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Spring Lake plans memorial for William Gentry

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Spring Lake Special District will be erecting a memorial in tribute to Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy William Gentry Jr. in the near future. Gentry was tragically shot on May 6 and died of the injury on May 7, 2018 in the line of duty after responding to a call in Placid Lakes.

Gentry, his parents, Jack and Susan, as well as his brother, Kevin, have

all resided in Spring Lake for about 12 years. Kevin Gentry is also a HCSO deputy.

According to District Manager Joe Decerbo, the Board of Supervisors approved the memorial in the May meeting.

On Thursday, Decerbo took Gentry's father to



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GENTRY | 8A The eco park at Spring Lake is where a memorial to Deputy William Gentry Jr. is planned.

AP to consider War Dog Memorial agreement

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The continuing effort to place a monument downtown honoring servicemen and their dogs may clear another hurdle with the City Council scheduled to consider an agreement for the proposed feature.

The agenda for Monday's City Council meeting states a request was made on May 14 by Battle of the Bands, Inc. to place a monument referred to as the "War Dog Memorial" on the Main Street Mall.

Florida Department of Transportation policies are very restrictive for such a placement, so Anna Marie Feeney, president of Battle of the Bands, proposed locating it on the front lawn of the City's Community Center on Main Street.

On June 28, the City Council passed a motion introduced by Councilman Jim Barnard for placement of the memorial at the Community Center pending an engineering review and a review of the legal issues.

The agenda notes there is an agreement that was originally presented by the City Attorney to the Battle of the Bands and a copy of that agreement with revisions from the Battle of the Bands' attorney.

The recommendation, by city administration, is being made to accept the original agreement as proposed by the City Attorney, which was drafted with the "City's best interest in mind."

The War Dog Memorial, featuring some similarities to the one in Washington D.C., is designed to honor the servicemen and their dogs who served along side of them.

The stone monument, featuring a 5-foot tall soldier, two German shepherds and other figures, is being donated by The Battle of the Bands Inc., The



FEENEY

MEMORIAL | 7A

Going pink



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

County officials say the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of Tuesday's Board of County Commission meeting in T-shirts printed up especially for a county Public Safety Department fundraiser to raise funds to help people get tested for cancer. Pictured, from left, are County Administrator Randy Vosburg and County Commissioners Ron Handley, Greg Harris, Don Elwell and Jack Richie. Commissioner Jim Brooks was absent.

T-shirt fundraiser to help breast cancer screening

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A mother, wife, daughter or daughter-in-law, an aunt, cousins, grandmother or even a "second mom" have had breast cancer and survived, or didn't catch it in time.

Members of Highlands County's Public Safety Department want to help people catch in time. As of Wednesday, they had sold 250 of 300 bright pink printed T-shirts for a breast cancer awareness to raise funds to help people pay for cancer screenings when they otherwise would skip them because of the expense.

Public Safety Director/Fire Chief Marc Bashoor said he and his administrators had an idea to sell bright pink T-shirts to honor October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"Fire departments across the country have gravitated to fundraising (for) cancer," Bashoor said.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

At work on Wednesday, a Highlands County Fire and Rescue firefighter with the Lake Placid downtown station, sports a bright pink Breast Cancer Awareness Month T-shirt under his bunker gear.

Firefighters have a mindset of doing things for their communities, he said.

Firefighters also are twice as likely as other people to develop cancer,

Bashoor said — everything from skin cancer and lymphoma to brain cancer and leukemia — because of substances they encounter on the job.

"Any effort we can bring to the table to help with cancer, it's something we're all about," Bashoor said.

Five years ago in Prince George, Maryland, his fire department ordered a bright pink fire engine, the first one ever that color, for breast cancer awareness at events.

They later added a pink ambulance. Cancer survivors would take photos with them.

"They were standing there bawling," Bashoor said.

Bashoor saw his mother battle breast cancer four years ago, a "triple negative" extremely aggressive case, but she beat it through chemotherapy and radiation.

"She's working on 80, ticking around like she's 50," Bashoor said.

Emergency Management Manager LaTosha "Tosh" Reiss said the Emergency Operations Center was "bright pink" Thursday morning from everyone

CANCER | 6A

County ranks watersheds for study

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Hurricane Irma left a lot of flooded yards and roadways, and five watersheds for Highlands County to study for better drainage.

County commissioners ranked them for priority Tuesday for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. While SWFWMD will do the work and pick up most of the bill, County Engineer Clinton "Gator" Howerton Jr. expects each study to cost \$500,000-\$600,000.

Even with just a 25 percent local match, that leaves \$100,000-\$125,000 to pay per study.

If SWFWMD approves all five, Howerton said, the county would pay a half million dollars or more, just for the studies.

Given the fact that each study will list recommended improvements — culverts, retention ponds and pipes — County Commissioner Ron Handley said the Board of County Commission might need to seriously discuss setting up a storm water improvement district, with an assessment to pay for it all.

That idea came up earlier, on Aug. 7, during a county commission discussion of what to do for Silver Fox residents, part of whose subdivision is only accessible by private roads.

The roads flood for lack of drainage structures. SWFWMD must approve them, the county can't pay for them on private/non-public right of ways and residents can't afford them outright.

Road and Bridge Director Kyle Green said he "didn't want to be shot" for saying it, but suggested a countywide stormwater drainage assessment to handle such costs.

Commissioner Don Elwell said at the time it made sense to handle drainage problems as one system, but also said it wouldn't fly with residents in

COUNTY | 8A



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It's another 'go-around' for AP airport

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Ready for take off or in a holding pattern? What is happening or not happening at the city-operated Avon Park Executive Airport?

Pilot/businessman and Airport CRA Advisory Board Member Jim Renfro said he hasn't heard anything in weeks about about the city's effort to get a fixed base operator for the airport.

"I would say it's a holding pattern," he said. "The runways are open; the grass needs cutting. It's very frustrating that we had things going really well a few years ago and then with a change in administration [a few years ago] it all went away."

The Airport CRA Advisory Board's regular meeting schedule calls for the board to meet at noon on the second Monday of the month.

A couple of weeks ago the city's online calendar showed an Airport CRA meeting on Oct. 8, but it is no longer listed and there is no meeting scheduled at this time.

In mid November 2017, members of the Airport Advisory Board described many shortcomings of the



MARC VALERO/STAFF

The Avon Park Executive Airport terminal building is seen here. No October meeting is scheduled for the Airport Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board.

airport to the City Council and recommended the hiring of a fixed base operator (FBO) to manage the flight-related aspects.

The city hired Amherst Consulting in March to develop a request for proposal (RFP) in the city's search for an FBO. The \$4,800 contract has the Maitland firm gathering information related to the airport's FBO terminal, proposed area of responsibilities, airport data, airport layout plan and more.

The last Airport CRA Advisory Board meeting was held in June and a subsequent meeting was cancelled.

In August, City Manager June Fisher said another Airport CRA Advisory Board meeting had not been scheduled yet because the consultants

are still gathering information.

Fisher said Tuesday, "the Advisory Board members were asked about the services they would like to see provided by the FBO. That information has been provided to the consultant and they will be bringing back a recommendation. A meeting has not been scheduled."

Renfro believes that not much will happen and there won't be any big decisions made until after the City Council election in November.

The last Airport CRA meeting was two or three months ago when they had the big discussion on getting an FBO, he said.

"That was the last that I heard from anybody or talked to anybody," Renfro said.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A traffic stop leads to a K-9 search of a car, and a deputy reportedly discovers 5.2 grams of cocaine.

On Thursday, Highlands County Sheriff's Office arrested Junior Nathan Lyons, 20, of Sebring. Lyons was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to manufacture or deliver, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

A HCSO deputy conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of U.S. 27 N and Flare Road. During

the course of the traffic stop investigation, the deputy had a K-9 deputy review the vehicle, and the K-9 deputy positively alerted that the car had narcotics, the arrest report states.

A backpack was found on the floor board of the back seat, and it reportedly contained the following items:

- three separate clear plastic bags with a white, powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine (unpacked



LYONS

weight of 5.2 grams),
• a green leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis (unpacked weight of 0.1 grams),
• two digital scales with a white, powdery residue that field tested positive for cocaine,

• two spoons with a white, powdery residue that field tested positive for cocaine and
• a large number of plastic bags in different sizes.

According to the report, Lyons was the registered owner of the vehicle that contained the backpack, which reportedly had illegal narcotics in it.

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Monday, November 12 th	12:00 PM	New Advances in Cataract Surgery	T. Hunter Newsom, MD
Thursday, November 29 th	12:00 PM	10 Things to Know About Your Eyes	Jessica Forde, OD
Thursday, December 13 th	12:00 PM	Glaucoma - The Silent Thief of Sight	Vinita Srivastava, MD
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Edward James Poff



Edward James Poff, 84, of Sebring, Florida, died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 in Sebring,

Florida. Formerly of Traverse City, Michigan and Arlington, Virginia, Mr. Poff had been a resident of Sebring since 2001. Edward graduated from Traverse City Central High School in June 1952. He joined the Navy in October 1953 and retired as a Master Chief Petty Officer (Radioman) in January 1978. After active duty, he was employed by the Navy Department as a civilian Communications Systems Manager for over ten years and for six years as a department manager for Validity Corporation of Largo, Maryland, retiring in April 1995.

Born May 11, 1934, in Traverse City, he was the son of George and Dorance (Cleland) Poff.

His wife, Florence Poff, survives him along with his three children, Deborah Cooper (Larry), Doreen Gritter (Brian) and James Poff (Bridgette); two stepchildren, Ed Tracy (Sharon) and Cindy Wilson; eight grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. His parents and first wife, Mary Poff (Mason) preceded Edward in death.

Cremation has taken place. His final watch is being stood in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Devon Dean Wilcken



Devon Dean Wilcken, 92, formerly of Columbia City, Indiana passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018

in Sebring, Florida. Born Nov. 19, 1925 in Columbia City; he was the son of Everett E. Wilcken and Turah Mae (Nolt) Adams.

He lived most of his life in Whitley County/Tri-Lakes area. Since 1972 he has spent most of his winters in Florida and in 1975 he made Sebring his permanent residence. He graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1943. After the passing of his first wife, Devon married Ola Mae Wilcken on Oct. 18, 1970. He was a retired building contractor, who constructed buildings in Columbia City and in Florida. While in Whitley County, he attended the Tri-Lakes Baptist Church and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906.

Survivors include his children, Dennis (Joyce) Wilcken of Sebring, Dale Wilcken of South Whitley, Indiana and Christina Ruggiero of Columbia City; numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Frances E. Wilcken; second wife, Ola Mae Wilcken; daughter, Shirley Meade; stepdaughter, Shirley Carpenter; and brother, Nolt "Pork" Wilcken.

Funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 at DeMoney-Grimes, a Life Story Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Burial followed at Nolt Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given in his memory to American Cancer Society. Visit demoneygrimes.com to send his family condolences online.

Joan L. Dearth



It is with great sadness that the family of Joan "Annie" L. Dearth announces her passing on Wednesday,

Oct. 3, 2018, at the age of 83.

Annie was born on June 29, 1935 in Morris, Illinois, to the late Alfred W. and Virginia (nee Clinesmith) Dearth. She lived most of her life in

Coal City, Illinois, graduating from Coal City High School in 1953. In 1981, she moved with her parents to live in Manhattan. In her travels, she found Florida and fell in love with it. So, in 1991 she and her mother became snowbirds in Winter Haven, Florida, with them moving permanently to Sebring, Florida in 2000, returning to Coal City in 2015. She leaves behind many friends in Florida and Illinois.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held at the Ferrari Funeral Home, 1044 Ferrari Drive, Coal City, Illinois at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 with Pastor Bradley Shumaker officiating. The family will receive friends and family from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Interment at Manhattan Center Cemetery in Manhattan, Illinois will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Annie's name to Coal City United Methodist Youth Group or any charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at ferrarifuneral.com.

Diana Evelyn Cancel



Our beautiful mother got her wings on Oct. 3, 2018 in Sebring, Florida. Diana Evelyn Cancel was

born Oct. 25, 1953 in Guanica, Puerto Rico. She was survived by her three daughters Denise Ruiz, Jasmin Gonzalez, and Alina Maldonado. She has eight grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, three brothers and one sister.

Diana was a jack of all trades. From cooking to carpentry there was no challenge she could not achieve. One of the most noticeable characteristics of her was her beautiful smile that was warm and welcoming.

Rest in peace our beautiful mother. You will always be in our hearts.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Free lunch and Medicare info

SEBRING — MASA MTS will hold an information event about Medicare and insurance coverage at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Island View Restaurant, 5223 Sun N Lake Blvd. in Sebring. For retirees and Medicare recipients. A brief discussion followed by lunch. To register, call 844-279-6346. Space is limited.

First Responders Appreciation Day

SEBRING — St. Agnes Episcopal Church will host its 3rd annual First Responders Appreciation Day at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, 3840 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. Giving thanks and honoring those men and women who put their lives on the line to serve and protect our community. Luncheon served in Parrish Hall afterwards. For information, call 863-385-7679 or email stagnes@stagnessebring.org.

Volunteer hospice care training

SEBRING — Cornerstone Hospice will hold volunteer training over two Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 9, 11, 16 & 18, at the downtown office, 209 N. Ridgewood Drive, Suite 3. Breakfast and coffee will be provided. To pre-register, call Dorothy Harris, volunteer specialist at 863-382-4563 or email doharris@cshospice.org.

Highlands Gem and Mineral Club

SEBRING — The Highlands Gem and Mineral Club will have its first meeting of the new season at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Church of Christ, 3800

Sebring Parkway, in the rear fellowship hall. Public invited, no membership fees or dues. Birthstones for October are Opal and Tourmaline. For information, call 863-453-7054.

Lake Placid Lunch & Learn

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce Lunch & Learn will take place at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Genesis Center. \$12 per person. Menu includes chicken Parmesan w/pasta, salad and pink mousse. Kathy Albritton from Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center will give presentation. Please RSVP to chamber@lpfla.com or call 863-465-4331 before Monday, Oct. 8.

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
2018 GENERAL ELECTION
HIGHLANDS COUNTY CANVASSING
BOARD EVENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the meetings of the Highlands County Canvassing Board will be held as follows not beginning before:

- October 17, 2018
1:00 p.m. Logic and Accuracy Testing
- October 22, 2018
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8:30 a.m. Vote by Mail Ballots
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- November 5, 2018
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- November 6, 2018
ELECTION DAY Official Canvassing Board Duties per Florida Statute
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- November 8, 2018
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ANOTHER VIEW

The politics of red tide

Ocala Star-Banner on the politics of red tide:

Science is hard.
So is politics.

Science combined with politics is really hard.

Ask Michael Crosby, the chief executive officer of the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, who has been swept up in the politics of red tide science.

Red tides, including the episode that has ravaged the Southwest Florida coast this summer and threatens to linger, have long been the subject of study by Mote and other science-based organizations.

This isn't the first time harmful algal blooms have devastated marine life, decimated the tourist-based economy and caused respiratory ailments among residents and visitors. The 2005-06 and 1994-96 events, for example, had similar impacts.

But the current event, which has dissipated but not disappeared, has created an unprecedented level of public outrage and political reaction for at least four powerful reasons: the intensity of the outbreak and its impacts on wildlife and businesses; the popularity of social media, which is spreading images of tons of fish washed up onshore, as well as fact and fiction; dramatic photographs of bright, blue-green freshwater algae making their way from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico; an election year that features closely fought, high-profile campaigns for state and federal offices.

Red tides have put Mote Marine on the defensive in the past, due in part to widely held expectations that the research institute should have found a cure for the harmful algal blooms by now.

Tensions have been exacerbated recently as Gov. Rick Scott, whose commitment to limiting nutrient-level runoff has been questioned, proposed increased funding for research and testing by Mote and other organizations.

Last Monday, when new state initiatives were unveiled during a press conference at Mote, Crosby was asked to reconcile the sudden political interest in red tide with regulatory and environmental decisions made in Florida during the past decade.

Caught between a rock and a hard place, Crosby responded truthfully yet defensively, warning against blaming individual politicians, including Scott, for red tide — a naturally occurring phenomenon observed for centuries.

Indeed, the conditions that created the freshwater blooms and fueled red tide have been brewing for decades.

But the challenge for Mote, credible environmental organizations, business interests and the public is to leverage the political outrage that has emerged to demonstrate the need for continued research aimed at pinpointing the most cost-effective strategies for minimizing red tide's effects.

The same sustained energy is necessary to promote investment in applied science that could — emphasis on "could" — lead to the discovery and implementation of effective mitigation measures that don't cause negative, unintended consequences.

Crosby said he applauded the "renewed focus" on red tide and "strategic" investments in research, no matter the timing and political season. We do too.

But, a serious threat to achieving these goals is the "out of sight (and smell), out of mind" syndrome.

Here is the question about the science of politics: Once this red tide dissipates and returns offshore, will currently outraged Floridians continue to demand change with the force that makes elected officials respond as if their political careers are at stake?

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Jokes abound, but political divide no laughing matter



GUEST COLUMN

Tom Purcell

With all the vitriol in our politics — with all the disagreement that is tearing our country apart — we could all use some levity about now.

Here's one joke I think we can all agree with:

A man wearing a ski mask jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun against his ribs. "Give me your money," said the mugger.

"You can't do this," said the well-dressed man. "I'm a U.S. congressman!"

"In that case," said the mugger, "give me MY money!"

Being a parent is more challenging than ever. We live in a time when parents must censor C-SPAN!

Which reminds me of the one about the father who used the never-ending shenanigans in Washington to teach his son an important lesson.

"Son, you should never steal, lie or cheat."

"Why, Dad?"

"Because the government hates competition!"

The U.S. Senate is agitating millions of Americans. The allegedly august body of distinguished minds is

barbershop on Capitol Hill. The barber, thanking him for his service, says "No charge." The next morning, the barber finds a thank-you note from the minister.

A few days later a police officer gets his hair cut. The barber, thanking the officer for his service, says "No charge." The next morning, the barber finds a thank-you note from the police officer.

A few days after that, a senator gets his hair cut. The barber, thanking the senator for his service, says "No charge." The next morning, as he arrives at his shop, a dozen senators are waiting on the stoop.

Public discourse is suffering in our country right now — one could argue it is non-existent, which is a dangerous turn for our country.

According to dictionary.com, "discourse" is "communication of thought by words; talk; conversation." Thoughtful conversation is how we arrive at political consensus — how we vote for political leaders, make our laws, pick our judges.

Thoughtful conversation — not shouting and

name-calling — is the only way to iron out disagreements in both our personal and public lives.

Thoughtful conversation — thoughtful public discourse — is the bedrock of an orderly, well-functioning republic.

God knows we're short on thoughtful conversation at this moment — at our own peril.

To that end, I hope we can all agree on this one:

A couple was touring the capitol in Washington, and the guide pointed out a tall, benevolent gentleman as the congressional chaplain. The lady asked, "What does the chaplain do? Does he pray for the Senate or House?"

"No," said the tour guide. "He gets up, looks at both houses of Congress, then prays for the country!"

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist and is nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc. Send comments to Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

ANOTHER VIEW

History repeats itself

Today we have what is called a repeat of history. A "he said, she said" situation among involving key people in our government. At this time we do not know who to believe but we know the key persons involved know what the truth is.

Other politicians and former presidents have been involved in similar situations or hot water not always involving sexually allegations. Hopefully the FBI investigation will find indisputable evidence allowing everyone to know the truth making it unnecessary to just believe anyone. I hope so.

LeRoy Esler
Sebring

Scott doesn't deserve to be senator

Where are we after eight years of Rick Scott as governor? Scott used to run a national health care company, so he should know a lot about health care. He opposed Obamacare. Scott refused federal money to expand Medicaid, a decision made in 2015.

What are the results? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that 1 in 5 Floridians still doesn't have health insurance. According to the Florida Department of Corrections, "Many inmates have not had regular access to any form

of health care prior to being sentenced." According to the Commonwealth Fund, Florida is fourth from the bottom among states in the quality of health care. Only Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mississippi are worse.

Take a look at the Florida state prison system. Since 2013 the prison population is down by almost 5,000 inmates but inmate deaths have gone up every year. Deaths of inmates went up 49 percent between 2013 and 2017. Deaths attributed to "accident," including drug overdoses, rose from 8 to 59.

Observers, including prison guards, say that drugs are getting into the prisons. Synthetic marijuana is the drug that causes most of the overdoses, fatal and otherwise. Nearly 132 pounds of synthetic marijuana were confiscated from prisoners during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Some blame the low pay of prison guards for the strong temptation to smuggle it in. The governor must take responsibility.

Rick Scott has done a bad job as governor and doesn't deserve to be our senator.

Dale Gillis
Sebring

Plenty of facts were heard

I am writing in response to Catherine Bergen's letter in the Sept. 30 Letters to the Editor section about her statement, "Republican

senators went into meltdown. No facts please, just a circus."

The "facts" I heard during the "circus" hearing briefly stated are:

Dr. Ford under oath stated that Judge Kavanaugh at an unknown time and place had attacked her sexually and described the attack of her fear and terror, and those that were at the scene. She remembered the names of the five persons that were at the scene beside herself to include Judge Kavanaugh as the attacker. She also stated that she did not remember how she got home that night.

Judge Kavanaugh under oath denied every doing what Dr. Ford accused him of to her or anyone else, he admitted that he enjoy drinking beer and maybe too much on occasion. He also pointed out his record as a student, Judge and service to administrations he had serve in. He described his role as a husband and father.

Three sworn statements by those that Dr. Ford identified as being at the event, basically stating that they did not witness anything like Dr. Ford's statement alleged, Sen. Ted Cruz showed by waving them in the air.

Over 60 women who were students, co workers, or supervised by Judge Kavanaugh signed a statement saying that he had never displayed to them anything close to what Dr.

Ford had charged him with.

As for the Republican Senators all that I saw and heard stated that Dr. Ford had a made compelling and heartfelt statement, I did not see or hear any Democrat Senator extend the same reassurance to Judge Kavanaugh.

According to Dr. Ford there are only six people that witnessed this but the one that knows everything to include the intent of the heart will be the final Judge the Lord Jesus Christ will make the final decision. I pray that whoever is in the wrong will get it right before they breathe their last breath, for He tells us in His Word how He will judge in that day if they don't get it right. Deuteronomy 19:15-19 (HCSB) "One witness cannot establish any wrongdoing or sin against a person, whatever that person has done. A fact must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If a malicious witness testifies against someone accusing him of a crime, the two people in the dispute must stand in the presence of the LORD before the priests and judges in authority at the time. The judges are to make a careful investigation, and if the witness turns out to be a liar who has falsely accused his brother, you must do to him as he intended to do to his brother. You must purge the evil from you."

John Lunn
Lake Placid

CANCER

FROM PAGE 1A

in T-shirts. While in middle school, Reiss saw her mother's best friend and her second mother, "Momma Gail," lose a battle to cancer. In her senior year her mother got diagnosed.

Reiss' mother is now cancer free for 10 years, a major milestone, she said.

Chief Deputy Tim Eures, over Highlands County Fire and Rescue, lost his father a year after diagnosis 12 years ago.

He also lost a friend who started fighting fires when he did. Eures and Steve Whitney were among nine firefighters hired in 1978 to man Sebring Fire Department Station 15, then a brand new substation on U.S. 27.

Whitney eventually went to Cape Canaveral to serve with the U.S. Air Force Fire Department and Kennedy Space Center Fire Department. He died in 2018.

"To be around him, you realize your problems are very minuscule," Eures said: He never let anyone



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

County Commissioner Ron Handley, second from the left, talks with, from left, Business Services Director Chris Benson and Road and Bridge Director Kyle Green. Handley is wearing a T-shirt, printed up for a county-run fundraiser, to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raise funds to help some pay for cancer screenings.

know he was tired. "Because he was a firefighter, he looked at cancer as a fire," Eures added.

Fighting aggressively, with determination courage and hope, Whitney would "knock the fire back," knowing the "fire" could come back "more determined," Eures said.

"Ultimately, sometimes, the fire doesn't go out,"

Eures said. "Steve was firm in his belief. Around him, he made you laugh."

Eures said cancer prevention is also like fire prevention: Constantly checking for trouble spots and staying aware to fight a fire as soon as it starts, not letting it get ahead of you.

Recovering after cancer, Eures said, is like a fire, asking if there were ways to detect it sooner, fight harder with better technology or just put more water on it.

"It may only take one more gallon of water, but it goes out," Eures said. "Fighting cancer, that's money."

County Commissioner Jack Richie lost his wife. His daughter has had to have surgery for breast cancer, and his son has cancer, too.

"What astounds me, all the money given to find a solution to cancer, and we're not even close to getting it," Richie said. "(Cancer) is just an evil thing that's plaguing the people of the world."

Anything that would help, Richie said, he would do. That's why when Bashoor suggested

the T-shirt fundraiser, he and other county commissioners jumped at it.

A few other officials who have sported T-shirts this week include:

- County Administrator Randy Vosburg, whose family has lost members to cancer.

- County Commissioner Ron Handley, who lost his father along with some of his employees, and has seen his wife and daughter-in-law battle the disease.

- County Commissioner Don Elwell, whose cousins, aunt and grandparents fought cancer.

- County Commissioner Greg Harris, who has lost friends, but no family members.

Assistant County Administrator Tasha Morgan, County Attorney Joy Carmichael and other county staff sported the

shirts at Tuesday's county commission meeting.

It takes an emotional toll and a financial toll, Reiss said. The whole point of selling the shirts is to start up a fund to make sure people get tested.

"We all want to get to the point someday when there aren't any 'fires,'" Eures said. "We will do whatever we can to assist and get people's lives back in order: Whatever will put the 'fire' out."

Reiss checked with Bashoor Thursday. He said there aren't plans to print more T-shirts, so those who want one of the 50 left — large and extra-large sizes — should email Bashoor at chiefbashoor@gmail.com or visit hcf2.captainhawk.net.

People can also call the Emergency Operations Center at 863-385-1112.



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Young firefighters pose in 1978 at Sebring Fire Department's historic downtown station before heading off to man the then-new Station 15. Tim Eures, second from the right, is now chief deputy over Highlands County Fire and Rescue.



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Also on the City Council agenda:

- Resolution suspending Cyrus Wyche from the Southside CRA Advisory Board.
- Request to consider the Amended 2019

Holiday Calendar.

• First amendment to the City Attorney contract.

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In this photo courtesy of Battle of the Bands, Anna Marie Feeney, middle, is with Sebring Moose Lodge members in 2017.

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places like Spring Lake Improvement District. There, district supervisors paid for storm water mitigation through water management districts. They now have a \$6.8 million, 750,000 cubic-yard lake bed, 1.47 miles in diameter that takes runoff from a 4,000-acre area and holds up to 9.5 million cubic feet (71 million gallons) before discharging into Arbuckle Creek. Elwell said the county might not be able to pay for all the studies. Howerton agreed, which is why he wanted them ranked.

Susie Bishop, executive director of Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District, said her agency might also be able to help with the 25 percent match, but not with administering the grant or running the project. "I'm a staff of one," Bishop said.

She said with all the agricultural lands in the Soil and Water District, her agency's biggest concern is preserving water quality, not managing quantity.

Watersheds to study were ranked, by county commissioners, as follows:

- Jack Creek watershed, which is currently under study by SWFWMD.
- The Lake Haven/ Orange Blossom Estates/ Silver Fox areas.
- Sebring Country Estates and Sebring Hills subdivisions.
- Sebring Falls area.
- Lake Lotela watershed.

The final vote was 3-1 in favor of the list. Commissioner Jack Richie dissented because watershed designations were looking at population, not topography.

The studies, he said, should also account for driveways and small drainage pipes. Most of these subdivisions had no plans for drainage when they were platted, he said, and water dynamics would change once more people build homes.

Howerton said avoiding flooded homes and roads is the biggest concern with these studies. Some places, like Lake Lotela Drive, got close to having flooded homes.

He said his biggest concern is not having places to put the water when an Irma-type event returns.

Sebring Country Estates and Sebring Hills, located respectively behind WalMart and Lakeshore Mall, had a lot of flooding because of insufficient drainage in their 1960s plats, Howerton said.

The area is mostly flat, Howerton said. What water does flow goes to Thunderbird Road, then across and under U.S. 27 to The Shops at Shelby Crossing.

Commission Chair Greg Harris asked why the Florida Department of Transportation didn't address drainage problems 15-20 years ago when it added lanes to U.S. 27. "It wasn't raining," Handley said.

Howerton also said the county has seen above-average rainfall for the last four to five years. Both the water table and lake levels are high now, he said, leaving no place for heavy rains.

GENTRY

FROM PAGE 1A

the eco park to give him the vision of what the monument might be and where it may be placed. The eco park is a natural setting with white cranes and blue herons that play among the reeds in the water. There is pavilion-style picnic tables and a paved loop that meanders around the lake. Intermittently placed around the lake are benches to sit and

reflect. Decerbo said that the senior Gentry was very pleased and grateful with the idea and place for the memorial. The memorial will be about a mile from his home and he told Decerbo he would visit the memorial every day. Although still in the works, Decerbo sees the monument as having a picture of Gentry with his K-9 partner Roni. The board would also like to see cue stick(s) worked into the memorial also, as he was renown for the

handmade creations. Gentry was an animal lover and worked with Roni and in addition to him, he also owned other dogs, Sika, Chubbs and Link. Gentry's father told Decerbo that one of the last things Gentry asked his father was to take care of his dogs. "We just want William Gentry to be remembered," Decerbo said. "This will be first class. This deputy was shot in the line of duty, trying to keep others safe. His death really affected our

community." Decerbo said the monument would be worthy of the brave hero. After his death, Gentry was a hero to many as his donated organs saved or changed the lives of others. "Most memorials will have crosses or flowers and will fade," Decerbo said. "This will last forever."

The sheriff's office is working in conjunction with the district to fund the project. The two entities will work together to find the funds for the monument. "It doesn't matter what it costs, we will find the money," said Decerbo. "We will have a garage sale and special events to raise it. This family is loved by our community."



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A memorial to Deputy William Gentry Jr. is planned for the eco park at Spring Lake.

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SECTION B

Miners dig out of hole, defeat Red Devils



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Jalen Turner tracks down Fort Meade's Kamron Simmons after a small gain.

By **JIM TAYLOR**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Red Devils could not overcome second half turnovers and miscues as they gave up a 14-6 lead to lose to the Fort Meade Miners 21-14 at Joe Franza Stadium in Avon Park on Friday night.

The loss drops the Red Devils to 5-2 on the season, but they may have also lost their standout defensive end Dah'Quan Braswell for the rest of

the season with a severe ankle injury suffered just before the half.

"We came out strong, I am happy with how we played, we played well," said Avon Park coach Jerry Hudnell. "We lost three fumbles, two in or near the red zone and the interception at the end. That has been the story of the season, turnover, turnover, turnover. We give the ball away, we give short fields, we can't do that against good teams."

Avon Park came out

strong after forcing Fort Meade to punt on their first possession. Starting from their own 12-yard line, they went 88 yards in 15 plays.

The drive was nearly jeopardized with an all-too common muffed snap that eventually put Avon Park in a 3rd-and-23 at the Miners' 43. Tyrek Dunlap completed passes to Javarius Smith and Xavier Holdman.

Smith caught a pass for 17 yards that still left them short of the first down, and the Red

Devils went for it on 4th-and-6 and Holdman's 14-yard reception gave Avon Park a first down at Fort Meade's 12 yard line.

Three plays later, Dunlap scored on a 3-yard run and with the extra point by Cameron Bolen, the Red Devils led 7-0 late in the first quarter.

Fort Meade answered on their next drive, scoring on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by

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Blue Streaks blank Kathleen



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

A host of Blue Streaks chase down Kathleen's quarterback, William McDonald, in Friday night's shutout.



Sebring's Norris Taylor (1) hands the ball off to Devion Littles (7) who runs the ball down field in Friday night's game against Kathleen.

By **RUTH ANNE LAWSON**
STAFF WRITER

LAKELAND — The Sebring Blue Streaks blanked the Kathleen Red Devils in Friday night's game. The Blue Streaks defeated the Red Devils 26-0. Tensions were high as the game ended with a fight and Sebring being escorted off the field. The win raised Sebring's record to an impressive 5-1 for the season.

In the first quarter, Sebring's Jabari Knighten made a big interception with 11:38 left in the first. Later in the quarter Knighten ran the ball to the 2-yard line but it is met by a host of Red Devils that strip the ball from his hands. Sebring's Kasey Hawthorne scoops the ball up and runs it in for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt was no good giving the Blue Streaks a 6-0 lead with 4:58 left in the first

quarter.

"It was a great game," said Sebring coach Lavaar Scott. "We came out and played two halves. We played pretty tough defensively and offensively. Our offense did what we needed to do when we had possession and it was a pretty good game for us."

"Everyone played well and did their jobs. We came out and executed. I am very proud of them. We have been playing some pretty good opponents and didn't get a shutout. Tonight we played a 7A team and got the shutout."

The Blue Streaks were on their own 23-yard line when quarterback, DJ Williams, ran the ball down field for a 77-yard touchdown. C.D. Lamadine kicked the extra point furthering Sebring's lead to 13-0 with 4:05 left in the half.

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HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER
Dave Douglass

New moon fishing heats up

The freshwater fishing forecast for the second week of October gives anglers the new moon phase and a rainy season weather forecast. The lunar perigee occurred two days ago and the new moon occurs Monday, which makes for a strong new moon.

And as is always the case with new and full moons, there will be three daytime periods in which fish will be active above the normal 28-day feed-rate average, all centered on the three solar events — solar noon, sunset and sunrise.

The weather forecast for this week would be perfect if not for the prediction of significant cloud-cover starting today and remaining above 75 percent until the weekend. This will greatly decrease oxygen production and this will in turn cause fish to digest food very slowly.

So you can expect the morning bite to suffer first and increasingly become worse until bright sunny days return — forecast for Saturday. Secondly the evening bite will suffer, especially if there is significant rainfall to go with the cloud-cover. And the midday bite should remain constant due to the atmospheric pressure increase period being enough influence to trigger adjustment activity upward, sunshine or not.

We start today with a perfect steady east fishing wind in the 9-12 mile-per-hour range. Wednesday it switches to a south wind at 8-10 mph and declines further Thursday through Sunday to a weak 5 mph southwesterly wind.

