO DEATH."

"DID YOU DECOMPOSE THAT NUMBER YOURSELF?"

"IF THAT'S YOUR PRICE RANGE, I'D RECOMMEND JUST SITTING CLOSER TO YOUR SET."

"ONLY YOU COULD GET ROAD RAGE PUSHING A SHOPPING CART."

**Hi and Lois**  
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

ARE MY EXPLORERS READY?  
YEAH!

THIS IS SUCH A PRISTINE HIKING TRAIL.  
NO, IT ISN'T.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?  
SOMEBODY THREW A BEER CAN IN THE BUSHES.

AND THERE'S A CIGARETTE BUTT OVER HERE.

HOW WAS YOUR WALK IN THE WOODS?  
IT TURNED INTO AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESCUE MISSION.

**MARY WORTH**

"THE MEETING OF TWO PERSONALITIES IS LIKE THE CONTACT OF TWO CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES: IF THERE IS ANY REACTION, BOTH ARE TRANSFORMED." - CARL JUNG

I GOT YOUR BACK!

AND I GOT YOURS, BABY... ALWAYS!

BABY, YOU CHANGED ME... YOU CHANGED ME TOO, MY LOVE.

HOW DID I CHANGE YOU?  
I HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

AND I DON'T HATE MYSELF ANYMORE!

I LOVE YOU, BRANDY.

I LOVE YOU TOO, TOMMY.

**The Family Circus**  
By **BIL KEANE**

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CHOCOLATE!

CHOCOLATE!

WHAT ARE THEY AGAIN, DADDY?

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**Wizard of Id**  
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

READY FOR SOME GOLF, SIRE?

AS I'LL EVER BE...

BINK

THUNK

HUCK

@\*\$/%!!

SOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP

SHREEEEEEEEK

ALL WARMED UP... LET'S HIT THE LINKS

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Mort Walker's  
**beetle bailey**

SQUEAK!

ARRGH!! SCREEAK!

STOP!

SARGE! YOU GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT CHAIR!!

HUH?

THAT INFERNAL SQUEAKING!

IT'S NOT THE CHAIR'S FAULT!

IT'S WORN OUT AFTER SUPPORTING ME FOR YEARS

THAT'S WHY IT SQUEAKS

THEN PUT IT OUT OF ITS MISERY!

GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND... (SNIFF)

NOW WHAT?

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**HAGAR**  
the horrible  
by **DIK BROWNE**

I LOVE MY HUMANS...

BUT THEY ARE HARD TO TRAIN...

FETCH!

GOOD BOY!

GRRR!

FETCH!

VERY GOOD BOY!

I LIKE THE WAY YOU THINK!

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**BLONDIE**  
BY **DEAN KUNZ & JOHN MARSHALL**

POW

BOOM!!

YIPE!

NOOOO!

WHOA!

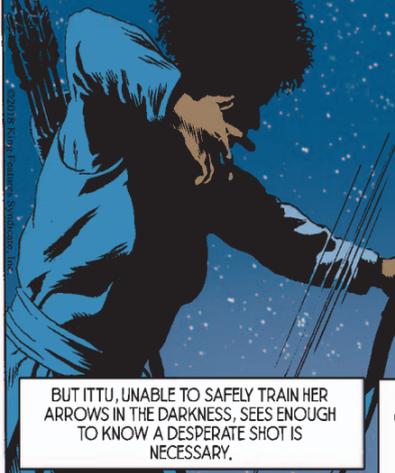
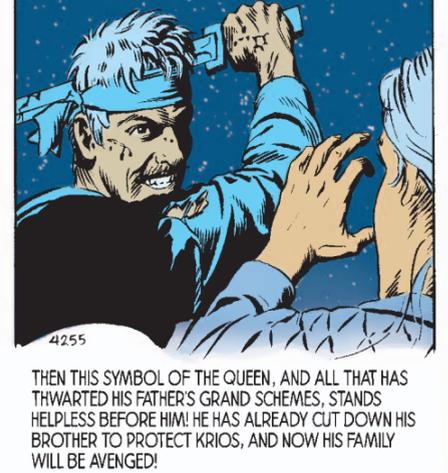
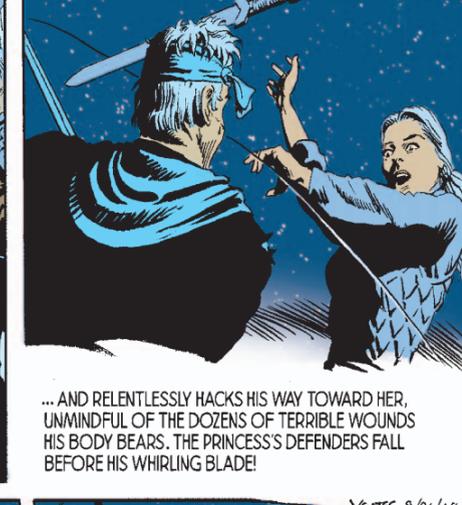
YOU ARE SO FIRED!

