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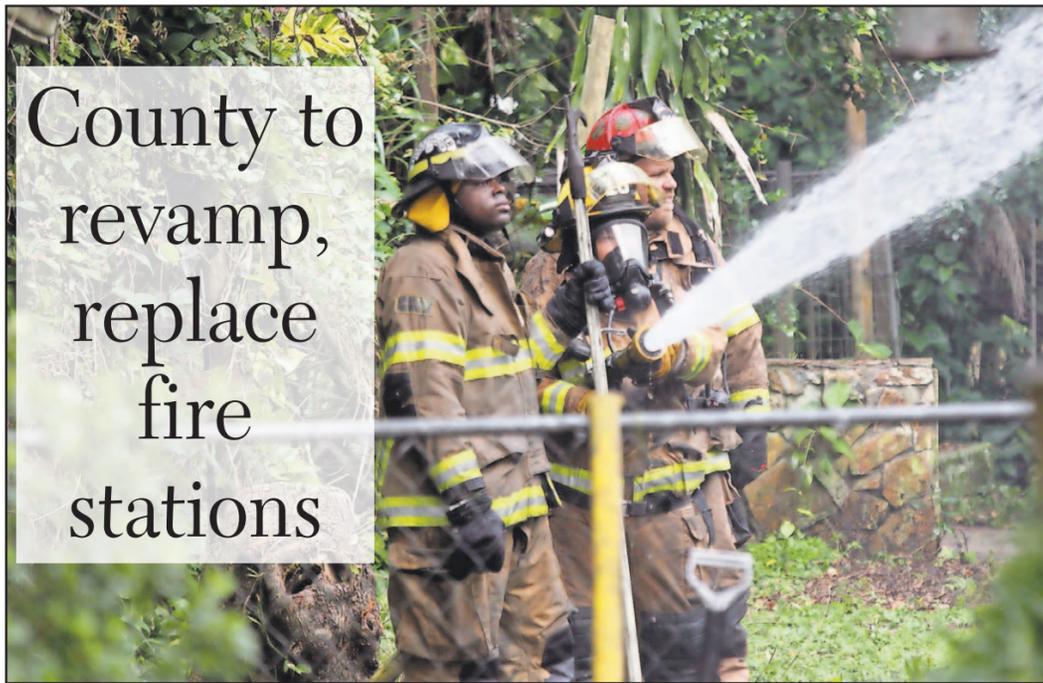


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## Station to station



County to revamp, replace fire stations

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Volunteer firefighters from three different stations join forces to put out a house fire in the Lake Josephine area.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

DeSoto City Volunteer Fire Department Station 18 is one of the first that will see repairs of refurbishment under the new countywide fire assessment.

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — People served by volunteer fire stations may not realize how tough it's been for some of those departments to keep up their buildings or equipment.

The fire crews have noticed, however. In Venus, for example, the bay in the station is only big enough to handle a 1987 first-out engine.

"That's an antique," said Public Safety Director Marc Bashoor.

Plans for Venus Volunteer Fire Department include an L-shaped addition to provide an additional parking bay and administrative space.

It's one of five stations that will have improvements or replacements in the coming year. It's something the county couldn't do without a countywide assessment.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Department Station 1 will be replaced by a new station, said Highlands County Public Safety Director Marc Bashoor, under the new countywide fire assessment.

Stations to get repairs or replacements in the coming years are:

- Venus Volunteer Fire Department Station 45 at 45 Venus Clubhouse Road in Venus.
- Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Dept Station 1 at 2840 N. Highlands Blvd. in Avon Park will get a brand new station on adjacent land. It will be designed to house both fire and Emergency Medical Services crews.
- DeSoto City Volunteer Fire Department Station 18 at 4612 Desoto Road in Sebring will get repairs to the interior.

Bashoor said a plumbing problem flooded the building five years ago. Volunteers attempted to repair the building and gutted the administrative space.

However, after they installed new drywall, they

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PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Highlands County recently replaced the Sebring downtown Emergency Medical Services station with one on Sebring Parkway, which actually co-locates two ambulances and their crews.

## Return to twice weekly garbage pickup?

### County may explore recycling options

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County may have a workshop in October with Waste Connections to discuss possible changes to the hauler's services.

That could mean picking up garbage more often, picking up recycling less often or making other changes to the contract to save both the county and hauler some money and making things easier for residents.

Some of the topics that need to be discussed, said County Administrator Randy Vosburg, include recycling options, returning to a two-day collection or other schedule, upgrading or increasing the number of trucks, the building the hauler was to construct at the landfill and how to handle commercial accounts.

He also said the county needs to discuss the almost daily landfill closures for lightning and the hauler's overall contract compliance.

One Saturday — Sept. 2 — lightning closed the landfill three to four times, Vosburg said.

Commissioner Ron Handley asked if they could wait until Waste Connections returns to the county commission with some ideas, before discussing the matter.

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## Town meeting could see vote on property options



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

The CenterState Bank property that is being mentioned as a possible location for Lake Placid's new Town Hall.

By KIM LEATHERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Town Council will be holding a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and there are many items on the agenda, including a possible vote on a new location for the Town Hall. The topic has been hotly debated for weeks. This could potentially be the last time the public has the opportunity to voice their opinion.

There are essentially four properties that are in serious contention:

- The former SunTrust Bank building at 611 E. Interlake Blvd. Purchase price is \$750,000 with a renovation estimate of \$300,000. The square footage is 4,938 with an extra 1,170 gained by enclosing the drive through. The building sits on 1.72 acres.

- Option two is town property on Dal Hall Boulevard. The town owns a 3-acre parcel but would have to purchase additional acreage to have access to the property on Dal Hall Boulevard. The land price is \$171,000. A new Town Hall building between 6-8,000 square feet is priced at \$1.6 million.

- Option three is the CenterState Bank-owned property that was a church on over 14 acres with 17,502 square feet for \$995,000. The renovation price is \$200,000 for an estimated total of \$1,195,000. This property is off U.S. 27 outside of

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# County road work advisories issued

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

**US 98 at Garden Terrace in Spring Lake:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are constructing a new treatment plant including a new driveway connection to US 98. Watch for workers close to the roadway with shoulder closures. Watch for trucks and equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

**US 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on SR 64 from US 27 to Self Avenue:** Construction project: Crews are replacing existing roadway with concrete pavement on US 27 southbound from West Pleasant Street to Paulk Street, US 27 northbound from Dyal Street to West Hill Street, and on SR 64 from Self Avenue to US 27. The contractor is also milling and resurfacing the existing roadway on US 27 from West Townsend Street to Batts Street and on SR 64 from Collier Avenue to Self

Avenue, installing curb and gutter, installing traffic separators, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lights, and signing and pavement markers. A single continuous lane closure on US 27 will be in place during intersection construction. Additional lane closures, single-lane flagging operations, and temporary lane shifts will occur during nighttime/overnight hours on US 27 and SR 64. The contractor is Concrete Services, LLC. Estimated project completion date is spring 2020.

Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures on US 27 during overnight hours from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and intermittent single-lane flagging operations on SR 64 during the daytime. Use caution and watch for crews working in the roadway.

All US 27 traffic lanes have shifted eastward and reduced to two lanes in each direction.

The entrances to Kersey Street and Prairie Street on southbound US 27 are closed to traffic. The

entrance to Locke Street on southbound US 27 will be closed to traffic once Kersey Street and Prairie Street are opened. South Hart Avenue on eastbound SR 64 is closed to traffic. Please follow detour signs and watch for workers in the construction zone.

Motorists should expect partial lane closures at the intersection of US 27 and SR 64 from Friday, Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 9. Please follow flagger direction and use caution in the construction zone.

**US 27 at E Interlake Boulevard/CR 621 and US 27 at Dal Hall Boulevard/Tower Street:** Construction project: This project is to construct high-emphasis crosswalks and crosswalk landings, install pedestrian signals, and associated drainage improvements. This week, crews will work on paving and lane 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.

**US 17 (Lakeview Drive) between Mellow Lane and Kenilworth Boulevard:** Maintenance permit project: 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.

**US 17 (Lakeview Drive) between Kenilworth Boulevard and S. Pine Street:** Maintenance permit project: Beginning the second week of September, watch for

southbound, right hand lane closures 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.

**SR 70 from US 27 to CR 721:** Maintenance project: Crews will perform weed control and tree trimming along the guardrail in this area. Motorists should use caution and expect intermittent lane closures eastbound and westbound from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

**SR 17 from east of Woodlawn Drive to Pasadena Avenue and on Claudia Avenue:** Construction project: Crews will improve drainage along SR 17 and Claudia Avenue. Additional improvements include resurfacing the roadway, installing guardrail and pavement

markings, and installing curb and gutter. Lane closures on Claudia Avenue will be during nighttime/overnight hours and a detour will be in place. Please follow posted detour signs and watch for workers in the construction zone. Estimated project completion is the end of year 2018. The contractor is Watson Civil Construction, Inc.

Motorists should expect intermittent single-lane flagging operations on US 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, December 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 nightly through the end of September. Watch for flaggers and construction equipment entering and leaving the roadway.

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

**Giovanni Burgos**, 25, Coral Springs, charged with probation violation.

**Marjorie Ann Caswell**, 48, Lake Placid, on charges of larceny, scheme to defraud, forgery and public servant falsifying official document.

**Deborah Dell Fuller**, 57, Lake Placid, on charges of traffic opium or deliver, two charges of drug possession, two charges of marijuana possession and two charges of drug equipment possession.

**Amy Lynn Gonzalez**, 31, Sebring, on charges of smuggling contraband, drug equipment possession, marijuana possession and cocaine distribution.

**Nathaniel R. Littles**, 19, Sebring, charged with cruelty towards a child.

**Gustavo Ramos**

**Oliveros**, 35, Lake Placid, on charges of drug possession, drug equipment possession and driving while license suspended.

**Aaron Thomas Watson**, 18, Avon Park, charged with burglary.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Sept. 01:

**Lyndon Walter Louie Delsol**, 18, Sebring, on charges of discharging a firearm from a vehicle and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

**Eddie Ray Locklear**, 29, Lake Placid, charged with drug possession.

**Juan Delacruz Montejo**, 35, Lake Placid, on charges of battery and aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Sept. 02:

**Sandra Bryant Blancarte**, 35, Avon Park, charged with obtaining

property in return for worthless check.

**Jerry James Gray**, 20, Sebring, on charges of destroying evidence, drug equipment possession and marijuana possession.

**Michael Allan Jones**, 62, Sebring, on charges of grand theft auto, larceny, two charges of criminal mischief and two charges of burglary.

**Alexandre Joseph**, 70, Avon Park, charged with larceny.

**Juon Jose Wilson**, 36, Sebring, on charges of drug possession and drug equipment possession.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Sept. 03:

**James Thomas Cox**, 34, Sebring, on charges of marijuana possession and drug equipment possession.

**Joe David Tillman**, 25, Lake Placid, charged with probation violation.

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2. The King James version of the Old Testament contains nine references to unicorns, thanks to a mistranslation of the Hebrew word re'em. The original word was likely the Assyrian rimu (auroch), an extinct species

of wild ox. 3. Early unicorn heraldry can be found on the ancient seals of Babylonia and Assyria, but it's most famously attached to Scotland's King James III in the 1400s. Two gold coins of that era were even known as the unicorn and the half-unicorn!

4. The earliest record of unicorns in Western literature belongs to Greek historian Ctesias. In the 5th century BCE, he wrote that the beast

had a white body, purple head, blue eyes, and a multicolored horn—red at the tip, black in the middle, and white at the base.

5. Genghis Khan reportedly decided not to conquer India after meeting a unicorn, which bowed down to him; he viewed it as a sign from his dead father and turned his army back.

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# No changes to county budget Thursday

## Final hearing on Sept. 18

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — County commissioners held the first of two final budget hearings on Thursday night.

They didn't make any last minute changes. The millage rate will stay at 8.55 mills with an over budget of \$143 million, which includes \$8 million in assessments through the county's special districts. Special district assessments will also include the countywide fire assessment, which now replaces the assessments for individual volunteer fire departments.

David Nitz, manager of the Officer of Management and Budget, presented the budget. The General Fund is now \$68.2 million, down from \$71 million when the budget process began a couple of months ago.

The Capital Financial Strategy, to pay for infrastructure improvements, is in deficit for the first year, but then will be balanced for the next 10 years, Nitz said.

Within the General Fund, money is divided as follows:

- Board of County Commission — \$27.6 million
- Law Enforcement — \$3.35 million
- Highlands County Sheriff's Office — \$27.6 million
- Clerk of the Court — 3.99 million
- Property Appraiser — 3.01 million
- Tax Collector

- \$1.8 million
- Supervisor of Elections — \$849,917

Within the board's fund, several obligations reduce how much discretionary funds the county commission actually has.

- They are:
- Mandatory components — \$5.7 million
  - Outside agencies — \$861,112
  - Transfers to other funds — \$1.16 million
  - Reserve for contingency — \$481,500

That leaves \$19.4 million of discretionary funds, down \$200,000 from a year ago, Nitz said.

Within the parts the county commission could cut, commissioners have already cut \$258,000 from funds put back under the Health Care Liability Act.

After looking at the 10-year average, the average the county has had to pay out of that account has been \$100,000. Even though the standard is to save \$4 per resident, County Administrator Randy Vosburg has said the county would be OK with approximately \$1.50.

Nitz said Thursday the county has dropped its HCRA contribution from \$400,000 to \$150,000 each year.

Recreation infrastructure and maintenance spending for each year has been brought back up to \$330,000 — \$110,000 for each municipality.

Under transfers, the county has adjusted court technology maintenance by using the Clerk's fund balance to bring the

county's cost down to \$1.16 million.

Also, Clerk of the Courts Bob Germaine surrendered his reserve for contingency, and Sheriff Paul Blackman had an extra \$10,000 in his funds that he could give back to the board.

Overall, the General Fund budget is up 2.35 percent, over the county's goal of 1.97 percent, "but it's better than we were," Nitz said.

The county has used \$3.59 million in fund balance to cover the loss, which leaves just a little more than \$10 million in fund balance.

Nitz said, once the county takes the unrequired services out of the \$68 million General Fund, it leaves an annual board services budget of \$64.64 million.

That means a month of expenditures equals \$5.39 million, and divided into \$10 million, that



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leaves the county with 1.87 months of expenses in reserve.

That's up from 1.84 months at the last meeting, according to Mitz.

"We're a little shy of our two-month mark," Mitz said.

There were no questions from commissioners or the

public.

"David, well done," Commission Chair Greg Harris said.

Commissioners then approved the millage rate and the \$135 million budget from tax revenue and the \$8 million assessment budget, for a total of \$143 million.

The final public hearing will be 5:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the county commission chambers at 600 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring.

## Shooting on Simpson Avenue

By MELISSA MAIN  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — On Saturday, Sept. 1, a Sebring man ran from a vehicle as shots were being fired in his direction.

Sebring Police Department arrested Lyndon Walter Louie Delsol, 18, of Sebring, on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and discharging a firearm from a vehicle within 1,000 feet of the victim.

Details differ according to the exact nature of the events that led up to the shooting at 1701 Simpson Avenue. Sebring PD was called to investigate the incident at approximately 4:22 p.m.

Delsol went to the Sebring PD to report a robbery, claiming he was a victim, authorities say. However, when officers

began their investigation, they found that Delsol was actually a suspect in a shooting.

Delsol claimed that a friend was meeting him to purchase a cell phone from him for \$200, but the exchange went sour. The friend allegedly exited the vehicle with the money, pulled a black semi-automatic handgun from his pants pocket and fired three shots at Delsol, the report states.

Two witness had a different version of the story. The two witnesses said that they saw a heavysset black male running away from the rear of the vehicle and the "driver's right hand reaching over his left shoulder with a gun in his hand while firing two to three shots



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from the vehicle towards the black male subject."

Delsol signed a Waiver of Prosecution form and told officers he only wanted his money back. The officers told Delsol to wait in his vehicle. When Delsol opened his driver's side door, officer reported smelling a strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle.

The smell of cannabis prompted officers to inspect Delsol's vehicle. When they looked inside the vehicle, officers reported finding "an empty nylon holster in the driver's door compartment and a live round of 22 caliber Remington ammunition in the crease of the driver's seat."

Delsol told officers that a 22 caliber pistol was in his trunk, authorities say.

Officers also found two spent 22 caliber Remington casings in the roadway of Simpson

Avenue where Delsol's vehicle would have been, the report states.

According to the report, the victim, who was shot at by Delsol, told officers that Delsol had agreed to purchase a necklace from him for \$100. The victim handed the necklace to Delsol expecting payment. However, when Delsol hesitated to hand him money for the necklace, the victim told officers that he reached the necklace.

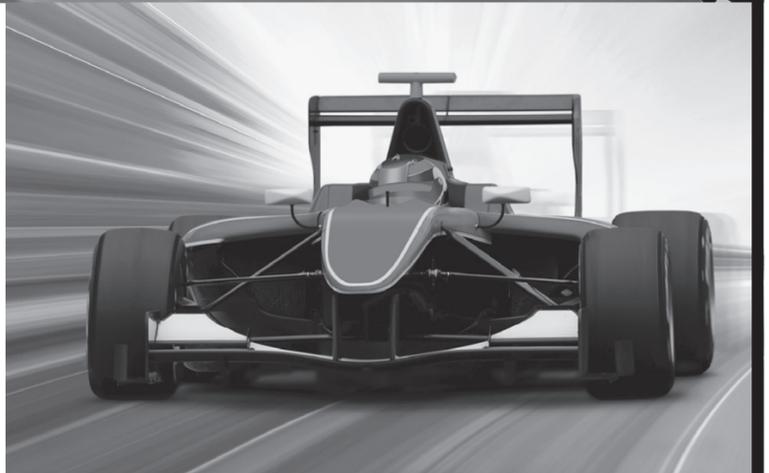
The victim said that he saw Delsol "put his left hand under his back pack" and heard a metallic sound. Delsol raised the backpack slightly "as if he had a gun" and the victim fled the vehicle in fear for his life, the victim said.

While he was running away, the victim reported hearing what sounded like gunshots coming from behind him.

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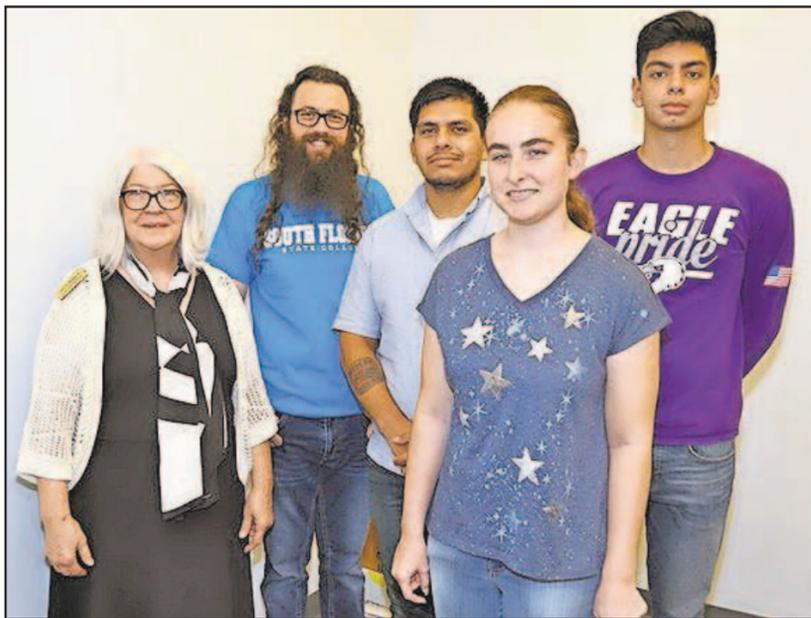
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From left: Dr. Charlotte Pressler with Honors students Nicholas Fischer, Lisandro Hernandez, Cambrie Landress, and Antony Zepeda. Not pictured: Jami Mercer, Leticia Jauregui, Robert ("Bobby") Brown, and Peyton Roberts.

## SFSC Foundation awards First Generation Scholarship



COURTESY PHOTO

Veronica Molina (center) with Jamie Bateman, executive director of institutional advancement at South Florida State College, and Jerry Donna, director of financial aid at SFSC.

## SFSC Honors students receive scholarships

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — South Florida State College (SFSC) awarded eight students in its Honors Program the Edward K. Roberts Book Scholarship, an award that helps students cover the cost of textbooks. The students include: Nicholas Fischer, Lisandro Hernandez, Cambrie Landress, Jami Mercer, Leticia Jauregui, Robert ("Bobby") Brown, Peyton Roberts, and Anthony Zepeda.

Students awarded the merit-based scholarship receive \$250 in the form of a credit they can use toward the purchase of textbooks at SFSC's

Campus Store.

SFSC's Honors Program offers students cultural enrichment, smaller classes, scholarship opportunities, and special recognition at the Commencement ceremony as well as an honors endorsement on their Associate in Arts degree and transcript. Honors students also take part in a service-learning project in the community.

Students receiving the scholarship must enroll in one honors course during the academic term in which they receive the scholarship. Returning students must achieve a 3.3 cumulative college GPA and continue to make

satisfactory progress toward the Honors Program Associate in Arts degree.

"I am very proud of these honors students, whose commitment to excellence has earned them this book scholarship," said Dr. Charlotte Pressler, SFSC Honors Program director and professor of English and philosophy. Dr. Pressler also expressed pride in the students' aspirations for the future. "In the Honors Program, I have two future pharmacists, three future engineers (mechanical, civil and unmanned aerial systems) and one future attorney."

For more information, contact Dr. Pressler at 863-784-7247.

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — Veronica Molina, a Hardee Senior High School graduate and first-generation-in-college student at South Florida State College (SFSC), has been awarded a scholarship that will cover up to 60 credit hours of college tuition through the First Generation Scholarship Program.

The First Generation Scholarship Program supports the efforts of higher education through scholarship funding for first generation students who aspire to attend a Florida college or university. A student is considered "first generation" if neither of the student's parents earned a college degree at the baccalaureate level or higher.

This scholarship was made available through a partnership between the SFSC Foundation, Inc. and the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

"It's with extreme excitement that we announce Veronica Molina as the recipient of our First Generation Scholarship," said Jamie Bateman, executive director of institutional advancement at SFSC. "This is the first time the SFSC Foundation was able to award a full two-year tuition scholarship for a deserving student. We are grateful to our donors who support our college. It's because of them we're able to match funds when they are offered by the state and grant students like Veronica the chance to make her dreams come true."

Molina's ultimate goal

is to become a physical therapist. She plans to attend SFSC to complete prerequisites and, eventually, transfer to Polk State College for the physical therapy program. The child of migrant workers, Molina began working in the fields after school and on weekends at a young age.

"Working in labor motivated me to continue my educational goals toward a better life," she said. "I choose to follow this career goal because I am a compassionate person, and I enjoy helping others. In fact, becoming a physical therapist will allow me to assist those who are injured and help them recover."

For more information about scholarship opportunities at SFSC, call 863-784-7134 or email [finaid@southflorida.edu](mailto:finaid@southflorida.edu).

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# Feeling hot, hot, hot – not your imagination

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Unlike the Temptations song, it is not your imagination running away with you. Nor is it a matter of vanity, you are hot, hot, hot. The New York Times aims to prove it with a new website tool that measures climate changes in a given city.

The website calculates the amount of days the temperature has been over 90 degrees Fahrenheit for any given city in the year someone was born until the present day. The results go further and predict the range with a “by the time you’re 80” number of days. More than likely, the model shows the numbers will continue to rise. The site is [nytimes.com/interactive/2018/08/30/climate/](http://nytimes.com/interactive/2018/08/30/climate/)

how-much-hotter-is-your-hometown.

For example, input into the search box Sebring, Florida for the hometown and 1980 as the user’s date of birth, the results would be:

- “When you were born, the Sebring area could expect about 139 days per year to reach at least 90 degrees.”
  - “Today, the Sebring area can expect 150 days at or above 90 degrees per year, on average.”
  - “By the time you’re 80, there could be 172 of these days very hot days. The likely range is between 162 and 183 days.”
  - “Projected increase in annual 90 degree days from 1960 to 2089” is possibly two months.
- Because of the way the data is compiled, the tool does not work

as well in cities that are colder by nature like Michigan.

The Paris Agreement, a landmark agreement to combat climate change, commits the signatory countries to reduce emissions that can cause climate change. The goal of the Paris Agreement is to substantially reduce the risks and effects of climate change and to keep the global temperature rise below a certain increase. It also aids the countries that must deal with climate change, according to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The New York Times tool is based off compliance with the Paris Agreement and even admits that most countries are not going to meet those goals. The

analysis tells the user the likely amount of days temperatures will be over 90 degrees by year 2089. According to the interactive website, Climate Impact Lab provides the data the analysis is based off of. The dataset goes back to 1960.

Knowing the increase in hot days can prepare people in advance for things that can be affected by heat such as health and agriculture. The Times also shared that normally hot cities, such as Sebring and Miami, would not be affected as much as other colder cities because they are already prepared for the heat. However, cities that may not have air conditioning in buildings, like some in New England and Canada, may not fare as well when the temperatures soar.

## OBITUARIES

### Bobbie Lee Bean

Bobbie Lee Bean, 88, of Sebring, Florida died Sept. 3, 2018 at VA Hospital, West Palm Beach, Florida. He was born in Junction City, Kansas and is a veteran of the US Air Force, serving from 1950-1953. He was a photo engraver for 40 years, moving to Sebring from California in 1967 and was a member of First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine.

Bobbie is survived by his wife, Billie Jean Bean; daughter, Connie Bean of Clermont, Florida; sons, Bobbie J. Bean of Sebring and Frank Lee Bean of Ocala, Florida; brother, Charles Bean of Arizona; grandchildren, Bobbie Nicholas Bean, Jesse Steel, Angel Bean, Hunter Bean and Kyle Bean.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 at Lake Josephine Baptist

Church with family receiving friends at 10 a.m. Military honors to follow. [morrissfuneralchapel.com](http://morrissfuneralchapel.com).

### Irene E. Helton

Irene E. Helton, nee Morgan, 74, resident of Gilbertsville, Kentucky and Sebring, Florida; beloved wife of the late Robert E.; loving mother of Jill and Nick (Karen) Helton; dear sister of Barbara, Jim, Alicia and Pat and the late Joe and Nancy.

The funeral service will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532 or the Democratic National Committee, 430 S. Capitol St. Southeast, Washington, DC 20003. Arrangements handled by Gibbons Funeral Home, Elmhurst. Call 630-832-0018 or visit [gibbonsfuneralhome.com](http://gibbonsfuneralhome.com).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MODAY

**American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid** — Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Chips a hoy 2 p.m. Call 863-465-0975.

**American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park** — Ship, captain crew 5-7 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

**American Legion post 74 in Sebring** — Call 863-471-1448.

**AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring** — Dart league 7:30 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.

**VFW Post 4300 in Sebring** — Call 863-385-8902.

**VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid** — \$1.25 drafts all day. Ship, captain crew 4:30 p.m. Call 863-699-5444.

**VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park** — Call 863-452-9853.

**Elks Lodge 2661 in Lake Placid** — Call 863-465-2661.

**Elks Lodge 1529 in Sebring** — Member bingo 2-4 p.m. Charity bingo 6 p.m. Call 863-471-3557.

**Moose Lodge 2494 in Avon Park** — Pizza and pitcher \$11. Happy hour 3-6 p.m. Call 863-452-0579.

**Moose Lodge 2374 in Lake Placid** — Call 863-465-0131.

**Moose Lodge 2259 in Sebring** — Call 863-655-3920.

**Sebring Recreation Club** — Call 863-385-2966.

**Eagles 4240 in Sebring** — Call 863-655-4007.

### TUESDAY

**American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid** — Remember 9/11 9 a.m. sharp. Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Chips a hoy 4-6 p.m. Meatloaf dinner 5-7 p.m. Bingo 6:30 p.m. Call 863-465-0975.

**American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park** — Bingo 1 p.m. Bake sale. Bar poker 5 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

**American Legion post 74 in Sebring** — Call 863-471-1448.

**AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring** — Patriot Day 9/11. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Food. Bar poker 5 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.

**VFW Post 4300 in Sebring** — Call 863-385-8902.

**VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid** — Patriots Day. Darts 6:30 p.m. Call 863-699-5444.

**VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park** — Call 863-452-9853.

**Elks Lodge 2661 in Lake Placid** — Call 863-465-2661.

**Elks Lodge 1529 in Sebring** — Canasta 9 a.m. Tastee Tuesday hot beef sandwiches. Queen of hearts. Music by Cowboy Jody 6-9 p.m. Call 863-452-0579.

**Moose Lodge 2494 in Avon Park** — Taco Tuesday. \$2 margaritas. \$6 beer pitchers. 4 p.m. ship, captain, crew. Call

863-452-0579.

**Moose Lodge 2374 in Lake Placid** — Poker 2 p.m. Call 863-465-0131.

**Moose Lodge 2259 in Sebring** — Call 863-655-3920.

**Sebring Recreation Club** — Call 863-385-2966.

**Eagles 4240 in Sebring** — Call 863-655-4007.

### WEDNESDAY

**American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid** — Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Taco and full menu 5-7 p.m. Ship, capt, crew 6 p.m. Lora Patton 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 863-465-0975.

**American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park** — Legion wings 4-6 p.m. Karaoke with KJ 4-7 p.m. Queen of hearts 6 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

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**VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid** — Poker 2 p.m. Ladies drinks BOGO 4 p.m. to closing. Call 863-699-5444.

**VFW Post 9853 in Avon Park** — Call 863-452-9853.

**Elks Lodge 2661 in Lake Placid** — Call 863-465-2661.

**Elks Lodge 1529 in Sebring** — Lodge closed. Call 863-471-3557.

**Moose Lodge 2494**

**in Avon Park** — Family dinner pork tenderloin. Bar poker 5 p.m. Call 863-452-0579.

**Moose Lodge 2374 in Lake Placid** — Queen of hearts 8 p.m. Megasoundz. Pool tournament. Call 863-465-0131.

**Moose Lodge 2259 in Sebring** — PCall 863-655-3920.

**Sebring Recreation Club** — Call 863-385-2966.

**Eagles 4240 in Sebring** — Call 863-655-4007.

### THURSDAY

**American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid** — Poker 1 p.m. Cafe 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chips a hoy 4 p.m. Create a pizza. Darts 6:45 p.m. Call 863-465-0975.

**American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park** — Happy hour all day. Sammy’s famous tacos. Euchre 1:30 p.m. Trivia 5:30 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

**American Legion post 74 in Sebring** — Call 863-471-1448.

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### ANOTHER VIEW

## No shock state has shortage of teachers

We fear no one is taking Florida's teacher shortage serious enough.

With unemployment figures near, or at, 10-year lows across the country, filling teaching positions has become as difficult as finding plumbers, electricians and skilled laborers to fill the urgent need in the state's construction industry. And the outlook is anything but rosy.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, there were 4,063 teacher vacancies in Florida's schools when the bell rang back in August. That is about 35 percent more than last year when there were 3,000 vacancies and almost double the teachers we needed two years ago when 2,400 were needed.

Charlotte County is one of the lucky districts as only eight teachers were still needed as of this week. Positions needing filled included a science teacher at Charlotte High, a K-5 teacher at Kingsway Elementary and two paramedics.

Sarasota, a larger district, was in a more dire situation with 35 openings. That district needed 10 elementary teachers, 11 for various grades and subjects in middle schools and 14 high school instructors.

What's going on?  
Is it all about money?

Well, yes and no.

Florida, with all its riches, ranks 45th in average teacher pay in the nation. Shameful we think. The Sunshine state beats only Delaware, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Utah and West Virginia for the value we place on teachers.

Florida's average pay, according to the National Education Association, was \$47,267. Keep in mind that average includes teachers with masters and doctorates and longevity. The national average is \$59,660. Teachers' pay in Florida has actually declined by 12.2 percent the past decade.

That's a big problem. We can offer nice weather but who wants to move to Florida to teach for less money and deal with some of the highest housing costs in the nation?

But that is not the only problem.

Florida's battery of tests – and its use of test results to grade teachers – is anything but attractive. Any teacher will tell you – as our candidates for the Charlotte County School Board did in Primary Election interviews – that Florida's teachers feel they are teaching to the test. Their freedom to use their own special skills or to be inventive in the classroom is limited.

Florida's teachers don't get the respect they deserve from the Legislature or the governor. Lawmakers continually push the cost of education to local school districts. Last year, local school district bore 46.2 percent of the cost of running their schools. The state pitched in 42 percent.

It is not surprising that, according to Charlotte County Schools Mike Riley, enrollment in teachers' colleges is down 30 percent.

We must make teaching more attractive by boosting salaries, eliminating redundant and unnecessary testing and raising the self-esteem of our educators by letting them know they are valued.

If we fail this mission, the education system will fail us and that paints a troubling picture of our state's future.

An editorial from the Charlotte Sun.

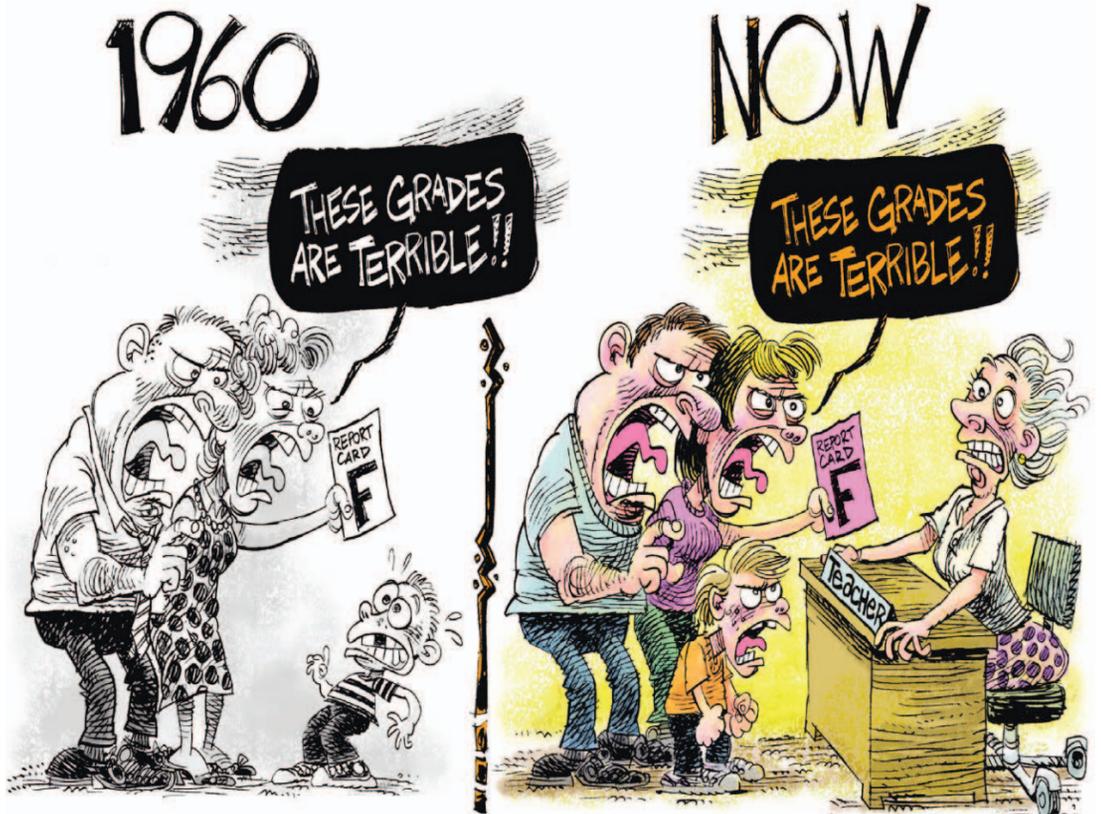
### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

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

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

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## Addressing the needs of our children

Without genuine concern, this is all worthless.

Colonel B.P. McCoy warned in the opening of his work "The Passion of Command": "Without genuine concern, this is all worthless." Decent people can accomplish decent things, yet without sincerity and heartfelt concern, outcomes will remain mediocre and simply decent. In order for real change, positive impact, and lasting results, minds must be genuinely engaged and hearts intently invested.

The month of September brings special awareness to childhood cancer, deafness, and suicide. The Champion for Children Foundation is honored to assist and encourage local families facing such medical and emotional needs through sincere and engaged support by you, our community.

Lindsey's Wish was formed in early 2013 by friends and family of beloved local teen, Lindsey Hammortree. Throughout her own battle, Lindsey's "wish" was to help other children fighting cancer. The Champion for



**OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE**  
Carissa Marine

Children Foundation is currently blessing five families of children who have been diagnosed with cancer, and we know there are more in Highlands County. If your family, or a family you know has a child battling cancer, please connect with the Champion for Children Foundation so we may walk the journey together in hope of a better tomorrow.

The Vision Quest program began in 1996, providing free vision screenings for young, school-aged children. Now, 22 years later and with the active support of the United Way of Central Florida, the program has expanded to become Vision & Hearing Quest. Along with the overall purpose of assisting with

vision and hearing needs of youth of all ages, the Vision & Hearing Quest program continues to prioritize the health and early learning needs of young students.

Peer pressure, social media, mass media, and even well-meaning family members bombard young minds and hormone-raging hearts with how they should act, what they should look like, and who they should be. Whether assisting with obtaining counseling services, participating in a club or sport, or having clean clothes and shoes, the Prevention Services & Assistance program is able to support and encourage our teens to go after their own dreams and reach their greatest potential.

Thank you for allowing the Champion for Children Foundation to address such real needs of our youth and families. If you desire to give in support of, or serve within, one of our 13 prevention and early intervention programs, please contact our main office or visit ChampionforChildren.org.

In a few weeks, our community will celebrate five child advocates at the 19th Annual Judge Clifton M. Kelly Champion for Children Awards Gala. These incredible individuals have committed their lives, passions and talents to advocating on behalf of the children in our community. They remain dedicated to, and genuinely concerned with, bettering the future for our youth. These local heroes set exemplary examples for the rest of us regarding how to direct our time and gifts.

We must take action, we must be purposeful, and we must remain concerned.

Carissa Marine serves as CEO for the Champion for Children Foundation of Highlands County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing prevention programs and early intervention services to local children and families. Contact the Foundation at 419 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870; call 863-382-2905; or on the web at www.ChampionforChildren.org

## 9/11 commemoration and Amendment forum set

Sept. 11 is a day to commemorate the freedoms and responsibilities that being a citizen of this nation requires. One of the most important responsibilities we share is to vote.

Come join fellow citizens at a free, non-partisan Sept. 11 commemoration and forum on Amendments 1, 2, and 5 at the South Florida State College University Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The ceremony will begin with the posting of the colors by the Avon Park Junior ROTC, the Pledge of Allegiance and an appropriate reading.

The Amendment panel will immediately follow and is structured to present what a "yes" vote and a "no" vote will mean for statewide and local community budgets and fiscal planning.

Confirmed panelists include Joe Pennisi, executive director of the non-partisan Florida Policy Institute, headquartered in Lake Mary; Jack Ritchie from

### GUEST COLUMN

Polly Parks

Highlands County Board of Commissioners; and newly elected School Board member Isaac Durrance.

After the panel makes presentations, there will be a moderated question and answer session.

This non-partisan event is sponsored by the Highlands County Democratic Women's Club as part of their Amendment Forum series. Susie Johnson, club president, will be the event emcee.

Days like 9/11 in our nation's history try our souls and make us wonder if we can live up to the possibilities of the American dream. That dream was always founded on citizen's rights and responsibilities, which aside from voting, includes paying taxes. Historically, the issue has been how to make taxation effective and equitable.

Florida prides itself on not having any state income tax and touts that attracts business, though it doesn't seem to greatly increase the low median income. For example, according to federal government statistics, the 2018 median family income is \$84,700 in Virginia (which has a progressive state income tax) and \$62,500 in Florida. That differential is reflected in the per capita state budget of \$6,116 and \$4,408 respectively.

Keep in mind that Florida has more than twice the population of Virginia and that Florida has nearly 20 percent aged 65 and over and Virginia has less than 14 percent; retiree income tends to be fixed.

But the low per capita expenditure implies that a state like Florida has less needs than a state like Virginia. That is a fallacy. It just has a highly politicized method of taxation and slicing up the revenue it receives.

A higher per capita

expenditure means a state government can fund healthier public schools and higher education systems, better safety net programs for young and old, stronger police and highway patrol forces, and a more robust environment and natural resources department.

But as we all know, taxes don't fall from the sky. For Florida, and Highlands County, how the government is organized and how taxation is enacted, budgeted, and spent, can either attract or repel potential investors — be they individuals or companies.

Amendments 1, 2, and 5 will directly affect how the state, Highlands County, and our municipalities, can attract a more diverse economy, provide for a good education for our children, maintain effective law enforcement and emergency services, and the other services that we expect and demand from our government.

# STATIONS

FROM PAGE 1A

ran out of money. “We will fix that,” Bashoor said, estimating the cost at \$100,000 “give or take.”

- Highlands Park Volunteer Fire Department Station 33 at 1317 Columbus St. in Lake Placid will get additions to the tune of \$25,000-\$75,000.

- Fire Services administrative offices will move out of the Emergency Operations Center to an 8,000-square-foot space on Kenilworth Boulevard, adjacent to an annex/storage area used by Supervisor of Elections Office.

That will free up much needed space at the EOC, Bashoor said.

Right now, the EOC is scheduled for a \$1.5 million expansion, Bashoor said. Moving Fire Services to another site will save \$500,000, he said. It will also give Fire Services some much-needed training space.

Year two will see a new station to replace Lake Placid Fire Department Station 36 at 11 W. Interlake Blvd. in Lake



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

**Volunteer firefighters work together to put out a house fire in the Lake Josephine area.**

Placid.