When there is a steady consistent wind pattern for an extended period of days, fish populations follow the wind-driven members of the lake's food-chain to the windy side of the lake. Since an easterly direction wind has prevailed over the past few weeks — sometimes slightly north or south but predominately easterly direction — the larger part of the populations will be on the western, northwestern and southwestern areas of the lake shorelines and the east, northeast and southeast shoreline areas of islands.

When fishing the windy, wave-action areas of the lake, remember to select darker colored baits due to the increased turbidity levels. Using noise makers such as glass and metal

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DeSoto downs Dragons in defensive battle

By **ALLEN MOODY**
HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

LAKE PLACID — The effort was there. So was the intensity. The only thing missing was the one big play that would have given Lake Placid a win Friday, as the DeSoto Bulldogs were able to come away with a 16-8 victory at Roger Scarborough Memorial Stadium on homecoming for the Green Dragons.

The Green Dragon defense was outstanding the whole game, with DeSoto's only offensive touchdown coming in the final minute of the game,

when Lake Placid elected to let the Bulldogs score in order to get the ball back with a chance to tie the game.

After a scoreless first quarter, things picked up a bit in the second quarter, as the Bulldogs got on the scoreboard first. With Lake Placid pushed back to its own 9-yard line, the Green Dragons were forced to punt and a high, short punt took a bounce back towards the Lake Placid goal where it scooped up by DeSoto and taken 17 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. Daniel Coronel's extra-point made it 7-0 Bulldogs with

10:55 left in the first half.

The DeSoto defense was up to the challenge themselves and the score remained 7-0 until late in the second quarter when the Dragons took over on the DeSoto 17 following an errant pass that was actually a backwards lateral recovered by Lake Placid.

Katwan Ward gained seven yards on two carries and Shamar Mitchell was stopped at the line of scrimmage to bring up 4th-and-3 at the Bulldog 10 and Javarie White picked up five yards to give Lake Placid 1st-and-goal. But the drive started

going backwards and Lake Placid was faced with a 4th-and-goal at DeSoto's 22.

Mitchell floated one up down the right side of the field and Quwesmael Sholtz caught the ball near the 5 and ran into the end zone for a touchdown. Mitchell connected with Jacqueaz Binvs for the 2-point conversion to give Lake Placid an 8-7 lead with 2:34 left in the half.

The score remained 8-7 until DeSoto tacked on a safety with 2:51 remaining in the third quarter when the Dragons were pinned



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Lake Placid's Quwesmael Sholtz gets brought down after picking up some yardage in Friday's game with DeSoto.

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DRAGONS

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deep and attempted to punt from their 5. A high snap forced Sholtz to try and escape the DeSoto pressure and the officials said he stepped out of the end zone, giving the Bulldogs two points and a 9-8 lead.

Following an interception by Lake Placid's Izayah Patterson and an exchange of punts, the Green Dragons had good field position at their own 47. A 12-yard completion from Mitchell to Ward was wiped out for a penalty and Lake Placid went back to the well one more time with

a high pass to Sholtz down the right side of the field. Sholtz came down with the ball, but the official ruled the typical defensive back/wide receiver jostling that takes place was a bit too severe and flagged the Dragons for offensive pass interference.

Following an interception, the Bulldogs took over on the Green Dragon 15. On 4th-and-1, Lake Placid jumped offsidess, giving DeSoto the ball on the Green Dragon 3 with just over a minute to go. Rather than line up in 'victory formation' the Bulldogs came out in their standard offense and Lake Placid coach Andy Judah

hollered at his players to let them score if they ran a play, which they did and scored a TD with 48 seconds remaining.

Even with Coronel making the extra-point, the score was 16-8 and the Dragons got the ball one final time, but time ran off the clock and the Bulldogs held on.

The Dragons had a few miscues on the field, but Judah said that's on him and he was proud of the fight the team showed.

"They played hard," Judah said. "We're an undisciplined team and that falls on me. I'm the coach."

The Green Dragons travel to LaBelle on Friday to face the Cowboys.



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Lake Placid's Will Taylor (50) wraps up a DeSoto ball carrier during Friday's game.

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Braves, Rockies on verge of elimination

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Dodgers head to Atlanta full of confidence after consecutive shutouts gave them a commanding 2-0 lead over the Braves in their National League Division Series, while the Colorado Rockies hope a change of scenery awakens their bats a little bit, as they've managed just two runs in two games against the Milwaukee Brewers.

And they face some daunting history: only three times have teams that trailed 2-0 rallied to win a best-of-five playoff series under the 2-2-1 format.

Atlanta was outscored 9-0 and outthit 10-9 in losing the first two games at Dodger Stadium, where Los Angeles slugged five homers.

Game 3 is tonight at SunTrust Park, with Kevin Gausman expected to take the mound for the Braves. He was 5-3 with a 2.87 ERA in 10 starts after Atlanta acquired him from Baltimore at the July 31 trade deadline in a six-player deal.

The Baby Braves ran into back-to-back dominant pitchers in Hyun-Jin Ryu and Clayton Kershaw in Los Angeles. Atlanta didn't advance a runner past second base in Game 1 and twice got runners to third in Game 2, but couldn't score.

"We need to go out there and string some hits together, a couple big innings," shortstop Charlie Culberson said.

They might be hard-pressed to do that against rookie Walker Buehler,



Atlanta Braves base runner Ronald Acuna walks off the field after the final out in a 3-0 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 2 of a baseball National League Division Series on Friday in Los Angeles.

who starts Game 3 for the Dodgers having drawn comparisons to ace Kershaw.

"Obviously, it's a big spot," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said, "but he continues to kind of surpass all expectations."

Buehler, a 24-year-old right-hander, last pitched on Monday, allowing one hit in 6 2/3 innings and striking out three in the NL West tiebreaker victory over the Rockies.

"I kind of look at it as like a baby step," Buehler said about having pitched in a crucial regular-season Game 163. "Obviously, this will be my first playoff game. But 163 has got to be somewhere between a regular game and a playoff game. I'm just kind of going with the same game plan and try and stay

under control."

The Braves closed the regular season with three losses in their last five games, managing just one run in those defeats.

"We've got to start scoring some runs and hopefully we can do that in front of our home crowd," said first baseman Freddie Freeman, who was 1 for 8 with two strikeouts in the first two games.

Braves leadoff hitter Ronald Acuna Jr. fared only slightly better, going 2 for 8 with two strikeouts. Center fielder Ender Inciarte went 2 for 6 with two strikeouts, while cleanup hitter Nick Markakis was 1 for 7 with two strikeouts in the two losses.

"This team's better when we've had our backs

against the wall," Inciarte said. "We've shocked a lot of people already — we can do it again."

Colorado hitters missing the mark

Chris Iannetta made contact, all right.

He slammed his bat over his right knee, splitting it in half after a strikeout with the potential tying run at third base in the seventh inning.

Connecting with the ball? Not so much.

It was the same old story for the Colorado Rockies in Game 2 of the NL Division Series: Their power-laden lineup couldn't score runs.

No wonder they're down 2-0 in the series following a 4-0 loss on Friday at Miller Park. Game 3 is Sunday in Denver, with the Rockies

sending German Marquez to the mound against Milwaukee's Wade Miley.

Facing elimination, maybe the thin mountain air will do Colorado some good.

"You just keep fighting through it and having good at-bats," manager Bud Black said. "So we've got to keep fighting the good fight."

The Rockies finished among the major league leaders in several offensive categories this year. But they've scored just six runs in four games since slugging five homers in a 12-0 victory over Washington on Sunday that left them tied for the NL West lead after 162 games.

They dropped a tie-breaker with the Dodgers for the division title and then squeaked out a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs in the wild card game before taking their quiet bats to Milwaukee.

Colorado's three All-Stars — center fielder Charlie Blackmon, third baseman Nolan Arenado and shortstop Trevor Story — are a combined 3 for 23 in the series with two RBIs — both in the ninth inning of Game 1, which the Rockies lost 3-2 in 10 innings.

Take away that rally and it's a series shutout for Milwaukee. Colorado stranded nine runners in Game 2.

"It's been a tough past couple days for us offensively, there's no denying that," Story said. "We're going home and we feel confident that we can turn it around."

Story's struggles might

be the most puzzling. He had seven homers and 18 RBIs against Milwaukee in the regular season.

"The last few games have been a little bit tough. And they've been rough for a lot of guys now," Black said.

The frustration was epitomized by Iannetta's bat-breaking at-bat.

"I got a slider over the middle of the plate that I thought I was on," Iannetta explained, "but I was obviously out in front of."

Another lament for the Rockies' punchless sluggers: Their pitchers are keeping it close.

Game 2 starter Tyler Anderson allowed just one run on four hits, walking two and striking out five over six innings in his first postseason start.

Reliever Scott Oberg allowed hits to Hernan Perez and Travis Shaw to put runners on first and third to open the seventh. But Oberg fanned the next three hitters to get out of the inning.

The Colorado offense showed a little life again in the ninth when Gerardo Parra had a leadoff single off Jeffress.

Two strikeouts and a harmless bouncer to second later, the game was over.

Their season may be over soon if they don't start hitting in Game 3.

"I feel like we're going to score every inning," Anderson said. "Just because we haven't, it doesn't leave any doubt in my mind that we're going to score in the first on Sunday."



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The Blue Streaks regained possession and make it to Kathleen's 20-yard line. Williams passed to Jaray Harrison who was brought down on the 1-yard line. The Red Devils pushed the Blue Streaks back to the 7-yard line. Sebring attempted a field goal, but it was blocked with six seconds remaining in the first half and the Blue Streaks led 13-0 at the intermission.

Sebring received the kickoff at the start of the second half. The Blue Streaks inched their way to Kathleen's 48-yard line. Hawthorne maneuvered his way down field past several defenders

and found his way into the endzone for another Sebring touchdown. The 48-yard run extended Sebring's lead to 19-0 with 9:37 left in the third quarter.

"We had a good game," said Jabari Knighten. "We played good defense and offense and we came out early. I got a pick and no one caught a pass on me. It made me feel good cause we got momentum early."

"I think we have a good team this season and just can't wait to finish it off. We are going to get in the weight room and watch some film to get ready for Lake Wales. We are going to practice hard and regain our strength. I love the coach staff and this season I want get a pick,

touchdown and punt return all in one game. Our team goal is to be district champions."

The Blue Streaks were on the Red Devils' 45-yard line when Williams passed the ball down field to wide open Norris Taylor who ran it in for a touchdown. Lamadine made the extra point widening Sebring's lead to 26-0 with 6:57 left in the third quarter.

The game ended with a brawl on the field. Referees, Deputies and coaches struggled to separate the players involved. Players and parents charged the field as officials tried to calm things down and figure out what happened.

Tensions were high and the game ended early with :45 seconds left on the clock.

"I don't know what happened at the end of tonight's game," Scott said. "One of Kathleen's kids said one our kids kicked him and I tried to break that fight up. The refs could have done a better job of corralling it, but tensions were high. I think our kids did the right thing and we will look at film to make sure, but I think most of our players did the right thing."

The Blue Streaks will have an extra week to get ready for a tough Lake Wales team.

"We have a bye week next week and it is coming at the right time," Scott said. "We will be playing Lake Wales and it is going to be a big game. We need this rest."

The Sebring Blue Streaks will travel to Lake Wales to face the Highlanders Friday Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in a Class 6A-District 8 game.



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Sebring's quarterback, DJ Williams, maneuvers his way past Kathleen's defense and finds his way into the end zone for a touchdown in Friday night's shutout.



Sebring quarterback, DJ Williams, makes a pass during Friday night's victory against Kathleen.

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My personal favorite artificial bait this time of year is anything which is very short, very fat and real heavy, which produces intense action and vibration when retrieved at the slowest speeds possible — move one inch, pause, then move or bump it forward and pause, move it six inches in three seconds and pause, then...tighten the line but don't move the bait forward, repeat four-step procedure.

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and perhaps in some lakes with enough depth, the sunrise period.

The Major Fishing Period: Today the moon overhead period occurs at 12:08 p.m. and solar noon at 1:12 p.m. however the atmospheric pressure spike period has been occurring during the mid-to-late morning hours. Therefore a feed rating of 6 to 7 will occur today from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday the rating increases to 7 to 8 and the time will expand to 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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a vehicle or permanent structure. So the time your boat is able to travel from your fishing-hole to one of the two safe-place options, should be less than four minutes.

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Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 39.10 feet above sea level, which is the maximum level in the seasonal management schedule today — 4-5 inches below the annual high level of 39.50 feet. The minimum level currently is 38.75 feet. Today, four S68 spillway gates are closed to remain on schedule.

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

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

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

Fishing from Shorelines: Learn where the deeper water comes closest to shorelines by consulting a lake contour map. There are 45 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.

HighlandsBassAngler.com offers bass fishing guide-trip options, 72 lake-contour maps and additional map sources and fishing philosophy. Personalized custom fishing package options for beginners to professional anglers are available upon request.

Dave Douglass is a bass fishing guide and teacher on 25 lakes, from the towns of Kissimmee to Clewiston. Visit HighlandsBassAngler.com for complete details. Phone: 863-381-8474. Email: DavidPDouglass@hotmail.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pic of father and son, Dave and Chase Strunc of Sebring holding an 11-pound and 3.5-pound bass caught on Istokpoga using the Medlock jig and 7-inch black and blue senko stick bait.

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DEVILS

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Dearrick Howard. The Miners missed the extra point as Avon Park still held a lead at 7-6.

Avon Park threatened with less than two minutes in the half, but lost the first of three fumbles, this one at the Miners' 22 yard line as the Red Devils went into the half leading at 7-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Red Devils scored on the second play of the fourth quarter to complete an 11-play, 70-yard drive with Dunlap scoring his second touchdown of the game to put the Red Devils up by eight, 14-6.

Fort Meade again answered quickly, returning the kickoff to the Red Devils' 40, plus Avon Park was flagged



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Tyrek Dunlap muscled his way in for a 3 yard touchdown run, the first of two for Dunlap against Fort Meade.



Avon Park's Jordan Constant makes a move on a Fort Meade defender while returning a kickoff.

for a facemask penalty put the Miners on Avon

Park's 25.

One play was all that was needed as Howard hit Deandre Gibson on a post pattern for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Fort Meade converted the run to tie the game at 14.

Avon Park lost their second fumble of the game on their next drive, giving Fort Meade the ball on Avon Park's 40.

The Red Devil defense came up big and after a sack for a 13 yard loss, Fort Meade was forced to put from their own 38. A muffed snapped on the punt ended up being a 20-yard loss and a turnover on downs, giving Avon Park the ball on Fort Meade's 18.

Avon Park made it to the 5-yard line before losing their third fumble of the game.

Fort Meade went 95 yards in nine plays, taking advantage of the aggressive nature of the Red Devil defense for an

over the middle screen play from Howard to Kamron Simmons who went 36 yards for the touchdown to put Fort Meade up 21-14 with a 1:46 left in the game.

Avon Park threatened on their last drive, quickly moving to Fort

Meade's 21 with a minute left in the game. Fort Meade squashed the Red Devil's comeback attempt with an interception at the 5-yard line.

The Miners went into victory formation to seal the win over the Red Devils, 21-14.

Howard completed 13 of 17 passes for 135 yard and two touchdowns for the Miners.

Earl Collins led the Red Devils with 111 yards on 17 carries and also caught four passes for 39 yards.

Holdman also had four receptions for 44 as Dunlap completed 9 of 13 passes for 100 yards.

The Red Devils head into a bye week before facing Cardinal Mooney in two weeks at home for homecoming.



Avon Park's Earl Collins III rushed for 111 yards on 17 carries against Fort Meade.



Avon Park's Dah'Quan Braswell wraps up Fort Meade's Kamron Simmons for no gain.

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Banksy artwork self-destructs just after \$1.4 million auction sale

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KAVANAUGH CONFIRMED, SWORN IN

Brett Kavanaugh was quickly sworn in as Supreme Court justice after divided Senate narrowly confirms him

By **ALAN FRAM, LISA MASCARO and MATTHEW DALY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in Saturday night as the 114th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, after a wrenching debate over sexual misconduct and judicial temperament that shattered the Senate, captivated the nation and ushered in an acrimonious new level of polarization — now encroaching on the court that the 53-year-old judge may well swing rightward for decades to come.

Even as Kavanaugh took his oath of office in a quiet private ceremony, not long after the narrowest Senate confirmation in nearly a century and a half, protesters chanted outside the court building across the street from the Capitol.

The climactic 50-48 roll call capped a fight that seized the

national conversation after claims emerged that he had sexually assaulted women three decades ago — allegations he emphatically denied. Those accusations transformed the clash from a routine struggle over judicial ideology into an angry jumble of questions about victims' rights, the presumption of innocence and personal attacks on nominees.

His confirmation provides a defining accomplishment for President Donald Trump and the Republican Party, which found a unifying force in the cause of putting a new conservative majority on the court. Before the sexual accusations grabbed the Senate's and the nation's attention, Democrats had argued that Kavanaugh's rulings and writings as an appeals court judge had raised serious concerns about his views on abortion rights and a president's right to bat away



COLLECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES VIA AP

Retired Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, right, administers the Judicial Oath to Judge Brett Kavanaugh in the Justices' Conference Room of the Supreme Court Building. Ashley Kavanaugh holds the Bible. At left are their daughters, Margaret, background, and Liza.

legal probes.

Trump, flying to Kansas for a political rally, flashed a thumbs-up gesture when the tally was announced and praised Kavanaugh for being "able to withstand this horrible, horrible attack by the Democrats." He later telephoned his congratulations to the new justice, then at the rally returned to his own attack on the Democrats as "an angry left-wing mob."

Like Trump, senators at the Capitol predicted voters would react strongly by defeating the other party's candidates in next month's congressional elections.

"It's turned our base on fire," declared Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. But Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York forecast gains for his party instead: "Change must come from where change in America always begins: the ballot box."

The justices themselves made a quiet show of solidarity. Kavanaugh was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts and the man he's replacing, retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, as fellow Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan looked on — two conservatives and two liberals.

Still, Kagan noted the night before that Kennedy has been "a person who found the center" and "it's not so clear we'll have that" now.

Noisy to the end, the Senate battle featured a call of the roll that was interrupted several times by protesters shouting in the spectators' gallery before Capitol Police removed them. Vice President Mike Pence presided, his potential tie-breaking vote unnecessary.

Trump has now put his stamp on the court with his second justice in as many years. Yet Kavanaugh is joining under a

cloud. Accusations from several women remain under scrutiny, and House Democrats have pledged further investigation if they win the majority in November. Outside groups are culling an unusually long paper trail from his previous government and political work, with the National Archives and Records Administration expected to release a cache of millions of documents later this month.

Kavanaugh, a father of two, strenuously denied the allegations of Christine Blasey Ford, who says he sexually assaulted her when they were teens. An appellate court judge on the District of Columbia circuit for the past 12 years, he pushed for the Senate vote as hard as Republican leaders — not just to reach this capstone of his legal career, but in fighting to clear his name.

After Ford's allegations, Democrats and their allies became engaged as seldom before, though there were obvious echoes of Thomas' combative confirmation over the sexual harassment accusations of Anita Hill, who worked for him at two federal agencies. Protesters began swarming Capitol Hill, creating a tense, confrontational atmosphere that put Capitol Police on edge.

As exhausted senators prepared for Saturday's vote, some were flanked by security guards.

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AP PHOTO

Activists chant as they are arrested by Capitol Hill Police officers after occupying the steps on the East Front of the U.S. Capitol as they protest the confirmation vote of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Capitol Hill, Saturday in Washington.

Melania Trump puts on happier face during Africa tour

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — It took Melania Trump's first big solo international trip for her to show a different side of herself — a playful, less serious one.

And while she generously dished out warm smiles and happy waves, the first lady also used her four-nation tour of Africa to draw some firmer boundaries between her own views and those of her husband the president.

"I don't always agree with what he says and I tell him that," the first lady told reporters Saturday against the backdrop of the Great Sphinx before she headed back to Washington. "But I have my own voice and my own opinions and it's very important for me that I express what I feel."

The U.S. first lady fop-scotched across Africa without President Donald Trump, commanding a spotlight that was hers alone. In doing her own thing, the very private



AP PHOTO

First lady Melania Trump walks with children as she visits the Nest Orphanage in Limuru, Kenya, Friday. The first lady is visiting Africa on her first big solo international trip, aiming to make child well-being the focus of a five-day, four-country tour.

first lady essentially peeled back the curtain ever so slightly as she wiped away the serious face she wears around Washington.

She demonstrated her independence from her husband in ways large and small — like talking up U.S. foreign aid that

he's tried to slash and ignoring the Fox-only edict that the president imposes on the screen when he's aboard Air Force One.

The first lady also did a few things she's never done before, like wave to journalists as she boarded a U.S. government

aircraft for the grueling five-day tour across multiple time zones. With big smiles on her face — sometimes paired with the unfamiliar sound of her laughter — she cuddled babies and bottle-fed young elephants.

MELANIA | 4

FDA expands use of cervical cancer vaccine up to age 45

By **LINDA A. JOHNSON**
AP MEDICAL WRITER

U.S. regulators Friday expanded the use of Merck's cervical cancer vaccine to adults up to age 45.

The vaccine was previously only for preteens and young adults through 26. The Food and Drug Administration approved Gardasil 9 for women and men through 45.

The vaccine protects against the human papilloma virus — or HPV — which can cause cervical cancer, certain other cancers and genital

warts. The virus is very common and is spread through sex. In most cases, HPV doesn't cause any problems, but some infections persist and eventually lead to cancer.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates about 14 million people become newly infected with HPV each year, mostly teens and young adults.

Gardasil was originally approved for girls in 2006 and later for boys — partly to reduce the

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MERCK VIA AP

This undated image provided by Merck on Friday shows a vial and packaging for the Gardasil 9 vaccine.

Homecoming parade has new significance for Andrew Gillum

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — Walking a parade route isn't a new concept for politicians, but there was a particular significance when Andrew Gillum participated in Florida A&M's homecoming celebration.

Gillum began his political career as a student at the historically black university and he returned home Saturday as Florida's first black nominee for governor. The Democrat was given a hero's welcome as he walked the homecoming parade with his wife R. Jai and their children. The crowd roared as he bounced to each side of the street as campaign volunteers tossed candy to children along the route. He hugged supporters, held children and posed for selfies — lots of selfies.

And the history he could make if he wins in November wasn't lost on the crowd.

"You're going to do it!" exclaimed 49-year-old Latreva Stallworth, sitting with her granddaughter on her lap as Gillum greeted her. "I'm praying, Baby! I'm praying! Yes, Lord."

Gillum was 23 when he became the youngest person elected to Tallahassee's city commission while attending Florida A&M in 2003. He decided to run after organizing a protest over a local rooming house ordinance that said no more than three unrelated students could live in a building. He remembers after he and other students gave their argument, a commissioner made a joke that students were like houseguests. "We like to have you come, but we can't wait to see you go," Gillum recalled the commissioner saying, prompting laughter from the other officials.

"It just sort of pricked me, and I thought, 'You know what? I'm running for city commission,'" said Gillum, now 39. "I remember it like it was yesterday. Our slogan was 'A chance.'"

Gillum, now Tallahassee's mayor, shocked political observers when he won the Aug. 28 primary for governor. He was far outspent by his opponents and had the least presence



AP PHOTOS

Andrew Gillum walks with his wife, R. Jai, and their 1-year-old son Davis during the Florida A&M University homecoming parade on Saturday, in Tallahassee, Gillum hopes to become Florida's first black governor.

on television. He's now facing former U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis for the seat Republican Gov. Rick Scott is leaving after two terms.

Since Gillum's primary victory his campaign has built an enthusiasm around the state. But Saturday's event was even more special for Florida A&M students and alumni. Stallworth beamed as she talked to Gillum, and later said that his nomination reminded her of when Barack Obama was elected the first black president.

"It's just echoing what happened in history with President Obama," she said. "It's the same



Florida Democratic nominee for governor Andrew Gillum participates in the Florida A&M University homecoming parade on Saturday, in Tallahassee.

feeling, almost as if, here it is again — our people. But not only just our people, but for all people."

Gillum is aware of the history he can make, but he's sometimes reluctant to talk about it.

"We try to keep it in perspective about what this moment is. I understand the significance of the historical part, but what I also understand is what it means for all the issues that we're talking about — Medicaid expansion, health care, paying teachers what they're worth and so on and so forth. All that matters," he said as he walked the parade

It's a parade he's watched as a student and marched in as a Tallahassee politician, but this time the energy was amped up now that he's one step away from being governor.

"I feel like I'm home," he said. "I think they own this campaign, and that's what I want them to know."

He's also learned some lessons from past parades. Before he began walking he had advice for his team.

"You know the deal with the candy," he said. "By the time you get to the center, if you're out, you get booted."

HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

Man charged in infant son's death

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A Florida man has been charged in the death of his infant son.

The Florida Times-Union reports that 25-year-old Charles Williams Deas III was arrested Thursday and charged with second-degree murder and aggravated manslaughter of a child by culpable negligence.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office says 3-month-old Ke'Sean Williams Deas died June 8, a day after being hospitalized. Charles Deas told police his son had fallen off a bed while he was in another room.

An autopsy later determined the child died from homicide due to blunt impact head trauma, bleeding and other injuries.

Deas was being held on \$1 million bail. Jail records didn't list an attorney.

Bridge worker's body recovered from river

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Authorities say they've recovered the body of a construction worker who fell into a Florida river during a dredging project near a bridge.

The Florida Times-Union reports that Jacksonville Sheriff's Office found the body Thursday afternoon after several hours of searching the St. Johns River near downtown Jacksonville. Officials didn't immediately identify the worker.

Officials say crews were searching near a group of barges and cranes that are part of a \$126 million Florida Department of Transportation construction project. The project aims to improve the interchange between Interstate 95 and Interstate 10. They're also widening the bridge from three lanes to four in both directions.

The bridge contractor, Archer Western, issued a statement announcing that work on the bridge has been suspended pending an investigation.

Man charged with threatening US senators over Kavanaugh vote

BARTOW (AP) — Authorities say a Florida man threatened to shoot senators who don't support Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the U.S. Supreme Court.

A Polk County Sheriff's Office news release says 53-year-old James Royal Patrick Jr. was arrested Wednesday and charged with making written threats to kill or injure.

Investigators say they received an email tip Wednesday morning about threatening posts Patrick made on this Facebook page last month. Besides threatening Democrats and "weak Republicans" who might oppose Kavanaugh, Patrick also encouraged conservatives to break into liberals' homes and kill them in their sleep.

Deputies say they found a rifle and handgun during a search of Patrick's Winter Haven home. Investigators say Patrick admitted to making the Facebook posts but denied plans to carry out the threats.

Patrick was being held on \$500,000 bail. Jail records didn't list an attorney who could comment.

Newspaper: FBI, US attorney investigate jobs centers

TAMPA (AP) — The FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office have taken over multiple investigations into whether two Florida jobs centers overstated their success at using tax dollars to help people find work.

The Tampa Bay Times reports federal auditors also served notice to Gov. Rick Scott's Department of Economic Opportunity that they are further examining whether the agency has adequate safeguards in place to protect millions in federal tax dollars it doles out to Florida's job placement centers.

The shift to a criminal investigation locally comes months after the newspaper published a series of reports questioning whether CareerSource Pinellas and CareerSource Tampa Bay in Hillsborough County took credit for finding jobs for people who never sought their help.

Dump truck driver dies after being hit by train

PORT ST. LUCIE (AP) — Authorities say a dump trucker driver was found dead in a canal a day after being hit by a train in Florida.

Treasure Coast Newspapers reports that 53-year-old Oslavio Morales was found Friday morning in a rural area west of Port St. Lucie.

Florida Highway Patrol

says Morales was hauling dirt over a set of tracks Thursday afternoon when a train hit the side of the truck and knocked it into the canal. The impact separated the cab from the rest of the truck. The crossing had a stop sign but no arms.

Officials say the train didn't derail. No other injuries were reported.

Deputy accused of sexually battering trainee

LAKELAND (AP) — A Florida sheriff's deputy faces a charge of sexually battering a trainee.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said that Scott Walker met the male trainee last Wednesday so he could help him write reports. At the time, Walker was armed and working an off-duty detail at a residence.

The affidavit says after Walker helped the trainee, he demanded a sex act and reached into the trainee's underwear and sexually battered him.

When the trainee resisted, Walker went to lock the residence, giving the trainee time to text a friend. Concerned that someone knew what was happening, Walker let the trainee go.

Court records show Walker was in jail Saturday and couldn't be reached for comment.

He told investigators he touched the trainee as a joke and only outside his pants.

Officer charged with selling drugs out of squad car

BONIFAY (AP) — Authorities say a police officer from a small town in the Florida Panhandle faces charges he sold opioids out of his squad car while in uniform.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement said Saturday agents arrested Officer Dwayne White at the Bonifay Police Department.

The FDLE says it began an investigation last month at the request of the Holmes County Sheriff's Office.

Agents say they made a controlled purchase of opioid tablets from White, who was selling the drugs out of his marked patrol car while in uniform.

Agents also say he used her personal cell phone for sales.

White is charged with selling a controlled substance and unlawful use of a two-way communications device.

Online records show he was being held in jail and couldn't be reached for comment.

A young man in debt and advice on college

Dear Mr. Berko: Last year, our handsome 31-year-old son finished his bachelor's degree from the University of Florida with a specialty in biology and ecology. We're so proud of him! He got a job down here in Florida at \$38,000 a year, which is the most he could get. He loves his job because it keeps him outside and he gets to help animals.

His problem is the student loan he took out. It totals \$93,000, and now the lender is telling him that he has to pay \$720

a month. He can't afford that because he has auto payments and motorcycle payments (including insurance) of \$1,305 a month. He owes \$16,200 on four credit cards, which he's paying off at \$525 monthly. He also borrowed \$6,500 from his sister several years ago, as well as \$6,500 from us. And we know he owes at least \$7,000 to his sister's friends. Now his sister wants him to begin paying her back, but he can't. He is behind on his rent and doesn't have enough money for food, gas and utilities, and debt collectors are hounding him every day.

My husband and I are thinking of letting him come back in our home.

We could pay off all his debt, and he could pay everyone back after getting back on his feet. Considering your tremendous experience and knowledge, is there any advice you can give us? — SS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dear SS: Yes!

First piece of advice: Before you decide to give your kid a nickel, visit with a lawyer and draft an agreement of terms and restrictions concerning his occupation of your home. This agreement is more important to your personal welfare than the money you may lend him.

That kid is a debt addict. So my second piece of advice is not to give him a Pakistani

penny. If he were my son, I wouldn't let him sleep one night in my home even if the mob were after him. Once he would get a bed, you'd never have any privacy. He's proved that he's a financial stupid. Like a drug addict, he needs to hit bottom and grovel in the gutter till he sees the light.

I feel like the proverbial doctor who is reluctant to give bad news to a spouse, but unless your son marries a stout heiress with a room temperature IQ or knows how to drive a fast boat from Barranquilla to the Keys, he's going to be part of life's growing number of people whom Hillary Clinton calls deplorables. I'm giving you the straight skinny.

You and the University of Florida failed that kid. You failed him because you taught him bupkis about addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. And the university failed him because it accepted him as a student even though he wasn't qualified. In my opinion, your son and probably half of the other students who were admitted to UF should not have been admitted. Running a college is like running a business. College costs continue to rise, primarily because of lousy management practices. Therefore, colleges must continue to enroll more substandard students. They need more cash flow to fund their numerous activities and

dumb and silly courses and pay for festering bureaucracies (intentionally bloated) to give observers the appearance of industry. It's a Catch-44, which is twice as bad as a Catch-22.

There are 16 million students enrolled in colleges across the country today, some 40 percent of whom won't make it and may find themselves stuck in dumb-end jobs. And of the 70 percent of high school graduates enrolling in college this year, half would have been better off if they'd have joined the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines. And the country would have been, too.

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Congo's conflict makes fighting Ebola, sexual violence risky

By CARA ANNA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHANNESBURG — The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to a Congolese surgeon brings rare global attention to a region surging for decades with rebel conflict that now threatens efforts to contain a deadly Ebola outbreak.

As Dr. Denis Mukwege describes to the world how he stays in his hospital, protected by United Nations peacekeepers, to avoid further attempts on his life, teams of health workers not far away in eastern Congo feel an uncomfortable kinship as they combat Ebola amid the daily ring of gunfire.

War in the vast region once had the aim of trying to unseat a president, or hunt down those suspected of genocide in neighboring Rwanda, or simply claim a piece of Congo's trillions of dollars in mineral wealth. Now the conflict has splintered, with dozens of rebel groups traumatizing a population that sometimes has little idea who is behind a deadly attack.

That chaos has brought a steady, horrific flow of women, girls and even babies into Mukwege's hospital as he operates day by day on survivors of the

harshest kinds of sexual violence. Women and girls are raped with the barrels of guns. Their genitals are shot or burned. The new documentary "City of Joy" focuses on the survivors and on Mukwege's work.

Trauma can beget trauma, and the emergence in August of the Ebola virus in the jittery region for the first time has posed the kind of challenge many health workers have never seen before. So far 140 Ebola cases have been confirmed including 76 deaths.

Fears and rumors about the virus have spread as quickly as outreach teams can refute them. Some health workers, confronted by angry families or communities, have been attacked as they try to carry out vaccinations or promote safe burials. The virus is spread via the bodily fluids of those infected, including the dead.

Some suspected of having contact with Ebola victims have fled. The World Health Organization worries openly about the virus spreading into "red zones" where the rebel threat is so high that carrying out health work is almost impossible.

The threat of attack means Ebola efforts are limited to daylight hours as teams and their armed

escorts, usually U.N. peacekeepers but also Congolese security forces, hurry to get off the roads before dark.

"That is very unlike other outbreaks," Rimoin told The Associated Press. With communities "already traumatized by decades of conflict," the presence of armed escorts can bring further anxiety.

Meanwhile, local authorities who have had contact with rebel groups in previous efforts such as routine vaccination campaigns are negotiating with the fighters for urgent access, as any Ebola victim left untraced could cause a new round of cases.

Alarm about the insecurity has grown. Last week after Red Cross workers were attacked and badly hurt, the U.N. Security Council called for an end to hostilities as it prepared to visit Congo and discuss, among other things, the fighting that has displaced about 1 million people in the Ebola-affected North Kivu province alone.

