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COURTESY PHOTO/FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL

This photo shows a large debris field from a head-on collision at State Road 70 near County Road 721 in Lake Placid on Christmas Day.

Four dead in Christmas Day crash

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Four people have been confirmed dead as the result of a head-on crash that occurred Christmas Day afternoon.

Normally a day of celebration and happiness, one family has received news of the deaths of loved ones. Another family is still waiting to hear the same news, but the Florida Highway Patrol is still trying to identify the driver and passenger who were traveling in a Buick.

The deadly crash happened just after 12:30 p.m. Tuesday between two passenger cars on State Road 70, near County Road 721. Both the east and westbound lanes on the highly traveled road were shut down for hours while FHP conducted an investigation and cleared the scene.

The driver of a 2006 Toyota Scion XA, Judy Mounts, 56, of Port St. Lucie and her passenger, Destiny Franz, 16, of Fort Myers, were both killed in the crash. The accident report states their next of kin were notified Tuesday.

The first vehicle was a Buick of unknown year and make. The resulting fire has hampered the identification of the car. The passenger and driver have not been identified, so their next of kin have not been notified as of Wednesday morning.

The FHP report states Mounts and Franz were not wearing seat belts. It is unknown if the people in the Buick were wearing seat belts. The report also states it is unknown whether or not alcohol was a contributing factor in the accident.

According to the latest FHP report, the Buick was traveling west in the eastbound lane on SR 70 passing another westbound vehicle and was approaching a curve to the left in the road near CR 721. At the same time, the Toyota was traveling east in the eastbound lane on SR 70 and approaching the same curve.

The Buick hit the Toyota head on. The Buick overturned into the ditch on the south side of SR 70 and ended up with its front facing

CRASH | 4A

Historical beauty



COURTESY PHOTOS

Riders stop for lunch at the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate in Fort Bassinger during a recent Cracker Trail Ride, an annual cross-state ride held each February.

Reviving the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate

By INGRID UTECH
CORRESPONDENT

FORT BASSINGER — When the South Florida Water Management District auctioned off the historic Edna Pearce Lockett Estate on U.S. 98 and County Road 721 in February 2017, Lake Placid resident Paul “Butch” Thompson knew immediately that he wanted the 16.77-acre property, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thompson and his wife Donna, who own Ole South Auto Salvage, also own property in Venus, where many Pearce family members live.

Minimum bid was \$160,000, the appraised value of the property. A \$20,000 deposit was also required. Thompson's sealed bid was \$265,000 or \$55,000 more than the next highest bidder.

The Edna Pearce Lockett Estate is steeped in Old Florida history and natural beauty, and that is part of why Thompson wanted to bid on it. Located on the banks of the Kissimmee River, it's the site where Gen. Zachary Taylor and his troops built Fort Basinger during the Third Seminole War in 1837.

It's where Lockett's great-grandfather, the Rev. Levi Pearce, homesteaded after falling in love with the land while serving as a soldier in Taylor's army. Lockett, a distinguished cattle rancher and the third woman to be elected to the Florida state legislature, spent most of her 82 years at the home, until her death in 1991.

Buildings on the property include a 4,050-square-foot, wood-frame, two-story house built in 1897 by Lockett's father, William Sidney Pearce; a



Butch Thompson, owner of the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate, stands next to bricks saved from an early Pearce family home. The bricks were used in the construction of a fireplace.



The Edna Pearce Lockett Estate, seen here, was built in 1897; it is located in Fort Bassinger.

one-story schoolhouse, where Lockett taught for several years, built in 1900; a one-story wood frame cottage built in 1940; and a garage detached from the house, built in 1976.

The property also has a family cemetery where John Mizell Pearce, Lockett's grandfather, and other Pearce family members are buried; a gazebo, a dock, a boat house, lots of giant oak trees covered with Spanish moss, a formal entrance with a wrought iron gate facing U.S. 98, and a pathway from the entrance to the

house, which is lined with lampposts, called Lockett Lane.

Neglect and age have taken a toll on many of these buildings. In 2017, the main house badly needed a new roof and a new porch, the horse barn was near collapse, the boat house had come off its foundation, and the grounds were overgrown with weeds and brush.

Some people might want to demolish such old buildings and build anew, but Thompson wants to save as much of the property as he can and let the

public enjoy it too. That's what Miss Edna, as she was affectionately called, also would have wanted.

Thompson has made extensive improvements to the property in the last year and a half. He rebuilt the decaying porch on the front of the house. He removed the yellow, stained carpeting inside the house, exposing the much more attractive oak floors.

He was about to replace the roof when Hurricane Irma hit. Fortunately, he had patched and sealed the roof, so the house didn't suffer any water damage or mold, but it was a year after Irma before the roof could be replaced.

The electrical system now runs on 110 volts instead of 220 volts, and the lights work in the house. The plumbing in the house is in bad shape, so Thompson does not plan to run water in the house.

Thompson demolished the collapsing horse barn, but he used the wood from the barn to construct a new outhouse. He bought a new gazebo and built a new roof over the pavilion, because both were destroyed by Hurricane Irma.

The boat house and the pump house are enclosed buildings, which were sitting on SFWMD property next to the Kissimmee River. SFWMD does not allow enclosed buildings on property it owns, so Thompson moved both buildings to higher locations.

Since the buildings are on the National Register, the moves had to be approved by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources.

Unfortunately, Irma



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Brenda Hoffman stocked up for Christmas next year on Wednesday at the Sebring Walmart.

Shoppers flock for discounts

Day after Christmas sales busy

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — With Christmas 2018 behind us, shoppers hit the stores Wednesday to scoop up half-priced holiday items in preparation for Christmas 2019.

The sense of urgency to shop for the right gifts before Christmas changes to an urgency to catch that brief period of half-priced sales to get what you need for next year before the selection thins out.

Brenda Hoffman of Avon Park loaded up a shopping cart with half-priced items Wednesday morning at the Sebring Walmart.

She purchased decorations and gifts for next year.

“I buy and put them away and give them next year for gifts,” Hoffman said. “It saves me a lot of money.”

What about the chocolates? Are they being saved for next year?

Hoffman responded, “No, those are for me. It saves you a lot of money, sure does.”

Dennis Faulkner of Lake Placid knows the early shopper gets the best selection, but it is not always easy for him to get that early start.

DISCOUNTS | 6A

Graduation data shows district strong points

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The recently released state graduation data shows that in Highlands County the top three ethnic groups with the highest graduation rate by school were the Asian students at Sebring High School, Hispanic students at Lake Placid High School and the black students at Sebring High School.

The district-wide graduation rate for 2017-18 was 77.2 percent.

The rate was 100 percent for the Asian students at Sebring High School. The Asian graduation rates for Avon Park and Lake Placid high schools are not listed in the report, which does not include numbers for groups that have less than 10 students.

The Hispanic graduation rate at Lake Placid High School was 84.8 percent. The Hispanic graduation rates at Avon Park and Sebring high schools were 77.5 percent and 77.1 percent, respectively.

The black graduation rate at Sebring High School was 81.4 percent. The black graduation rates at Avon Park and Lake Placid high schools were 68.8 percent and 66.7 percent, respectively.

EDNA | 6A

DATA | 4A



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Good morning To
Patricia Light
Thanks for reading!



Local artists help the community

By **ROBERT MILLER**
NEWS CLERK

SEBRING — Butterfly Blessings is a group of artists who have come together to not just support themselves, but to raise money for those in need within their community and country. Started to help raise money for a cancer patient, the group now brings in guest artists and holds art auctions where a part of the proceeds go to the chosen charity.

“It is our ultimate goal to be able to give back to our community in a significant way each month through the auction process,” Pam Jessiman said.

Pam and Karisa Jessiman began Butterfly Blessings after coming across a Facebook page where a group of creative women could come together to support each other and help those who need it. Pam Jessiman works with clothing design, watercolors and photography while Karisa Jessiman focuses on acrylic paint, polymer and illustration.

Two guest artists are joining Butterfly Blessings. Linda Kane works in collages and jewelry, while Mike Pirkkala is a professional photographer. Each month, the group supports a new charity, which is chosen by a guest artist.

November's charity was the Humane Society of Highlands County. For December, Butterfly Blessings chose to support Meals on Wheels. The organization feeds over 100 clients every day and has a volunteer staff of about 65 people.

For January, the charity of choice is going to be The Palms Foundation

5 THINGS That Will Make You SMARTER

1. Observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, Kwanzaa is a relatively new holiday, first observed in 1966, celebrating African culture and identity.

2. The word “Kwanzaa” is derived from Swahili and translates to “first fruits of the harvest.”

3. The seven days of the Kwanzaa celebration correspond with seven principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

4. Seven candles are lit during Kwanzaa – the first one is black, the second is red and the third is green. The remaining four candles alternate between red and green. Red, green and black are the holiday's symbolic colors.

5. Traditional Kwanzaa gifts center on learning, so books about African heritage and culture are appropriate.

Source: campbells.com



COURTESY PHOTOS

Butterfly Blessings chose the Humane Society of Highlands County as their charity of the month for November.



Butterfly Blessings charity of the month for December was Meals on Wheels, which received this donation.



One of the winning bidders at a recent auction, Tony Paoello, went home with an acrylic Poppie by Karisa Jessiman.

Visit Facebook.com/ Butterflyblessing to learn more or to sign up, or email Pam Jessiman at pamjessiman57@gmail.com.

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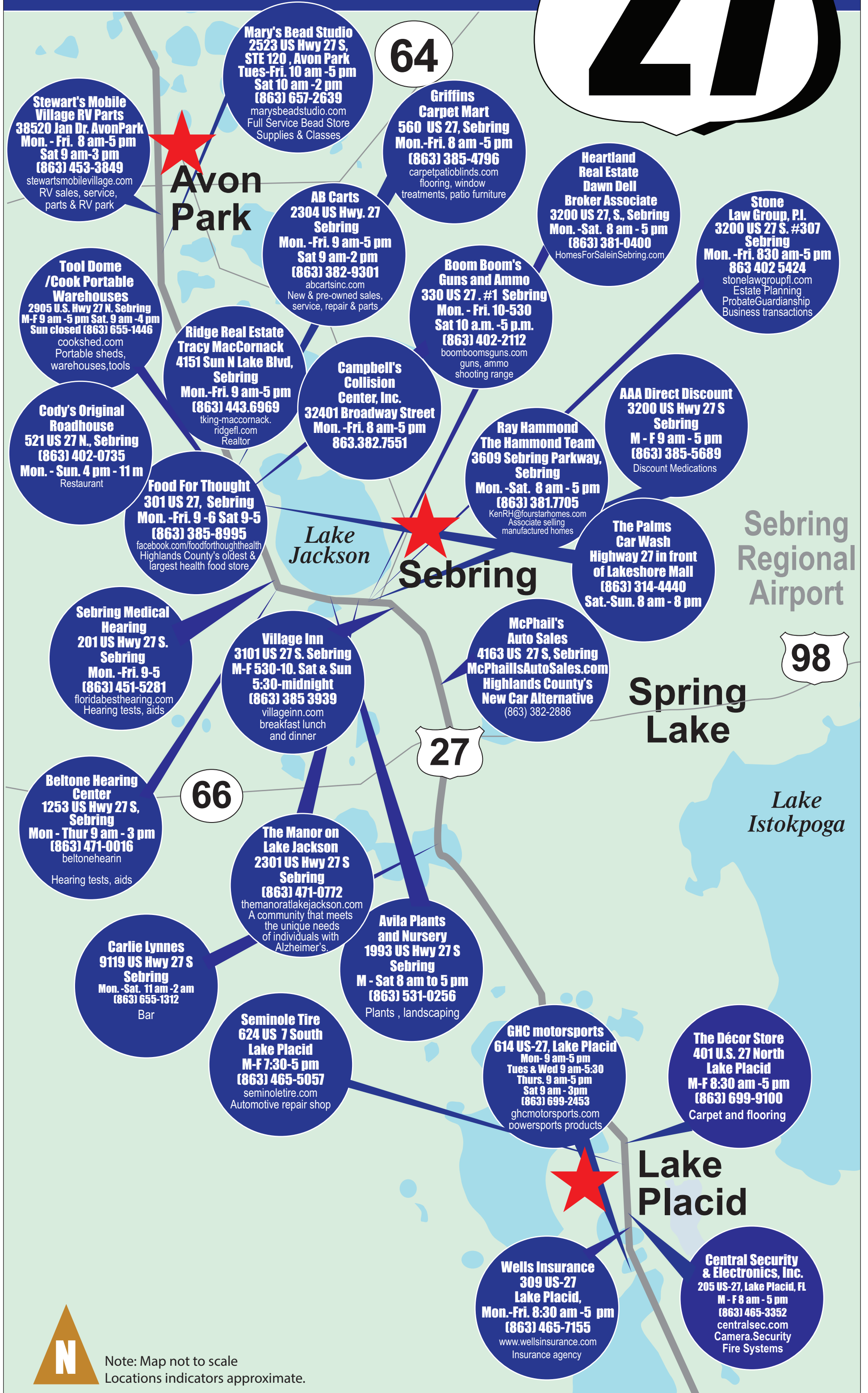
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Polk youth counselor found with child porn

Defendant newly wed, raised in Sebring

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A youth counselor in Bartow, charged last Friday with 15 counts of possession of child pornography, was raised in Sebring and had recently married.

William “Billy” Lee Smith, a counselor at Youth and Family Alternatives Inc., faces all those charges as second-degree felonies, under Florida law, since he is charged with possessing 10 or more videos of child porn, or the same number of images showing a child under 5 years old or being sexually battered, according to arrest reports.

As of Wednesday, he was still in the Polk County Jail, in lieu of \$150,000 bond — \$10,000 per charge.

Other enhancements under the law that were not mentioned as having connection to this case are sadomasochistic abuse of a child or sexual bestiality of a child.

According to Smith's Facebook account, the 28-year-old man got married on or shortly before Oct. 14. He was arrested Friday in front of his wife after they arrived at their Bartow home. Polk County Sheriff's deputies had followed up on a tip received from internet sites about him allegedly chatting online about trading child porn and having sex with children.

The case developed and concluded on Friday,



SMITH

according to arrest reports. It was raised to an immediate response priority given the fact

that Smith was a counselor at Youth and Family Alternative Inc. and was previously a child protection case manager at Gulf Coast Youth Jewish Family & Community Services (Gulf Coast JFCS) in Lakeland.

Electronic service providers Yahoo! Inc./Oath and Tumblr sent CyberTipline reports to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children about the blog messages, which then passed the tips on to Polk deputies. During an interview, Smith allegedly said he had never actually touched children, he used child porn to keep a barrier between himself and actual exploited children and he lied to social media contacts about his level of activity in order to entice them to masturbate while talking to him online, allegedly, because that also aroused him.

In his interview, he allegedly stated that he traded masturbation photos with online contacts.

Yahoo! acquired Tumblr in 2013 and is now owned by Oath, reports state.

A Tumblr user with the username “jdgghoiy” had created a blog on Dec. 2,

2012, with the title, “Life,” and a description of, “I am Billy. That's all you need to know. Yup.”

Tumblr deactivated the blog on Dec. 6, 2018, along with the associated Tumblr account. Before that happened, conversations were captured between the user — later identified as Smith — and other users in September and November. Messages allegedly included:

- Requests for naked photos of children.
- Boasts of wanting to give oral sex to children.
- Boasts of having had sex with a 10-year-old and wanting to immediately.

Tumblr also provided deputies with 48 computer files of photographs or videos of child porn, several of which had multiple victims. Reports said deputies identified at least 15 pre-pubescent male and female children, between ages 5 and 12, “engaged in sexual conduct with apparent adults and/or exposing their genitals in a lewd manner.”

The images and videos allegedly were uploaded by Smith between Oct. 8 and Nov. 27 this year, reports said.

By 1:19 p.m. Friday, deputies had obtained Smith's phone number and home address from his Internet Service Provider and prepared to stake out his house.

At 5:07 p.m. Friday, he and his wife arrived home, reports said. Deputies approached and

detained him, and found a phone in his pocket.

Smith allegedly made spontaneous statements about having nudes on his cell phone, and allegedly asked about what would happen if one of them was underage.

He also allegedly mentioned being bisexual, reports said.

Deputies obtained a search warrant by 9:07 p.m., went into the home at 9:11 p.m., and found no one else there except a yellow Labrador retriever in a crate in the living room.

At 9:17 p.m., deputies brought the Smiths into the home and read them the search warrant. By 9:30 p.m., deputies started a recorded interview with Billy Smith, during which he confirmed having the email and Tumblr accounts with which they identified him. He also said his home WiFi was password protected and that only he and his wife live at their home.

Other alleged admissions from him, listed in reports, include:

- Trading child pornography on various social media platforms, including Dropbox, Tumblr, Kik and Snapchat.
- Possessing files on his computer or phone depicting infant victims.
- Masturbating while watching child porn.
- “Fantasizing” about touching a child inappropriately.
- Viewing child porn on a computer or phone as “protection from actually

touching a child.”

- Having an addiction to porn, including child porn, both girls and boys.
- Having viewed child porn for three to five years, knowing it is illegal.
- Needing help to break the addiction.

He also said, according to reports, that if he could talk to the parents of the child victims on his phone, he would tell them he is sorry, but would have a hard time looking at them in the face.

His employment listing on Facebook states he is a substance abuse masters intern at Behavioral Choices Inc. and currently is a Children in Need of Services/Family in Need of Services counselor at Youth and Family Alternatives Inc.

Former jobs include mental health counselor intern at Trinity Group of Central Florida and

a FITT (Frequency, Intensity, Time and Type) Child Protective Services case manager at Gulf Coast JFCS.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, at its website, MissingKids.com, states that John and Revé Walsh founded the organization along with other child advocates in 1984. The private, non-profit organization serves as the national clearinghouse and resource center for information about missing and exploited children.

NCMEC's Child Victim Identification Program, founded in 2010, helps to locate and rescue child victims in abusive images, MissingKids.com states. Investigators have reviewed more than 267 million images and videos and law enforcement has identified more than 15,800 child victims.

Man found injured at Veteran's Beach

Police: Man recovering from self-inflicted wound

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sebring police, acting on a tip from a family member, found a local man Christmas morning injured in his car at Veteran's Beach.

Police Cmdr. Curtis Hart said the man did have a self-inflicted wound, and is now recovering at a local hospital. Officers went there at 6 a.m. Tuesday on a tip from the man's mother, who had informed them he might try to harm himself.

For now, Hart said, the man is reported as stable.

Police officers found the man in his car in the main parking area of the boat ramp, usually occupied by trucks and boat trailers.

Highlands County Emergency Medical Services were called to the scene and the man was transported. Police cleared the scene by 8 a.m., Hart said.

The Highlands News-Sun had received tips about the nature of the wound or the type of weapon used. Hart said he couldn't confirm nor deny that information.

The matter is still under investigation, Hart said.

Board approves school capital projects

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The amended project list for 2018-19 approved recently by The School Board of Highlands County tops \$6.1 million with nearly \$6 million funded from the school half-cent sales tax.

The amended project list added fencing projects to improve campus security and phase 2 of the replacement of the main covered walkway at Avon Elementary School.

The district office tallied the largest expenditure on the project list at

FAST FACT

The Transportation Department shows \$1.186 million on the capital project plan for 2018-19 with most of it going toward new school buses.

\$1.206 million, but that includes the Management Information Systems Department's purchases that benefit the schools such as: \$500,000 for student computers, \$200,000 for computers/smartboards/sound, \$210,000 for student and district software, and \$60,000 for security cameras.

The Transportation

Department shows \$1.186 million on the capital project plan for 2018-19 with most of it, \$995,411, going toward new school buses.

Lake Placid High School is earmarked for a \$1 million project to reroof the main building.

The fencing projects for a single-point entry to the campus includes: \$101,250 for Hill-Gustat Middle School, \$65,000 for Cracker Trail Elementary School, \$79,000 for Lake Country Elementary School, \$62,700 for Lake Placid High School, \$64,625 for Lake Placid Middle School, \$115,140

for Sebring High School, \$61,700 for Sebring Middle School, \$75,000 for Sun 'n Lake Elementary School and \$61,000 for Woodlawn Elementary School.