Bashoor said crews have expressed concerns that the current location is difficult to get in or out, given its proximity to the Interlake Boulevard and Main Avenue intersection, to DeVane Circle and to Lake Placid Elementary, Middle and High schools.

“We’re looking at options for land,” Bashoor said.

The assessment will also help the county buy some much-needed apparatus, Bashoor said, including a ladder truck, two first-out engines and a pumper/tanker truck.

Highlands County has already built two new stations in recent years:

- Highlands County EMS Department Station, housing Ambulances 4 and 9 along Sebring Parkway near Peach Street to replace an old house on South Eucalyptus Street that was used as a station.

- West Sebring Volunteer Fire Department Station 7 at 5306 Sun ‘n Lake Blvd. in Sebring, in front of Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center, to replace an old house used as a station on Valerie Road.

Both were paid for out of the county’s capital improvements funds. The fire assessment is designed to pay for fire services, not EMS.

# GARBAGE

FROM PAGE 1A

Commission Vice Chair Jim Brooks said most of the complaints he received could be tied back to landfill closures for nearby lightning strikes.

However, he also said commissioners need to hear suggestions from the vendor and discuss them at a workshop.

Commissioner Don Elwell said he’d like to see the county commission “stay on that” and make sure Waste Connections returns to them with suggestions.

He also said people in the community want to see changes in the system, perhaps doing away with recycling, given the lack of a market for the materials.

Elwell also suggested putting a couple of rolloff recycling dumpsters back into public use, for

residents who want to continue recycling.

Handley said he talked to the hauler about rolloff dumpsters, which might reduce some of the loads for curbside recycling.

Elwell said a lot of people enjoy recycling, but also would like to return to twice-a-week garbage pickup. The main reason the county did curbside pickup was to comply with state mandates to have 75 percent of the waste stream recycled by 2020.

“We’re almost there,” Elwell said.

He said he asked the hauler to consider collecting garbage twice a week and recycling every other week.

Commission Chair Greg Harris noted that one of the biggest reasons for late or missed pickups was having to close the landfill for lightning.

He said that delay would still occur whether

the hauler collects recycling or not.

Elwell pointed out that if garbage were collected twice a week, a missed pickup and/or delay would mean only having garbage in the can in the hot sun for two or three days more, at most, instead of eight or nine days.

Commissioner Jack Richie said he thinks some of the routes are too big.

The trucks are simple to operate, move fast and require only one worker, Richie said.

However, that means not having any reserve workers, and as it happens, few, if any, reserve trucks when they break down.

Handley also wanted to hear about whether or not the hauler plans to build the administrative facility at the landfill that it planned to have, under the contract.

# MEETING

FROM PAGE 1A

downtown but in town limits. In July, 2015, then-owners, Harbor Community Bank declined the town’s bid of \$1.3 million for the property and building.

- Renovate the current Town Hall. The cost is estimated at \$400,000. According to the town’s website, there is nearly 4,000 square feet currently and an addition could add another 1,674 square feet. Another concept is to take the building designs from option 2 and build a new building next to the current Town Hall. The property sits on 1.69 acres. The estimate total would be \$1.6 million. The renovation of the current Town Hall received several favorable

comments in the special meeting.

The properties were discussed in a special meeting on Aug. 29. The standing-room only crowd overwhelmingly said “no” to the church. Many speakers and audience members agreed the church, also called the CenterState property, was a good deal and a nice building but opposed the location. The majority of the audience in the meeting raised their hands to show council that they did not want the Town Hall being moved to the outskirts of town. They stated Town Hall should remain somewhere in the downtown area close to the businesses.

The business owners were adamant Town Hall stay in the heart of downtown and did not seem

to have a preference over which property was chosen otherwise. The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, Bill Brantley, Hoz Compton and a host of business leaders voiced their concerns over moving the Town Hall to the edge of town.

Other items on the agenda are readings for millage, the budget, garbage and text amendments to the Town Code of Ordinances. The Planning Department is slated to talk about a Special Exception Notice- Solar Farm Resolution. Sewer project grants and purchasing a dump truck will be discussed as well.

The council allows for citizens to speak for a period of three minutes on a topic. To get onto the agenda call the Town Hall at 863-699-3747.



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# Commissioners change tent sale rules

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — People holding off-site tent sales will need to strike the tents and clear the site within 24 hours after the sale ends, not 48.

That's one of the new stipulations in amendments Highlands County commissioners approved to the county's tent sale ordinance at their last regular meeting, in order to deal with complaints and concerns they have had about out-of-county sellers arranging local tent sales.

They split the discussion into two parts: Those for off-site automobile dealer tent sales and all other types of sales. Commissioner Don Elwell, as director of marketing and communications for Alan Jay Automotive Network,

was obligated by law to abstain not only from the vote of that part of the ordinance, but also any discussion of that section.

In jest, he turned his chair around briefly to stare at the wall.

Under the ordinance, companies, groups or people who want to hold a tent sale now have 30 days before the event to submit an application. The previous deadline was 20 days.

The application fee is \$200.

The county has 25 days to issue a permit, and would determine on a case-by-case basis if a nonprofit organization needed to pay a fee.

Also, a seller cannot have more than two local tent sale events in a year, and those events must be at least three months apart.

Automotive tent sales need to post a surety bond equal to 25 percent of the total value of the stock to be offered for sale at the event. For that, they need to provide a list of every car being offered for sale, with the vehicle identification numbers and the market value for each vehicle.

Commissioner Ron Handley asked if the sellers have ever brought a list of their inventory as part of their application before. Zoning Supervisor Linda Conrad said no.

Commission Vice Chair Jim Brooks asked what would happen if the dealer were to sell some vehicles not on the list.

County Administrator Randy Vosburg that "would be a problem" for the seller, legally.

"People have bought vehicles that were flooded

out," Vosburg said.

People have also bought with the understanding that they had a warranty, Vosburg said, only to find out they didn't.

Handley asked if county officials would look at the warranty on every vehicle.

"If they have no warranty," Conrad said, "they have to say so at the entrance on every vehicle."

The amended ordinance also increases the amount of liability insurance they have to carry.

"The company, I'm sure, wants to protect themselves," Conrad said.

County officials also want a copy of the most recent deed — the current owner — Conrad said.

All signage for the event must comply with local municipal ordinances, the

ordinance states, which are often more stringent than the county's.

And finally, organizers of the sale must have the site back to its pre-sale condition within 24 hours — one day — where they once had 48 hours.

If a seller does not comply with the rules, they won't get issued a another sale permit for two years, Conrad said.

Handley asked Conrad to make sure all previous or potential tent sale organizers get word about the new restrictions, so they don't have to find out about it when they submit an application.

She said county officials would send out notices.

Commissioners, with Elwell abstaining, approved amendments to the automotive section of the tent sale ordinance, 4-0.

With Elwell joining the discussion for other types of tent sales, commissioners also approved the amendments unanimously.

Handley asked how the county would police compliance with the ordinance. Conrad said staff would go out personally to inspect the sites.

Brooks remarked about the 24-hour deadline being a "tight window." Handley said that could be difficult for people selling Christmas trees, meaning they'd have to clean up on Christmas Day.

Conrad said permits are for 14 days, so they could adjust the permit period to overlap beyond holidays. She also said Christmas tree sellers get some leeway: Their permits have a maximum time of 30 days.

## LOCAL 9-11 EVENTS

### 9/11: Never Forget Project

SEBRING — Sebring High School's Young Americans for Freedom is proud to organize the 9/11: Never Forget Project on campus this Tuesday in collaboration with Young America's Foundation (YAF). Through this initiative — the largest nationwide campus activism project of its kind — students at schools across the country annually display 2,977 American flags to remember those who lost their lives more than a decade ago. For more

information, call Caleb Cooper, President, Young Americans for Freedom at 863-991-3189 or Virgil Beato, Faculty Sponsor at 863-414-0947.

### 9/11 Commemoration & Amendments Forum

SEBRING — A non-partisan Sept. 11 Commemoration Ceremony and Amendments Forum will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 11, at the SFSC University Center, 600 College Drive, Avon Park. The Avon Park

JROTC will post the colors and following a short ceremony, a panel will present on Amendments 1, 2 and 5.

Confirmed presenters are Joe Pennisi, executive director of the Florida Policy Institute, Highlands County Commissioner Jack Richie, and newly elected school board member, Isaac Durrance. There will be a moderated question and answer period as well as a short update on amendments.

Event sponsored by Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County. For additional

information, please contact Susie Johnson, president of DWC of Highlands County at 863-385-0008.

### First Responders event

LAKE PLACID — The American Legion Post #25 in Lake Placid will hold a First Responders Event at 9 a.m. sharp on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Legion, 1490 US Hwy 27 N. First responders, Sheriff Blackman, Safety Director Marc Bashoor and HCSO Honor Guard will be in attendance. Coffee and donuts

provided. For information, call 863-465-0975.

### Quarters for a Cause

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.

### 9/11 Commemoration and Day of Prayer

LAKE PLACID — A 9/11 commemoration and Day of Prayer will take place at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at First Presbyterian Church, 117 N. Oak Ave. in Lake Placid. Church open for prayer 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Faith Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Leisure Lakes Baptist Church, Placid Lakes Baptist Church, St. Francis Anglican Episcopal Church and Sonshine Christian Fellowship.

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# Father, daughter conduct mowing ministry

## Hope people 'see the sermon'

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Among the things Rev. Cleveland Williams and his daughter, Carolyn, noticed about Washington Heights was the weeds.

"You've got to clean your own front yard," Carolyn Williams said, after doing 50 vacant and/or developed lots that had become overgrown.

A year ago, she and Rev. Williams started a church called "Independent House of Salvation" in

an old Caribbean-style restaurant at 730 Lemon St. in Sebring. Ceiling fans still sport the bright primary and tropical colors that had been the decor.

One of the first things they did, they said, was to clean up the yard and the fence, grown up with weeds, bushes and vines. Then they started mowing others' yards, whether asked to or not.

That way, they hope, other residents will take pride in their community and not put up with drug

dealing or violent crime.

Rev. Williams calls it a "Sermon without a voice."

"Look at us," he said. "Watch our work. Let it speak for us."

He wants to encourage people to take care of themselves by cleaning up the community, starting by transforming the weeded lots into clean, cut lots.

He said he wants to divert attention from crime and shift the focus of the community away from doing harm to anyone.

From there, he'd like to see improvement in education, especially job skills training, and moral attitudes.

Carolyn Williams said there's an "inescapability of tradition." Some people, she said, don't know how to step forward.

Rev. Williams referred to the "basket of crabs" criminology theory. Crabs in a basket or bucket won't get out not because one or two don't try, Rev. Williams said, but because those below them will pull them back.

That why crime or even blight flourishes, he said.

"If you stand up for what's right, and declare that, there's a potential for being harmed," Rev. Williams said.

He said it's not only up to the whole village to train the young, but for the whole village to help everyone move forward. Adults have to modify their behavior, too.

Sebring Police Chief Karul Hoglund said the



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Carolyn Williams shows a photograph made when she and others worked on clearing overgrowth in a lot near her father, Rev. Cleveland Williams' church, Independent House of Salvation. Picnic tables, just behind her printed photo, were added after they cleared the lot, she said, by a church that owns the property.

Williams' efforts follow the "broken window" criminology theory that visible signs of crime and anti-social behavior create an environment that encourages further crime and disorder.

Cleaning up the area and preventing vandalism would have the opposite effect.

Carolyn Williams suggested that trimming bushes and lawns helps prevent drug dealers from hiding their drugs from police in overgrowth. Hoglund said he hadn't considered that possibility, but said it makes sense criminals would do that.

The Williams are also trying to encourage people to come to church, or to involve churches in

cleanup efforts, but it's slow going.

"A lot of churches (here) have maybe 10-15 members," Carolyn Williams said.

Meanwhile, she putters around on a 2007 Sears Craftsman yard tractor mower they found in an overgrown lot, not running and given away by the owner.

Carolyn Williams has been out on the tractor most days, and has mowed many lots three times, given recent rains.

"No one stopped to say, 'Hey, Girl! Can I help you?'" Carolyn Williams said.

She hasn't gotten gasoline money, though one person gave her a bag of Gatorade.

Some, she said, were upset at having their lawns mowed, thinking they'd get a bill.

"When they find out it's from the heart, to beautify the community, then they're happy," Rev. Williams said.

Some of those properties belong to churches or pastors, his daughter said, although neither she nor Rev. Williams would say which.

Some of the lots they've cut, they said, are owned by the city. They hope to meet with city officials about that.

In the meantime, she'll keep mowing.

"Our sermons can be seen on the Craftsman riding lawn mower," Rev. Williams said.



The Rev. Cleveland Williams moves a cut but not buried pipe with his foot in a vacant lot in Washington Heights. He would like to see such abandoned infrastructure removed for safety reasons.

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**STATE NEWS**

**Florida authorities investigate threat painted on garage**

NEWBERRY (AP) — Authorities in a North Florida county are investigating a threat and slur used against transgender people that was spray painted on a home garage.

The Gainesville Sun reports Alachua County deputies discovered the vandalized garage while patrolling a neighborhood in the town of Newberry early Friday morning. Newberry is located west of Gainesville.

The slur was spray-painted in large, black letters and threatened the residents to “move or die.”

Liz Abel told the newspaper that she was startled when she and her partner, Alecia Abel, who started identifying as female just three months ago, were awoken by deputies.

Liz Abel also said that someone had left a sticky note on the garage door the previous day that also said “move or die.”

Newberry’s mayor called the couple and personally apologized for the actions of whoever vandalized the door.

**Doctor gets 6½ years for selling painkiller prescriptions**

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A Florida doctor has been sentenced to six years and six months in federal prison for illegally selling prescriptions for painkillers.

Court records show that Dr. Andres Mencia was sentenced Friday after being convicted of participating in a conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Instigators say the 64-year-old Mencia and employees at his Oakland Park office performed sham consultations with cash-paying patients from 2014 to 2017. Mencia would improperly issue prescriptions for opioids and narcotics, such as Oxycodone, OxyContin and Percocet.

Mencia’s officer workers — 41-year-old Oscar Luis Ventura-Rodriguez, 51-year-old Nadira Sampath-Grant and 50-year-old John Mensah — previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by unlawfully distributing controlled substances.

Ventura-Rodriguez received two years, Sampath-Grant received a year and a half, and Mensah was sentenced to time-served.

**UCF receives largest alumni donation ever**

ORLANDO (AP) — A South Florida couple has made the largest alumni donation pledge in the history of the University of Central Florida.

The Orlando-based university said Friday that Vince and Joyce Virga of Fort Lauderdale had pledged a \$10.25 million donation to the school.

The donation will be used to create the Virga College of Business Fund, which will support a program dedicated to future sales leaders.

The Virgas are in the field of information technology. They credit the university with leading them to professional success.

A portion of their donation also will fund university athletics.

**BAM hosts a book drive for local schools**

By MELISSA MAIN  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Books-A-Million hosted a book drive for all the schools in Highlands County and collected over 400 books to help students dive into reading.

The book drive was held over the summer, and employees from BAM placed books that would appeal to students onto a rack near the cash registers. When customers would bring their purchases to the front, employees would say, “These are the books schools want. Would you like to make a donation?”

“People would also pick books off the shelf [for the book drive] and pay,” James Matheisen, general manager of BAM, said.

Stacy Osorio, co-manager of BAM, said, “Customers say they want to support reading. They want to get kids reading as soon as possible.”

“We hold a book drive every summer,” Matheisen said.

“We wanted to get books that would appeal to students from kindergarten to 12th grade, and we wanted to get books



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

From left, Shelby Waters, book sales, James Matheisen, general manager and Stacy Osorio, co-manager, display books that their customers purchased during the book drive.

that would interest boys and girls,” Osorio said.

Dan Fantin, media specialist for Highlands County School District, said, “Every year Books-A-Million has hosted a book drive to provide quality books to the students in our community. In the past, a single school was the recipient of the book drive.”

“This year Books-A-Million wanted the books distributed across the school district,” Fantin said. “The dedicated staff at Books-A-Million was able to collect a very impressive number of books. Our schools always face financial

challenges and books of this high quality are greatly appreciated.”

The books that were collected ranged from classics, such as The Berenstain Bears and Encyclopedia Brown, to popular authors, such as J. K. Rowling, of Harry Potter fame, and Rick Riordan, who wrote the Percy Jackson series.

“I find it uplifting when members of our community, like Books-A-Million, support our educational system,” Fantin said. “Schools benefit a great deal when they receive help from members in the community.”

“It is clear that the staff



From left, James Matheisen, Stacy Osorio and Shelby Waters stand near the boxes of books that will be donated to Highlands County schools.

at Books-A-Million is dedicated to providing a good selection of reading materials to the students of Highlands County,” he said. “Once again the staff at Books-A-Million has come through for our

schools. On behalf of the schools in the Highlands County School District, let me once again express my heart-felt appreciation for this wonderful donation of books from Books-A-Million.”

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# LOCAL SPORTS

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## Blue Streaks blast Yellow Jackets

### Sebring cruises past Bartow for first win



BY MARK PINSON/SPORTS EDITOR

The Sebring defense sacks Bartow quarterback Lin Johnson during Friday night's game. The Blue Streaks drilled the Yellow Jackets by a score of 60-8.

By MARK PINSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

SEBRING — The Sebring football team earned its first win of the season in impressive fashion with a dominating 60-8 drubbing of Bartow on Friday night at Firemen's Memorial Field. After having its season-opener postponed because of lightning and then losing in

double-overtime to Hardee last week, the Blue Streaks took out their frustrations on the Yellow Jackets.

"It's good to get that first win of the season," said Sebring head coach LaVaar Scott. "Winning never gets old. We came out strong and then we kind of fizzled. We started fast and then lost our focus. We have to be able to sustain that kind of

effort for four quarters if we want to achieve our goals this season."

Sebring took the opening kickoff and marched 65 yards in six plays with junior Kasey Hawthorne breaking loose for a 50-yard touchdown. Sebring faked the extra point kick and threw a pass for the 2-point conversion to take a quick 8-0 lead.

Bartow went backward on its next possession

which ended with a sack and a fumble that was recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. The point after gave the Blue Streaks a 15-0 lead midway through the first period.

The Yellow Jackets failed to pick up a first down and was forced to punt.

Sebring went back to

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## Excellent fishing next few days

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for second full week of September gives anglers the second half of the new moon week and a typical rainy season weather forecast. All fishing factors considered, wind will be the only negative this week, as in not enough wind. Otherwise all other factors work to the angler's favor.

With the new moon occurring today and the perigee the day before, fish feeding migrations will be very strong in intensity, duration and numbers of active feeders. And all three solar period will be productive today through Tuesday, with the best period of the three occurring in the late morning hours as the moon arrives overhead along with solar noon at 1:22 p.m.

The weather forecast predicts a mild westerly wind today with speeds reaching seven miles per hour by 2 p.m. but Monday and Tuesday's speeds will be five to six miles per hour. Wednesday a seven mph north wind occurs followed by a four to five mph speeds for Thursday through the weekend.

The key to fishing success is to be on the water when the wind is picking-up and atmospheric pressure is increasing, this is when fish will need to adjust the most during the day. Also the sun's energy level today through Tuesday will be much higher than norm, causing the formation of large concentrations of active feeders in all species.

The depth where most lakes produce the best dissolved oxygen zone this month is between eight to eighteen feet. Find the grassbeds and tree-piles near the lake bottom contour changes (no matter how minimal the depth change, 1 to 2 foot changes are enough to hold fish) and you'll discover where the action is.

Finding the areas of the lake which produces the greatest dissolved oxygen rates is the secret to finding success. Downwind from the healthiest vegetation areas are good places to start.

If you have not already started using 'red colored baits' then you should start. Browns, orange and red shad colors are all producing great contrast no matter what type of water clarity there is. Red shad with gold and or

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## Heartland qualifier goes well



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

The Sponsors from Huston Chevrolet pose with the qualifiers before the start of the Heartland Golf Championship final qualifying round at Sun 'N Lake Country Club on Saturday morning.

## Five golfers move on after final qualifier

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The final qualifier round for the Heartland Golf Championship took place at the pristine Sun 'n Lake Country Club Saturday morning. The tournament was sponsored by Huston Chevrolet. There were a total of five golfers and they all qualified for the Heartland Golf Championship.

"This is the first year for this event to be at Sun 'n Lake," said Sun 'N Lake Golf Professional Tom Grammas. "We have had a lot of excitement and hype for this event and people are excited to play. We are glad to have it. The course is in great shape and I think it showed today with the scores. Everyone played well and had a good time."

All players that qualified over the last two months are welcome to participate

in the Heartland Golf Championship that will take place Saturday at River Greens Golf Course in Avon Park.

The championship will be sponsored by Florida Hospital. The winners of the men's and women's division will win a five-night Western Caribbean cruise for two, that is provided by Cruise & Tour Supermarket.

"Today's event went wonderful," said Highlands News-Sun Publisher Tim Smolarick. "We were excited the weather held off. We had great people, a great golf course, but there were very slick greens. We enjoyed it and it looked like the people that played enjoyed it as well."

The Heartland Qualifier is based on a point system. The individual net, after handicap, program points are 1-point for bogey, 2-points for par, 3-points for birdie, and

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RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Kay Maher drives her way into first place in Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship Qualifier at Sun 'N Lake Country Club.

## Miners hold off Green Dragons

### Fort Meade escapes with win over Lake Placid

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — After a hard-fought battle the Lake Placid Green Dragons came up short against the Fort Meade Miners Friday night at Roger Scarborough Memorial Field.

Fort Meade escaped with a 17-16 victory over Lake Placid after the Miners' defense stopped the Green Dragons last

drive to seal the victory. The win improved Fort Meade to 1-2, while the loss dropped Lake Placid to 1-2.

"Our guys worked their butts off," said Lake Placid Coach Andy Judah. "They played really hard. We had some stuff going and we had a few big plays. We do have to do a better job being disciplined so we don't get silly penalties."

Lake Placid struck first

in the second quarter when quarterback Quwesmael Sholtz handed off to Javarie White who ran the ball 30 yards for a touchdown. The Dragons went for a two-point conversion and handed the ball off to White once again who ran it in increasing Lake Placid's lead to 8-0 with 9:48 left in the half.

Fort Meade tied the game in the third quarter. Lake Placid attempted to

punt but fumbled the ball and the Miners took over at the Dragon 3-yard line.

Kamron Simmons found a seam and bulled his way into the end zone. Fort Meade went for the two-point conversion and quarterback Dearthrick Howard ran the ball in to tie the score at 8-8 with 9:24 left in the third quarter.

"Our offense is still

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RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid's quarterback Quwesmael Sholtz has his feet knocked out from under him in Friday night's loss to Fort Meade.

# Wildcats whip Red Devils

## Hardee beats Avon Park to stay unbeaten

By **JIM TAYLOR**  
CORRESPONDENT

WAUCHULA – Six second-quarter turnovers and miscues led to the downfall of the Avon Park Red Devils to the Hardee Wildcats and directly contributed to 31 second-quarter points as Avon Park lost its first game of the season by a score of 39-0 at Wildcat Stadium.

“I told these guys that I am going to tell you a lie and then I am going to tell you the truth,” said Avon Park Head Coach Jerry Hudnell, “The first lie is that football builds character, it does not build it, it reveals it. That is the truth and tonight I saw some character revealed I did not like.”

Avon Park came out throwing as Tyrek Dunlop connected with Javarious Smith on the second play from scrimmage for a 35-yard gain.

Two plays later, the snap went through Dunlop’s hands for a loss of 18 yards, effectively ending their first drive.

After the punt, Hardee started their first drive on the Red Devils 38.

Wildcat quarterback James Pearson completed five screen passes, but it would still take a fourth-and-goal at the one before they cracked the Red Devil defense on a one-yard run by Ariel Whitters to give Hardee an 8-0 lead after the two-point conversion.

Avon Park started its second possession on its 13 and put together a nine-play drive. Dunlop connected on 3 of four passes for 29 yards before three consecutive incompletes, two of which were dropped, ended the drive on their own 42.

After forcing Hardee to punt and getting the ball to start the second quarter, Avon Park committed four turnovers in the span of eight offensive plays.

The first being an interception by Hardee that led to a field goal that gave the Wildcats an 11-0 lead.

Two lost fumbles led to a 34-yard touchdown pass from Pearson to Quintin Lindsey and a missed 45-yard field goal attempt that now had Hardee holding an 18-0 lead.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

The Avon Park defense, led by Jalen Turner (44), swarm Hardee's quarterback James Pearson early in Friday night's game at Wildcat Stadium.

Another interception led to a touchdown as

Hardee's lead expanded to 25-0.

Hardee then blocked a punt and returned it 20 yards to another touchdown to make the score 32-0.

Avon Park, trying to put together something before the half ended, threw another interception that was returned 55 yards as time expired to make the score 39-0 at the half.

A scoreless second half and a running clock ended the game with Hardee winning 39-0.

“It is what it is, we were flat again,” said Hudnell. “You could see it on the bus, you could see it all week at practice. You come out flat against Hardee and you are going to get stung. They are a good football team, are they a 39-0 team, no, but we need to do something to come up with some offense.”

Avon Park held Hardee to 130 rushing yards on 28 attempts. Pearson completed 8 of 14 passes, six being screen passes for 107 yards and one

touchdown.

Avon Park managed 13 yards on the ground on 17 attempts with David Martin gaining 15 on two carries.

Dunlop completed 8 of 24 passes with several passes being dropped and three interceptions for 112 yards. Earl Collins led the Red Devils with 4 receptions for 64 yards.

Avon Park will be on the road again this Friday to play the Lake Highland Prep Highlanders in Orlando. The Highlander are 1-1 on the season.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Jalen Turner (44) tracks down Hardee's Ellis Hodges (7) for minimum gain in Friday night's contest.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Earl Collins (12) led the Red Devils with 4 catches for 64 yards against Hardee on Friday night.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Jalen Turner (44) puts the belly to back slam on Hardee's Jean St Louis in Friday night's game.



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# DRAGONS

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evolving,” Judah said. “We just had a whole bunch of penalties tonight. Silly penalties took away several big plays. It happened four or five times tonight. We have been pretty good with holding but today we had an issue with holding.”

In the fourth quarter the Miners claimed the lead as Adam Reyes came on to boot a field goal to put Fort Meade on top by a score of 11-8 with 8:27 left in the game.

“Quwesmael Sholtz had some good moments at quarterback,” added Judah. “I think it will evolve. I think he competed well. We will work to get him in position to be more successful. We did some different things that would have worked but the penalties killed us.”

The Dragons were on their own 9-yard line when Sholtz passed to White and the ball was intercepted by Fort Meade’s Dalton Ebi. White immediately tackled Ebi who



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid’s Katwan Ward lunges for a fumble in Friday night’s loss to Fort Meade.

flipped the ball to Ja’Vari Smith who ran it in for a touchdown stretching the Miner’s lead to 17-8.

Lake Placid blocked the extra point with 7:43 left in the game.

The Dragons rallied when Kamari Brown returns the kickoff 70 yards to the Miners 26-yard line.

Lake Placid’s White capped the drive with

an 8-yard scoring run. The Dragons went for a two-point conversion and Sholtz passed to Cade Simmons to bring the Green Dragons within 17-16.

Fort Meade was able to stop Lake Placid from scoring to seal the win. The Green Dragons are back on the gridiron on Friday night with a road game at Frostproof.

“We are going to get ready for Frostproof,” Judah said. “We are going to look at their strengths and weaknesses and try to exploit their weaknesses. It will be the same preparation as always. We are going to put matchups together to favor us and of course they will do the same.”



Javarie White crosses into the end zone for a Lake Placid touchdown in Friday night’s game against Fort Meade.



Lake Placid quarterback Quwesmael Sholtz stiff-arms Fort Meade’s Kamron Simmons in Friday night’s game.



Lake Placid’s Sway Hawthorne (55) sacks Fort Meade quarterback Dearth Howard in Friday night’s game at Roger Scarborough Memorial Field.

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# STREAKS

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work as EJ Lockett and DJ Williams gouged the Bartow defense with big runs. Lockett capped the drive with a 7-yard scoring scamper. The point after made it 22-0 with 48.1 seconds left in the quarter.

The Blue Streaks tacked on a 37-yard field goal by C.D. Lamadine to go up 25-0 early in the second period.

Bartow put together its best drive of the night late in the second period and had a first-and-goal at the Sebring 7.

But a holding penalty moved the Yellow Jackets back 10 yards and Sebring's Jabari Knighten intercepted a pass to end the threat and the half.

Sebring kicked off to start the second half but Bartow failed to cover the ball and the Blue Streaks gained control at the Yellow Jackets 14.

Sebring scored two

plays later to increase its lead to 32-0.

Bartow finally got on the scoreboard when wide receiver Antwan Wheatley caught a slant pass and raced 92 yards for a touchdown. The 2-point run was good to make it 32-8 with 8:01 left in the third period.

Sebring continued to pour it on as DJ Williams connected with Jaray Harrison on a 13-yard scoring pass. The point after gave the Blue streaks a commanding 39-8 lead midway through the third period.

Bartow was stopped on offense and a poor punt gave Sebring the ball on the Yellow Jackets 12-yard line.

The Blue Streaks took two plays to score to go up by a score of 46-8 at the end of the third period.

A running clock was used for the final quarter and Sebring managed to score two more touchdowns with a lot of young players on the field.

"We started fast again in the second half and that was good to see," said Scott. "The offensive line blocked well and our backs ran hard. The defense was solid and only allowed that one big play. This was a good win, but we've got to get ready for a tough week ahead."

Sebring plays at Lehigh (Fort Myers) at 6 p.m. Tuesday in a game that was postponed by the weather. The Blue Streaks host Lake Region in a Class 6A-District 10 game at Firemen's Field on Friday night.

"We have a quick turnaround before Tuesday's game against Lehigh," Scott said. "We won't be able practice much and then we have our first district game against Lake Region on Friday. It's going to be physically demanding but we just need to play our brand of football and we should be fine."



Sebring wide receiver Norris Taylor tries to run away from a pair of Bartow defenders during Friday night's game.

# FISHING

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orange accent colors are highly visible in the fall solar light spectrum.

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**Best Fishing Days:**

Today through Tuesday will be the best days of this week. The new moon will cause fish to feed heavy during the midday hours and again during the 'high oxygen period of the day' which is during the 5-8 p.m. hours.

**Major Fishing Period:**

Today the moon is overhead at 1:28 p.m. and solar noon at 1:22 p.m. and will cause a feed intensity rating of 8-9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Daily this period moves later into the day by 50 minutes.

**Minor Fishing Period:**

Today the moonset occurs at 7:55 p.m. after the sunset at 7:37 p.m. and will create a feed intensity rating of 6-7 from 6-9 p.m. Daily this period moves later into the day by 40 minutes.

The morning period will suffer due to the low dissolved oxygen rates in all our lakes this month. Not until water temperatures decline into the lower eighty-degree range for a daily high mark, will this period start producing feeding fish. Low oxygen rates causes fish to have slow digestion or none at all depending on how much lower than 5 parts per million the lake declines.

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

Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 38.53 feet above sea level, which is the maximum level in the seasonal management schedule. The minimum level currently is 38.25'. Today, three of four S68 spillway gates are open 18 inches and flowing a combined 1265 cubic feet per second to maintain on schedule.

This seasonal 'rain-bufer schedule' is necessary because the lake fills six times faster than water is able to be released during major rain events.

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

Access this article online at BassFishingForecast.com, or HighlandsBassAngler.com

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Learn where the deeper water comes closest to shorelines by consulting a lake contour map. There are forty-five Highlands County lake maps published online at FloridaLakesMaps.com. Each map is edited to include boat ramp locations and have been enlarged for easy reading. You'll discover that the majority of the lakes' public boat ramps and docks are located within the better shoreline fishing areas.

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BY MARK PINSON/SPORTS EDITOR

Sebring junior Kasey Hawthorne scored on this 50-yard run during Friday night's 60-8 win over Bartow at Firemen's Field.



Sebring's Norris Taylor sprints down the sideline during Friday's win over Bartow.

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# Start or sit in fantasy football

## Make the right decisions to win week 1

By **BRANDON C. WILLIAMS**  
ROTO EXPERTS

Welcome to the Week 1 edition of Start or Sit. While all teams start out 0-0, the decisions you make on your first weekly lineup will make the difference on whether your season starts with a win come Tuesday morning.

**START:** Alex Collins, RB, Ravens: A potential breakout performer, Collins faces a Bills run defense that allowed 4.49 yards per carry to opposing backs last season. He also proved to be more effective at home, averaging 4.9 yards per carry and scoring four of his six touchdowns at M&T Bank Stadium, making him a good second running back (RB2) despite having his touches curbed by Javorius Allen, who will serve as Baltimore's running back in passing situations.

**SIT:** John Conner, RB, Steelers: Waiver wires went hot upon news that Le'Veon Bell would not get the start at the Browns, giving the nod to Conner, who rushed for 144 yards on 32 carries in his rookie season. Cleveland's run defense ranked among the league's best last year, finishing seventh in yards allowed and second only to the Broncos in yards per carry allowed (3.4). Conner looks like fool's gold and is more of a flex option than an RB2.

**START:** Trey Burton, TE, Bears: Do believe the hype with Burton, who is a solid TE1 that will see more than double the 29 percent of snaps he had with the Eagles last season. Burton also caught nearly 78 percent of passes targeted to him and will thrive with new coach Matt Nagy, who helped turn Travis Kelce into a Pro Bowler when he guided the Chiefs offense. An afternoon of double-digit targets awaits Burton, who faces a Packers defense that allowed 30 touchdown passes last season.

**SIT:** Josh Gordon, WR, Browns: Don't expect much from Gordon, who will be lucky to see more than 15-20 snaps against the Steelers as he gets into game shape. Temptation lies strong with him, as Gordon did average 18.6 yards per catch in limited action last season. He'll need the reps to become a more reliable receiver considering he caught just 41.8 percent of passes targeted to him. At

best, Gordon is a flex in deeper, non-PPR leagues.

**START:** Chris Hogan, WR, Patriots: The Texans were 30th in average yards allowed per catch and gave up 30 touchdowns passes, a perfect scenario for Hogan, who will be fed extensively by Tom Brady. Hogan averaged nearly 17 yards per catch in the postseason and scored a combined seven touchdowns on his 43 receptions during the regular season and playoffs. With the Houston defense focused on slowing down tight end Rob Gronkowski, look for Hogan, a high-end WR2, to put up WR1-caliber numbers.

**SIT:** Jimmy Garoppolo, QB, 49ers: Only seven quarterbacks put up better fantasy numbers than Garoppolo over the last five games of the regular season. Garoppolo averaged 308.4 yards per game in that span but will be hard-pressed to reach that total against an aggressive Vikings defense that gave up a league-low 13 touchdown passes while finishing second to the Jaguars in passing yards allowed per game (192). There are better options available.

**START:** Andrew Luck, QB, Colts: It's easy to forget that Luck ranked among the four best quarterbacks in fantasy football three times in the previous four years prior to last season. The Bengals were eighth in passing yards allowed but Luck won't need much time to get readjusted to firing the ball to receiver T.Y. Hilton along with benefiting from an improved running game and offensive line. He's worth the start and will remind fantasy owners why he threw 86 touchdowns in his previous three seasons.

**SIT:** Chris Carson, RB, Seahawks: After holding off rookie Rashaad Penny for the starting job, Carson projects to be a sleeper play. Guess again. The Broncos can still stop the run, finishing fifth in yards allowed while leading the league with a stingy 3.3 yards allowed per carry. Carson will get his share of touches, but the thought of playing him on the road against an elite run D should be more than enough for his owners to fill their flex positions with a better option.

**START:** Saquon Barkley, RB, Giants: There will be some trepidation in

playing Barkley against a Jaguars defense that gave up just seven touchdowns to opposing running backs last season. Barkley belongs in the lineup on Sunday because his pass-catching skills will counter any resistance he may get from running the ball, especially if New York finds itself in catch-up mode. It's not a stretch to envision Barkley getting at least 8-10 targets, and his open field skills could lead to a big play or two.

**SIT:** Randall Cobb, WR, Packers: Since catching 91 passes for 1,287 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2014, Cobb's numbers have been in freefall, plummeting to 66-653-4 to go along with a career-low 9.9 yards per catch last season. The return of Aaron Rodgers could perk up his numbers, but Cobb faces a Bears defense that was seventh in passing yards allowed while giving up a modest total of 18 touchdowns passes last season.

At this point, Cobb is a fringe flex option that's best off riding fantasy pine.

**START:** Antonio Gates, TE, Chargers: Gates decided to pause his countdown to Canton to return to the Chargers as a replacement for the injured Hunter Henry. Gates will be a red zone monster against the Chiefs and will get between 7-9 targets. At the very least, his presence will open things up for receivers Keenan Allen,

Travis Benjamin and Mike Williams.

**SIT:** Cameron Brate, TE, Buccaneers: Second-year tight end O.J. Howard continues to press for playing time, which will hurt Brate's chances of being productive against the Saints. Brate can be productive, as his 12.3 yards per catch average in 2017 indicates, but Tampa Bay didn't use a first-round pick on the freakishly gifted Howard to be a glorified run blocker.



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In this Aug. 25, 2018, file photo, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) runs during the first half of an NFL preseason football game against the San Francisco 49ers. Luck looks and sounds like the confident leader his teammates expect.

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# GOLF

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4-points for eagle. The men's scores were extremely close and Keith Albritton claimed first place with an impressive total of 39 points. Mike Mesenbourg finished on the heels of Albritton with 38 points giving Mesenbourg second place. Russ Rudd came in third with 30 points.

"I am surprised and happy that I won," said Keith Albritton. "I did well. I am looking forward to next week. I am going to practice my putting and sand trap shots to get ready for the championship. The course was wonderful and the greens and fairways you couldn't ask for better. The roughs were a little thick but other than that the course was great. This is a great event and I think it is a great opportunity for amateurs to come out and have an event to participate in."

The ladies side was won by Kay Maher with an impressive score of 38 points. Judy Granger claimed second place with 28 points.

"This was a lot of fun," said Kay Maher. "I had really great people to play with which makes it even better. The course is in really great shape and I think this is a neat community event. I am hoping this continues year after year and more people get involved. It is nice to meet people from other clubs. I think Judy Granger and I might go do a practice round at River Greens to get ready for next week. Deer Run is tough. We



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

From Left: Sun 'N Lake Golf Pro Tom Grammas, Judy Granger, Russ Rudd, first-place winner Kay Maher, first-place winner Keith Mesenbourg and Highlands News-Sun Publisher Tim Smolarick.

had some good holes and bad holes but I think we did pretty darn good. Next week one of us is going to win a cruise."

"Next week we will have 90 or more golfers coming out," Smolarick said. "They will be playing really hard and fair. Everyone will be hustling to win the cruise. The county's best golfers will be participating and they all know each other really well so there will be a lot of camaraderie. We are looking forward to a great time. We need a lot of people to come out and watch. We want to make it a great family day."

The Heartland Golf Championship is set for Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at River Green Golf Course in Avon Park. The event will host 90 plus golfers and everyone is welcome to watch.



Russ Rudd chips during Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship qualifying round at Sun 'N Lake Country Club.



Judy Granger blasts out of the bunker in Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship Qualifier at Sun 'N Lake Country Club.



Judy Granger putting in Saturday's Heartland Golf Championship Qualifier at Sun 'N Lake Country Club.

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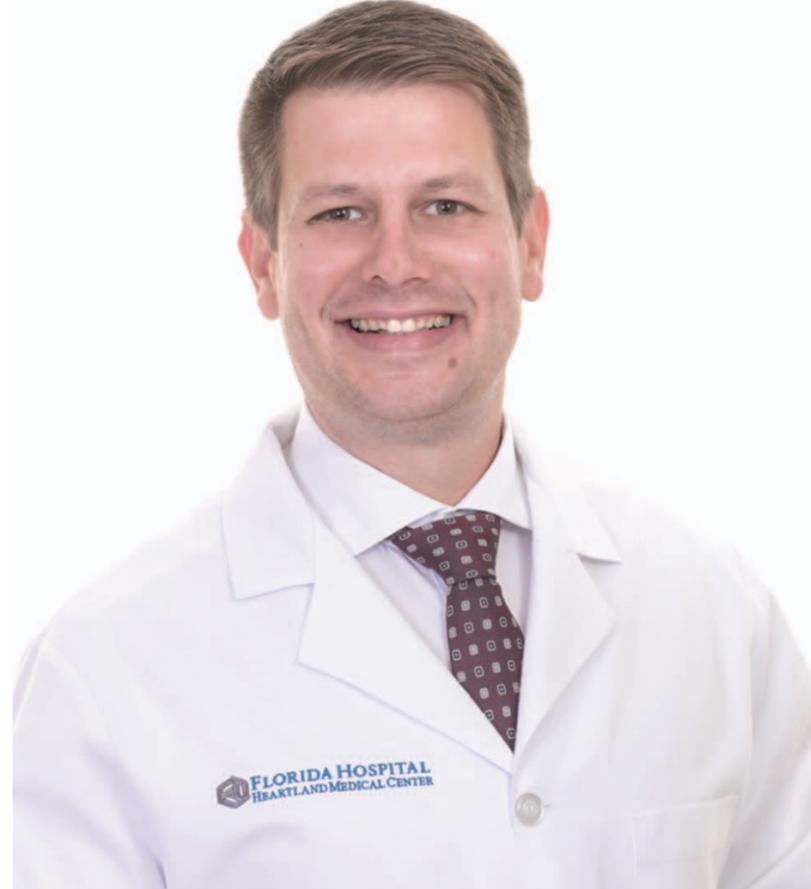


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# IMSA races at Laguna Seca

## Points titles are up for grabs

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

With nine points separating first from third in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) standings and two races to go, teams are pulling out all the stops in their final push for the championship.