"An extremely challenging and dangerous environment," WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told the council, describing the attacks since the outbreak began: a "full-scale" assault on a Congolese military base, ambushes of U.N. peacekeepers, a rocket explosion and an attack on the town at the center of Ebola efforts that killed at least 18 people and shut down health work for days.

Friday's announcement of the Nobel prize, the first in Congo's history, brought a burst of jubilation and tears in Panzi hospital as Mukwege was finishing his second operation of the day. "Hallelujah," people said, as medical workers in scrubs danced and women wiped their eyes.



NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID VIA AP

Denis Mukwege, center, celebrates with his staff after learning he has been awarded the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, at the Panzi hospital in Bukavu, eastern Congo, Friday. Mukwege, 63, founded the hospital and has treated thousands of women, many of whom were victims of gang rape.

Banksy artwork self-destructs just after \$1.4 million sale

By JILL LAWLESS
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LONDON — Art prankster Banksy has struck again.

A work by the elusive street artist self-destructed in front of startled auction-goers on Friday, moments after being sold for 1.04 million pounds (\$1.4 million). In an Instagram post Saturday, Banksy claimed the dramatic artistic payoff had been years in the making.

The spray-painted canvas "Girl With Balloon" went under the hammer at Sotheby's in London, fetching more than three times its pre-sale estimate and equalling a record price for the artist.

Then, as an alarm sounded, it ran through a shredder embedded in the frame, leaving half the canvas hanging from the bottom in strips.

A post on Banksy's official Instagram account showed the moment — and the shocked reaction of those in the room — with the words "Going, going, gone..."

A video was later posted on the account, stating: "A few years ago I secretly built a shredder into a painting in case it was ever put up for auction." The video showed images of a shredder being implanted into a picture frame along with footage of Friday's auction finale.

Banksy's spokeswoman, Jo Brooks, confirmed that the post was genuine.

Sotheby's — which had noted before the sale that the work's ornate gilded frame was "an integral element of the artwork chosen by Banksy himself" — appeared as shocked as anyone else.

"It appears we just got Banksy-ed," said Alex Branczik, head of contemporary European art at the



PIERRE KOUKJIAN VIA AP

In this grab taken from video on Friday people watch as the spray-painted canvas "Girl with Balloon" by artist Banksy is shredded at Sotheby's, in London, A Banksy artwork self-destructed moments after being sold at auction for 1.04 million pounds.

auction house.

The auction house said it was "in discussion about next steps" with the buyer, whose identity was not disclosed.

Some art-market watchers say the work could be worth even more in its shredded state.

"We have not experienced this situation in the past — where a painting spontaneously shredded, upon achieving a record for the artist," Branczik said. "We are busily figuring out what this means in an auction context."

Geneva-based artist Pierre Koukjian, who was at the auction, said the buyer was "very lucky" to own a now-historic piece. He called Banksy's prank "a turning point in the history of contemporary and conceptual art."

Koukjian, who has met Banksy, said he is sure he caught a glimpse of the artist in the saleroom amid the confusion of the moment.

Brooks would not say whether the artist had been at the auction. She said Sotheby's had been "100 percent" unaware of the planned stunt.

Banksy is not the first artist to deconstruct his own work. In the years after World War II, German-born artist Gustav

Metzger pioneered "auto-destructive art," creating paintings using acid that ate away the fabric beneath.

Banksy, who has never disclosed his full identity, began his career spray-painting buildings in Bristol, England, and has become one of the world's best-known artists. His mischievous and often satirical images include two policemen kissing and armed riot police with yellow smiley faces.

He also has a penchant for elaborate pranks.

In 2005, he hung an image of a spear-toting ancient human pushing a shopping cart in the British Museum, where it remained for several days before being discovered. The next year he smuggled a life-sized figure of a Guantanamo Bay detainee into Disneyland, and in 2015 he erected a full-scale dystopian theme park — "Dismaland" — by the British seaside.

"Girl With Balloon," which depicts a small child reaching up toward a heart-shaped red balloon, was originally stenciled on a wall in east London and has been endlessly reproduced, becoming one of Banksy's best-known images.

Interpol asks for information on its missing president

By JOHN LEICESTER
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PARIS — Interpol said Saturday it has made a formal request to China for information about the agency's missing president, a senior Chinese security official who seemingly vanished while on a trip home.

The Lyon-based international police agency said it used law enforcement channels to submit its request to China about the status of Meng Hongwei. Its statement said the agency "looks forward to an official response from China's authorities to address concerns over the president's well-being."

China, in the midst of a weeklong holiday, has yet to comment on the 64-year-old security official's disappearance. Calls and faxed questions to the foreign and public security ministries went unanswered.

Meng's wife says she hasn't heard from him since he left the French city of Lyon at the end of September. France has launched its own investigation. French authorities say he boarded a plane and arrived in China but his subsequent whereabouts are unknown.

In addition to his Interpol post, Meng is also a vice minister for public security in China.

Previously, Interpol had said that reports about Meng's disappearance were "a matter for the

relevant authorities in both France and China."

The South China Morning Post, a Hong Kong newspaper, has suggested that Meng may have been the latest target of an ongoing campaign against corruption in China.

His duties in China would have put him in close proximity to former leaders, some who fell afoul of President Xi Jinping's sweeping anti-corruption campaign. Meng likely dealt extensively with former security chief Zhou Yongkang, who is now serving a life sentence for corruption.

The Hong Kong newspaper said Meng was "taken away" for questioning upon landing in China last week by what it said were "discipline authorities." The term usually describes investigators in the ruling Communist Party who probe graft and political disloyalty.

But the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, the party's secretive internal investigation agency, had no announcements on its website about Meng and couldn't be reached for comment.

Meng is the first person from China to serve as Interpol's president, a post that is largely symbolic but powerful in status. Because Interpol's secretary general is responsible for the day-to-day running of the agency's operations, Meng's absence may have little operational effect.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

Macedonian police break up criminal ring selling artifacts

SKOPJE, Macedonia (AP) — Macedonian police say they have raided 16 sites in seven cities, busting up a criminal ring that illegally dealt in coins, jewelry and other precious artifacts stolen from archaeological sites across the country.

The prosecutor's office said Saturday that 13 men were charged with dealing in goods of "exceptional value" for the country's cultural heritage. It said seven of the suspects were ordered to be kept in custody for at least 30 days while the investigation goes on.

Police spokesman Toni Angelovski told reporters Saturday that, after a yearlong investigation, police raids in seven Macedonian cities, including the capital of Skopje, led them to seize numerous coins, precious and semi-precious stones, jewelry, sculptures, ceramic and bronze items. He couldn't say exactly which eras the artifacts were from.

Angelovski said the ring had offered and sold artifacts to people in Albania, Turkey and Greece.

Belarus president: Belting a 'useful' way to punish children

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — The authoritarian president of Belarus has rejected a prospective law against domestic violence as Western "nonsense," saying that physical punishment

could be "useful" in raising children.

President Alexander Lukashenko said a draft bill criminalizing domestic violence needs more work. He told journalists Friday that he is personally against the physical punishment of children, but added that a "good belting could sometimes be useful for a kid."

"It's just nonsense taken from the West," he said.

The president cited his own experience, saying he frequently punished his oldest son and that served as a good lesson for his younger son.

Lukashenko has ruled Belarus with an iron hand for 24 years, maintaining rigid Soviet-style controls over the economy and showing little tolerance for dissent or independent media.

The Belarusian leader has often lashed out against the West, especially for its approval of same-sex marriages. He said Friday that "they will soon have no families left, with men marrying other men."

The current Belarusian law doesn't contain specific regulations against domestic violence. Lukashenko did not mention violence against women in his remarks, but the bill covers all forms of domestic violence.

The prospective bill was drafted by the Interior Ministry and Lukashenko's own administration, but Lukashenko said other organizations should have a say in creating the law.

The Catholic Church in Belarus also has

spoken against the document, with Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz, the archbishop of Minsk, urging Lukashenko in an open letter to "be guided by national interests and spiritual values of the Belarusian people and not to follow disastrous secularist trends and gender ideology leading to the destruction of traditional family."

Protesters in Paris support migrant rescue ship Aquarius

PARIS (AP) — Hundreds of people, many wearing orange to evoke life vests, demonstrated Saturday in Paris to back a private humanitarian ship that rescues migrants who are making the dangerous voyage to Europe across the Mediterranean Sea.

Demonstrators at the Place de la Republique

carried signs reading "Saving lives: A duty not a crime," "Save the Aquarius," and other slogans backing the ship.

Placard-waving supporters of the Aquarius also gathered in the southern port city of Marseille and in the northern city of Lille.

The Aquarius' operator, SOS Mediterranee, is urging European governments to find a new flag for the ship after Panama's maritime authority removed its registration. The aid group says without a flag, the ship will have to stay in port.

Migrant sea arrivals to Europe are sharply down this year but the issue of immigration is still a hot political topic across the continent.

The International Organization for Migration says that 1,741 migrants have drowned at sea this year trying to cross the Mediterranean.

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KAVANAUGH

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Hangers and worse have been delivered to their offices, a Roe v. Wade reference.

Some 164 people were arrested, most for demonstrating on the Capitol steps, 14 for disrupting the Senate's roll call vote.

McConnell told The Associated Press in an interview that the "mob" of opposition — confronting senators in the hallways and at their homes — united his narrowly divided GOP majority as Kavanaugh's confirmation teetered and will give momentum to his party chances this fall.

Beyond the sexual misconduct allegations, Democrats raised questions about Kavanaugh's temperament and impartiality after he delivered defiant, emotional, testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee where he denounced their party.

Schumer said Kavanaugh's "partisan screed" showed not only a temperament unfitting for the high court but a lack of objectivity that should make him ineligible to serve. At one point in the hearing, Kavanaugh blamed a Clinton-revenge conspiracy for the accusations against him.

The fight ended up less about judicial views than the sexual assault accusations that riveted the nation and are certain to continue a national debate and



AP PHOTO

Activists are arrested by Capitol Hill Police officers after occupying the steps on the East Front of the U.S. Capitol as they protest the confirmation vote of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Capitol Hill, Saturday, in Washington.

#MeToo reckoning that is yet to be resolved.

Republicans argued that a supplemental FBI investigation instigated by wavering GOP senators and ordered by the White House turned up no corroborating witnesses to the claims and that Kavanaugh had sterling credentials for the court. Democrats dismissed the truncated report as insufficient.

In the end, all but one Republican, Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, lined up behind the judge. She said on the Senate floor late Friday that Kavanaugh is "a good man" but his "appearance of impropriety has become unavoidable."

In a twist, Murkowski voted

"present" Saturday as a courtesy to Republican Kavanaugh supporter Steve Daines, who was to walk his daughter down the aisle at her wedding in Montana. That balanced out the absence without affecting the outcome, and gave Kavanaugh the same two-vote margin he'd have received had both lawmakers voted.

It was the closest roll call to confirm a justice since 1881, when Stanley Matthews was approved by 24-23, according to Senate records.

As the Senate tried to recover from its charged atmosphere, Murkowski's move offered a moment of civility. "I do hope that it reminds us that we can take very

small steps to be gracious with one another and maybe those small gracious steps can lead to more," she said.

Republicans control the Senate by a meager 51-49 margin, and announcements of support Friday from Republicans Jeff Flake of Arizona and Susan Collins of Maine, along with Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia, locked in the needed votes.

Manchin was the only Democrat to vote for Kavanaugh's confirmation. He expressed empathy for sexual assault victims, but said that after factoring in the FBI report, "I have found Judge Kavanaugh to be a qualified jurist who will follow the Constitution."

A procedural vote Friday made Saturday's confirmation a foregone conclusion. White House Counsel Don McGahn, who helped salvage Kavanaugh's nomination as it teetered, sat in the front row of the visitors' gallery for the vote with deputy White House press secretary Raj Shah.

Senators on both sides know they have work to do to put the chamber back together again after a ferocious debate that saw them arguing over the sordid details of high school drinking games, sexual allegations and cryptic yearbook entries.

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said, "The Senate has been an embarrassment. We have a lot of work to do."

MELANIA

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And she sashayed and shimmied and danced.

The trip, which had been in the works for months, provided a welcome escape from the ugly political battle in the U.S. capital over Brett Kavanaugh, the president's Supreme Court nominee. Kavanaugh's fate had seemed in doubt after he was accused of sexually assaulting Christine Blasey Ford when they were teenagers.

Kavanaugh has denied the charge and on Saturday was confirmed to a lifetime appointment on America's highest court.

Even half a world away, Mrs. Trump couldn't completely ignore the issue. Reporters asked her opinion about the judge, and she said he was "highly qualified" to join the court. As for Ford, Mrs. Trump declined to venture an opinion but said "we need to help all victims, no matter what kind of abuse" they experienced.

The struggle over Kavanaugh resurfaced the roiling debate over the treatment of women who allege sexual misconduct. The first lady has had to grapple with that issue herself, given the multiple women who have accused her husband of sexually inappropriate behavior, claims he says are false.

Always under a microscope, the fashion-conscious first lady caught some criticism for the white pith helmet she wore with her safari ensemble in Kenya. Social media lit up with complaints about her choice of a hat viewed by some as a symbol of Kenya's colonial past and its one-time domination by the British.

The former model had a terse rejoinder when asked about that: "I wish people would focus on what I do, not what I wear."

What, then, was her intended message for



AP PHOTO

First lady Melania Trump visits the historical site of the Giza Pyramids in Giza, near Cairo, Egypt. Saturday. First lady Melania Trump is visiting Africa on her first big solo international trip.

Africa? "That we care and we want to show the world we care."

It was a message that was especially welcome given President Trump's own derogatory comments about a continent that he has yet to visit.

The happier place Mrs. Trump seemed to go to while in Africa surprised some.

"She's still largely a mystery to the American people because she maintains her largely low profile," said Katherine Jellison, who studies first ladies at Ohio University.

Joshua Meservey, a senior Africa policy analyst at the conservative Heritage Institute, said there were modest expectations for the first lady's trip, and she largely met them, avoiding any major gaffes along the way.

"As a public diplomacy tour, it seemed successful," he said.

The first lady opened the trip in Ghana, where she went to an infant clinic and learned how babies are weighed — in slings that are hooked to a scale. It was at Greater Accra Regional Hospital that she plucked a

chubby baby boy from the arms of the woman holding him. She cooed with the baby, who stared back at her with wonder. Photos of the unexpected moment were popular on social media.

She also learned about Africa's slave past by touring Cape Coast Castle, a former slave holding facility on the Ghanaian coast.

Mrs. Trump spent time inside the cramped dungeon that was used to house male slaves. She also walked through the "Door of No Return," the portal through which the slaves were shipped to the New World, and gazed out at the Atlantic Ocean as if trying to imagine the harrowing journey.

In Malawi, she went to Chipala Primary School in Lilongwe, where students sang their welcome to the first lady.

She toured indoor and outdoor classrooms, observed lessons and watched some students play soccer with balls she donated. The first lady also witnessed the handover of a batch of textbooks donated by a U.S. international

developmental agency.

Mrs. Trump seemed most happy in Kenya, where she visited Nairobi National Park to highlight elephant preservation. Appearing reticent at first, she ultimately engaged them and ended up obviously enjoying the experience of feeding baby elephants milk through a super-sized baby bottle, patting one elephant's head and stroking another's ear.

She temporarily lost her footing when an elephant made an unexpected move and got a little too close for her comfort. But she was braced from the rear by a Secret Service agent and resumed playing with the animals, laughing at their antics until it was time to head off on a 90-minute safari.

The first lady seemed more into the swing of things — literally — at events later that day with Kenyan children.

Music accompanied by the beat of drums greeted her arrival at an orphanage in Nairobi, where a group of children dressed in bright yellow T-shirts and patterned bottoms escorted her up a

driveway to the building. She gave in to the infectious beat by sashaying as she approached a bank of news cameras, almost as if she was recalling her past life as a fashion model.

She closed her tour in Egypt by touring the pyramids and the Great Sphinx to highlight U.S.-backed preservation efforts there. The U.S. Agency for International Development has been working with the Egyptian government on lowering groundwater levels to prevent additional damage to the landmarks.

Each stop was meant to call attention to the work of USAID, her partner on the trip. But the president twice has proposed slashing the agency's money.

The first lady's focus on elephant preservation also clashed with the administration's decision to allow Americans to resume importation of body parts of African elephants hunted for sport.

"She thinks animals are precious and doesn't like big-game hunting," said Stephanie Grisham, the first lady's spokeswoman.

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Oct. 7**, the 280th day of 2018. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Oct. 7, 1991**, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

On this date

In **1777**, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under General John Burgoyne surrendered ten days later.)

In **1858**, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In **1916**, in the most lopsided victory in college football history, Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland University 222-0 in Atlanta.

In **1949**, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In **1954**, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

In **1960**, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard Nixon held their second televised debate, this one in Washington, D.C.

In **1979**, Pope John Paul II concluded his week-long tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall.

In **1985**, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers killed Leon Klinghoffer, a Jewish-American tourist, before surrendering on Oct. 9.)

In **1992**, trade representatives of the United States, Canada and Mexico initialed the North American Free Trade Agreement during a ceremony in San Antonio, Texas, in the presence of President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

In **1998**, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was beaten and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of Laramie, Wyoming; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.)

One year ago: Country music star Jason Aldean, who had been on stage at an outdoor concert in Las Vegas less than a week earlier when a gunman opened fire on the crowd, paid tribute to the victims and to the late Tom Petty by opening "Saturday Night Live" with Petty's song, "I Won't Back Down."

Today's birthdays

Retired South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate Desmond Tutu is 87. Author Thomas Keneally is 83. Comedian Joy Behar is 76. Former National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North (ret.) is 75. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 73. Actress Jill Larson is 71. Country singer Kieran Kane is 69. Russian President Vladimir Putin is 66. Actress Mary Badham (Film: "To Kill a Mockingbird") is 66. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 65. Actress Christopher Norris is 63. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 63. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 61. Olympic gold medal ice dancer Jayne Torvill is 61. Actor Dylan Baker is 60. Recording executive and TV personality Simon Cowell is 59. Pop singer Ann Curless (Expose) is 55. Rhythm-and-blues singer Toni Braxton is 51. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 50. Rock musician-dancer Leeroy Thornhill is 49. Actress Allison Munn is 44. Rock singer-musician Damian Kulash is 43. Actor Omar Benson Miller is 40. Neo-soul singer Nathaniel Rateliff (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 40. MLB player Evan Longoria is 33. Actress Holland Roden is 32. Actress Amber Stevens is 32. Actress Lulu Wilson is 13.

Bible verse

"He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?" — **Psalm 94:9**.

God knows every hurt you have ever felt. He has seen every tear you have ever shed. Tell Him your burdens and see what He can do. God loves you!

VACCINE

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spread of HPV to girls. While Gardasil was approved for ages 9 through 26, the shots are especially recommended for boys and girls at 11 or 12, before they first have sex and could get infected. About half of U.S.

teens now have had two or three doses.

Company testing done in older adults showed the vaccine also worked for them, too. In women 24 through 45, the original Gardasil was about 90 percent effective three years after the women received a third dose.

The latest version of Gardasil protects against nine strains

of HPV, four more than the original.

According to the CDC, each year about 33,700 women and men are diagnosed with a cancer caused by an HPV infection, including 12,000 women with cervical cancer, which kills about 4,000 annually.

Merck said the list price for Gardasil 9 is \$205 per dose.

Two doses are needed for those vaccinated before 15, while three are recommended for older people.

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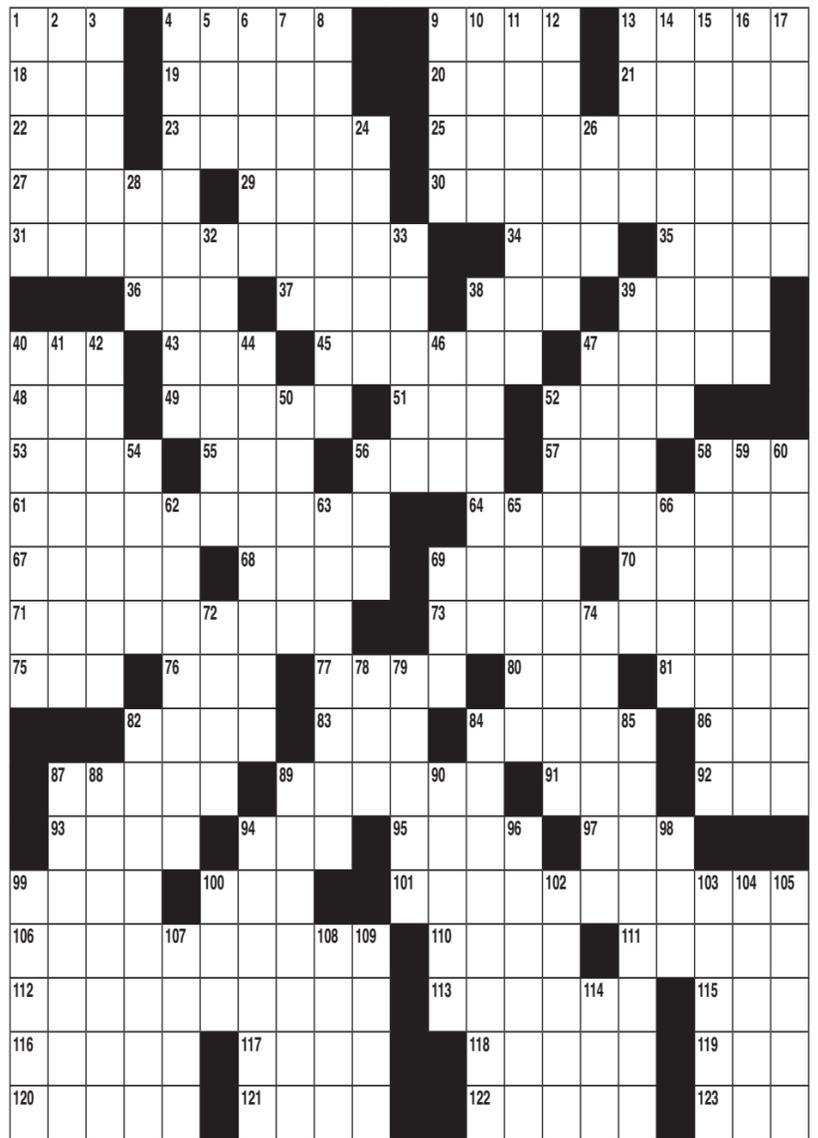
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26 'Who's on First?' left fielder
28 Jazz's McCann
32 Start of the line that includes 'wherefore art thou'
33 Approaches
38 Tipped
39 Government study, informally
40 Government aid
41 Beating by a hole, in match play
42 Rock star known for his 360-degree drum set
44 Parts of Mr. Clean and Lex Luthor costumes
46 Antagonist
47 J'adore perfumer
50 Concerning a pelvic bone
52 Certain Far Eastern fruits
54 Shakespeare title starter
56 Suffix with lime
58 Feature of a probability distribution where extreme events are more likely
59 Georgia, in the art world
60 Doctor's orders, often
62 Future plan for many an econ major
79 'Wicked Game' vocalist Chris
82 Any of the four people disturbed in this puzzle
84 Where Karl Benz debuted the world's first auto
85 16-ounce beers, slangily
87 Grammy winner Meghan
88 'Yes, quite'
89 Unsavory connections in Britain
90 Criticize snidely
94 Who wrote, 'The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting'
96 Discharged matter
98 Overly
99 Top
100 -de-sac
102 Canoodles, in Britain
103 Clean a spill
104 Air supply
105 Setting of Hercules' first labor
107 Wild
108 Grp. with a saving plan?
109 Parent
114 Dead-end job, e.g.



FOR ANSWERS TURN TO PAGE 3

Ask the Fool

Taken Private

Q I read that Tesla might be 'taken private.' What does that mean? — F.L., Columbia, Missouri

A Companies often start out privately owned by their founders. If they grow and prosper, they may 'go public' via an initial public offering (IPO), selling a chunk of themselves in shares on the stock market.

A high-profile example of a company being taken private is Dell. Founder Michael Dell, in partnership with a private equity firm, took his struggling computer company private in 2013. Now it looks like Dell will go public again.

Q Does a low stock price mean a company is small, and vice versa? — H.T., La Crosse, Wisconsin

A Not at all. The stock price alone doesn't tell you much until you relate it to other numbers. To get at a company's market value, multiply its stock price by its number of shares.

Consider that Cheesecake Factory, Starbucks and Verizon Communications were all recently trading for around \$54 to \$55 per share, but their market caps were, respectively, around \$2 billion, \$74 billion and \$226 billion. Meanwhile, the WD-40 Company recently sported a share price near \$188 but a market cap of \$2.5 billion.

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Fool's School

15-Year vs. 30-Year Mortgages

The 30-year mortgage is by far the most common home loan, but don't assume that it's the right one for you. The 15-year mortgage has a lot of upside for the right homebuyer.

The main advantages of the 15-year loan are that you'll often get a lower interest rate, and you'll definitely pay less in interest over the life of the loan, building equity faster. The main downside: Your monthly payments will be higher.

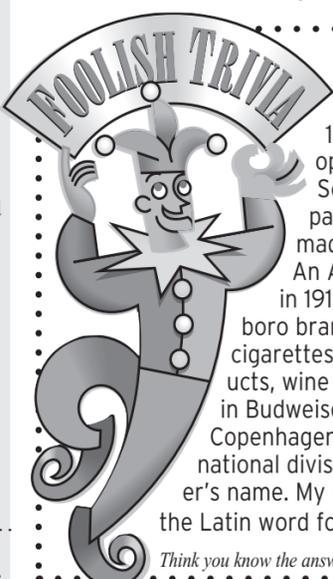
Imagine, for example, taking out a \$200,000 mortgage to buy a \$250,000 home. If you have a 30-year fixed-rate loan with an interest rate of 4.5 percent, you'll pay \$1,013 per month, and your interest paid over 30 years will top \$160,000.

loan and an interest rate of 4 percent, your monthly payment will be \$1,479, and your total interest paid less than \$70,000.

Still, 30-year mortgages can make financial sense. After all, you're probably saving for retirement, and by not spending too much on mortgage payments, you can sock away more each month for your future.

Here's another smart strategy: Take out a 30-year loan with lower monthly payments, but make extra payments regularly, to pay down the principal faster.

There's more to think about before you get a mortgage, such as whether you want a fixed-rate or adjustable-rate loan, and how much of a monthly payment you can afford.



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1847, when a tobacconist opened a cigar shop in London. Some of the companies now part of me are as old or older. I made my first cigarette in 1854. An American company bought me in 1919, and I introduced my Marlboro brand in 1924.

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

My Dumbest Investment

Over a Barrel

I used to subscribe to a respected business magazine, and it would periodically send me an advertising supplement. In one of those, I saw an ad for an investment opportunity in single malt whiskey.

Turns out it was mostly fraudulent. There apparently was some whiskey somewhere, but I never was able to trace it. I also was notified a couple of years later that the 'merchant' that had sold the 'investments' was out of business.

Anyway, it ended up being a 100 percent loss. The magazine later apologized for selling ad space to hucksters.

The Fool Responds: This is a great reminder that any investment opportunities that seem too good to be true probably are. Also, it's smart to do some due diligence on any companies you're considering investing in.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1886, when a traveling book salesman recruited women to sell perfumes. Today, I offer scores of products, with names such as Skin-So-Soft and Advance Techniques.

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The Motley Fool Take

A Revved-Up Stock

General Motors (NYSE: GM) faces concerns about rising aluminum and steel prices and a plateauing North American new-vehicle market, but it has made smart moves.

GM has collected a number of its car-sharing projects under a unified brand, Maven, and has invested roughly \$500 million in ride-sharing company Lyft.

GM is becoming a leader in smart mobility and driverless vehicles and has focused the company on more lucrative global auto markets.

The situation isn't dire in the near term, either. GM continues to cruise in China, with sales growing 4.4 percent year over year during the first half of 2018 to 1.84 million units.

GM is also rolling out all-new versions of its bread-and-butter Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra full-size trucks during the back half of 2018.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

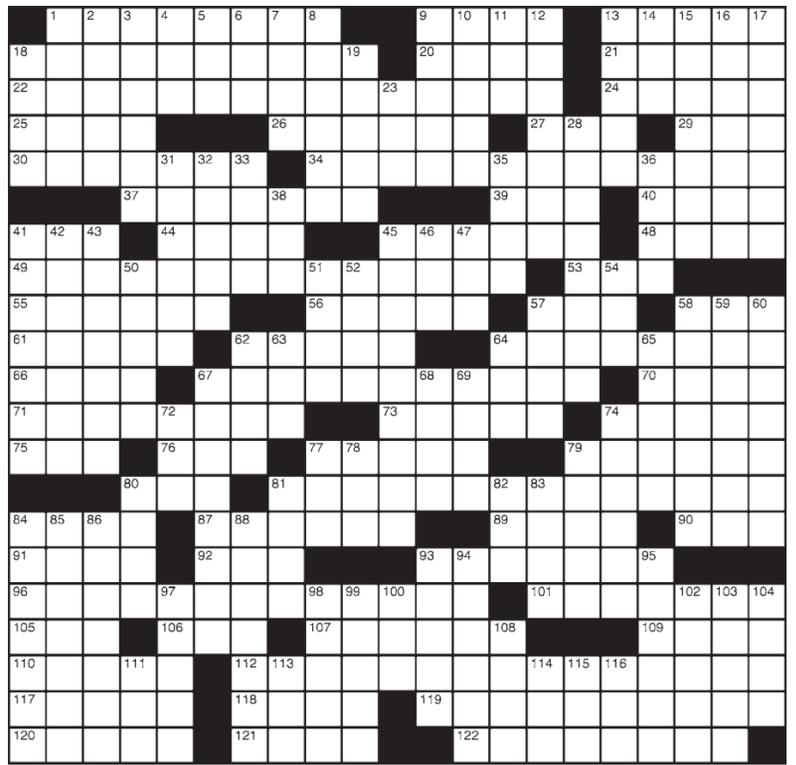
THE IRREVERENT GRAMMARIAN

By Jeffrey Wechsler

- ACROSS**
- 1 Repetitive geometric patterns
 - 9 Collinsworth with many Sports Emmys
 - 13 Showed openly
 - 18 Ricky Martin's birthplace
 - 20 Use a hammock
 - 21 Other side
 - 22 Confident opinion piece?
 - 24 Approach evening
 - 25 Eligibility factors
 - 26 Most in need of water
 - 27 Where Brazil took Olympic soccer gold
 - 29 Concert finale?
 - 30 Pitcher's problem
 - 34 Ammonia and water?
 - 37 Get more precipitous
 - 39 Regret
 - 40 Track event
 - 41 Draw back
 - 44 Aveeno competitor
 - 45 Mark of shame
 - 48 Hot tub feature
 - 49 Overlap in a photo lab?
 - 53 Writer Deighton
 - 55 Remark that hurts
 - 56 Track winnings
 - 57 Ambulance gp.
 - 58 Org. with no "L" in its name, ironically
 - 61 Brings down
 - 62 Disney film starring Auli'i Cravalho
 - 64 Cell pic
 - 66 Author Dinesen
 - 67 Adam?
 - 70 E-commerce icon
 - 71 Officially rebukes
 - 73 Pride group
 - 74 Focus of much TV drama
 - 75 Saint-Tropez summer
- DOWN**
- 76 Title like Bugs Bunny's "Hare Trigger"
 - 77 Harbor sights
 - 79 Macbeth and Macduff
 - 80 Handheld amp?
 - 81 Truce that's barely holding?
 - 84 Olympic contact sport
 - 87 Ad rep's links
 - 89 Adjust for pitch
 - 90 Souse's woe
 - 91 Single section
 - 92 Single
 - 93 White Castle offerings
 - 96 Consecutive jail terms?
 - 101 "I can't eat all this!"
 - 105 British verb suffix
 - 106 Always, poetically
 - 107 Biblical voyage terminus
 - 109 Bierce's definition of it starts, "A temporary insanity curable by marriage"
 - 110 Buddhist spiritual text
 - 112 Will sections covering family members?
 - 117 Spud
 - 118 Sturdy trees
 - 119 Not giving up
 - 120 Iditarod array
 - 121 Scheme
 - 122 Bar for adults and children
- ACROSS**
- 7 Wasn't true
 - 8 Not often seen
 - 9 Autumn adjective
 - 10 Page one, generally
 - 11 Part of 77-Down: Abbr.
 - 12 Chest protector
 - 13 Not on deck
 - 14 Carrier with HQ in Tokyo
 - 15 No longer playing
 - 16 Corrected
 - 17 Zhou or Qin
 - 18 Palm gadgets, briefly
 - 19 Neighbor of Taurus
 - 23 Pro
 - 28 Mr. Right, presumably
 - 31 Much of Micronesia's makeup
 - 32 Get a new tenant for
 - 33 Indicate
 - 35 Strong desire
 - 36 Sign that may make you nervous
 - 38 Joe- weed: herbal remedy
 - 41 Building
 - 42 Supposedly medicinal herb that sounds relevant to chiropractors
 - 43 Restricted road part
 - 45 Like some elegant gowns
 - 46 "Whether ___ nobler ...": Hamlet
 - 47 "___ been there"
 - 50 Adds muscle mass, with "up"
 - 51 Honor roll stats
 - 52 Family member
 - 54 "The Green Mile" subj.
 - 57 Slaughter of old baseball
 - 58 Confined, in a way
 - 59 Badger
 - 60 Bears witness (to)
- DOWN**
- 62 Personal bearing
 - 63 Hosp. areas
 - 64 Common ID
 - 65 "Hit the road!"
 - 67 Sugar in much corn syrup
 - 68 Celt's land
 - 69 Actress Salazar of "Maze Runner" movies
 - 72 Venerable letters in global news
 - 74 Glass-aloft salutation
 - 77 Smallest Canadian prov.
 - 78 Place to stay
 - 79 Belief
 - 80 Con ___: tempo marking
 - 81 Many a freshman
 - 82 Sporty VW
 - 83 Designer Gemreich
 - 84 Gavel wielders
 - 85 Extraordinary
 - 86 Unlikely banquet setting
 - 88 Wrong
 - 93 Legal tender substitute
 - 94 Target of suburban cleanups
 - 95 Respectful gesture
 - 97 Approaches
 - 98 Negotiations
 - 99 Expunge
 - 100 D.C. athlete
 - 102 28-Down's opposite
 - 103 Kitchen equipment
 - 104 Proficiency determiner
 - 108 Shore bird
 - 111 Like two-thirds of Austria's flag
 - 113 Dominique's thirst quencher
 - 114 15-season show whose final episode was "Immortality"
 - 115 Driving need: Abbr.
 - 116 Propose, in a way

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

WHICH END PLAY?