Other projects include: air-conditioning control upgrade at Hill-Gustat Middle School for \$96,000, window replacement at Fred Wild Elementary School for \$148,000, upgrade HVAC duct work at Avon Park Middle School for \$40,350 and replace condensing unit and air handler in Building 5 at Fred Wild Elementary School for \$190,000.

Safely disposing of Christmas trees

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The presents have been opened, the leftovers are in the fridge and now it's time to tackle the job of “un-decorating” the house. That means removing Christmas trees and disposing of them properly.

Of course, recycling is best. Christmas trees make a great, fragrant mulch. The National Christmas Tree Association recommends standing the tree up outside with bird feeders as a nice backyard addition for a while. The NCTA also says they make good soil erosion barriers and sinking them into a fish pond provides a sheltering habitat.

The Florida Forest Service wants people to dispose of the trees safely. In a press release on the safety tips for disposing of live trees, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam urged recycling the trees also.

“Dry limbs and needles from discarded Christmas trees can be an ignition source for fire if not properly cleared away from homes and natural areas,” Putnam wrote.

Both the NCTA and Putnam agree that no part(s) of any Christmas tree should be thrown into the fireplace. Florida Forest Service officials suggest recycling;



FILE PHOTO

Dry Christmas trees and needles provide fuel for fires and should be disposed of safely.

they realize that some residents will want to burn their trees outside. They gave the following tips:

- Check local ordinances for county burn bans at

freshfromflorida.com and requirements for outdoor burning.

- Burn only if significant rainfall has occurred in the last three or four days.
- Never burn on dry or windy days.
- Select a burn location that is at least 25 feet from natural areas, 25 feet from your home, 150 feet from other occupied buildings and 50 feet from any paved public roadway.
- Remove all decorations from the tree before you burn.
- Cut the tree into manageable sections, as necessary.
- Clear the burn area free of other flammable materials, such as leaf litter and pine straw.
- Keep a shovel and water hose handy in case the fire starts to escape containment.
- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before leaving.

Waste Connections, the county's waste management company, said it does take real trees on yard waste weeks. The tree must be under 6 feet tall and placed near the trash can. Waste Connections will pick up an artificial tree that is under 6 feet tall on bulk week.

For more information on fire safety, visit freshfromflorida.com. Contact Waste Connections at 863-655-0005.

DATA

FROM PAGE 1A

The white graduation rate was 79.0 percent at Sebring High, 78.4 percent at Avon Park High School and 76.2 percent at Lake Placid High.

Statewide, the graduation rate for white students in 2017-18 was 89.0 percent, black students was 80.9 percent, hispanic students was 85.1 percent, Asian students was 95.8 percent and students of two or more races was 79.8 percent.

Sebring High was the only high school in Highlands with enough students of two or more races to be included in the tally, which showed a graduation rate of 69.2 percent.

The Florida Department of Education reported the following highlights from the graduation rate data:

- The statewide graduation rate among black/African American students increased by

16.2 percentage points over the last five years, rising from 64.7 percent in 2013-14 to 80.9 percent in 2017-18.

- The graduation rate gap between white and African American students narrowed by 3.3 percentage points compared to 2016-17; the gap in 2016-17 was 11.4 percentage points, and the gap in 2017-18 is 8.1 percentage points.

- The statewide graduation rate among hispanic students increased by 10.1 percentage points over the last five years, rising from 75 percent in 2013-14 to 85.1 percent in 2017-18.

- The statewide graduation rate among students with disabilities increased by 21.9 percentage points, rising from 55.1 percent in 2013-14 to 77.0 percent in 2017-18.

- The statewide graduation rate among economically disadvantaged students increased by 14.3 percentage points, rising from 67.7 percent in 2013-14 to 82 percent in 2017-18.

CRASH

FROM PAGE 1A

southwest. The Buick then became engulfed in flames. The collision forced the Toyota to travel southwest and it came to a rest facing northwest.

The curve where the crash occurred is striped with solid double yellow lines, indicating a no-passing zone. The posted speed limit for the

curve is 45 mph. FHP has not release any information on the speed the vehicles were traveling.

On the scene were Sun N Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, FHP and the Highlands County Sheriff's Office.

FHP is seeking help from the public regarding the identification of the occupants in the Buick. Anyone with information should call 239-938-1800.

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OUR VIEW

Crash should not have happened

Christmas and New Year's is meant to be a joyful season. A time for us to spend with friends and loved ones. A time for excitement, the reminder of love and appreciation and a reflection on the meaning for the holiday.

The last thing any of us want to happen is getting a knock on the door or a phone call to tell us that the loved ones we were expecting at our house aren't going to make it. That was the case yesterday in at least two houses. Instead of feeling joy and excitement, several families ended their day in grief and disbelief after a crash on State Road 70 claimed the lives of four people. Only two of the four have been identified as of now. The families of the other two victims are possibly still wondering what happened to their loved ones.

The fatal crash occurred in the curve of SR 70 where County Road 721 meets also had an impact on the first responders who were called. First responders know they are on duty to respond to all calls for emergency, but the last thing they want or fear is to be called to the scene where multiple fatalities have occurred.

This Christmas Day crash is one that surely could have been prevented.

According to Florida Highway Patrol, one of the two drivers was trying to pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction. Sadly, instead of passing the vehicle, it hit head-on with a second vehicle traveling in the opposite direction.

The part that doesn't make sense is that the accident occurred as the two motorists approached a curve in the road. The speed limit in the curve is 45 mph and there is a solid double yellow line on that portion of the highway indicating that motorists should not pass.

No one will ever know why the motorist made a fatal decision and wanted to pass another vehicle at that point in the road. At this point, all that can be done is stress the importance of being safe while on our roadways, not just during the holiday season but every day of the year.

Motorists are taught even before they get their learner's permit that road signs are important to follow – they tell us the lawful speed to safely travel, where crossroads and railroad tracks are located, where and which direction curves in the road go, and where wildlife and pedestrian crossings are located.

It seems too often these road signs are being ignored.

A safe trip means obeying the traffic laws and having respect for other motorists. It may take you a little longer to get where you want to go, but we're pretty sure the people waiting on the other end won't care if you're late. They just want you to arrive safely.

We know the roads are going to be crowded and busy with everyone trying to get to where they want to be. We hope that all motorists are paying attention to the roads, traffic signs and other motorists. Loved ones could be waiting on any one of us.

Be safe out there. The holiday season is only half complete.

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Leaping lizards — another wild Florida discovery



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Dorothy Harris

As I read the news brief, I could imagine the scene. Morning mists lifting as booted feet slogged through chigger-filled grasslands carefully navigating fallen trees piled like bones. Twill rasping against palmetto while birds greeted the morning with hesitant chips. Beams of sun sparking webs hung out to dry overnight and bright patches of sand spotted with diminutive herbs and flowers.

Soon the brush would dissolve into a dark depression marsh or a seasonal pond. Lazy circles of whirligig beetles would be broken only by dragonflies casting eggs into the shallow water. There deep in the mud it would rest, ready to slip into a stir of silt rather than

chance discovery. What wonder it must have held when first pulled from the cool waters of Okaloosa County.

National Geographic reported that David Steen, a wildlife ecologist at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, captured a single siren back in September 2009 while trapping turtles during a research activity. Steen was quoted as saying, "It was basically this mythical beast." The paper he co-authored officially describing the new species can be found in the journal PLOS ONE found at Plos.org.

In a nutshell, Siren reticulate, now officially documented, joins the list of the world's largest salamanders. Growing up to two feet long, this creature's stunning markings resemble a leopard's spotting.

The Revelator.org has a highly readable story and gorgeous photos too. I loved how it brought home the grassroots effort of researchers during a nearly decade-long search to classify this creature. Pondering their

dedication to uncover what slithered through the murky waters of the Florida panhandle, immediately the Jaguarundi popped into mind.

During my years as a ranger at Highlands Hammock State Park, the mystery or lore of a small, non-native wildcat would surface about as infrequently as the sightings. In the official Hammock history book, a brief notation about a pair of long-tailed, black cats often seen on the Cypress Swamp trail in the 1930s suggests Jaguarundi. Considering this is a wetland regularly frequented by otters, could the sightings have been these slick appearing creatures?

Sometimes referred to as otter cats because of their fluid motions, Jaguarundis, from a distance appear to move like an otter. Thus it is quite possible it was merely a misidentification back in the day. Intriguingly though, staffers have spotted the cat on an infrequent basis for decades.

Seeing what I originally thought was a young black Labrador puppy running loose, by the time my brain caught up with my eyes it was too late. Pausing a mere moment to turn its small head my way, in an instant it melted into the brush. Others have had better, longer views, but sadly none were captured on film.

With the preponderance of Smartphones surely someday, someone will capture what many have asserted. Years ago a hiker took a stunning photo of a melanistic bobcat posing with its tawny twin. Could that be the answer to the black cat mystery or much like this remarkable spotted siren, does the creature wait for proper discovery?

Florida is full of stunning biological diversity and protecting our resources is key to continuing the discovery. Keep your eyes open, a camera handy and support conservation. Who knows what tomorrow might bring?

Getting identity politics right

GUEST COLUMN
E.J. DIONNE

WASHINGTON – Progressives have some intellectual and moral work to do. What are cast as political challenges to liberals and the left are also philosophical problems. Resolving them is essential to sorting out the tensions among the movement's goals and establishing its priorities.

It comes down to this: Whom do progressives think they're fighting for?

It's a question joined most pointedly in arguments over "identity politics." The debate itself is flawed because it's not clear what it means to be "for" or "against" identity politics. All politics is about identity in some way, since all of us think of ourselves as, well, something.

To use an example I am especially familiar with: I'm a reasonably well-off white male liberal who grew up in a middle-class family in a working-class city in Massachusetts where Catholicism and trade unions were important parts of life. I was born in the United States of French-Canadian heritage. I'm a husband, a father and a baby boomer.

I was also inspired by teachers, friends and books. I'd love to claim these various intellectual and moral influences as the primary shapers of

my worldview. But social scientists and psychologists would be quick to point out that I'd be lying if I pretended that my demographic background has had no effect on how I think.

This limited tour of my political psyche is the sort of exercise all of us can engage in. Such a reckoning is a commentary both on the limits of identity politics (we are all multiples of some kind) and on the limits of any argument for abandoning identity politics (we can never entirely divorce ourselves from who we are).

Disputes over the merits of identity politics are vexed because they are often seen as code for unstated claims or points of view. For example, calls for an end to identity politics are frequently (and reasonably) interpreted by African-Americans, Latinos, women and LGBTQ people as not-so-veiled attempts to make politics about straight white men again.

This alone makes the war on identity a non-starter among progressives and Democrats. One of liberalism's most noble commitments is to advancing the rights of minorities and those who have suffered discrimination. Contemporary progressives would lose their moral compass, not to mention a lot of votes, if they cast this mission

aside.

But there is another strong, if fluid, identity at play in politics and social life: class. What many critics of identity politics are implying is that progressives have downplayed class politics to their own detriment and the country's. Moving away from a robust focus on the interests of working-class men and women of all races, this view holds, was a mistake on two levels. Liberals lost a rhetoric that can appeal across the divides of race, ethnicity and gender. And they moved away from an approach to politics and policy that would deal with one of the premier problems of our time: the rise of extraordinary inequalities of wealth and income.

On the left, the word "intersectionality" has gained popularity as it deals with the cross-cutting effects of race, gender and class, and there is no doubt that progressive politics will, of necessity, be intersectional. But beyond buzz words, progressives must find a politics that links worker rights with civil rights, racial and gender justice with social justice more broadly. In the 2018 elections, Democrats found that an emphasis on health care, access to education and higher wages worked across many constituencies. A war on corruption

targeting the power of monied elites holds similar promise. It was a start.

What all sides need to acknowledge is that identity politics is, of its nature, highly combustible. In his book "Modernity and Its Discontents," Yale political scientist Steven B. Smith offered this in an essay on the philosopher Isaiah Berlin: "Identities are not just things we have, they define who we are. We can compromise and balance interests. We cannot so easily adjudicate our identities."

This is important to bear in mind, because political coalitions and democratic nations alike require a degree of solidarity rooted in our willingness to uphold each other's rights — partly to protect our own rights but also to fashion a more just social order.

In grappling with the tensions entailed in identity politics, we can do worse than to remember Rabbi Hillel's celebrated observation: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am only for myself, what am I?" Hillel was not a political consultant, but his balanced approach remains sound, electorally as well as morally.

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DISCOUNTS

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His cart was loaded with items at the Sebring Walmart. "It is a little difficult for me to get out here early enough to get my hands on this stuff, but this time there were still some things left for me," he said.

Along with half-priced gifts and decorations, the day after Christmas, known as Boxing Day in some countries, is also a brisk day for returns for clothing that didn't fit or gifts that weren't the right fit otherwise.

Also, many who received money or gift cards were out shopping for themselves. The day after Christmas was predicted to be the eighth busiest shopping day by Shoppertrak.com behind Friday, Dec. 21 and ahead of Saturday, Dec. 1. The 10th busiest shopping day is predicted to be this Saturday.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Shoppers the day after Christmas at the Sebring JCPenney.



Shoppers going for half-priced Christmas decorations Wednesday at the Sebring Walmart.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Pearce Family Cemetery is on the grounds of the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate in Fort Bassinger.

EDNA

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destroyed a number of giant oak trees that were a tremendous expense to cut up and remove. Thompson now has his own bucket truck, so he can trim the trees periodically himself. He also cleared away a lot of the brush covering Lockett Lane.

As part of the bid, Thompson agreed to maintain the Pearce family cemetery and to give visitation rights to relatives and friends. He has cleaned the gravestones and sometimes he and his wife place flowers on the graves. Thompson recently hired Burke Marine Construction to rebuild the deck on the dock. Since SFWMD maintains a flowage easement on the part of the property that borders the Kissimmee River, Thompson had to get a permit from SFWMD in order to have the work done.

Thompson has won praise for his accomplishments. SFWMD spokesperson Randy Smith said, "It's nice that the owner has respect for the property and its history."

"Butch is our hero," said Loisa Kerwin, manager of the Riverwoods Field Lab, who has partnered with SFWMD for the last 20 years on

the Kissimmee River Restoration Project. "He lets us dock our Kissimmee Explorer pontoon boat, which I use for Student Field Studies and Eco-Tours at his property, and lets me bring my guests across the property to access the boat ... He's also doing important work fixing up the homestead."

Dan Johnson Jr., Miss Edna's great-nephew, spent many summers at the property when it was a working ranch and he is eager to see what Thompson has done. Rancher Brad Phares, fourth great-grandson of Capt. John Mizell Pearce, is delighted with Thompson's enhancements, which he sees when he periodically lays a wreath at his relative's grave to honor him and his service as a member of the Cow Cavalry during the Civil War.

The riders who re-enact the Florida Cracker Trail Ride each February have stopped at the Pearce Homestead for lunch for more than 20 years. Thompson has encouraged them to continue the tradition.

One might ask ... why wasn't more done to preserve the Lockett Estate in the 26 years between Miss Edna's death and 2017? To answer that question, one has to know the history behind SFWMD's acquisition of the estate and what its mandate was

during those years.

In 1993, SFWMD expressed interest in obtaining part of the Lockett Estate for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project. Trustees worked out a deal whereby 423 acres of land, including Miss Edna's residential property, were donated to SFWMD and 615 acres were sold to SFWMD. The Circuit Court of Highlands County approved the transaction, on the condition that SFWMD commit in writing to transfer the Lockett property to a Florida agency that would preserve the historic site and keep it open to the public.

At the time, SFWMD was in negotiations to lease the property to Highlands County as an agricultural museum. The deal fell through, and for the next 23 years, SFWMD tried unsuccessfully to find another agency to take over and maintain the property.

Florida Atlantic University, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Florida State Park System all declined SFWMD's overtures. Highlands County was offered the property a second time with a teaser of \$500,000 to administer it. It still turned down the offer.

The property was put up for auction only as a last resort.

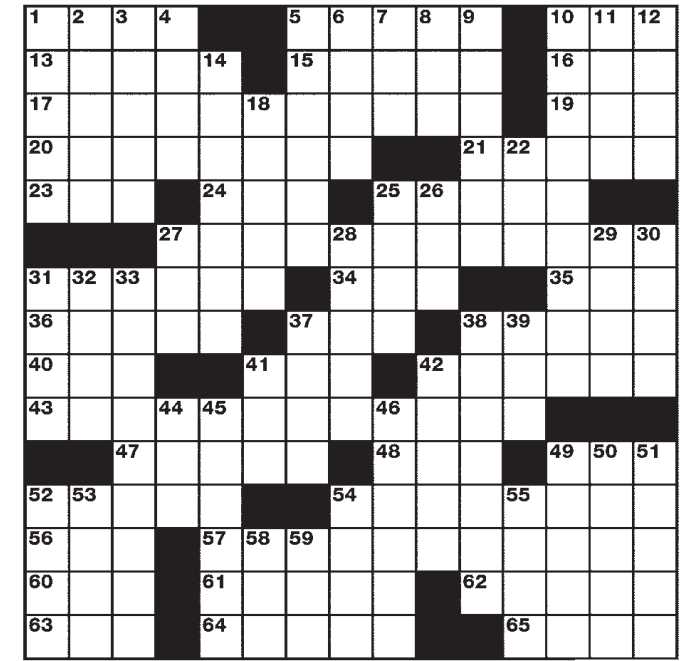
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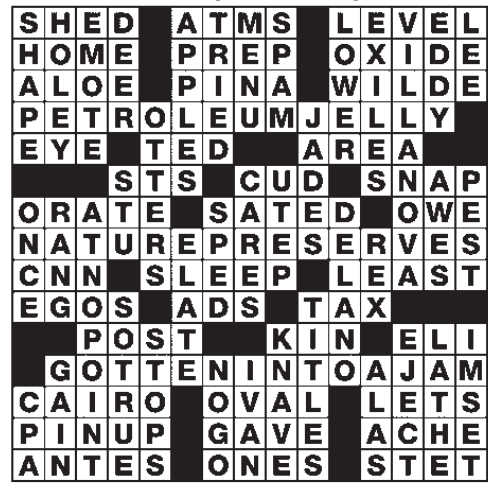
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- 20 Driving test maneuver
- 21 Tricky curves
- 23 Golf scorecard abbr.
- 24 Exploitation
- 25 Becomes friendlier
- 27 Tom Hanks pilot role
- 31 Arboreal primates
- 34 Towel off
- 35 Brasserie beverage
- 36 Where the Renaissance was born
- 37 Single thickness
- 38 Mr. Clean alternative
- 40 Fair-hiring letters
- 41 Mai ___
- 42 Whipped dessert
- 43 Bit of bad fortune
- 47 Predicaments
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- 49 Price displayer
- 52 Much, informally
- 54 Spaghetti staple
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 - 3 Campus figures
 - 4 Monthly S&L document
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 - 6 Abba of Israel
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 - 9 Miscellaneous group
 - 10 Lacking tact
 - 11 Walk anxiously
 - 12 Orangs, for instance
 - 14 River mouth area
 - 18 Pointed ends
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 - 39 Hearty laugh
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 - 42 Venerable film studio, for short
 - 44 Increases
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 - 46 Gives one's impressions
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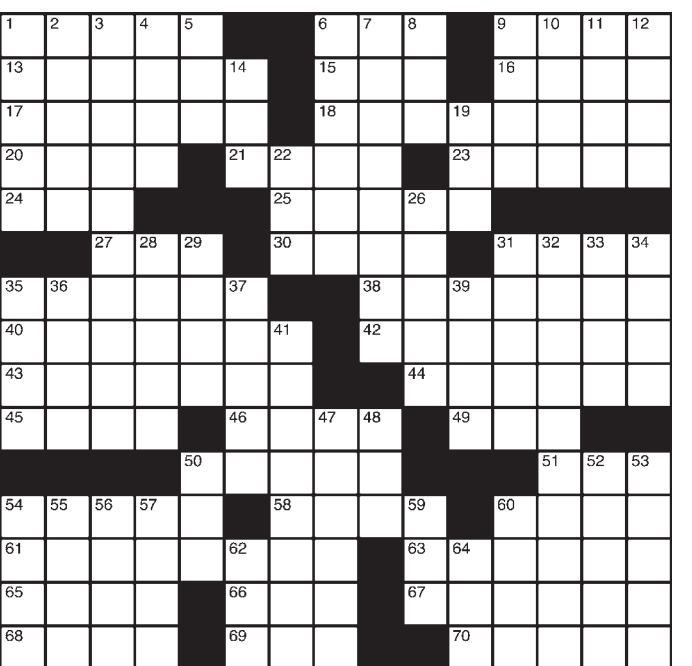
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 6 Sinister "Smallville" supervillain
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- 13 Peaceful
- 15 Wire service initials
- 16 Music halls of old
- 17 Black-and-white bears
- 18 Like the most rarefied air
- 20 DFW postings
- 21 Queens tennis stadium
- 23 Small type size
- 24 Seafood delicacy
- 25 "I'm Free" musical
- 27 White House foreign policy gp.
- 30 ___ school
- 31 Conniving carrot cruncher
- 35 Fantastic Four foe
- 38 Self-disqualification
- 40 Camden Yards team
- 42 Fret (over)
- 43 Like a short report
- 44 Acted badly
- 45 Sticky situation
- 46 "You said it"
- 49 NFC East team, on crawl lines
- 50 Tall toon toothpick
- 51 Big Pharma watchdog: Abbr.
- 54 Flirty Fleischer flapper
- 58 "Me? Never!"
- 60 Dedicated DC damsel
- 61 Scenic viewpoint
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- 65 Wine opener?
- 66 It may be brown or golden
- 67 Ball State University city
- 68 Soft call
- 69 "Criminal Minds" agent
- 70 Chilly temps