No. 66 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT co-drivers Dirk Mueller and Joey Hand – who come into the weekend third in the standings – had the upper hand on Friday at WeatherTech Raceway. Mueller posted the fastest lap of the day in the second and final session at one minute, 23.265 seconds (96.760 mph).

“First of all, to be here at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, it’s always something special,” Mueller said. “It’s a really challenging place. It’s a lot of fun, but secondly, you have so many different corners, which recommends a trick setup on the car. I’m really happy to have all the smart brains behind us. Ford Chip Ganassi Racing, our engineers, they’re doing a really great job. Being on top of the charts at the end of Day 1 is fine, but we know it’s a long way to go. It’s definitely a good step.”

Ryan Briscoe was second quickest in the No. 67 Ford GT was second at 1:23.427 (96.572 mph). Briscoe and co-driver Richard Westbrook come into the weekend second in the GTLM standings, four points behind the lead.

GTLM points leaders and defending champions Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia were third Friday in the No. 3 Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. Magnussen posted a best lap of 1:23.605 (96.367 mph).

Park Place’s Lindsey Bergmeister Hoping Final Drive of 2018 Brings Good Result at Home Track

While the Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix weekend at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca marks the penultimate round of the 2018 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship season, it’ll be the final drive of the year for co-drivers Patrick Lindsey and Joerg Bergmeister.

Piloting the No. 73 Park Place Motorsports Porsche 911 GT3 R, the pair has contested four previous races this season and the car will be on the grid at the season-ending Motul Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta on October 10 – 12, albeit with different drivers as Lindsey and Bergmeister are tapped for the conflicting 6 Hours of Fuji in the World Endurance Championship.

For Lindsey, however, there’s no place like WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca to finish off the season for the team based in Santa Barbara, California, which is just under four hours from Monterey.

“Monterey is the closest geographically for where our team is racing this year,” said Lindsey. “Laguna in the past has been a tricky track for everybody. We’ve had strong results here especially when we moved from May to September races and I feel like our team generally grooves and closes the season a little stronger.”

“The guys are amped up. They haven’t skipped a beat even though we haven’t been full season participants. They’ve been really on it at Watkins Glen, Road America and of course the start of this race week. The guys have been really strong. Even though we haven’t been here the whole year, it’s nice to unload and be competitive no matter where we are.”

And the team has been competitive, despite what the results may show. While the No. 73 Porsche recorded top-10 finishes at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in March and the Sahlen’s Six Hours of The Glen in July, it hasn’t been a season without challenges. The car was involved in a qualifying incident at Watkins Glen that required significant damage repair before the race and in August at the Continental Tire Road Race Showcase at Road America, was closing in on the lead before being involved in a race-ending incident.

“To be able to close one out from the standpoint of getting a result before Joerg and I pack it up for the year, it would mean a lot,” Lindsey said. “It would also mean a lot because going forward, Park Place is looking to grow next year in some of its client programs. Having strong results always helps sell the program.”

“Everybody in this paddock is in the same boat and that’s why we like racing. It’s very objective, you get to live and die by your results. For this year, it would mean a lot to have a result here. And if not, so be it. Racing is not the easiest sport out there, especially with the competitive field that IMSA has here, but that’s why we’re drawn to it because we’re competitive people and we want to race against the best. That’s why we do it.”

For good measure, Bergmeister was quickest of the day Friday in GTD practice at WeatherTech Raceway, posting a best lap of one minute, 25.148 seconds (94.620 mph).

### Fastest Time

It was one year ago that Automatic Racing took the underdog victory during the four-hour IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge race at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca with Al Carter and Steven Phillips in the No. 99 Aston Martin Vantage.

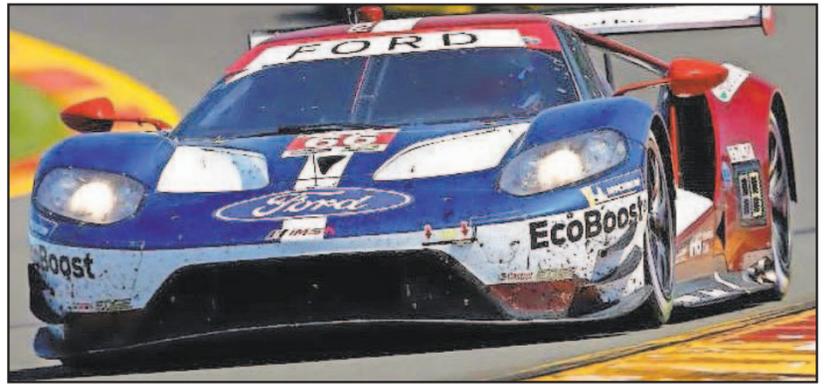
Following Friday’s on-track activity at WeatherTech Raceway, the No. 99 was once again on top of the leaderboard, topping the day’s two Grand Sport (GS) practice sessions with a best time of one minute, 33.123 seconds (86.517 mph). It’ll be a different duo behind the wheel though this weekend, with Kris Wilson and newcomer Gary Ferrera piloting the Aston Martin.

Wilson, who posted the day’s fastest lap and owns 75 starts in the Continental Tire Challenge, will be guiding Ferrera, who is making his first series start and also competing at WeatherTech Raceway this weekend in the GT3 Trophy series.

Yet while the day started strong for the No. 99, the afternoon practice session didn’t go quite as planned.

“We showed what

we had and the first session was awesome,” said Wilson. “But we opened up the fuel tank between sessions just to get the capacity right and something didn’t get plugged back in correctly so we didn’t make the second session. We were planning on doing our pit stop practice with driver changes and all that. Gary’s new this weekend, he’s never done this before, so we were going to go through stuff and we missed out on that.”



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## Powerful hurricane could be headed to eastern US

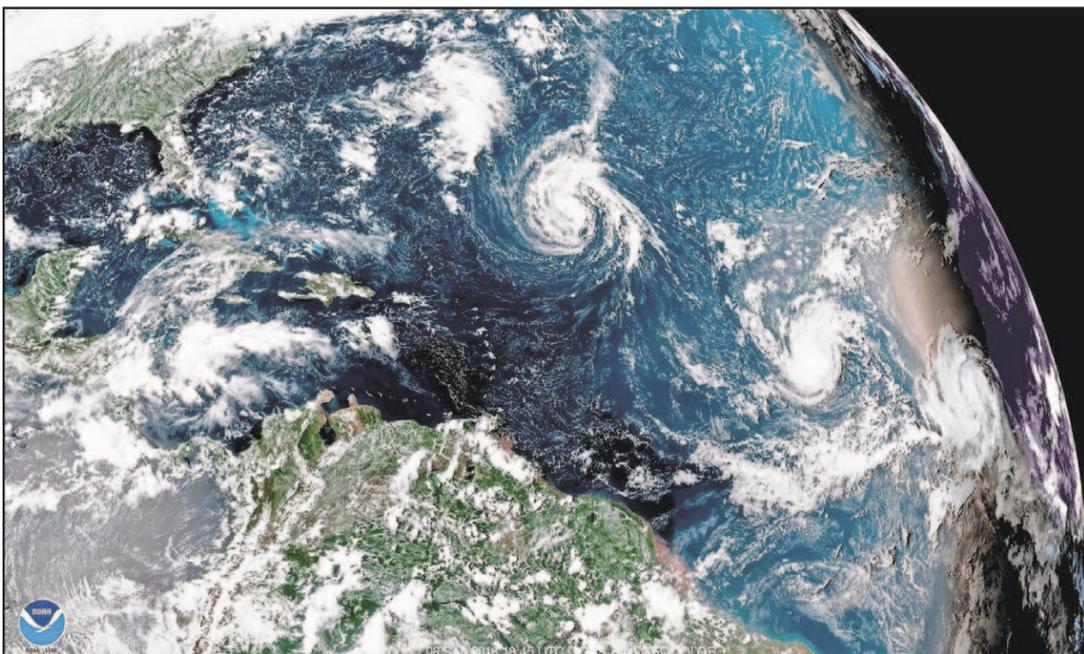


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The East Coast could be hit next week as Florence strengthens

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — The U.S. East Coast could be hit with a powerful hurricane next week as Tropical Storm Florence continues to strengthen as it moves toward the mainland, forecasters said Saturday.

Florence is expected to become a major hurricane by Monday, the National Hurricane Center said, adding that “a significant phase of intensification” is expected late Saturday.

The Miami-based weather center said although the storm could intensify to a Category 4 hurricane by midweek, its path was still unclear.

“Florence is forecast to be a dangerous major hurricane near the southeast U.S. coast by late next week, and the risk of direct impacts continues to increase,” the hurricane center said Saturday.

Officials in the Carolinas warned residents to prepare and to brace for impact.

Governors in both South Carolina and Virginia declared a state of emergency Saturday to give their states time to prepare for the possible arrival

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This enhanced satellite image made available by NOAA shows Tropical Storm Florence, center, in the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday, at 2:45 p.m. EDT.

### Q&A: With storms approaching, what to expect?

By COLLIN BINKLEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emergency officials are urging residents to prepare for severe storms that are forecast to hit the East Coast and Hawaii over the next week at what is the peak of this year's hurricane season.

Coming in from the Atlantic Ocean, Tropical Storm Florence is expected to make landfall Thursday as a level 3 hurricane or greater, steered by winds that could guide it as far south as Florida or as far north as New England.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Olivia is forecast to hit the Hawaiian Islands as a tropical storm on Wednesday, bringing heavy rains just two weeks after Hurricane Lane caused major flooding.

A look at what forecasters are predicting for those storms and the rest of the season:

#### WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE STORMS RIGHT NOW?

Tropical Storm Florence was gathering strength Saturday, with

the National Hurricane Center expecting it to become a hurricane overnight. Five days out from expected landfall, there's still wide uncertainty about where it will hit and at what intensity, but the latest models show that it's most likely to make landfall in the southeast U.S., between northern Florida and North Carolina.

Still, there's a chance it could be pushed farther north and strike along the mid-Atlantic or New England coast, threatening to make landfall between Virginia and Massachusetts. No matter where it lands, there's a chance it could stall out and pummel the coasts for days.

The latest models on Saturday show that it's becoming less likely the storm will veer north and miss the mainland U.S. entirely. At minimum, residents along the East Coast are being told to expect heavy rainfall and storm surges, with the possibility of heavy winds.

Forecasters are also keeping an

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## Wildfire that closed key Calif. highway explodes in size

SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST, Calif. (AP) — A roaring wildfire that shut down a stretch of a major interstate near the California-Oregon border exploded in size as crews on Saturday scrambled to prevent flames from reaching rural communities.

The blaze in California's Shasta-Trinity National Forest was burning out of control after chewing through 58 square miles of timber and brush since Wednesday.

Aircraft were temporarily prevented from making water and retardant drops because heavy smoke was trapped under cloud cover, making for limited visibility for pilots. Firefighters working in rugged terrain were contending with hot temperatures and gusty winds.

Authorities announced Friday that a 45-mile section of Interstate 5 north of Redding would remain closed at least until Sunday.

The fire has destroyed thousands of trees — some 70 feet tall — that could fall onto the highway that traverses the entire West Coast from Mexico to Canada and serves as a main artery for commerce.

Truckers and other motorists were forced to take circuitous local routes that added hours to travel times.

Interstate 5 became a ghost road after fire turned hills on either side into walls of flame. Drivers fled in terror and several big-rigs burned.

Nearly 300 homes were considered threatened, but the blaze was not burning near any large towns, fire spokesman Brandon Vacarro said.



AP PHOTO

Firefighters light backfire while battling the Delta Fire in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Calif., on Thursday.

## US lacks leverage as assault on Syrian enclave looms

By MATTHEW LEE and SUSANNAH GEORGE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Despite dire U.S. warnings and fears of a humanitarian disaster, the Trump administration has little leverage to stop Russia, Iran and Syria pressing ahead with a massive military assault against Syria's northwest Idlib province.

Washington has threatened military action in case of a chemical weapons attack but its mixed messaging on retaining a U.S. presence in Syria and a cut in aid

has diminished its already limited influence over the seven-year conflict.

So the administration, which has criticized former President Barack Obama for his inaction on Syria after the war started in 2011, risks appearing powerless to prevent the three nations' plan to retake Syria's last rebel-held area. It's an operation that many warn will cause major bloodshed among a vulnerable population of 3 million people.

And on Saturday, Syrian government and Russian

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## Massive boom will corral Pacific Ocean's plastic trash

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Engineers set to sea Saturday to deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.

The 2,000-foot long floating boom was being towed from San Francisco to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch — an island of trash twice the size of Texas.

The system was created by The Ocean Cleanup, an organization founded by Boyan Slat, a 24-year-old innovator from the Netherlands who first became passionate about cleaning the oceans when he went scuba diving at age 16 in the Mediterranean Sea and saw more plastic bags than fish.

“The plastic is really persistent and it doesn't



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE OCEAN CLEANUP VIA AP

In this Aug. 27, photo provided by The Ocean Cleanup, a long floating boom that will be used to corral plastic litter in the Pacific Ocean is assembled in Alameda, Calif. Engineers will deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch.

go away by itself and the time to act is now,” Slat said, adding that researchers with his organization found plastic going back to the 1960s and 1970s bobbing in the patch.

The buoyant, U-shaped barrier made of plastic and with a tapered 10-foot deep screen, is intended

to act like a coastline, trapping some of the 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic that scientists estimate are swirling in that gyre but allowing marine life to safely swim beneath it.

Fitted with solar power lights, cameras, sensors and satellite antennas, the cleanup system will

communicate its position at all times, allowing a support vessel to fish out the collected plastic every few months and transport it to dry land where it will be recycled, said Slat.

Shipping containers filled with the fishing nets,

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AP PHOTO

In this Wednesday photo, Syrian students play in the courtyard of a school whose walls are still charred and pockmarked with bullets from recent fighting in the town of Douma, in the eastern Ghouta region, near the Syrian capital Damascus, Syria.

# Disney workers approve new contract raising minimum wage

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — Thousands of Walt Disney World workers on Thursday overwhelmingly approved a new contract that increases the starting minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the next three years while enabling Disney to use more part-time workers and require new workers to stay in their positions longer before transferring.

Scores of union workers chanted "Union! Union!" and "Nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, nah, hey, hey, we got a raise!" as they waited for the votes to be counted at a hotel in the heart of Orlando's tourism district.

"We got a fair deal," Matt Hollis, who leads a coalition of six unions, told the workers after the vote was counted.

Union officials said the new contract would have an impact outside of Walt Disney World as other non-unionized businesses in central Florida's low-wage service economy compete for tourism workers in a tight job market. The contract covers more than half of the 70,000 workers at Disney World, the largest single-site employer in the United States. Those workers include costumed characters, bus drivers, launderers, retail workers, monorail drivers, custodians, housekeepers, servers, cooks, florists, makeup artists and lifeguards.

"The way I feel is we won this for our members at Disney but we also won this for the ride operator



AP FILE PHOTO

In this June 2012, file photo, visitors walk around Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

at Universal Studios who doesn't have a union," said Eric Clinton, president of Unite Here Local 362, one of the six unions that represents 38,000 workers covered by the contract. "This affects Hyatt, Hilton. They are going to have to raise wages to compete with others. This is 38,000 people. This isn't a small amount."

Besides raising the starting minimum wage almost 50 percent to \$15 an hour in three years, the new four-year contract would raise wages for existing workers by at least \$4.75 an hour by October 2021. Each Florida worker also will receive a \$1,000 bonus that Disney had paid to other employees after last year's tax cut by

Congress. Those bonuses were withheld during the contract negotiations.

"Our 50 percent wage increase will have a real, meaningful impact on our cast and their families and is part of our commitment to the thousands of cast members who make magic for our guests each and every day," said George Kalogridis, president of Walt Disney World Resort. "Increasing wages for cast members represents a significant investment in central Florida and will provide a powerful boost to the local economy."

The new contract expands anti-discrimination protections to include gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, military or veteran status

and genetic information.

In return for the higher wages, the coalition of unions, known as the Service Trades Council Union, agreed to allow Disney to use more part-time workers. Under the old contract, 35 percent of the union workforce can be part-timers, but that was raised to 38 percent in the new deal, although Disney doesn't currently reach its limit on part-timers.

New hires also will have to wait longer to switch jobs under the new deal. The old contract allowed for a transfer after six months, but that changed to a year under the new contract. The new contract also allows Disney the ability to expand the probationary period for some new workers from three months to six months.

The new contract expanded the types of workers who could be subject to random drug tests. It also added extra language giving managers the right to "supervise, and control the manner, means and details by which employees perform their work duties as well as the ends to be accomplished."

"The focus was about how Disney workers need a raise — current workers and those coming into the workforce," said Hollis, president of the Service Trades Council Union. "These are historic raises, not just entry level but for every hourly cast member."



PHOTO BY ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA AP

Evelyn Sims, a custodian at Disney's Epcot, celebrates a union vote for a pay raise and bonus as ballots are counted at the Park Inn by Radisson in Kissimmee on Thursday. She is holding ballots in her right hand.

## HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

### Authorities investigate threat painted on garage

NEWBERRY (AP) — Authorities in a North Florida county are investigating a threat and slur used against transgender people that was spray painted on a home garage.

The Gainesville Sun reports Alachua County deputies discovered the vandalized garage while patrolling a neighborhood in the town of Newberry early Friday morning. Newberry is located west of Gainesville.

The slur was spray-painted in large, black letters and threatened the residents to "move or die."

Liz Abel told the newspaper that she was startled when she and her partner, Alecia Abel, who started identifying as female just three months ago, were awoken by deputies.

Newberry's mayor called the couple and personally apologized for the actions of whoever vandalized the door.

### Doctor gets 6½ years for selling painkiller prescriptions

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A Florida doctor has been sentenced to six years and six months in federal prison for illegally selling prescriptions for painkillers.

Court records show that Dr. Andres Mencia was sentenced Friday after being convicted of participating in a conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance.

Instigators say the 64-year-old Mencia and employees at his Oakland Park office performed sham consultations with cash-paying patients from 2014 to 2017. Mencia would improperly issue prescriptions for opioids and narcotics, such as Oxycodone, OxyContin and Percocet.

Mencia's officer workers — 41-year-old Oscar Luis Ventura-Rodriguez, 51-year-old Nadira Sampath-Grant and 50-year-old John Mensah — previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States by unlawfully distributing controlled substances. Ventura-Rodriguez received two years, Sampath-Grant received a year and a half, and

Mensah was sentenced to time-served.

### Legislators reject Gov. Scott on school security

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida legislators are making it official: They will not go along with Gov. Rick Scott's push to get school districts an additional \$58 million to hire more campus police officers.

Scott in late August asked that legislators shift the money from the state's guardian program. Under that program school districts were eligible to receive money to train school staff to act as armed guardians on school campuses. Most districts, however, have opted to hire school resource officers.

Sen. Bill Galvano on Friday wrote a letter to Scott explaining why he did not support the governor's request. The Bradenton Republican is the incoming president of the state Senate.

Legislators set aside additional money for school resource officers and the guardian program in the aftermath of the shooting of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

### Universal to skip Harry Potter fest to build thrill ride

ORLANDO (AP) — Universal Orlando Resort says it won't be hosting its annual celebration of all things Harry Potter next year, but don't worry Muggles.

It's because the Florida theme park resort is planning a new thrill ride and other experiences at one of the two Harry Potter sections at its parks.

The resort said Friday that the construction of a new thrill ride and other yet-to-be-announced experiences at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter — Hogsmeade in its Islands of Adventure park prevents it from hosting A Celebration of Harry Potter in 2019.

The annual celebration attracts actors from the Harry Potter movies for question-and-answer sessions, lessons on wand dueling and costume contests, among other events.

The resort says it looks forward to hosting future Harry Potter events.

# ETP-D and the difference between preferred stock and common stock explained

**Dear Mr. Berko:** My stockbroker wants me to invest \$10,000 by buying 400 shares of Energy Transfer Partners' 7.625 percent low-rated preferred stock, which sells for \$25.33 a share. I can afford the risks of

low-rated issues, and the income, which is my prime goal, looks very good. But I've never owned a preferred stock, so please tell me how preferred stocks differ from common stocks. — MP, Akron, Ohio

**Dear MP:** Both common stock and preferred stock represent ownership in a company. But an important difference between the two is that

holders of the common can vote their shares, whereas the preferred owners usually have no voting rights. Another difference is that preferred shareholders have a fixed dividend, whereas dividends for common shareholders are at the discretion of the board. They can be raised, reduced or eliminated. Preferred shares also have a prior claim to the company's assets and earnings. So preferred stock dividends must be paid before common stock dividends. When a company declares bankruptcy or becomes insolvent and must liquidate its assets, it first pays creditors, and then it pays bondholders, and then it pays preferred shareholders. Common shareholders are last in line to collect assets and hardly get a pfennig.

The dividend yield on a preferred stock is

calculated as a percentage of the preferred's market price, just like the dividend yield on a common stock. Preferred shares trade just like common shares. But preferred shares have a call feature allowing the company to redeem the shares. Preferred shares are always redeemed at a predetermined price, which is often a small premium over their original issue price. Preferred stocks also tend to be stabler in price than common stocks because preferreds pay regular and known dividend streams, whereas the dividends of common stocks can fluctuate. Steady dividend payments from a preferred issue can be more attractive to investors seeking income dependability and continuity, whereas the potential for capital gains with a common stock is

more attractive to other investors.

Now, I don't like and have never liked fixed-income investments. When interest rates rise — and they may continue increasing over the coming few years — the market value of a fixed-rate investment will fall. And if inflation pushes consumer prices higher (as it appears to be doing), the market value of a fixed-income investment will decline. Simply put, if \$1,000 of dividends will buy 400 gallons of regular gasoline today, that same \$1,000 of dividends may buy only 350 gallons of regular fuel two years hence. Even Einstein and Churchill, my two Maine coons, understand that. So buying fixed-income investments in an environment of rising inflation and interest is just plain bloody stupid. Your broker is

recommending a better way to own a preferred stock. Energy Transfer Partners offers a floating-rate preferred that provides protection against rising rates. His recommendation is the company's 7.625 percent Series D fixed-to-floating preferred units (ETP-D-\$25.33), which came public in July at \$25 a share. The following explanation may be tricky, so read it out loud and slowly.

Between now and Aug. 15, 2023, the Series D shares will pay 7.625 percent of the \$25 IPO price. So for five years, an investor will earn a 7.625 percent current yield from this BB-rated issue. Then, on Aug. 15, 2023, the dividends will float at a rate equal to the three-month London Interbank Offered Rate plus 4.738 percent. So if Libor were to be 4 percent

on Aug. 16, the D shares would pay 8.738 percent. If Libor were to rise to 5 percent, the D shares would pay 9.738 percent. But if Libor were to fall to 1 percent, an investor's yield would fall to 5.738 percent. Today Libor is 2.34 percent. It has averaged 3.79 percent since 1986. Libor hit an all-time high of 10.63 percent in March 1989 and a record low of 0.22 percent in May 2014.

These shares have no maturity date but are callable at the option of the issuer on Aug. 15, 2023, at \$25. Meanwhile, 19 analysts follow Energy Transfer Partners' common stock, and 15 have a "buy" rating.

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# US goes to court to keep alleged Russian spy in jail

By DANIEL FLATLEY and ANDREW HARRIS

BLOOMBERG NEWS (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors in the case against Maria Butina, charged with being a Russian spy, are opposing her release on bond, calling into question her ties to the U.S. and highlighting Russian efforts to win her release.

Those efforts have included six consular visits with Butina, delivery of four diplomatic notes to the U.S. State Department, and direct complaints to Secretary of State Michael Pompeo by Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov, according to a court filing.

“The official Kremlin Twitter account changed its avatar to the defendant’s face and started a #FreeMariaButina hashtag,” prosecutors said. Butina’s prosecution has also been criticized on the Russian-controlled RT television network.

Butina, a gun-rights advocate who came to the U.S. on a student visa, has been in custody since her July arrest after

prosecutors alleged that she had ties to Russia’s intelligence services and oligarchs capable of providing her a way out of the country. She’s accused of trying to establish back-channel connections between Russia and the U.S., and has denied any wrongdoing.

Prosecutors say that while at American University in Washington, Butina attempted to make contact with two presidential candidates and exert influence over politics through prominent conservative groups, which media accounts have identified as the National Rifle Association and the National Prayer Breakfast.

Prosecutors also contradicted defense assertions that her relationship with an individual identified as “U.S. Person 1” would keep her in the U.S., should she be released.

That person is believed to be conservative political operative Paul Erickson, which Butina’s lawyer, Robert Neil Driscoll, seemed to confirm when he shared photographs of the pair together and video of the two singing the



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In this file image, Maria Butina attends a rally in support of legalizing the possession of handguns and gun ownership on April 23, 2013 in Moscow, Russia.

theme song to the Disney film “Beauty and the Beast” during an interview with ABC News.

Despite their apparent close relationship, Butina recently offered to provide information about Erickson’s illegal activities, according to the government.

“Although the defense contends that the defendant is in a committed relationship with U.S. Person 1, she recently offered to provide information to the government about his illegal activities,” prosecutors said in the filing.

The case has received substantial media attention, leading the prosecution to ask the judge for a gag order in the case.

Driscoll opposed the motion, saying the prosecutors’ request would put a “chill” on Butina’s right to mount a “competent and vigorous defense.” U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan is expected to rule on both pre-trial release and the gag order during a status conference on Monday.

Butina “has little or no incentive to stay in the United States and face a potential criminal conviction and sentence — including as much as fifteen years of incarceration — and every motivation to flee to her home country, where she would be protected from extradition,” prosecutors said in the filing.

# North Korea to fete 70th birthday with tanks, dancing masses

By ERIC TALMADGE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Workers with paint brushes and brooms put the final touches on Pyongyang’s iconic Kim Il Sung Square on Saturday as North Korea prepared for what promises to be its biggest celebration in years — the 70th anniversary of the country’s official birth as a nation.

The spectacle, months in the making, will center on a military parade and mass games that will likely put both advanced missiles and leader Kim Jong Un’s hopes for a stronger economy front and center.

Although North Korea stages military parades almost every year, and held one just before the Olympics began in South Korea in February this year, Sunday’s parade comes at a particularly sensitive time.

Kim’s effort to ease tensions with U.S. President Donald Trump have stalled since their June summit in Singapore. Both sides are now insisting on a different starting point. Washington wants Kim to commit to denuclearization first, but Pyongyang wants its security guaranteed and a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War.

With tensions once again on the rise, a parade featuring the very missiles that so unnerved Trump last year, and led to a dangerous volley of insults from both leaders, could be seen as a deliberate



AP PHOTOS

A portrait of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is displayed on a large screen with the words “We will go and go along the road of loyalty, Shining Fatherland” during an evening gala performance on the eve of the 70th anniversary of North Korea’s founding day in Pyongyang, North Korea, Saturday. North Korea will be staging a major military parade, huge rallies and reviving its iconic mass games on Sunday to mark its 70th anniversary as a nation.

provocation.

The North displayed its latest missileery in the February parade, however, and Washington hardly batted an eye. So it’s possible Kim might choose to display them but give the missiles a lower profile if he makes his usual address just before the parade begins.

Either way, soon after the Sunday celebrations end, Kim will once again meet in Pyongyang with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to discuss ways to break the impasse over his nuclear weapons.

While it remains to be seen what kind of weaponry will be rolled out Sunday, North Korea is

clearly trying to switch its emphasis away from just military power to its efforts to improve the country’s domestic economy.

The “new line” of putting economic development first has been Kim’s top priority this year. He claims to have perfected his nuclear arsenal enough to deter U.S.

aggression and devote his resources to raising the nation’s standard of living.

Despite speculation that Chinese President Xi Jinping would attend, Beijing instead sent its third-highest party official.

With Xi officially out, no major world leaders were expected to join in,

though delegations from countries such as Syria, Vietnam and nations across Africa that have friendly relations with the North sent high-level delegations.

This year’s celebrations also mark the revival of North Korea’s iconic mass games after a five-year hiatus.

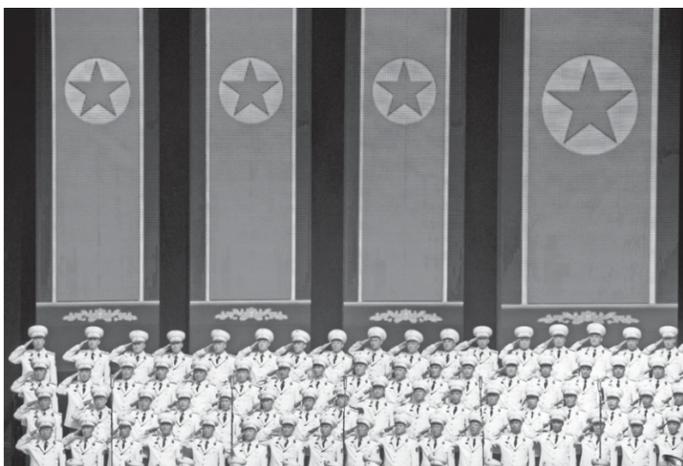
The mass games involve tens of thousands of people holding up placards or dancing in precise unison and are intended to be a display of national unity. This year’s spectacle — tickets start at just over \$100 and go up to more than \$800 per seat — also has a strong economic theme.

The economy was also a big part of a concert held on the eve of the anniversary for foreign dignitaries and a large foreign media contingent allowed in for the events.

As is commonly the case, the visiting journalists were generally kept away from anything newsworthy.

On Saturday, they were bussed to a cosmetics factory and a very well-funded cooperative — and not very representative — farm on the outskirts of the capital.

Military choir members salute as they sing during an evening gala held on the eve of the 70th anniversary of North Korea’s founding day in Pyongyang, North Korea, Saturday.



# Egypt court sends 75 to death, 47 to life over 2013 sit-in

By HAMZA HENDAWI

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CAIRO — An Egyptian court on Saturday sentenced 75 people to death, including top leaders of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, for their involvement in a 2013 sit-in protest by Islamists that was broken up by security forces in an operation that left hundreds dead.

In a case involving 739 defendants facing charges ranging from murder to damaging property, the court also sentenced to life in prison the head of the Brotherhood, Mohammed Badie, and 46 others.

Mahmoud Abu Zaid, a photojournalist known as “Shawkan” whose detention has been decried by rights groups at home and abroad, received five years in prison. He was detained in August 2013, meaning that he should walk free within days for time served.

Several mass trials of Islamists that yielded dozens of death sentences have been held in Egypt since 2013, when the military, then led by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, removed an Islamist president who hails from the Brotherhood, which has since been outlawed and designated a terror group. Some of the death sentences have been overturned on appeal.

The trials and death sentences have

consistently drawn scathing criticism from rights groups at home and abroad, which have branded the process as a mockery of justice.

On Saturday, Amnesty International condemned the sentences of the latest mass trial, which it described as “disgraceful.”

The London-based rights group also noted that not a single member of the security forces faced legal proceedings over what it called the massacre that took place when police broke up the sit-in on Aug. 14, 2013.

The sit-in at a square in a Cairo suburb was staged by supporters of Islamist president Mohammed Morsi of the Brotherhood. He became Egypt’s first freely elected president in 2012 but was ousted in July 2013 by the military following days of street protests calling on him to step down.

It is widely believed that breaking up the sit-in along with another one across Cairo, also staged by Islamists, left an estimated 900 people dead.

Proceedings were dropped against five defendants who have died since the trial began.

Saturday’s convictions, which can be appealed, are the latest chapter in a crackdown waged by authorities against government critics the scale of which has not been seen in living memory in Egypt.

# US redirecting \$25M in aid for East Jerusalem hospitals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration said Saturday that it is cutting \$25 million meant for East Jerusalem hospitals and putting the money toward “high-priority projects elsewhere.”

The move follows the State Department’s late August announcement that the administration is slashing more than \$200 million in bilateral aid to the Palestinians following a review that President Donald Trump ordered to ensure the spending was aligned with U.S. national interests.

The Palestinians had held out hope that the hospital money would be spared because it was not included in the previously announced cut. On Saturday, the Palestinian Authority denounced the administration’s move as “an act of political blackmail.”

The State Department said the review was intended to make sure the American aid was “being spent in accordance with U.S. national interests and were providing value to the U.S. taxpayer.” The

administration “will be redirecting approximately \$25 million originally planned for the East Jerusalem Hospital Network. Those funds will go to high-priority projects elsewhere,” the department added. It did not identify the projects.

In response, Palestine Liberation Organization executive committee member Hanan Ashrawi accused the administration of threatening to cause “serious instability and grave harm” to thousands of patients and their families across the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and jeopardize the livelihood of thousands of workers in the Palestinian health care sector.

The administration announced the original cut in U.S. aid to Palestinians as Trump and his Middle East advisers prepared to release the U.S. peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians. But Trump angered the Palestinians earlier this year by moving the U.S. Embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, which led the Palestinians to break off contact with the U.S.

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## HURRICANE

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of the storm. South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster emphasized that there's no way to know yet when and where the storm will hit land, or when evacuations might be called.

On Friday, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency and urged residents to use the weekend to prepare for the possibility of a natural disaster.

"We are entering the peak of hurricane season and we know well the unpredictability and power of these storms," Cooper said.

The U.S. Navy is making preparations this weekend for its ships in the Hampton Roads area to leave port. The U.S. Fleet Forces Command said in a news release Saturday that the ships will get ready in anticipation of getting under way Monday to avoid storm damage.

Adm. Christopher Grady said in a statement that the decision was based on Florence's current track, which indicates the area could see strong sustained winds and storm surges.

The news release notes that plans could change if forecasts indicate a decrease in the strength or change in the track of the storm.

Swells generated by Florence are affecting Bermuda and could cause dangerous rip currents and coastal flooding Saturday in areas including coastal Delaware and New Jersey, the National Weather Service said.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the hurricane center said Florence's maximum sustained winds were estimated to be 70 mph. The storm was centered about 810 miles southeast of Bermuda and moving west at 5 mph.

## STORMS

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eye on two storms gathering behind Florence. Tropical Storm Helene was expected to reach the Cabo Verde islands on Saturday but is predicted to miss the mainland U.S. A tropical depression that was upgraded to Tropical Storm Isaac on Saturday is headed toward the Caribbean and brings a greater chance of curving north toward Puerto Rico and the mainland, potentially as a hurricane.

It's still uncertain whether Hurricane Olivia will make landfall in the Hawaiian Islands, but at minimum meteorologists believe it will come very close and deliver a new round of rainfall.

The National Weather Service has also issued a typhoon watch in the U.S. territory of Guam, where Tropical Storm Mangkhut is approaching from the east and is expected to bring damaging winds by Monday evening.

### WHEN WILL WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF WHETHER THEY POSE A THREAT?

Each day brings a clearer picture of the risks posed by the storms. Jeff Masters, co-founder of the Weather

Underground service, says airplanes gathering weather information began flying into Florence on Saturday, which should provide data that will lead to a major boost in the reliability of models on Sunday.

Isaac's route is still wildly uncertain and will be for days. Forecasters are more confident that Olivia will affect Hawaii, with its path and intensity sharpening in the next few days.

### WHAT FACTORS GIVE FLORENCE A CHANCE OF BEING A PARTICULARLY STRONG HURRICANE?

By the time it reaches the East Coast, Florence could strengthen into a major hurricane. Winds higher up in Florence have been weakening, giving it time to gather itself and gain strength over the ocean, experts say. And it's also approaching water where the temperature is slightly warmer than average, providing heat that the storm can convert into stronger winds.

### HOW SHOULD PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE AREAS STAY PREPARED?

Residents in evacuation zones are urged to have a plan to flee if the order comes. Others should have at

least a week's supply of food, water and medication for their families and their pets.

Brian McNoldy, a senior researcher at the University of Miami's school of marine and atmospheric science, says residents who stick it out should have gas cans to fuel their cars and power generators, and should take out some cash in case electronic payment systems are down after the storms pass.

To avoid a headache down the line, residents are also encouraged to keep insurance documents in a safe place ahead of time.

### WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO FORECASTERS HAVE FOR THE REST OF THE HURRICANE SEASON?

The second week of September is the peak of hurricane season, so the flurry of activity is no surprise to forecasters. After the current round of storms, though, long-range models suggest a lull for several weeks.

Masters said there's a chance for another active period by mid-October, which would mark the end of the busiest stretch of the season.

"I don't think we're quite done yet," he said, "but certainly as far as September goes, this is the big week."

## PLASTIC

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plastic bottles, laundry baskets and other plastic refuse scooped up by the system being deployed Saturday are expected to be back on land within a year, he said.

Before the launch, Slat said he and his team will pay close attention to determine if the system works efficiently and withstands harsh ocean conditions, including huge waves. He said he's most looking forward to a ship loaded with plastic coming back to port.

"We still have to prove the technology... which will then allow us to scale up a fleet of systems," he said.

The Ocean Cleanup, which has raised \$35 million in donations to fund the project, including from Salesforce.com chief executive Marc Benioff and PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, will deploy 60 free-floating barriers in the Pacific Ocean by 2020.

"One of our goals is to remove 50 percent of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in five years," Slat said.

The free-floating barriers are made to withstand harsh weather conditions and constant wear and tear. They will stay in the water for two decades and in that time collect 90 percent of the trash in the patch, he added.

George Leonard, chief scientist of the Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group, said he's skeptical Slat can achieve that goal because even if plastic trash can be taken out of the ocean, a lot more is pouring in each year.

"We at the Ocean Conservancy are highly skeptical but we hope it works," he said. "The ocean needs all the help it can get."

Leonard said 9 million tons (8 metric tons) of plastic waste enter the ocean annually and that a solution must include a multi-pronged approach,



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 11, 2017, file photo, Dutch innovator Boyan Slat poses for a portrait next to a pile of plastic garbage prior to a press conference in Utrecht, Netherlands. Engineers will deploy a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.

including stopping plastic from reaching the ocean and more education so people reduce consumption of single use plastic containers and bottles.

"If you don't stop plastics from flowing into the ocean, it will be a Sisyphean task," Leonard said, adding that on

Sept. 15 about 1 million volunteers around the world will collect trash from beaches and waterways as part of the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup. Volunteers last year collected about 10,000 tons of plastics worldwide over two hours,

he said.

Leonard also raised concerns that marine and wildlife could be entangled by the net that will hang below the surface. He said he hopes Slat's group is transparent with its data and shares information with the public about what happens with the first deployment.

The system will act as a "big boat that stands still in the water" and will have a screen and not a net so that there is nothing for marine life to get entangled with and an extra precautionary measure, a boat carrying experienced marine biologists will be deployed to make sure the device is not harming wildlife, Slat said.

"I'm the first to acknowledge this has never (been) done before and that it is important to collect plastic on land and close the taps on plastic entering into the ocean, but I also think humanity can do more than one thing at a time to tackle this problem," Slat said.

## SYRIAN

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warplanes targeted the province's southern edge in what activists described as the most intense airstrikes in weeks. More than 60 air raids killed at least four civilians in southern Idlib, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and rescue workers.

While the new U.S. special envoy for Syria said this week that America will stay in Syria until the complete eradication of the Islamic State group, there's little assurance that President Donald Trump won't again seek the withdrawal of the roughly 2,000 U.S. troops in the country. And in a sign of the administration's shrinking commitment to Syria, it has pulled more than \$200 million in stabilization funding for liberated areas, telling other nations they should step up to pay.

A summit in Tehran on Friday between Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was seen as a chance for a diplomatic solution before a full-scale assault on Idlib. The three nations are all tacitly allied against IS and in support of a unified, stable Syria, but have differing views of how to achieve those ends.

After Friday's talks, the U.N. envoy for Syria told the U.N. Security Council

there were indications that the three leaders intend to continue talking to avoid a catastrophe. But above all, the summit highlighted the stark differences among these allies of convenience, with Putin and Rouhani opposing Erdogan's call for a cease-fire.

As they discussed the fate of Idlib, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley was talking tough in New York, telling the Security Council that the United States would consider any assault on the province as a "dangerous escalation" of the conflict that has already claimed more than 400,000 lives and forced more than 5 million Syrians to flee the country.

"If (Syrian President Bashar) Assad, Russia, and Iran continue, the consequences will be dire," said Haley, who was chairing the council meeting. "The Assad regime must halt its offensive ... Russia and Iran, as countries with influence over the regime, must stop this catastrophe. It is in their power to do so."

Those remarks capped a week of rising U.S. rhetoric opposing the Idlib operation.

On Monday, Trump tweeted: "President Bashar al-Assad of Syria must not recklessly attack Idlib Province. The Russians and Iranians would be making a grave humanitarian mistake to take part in this potential human tragedy. Hundreds of thousands

of people could be killed. Don't let that happen!"

A day later, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo expanded on the tweet, and renewed calls for the conflict to be resolved through the U.N.-led Geneva Process, which has been stalled for years. And on Thursday, the man Pompeo chose to be his point-man on getting the Geneva process back on track, veteran diplomat James Jeffrey, reiterated Trump's message, saying the U.S. would use all the "tools" it has to respond to a chemical attack.

Another "tool" in the U.S. arsenal is economic pressure. The U.S. Treasury Department slapped sanctions on nine people and companies for assisting weapons or fuel transfers

to the Assad regime on Thursday. But sanctions have been ineffectual since they first began to be applied during the Obama administration.

Even American airstrikes launched against the Assad government have had limited impact in the past.

Twice before the U.S. has resorted to missile strikes in response to chemical weapons attacks, only to see them used again. As Syrian forces prepare for the assault on Idlib, U.S. and UN officials again see signs that those internationally prescribed weapons are being readied for the battlefield.

"There's lots of evidence that chemical weapons are being prepared," Jeffrey told reporters Thursday. Officials and analysts will be watching Idlib closely over the next week ahead of U.N.-led talks on Syria in Geneva on Sept. 14.