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 9
 ♥ J 10 5 2
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ J 6 5

WEST
 ♠ J 5
 ♥ 6 4
 ♦ Q J 9 6 2
 ♣ K 9 7 2

EAST
 ♠ 10 8
 ♥ K Q 9 3
 ♦ K 10 8 5
 ♣ Q 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 7 6 4 3 2
 ♥ A 8 7
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A 10 3

The bidding:
SOUTH 1♠
WEST Pass
NORTH 1NT*
EAST Pass
 2♣ Pass
 3♠ Pass
 4♣ All pass
 *Forcing

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

Today's deal is from a recent team competition in Atlanta. Both tables bid aggressively to reach the spade game, but only one declarer was successful.

South at this table won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and immediately ruffed a diamond. A

spade to dummy's king was followed by another diamond ruff, eliminating diamonds from both hands. A spade to the queen drew trumps when they split 2-2. Declarer led a low club to his 10 and West's king. West exited with the six of hearts. South ducked in dummy and also ducked in his hand when East played the nine. East was end played at this point and forced to either lead a club away from his queen, lead a heart, or yield a ruff-sluff. Any of these plays would give declarer his tenth trick.

The declarer at the other table went down one after less careful play. It seems that both declarers missed a point on this hand. After eliminating diamonds and drawing trumps, the contract can always be made by playing the ace of hearts and another heart to dummy's jack, playing low if West plays an honor. This succeeds against all lies of the cards, including when West holds both missing club honors. Sometimes these plays are hard to see at the table and surface only in the post-mortem discussion.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS FALLING by Myles Mellor

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer:

ITALIC TOWARD INFANT
 SUDDEN GURNEY ACCRUE

She wasn't sure she was going all the way in the water and had a —

"WADE IN SEA" ATTITUDE

1. What did the fiery ash tree say on a ruddy autumn day? "I want you to leaf me alone!"
2. It's a romantic autumn day. One leaf says to the other, "I could easily fall for you!"
3. It could be fair to think that the greatest and most romantic autumn song is "Fallin'" by Alicia Keyes.
4. Book clubs' memberships do well in the cool of autumn as it's when readers like flipping pages and leafing through more books!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe spirituality isn't something you were born with but instead is like your style — a thing you make up as you go by experimenting to find out what works for you and what doesn't.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everything is evolving. You are getting wiser and more connected to others. There's nothing profound in how this occurs. It happens over morning pleasantries, over a table or a text. It feels as natural as breathing.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Coincidences are worth exploring. For instance, when you keep running into the same stranger, strike up a conversation. There's most likely something interesting that brings you to the same places.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some things can be safely delegated, and some just won't be the same without you. Knowing the difference will be key to success. You'll see progress; how deeply satisfying.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Born under the constellation that rules the heart, you really thrive on a day like today, when love is the only game in town. And whatever form it comes in will be OK by you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It can be a huge help to have a teacher. And the best teachers are often obstacles, enemies and mistakes. Therefore, though it may not feel like it while it's happening, adversity is highly beneficial. It's the stuff of greatness.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone has their own idea about what an experience will be like. Enjoyment will be enhanced or diminished by these projections, so there's a real benefit to getting ahead of this and figuring out what people expect going in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You won't get caught up in the rush to join a particular quest, if for the simple reason that it defies your instinct. As a water sign, you are distinctively poised for the realization that you can't miss the boat you're already on.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People who say "no judgment" are usually judging, just as people who say "you can trust me" are typically the ones you can't. Today will represent rules, not exceptions.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A friendly feeling fills the day. You can help people, and they can help you, so circulate and make your business known. You'll create all sorts of opportunity for you and yours.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your role as an advocate and protector will be emphasized. You'll jump to the rescue of a loved one's feelings or interests, or you'll proactively help a loved one show up strong in the world.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may encounter a nice storm of doubt, but it will pass like fast-moving weather. In the meantime, give as little voice to your fear as possible. Write it in a diary at most. You'll be back to full confidence by evening.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7). New faces, romance and the development of important business connections will electrify your scene this solar return. Also highlighted: the arrival of long-awaited amends, a race well-paced and squarely won, and the hands-on training you once only dreamed of being able to afford. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 17, 14, 4 and 44.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- | CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 bumper-to-bumper (8) | _____ |
| 2 back-to-back (11) | _____ |
| 3 day after day (7) | _____ |
| 4 walk the walk (7) | _____ |
| 5 hand-in-hand (8) | _____ |
| 6 through and through (8) | _____ |
| 7 time after time (10) | _____ |

ECU EA TIVE LETE LAR
 TOGE DE CONS THER REP
 LI LY REGU EN VER
 TED RE LY COMP TI

Today's Answers: 1. COMPLETE 2. CONSECUTIVE 3. REGULAR 4. DELIVER 5. TOGETHER 6. ENTIRELY 7. REPEATEDLY

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

3	8					1		9
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		2	9	4		5		
	6		2			9	4	
7			5	6	9			3
	3	9			1		7	
		7		2	6	3		
	5			3		8		
4		3					1	6

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 10/7/18

3	8	4	6	5	7	1	2	9
9	7	5	3	1	2	4	6	8
6	1	2	9	4	8	5	3	7
5	6	8	2	7	3	9	4	1
7	4	1	5	6	9	2	8	3
2	3	9	4	8	1	6	7	5
8	9	7	1	2	6	3	5	4
1	5	6	7	3	4	8	9	2
4	2	3	8	9	5	7	1	6

DEAR ABBY

After years of closeness, man falls for his unsuspecting best friend

DEAR ABBY: I'm a man in my mid-30s. For the past couple of years I've been in love with my best friend. She doesn't know how I feel, and I know she doesn't feel the same way about me. (She calls me the brother she always wanted.) I try hard to fight these feelings so our friendship can continue. She has been a huge part of my life, so losing her friendship would be devastating.



Dear Abby

To make matters more difficult, we are currently roommates and spend lots of time together. My heart breaks when she goes on dates or talks about guys she may be interested in. I know she'll never see me as more than a friend. Is there any way I can get over these feelings so we can continue this amazing friendship? — FRIEND ZONE IN VERMONT

DEAR FRIEND ZONE: It might be easier to accomplish if you didn't live together, and I think you should tell her why. While it may end the fantasies you

are nurturing, I see no reason for it to end your amazing friendship. Unless you are a masochist, please do not allow the status quo to continue because it isn't healthy for you.

DEAR ABBY: One of my neighbors invited me to go shopping for plants at a local nursery. We had gone there a few days before. I drove that time; she said she would drive this time. I enjoy her company and was happy to go again.

Well, we had to take two different highways to get there, and she drove between 40 and 45 miles an hour. Cars were passing us left and right going 65 or 70, and she couldn't understand why people honked at her. She seemed surprised when I

informed her it was because she was driving so slow.

It was very scary, and I don't ever want to ride with her again. How can I tactfully let her know that from now on I'll do the driving? Also, can I suggest that she drive only on side streets? — SCARED FOR MY LIFE

DEAR SCARED: You are right to be concerned for your neighbor's safety. Drivers like her cause accidents as people become frustrated and need to pass her.

Drivers are expected to observe the speed limits, and someone who drives at a crawl when the speed limit is 65 or 70 is breaking the law. If they are spotted by law enforcement, they can be ticketed for it. I know this because that is what happened to my grandmother when she was in her 80s. For both your sakes, please share this information with her.

DEAR ABBY: I was at an estate sale recently and saw a woman scratch the price off an item. I gave her "the

death stare," but was there anything else I should have done?

There were no staff around that I could see. — UNETHICAL IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR UNETHICAL: Unless the woman was going to shoplift the item, she had to have given her money to someone on the premises.

What you should have done was find someone who was staffing the sale and alerted him or her to what you observed.

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HELOISE

Dear Heloise: I just opened my dishwasher, and it had an awful odor. How can I get rid of it? — Diana from South Dakota

Dear Diana: With so much use, this happens often. Here's how to remove a bad odor from a dishwasher:

Your dishwasher can be cleaned with household vinegar or citric acid powder. Pour a gallon of vinegar into the bottom. Allow it to sit for an hour. Then run the dishwasher through a complete cycle. Or add 1/2 cup of citric acid powder inside and run the dishwasher through a cycle. It also will help to get rid of hard water buildup.

If an unpleasant odor still remains, check the drain hose to see if it's crimped.

Then check the bottom of the machine and the filter for gunk or bits of food. And after



Hints from Heloise

checking all this, if the odor is still strong, call a plumber because it could be a plumbing problem that needs to be dealt with ASAP. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am a beginning cook, and it sometimes seems difficult or confusing. How can I make it easier? — Susie from New York

Dear Susie: First, take a deep breath and get organized. Get out the recipe you are going to use and read it carefully. Then put out all the pots, pans, measuring spoons and equipment that you will need to make the recipe. Next

select all the ingredients you will need and place them on the counter. As you add each ingredient into the mixer, put it back into the cupboard or refrigerator. That way, you will know that you have added it to the recipe if you are interrupted. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: My small kids sometimes get bored at their birthday parties. I need a new fun idea to keep them engaged. — Emily from New Jersey

Dear Emily: Make a "Magic Drink"! First, freeze a bag of small chocolate chips for about 30 minutes. Give each child a tall glass and fill it with lemon-lime soda. Have each child grab a handful of the chilly chocolate chips to drop into their glasses. It will be a surprise because the chips will bounce around and make that glass a fun thing to watch! — Heloise

Dear Readers: I often like leftovers, such as stews, soups or chili, better than the original dishes, and I hate to throw out leftovers. Here are ideas to add a new ingredient or seasoning to give the food a new taste:

— Grind up leftover meat and add some mayo and chopped veggies to create a sandwich spread.

— Add cooked, crunchy vegetables to salads.

— Chop up potatoes, brown with onions and add eggs for breakfast.

— Create a veggie hash by frying leftover vegetables and mixing in your favorite seasonings.

— Toss leftover meat or veggies with warm or cold pasta.

Just open the fridge and be creative! — Heloise

KEN KEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷		2-	
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	2-		4

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CHALLENGING

11+	3÷	6X	1-
	1-		7+
30X		12X	1
3÷	3X	60X	4
4		1-	
3÷	4		3-

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- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

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JUMBLE

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

CAITIL
 SDUNED
 WODTAR
 REGYUN
 FANNTI
 CAUCER

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10/7

SHE WASN'T SURE SHE WAS GOING ALL THE WAY IN THE WATER AND HAD A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

“○○○○ ○○ ○○○” ○○○○○○○○

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Californians weigh making egg-laying hens cage-free by 2022

By JOCELYN GECKER
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SAN FRANCISCO — California voters are right to think they already weighed in on how big cages should be for egg-laying hens.

In 2008, voters ushered in Proposition 2, which sought to free egg-laying hens from tiny cages. It didn't outlaw cages but barred California farmers from keeping hens — as well as calves raised for veal and breeding pigs — in pens so small they virtually couldn't move.

Since then, supermarket shelves have filled with cage-free egg varieties. Corporations like McDonald's, Costco and Taco Bell have committed to using cage-free products.

But a decade later, voters are being asked to revisit the issue with Proposition 12, the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative.

The Humane Society of the United States, the issue's primary proponent, says the measure is needed to update California standards and to apply those standards to out-of-state farmers selling their products in California. The earlier initiative simply stated the three types of animals must be able to turn around freely, stand up and fully extend their limbs — but set no specifics.

A "yes" vote for Proposition 12 would create new minimum size requirements for confinement pens for all three animals and require that all egg-laying hens be cage-free by 2022.

It would also ban the sales from other states not meeting California's standards.

The Humane Society calls the measure a "commonsense reform" that strengthens a decade-old animal cruelty law and gives farmers a phase-in time to shift to more humane practices.

"Most of the eggs sold in California come from



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Sept. 28, 2007, file photo, chickens appear at a chicken house near Livingston, Calif. Proposition 12 on California's November ballot would require that egg-laying hens be cage-free by 2022.

birds confined in cages where it's hard for them to even move. They have to eat, sleep, defecate and lay eggs in the same small space every day for their entire life," said Josh Balk, vice president at the Humane Society of the United States. "Proposition 12 ensures that the pork sold in California, the veal sold in California and the eggs sold in the state come from (animals) not confined in cages."

Specifically, the measure would require, starting in 2020, a calf confined for production to have at least 43 square feet of floor space to roam in, while each pig would have to be given 24 square feet of floor space starting in 2022.

Egg-laying hens, starting in 2020, must be given 1 square foot of floor space each, and have to be cage-free by 2022, according to Proposition 12.

According to findings of the state's nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, the measure would likely result in an increase in prices for eggs, pork and veal partly because farmers would have to remodel or build new housing for animals.

"Changes in housing systems, which come

with significant costs that increase food prices, should be driven by consumer purchasing decisions, not the agenda of any activist group," Jim Monroe, National Pork Producers Council spokesman, told the Los Angeles Times.

The Association of California Egg Farmers also opposes the measure, saying the expedited timeline could lead to supply disruptions, price spikes and a shortage of eggs for sale.

The Legislative Analyst's Office concluded that if approved, the measure could cost the state as much as \$10 million a year to enforce, and millions of dollars more per year in lost tax revenues from farm businesses that choose to stop or reduce production because of higher costs.

Other opponents of Proposition 12 say it doesn't go far enough to stop animal cruelty.

Bradley Miller, a spokesman for Californians Against Cruelty, Cages and Fraud, which is leading a "No on Proposition 12" campaign, said the measure is misleading because the phase-in period implicitly makes cages legal until at least 2022.

HEADLINES AROUND THE NATION

Tropical disturbance in the Caribbean is forecast to strengthen

MIAMI (Miami Herald) — A tropical disturbance off the coast of Honduras is showing signs or organizing into something more dangerous as it moves north toward the Gulf of Mexico, meteorologists said Saturday.

On Saturday morning, the National Hurricane Center upgraded the system's chances of strengthening into a cyclone in the next two days to 80 percent, compared with Friday's prediction of 40 percent. A cyclone is either a tropical depression or a tropical storm.

Forecasters are 90 percent confident that the system will upgrade into a cyclone in the next five days, likely forming in the northwestern Caribbean Sea or the southern Gulf of Mexico.

It's moving slowly — about 5 mph — and is expected to bring "torrential" amounts of rain to parts of Central America, the Yucatan peninsula and western Cuba into next week.

Brian McNoldy, a senior research associate at University of Miami's Rosenstiel School, said on Twitter that around Wednesday, the storm would reach somewhere between central Louisiana and the eastern Florida Panhandle.

In October, hurricanes more often form in the Caribbean and head toward Florida and the gulf.

Parents of teen who drowned in swim class file claim

DANVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The parents of a teenager who drowned during a high school swim class have filed a claim with his Northern California school district.

The claim — which is generally a precursor to a lawsuit — alleges that a physical education teacher at San Ramon Valley High School had students tread water for more than three minutes when 15-year-old Benjamin Curry slipped under the water and drowned in May, the East Bay Times

reported Friday.

More than 50 students were in the pool during physical education teacher Aaron Becker's class, according to the claim.

Becker, who also coaches varsity football, did not return the newspaper's request for comment.

District spokeswoman Elizabeth Graswich says officials have not reviewed the claim and can't discuss specifics.

Family attorney Andy Schwartz said surveillance video showed the students treading water as Becker stood on a diving board. They were instructed to tread for three minutes and then another 30 seconds, according to the claim.

Since the drowning, the school in Danville, east of San Francisco, doesn't offer swim during physical education. A new district policy requires a lifeguard be on duty during any swim or water polo practices.

An autopsy report in June found Curry accidentally drowned, according to the newspaper. Schwartz said school officials knew the drowning was an accident but didn't rebut early media reports in which students speculated Curry may have killed himself.

The report also said surveillance video showed Curry's classmates leaving the pool and no activity until an hour later, when another class arrived and saw the teen underwater.

Maine woman who drove onto ball field indicted on 15 counts

ALFRED, Maine (AP) — A Maine woman accused of driving onto a baseball field and hitting and killing a man is facing more than a dozen charges including manslaughter and aggravated assault.

A grand jury returned a 15-count indictment this week against 51-year-old Carol Sharrow in York County Superior Court.

Sharrow, of Sanford, is charged with killing 68-year-old Douglas Parkhurst, of West Newfield. Police said at the time that the car came onto the field during a boy's baseball game at Goodall Park in Sanford. Video showed it circling the bases as umpires and players fled.

Police say the

hit-and-run took place on June 1. Sharrow's attorney didn't return a telephone message seeking comment.

Coast Guard rescues man, boy, dog from capsized boat off LI

MOUNT SINAI, N.Y. (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard crew members have rescued a man, his 9-year-old son and their dog after the family's fishing boat capsized off Long Island.

The Coast Guard says it responded to a radio call at 8:30 a.m. Saturday about a capsized boat near the Fire Island Inlet.

Newsday reports that the boat belongs to 47-year-old Brian Bair, who was fishing with his son Nolan and their yellow Lab, Pepper.

Brian Bair's wife, Jennifer Bair, tells Newsday that a "freak rogue wave" crashed into the boat and it capsized.

Crew members on the Coast Guard's 45-foot response boat spotted the father, son and dog at about 8:45 a.m. and pulled them onto the boat.

The Coast Guard says only Nolan was wearing a life jacket.

Some funeral homes stock overdose antidote

BALTIMORE (AP) — Funeral directors in Maryland are increasingly concerned their employees could be exposed to opioids. That's why some are stocking naloxone, the medication the reverses the effects of an overdose.

The Baltimore Sun reported Friday that funeral directors are calling themselves the "last responders" to the opioid epidemic. The concern is that employees could come into contact with opioids on a dead person's body or the clothes of a mourner.

Synthetic opioids like fentanyl and carfentanyl can be deadly, even in quantities as small as a grain of salt when inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

The National Funeral Directors Association is recommending members to prepare for the possibility that someone could suffer from exposure. The association has said that members should recognize overdose symptoms and train staff to administer naloxone

Most states don't restrict DNA collection from minors

By STUART LEAVENWORTH
McCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU
(TNS)

Imagine that your son or daughter is hanging out with friends, unaware a crime is unfolding a few blocks away. The police stop them and frisk them, and then tell your child and other minors they are free to go — if they consent to providing DNA samples. Your teenager complies. The police swab the inside of his or her mouth, and — unbeknownst to you — your family's DNA ends up in a law enforcement database.

Across the country, this scenario is becoming more common as police agencies make DNA collection a routine practice during traffic stops and some investigations. Adult suspects are the main targets of these "DNA dragnets," but some end up sweeping up teenagers.

Most states have few or no restrictions on the ability of local law enforcement to collect DNA from minors. But that is starting to change. Last week, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation that requires police in that state to obtain either judicial approval or consent from a parent or guardian before collecting DNA from minors during street stops.

DNA is a powerful

crime-fighting tool, and investigators say the expansion of law enforcement DNA databases has helped them crack numerous cold cases. Less attention has been paid to the privacy consequences of including juveniles in the databases, particularly minors who have committed no crimes or have been arrested for relatively minor offenses.

In 2016, ProPublica revealed that police in Florida, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and North Carolina had been collecting DNA from adults and juveniles not charged with — or even suspected of — crimes. The investigative reporting website described the practice as "stop-and spit," a variation on "stop-and-frisk."

Like most states, Florida has no law prohibiting police from requesting DNA from bystanders. While adults and minors can legally refuse a police request to submit to DNA testing, many young people may not realize they have that right, said Jackie Azis, a staff lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union in Miami.

In California, voters in 2004 approved Proposition 69, a ballot measure that allowed law enforcement to collect DNA from all felons and people arrested for certain crimes. The law included protections for juveniles — ensuring that the state's DNA database would



SHUTTERSTOCK PHOTO

Most states have few or no restrictions on the ability of local law enforcement to collect DNA from minors.

include DNA only from minors implicated in serious crimes.

Proposition 69, however, did not regulate the DNA databases compiled by local police agencies. Police in San Diego, since at least 2009, have been routinely collecting DNA from juveniles who consent to it during "stop and frisk" policing, according to a federal lawsuit the ACLU of San Diego filed against the city in 2017.

That case involves a teenager, "P.D.," who was 16 years old in 2016, when San Diego gang unit officers stopped him and four other African-American boys. According to the lawsuit and subsequent reporting by Voice of San Diego, officers

stopped the five teenagers because they thought they were wearing clothing associated with a street gang.

The five boys had no criminal records, but the police handcuffed them, patted them down and searched their bags. Police found an unloaded gun in P.D.'s bag, registered to a father of one of the other boys.

The other boys were told they could quickly be released if they signed consent forms allowing police to take samples of their DNA. Police booked P.D. on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and collected his DNA. (With questions about probably cause for the search, a juvenile court judge dismissed the charge.)

In its 2017 suit against the police department, the ACLU alleges that P.D. and the other boys had been stopped and DNA-profiled as part of a department policy aimed at evading the juvenile protections of Proposition 69.

The ACLU backed up this claim with a 2009 San Diego Police Department memo that says: "Law enforcement personnel can still collect biological samples from adults and juveniles, if they are for an investigative purpose to be held in the Department's local databank and not for the submission to a state level DNA database."

The suit, filed on behalf of

P.D.'s mother, Jamie Wilson, argues that juveniles are incapable of providing informed consent for DNA collection. It also infers that San Diego police are targeting African-Americans for DNA collection, a claim the city has disputed.

To some extent, that litigation has now been overtaken by state legislation that Brown signed into law on Sept. 26. The legislation forbids police from collecting DNA from minors on the street without a judicial order or consent of the child's parent, guardian or attorney.

In cases where a minor and parent agrees to DNA collection, the new law also obligates the police agency to delete the DNA information from its database if the minor no longer remains a suspect after two years.

The California Police Chiefs Association opposed the bill, arguing that it would "restrict law enforcement from collecting samples from victims who are also minors." It also could complicate investigations in which a minor was a victim and a parent was a possible suspect, the association said.

Supporters note that the new law includes exemptions in which parental consent would not be required in some circumstances, such as cases involving "a juvenile victim or suspected perpetrator of a sexual assault."

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Exquisite home in secluded setting

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 209 Figi Way NE in Lake Placid. It is priced for \$469,900 and is listed with Andrea Cranmer with Advantage Realty #1.

Who said you can't have it all? This private home has a circular driveway that leads to the home's grand entry, a beautiful courtyard. It has four 4 bedrooms with the potential for five and three-and-a-half baths.

The minute you enter you will notice that no detail has been overlooked in this meticulously unique home. This custom-built home features a gourmet kitchen, with stainless steel appliances and a large pantry.

Other features of the home include central vac, a claw foot tub, double

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Gorgeous country club home

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 3705 Creekside Drive in Sebring. It is listed for \$379,900 with Kevin and Teresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

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

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

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

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Condo with best view in county

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This penthouse condo is at 2131 Lakeview Drive, Unit 1210, in Sebring. It is priced for \$195,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell, team leader of Dell Team, with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

There is no other view like this in Highlands County. This stunning penthouse in Fountainhead Condo offers a view like none other in Highlands County. Located in historic downtown Sebring, the 12th floor corner unit features views of Lake Jackson, the downtown Circle, U.S. 27 and more.

The Fountainhead was built in 1967 and is one of Sebring's tallest buildings for residential use. The building has 12 floors with seven apartments per floor. Available for residents is a quaint game room/party room, complete with newer kitchen and fireplace. Residents also enjoy a lakeside heated pool year round. The building has

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2131 Lakeview Drive, Unit 1210, Sebring

From U.S. 27 at the South Publix, turn onto Lakeview Drive. Bear right onto South Ridgewood Drive. Turn left onto North Franklin Street. Turn left onto West Center Avenue. Turn right onto Lakeview Drive. The Fountainhead Condo is on the left.

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two laundry facilities, a library, some treadmills, lockers for extra storage and an area to rent for a paddle board, kayak or bike.

Walking up to the majestic building you will see is a huge water fountain. Take the elevator to the 12th floor and one of the first things you will notice is the view of downtown Sebring. On a clear day, far off on the horizon, you might be able to see the Lake Wales area.

Stepping into the corner unit you are greeted with tile floors throughout the condo. The kitchen features upgraded granite counters, updated appliances and kitchen cabinets. The raised kitchen bar allows for stool seating.

The living room has sliding glass doors that open to the rear glass enclosed lanai. The lanai is enclosed across the whole backside of the unit. This allows for spectacular lake views all the time and sunsets that are photographed daily.

This particular condo has tons of built-in storage to make the home's use



COURTESY PHOTO

Residents of the Fountainhead Condo enjoy a lakeside heated pool year round.

of space very smart. The guest bath features a jet tub. A spare bedroom has a view of downtown and is spacious in its own right.

Step into the master bedroom and you will see it overlooks the rear glass enclosed lanai and has stunning lake views. A couple of areas have been converted into either wall storage or closets by the owner. The master bath features a glass enclosed shower and updated vanity.

This condo is located close to all the happenings of downtown Sebring. You are close to the library, Highlands Little Theatre, Museum of the Arts, Highlands Art League, City Pier and right down the road from historic Sebring Circle.

Whether you are looking to get away from the hustle

of the city and come here for weekends or live here full time, you will love the location! Imagine having a front row seat for Sebring's Fourth of July fireworks over Lake Jackson. This is the perfect place to have cocktail parties and just enjoy carefree condo living.

The condo association takes care of all the amenities mentioned above and also takes care of basic cable, water, sewer and exterior insurance.

Be advised that the Fountainhead does not allow any pets.

For more information about this property, call Dell at 863-381-0400 or email dawndell1@gmail.com. Ask about MLS 247014. View professional photos of this property at dawndell.com.

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

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a unique gas fireplace with bench seating on both sides.

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

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

The 16 by 20 family room is light and bright and is a great place to sit and watch the wildlife in the backyard. This home has a study area close to two of the guest bedrooms; the area has built-in cabinets and a workstation counter top.

All of the guest bedrooms are nicely sized. The guest bathroom has an access door to the backyard.



COURTESY PHOTO

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

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

The rear lanai/porch area is partially under roof

and some of it is screened. This is a great area for relaxing and to enjoy reading a good book.

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

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

For more information, call Kevin and Teresa Bock at 863-381-9063 or 863-381-7884. Ask about MLS 248222. Or visit teresabock.com.

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sided walk-in shower, an energy-efficient spray foam sealed roof, custom painting and a four-car attached garage. The home has two air-conditioning units, one of which was installed in 2017 and is a 5 ton unit, and a home security system. The professionally landscaped fenced yard is complete with irrigation. All of this on one acre of land.

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This home features a claw foot tub and a double sided walk-in shower.

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A property survey is a must

When purchasing a property in Florida be aware that a property survey can bring peace of mind when undertaking a real estate transaction. Buyers need to realize a simple survey can prevent costly concerns and disputes among neighbors.



TODAY'S REAL ESTATE
Julio Seda

Today's column is thanks to Cathy Hines a local surveyor who facilitated in gathering interesting and valuable information along with information from Jayde Ferguson.

A detailed property survey is essential to find out important details about a house and the land it sits on. Many home buyers skip this in an effort to save money, but we feel the benefits and protection property surveys offer outweigh the cost.

Home owners shouldn't be fooled into thinking that a property survey isn't vital. Building guarantees aren't warranties and warranties only cover major and minor defects in the first two years. Regardless of how sure you are that everything will be fine with the property, a survey should always be conducted by a professional surveyor, not a lender.

Property surveys will clearly show the boundaries of the property, the lot size and property description. If you're thinking of buying a home or a plot of land, obtaining an up-to-date survey is essential. Here's why every home buyer should protect

their investment with a property survey.

Buying property is a big financial move. You want reassurance that what is on the contract and title is actually the parcel you'll be purchasing. Surveying of a property is a process in place to determine whether or not you're getting what you're paying for. The survey will ensure that the title you purchase is what you think, but it won't mitigate risks associated with the condition of the house.

Both the land and the property is assessed and mapped out to eliminate any problems or discrepancies. You'll want to consider getting a property survey done if you're buying a house, selling a house, building a fence or making any structural changes. A survey can eliminate disputes over boundary lines and corners.

A property owner must have accurate information about existing boundary lines and other demarcations of possession. This information is critical before you're able to build a fence, add an extra room or pave your driveway. Assuming where boundary lines or property

corners are can cause big problems between neighbors, especially if one party goes ahead with renovations or extensions.

Most people are unaware of the location of their property lines. A detailed property survey will reveal if there's any boundary line or property corner disputes. You'll have access to the exact property dimensions from the survey, which can determine if there are any issues effecting the boundary lines, like a driveway crossing over.

Property surveys eliminate any issues with dividing fences and buildings. Ideally, a new fence between two properties should be located on the boundary line, enabling each party to own half of the fence and share maintenance and replacement costs equally. But this isn't always the case. Boundary line disputes can lead to major issues with fences. A property survey will mark the boundary lines and ensure there's no uncertainty of the fence location or who it belongs to.

Zoning classification outlines whether the property is zoned for residential or light industrial use. Most owners will already be aware of their zoning classification, but you may not be aware of the restrictions in place. A certified survey details if there are any specific restrictions on how you can use the property and ensures it's being used in accordance with the

zoning ordinances.

When buying a property you are to realize the variety of changes, additions through the years you can do to improve the value such as subdividing, you need to be aware of any regulations first. It's common for owners to invest in a property that they later divide for family or to be sold for a profit. Counties and cities all have their own set of rules when it comes to restrictions on subdividing.

Investing in a property survey will determine whether any of these

regulations exist and have the potential to effect dividing plans.

How many of you will really think about underground cables and drains? In my years of real estate, many clients have yet to think of underground cables or draining. Folks please be aware of your investment risk for not doing a survey. It's easy enough to spot any above ground wiring at an inspection of the property yourself, but what about what's happening underneath? Knowing what water, electricity, gas, telephone, drains, wires,

cables etc. are under the property is important for a few reasons.

Utility companies may need to use a proportion of your land for line upkeep and if this falls under your home, it's their right to do so. It's a smart idea to know the location of underground utilities before you begin any construction too. Another important section of a property survey determines whether there's any legal rights for you or your neighbor to walk across each other's properties

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This September photo shows a for sale sign in front of a home in north Jackson, Miss. On Thursday, Oct. 4, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

US mortgage rates edge lower

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Long-term U.S. mortgage rates edged slightly lower this week, taking a pause after five straight weeks of increases.

Costs for would-be homebuyers have been climbing, and the key 30-year rate has been running at its highest levels in more than seven years. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages ticked down to 4.71 percent this week from 4.72 percent last week. The average benchmark rate has risen from 3.85 percent a year ago.

The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans slipped to 4.15 percent this week from 4.16 percent last week.

The Federal Reserve signaled its confidence in the economy last week by raising a key interest rate for a third time this year, forecasting another rate hike before year's end.

The strong economy and anticipation of more

short-term rate hikes by the Fed are helping drive the increase in mortgage rates.

Against the backdrop of economic strength, interest rates on U.S. Treasury bonds have been rising as their prices have fallen. The yield on the key 10-year Treasury note climbed Thursday to 3.18 percent, its highest level in more than seven years.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 0.4 point from 0.5 point last week. The fee on 15-year mortgages also declined to 0.4 point from 0.5 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 4.01 percent from 3.97 percent last week. The fee was unchanged at 0.3 point.

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to get to your own. Such conditions imposed by the law reflect on the title report but property surveys identify the rights.

Easements aren't usually shown on the deed. A property survey will show the easement on the survey map and whether your neighbor has the right to walk across your yard to the street. Encumbrances are also outlined on a property survey and will reveal any claims or liabilities that effects the title of the property.

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My utmost gratitude to Cathy Hines in Sebring for her assistance on this article.

To submit questions, comments or topics, call Julio Seda at 786-991-8235 or email 0532315@gmail.com.

Should mortgage borrowers escrow taxes and insurance or pay them on their own?

By JACK GUTTENTAG
MORTGAGE PROFESSOR

Mortgage lenders generally require borrowers to include taxes and insurance premiums in their monthly mortgage payments. The additional payments are placed in escrow until the payment dates when the amounts due are paid by the lender.

While mortgages are priced on the assumption that tax and insurance payments are escrowed, some borrowers can waive the requirement for a fee — usually 1/4 of a point, which amounts to \$250 for each \$100,000 of loan amount. To be eligible for an escrow waiver, the loan amount cannot exceed 80 percent of the lower of sale price and appraised value. An eligible borrower must take the initiative in waiving escrow. Waivers are not allowed on FHA mortgages under any circumstances.

Escrow mechanics

With an escrow, the lender calculates the amount the borrower must pay each month as an addition to the mortgage payment. The borrower can check the calculation using the same HUD-defined procedure that the lender uses. (Note: the procedure is explained at How Do I Figure Escrows on my website, www.mtgprofessor.com.)

This additional payment goes into the borrower's escrow account. The money in this account belongs to the borrower, though the lender usually keeps the interest on it. The lender is responsible for paying taxes and insurance out of the account.

Rationale for the escrow requirement

One rationale for the requirement is that it prevents a potential weakening in the protection provided to the lender by the property. If the homeowner is negligent for any reason and fails to pay the property tax, the tax authority could place a lien on the property that would have a higher priority than the lender's lien. Similarly, if the insurance premium is not paid and the house burns down or is flooded away, the lender's protection goes with it.

Since this rationale would apply to reverse mortgages as well as standard mortgages, an interesting question is why escrows are not required on the HECM reverse mortgage program. My guess is that because there is no required monthly payment to add it to, policy makers were reluctant to create a payment burden for elderly homeowners. This may have been a mistake.

Convenience vs. con-

trol

For many borrowers, having the lender responsible for paying taxes and insurance out of the escrow account is a welcome convenience. When I had a mortgage, I viewed the escrow arrangement that way, because it simplified our budgeting and our life.