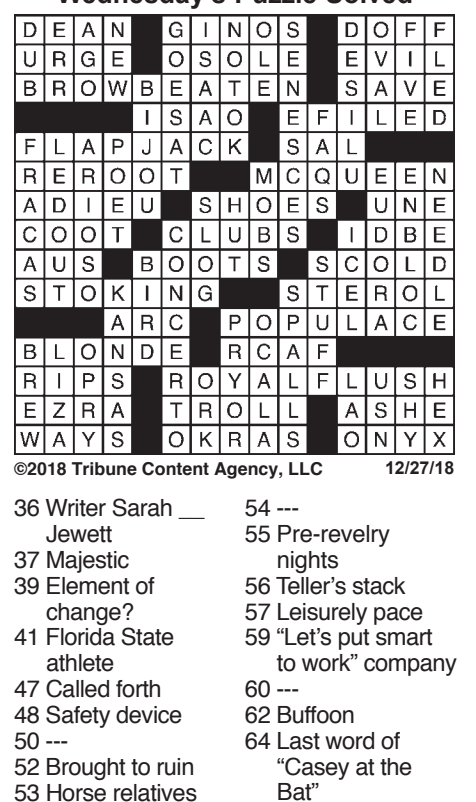
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- 9 ---
- 10 Creative spark
- 11 Fit together, as matryoshka dolls
- 12 Portal
- 14 One side in "Gone With the Wind": Abbr.
- 19 Word of dissent
- 22 Indy brand
- 26 Digital video files
- 28 Dots on a transit map
- 29 Pop genre?
- 31 ---
- 32 What may be worn to when words fail
- 33 Long look
- 34 Downhill racer
- 35 ---

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Alabama looks to defend title

Crimson Tide plays Oklahoma in Cotton Bowl

By JORDAN MCPHERSON
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MIAMI — It's back to the task at hand after Christmas as Alabama has a football game to play Saturday, a College Football Playoff semifinal against No. 4 Oklahoma. A win would put the Crimson Tide back into the national championship game for the fourth

time in five years. "It's a little bit unusual for us to have to travel on Christmas Eve, but we just moved up Christmas a little bit, watched the grandkids open presents," said Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "Our players all got to go home for a few days. I think we're here now ready to get re-focused on having the opportunity to play in a

playoff game against an outstanding Oklahoma team that presents a lot of challenges. The key to the drill now is to sort of get re-centered, re-focused, get everybody going." Alabama's toughest task: Containing Oklahoma's high-powered offense.

The Sooners (12-1) lead the country in total offense (577.9 yards per

game), yards per play (8.75) and scoring offense (49.5 points per game).

Quarterback Kyler Murray, who edged out Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa for the Heisman Trophy, has been virtually unstoppable this season. The junior has thrown for 4,053 yards with 40 touchdowns to just seven

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Alabama head coach Nick Saban and the defending champion Crimson Tide take on Oklahoma in a College Football Playoff semifinal on Saturday.

A pair of aces



PHOTO BY MARK PINSON/SPORTS EDITOR

Sebring sophomore setter Jordan Sinness had a team-high 507 assists, 52 aces, 82 kills and 176 digs to help the Blue Streaks win a district title and reach the Class 6A regional finals. For her ability and accomplishments, Sinness has been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2018 All-Highlands Co-Volleyball Player of the Year.



PHOTO BY RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid senior outside hitter Raeley Matthews had a team-high 438 kills, 272 digs and 101 aces to help the Green Dragons win a district title and reach the Class 5A regional semifinals. For her ability, Matthews was selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2018 All-Highlands Co-Volleyball Player of the Year.

Sebring's Sinness, Lake Placid's Matthews top All-Highlands Volleyball Team

By MARK PINSON
SPORTS EDITOR

When it came to volleyball in the Heartland, two players stood out above the others.

Sebring sophomore setter Jordan Sinness and Lake Placid senior outside hitter Raeley Matthews had incredible seasons and led the Blue Streaks and Green Dragons to the state playoffs.

Sinness, who set the table for the Sebring hitters with her pinpoint sets, had a team-high 507 assists, 52 aces, 96.7 percent serving, 82 kills, 29 blocks and 176 digs. She helped the Blue Streaks win the district title and reach the Class 6A regional

finals for the first time in school history.

"Jordan is one of the most selfless players I have ever coached," said her mother and Sebring volleyball coach Venessa Sinness. "We were the team that we were because Jordan distributed the ball to all of her hitters — 5 players had over 100 kills on the team this season. She was able to keep other teams on their toes defensively because they couldn't key on just one hitter. Even taller teams couldn't block our smaller hitters because of Jordan's ability to run a quick tempo offense and give the ball to the hitters that had no block. Her work ethic both on and

off the court is what makes her the athlete she is."

Matthews was a force at the net and anywhere on the floor in helping Lake Placid win a district title and qualify for the Class 5A state playoffs.

She had 438 kills with a .342 hitting percentage, led the team in aces with 101 and had 272 digs. She led Class 5A in aces and was in the top three in the state for kills and hitting percentage. She was selected to the FACA All State Team and played in the FACA All Star Classic. She has signed to continue her volleyball career at Florida Southern College.

"Raeley was our go-to outside hitter this season,"

said Lake Placid volleyball coach Charlotte Bauder. "She had a presence on the court and was a dominant force for us. I'm very proud of her and look forward to watching her play in college."

For their abilities and accomplishments, Sinness and Matthews were selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2018 All-Highlands Co-Volleyball Players of the Year.

"It means so much to win this award," said Sinness. "We had a great season and I really enjoyed being able to play with a great group of girls."

For Matthews, winning the

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sign up for Half Marathon and 5K

SPORTS STAFF

The Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park will present the 11th Annual Highlands Hammock Half Marathon & 5K at the park on Saturday, January 19 with a 7:30 a.m. start for both distances.

The Central Florida Striders running club under the direction of Chet Brojek will manage race timing and scoring. All proceeds from the event will benefit park projects.

Entry fee for the 5K is \$20 and Half Marathon fee is \$40 thru January 10, 2019. Late fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$50 for the Half Marathon thru race day registration. Participants will get a custom designed sport tech tee, awards in both races, food, fun and a great chance to test their skills in the New Year.

Checks payable to Central Florida Striders along with entry form may be snail mailed to race director Brojek at: 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872 or you may register online at: <http://endurancesportstiming.com/race-calendar/>

The Half Marathon may be run by an individual or by a team relay for the 13.1 mile distance. Those desiring to form a relay team should contact the coach at: cbrojek@comcast.net to discuss details and special relay pricing. The Half Marathon includes almost nine miles of the beautiful trails throughout the park. "Our Hammock Half is a challenging course, but it allows participants to see parts of the park seldom viewed by visitors."

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After School Tennis Classes

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Notre Dame prepares for prolific Tigers

Irish offense will have to match Clemson's

By JOHN FINERAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Notre Dame All-American cornerback Julian Love already knows all about Clemson. Blame his roommate.

Love's roomie is Troy Pride Jr., another cornerback for the Fighting Irish, who will play Clemson Saturday in a playoff semifinal in Arlington, Texas. Pride is from Greer, South Carolina, a 50-mile drive from Clemson.

"Yeah, I've seen a couple of their games this year," Love said. "Sometimes they might play before us. So me and Troy like to watch them play. Troy is a South Carolina guy so that's kind of his bread and butter."

Love, Pride and the rest of coordinator Clark Lea's unheralded Notre Dame defense will try not to lose their appetite preparing for the prolific Tigers.

Clemson is ranked 10th or better nationally in total offense (No. 5, 529.8 yards per game), scoring (No. 5, 45.4 points per game) and rushing (No. 10, 259.8 yards per game). They have scored 41 or more points in eight of their 13 victories, including a season-high 77 against Louisville.

Dabo Swinney's offense, coordinated by Jeff Scott and Tony Elliott, features a stable of running backs led by 5-foot-10, 200-pound sophomore Travis Etienne, a true freshman quarterback in 6-foot-6 Trevor Lawrence, a talented receiving corps led by wide receivers Tee Higgins, Amari Rodgers and Hunter Renfrow, and an offensive line anchored by first-team AP All-America left tackle Mitch Hyatt.

Etienne has 1,463 yards on 176 rushes (8.3 per carry) and 21 of Clemson's 46 touchdowns on the ground. Higgins has 52 receptions for 802 yards (15.4 average) and

10 touchdowns while Rodgers and Renfrow have 47 and 43 receptions, respectively.

"You put the film on and you know the challenge that exists," Lea said. "But it's why you want to be in the playoffs. At this point, you're not expecting to see anything but the best."

Lawrence has completed 65 percent of his passes for 2,606 yards and 24 touchdowns against four interceptions.

"All that stuff lessens and lessens the more you get prepared. We're preparing the right way," Lawrence said.

Rodgers praised the play of both Love and Pride.

"They're a smart group. They don't get beat deep often. They're physical, too," he said. "And their safeties are very good tacklers, so it's going to be a good matchup."



PHOTO BY CHUCK BURTON
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Clemson's Travis Etienne (9) and the Tigers play Notre Dame on Saturday in a college football playoff semifinal in Arlington, Texas.

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award was a fitting end to an outstanding high school career before she heads to play for Florida Southern.

"I'm honored to win this award," said Matthews. "All the hours in the gym paid off. It was great playing for coach Bauder because she was really involved with her players. I'm looking forward to playing volleyball in college."

The Team

Brianna Nobles, senior, Avon Park — Nobles had 74 kills, 38 blocks, 212 digs and 34 aces for the Red Devils. "Brianna is a dual enrolled student and involved in other affiliations outside of volleyball," said Avon Park volleyball coach Jamie Wirries. "She has been accepted into Liberty University after high school. She was a captain and had a great positive attitude along with great leadership on and off the court."

Johneisha Rowe, senior, Sebring — Rowe was a middle hitter and had 153 kills, a team-high 34 blocks, 40 digs and 6 assists to help the Blue Streaks reach the Class 6A regional finals. "Johneisha is the true definition of an athlete," said Coach Sinness. "Her speed and agility made it easy for Jordan to set her at a quick tempo, making her lethal! She was fun to watch and we will surely miss her next year."

Jenna Capuano, junior, Lake Placid — Capuano was the setter for the district champion Green Dragons. "Jenna has an amazing attitude and has

been working hard on her setting technique," said coach Bauder. "I have no doubt she will be one of the best in the county next season as well."

Julia Crull, senior, Avon Park — Crull had 75 assists, 235 Digs and 15 aces to help the Red Devils enjoy a successful season.

Jade Sinness, senior, Sebring — Sinness was a force at the net with a team-high 212 kills, 36 aces, 15 blocks, 197 digs and 59 assists for the Blue Streaks. "Jade is a four-year varsity starter and we will miss her volleyball IQ on the court next year," said coach Sinness. "Both in the front row and back row, Jade was always one step ahead of everyone else. She made the game look easy because she played the game smarter not harder!"

Stefani Barajas, junior, Lake Placid — Barajas was a solid athlete and an excellent setter for the Dragons. "Stef is another great setter," Bauder said. "She is one of those players that really knows the game well and studies it all the time. She is another player that it is going to be hard to fill her shoes in the next couple of years."

Kate Bonini, senior, Avon Park — Bonini had 20 kills, 4 blocks, 87 digs, 16 aces and 221 assists for the Red Devils.

Emily Bible, senior, Sebring — Bible played libero and had 41 aces, a team-high 343 digs and 69 assists for the Blue Streaks. "Emily was a four-year varsity starter," coach Sinness said. "Emily will be missed in the back row next year. Her endless energy and crazy personality helped build our team cohesion."

Lyn'd Lewis, senior,

Lake Placid — Lewis was a force at middle hitter for the Green Dragons. "Lyn'd was a force to be reckoned with on the net," said Bauder. "She lead the team in blocks with 25 and was second on the team with kills. Her presence will definitely be missed on the court next year. Her hard work has payed off as she plans to sign a scholarship to play at South Florida State College in the fall."

Savannah Durrance, junior, Avon Park — Durrance had 54 kills, 53 assists, 3 blocks, 141 digs and 13 aces for the Red Devils.

Ashley Bible, freshman, Sebring — Bible played left-side hitter and had 40 aces, 194 kills, 10 blocks, 123 digs and 11 assists to help the Blue Streaks win another district title. "Also known as 'Baby Bible', Ashley came in this year as a freshman with a ton of club experience and showed no fear to earn herself a starting position," said coach Sinness. "As one of our hitters, she took on a huge roll and did it with ease. It will be exciting to have her for three more years and watch her grow."

Melina Oxer, senior, Lake Placid — Oxer was a key to the Green Dragons success at the net with 14 blocks and numerous kills. "Melina played a crucial role in shutting down some big outside hitters during some of our toughest matches," said Bauder. "Her leadership and presence on the court will be hard to replace in the coming years."

Haleigh Franza, junior, Avon Park — Franza had 80 kills, 45 blocks, 11 digs and 20 aces for the Red Devils.

Yesenia Rameriz,



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Avon Park's Brianna Nobles (4) had 74 kills, 38 blocks and 212 digs.

junior, Lake Placid — Ramirez played libero and had a team-high with 292 digs. "Yesi is a hard worker who is always looking to improve her game," Bauder said. "She was always laying it all out on the line for every ball. I look forward to being able to watch her grow in the next season."

Honorable Mention Allie Cannady, sophomore, Sebring — Cannady played middle hitter and had 26 aces, 100 kills, 28 blocks and 41 digs for the Blue Streaks.

Valeria Vega, junior, Lake Placid — Vega was a solid defender for the Dragons. "Valerie played a crucial part of our team and her hard work and dedication never go unnoticed," Bauder said. "She is another player who will lay it all out on the line to dig a ball. I look forward to being able to watch her excel through this next season."

Courtney Webb, sophomore, Sebring — Webb played outside hitter and had 142 kills, 5 blocks and 54 digs for the Blue Streaks.

Sariah Barajas, senior,

Lake Placid — Barajas played middle hitter and had a solid season. "When you look at Sariah, you don't see her as being a big middle or dominant presence on the frontline with her small stature, however, this girl has an incredible vertical leap and could keep up with some of the best middles in the game," Bauder said. "She is a really great athlete and will definitely be missed on the court next season."

Rhiannon Sutherlin, junior, Lake Placid — Sutherlin played outside hitter and has great potential for the Dragons. "Rhiannon is an up and coming outside hitter that has some big shoes to fill," Bauder said. "I think she's ready for the task. She is a great all around player and I just love her attitude and willingness to always give to her team. I look forward to watching her grow this next season."

Denni Sanders, junior, Lake Placid — Sanders played outside hitter and will play a more prominent role next season. "Denni is also going to play a crucial role for us next season," Bauder said. "She will need to continue to grow as an outside hitter and be consistent about putting the ball away next year so that we can be successful. With her work ethic and her heart, we can expect big things from her next season as well."

Coach Of The Year For guiding their teams to the state playoffs, Lake Placid's **Charlotte Bauder** and Sebring's **Venessa Sinness** have been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2018 All-Highlands Volleyball Coach of the Year.

ALABAMA

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interceptions. He threw for at least 300 yards and three touchdowns in eight of 13 games this year, including a 432-yard, six-touchdown game in Oklahoma's 66-33 win over Baylor. His 11.9 yards per pass attempt leads the country.

Alabama, meanwhile, ranks 10th in the country in total defense, giving up an average of just 295.4 yards per game, and fourth in scoring defense (14.8 points per game).

"It's hard to get somebody to duplicate what (Murray) is able to do in their offense," Saban said. "He does a fabulous job. Obviously he's the best player in college football."

Added Alabama defensive lineman Quinnen Williams: "There's a lot of preparation to go. I feel like we have to watch film more and have a good week in practice."

BRIEFS

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A new way to enjoy juicy pork

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Roasting pork requires a watchful eye. If roasted just a few minutes too long, pork can quickly dry out. But in his book *Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More* (Chronicle Foods), author, teacher and food industry consultant Andrew Schloss notes that immersing pork loin in an oil bath protects it from drying out, resulting in a juicy, delicious meal. Those who want to try this method can whip up Schloss's recipe for Slow-Fried Pork Loin in Mustard Oil.

Slow-Fried Pork Loin in Mustard Oil

Makes 6 servings

- 1 pork loin, about 3 lbs., trimmed of fat and silver skin
- 1 tablespoon coarse sea salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups canola oil

1 cup brown mustard seed
Rub the pork with the salt and pepper. Set on a rack on a baking sheet and refrigerate for at least 12 hours and up to 24 hours.

Preheat the oven to 175 F.
Combine the oil and mustard seed in a Dutch oven and place over medium heat until the oil reaches 350 F on a deep-frying thermometer. A wooden chopstick or the end of a wooden spoon inserted into the oil will emit bubbles when the oil is at the right temperature.

While the oil is heating, remove the pork from the refrigerator. Pat dry. When the oil is up to temperature, turn off the heat. Using tongs, carefully submerge the meat in the hot oil. Cover the pot, transfer to the oven and cook until the pork is 150 F, about 2 hours.

Lift the pork from the oil onto a baking sheet to catch any oil drips. Carve the pork across the grain on the diagonal into thin slices. Drizzle with some of the mustard-scented oil and serve.



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5 ways to enjoy Christmas dinner leftovers



DINNER DIVA
Leanne Ely

If you didn't manage your Thanksgiving dinner properly, you might have (gasp) ended up growing sick of the leftovers. Let's see to it that you enjoy the remnants of your Christmas

dinner until the verylast bite.

The following leftover ideas will help you to ensure that you enjoy what's left of your next big holiday feast.

Turkey carcass broth. Once you strip the turkey of its delicious meat, don't you dare through the carcass away. Roast that sucker and turn it into a delicious soup (or stew).

Christmas Hash. Fry up some bacon in a large skillet. When the fat has rendered, add diced onions. When those are tender, add your leftover shredded turkey. Once that warms up, add something green like spinach, kale or whatever you have leftover, for some nutrition. When it's warmed through, add salt an pepper and serve.

Turkey Curry. There is no rule that says turkey can't be used in place of chicken in a curry. What a wonderful change that will be from all that traditional holiday food!

Turkey salad or stirfry. Fix a large green salad and top it with shredded leftover turkey. Or in your next stirfry, use turkey as the protein.

Alice Johnston's Fabulous Thanksgiving Pie. One of our favorite holiday traditions is this wonderful leftover pie.

- Leftover gravy, heated
- Leftover turkey, chopped
- Leftover stuffing/dressing
- Leftover mashed potatoes
- Leftover veggies
- Leftover cranberries
- Preheat 375 degrees.

In an 8- to 9-inch pie pan, press the leftover stuffing into a bottom to make a pie shell of sorts. Next, make a layer of potatoes, then veggies. Add the chopped turkey to the heated gravy and mix well. Pour that turkey mixture into the middle of your pie and put it in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes or so until completely heated through. Serve with leftover cranberries. Yum.

No matter how you have your leftovers, enjoy the food and the time with your family.