"The Trump administration is really at a Hail Mary moment," said Nicholas Heras, a Syria analyst and fellow at the Center for New American Security. Idlib is the last opportunity for the U.S. to increase leverage in Syria, he said, and if the province falls, Trump administration efforts to re-engage with peace talks will likely fail.

Heras warned that the Trump team is late to formulate a coherent Syria policy.

"It's like trying to save the house as it's burning down," he said.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY IBAA NEWS AGENCY, VIA AP

This photo released Tuesday, by the al-Qaida-affiliated Ibaa News Agency, shows smoke rising over buildings that were hit by airstrikes, in al-Sahan village, in the northern province of Idlib, Syria. Arabic reads, "Air raid by the Russian occupation plane targets al-Sahan village." Despite dire U.S. warnings and fears of a humanitarian disaster, the Trump administration has little leverage to stop Russia, Iran and Syria pressing ahead with a massive military assault against Syria's northwest Idlib province.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Sept. 9**, the 252nd day of 2018. There are 113 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **Sept. 9, 1850**, California became the 31st state of the union.

### On this date

In **1543**, Mary Stuart was crowned Queen of Scots at Stirling Castle, nine months after she was born.

In **1776**, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

In **1919**, some 1,100 members of Boston's 1,500-man police force went on strike. (The strike was broken by Massachusetts Gov. Calvin Coolidge with replacement officers.)

In **1942**, during World War II, a Japanese plane launched from a submarine off the Oregon coast dropped a pair of incendiary bombs in a failed attempt at igniting a massive forest fire; it was the first aerial bombing of the U.S. mainland by a foreign power.

In **1948**, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was declared.

In **1957**, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction, a measure primarily concerned with protecting voting rights and which also established a Civil Rights Division in the U.S. Department of Justice.

In **1971**, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that ended up claiming 43 lives.

In **1976**, JVC unveiled its new VHS videocassette recorder during a presentation in Tokyo.

In **1986**, Frank Reed, director of a private school in Lebanon, was taken hostage; he was released 44 months later.

In **1991**, boxer Mike Tyson was indicted in Indianapolis on a charge of raping Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant. (Tyson was convicted and ended up serving three years of a six-year prison sentence.)

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush announced he would keep U.S. force strength in Iraq largely intact until the next administration, drawing rebukes from Democrats who wanted the war ended and a bigger boost of troops in troubled Afghanistan.

**One year ago:** Hurricane Irma hammered Cuba with punishing winds and rain as it headed toward the Florida Keys and the southeastern United States; hundreds of shelters opened in Florida for people looking to escape the potentially deadly winds and storm surge. Dutch officials said Irma had damaged or destroyed 70 percent of the homes on St. Maarten in the Caribbean, leaving it vulnerable to the approach of Hurricane Jose.

### Today's birthdays

Actress Sylvia Miles is 84. Actor Topol is 83. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 76. Singer Inez Foxx is 76. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 73. Rock musician John McFee (The Doobie Brothers) is 68. Actor Tom Wopat is 67. Actress Angela Cartwright is 66. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 66. Actor Hugh Grant is 58. Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., is 55. Actor-comedian Charles Esten (formerly Chip) is 53. Actress Constance Marie is 53. Actor David Benett is 52. Actor Adam Sandler is 52. Rock singer Paul Durham (Black Lab) is 50. Actress Julia Sawalha is 50. Model Rachel Hunter is 49. Actor Eric Stonestreet is 47. Actor Henry Thomas is 47. Pop-jazz singer Michael Buble' is 43. Latin singer Maria Rita is 41. Actress Michelle Williams is 38. Actress Julie Gonzalo is 37. Neo-soul singer Paul Janeway (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 35. Actress Zoe Kazan is 35.

### Bible verse

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." — **3 John 1:2**.

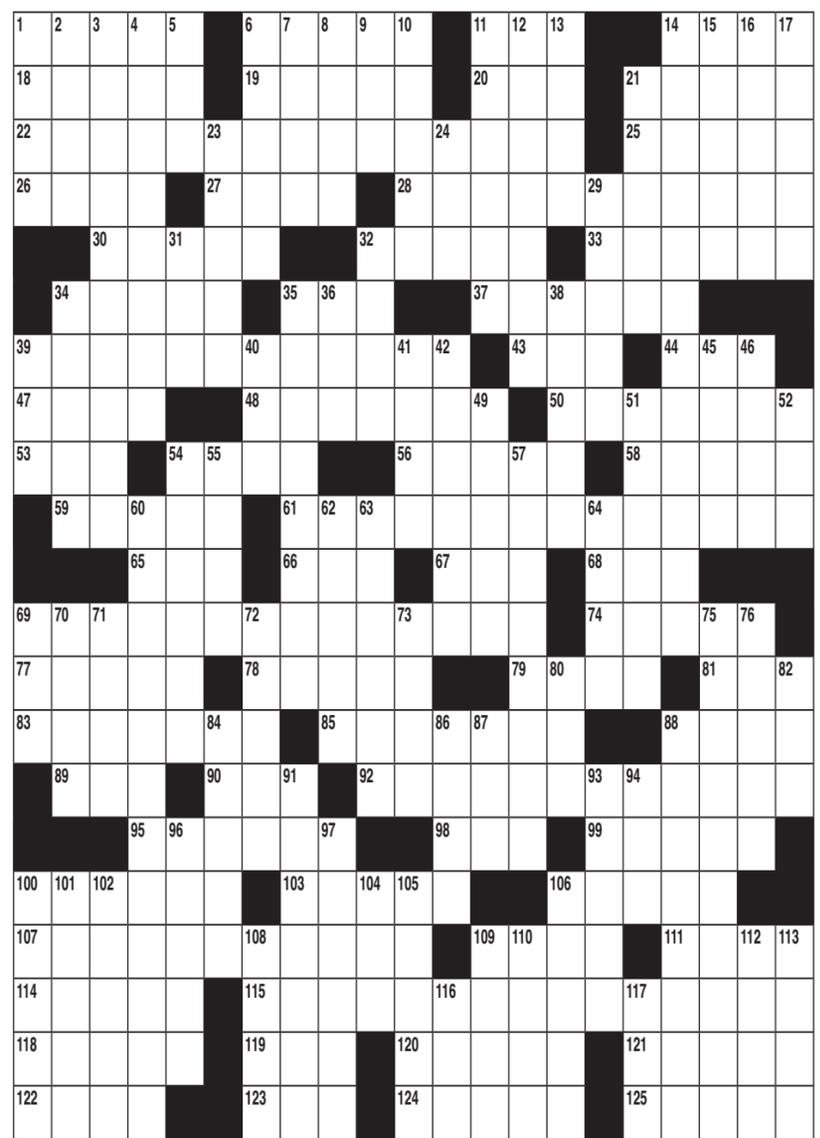
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Ask the Fool

Castles, Companies Need Moats

Q What does a "moat" refer to in business-speak? — P.O., Walnut Creek, California

A Just as with a castle, if a company has a wide moat, it will be hard for any enemies to attack it. Thus, a moat refers to the sustainable competitive advantages a company may have that can protect its market position and defend against competitors.

Think of Apple as an example. Its strong brand attracts many customers who associate it with high quality and good design, and once they're in the Apple environment, it can seem like too much of a pain to switch out of it.

Boeing, meanwhile, encounters few new competitors because it's so costly to start manufacturing aircraft.

\*\*\* Q What is the U.S. inflation rate, and how does it compare to that of other countries? — S.S., Greenville, North Carolina

A The United States' inflation rate was recently about 2.5 percent, according to the International Monetary Fund, below the long-term average of about 3 percent per year. Meanwhile, it was 0.7 percent in Switzerland, 1.1 percent in Japan, 2.5 percent in China, 2.7 percent in the United Kingdom, 2.8 percent in Russia, 5 percent in India, 11.4 percent in Turkey, 22.7 percent in Argentina and 13,864.6 percent in Venezuela.

That Venezuelan rate reflects the phenomenon of hyperinflation, when inflation is occurring at rates higher than about 50 percent monthly. When prices rise that quickly, the money that people have in their pockets and savings accounts rapidly loses its value and the economy is dangerously destabilized.

Hyperinflation, often triggered by governments printing too much money, occurred in Germany after World War I and more recently in Zimbabwe.

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Fool's School

Red Flags Signaling Bankruptcy Risk

When a company files for bankruptcy protection, many of its stockholders are taken by surprise and often lose most or all of their investment. You can save yourself a lot of heartache and dollars by learning to spot warning signs among your holdings.

A company goes bankrupt when it runs out of the cash it needs to operate. To assess a company's bankruptcy risk, start with its debt load. Borrowed money can be helpful to a company, boosting returns in good times. But it can also amplify risk in bad times. A debt-laden company suddenly facing declining sales can cut its dividend — but it still has to make its interest payments, and eventually its principal repayment. Worse still, when the economy goes south, access to additional financing can be costly — or not available at all.

The amount of debt a company can handle is influenced by its industry. A utility company with

predictable cash flows, for example, can manage debt better than retailers or manufacturers whose cash flows can fluctuate widely. (It can be helpful to compare a company's debt level with those of its competitors.)

Industry aside, compare a company's debt load to its cash — what it currently has on its balance sheet, and what it can generate. Ideally, it will be able to pay any debt due in the next year (often referred to as "short-term debt") with cash on hand and make its interest payments many times over with its free cash flow. (You can find figures for assets, cash flow, debt and more at sites such as morningstar.com and finance.yahoo.com, which offer data from companies' financial statements.)

Look for other warning signs, too. Is its pension plan underfunded? Is its industry vulnerable to rapid obsolescence? Is it under investigation for any irregularities? Is the company buying back shares at inflated prices with money it should be using in better ways? Is it paying dividends when it can't afford to?

Stay away from companies that appear to be candidates for bankruptcy court.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1868, when my founder grew a crop of peppers on Avery Island in Louisiana from seeds he had been given. The next year, he produced 658 bottles of hot sauce bearing the label "Tabasco." Within a decade, the sauce was selling across the U.S. and in Europe. Today I offer several varieties of my sauce, such as green pepper, habanero, Sriracha and buffalo. My sauce has been included in ready-to-eat meals for the military since the 1980s. I'm a privately held company, so you can't buy shares of me. Who am I?

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



My Dumbest Investment

Dividend Power

I retired from a bank in Mississippi in 1990 with some shares of the company's stock. I added a little more money to it and let it ride. After less than a decade, the mere \$175 that I'd invested had grown to be worth more than \$1,800, counting dividends received. The dumbest thing I did was not buying more stock early on! — M.H., Gulfport, Mississippi

The Fool Responds: Your story illustrates the power of reinvesting dividends. When many investors receive dividends from their investments, they take them out in cash. Or they might just leave the cash in their brokerage account.

A more effective wealth-building strategy is to have your dividends automatically reinvested in additional shares of the company's stock. Some brokerages will do that for you, and with ones that don't, you can simply take the cash that accumulates in your account and, on your own, buy shares of the same stock or stock in even more promising companies.

Not every investment will do as well as yours did over a few years, of course — you reaped the equivalent of annual returns of more than 70 percent! The stock market's average annual return is closer to 10 percent. You're right, though — investing meaningful sums early and letting them grow for decades is a great way to build a substantial nest egg for your retirement.

The Motley Fool Take

A Towering Portfolio Candidate

Usage of cellphones and smart-phones is still growing rapidly around the world. So telecom companies need to keep adding broadcast equipment to handle the traffic, and that means more equipment on structures like cell towers and rooftop spires.

If you'd like to profit from this scenario, consider American Tower (NYSE: AMT), with a dividend recently yielding 2.1 percent. It's a real estate investment trust (REIT) that's one of the world's largest owners of towers and other structures designed to hold telecommunications equipment. As telecom companies would generally rather not have to spend money building towers or buying land, American Tower can lease space to multiple clients on the same structure. This has been a lucrative arrangement, as the company has grown its bottom line by an average of 16 percent annually over the past decade.

Of American Tower's 170,000 or so communication sites, only 40,000 of them are in the U.S. Management is investing heavily in fast-growing markets such as India and Nigeria, where wireless data usage has been increasing at a far faster rate than in the U.S. Also, as more mature wireless networks start the commercial rollout of 5G, telecom companies will likely be renting more space on existing infrastructure. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended American Tower and has the following options on it: short October 2018 \$135 calls and long January 2019 \$80 calls.)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1993, when two Circuit City executives formed me to diversify the company's operations. I was envisioned as a company with a massive inventory of cars offered at a then-revolutionary "no-haggling" price. I was spun off from Circuit City in 2002. Today, based in Richmond, Virginia, I'm America's biggest used-car retailer, with more than 190 stores in 41 states. I employ 25,000-plus people. My annual revenue tops \$17 billion. In my most recent fiscal year, I sold more than 700,000 used vehicles as well as more than 400,000 wholesale vehicles at in-store auctions. Who am I? (Answer: CarMax)

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

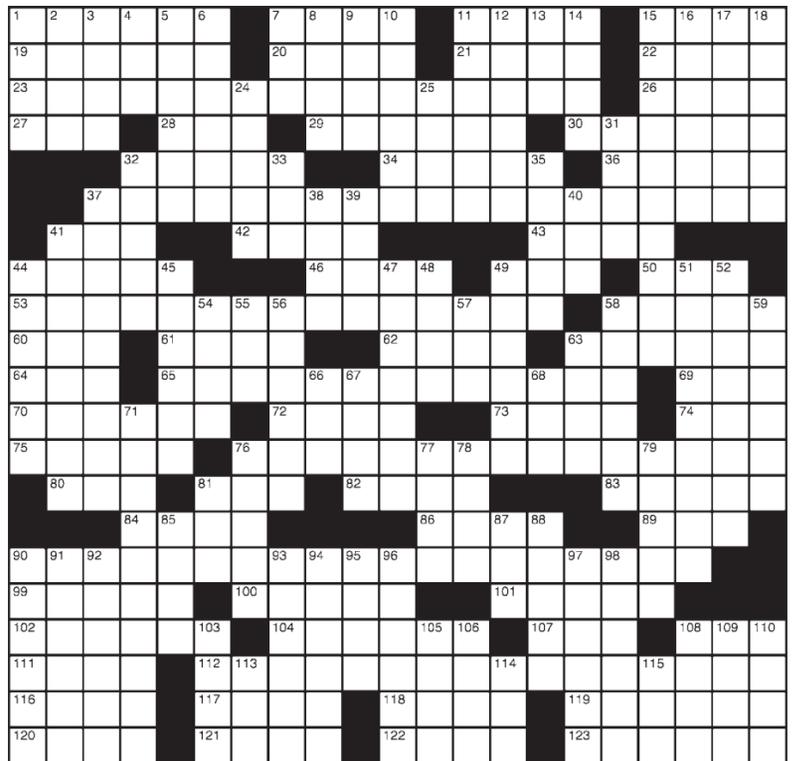
TV PARTNERS

By Ross Trudeau

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|---|---|--|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>   | 62 People couple  | 120 Raced  | 49 Prepared for a filling                               |
| 1 Thin Mint cousins   | 63 Better ventilated  | 121 Too curious                                  | 51 Slickers   |
| 7 Music-playing Apple   | 64 Insole material  | 122 Little branch                                | 52 Traitorous acts                                      |
| 11 Campus residence, maybe  | 65 Show in which a Time Lord becomes a live-in domestic worker? | 123 Way out                                      | 54 Robert De ___  |
| 15 "I touched your nose!" sound                                   | 69 '60s war zone  | <b>DOWN</b>                                      | 55 Not many   |
| 19 Luke's mentor  | 70 Panini cheese  | 1 One may be L-shaped                            | 56 Guru's lodging                                       |
| 20 Choice   | 72 Inlets   | 2 Be flush with                                  | 57 "Golly!"   |
| 21 Casino city near 32-Down                                       | 73 Lamb pen name  | 3 Race distance                                  | 58 Have sum trouble                                     |
| 22 Part of A.D.   | 74 Civil War letters  | 4 Hogwarts mail carrier                          | 59 Fleet  |
| 23 Show in which the Tanners move to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.?      | 75 Lifted   | 5 Expresses awe over                             | 63 China setting  |
| 26 "All ___ are off"  | 76 Show in which zombies invade an 1870s South Dakota town?     | 6 JWovw's title pal in a "Jersey Shore" spin-off | 66 Surprisingly, what the "O" in OPEC doesn't stand for |
| 27 Had  | 80 Program named for its broadcast day, for short               | 7 Hosp. hookups                                  | 67 Literary pen name                                    |
| 28 Usual method: Abbr.  | 81 Lower, as lights   | 8 Burns, e.g.                                    | 68 Soccer cheer   |
| 29 Selena's music style   | 82 "Are you ___ not?"   | 9 Great Plains tribe                             | 71 Naysayers?   |
| 30 Block  | 83 Beloved 1981 bride   | 10 Kanye West label                              | 76 Succeed in   |
| 32 "Star Trek" actor  | 84 Thor's father  | 11 Italian director                              | 77 ___ contendere: court plea                           |
| 34 Big name in foil   | 86 Cambodia neighbor  | 12 Put new shingles on                           | 78 1965 Pulitzer author Shirley Ann ___                 |
| 36 Justice Kagan appointer  | 89 Sgts.' superiors   | 13 "Your point being?"                           | 79 Charms   |
| 37 Show in which Daenerys questions her suitors?                  | 90 Show in which Richie and the Fonz write a soap?              | 14 Trash   | 81 Accomplished   |
| 41 "Phooey!"  | 99 Silent and amazed  | 15 Gen Xer's parent, perhaps                     | 85 Easter supplies                                      |
| 42 Doofus   | 100 Anklebone   | 16 Solo  | 87 Earth, for one                                       |
| 43 Knighted Irish rocker  | 101 Scourges  | 17 As scheduled                                  | 88 Gray shade   |
| 44 "... but maybe I'm wrong"                                      | 102 Went up again   | 18 Impersonate                                   | 90 Seraglios  |
| 46 Twin Cities campus, informally                                 | 104 Chop shop wheels  | 24 Overture                                      | 91 Possible barrier to romance                          |
| 49 Old horse  | 107 Strain  | 25 NASCAR's Yarborough                           | 92 Way out of jail                                      |
| 50 "The A-Team" actor   | 108 Show ending?  | 31 Ripped  | 93 Bumpkins   |
| 53 Show in which Gloria and Lois commiserate about lazy husbands? | 111 They may be inflated  | 32 Western resort                                | 94 Like melting snow puddles                            |
| 58 Half a comedy duo  | 112 Installment of each of the "shows" in six puzzle answers?   | 33 "Can ___ now?"                                | 95 Contract exceptions                                  |
| 60 Riviera saison   | 116 Like blokes   | 35 Good way to keep an enemy                     | 96 ___ Fitzgerald                                       |
| 61 One-eighties   | 117 "I know! Call on me!"                                       | 37 Unwelcome flower                              | 97 Where "the birds began to sing"                      |
|   | 118 Curds in blocks   | 38 Feeling down                                  | 98 Annoying   |
|   | 119 Hardened (to)   | 39 Yours, in Tours                               | 103 Nobel Prize subj.                                   |
|   |   | 40 Swine   | 105 Swear   |
|   |   | 41 Sits in, say                                  | 106 Better mtge. deal                                   |
|   |   | 44 Swatch Group products                         | 108 Real snoozefest                                     |
|   |   | 45 Plod  | 109 Dire March time                                     |
|   |   | 47 Enters daintily                               | 110 London jazz duo?                                    |
|   |   | 48 Folk story                                    | 113 Pi follower   |
|   |   |  | 114 Shag or throw                                       |
|   |   |  | 115 Big ___   |

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

THE HOLD UP

North-South vulnerable, South deals

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q 6 4 3 2  
 ♥ A 10  
 ♦ 10 9 7 4  
 ♣ K 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 9 8 7 5  
 ♥ 9 5 3  
 ♦ Q 6 2  
 ♣ A Q 9

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 10  
 ♥ K 8 7 4 2  
 ♦ 5 3  
 ♣ 10 8 6 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A J  
 ♥ Q J 6  
 ♦ A K J 8  
 ♣ J 7 5 3

The bidding:  
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
 1NT Pass 2♥\* Dbl  
 Pass Pass 3NT All pass  
 \*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Five of ♥

The hold-up play is common in bridge. It can be used by both the declarer and the defenders. Most often, it is used to disrupt communications between the two opposing hands. In today's deal, it is used to keep communications open.

South's pass over the double denied three spades, so North settled for game in no trump. South played low from dummy on the opening heart lead, and East made the key defensive play of playing low from his hand, allowing dummy's 10 to win the trick. Declarer led a low spade to his jack and continued with the ace of spades after the 10 fell from East on the first spade.

South cashed one high diamond and then led a low club toward dummy's king. West stepped up with his ace and continued with a heart to dummy's now singleton ace. Declarer now had three spade tricks, two heart tricks, one club and two diamonds. He needed one more and the only real chance was the diamond finesse. When that lost to West's queen, West led his remaining heart to East's king. Two more heart tricks from East and the contract was defeated. Nice defense!

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CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS CATCHING THE BIG ONE by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

TARGET FREEZE THRILL  
 CABANA UNJUST ASSIGN

He said the body of water named after Magellan was a channel, but he needed to —

GET HIS FACTS  
 "STRAIT"

- A young male guppy saw his pretty-faced girlfish and said : "Shall we go to your plaice or mine?"
- When he's tired, where does a blowfish have a nap and sleep? On the river bed or the sea floor.
- When fish die they want to go to heaven not to the devil. The angelfish always gets in.
- Fish fear the jocular and proud serial killer, the notorious Jack the Kipper!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's harmony in your relationships now — a happy but fragile condition worthy of your protection. You intuitively understand that good times are too precious to take for granted.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can be spontaneous when you feel like it, but the opportunities don't always arise. They will today, though, and it will be lucky to say "yes" to unexpected invitations.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's easy to tell who the poor listeners are. They may turn their heads toward a speaker, but their bodies are inclined away, seemingly blocking the message. Trust your instincts.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). In regard to your special project, you'll need just a little more faith to accomplish a desired result. Go forward as if you already had the funding in place. What happens after that will surprise and delight you.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be a sort of teacher today, and you would do well to make it a policy to grade on a curve, holding others to standards relative to the current situation instead of standards of some ideal beyond the realm.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A financial win is in store. This has little to do with math skills; rather, it's your high emotional intelligence to credit. Your top-rate social skills are such that people with money want to buy into whatever you're selling.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry about what to say. If you're fully there, you won't even need words. Your presence will say everything. A focus on being increasingly aware of your surroundings will bring profound knowledge.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Avoid bribing people. Don't pay for what should be given to you naturally. Payment has a way of supplanting people's intrinsic motivation — and even their sense of decency.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're all about providing real help, workable solutions and genuine care for those around you. You have no interest in getting people to buy into what they don't need. Herein lies the secret to today's success.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those overly concerned with their correctness will miss the point that you understand perfectly. Some things are never going to be all that great, but you still grow from the experience of dealing with them.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you're smart to assess what's in it for you or what's in it for others, don't assume you'll figure it out. Some things are just worth it, even if nobody really knows why.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sacred things have a different resonance but are no better or worse than regular things. So while you honor sacred things, you love ordinary things, too, seeing them as worthy of your attention and care.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 9). Your success secret this year is simple enough: You'll make promises that others find useful, and you'll keep them. You know your value, and you'll set standards that reflect it. Your efforts to learn new skills, develop your talents and become a better friend will open the way for joy like you've never known. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 3, 22, 28 and 49.



# Obama, on campaign swing, urges 'sanity in our politics'

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Former President Barack Obama said Saturday that November midterm elections would give Americans “a chance to restore some sanity in our politics,” taking another swipe at his successor as he raises his profile campaigning for fellow Democrats to regain control of the House.

Obama didn't mention President Donald Trump by name during a 20-minute speech in the key Southern California battleground of Orange County but the allusions were clear.

“We're in a challenging moment because, when you look at the arc of American history, there's always been a push and pull between those who want to go forward and those who want to look back, between those who want to divide and those are seeking to bring people together, between those who promote the politics of hope and those who exploit the politics of fear,” he said.

His appearance — one day after a strongly worded critique of Trump at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — touched on themes of retirement security, climate change and education.

“If we don't step up, things can get worse,” the former president told the audience at the Anaheim Convention Center. “In two months, we have the chance to restore some sanity to our politics. We have the chance to flip the House of Representatives and make sure there are real checks and balances in Washington.”

Obama gave shout-outs to seven Democratic candidates in competitive House districts across California that are considered crucial to the party's efforts to oust



AP PHOTO

**Former President Barack Obama greets supporters as he campaigns in support of California congressional candidates, Saturday, in Anaheim, Calif.**

Republicans from control. Four of those districts are at least partly in Orange County, a formerly reliable GOP bastion that went for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

“We're going to put on our marching shoes, we're going to start knocking on some doors, we're going to start making some calls,” he said to cheers.

Clinton trounced Trump by more than 4 million votes in California in 2016 and carried Orange County by 9 percentage points. A surge in immigrants has transformed California and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites in the state since 1998. Meanwhile, new voters, largely Latinos and Asians, lean Democratic.

In Orange County, Republicans held a 13-point edge in voter registration 10 years ago but that has shrunk to 3 points while independents, who tend to vote like Democrats in California, have climbed to 25 percent.

Democrats, hoping to build on their 39-14 advantage in the state's congressional delegation, are eyeing Republican seats in districts that Clinton won in 2016. Each of the seven candidates that Obama campaigned for on Saturday fit that description.

In Orange County, GOP Rep. Mimi Walters faces a challenge from Katie Porter, a law professor at University of California at Irvine. Environmental lawyer Mike Levin is seeking an open seat to replace retiring GOP Rep. Darrell Issa in a district that includes part of Orange County.

Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, whose district encompasses part of Orange County, is fending off a challenge from Democratic real estate investor Harley Rouda to secure a 16th term in Congress despite barely winning 30 percent of the primary vote. In the other Orange County race, Gil Cisneros, a Democratic philanthropist and Navy veteran, is vying for an open seat created by retiring Republican Ed Royce.

Obama also highlighted two races in the

state's Central Valley, praising venture capitalist Josh Harder in his bid to unseat four-term Republican Jeff Denham, and T.J. Cox, who is challenging David Valadao in a district where Democrats hold a 17-point advantage in voter registration.

He also made a plug for nonprofit executive Katie Hill in her Los Angeles-area race to unseat sophomore Republican Steve Knight, who won an underwhelming 53 percent of the vote in 2016.

California Republicans said Obama's appearance would have little impact and may even help their party.

“I wish he would come more often because he reminds Republicans of eight years of misery,” said Republican National Committeeman Shawn Steel, who lives in Orange County. “It reminds the Republicans why these midterms are important.”

Obama is expected to deliver a similar message in Cleveland on Thursday, when he campaigns on behalf of Richard Cordray, the Democratic nominee for Ohio governor, and other Democrats.

# Michael Cohen asks Stormy Daniels to give back \$130,000

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (TNS)

Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal attorney, has asked Stephanie Clifford, the porn actress known as Stormy Daniels, to return the \$130,000 payoff she received in exchange for keeping quiet about her alleged affair with Trump.

A lawyer for Cohen and Essential Consultants LLC, the shell company that he used to pay Daniels, demanded the money in a letter to her attorney, Michael Avenatti.

The lawyer, Brent Blakely, said Cohen would agree to void the nondisclosure agreement that he and Clifford signed just before the November 2016 presidential election.

Clifford offered months ago to return the \$130,000 if Cohen and Trump would cancel the confidentiality pact.

But Avenatti said Saturday that she first wants to take the depositions of Cohen and Trump.

“This is nothing more than a stunt designed to avoid Cohen and Trump from answering questions under oath,” Avenatti said by email.

When Cohen pleaded guilty last month to eight felonies, he admitted that the payoff to Clifford was an illegal donation to Trump's campaign. He said Trump directed him to buy her silence.



AP FILE PHOTO

**In this Monday, April 16, file photo adult film actress Stormy Daniels speaks outside federal court in New York. The company set up by Donald Trump's former personal attorney has agreed to rescind Daniels' hush-money agreement and drop its planned \$20 million lawsuit against the porn actress for violating the agreement.**

Trump has denied having the 2006 affair and said he had no advance knowledge of the payment. His lawyer, Charles Harder, did not respond to an email seeking comment.

In court papers filed when Cohen pleaded guilty, federal prosecutors said the Trump Organization had already reimbursed Cohen for the \$130,000 payment to Daniels.

Blakely, whose letter to Avenatti was first reported by CNN, declined to comment on whether Cohen would return any money that his company might get from Clifford to the Trump Organization.

# Bill Daily, sidekick on hit 60s and 70s sitcoms, dies at 91

By ANDREW DALTON  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Bill Daily, the comic sidekick to leading men on the sitcoms “I Dream of Jeannie” and “The Bob Newhart Show,” has died, a family spokesman said Saturday.

Daily died of natural causes in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Tuesday, at his home where he had been living with his son, spokesman Steve Moyer told The Associated Press.

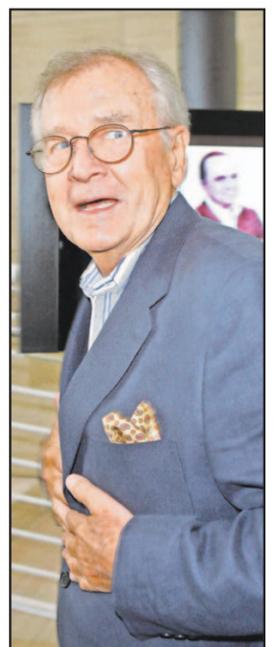
Daily was not a household name but he was a household face, familiar to many millions of baby-boomer viewers in the 1960s and '70s from two of the era's biggest shows.

He played Major Roger Healy in all five seasons of “I Dream of Jeannie” from 1965 to 1970. Healy was the astronaut partner to Larry Hagman's Major Anthony Nelson as both men tried to contain the antics of Jeannie, the blond bombshell who lived in a bottle played by Barbara Eden.

Eden said on Twitter Friday night that Daily was “Our favorite zany astronaut.”

“Billy was wonderful to work with,” Eden said. “He was a funny, sweet man that kept us all on our toes. I'm so thankful to have known and worked with that rascal.”

Just two years later he landed a very similar role and had an even longer run on “The Bob Newhart Show,” playing aviator Howard Borden behind Newhart's psychologist



AP FILE PHOTO

**In a Sept. 5, 2007 file photo, Bill Daily arrives for TV Land's 35th anniversary tribute to “The Bob Newhart Show.” Family spokesman Steve Moyer said Saturday, that Daily died Tuesday of natural causes in New Mexico. He was 91.**

Dr. Bob Hartley for 140 episodes between 1972 and 1978.

Newhart, now 89, tweeted Friday night that he and Daily had been friends since both were trying to get into standup comedy in the 1950s, and Daily was a clutch comedian that could make anything work on the sitcom.

“He was our bullpen guy — you could always go to him,” Newhart said. “He was one of the most positive people I've ever known. I will miss him dearly.”

## HEADLINES AROUND THE NATION

### WTC subway station reopens for first time since 9/11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City subway station has reopened for the first time since it was destroyed in the World Trade Center attack 17 years ago.

Cheers erupted as the first train rolled into the new WTC Cortlandt station at noon Saturday.

The old Cortlandt Street station on the subway system's No. 1 line was buried under the rubble of the twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001. Construction of the new station was delayed until the rebuilding of the surrounding towers was well under way.

The new station cost \$181 million and features a mosaic that uses words from the Declaration of Independence.

### April trial date set for 2 charged in warehouse fire deaths

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California judge has set an April 2 start date for the trial of two men charged in the deaths of 36 people in an Oakland warehouse fire.

Derick Almerna and Max Harris are each charged with 36 counts of involuntary manslaughter.

Judge James Cramer

last month scuttled a plea deal, citing Almerna's lack of remorse. Cramer said he believed Harris was truly remorseful, but the plea bargain was a package deal, so both were rejected.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday that the judge's firm trial date could crumble if he grants a motion to reinstate the plea agreement or if he decides the case should be moved to another county to ensure an unbiased jury.

Pre-trial hearings have been set for Oct. 12 and Nov. 2.

### Hotel sued over Legionnaire's disease outbreak

HAMPTON, N.H. (AP) — Two Massachusetts women are suing a New Hampshire hotel at the center of a Legionnaire's disease outbreak.

WMUR-TV reports that Louise Pare, of Gardner, and Celeste Billington, of Templeton, were diagnosed with Legionnaire's disease after staying at The Sands Resort for three days starting Aug. 3.

Fifteen people have been confirmed as having contracted Legionnaires' disease in Hampton at the end of July or beginning of August, including one person who died.

Legionnaire's disease is a bacterial pneumonia spread by inhaling droplets of contaminated water.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the bacteria in shower heads or sink heads in three guest rooms, a hot tub, water heater and outdoor shower house.

The lawsuit was filed Friday in Rockingham Superior Court. The hotel owner declined to comment Saturday.

### Father of man hurt in train-truck crash sues over crossing

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The father of a man injured when a trash truck he was riding in was struck by a train full of Republican lawmakers is suing over the crossing where the collision happened.

Charlottesville TV stations WCAV and WVR report Dennis Eddy's father filed a lawsuit Friday against CSX Transportation, which owns the track, and Buckingham Branch Railroad, which operates it. The suit alleges the crossing signal hadn't been properly maintained.

Neither company could be reached for comment Saturday.

Another passenger was killed in the crash outside of Charlottesville. The truck's driver has been indicted on charges of involuntary manslaughter and being under the influence.

Witnesses told investigators the truck entered the crossing after the safety gates had come down. People who live near the crossing have also told AP that the gates were known to malfunction.

The lawsuit seeks \$10 million in damages.

### Missouri sheriff's deputy dies when flooding sweeps away car

FAIR GROVE, Mo. (AP) — Authorities say a Missouri sheriff's deputy has died after his patrol car was swept away by floodwaters.

The Springfield News-Leader reports that 35-year-old Greene County Deputy Aaron Paul Roberts had just returned to service following a 911 hang-up call Friday night when he radioed that his car had been washed off the road into the Pomme de Terre River in Fair Grove, which is about 180 miles southwest of St. Louis.

Sheriff Jim Arnott says Roberts' body was found inside the car a short time later.

The National Weather Service in Springfield reports that there was heavy rainfall and flooding in low-lying areas in that region Friday night.

Roberts had worked for the Greene County Sheriff's Office for about a year. He is survived by a wife and child.

# REAL ESTATE SUNDAY

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SECTION C

## Town homes available on Lake June

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

These town homes are at 1106 and 1108 Lake June Road in Lake Placid. These properties are priced for \$292,500 each and can be bought separately or together. The properties are listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

If you are looking for a move-in ready place overlooking Lake June that offers plenty of fun for all, then look no further! This community offers beautiful town homes with nice upgrades, boat dock with slips and community boat launch, sandy beach, fire pit, and just across the street is Lake June West Golf & Athletic Club with a pool.

Both of these units are available for sale and each offers its own style and colors. Both units are also being sold furnished.

Unit 1106 Lake June Road offers Earth tone colored tile flooring on the main level with wood laminate, tile and beige carpeting on the upper floor.

The main floor consists of a full bath

**BOCK | 2C**

### DIRECTIONS

**1106 and 1108 Lake June Road, Lake Placid**  
From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto Lake June Road. Follow to the Townhomes on Lake June West on the left.



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## Beautiful home in Meadowlake subdivision

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 49 Meadowlake Circle South in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$499,900 and is listed with Debbie McCullough with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

Live like you're on vacation every day in this spectacular home. Nothing has been overlooked in the recent refurbishment and the home is exquisitely detailed with plenty of room for family or friends. This home has 4,236 of living square feet and 7,628 total square feet with four bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, office and a pool.

This home has many places to spread out and enjoy the Florida lifestyle. The living room, great room, master suite and guest bath all open to the pool area making entertaining a pleasure.

The master suite is fit for royalty. The stunning bath has a large soaking tub, separate shower and toilet areas, walk-in

**MCCULLOUGH | 3C**

### DIRECTIONS

**49 Meadowlake Circle South, Lake Placid**  
From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn east onto County Road 621. Turn right onto Holmes Avenue. Turn right onto Meadowlake Drive. Continue to the round about. Take the second exit and turn onto Meadowlake Circle South. The home is on the left.



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 49 Meadowlake Circle South in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$499,900 and is listed with Debbie McCullough with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

## Sebring lake front home with acreage

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 3100 Manatee Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$350,000 and is listed with Anita Zahn with Advantage Realty #1.

Have you ever dreamed of having a lake front house on acreage? Now you can and it's affordable! This lake front home is on eight-plus acres and is zoned agriculture.

The home is over 2,100 square feet with three bedrooms, two baths, a 42-foot porch and a 20 by 60 workshop on the property. The home has had some renovations, so don't let the age fool you.

The owners used the third bedroom, sized at 12 by 15, as a den. The room off the kitchen can be a den or an office.

A family room, or a huge dining room, is perfect for all your entertaining needs. This room features a vaulted and beamed ceiling with huge windows with great views of the back yard and Little Red Water Lake. This home has so many possibilities.

Two deck areas are out back; one is 16

**ZAHN | 2C**

### DIRECTIONS

**3100 Manatee Drive, Sebring**  
From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn left onto Scenic Highway. Turn left onto Manatee Drive. The home is on the right.



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 3100 Manatee Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$350,000 and is listed with Anita Zahn with Advantage Realty #1.

# BOCK

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with glass shower enclosure, large dining room with two storage/panty closets, and a kitchen with plenty of seating at the oversized breakfast bar and counter area and it is open to the large living room.

The kitchen has white cabinets with granite counter tops, GE Profile stainless steel appliances and also includes an ice maker.

This unit is also wired for security and central vac system. The open floor plan is popular and you will love the awesome view of the lake that greets you the minute you walk in the door.

The seller has installed Skeeter Beater screens on both the upper and lower porches and also includes a retractable power awning.

The master bedroom has sliders that open for a panoramic view of Lake June while relaxing on the private porch. The master bath includes a double-headed shower with rain shower head and a double-sink vanity and granite counter tops with separate water closet.

Both guest bedrooms have plenty of sleeping space that include two twin trundle beds in each room. The guest bath includes white cabinets with granite top and tile shower/tub combination with jacuzzi jetted tub.

The laundry area comes completed with top-of-the-line washer and dryer and includes a laundry sink.

Also included with the sale of this unit is the assignable boat slip. The garage is air-conditioned but has not been



COURTESY PHOTO

**These town homes are made for enjoying all that Lake June has to offer and are close to Lake Placid and Sebring. The 1106 Lake June Road unit has an assigned boat slip.**

included in the air-conditioned space. There is an access door from each side between 1106 and 1108 so would be ideal for anyone wanting to purchase both sides or live in one and lease out the other side.

Unit 1108 Lake June Road was completed more in a Florida cool blue color scheme and includes white cabinets throughout with granite tops, upgrade GE Profile appliances, upgraded lighting and fans and washed look tile plank flooring all in the main floor.

This unit is nicely furnished with white and cool blue colors to match the wall colors throughout. There is so much open space that it appears larger than it is and is great as year-round or seasonal home. This unit also includes an upper and lower porch with the Skeeter Beater and includes the retractable power awning too.

Included on the main floor is a full bath with tile and glass shower enclosure, large dining area open to the kitchen and living room. There is plenty of seating in the dining and kitchen area to accommodate a few or the whole family and

more!  
Both the lower and upper levels have awesome views of the lake.

The second story includes the master suite and bath as well as two guest bedrooms, guest bath with tile and glass enclosed shower, laundry area with upgraded washer and dryer as well as wash tub sink. All bedrooms include neutral beige carpeting.

The quarterly maintenance \$610 fee includes insurance to the exterior of the units, maintenance of all exterior and common area and the dock, and basic cable.

These town homes are made for enjoying all that Lake June has to offer and are close to Lake Placid and Sebring.

To make an appointment to preview or for more information, call Kevin and Teresa Bock at 863-381-9063 or 863-381-7884, visit TeresaBock.com or email Teresa@TeresaBock.com.



## People in Real Estate



Anita Zahn is with Advantage Realty in Sebring. Call 863-840-1420.



Debra McCullough is with Heartland Real Estate Corp. Call 863-441-1319.



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## ZAHN

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by 20 and the second is 12 by 20. The out building/work shop is 20 by 60 and it has divided rooms; one is used as a gym with a wall air-conditioning unit.

This space could be a great office. Another area has a garage door and is used for storage. It also has one tack/feed room with two stalls. Another building is a old bomb shelter. The property has a 176-foot sea wall; the lake frontage needs some

cleaning up.  
This is a rare find. The price is so affordable you have room to make changes of your own. The home is being sold as is, inspection welcome.

For more information, call Zahn at 863-840-1420. Ask about MLS 248948.



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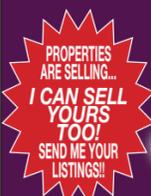
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# Baker joins Heartland Real Estate

SEBRING — One of Highlands County's top real estate firms, Heartland Real Estate Corp., is pleased to announce the addition of its newest associate, Tyler Baker.

Baker is a lifelong resident of Sebring who graduated from Sebring High School with honors



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2015.

"We are very happy to

in 2012. He went on to receive his college degree from the University of South Florida with honors in

have Tyler join the HREC family," said Jimmy Wohl, HREC president/broker. "Tyler is dedicated to the Sebring area and has deep roots here."

Since college, Baker has been a project manager in both commercial and residential construction. He is a member of Grace Bible Church and enjoys

the outdoors, hunting, fishing, Scuba diving and spending time with family and friends.