On the other hand, for "control freaks" the escrow arrangement is an infringement on their personal autonomy. In support of the control freak, occasionally lenders muck it up. Their systems fail and the payments are not made. I have heard about a number of such cases from borrowers, some of them real horror stories. Yet such events are rare, and when they happen the lenders responsible make the borrowers whole, although they don't compensate them for their time, pain and suffering.

Loss of interest

When you establish an escrow account with the lender, in most states the lender gets to keep the interest earnings on the account. To calculate the interest loss, multiply the escrow account balance every month times 1/12 of the interest rate that you would receive if the account was yours rather than the lender's. For example, if the account balance for December

is \$2,000 and your bank pays 2 percent on your account, your interest loss for December is \$3.33 — 2,000 times 0.02 divided by 12. Sum the monthly figures to get the annual loss.

A few states require that lenders pay interest on escrow balances. If you are in one of them, subtract the rate you would receive on the escrow account from the rate you would earn on your own account. For example, if lenders must pay 1 percent, your loss in the example would be only 1 percent, amounting to \$1.67.

Borrowers should keep in mind that in order to retain the interest earnings on their deposits, they must incur the upfront fee required to waive escrow.

If you don't want to go through any of these calculations, don't bother. Many borrowers take the path of least resistance by accepting the escrow arrangement, without trying to balance the financial pros and cons. To my mind, the key issue is how you feel about relinquishing, versus retaining control over one important segment of your personal finances.

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While there are certainly a number of fabulous fall colors, for many the challenge lies in how to use these colors purposefully in decor.

How to use fabulous fall colors in your decor

By CATHY HOBBS
DESIGN RECIPES

When you think of fall colors, what comes to mind? Red, yellow, green, orange? While there are certainly a number of fabulous fall colors, for many the challenge lies in how to use these colors purposefully in decor.

Brown

Brown is a great foundation color and to many, a softer alternative to black. Brown can be used in many ways in a home, whether through the use of a wood finish or furniture or with the help of accessories and accents. Considered a neutral color, brown pairs well with other colors, or even different tints, tones and shades of brown in the same room. Looking for suggestions? Pastel colors such as powder pink or soft blue can be strong pairings. Finishes such as brass and chrome also work well.

Black

A longtime staple for interior designers and

decorators, black is making a bold comeback. Strong and dominant, black can add luxury and richness to nearly any space, but it should be used sparingly. For example, in a bedroom, two nightstands with a black finish will work well, but adding in a black dresser may overwhelm. Black also works well as an accent color. Two to three black accents in a room whether through the use of lighting, artwork or accessories can work beautifully.

Orange

Orange is a happy color that can help brighten and lighten a space while also adding a sense of warmth. Lighter shades of orange can work well in children's rooms, while darker, richer tones can add a sense of elegance in living rooms and other social areas such as family rooms.

Red

Strong and bold, red is a statement color. Red works well as a pop of

color in a space. As such, it pairs best with light colors or neutrals such as white, taupe or gray. When it comes to red, don't be afraid to use it in unexpected areas such as kitchens and bathrooms. Yellow

Yellow and all its shades, tints and tones is popular for fall. From chartreuse to mustard yellow and shades in between, yellow can be used in the fall and beyond. Not sure what colors will blend with yellow? Try neutral foundation colors such as brown, black and white. Don't forget finishes such as gold and brass are part of the yellow family and can work well in your decor as well.

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All About Realty welcomes new agent

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

LAKE PLACID — Gerald "Jerry" Meisenheimer has joined All About Realty of Lake Placid. He will be involved in residential and business sales, along with rental property management.

Meisenheimer has lived in Lake Placid since 1988, moving up from Broward County. After a 45-year career in law enforcement and operating several businesses, he has also been active in the rental field. He and his wife, Mary, built homes throughout the Lake Placid area and rent them out.

So, it was only natural for Meisenheimer to

discuss the possibility of managing rental properties for All About Realty broker/owner, Dan DeBono.

DeBono told him it was a great idea; however, it requires a Florida real estate license first.

"Come back and see me when you get your license," DeBono said.

As of Sept. 24, Meisenheimer completed his real estate training at Sebring School of Real Estate and is now a licensed agent. According to his instructor, Julio Seda, Meisenheimer had the highest score on the



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end-of-course exam in all his time of teaching the course. Meisenheimer went on to pass the Florida State Real Estate Exam on the first try.

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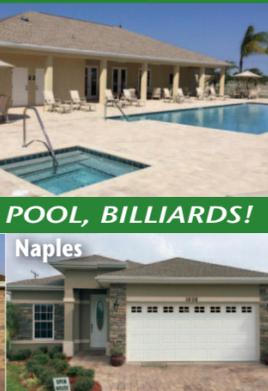
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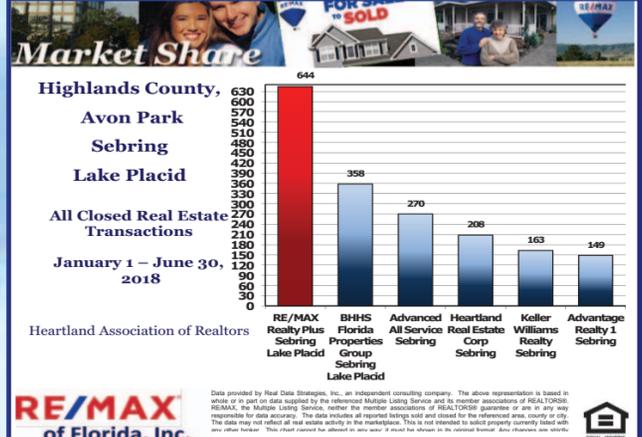


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It took all 60 minutes, overtime and a shootout goal by Nikita Kucherov for Tampa Bay to win their first game of the season, topping the Florida Panthers 2-1.

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■ PREP SPORTS: Cross-Country

Lady Pirates place second at Tri-County Championships

By **BEN BAUGH**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Port Charlotte Lady Pirates cross-country team placed second Friday evening at the Tri-County Championships at North Port High School.

Isabella Coogan, Amy Padilla-Quinones and Jocelyn Ramos, placed in the top 10 in the Charlotte County division. Port Charlotte as a team placed second in the Charlotte County division, with Coogan and Padilla-Quinones pacing the Lady Pirates, with both runners placing in the top 14 for the meet, with the entire roster achieving personal bests.

The Tri-County swimming championships were held Saturday at Selby Aquatic Center in Sarasota, featuring teams from Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee Counties. The Venice Indians placed second in the boys division, the Charlotte Tarpons third, and the Lemon Bay Manta Rays fifth out of 17 teams.

Tarpon Dylan Hacker, a previous winner of the Charlotte Sun Athlete of the Week, won the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Josh Eaton was second in both the 50 and 100 breaststroke and Carl Eisen placed fourth in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, said Jeff Cain, Tarpons swimming coach.

The Indians were third and the Tarpons fifth, only two points out of fourth, in the girls division. Vanessa Deel finished fourth in the 100 breaststroke, another previous Charlotte Sun Athlete of the Week, Karys Nelson, was second in the 50 free and third in the 100 free. The girls relay team of Karys Nelson, Aliyah Hackenberg, Vanessa Deel and Melody Stelmazek, placed second in the 200 freestyle.

■ PREP SPORTS: Gene Gorman Volleyball Tournament

Tarpons capture Gene Gorman tourney

By **CHUCK BALLARO**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

PUNTA GORDA — The Charlotte High School volleyball team appears to be peaking at the right time, and a possible opponent in the upcoming district playoffs had a chance to experience it for themselves.

The Tarpons swept through the Gene Gorman volleyball tournament Saturday, defeating district

rival Lemon Bay in the finals 2-0 (25-17, 25-16).

Charlotte (19-4) did not drop a set in its four-game tournament, nor was it ever really challenged in playing two local rivals and Labelle.

"I wanted to see the girls work together and play on point throughout the day," Charlotte coach Michelle Dill said. "Toward the end of the season we want to keep doing what we

need to do."

Charlotte, which beat North Port, Desoto and Labelle to get to the finals, made its life a lot easier by having Kelsey Nolan and Shelby Beisner at the top of its service lineup. The Tarpons seemed to be up six or seven points almost immediately as both had their "A" games going.

Beisner, in particular, was red hot on serve. In the semi-final

against Labelle she had eight aces in the first set alone. For this, she was named the tournament MVP, winning \$1,000 for the school's general scholarship fund in her name.

"I've missed my season, so I've focused on getting them in. Coach has been giving me a place for me to serve to and me hitting that spot," Beisner said. "We didn't miss a lot and we focused on that

because that's a lot of points we can receive."

Lemon Bay (15-7), playing shorthanded, played well as it worked on things for districts.

"We kept it close. Charlotte is a hard-hitting team. We tried different rotations and different positions, and it worked," Lemon Bay coach Pat Auer said. "We struggle against teams that hit hard,

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: No. 17 Miami 28, FSU 27

Comeback for the ages: Miami stuns FSU

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP SPORTS WRITER

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — At Miami, this will be The Comeback.

At Florida State, this will be The Collapse.

N'Kosi Perry threw four touchdown passes, and No. 17 Miami pulled off its biggest comeback ever against Florida State by rallying from 20 points down midway through the second half to top the Seminoles 28-27 on Saturday night.

"I never doubted," Miami safety Jaquan Johnson said.

There were few who could say that.

The game had the usual fare that comes with this rivalry: A pregame shout fest after warmups, the entire Miami roster getting an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for running across the field

to come to the aid of injured receiver Jeff Thomas after he got pulled down by his face mask and was shaken up near a raucous Florida State sideline, and missed field goals by both teams in the final quarter.

But what Miami did in the final 20 minutes, that was most unusual.

The Hurricanes, down 27-7, scored two touchdowns in a span of 42 seconds to get right back into the game, and then Perry connected with Brevin Jordan with 11:52 left for what became the winning score — the one that would give Miami (5-1, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) its first home victory over FSU since 2004.

"No one gave in," Miami coach Mark Richt said. "No one gave up," Perry's numbers



AP PHOTO

MIAMI | 7 Miami linebacker Michael Pinckney celebrates with the turnover chain during the second half of Saturday's game.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL: No. 22 Florida 27, No. 5 LSU 19

Trickery, defense help Florida edge LSU 27-19

By **MARK LONG**
AP SPORTS WRITER

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Lucas Krull grew up idolizing Tim Tebow, a left-handed quarterback big enough to play tight end.

So imagine how wide-eyed Krull was when Tebow spoke in the locker room before Florida's game against LSU. Krull was even more star-struck when Tebow congratulated him afterward.

A former Arkansas pitcher and now a seldom-used tight end, the 6-foot-6 Krull lofted a perfect pass to Feleipe Franks on a trick play that set up No. 22 Florida's winning touchdown in a 27-19 victory against fifth-ranked LSU on Saturday.

"I was like, 'Hey, can we get a picture?'" Krull said. "He was like, 'Yeah, of course. Great throw. Great team win.' So that was

awesome to be able to talk to him."

The Gators (5-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) scored all their points after the end of the first quarter, when Tebow became the sixth player inducted into the school's ring of honor.

"I didn't want him to let him down that way," said Florida coach Dan Mullen, who was Tebow's offensive coordinator for two national championships. "I know it's a night he'll never forget and the whole family will never forget. I know winning that game was kind of like a little cherry on top to make sure it was all smiles."

With Tebow watching much of the game from the sideline, Florida looked a little like a championship contender.

Lamical Perine grinded out tough yards and scored twice, Florida's defense was as good as it's been all season and the difference

was another perfect trick play called by Mullen.

A week after beating Mississippi State with a double pass, Franks handed off to Krull and slipped around the right side mostly unnoticed. Krull pulled up and lofted a 15-yarder back to Franks that set up Perine's second touchdown.

"That last drive they had was a devastating drive," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said. "We just couldn't make a play."

The drive was huge for Florida, which had dropped six of the last eight in the series and two in a row in Gainesville. It immediately followed LSU's go-ahead score that featured two long runs from Nick Brossette.

"Lucky runs," Gators defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson said. "We busted."

Brossette ran for 79 yards on the drive, including a 2-yard plunge that put the



AP PHOTO

FLORIDA | 7 Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks greets fans as he leaves the field after Florida defeated LSU 27-19 in an NCAA college football game.

Tigers (5-1, 2-1) up 19-14 with 8:48 to play.

Florida answered, but didn't put LSU away until

Stewart's interception and then another one on fourth down on the ensuing possession.

"It's another step for us," Gardner-Johnson said.

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By **MARK DIDTLER**
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TAMPA, Fla. — J.T. Miller and Nikita Kucherov scored in the shootout and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Florida Panthers 2-1 in the regular-season opener for both teams Saturday night.

Florida goalie Roberto Luongo departed midway through the second period with a lower-body injury after teammate Frank Vatrano landed on his extended right leg during a scramble in front of the goal. The 39-year-old Luongo, who stopped all 13 shots he faced in just over 32 minutes, needed help to skate off the ice.

Luongo was also shaken up earlier in the second when he took a shot by Steven Stamkos off the mask.

Lightning goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy made 42 saves in regulation. He made one save in the shootout and

had another shot hit the post.

The Lightning got a third-period, short-handed goal from Anthony Cirelli.

Tampa Bay was held scoreless over the final 15:27 in the 2018 Eastern Conference Final in which eventual Stanley Cup champion Washington rebounded from a one-game deficit to win Games 6 and 7.

Jacob MacDonald scored for the Panthers. Florida missed the playoffs by one point last season despite going 25-8-2 after the All-Star break.

Cirelli tied it at 1 by beating James Reimer with 9:15 to play. Reimer stopped 15 shots.

MacDonald scored at 5:58 of the first from the left circle in his first NHL game. The 25-year-old MacDonald is the sixth NHL player born in Oregon.

Florida center Derek MacKenzie left in the first period with an upper-body injury.



AP PHOTO

Florida Panthers defenseman Aaron Ekblad and Tampa Bay Lightning center Brayden Point battle for position during the second period of Saturday's game.

NOTES

Lightning F Ryan Callahan (shoulder surgery) is starting the season on injured reserve, but could be back in the next month. C Tyler Johnson (upper body)

didn't play, but should return next week ... Panthers D MacKenzie Weegar (shoulder) sat out, while D Bogdan Kiselevich (jaw), LW Jamie McGinn (back) and D Josh Brown (upper body) are on IR.

UP NEXT

Lightning: Play the second of a season-opening five-game homestand Thursday night against Vancouver.

■ **SOCCER: Cristiano Ronaldo**

Amid rape case, Ronaldo asks for space to celebrate goal

By **ANDREW DAMPF**
AP SPORTS WRITER

UDINE, Italy — Cristiano Ronaldo asked his Juventus teammates to leave him alone.

For all that he's embroiled in — accused of rape nine years ago — the soccer superstar wanted some space so he could celebrate his goal on Saturday all by himself in front of a TV camera.

He leaped into the air with an emphatic double fist pump, as he's often marked his goals, and then let his teammates congratulate him.

Ronaldo's powerful, angled goal, the second of the match and his fourth of the season, was met by applause and boos in the Italian league game at the home of Udinese. Ronaldo and Juventus finished 2-0 winners.

"Ronaldo had a good game," Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri said. "He's been training serenely and tonight he scored an extraordinary goal."

Just over a week ago, Kathryn Mayorga filed a civil lawsuit in the U.S. saying she was raped by Ronaldo in Las Vegas in 2009. Police have re-opened an investigation. Ronaldo has denied the accusation.

Ronaldo was not available for questions after the match, and Allegri wouldn't speculate what has been going through Ronaldo's mind away from the soccer field.

"Off the pitch, I don't know, because I don't live with him at home," Allegri said. "I see him on the pitch and he's serene. He trains, he plays and he scores goals — that's the most important thing."

Ronaldo played last for Juventus last weekend in Serie A, but midweek he missed a Champions League game because of an automatic suspension from a red card and was left out of Portugal's squad for upcoming international matches.

Available again for Juventus on Saturday, Ronaldo's mother, Maria Dolores Aveiro, sent her son a message on Instagram: "Good luck son and for your team because together we are stronger."

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa, while in Spain, spoke in defense of Ronaldo, appealing to the presumption of innocence, as well as Ronaldo's successful career.

"People need to understand ... (the) presumption of innocence," Costa said. "It is not enough for someone to be accused of something to be guilty of it."

"If there's something we have proof of is that he is an extraordinary professional, an extraordinary sportsman, an extraordinary footballer, and someone who has honored and given prestige to Portugal, and certainly what we all wish for is that nothing can ever stain that record of Ronaldo."

Some Juventus fans at



AP PHOTO

Juventus's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring during the Serie A soccer match between AC Udinese and Juventus.

the match also expressed support for Ronaldo.

On Thursday, Juventus sent a statement of support and called him a "great champion." But his sponsors Nike and video game maker EA Sports have expressed concern about the allegation.

Since the allegation surfaced, Juventus' share price has fallen by nearly 20 percent.

Neither Ronaldo nor

Juventus have addressed the allegation by Mayorga that she received a payoff of \$375,000 in 2010 after being put under pressure by the player's "fixers" to keep quiet about an incident in a penthouse hotel suite.

Other than the game against Young Boys, Ronaldo has played every minute of Juventus' other nine matches in all competitions this season.

■ **MLB: Tampa Bay Rays**

Rays bench coach Charlie Montoyo to interview for Reds' job

By **MARC TOPKIN**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

Rays bench coach Charlie Montoyo will interview this week for the vacant Reds' manager job, according to several published reports.

Montoyo, 53 this month, spent 18 years managing in the Rays minor-league system before joining the major-league staff in 2015 as third-base coach and shifted to the bench coach role this season,

working closely with manager Kevin Cash on all in-game decisions.

Montoyo's interview is first of several such opportunities expected for him and Rocco Baldelli this off-season. 3B coach Matt Quatraro's name also may come up. Senior VP Chaim Bloom, appropriately, is being included in speculation for several GM-type jobs.

Montoyo will be one of a reported 10 (or more) candidates to interview

for the Reds job, filling capably on an interim basis by Jim Riggleman after the mid-April firing of Bryan Price.

Also interviewing this week, per reports, is Giants bench coach Hensley Meulens.

The Reds have already brought in a number of external candidates, including former big-league managers Joe Girardi, John Farrell and Brad Ausmus, along with Giants VP of player development David Bell.

Internal candidates talked to include Riggleman, bench coach Pat Kelly, 3B coach Billy Hatcher, 1B coach Freddie Benavides.

There has also been media speculation of interest in Eduardo Perez, the current ESPN analyst who is the son of Tony Perez and whose 13-year playing career included a stop with the Devil Rays.

The team is looking to make a decision by the end of the World Series.

SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING 2 p.m. NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Gander Outdoors 400, at Dover, Del.	COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL 1 p.m. ESPN2 — North Carolina at Florida St.	CYCLING 1 a.m. (Monday) NBCSN — Paris-Tours, at Paris (same-day tape)	DRAG RACING 1 p.m. FS2 — NHRA, Texas Fall Nationals, qualifying, at Ennis, Texas (taped) 2 p.m. FS2 — NHRA, Texas Fall Nationals, finals, at Ennis, Texas	GOLF 7:30 a.m. GOLF — European PGA Tour, Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, final round, at St. Andrews, Scotland 5:30 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour, Safeway Open, final round, at Napa, Calif.	HORSE RACING 9:30 a.m. FS2 — Prix de Lard de Triomphe, at Paris 4:30 p.m. NBC — Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, Dixiana Bourbon Stakes and Juddmonte Spinster Stakes, at Lexington, Ky.	MLB BASEBALL 4:30 p.m. MLB — NL Division Series, Game 3, Milwaukee at Colorado 8 p.m. FS1 — NL Division Series, Game 3, L.A. Dodgers at Atlanta	NFL FOOTBALL 1 p.m. CBS — Regional coverage, Tennessee at Buffalo, Denver at N.Y. Jets, Jacksonville at Kansas City, Baltimore at Cleveland OR Miami at Cincinnati FOX — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Pittsburgh, Green Bay at Detroit OR N.Y. Giants at Carolina 4 p.m. CBS — Regional coverage, Oakland at L.A. Chargers 4:25 p.m. FOX — Regional coverage, Arizona at San Francisco, Minnesota at Philadelphia OR L.A. Rams at Seattle 8:20 p.m. NBC — Dallas at Houston	NBA BASKETBALL 3 p.m. NBA — Preseason, Atlanta vs. Oklahoma City, at Tulsa, Okla. 9 p.m. NBA — Preseason, Utah at Portland	RODEO 5 p.m. CBS — Bull riding, PBR Tour, Arait Invitational, at Milwaukee (taped)	SOCCER 6:25 a.m. ESPN2 — Serie A, Genoa vs. Parma 7 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League, Fulham vs. Arsenal 7:20 a.m. FS1 — Bundesliga, Freiburg vs. Bayer Leverkusen 9:15 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League, Southampton vs. Chelsea 9:30 a.m. FS1 — Bundesliga, Hoffenheim vs. Eintracht Frankfurt 11:30 a.m. NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool vs. Manchester City 1 p.m. ESPN — MLS, Chicago at D.C. United 5 p.m. FS1 — 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship, Group Stage, Group A: United States vs. Panama, at Cary, N.C. 7:30 p.m. FS2 — 2018 CONCACAF Women's Championship, Group Stage, Group A: Mexico vs. Trinidad & Tobago, at Cary, N.C.
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■ **PICK 2**

Oct. 6N	8-6
Oct. 6D	6-3
Oct. 5N	1-4
Oct. 5D	0-4
Oct. 4N	3-8
Oct. 4D	1-6
D-Day, N-Night	

■ **PICK 3**

Oct. 6N	6-1-5
Oct. 6D	7-1-0
Oct. 5N	6-6-8
Oct. 5D	8-3-1
Oct. 4N	1-4-3
Oct. 4D	9-8-6
D-Day, N-Night	

■ **PICK 4**

Oct. 6N	8-5-7-0
Oct. 6D	8-7-2-5
Oct. 5N	6-7-9-5
Oct. 5D	3-1-7-1
Oct. 4N	3-5-9-5
Oct. 4D	6-3-0-2
D-Day, N-Night	

■ **PICK 5**

Oct. 6N	4-0-3-4-3
Oct. 6D	0-2-4-8-3
Oct. 5N	6-6-9-6-1
Oct. 5D	2-9-0-0-1
Oct. 4N	0-6-0-2-3
Oct. 4D	0-8-8-9-6
D-Day, N-Night	

■ **FANTASY 5**

Oct. 6	Late
Oct. 5	1-15-16-19-24
Oct. 4	11-14-18-20-35
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 5	
1 5-digit winners	\$217,521.42
278 4-digit winners	\$126
9,443 3-digit winners	\$10

■ **CASH FOR LIFE**

Oct. 4	6-8-26-34-42
Cash Ball	3

Oct. 1	2-21-31-36-52
Cash Ball	1
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 4	
0 5-5 CB	\$1,000/Day
0 5-5	\$1,000/Week
4 4-5 CB	\$2,500
11 4-5	\$500

■ **LUCKY MONEY**

Oct. 5	1-18-25-34
Lucky Ball	12

Oct. 2	5-8-42-44
Lucky Ball	8
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 5	
0 4-of-4 LB	\$600,000
2 4-of-4	\$2,493.50
30 3-of-4 LB	\$364
568 3-of-4	\$56.50

■ **LOTTO**

Oct. 6	Late
Oct. 3	11-12-31-35-37-45
Sept. 29	24-31-33-42-49-51
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 3	
0 6-digit winners	\$3.5 million
10 5-digit winners	\$7,134
703 4-digit winners	\$82
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$4 million

■ **POWERBALL**

Oct. 6	Late
Powerball	Late

Oct. 3	41-53-59-63-66
Powerball	3
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 3	
0 5-5 + PB	\$229 Million
0 5-5	\$1 Million
0 4-5 + PB	\$50,000
28 4-5	\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$253 million

■ **MEGA MILLIONS**

Oct. 5	27-28-32-41-69
Mega Ball	12

Oct. 2	2-22-29-31-34
Mega Ball	1
PAYOFF FOR OCT. 2	
0 5 of 5 + MB	\$420 Million
0 5 of 5	\$1 Million
2 of 5 + MB	\$10,000
48 4 of 5	\$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$470 million

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■ AREA SPOTLIGHT: Charlotte High School

Tarpon 2018 Hall of Fame class includes Midgett

By **BEN BAUGH**
SPORTS EDITOR

It was something he knew he always wanted to do.

Justin Midgett followed in his father Billy's footsteps, as the Tarpons starting quarterback. He would be among the nation's top 10 rated passers, while wearing the school's blue and yellow.

And although Midgett's lineage may suggest he was predisposed to becoming the Tarpons starting quarterback, the passing records he established during his tenure while piloting the Charlotte offense, secured his place in the school's history. Midgett was recently inducted into the Charlotte High School Sports Hall of Fame, an honor the elder Midgett also received, making them the first father and son to earn the distinction.

"I found out a little over a month ago, it was humbling," said Midgett, the Tarpons 2002 offensive MVP. "I went in with some guys who had some crazy stats and were amazing athletes. When I went in, I was like how do I compare to these guys, great athletes who won state championships. I'm as much a product of the great athletes I had around me, and the great coaches who allowed me to look as good as I did. I'm very thankful for the people who got me there. I'm humbled by the entire experience. I still haven't been able to think about it enough to put it into words, how I truly feel about it.

"It was an awesome experience, standing out there, when they called me out, looking up into the stands and seeing the people I've known my whole life. Growing up here, teachers that I had, that I now work with."

Midgett distinguished himself during his high school career, one that saw him as a senior rated as the top quarterback in the state of Florida, and earning him first team all selection status in Class 4A.

The Punta Gorda native also played



MIDGETT

baseball and basketball for the Tarpons. Midgett has always felt at home at the Wallace Keller Stadium Complex, he began working out at the facility while in middle school, in an environment he found inviting, providing him with a sense of belonging.

"I grew up coming to Charlotte High School games, since I was knee high to a grasshopper," said Midgett.

The elder Midgett's records and career as the Tarpons starting quarterback provided the younger Midgett with all of the motivation he needed.

"I wanted to be like my dad," said Justin, who also played safety for the Tarpons. "I wanted to break all of his records. He had a bunch of records. I knew coming up, this is what I wanted to do."

Midgett was a 4-year starter during his time at Charlotte High School, and his freshman year, was the first year Binky Waldrop was at the helm of the Tarpons program. Waldrop, who's also a Tarpon Hall of Famer, played with Justin's father, and they were in the same graduating class. Midgett is now a part of Coach Waldrop's staff, serving in the capacity as an assistant coach. Midgett and Waldrop had a great relationship when he was playing, something that still exists today.

"I think a lot of Justin," said Waldrop. "He's probably the best quarterback that we've had play here. The thing that I always admired the most about him is his competitiveness. He's that way as a coach too. It makes me proud to see him get inducted into the Hall of Fame). I was friend's with his father, we played baseball and football together. There was a long connection before he came to high school. I've



PHOTO PROVIDED

Justin Midgett was recently inducted into the Charlotte High School Sports Hall of Fame.

known him since he was born. It feels like one of your own kids got in."

It was during his senior campaign, one where Midgett led the Tarpons to their second undefeated year in school history, and deep into the playoffs, where Charlotte would reach the state semifinals. Midgett was a formidable threat on the football field, passing for nearly 2,500 yards and 21 touchdowns, earning a full scholarship to the University of Florida. However, what's even more amazing was that he tore the ligaments in his right ankle, during the Tarpons second game of the year, but Midgett wouldn't let the injury deter him from playing, the intrepid warrior went into battle for each of the Tarpons' 14 games that

season, never missing a beat.

However, Midgett always knew he would return to Charlotte High School, with a professional career that saw him play for the Arena football Florida Firecats, Lubbock Renegades and Birmingham Steeldogs and another season in France.

"When I went off to college, the arena and all that other stuff, I always knew I would come back to the hometown," said Midgett, who threw for nearly 400 yards and five touchdowns in his final regular season game, one that saw him pass for 270 yards and four touchdowns in the game's first quarter. "I was lucky enough that Coach Waldrop accepted me back to coach. He started

me with the freshmen, and had me work my way up. It was a good thing. I needed that.

"Even when I was playing arena, I would come back here and coach. I wasn't a year round coach back then, but I was still helping as much as I could."

The Tarpons rich sense of history, pride in their program, and its emphasis on building relationships, created an environment conducive to winning.

"It's been a great experience," said Midgett. "I love what Charlotte High offers. It's family, pride and tradition. The family atmosphere is what I love about this place. I think that's what sets Charlotte High School apart from most other schools. We're really a family and take

care of each other."

As a coach, Midgett has directed his energies toward shaping the character of the young men who are currently participating in the Tarpons program.

"The football aspect is always there out at practice," said Midgett, who loves his job, the area, the school, the family environment Charlotte High School has to offer, and it's his intention to retire a Tarpon. "What you try to do with these young men, is build positive young men, solid young men, who you're proud of when you're out in the community...the biggest aspect of what I do, and what we do, is showing these young men, how to act like men, how to mature. That's where the family aspect comes along."

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so we tried things in practice and brought them here."

Caroline Hill, a member of the all-tournament team, said she was happy with the team's play against Charlotte.

"We were playing against a very strong offense and defense. We bit better than the first time in terms of getting touches and some of their hits up," Hill said. "Of course, you always want to win."

Lemon Bay won its first three matches in straight sets, though both Labelle and Seacrest gave them tussles in the morning session before beating Desoto handily in the semi-finals.

Charlotte's Skylar Gribben, Adrian Barrera of DeSoto and Maddie Lofton of Labelle were also named to the all-tournament team. Labelle finished third.

North Port (9-11), after being drubbed in its first match by Charlotte, didn't see its fortunes get any better as it lost all four of its matches to finish last in the seven-team tournament. It's highlight was taking Labelle to a third set after a 25-23 win.

Estero player airlifted during Lemon Bay game



PHOTO PROVIDED.

Estero free safety Aiden Thompson, an 11th grader at Estero High School, was seriously injured after a head-to-head contact in Friday night's game at Lemon Bay. He had to be carried off the field on a stretcher and was later airlifted to a hospital in Tampa..

AREA PREP CALENDAR

MONDAY

■ **Golf**

Girls Golf Lemon Bay, Charlotte, North Port, Port Charlotte, Venice at Donald Ross Invite, 9 a.m.

Boys Golf Lemon Bay, Charlotte, North Port, Port Charlotte, Venice Donald Ross Invite 9 a.m.

■ **Volleyball**

Lemon Bay vs Imagine School at North Port Charlotte vs. ODA, Senior Night, 7 p.m.
North Port at Hardee, 7 p.m.

■ **Swimming**

Port Charlotte vs. Hardee (Senior Day), 9 a.m.
Venice vs. Sarasota

TUESDAY

■ **Volleyball**

Venice at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Sarasota, 7 p.m.
Port Charlotte vs. Sarasota Christian, Senior Night, 7 p.m.
North Port vs. DeSoto County, 7 p.m.

■ **Swimming**

Charlotte at Gulf Coast, 5 p.m.

■ **MLB: Houston 3, Cleveland 1**

Gonzalez, Bregman lift Astros for 2-0 ALDS lead

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP SPORTS WRITER

HOUSTON (AP) — Marwin Gonzalez hit a go-ahead, two-run double, Alex Bregman homered for the second straight day and the Houston Astros beat the Cleveland Indians 3-1 Saturday to take a 2-0 AL Division Series lead.

Gerrit Cole struck out 12 and walked none, combining with two relievers on Houston's second straight three-hitter. He allowed Francisco Lindor's third-inning homer.

Gonzalez put the Astros ahead in the sixth with the third of his four hits, an opposite-field double to right off usually reliable reliever Andrew Miller.

Bregman homered against Trevor Bauer in the seventh, and the World Series champions moved within a win of a second straight trip to the AL Championship Series.

Dallas Keuchel starts for the Astros when the series resumes Monday in Cleveland. Mike Clevinger is scheduled to pitch for the Indians.

Cole followed Monday's solid start from Justin Verlander by allowing one run and three hits in seven

innings, joining Tom Seaver (1973) as the only pitchers to strike out at least 12 batters without a walk in a postseason game.

Ryan Pressly got two outs, and Roberto Osuna walked one in a four-out save.

Cleveland starter Carlos Carrasco allowed two runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings.

The AL Central champion Indians have three runs in the two games and are batting .100 (6 for 60). Jose Ramirez, Edwin Encarnacion and Josh Donaldson have combined to go 1 for 22.

Jose Altuve singled leading off the sixth but slipped as he left the batter's box and was limping after reaching first base. Manager AJ Hinch and a trainer came out to check on Altuve, who remained in the game.

Bregman walked and one out later, Cleveland brought in Miller, the dominating left-hander who was MVP of the 2016 AL Championship Series but has been slowed by injuries this year.

The switch-hitting Gonzalez turned around and hit right-handed. He fouled off a slider, then doubled on a fastball.

Miller had allowed just one previous inherited



AP PHOTO

Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez (9) races to first base on a hit against the Cleveland Indians during the sixth inning of Game 2 of a baseball American League Division Series, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, in Houston. Two runs scored on the play.

runner to score in the postseason, on a sacrifice fly by Boston's David Ortiz in Game 3 of the 2016 AL Division Series.

Miller walked Carlos Correa on four pitches and loaded the bases

with an intentional walk. Bauer, a starter pitching in relief for the second straight day, retired Evan Gattis on a popout and struck out Martin Maldonado.

Cole retired 13 of 14

after Lindor's homer, striking out the side in the fourth. After fanning Ramirez on three pitches to end the sixth, Cole screamed and pumped both arms as he walked off the mound.

Houston leadoff hitter George Springer went 1 for 4 with a single, ending a streak of five straight postseason games with a home run — one shy of Daniel Murphy's record.

■ **MLB: Atlanta Braves**

Newcomb to start Game 3 for Braves instead of Gausman

ATLANTA — Left-hander Sean Newcomb will start Game 3 of the NL Division Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers and not Kevin Gausman.

With the Braves trailing 2-0 in the best-of-five series, Atlanta manager Brian Snitker made the change Saturday.

The 25-year-old Newcomb came within one strike of throwing a no-hitter against the Dodgers at home on July 29. He pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Mike Foltynewicz in Thursday's opener.