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Caribbean flavor warms up winter meals

METRO CREATIVE

Winter weather can be relentless and make it challenging to stay warm and dry. After a session of shoveling snow or braving the great outdoors, a meal that can quickly warm the core is fitting – especially if that meal can serve double-duty by evoking feelings of a warm climate.

Popular throughout the Caribbean, this recipe for Fish and Sweet Potato Soup from *The Complete Mexican, South American*

& *Caribbean Cookbook* (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli, matches the subtle sweetness of sweet potato and the stronger infusion of flavors from fish and oregano to make for a warm and appetizing soup.

Fish and Sweet Potato Soup

- Serves 4
- 6 ounces white fish fillet, skinned
- 1/2 onion, chopped

- 1 sweet potato, about 6 ounces, peeled and diced
- 1 small carrot, about 2 ounces, chopped

- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 1/2 cups fish stock
- 5 tablespoons light cream

Chopped fresh parsley, to garnish

Remove any bones from the fish and put it in a pot. Add the onion, sweet potato, carrot, oregano, cinnamon, and half of the

stock. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 20 minutes or until the potatoes are cooked.

Leave to cool, then pour into a food processor, and blend until smooth. Return the soup to the pot, stir in the remaining fish stock, and gently bring to a boil. Reduce the heat.

Stir the cream into the soup, then gently heat it through without boiling. If the soup boils, the cream will curdle. Serve hot, garnished with the chopped parsley.

Behind the label

Decoding certifications in the shopping aisle

BRANDPOINT

When we visit the grocery store, we've become accustomed to a dizzying array of options. There are labels touting everything from food safety to environmental and ethical standards. Making the best decision for your family, your health and the good of the planet is important, but how can you possibly keep track of what all these labels really mean?

Voting with your wallet

Today's wired world allows us to be more conscious of the impacts of our choices than ever before. Shopping isn't just about putting food on the table. It's a daily opportunity to support the kind of world we want to live in. Our actions and what we choose to buy can impact not only the planet's future, but our social economy as well.

A 2017 study by Cone Communications reported that 60 percent of Americans believe businesses can be key drivers for social and environmental change. Whether it's phasing out plastic bags and straws or carrying more ethically traded products, businesses are showing consumers that they are listening.

Businesses aren't doing this just because you asked; they're doing it because it's the right thing. Many of them are putting their values on full display in the form of labels that make it easier for you to navigate the shopping aisle.

"As shoppers we are often in a hurry, so much so that we might not even be aware of how quickly we make a decision. That's where clear labeling can help," said Rebecca Walker Reczek, professor of marketing at Ohio State



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Reading labels takes a little time, but you can make healthier choices if you learn to read them right.

University. "Without it you'd need to research each product and the time can add up."

The truth behind the labels

So what gives? Are organic and natural the same thing? Does a green label

mean it's better for the environment? What does "fair trade" really mean? These are just some of the questions many consumers are asking when they make their way down the grocery aisle.

This savory sandwich is a true classic

METRO CREATIVE

The sandwich is the quintessential portable food, and one that has scores of incarnations.

The modern concept of a sandwich that combines meats, cheeses and vegetables between slices of bread can be traced to 18th century Europe. The sandwich is purportedly named after John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich. Rumor has it that, around 1762, Montagu asked for meat to be served between slices of bread so that he could dine without interrupting his gambling game. Others soon ordered foods served “the same as Sandwich,” and the name has stuck ever since.

Many people argue that there is no beating a classic reuben when it comes to sandwiches. A reuben is made of corned beef that is piled high and swiss cheese served on rye or pumpernickel bread. Sauerkraut and Russian dressing give this sandwich its tangy kick. Enjoy a Classic Reuben Sandwich, courtesy of Classic Recipes from Boar’s Head.

Classic Reuben Sandwich

Makes 4 sandwiches
1 pound Boar’s Head Sauerkraut
2 tablespoons thousand island dressing

8 slices of pumpernickel or dark rye bread
1 pound Boar’s Head Corned Beef, sliced thin
4 slices Boar’s Head Premium Swiss Cheese
Softened butter
Drain, but do not rinse, the sauerkraut and combine with thousand island dressing. Top four halves of the bread with the sauerkraut mixture, then 4 ounces of corned beef, followed by 4 ounces of Swiss cheese. Close with a second slice of bread. Spread the top and bottom of the sandwich with soft butter. Grill on both sides until warmed through and the cheese melts. Serve hot.



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Serve banana coffee cake with a twist

METRO CREATIVE

Waiting for bananas to ripen for baking can try anyone’s patience. Laurie McNamara, author of “Simply Scratch: 120 Wholesome Homemade Recipes Made Easy” (Avery), admits she doesn’t have the patience for bananas to brown and that roasting them in the oven speeds up the process. That process is on display in McNamara’s recipe for Roasted Banana Coffee Cake, which makes a great addition to breakfast tables and brunches.



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Roasted Banana Coffee Cake

Serves 8
8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled, plus 1 tablespoon at room temperature for the pan
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 bananas
3/4 cup chopped pecans
3 tablespoons dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1/4 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter a 9-inch round cake pan with the 1 tablespoon room temperature butter and dust with the granulated sugar and tip out any excess.

Place the bananas on a small rimmed baking sheet and roast for 15 minutes. Remove and set aside to cool.

In a small bowl, combine the pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Sift the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and nutmeg through a fine-mesh strainer into a medium bowl.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat together the butter and

sugar on low speed until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl with a spatula, then add the roasted bananas, sour cream and vanilla. Beat until incorporated.

With the mixer running on low speed, spoon in the flour mixture and mix until just combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top with a spatula. Sprinkle evenly with the pecan topping. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean with a few crumbs attached.

Let cool for 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

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The beginning of a new year marks the annual pledge many of us make for healthier eating habits after the long gluttonous run from Halloween thru New Year's day. With the heft of the holidays weighing in both body and mind comes the desire for clean, simple, lighter eating. Cue popcorn.

Popcorn is a simple yet satisfying whole grain. By itself, popcorn is delicious and unfussy. Popcorn is naturally low in fat and calories, which makes it a great choice when trying to lose holiday weight. The fiber in popcorn makes you feel fuller longer, which helps curb hunger. Eating a little more here means you'll eat a little less there.

Yet health and wellness-minded consumers today look for added nutrients to boost the system. Why eat only whole grains when you can sprinkle on protein and antioxidants? Powders, herbs, ground roots, seeds, and spices like turmeric, matcha, maca, and chia can make your snacks more nutrient rich. And while there's no substitute for a balanced diet, pairing these on-trend ingredients with whole grain popcorn is a natural.

The following recipes are courtesy of the Popcorn Board (www.popcorn.org).

Maca Almond Popcorn Bars

Love almonds? Then you'll love the taste of these chewy, yummy popcorn bars that boast whole grain, fiber, protein, and an extra nutrient kick from Maca root.

Makes: 16 bars

Ingredients:

8 cups unsalted, unbuttered popped popcorn
3/4 cup sliced almonds
1/2 cup flaked oats
1/3 cup almond butter
1/3 cup brown rice syrup
3 tbsp honey
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp maca root powder

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 8-inch square baking pan with parchment paper. Place popcorn in large mixing bowl.
2. Spread almonds and oats on baking sheet; bake for about 5 minutes or until lightly browned and toasted. Let cool completely; add to bowl with popcorn.
3. In saucepan set over medium heat, combine almond butter, brown rice syrup, honey and salt. Stir in maca root powder until smooth and dissolved.
4. In large mixing bowl, pour almond butter mixture over popcorn mixture; toss gently to coat evenly. Transfer mixture to prepared baking pan, patting down and spreading to edges. Let cool until firm. Cut into bars.



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Honey Matcha Popcorn

Enjoy the simplicity of whole grain popcorn with a sprinkling of antioxidant-rich matcha (green tea) and just a touch of honey.

Makes: 4 servings

Ingredients:

12 cups unsalted, unbuttered popped popcorn
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup honey
1 tsp matcha green tea powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 tbsp black sesame seeds

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Line large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place popcorn in large mixing bowl.
2. In small saucepan set over medium heat, melt together butter, honey, matcha and salt, stirring until dissolved. Pour over popcorn; toss to combine. Spread onto baking sheet. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.
3. Bake, stirring occasionally, for 25 to 30 minutes or until popcorn is dry. Let cool completely before serving.

Ginger Turmeric Popcorn

This slightly sweet but savory popcorn snack will tickle your taste buds with subtly exotic flavors – perfect for sharing and delighting friends.

Makes: 12 cups

Ingredients:

8 cups unsalted, unbuttered popped popcorn
1/4 cup light olive oil
2 tbsp honey
1/2 tsp salt
2 tsp grated lemon zest
1 1/2 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground turmeric

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 300° F. Line large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or foil coated with cooking spray. Spread popcorn onto prepared baking sheet.
2. In small saucepan set over medium heat, heat olive oil, honey and salt; stir in lemon zest, ginger and turmeric. Pour over popcorn and toss gently to coat evenly.
3. Bake for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until popcorn is dry and crisp. Let cool completely before serving.



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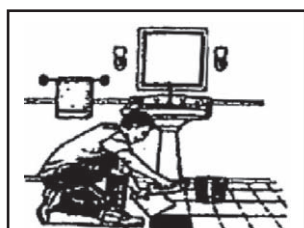
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*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 24, 2019 for the following Proposals:

E1S25-R0 – Maintenance of Traffic in DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, and Highlands Counties.
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Budget Amount: \$150,000.00

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Dec. 27, 2018

PUBLIC AUCTION: JANUARY 14, 2019 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825
YEAR MAKE VIN #
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PUBLIC AUCTION: JANUARY 18, 2019 AT: 9:00 AM LOCATION: AVON TOWING 1102 KERSEY ST. AVON PARK, FL 33825
YEAR MAKE VIN #
2001 FORD F250 PK 1FDNF20L01EA35874
Dec. 27, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. CP 18-552
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTHUR HILDERBRANDT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of **ARTHUR HILDERBRANDT**, deceased, File Number CP18-552, by the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 490 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870; that the decedent's date of death was February 22nd, 2018; that the total value of the estate is \$9,000 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name: KIM HILDERBRANDT
Address: 62 Littleville Road, Huntington, MA 01050;
Name: DEBBY HAVILAND
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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NO SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is **December 20, 2018.**

/s/ Kim Hilderbrandt
62 Littleville Road,
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Person Giving Notice

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Dec. 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 17000473GCAX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CSMC TRUST 2014-C1M1 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2014-C1M1, Plaintiff,
vs.
PATRICIA MANUS A/K/A PATRICIA A. MANUS; DELMER E. MANUS SR A/K/A DELMER E. MANUS; JOSEPH A. VILLONE; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 26th day of November, 2018 and entered in Case No. 17000473GCAX, of the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CSMC TRUST 2014-C1M1 MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2014-C1M1 is the Plaintiff and PATRICIA MANUS A/K/A PATRICIA A. MANUS; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSINGEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. VILLONE; DELMER E. MANUS SR A/K/A DELMER E. MANUS; AND UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. ROBERT W. GERMAINE as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, HIGHLANDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 430 SOUTH COMMERCE AVENUE, SEBRING, FL 33870, 11:00 AM on the 10th day of January, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

TRACT 23:
RUSHLO UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 33'00" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.73 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD SOUTH 17; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 25'16" EAST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 661.13 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 3; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 51'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 329.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25'16" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 445.20 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 25'16" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 18'14" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 25'16" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

75.00 FEET: THENCE NROTH 87 DEGREES 18'14" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 140.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1970 HOMETTE CORPORATION SINGLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBER(S): MF3077D. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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Dated this 28th day of November, 2018.

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: /s/ Cyndi S. Dassinger
Deputy Clerk
17-01496
Dec. 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE OF SALE 30

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 28-2017-CA-000384
FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT GOIST; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TIMOTHY E. BOEHME; QUEENIE WALKER MULLINS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 19, 2018, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM of the Courthouse, located at 430 S. COMMERCE AVE., SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870, at 11:00 AM on January 10, 2019, the following described property:

LOT 531, SEBRING HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 306 SPARROW AVE., SEBRING, FL 33870
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: November 30, 2018
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ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK
CLERK: /s/ Cyndi S. Dassinger
As Deputy of Court
(COURT SEAL)

MLG NO.17-10241
Dec. 20, 27, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-000544
ABS REO TRUST II, Plaintiff,

vs.
PETER A. ALBERT, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an order dated the 30th day of August, 2018, entered in the above-captioned action, Case No. 2011-CA-000544, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, with bidding beginning at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time in the Jury Assembly Room, at the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on January 17, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to-wit:

Lot 30, Replat of Tract "A" of HAWK'S LANDING SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 16, at Page 60, of the Public Records of Highlands County, Florida. ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

NOTICE OF SALE 30

DATED this November 30, 2018.
BOB GERMAINE
Clerk, Circuit Court
By: /s/ Chrystal K. Williams
Deputy Clerk

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Weitz & Schwartz, P.A.
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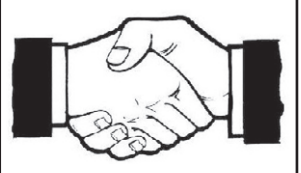
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Breakfast has long since been dubbed “the most important meal of the day.” While some might dispute that distinction, there’s no disputing that a delicious breakfast can be a great way to begin a day.

Freshness can go a long way toward making breakfast something special. For example, fresh peaches make this recipe for Peach Bruschetta with Blue Cheese from Christopher Hirsheimer’s “The San Francisco Ferry Plaza Farmer’s Market Cookbook” (Chronicle

Books) something to savor. The dish also works as an appetizer and can be made with nectarines.

Peach Bruschetta with Blue Cheese

Serves 4
4 slices country bread
2 peaches
Extra-virgin olive oil for brushing
1/4 pound blue cheese, gorgonzola or Blue Castello cheese
Preheat the broiler. Arrange the bread slices on a rimmed baking sheet, slip under the broiler and toast, turning

once, until golden brown on both sides. This should take only a few minutes.

While the bread is toasting, halve the peaches lengthwise, pit them and then peel each half. Cut each half lengthwise into 1/4-inch-thick slices, keeping the shape of each half intact.

When the bread is ready, remove from the broiler and brush each slice on both sides with olive oil. Spread one-fourth of the cheese on each slice of warm bread, place a sliced peach half on top, and serve.



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Surprise guests with something sweet

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Tea time is a part of daily life in England and countries affiliated with the United Kingdom. But that does not mean residents of North America do not host afternoon guests from time to time. On such visits, it’s customary to offer coffee or tea and a light snack. Prospective hosts who want to offer something sweet and a little bit traditional can try this recipe for Rava Tea Cake with Almond Paste and Rose Water from Ruta Kahate’s “5 Spices, 50 Dishes” (Chronicle Books). Typically served at tea time in India, these cakes are often dipped in tea.

Rava Tea Cake with Almond Paste and Rose Water

Serves 8
1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
1 cup coarse rava, sooji or cream of wheat (not

quick cooking)

4 ounces almond paste, cut into pieces (see note)
2 tablespoons rose water
1 tablespoon brandy
4 large eggs, separated
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

Sliced fresh fruit, such as bananas and strawberries

Confectioner’s sugar for garnish

Whipped cream for garnish

Toasted slivered almonds for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Grease an 8-inch-square cake pan.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until creamy. Add the rava, almond paste, rose water, and brandy, and continue beating until light and creamy. Beat in the egg yolks 1 at a time. After adding the last egg yolk, beat for an additional minute to develop structure.

In a clean, dry bowl, beat the egg whites until frothy. Add the cream of tartar, and beat until

soft peaks form. While beating, slowly add the remaining 1 tablespoon sugar, and continue beating until the egg whites are stiff.

Add 1/4 of the stiff egg whites to the cake batter, and fold in with swift strokes. This will lighten the mixture. Now add the rest of the egg whites and fold in gently yet firmly, without deflating the mixture. Scrape into the prepared cake pan, smooth the top, and bake in the center of the oven until golden brown all over and cake tester inserted in the middle comes out clean, approximately 20 minutes.

To serve it up as a dessert, place some fresh fruit alongside each serving, dust with a little confectioner’s sugar, and garnish with a dollop of freshly whipped cream and some toasted slivered almonds.

Note: You could also use marzipan, but remember that marzipan typically has more sugar in it than plain almond paste.



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Indulge in homemade donuts

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Donuts are a guilty pleasure for many people. Though they might not make nutritionists smile, donuts are a beloved indulgence.

People who love donuts may find that love reaches a new level after they try their hands at the following recipe for Cookies and Cream Donuts from Heather Saffer’s “Crazy Easy Vegan Desserts” (Sterling Epicure).

Cookies and Cream Donuts

Makes 6 donuts



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1 1/2 teaspoons distilled white vinegar
1 cup gluten-free flour
1/4 cup unsweetened dark cocoa powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Pinch of salt
1/2 cup granulated

sugar
1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
2 teaspoons coconut oil, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 vegan crunchy chocolate cookies, crushed
1 12-ounce jar Dollop

Gourmet

Madagascar Vanilla vegan frosting

Milk

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Spray a donut pan with nonstick cooking spray.

2. Pour the vinegar into a 1/2 cup measure. Add enough milk to come to the brim. Let sit until slightly thickened, 5 to 10 minutes.

3. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt. In a large bowl, mix together the sugar, applesauce, coconut oil, and vanilla. Slowly add the flour mixture and

mix until smooth. Add the almond milk mixture and continue mixing for 1 minute more. Add half of the crushed cookies and mix until just combined.

4. Scoop the batter into the prepared donut pan, filling three-quarters of the way full. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 10 to 15 minutes. Let cool before frosting.

5. Microwave the uncovered frosting jar for 5-second intervals, stirring in between, until soft. Gently frost the top of each donut. Sprinkle the remaining crushed cookies over the donuts.

LABELS

FROM PAGE 1B

Most of us are aware of those little labels on our food, but we often don’t understand what they mean. Like any choice, the key is education. To shop in accordance with our values, we must understand what the label stands for and how it’s been verified. And yes — verification matters. Marketing savvy and great design can create convincing packaging and badges that represent a company’s promise, but often they aren’t based on rigorous standards.

On the other hand, certification labels mean that an independent organization has audited and checked that a company is following a standard set of rules — whether it’s fair trade, responsible fishing, GMO avoidance or better treatment of workers.

For example, the USDA organic label means that an independent organization has audited the farmer to make sure they abide by national organic standards. On the other hand, the term ‘natural’ has no set definition or standards. Neither

the FDA nor the USDA has set rules for this term. Pure, natural, green, direct trade — all these terms conjure an image, but are not audited and don’t refer to any established standard. Essentially, they are just words.

A guide to the goods

Everyone has a right to know what is in their food and where it comes from. Look to these certifications to guide your next shopping trip:

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Food is a basic necessity, but it is also a conscious choice shaped by our values and our lifestyle. Shop your values on your next shopping trip. To learn more about these certifications and continue the conversation, visit www.fairtrade.org TruthBehindLabels.



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AVON PARK DINER

Good food leads to good mood

By **JERRY MEISENHEIMER**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — As soon as you pull into the parking lot of the new Avon Park Diner, you get the feeling that it's going to be a pleasant experience. You can't help but notice the reserved veteran's parking spaces that say, "Thank you for your service." There's also ample handicap parking, as well.

Then, as you walk in the front door, you're greeted by the young restaurant manager, Martin Luna Jr., or his sister, Kimberly Luna, the receptionist. There may be a short wait, but it's worth it. You can sense the friendliness of the wait-staff and fellow diners, as well.

Anyone familiar with Avon Park will remember when this location was the site of the former Clock Restaurant. It's located at 610 U.S. 27 South. The building sat vacant for a long time. But the new owners, Frank Papadapolis and Martin Luna Sr., completely remodeled it inside and out. There's seating for 106 hungry patrons. The hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (breakfast and lunch).

Papadapolis also owns the Lake Wales Family



JERRY MEISENHEIMER/CORRESPONDENT

Eliud Luna, left, and her husband, Martin Luna Sr., are partners with Frank Papadapolis at the brand new Avon Park Diner. Martin does the cooking, too.

Restaurant. Luna was the cook there. The two decided to become partners in this new venture in Avon Park. Mrs. Luna, Eliud, also helps up front at the new restaurant. The diner has created 22 new jobs.

The menu states "A good day starts with a good breakfast." And, no matter what you eat to start your day, you'll find it at the Avon Park Diner. The younger Martin suggests you try the 'Frank & Martin Special' – two eggs any style, home fries or grits, choice of ham, bacon, or sausage and two buttermilk pancakes or two French toast.