"Whether you are buying or selling any type of property anywhere in the Central Florida area, our team is not only committed to helping you accomplish your real

estate goals, but we treat you like family because we are family," Wohl said. "The addition of Tyler Baker continues to enhance what we can do for our clients."

Heartland Real Estate Corporation is a real estate brokerage and development firm located

in Sebring for more than 20 years. With extensive knowledge in all areas of real estate investment, HREC specializes in development, agricultural, commercial and residential properties.

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closet and Restoration Hardware cabinets. It features an additional custom dressing room fit for a queen or king with California closet built-ins for shoe and handbag storage.

The office features a stunning Italian porcelain tile wall, beautiful sliding barn door and adjacent half bath with another Restoration Hardware cabinet.

The formal dining area is just off the foyer and living room. It is suited for large gatherings and features beautiful moldings, draperies and plantation shutters.

The kitchen, family room and informal dining area are the heart of the home. The kitchen features beautiful white cabinets, granite counter tops with breakfast bar and stainless steel appliances — Thermador cook-top, vent, and double oven.

It opens to the 31 by 17 family room with wood burning fireplace and custom built-in entertainment center with television. Just off of this great space is a wing of three additional bedrooms and



COURTESY PHOTO

**The large family/dining room features a vaulted and beamed ceiling with huge windows with great views of the back yard and Little Red Water Lake.**

two baths.

Two of the three bedrooms in this area have a Jack-and-Jill bath with private shower and toilet area. The third bedroom has access to another full bath that also services the pool area.

The patio overlooking the pool, spa and expansive back yard has abundant space for lounging and entertaining. The beautifully landscaped three-quarter acre lot adds to the privacy.

Do you have recreational toys? The home has storage galore with a four-car garage and enormous utility room perfect for crafting or hobbies.

A brand new roof was installed in 2018 and interior and exterior

paint was redone as well. Restoration Hardware light fixtures are throughout the house. All bathrooms have been completely remodeled with updated features. The home has Travertine, tile and wood flooring throughout.

The Meadowlake Homeowner's Association includes a park on Lake Huntley with community dock, picnic and play areas as well as central water.

This home is an incredible value for its quality and size. For more information or to schedule a private showing, call McCullough at 863-441-1319. See more photos online at FineHomesDWM.com.

## Freestanding baths combine art with plumbing

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Question: Dear Ed: I have an opportunity to design my bathroom from scratch since we are building a new house. While looking into bath tubs I've noticed tubs called "freestanding" baths. I also noticed this type of bath is a high-end plumbing fixture. Can you please tell me what makes these tubs so special and why they are so expensive? — Karen, Washington state

Answer: A freestanding bath is basically a

self-supporting bath tub with finished sides inside and out. This means there is no need to build an enclosure around the tub or install the tub against a wall. Freestanding baths give you the freedom of placing the fixture in the middle of your bathroom, making it the focal point.

With that in mind, many freestanding baths look more like a sculpture and less like a plumbing fixture. Solid cast resin materials are often used to create freestanding baths.

Freestanding baths are available in many shapes

and sizes. Options can include bubble massage and heated surfaces.

With all these high-end features, I hope you can see why a freestanding bath can soak up a large portion of your bathroom budget.

*Master Contractor/Plumber Ed Del Grande is known internationally as the author of the book "Ed Del Grande's House Call," the host of TV and Internet shows, and a LEED green associate. Visit eddelgrande.com or write eadeldg@cs.com*

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# Landscape inspections vital tool in home buying process

*Editor's note: This column originally published July 1.*

One type of inspection is often overlooked and is not considered important when either selling, buying or renting a home — a landscape inspection.

A well maintained landscape in the immediate area of the property is a good first impression on a buyer, triggering a sense of trust when previewing the interior of the home. Frequently sellers prefer to invest in the interior of a home, based on the concept that today's families spend their time inside, instead of outside.

The first impression of the daily traffic is the exterior of the property, for which an attractive simple landscape can attract a potential buyer. Remember when you are listing your property for sale or rent prepare it to attract the interest of your tenant or buyer to be, not yours.

A landscape inspection is not always considered a priority by either party in a real estate transaction. After the transfer of title and financing are in place it becomes the buyer's burden to deal with issues, if any. A few of the possible surprises are plants or tree around the perimeter of the house, which can cause expensive damage to the foundation of your new home.

In my 27 plus years in real estate, I have being approached by buyers because no disclosure on the landscape was given by the seller through the transaction. It is the



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Julio Seda

buyer's due diligence to have any inspection he or she finds necessary.

A landscape inspection will clarify the type of plant or tree, if the location will or will not harm the structure. It will show unhealthy conditions of trees and plants. Inspecting the irrigation system, soil, grading, decks and patios is important to a prudent buyer for better understanding of the actual conditions and the maintenance required.

Some additional findings when you have a thorough landscape inspection are over saturation of soil, tree branches hanging over the home, which may cause roof damage and invite unwanted guest such as rats, raccoon, snake, ants and roaches to share your home.

This inspection can discover if the sprinkler system is unaligned leading to dry rot or termites. Another forgotten item is the rain gutters; are they efficient or inefficient, causing drainage clogging, creating strong odors inside the home and interior stains? The lawn slopes can be draining towards the house rather than away setting up a flooding issue that will bring mosquitoes

and strong odors due the constant accumulation of water for an indefinite period of time.

Let's remember we live in Florida, a climate with year round humidity. Buyers need to ask about the components covered by a landscape inspection and research the experience and knowledge of the inspector and the inspection company's reputation.

The investment of a home is worth the cost to have all types of inspection done by a reputable, professional company with certified inspectors who are up to date with the neighborhood trend. If you are buying either for investment or for your family to enjoy, it is best to prevent mayor expenses in repairs due to lack of knowledge or awareness on damages caused by poor maintenance from a previous owner.

Your Realtor can assist you in selecting a reputable inspection professional.

The prices varies on inspections, starting at \$75-120 for termites and pest report, from \$150-350 on an arborist review and \$350-450 for a septic system inspection, and last but certainly not least important, the removal of a tree can be in the \$1,500.

Some companies offer a free quote or a reduction on the inspection, so be aware on those deals. When a company does inspection and repairs they might have a consideration on the inspection cost if you give them the work to repair



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**A landscape inspection can be a vital tool when buying a home and it is the buyer's due diligence to have any inspection he or she finds necessary.**

when needed. Confirm if it is a certified firm with a certified inspector and they are current on the type of inspection you need in the area where the property is located.

Here is a brief landscape inspection check list to assist you:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1) Patios and deck              | 9) Outdoors kitchens or fireplaces  |
| 2) Fence conditions             | 10) Drainage and erosion  |
| 3) Waters features              |   |
| 4) Soil composition and grading |   |
| 5) Trees, plants and grass      | <i>To submit questions, comments or topics, call Julio Seda at 786-991-8235 or email 0532315@gmail.com.</i> |
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# Introducing the Quick Mortgage Shopper

Over the years, the topic that has attracted the largest number of readers on my site is shopping for a mortgage. I just counted 70 articles on the subject, going back to the year 2000. There are many articles because shopping is a multi-stage process, with complexities and challenges arising at each stage. The multi-lender shopping facility on my site is designed to guide shoppers through the entire process.

This article describes a quicker and simpler approach to mortgage shopping that was recently implemented — the Quick Mortgage Shopper or QMS. It has emerged late in the development of my approach to mortgage shopping because one must know all the hazards of the main road before finding a safe short cut.

Though not for everyone, those who can use QMS will shop as effectively as those who go through the longer process, and spend much less time doing it.

## Simplifying assumptions

QMS skips 3 steps in the shopping process:

Determining whether the shopper qualifies — QMS assumes that she does.

Determining the preferred type of mortgage — the user must know the type of mortgage she wants beforehand. QMS requires the shopper to select a 30 or 15-year FRM, or a 5/1, 7/1 or 10/1 ARM.

Determining the pre-

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ferred combination of interest rate and lender points — QMS assumes the borrower wants the lowest interest rate at zero points and other fees. The borrower who wants to buy down the interest rate by paying points, and the borrower who needs a rebate from the lender to meet cash needs, should not use QMS. Another name for QMS is “Rate Shopper.”

## Adjusting the rate for transaction features

The core feature of QMS is the calculation of a competitive rate that is unique to the shopper based on the features of the shopper’s transaction that affect the rate. These features are the loan purpose, purchase price or property value, down payment, loan amount, property zip code, FICO score, type of property, type of occupancy, lock period, and escrow waiver.

The shopper’s information is used to derive a no-fee interest rate from each of the lenders who deliver prices to my web site, and the lowest of those rates is reported to the shopper. The shopping rate is thus a competitive rate that the shopper can use to shop anywhere — but not anytime.

Since rates are reset every morning, shoppers who use the QMS to shop should refresh it every day, even after selecting

a lender, until the lender selected locks the loan rate.

## Comparison to the CFPB Shopping Guide

To my knowledge, the only other mortgage-shopping guide is the “Explore Interest Rates” tool provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). Instead of a shopping rate that a competing lender should match or better, CFPB shows a distribution of rates, and leaves it to the shopper to decide which rate in the distribution is the lowest they can expect to find by shopping.

For example, given the loan features I entered on August 21, CFPB told me that in Pennsylvania where I live, rates ranged from 4.5% to 5.75% with a clustering at 4.875%. Since there is no way to determine the reasons for the differences, this is not much help. Furthermore, where the rates posted on my site are updated daily, in line with market practice, the CFPB rates are updated on Wednesdays and Fridays only.

In sum, the CFPB rates might be useful to a visitor from Mars interested in knowing whether interest rates are closer to 5 percent than 50 percent, but for earth-bound shoppers they are useless.

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In this August photograph, a sold placard tops a sale sign outside homes on the market in Denver. On Thursday, Sept. 6, Freddie Mac reports on the week’s average U.S. mortgage rates.

# Average US mortgage rates tick up

## 30-year at 4.54 percent

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates ticked up this week for the second straight week, remaining substantially higher than a year ago amid strength in the economy.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 4.54 percent from 4.52 percent last week. Long-term loan rates have been running at their highest levels in seven years. The average benchmark 30-year rate reached a high this year of 4.66 percent on May 24. By contrast, the rate

stood at 3.78 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans edged up to 3.99 percent this week from 3.97 percent last week.

Rising home prices, tight inventories of affordable homes and historically higher mortgage rates have dampened home sales despite the strong economy.

Home borrowing costs “may be slowly on the rise again in coming weeks,” said Freddie Mac chief economist Sam Khater. He said the lack of affordable homes “is hindering many interested buyers this fall, even as the robust economy brings them into the market.”

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn’t include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages was unchanged from last week at 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year mortgages fell to 0.4 point from 0.5 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages jumped to 3.93 percent from 3.85 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.3 point.

# 5 reasons to remodel your bathroom

By BRANDON PURDUM  
HOMEADVISOR

If you’ve been pining for new granite counter tops, hoping to spruce up those outdated bathroom cabinets or longing for a larger, more luxurious spa-style bathtub, now is a good time to get that bathroom remodel underway. With the many options available in

everything from fixtures to flooring, it’s possible to make a few upgrades on a budget big or small!

Here are five reasons to refresh your bathroom today:

1. You spend a lot of time in your bathroom.

According to an American Standard survey on bathroom habits, the average person spends more

than 30 minutes of time in the bathroom each day, adding up to more than seven days a year! We dedicate so much of our time freshening up in front of the vanity mirror that it makes the bathroom a hotspot in any home.

2. The right remodel is built to last.

The restored beauty and improved

functionality of a remodeled bathroom will provide you added enjoyment not only immediately after it’s done, but well into the future. Whether it’s the timeless feel of all-new tile flooring or the enhanced utility of a new floating vanity, your new bathroom is sure to please every day, week and month for years to

come.

What’s more, you can ensure that your bathroom is remodeled to adapt to your changing needs. Whether it’s installing in a walk-in tub or curbless shower, adjusting the height of your countertops or improving the overall floorplan, updating your bathroom can help make your space more comfortable

and accommodating for aging in place.

3. Added storage reduces clutter.

Ever find yourself fumbling through endless items just to find your hairbrush, shaving cream or dental floss? The extra storage in a new modern bathroom cabinet could be the key to a cleaner,

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# How do I flush my water heater?

By **ANGIE'S LIST**  
PAUL F. P. POGUE

Much like changing your car's oil, a water heater needs regular maintenance for top performance. A water heater flush clears out sediment and minerals such as calcium and lime, which could impede your heater's performance.

Whether you have a gas or electric heater, sediment buildup represents a serious problem.

Experts recommend that you drain and flush the tank once a year to keep it in good condition and extend its life. Fall is a good time to flush the tank if you haven't done so already.

You can expect to pay between \$100 and \$200 if you hire a professional for this service.

Tankless water heaters also benefit from cleaning

and flushing. Although they don't carry the same large amount of water as traditional tanks, scaling and sediment can build up in the pipes. This does take a bit longer than on a traditional tank, so you'll be paying closer to the \$200 end of the scale.

What happens if I don't flush my water heater?

The sediment buildup insulates the water from the heat source on the bottom of the tank, which forces the heater to work harder. As a result, the heater requires more time and energy to heat the same amount of water.

If you leave sediment buildup untouched, it can create worse problems in the long term. Water pressure will drop, and pipes can burst. If sediment builds up high



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One big reason to refresh or remodel your bathroom is because you spend a lot of time in there.

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more organized and clutter-free bathroom space — the kind that reduces your stress and saves your sanity.

4. An updated bathroom adds value to your home.

When your bathroom transforms from the room you have to use into the place you want to be, it's not just your quality of life that gets better. As a home improvement project, your bathroom remodel offers a strong return on investment, one that

tends to hold its value over time while boosting your home's overall resale value in the future.

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enough, it can shut down the tank entirely.

The harder your water, the more likely you'll need a frequent flush. Hard water deposits more sediment than soft water. A noisy water heater is a sure sign of sediment buildup.

## How can I flush my water heater?

You can drain your water heater yourself with no more tools than a garden hose, screwdriver and protective gloves. Take great care when coming in contact with the heater, pipes, and water — it will all be very hot!

1. Turn off the gas or electricity. The manufacturer's instructions should explain this. Turn the gas control knob to the "pilot" position on a gas heater. For an electric heater, turn off the circuit breaker and disconnect the power supply.

2. Turn off the water supply valve.

3. Turn on the hot water faucet on a nearby sink, and keep it running while you work. This will prevent a vacuum from

forming in the lines.

4. Attach your hose to the drain valve. Run it to a drain, driveway or empty bucket. You might need a manual pump if the water heater is in the basement.

5. Open the drain valve with a screwdriver. Allow the water to flow until it stops. If you're using a bucket, be prepared to empty it frequently.

6. Open and close the water supply valve several times to stir up and flush the lingering sediment. The water will flow quickly, so be ready!

7. Disconnect the hose and close the drain valve tightly.

8. Open the water supply valve. Turn on hot water faucets on all your fixtures to remove air bubbles.

9. Follow manufacturer's instructions to restart your heater. Make sure the tank is full, or else you may damage the heating element.

If you run into trouble, contact a licensed plumber.

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# Will dad's new spouse have rights over our shared condo?

By REAL ESTATE Q & A  
GARY M. SINGER

**Question:** My father lives in a condo that he, myself and my sister all own as "Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship." He just got married, and I am wondering what his new spouse's rights will be regarding the property? — Steven

**Answer:** To answer this question, we will need to discuss what "Rights of Survivorship" means. Normally, when multiple people own property, they all own an equal share unless it was agreed otherwise in advance. For example, if Bob and Steve buy a property and put both names on the deed, they will own it 50-50. This is known by real estate folks as "Tenants in Common." In this situation, if one of them dies, that person's heirs, usually a spouse and children, will get their interest in the property.

Sometimes, a co-owner will want the other co-owner to get the property in case one of them passes away. This is sometimes used as an

estate planning tool, or for business purposes. In this case, the co-owners can instead elect to own the property as "Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship," and then if one co-owner dies, the other will continue to own the property, in effect absorbing the departing owner's portion. In this case, since the other co-owner gets the full ownership, there is nothing left to go to the heirs.

This situation gets more confusing because the property is your father's home. Typically, a surviving spouse gets special protections to continue to live in the family home when the property-owning spouse passes away. These protections are robust, but there is an exception for property owned with co-owners vested with "Rights of Survivorship." It seems in your case that the new spouse would not have any interest in the property if your father were to pass on.

However, these sorts of situations can be complicated, and the wording of the deed and other small

things can make a big difference. You should speak with an appropriate professional to be sure what is going to happen in your situation.

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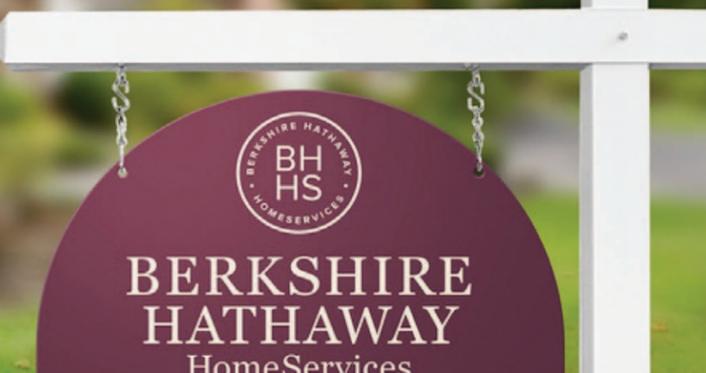


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Naomi Osaka, of Japan, wins the US Open after a technicality was called on Serena Williams, after Williams slammed her racket and argued with the officials.

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### ■ PREP SPORTS: Cross-country

## Fort Myers Invite cross-country results

Fort Myers Invite cross country results at Veteran's Park, Lehigh Acres.

**Boys results out of 36 teams**

6. Port Charlotte 232  
14. North Port 392  
16. Venice 421  
19. DeSoto 557  
24. Charlotte 629  
31. Imagine School of North Port 835

**Individual leaders**

7. John Perez, 17:42.05, Port Charlotte  
12. Joe Bishop, 18:03.25, Port Charlotte  
20. Joseph Smith, 18:13.41, North Port  
21. Ben Sweiderk, 18.14.02, Venice  
52. Nick Renaud, 19:14.78, Imagine School of North Port  
60. Cal Sweiderk, 19:22.88, Venice  
76. Alvaro Amaya, 19:42.45, North Port  
84. Chandler Mault, 19:54.85, Port Charlotte  
86. Tyson Possehl, 19:56.63, Venice  
88. Zac Catron, 19:58.21, Port Charlotte  
89. Caleb Melton, 19:58.34, North Port  
95. Zachry Rathburn, 20:04.86, North Port  
97. Noel Maldonado, 20:06.33, DeSoto  
100. Jake Lille, 20:08.51, Charlotte  
106. Brendan True, 20:17.38, Charlotte  
109. James Stock, 20:19.25, Charlotte  
111. Fernando Delgado, 20:23.94, DeSoto  
113. Marcos Ramos, 20:30.10, DeSoto  
124. Julian Villegas, 20:37.30, DeSoto  
129. Bracken Yingling, 20:45.00, Port Charlotte

**Girls results out of 24 teams**

3. Charlotte 135  
12. Venice 314  
14. Port Charlotte 368  
20. North Port 467  
22. Imagine School of North Port 578

**Individual leaders**

1. Isabella Coogan, 19:37.40, Port Charlotte  
22. Mackenzie Flowers, 22:01.88, Charlotte  
23. Alexa Roughton, 22:02.23, Charlotte  
26. Victoria Simeone, 22:18.09, Charlotte  
33. Savannah Streetman, 22:23.96, Charlotte  
40. Hannah Luff, 22:50.87, Venice  
41. Hannah Piacitelli, 22:53.76, Charlotte  
45. Jennifer Lukowski, 22:59.60, Venice  
48. Amy Padilla-Quinones, 23:08.51, Port Charlotte  
50. Alexis Smith, 23:11.31, North Port  
51. Julianna Courville, 23:15.22, Venice  
56. Micah Barnes, 23:20.33, Charlotte  
57. Faith Winkler, 23:20.50, Charlotte  
63. Jocelyn Ramos, 23:48.33, Port Charlotte  
72. Mackenzie Doyle, 24:13.19, North Port  
79. Makayla Rassbach, 24:27.87, Imagine School of North Port  
92. Delany McLean, 24:58.33, Venice  
111. Donna Davidson, 25:31.42, Imagine School of North Port  
115. Preetha Ramachandran, 25:39.13, Venice  
119. Tatiana Wilburn, 25:40.89, North Port

### ■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Kentucky 27, Florida 16

## 31 and done: Florida's win streak over Kentucky comes to an end

By MATT BAKER  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

GAINESVILLE — First-year Florida coach Dan Mullen knew his team's winning streak over Kentucky would eventually end. The streak spanned 31 years, six U.S. presidents, seven Gator coaches and 11,620 days. It survived changes in quarterbacks, schemes and philosophies. It covered the highs of national championships and the lows of Muschamp, McElwain and Zook.

"I imagine, one day, the streak will be broken," Mullen said before the game.

That day finally came Saturday at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium as Kentucky ended the nation's longest active losing streak in an annual series with a 27-16 upset of No. 25 UF.

This was not a fluke or a stroke of luck after 125 periods of misfortune. This wasn't a weird matchup of contrasting styles; Mullen played the Wildcats (2-0) every year at Mississippi State and knew (or should have known) what to expect.

The explanation was much simpler and, for the 1-1 Gators, hard to fathom. The Wildcats — fresh off a

too-close-for-comfort win over lowly Central Michigan — were the better team.

Kentucky was noticeably better on both lines in the SEC opener for both teams.

At halftime, both teams had rushed 17 times. Florida gained 51 yards on those carries; Kentucky 161.

The gap was obvious on third and 1 in the second quarter, when Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson sneaked up the middle and his line paved the way for 3 yards. The push didn't relent all night.

It worked on the other side of the ball, too. Kentucky's

defensive front hurried Gators quarterback Feleipe Franks on two of the first eight times he dropped back to pass.

The line struggles that were obscured last week against a bad Division I-AA team are holdovers from last year's 4-7 flop. Those problems take years, not weeks, to fix, which doesn't bode well for some of UF's remaining games (No. 18 Mississippi State in three weeks, No. 11 LSU the week after that and No. 3 Georgia at the end of October).

Kentucky was better at

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### ■ AREA SPORTS: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

## Charlotte resident wins world title

By BEN BAUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Paul Hartt isn't someone who let's his guard down. When your competing in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, the object isn't to let your opponent pass your guard.

### Initial exposure

The Charlotte Harbor resident wrestled in high school and college, but found there was a dearth of opportunities to grapple beyond school. It was a friend, a high school wrestling teammate, who introduced Paul Hartt to the sport of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

"One day I went down (to the training facility) and started grappling with the guys and it was a perfect transition," said Hartt. "Wrestling and Jiu-Jitsu kind of go hand-in-hand with each other. The base of wrestling and Jiu-Jitsu are different in many ways, but a lot of it transfers over. I got into Jiu-Jitsu and never looked back."

However, it's not always the larger opponent that wins. The sport was developed by

Carlos and Helio Gracie, so smaller athletes would have an opportunity to defeat their opponents, said Hartt.

"You use technique over strength," said Hartt. "Hopefully, limit the bigger attacker, so they do less damage, and hopefully get them into a submission hold that would stop everything until help arrived. That's what it was originally designed for."

### The key to success

It's Hartt's wrestling background that has played a large role in competitive tournaments. He employs a grand design endemic to his previous sport, and his experience as a wrestler has played a significant role in his success.

"My strategy is to score a takedown, as soon as I can, and that kind of sets the pace for the match," said Hartt. "If the guy gets scored on right away, he's already on defense. I'm up 2-0. That's my main strategy, just to get the game going in my favor. It puts me in the top position, where that guy's playing guard."

Now a brown belt, the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Paul Hartt wins his second Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu world title in 2018, capturing the Masters Division Brown Belt world title. He secured the Blue Belt title in 2014.

quality of competition has become more challenging, with the margin for error being minimal, with the main objective being to pass his opponent's guard, overcoming their primary defense, said Hartt.

"When you go up in belts, everybody gets better and their technique gets stronger," said Hartt. "So, once I take a guy down, my goal is to pass his guard, get side

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### ■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Notre Dame 24, Ball St 16

## Elliott's thefts help No. 8 Irish hold off Ball State 24-16

By JOHN FINERAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly fell on his sword after his eighth-ranked Fighting Irish struggled offensively against Ball State in what many assumed would be a tuneup game.

"I obviously didn't do a good enough job getting them up to play at the level they need to play," Kelly said. "Ball State did a great job coming into this game and doing

what it needed to do. Their preparation was great, their coaching was better."

On the scoreboard, it was a 24-16 victory for Notre Dame. But it wasn't easy, and it wasn't pretty.

The Irish (2-0), coming off an emotional 24-17 victory over Michigan, looked lackluster against the Mid-American Conference foe whose campus in Muncie is a 2½-hour drive away. The Cardinals (1-1) also played nothing like the 34½-point underdogs

they were labeled in the schools' first meeting in football.

Junior strong safety Jalen Elliott picked off Ball State quarterback Riley Neal twice — the first interceptions by a Notre Dame safety in the last 14 games — and the Irish turned them into a pair of rushing touchdowns of 31 and 1 yards by junior Tony Jones Jr. It gave the Irish a 21-6 lead in the third quarter, but Ball State wasn't done.

"Hats off to Ball State,"



AP PHOTO

Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimush looks to pass against Ball State during the first half of an NCAA college football game in South Bend, Ind., Saturday.

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## ■ TENNIS: US Open

# Williams loses game for arguing during US Open loss to Osaka

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP TENNIS WRITER

NEW YORK — The events and the arguing and the booing that would make this a U.S. Open final unlike any other began when Serena Williams' coach made what she insisted was an innocent thumbs-up, but the chair umpire interpreted as a helpful signal.

It was the second game of the second set Saturday, in a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium, and Williams' bid for a record-tying 24th Grand Slam title already was in real trouble because she was being outplayed by first-time major finalist Naomi Osaka.

Chair umpire Carlos Ramos warned Williams for getting coaching during a match, which isn't allowed. She briefly disputed that ruling, saying cheating "is the one thing I've never done, ever." A few games later, Williams received another warning, this time for smashing her racket, and that second violation cost her a point, drawing more arguing. Eventually, Williams called Ramos "a thief," drawing a third violation — and costing her a game.

"I have never cheated in my life!" Williams told Ramos. "You owe me an apology."

Soon, Osaka was finishing off a 6-2, 6-4 victory that made her the first player from Japan to win a Grand Slam singles title. That is not, however, what will be remembered about this match.

With jeers bouncing off the arena's closed roof, both players — the champion, Osaka, and the runner-up, Williams — wiped away tears during a trophy ceremony that was awkward for everyone involved.

Williams whispered something to Osaka and wrapped an arm around her shoulders.

"I felt, at one point, bad,

because I'm crying and she's crying. You know, she just won. I'm not sure if they were happy tears or they were just sad tears, because of the moment. I felt like, 'Wow, this isn't how I felt when I won my first Grand Slam.' I was like, 'Wow, I definitely don't want her to feel like that,'" said Williams, who missed last year's U.S. Open because her daughter, Olympia, was born during the tournament. "Maybe it was the mom in me that was like, 'Listen, we've got to pull ourselves together here.'"

This was the only the latest in a series of high-profile conflicts with match officials for Williams at Flushing Meadows. It all dates back to 2004, when an incorrect call during a quarterfinal loss to Jennifer Capriati was cited as the main reason for the introduction of replay technology in tennis. Then came Williams' infamous tirade after a foot fault in the 2009 semifinals against Kim Clijsters, and a to-do over a hindrance call in the 2011 final against Sam Stosur.

"It's always something," Williams said.

Osaka is just 20, 16 years younger than Williams — and grew up idolizing the American, even asking her to pose for a selfie together at a tournament just a handful of years ago. Their age difference was the second-widest gap between women's finalists at a Slam in the professional era.

"I know that everyone was cheering for her," Osaka told the crowd, "and I'm sorry it had to end like this."

What was most problematic for Williams on the scoreboard was that she was unable to keep up with a version of herself.

Osaka, who happens to be coached by Williams' former hitting partner, hit more aces, 6-3. Osaka hit the match's fastest serve,



JULIO CORTEZ

**Serena Williams takes a break during a changeover against Naomi Osaka, of Japan, during the women's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament on Saturday.**

119 mph. She had fewer errors, 21-14. She saved five of six break points. And she covered the court better than Williams did.

"She made a lot of shots," Williams said. "She was so focused."

Indeed, that was what might have been most impressive. Osaka never let Williams' back-and-forth with Ramos distract her, never wavered from playing terrific tennis. The one time Osaka did get broken, to trail 3-1 in the second set, she broke back immediately, prompting Williams to smash her racket.

That cost her a point, because of the earlier warning for coaching. Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, acknowledged afterward that he did try to signal Williams, but didn't think she had seen him — and added that he thinks every player gets coaching during matches.

"I never had any warning in my career for coaching. Strange to do that in a Grand Slam final," Mouratoglou said. "Second, we all know that all the coaches coach at every match, all year long, from the first of January all the way to the 31st of December. We all know it."

When Ramos called both players over to explain the game penalty, which put

Osaka ahead 5-3, Williams began laughing, saying: "Are you kidding me?" Then she asked to speak to tournament referee Brian Earley, who walked onto the court along with a Grand Slam supervisor. Williams told them the whole episode "is not fair," and said: "This has happened to me too many times."

"To lose a game for saying that is not fair," Williams said. "There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things and because they are men, that doesn't happen."

It was the second Grand Slam final defeat in a row for Williams, after Wimbledon in July. She's appeared in only seven tournaments this season since returning to the tour after having a baby during last year's U.S. Open.

Williams asked what she'll tell her daughter, Olympia, about what happened Saturday.

"I'll tell her, first of all, if she sees it, that, you know, I stood up for what I believed in. I stood up for what was right," Williams replied. "Sometimes, things in life don't happen the way we want them, but always stay gracious and stay humble. I think that's the lesson we can all learn from this."

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### ■ PICK 2

Sept. 8N .....	5-3
Sept. 8D .....	0-3
Sept. 7N .....	7-5
Sept. 7D .....	6-3
Sept. 6N .....	1-5
Sept. 6D .....	9-4
D-Day, N-Night	

### ■ PICK 3

Sept. 8N .....	5-0-5
Sept. 8D .....	4-8-9
Sept. 7N .....	9-0-3
Sept. 7D .....	1-3-6
Sept. 6N .....	6-9-9
Sept. 6D .....	1-1-8
D-Day, N-Night	

### ■ PICK 4

Sept. 8N .....	9-1-0-3
Sept. 8D .....	9-7-1-2
Sept. 7N .....	4-1-5-5
Sept. 7D .....	0-3-5-4
Sept. 6N .....	2-4-3-0
Sept. 6D .....	0-6-1-4
D-Day, N-Night	

### ■ PICK 5

Sept. 8N .....	9-3-1-8-0
Sept. 8D .....	1-4-4-0-1
Sept. 7N .....	2-4-5-6-5
Sept. 7D .....	8-6-3-6-2
Sept. 6N .....	7-7-0-4-8
Sept. 6D .....	2-8-8-3-8
D-Day, N-Night	

### ■ FANTASY 5

Sept. 8 .....	Late
Sept. 7 .....	Late
Sept. 6 .....	7-17-23-25-28
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 7	
2 5-digit winner .....	\$169,019.02
292 4-digit winners .....	\$178.50
9,456 3-digit winners .....	\$15.00

### ■ CASH FOR LIFE

Sept. 6 .....	6-11-13-32-38
Cash Ball .....	3
...	
Sept. 3 .....	19-22-24-31-37
Cash Ball .....	1
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 6	
0 5-5 CB .....	\$1,000/Day
0 5-5 .....	\$1,000/Week
3 4-5 CB .....	\$2,500
11 4-5 .....	\$500

### ■ LUCKY MONEY

Sept. 7 .....	12-13-35-38
Lucky Ball .....	11
...	
Sept. 4 .....	21-25-33-45
Lucky Ball .....	13
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 7	
0 4-of-4 LB .....	\$2 million
2 4-of-4 .....	\$7,042.50
43 3-of-4 LB .....	\$716.00
608 3-of-4 .....	\$150.00

### ■ LOTTO

Sept. 8 .....	Late
Sept. 5 .....	8-9-13-18-20-46
Sept. 1 .....	20-23-24-41-47-51
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 8	
0 6-digit winners .....	\$3 million
15 5-digit winners .....	\$5,091.50
942 4-digit winners .....	\$54.50
18,509 3-digit winners .....	\$5
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$3.5 million	

### ■ POWERBALL

Sept. 8 .....	Late
Powerball .....	Late
...	
Sept. 5 .....	6-15-50-59-60
Powerball .....	13
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 5	
0 5-5 + PB .....	\$100 Million
0 5-5 .....	\$1 Million
0 4-5 + PB .....	\$50,000
15 4-5 .....	\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$114 million	

### ■ MEGA MILLIONS

Sept. 7 .....	8-10-41-54-68
Mega ball .....	10
...	
Sept. 4 .....	2-7-25-35-44
Mega ball .....	3
PAYOFF FOR SEPT. 4	
0 5 of 5 + MB .....	\$187 Million
1 5 of 5 .....	\$1 Million
1 4 of 5 + MB .....	\$10,000
14 4 of 5 .....	\$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$187 million	

Due to deadline, not all lottery results are available.

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## SPORTS ON TV

### AUTO RACING

2 p.m.

NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Big Machine Vodka 400 at The Brickyard, at Indianapolis

5 p.m.

FS1 — IMSA, WeatherTech Sports-Car Championship, America's Tire 250, at Salinas, Calif.

### CYCLING

11 p.m.

NBCSN — Vuelta a España, Stage 15, from Ribera de Arriba to Lagos de Covadonga, Spain (same-day tape)

### RODEO

4 p.m.

CBS — PBR Bull Riding, PFIWEST-ERN.com Invitational, at Springfield, Mo. (taped)

### NFL FOOTBALL

1 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage, Buffalo at Baltimore, Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Cincinnati at Indianapolis or Houston at New England

FOX — Regional coverage, Tennessee at Miami or Tampa Bay at New Orleans

4 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage, Kansas City at L.A. Chargers

4:25 p.m.

FOX — Regional coverage, Washington at Arizona, Dallas at Carolina or Seattle at Denver

8:20 p.m.

NBC — Chicago at Green Bay

### GOLF

6 a.m.

GOLF — European PGA Tour, Omega European Masters, final round, at Crans Montana, Switzerland

Noon

GOLF — PGA Tour, BMW Championship, final round, at Newtown Square, Pa.

2 p.m.

NBC — PGA Tour, BMW Championship, final round, at Newtown Square, Pa.

### MLB BASEBALL

1:10 p.m.

SUN — Baltimore at Tampa Bay

1:30 p.m.

TBS — Chicago Cubs at Wash-

ington

4:30 p.m.

MLB — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Arizona OR Texas at Oakland (games joined in progress)

8 p.m.

ESPN — Houston at Boston

### SOCCER

11:50 a.m.

ESPNNEWS — UEFA Nations League, Bulgaria vs. Norway, at Sofia, Bulgaria

2:30 p.m.

ESPNNEWS — UEFA Nations League, Cyprus vs. Slovenia, at Nicosia, Cyprus

### RUNNING

Noon

NBC — New Balance 5th Avenue Mile, at New York

### TENNIS

1 p.m.

ESPN2 — U.S. Open, women's doubles championship, at New York

4 p.m.

ESPN — U.S. Open, men's championship, at New York

### TRACK & FIELD

1 a.m. (Monday)

NBCSN — IAAF, Continental Cup, at Ostrava, Czech Republic (same-day tape)

### WNBA BASKETBALL

3:30 p.m.

ABC — Finals (best-of 5 series), Game 2, Washington at Seattle

## ■ MLB: Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 5

# Rays beat Orioles 10-5 for 10th straight home win

By **MARK DITTLER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Yarbrough struggled but got his 14th win, most among major league rookies, and the Tampa Bay Rays won their 10th straight home game by beating the Baltimore Orioles 10-5 on Saturday night.

After reliever Diego Castillo pitched a scoreless first, Yarbrough (14-5) entered and allowed three runs and six hits in 3 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. Twelve of the lefty's wins have come in "bullpen games" for Tampa Bay.

The Rays will look to tie the franchise record for consecutive victories at home, set during the 2008 AL pennant-winning season, in Sunday's series finale.

Tampa Bay is eight games behind Oakland for the second AL wild card with 21 games left.

Baltimore's David Hess (3-10) made his scheduled start one day after getting hit in the left eye while playing catch with a football and allowed six runs — two earned — and seven hits over five-plus innings. The right-hander gave up four unearned runs in the first, including one that Mallex Smith scored from third base when the ball slipped out of Hess' hand and rolled toward the first-base line for a wild pitch.

Jonathan Villar drove in three runs and Renato Nunez hit a two-run homer for the Orioles (41-101), who dropped 60 games under .500.

After drawing 11 walks and getting 10 hits in a 14-2 rout of the Orioles on Friday night, the Rays were helped by Baltimore miscues in picking up their 15th win in the last 18 games and going a season-high



AP PHOTO

**Tampa Bay Rays opening pitcher Diego Castillo delivers to the Baltimore Orioles during the first inning of the baseball game Saturday.**

13 games over .500 (77-64).

Smith reached second in the first on a throwing error by Nunez at third base and scored on Hess' wild pitch.

Wily Adames also scored from third in the first when Jake Bauers

got caught in a run-down on a stolen base attempt.

Adames came home on a wild pitch in a two-run sixth.

Villar had a two-run single in the seventh that drew the Orioles to 7-5.

## ■ NBA: Offseason Signings

# Cavs sign free-agent guard David Nwaba

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CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers made another move in their post-LeBron James makeover, signing free-agent guard David Nwaba to a one-year contract.

The deal is for the veteran's minimum of \$1.5 million.

The 25-year-old Nwaba played for Chicago last season, averaging 7.9 points and 4.7 rebounds in 70 games. The 6-foot-4 guard made 21 starts.

A solid defender, he'll give the Cavs backcourt depth and provide coach Tyronn Lue with more help as the team rebuilds following James' departure this summer as a free agent.

Nwaba will be reunited in Cleveland with former

Los Angeles Lakers teammates Larry Nance Jr. and Jordan Clarkson, who came to the Cavs in a trade last season.

Nwaba agreed to sign with the Cavs last month, but the sides needed time to complete the deal.

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■ **PREP SPORTS: Charlotte Swimming**

# Tarpons enjoy strong meet in St. Petersburg

By **BEN BAUGH**  
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The Charlotte Tarpons girls and boys swim teams both distinguished themselves Saturday with strong performances in the St. Petersburg Aquatics 2018 Total Team Relay Challenge.

There were 19 total entries, with the girls team placing third and the boys team finishing fourth.

The boys team captured the 200 yard breaststroke relay (Carl Eisen, Joshua Eaton,

Terrin Gallup and Dylan Hacker) and the Boys 400 yard freestyle relay (Dylan Hacker, Carl Eisen, Casey Keller and Joshua Eaton).

The boys also placed second in the boys 200 yard butterfly relay (Carl Eisen, Joshua Eaton, James Rose and Dylan Hacker).

The girls had four second place finishes, in the 200 yard freestyle relay (Karys Nelson, Roxana Manta, Aliyah Hackenberg and Melody Stelmaszek); the 400 yard 4x100 individual medley

(Vanessa Deel, Molly Dillon, Madison Hoffius and Roxana Manta); 200 yard breaststroke relay (Vanessa Deel, Aliyah Hackenberg, Karys Nelson and Melody Stelmaszek) and the girls 400 yard freestyle relay (Karys Nelson, Vanessa Deel, Roxana Manta and Melody Stelmaszek).

The Tarpons will be back in action Saturday, hosting the Tarpon Invitational at the South County Rec Center in Punta Gorda on Sept. 15.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Tarpons swim team enjoyed a strong showing this weekend in St. Petersburg.

■ **PREP SPORTS: Charlotte cross-country**

# Lady Tarpons have strong showing at Fort Myers Invite

By **BEN BAUGH**  
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The cross country course for the Fort Myers Invite may have been the toughest the Lady Tarpons have run on all season, but that didn't deter them from reaching their objective.

The Lady Tarpons finished third Saturday in a field of 24, over a challenging course at Veteran's Park at Lehigh

Acres.

"Our goal was to finish in the top five," said Chris Robishaw, Charlotte girls cross country coach. "So, we ended up getting a trophy. The same tough competition as last week. The challenge was to do as well as we could especially among those district and regional teams that we're going to see later in the post season.

The Lady Tarpons participated in a couple of very intense speed workouts on Tuesday and Wednesday in preparation for Saturday's invitational, said Robishaw. "Thursday they went for a nice long run, and Friday they tapered it down to two miles," said Robishaw.

The course at Veteran's Park was demanding, featuring a series of challenges, with the

times from this week down from those posted at the DDD Sommer Invitational.

"They were all about a minute off last week," said Robishaw. "It's a slower course. I'm very pleased. You like to have the gap between your one and five runners to be as small as possible. We actually had a gap of a one to seven split of 1:17."

The Lady Tarpons

depth has put them in good stead, with their number four and five runners, placing ahead of a number of other schools' number three runners.

"Our number five runner, Hannah Piacitelli, was our first place runner last week for JV, and actually ran our fifth best time for the team that day," said Robishaw. "I moved her up today, and sure enough, she

finished fifth for us in the race."