"We need to win," Snitker said. "Not that Gausman doesn't give us that opportunity, we like how Newcomb matches up with them and the success that he's had against the Dodgers this year." Snitker said he

discussed the change with general manager Alex Anthopoulos on the flight home after Atlanta's 3-0 loss Friday. They agreed to the move Saturday afternoon.

Gausman is 5-3 with a 2.87 ERA in 10 starts since he was acquired from Baltimore.

"Snit came up and talked to me on the plane before we took off, let me know that that was a possibility, so kind of get my mind right before I kind of went to bed," Newcomb said.

Newcomb threw a career-high 134 pitches when he went 8 2/3 innings against Los Angeles in a 4-1 win on July 29. Taylor singled to left on a 2-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth.

Newcomb was 12-9 with a 3.90 ERA in his first

full big league season, but had a 5.68 ERA in 10 late-season starts.

Rookie right-hander Walker Buehler is expected to start for the Dodgers. He allowed one hit in 6 2/3 scoreless innings Monday during the 5-2 win over Colorado in the NL West tiebreaker and finished 8-5 with a 2.62 ERA.

Atlanta has been outscored 9-0 in the first two games, managing just nine hits. Only two runners have reached third base.

Snitker said he may move switch-hitting second baseman Ozzie Albies up in the lineup to No. 2. He is not anticipating any changes to his starting eight.

"We've got to take the safety off and start firing," Snitker said.



AP PHOTO

Atlanta Braves pitcher Sean Newcomb throws to a Los Angeles Dodgers batter during the third inning of Game 1 of a baseball National League Division Series on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Los Angeles.

■ **MLB: Baltimore Orioles**

Three options for Chris Davis after his disastrous season

By **DAN RODRICKS**
THE BALTIMORE SUN (TNS)

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis, the disaster within the disaster that was the 2018 Orioles season — the worst in the team's history — must be the most self-conscious man in the country. I mean, wouldn't you be?

A few years ago, he was Crush. Now he's Crash. (And even that nickname doesn't work because it's already taken, permanently engraved in baseball culture by Kevin Costner's portrayal of a minor-league catcher by that name in "Bull Durham.")

I won't go into the statistics because they are too shocking and painful to put into print again. Besides, by now, everybody knows about Chris Davis and his epic collapse as a slugger, a collapse so severe he might never

recover. And, of course, all the millions in his seven-year contract compound and amplify the calamity.

I am not he. You are not he. Only he is he. Only Davis knows how Davis truly feels about what happened this past season. I assume the man must be profoundly embarrassed by the paradox of his hitting decline and his financial ascent. I mean, you would have to have the emotional constitution of a door — or Donald J. Trump — not to be. I will even speculate that Davis feels guilty about all the money.

Again, I am not he. You are not he. Only he is he. Only Davis can decide what happens next.

But I have called this meeting to stick my nose in his business because, for one thing, unless the Angelos family finds some way of cutting him loose, Davis

is going to be around for a while.

More importantly: Fans still care about the guy. No matter how awful he looks at the plate, he is still Crush to most Orioles' fans. A lot of us were pleased and relieved that, after hitting 47 home runs in 2015 — a tragic and tense year in Baltimore — Davis signed that big contract to stay here. We want to see him smile again. We want him to be happy, not miserable, with his millions.

Nobody, including Davis, asked me, but I think he has three options:

— Option 1: Hit the reset button. This is the obvious thing, and it is probably what Davis has in mind — to double-down on his offseason training, and come back next year and try again. Totally understandable and admirable. The baseball cognoscenti believe

he is in a long tailspin, with his batting prowess in permanent decline, and they might be right. Davis is 32. We might have seen the last of his 30-plus home run seasons. But other sluggers have punched back hard after being on the ropes. It could happen with Davis.

As Yogi Berra said: "Ninety percent of the game is half mental." If Davis can shake his self-consciousness about his lousy 2018 season and about the millions he makes, he might be able to get his groove back.

And he only needs a 60 percent comeback, according to Stan "The Fan" Charles, who analyzed Davis' career with the Orioles for a recent piece in Press Box.

"If the Orioles can get 60 percent of the best version of Davis," Charles wrote, "that comes out to about 30 home runs, 82 RBIs and

solid if not spectacular defense, which isn't horrible for \$17 million a year."

— Option 2: Walk away. Retire from baseball. Savor the memories and enjoy the significant cash you have already accumulated. Relieve the Orioles of the remainder of the huge contract, theoretically freeing up millions for new players as the team rebuilds.

Davis would not be the first to do this. During the 1994 season, future Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg walked away from the Chicago Cubs and what at the time was one of baseball's fattest contracts. Sandberg believed his skills had slipped beyond repair. He gave up about \$16 million guaranteed.

"It's never been a big part of my thinking or why I played the game," Sandberg said of the money. "It's not the thing that motivated me."

In the winter of 2011, a Kansas City Royals relief pitcher, Gil Meche, left the game and \$12 million behind. He was 32 years old and felt guilty about the loot. "Once I started to realize I wasn't earning my money, I felt bad," he told The New York Times. "I was making a crazy amount of money for not even pitching. Honestly, I didn't feel like I deserved it."

For Chris Davis, there would be no shame in doing this.

— Option 3: Play out your contract and take the Orioles' money, for as long as you feel right about it, but give half of your annual earnings to charities, and let everyone in Birdland know what you're doing. This might make Davis feel a little better about his predicament — even if the 60 percent hitting comeback does not happen and he ends up on the bench.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
WILD CARD
Oct. 2: Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13 innings
Oct. 3: New York 7, Oakland 2

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-F necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
All games on TBS
BOSTON 1, NEW YORK 0
Friday: Boston 5, New York 4
Saturday: New York at Boston, late
Monday: Boston (Porcello 17-7) at New York (Tanaka 12-6), 7:40 p.m.
x-Tuesday: Boston (Evoli 6-7) at New York (Sabathia 9-7), 8:07 p.m.
x-Thursday: New York at Boston, 7:40 p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX SCORE
RED SOX 5, YANKEES 4
NEW YORK AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
McCutchen lf 5 1 1 0 0 1 .200
Judge rf 5 1 3 1 0 1 .600
Hicks cf 1 0 1 0 1 0 1.000
1-Gardner pr-cf 2 1 0 0 1 1 .000
Stanton dh 5 1 1 0 0 4 .200
Voit 1b 5 0 2 2 2 0 .400
Gregorius ss 4 0 1 1 0 1 .250
Andujar 3b 3 0 0 0 1 1 .000
Sanchez c 3 0 0 0 1 1 .000
Torres 2b 3 0 1 0 1 1 .333
TOTALS 36 4 10 4 5 13
BOSTON AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Betts rf 3 1 1 0 1 2 .333
Benintendi lf 4 2 2 0 0 0 .500
Pearce 1b 3 1 1 1 1 1 .333
Moreland 1b 0 0 0 0 0 0
Martinez dh 4 1 2 3 0 0 .500
Bogaerts ss 3 0 1 1 0 0 .333
Nunez 3b 4 0 0 0 1 0 .000
Kinsler 2b 4 0 1 0 0 3 .250
Leon c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Bradley Jr. cf 2 0 0 0 1 0 .000
TOTALS 30 5 8 5 3 7
NEW YORK 000 002 101-4 10 0
BOSTON 302 000 00X-5 8 0
1-ran for Hicks in the 4th.

LOB—New York 10, Boston 6. 2B—Betts (1), HR—Judge (1), off Kimbrel; Martinez (1), off Happ. RBIs—Judge (1), Voit (2), Gregorius (1), Pearce (1), Martinez (3), Bogaerts (1), Benintendi (1), SF—Bogaerts. S—Leon. Runners left in scoring position—New York 4 (Gregorius, Andujar, Torres 2); Boston 1 (Benintendi). RISP—New York 1 for 7; Boston 3 for 6. Runners moved up—Martinez. GDP—Andujar. DP—Boston 1 (Kinsler, Bogaerts, Pearce).

NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Happ, L, 0-1 2 4 5 5 1 2 44.2250
Green 2 2 0 0 1 0 24 0.00
Lynn 2 1 0 0 1 2 32 0.00
Britton 1 1 0 0 0 1 12 0.00
Robertson 1 0 0 0 0 2 15 0.00
BOSTON IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Sale, W, 1-0 5.1 5 2 2 2 8 93.338
Brasier 1 1 0 0 1 0 15 0.00
Workman, H, 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 17.00
Barnes, H, 1 1 0 0 0 1 20 0.00
Porcello, H, 1 2 1 0 0 0 15 0.00
Kimbrel, S, 1-1 1.1 1 1 1 0 3 22 6.75
Happ pitched to 2 batters in the 3rd. Workman pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Inherited runners scored—Green 2-2, Brasier 2-2, Workman 2-0, Barnes 2-1, Kimbrel 1-0. WP—Brasier, Barnes. Umpires—Home, Cory Blaser; First, Dan Bellino; Second, Mike Winters; Third, Angel Hernandez; Right, D.J. Reyburn; Left, Fieldin Culbreth. T—3:41. A—39,059 (37,731).

HOUSTON 2, CLEVELAND 0
Friday: Houston 7, Cleveland 2
Saturday: Houston 3, Cleveland 1
Monday: Houston (Keuchel 12-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 13-8), 1:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday: Houston at Cleveland, 4:35 p.m.
x-Thursday: Cleveland at Houston, 4:07 p.m.

ASTROS 3, INDIANS 1
CLEVELAND AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Lindor ss 4 1 1 1 0 1 .250
Brantley lf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .143
Ramirez 2b 4 0 0 0 0 2 .000
Encarnacion dh 3 0 1 0 1 2 .143
Donaldson 3b 4 0 0 0 0 2 .000
Alonso 1b 3 0 0 0 1 0 .000
Cabrera rf 3 0 1 0 0 0 .167
Gomes c 2 0 0 0 1 2 .000
Kipnis cf 3 0 0 0 0 3 .000
TOTALS 30 1 3 1 2 14
HOUSTON AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Springer cf-rf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .375
Altuve 2b 4 1 1 0 0 1 .250
Bregman 3b 3 2 1 1 1 1 .500
Gurriel 1b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .143
Gonzalez lf 4 0 4 2 0 0 .714
1-Straw pr-lf 0 0 0 0 0 0
Correa ss 3 0 0 0 1 1 .000
White dh 2 0 1 0 2 1 .500
Reddick rf 2 0 1 0 0 0 .000
a-Gattis ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
Marisnick cf 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
Maldonado c 3 0 0 0 0 2 .143
TOTALS 31 3 9 3 4 7
CLEVELAND 001 000 000-1 3 0
HOUSTON 000 002 10X-3 9 0
a-popped out for Reddick in the 6th. 1-ran for Gonzalez in the 8th. LOB—Cleveland 4, Houston 9. 2B—Gonzalez (1), HR—Lindor (1), off Cole; Bregman (2), off Bauer. RBIs—Lindor (1), Bregman (3), Gonzalez 2 (2). SB—Straw (1). S—Maldonado. Runners left in scoring position—Houston 4 (White, Maldonado 3). RISP—; Houston 2 for 9. Runners moved up—Correa. GDP—Altuve. DP—Cleveland 1 (Donaldson, Ramirez, Alonso).

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Carrasco, L, 0-1 5.1 6 2 2 1 3 77 3.38
Miller, BS, 1-1 0 1 0 0 2 0 9 0.00
Bauer 1.2 1 1 0 1 0 2 22 3.00
Hand 1 1 0 0 1 2 13 0.00
HOUSTON IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Cole, W, 1-0 7 3 1 1 0 12 98 1.29
Pressly, H, 2 2 0 0 0 1 15 0.00
Osuna, S, 1-1 1.1 0 0 1 1 21 0.00
Miller pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. Inherited runners scored—Miller 2-2, Bauer 3-0, Osuna 1-0. WP—Miller. Umpires—Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Tim Timmons; Third, Jeff Nelson; Right, Chris Conroy; Left, Andy Fletcher. T—3:12. A—43,520 (41,168).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
FS1 and MLB Network
MILWAUKEE 2, COLORADO 0
Oct. 4: Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings
Friday: Milwaukee 4, Colorado 0
Today: Milwaukee (Miley 5-2) at Colorado (Marquez 14-11), 4:37 p.m. (MLB)
x-Monday: Milwaukee (Freeland 17-7) at Colorado, 9:40 p.m. (FS1)
x-Wednesday: Colorado at Milwaukee, 4:35 p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX SCORE
BREWERS 4, ROCKIES 0
COLORADO AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Blackmon cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .125
LeMahieu 2b 3 0 1 0 1 0 .167
Arenado 3b 4 0 2 0 0 2 .286
Gonzalez rf 3 0 0 0 1 1 .143
Musgrave p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Oh p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Rusin p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Stroy ss 4 0 0 0 0 2 .000
Parra lf 4 0 2 0 0 1 .500
Desmond 1b 4 0 1 0 0 1 .125
Janetta c 3 0 0 0 0 1 .000
McMahon ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
Anderson p 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
a-Holliday ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .500
Oberg p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Dahl rf 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
TOTALS 33 0 6 0 3 10
MILWAUKEE AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Cain cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .000
Yelich rf 2 1 1 0 2 0 .400
Braun lf 4 1 1 0 0 1 .333
Aguilar 1b 3 0 0 1 2 .000
Arcia pr-ss 0 1 0 0 0 0 .250
Moustakas 3b 4 1 2 1 0 0 .375

Perez ss-2b 4 0 2 1 0 1 .333
Shaw 2b-1b 3 0 2 0 1 1 .333
Kratz c 4 0 2 2 0 1 .500
Chacin p 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000
c-Santana ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
Knebel p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Soria p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Hader p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
b-Schoop ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .000
Jeffress p 1 0 0 0 0 0 .000
TOTALS 32 4 9 4 4 10
COLORADO 000 000 000-0 6 0
MILWAUKEE 000 100 03X-4 9 1
a-struck out for Anderson in the 7th, b-struck out for Ianetta in the 9th, c-struck out for Chacin in the 5th.

E—Kratz (1). LOB—Colorado 9, Milwaukee 8. 2B—Moustakas (1), Perez 2 (2). RBIs—Kratz 2 (2), Moustakas (2), Perez (1). SB—Desmont (1), Shaw (1), Perez (1). CS—Perez (1). SF—Freese. Runners left in scoring position—Colorado 4 (Blackmon, Dahl, Story, Gonzalez); Milwaukee 5 (Kratz, Braun 2, Cain, Jeffress). RISP—Colorado 0 for 7; Milwaukee 4 for 14. COLORADO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Anderson, L, 0-1 6 4 1 1 2 5 1.50
Oberg 1 2 0 0 0 3 0.00
Musgrave 0 0 1 1 1 0 13.50
Oh 1 2 2 2 1 1 54.00
Rusin 2 1 0 0 0 1 0.00
MILWAUKEE IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Chacin, W, 1-0 6 0 0 0 3 3 0.00
Knebel 1 0 0 0 2 0 0.00
Soria 2 1 0 0 0 2 0.00
Hader 2 2 0 0 0 3 0.00
Jeffrey, S (1) 2 2 0 0 0 3 0.00
Umpires—Home, Kerwin Danley; First, Ted Barrett; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Alfonso Marquez; Right, Mike Muchlinski; --- Left, John Tumpane. T—3:15. A—44,547.

LOS ANGELES 2, ATLANTA 0
Oct. 4: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 0
Friday: Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0
Today: Los Angeles (Buehler 8-5) at Atlanta (Gausman 5-3), 8:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Monday: Los Angeles vs. Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday: Atlanta vs. Los Angeles, 8:07 p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOX SCORE
DODGERS 3, BRAVES 0
ATLANTA AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Acuna lf 4 0 2 0 0 0 .250
Camargo 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Freeman 1b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .125
Markakis rf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .143
Suzuki c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Albies 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .143
Maine 1b 3 0 0 0 1 1 .333
Penn 31, Sacred Heart 2 1.167
Pronce 6b, Lehigh 7 0.000
Rhode Island 48, Brown 0 0.000
South Florida 58, UMass 42 0.000
Temple 49, East Carolina 6 0.000
Townsend 52, Stony Brook 28 0.000
West Virginia 38, Kansas 22 0.000
SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 41, MVSU 27 0.250
Campbell 49, Wagner 3 0.333
Clemson 63, Wake Forest 3 0.333
Davidson 44, Jacksonville 37 0.200
Delaware 43, Richmond 28 0.125
ETSU 45, Gardner-Webb 0 0.200
Elon 27, James Madison 24 0.167
FAU 52, Old Dominion 33 0.143
Florida A&M 17, Norfolk St. 0 0.000
Georgia Southern 48, South Alabama 13 0.000
Hampton 41, Lane 8 0.000
Kennesaw State 56, E. Kentucky 7 0.000
McNeese 24, Abilene Christian 21 0.000
Miami 28, Florida St. 27 0.000
Mississippi 70, Louisiana-Monroe 21 0.000
NC Central 40, Howard 35 0.000
NC State 28, Boston College 23 0.000
SC State 21, Morgan St. 18 0.000
Samford 66, W. Carolina 28 0.000
San Diego 51, Morehead St. 34 0.000
Savannah St. 23, Charleston Southern 3 0.000
South Carolina 37, Missouri 35 0.000
West Florida 24, North Alabama 19 0.000
William & Mary 25, Albany (NY) 22 0.000
Wofford 21, Chattanooga 10 0.000
Tenn. State (2-1) at Austin Peay (2-3), late
NC A&T (4-1) at Delaware State (0-4), late
Oklahoma Panhandle State (2-3) at Grambling State (1-3), late
UAB (3-1) at Louisiana Tech (3-1), late
Abilene Christian (2-3) at McNeese St. (4-1), late
UConn (1-4) at Memphis (3-2), late
W. Florida (4-1) at N. Alabama (3-2), late
Nicholls (3-2) at Northwestern State (2-2), late
SE Missouri (2-2) at Tenn. Tech (0-5), late
SMU (2-3) at UCF (4-0), late
Vanderbilt (3-2) at Georgia (5-0), late
Auburn (4-1) at Miss. State (3-2), late
Notre Dame (5-0) at Virginia Tech (3-1), late
MIDWEST
Buffalo 34, Cent. Michigan 24 0.000
Cincinnati 37, Tulane 21 0.000
Dayton 53, Valparaiso 20 0.000
Drake 36, Butler 6 0.000
Illinois St. 33, W. Illinois 16 0.000
Iowa 48, Minnesota 31 0.000
Miami (Ohio) 41, Akron 17 0.000
Michigan 42, Maryland 21 0.000
N. Dakota St. 56, N. Iowa 31 0.000
N. Illinois 24, Ball St. 16 0.000
Northwestern 29, Michigan St. 19 0.000
Ohio St. 49, Indiana 26 0.000
Texas 48, Oklahoma 31 0.000
Texas A&M (3-2) at UTA (2-3) at Rice (1-4), late
Kentucky (5-0) at Texas A&M (3-2), late
Ala. A&M (2-3) at Texas Southern (1-3), late
La.-Lafayette (1-4) at Texas State (1-3), late
North Texas (4-1) at UTEP (0-5), late
FAR WEST
Air Force 35, Navy 7 0.000
Colorado 28, Arizona St. 21 0.000
E. Washington 53, Utah 17 0.000
Idaho St. 62, Idaho 28 0.000
N. Arizona 28, Weber St. 24 0.000
New Mexico 50, UNLV 14 0.000
Portland St. 22, Montana 20 0.000
San Diego St. 19, Boise St. 13 0.000
UC Davis 49, N. Colorado 36 0.000
Washington (4-1) at UCLA (0-4), late
Liberty (2-2) at New Mexico State (1-4), late
Wash. State (4-1) at Oregon State (1-4), late
Cal Poly (1-4) at Sacramento State (2-2), late
California (3-1) at Nevada (2-3), late
Fresno State (3-1) at Arizona (3-2), late
Colo. State (1-4) at San Jose State (0-4), late
Utah (2-2) at Stanford (4-1), late
Wyoming (2-3) at Hawaii (5-1), late

ATLANTA AB R H BI BB SO AVG.
Pederson lf 4 1 1 0 0 0 .250
Turner 3b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .250
Muncy 1b 4 0 0 0 2 .200
Machado ss 4 1 1 2 0 2 .125
Puig rf 2 0 1 0 1 0 .200
Bellinger cf 2 0 0 0 1 1 .000
Hernandez 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .167
Grandall 3 1 1 1 0 0 .333
Kershaw p 2 0 0 0 1 2 .000
Jansen p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
TOTALS 28 3 5 3 3 7
ATLANTA 000 000 000 - 0 3 0
LOS ANGELES 200 010 00X - 3 5 0
a-hit by pitch for Fried in the 6th, b-grounded out for Flowers in the 9th. LOB—Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 4. 2B—Acuna (1), Pederson (1). HRs—Los Angeles, Grandal (1), Machado (1). RBIs—Machado 2 (2), Grandal (1). SB—Bellinger (1), Puig (1). CS—Puig (1). Runners left in scoring position—Atlanta 2 (Freeman, Markakis) Los Angeles 2 (Hernandez, Kershaw). RISP—Atlanta 0 for 4. Los Angeles 1 for 6.

ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Sanchez, L, 0-1 4.2 5 3 3 1 3 5.79
Fried 1 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
Toussaint 2 0 0 0 2 2 0.00
Vizcaino 1 0 0 0 2 2 0.00
LOS ANGELES IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Kershaw, W, 1-0 8 2 0 0 0 3 0.00
Jansen, S (1) 1 1 0 0 1 0 0.00
Umpires—Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Gary Cederstrom; Second, Tom Hallion
Third, Jim Reynolds; Right, Adrian Johnson
Left, Doug Eddings. T—2:35. A—54,452.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL
All times Eastern
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
EAST W L T PCT. PF PA
Miami 3 1 0 .750 82 90
New England 3 2 0 .600 133 108
Buffalo 1 3 0 .250 50 106
N.Y. Jets 1 3 0 .250 89 89
SOUTH W L T PCT. PF PA
Tennessee 3 1 0 .750 75 73
Jacksonville 3 1 0 .750 88 56
Houston 1 3 0 .250 96 108
Indianapolis 1 4 0 .200 118 138
NORTH W L T PCT. PF PA
Cincinnati 3 1 0 .750 126 113
Baltimore 3 0 0 .750 123 65
Cleveland 1 2 1 .375 102 104
Pittsburgh 1 2 1 .375 102 116
WEST W L T PCT. PF PA
Kansas City 4 0 0 1.000 145 115
Denver 2 2 0 .500 84 97
L.A. Chargers 2 2 0 .500 111 120
Oakland 1 3 0 .250 97 123

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
EAST W L T PCT. PF PA
Washington 2 1 0 .667 64 44
Dallas 2 2 0 .500 67 77
Philadelphia 2 2 0 .500 82 81
N.Y. Giants 1 3 0 .250 73 95
SOUTH W L T PCT. PF PA
New Orleans 3 1 0 .750 137 121
Carolina 2 1 0 .667 71 60
Tampa Bay 2 2 0 .500 112 139
Atlanta 1 3 0 .250 116 122
NORTH W L T PCT. PF PA
Chicago 3 1 0 .750 111 65
Green Bay 2 1 1 .625 92 83
Minnesota 1 2 1 .375 90 110
Detroit 1 3 0 .250 94 114
WEST W L T PCT. PF PA
L.A. Rams 4 0 0 1.000 140 67
Seattle 2 2 0 .500 85 81
San Francisco 1 3 0 .250 100 118
Arizona 0 4 0 .000 37 94

WEEK 5
Oct. 4
New England 38, Indianapolis 24
Today's Games
Miami at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Denver at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
Washington at New Orleans, 8:15 p.m.
Open: Tampa Bay, Chicago

WEEK 6
Thursday's Game
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 14
Seattle vs Oakland at London, UK, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Houston, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.

L.A. Rams at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 15
San Francisco at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.
Open: Detroit, New Orleans

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THE AP TOP 25
RESULTS/SCHEDULE
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Alabama 65, Arkansas 31
No. 2 Georgia vs. Vanderbilt, late
No. 3 Ohio State 49, Indiana 26
No. 4 Clemson 63, Wake Forest 3
No. 22 Florida 27, No. 5 LSU 19
No. 6 Notre Dame at No. 24 Virginia Tech, late
No. 18 Texas A&M, No. 7 Oklahoma 45
No. 8 Auburn at Mississippi State, late
No. 9 West Virginia 38, Kansas 22
No. 10 Washington at UCLA, late
No. 12 Central Florida vs. SMU, late
No. 13 Kentucky at Texas A&M, late
No. 14 Stanford vs. Utah, late
No. 15 Michigan 42, Maryland 21
No. 16 Wisconsin vs. Nebraska, late
No. 17 Miami 28, Florida State 27
Northwestern 29, No. 20 Michigan State 19
No. 21 Colorado 28, Arizona State 21
No. 23 N.C. State 28, Boston College 23
Iowa State 48, No. 25 Oklahoma State 42

RESULTS/SCHEDULE
Oct. 4
SOUTH
Troy 37, Georgia State 20
SOUTHWEST
Houston 41, Tulsa 26
Friday's Games
EAST
Dartmouth 41, Yale 18
SOUTH
Georgia Tech 66, Louisville 31
Middle Tennessee 34, Marshall 24
FAR WEST
Utah State 45, BYU 20
Saturday's Games
EAST
Bryant 21, Duquesne 20
Central Connecticut State 56, Robert Morris 35
Colgate 27, Bucknell 13
Columbia 34, Marist 24
Cornell 28, Harvard 24
Georgetown 23, Fordham 11
Illinois 38, Rutgers 17
Maine 13, Villanova 10
New Hampshire 28, Holy Cross 0
Penn 31, Sacred Heart 27
Princeton 66, Lehigh 7
Rhode Island 48, Brown 0
South Florida 58, UMass 42
Temple 49, East Carolina 6
Townsend 52, Stony Brook 28
West Virginia 38, Kansas 22
SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 41, MVSU 27
Campbell 49, Wagner 3
Clemson 63, Wake Forest 3
Davidson 44, Jacksonville 37
Delaware 43, Richmond 28
ETSU 45, Gardner-Webb 0
Elon 27, James Madison 24
FAU 52, Old Dominion 33
Florida 27, LSU 19
Florida A&M 17, Norfolk St. 0
Georgia Southern 48, South Alabama 13
Hampton 41, Lane 8
Kennesaw State 56, E. Kentucky 7
McNeese 24, Abilene Christian 21
Miami 28, Florida St. 27
Mississippi 70, Louisiana-Monroe 21
NC Central 40, Howard 35
NC State 28, Boston College 23
SC State 21, Morgan St. 18
Samford 66, W. Carolina 28
San Diego 51, Morehead St. 34
Savannah St. 23, Charleston Southern 3
South Carolina 37, Missouri 35
West Florida 24, North Alabama 19
William & Mary 25, Albany (NY) 22
Wofford 21, Chattanooga 10
Tenn. State (2-1) at Austin Peay (2-3), late
NC A&T (4-1) at Delaware State (0-4), late
Oklahoma Panhandle State (2-3) at Grambling State (1-3), late
UAB (3-1) at Louisiana Tech (3-1), late
Abilene Christian (2-3) at McNeese St. (4-1), late
UConn (1-4) at Memphis (3-2), late
W. Florida (4-1) at N. Alabama (3-2), late
Nicholls (3-2) at Northwestern State (2-2), late
SE Missouri (2-2) at Tenn. Tech (0-5), late
SMU (2-3) at UCF (4-0), late
Vanderbilt (3-2) at Georgia (5-0), late
Auburn (4-1) at Miss. State (3-2), late
Notre Dame (5-0) at Virginia Tech (3-1), late
MIDWEST
Buffalo 34, Cent. Michigan 24
Cincinnati 37, Tulane 21
Dayton 53, Valparaiso 20
Drake 36, Butler 6
Illinois St. 33, W. Illinois 16
Iowa 48, Minnesota 31
Miami (Ohio) 41, Akron 17
Michigan 42, Maryland 21
N. Dakota St. 56, N. Iowa 31
N. Illinois 24, Ball St. 16
Northwestern 29, Michigan St. 19
Ohio St. 49, Indiana 26
Texas 48, Oklahoma 31
Texas A&M (3-2) at UTA (2-3) at Rice (1-4), late
Kentucky (5-0) at Texas A&M (3-2), late
Ala. A&M (2-3) at Texas Southern (1-3), late
La.-Lafayette (1-4) at Texas State (1-3), late
North Texas (4-1) at UTEP (0-5), late
FAR WEST
Air Force 35, Navy 7
Colorado 28, Arizona St. 21
E. Washington 53, Utah 17
Idaho St. 62, Idaho 28
N. Arizona 28, Weber St. 24
New Mexico 50, UNLV 14
Portland St. 22, Montana 20
San Diego St. 19, Boise St. 13
UC Davis 49, N. Colorado 36
Washington (4-1) at UCLA (0-4), late
Liberty (2-2) at New Mexico State (1-4), late
Wash. State (4-1) at Oregon State (1-4), late
Cal Poly (1-4) at Sacramento State (2-2), late
California (3-1) at Nevada (2-3), late
Fresno State (3-1) at Arizona (3-2), late
Colo. State (1-4) at San Jose State (0-4), late
Utah (2-2) at Stanford (4-1), late
Wyoming (2-3) at Hawaii (5-1), late

at Kansas City 3 3 49
Tennessee 4 1/2 5 39 1/2
at Carolina 5 1/2 6 43 1/2
Denver Pk 1 1/2 4 2 1/2
at Pittsburgh 4 1/2 3 58
at Detroit +1 1 51
at Cincinnati 5 6 48 1/2
at L.A. Chargers 5 1/2 6 52 1/2
at San Francisco 3 4 40
at Philadelphia 3 3 46 1/2
L.A. Rams 6 1/2 7 1/2 50
at Houston 4 3 45 1/2
Dallas

GP W L OT PTS GF GA
Anaheim 1 1 0 0 2 5 2
Vancouver 1 1 0 0 2 5 2
San Jose 2 1 1 0 2 5 2
Los Angeles 1 0 0 1 1 2 0
Arizona 1 0 0 1 0 0 3
Vegas 1 0 1 0 0 2 2
Calgary 1 0 1 0 0 2 2
Edmonton 1 0 1 0 0 2 2
2 points for win, 1 point for overtime loss.
Top 3 teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Approved a roster substitution for the Boston Red Sox, allowing RHP Heath Hembree to be activated and RHP Steven Wright deactivated because of injury.
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded RHP Julian Merryweather to Toronto to complete an earlier trade.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Signed OFs Ricardo German and Miguel Angel Vallejo to minor league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated 3B Jon Bertt for assignment.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Released TE Khari Lee. Signed S Dean Marlowe from the practice squad and DT Robert Thomas to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed DL Devaroe Lawrence to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed C Travis Frederick on the non-football illness list and WR Terrance Williams on injured reserve.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Waived DT TY. McGill. Activated DT Corey Liuget from exempt status.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released RB Darius Jackson. Signed DL Tyler Lancaster from the practice squad.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — Released C Aaron Neary from the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed WR Stacey Coley on injured reserve. Activated OT Josh Mauro from the reserve/suspended list.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Released DL Tank Carradine. Activated CB Daryl Worley from the reserve/suspended list.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived CB Tyvis Fowler and OL Najee Toran. Activated WR Victor Bolden Jr. from the reserve/suspended list. Signed DL Ryan Delaire from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled F Anthony Peluso from Stockton (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned G Evan Froese from San Antonio (AHL) to Tulsa (ECHL).
WINNIPEG JETS — Assigned G Mikhail Berdin from Manitoba (AHL) to Jacksonville (ECHL).

PRO BASKETBALL

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CENTRAL DIVISION
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L.A. Clippers 2 0 1.000
Golden State 1 1 .500
L.A. Lakers 1 2 .333
Sacramento 1 2 .333
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Friday's Games
Philadelphia 120, Dallas 114
Orlando 119, Flamengo Flamengo 82
Toronto 120, Melbourne United 82
Washington 121, Miami 114
New York 106, New Orleans 100
Memphis 120, Atlanta 110
Oklahoma City 113, Minnesota 101
San Antonio 117, Detroit 93
Utah 129, Adelaide 36ers 99
Denver 96, Perth 88
Portland 115, Phoenix 93
Golden State 122, Sacramento 94
Saturday's Games
Cleveland 113, Boston 102
Indiana at Memphis, late
L.A. Clippers vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, late
Today's Games
Atlanta vs. Oklahoma City at Tulsa, Okla., 3 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
Dallas vs. Philadelphia at Shenzhen, China, 8 a.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Maccabi Haifa (Israel) at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Roundup

No. 19 Texas beats No. 7 Oklahoma 48-45 on late FG

DALLAS (AP) — Freshman Cameron Dicker kicked a 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to give 19th-ranked Texas a 48-45 victory over No. 7 Oklahoma on Saturday.

Texas won after Kyler Murray rallied Oklahoma with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Sam Ehlinger ran for three touchdowns and threw for 314 yards with two scores for Texas (5-1, 3-0 Big 12), which has its first five-game winning streak since 2013. He converted third-and-3 on Texas' final drive with a 4-yard keeper and his 8-yard draw to the middle of the field set up the winning kick.

The Longhorns took a 45-24 lead into the fourth quarter before Murray threw a 19-yard TD pass to Lee Morris and ran 67 yards for a score on a one-play drive. Trey Sermon's 7-yard run for the tying touchdown with 2:38 left gave the Sooners three TDs in a span of six minutes.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1) lost to the Longhorns for the third time in six seasons. This was the first time in that span Texas was ranked for the Red River Rivalry, which had never had more combined points in a 113-game series that dates back to 1900.

Murray completed 19 of 26 passes for 304 yards and four touchdowns, and ran for 92 yards. But he also had two turnovers, only his third interception of the season and a big fumble in the third quarter when he lost control of the ball when scrambling.

Five plays after Murray's fumble, not long after his 77-yard TD pass to Marquise Brown, the Longhorns burst into the end zone on a 2-yard run. Brown had nine catches for 131 yards and two TDs. His long TD was his national-best seventh catch of at least 40 yards this season.

Lil'Jordan Humphrey had nine catches for 133 yards and a touchdown, and his 2-yard TD pass to Collin Johnson capped the first Texas possession of the game.

NO. 1 ALABAMA 65, ARKANSAS 31

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Tua Tagovailoa passed for 334 yards and four touchdowns and Alabama ran its winning streak against Arkansas to 12.