Lunches offer burgers, sandwiches, wraps and seven different salads.

You can even get Italian platters, steaks and chops, seafood favorites

and chicken dishes. Kid's breakfasts and dinners will make them happy too. Everything is homemade!

If you have room for dessert, there's one called "Dad's Special King Cheesecake." It has layers of chocolate cake, with cheesecake in the middle and strawberry sauce topping.

Dick Turner is a retired captain from the Avon Park Correctional Institute where he worked for 32 years. Today, he likes golf and fishing. He's already eaten twice at the new diner. For lunch, he had a Cuban sandwich, and for breakfast, the Frank & Martin special. He says, "The food is excellent and you get plenty of it. You can't eat it all. So, you have to get a to-go box."

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Trump makes first visit to US troops in harm's way



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President Donald Trump, accompanied by National Security Adviser John Bolton, first lady Melania Trump, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Doug Silliman and senior military leadership, speaks to members of the media at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Wednesday.

President declares 'we're no longer the suckers' during unannounced visit to Iraq

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AL-ASAD AIRBASE, Iraq — In an unannounced trip to Iraq on Wednesday, President Donald Trump staunchly defended his decision to withdraw U.S. forces from neighboring Syria despite a drumbeat of criticism from military officials and allies who don't think the job fighting Islamic State militants there is over.

Trump, making his first presidential visit to troops in a troubled region, said it's because the U.S. military had all but eliminated IS-controlled territory in both Iraq and Syria that he decided to withdraw 2,000 forces from Syria. He said the decision to leave Syria showed America's renewed stature on the world stage and his quest to put "America first."

"We're no longer the suckers, folks," Trump told U.S. servicemen and women at al-Asad Airbase in western Iraq,

about 100 miles west of Baghdad. "We're respected again as a nation."

The decision to pull U.S. forces from Syria, however, stunned national security advisers and U.S. allies and prompted the resignations of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, who was not on the trip, and the U.S. envoy to the coalition fighting the Islamic extremist group. The militant group, also known as ISIS, has lost nearly all its territory in Iraq and Syria but is still seen as a threat.

Iraq declared IS defeated within its borders in December 2017, but Trump's trip was shrouded in secrecy, which has been standard practice for presidents flying into conflict areas.

Air Force One, lights out and window shutters drawn, flew overnight from Washington, landing at an airbase west of Baghdad in darkness Wednesday evening. George W. Bush made four trips to Iraq as president and President



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump greet members of the military at a hanger rally at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, Wednesday.

Barack Obama made one.

During his three-plus hours on the ground, Trump did not meet with any Iraqi officials, but spoke on the phone with Iraqi Prime Minister Adil Abdul-Mahdi.

The airbase where Trump spoke is about 155 miles from Hajin, a Syrian town near the Iraqi border where Kurdish fighters are still battling IS extremists. Trump has said IS militants have been eradicated, but

the latest estimate is that IS still holds about 60 square miles of territory in that region of Syria, although fighters also fled the area and are in hiding in other pockets of the country.

Mattis was supposed to continue leading the Pentagon for several weeks, but Trump moved up his exit and announced that Patrick Shanahan, deputy defense secretary, would

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US government shutdown enters fifth day

By **SCOTT LANMAN and ALYXA SEBENIUS**
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WASHINGTON — The partial U.S. government shutdown entered its fifth day on Wednesday as the White House and lawmakers remain at odds over President Donald Trump's demands to fund a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

There's little indication of any urgency to resolve the dispute and no public indication of following Tuesday's Christmas holiday in the U.S. Trump is demanding \$5 billion for a border wall while Democratic leaders have proposed \$1.3 billion for border security. Congressional leaders were out of town for the Christmas holiday

while Trump remained at the White House.

Trump told reporters at the White House on Tuesday that the government is "not gonna be open until we have a wall, a fence, whatever they'd like to call it."

Asked whether his demand for \$5 billion was negotiable, Trump said, "it's complicated." He added: "We have

some wall money, but we want the wall money to be increased."

Asked what he would do if the House passes a bill that doesn't fund a wall, Trump said, "That's probably presidential harassment, and we know how to handle that," using a term his allies coined to describe

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AP PHOTO

Traders Peter Tuchman, right, slaps a high five before the closing bell on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday.

Wall Street notches best day in 10 years

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped more than 1,000 points

By **ALEX VEIGA**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

See how major US stock indexes fared, page 4

Wall Street notched its best day in 10 years as stocks rallied back Wednesday, giving some post-Christmas hope to a market that has otherwise been battered this December.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped more than 1,000 points — its biggest point-gain ever — rising nearly 5 percent as investors returned from a holiday break. The benchmark S&P 500 index also gained 5 percent and the technology heavy Nasdaq rose 5.8 percent.

Even with the rally, the market remains on track for its worst December since 1931, during the depths of the Great Depression, and to finish 2018 with its steepest losses in a decade.

Technology companies,

health care stocks, banks drove much of the broad rally. Retailers also were big gainers, as traders cheered a healthy holiday shopping season marked by robust consumer spending. Amazon had its biggest gain in more than a year.

But what really might have pushed stocks over the top was a signal from Washington D.C. that President Donald Trump would not try to oust the chairman of the Federal Reserve.

On Monday, Trump tweeted another critical volley about the central bank's policy, rattling markets over the possibility the White House might interfere with the traditionally independent Federal Reserve.

Watch out for scammers posing as charities

By **CHRISTIAN HETRICK**
PHILLY.COM

It's the most wonderful time of the year for scammers.

This holiday season, fraudsters are posing as charities to take advantage of people's generosity, according to a new survey from First Orion, an Arkansas-based call management company that combats scam robocalls. The survey of 1,000 U.S. mobile phone users found that 16 percent have recently received a scam call from someone claiming to be from a humanitarian group. And the swindles are working — more than a quarter (26 percent) of those who took a call from a fake charity forked over some money, the survey said.

Scammers can use caller ID "spoofing" technology

to disguise their phone numbers and make the calls seem to be coming from actual charities, said Gavin Macomber, First Orion's senior vice president of marketing. When legitimate numbers are hijacked, even careful consumers can get fooled into thinking they're on the phone with a charity representative.

"They can really purport to be from that organization," Macomber said of scammers. "And if somebody were to call (the phone number) back or Google it quickly while they were on the phone, it would probably check all of the boxes."

Consumers feeling generous this holiday season should donate to charities directly through the groups' websites,

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

6 ex-employees at Florida State Fire College file lawsuit

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Six former employees of the Florida State Fire College have sued manufacturers of firefighting suppressants used at the training facility, saying they caused cancer or other diseases.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports the lawsuit filed in federal court alleges the manufacturers were negligent and purposefully hid studies showing chemicals in the suppressants were carcinogenic and dangerous to the environment.

The plaintiffs include a firefighter instructor and administrative employees who may have been exposed to hazardous chemicals through contaminated groundwater around the Ocala facility. The lawsuit says they suffered from thyroid disease, kidney disease, breast cancer and parathyroid cancer.

According to the lawsuit, hundreds of firefighters, instructors and administrative employees could have been exposed to contaminants through the college's pipes, faucets, showerheads, appliances, sinks and drinking water fountains.

The lawsuit seeks damages totaling more than \$5 million.

Girl shot by her Coast Guard dad dies

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — An 8-year-old girl has died more than a week after authorities say her father killed her mother and little brother before fatally shooting himself.

The Miami Herald reports McKenna Presnar was pronounced dead early on Christmas Day. She was critically wounded on Dec. 16, when her father, U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer John Stanley Presnar shot his 39-year-old wife Gretchen Presnar and 7-year-old son John Jr. at their South Florida home.

Police say an argument between Presnar and his wife escalated and her mother ran from the home. When police arrived they found the bodies and the wounded girl inside the house in Homestead, south of Miami.

Deputy cleared in fatal shooting case

SEVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida sheriff's deputy has been cleared in the fatal shooting of a drunk man during a domestic disturbance call.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigated the Aug. 3 shooting involving Deputy Brandon Watson.

Investigators say Watson shot 29-year-old Emmanuel Alquisiras seven times during a tense struggle outside the home in Seville, near Daytona Beach. Watson hit Alquisiras with a stun gun, but the man kept resisting arrest. He stunned him again and the man grabbed for the stun gun. That's when Watson fired, killing Alquisiras.

A 12-minute body camera video captured the altercation.

Sheriff Mike Chitwood said Watson did everything he could to avoid shooting Alquisiras., who had previous arrests for domestic violence and driving under the influence.

Neighbor performs CPR on boy who fell into swimming pool

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Fire officials in Orlando say a neighbor resuscitated a 1-year-old boy who was pulled from a backyard swimming pool.

Orlando Fire Rescue officials said on Twitter that 911 dispatchers provided the neighbor instruction on saving the boy. The child had no pulse when he was pulled from the pool on Tuesday afternoon.

The child was taken to Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, where he is being treated.

The child's name hasn't been released and officials haven't said how the child got into the pool.

Police kill man who drove stolen car at them

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Police in central Florida fatally shot a man who they say drove at them in a crowded parking lot.

Lakeland police Chief Larry Giddens told news outlets the Wednesday morning shooting followed reports of a stolen car. He said officers spotted the stolen vehicle in a parking lot where some 200 people had gathered, making it a "large, chaotic scene."

Giddens said the driver saw officers approaching and "aggressively began to speed through the parking lot, driving at one of our officers."

A few officers fired at Michael Jerome Taylor and the vehicle hit parked cars and a light pole before crashing into another parked car, pushing it through the wall of a bicycle shop.

Coast Guard searching for jet skier off Florida Keys

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard is searching for a man who disappeared while riding a jet ski off the Florida Keys.

In a news release, the agency said 52-year-old Carlos Garcia-Cruz was reported missing Tuesday by his girlfriend.

The news release says the man was last seen wearing a life jacket on a blue and white jet ski. He left Marathon on Saturday and was expected to return on Christmas Eve.

Man killed, officer wounded during welfare check

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Police officers making a domestic welfare check on a woman who asked family members on Facebook to call 911 fatally shot her boyfriend when he opened fire on them.

The incident unfolded early Wednesday when a family member of Annie Vann contacted police after seeing a message stating "Help, call 911. ... He has a gun," said Clearwater Public Safety spokeswoman Joelle Castelli.

Officers responded to the apartment and contacted Vann at the back door. While they talked to Vann, Wayne Falana Jr., 35, appeared behind Vann and opened fire on the officers, Castelli said.

The officers took cover and Falani ran to the front of the apartment and began shooting through a glass door. Castelli said Falani ran into the roadway, still armed with a firearm. Officers returned fire, striking Falani multiple times. He died at the scene.

Vann left the apartment and has not been seen or heard from since, Castelli said. Police want to speak to her about the series of events leading up to the shooting.

Man, 82, kills wife then self over medical issues

POLK CITY, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say an 82-year-old Florida man fatally shot his wife and then himself after telling family members he could no longer take care of her medical needs.

Polk County Sheriff's officials tell news outlets that deputies found the bodies of Henry and Nancy Stanekci on Saturday inside their home in Polk City in central Florida.

According to investigators, Stanekci called his brother around 10 p.m. and told him he'd just shot his wife. Deputies arrived at the home and found Stanekci with two bullet wounds. His wife was also dead.

They had been married for 28 years.

Russia claims Israeli strike on Syria threatened civilian flights

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — The Russian military on Wednesday criticized an alleged Israeli airstrike near the Syrian capital, saying it has endangered civilian flights.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said that six Israeli F-16 jets launched a "provocative" raid at the moment when two civilian airliners were preparing to land in Damascus and Beirut, creating a "direct threat" to the aircraft.

Lebanon's acting Transport Minister Youssef Fenianos later on Wednesday confirmed Konashenkov's account, saying the two airplanes in Lebanese airspace "narrowly" escaped Israeli warplanes, averting a "human catastrophe."

Fenianos didn't provide details, but said he reported the incident to the prime minister-designate.



AP PHOTO

Israeli Air Force acrobatic team flies during a graduation ceremony for new pilots in Hatserim air force base near the southern Israeli city of Beersheba, Wednesday.

He said the Lebanese government will present a complaint to the U.N. Security Council.

The Syrian military didn't fully engage its air defense assets to avoid accidentally hitting the passenger jets, Konashenkov said. He added that Syrian air traffic controllers redirected the Damascus-bound plane to the Russian air

base in Hemeimeem in Syria's coastal province of Latakia.

Konashenkov said the Syrian air defense forces shot down 14 of the 16 precision-guided bombs dropped by the Israeli jets, while the remaining two hit a Syrian military depot 7 kilometers (about 4.3 miles) west of Damascus, injuring three Syrian soldiers.

It wasn't clear if the

Syrian military used any of the advanced S-300 air defense missile systems that Russia delivered in October to beef up its air defenses. The move followed the Sept. 17 downing of a Russian reconnaissance plane by Syrian forces responding to an Israeli air raid, an incident that strained previously warm ties between Russia and Israel.

Vladimir Putin crows as he oversees Russian hypersonic weapons test

Russian President declares weapon impossible to intercept

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin oversaw a test Wednesday of a new hypersonic glide vehicle, declaring that the weapon is impossible to intercept and will ensure Russia's security for decades to come.

Speaking to Russia's top military brass after watching the live feed of the launch of the Avangard vehicle from the Defense Ministry's control room, Putin said the successful test was a "great success" and an "excellent New Year's gift to the nation."

The test comes amid bitter tensions in Russia-U.S. relations, which have sunk to their lowest level since the Cold War times over the conflict

in Ukraine, the war in Syria and the allegations of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Putin's hopes for repairing ties with Washington under President Donald Trump have fizzled amid investigations into allegations of Trump's campaign ties with Russia, and tensions have escalated as the U.S. administration slapped Russia with new waves of sanctions.

The Avangard was among the array of new nuclear weapons that Putin presented in March, saying that Russia had to develop them in response to the development of the U.S. missile defense system that could erode Russia's nuclear deterrent.

In Wednesday's test, the weapon was



AP PHOTO

Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Chief of General Staff of Russia Valery Gerasimov oversee the test launch of the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle from the Defense Ministry's control room in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday.

launched from the Dombrovskiy missile base in the southern Ural Mountains. The Kremlin said it successfully hit a designated practice target on the Kura shooting range on Kamchatka, 3,700 miles away.

"The Avangard is invulnerable to intercept by any existing and prospective missile defense means of the potential adversary," Putin said after the test, adding that the new weapon

will enter service next year with the military's Strategic Missile Forces.

When first presenting the Avangard in March, the Russian leader said the new system has an intercontinental range and can fly in the atmosphere at 20 times the speed of sound, bypassing the enemy's missile defense.

He emphasized that no other country currently has hypersonic weapons.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Quake from Mount Etna volcano jolts Sicily

ROME (AP) — An earthquake triggered by Mount Etna's eruption jolted eastern Sicily before dawn Wednesday, injuring at least 10 people, damaging churches and houses on the volcano's slopes and prompting panicked villagers to flee their homes.

Italy's Civil Protection officials said the quake, which struck at 3:19 a.m., was part of a swarm of some 1,000 tremors, most of them barely perceptible, linked to Etna's volcanic eruption this week.

Italy's national seismology institute said the quake had a magnitude of 4.8 on the open-ended Richter scale and 4.9 on the moment magnitude scale, which relates to the amount the ground slips. It struck north of Catania, the largest city in the eastern part of the Mediterranean island, but no damage or injuries were reported there.

The quake opened up cracks in homes in several towns, sending chunks of concrete debris tumbling to the ground. It toppled a Madonna statue in a church in Santa Venerina and broke up sidewalks and a stretch of highway, forcing it to close.

"Etna remains a dangerous volcano, and this country of ours is unfortunately fragile," government undersecretary Vito Crimi said as he reported 10 people injured.

Congo delays election in Ebola zone

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Congo's already long-delayed election set for Sunday will be postponed for months in certain communities where a deadly Ebola virus outbreak has infected hundreds of people, the electoral commission announced Wednesday. Some in the opposition called it a ploy to hurt their chances at the polls, with more than 1 million voters affected.

The election in and around Beni and Butembo in North Kivu province, and Yumbi in Mai-Ndombe province, will be in March instead, the commission's statement said.

Congo's election has been delayed for more than two years, leading to sometimes deadly protests. Opposition parties have said they will not accept further delays of the vote to choose a successor to longtime President Joseph Kabila. The election already had been pushed from Dec. 23 to Sunday after a fire in the capital, Kinshasa, destroyed voting materials.

US issues travel advisory to the Philippines

The U.S. is warning travelers to the Philippines to be careful.

The Department of Homeland Security issued a travel advisory Tuesday to the Republic of

the Philippines due to flight security issues at Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

The airport, which serves the capital city of Manila and surrounding areas, is the main international gateway for travelers to the Southeast Asian country.

The airport "does not maintain and carry out effective security consistent with the security standards established by the International Civil Aviation Organization," Homeland Security stated in a release. "This determination was based on assessments by a team of security experts from the Transportation Security Administration."

Israeli army says it destroys another Hezbollah tunnel

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military on Wednesday destroyed another cross-border tunnel it says was built by Lebanon's Hezbollah militant group, sending a loud explosion throughout the volatile area.

Israel this month announced the discovery of the tunnels, which it says were part of a Hezbollah plot to sneak across the border and carry out attacks in Israel.

Israel has so far uncovered five tunnels in an open-ended operation to destroy the entire network. At least two tunnels have been destroyed.

US conducts medical checks on children after 2 deaths

Almost every child in Border Patrol custody checked after second death of an immigrant child

By **NOMAAN MERCHANT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — U.S. immigration authorities said Wednesday that they have done new medical checks on nearly every child in Border Patrol custody after the death of a second youngster in the agency's care in the span of less than three weeks.

Authorities did not disclose the results of the examinations.

An 8-year-old boy identified by Guatemalan authorities as Felipe Gómez Alonzo died on Christmas Eve just before midnight. He had been in the custody of U.S. Customs and Border Protection with his father since Dec. 18.

The boy suffered from a

cough, "glossy eyes," fever and vomiting and was hospitalized twice on Monday with what was initially diagnosed as a cold, the agency said in a statement. The cause of death was under investigation.

Officials at the Department of Homeland Security, the Border Patrol's parent agency, said that almost all checks ordered in reaction to the boy's death had been completed.

Some children detained in more remote areas were re-screened by emergency medical technicians or Border Patrol agents, officials said. In other places, some children were taken to medical facilities.

Homeland Security would not say how many children are in

Border Patrol custody.

The department also wouldn't say why Felipe and his father were detained for almost a week, an unusually long time, or why they were placed back in detention — at a Border Patrol highway checkpoint — after being released from the hospital.

Another Guatemalan child in U.S. custody, 7-year-old Jakelin Caal, died on Dec. 8 after she began vomiting. U.S. officials said she had walked for days in the desert without food or water, but her family disputed that.

Her death — which brought down heavy criticism on U.S. immigration authorities — is also under investigation.

Immigration advocates and human rights groups sharply

criticized CBP in the wake of Felipe's death.

Margaret Huang, executive director of Amnesty International USA, said the Trump administration's "policies of cruelty toward migrants and asylum-seekers at the border must cease immediately before any more children are harmed."

CBP said in a statement late Tuesday that it needs the help of other government agencies to provide health care.

The agency "is considering options for surge medical assistance" from the Coast Guard and may request help from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management

Agency.

With border crossings surging, CBP processes thousands of children — both alone and with their parents — every month. According to CBP statistics, border agents detained 5,283 children unaccompanied by a parent in November alone. Agents last month also apprehended 25,172 "family units," or parents and children together.

CBP typically holds children for no more than a few days. Youngsters who arrive unaccompanied are turned over to longer-term facilities operated by the HHS. The Associated Press reported this month that 14,300 children were being detained by HHS, most in facilities with more than 100 kids.

FBI concerned by money mules roped into fraud schemes

By **ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BALSAMO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The email caught the executive at a small company by surprise one morning in 2016. The company's owner, or so he thought, was requesting a money transfer to pay for supplies from a new vendor.

It wasn't until that night when the executive, hours after the money had been transferred and still puzzled by the out-of-the-blue demand, texted the owner to make sure he'd heard the request correctly.

The befuddled reply was disheartening: "I just saw your message about a wire transfer today. What is that about?"