- 22. Mackenzie Flowers, 22:01.88
- 23. Alexa Roughton, 22:02.23
- 26. Victoria Simeone, 22:18.09
- 33. Savannah Streetman, 22:23.96
- 41. Hannah Piacitelli, 22:53.76
- 56. Micah Barnes, 22:20.33
- 57. Faith Winkler, 23:20.50

■ **PREP SPORTS: Charlotte cross-country**

# Tarpons meet challenge of Fort Myers Invite

By **BEN BAUGH**  
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The Charlotte Tarpons faced a cross country course Saturday that featured its share of challenges at the Fort Myers Invite, but there were some similarities to those they had seen the previous week at the DDD Sommer Invitational. The tarpons

finished 24th out of 36 teams.

"The only difference was that the hill was longer going up and the drop longer coming down," said Chris George, Charlotte boys cross country coach. "It's a two loop course that's similar to DDD, but this type of course has widening turns and there's not a lot of long

straightaways where you can accelerate."

The course overall, was extremely challenging, with areas of the grass and dirt being yielding because of the recent heavy rains, said George.

"This course seems to run a little bit slower than your typical courses," said George.

Last week, they

shortened the course at the DDD Sommer Invitational from a 5K to a three mile run, said George.

"For today, it was a true 5K, all of my kids were 30 seconds to a full minute slower than last week in comparison on average, and it's our district championship course. When we come back on Oct. 26, it

should be much cooler weather. There will be less kids running the race. It's hard to move around, when it's really congested. We're hoping that when we come back in late October, we'll be much faster and in much better shape by then."

- 100. Jake Lille, 20:08.51
- 106. Brendan True, 20:17.38

- 109. James Stock, 20:19.25
- 182. Charles Edwards, 21:40.87
- 188. Jensen Desguin, 21:46.64
- 196. Mason Cronin, 21:54.63
- 197. Noah Tatro, 21:55.29
- 208. Christian Ortiz, 22:14.17
- 244. Vincent Havel, 24:06.13

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control, and that's when you get more points."

### First world title and attempts at another

Hartt began training in 2013, as a white belt, and has continued to advance up the levels. He first competed at the adult World Championship in 2014, traveling to California, competing at blue belt, where he won the world title in the heavyweight division. Hartt's objective has always been to win every match. He was promoted to purple belt in 2015, but didn't enjoy the same success as he did previously.

When he turned 30 in 2016, Hartt transitioned into the Masters Division, for competitors 30 years of age or older. An evolution process that has presented its own series of challenges.

"I went out to the Worlds in Las Vegas, everything was going great, my first three matches, and I was going for my fourth, I made a bad move and the guy caught me in a submission. Having submitted, I didn't even make the podium that year."

The intrepid warrior was far from being deterred, Hartt was promoted to brown belt, and returned to Las Vegas in 2017, with his focus on another world title, but he would be stopped in the semifinals, having to settle for third.

### A second world championship

There's no better teacher than experience. Hartt went in with the mindset in 2018, that he wouldn't be denied, his place would be on the podium as world champion.

"I've been out there too many times, trained too many hours, driven too many miles, sacrificed too much, and I knew I just had to go out there and win," said Hartt. "I put in the work all this time, and I was going to win it, no matter what."

Hartt steamrolled through the early rounds, forcing the opposition to submit, reaching the semifinals, where he faced a tougher challenger, scoring a victory on points.

However, the finals provided Hartt with a worthy adversary, a challenge that you would expect at the elite level.

"The guy was real good, he had a real good guard, and I never actually got a take down on him, the match was real close, it was 2-2, with a minute left," said Hartt. "I was thinking about all of the training, driving and sacrificing and all of that flashed through my mind. I had one minute left to go and this is all I've got. I worked this hard and this is my one shot."

The hours of training and sacrifice paid off for the father of three as he was able to wear down the opposition.

"I gave it everything I had, and the guy ended up opening up his guard," said Hartt.

"I just kept pushing and pushing. He was exhausted. I was fighting the whole match, and with 10 seconds left, he made one mistake and I capitalized on it."

The opponent's error was the deciding variable, the one providing Hartt with his second world title.

"I jumped to his side control, and ended up getting a point and that's what gave me the victory," said Hartt. "You always have in mind the way things are going to go. A lot of times it doesn't work out, and this time it did. It felt so incredible. It's hard to explain. It was such an awesome feeling to put a plan together, and for everything to work out the way that it did."

### Soundness of action

One instructor and coach in particular has had a profound influence on the 220 pound Hartt, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Fort Myers' Marcelo Pereira.

"He's like 125 pounds, and that guy can put a whooping on me," said Hartt. "His coaching, his mindset, the competition strategy, he goes over everything with us. He's based out of Fort Myers and has a school in Naples. That's why I spend so much time on the road, to get to training."

### Practice and preparation

Hartt trains five or six nights a week, and when entering a major



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charlotte Harbor's Paul Hartt won the Masters Division Brown Belt World Title.

tournament, he'll change his routine two months prior to the event, so he can achieve optimal results, adjusting his diet and training accordingly.

"I work full-time, I have a construction business," said Hartt. "And every night, after work, I come home, take a shower, get my things together, hop in the car, drive an hour to Fort Myers or Naples and I train down there. We go over technique for the first hour, and then the second hour, we call it live sparring. Marcelo's in there watching us spar. If we have a mistake or are tying something up, he's there to help us."

### Enthusiastic advocates

Hartt's family, his girlfriend, daughters, sisters and father, compose a strong nucleus, a support system that has stood behind him, as he pursues his goals to be among the world's best.

"They've seen that I have a love for grappling," said Hartt, whose girlfriend also has a background in Brazilian jiu-jitsu. "They've always supported me 100 percent, whether I win or lose, but of course they want to see me win. I'm really grateful to have my family and my coach on my side. It makes a difference."

## PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

■ **MONDAY**  
SWIMMING  
Port Charlotte – vs. Outdoor Academy, 10 a.m.

■ **TUESDAY**  
GOLF  
Lemon Bay — Girls Golf at PCGC, 8 a.m.  
North Port – Boys/Girls golf vs Port Charlotte, at PCCC, 3:30 p.m.  
Venice — Girls Golf vs. North Port/Braden River at Calusa Lakes, 3:30 p.m.  
Venice — Boys Golf vs. Cardinal Mooney/Sarasota/Charlotte at Venice Golf and Country Club, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL  
Lemon Bay — vs Cape Coral at home 7 p.m.  
Port Charlotte – vs Charlotte

SWIMMING  
Venice – at Barron Collier, 6 p.m.

■ **WEDNESDAY**  
GOLF  
Lemon Bay — Girls Golf at Deep Creek Golf Club  
Venice — Boys Golf at Riverview at TBA, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL  
Lemon Bay — Volleyball home vs ODA  
Venice — Volleyball vs. Lakewood Ranch, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING  
Port Charlotte, Charlotte, North Port at Port Charlotte, 5 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: EAST DIVISION, TEAM, W, L, PCT., GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists teams like Atlanta, Philadelphia, Washington, New York, Miami.

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ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Pirates 5, Marlins 1: Josh Bell homered for the second game in a row. Reds 7, Padres 2, 6 innings, rain: Joey Votto ended his two-month home drought with Cincinnati's 11th grand slam... Astros 5, Red Sox 3: Alex Bregman hit his 30th home run. Indians 9, Blue Jays 8: Roberto Perez homered and drove in four. Nationals 10, Cubs 3, first game: Max Scherzer pitched a complete game. Athletics 8, Rangers 6: Khris Davis hit his major league-leading 41st home run. Rays 10, Orioles 5: Ryan Yarbrough struggled but got his 14th win, most among major league rookies, and the Tampa Bay Rays won their 10th straight home game by beating the Baltimore Orioles. Tigers 4, Cardinals 3: Victor Reyes scored on a game-ending wild pitch with one out in the ninth inning, and the Detroit Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals. Brewers 4, Giants 3: Gio Gonzalez received a standing ovation following an impressive first start with Milwaukee, and the Brewers beat the slumping San Francisco Giants. Royals 4, Twins 1: Kansas City rookie Jorge Lopez came within three outs of a perfect game before Max Kepler walked leading off the ninth inning and Robbie Grossman followed with a single in the Royals' win over the Minnesota Twins. LATE L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets Atlanta at Arizona L.A. Dodgers at Colorado Chicago Cubs at Washington, 2nd game

BOX SCORES

PIRATES 5, MARLINS 1 MIAMI AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Rojas ss 3 1 1 0 1 1 .253 Castro 2b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .288 Anderson 3b 2 0 0 0 2 2 .270 Brinson cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .206 Dean lf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .206 O'Brien 1b 4 0 1 0 0 2 .111 Holaday c 4 0 1 0 0 2 .206 Sierra rf 3 0 0 0 0 2 .160 Hernandez p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000 Guerra p 0 0 0 0 0 0 --- c-Galloway ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .238 Chen p 1 0 0 0 0 0 .139 a-Dietrich ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .266 Graves p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000 Ortega rf 2 0 0 0 0 1 .265 TOTALS 33 1 5 0 3 13 PITTSBURGH AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Frazier 2b 4 1 2 0 0 1 .289 Marte cf 4 0 1 1 0 1 .278 Luplow lf 3 0 1 0 0 0 .204 Bell 1b 2 2 1 1 2 1 .256 Osuna 3b 4 2 2 0 0 1 .200 Pinder 2b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .091 Reyes rf 3 0 0 0 1 1 .222 Newnam ss 4 0 1 1 0 2 .128 Stallings c 4 0 1 1 0 0 .128 Nova p 2 0 0 0 0 2 .020 Neverauskas p 0 0 0 0 0 0 --- b-Moran ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .276 Kramer 3b 0 0 0 0 0 0 .400 TOTALS 31 5 9 4 3 9 MIAMI 000 000 010-1 5 2 PITTSBURGH 010 201 10X-5 9 1 a-flieed out for Chen in the 5th. b-grounded out for Neverauskas in the 7th. c-struck out for Guerra in the 9th. E - Brinson 2 (9), Nova (5), LOB - Miami 8, Pittsburgh 6. 2B - Castro (30), O'Brien (1), Frazier (18), Marte (25), Luplow (1), Osuna (4), HR - Bell (10), off Graves, RBIs - Marte (64), Bell (57), Newnam (1), Stallings (1). Runners left in scoring position - Miami 4 (Rojas, Dean 2, Ortega); Pittsburgh 5 (Bell, Osuna 2, Nova 2). RISP - Miami 0 for 7; Pittsburgh 2 for 10. Runners moved up - Stallings, GIDP - Stallings.

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 6 TEXAS AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Choo lf 4 1 2 0 1 0 .273 Odor 2b 4 0 1 0 0 3 .265 Andrus ss 4 0 0 0 0 2 .266 Mazara rf 4 1 2 2 0 0 .272 Beltre dh 4 2 2 3 0 0 .275 Profar 3b 4 1 1 1 0 0 .259 Gallo 1b 4 0 0 0 0 4 .207 Chirinos c 4 0 0 0 0 1 .211 DeShields cf 3 1 1 0 0 1 .206 a-Calhoun ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .271 TOTALS 36 6 9 6 1 12 OAKLAND AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Laureano cf 4 1 0 0 1 3 .294 Chapman 2b 5 1 2 1 0 1 .282 Lowe 3b 3 1 1 2 2 0 .274 Davis dh 2 1 1 2 2 1 .248 Piscotty rf 4 0 1 1 0 0 .265 Semien ss 3 0 0 0 1 1 .261 Canha 1b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .242 Pinder 1b 1 1 1 1 0 0 .239 Olson lf 4 1 1 1 0 1 .255 Lucroy c 4 2 2 0 0 0 .244 TOTALS 33 8 9 8 6 7 TEXAS 012 100 020-6 9 1 OAKLAND 200 021 12X-8 9 0 a-struck out for DeShields in the 9th. E - Andrus (9), LOB - Texas 4, Oakland 7. 2B - Odor (23), Mazara (22), Chapman 2 (37), Lowe (36), Piscotty (38), HR - Beltre (11), off Jackson; Profar (16), off Jackson; Beltre (12), off Rodney; Davis (41), off Mendez; Pinder (11), off Perez; Olson (25), off Martin. RBIs - Mazara 2 (73), Beltre 3 (54), Profar (70), Chapman (59), Lowe 2 (89), Davis 2 (108), Piscotty (73), Pinder (25), Olson (69). Runners left in scoring position - Texas 3 (Beltre 3); Oakland 5 (Lowe, Piscotty, Semien 2, Canha). RISP - Texas 1 for 7; Oakland 2 for 7. Runners moved up - Chapman. TEXAS IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Mendez 4 1 2 2 3 3 87 5.27 Perez 2 4 3 3 1 2 29 6.84 Claudio -1 0 1 2 2 0 17 4.98 Butler -2 1 0 0 0 1 11 6.26 Martin, L, 1-4 1 3 2 2 0 1 24 8.82 OAKLAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Jackson 3 5 4 4 1 5 68 3.26 Kelley 1 0 0 0 0 2 14 2.57 Gearrin 1 2 0 0 0 0 17 3.64 Hendriks 1 0 0 0 0 1 15 6.32 Trivino, H, 21 1 0 0 0 0 1 15 2.09 Rodney, BS, 7-3 2 2 2 2 2 0 0 14 3.26 Buchter, W, 4-0-1 0 0 0 0 1 4 3.09 Treinen, S, 37-411 0 0 0 2 13 0.88 Jackson pitched to 1 batter in the 4th. Inherited runners-scored - Butler 2-1, WP - Jackson. Umpires - Home, Gabe Morales; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Jerry Meals; Third, Ed Hickox. T - 3:25. A - 20,504 (46,765).

INDIANS 9, BLUE JAYS 8 CLEVELAND AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Lindor ss 6 0 1 0 0 0 .284 Brantley lf 4 1 2 2 2 0 .304 Ramirez 3b 5 1 1 0 0 1 .285 Encarnacion dh 4 1 0 0 1 2 .235 Alonso 1b 4 1 1 0 1 2 .241 Cabrera rf 2 1 1 0 2 2 .281 I-Barnes pr-rf 1 0 1 0 0 0 .500 Kipnis 2b 4 1 1 1 1 0 .229 R.Perez c 4 2 2 4 1 2 .157 G.Allen cf 4 1 1 1 1 1 .239 TOTALS 38 9 11 8 9 8 TORONTO AB R H BI BB SO AVG. McKinney lf 4 1 2 0 0 0 .354 Travis ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .238 Davis lf 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000 c-Smith Jr. ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .250 Gurrill Jr. ss 5 0 1 2 0 1 .291 Morales dh 5 1 2 0 1 1 .257 Grichuk rf 4 2 3 2 2 0 1 248 Tellez lf 4 1 2 1 1 1 571 Pillar cf 5 1 2 0 0 0 .249 Jansen c 4 1 1 0 0 1 .269 b-Smoak ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .246 Maille c 0 0 0 0 0 0 .244 Urena 2b 5 1 1 1 0 1 .250 Diaz 3b 5 0 4 2 0 0 .260 TOTALS 45 8 18 8 2 7 CLEVELAND 001 071 000-9 11 0 TORONTO 021 022 100-8 18 1 a-grounded out for McKinney in the 7th. b-struck out for Jansen in the 8th. c-fieed out for Davis in the 9th. 1-ran for Cabrera in the 6th. E - Diaz (8), LOB - Cleveland 11, Toronto 12. 2B - R.Perez (7), G.Allen (8), Gurrill Jr. (7), Pillar 2 (37), Jansen (6), Urena (4), Diaz (22), HR - R.Perez (2), off Reid-Foley; Rodriguez (15), off Reid-Foley; Grichuk (20), off Plutko; Grichuk (21), off Plutko; Tellez (1), off Plutko. RBIs - Brantley 2 (72), Kipnis (64), R.Perez 4 (12), G.Allen (18), Morales 2 (57), Grichuk 2 (51), Tellez (4), Urena (5), Diaz 2 (48). Runners left in scoring position - Cleveland 6 (Ramirez 2, Kipnis 2, R.Perez, G.Allen); Toronto 7 (McKinney, Gurrill Jr., Morales, Tellez, Pillar 2, Jansen). RISP - Cleveland 1 for 10; Toronto 4 for 16. Runners moved up - Urena. CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Plutko 4 2 9 5 5 0 4 95 5.35 Otero 1 5 2 2 0 0 29 5.64 Olson 0 0 0 0 1 0 6 6.23 Ramirez, H, 12 -2 2 1 1 0 0 12 4.75 O.Perez, H, 14 1 1 0 0 1 1 13 1.00 Tomlin, W, 1-5 -2 0 0 0 0 1 7 6.63 C.Allen, S, 26-31 1 1 0 0 0 1 17 4.23 TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Reid-Foley, L, 1-3 4 2 5 6 6 5 3 106 6.86 Shafer -1 1 2 2 2 0 0 26 5.95 Leiter Jr. 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 18 3.86 Mayza 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 19 3.76 Clippard 1 2 0 0 0 0 3 13 3.73 Guerrieri 1 0 0 0 0 1 10 1.80 Olson pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Inherited runners-scored - Olson 2-0, Ramirez 3-0, O.Perez 1-0, Tomlin 1-0, Shafer 2-2, WP - Leiter Jr. Umpires - Home, Angel Hernandez; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Chad Whitson; Third, Alan Porter. T - 3:38. A - 35,353 (53,506).

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REDS 7, PADRES 2 SAN DIEGO AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Galvis ss 3 0 0 0 0 3 .235 Myers 3b 3 0 0 0 0 1 .251 Renfroe lf 3 1 1 0 0 2 .259 Hosmer 1b 3 1 1 2 0 0 .252 Reyes rf 3 0 1 0 0 1 .259 Hedges c 2 0 1 0 1 0 .242 Spangenberg 2b 2 0 0 0 1 1 .233 Perdomo p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .286 Margot cf 2 0 0 0 1 0 .251 Erlin p 1 0 0 0 0 1 .250 a-Mejia ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 --- Stock p 0 0 0 0 0 0 --- Pirela 2b 1 0 1 0 0 0 .250 TOTALS 24 2 5 2 3 10 CINCINNATI AB R H BI BB SO AVG. Schebler rf 3 1 1 1 0 1 .274 Peraza ss 3 1 1 0 0 0 .289 Votto 1b 2 1 1 4 1 0 .283 Suarez 3b 3 1 2 0 0 0 .292 Ervin lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .274 Casali c 3 1 1 0 0 0 .304 Dixon 2b 3 1 1 1 0 1 .202 Harvey p 2 1 1 0 0 0 .083 b-Federowicz ph 0 0 0 0 1 0 .206 Hughes p 0 0 0 0 0 0 --- Hamilton cf 2 0 0 1 0 0 .236 TOTALS 24 7 8 7 2 3 SAN DIEGO 000 200 0-2 5 0 CINCINNATI 070 000 X-7 8 0 a-struck out for Ervin in the 4th. b-walked for Harvey in the 6th. LOB - San Diego 6, Cincinnati 2. 3B - Hedges (2), HR - Hosmer (15), off Harvey; Votto (10), off Ervin. RBIs - Hosmer 2 (61), Schebler (46), Votto 4 (61), Dixon (9), Hamilton (29), SF - Hamilton. Runners left in scoring position - San Diego 3 (Galvis 2, Margot). RISP - San Diego 0 for 4; Cincinnati 5 for 5. GIDP - Suarez. DP - San Diego 1 (Myers, Spangenberg, Hosmer).

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HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated RHP Charlie Morton from the 10-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Nashville (PCL).

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated RHP Zack Godley from paternity leave.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Dennis Santana to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled C Andrew Knapp and 3B Mitch Walding from Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent RHPs Michael Wacha and Mike Mayers to Memphis (PCL) for rehab assignments.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed G David Nwaba to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed WR Alex Erickson to a two-year contract extension.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived/injured DE Anthony Lanier.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR
U.S. OPEN
Saturday's results at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles
Championship
Naomi Osaka (20, Japan, def. Serena Williams (17), United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles
Championship
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Nikola Pietrangeli, Croatia and Ajla Tomljanovic, Poland, 2-6, 6-3, 11-9.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Men's Singles
Semifinal
Juan Martin del Potro (3), Argentina, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-2, retired.

U.S. OPEN SHOW COURT SCHEDULES
Today at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York

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Daniel Brooks, England 69-67-64=200
Wu Ashun, China 70-65-65=200

HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated RHP Charlie Morton from the 10-day DL.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Nashville (PCL).

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated RHP Zack Godley from paternity leave.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Dennis Santana to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled C Andrew Knapp and 3B Mitch Walding from Lehigh Valley (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent RHPs Michael Wacha and Mike Mayers to Memphis (PCL) for rehab assignments.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed G David Nwaba to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed WR Alex Erickson to a two-year contract extension.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived/injured DE Anthony Lanier.

ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR
U.S. OPEN
Saturday's results at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York (seedings in parentheses):

Women's Singles
Championship
Naomi Osaka (20, Japan, def. Serena Williams (17), United States, 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles
Championship
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Nikola Pietrangeli, Croatia and Ajla Tomljanovic, Poland, 2-6, 6-3, 11-9.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Men's Singles
Semifinal
Juan Martin del Potro (3), Argentina, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-2, retired.

U.S. OPEN SHOW COURT SCHEDULES
Today at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York

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39. (55) Bayley Currey, Toyota, 2018 owner attempts 23-38th.

40. (89) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, 2018 owner attempts 21-46th.
Failed to qualify

41. (13) Timmy Hill, Dodge, 2018 owner attempts 7-47th.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, PTS, GF, GA. Includes Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

Sept. 5
New England 1, New York City FC 0
Saturday's Games
D.C. United 1, New York City FC 1, tie

Wednesday's Game
Minnesota United at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15
Atlanta United FC at Colorado, 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
All times Eastern
W L T PTS GF GA

x-North Carolina 16 1 6 54 48 17
x-Portland 12 6 6 42 40 28
x-Seattle 11 5 8 41 27 19

Sept. 4
Chicago 5, Sky Blue FC 0
Friday's Game
Portland 3, Seattle 1

Saturday's Games
Sky Blue FC 1, Orlando 0
Utah 2, Chicago 1
Houston at North Carolina, late

PLAYOFFS
Semifinals
Saturday, Sept. 15: Seattle at Portland, 3 p.m.

2018 U.S. MEN'S TEAM RESULTS/SCHEDULE
All times Eastern
(Round: Won 2, Lost 1, Tied 3)

Friday, Sept. 7 — Brazil 2, United States 0
Saturday, Sept. 8 — United States 0, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0

Monday, Sept. 11 — vs. England at London, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 12 — vs. Italy (site TBD), 3 p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE SUMMARY
BRAZIL 2, UNITED STATES 0
At East Rutherford, N.J.

Lineups
Brazil — Alisson; Fabinho, Thiago Silva (Dede, 80th), Marquinhos, Filipe Luis, Casemiro, Fred (Arthur, 60th), Philippe Coutinho (Lucas Paqueta, 71st); Douglas Costa (William, 60th), Neymar (Everton, 80th), Roberto Firmino (Charlison, 75th)

United States — Zack Steffen; DeAndre Yedlin, Matt Miazga, John Brooks, Antonee Robinson; Tyler Adams, Wil Trapp (Mark Delgado, 83rd), Weston McKennie (Christian Roldan, 83rd); Paul Arriola (Kellyn Acosta, 55th), Julian Green (Tim Weah, 55th); Bobby Wood (Gyasi Zardes, 69th).

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA PLAYOFFS

ALL TIMES EASTERN
FINALS
SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON 0 (Best-of-5, x-if necessary)

Friday: Seattle 89, Washington 76
Today: Washington at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Seattle at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, Sept. 14: Seattle at Washington, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY'S BOX SCORE
STORM 89, MYSTICS 76
WASHINGTON (76)
Atkins 10-14 2-2 2-3, Cloud 3-7 4-4 11, Delle Donne 4-11 2-2 1-0, Sanders 0-3 0-0 0, Toliver 2-11 0-0 5, Currie 1-1 0-0 2, Hawkins 1-4

Seattle 89
Bird 2-4 0-0 4, Clark 3-5 2-2 8, Howard 9-10 3-2 21, Loyd 9-12 2-2 23, Stewart 7-14 7-8 22, Canada 1-4 0-0 2, Langhorne 3-5 0-0 6, Mosqueda-Lewis 0-1 0-0 0, Paris 0-2 0-0 0, Quinn 0-0 0-0 0, Russell 0-0 0-0 0, Whitcomb 2-8 0-0 5. Totals 36-65 14-15 89.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

<b>Arkansas St</b> <b>Alabama</b>	<b>7</b> <b>57</b>	<b>Rutgers</b> <b>#4 Ohio St</b>	<b>3</b> <b>52</b>	<b>UCLA</b> <b>#6 Oklahoma</b>	<b>21</b> <b>49</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b> <b>#21 Michigan</b>	<b>3</b> <b>49</b>	<b>#2 Clemson</b> <b>Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>28</b> <b>26</b>	<b>South Carolina St</b> <b>#19 UCF</b>	<b>0</b> <b>38</b>
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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: USF 49, Georgia Tech 38

# Barnett's 4 TDs help USF beat Georgia Tech

By FRED GOODALL  
AP SPORTS WRITER

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Blake Barnett's never fancied himself as much of a runner.

"Even in high school, when I was listed as a dual-threat," South Florida's graduate transfer said, "I wanted to be (known as) a pocket passer."

The Bulls (2-0) are learning the former Alabama and Arizona State quarterback can impact games with his feet, too. Barnett rushed for two touchdowns and threw for two more Saturday, helping USF come from behind to beat Georgia Tech 49-38 before an announced crowd of 34,182 at Raymond James Stadium.

"I just want to do what I can to help this team," said Barnett, who completed 21 of 31 passes for 202 yards with one interception. He also rushed for a team-best 91 yards on 16 attempts.

"The thing about Blake is I think he wants to prove that he can really play," coach Charlie Strong said. "You think about it, three years ago, he was the No. 1 quarterback (coming of high school). Then he goes to Alabama, and he goes to Arizona State and he kind of disappears. ... You know can he can throw the ball, and if he needs to move the chains with his feet, he can do that, too."

The Bulls rallied from a 10-point, fourth-quarter

deficit, drawing within 38-35 on Barnett's 3-yard TD pass to Terrence Horne. They took lead for good on Barnett's 19-yard run with just over five minutes to go, then put the game out of reach with a 5-yard scoring run setup by linebacker Tico Sawtelle's interception.

Sawtelle also recovered a fourth-quarter fumble that stopped a promising Georgia Tech drive.

Horne, meanwhile, also scored on first-quarter kickoff returns of 98 and 97 yards for USF, which continued an impressive stretch of success against Power 5 conference teams.

"You create your own luck. You got to make plays," said Yellow Jackets coach Paul Johnson, whose team played the last three quarters without safety Tariq Carpenter, who was ejecting for targeting.

"When you have a chance, you need to make plays," Johnson added, bemoaning missed opportunities on defense. "Same thing on offense. When you have the chance, you need to make plays. And, you got to hold on to the ball."

Barnett, who started Alabama's season opener before leaving the Crimson Tide in September 2016, won the battle to succeed USF career passing leader Quinton Flowers in fall camp after spending last year as a backup at Arizona State.

The elusive and speedy Flowers was one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation over the past three years. At 6-foot-5, 217 pounds, Barnett is less of a threat to run, but has been effective when he chooses to take off.

"He's athletic," Strong said. "He has a lot more ability than people think."

TaQuon Marshall and Tobias Oliver keyed a 419-yard rushing attack for Georgia Tech (1-1), which was driving with a chance to restore a 10-point lead before Qua Searcy fumbled inside the USF 15 and Sawtelle recovered the loose ball at the 12.

Barnett took over from there, leading an 88-yard drive that ended with the 10th lead change of the game.

The USF quarterback finished 21 of 31 passing for 202 yards with one interception. He also had a team-high 91 rushing on 16 attempts.

Marshall threw for 183 yards and one TD for Georgia Tech. He also scored on a 45-yard run while sharing playing time with backup Oliver, who finished three long second-half drives with scoring runs of 5, 1 and 1 yard.

## The takeaway

Georgia Tech: Like USF, the Yellow Jackets didn't have a real good idea of where they stood after being barely tested in a 41-0 season-opening rout of Alcorn State. USF has



AP PHOTO

South Florida quarterback Blake Barnett throws a pass during the first quarter of a game against Georgia Tech on Saturday.

one of the nation's most balanced offenses. The Bulls amassed 426 yards total offense Saturday, including 224 on the ground.

South Florida: After finishing the past two seasons ranked in the Top 25, the Bulls were hoping to show that their 23-4 record since the start of 2016 isn't a fluke and they're being built for long-term success.

## Impressive ground

Georgia Tech topped 400 yards rushing for the

second straight week and sixth time in 13 games. The Yellow Jackets had three players with at least 95 yards, with Marshall going for 113 on 13 carries and Oliver gaining 97 on 18 attempts. Jordan Mason finished with 95 rushing on 13 carries, while Clinton Lynch had three receptions for 111 yards out of the backfield, including an 81-yard TD.

## Back and forth

There were five lead changes in the first quarter alone, with two

of them coming on Horne's kickoff returns. Barnett's 18-yard TD pass to Darnell Salomon put USF up 21-17 at the half, despite Georgia Tech outgaining the Bulls 265 yards to 169 up to that point.

## Up next

Georgia Tech: Travel to Pittsburgh for Atlantic Coast Conference opener next Saturday.

South Florida: Neutral site matchup Saturday against Illinois in Chicago.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Georgia 41, South Carolina 17

# No. 3 Georgia turns road test into rout of No. 24 Gamecocks

By PETE IACOBELLI  
AP SPORTS WRITER

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Jake Fromm threw for 194 yards and a touchdown, all three of Georgia's latest running combo scored touchdowns and the third-ranked Bulldogs turned an expected Southeastern Conference showdown into a blowout with a 41-17 victory over No. 24 South Carolina on Saturday.

The Gamecocks (1-1, 0-1 SEC) came in ranked for the first time in four years, and some thought they had a chance of upsetting the defending SEC champions early in

the season. Instead, the Bulldogs (2-0, 1-0) used dominating offense and suffocating defense to win their fourth straight over South Carolina.

Fromm was 15-of-18 passing, including a 34-yard TD pass to Mecole Hardman. D'Andre Swift, Elijah Holyfield and Brian Herrien looked every bit as effective as NFL runners Nick Chubb and Sony Michel did a year ago in leading Georgia to the College Football Playoff.

Holyfield led the way with 76 yards and a 5-yard score. Swift had a 17-yard TD run, and Herrien piled on with a 15-yard scoring burst in the third

quarter as Georgia went up by 31 points. That's when many in the crowd of 83,140 began to file out in disappointment — a familiar ritual against the Bulldogs.

Cornerback Deandre Baker set the tone on defense early with an interception off a tipped ball in the opening minute that led to a quick, if unconventional touchdown. Baker let the ball loose before crossing the goal line, but teammate Juwan Taylor picked it up and took it the final yard for a 56-yard score.

From there, Georgia's defense and run game took over — as they have so often against South

Carolina. The Bulldogs outrushed South Carolina 271 yards to 54.

When South Carolina had a chance to tie it after Rashad Fenton's interception deep in Georgia territory, the Bulldogs allowed just a yard on the next four plays. They took over on downs after Bentley's fourth-down incompletion.

Georgia rarely let up. South Carolina drove 70 yards to the Bulldogs' 5 in the fourth quarter before safety J.R. Reed's end-zone interception.

South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley threw for 269 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.



AP PHOTO

Georgia defensive back Deandre Baker returns an interception for a touchdown during the first quarter during the game against South Carolina on Saturday.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Miami 77, Savannah St 0

# No. 22 Miami has record night, rolls by Savannah State 77-0

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP SPORTS WRITER

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Malik Rosier threw for two scores and rushed for another, N'Kosi Perry came off the bench to throw the first three touchdown passes of his collegiate career, and No. 22 Miami set a school record for margin of victory in a 77-0 win over Savannah State on Saturday night.

Brevin Jordan had two touchdown catches and Lorenzo Lingard ran for two scores for Miami (1-1), which set a school record by winning its 12th consecutive home opener.

The victory margin for victory margin was 70 — set against Savannah State in 2013. The 77 points scored also tied a school record.

It was Miami's first shutout since blanking

Bethune-Cookman in 2015 and the first shutout for defensive coordinator Manny Diaz in exactly six years.

Diaz was at Texas when the Longhorns blanked New Mexico on Sept. 8, 2012.

Rosier completed 8 of 12 passes for 131 yards, including a 67-yard scoring pass to Jeff Thomas before coming out for good early in the second quarter. That was the second-longest scoring pass of Rosier's career, topped only by a 78-yarder to Thomas last season.

Thomas finished with 183 all-purpose yards.

Perry, Cade Weldon and Jarren Williams also saw time at quarterback for Miami, all making their Hurricane debuts. And the updated version of the "turnover chain" came out for the first time in 2018 during the second quarter,

after a fumble recovery by Trajan Bandy — one of four takeaways by the Hurricanes.

Perry completed 9 of 14 passes for 93 yards, the three touchdowns and an interception. Weldon and Williams both rushed for scores.

Lawrence Cager caught a touchdown pass, Lorenzo Lingard ran for his first college score and Scott Patchan returned a blocked punt 10 yards for another Miami TD, as the Hurricanes got the biggest shutout win in school history — topping a 62-0 triumph over Havana in 1928.

Savannah State (0-2) has played Miami twice, losing those matchups by a combined 154-7 score. The Tigers are dropping from the FCS level to Division II next season.



AP PHOTO

Miami defensive back Trajan Bandy (2) celebrates a turnover against Savannah State during the first half of Saturday's game.

## ■ NFL PREVIEW: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

# Analysis: How Bucs can win with Ryan Fitzpatrick

By **THOMAS BASSINGER**  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

So here we are. Game 1 without Jameis Winston. Against the Saints. In New Orleans.

Las Vegas has the Buccaneers as 10-point underdogs. They don't stand a chance Sunday. They're going to eat another L.

We're hearing there's only one way for the Bucs to win. They have to run the ball. Drain the clock. Shorten the game. Keep Drew Brees and the Saints offense off the field.

Ask Ryan Fitzpatrick to be a game manager. Protect the ball. Throw only when necessary.

If they do that, maybe, just maybe — no, not maybe — they will lose.

Running the ball doesn't secure a team against defeat; it makes defeat more certain. If the Bucs were to take this approach, they might very well extend the game, but they would do so at the expense of opportunity.

They're not going to win gaining 3 or 4 yards at a time. Playing keep-away won't work against Brees, especially when he'll be facing a patchwork secondary.

And don't you think Saints coach Sean Payton might

want to prove a point? The man's an antagonist. He has made choking gestures toward Falcons players, mocked Vikings fans' 'Skol' chant and gotten handsy with Dirk Koetter. He's not going to be content to merely win.

This isn't to say the Bucs shouldn't run at all. They should — if they have a lead in the fourth quarter.

Otherwise, they should pass. Again and again and again. Early and often. On first downs. In the first quarter. They have enviable depth at receiver and tight end. Get the ball in the hands of Mike Evans, Chris Godwin, DeSean Jackson, Adam Humphries, O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate.

Skeptical? Yes, Fitzpatrick, 35, is playing his final games in the NFL. His right arm might retire before his mind does. He is a steady, calm and respected presence, but he is not a particularly great decision maker. His career interception rate of 3.4 percent is the highest among active players.

The Bucs could win without relying on him to pass, but it's not likely. How do we know? Because the Bucs have tried. Over the past few seasons, they've repeatedly tried to establish the run,

and they've repeatedly failed. They fall behind in the first quarter, and, as they try to catch up, they become predictable in the second quarter. Here's what it added up to last season: 136 first-half points, the sixth fewest in the NFL.

Still skeptical? Look at the teams that beat the Saints last season. Three of them — the Rams, Patriots and Falcons — had the lowest percentages of first-quarter runs. The Vikings also beat them but not because they ran the ball often or effectively. They beat them because Sam Bradford completed 17 of 20 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns in the first half.

The Bucs, of course, also beat the Saints in Week 17, and they indeed did so in part because of their run game, as they gained 101 yards in the first half. A third of those, however, were the product of Winston scrambles.

That game was the exception. Let's revisit a three-game stretch in late October and into early November, when the Saints played the Bears, Bucs and Bills. Chicago's running backs gained an average of 2.8 yards on 19 carries in the first half. Tampa Bay's running backs gained an



AP PHOTO

**With Jameis Winston suspended for the first three games of the year, Ryan Fitzpatrick will have to fill in as game manager.**

average of 2.3 yards on 11 carries in the first half. Buffalo's running backs fared better, gaining an average of 5.4 yards on nine carries in the first half.

Each team tried to strike a balance, and each lost badly. The Saints won by a combined score of 97-32.

Still skeptical? Despite Fitzpatrick's limitations, he has proven he can do this. He did it as recently as last season.

In first-and-10 situations in the first quarter last

season, the Bucs leaned more heavily than most teams on runs and were less effective than most, averaging 3.3 yards per carry. When they passed, however, they were effective, more so than anyone else. They averaged a league-high 10.8 yards per pass and gained another first down more than half the time.

Winston wasn't the one inflating that number, either. He averaged 10 yards per pass in those situations; Fitzpatrick averaged 13.9

yards.

Given the apparent strength of the Saints along their defensive line and in the secondary, a cautious approach makes sense. But the likely outcome is that the Bucs will become desperate when it's too late. While this is merely a football game, consider the words of Sun Tzu in *The Art of War*: "Place your army in deadly peril, and it will survive; plunge it into desperate straits, and it will come off in safety."

## ■ NFL PREVIEW: Jacksonville Jaguars

# Beckham vs. Ramsey featured matchup in Giants-Jaguars clash

By **PAT LEONARD**  
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK — When Odell Beckham Jr. signed his contract extension last week, thereby guaranteeing he would play in the Giants' season opener, Jacksonville Jaguars corner Jalen Ramsey, a friend of Beckham's, tweeted some hype for Sunday's Week 1 showdown:

"It's going to be a show very soon #BatmanVsTheJoker," Ramsey wrote.

Beckham is the Joker in that equation, an alter ego he adopted for Monday Night Football in Miami in 2015 that took on a life of its own.

"I think I'm just me," Beckham told the Daily News Thursday. "I know that I already am — I already have been the villain, you know what I mean? So whatever has been built for me and what's there is what it's gonna be. I can't really change — like Kobe (Bryant) was the villain and he played it and he embraced it. And it's like for

me, I had to just embrace whatever comes with it."

Meanwhile, Beckham said he's not so sure Ramsey is the hero. In OBJ's mind, Ramsey is a villain, too.

"Jalen's probably like Bane," Beckham said with a laugh, referencing Batman's nemesis from "The Dark Knight Rises." "Jalen's more like Bane, because he's coming to wreck it."

Two villains, then, will be out to play hero Sunday at MetLife Stadium: Beckham in his first game action since he broke his left ankle on Oct. 8, 2017, is out to prove he hasn't lost a step.

And Ramsey, a first-team All-Pro, who needs to put his money where his mouth is after dissing Beckham's quarterback, Eli Manning, in 'GQ' last month.

"I won't say Eli's good," Ramsey said in a wide-ranging interview in which he also took shots at Ben Roethlisberger. "I'll say Odell's good. And their connection is good."

Those are fighting words and only the beginning of the trash talk Ramsey will direct at OBJ. He will be

out to ruin the debut of Pat Shurmur's new Giants offense led by the potentially lethal combination of Beckham and No. 2 overall pick Saquon Barkley at running back.

Beckham, aware of the expectations that come with his new \$90 million contract, said Wednesday that "I think I learned my lesson" on how to handle such adversity, alluding to his 2015 blow-up with then-Carolina Panthers corner Josh Norman.

That doesn't mean, though, that OBJ is going to prepare less enthusiastically than he has in the past. He still will build up his adrenaline and energy on game day to perform at his best. He still will compete. He simply will be keenly cognizant, simultaneously, of not crossing the line — of not going full-Joker, so to speak.

The Joker alter-ego, as Beckham reminisces, derives from a Dec. 14, 2015 win in Miami on Monday Night Football when he played the Joker pregame to the Batman of his best

friend, then-Dolphins receiver Jarvis Landry. Beckham wore a helmet shield, gloves and cleats pregame featuring the Joker's likeness, and Landry's cleats represented the caped hero.

The next week, though, when Beckham faced Norman, it wasn't all fun and games.

"I've always loved the Joker," Beckham said. "Like in the movie, 'The Dark Knight?' I love his character (played by the late Heath Ledger). He's crazy. So we went down to Miami and we played a Monday night game against Jarvis and I wore the Joker stuff. And the next week we were playing the Panthers, and Josh was all the Batman, and then the whole thing started and it was Batman vs. Joker. So that's really where it came from.

"I was never like, 'I call myself the Joker,'" Beckham added. "It just was like I love him as a character, and then the name got attached to me."

Beckham vs. Ramsey — or the Joker vs. Bane, that is — will be the featured

matchup on Sunday amid a highly-anticipated game rife with storylines, including Tom Coughlin's return as Jacksonville's executive VP of football operations to oppose the Giants for the first time since he was fired as head coach after that 2015 season.

But the star receiver against the stud corner won't necessarily define the winner and loser of the game, either.

Shurmur's ability to establish the run with Barkley and a revamped offensive line probably will be the key. His incorporation of many weapons, including tight end Evan Engram, wideout Sterling Shepard, running back Wayne Gallman and offseason addition receiver Cody Latimer, could be an exciting change and improvement from the frustrating predictability of Ben McAdoo's attack the past two years.

Beckham vs. Ramsey, however, most accurately reflects the magnitude of this game, the star power that will be on the field determining the outcome,

and the volatility of pitting so many explosive personalities and players against each other.

Ramsey, for example, was suspended by Jacksonville for a week this preseason for tweets criticizing a reporter. Of course, his huge GQ story with him running his mouth about the entire league then dropped that week.

Beckham's history of antics is well-known and nearly cost him his job with the Giants, but now he's signed long-term and determined coming off the broken ankle to erupt back onto the NFL scene.