It took just one play for Alabama (6-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) to set the tone as Tagovailoa hit tight end Irv Smith Jr. on a pass across the middle that Smith took 76 yards to the end zone and a 7-0 lead just 21 seconds into the game.

On the Crimson Tide's second possession, Tagovailoa hit Smith again, and the 6-foot-4 junior ripped off another big gain before he was stripped from behind by Ryan Pulley. Alabama receiver Henry Ruggs III picked up the fumble in stride and carried it the remaining 12 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead with 10:01 left in the first quarter. The margin grew to 21-0 before Arkansas (1-5, 0-3) got on the scoreboard.



Texas kicker Cameron Dicker watches his game-winning field goal during the second half of an NCAA college football game at the Cotton Bowl, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, in Dallas. Texas defeated Oklahoma 48-45.

Alabama had a defensive touchdown in the fourth quarter when Shyheim Carter intercepted a Storey pass and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown. Alabama has returned four interceptions for TDs this season.

NO. 3 OHIO STATE 49, INDIANA 26

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Dwayne Haskins Jr. passed for a career-best 455 yards and school record-tying six touchdowns and Ohio State pulled away in the fourth quarter.

A week after a gritty victory at Penn State, the Buckeyes (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten) were forced to work hard by quarterback Peyton Ramsey and an Indiana offense that took advantage of plenty of early defensive mistakes. The Buckeyes didn't get a handle on this one until Haskins hooked up with Terry McLaurin for a 17-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth, and then added a 30-yard scoring pass to Binjimen Victor with seven minutes left.

Haskins completed 33 of 44 passes and connected for two touchdowns each with Parris Campbell and McLaurin, and one each to Johnnie Dixon and Victor.

Ohio State came from behind twice in the first half to take a 28-20 lead at the half and then kept the Hoosiers (4-2, 1-2) at bay in the second half despite the gritty play of Ramsey, who threw for a career-high 322 yards and three touchdowns.

Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins and Mike Weber combined for 152 yards on the ground. Campbell caught nine passes for 142 yards.

NO. 4 CLEMSON 63, WAKE FOREST 3

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Travis Etienne rushed for 167 yards and three touchdowns, and Clemson

ran for 471 yards.

Three Tigers had at least 100 yards rushing, the first time they've done that since 2006.

In addition to Etienne — who scored on runs of 59, 3 and 70 yards — Lyn-J Dixon rushed for 163 yards and Adam Choice had 128. Dixon had touchdown runs of 65 and 52 yards, and Choice had a 64-yard TD run.

Trevor Lawrence was 20 of 25 for 175 yards with a 55-yard touchdown pass to Justyn Ross and a 20-yarder to Tee Higgins in about 2 1/2 quarters before leaving with the score out of hand. This was the freshman's second start, and first on the road. They helped the Tigers (6-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) open with six victories for the fourth straight year. In each of the previous three seasons they did it, they won the ACC and reached the College Football Playoff.

Sam Hartman was 7 for 20 for 74 yards with an interception, and Nick Sciba kicked a 25-yard field goal for Wake Forest (3-3, 0-2).

NO. 9 W. VIRGINIA 38, KANSAS 22

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Will Grier threw four touchdown passes, and committed four turnovers, and West Virginia beat Kansas.

West Virginia (5-0, 3-0 Big 12) has won its first five games for the second time in three seasons. The Mountaineers had no trouble moving the ball but Grier's efforts to throw into tight coverage near the goal line cost his team plenty of points. The Heisman Trophy hopeful was intercepted three times in the first half either in the end zone or at the goal line, two of them by cornerback Hasan Defense. All three of Grier's interceptions occurred when West Virginia had driven inside the Kansas 15-yard line.

Kansas (2-4, 0-3) entered the game

leading the Big 12 with eight interceptions, including three returned for touchdowns. Grier also had a third-quarter fumble on a scramble. West Virginia had committed six total turnovers in its previous four games.

NO. 15 MICHIGAN 42, MARYLAND 21

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Shea Patterson threw for a season-high 282 yards and three touchdowns for Michigan

The Wolverines (5-1, 3-0 Big Ten) fell behind late in the first quarter and didn't take the lead again until midway through the second quarter. They scored 24 straight points to take control and added another TD and two-point conversion with 6:37 remaining to seal their fifth straight victory.

The Terrapins (3-2, 1-1) went ahead on Ty Johnson's 98-yard kick-off return with 1:10 left in the first half, but they didn't score again until early in the fourth quarter. Patterson completed 19 of 27 passes and had one interception, a pass that went off tight end Zach Gentry's hands.

NORTHWESTERN 29, NO. 20 MICHIGAN STATE 19

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Clayton Thorson threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and Northwestern recovered from another second-half slip to beat Michigan State.

The Spartans (3-2, 1-1 Big Ten) entered with the nation's top-ranked run defense and held Northwestern (2-3, 2-1) to 8 yards on the ground, but it didn't matter. The Wildcats moved the ball consistently well through the air, and Michigan State's offense was mostly inept.

Thorson threw a 21-yard scoring pass to Cameron Green with 15

seconds left in the third, and a 2-point conversion gave Northwestern a 22-19 lead.

The Wildcats missed a field goal with 6:41 to play, but Michigan State went 15 yards backward on the ensuing possession and had to punt. The Spartans held again defensively, and on the next possession, they had second-and-1 from their own 11. After two near-sacks, running back Connor Heyward was stopped on fourth down. Thorson scored on a 2-yard run to make it a 10-point game with 2:51 left.

NO. 21 COLORADO 28, ARIZONA STATE 21

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Wide receiver Laviska Shenault scored four touchdowns and Colorado beat Arizona State for just the second time in the program's history.

The Buffaloes (5-0, 2-0 Pac-12) overcame the ejection of star line-backer Nate Landman in the second quarter and stifled Arizona State running back Eno Benjamin in the second half.

Benjamin, who set a school record a week ago with 312 yards against Oregon State, finished with 120 yards and two touchdowns. But he managed just 23 yards after halftime.

Shenault scored on a pair of 1-yard runs off direct snaps and caught TD passes of 3 and 30 yards from Steven Montez, who threw for 328 yards. Shenault caught 13 passes for 127 yards and ran five times for 13 yards. The Sun Devils (3-3, 1-2) are still looking for their first road win under new coach Herm Edwards.

NO. 23 N.C. STATE 28, BOSTON COLLEGE 23

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Reggie Gallaspy ran for a career-best

104 yards and two touchdowns and North Carolina State held on after squandering most of a big second-half lead.

Ryan Finley threw for two touchdowns for the Wolfpack (5-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which led 28-3 on Finley's scoring strike to Kelvin Harmon with 2:57 left in the third. But the Eagles (4-2, 1-1) responded with 20 straight points, including a blocked punt return for a score with 3:33 left.

Finley made the clinching play, connecting with Stephen Louis on the right sideline for 21 yards on a third down to move the chains with 1:08 left and send the Wolfpack into kneel-down mode. The Wolfpack won despite committing four turnovers and having a blocked field goal to go with the blocked punt.

IOWA STATE 48, NO. 25 OKLAHOMA STATE 42

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Third-string quarterback Brock Purdy completed 18 of 23 passes for 318 yards and four touchdowns to help Iowa State beat Oklahoma State.

Purdy, a true freshman who played just one series before this game, stepped in for Zeb Noland — who was starting his fourth straight game in place of injured starter Kyle Kempt — in the contest's second series and immediately sparked Iowa State (2-3, 1-2 Big 12). He also had a rushing touchdown.

With Iowa State missing leading rusher David Montgomery because of an upper body injury, Purdy also led the Cyclones in rushing. He had 84 yards, including a 29-yard TD run, on 19 carries.

Tyler Cornelius was 19 of 33 passing for 289 yards and four touchdowns for Oklahoma State (4-2, 1-2).

AP PHOTO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: No. 12 UCF 48, SMU 20

Milton, No. 12 UCF beats SMU 48-20 for 18th straight win

By FRED GOODALL
AP SPORTS WRITER

ORLANDO, Fla. — McKenzie Milton threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns to help No. 12 UCF extend the nation's longest winning streak to 18 games with a 48-20 victory over SMU on Saturday night.

Adrian Killins rushed for 113 yards and a TD for the Knights (5-0, 2-0), one of three unbeaten teams remaining in the American Athletic Conference, along with Cincinnati and South Florida.

Milton completed 18 of 34 passes with one interception after accounting for 12 touchdowns — seven passing and five rushing — in nonconference victories over Florida Atlantic and Pittsburgh the previous two weeks.

The junior from Kapolei, Hawaii, tossed TD passes of 14 yards

to Dredrick Snelson in the first quarter and 30 yards to Tre Nixon on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Knights also got two TD runs from Otis Anderson and one from Trysten Hill, a 315-pound defensive tackle who lined up as a fullback before plowing into the end zone on fourth-and-1 and drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for spiking the ball.

Ben Hicks came off the bench to replace freshman quarterback William Brown for SMU (2-4, 1-1). He threw a 5-yard TD pass to James Proche and finished 15 of 23 passing for 153 yards and zero interceptions. Proche had 12 receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns.

THE TAKEAWAY

SMU: The Mustangs lost for the first time with Brown as their starting quarterback.

The freshman, who led them to victories over Navy and Houston Baptist in his first two starts, completed 4 of 6 passes for 44 yards on the opening drive, setting up a 31-yard field goal. He attempted three more passes, all incompletions, before being replaced by Hicks in the second quarter with UCF leading 21-3. Brown returned in the fourth quarter and tossed a 19-yard TD pass to Proche with 36 seconds left to wind up 9 of 19 for 84 yards.

UCF: Milton, eighth in Heisman Trophy balloting last season, has an abundance of playmakers around him. Nixon and Snelson both had six receptions and eight ball carriers, including Hill, contributed to the Knights rushing for 256 yards.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

With a pair of Top 10 teams losing to



AP PHOTO

Central Florida offensive lineman Jordan Johnson celebrates with running back Otis Anderson after Anderson rushed for a 4-yard touchdown during the first half of an NCAA college football game against SMU on Saturday.

once-beaten opponents ranked behind UCF, it will be interesting to see where it leaves the Knights in the next poll. No. 5 LSU and

No. 7 Oklahoma are certain to slide, while No. 22 Florida and No. 19 Texas will climb after knocking off the Tigers and Sooners,

respectively.

UP NEXT

UCF: At Memphis next Saturday.

NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars

Jaguars' stingy D ready for high-flying Chiefs offense

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP SPORTS WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jacksonville coach Doug Marrone has seen enough in five games of Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes to compare him to some of the best to ever play the position.

Or more accurately, an amalgamation of the best to ever play it.

Think the arm strength of Brett Favre and the accuracy of Tom Brady. The poise of Aaron Rodgers, the gritty gamesmanship of Ben Roethlisberger and the intelligence of Peyton Manning.

"You are talking," Marrone said, "about someone that is a combination of a lot of the greatest players that have ever played that position with the way he is playing."

Now, the question is whether the NFL's best defense can slow him down.

The Jaguars (3-1) head to Arrowhead Stadium on Sunday to face Mahomes and the Chiefs' high-flying offense in what is arguably the game of the week. Jacksonville's only loss came by a field goal to the Titans, while the Chiefs (4-0) are coming off a

dramatic fourth-quarter comeback win in Denver.

And whereas the Jaguars are allowing a paltry 259 yards per game, and top the league in scoring defense, the Chiefs are putting up 410 yards and an NFL-best 36 points per game.

Much of that is due to Mahomes, who is averaging close to 300 yards passing. He has already thrown 14 touchdown passes without an interception, and his ability to make plays when everything breaks down — like that audacious left-handed pass against the Broncos — has turned him into an early MVP front-runner.

"He gives you challenges every which way," Marrone said, "whether you put him in the pocket (or not). He can make every throw. He makes quick decisions. You get him out of the pocket and he can extend plays. He is athletic enough to run and run for a long way and take it to the house. He has great command, and he has great weapons around him and an outstanding offensive line.

"Right now, offensively, what you're seeing is that it's kind of unbelievable,"

Marrone said, "which is going to be a great challenge. We have our hands full."

To the Jaguars' credit, the Chiefs are saying the same thing about them.

Their defensive front is anchored by Calais Campbell and allows fewer than 100 yards rushing per game. Telvin Smith is one of the game's top linebackers. And the defensive backfield is led by cornerbacks Jalen Ramsey and A.J. Bouye, who have made life miserable for quarterbacks all year.

"This is by far the best defense we'll have faced," Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill said, "but I'm always up for a challenge. The best always go against the best, so we'll be ready."

As the Jaguars prepare to visit the Chiefs, here are five dominant story lines:

SIDELINED STARS

The Jaguars will be without running back Leonard Fournette, who is again sidelined by a lingering hamstring injury, and backup cornerback D.J. Hayden. The Chiefs remain without star safety Eric Berry, who has been "day to day" for about two months with a troublesome heel.

NFL: Miami Dolphins

Dolphins will face Bengals on Sunday without Cameron Wake

By OMAR KELLY
SUN SENTINEL (TNS)

CINCINNATI — Miami Dolphins pass-rushing specialist Cameron Wake will miss his first game since the 2015 season because of a knee injury he's been nursing for the past few weeks.

Wake, a five-time pro Bowler who has recorded 93 sacks and forced 21 fumbles in his 10 seasons with the Dolphins, won't play in Sunday's 1 p.m. game against the Cincinnati Bengals because of the knee injury.

Wake, who has contributed 12 tackles and one sack in the four games he's played, was sent to see a specialist this past week, but it's unclear if he has undergone an arthroscopic procedure on the knee. If that is the case, Wake will likely be sidelined at least another two weeks.

Wake is the third Dolphins defensive end sidelined by a knee injury. William Hayes is on injured reserve because of an anterior cruciate ligament tear he suffered in his right knee during Miami's win over the Oakland Raiders two weeks ago. And Andre Branch missed last week's game because of a left knee

injury he suffered against Oakland, and is questionable for Sunday's game.

Wake, who has started 31 consecutive games for the Dolphins the past three seasons, will likely be replaced by Charles Harris or Jonathan Woodard as the starter working opposite Robert Quinn. Also, newly signed defensive end Cameron Malveaux will likely play significant snaps because of Branch's knee injury and the release of defensive tackle Jordan Phillips.

Harris, the Dolphins' 2017 first-round pick who has contributed eight tackles in the first four games, would likely replace Wake as the team's situational pass rusher, coming onto the field on third downs. However, expect Woodard and Malveaux to play more on first and second down because of Harris' struggles stopping the run the past two seasons.

Harris started two games his rookie season, and Miami's coaches have been encouraged by the progress they've seen from him this season.

Wake is one of six starters from Miami's 2018 season opener the Dolphins could find themselves playing without because of

lingering injuries.

Travis Swanson is replacing Daniel Kilgore, who suffered a season-ending triceps injury in last week's loss to the New England Patriots, as the starting center.

Cornerback Bobby McCain, who missed the entire week of practice because of a left knee injury he suffered against the Patriots, has been ruled out. He will likely be replaced by Torry McTyer or Cordrea Tankersley as the boundary cornerback who starts opposite Xavier Howard.

Tight end A.J. Derby has been ruled out. The Dolphins will likely use all three of their tight ends — Mike Gesicki, Durham Smythe and Nick O'Leary — and offensive tackle Sam Young to fill that void.

Receiver DeVante Parker, who is nursing a quadriceps injury, participated in this past week's practices on a limited basis, but is listed as questionable for the Bengals game.

If Parker doesn't play in his second consecutive game because of the injury, Albert Wilson would start his second game of the season and Jakeem Grant would get more snaps.

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THE TAKEAWAY

LSU: The Tigers played good enough defense to win their third straight in Gainesville, but they mustered little on the other side of the ball after an opening-drive touchdown. LSU marched 75 yards on 10 plays, presumably scripted, to open the game but never looked the same. Burrow was sacked five times.

Florida: Linebacker Vosean Joseph had the best game of his career, something the Gators will try to build on going forward. The junior finished with 14 tackles, including two sacks. His strip-sack on LSU's second possession was an early momentum-changing play.

TEBOW TIME

Tebow's induction speech went about like everyone expected.

He thanked Jesus,

his parents, his former teammates and then Gator nation.

"I was born a Gator. I played as a Gator. I will die as a Gator," Tebow said passionately at the end of the first quarter, drawing a rousing ovation.

Tebow was back on the field at halftime, recognized as part of the 2008 national championship team. As players gathered for a group photo, they begged Tebow to get front and center. He politely declined.

"I saw him before the game," Mullen said. "Tim was ready to go now. He was ready to buckle it up and go now. He had that look in his eye. He was ready to play."

KEY STAT

Florida finished with 215 yards rushing. Perine had 85, Jordan Scarlett added 65 and Franks chipped in 42.

ROCKER STEP

Franks, who threw a jump pass for a touchdown earlier this season,

added one on a rocker step Saturday. Both were plays Mullen designed and Tebow executed to perfection in his day. Franks took a shotgun snap, stepped and rocked toward the line of scrimmage like a quarterback run and then pulled up and threw a 3-yard TD pass to Moral Stephens in the second quarter.

"It wasn't really an ode to Tebow," Mullen said. "It was an ode to score touchdowns."

POLL IMPLICATIONS

LSU surely will drop, probably out of the top 10 considering earlier wins against Miami and Auburn don't look nearly as good now. Florida will move into the top 20.

UP NEXT

LSU: Continues the toughest part of its schedule against No. 2 Georgia next Saturday.

Florida: Plays next Saturday at Vanderbilt, which has lost 26 of the last 27 in the series.

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weren't great — 13 for 32, 204 yards — but he made big throws when they mattered. The go-ahead score to Jordan came one play after Perry threaded a 32-yard throw to Thomas on third-and-10, meaning in the span of about a half-minute the Hurricanes went 73 yards for the lead.

"I'm happy people are going to talk about that down the road," Perry said. "But right now, it's just another game that we won."

Deondre Francois completed 15 of 30 passes for 129 yards with two touchdowns and an interception for the Seminoles (3-3, 1-3), who were held to 200 yards of offense. He's 2-1 in three starts at Hard Rock Stadium, all three games being one-pointers.

"We didn't get what we wanted, which was a win," Florida State coach Willie Taggart said. "This one's

going to hurt for a while."

The Seminoles had a fourth-quarter touchdown off a double pass taken off the board when officials ruled that the first throw from Francois to D.J. Matthews was forward, and negated Matthews' throw to Keith Gavin for a score that would have put Florida State up by two touchdowns.

"I thought it was good," Taggart said.

For the first 40 minutes, everything Florida State did was good.

Matthews tiptoed down the left sideline early in the third quarter for a 74-yard punt return touchdown, putting Florida State up 27-7. And the Hurricanes got booed off the field on their ensuing possession, the volume of those jeers rising when a draw play got called on third-and-16 as a prelude to a punt.

"Florida State came in here and took control of this game," Richt said. "We found a way to fight back ... somehow, we gutted it out."

Miami striker Derrick Smith got ejected for targeting, and one play later, the Turnover Chain appeared and the game turned. Gerald Willis III picked up a fumble to set up a 20-yard drive where Perry connected with Darrell Langham on a fourth-down throw for a touchdown. Francois was intercepted two plays later, and the Hurricanes cashed in on their next snap when Perry and Thomas hooked up for a 17-yard score.

Just like that, 27-7 became 27-21. And when Ricky Aguayo missed 43-yard field goal with 12:42 left, the Hurricanes were still within one score.

The ensuing drive was when Perry went to Thomas on third down, Jordan one play later, and after a more than four-hour game — and 14 years — Miami could finally celebrate beating FSU at home.

"It just took a spark," Richt said. "And before you knew it, that spark turned into a flame."

TODAY / TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A thunderstorm around HIGH 91° 40% chance of rain LOW 74° 15% chance of rain	Mostly cloudy with some rain and a t-storm 87° / 75° 55% chance of rain	Cloudy and humid with a shower 89° / 77° 55% chance of rain	Rather cloudy; a t-storm, breezy and humid 88° / 78° 55% chance of rain	Mostly cloudy, t-storms possible; humid 89° / 76° 35% chance of rain	Variable clouds; humid with thunderstorms 91° / 73° 65% chance of rain

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Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 91°/73°
Normal High/Low 89°/70°
Record High 94° (2009)
Record Low 61° (2010)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.78"
Year to date 56.28"
Normal year to date 44.81"
Record 2.09" (1982)

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.	7.58	12.46	6.84 14.03/1979
Oct.	Trace	2.54	2.93 10.88/1995
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002
Year	56.28	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

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

VENICE
Venice through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 91°/73°
Normal High/Low 87°/69°
Record High 94° (2009)
Record Low 60° (1974)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.02"
Month to date 0.06"
Normal month to date 0.93"
Year to date 38.82"
Normal year to date 43.70"
Record 2.09" (1995)

SEBRING
Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 88°/70°

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.03"

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

City	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	90/74	storms	afternoon
Punta Gorda	92/74	storms	afternoon
Sarasota	90/74	storms	afternoon

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Apalachicola	87	75	pc	88	77	t
Bradenton	89	75	t	88	76	r
Clearwater	89	77	t	88	78	r
Coral Springs	87	80	t	86	80	t
Daytona Beach	87	73	t	87	77	t
Fort Lauderdale	87	79	t	86	79	t
Fort Myers	90	74	t	86	75	r
Gainesville	90	71	t	89	72	t
Jacksonville	88	71	t	88	72	t
Key Largo	86	80	pc	83	80	r
Key West	89	78	pc	87	80	r
Lakeland	88	74	t	87	75	t
Melbourne	89	79	t	88	79	t
Miami	87	79	t	86	77	t
Naples	90	75	t	87	76	r
Ocala	89	71	t	89	72	t
Okeechobee	87	74	t	85	75	t
Orlando	88	73	t	88	75	t
Panama City	90	71	pc	89	72	t
Pensacola	89	74	pc	88	75	t
Pompano Beach	88	80	t	87	78	t
St. Augustine	85	77	t	86	77	t
St. Petersburg	90	77	t	89	78	r
Sarasota	90	74	t	88	75	r
Tallahassee	92	72	pc	91	72	t
Tampa	91	76	t	91	77	t
Vero Beach	87	77	t	87	77	t
West Palm Beach	88	81	t	87	80	t

CONDITIONS TODAY
UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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POLLEN INDEX
Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Category	Index
Trees	1
Grass	3
Weeds	6
Molds	3

absent low moderate high very high

AIR QUALITY INDEX
Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

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

Main pollutant: Particulates
Source: scgov.net

TIDES

Point	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 2:51a	8:43a	2:41p	9:29p
Mon. 3:11a	9:31a	3:34p	10:00p	
Englewood	Today 1:28a	6:59a	1:18p	7:45p
Mon. 1:48a	7:47a	2:11p	8:16p	
Boca Grande	Today 12:15a	5:35a	12:05p	6:18p
Mon. 12:42a	6:28a	12:59p	6:52p	
El Jobean	Today 3:23a	9:12a	3:13p	9:58p
Mon. 3:43a	10:00a	4:06p	10:29p	
Venice	Today 11:33a	5:38a	---	6:24p
Mon. 12:03a	6:26a	12:26p	6:55p	

MARINE
Wind Speed Seas Bay/Inland Direction in knots in feet chop

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
E 8-16 1-2 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
E 10-20 2-4 Light

SUN AND MOON

Day	Rise	Set
Today	7:24 a.m.	7:08 p.m.
Monday	7:24 a.m.	7:07 p.m.

Day	Rise	Set
Today	5:41 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Monday	6:44 a.m.	7:10 p.m.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Day	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	4:35a	10:48a	5:01p	11:14p
Mon.	5:24a	11:36a	5:49p	---
Tue.	6:13a	12:02a	6:38p	12:26p

WEATHER HISTORY
On Oct. 7, 1902, a waterspout was spotted off Cape May, N.J.

WEATHER TRIVIA™
Q: What machine is sometimes used to disperse fog at airports?
A: A helicopter.

THE NATION Publication date: 10/7/18

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 93° at Clarksdale, MS Low 16° at Hettinger, ND

City	Today			Mon.			City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	73	48	c	65	43	sh	Jackson, MS	89	68	s	88	69	t
Anchorage	50	41	r	51	41	pc	Kansas City	67	60	r	78	66	t
Atlanta	89	70	pc	86	70	t	Knoxville	87	67	pc	86	66	pc
Baltimore	85	69	pc	83	68	pc	Las Vegas	75	62	pc	77	57	pc
Billings	42	31	c	47	31	c	Los Angeles	70	59	sh	71	60	pc
Birmingham	91	69	s	89	70	t	Louisville	89	71	pc	88	69	pc
Boise	63	37	pc	60	45	pc	Memphis	90	71	pc	89	73	pc
Boston	78	57	pc	61	57	c	Milwaukee	59	57	r	76	67	c
Buffalo	64	54	sh	76	66	pc	Minneapolis	53	46	r	58	50	r
Burlington, VT	59	48	c	59	57	sh	Montgomery	92	69	s	91	73	t
Charleston, WV	88	67	pc	88	67	pc	Nashville	89	68	pc	88	69	pc
Charlotte	86	68	pc	86	66	pc	New Orleans	89	76	t	88	75	t
Chicago	64	61	t	81	66	pc	New York City	80	66	pc	71	65	sh
Cincinnati	87	70	pc	86	70	pc	Norfolk, VA	84	72	s	84	73	pc
Cleveland	78	65	sh	84	68	pc	Oklahoma City	77	65	t	77	67	t
Columbia, SC	90	69	pc	89	69	pc	Omaha	55	53	r	66	56	r
Columbus, OH	87	69	pc	87	68	pc	Philadelphia	82	70	pc	80	68	pc
Concord, NH	73	53	pc	58	51	sh	Phoenix	77	62	t	78	61	c
Dallas	86	73	t	85	71	t	Pittsburgh	84	65	pc	84	65	pc
Denver	57	37	sh	46	31	sh	Portland, ME	68	50	pc	57	51	c
Des Moines	56	55	r	72	62	r	Portland, OR	59	51	c	63	53	sh
Detroit	68	58	r	80	66	pc	Providence	77	58	pc	64	57	c
Duluth	46	39	c	48	43	r	Raleigh	86	67	pc	84	65	pc
Fairbanks	41	26	s	42	29	pc	Salt Lake City	55	42	r	57	40	c
Fargo	48	37	c	45	35	r	St. Louis	84	69	t	87	69	pc
Hartford	79	59	pc	64	57	sh	San Antonio	85	73	t	84	74	t
Helena	49	33	r	54	38	pc	San Diego	73	63	sh	73	63	pc
Honolulu	87	77	pc	87	76	pc	San Francisco	77	61	s	76	56	s
Houston	89	74	t	87	73	t	Seattle	57	51	r	59	52	sh
Indianapolis	86	69	pc	86	68	pc	Washington, DC	87	71	pc	84	70	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Mon.			City	Today			Mon.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	58	40	pc	62	44	pc	Mexico City	75	56	t	74	57	t
Baghdad	97	71	pc	100	71	pc	Montreal	57	40	pc	55	50	pc
Beijing	70	43	s	69	45	c	Ottawa	56	41	pc	55	49	pc
Berlin	61	39	pc	62	44	s	Paris	64	48	r	68	47	s
Buenos Aires	75	60	s	83	56	t	Regina	44	30	pc	46	30	pc
Cairo	86	69	pc	87	70	s	Rio de Janeiro	79	71	sh	82	74	c
Calgary	45	29	s	35	25	c	Rome	73	59	pc	76	59	pc
Cancun	82	75	t	85	75	t	St. John's	50	35	pc	48	34	pc
Dublin	57	53	c	62	50	sh	San Juan	85	79	sh	86	77	sh
Edmonton	51	29	pc	38	24	c	Sydney	64	60	r	71	58	sh
Halifax	57	45	r	56	45	s	Tokyo	84	69	s	73	65	r
Kiev	66	44	s	63	42	pc	Toronto	59	50	r	62	57	c
London	59	44	pc	63	49	pc	Vancouver	54	48	r	56	47	c
Madrid	70	44	s	72	47	pc	Winnipeg	45	34	pc	43	30	r

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

NHL: New Jersey 5, Edmonton 2

Palmieri, Zajac help Devils beat Oilers in Sweden

By KAREL JANICEK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOTHENBURG, Sweden — Kyle Palmieri and Travis Zajac scored two goals each to lead the New Jersey Devils to a 5-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers in their game Saturday night.

The game at Scandinavium was part of the NHL Global Series.

Despite the presence of Connor McDavid and Taylor Hall, the last two Hart Trophy winners, Palmieri and Zajac stole the show.

Stefan Noesen also scored and Miles Wood had two assists for New Jersey and Keith Kinkaid made 17 saves. Edmonton got the goals from Milan Lucic and Leon Draisaitl.

In the new season, Palmieri didn't waste time. He picked up the puck near the boards in the offensive zone, moved unchecked toward the net from the left and beat Cam Talbot inside the far post on the first shot on goal still in the opening minute.

The Oilers came back on a power play and it was captain McDavid who set it up.

The center used his speed to carry the puck up ice from his own up zone and skated around the goal to feed Milan Lucic in front for a one-timer to tie.

New Jersey took control early in the middle period with two goals from Palmieri and Travis Zajac in the span of 1:09.

Palmieri scored on a power play for his second 2:01 and Travis Zajac doubled the advantage after Talbot lost the puck behind the goal.

The Devils clearly dominated at this stage, outshooting the Oilers 10-4 in the period.

Zajac added his second in the third after a defensive blunder by defenseman Matt Benning before Draisaitl reduced the deficit to 4-2. Noesen finished it off with an empty netter.

It was the 23rd NHL regular-season game played in Europe, the 11th in Sweden and the first in Gothenburg.

The NHL will return to Europe next month. On Nov. 1-2, the Florida Panthers and the Winnipeg Jets will play each other in a couple of regular season games in the Finnish capital of Helsinki.

NASCAR: Dover International Speedway

Bell sets Xfinity rookie record at Dover with 6th victory

By DAN GELSTON
AP SPORTS WRITER

DOVER, Del. — Christopher Bell has a second straight NASCAR championship in sight.

Bell won his sixth Xfinity Series race this season in the playoff race Saturday at Dover International Speedway, setting the rookie record for victories in a season.

He passed three drivers for most rookie wins: Greg Biffle won five races in 2001, as did Kyle Busch in 2004 and Carl Edwards in 2005.

Bell built his record with wins at Kentucky, New Hampshire, Iowa and twice at Richmond and expected to add a few more as he chases a championship.

"We're in really good shape," Bell said.

The 2017 Truck Series champion, Bell won the first stage Saturday and was never in any serious trouble driving the No. 20 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, leading 110 of 200 laps.

"It's been a career year for me," Bell said. "All credit to Joe Gibbs Racing. We have really fast race cars every time I go to the racetrack."

He was the only driver headed into the race who secured a spot in the semifinal round.

Ross Chastain, Ryan Truex, Ryan Reed and Brandon Jones all failed to advance.

Bell, Justin Allgaier, Daniel Hemric, Cole Custer, Elliott Sadler, Tyler Reddick, Austin Cindric and Matt Tift are still in the running for the championship when the series picks up in two weeks at Kansas.

"I'll be just as sharp whenever we get to Kansas as I was today," Bell said.

The playoff drivers in the



AP PHOTOS
Christopher Bell carries the checkered flag after he won the NASCAR Xfinity series auto race, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

round of eight know there is only one sure way to knock off Bell.

"It would be nice to win a race," Custer said. "I think we'll have a shot to do it."

Custer was second at Dover, followed by Allgaier, Ryan Preece and Spencer Gallagher.

The 23-year-old Bell this season became the first series regular with a three-race winning streak since Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 1999. Kyle Busch did it four times between 2008 and 2016, but he was also running full-time in the Cup Series.

"I don't think it's any of our championships to lose," Bell said. "It boils down to the last race. It all boils down to one run at Homestead who the champion is."

Bell ran a pair of K&N races and seven Trucks events in 2015, winning for the first time on the dirt at Eldora. He showed enough promise to land a full-time truck ride with Kyle Busch Motorsports in 2016, winning just once but finishing in the top 10 in 19



AP PHOTOS

Unemployment rates drop in Highlands Still higher than state average



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

CareerSource Heartland offers a one-stop shop for job seekers. The services offered are paid for by tax dollars.

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Unemployment rates in Florida have hit a 12-year low, with just 3.7 percent of the state being unemployed, according to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, or DEO.

DEO Executive Director Cissy Proctor said, “We have a really strong economy right now. If somebody wants to find a job, they are able to find a job.”

“We see also that people are leaving one job to find a better job,” Proctor said. “They are able to make those decisions right now, because there are so many jobs out there.”

However, Highlands County’s unemployment rate for August 2018 was 5.4 percent, almost 46 percent higher than the state average.

Currently, Highlands County’s unemployment rate is tied with Citrus County as the fourth highest in the state, according to Florida DEO. Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate with 8.3 percent, followed by Hardee County at 6.2 and Sumter at 5.5 percent.

President and CEO of CareerSource Heartland Donna Doubleday said, “We’re seasonal or cyclical in our economy. Typically, we see higher unemployment in the summer and lower unemployment in the

fall and spring.”

The fluctuation in unemployment coincides with the time when people from the northern states visit the area, Doubleday said. When northern visitors arrive, unemployment tends to go down. In addition, school employment and agriculture also follow this pattern, experiencing more unemployment during the summer, she said.

Some school employees are 10-month employees, Doubleday said. In addition, few crops are being harvested in the summer compared to the fall and spring.

Although the unemployment for Highlands County appears high compared to the rest of the state, the numbers

may go down slightly in the fall.

Despite the higher unemployment during the summer, the unemployment rate for Highlands County is down from six percent in August 2017 to 5.4 percent in August 2018, the latest month that data is available from the Florida DEO.

“Businesses appear to be more confident,” Doubleday said. “We’ve seen an increase in the number of job postings, and we’ve seen businesses adding positions. In addition, some places are increasing wages. Those things are exciting for our area.”

The average annual wage in Highlands

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Vacation sales



COURTESY PHOTOS

The guests stayed at the Inn on the Lakes in Sebring.

China golf tour operators visit Sebring area

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — In an effort to attract more golf tourism to Highlands County as a vacation destination, the Highlands County Tourist Development Council recently hosted a group of 16 golf tour operators from China on Sept. 28-30.