It was all part of a fraud scam that targeted companies, schools and nonprofits in Connecticut and elsewhere in the United States and that resulted this month in a 45-month prison sentence for one of the culprits. The case is part of a seemingly endless cycle of money laundering schemes that law enforcement officials say they're scrambling to slow through a combination of prosecution and public awareness.

Beyond the run-of-the-mill plots, officials say, is a particularly concerning trend involving "money mules" — people who, unwittingly or not, use their own bank accounts to move money for criminals for purposes they think are legitimate or even noble.

The "mule" concept has attracted renewed attention with this month's release of Clint Eastwood's "The Mule," a real-life tale of an elderly horticulturist who smuggled cocaine for a Mexican cartel. But the modern-day mules of most concern to the FBI are people who get themselves entangled in complicated, international money laundering schemes that cause huge economic losses and show no signs of stopping.

"They trial and error this stuff and they see what works and they see what doesn't," FBI supervisory special agent James Abbott said in an interview. "It's a much higher success rate when you have a lot of money using somebody else's account going through there instead of trying to cross the border with a physical transportation of cash."

The FBI and international law enforcement agencies have stepped up efforts against the fraud and say they're building bigger cases than before. Europol said this month it had identified 1,504 money mules, arresting 168, in a continent-wide bust. The FBI in June announced the arrests of 74 people, including 29 in Nigeria, for schemes targeting businesses and the elderly, and has launched a publicity campaign called "Don't Be a Mule."

The money mule cases are an offshoot of more generic frauds encountered by the FBI, including schemes that dupe people into thinking they've won the lottery and can claim their prizes by wiring an advance payment, or that trick the unsuspecting into believing a relative has been arrested and needs urgent bail money or that a supposed paramour they've met online requires cash. In

cases like the Connecticut one, fraudsters assume identities of executives and scam employees into wiring cash.

That's what happened in 2016 at Beacon Systems, a Texas company where a new employee received emails from someone she thought was the chief executive officer instructing her to transfer nearly \$100,000 for a vendor-related payment.

Several weeks later, Kerry Williams, the CEO whose identity was impersonated, was on her way to the airport when the FBI contacted her and explained how the company had been victimized as part of a much broader swindle. A dual Nigerian-U.S. citizen was ultimately sentenced to four years in prison in connection with the scheme.

"It makes you kind of paranoid," Williams said, describing how the experience also made the SAP consulting firm more vigilant. "Even to this day, we're overly cautious about everything. I think you kind of go to that extreme."

As for money mules, they're persuaded, sometimes with the incentive of keeping a cut of the funds, into allowing money transfers into their own bank accounts at the direction of a fraudster they may mistake for an online friend or romantic partner, a military officer overseas or an employer. They're then instructed to transfer those funds elsewhere, into accounts controlled by criminals.

In one example, the FBI says, a fraudster posing as an Army captain stationed overseas recruited a man he met online to be a money mule, saying he was making arrangements to travel home and needed the man's help receiving and sending some funds. The FBI says \$10,000 was wired into the man's account. He was then instructed to withdraw it in small increments and send it to a woman in Texas.

The mules are sometimes witting conspirators. Other times, they're elderly, lonely or just confused. The ones the FBI concludes are merely unwitting are given stern warnings but generally avoid prosecution.

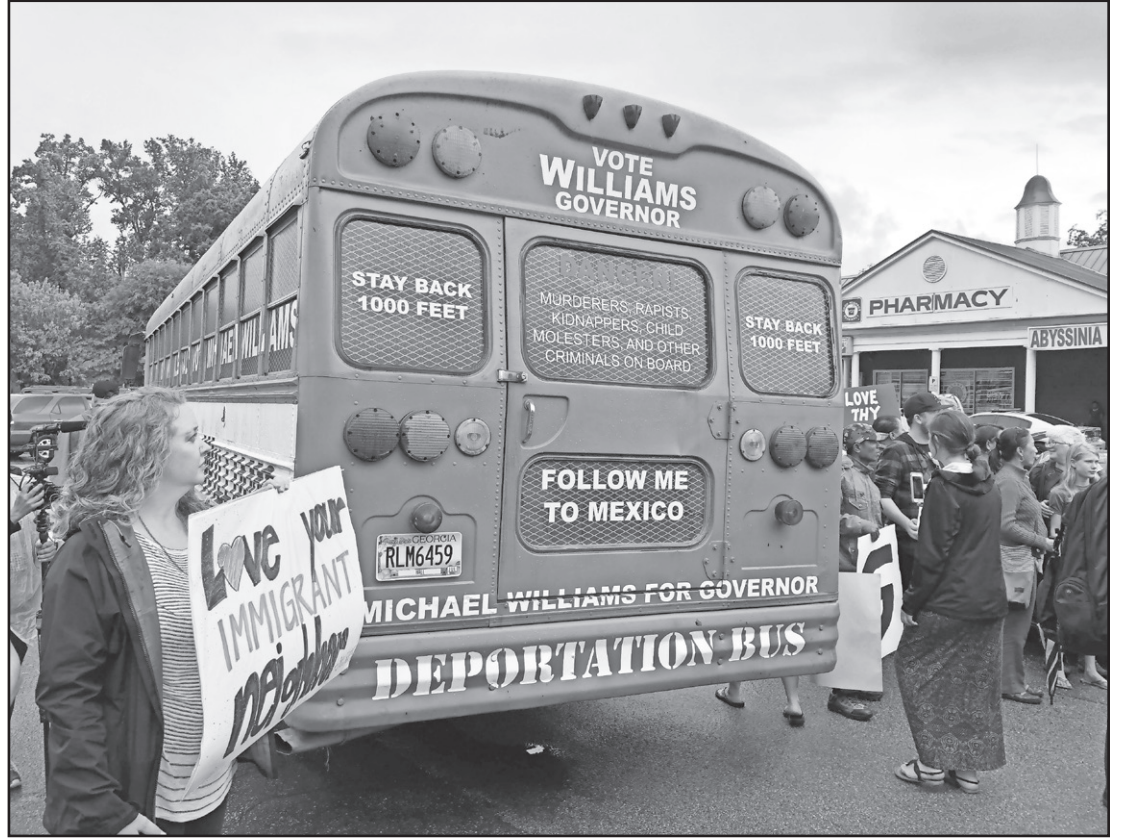
"When we approach them and talk to them and explain to them what they've been doing, a lot of times, the horror is there, said Steven D'Antuono, an FBI section chief specializing in financial crimes. "It's all walks of life, all educational levels. Anyone can fall victim to this."

In the Connecticut case, the executive recounted those horrors in a letter to the judge before the sentencing of one of the defendants earlier this year.

The executive, whose name and company are redacted in the letter, described feeling initially apprehensive about the money transfer instructions and advising the company owner that it was a "lot of money for supplies."

That night, he described the interactions to his wife, who asked if he was really certain the emails were legitimate. He suddenly wasn't so sure, realizing for the first time he may have been duped.

"Because of crimes like these," he wrote, "our society is losing much of the trust and openness that we once experienced."



AP FILE PHOTOS

A Georgia gubernatorial candidate touring the state in a "deportation bus" is greeted with protests by immigrants and other residents in Clarkston, Ga. Michael Williams, the former Republican gubernatorial candidate in Georgia, has turned himself into county jail, Wednesday, after being indicted on charges including insurance fraud.

Georgia 'deportation bus' GOP candidate reports to jail

Williams indicted on insurance fraud charges

ATLANTA (AP) — A Republican gubernatorial candidate in Georgia who campaigned in a "deportation bus" has turned himself in to county jail after being indicted on charges including insurance fraud.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports an attorney for state Sen. Michael Williams said Wednesday that the indictment presented a "one-sided story" and Williams would be "out soon" after arranging bond.

The charges stem from a May incident when Williams

reported that his campaign office was burglarized. Williams' campaign manager said then that \$300,000 worth of computers used to mine cryptocurrency was taken.

Williams is accused of lying to investigators and making a false insurance claim.

Williams finished last in the five-man Republican gubernatorial primary in May. His campaign was based on loyalty to President Donald Trump and a series of publicity stunts, including the controversial "deportation bus."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Australian trader pleads guilty to 'spoofing' in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — An Australian commodities trader has pleaded guilty in Chicago federal court to manipulating market prices by placing orders in the millions of dollars and canceling them within milliseconds to sell smaller orders at a profit.

Jiongsheng "Jim" Zhao pleaded guilty Wednesday to one count of spoofing. Prosecutors say the 31-year-old executed trades on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange online from Sydney.

His arrest in January was part of what the U.S. Justice Department said at the time was part of "the largest futures-market criminal enforcement action" in department history. At least seven others were charged around the same time.

Zhao's Chicago lawyer, Theodore Poulos, told the judge his client made just \$21,000 from the illegal trades.

Laser pointer forces cancellation of med helicopter flight

PARDEEVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Authorities in southern Wisconsin say a medical helicopter flying in to pick up a UTV crash victim had to cancel its flight when someone shining a laser pointer injured the pilot.

Columbia County Sheriff Dennis Richards says the UW Med Flight helicopter was trying to land in Pardeeville on Tuesday evening to pick up the 17-year-old crash victim when someone on the ground shined a laser pointer at the helicopter.

Richards says the helicopter pilot suffered an eye injury. The helicopter had to abort the landing.

Joyrider steals NYC bus, goes undetected for hours

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities say a joyrider sneaked off with an empty New York City bus and took it on an hours-long adventure from the Bronx to Queens and back.

Police said Wednesday they're searching for a suspect in Sunday's brazen heist, which was starting to gain attention after the Christmas holiday.

Police said the bus was stolen around 7:40 p.m. Sunday. GPS data shows it went to Queens before it was found a few blocks from where it was originally parked around 4 a.m. Monday, more than eight hours later.

6 customers draw guns on men attempting to steal tools

MARYSVILLE, Wash. (AP) — Authorities say two men were surrounded by customers with guns while attempting to steal

tools from a Washington store.

The Daily Herald reports the men, ages 22 and 23, allegedly took four nail guns, each worth more than \$400, from the Coastal Farm & Ranch store Saturday in Marysville.

The men walked out of the store and got into a Honda Civic, only to be surrounded by about six customers with guns raised.

Man charged in sex assault at fire camp agrees to plea deal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An Idaho inmate accused of sexually assaulting a woman after he was sent to work at a wildfire base camp in Utah has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor sexual battery.

Ruben Hernandez, 28, was charged with felony rape in Utah after the woman reported that he assaulted her on Aug. 29 when she rejected his advances in a remote area about 80 miles south of Salt Lake City.

He was part of a program in which low-level offenders nearing parole are temporarily released to help cook and clean at wildfire base camps supervised by two Idaho correctional officers.

Defense attorney Richard Gale said the plea deal is fair and reflects Hernandez's level of culpability. "We wish the best for the victim," Gale said.

Hernandez could face up to a year in jail when he is sentenced.

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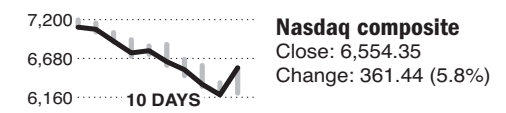
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How major US stock indexes fared Wednesday

(AP) — Energy stocks rebounded as the price of U.S. crude oil notched its biggest one-day gain in more than two years. All told, the S&P 500 index rose 116.60 points, or 5 percent, to 2,467.70.

boosted their spending this holiday season.

Even so, traders have been jittery this autumn over signs that the global economy is slowing, the escalating U.S. trade dispute with China and another interest rate increase by the Fed.

Interestrates

Table of interest rates for Treasuries, Bonds, and PRIME RATE FUNDS.

Foreign Exchange

Table of foreign exchange rates for MAJORS, EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST, ASIA/PACIFIC, and M-N-O.

Commodities

Table of commodity prices for FUELS, METALS, and AGRICULTURE.

Stock Footnotes

Table of stock footnotes with columns for Tkr, Name, Last, and Chg. Includes companies like STBA, SCG, SCA, etc.

Getting facts on children's vaccines, flu shots and polio

DEAR DR. ROACH: My good-hearted friend is very concerned about vaccines, particularly those given to infants. She has a long list of about 40 different vaccines that are given to infants. I know that the number of vaccines have increased since my children were babies, and both of my daughters asked their pediatricians to space out the vaccines more widely for my grandchildren than what they routinely do. Both doctors complied, and all grandchildren were vaccinated.

My friend does not believe in vaccines generally. She believes that polio, for example, was on a downhill trend in the U.S. before vaccines for it became available. I know there is evidence worldwide on the importance of vaccines. My husband is a Rotarian. Rotary International has worked with others for decades in the fight to eradicate polio.

My friend also does not believe that the Food and Drug Administration requires testing for safety and effectiveness for flu vaccines.



Dr. Roach

She does not believe the vaccines actually prevent flu and death. I personally get a flu shot every year. I read that the U.S. had over 80,000 deaths last year as a result of complications from the flu. I also recently read that over 100 children died of flu complications in the U.S. last year, and most of these children were not vaccinated.

What are the facts on vaccines? Can you substantiate the importance of vaccines generally? — C.A.A.

ANSWER: I write often about vaccines because they have

had a profound beneficial impact on the health of the world, and continue to be among the most important and cost-effective preventives we have — and because vaccine hesitancy is a growing problem.

I don't agree with spacing out vaccines beyond the standard schedule. The standard has been carefully scheduled so that babies and children are vaccinated when it is safe and effective to do so. Delaying vaccines leaves children at risk for getting the diseases. There are vaccines for 14 diseases as part of the standard schedule. Some require multiple doses, and some are given as a combination. There is not an illness among the 14 you would want your child or grandchild to have if it could be helped.

Apart from polio, I have seen all of these diseases and am very glad they have become less common to nonexistent. Children's immune systems are very robust and can handle the vaccine. In the current schedule, children are exposed to

about 320 antigens from vaccines up to age 2 (in 1980, it was over 3,000 from vaccines; current vaccines are more efficient). They see many times more antigens from germs in a day.

Before the polio vaccine was available, there were tens of thousands of cases of poliomyelitis (at its peak in 1952, over 52,000). After the vaccine was introduced in 1955, the number of cases fell to negligible levels — no more than 100 cases per year after 1964. The Rotary club, among others, has been instrumental in nearly ending polio worldwide. However, without continued vigilance, polio could make a comeback, as measles is poised to do.

You also are right about the importance of influenza. Over 80,000 people died last year of influenza — most of them seniors, but small children as well. The flu shot, while not perfect, reduces risk of severe disease and death.

All vaccines are tested for safety and effectiveness by the FDA.

Brother's drinking may be issue for job as an officer

DEAR ABBY: My brother is my best friend. He is also an alcoholic. It runs in our family, and he has been addicted for years. His drinking has affected me in several (minor) ways over the years, but I have always taken a hands-off approach, knowing I can't force him to get help.

Well, his drinking is starting to affect my life in a more severe way now. I joined the local police force. I am afraid that my brother's behavior could cost me my job if I'm seen with him while he acts out, or if I try to defend him.

I love my brother fiercely, and I don't know what to do anymore. I feel like I need to avoid him, but I love him. — Challenged in the East

DEAR CHALLENGED: Establish some ground rules by explaining to your brother that although you love him, you cannot be seen with him if he has been drinking, for fear it will jeopardize your job. It's a valid concern. Make clear that if he breaks the law, you will be unable to intercede for him.

You are not responsible for his addiction or for what he does when he's under the influence. I'm not saying this



Dear Abby

will be emotionally easy for you, but you must let your brother suffer the consequences for his behavior if he acts out.

DEAR ABBY: I asked a woman I know professionally if she'd be interested in having lunch. She said she would, and we had a lovely lunch — until the bill came. When I suggested we split it, she suggested I make it a business expense. I told her I couldn't do that because it wasn't a business lunch.

I know if you invite someone to lunch, you pay, but I didn't think that's what I did. I have done this before — and since — and everyone pays for themselves. Do I owe this woman an apology? — Everyone Pays in Texas

DEAR EVERYONE: Not unless she became defensive. However, because you did the inviting, you should have paid the bill.

Plan for saving some space

Dear Heloise: I live in a small home and have a few SPACE-SAVING HINTS:

1. The dirty clothes go directly into the washing machine. When it's full, I take the clothes out, sort and wash. I also store detergent in the washer.

2. A drawer will hold more by having a plastic tool tray to keep things organized. In the desk drawer, I fold papers in thirds and stand them up as in a file cabinet.

3. I like interesting-looking baskets. They are decorations AND storage space.

4. In the kitchen, trays, cutting boards, place mats,



Hints from Heloise

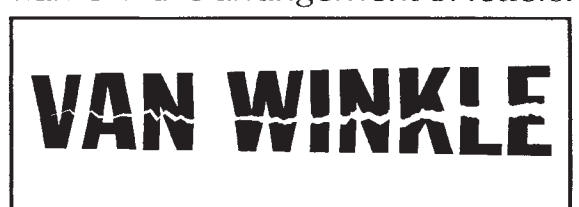
trivets, cookie sheets, etc., stand up in the cabinet.

5. There was space going to waste in the refrigerator. Canned, bottled and packaged items go in it, even if they don't need refrigeration. The refrigerator runs more efficiently when fuller.

— Jean F., Three Forks, Mont.

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



SOLUTION: VAN WINKLE

Rip Van Winkle

JUMBLE

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

CUVOH

CANET

PHISMA

WUDINN

Answer here:

Answers tomorrow

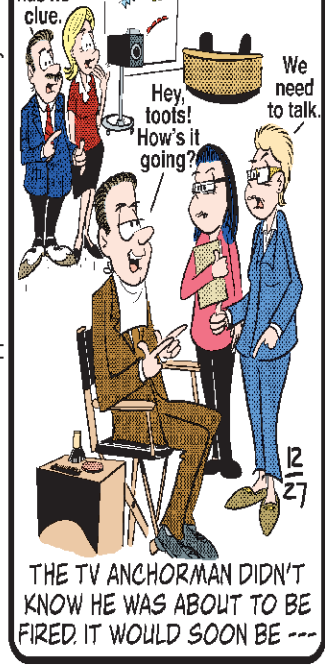
Yesterday's Jumbles: NUDGE DWELL AUBURN FAIRLY

Answer: Voting to raise prices more than 500 percent, the selfish business people — ALL "A-GREED"

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

16X		9X	
	7+		3-
1		2÷	
2-			2

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CHALLENGING

3÷		90X		12+	
3÷	5-	4			
		2÷	1-	11+	1-
3	3-				
9+		2÷	1	7+	5-
	4				

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RULES

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

1-	2	3-	1	4
3	2	6X	2÷	
4	3	2	1	
3-	1	4	3	2
2÷	2	1	4	3

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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 strip along bottom of wall (9)	_____
2 loaded with herbs and spices (9)	_____
3 Miss Piggy quality, maybe (11)	_____
4 they span suspension bridges (6)	_____
5 nuisance to lawn care mavens (9)	_____
6 verb for squirrel with a nut (5)	_____
7 finding personnel (10)	_____

UITI	BA	ARD	AB	ISHN
CAB	SS	HOGG	RECR	FLA
ASH	VOR	GRA	SEBO	CR
FUL	NG	LES	ESS	ST

Wednesday's Answers: 1. CABS 2. ANKLETS 3. PUZZLING 4. DEFINITION 5. CLIPPERS 6. JOBLESS 7. BINDERS 12/27

Challenger

DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right. Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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				7	25
	6				19
					18
		6			25
22	12	26	27	29	

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1	1	3	1	6
1	5	4	7	17
1	8	8	7	24
8	5	3	6	22
11	19	18	21	20

Yesterday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"What's your point?!?"