Ramsey was asked Thursday in Jacksonville if he thinks Beckham will let him get under his skin, as Ramsey did to Cincinnati Bengals star receiver A.J. Green last season, leading to a fight and double-ejection.

"I don't know," Ramsey said under his breath. "I don't know."

Only one way to find: kick the ball off Sunday and let the two Super villains decide it themselves.

## ■ NFL PREVIEW: Miami Dolphins

# Ryan Tannehill's return adds to excitement for Dolphins' season opener

By **SAFID DEEN**  
SUN SENTINEL

Adam Gase may be facing a make-or-break season in his third year as the Miami Dolphins head coach. But at least for the start of the 2018 season, Gase and the Dolphins feel a bit more comfortable unlike years past.

The Dolphins won't be starting their season on the road like they did in Seattle in Gase's first season in 2016. Nor will the team need to worry about an impending hurricane that canceled their 2017 opener and sent them across the country to practice and play their first game in Los Angeles.

To make matters even better, Gase has not had to scramble this preseason to find a stop-gap at quarterback like he did a year ago. Ryan Tannehill's return highlights the Dolphins 2018

season opener against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday at 1 p.m. inside Hard Rock Stadium.

"It's nice to be able to really open up at home, so that's exciting," Gase said earlier this week. "We're not traveling to Seattle. We're not in L.A."

"I really think the coaching staff is excited. The players are excited. We want to get in there, and we want to get everything really going in the right direction."

The opener will be Tannehill's first regular-season game since suffering knee injuries in Dec. 2016 and Aug. 2017. Last season, the Dolphins limped to a 6-10 record behind Jay Cutler, who previously played quarterback under Gase in Chicago.

Gase has praised Tannehill's unwavering commitment to learning the fine details of the

Dolphins offense, imparting his wisdom onto teammates, and keeping an eye on the bigger picture despite being unable to play.

Tannehill has turned last year's mental repetitions into opportunities to hone Gase's methodology of plays, concepts, progressions in the spring, training camp and preseason.

Now, Tannehill is ready to put it all on full display.

"Sunday is going to be huge — I'm really looking forward to it," Tannehill said. "Obviously, I haven't got to play a full game in a long, long time. To be able to do it at home in front of our fans, and go out and do what I love, it's going to be a lot of fun."

Veteran running back Frank Gore, the former Coral Gables High stand-out and University of Miami legend, will make his Dolphins debut and is

sure to be a fan favorite in his 14th NFL season. Gore enters the game 76 yards shy of passing Curtis Martin for fourth place on the NFL's all-time rushing list.

But it will be Kenyan Drake, a situational backup during his four seasons at Alabama and first two years with the Dolphins, who will begin the season as Miami's feature running back.

"I'm not putting any added expectations on my shoulders," Drake said. "I'm just going out there and trying to help this team win games by running the ball, being efficient in the pass game and just being a playmaker."

Kenny Stills, who remains steadfast in his support of Colin Kaepernick by kneeling pregame during the national anthem, leads a slim group of receivers

eager to work with Tannehill. They also welcome former Patriots slot receiver Danny Amendola into the mix.

"We've seen what we're capable of doing when Ryan is back there at quarterback," Stills said, referring to the Dolphins' 10-6 season with a playoff run in 2016.

"We can't wait to get out there on Sunday and play, and have four quarters to have an opportunity to go out there and win a game."

The Dolphins hope to slow dynamic Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota, the 2014 Heisman Trophy winner, and new starting running back Derrick Henry while spoiling new coach Mike Vrabel's head-coaching debut.

Gase wants the Dolphins to get the ball moving on offense early, and force some

three-and-outs to get the crowd involved.

Miami will welcome All-Pro defensive end Robert Quinn to its defense, while rookie linebacker Jerome Baker, second-year linebacker Raekwon McMillian and rookie defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick could make their first career starts.

No Dolphins player may be more excited about the opener than five-time Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Wake, who is entering his 10th season.

"If there's an opponent across from me, he's wearing a different color and they're keeping score, it's all gas, no brakes. It doesn't matter whatever it is," Wake said. "I don't care if it's ping-pong, badminton, preseason, Super Bowl, I'm trying to kill you."

Talk about enthusiasm for the upcoming season.

TODAY / TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HIGH 88°</b> 45% chance of rain	<b>89° / 74°</b> 40% chance of rain	<b>90° / 74°</b> 55% chance of rain	<b>91° / 75°</b> 60% chance of rain	<b>91° / 76°</b> 55% chance of rain	<b>91° / 76°</b> 35% chance of rain
<b>LOW 75°</b> 15% chance of rain					

### 85° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

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

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### FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Apalachicola	87	75	pc	86	75	t
Bradenton	87	76	t	87	76	t
Clearwater	87	76	t	87	76	t
Coral Springs	89	74	pc	91	76	sh
Daytona Beach	88	71	t	88	71	sh
Fort Lauderdale	88	76	pc	89	78	pc
Fort Myers	87	75	t	88	74	t
Gainesville	89	73	t	89	73	t
Jacksonville	90	72	pc	90	72	pc
Key Largo	88	76	pc	88	76	pc
Key West	89	82	pc	89	81	pc
Lakeland	87	72	t	89	73	t
Melbourne	90	74	pc	91	76	pc
Miami	88	74	t	89	76	pc
Naples	87	76	pc	89	76	t
Ocala	88	71	t	88	72	t
Okeechobee	88	71	t	89	72	t
Orlando	88	73	t	89	75	t
Panama City	86	75	pc	85	75	t
Pensacola	87	74	pc	87	75	pc
Pompano Beach	88	74	pc	90	79	pc
St. Augustine	87	73	pc	88	74	pc
St. Petersburg	86	77	t	87	78	t
Sarasota	87	74	t	87	73	t
Tallahassee	89	73	pc	87	73	t
Tampa	88	78	t	89	78	t
Vero Beach	88	71	pc	89	73	pc
West Palm Beach	88	73	pc	90	74	pc

### TIDES

	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Punta Gorda</b>	Today 4:07a	9:23a	3:27p	10:44p
Mon. 4:28a	10:14a	4:18p	11:15p	
<b>Englewood</b>	Today 2:44a	7:39a	2:04p	9:00p
Mon. 3:05a	8:30a	2:55p	9:31p	
<b>Boca Grande</b>	Today 1:31a	6:21a	12:54p	7:36p
Mon. 2:00a	7:17a	1:48p	8:10p	
<b>El Jobean</b>	Today 4:39a	9:52a	3:59p	11:13p
Mon. 5:00a	10:43a	4:50p	11:44p	
<b>Venice</b>	Today 12:59a	6:18a	12:19p	7:39p
Mon. 1:20a	7:09a	1:10p	8:10p	

### MARINE

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

**Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs**  
SW 4-8 0-1 Light

**Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola**  
SW 4-8 0-1 Light

### SUN AND MOON

	Rise	Set
<b>The Sun</b>	Today 7:11 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Monday	7:12 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
<b>The Moon</b>	Today 6:54 a.m.	7:57 p.m.
Monday	7:59 a.m.	8:38 p.m.

### SOLUNAR TABLE

	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	5:50a	12:03p	6:17p	---
Mon.	6:44a	12:31a	7:11p	12:27p
Tue.	7:40a	1:27a	8:05p	1:52p

### CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

**RealFeel Temperature** is the exclusive **AccuWeather.com** composite of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

### POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Category	Index
Trees	1
Grass	4
Weeds	8
Molds	8
absent	3
low	1
moderate	1
high	1
very high	1

Source: National Allergy Bureau

### AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

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

Main pollutant: Ozone  
Source: sccgov.net

### THE NATION

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

**U.S. Extremes** (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)  
High ..... 112° at Needles, CA  
Low ..... 27° at Hohnholz Ranch, CO

### U.S. Extremes

City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	89	62	s	90	64	pc
Anchorage	61	47	s	61	46	s
Atlanta	89	73	pc	87	71	t
Baltimore	65	60	r	83	70	c
Billings	79	52	pc	85	53	s
Birmingham	88	72	pc	82	70	t
Boise	86	57	s	84	51	s
Boston	66	60	pc	68	67	r
Buffalo	63	55	pc	68	61	r
Burlington, VT	66	48	s	64	57	t
Charleston, WV	79	67	t	74	61	t
Charlotte	87	70	c	90	69	c
Chicago	69	58	c	74	55	pc
Cincinnati	69	59	r	70	57	c
Cleveland	64	60	r	72	62	sh
Columbia, SC	93	73	pc	92	74	pc
Columbus, OH	66	62	r	70	60	c
Concord, NH	65	47	pc	63	59	r
Dallas	80	64	c	82	67	pc
Denver	87	55	pc	88	59	pc
Des Moines	72	50	pc	75	58	s
Detroit	64	59	r	67	56	sh
Duluth	68	51	pc	71	56	pc
Fairbanks	57	35	s	60	39	pc
Fargo	76	59	c	79	61	s
Hartford	65	53	c	65	63	r
Helena	80	47	s	83	48	pc
Honolulu	90	75	pc	90	77	pc
Houston	85	72	t	80	70	t
Indianapolis	63	56	r	71	55	c

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	70	59	pc	65	57	pc
Baghdad	107	77	s	108	79	s
Beijing	83	61	s	84	63	pc
Berlin	74	53	pc	77	57	pc
Buenos Aires	64	54	pc	66	52	pc
Cairo	93	75	pc	94	74	pc
Calgary	62	41	pc	61	38	t
Cancun	88	77	pc	86	75	t
Dublin	62	48	pc	62	53	pc
Edmonton	56	41	c	52	38	sh
Halifax	67	51	c	67	59	pc
Kiev	73	56	r	68	56	sh
London	73	53	pc	70	58	pc
Madrid	82	63	pc	80	62	pc

### PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

**Temperatures**

High/Low	89°/73°
Normal High/Low	91°/74°
Record High	96° (1993)
Record Low	64° (1965)

**Precipitation** (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat.	0.02"
Month to date	1.86"
Normal month to date	2.09"
Year to date	34.68"
Normal year to date	37.93"
Record	1.65" (1997)

### MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80 9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52 11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28 9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03 5.80/1994
May	15.98	2.74	2.50 15.98/2018
Jun.	6.23	14.79	8.92 23.99/1974
Jul.	9.80	9.02	8.22 14.22/1995
Aug.	12.37	13.12	8.01 15.60/1995
Sep.	1.70	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	50.40	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

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

### ■ GOLF: BMW Championship

# Rose leads by 1 shot with a clear shot at No. 1 in the world

**By DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP GOLF WRITER

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Justin Rose could sense the sky getting a little darker, the wind a little cooler and more brisk. Every shot means so much this time of the year, and the last two holes Saturday at the BMW Championship might mean even more.

Rose saved par from an awkward stance with his golf ball in the thick grass on the slope of a bunker. Xander Schauffele left a long putt from the tightly mown collar on the 18th green 8 feet short, and his par putt from there caught the high side of the cup and spun away.

When the third round ended, Rose had a 6-under 64 — six birdies on the front, all pars on the back — for a one-shot lead over Schauffele and Rory McIlroy going into the final round at Aronimink, a course so soft from rain than the average score from 69 players over three rounds was 67.5

At stake is chance for Rose to reach No. 1 in the world for the first time with his third title in the Philadelphia area, including his U.S. Open at Merion five years ago.

Jordan Spieth was projected to fall just outside the top 30 in the FedEx Cup, which would mean missing the

Tour Championship and getting some form of penalty from the PGA Tour because of his schedule. He would have one more day to change that.

The question lingering amid the clouds: Would there be another round? Rose tried not to think about it.

"It was definitely in the back of your mind," he said. "You could start to feel the weather coming in and getting darker. Kind of had the feel there's some big weather coming. I said to my caddie, 'How about tomorrow?' Just got to get through today."

Starting times were moved up to 7 a.m. Sunday with hopes that

the heavy rain stays away, and that the final round can get in. The forecast has a small window Monday morning if needed. If the rain is relentless, there's a chance of a 54-hole tournament, which has happened only once in the 11 years of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Rose was at 17-under 193, and 13 players were within five shots of the lead. That included Tiger Woods, who missed only two greens in regulation, kept a clean card, shot 66 and let a good round get away. That's how much of a pushover Aronimink has been this week.

McIlroy had a 63 with a double bogey, though he bounced back from

that on the very next hole with a 3-wood that barely moved forward when it hit the green, caught the slope of a ridge and left a short eagle putt he converted.

"I'll be ready to play. I'll be ready to go. I hope we play," McIlroy said. "I feel like my game is in good shape and I'd love to get another crack at it out there and have a chance to take the lead. Maybe that chance won't happen until Monday if it goes to that and the good thing is we don't have a tournament next week."

Rose made four straight birdies early on the front nine to quickly erase a two-shot deficit to Schauffele, and he

finished the front nine birdie-birdie for a 29.

Schauffele, hopeful that a victory will give U.S. captain Jim Furyk reason to pick him for the Ryder Cup, stayed with Rose the whole way until his lone bogey on the 18th for a 67.

"Still have a good chance tomorrow," Schauffele said.

Spieth salvaged his round late again for a 66. He has never missed the Tour Championship, and he likely would face some form of penalty for not having added a new tournament to his schedule without competing in at least 25 events. He needs to be at East Lake to reach 25.

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Notre Dame linebacker Drue Tranquill said after making nine stops and securing the victory by recovering an onside kick with 1:30 remaining. "They came here and competed."

Notre Dame outgained Ball State 414-349 but the Cardinals ran off 97 plays to Notre Dame's 72 and controlled the clock for 8:44 more than the Irish.

"There are no moral victories," Ball State coach Mike Neu said. "We had our chance. Our guys were ready to compete. Whatever we lacked in size, we were going to go compete, go toe-to-toe. We embraced the David vs. Goliath comparison."

Following a 46-yard field goal by Justin Yoon that gave the Irish a 24-6 lead going into the fourth quarter, Nolan Givan caught a 10-yard scoring pass from Neal, who threw for 180 yards but completed just 23 of 50 passes. A 49-yard field goal by Ball State's Morgan Hagee, his third of the game,

closed out the scoring. Junior James Gilbert rushed for 72 yards for Ball State, which outgained Notre Dame on the ground, 169-117. Sophomore Jafar Armstrong led the Irish with 66 yards, including a 42-yard scamper up the middle in the first quarter that he followed with a 1-yard scoring run two plays later. Jones finished with 61 yards.

The Cardinals' 3-4 defense frustrated senior Irish quarterback Brandon Wimbush, who threw for 297 yards but finished with minus 7 yards rushing as Ball State registered four sacks and picked off three of his passes.

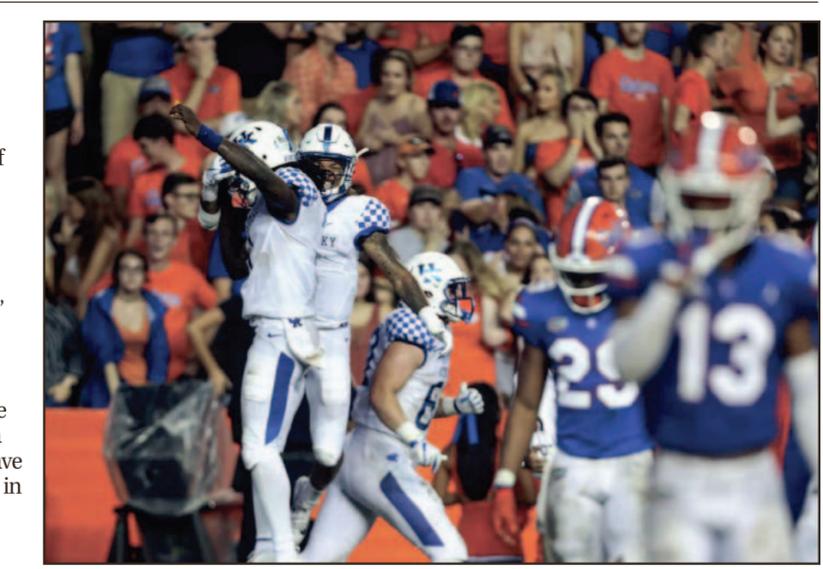
His coach wouldn't put the blame for Notre Dame's offensive ineffectiveness on Wimbush's shoulders. "Brandon wasn't the reason we were ineffective offensively," Kelly said. "You never want your quarterback to throw three interceptions. We're looking at it as we're anxious to go back to work because we're seeing some things we like."

## FLORIDA FROM PAGE 1

quarterback. Franks missed on 20 of his first 36 passes, while Wilson was the kind of runner Mullen would love to have. In the few instances when he felt pressure from the Gators' front, Wilson was able to step up or scramble out to avoid it. He amassed 107 yards on his first nine carries, including 24 on a nifty fake and run that gave the Wildcats a 14-10 lead in the third quarter.

Wilson also came through on third-and-16 in the third quarter, when he somehow found a streaking Lynn Bowden for a 54-yard touchdown and a two-score lead.

Kentucky was better at running back. Benny Snell has called himself the best back in the SEC and didn't leave many doubters at The Swamp. He needed only 12 carries to crack 100 yards. UF's talented running back corps had 39 yards through three quarters.



TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTO  
Kentucky's Lynn Bowden Jr. celebrates a 54-yard touchdown pass during the third quarter.

Kentucky was better when it mattered most, too.

The Wildcats converted on eight of their first nine attempts on third down. They outscored UF 14-0 in the third quarter and intercepted Franks four minutes into the fourth. They should have another three minutes later, but Kentucky nickelback Mike

Edwards dropped a likely pick-six. Franks fumbled on the final play to seal it.

Most importantly, the Kentucky collapse that seemed as inevitable as death and taxes never happened. There was no flashback to 1993 (Doering's got a touchdown) or the overtime win in 2014, or the two receivers Kentucky left unguarded in last year's

28-27 loss. Kentucky even got the biggest break of the night, when UF kicker Evan McPherson missed a 36-yard field goal (that appeared to split the uprights). After 31 years of futility, the Wildcats were probably due for a fortunate call to go their way.

Not that they needed it.

## Sebring Business Expo slated for Oct. 5

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SEBRING — From home maintenance to home decor, to health-care and elder care services, to banking and insurance, to cruises and travel, over 30 local and regional companies will be showcasing their products and services at the Sebring Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on Friday, Oct. 5. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jack Stroup Civic Center in historic downtown Sebring on Lake Jackson and is sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union.

The expo will include indoor and outdoor exhibitors, free seminars and activities, and door prizes throughout the event. The expo is a “one-stop-shop” for those seeking to learn about

products and services available to consumers and the business community in the Sebring area. Attendees will find a welcoming environment where they can learn about the latest offerings in the local marketplace from established and well-respected businesses in the community.

With so many diverse companies under one roof, the Sebring chamber has made it convenient and easy for attendees to accomplish any number of objectives in one day and in one location.

While visitors will find plenty of exciting attractions and features to grab their attention the day of the show, the chamber suggests arriving early. The first 250 attendees will receive a complimentary reusable tote bag to easily carry all the information and goodies

they gather throughout the day from the exhibitors. They’ll also receive an event guide to include an easy-to-use exhibitor listing that can be sorted alphabetically and by category along with a floor plan map for convenience of locating the indoor and outdoor exhibitors and food trucks.

The Business Expo kicks off at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4 with the Business Expo Launch Party on the expo show floor. The event will feature an exclusive preview of the expo’s many attractions, plenty of business-to-business networking, as well as appetizers, cocktails and refreshments. The Launch Party is by invitation only and is for exhibitors, sponsors and their guests, and tickets are required for entry. Admission to the



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Business Expo is free for all attendees. For information on sponsorships, becoming an exhibitor, or registering your food truck, visit [tinyurl.com/2018businessexpo](http://tinyurl.com/2018businessexpo). Space is limited and is based on availability. For more information, contact Liz Barber at the Sebring chamber at 863-385-8448 or [ceo@sebring.org](mailto:ceo@sebring.org).



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In this Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, photo the Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel in Seattle’s Pioneer Square neighborhood is shown in Seattle. Housekeeping workers at the hotel use devices that let them push a button and summon help if they are in a threatening situation while working.

## Panic buttons

Major hotels equip staff nationwide with device

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Tens of thousands of employees at more than 18,000 U.S. hotels will soon carry panic buttons to help protect them from harassment and assault in an era of heightened awareness around the #MeToo movement.

More than a dozen big hotel chains — including Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, IHG and Wyndham — said Tuesday that they will provide personal safety devices by 2020 to all employees who deal

one-on-one with guests. The companies will also train staff to identify and report harassment and publish anti-sexual harassment policies in multiple languages.

The devices will vary by hotel. In a new, Wi-Fi enabled hotel, for example, companies may give out devices that automatically send the employee’s location to security officers. In an older or smaller hotel, they might distribute devices that emit a loud shriek.

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## Wage update

Disney workers vote on new contract raising minimum wage

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO — Thousands of Walt Disney World workers are voting Thursday on whether to approve a new contract that increases the starting minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the next three years while enabling Disney to use more part-time workers and require new workers to stay in their positions longer before transferring.

If approved, union officials said the contract would have an impact outside of Walt Disney World as other non-unionized businesses in central Florida’s low-wage service economy compete for tourism workers in a tight job market. The contract would cover more than half of the 70,000 workers at Disney World, the largest single-site employer in the United States. Those workers include costumed characters, bus drivers, launderers, retail workers, monorail drivers, custodians, housekeepers, servers, cooks, florists, makeup artists and lifeguards.



JOHN RAOUX/AP FILE

In this June 5, 2012, file photo, visitors stroll along Main Street at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista. Thousands of Walt Disney World workers are voting on whether to accept a contract proposal that would increase the starting minimum wage to \$15 an hour over the next three years while enabling Disney to use more part-time workers and require new workers to stay in their positions longer before transferring.

“The way I feel is we won this for our members at Disney but we also won this for the ride operator at Universal Studios who doesn’t have a union,” said Eric Clinton, president of Unite HERE Local 362, one of the six unions that represents 38,000 workers covered by the

contract. “This affects Hyatt, Hilton. They are going to have to raise wages to compete with others. This is 38,000 people. This isn’t a small amount.”

Besides raising the starting minimum wage almost 50 percent to \$15 an hour in three years, the proposed

four-year contract would raise wages for existing workers by at least \$4.75 an hour by October 2021. If the contract is ratified, each Florida worker will receive a \$1,000 bonus that Disney had paid to other employees after last year’s tax cut by

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## How to choose a college major with loan debt in mind

Dan Brandt still has \$32,000 in student loan debt, after earning his bachelor’s degree in marketing, but he’s not worried about paying it back.

That’s because Brandt chose a major and a career with that debt in mind.

“Money is a big deal for a 17-year-old kid that has nothing,” says Brandt, who graduated from Augsburg University in Minneapolis in 2011 with \$55,000 in student debt. “I knew the salary ranges in marketing could make a nice living, but I was more concerned with finding a place I enjoyed working at,” adds Brandt, who is now a marketing manager at Best Buy’s headquarters.

If you, unlike Brandt, don’t know what you want to study, you can choose a major that won’t

NERD WALLET  
Anna Helhoski

leave you with student loans you can’t repay. Here’s how.

### Explore job titles, prospects by major

Start by listing your interests and skills. There may be a clear fit — if you’re adept with numbers, for example, you might consider accounting.

Next, research careers by matching a major to one of the “Occupation Groups” listed in the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook. Each group lists positions along with descriptions, educational requirements and projected job growth. Consider contacting your college’s career office to link up with alumni

who studied what you’re interested in, to see their career path.

### Research potential earnings

Your major could make a big difference in lifetime earnings: The disparity between the lowest- and highest-paying majors is \$3.4 million, according to a 2015 report by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

“There are people who really want to go into social work or drama, but money is going to be an issue,” says Brad Hershbein, economist and director of information and communications services at the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. “You have to know that, and make an informed decision about what it’s

going to be like after you graduate.”

Research median salaries rather than average salaries, Hershbein says.

“The example I always use is if you put Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook’s billionaire co-founder and CEO) in a room with 10 other people who have no money, the average of the group is still inordinately wealthy,” Hershbein says. “You don’t care about the average so much as the median.”

The average starting salary for the class of 2017 was \$50,516, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers Summer 2018 Salary Survey, but median earnings — where half earn more and half earn less — start at \$27,000, according to 2014 research by The Hamilton Project, an economic



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In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo people walk on the Penn State University main campus in State College, Pa. Your college major could make a big difference in lifetime earnings: The disparity between the lowest- and highest-paying majors is \$3.4 million, according to a 2015 report by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

research group at the Brookings Institution.

To find data on salaries, use sites like Salary.com or Glassdoor. Include “entry-level” in your search, along with specific cities or regions for

more accurate results.

### Factor earnings into borrowing

Before you take out student loans, submit

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# July Unsung Hero recognized



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Mike Ritacco was presented a plaque Wednesday for being named the Highlands News-Sun and Agero Unsung Hero for the month of July. Making the presentation were Cheryl Sharp, left, senior recruiter/community relations for Agero, and Highlands News-Sun Managing Editor Karen Clogston. Ritacco was featured for his volunteer work with the Heartland Triathlon.

# WSJ: Feds investigating Wells Fargo's wholesale banking unit

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Justice Department is investigating potential employee fraud at Wells Fargo & Co.'s wholesale banking unit, according to a published report.

Citing unnamed people familiar with the probe, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that investigators are trying to determine whether management at the bank pressured employees to improperly alter customer information without consent.

The investigation stems from revelations that employees in the wholesale banking unit, which caters to corporate customers, added Social Security numbers, dates of birth and other customer information to documents in a bid to beat a regulatory deadline, the newspaper said.

The matter initially involved Well's business banking group, which focuses on companies with annual sales of \$5 million to \$20 million, but further reviews by the bank discovered that the problems were more widespread, according to the Journal's report.

Wells Fargo declined Thursday to comment on the investigation or to go into details about what happened in its wholesale banking unit. But Wells spokesman Alan Elias said the matter involved a new process and a new required document that the bank's employees had to complete "to help ensure we know our customers."

"We've recognized that in certain circumstances additional training and new procedures were needed and have now been applied," Elias said, adding that the matter

"has not negatively impacted our customers."

The Justice Department did not immediately return a request for comment Thursday.

San Francisco-based Wells Fargo has been plagued by scandals in recent years, including employees opening millions of fake accounts for customers without their authorization and the bundling of auto insurance policies on to auto loans when customers did not need them.

Last month, the lender agreed to pay a \$2.1 billion fine to settle allegations it misrepresented the types of mortgages it sold to investors during the housing bubble that ultimately led to the 2008 financial crisis.

Wells Fargo shares slid 1.7 percent to \$57.93 Thursday. The stock is down 4.5 percent this year.



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Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi speaks during an interview after the company unveiled new features in New York, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018. Uber is aiming to boost driver and passenger safety in an effort to rebuild trust in the brand.

# A year in, Uber CEO works to rebuild company's reputation

By CATHY BUSSEWITZ  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Ever since he stepped into his role as CEO a year ago, Dara Khosrowshahi has had to deal with wave after wave of major scandals and bad press, much of which he inherited from his predecessor, Travis Kalanick.

About two weeks after Khosrowshahi started his job, London's transport regulator decided to revoke Uber's license to operate, jeopardizing the regional business with 3.5 million passengers. A court eventually gave Uber a license, although much shorter than normal.

Later that year Uber was forced to come clean about covering up a major computer attack that stole personal information about more than 57 million customers and drivers. In February, Uber agreed to pay \$245 million to Google's self-driving car spinoff to end a legal brawl that aired out allegations that Uber stole technology.

Perhaps the biggest problem came in March when an Uber self-driving test vehicle ran down and killed a pedestrian in the Phoenix suburb of Tempe, Arizona. Later it was disclosed that the human backup driver in the Uber SUV was streaming the television show "The Voice" on her phone and looking downward just before the crash.

Under Khosrowshahi, Uber has been trying to shore up its reputation. It has made safety a top priority and on Wednesday, it revealed a suite of safety features for both drivers and passengers. Uber is also teaming up with Toyota to build self-driving cars for its ride-hailing service and will receive a \$500 million investment

from the Japanese automaker.

Khosrowshahi sat down with The Associated Press to talk about his first year as CEO and how he plans to steer the company. Answers have been edited for space and clarity.

Q: Aside from improving safety features, where do you see the company headed?

A: Uber was a ride-hailing service, but really we want to think about Uber as a broad transportation platform which includes ride-hailing, Uber Eats, e-bikes, scooters — and eventually we're going to integrate with mass transit. So if you work in a city and if you want to get from point A to point B, we want you to think about Uber. We ultimately want to be your one-stop shop for transportation.

Q: You've been at Uber a year, and from the moment you walked through the door there have been problems. When do you feel like you've reached the point where you've stopped repairing the damage of your predecessor and are really making your mark on the company?

A: My predecessor made mistakes. I'm going to make mistakes as well. The fact is that I've inherited an incredible company with incredible talent. My predecessor and his team built a company that's a verb. So no one's perfect and there's a lot that we've undertaken to fix. We have rebuilt the culture of the company, we have reprioritized safety as a number one priority for the company...I can tell you that a year in, I'm thrilled to be here and I've got a ton of work to do.

Q: What's the timeline for taking the company public, and do you think you can do it without being profitable?

A: We're looking at the second half of next year toward the end of the year. There are very few companies of our size that have the kind of growth rate or exciting new businesses like Uber Eats within the portfolio, and we're showing progress toward profitability. We have to show a path to profitability.

Q: What about the driverless car program? Is Toyota going to run it, and what are the plans for Toyota's \$500 million investment?

A: We have an incredibly talented in-house team of engineers who are building hardware, software and operations to make self-driving cars a reality in a safe manner. An advantage we have now is we're building self-driving technology while we have a live network in place, and ultimately we think there's going to be a hybrid of self-driving technology and human-driven technology. We wanted to bring Toyota in as a valuable partner. Toyota is bringing in special cars that are going to be electric and that are built for ride sharing in urban destinations. Their expertise in self-driving and car manufacturing and our expertise with advanced technologies and our network will be an unbeatable combination.

Q: Do you think that Toyota will help in terms of rebuilding the trust in Uber's self-driving program after what happened in Phoenix?

A: I think Toyota's investment in us and their partnership with us speaks volumes about our efforts and their efforts. We have a lot to learn from Toyota in terms of manufacturing, technology, brand and safety. We're here to learn, and the partnership is off to a great start.

# NTSB investigating report of engine failure on a Delta jet

By DAVID KOENIG  
AP AIRLINES WRITER

Safety investigators said Thursday that they are looking into a reported engine breakdown on a Delta Air Lines jet shortly after takeoff.

The National Transportation Safety Board tweeted that it was investigating a reported "uncontained" engine failure on Wednesday night's Delta Flight 1418 from Atlanta to Orlando, Florida.

The NTSB said the crew of the 27-year-old Boeing 757-200 jet with 121 passengers and six Delta employees on board shut down the engine and returned safely to Atlanta. The NTSB said there were no injuries.

An uncontained failure occurs when rotating engine parts break off, creating shrapnel that can damage other areas of the plane. A broken fan blade caused an uncontained engine failure on a Southwest Airlines plane that killed

a passenger earlier this year.

An NTSB spokesman declined to comment about the Delta incident beyond the tweet. Anthony Black, a spokesman for Atlanta-based Delta, issued a statement saying the plane "experienced a maintenance issue." He said Delta was cooperating with the NTSB and will replace the engine when the investigation is over.

Jenny Dervin, a spokeswoman for engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney said the company was participating in the investigation. She declined to comment further.

According to data captured by tracking service FlightAware.com, the Delta jet took off shortly after 11 p.m. and climbed to about 18,000 feet in eight minutes before slowing down, leveling off, and then beginning a measured descent back to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International

Airport. The plane was in the air for about 28 minutes.

Modern airliners are designed — and pilots are trained — to fly safely with one engine. The greatest danger posed by engine failure is that broken pieces can be spit out at high speed, damaging controls, fuel tanks or the fuselage.

That is what happened on Southwest Flight 1380 as it cruised 32,000 feet over Pennsylvania on April 17. A woman was fatally injured when she was pushed partly out of a window broken by flying debris. The pilots were able to land in Philadelphia without serious injuries to other passengers.

The Southwest engine was made by a different company, a joint venture of General Electric and France's Safran SA. The NTSB plans a hearing on the Southwest case Nov. 14.

David Koenig can be reached at <http://twitter.com/airlinewriter>



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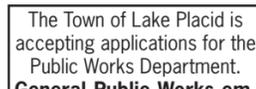
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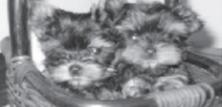
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In this May 4, 2010, file photo, NBA commissioner David Stern, left, chats with Orlando Magic owner Rich DeVos during the first half of Game 1 in a second-round of the NBA basketball playoff series between the Magic and the Atlanta Hawks in Orlando, Fla. DeVos, the billionaire co-founder of direct-selling giant Amway and father-in-law of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018. He was 92.

# Amway founder and Magic owner Richard DeVos dies at age 92

By COREY WILLIAMS  
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DETROIT (AP) — Billionaire Richard DeVos, co-founder of direct-selling giant Amway, owner of the Orlando Magic and father-in-law of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, died Thursday. He was 92. Family spokesman Nick Wasmiller says DeVos died at his western Michigan home due to complications from an infection. DeVos was born in Grand Rapids, not far from Ada, the community about 140 miles (225 kilometers) west of Detroit where he later lived and died.

In 1949, he and friend Jay Van Andel took \$49 and invested the modest amount into manufacturer and vitamin direct-seller Nutrilite. They became independent vitamin distributors and later used the company's person-to-person selling approach when starting Amway in Ada with an all-purpose household cleaning product.

They coined the name Amway as an abbreviation of "American Way." Over five decades, Amway became a multibillion-dollar international corporation. Van Andel died in 2004.

"Rich and my father built this company from the ground up, and in many ways Rich was the heart and soul of Amway," said Steve Van Andel, Amway's chair. "His vision and spirit inspired our employees and independent business owners for more than 50 years."

Michigan's Republican governor described DeVos as "an incredible businessman, philanthropist and true Michigander."

"The positive impact Rich had on our state is truly immeasurable," Rick Snyder said Thursday. "Through successful

In this Oct. 10, 2010, file photo, Richard DeVos, Orlando Magic owner and Amway Inc. co-founder, smiles after welcoming fans to the new Amway Center before a preseason NBA basketball game against the New Orleans Hornets in Orlando.

business ventures and charitable endeavors, he created endless opportunities for residents of many different ages and backgrounds. Rich's giving spirit is how we will always remember him, and his legacy is certain to live on forever."

DeVos, who served as Amway's president until 1993, also was involved in the NBA, buying the Magic from a group headed by Orlando real estate developer William duPont III in 1991 for \$70 million.

"Mr. DeVos' boundless generosity, inspirational leadership and infectious enthusiasm will always be remembered," Magic CEO Alex Martins said in a statement. "Simply, he was the team's No. 1 cheerleader and the best owner that a Magic fan could ever want for their team."

Amway was not without controversy. The Federal Trade Commission charged in 1969 that the company was an illegal pyramid scheme, but ruled after a six-year investigation that it wasn't.

Amway also has been controversial because of its almost evangelical zeal in promoting free enterprise,

and gained attention with DeVos' and Jay Van Andel's high-profile participation in Republican politics. DeVos was a major supporter of the Republican Party and was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the Presidential Commission on AIDS in 1987.

DeVos and his late wife, Helen, also donated to Christian churches and ministries and various other causes through their Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation.

DeVos also supported Grand Valley State University in Allendale. In the 1970s, he served on its governing board. He later became president of the university's foundation board.

"Rich gave so much of himself to Grand Valley. His enthusiasm and vision were contagious, and drew the entire community together to help provide a world-class education to West Michigan citizens," Grand Valley State President Thomas J. Haas said in a written statement.

DeVos and Van Andel also helped revitalize downtown Grand Rapids, and many buildings and institutions in the city bear the names of the men or their company.

"I give because the Lord told me to give. But more than that, I give here because this is our town," DeVos told WOOD-TV in 2011. "The town doesn't owe me anything. I grew up here and I was blessed to grow up here and it's a good place to be."

He graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and attended Calvin College. DeVos served from 1944-46 in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

His son, Dick, is married to Betsy DeVos, who was appointed Education Secretary by President Donald Trump. He is also survived by three other children, two sisters and a number of grandchildren.

Services have not been finalized.



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In this March 29, 2016, file photo, Orlando Magic owner Richard DeVos, center, is inducted into the Orlando Magic Hall of Fame, as his son Dick DeVos, right, applauds before an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla. Presenting DeVos with a memento is Orlando Magic CEO Alex Martins, left.

# Businesses & Services

## ADP report says small business hiring drops in August

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NEW YORK (AP) — Small business hiring fell by more than half in August, the likely result of a shrinking labor pool.

Payroll processor ADP said Thursday that its small business customers added 21,000 new jobs last month, down from 59,000 in July. That's also less than half the monthly average of nearly 49,000 during the first seven months of this year. ADP bases its reports on payroll data from its customers with one to 49 employees.

Small business hiring has slowed from 2017, when monthly job gains averaged 61,000. The falling unemployment rate has made it harder for many companies to find qualified workers to fill their open positions.

The slower gains at small companies depressed hiring at ADP customers of all sizes. The company counted 163,000 new jobs overall, down from 217,000 in July, with hiring most strong at companies with 50 to 499 employees.

Periodic surveys of small businesses by banks and industry groups show demand for workers has increased, but many companies also say they're not planning to hire. Among the reasons they cite: They have enough employees to get their work done now, and they don't want to hire unless they already have revenue growth that justifies the added costs and risks of taking on more staffers.

More insight about hiring will come Friday, when the Labor Department issues its report on August employment. However, the government does not break down job gains by company size.

## US services firms saw growth quicken in August

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. services companies grew at a faster pace in August as business activity and new orders rebounded.

The Institute for Supply Management said Thursday that its services index rose to 58.5 last month from 55.7 in July. Readings above 50 signal an expanding economy.

The services sector, where most Americans are employed, has now grown for 103 straight months, or more than eight years.

The index was boosted by monthly increases in business activity and new orders, both of which had cooled in July. The employment component of the index improved last month.

The survey that is the basis for the index found that 16 of 17 services sectors reported growth in August, led by construction, transportation, retail trade and educational services. Only one sector reported a decline: agriculture, forestry and fishing and hunting.

Companies in the survey were generally positive about the economy, although several cited risks of the tariffs pushed by the Trump administration on China and the European Union. Many services companies also are coping with labor shortages.

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# Intent on getting a big raise?

## You may have to quit your job

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**

AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite one of the best job markets in decades, workers across the U.S. economy are struggling with a common frustration: What does it take to finally get a decent raise?

It turns out you might have to quit your job.

Americans who leave their employers to take a new job are enjoying pay raises that are one-third larger than raises for workers who stay put — a gap that has reached the widest point since the Great Recession.

At the same time, retail and restaurant workers are receiving more generous raises than manufacturing workers are.

And America's CEOs are getting some of the biggest pay gains of all.

At a time when the average annual wage increase for U.S. workers as a whole remains surprisingly modest given the robust job market, those groups of workers are doing better than average.

Others aren't faring as well. Pay raises for people who have stayed in the same job for the past year, for example, remain relatively stagnant. That trend has confounded some economists. Many had expected that companies would have to pay more to retain employees at a time when workers are harder to find and the unemployment rate, at 3.9 percent, is near a 50-year low.

Nationally, average hourly pay rose 2.7 percent in July from a year earlier, before adjusting for inflation. That is modest by historical standards. The last time unemployment was this low, in the late 1990s, pay raises for Americans as a whole averaged roughly 4 percent.

And once you factor in inflation, average hourly pay has actually declined slightly over the past 12 months.

With midterm elections looming, the Trump administration is pushing back against the notion that paychecks aren't growing. In a report released Wednesday, the White House's top economist, Kevin Hassett, asserted that pay is rising if you consider benefits such as health care, an alternative gauge of inflation and the impact of tax cuts.

Yet even by the White House's own measure, wage increases have slowed over the past three years.

Here are some ways in which average pay growth varies depending on the category of worker:

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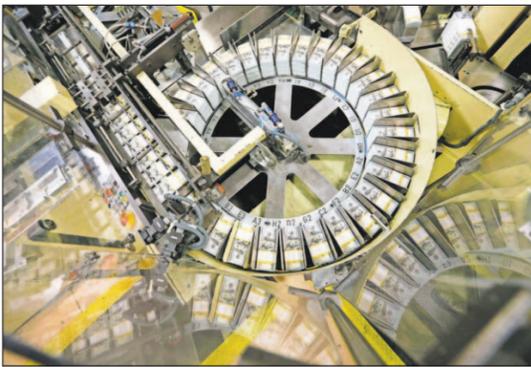
It would seem fundamental: If you want a decent raise, find a new job. But it doesn't always work that way. For the first six years after the 2008-2009 Great Recession, people who switched jobs received raises that were scarcely better than those for workers who stayed in their jobs.

But since then, the switchers have commanded steadily better raises than the stayers. In July, wages for job switchers grew 3.8 percent from a year earlier, compared with 2.9 percent for those who stayed behind, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of



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In this Wednesday, June 20, 2018, file photo, Jason Joshua waits on customers at Zak the Baker in Miami. Americans who quit to take new jobs are enjoying pay raises that are one-third larger than raises for workers who stay put, a gap that has reached the widest point since the Great Recession. At the same time, retail and restaurant workers are receiving more generous raises than manufacturing workers are.



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In this April 20, 2016, file photo, stacks of \$100 bills go through the production line in the COPE section at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Fort Worth, Texas. Americans who leave their employers to take a new job are enjoying pay raises that are one-third larger than raises for workers who stay put, a gap that has reached the widest point since the Great Recession.