The purpose of the trip was for Chinese tour operators, who specialize in golf vacations to Florida, to experience a golf vacation in the Sebring area so they can then sell the golf vacation to their clients back in China.

“Since many China golf tours include stays in Orlando, Tampa and south Florida, adding Sebring as another stop makes sense logistically as the Chinese prefer to drive themselves in the U.S.,” said TDC Marketing Consultant Casey Hartt. “China only has 400 golf courses, so they are always looking for new and unique destinations to travel to and play golf, and Florida is quite popular for international tourists.”

Hotel rooms were provided by Inn on the Lakes, and the group played Sun ‘n Lake Golf Club’s Turtle Run Course and Highlands Ridge’s North Course. The group also visited Maxwell Groves, Sebring International Raceway, Eighteen East Restaurant & Bar, and Sugar Sand Distillery.

“The TDC is charged with developing our tourism clientele, and China is



Guests from 16 golf tour companies in China stand at the Winner’s Podium at the Sebring International Raceway during a recent tour of the area.

certainly a new market for us to target in terms of golf visitation,” said Jim Brooks, TDC chairman and Highlands County commissioner.

The mission of the TDC is to promote Highlands County as a friendly, attractive and diverse destination for tourism, thus creating a positive economic impact benefiting the entire community. It serves as a destination marketing organization that works to generate overnight stays, increase tax revenues, stimulate economic growth and strives to constantly enhance the image of Highlands County. For more information, visit VisitSebring.com.



Maxwell Groves was one of the stops made by the 16 golf tour operators from China.

Carpenter is an eager employee

By **ZOE LINAFELT**

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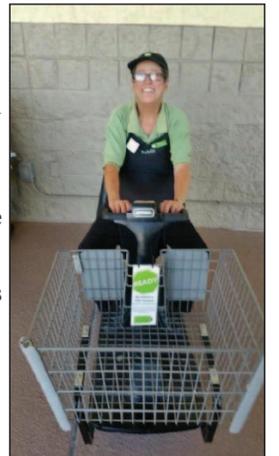
SEBRING — Sharon Carpenter loves helping people, and that’s exactly what she gets to do as a customer service associate and bagger at the North Sebring Publix.

Carpenter does much more than put groceries in bags and offer to carry them out. “I help put all the cold stuff in one bag, and all the cans in the other bag. I help the people get carts, and I help them into the car,” Carpenter said. “When they need help with the electric carts, I’ll drive it back and back it up, plug it in against the wall.”

Carpenter has an intellectual disability and receives services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and APD is highlighting the workplace achievements of people with disabilities and the employers that hire them.

Carpenter says she enjoys having a job because it keeps her busy and she likes to help people when they need it. She is also able to save money to buy things she wants, such as a new bedroom set and a jukebox.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Sharon Carpenter enjoys her job as a customer service associate/bagger at the North Sebring Publix.

Share-A-Thon set for Oct. 11-13

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — WVDV 104.9 FM is holding its annual Share-A-Thon event to raise funds for the non-profit radio station that broadcasts in Highlands County. The funds are used for operational costs to equipment maintenance.

This is a three-day event from Oct. 11-13. Activities include gift giveaways, food and festivities. The closing event is a day of activities from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Sunridge Baptist Church grounds located at 3704 Valerie Blvd.; the phone number is 863-382-3695.

WVDV 104.9 FM LP is located at 3631 Dolphin Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. It was established 11 years ago in order to broadcast educational Christian programming and Christian music to Highlands County. It is a bilingual station broadcasting in Spanish from 9 p.m. until 11 a.m. and in English from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m.

To learn more go to radiovozdelaverdad.com or voiceoftruthradio.us, or call WVDV 104.9fm at 863-386-0001, or email info@voiceoftruthradio.us.

For homebuyers, mortgages are safer but tougher to come by

By **ALEX VEIGA**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Keri Weishaar lives in a spacious, four-bedroom house near Tampa, thanks to the easy financing that prevailed during last decade's housing boom.

"It was basically nothing to get into this house," said Weishaar, 48, who bought the house in the spring of 2003 after obtaining a no-money down, adjustable-rate mortgage.

Then again, Weishaar and her husband are fortunate to still have their home. That same mortgage eventually morphed into a financial albatross and, for a time, the house in the suburb of Tarpon Springs was on a countdown to foreclosure.

As home values plummeted after the housing bubble burst in 2007, many borrowers with exotic types of loans were stuck, unable to refinance as lenders began to tighten their lending criteria. That set the stage for cascading mortgage defaults that eventually took down Lehman Brothers, Wall Street's fourth-biggest investment bank at the time, 10 years ago this week. Lehman and other financial institutions were big buyers of securities backed by some of these dicey mortgages.

Today, getting a mortgage is tougher — and less risky. For one thing, no-money down mortgages and their ilk, which enabled many borrowers to initially lower the costs of buying a home but often saddled borrowers with far higher balances or steep monthly



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This Aug. 14, 2007, file photo shows a sign of a house under foreclosure in Antioch, Calif. As home values plummeted after the housing bubble burst in 2007, many borrowers with exotic types of loans were stuck, unable to refinance as lenders began to tighten their lending criteria. That set the stage for cascading mortgage defaults.

payment increases, have vanished.

Banks also remain a bit gun-shy after racking up billions in losses stemming from mortgages gone bad. That means homebuyers, especially those with less-than-stellar credit, face more hurdles qualifying for a mortgage than they did in the housing boom years. But the loans are safer, more transparent and actually take into account whether a borrower can afford to keep up with payments.

"The banks have certainly loosened underwriting criteria for low-risk borrowers; they haven't loosened

underwriting criteria for low-credit score borrowers," said Aaron Terrazas, senior economist at Zillow. "The types of lending that we saw leading up to that crash in 2008, for the most part, we're not seeing nowadays."

When interest rates began to plummet at the start of the 2000s, lenders rushed in to make nontraditional loans that could be sold for hefty profits to Wall Street banks, as well as government-sponsored mortgage buyers Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

These riskiest of these loans required little proof that the borrower could afford to pay them back

and an initial period of low payments and interest rates. Some let borrowers defer interest payments. Ultimately, these loans overwhelmed many borrowers' ability to keep up with payments.

That's what happened with Weishaar's mortgage. The loan was scheduled to adjust to a higher rate after three years, but she was able to refinance it with another adjustable-rate mortgage. The next time it reset, however, was late 2007, as the housing downturn accelerated. Her husband had lost his job and she was making less money. The couple's loan jumped

from a 6.2 percent interest rate to 11 percent, jacking up the monthly payment from \$2,101 to \$3,417.

The easy financing, which had enabled the couple to buy their \$346,800 house, backfired.

"We bought probably about \$120,000 more home than we should have," Weishaar said.

After missing a few payments, the lender agreed to modify the loan. The interest rate dropped to 6.2 percent and the couple's missed payments and fees were tacked onto their unpaid principal.

The Weishaars rode out the turbulent economy

and housing market in the years after the financial crisis and were able to refinance again in late 2014 into a 3.5 percent, 20-year fixed-rate loan. Now their payment is around \$1,500, without taxes and insurance.

"I only have 15 years left on my house now and I'm in a good place," said Weishaar, now director of sales for an IT consulting company. "The next house I buy will be paid for in cash."

The private market for mortgage-backed securities, which helped fuel so much easy lending during the housing boom, is now a sliver of what it was back then.

Mortgage-backed securities issued by private firms now represent about 4.5 percent of the market, according to data from Inside Mortgage Finance and the Urban Institute. In 2006, the peak of the housing boom, it was nearly 60 percent.

Government-sponsored enterprises such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac now account for about 95.5 percent of the market.

Legislation aimed at averting another financial crisis set out certain guidelines that lenders must follow if they want to make their home loans eligible to be guaranteed by the government. The biggest change is a rule requiring lenders to establish the borrower's ability to repay the loan.

In the case of a five-year adjustable-rate mortgage, that means ensuring the borrower

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MORTGAGE

FROM PAGE 2D

can afford to pay the loan should it reset to a higher interest rate. The law, known as Dodd-Frank, also nixed the types of risky loans

offered during the housing bubble, among other changes. "For the average consumer, the biggest thing that has changed is it's a lot clearer at the closing table what kind of loan you're getting and what you can expect



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Job seekers can search for jobs at CareerSource Heartland and receive assistance with resumes and interview skills.

RATES

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County increased from \$32,845 in 2016 to \$33,819 in 2018, according to the Florida DEO. However, this is significantly lower than the Florida average of \$48,460 in 2017 and lower than the wages of surrounding counties. For example, Okeechobee's annual wage for 2017 was \$39,506 and even Hardee County had a higher wage of \$34, 226.

Help is available for those who are still unemployed or who need a better paycheck. "Come to CareerSource Heartland," Doubleday said. "We have a database of local jobs available as well as industry-specific job postings.

"We also help people with interviews, resumes and identifying transferable skills that may transfer to open jobs. Sometimes people have worked in the same job for over a decade, and they may not realize that the skills they have will transfer to other jobs."

At CareerSource Heartland, staff have been trained to ask job seekers, "What did you

do at your job?" When they hear about the actual duties a person performed at a job, they ask, "Don't you think your skills would qualify you for a job over here?"

People don't always realize that they may be qualified to perform a different type of job than they have performed in the past. CareerSource Heartland shows people how to present themselves to new employers and show them that they have the skills needed to excel at the job.

When looking for jobs, people are often facing financial challenges. However, people can search for jobs at no charge at CareerSource Heartland. "Your tax dollars pay for it," Doubleday said.

"It's available to everyone, even if you have a bachelor's degree or master's degree." The center offers services for people with no experience and for people with decades spent in the workforce.

We'd love to see people come in and get connected with jobs, Doubleday said. Job seekers can visit CareerSource Heartland at 5901 U.S. 27 in Sebring.

to pay over the life of the loan, and that's a very good thing," said Jesse Van Tol, CEO of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, which advocates for fairness in housing, banking and business.

The guidelines may offer lenders a clear path on how to gauge qualified buyers, but in many cases banks have overlaid stricter qualifying requirements, like higher credit scores.

That's one reason the average FICO score on home purchase loans has drifted about 21 points higher over the past decade, according to data from the Urban Institute. The trend is more pronounced in metropolitan areas with high home prices. Consider that

in San Francisco, the average FICO score for borrowers is around 774. In the Riverside-San Bernardino metropolitan area east of Los Angeles, FICOs average 717.

The average FICO score in America was 700 last year. A score of 740-799 is considered "very good."

"The pendulum has swung too far in the other direction," Van Tol said. "When you look at a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac-backed loan with an average credit score in the high 700s, homeownership at a 50-year low, and a lot of people boxed out of the mortgage market, certainly credit is too tight. Too few people have the opportunity to become homeowners today."

Buyers are seeing some

relief from nonbank lenders such as Quicken Loans, United Wholesale Mortgage and Carrington Mortgage, which are growing players in the residential lending market.

The share of loans issued by nonbank lenders and backed by the government has been climbing since 2013. The median FICO scores for loans issued by nonbank lenders and sold to Fannie Mae and the other government mortgage buyers are lower than those of loans from banks, according to the Urban Institute.

Unlike many homebuyers enticed by the frenzy of easy lending during the housing boom, Christian Ray resisted pushing the limits of what he could

afford when he became a homeowner last month.

A logistics manager for a beverage company, Ray bought a two-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath townhome in Tampa for \$158,000, even though his lender qualified him for a \$240,000 mortgage.

"I'm not going to be married to the house," said Ray, 23. "I literally would just come home, pay the bills and just stay here and barely feed myself."

Ray also opted for just about the most unexotic, vanilla home loan around: A 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage at 5 percent interest. And he put up a 10 percent down payment.

"I'm not going to take 30 years to pay it," Ray said.

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EAGER

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"She is very eager to work," said Latasia Sherrill, assistant customer service manager at Publix and one of Carpenter's supervisors. "Whenever she comes in, it could be 20 minutes before her shift, and she's already ready to start. She's good with the customers, she's friendly with her coworkers, and she's easy to work with."

A longtime employee, Carpenter continues to learn new skills. Publix has a "two by two" policy when the customer has paid and is ready to leave store. Baggers are supposed to put two hands on the grocery cart, take two steps toward the door, and ask the customer which way to their car. This shows the customer the bagger will gladly take their groceries out and bring the cart back in for them. Carpenter does a good job following that policy; it's not easy, and not every associate follows it.

Carpenter has also improved her communication skills. While she enjoys hugging and chatting with her friends, she has learned how to have appropriate interactions with customers and coworkers.

"A lot of the people that go to Publix are regulars, and she's getting to know them by name and they know her," said Mike Martino, Carpenter's supported employment coach. "She's come a long way in becoming more mature and being more professional."

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For additional information, interested parties may visit the college website at www.southflorida.edu, or contact the Office of the President, South Florida State College at 600 West College Drive, Avon Park, FL 33825.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 18-367 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF BARBARA MAE DORMAN Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of BARBARA MAE DORMAN, whose date of death was June 30th, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is September 30, 2018.
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WORKERS NEEDED

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TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED

Harvester needs **5 Truck Drivers** 11-08-18 to 6-01-19. The employer is **Circle H Citrus, Inc.** and \$11.29 per hour is guaranteed. Worksites are in Hardee, Highlands, Indian River, Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, DeSoto, Lee, Hendry, Martin, St. Lucie and Charlotte counties, Florida. 24 months Agricultural Equipment Operator experience is required. Driver must possess a valid driver's license. Employer will guarantee the opportunity for work for the hourly equivalent of 3/4 of the hours of the work period. The employer will provide the work tools, supplies and equipment at no cost to the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. For workers residing beyond normal commuting distances, reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be provided or paid by the employer after completion of 50% of the work period. Apply for this job at the Florida One-Stop Career Center office located at 2160 NE Roan Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266 - Telephone: 863-993-1008 ext. 231 using job listing number FL10791772.

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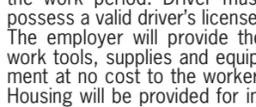
Harvester needs 400 temporary workers to cultivate and harvest various crops, 11-12-18 to 05-31-19. The employer is **Everglades Harvesting & Hauling, Inc.** Workers will be paid \$11.29 per hour depending on work location and piece rate(s) may be offered depending on crop activity, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour rate. Job location is in Glades, Hendry, Lee, Collier, Highlands, DeSoto, Hillsborough, and Charlotte counties (Florida). Employer will guarantee the opportunity for work for the hourly equivalent of 3/4 of the days of the work period. The employer will provide the tools necessary to perform the described job duties without charge to the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. For workers residing beyond normal commuting distances, reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be provided or paid by the employer after completion of 50% of the work period. Apply for this job at the Florida One-Stop Career Center office located at 921 Anvil Way, LaBelle, FL 33935 - (863) 675-1412 using job listing number FL10793945.

WORKERS NEEDED

19 workers needed for **Jaime Lopez** for citrus harvesting from 11/15/18 to 6/15/19. Workers will be paid \$0.90+ per 90 lb tub, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Central Florida. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Job order 10792451.

WORKERS NEEDED

18 workers needed for **JV Harvesting, Inc.** for citrus harvesting from 11/15/18 to 6/15/19. Workers will be paid \$0.90+ per 90 lb tub, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Central Florida. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Job order 10791067.



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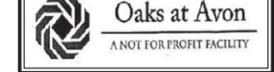
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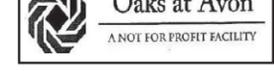
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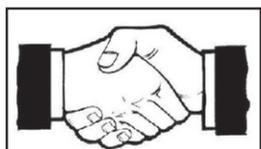
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How big developers like Trump benefit from web of tax breaks

WASHINGTON — Big real estate developers like Donald Trump have long benefited from a myriad of legal loopholes and breaks that can shrink tax bills. Their advantages expanded with the federal tax overhaul that took effect this year. Wealthy individuals typically try to transfer some of their assets during their lifetime to ease the tax burden on heirs. There are a number of ways to do so legally. As assets go, real estate is one of the most flexible options.

Small-company stocks stumble after strong start to 2018

Small-company stocks have stumbled after racking up strong gains for much of this year. Investors favored those stocks as tensions between the U.S. and its biggest trading partners escalated, betting their greater reliance on the domestic economy would keep them insulated from tariffs and other trade disruptions versus large multinationals. Lately, though, the market has shrugged off trade worries while other trends, such as rising interest rates, are making smaller companies less attractive.

Nike 'deeply concerned' by 'disturbing' Ronaldo rape claim

LONDON — Pressure is building on Cristiano Ronaldo from his sponsors after Nike joined EA Sports in expressing deep concern with the rape allegation facing the soccer star. The five-time world player of the year has denied the claim. Late Thursday night, he received public backing from his Italian club, Juventus, shortly after Nike issued its statement to The Associated Press. Nike has had a contract with Ronaldo, one of the wealthiest and most famous soccer players in the world, since 2003.

Musk takes swipe at SEC on heels of fraud settlement

SAN FRANCISCO — Tesla CEO Elon Musk is apparently taunting the government agency that accused him of duping investors just days after negotiating a settlement to keep his job. Musk jabbed the Securities and Exchange Commission

on his Twitter account, the same agency that went after him for declaring he had secured financing for a Tesla buyout. In a Thursday tweet, Musk praised the "Shortseller Enrichment Commission" for "doing incredible work." Short sellers are investors who bet on a stock's decline.

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Signs emerge that rising rates could hinder small businesses

NEW YORK — Rising interest rates typically rank low on small-business owners' list of problems, but some warning signs are starting to emerge. Higher rates are already starting to bite into some businesses' bottom lines, and the effect is likely to get stronger as the Federal Reserve continues to raise rates amid the strong economy. The Fed made its latest move last week, raising its benchmark rate by a quarter of a percentage point, and economists expect one more increase in December and at least a couple more next year.

Thousands of San Francisco hotel workers join strike

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of housekeepers, cooks and other hotel workers are on strike at Marriott-owned hotels in the San Francisco Bay Area after months of negotiating for a wage increase. Unite Here Local 2 union spokesman Ted Waechter says about 2,500 Marriott hotel workers are picketing Thursday outside seven hotels in downtown San Francisco, one of the city's busiest tourist areas. Marriott says the hotels will continue to operate normally. Hotel workers also went on strike in San Jose.

GM, Honda team up to produce self-driving vehicle

General Motors and Honda are teaming up on self-driving vehicle technology as big automakers and tech giants race to develop the next generation of personal transportation. Japan's Honda Motor Co. will invest \$2.75 billion in the autonomous vehicle unit run by General Motors Co., called GM Cruise, which is considered a leader in the nascent industry. The goal, the companies said Wednesday, is to develop an autonomous vehicle that can be produced at a high volume and deployed globally. They will also explore commercial ways to use the Cruise network around the world.

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6.5 million pounds of beef are recalled over possible salmonella contamination

By **SAMANTHA MASUNAGA**
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The recalled products were sold in stores nationwide and were packaged between July 26 and Sept. 7. Brands include Cedar River Farms, Gourmet Burger, Grass Run Farms and Showcase, among others. Full lists of affected products and product

labels are available on the USDA's website.
The list of affected products includes brands named "JBS generic" and "Showcase/Walmart." A JBS spokeswoman said she couldn't say whether the meat was labeled that way when sold to consumers or whether it bore the names of various

store brands.
Affected products have the establishment number "EST. 267" inside the USDA mark of inspection.
People should throw the products away or return them to the place of purchase, the USDA said, expressing concern that some of the beef might

be in buyers' freezers.
The USDA's food safety and inspection arm began to trace ground beef products after being notified Sept. 5 of an investigation into cases of people infected with Salmonella Newport. It said 57 people from 16 states had become sick. Common symptoms

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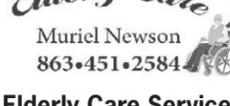
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US economists optimistic about growth, worried about tariffs

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
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WASHINGTON — The economy should grow at a healthy pace this year and next, though the Trump administration's trade policy will likely act as a drag, a group of business economists said.

Growth should reach 2.9 percent this year, according to a survey of 51 economists by the National Association for Business Economics, released Monday. That would be up from just 2.3 percent in 2017. And growth is forecast to be 2.7 percent in 2019, the survey found.

Overall, the economists are slightly more optimistic than they were when last surveyed three months ago. Buoyed by solid consumer spending and a healthy increase in business investment, the survey respondents expect the economy will overcome any negative impacts from higher tariffs.

Just over half of the respondents expect that the next recession won't arrive until 2020 at the earliest, while one-third said it wouldn't occur until 2021.

Inflation should remain in check, the survey found, rising to just 2.5 percent this year from 2.1 percent last year. Yet price gains will then likely moderate to 2.3 percent in 2019, the survey said.

Still, worries over trade policy have darkened the outlook for many. Nearly 80 percent of the economists surveyed cut their growth forecasts for next year by up to one-half a percentage point,



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In this March file photo, a man standing on the bow of a Golden Gate Ferry takes a picture of a container ship as it heads toward the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in San Francisco. Economic growth should reach 2.9 percent this year, according to a survey of 51 economists by the National Association for Business Economics, released Monday, Oct. 1.

the NABE said, because of trade concerns. The Trump administration has slapped tariffs on most steel and aluminum imports and on nearly half the imports from China.

And one-half of the respondents have increased their inflation forecasts because of the import taxes.

More economists cited "trade policy" as the greatest risk to future growth, the NABE said, than any other issue. Higher interest rates and a large drop in the stock market were tied as the second-most likely risk, while just a few economists cited rising inflation and "labor shortages" as risks to growth.

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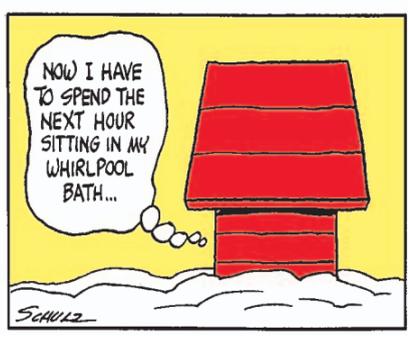
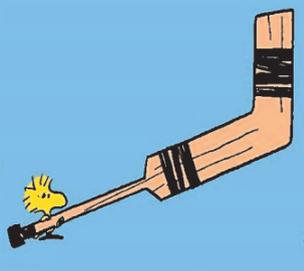
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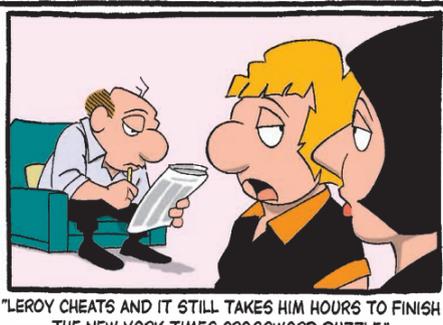
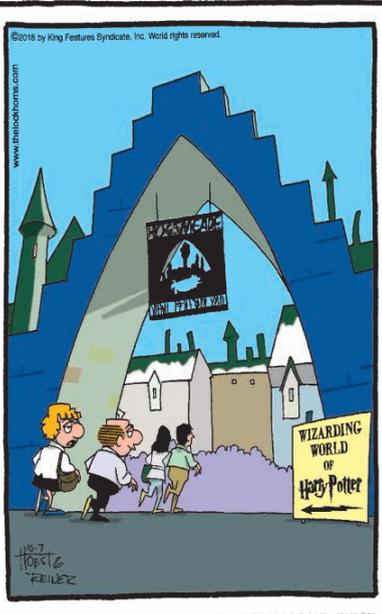
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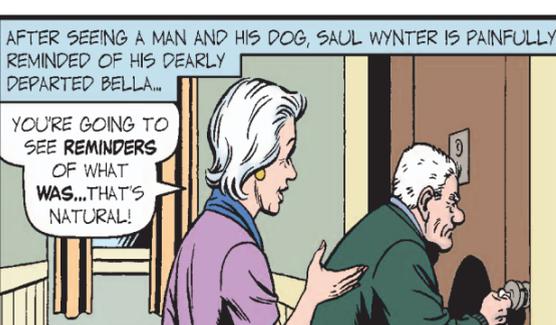
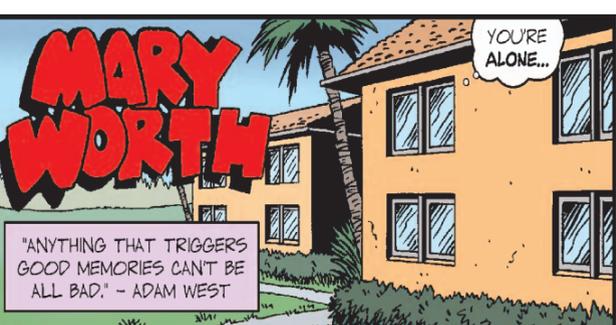
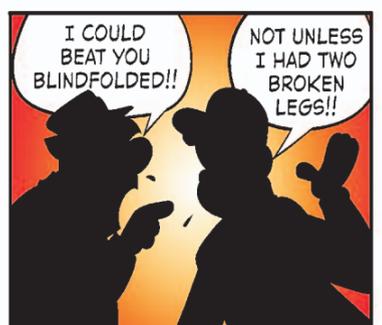
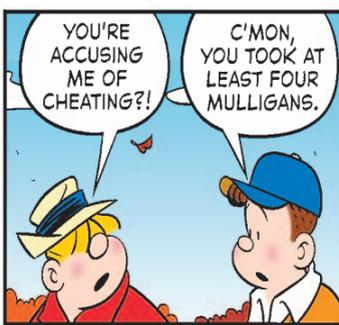
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HONK!

FOONK

OKAY, SO THERE'S SOME BUGS TO WORK OUT

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BUX WOULD LOVE THESE FLOWERS

HEY!

HOW DARE YOU STEAL FROM MY GARDEN!

YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME!!

WHOP! WHOP!

TAKE THAT !!

AND DON'T COME BACK!!

NICE TRY

NEXT TIME I'LL GO TO A FLORIST

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HAGAR
the horrible
by **DIK BROWNE**

... CAN'T WAIT TO TELL THE CREW THE GOOD NEWS!

WE'VE GOT TOMORROW OFF?

YOU'RE TAKING US TO LUNCH?

WE'RE GETTING A BONUS?

YOU'VE LOST WEIGHT?

WE GRABBED THE MOST GOLD... SILVER... AND JEWELS !!

YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING!

...AND MOST MERCH SOLD!

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BLONDIE
BY **DEAN KUNZ** & **JOHN MARSHALL**

HEY, THAT GUY LOOKS FAMILIAR

HEY! LONG TIME NO SEE!!

HI, STRANGER!

BOY, YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD!

HEY, YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD YOURSELF!

WAIT A SECOND! YOU AREN'T WHO I THOUGHT YOU WERE!

I'M NOT?

NO! YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW ME EITHER, DO YOU?!

WELL, NOT REALLY... SORRY

WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING

YEAH, IT REALLY IS, ISN'T IT?

SO, DO YOU WANT TO GRAB SOME LUNCH AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHO WE THOUGHT WE WERE?

SURE, WHY NOT?!

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ZITS

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HOW WAS SCHOOL TODAY, JEREMY?

PRETTY AMAZING, ACTUALLY.

WE HAD THIS HUGE DISCUSSION IN HUMAN PSYCHOLOGY ABOUT NATURE VS. NURTURE. WITH YOUR BACKGROUND IN CHILD PSYCHOLOGY, I WONDER IF YOU HAVE SOME INSIGHTS YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO SHARE.

YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO BE CONVERSANT WITHOUT WARNING.

SORRY. I MEANT TO GRUNT, BUT IT JUST SLIPPED OUT.

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JEFF MACNELLY'S Shoe

By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly

I THINK WE DESERVE A GOLF CART...

AFTER ALL, OUR GAME HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE WE RATE A CART.

ESPECIALLY AN ALL-TERRAIN CART...

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PICKLES

by BRAN CRANE

YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF LEAVES, GRAMPA.

YES, I DO. I WROTE A POEM ABOUT THEM. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR IT?

YEAH.

FALL IS HERE. THE LEAVES HAVE FELL.

I WISH THEY ALL WOULD GO TO...

EARL!

...THE COUNTY LANDFILL!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

I WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU, CHIEF!

I HEAR YOU GAVE HASKELL A PAY RAISE—WHY HAVEN'T I GOTTEN ONE?

HIS PERFORMANCE WARRANTS IT, YOURS DOES NOT. I CANNOT JUSTIFY PAYING YOU MORE.

VERY WELL, THEN I QUIT!

YOU CANNOT QUIT, THORNAPPLE!

AND JUST WHY NOT?

I CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE YOU!

TIGER

BY BUD BLAKE

SIX BAGS, A BUCK A BAG—THANKS

MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES!

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BABY BLUES

RICK BY JERRY KIRKMAN / SCOTT

OH, NO!

HAMMIE! NO! STOP! DON'T GO IN THE SANDBOX!

BAM! BAM! BAM!

WHAT?

YOU CAN'T PLAY IN THE SANDBOX TODAY, I JUST SAW THE MILLERS' CAT GOING TO THE BATHROOM IN IT.

IT WENT TO THE BATHROOM IN THE SANDBOX??

YES, NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO.

WHY WAS I NEVER TOLD THAT WAS AN OPTION?

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BARNEY GOOGLE and SUNS FIFTH

BY JOHN ROSE

GOIN' HUNTIN', PAW?

NOPE!! THINK POSITIVE, MAW!!

I'M GOIN' GITTIN'!!

HA!! A BIG OL' BUCK!!

BLAM!!

YESSS!! SUPPER!!

NO... SOUVENIR!!

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

WHY DO WE PUT THE ENTRY AT THE TOP?

IT'S THE SAFEST POINT OF ENTRY.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN IT RAINS?

SEE? A LEVER.

SO PULL IT!

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NOT SURE I LIKE WHERE THIS IS GOING.

DO YOU THINK THAT SYMBOL IS A FLOWER?

I THINK WE SHOULD RUN NOW.

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SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

I CAN FEEL IT. VICTORY OVER THE ENTIRE BACKYARD WILL SOON BE OURS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TED?

STUDYING MY ENEMY.

O...KAY...

YOU SEE, EVERY YEAR WHEN I GO OUT TO RAKE THE LEAVES, I'M IMMEDIATELY OVERWHELMED...

AND THAT'S BECAUSE I'M PLAYING BY THEIR RULES. I'M ALWAYS REACTING TO WHAT THEY DO.

OF COURSE YOU'RE REACTING TO WHAT THE LEAVES DO. YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEM TO FALL FIRST...

UNLESS YOU PLAN TO CLIMB INTO THE TREES AND JUST YANK THEM BEFORE-HAND.

THAT WOULD BE INSANE. PLUS, I CAN ONLY MAKE IT TO THE FIRST LIMB BEFORE MY BACK HURTS AND SOME NEIGHBOR MAKES A SNIDE REMARK.

BUT I'LL FIGURE OUT THE LEAVES' SECRET. I'LL SOON THINK LIKE THEY THINK, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, I'LL BE THE ONE DICTATING HOW THIS GAME IS PLAYED!

UM, MOM WALKED AWAY. NOW IT'S JUST ME STANDING HERE CONCERNED.

YES, THIS YEAR THE LEAVES WILL BOW TO ME INSTEAD OF ME TO THEM... WHICH IN HINDSIGHT DOES SOUND TROUBLING.

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CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

Eugene is a wonderful dancer and he wanted to enter the dance contest at the Wisteria Ballroom.

I wasn't a very good dancer so I declined, and Eugene entered the contest with Lucy instead.

Lucy went from being my sister to being my rival.

It was obvious to anyone who saw them that Lucy and Eugene were in love.

Somehow it wasn't as obvious to Lucy that I could barely contain my jealousy!

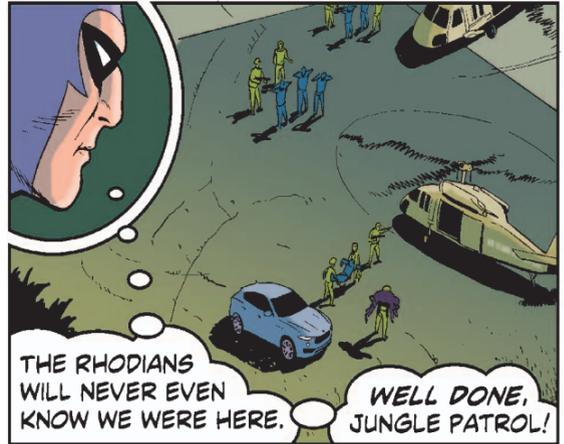
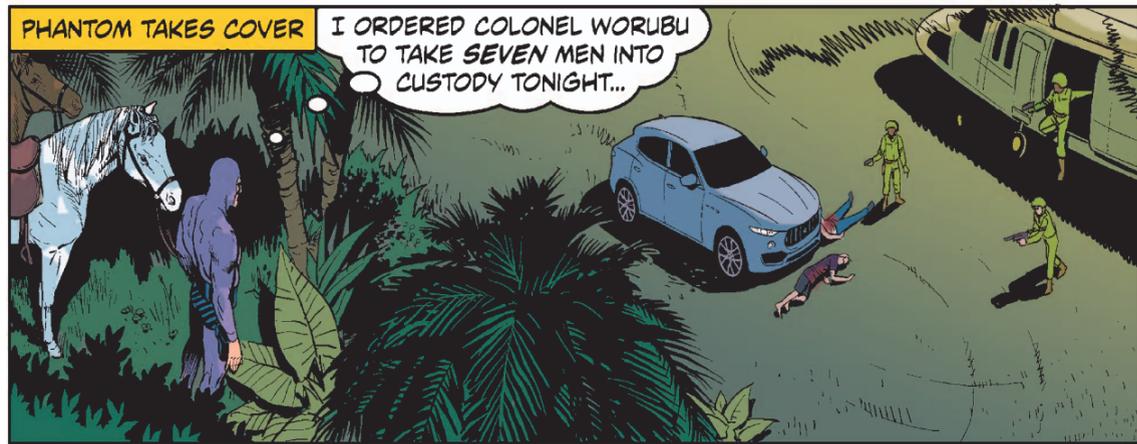
Fate handed me the chance to get even when the letter from Eugene arrived.

EUGENE... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

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THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK



NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY

DENNIS THE MENACE BY HANK KETCHAM