Cryptoquip

12-27

N I O W X E V O H R S K I X R W
C M I N M D I T E Q R E D I O F T,
I Q R S J R E S P M F H R S V I M E W P D B
J R M E K R X D B S E M D J E M C V ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NAME OF A GERMAN GOVERNMENT HEAD WHO ALWAYS CALLED OFF NOTEWORTHY EVENTS: CHANCELLOR CANCELER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals D

SPORTS SLEUTH

MLB TRADITIONAL AND STATCAST STATISTICS

C L Y W T S R P M K I F S D B
Y A W U S P O P T I M E Q O M
K U I F S I D L B Z C A X W U
S N Q T S N E O N N S L J H F
D C I K C R U A A S Y W V T S
Q H L P R A N R I L H K I H S
F A E A C T A S E L P I R T E
B N B B Z E T Y W M V U F S V
R G Q P P S E L B U O D N T A
M L L P J I H S D L O H F E S
D E A Y T I C O L E V T I X E

Wednesday's unlisted clue: AMPS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Important Stat for a Relief Pitcher

Appearances	Doubles	Home runs	Spin rate
Assists	Exit velocity	Launch angle	Triples
Balks	Hits	Pop time	Velocity
Barrel	Holds	Shifts	

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you only know half the story, but it's your half, and therefore the half that counts. You get to tell it the way you want to. Embellishments will happen... and earn you style points!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Get out and about. If you're alone too much, then you won't get the benefit of seeing how people like and appreciate you. You'll start to forget who you are and what you're good at if there's no one to reflect that to you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People who can amuse themselves and carry their happiness inside themselves are the best ones to be around because they won't lean on you emotionally or unload their subtle psychic burdens on you.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Discipline means something different to each person. You'll be exploring the limits of your own willpower, realizing what it's being used for currently and deciding where best to apply it in the future.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's like opening a combination lock. You can get all the

numbers right, but it's not going to open unless you also get them in the right order. And here's a hint about the order of things: Your first responsibility is to take care of yourself.
VRIGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Boredom gets a bad rap. Extreme boredom can cause a person to wander into his or her own brilliance. So when things slow down, don't rush to check your email or get sucked into social media. Ponder.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's once again time to ask yourself why you're doing it. The reasons have changed or maybe gotten lost. A good answer to the question "why?" will be a powerful engine.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes we blame others — partners, employers, the government — for not giving us what we want when the real problem is that we're just not letting ourselves have it. Open your hands, arms, spirit to the thing.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you spend enough time around very selfish or self-absorbed people, then the parts of you that don't get seen will be in danger of diminishing. Counteract the effect with exposure to the spiritually generous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People say the game is rigged, but don't let that stop you from playing. If it's a good enough game, it will be beneficial to play whether or not you win, rendering any "rigging" irrelevant.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The magic question: What would happen if you had to completely and totally mind your own business for the extent of the journey? There's something that can only be solved by shutting out the rest of the world.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Positive role models are wonderful, and you've known plenty of them, but if they're scarce today, don't worry — reverse-role models (who represent what you don't want) are equally motivating, if not much more so.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). You don't have to win to be confident. Confidence comes from trusting yourself. Trusting yourself comes from learning, loving and accepting yourself. These are the keys to the kingdom this year, which begins by granting one of your fondest wishes. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to earn the next-tier prize. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 20, 14 and 8.

Thursday, December 27, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

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BRAVE BID

Neither vulnerable, West deals

NORTH			
♠	Q 10 6 5		
♥	10 8 6		
♦	A 10 8 4		
♣	K J		
WEST			
♠	A		
♥	A J 7 4 3		
♦	9 7 6		
♣	Q 10 8 2		
EAST			
♠	K J		
♥	Q 9 5 2		
♦	K Q 2		
♣	9 7 5 3		
SOUTH			
♠	9 8 7 4 3 2		
♥	K		
♦	J 5 3		
♣	A 6 4		

The bidding:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♥ Pass 2NT* Pass
 3♥ Pass Pass 3♠
 All pass
 *At least invitational values with heart support

Opening lead: Ace of ♥

The East-West auction came to an abrupt halt, leaving South with a close decision — should he sell out or bid three spades? The auction marked his partner with reasonable values, or else the opponents would have gone on to game, and he was likely to

catch enough spades to have a useful fit. The danger was in pushing the opponents to four hearts with such little defense. In fact, it would have required excellent defense to hold East-West to nine tricks in a heart contract. Interested readers can work that out for themselves.

Three spades it was and South was relieved to buy it there. A diamond shift at trick two would have defeated the contract but that was hard to see. West continued with a "safe" second heart and declarer was in control. South ruffed, led a club to the king, and ruffed dummy's last heart. The ace of clubs and a club ruff eliminated that suit also, and a low spade put West on lead with no winning defense left.

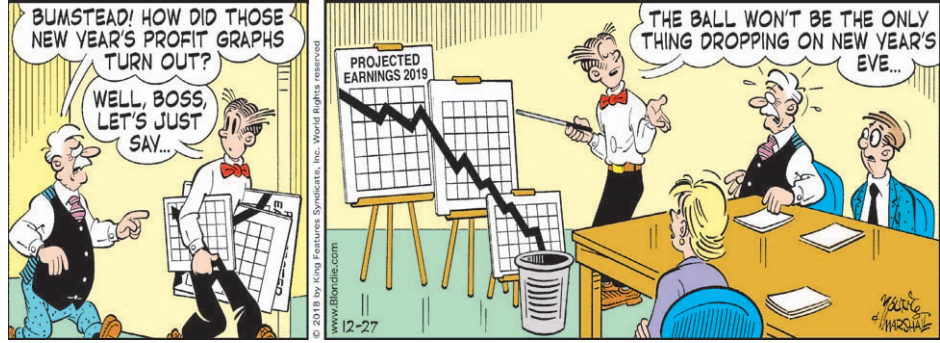
A low diamond was ducked to East's queen. East could cash his high trump, but then had to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a diamond into dummy's ace-10. Nine tricks either way, and a well-played and well-bid hand.

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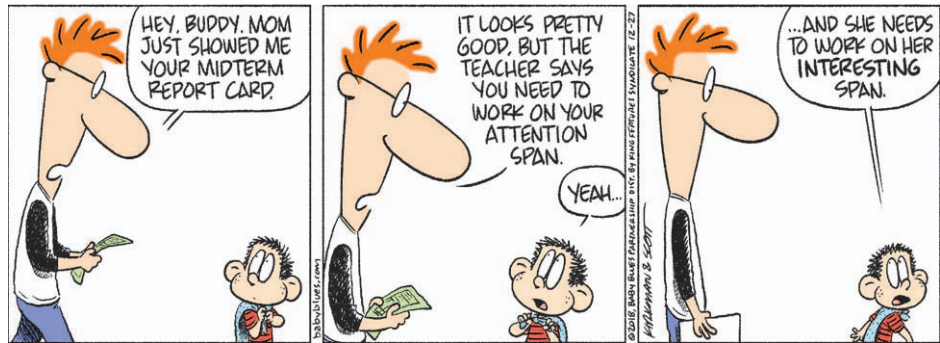
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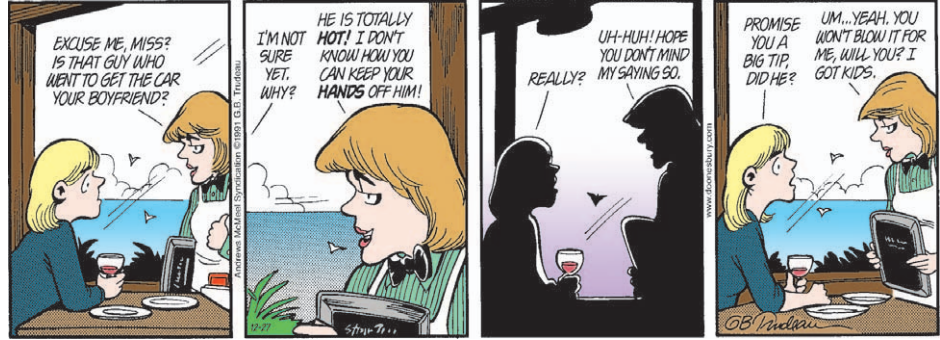
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BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Lofty
 - Silky sound
 - Batter's ploy
 - World's fair
 - Eat some of
 - 17th state
 - Housing expense
 - Knight's suit
 - Tree trunk
 - Delegates
 - Prepared eggs
 - Heating fuel
 - Snake River loc.
 - Antique washer part
 - Spot remover
 - Gives it the gas
 - Mongol tents
 - Tinned meat
 - Have — at
 - Big snake
 - Wale
 - Remove the rind
 - Skins
 - Keep for later
 - Cunning
 - Percolated
 - Bashful
 - "Evita" role
 - Scales
 - Where ghosts are invoked
 - Wishes one hadn't
- DOWN**
- Prefix for "trillion"
 - Hatchets
 - Medical assistants
 - Cosmetic buys
 - Director — Kubrick
 - Major conflicts
 - Dogma
 - Come to a standstill
 - Brave deed
 - Lynxes
 - Klutz's cry (hyph.)
 - Giza's river
 - Three — sloth
 - Brief engagement
 - Stock ending
 - Decorates a gift
 - Queenlike
 - Off-white

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

G	A	I	N	C	E	L	E	B	C	O	R	E	
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M	A	R	A	U	D	E	R	S	D	Y	L	A	N
B	R	O	C	O	P								
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P	E	A	S	N	E	R	D	S	T	O	S		

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29 Yokels
 30 In the least (2 wds.)
 31 Talk show name
 32 Wet behind the ears
 33 Fix firmly
 36 Fish-to-be
 42 Closes in
 43 Mind reader
 44 Withdraws
 45 Stage backdrop
 47 Many millennia
 49 Detective's cry
 52 Very dry

53 Faint glow
 54 Construction toy
 55 Bronte heroine Jane —
 56 Posted a parcel
 57 Ad award
 58 Television award
 59 Not too hot (hyph.)
 62 Farm enclosure

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).

Rating: BRONZE
 Solution to 12/26/18

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9	5	8		3			1	

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WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
 Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Flunk out at Harvard's rival (1)
- Farmland measure creator (2)
- Talk host Ripa's pastrami shops (2)
- Enormously tall lawyer customer (2)
- Demonstrating to a 787 jet company (2)
- On-the-moon tall beer glass (2)
- Nitpicking bon mot (4)

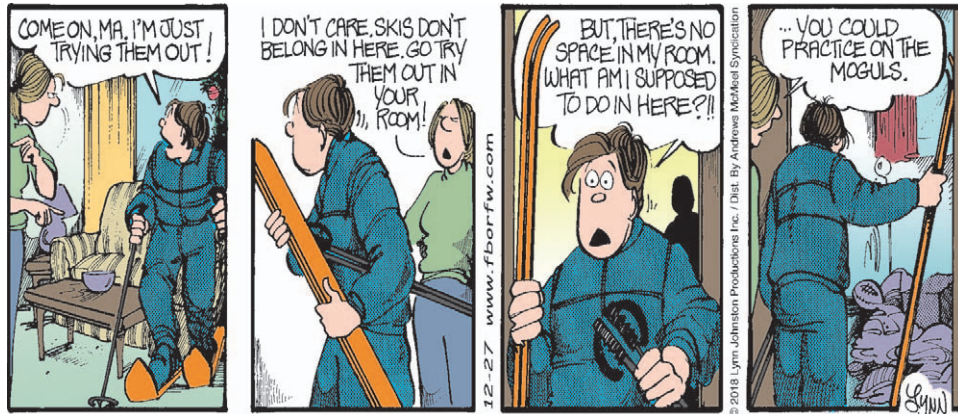
ANSWERS
 1. FAIL VALE 2. ACRE MAKER 3. KELLY'S DELIS 4. GIANT CLIENT
 5. SHOWING BOEING 6. LUNAR SCHOONER 7. CRITICISM WITICISM

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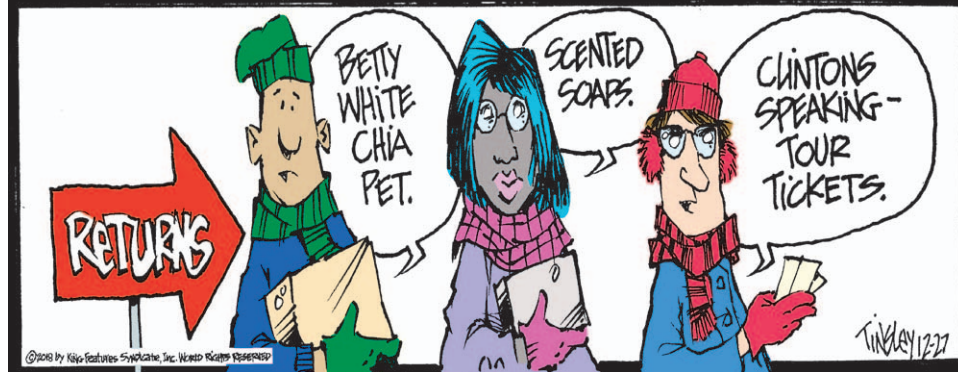
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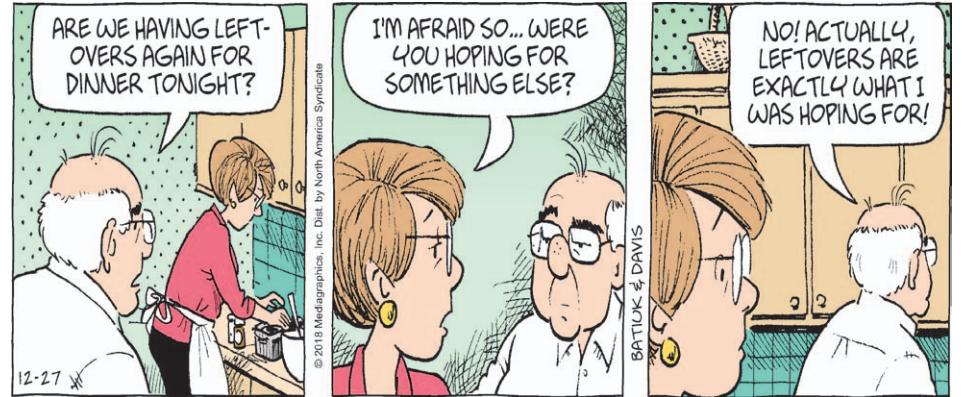
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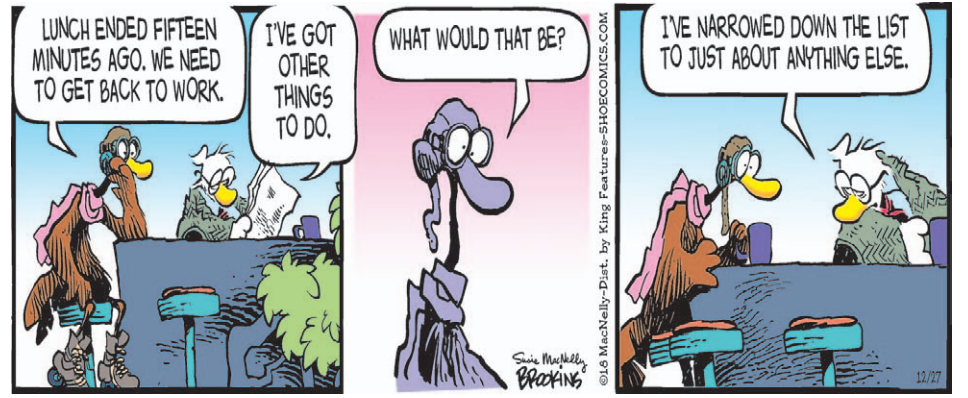
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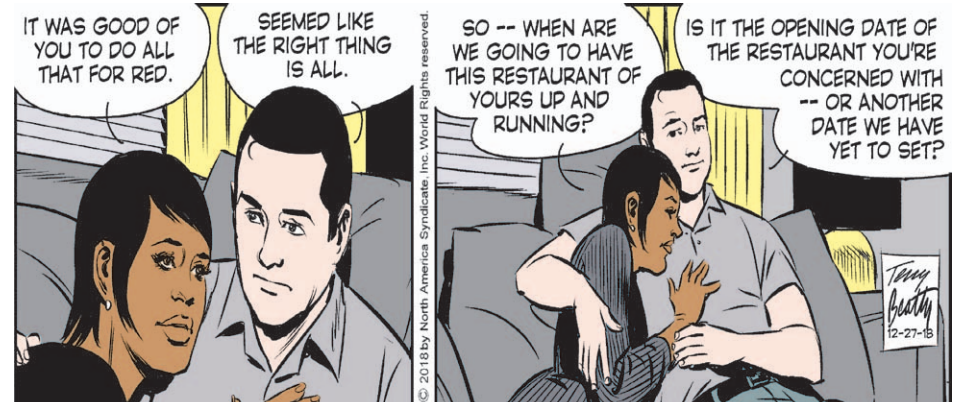
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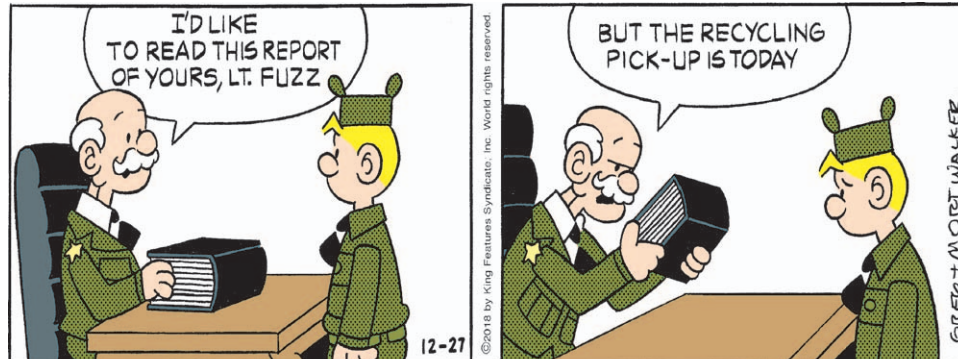
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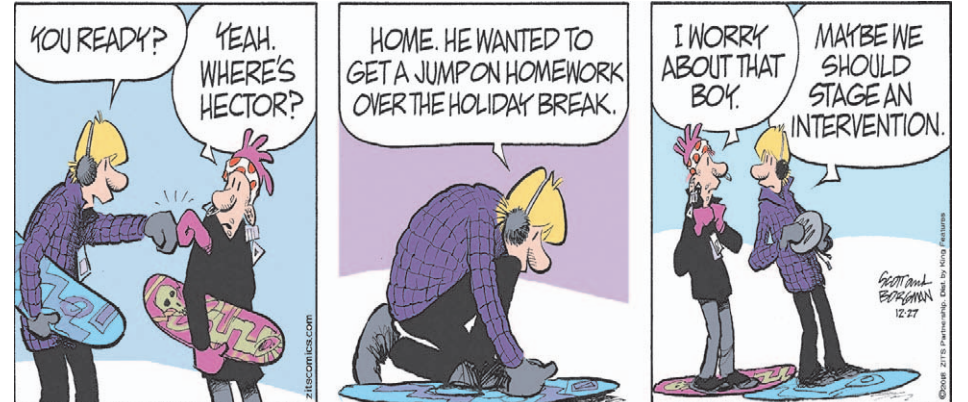
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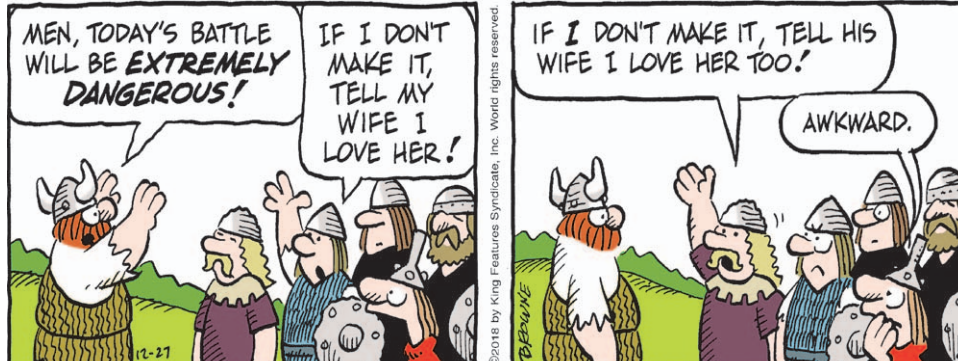
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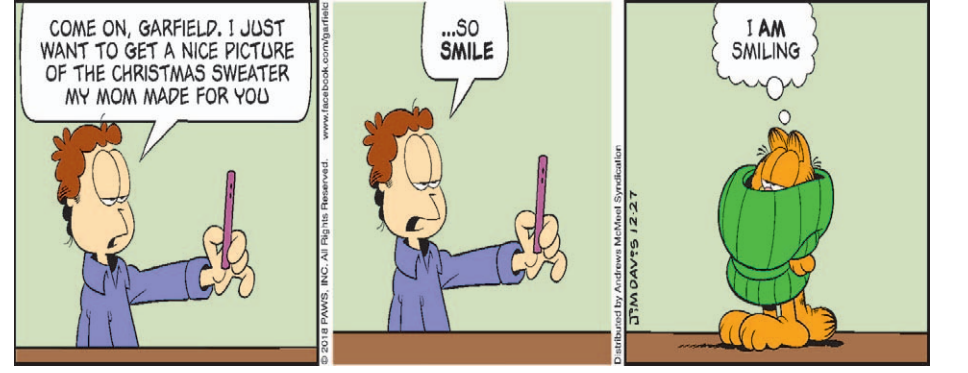
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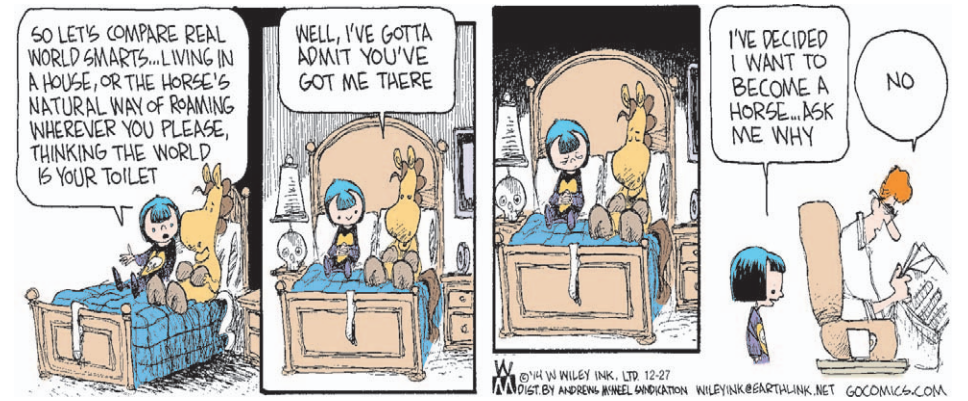
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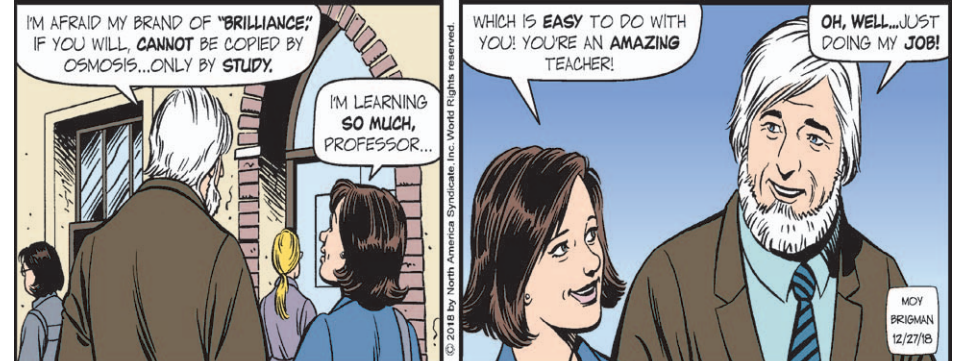
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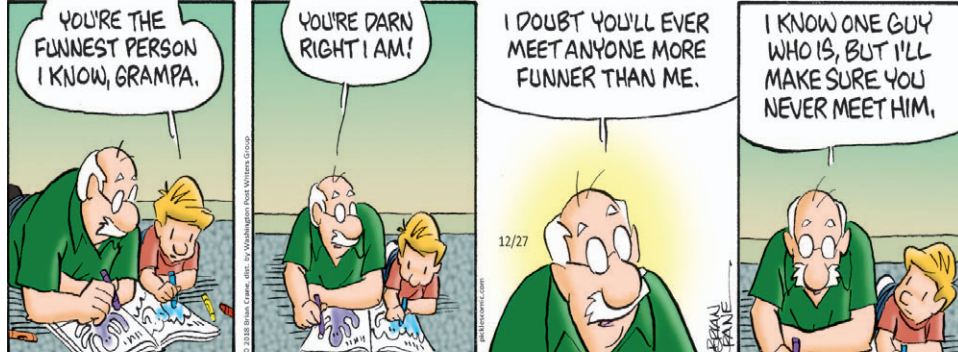
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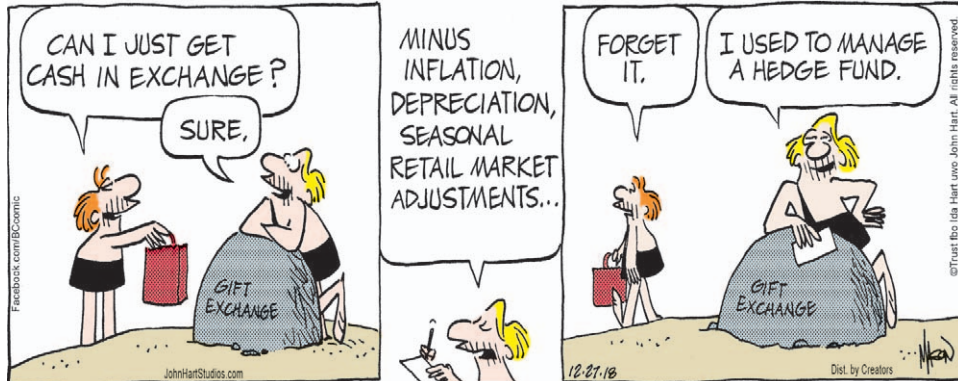
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Japan to resume commercial whaling