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WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD THIS EVENING?

I WAS JUST THINKING HOW MUCH I LOVE GOING TO WORK EACH DAY



**SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS**

**BY BOB WEBER JR.**

Citizens claim Count Weirdly activated a device from his castle fifteen minutes ago that blocked their internet connection. Weirdly insists he's innocent and claims he just returned from an hour of outside errands. He says that before leaving the castle, he turned over the hourglass, and all of the sand has just now finished falling. Why does Slylock Fox suspect Count Weirdly is lying?

Solution -- If the sand just dropped through the hourglass, there would be a conical-shaped pile of sand at the bottom. Instead, the sand has a flat surface.



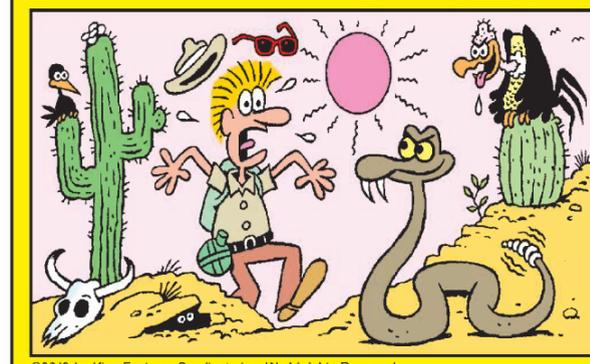
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**True or False**

- 1) Each time a rattlesnake sheds its skin, the snake gains a new section of rattle.
- 2) Rattlesnakes feed on desert plants when small mammals and reptiles are scarce.
- 3) Rattlesnakes are not found in Canada.

Answer -- (1) True (2) False (3) False

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# TIGER

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# BABY BLUES

RICK KIRKMAN / BY JERRY SCOTT

MOM, HOW LONG CAN A SNAKE LIVE UNDER A COUCH?

TRYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT WITH YOUR HAIR?

WHY DO I EVEN BOTHER?

BARNEY GOOGLE and SUNS FLYIN' WITH BY JOHN ROSE

MIZ SMIF IS HERE !!

MY SWEET LOWEEZY COME TO BAIL ME OUT !!

NOPE-- TH' OTHER KID !! WHATTA YA THINKIN' ?! WHY CAN'T YA STAY OUTTA TROUBLE ?!

BLAH-BLAH-BLAH-BLAH...

I TRIPPED UP AT TH' TOP OF TH' HILL...

TUMBLED ALL TH' WAY TO TH' BOTTOM...

AN' CAME FLYIN' RIGHT THROUGH TH' OPEN DOOR !!

SO, TECK'NIK'LY...

YOU DID NOT CATCH ME, SHERIFF TAIT !!

OH, P'SHAW, SMIF-- A CATCH IS A CATCH !!

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

THIS FOURTH WALL GARBAGE IS ALL THE RAGE RIGHT NOW.

# SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

I KNOW IT'S INCONVENIENT TO HAVE THOSE GIANT THINGS OUTSIDE THE DAY OF OUR PARTY, AND I KNOW THEY WON'T BUDGE FROM THE BACK OF OUR HOUSE, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I RUN SCREAMING AT THEM WITH A CLAW HAMMER...

BUT EVERY TIME I LOOK UP AT THEM, I CAN'T HELP BUT BE IN ABSOLUTE AWE THAT OUR DAUGHTER AND HER FRIENDS ACTUALLY MADE THOSE TWO THINGS...

THOUGH I DO WORRY THEIR OPEN MOUTHS MEANS THEY'RE BOTH GOING TO BREATH FIRE.

HIL? SWEETIE? DID YOU TAP INTO OUR GAS LINE?

# CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

LET'S FACE IT...

WE CAN'T HIDE FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT...

WE'VE GOT TO WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

GEORGE MAY BE RIGHT... I HEARD YESTERDAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS MAKING OVERTURES TO CHINA...

IN FACT, HE SENT OUT A TWEET SAYING HE WAS WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND DEAL DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL TSO!