Atlanta. In February and March this year, that gap reached 1.7 percentage points, the widest disparity since August 2001.

Yet the figures also illustrate how pay is still lagging compared with previous periods of brisk job growth. Even the pay gains for job-switchers are relatively modest compared with periods in the past. Before the recession, job switchers received annual raises of nearly 5 percent. In the late 1990s, they topped 6 percent. Even adjusting for inflation, job switchers fared better in the late 1990s than they do now.

And for roughly three years now, average raises for workers who have stayed in their jobs have remained stuck below 3 percent.

"It's interesting that in a labor market that is this tight, employers do not seem to be raising wages

for workers who are staying," said Martha Gimbel, an economist at the job search website Indeed. "That could imply they are not worried about workers being poached, which is surprising."

Gimbel suggested that at least some workers might be staying in their jobs because of a growing use of "non-compete" agreements, which restrict workers from jumping to competitors. Such agreements have been used increasingly even in low-wage jobs such as fast-food work.

In addition, many job-switchers may have mastered high-tech and other skill sets that allow them to command higher wages as competition for such workers heats up.

Lower-paid workers receive solid gains

For six years after the recession, the lowest-paid

workers received the thinnest wage gains — and in several years their pay declined. Yet since 2015, they have clawed back some of those losses.

For the lowest-paid one-fifth of the workforce, wages rose 2.3 percent in 2017, adjusted for inflation, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank. That topped the average for middle-income workers, whose pay gains inched up just 0.2 percent.

It's also ahead of the richest one-tenth of workers, whose pay rose 1.9 percent. Low-paid workers also saw a huge gain in 2016 that ran far ahead of middle-income and wealthy employees.

What's driving the outsize increases for lower-paid workers?

More than 20 states have raised their minimum wages above the federal minimum of \$7.25, some of them substantially higher. The minimum is now \$11 in California, for example, and \$11.50 in Washington state.

The ultra-low unemployment rate has also helped. Many businesses say they are desperate to find workers. And in some lower-skilled industries, such as restaurants, they have to pay more to find staff.

"We're seeing about as strong a labor market for less-skilled workers as we've seen in a really long time," said Jason Furman, the top White House economist under President Barack Obama.

CEOs still raking it in

Even as poorer workers have fared better, CEOs, not surprisingly, have done best.

In 2017, the chief executives of the 350 largest publicly traded U.S. companies reported, on average, an increase in compensation of nearly 18 percent, according to a report by the Economic Policy Institute. That compares with a puny raise of just 0.3 percent for all other workers in the same industries. Both figures are adjusted for inflation.

Larry Mishel, senior economist at EPI, said CEO pay jumped largely because it is closely tied to the health of the stock market. The S&P 500 stock index soared 22 percent in 2017. Most CEO pay comes in the form of stock options, which are much more lucrative in a rising market.

That means a plummeting stock market can lower CEO pay, which fell nearly 30 percent in 2008, during the recession. Yet for perspective, the pay of CEOs of the largest firms still averaged nearly \$11 million that year, according to the EPI's figures.

In 2017, large-company CEOs made \$18.9 million, on average. That is 312 times the average pay of workers in the same industries, which reached \$62,431 last year.

Solid gains for whites and Latinos

White Americans, on average, earn much more than African-Americans

or Latinos. The gap between whites and Latinos has narrowed very slightly in the past three years as wage gains have begun to pick up across the economy.

For whites and Latinos pay rose 0.9 percent adjusted for inflation last year; for African Americans, it fell 0.5 percent. Latinos received the biggest raises in 2016; whites earned the most in 2015.

Restaurants and construction trounce manufacturing

Workers in some industries have also done better. In July, restaurants and bars handed out raises of 4 percent from a year earlier, before taking inflation into account. Pay for construction workers increased 3.2 percent. Even retail workers' pay grew 2.9 percent, slightly better than the average.

Yet for manufacturing workers, pay has risen just 1.2 percent in the past year even as hiring has accelerated. U.S. factories are increasingly using temporary workers, who typically receive less pay. Temp workers now make up roughly 12 percent of manufacturing workers, according to the EPI.

U.S. automakers are also now paying new and younger employees much less than older workers, likely contributing to lower overall pay.

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# Will espresso-loving Italy embrace country's 1st Starbucks?

By **LUCA BRUNO** and **FRANCES D'EMILIO**  
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MILAN (AP) — Will the country that gave us espresso embrace the company that gave us grande Frappuccinos?

Starbucks is about to find out as it opens its first store in Italy on Friday. Residents of Milan, the city whose coffee bars inspired Howard Schultz's vision for the chain decades ago, have mostly greeted the news with a shrug.

"I've tasted Starbucks coffee and I'll absolutely stick to Italian coffee," said Milan resident Giulia Brighenti as she scraped the foamy remains of her espresso at a coffee bar not far from Starbucks' new Reserve Roastery.

In Italy, an espresso at a coffee bar is usually a quick morning or after-lunch ritual, downed while standing up. In many neighborhoods, cafes are on practically every corner, and Italians are on a first-name basis with their trusted barista.

That presents a challenge for Starbucks, which is hoping people will linger to drink more expensive beverages.

The company has more than 28,000 stores worldwide, but the palatial Milan location is only its third roastery. The others are in Seattle, where the company is headquartered, and Shanghai.

The cavernous former post office near the city's Duomo, or cathedral, has a heated, marble-topped coffee bar. The centerpiece is a 6.5-meter (22-foot) high bronze cask, part of the roasting



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2108, employees work at the Starbucks store in Milan, Italy. Starbucks opens its first store in Italy Friday, betting that premium brews and novelties like a heated marble-topped coffee bar will win patrons in a country fond of its espresso rituals.

process that customers can watch. And no, there are no Frappuccinos on the menu.

The company also hopes the store's cocktail bar will be an attraction. Many who work in Milan, Italy's fashion and financial capital, cherish the tradition of meeting friends or colleagues for an "aperitivo," or pre-dinner cocktail, often in cafes.

The company is "not coming to Italy to teach people about coffee. This is where coffee was born," said Starbucks chief design officer Liz Muller. Instead, Starbucks "wanted to come and bring a premium experience that is different to what people in Italy are used to."

That formula includes "many different brewing

techniques and a space where we want you to stay longer and relax and enjoy."

Italy is Starbucks' 78th global market, and the Milan opening comes 20 years after Starbucks opened its first store in Europe, in London. The company has described the Milan store as "the crown jewel of Starbucks global retail footprint" and says it plans more cafes for Milan later this year.

Like Brighenti, other locals drinking more traditional espressos at the neighborhood coffee bar were skeptical.

"I think the classic Italian coffee is best," said Gianluigi Manusardi. "I also prefer it when I go abroad."

*D'Emilio reported from Rome.*



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In this photo taken on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2108, a waiter adds chocolate to coffee cups, at the Starbucks store in Milan, Italy. Starbucks opens its first store in Italy Friday, betting that premium brews and novelties like a heated marble-topped coffee bar will win patrons in a country fond of its espresso rituals. Decades ago, Milan's coffee bars had inspired the chain's vision. Starbucks hopes clients will linger at Starbucks Reserve Roastery, where they can watch beans being roasted, sip Reserve coffee or have cocktails at a mezzanine-level bar in a cavernous space that once was a post office near the city's Duomo, or cathedral.

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# DISNEY

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Congress. Those bonuses were withheld during the contract negotiations.

The new contract expands anti-discrimination protections to include gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, military or veteran status and

genetic information.

In return for the higher wages, the coalition of unions, known as the Service Trades Council Union, agreed to allow Disney to use more part-time workers. Under the old contract, 35 percent of the union workforce can be part-timers, but that was raised to 38 percent in the new deal, although Disney doesn't currently reach

its limit on part-timers.

New hires also would have to wait longer to switch jobs under the new deal. The old contract allowed for a transfer after six months, but that would change to a year under the new contract. The contract also allows Disney the ability to expand the probationary period for some new workers from three months to six months.

The new contract expanded the types of workers who could be subject to random drug tests. It also added extra language giving managers the right to "supervise, and control the manner, means and details by which employees perform their work duties as well as the ends to be accomplished."

"The focus was about how Disney workers need a raise

— current workers and those coming into the workforce," said Matt Hollis, the new president of the Service Trades Council Union. "These are historic raises, not just entry level but for every hourly cast member."

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# DEBT

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a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, to qualify for gift and earned aid, including grants, scholarships and

work-study. Find private scholarships with scholarship search engines, such as the U.S. Department of Labor's CareerOneStop scholarship finder or Scholarships.com.

If you need loans and you're not sure how

much to borrow for college, you can keep repayments manageable by aiming for a monthly payment that won't be over 10 percent of your expected after-tax take-home pay each month in your first year after

school.

For example, if you expect to make a starting salary of \$46,000, then borrowing about \$24,000 for college means you can afford a monthly payment of \$257. Use an undergraduate student

loan calculator, like one from The Hamilton Project, to see what it would take to repay debt based on your major.

If you start school without your major picked, it's OK. College is the place to explore potential

career paths.

"Don't be deterred by risk to pursue a more difficult major; if you try computer science and it doesn't work out, you can always switch majors," says Artem Gulish, a senior policy strategist at Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce. "No one can really know what they can be good at if they haven't tried it."

Realize that if you do change your path, it could take longer to complete your degree, which may mean taking on more debt. But it could also lead to a career that motivates you, potentially boosting your earnings and the ability to repay your loans.

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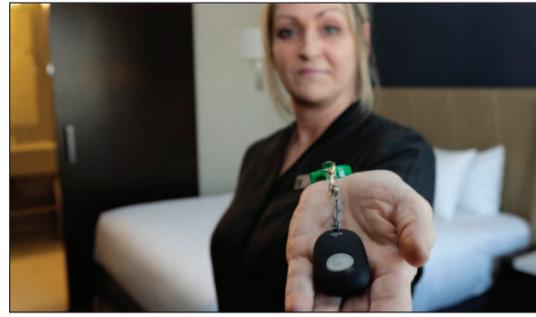
# PANIC

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The American Hotel and Lodging Association, which is backing the effort, says around three-fourths of its 25,000 member hotels are participating right now. It is working with harassment and human trafficking organizations to develop training and testing devices to help hotels figure out what works best.

This isn't the first time hotels are giving panic buttons to staff. New York has required them since 2012, after a hotel maid there accused French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexually assaulting her in his suite. Chicago and Seattle began requiring them more recently.

But increasing public discussion about harassment and the #MeToo movement has given the effort a new sense of urgency. Red Roof Inn, Best Western, AccorHotels, Four Seasons and Caesar's are other participants in the rare display



Rani Accettola, a housekeeper at the Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel in Seattle's Pioneer Square neighborhood, poses for a photo while holding a device that lets her push a button and summon help if she is in a threatening situation while working in Seattle.

of unity from a fiercely competitive industry.

"The cultural conversations have changed, and we have gotten smarter," said Erika Alexander, Marriott's chief lodging officer for the Americas. Marriott plans to make the devices standard at all of its nearly 5,000 hotels in North America by 2020. Eventually it hopes to expand the devices globally.

Rani Accettola, a housekeeper at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Seattle's Pioneer Square, has a safety fob clipped to the front of her

uniform at all times. If she presses a button, hotel managers and security are immediately notified of her location. Accettola said the system gives her an added feeling of security, especially when she works late.

"At any moment, help is there if you should need it," she said.

It's unclear how often the devices will be used, but harassment of hotel staff is an ongoing issue. In a 2016 survey of 500 housekeepers in Chicago, 49 percent said guests had flashed them, exposed themselves or

opened the door naked.

The rollout of the devices will be messy. Hotel companies only manage some of their properties; others are managed by franchisees. Some companies may require franchisees to add the devices; others may not. Properties vary widely, from sprawling 2,500-room resorts to 65-room, cookie-cutter hotels by the highway.

Some hotels have already begun the process. Hyatt mandated electronic safety devices last fall and has already distributed them to 4,500 employees at 120 hotels in the Americas, Hyatt CEO Mark Hoplamazian said. Hyatt has also strongly recommended the devices for franchisees, and expects to expand the program globally, Hoplamazian said.

He said the cost of the devices is easily absorbed by the company. Shrieking alarms — the kind most widely used at Hyatt right now — cost around \$25 each. A React mobile device, like the

one Accettola wears, retails for \$70, but big hotel chains will likely be able to get bulk discounts.

Hoplamazian said there haven't been many reported usages. In one instance, a guest was acting strangely so a housekeeper summoned help. It turned out there was no threat, but Hoplamazian is glad the system worked.

"While the frequency may not be high, the importance of it is really, really high," he said.

Wyndham CEO Geoff Ballotti said his company expects to distribute safety devices by the end of next year to 5,000 employees in the 450 U.S. hotels it owns and manages. Hilton CEO Chris Nassetta said "tens of thousands" of staff at 4,500 hotels will get the devices by 2020.

Nassetta said the rollout will take time because training staff members how to respond to the devices is as important as the devices themselves.

"We don't want to create the appearance of safety without the reality behind it," he said.



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# The FUNNIES

**PEANUTS**  
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"Good ol'  
Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

QUIET

HERE'S JOE COOL HANGING AROUND THE DORM ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON..

MAYBE I'LL GO OVER TO THE STUDENT UNION, AND CHECK OUT THE SCENE

HERE'S JOE COOL HANGING AROUND THE STUDENT UNION LOOKING FOR ACTION..

I SEE THEY'RE SHOWING "CITIZEN KANE" AGAIN... I'VE ONLY SEEN IT TWENTY-THREE TIMES..

MAYBE I'LL GO OVER TO THE LIBRARY, AND SEE WHO'S THERE

RATS..NO CHICKS! MAYBE I SHOULD GO OVER TO THE GYM AND SHOOT A FEW BASKETS...

IF I HAD SOME WHEELS, I'D CRUISE AROUND FOR AWHILE.. MAYBE I SHOULD WALK OVER, AND LOOK AT THE GEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT...

I'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING... LOOK AT THOSE ROCKS AGAIN? NO WAY!

THERE'S A GUY WITH TWO CHICKS.. HOW DOES HE DO IT?

THE LEAVES ARE BEGINNING TO FALL.. THE SUN IS WARM, BUT IT'S KIND OF CHILLY IN THE SHADE

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON AT HOME.. MAYBE I SHOULD GO BACK TO THE DORM AND WRITE SOME LETTERS...

\*SIGH\* JOE COOL HATES SUNDAY AFTERNOONS...

**THE LOCKHORNS**  
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

ARTHUR'S

"LORETTA ALWAYS THINKS I'M UP TO SOMETHING... I'VE BEEN CURSED WITH RESTING GUILT FACE."

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"PETER CHANGE THE LOCKS ON YOUR HEAD AGAIN?"

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"IF YOU WANT TO BUILD A CUSHION FOR RETIREMENT, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE STUFFING."

"WE WERE CAUGHT ON THE 'KISS-CAM' AND LEROY KISSED THE WOMAN SITTING NEXT TO US."

"IT WON'T HURT YOU TO SWALLOW, LEROY."

## Hi and Lois

WASSUP, BRO?

DUDE?! YES!!!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BLAST THIS YEAR!

THIS IS GOING TO BE SO MUCH FUN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME CLASS TOGETHER.

GIMME FIVE.

AWESOME.

ASSIGNMENT

THE FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO IS SEPARATE THE FOUR OF YOU.

**MARY WORTH**

"MY RELIGION IS VERY SIMPLE. MY RELIGION IS KINDNESS." - DALAI LAMA

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE FRIENDLY TO WYNTER AND HIS DOG!

WHY NOT? IT CAN'T HURT.

WHEN TOBY QUESTIONS MARY ON HER FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD MR. WYNTER...

MAYBE HE NEEDS KINDNESS TO MAKE HIS DAY BETTER...

OR CHANGE HIS OUTLOOK, YOU NEVER KNOW, TOBY!

BEING KIND CAN BE A WAY TO POSITIVELY ALTER SOMEONE'S MOOD.

MOY BRIGMAN 9/9/18

THOUGH YOU MAY NOT ALWAYS SEE THE IMPACT OF YOUR KINDNESS...

IT STILL EXISTS, AND IT STILL MATTERS.

# The Family Circus

By Bill Keane

DADDY, WHAT'S AN ETERNITY?

WELL, BILLY--AN ETERNITY IS FOREVER!

IT'S AN IMMEASURABLE EXPANSE OF TIME.

MOMMY SAYS IT SEEMS LIKE THIS YEAR HAS LASTED AN ETERNITY.

IT'S A LONGER TIME THAN THE MIND CAN BEGIN TO IMAGINE.

ETERNITY IS WITHOUT BEGINNING OR END.

OH.

WHY DID YOU WANT TO KNOW?

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# Wizard of Id

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

CAN I GET THE WEEKEND OFF, SIRE?

NOT IF YOU EXPECT TO LIVE PAST IT!

REMINDE ME NEVER TO DROP MY KEYS IN THERE AGAIN

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# Mort Walker's beetle bailey

NOW WHERE DID HE GO? GOLF!

I THINK GOLF IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST GAME

IT'S ENJOYED BY ANYONE FROM 9 TO 90

AND YOU PLAY WITH FRIENDS!

YOU DON'T HURT THE GUYS YOU PLAY WITH, LIKE IN SOME SPORTS

ARE THE COURSE AND YOURSELF

YOU'VE BEEN OUT WASTING YOUR TIME CHASING LITTLE BALLS AROUND AIMLESSLY AGAIN, I SEE?!

IT'S GREAT EXERCISE... WALKING OUT IN THE OPEN AIR... SOAKING UP SUNSHINE...

THE COURSE IS BEAUTIFUL, WITH TREES, LAKES AND FLOWERS

WHO WOULDN'T LIKE GOLF?!

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# HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE

GREAT NEWS !!

WE'RE PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER!!

I TOLD YOU TO HIRE AN INSPIRING BAND TO LEAD US INTO BATTLE!

I THOUGHT I DID.

BLEAT SQUAWK SKIRL RAT A TAT TAT

THIS IS A FUNERAL MARCH BAND!

SORRY! I MESSED UP!

I COULD TELL THEM WE WON'T BE NEEDING THEIR SERVICES!

OR NOT! CHARGE!

SQUIRK HONK

# BLONDIE

BY DEAN KUNZ & JOHN MARSHALL

THAT DOES IT! I'M GONNA SAY SOMETHING!

BE CAREFUL, DEAR

LISTEN! MY WIFE AND I ARE OFFENDED BY THE LANGUAGE THAT'S COMING FROM THIS TABLE!!

OH, I'M SORRY... I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS SO LOUD...

WELL, THAT WAS EASY... JUST TRY TO ENJOY YOUR DINNER, DEAR

JUST WHO THE \*★!!@ DOES HE THINK HE IS?!

CAN YOU HEAR THAT? I SURE CAN!

THAT CURSING IS REALLY STARTING TO BOTHER ME

ME TOO!

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# FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

SHUFFLE STEP STEP STEP

CLICK!

NO FARLEY, YOU CAN'T COME!

HERE, FARLEY! BACK IN THE HOUSE! GOOD BOY.

DOGGY BISCUIT, BOY! HERE'S A BISCUIT! COME AN' GET IT!

NO! NO CAR, YOU STAY HERE!

SIGH.

BOW!

JOHN, HOW ARE WE GOING TO KEEP THE DOG FROM ACTING THIS WAY EVERY TIME WE WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE?

... STOP GIVING IN.

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# GARFIELD

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YOU DON'T WASTE A SINGLE RAY, DO YOU, GARFIELD?

JIM DAVIS 9-9

# Hal Foster's Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

H.F. T.Y.

ANTERO, THE SON OF KRISOS, MAY HAVE PLAYED THE SHIFTLESS NE'ER-DO-WELL, BUT IN THE END IT WAS HIS BRAVERY THAT ENDED HIS FATHER'S TREASONOUS PLANS. VALETA AND HER COMPANY SALUTE HIS SACRIFICE.

AND WHAT OF VITALIUS, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF JUSTINIAN WHO SOUGHT TO COLLUDE WITH KRISOS? IT IS CLOSE BEFORE DAWN WHEN HE AND HIS LANDING PARTY REACH THE HIDDEN DROMON THAT HAD BROUGHT THEM FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

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OARS ARE ENGAGED, AND ALL DAY THE DROMON STRUGGLES TO STAY AHEAD OF HER PURSUER, BUT THE LOW, SLEEK LONGBOAT GROWS STEADILY CLOSER. THERE WILL BE AN ENGAGEMENT HERE, FAR FROM LAND...

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VITALIUS, HIS SHIP AND HIS CREW WERE THEREAFTER LOST TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMPEROR JUSTINIAN AND TO ALL THE CIVILIZED WORLD. THEY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DEPARTED THE MISTY ISLES IN THE WAKE OF THEIR FAILED MISSION, BUT AFTER THAT... NOTHING. THE ENDLESS WAVES REMAIN MUTE.

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NEXT: The aftermath

## SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Count Weirdly says he has developed super storm-cloud seeds in his castle lab that will produce thunderclaps powerful enough to create thousands of super-burning lightning strikes in the forest. Slylock Fox thinks the count's catastrophic weather threat is just a lot of hot air. Why?

Solution -- Thunder does not create lightning. It is the flash of hot lightning in the air that creates thunder.



Spot six differences between these panels.



### HOW TO DRAW a cat and mouse

BOB WEBER JR and SR 9-9

### YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Melody, age 8

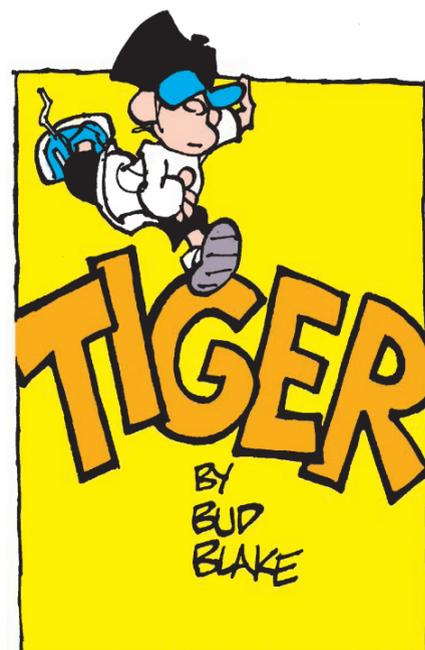
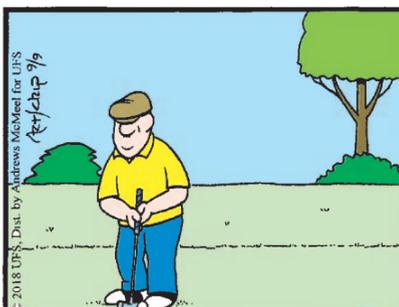
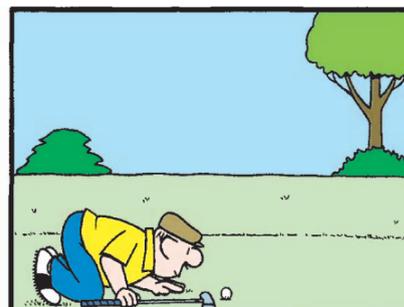
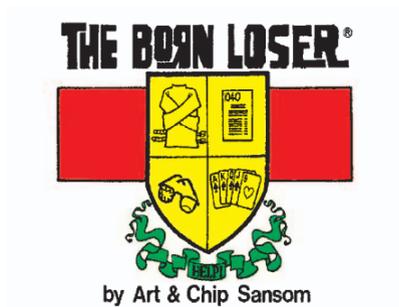
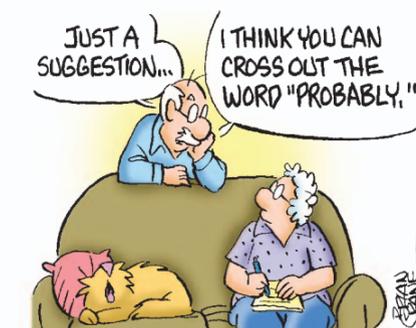
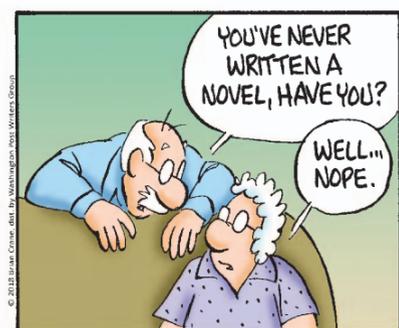
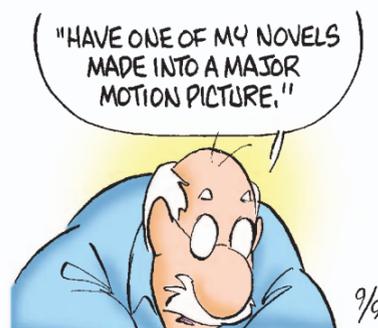
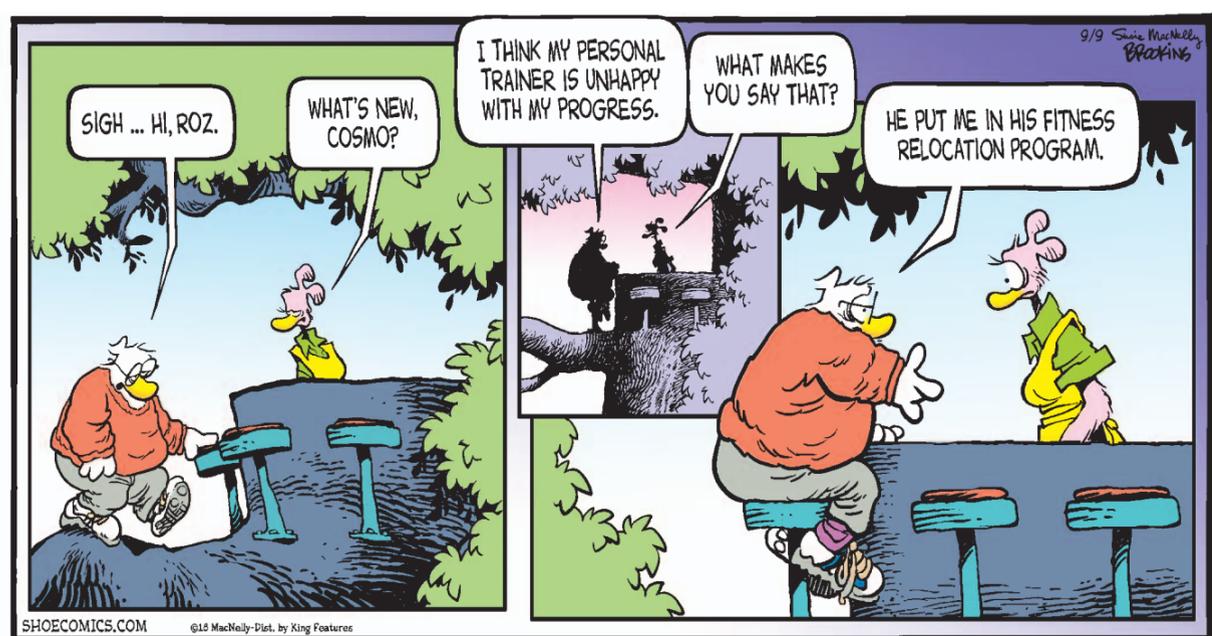
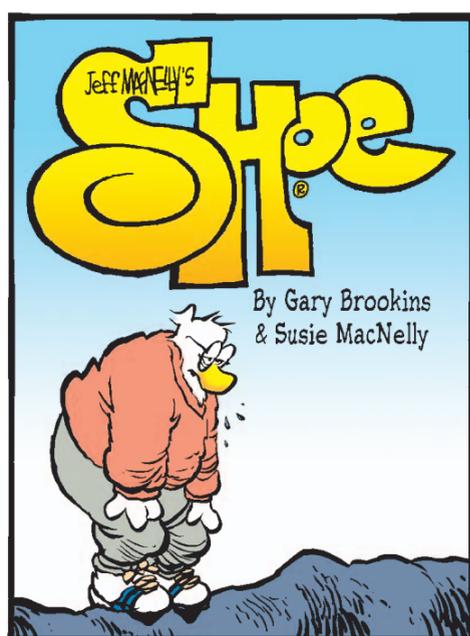
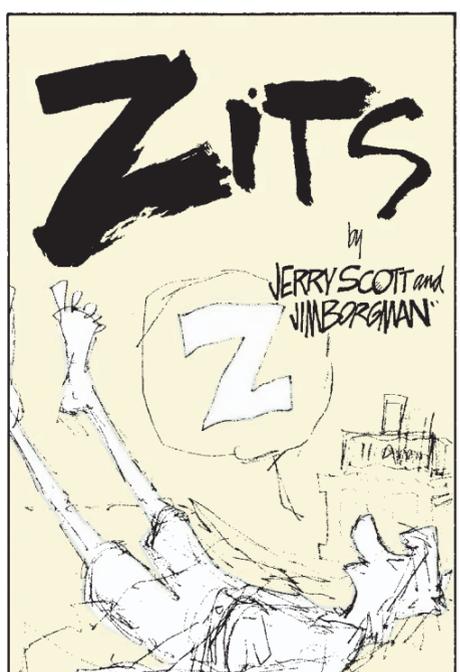
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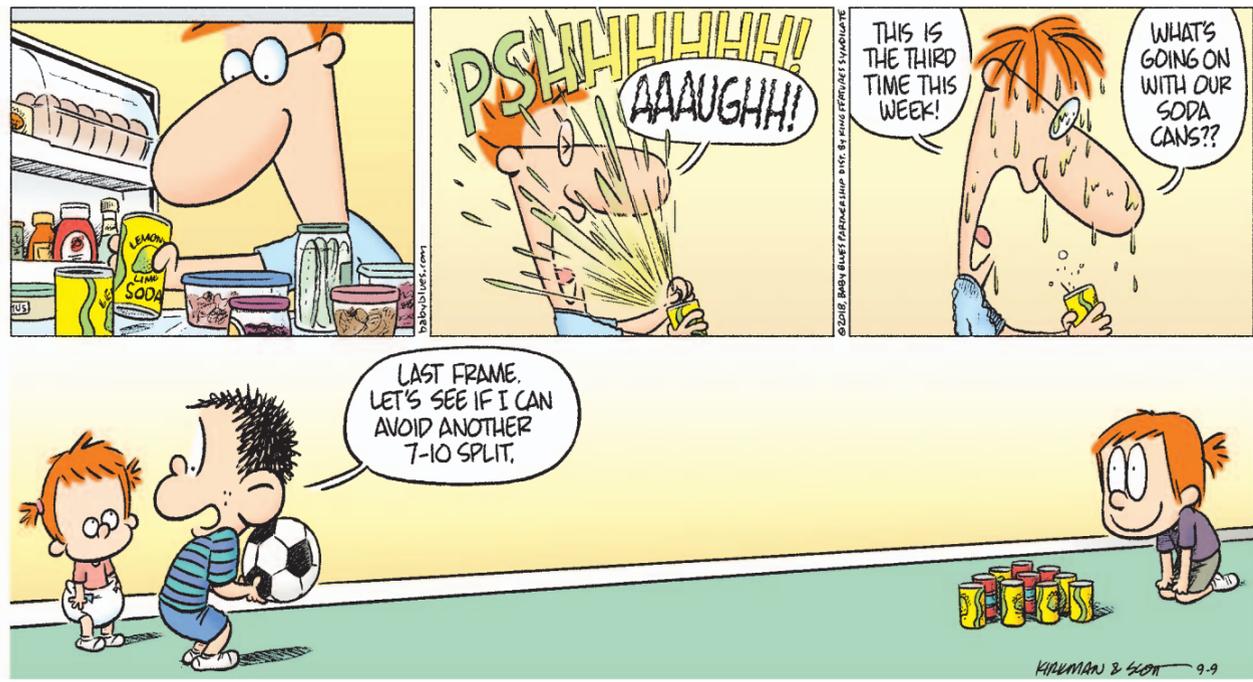
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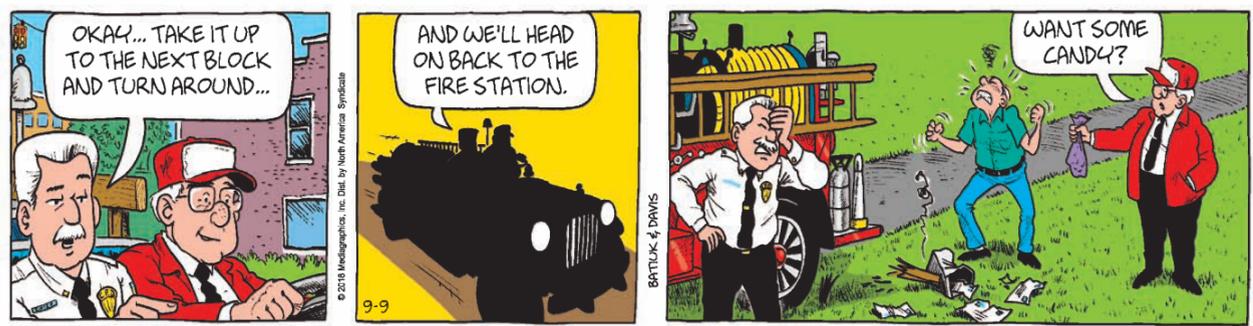
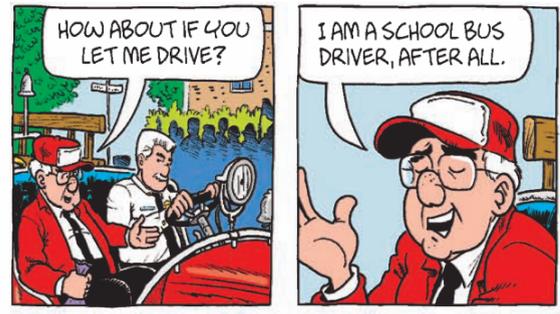
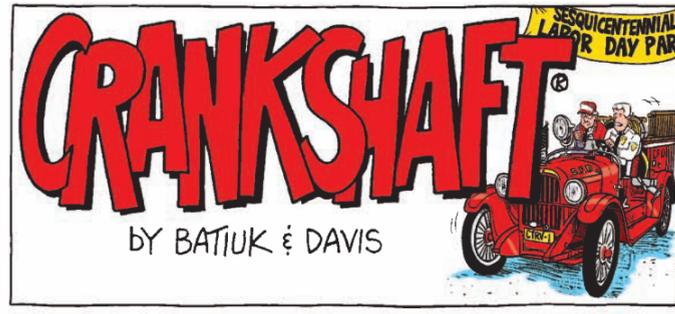
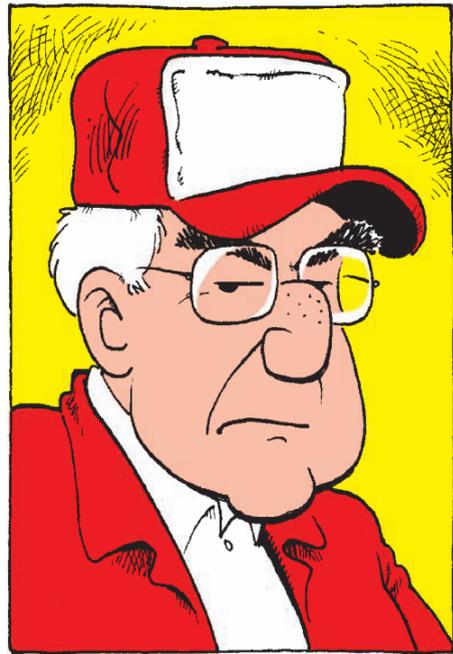
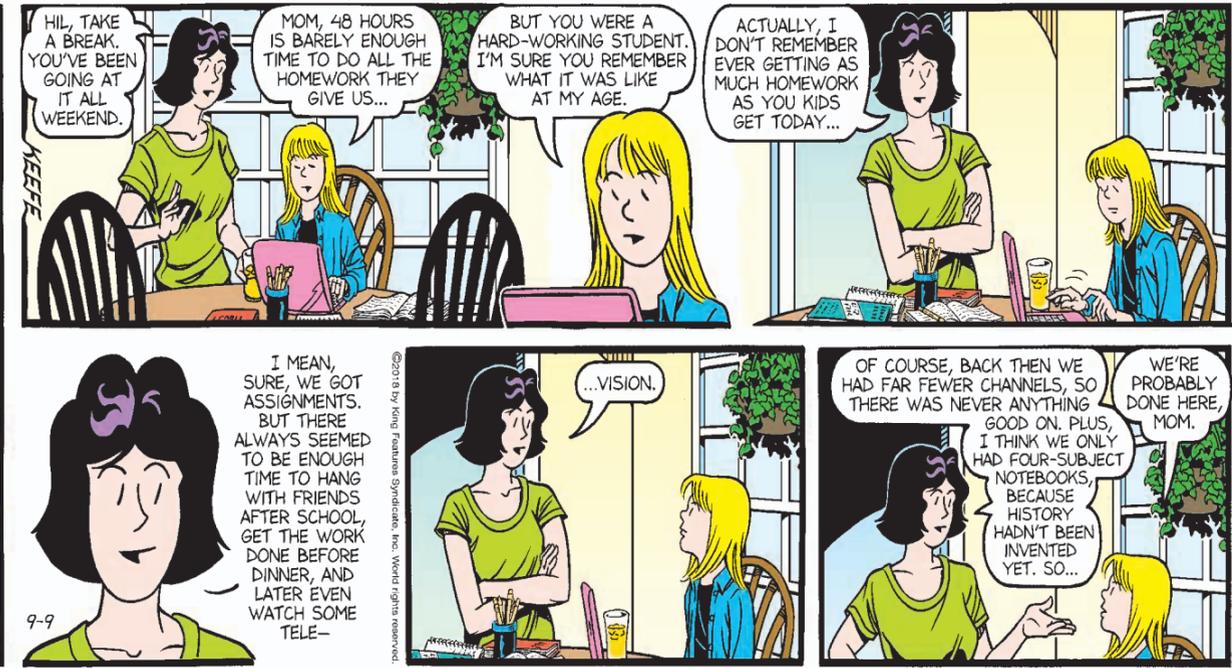
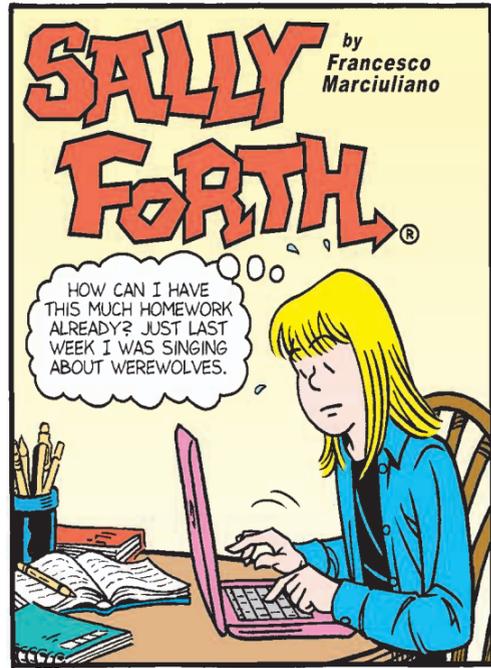
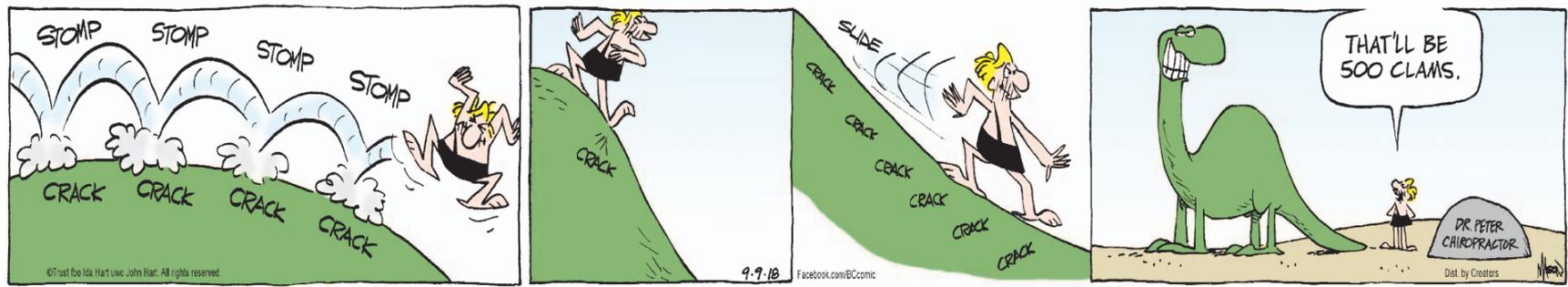
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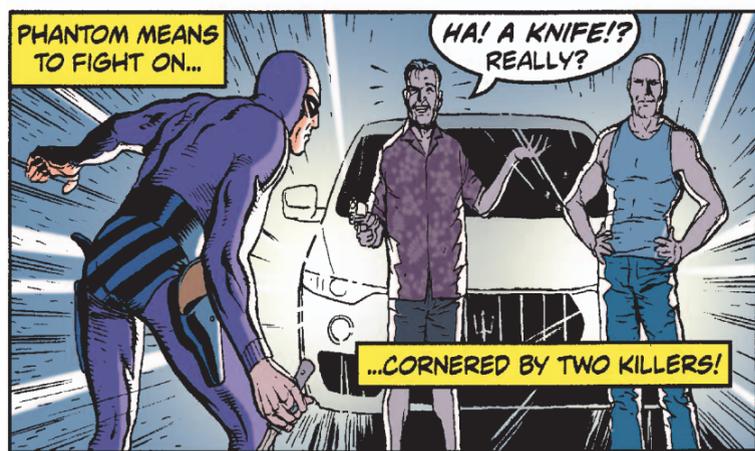
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