Country will no longer hunt the animals in the Antarctic

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
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TOKYO (AP) — Japan announced Wednesday that it is leaving the International Whaling Commission to resume commercial hunts for the animals for the first time in 30 years, but said it would no longer go to the Antarctic for its much-criticized annual killings.

Japan switched to what it calls research whaling after the IWC imposed a moratorium on commercial whaling in the 1980s, and now says stocks have recovered enough to resume commercial hunts.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Japan would resume commercial whaling in July “in line with Japan’s basic policy of promoting sustainable use of aquatic living resources based on scientific evidence.”

He added that Japan is disappointed that the IWC — which he said is dominated by conservationists — focuses on the protection of whale stocks even though the commission has a treaty mandate for both whale conservation and the development of

the whaling industry.

“Regrettably, we have reached a decision that it is impossible in the IWC to seek the coexistence of states with different views,” he said at a news conference.

Suga said the commercial hunts would be limited to Japan’s territorial waters and its 200-mile (323-kilometer) exclusive economic zone along its coasts. He said Japan would stop its annual whaling expeditions to the Antarctic and northwest Pacific oceans. Non-signatory states are not allowed to do so, according to Japanese Fisheries Agency officials.

The IWC imposed the moratorium on commercial whaling three decades ago due to a dwindling whale population. In 1987, Japan switched to what is called research whaling, but the program has been criticized as a cover for commercial hunting since the meat is sold on the market at home.

Japanese officials said Japan, even after leaving the whaling convention, will remain as an observer to the IWC and plans to continue participating



AP FILE PHOTO

Japan says it is leaving the International Whaling Commission to resume commercial hunts but says it will no longer go to the Antarctic to hunt.

in the group’s scientific meetings and annual conferences.

The environmental group Greenpeace condemned Wednesday’s announcement and disputed Japan’s view that whale stocks have recovered, and noted that ocean life is being threatened by pollution as well as overfishing.

“The declaration today is out of step with the international community,

let alone the protection needed to safeguard the future of our oceans and these majestic creatures,” Sam Annesley, executive director of Greenpeace Japan, said in a statement. “The government of Japan must urgently act to conserve marine ecosystems, rather than resume commercial whaling.”

Australia’s government, often a vocal critic of Japan’s whaling policies,

said in a statement that it was “extremely disappointed” with Japan’s decision to quit the commission.

However, New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters joined Australia in welcoming Japan’s withdrawal from the southern ocean. Japan was the only country with an ambition to return to commercial whaling in the Antarctic Ocean.

Man stopped for speeding had child porn and 100 pairs of women’s underwear

By NICHOLE MANNA
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

FORT WORTH, Texas — A traffic stop in Palo Pinto County led investigators to the discovery of nearly 20,000 images of child pornography on a man’s cellphone in September, according to federal court documents.

Officers with the Texas Department of Public Safety stopped Brian Matthew Morton on Sept. 1 for speeding. They smelled marijuana in the vehicle and arrested Morton at the time for possession.

They subsequently searched Morton and his vehicle and found 100 pairs of women’s underwear, 14 sex toys, marijuana, ecstasy and three cellphones, a criminal complaint says.

On Sept. 4, investigators got a warrant

to search Morton’s cellphones and discovered child pornography on all three, the document says. In all, investigators documented 19,270 images of child pornography or child exploitative material, the document says. He was arrested earlier this month by federal authorities on the child porn charge.

Morton told investigators that he found the pornography using the website “Tumblr.”

Earlier this month, Tumblr — a social networking and blog website — announced it would prohibit pornography and other adult content beginning on Dec. 17. The announcement came weeks after Apple announced they’d remove the Tumblr app from their store because images of child pornography made it past the website’s filters.

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rather than over the phone to an unsolicited caller, Macomber said.

The Pennsylvania attorney general’s office said it hasn’t received robocall-related charity scam complaints this year.

Scam calls and cyber crimes typically spike this time of year, but the overall rapid rise of robocalls has contributed to a dramatic increase in holiday scam calls this year, First Orion found.

The survey, conducted earlier this month, said scam calls jumped 129 percent this holiday season compared with the same time last year. At least 62 percent of users said they received a scam call within the last week, compared with 27 percent last year. More than half said they get more spam calls than real ones each day.

First Orion, which develops call screening technologies for T-Mobile, recently predicted that nearly half of all calls will come from scammers by next year after examining 50 billion robocalls during an 18-month period.

The findings are consistent with those of other groups that track robocalls. YouMail, a robocall blocking application, said there were 5.1 billion robocalls nationwide in November, compared with 2.7 billion the same month a year earlier.

Few users are fooled overall. Only 8 percent of the 1,000 surveyed by First Orion said they suffered a financial loss from a scam call. Of those duped, 43 percent gave away credit card information, 28 percent disclosed their Social Security number, and 11 percent handed over a username or password.

According to the survey, gift card scams along with bank and credit

card-related frauds are the most effective, with 58 percent of victims identifying those categories as the type of call that robbed them. Gift card scams are similar to the common cruise and vacation frauds, as scammers offer \$100 gift cards at a steep discount, Macomber said. Scammers posing as banks or credit card companies will try to obtain personal information.

Holiday scams are not limited to robocalls. The Better Business Bureau warns consumers to be wary of several holiday-themed scams, including phishing emails that appear to come from UPS or FedEx. The emails typically include links that ostensibly track packages, but clicking them exposes consumers to cyber attacks.

Consumers can file complaints about scams through their state’s attorney general’s offices or with the Federal Trade Commission.

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anticipated Democratic investigations of the Trump administration.

The president said federal workers who have been furloughed “want the wall.” “They understand what’s happening. They want border security,” Trump said after he was asked what message he had for workers affected by the shutdown.

Democratic leaders in the House and Senate

have been negotiating with the Trump administration. Once they reach agreement, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he’ll seek a vote on the deal.

If the shutdown lasts past Jan. 3, when Democrats take control of the House, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, who is in line to become speaker, said the chamber will pass a spending bill to reopen the government — without money for a wall.

The shutdown, which began Saturday, affects

nine of 15 federal departments, dozens of agencies and hundreds of thousands of workers.

Among the departments without funding are: Justice, Homeland Security, Interior and Treasury. Independent agencies, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, are also affected.

The departments whose funding lapsed represent about a quarter of the \$1.24 trillion in government discretionary spending for fiscal year 2019.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 14, 2018, photo, flames engulf a boat in the area of Tampa Bay, Florida.

Poor maintenance blamed for Florida casino shuttle boat fire

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A casino shuttle boat fire that killed one woman and injured 14 other people off Florida’s Gulf Coast was caused by poor maintenance and the captain’s failure to shut down the engine sooner, investigators said.

The National Transportation Safety Board released a report this month outlining the factors that led to 42-year-old Carrie Dempsey’s death and the destruction of the \$450,000 boat. About 50 passengers jumped into the chilly waters off Port Richey in January when the Island Lady caught fire, officials said. It was heading to a Tropical Breeze casino boat in the Gulf of Mexico, where gambling is legal.

After receiving a high-temperature alarm on the port engine, the captain turned the Island Lady around to return to the dock, the report said. Smoke began filling parts of the boat, and the captain deliberately beached the vessel in shallow water near shore to evacuate the passengers.

Problems outlined in the NTSB report include lack of company

guidance regarding engine high-temperature alarms, lack of fire detection in unmanned spaces, insufficient preventive maintenance and insufficient crew training.

The report specifically pointed out that the captain left the engine idling instead of shutting it off after receiving a high-temperature alarm. This allowed the overheating engine to continue to generate excessive heat, affecting the exhaust tubes and igniting their surrounding structures. Additionally, officials determined that the boat’s fuel tanks were equipped with plastic hoses used as fuel level indicators, and the system didn’t have automatic shut-off valves. This led to the plastic material melting and the release of diesel fuel exacerbating the fire.

Investigators also found that Tropical Breeze had implemented a preventive maintenance program after a previous fire on board another company vessel, but the quality of the program was insufficient.

The investigation found crewmembers also lacked sufficient understanding of firefighting principles.

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take the job on Jan. 1 and he was in “no rush” to nominate a new defense chief.

“Everybody and his uncle wants that position,” Trump told reporters traveling with him in Iraq. “And also, by the way, everybody and her aunt, just so I won’t be criticized.”

Trump also said he had no plans to withdraw the 5,200 U.S. forces in Iraq. That’s down from about 170,000 in 2007 at the

height of the surge of U.S. forces to combat sectarian violence unleashed by the U.S.-led invasion to topple dictator Saddam Hussein.

Trump said that after U.S. troops in Syria return home, Iraq could still be used to stage attacks on IS militants.

“We can use this as a base if we wanted to do something in Syria,” he said. “If we see something happening with ISIS that we don’t like, we can hit them so fast and so hard” that they “really won’t know what the hell happened.”

ALMANAC

Today is **Thursday, Dec. 27**, the 361st day of 2018. There are four days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Dec. 27, 1979**, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

On this date

In **1831**, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In **1947**, the original version of the puppet character Howdy Doody made his TV debut on NBC’s “Puppet Playhouse.”

In **1985**, American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

In **1995**, Israeli jeeps sped out of the West Bank town of Ramallah, capping a seven-week pullout giving Yasser Arafat control over 90 percent of the West Bank’s one million Palestinian residents and one-third of its land.

In **2001**, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced that Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners would be held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In **2002**, A defiant North Korea ordered U.N. nuclear inspectors to leave the country and said it would restart a laboratory capable of producing plutonium for nuclear weapons; the U.N. nuclear watchdog said its inspectors were “staying put” for the time being.

Today’s birthdays

Actor John Amos is 79. ABC News correspondent Cokie Roberts is 75. Rock musician Mick Jones (Foreigner) is 74. Singer Tracy Nelson is 74. Actor Gerard Depardieu is 70. Jazz singer-musician T.S. Monk is 69. Singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff is 67. Rock musician David Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 66. Actress Tovah Feldshuh is 65. Actress Maryam D’Abo is 58. Country musician Jeff Bryant is 56. Actor Ian Gomez is 54. Actress Theresa Randle is 54. Actress Eva LaRue is 52. Wrestler and actor Bill Goldberg is 52. Actress Tracey Chelle Jones is 49. Bluegrass singer-musician Darrin Vincent is 49. Rock musician Guthrie Govan is 47. Musician Matt Slocum is 46. Actor Wilson Cruz is 45. Singer Olu is 45. Actor Masi Oka is 44. Actor Aaron Stanford is 42. Actress Emilie de Ravin is 37. Actor Jay Ellis is 37.

Bible verse

“And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.” — Luke 18:13.

Here is the prayer that brings the peace. Pray it now! When we acknowledge to God what we are. He immediately shows us what He will do. Jesus said, “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

ODD NEWS

Unsuspecting victim gives burglar a car ride

WATERBORO, Maine (AP) — Authorities in Maine say a burglar had a bite to eat, watched TV and even got a car ride from his unsuspecting victim.

The York County sheriff’s office said 35-year-old Derek Tarbox broke into a Waterboro home Sunday afternoon, took a shower, got dressed in the homeowner’s clothing and was watching television when the homeowner arrived. The intruder said he mistakenly thought the house belonged to a friend and asked for a ride home.

The homeowner told authorities that she drove him to a house in Hollis, which actually belonged to Tarbox’s relatives. The victim later realized his home had been ransacked.

■ BOYS SOCCER:

American influence, Colombian roots



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

North Port soccer forward Camilio Arango, has his eyes on the school's single-season goal record.

Two starkly different cultures have molded North Port's Arango

By **JACOB HOAG**
STAFF WRITER

A 13-year-old, aspiring soccer player sat in a house full of family and friends bedecked in the yellow, blue and red of his home country, eyes wide and glued to the TV.

It was 2014 and the Colombian national soccer team had reached the World Cup in Brazil, ending a 16-year drought and years of waiting.

Camilo Arango, now a standout forward for North Port High School eyeing the single-season goal record, had never seen

his home team play in a World Cup before that moment. He hadn't experienced the connection and pride of watching a country, bubbling with years of pent up fandom, burst into some of the most loyal and passionate support he had seen.

"It's the best thing ever," Arango said, eyes lighting up. "The whole country was lit up. The whole country was celebrating. We were all glad that we finally made it."

He watched as Colombia charged through the group stage and toppled Uruguay 2-0 in the Round of 16 to set

up a showdown with host Brazil in the quarterfinals.

Though he was in the U.S. at that point, he lived vicariously through the people back home lining the streets in celebration. He had already been playing soccer for nearly a decade before watching this awe-inspiring phenomenon, but it ignited a greater passion for a sport he had already fallen for.

Arango began his obsession with soccer at 4 years old. Growing up in Colombia, there wasn't much choice of what sport you would

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■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Four assistants not expected back at USF

By **JOEY KNIGHT**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

USF defensive ends coach Damon Cogdell and defensive backs coach Blue Adams are among the four Bulls assistants not expected to return in 2019, the Tampa Bay Times has learned.

A number of sources confirmed neither participated in last week's Gasparilla Bowl, a 38-20 Bulls loss to Marshall. Coach Charlie Strong didn't respond to a text message Wednesday morning, but a source told the Times over the weekend that 11 players were suspended before the bowl game, and four members of the staff weren't expected to be retained.

Immediately after the game, Strong told the Times that the program, which ended the season on a six-game losing streak after a 7-0 start, would

undergo a significant house-cleaning.

RELATED:

After USF's historic collapse, is a turnaround even in sight?

The Bulls defense, which lost four players to the NFL from last season's unit, suffered a significant regression in 2019, entering the bowl game ranked 104th nationally in total defense (441.9 ypg) and 121st against the run (244.7).

Both Cogdell and Adams spent two seasons at USF.

An Opa-Locka native, Cogdell is a former Miramar High head coach whose resume includes two seasons on the staff at West Virginia. Adams, who spent parts of two seasons as a Bucs defensive back, arrived at USF with NFL (Dolphins) and Division I-A (Purdue, West Virginia) coaching experience.

■ BUCS

McCoy deserves a hug

After six Pro Bowls and no more guaranteed money, defensive tackle could be in last year with Tampa Bay

By **MARTIN FENNELLY**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — The day before he was drafted in 2010, Gerald McCoy, the former Oklahoma defensive tackle, asked NFL commissioner Roger Goodell a question. "Is it okay to cry?"

Assured it was okay to cry, McCoy did just that at Radio City Music Hall after he was selected third overall. On stage, McCoy hugged Goodell, a feel-good moment that began a tradition. Now draft picks hug all the time. It pretty much started with Gerald McCoy.

Now it is winding down. The 5-10 Bucs will ride another season into nothingness

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AP PHOTO

Bucs defensive tackle Gerald McCoy, shown here celebrating after the Bucs' 24-14 victory over Carolina on Dec. 2, could be playing his final game in a Tampa Bay uniform.

■ TENNIS

Serena Williams voted AP Female Athlete of the Year



AP PHOTO

Serena Williams celebrates after defeating Anastasija Sevastova, during the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis this year. Williams was named the AP Female Athlete of the Year.

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP SPORTS WRITER

She showed up in Paris wearing a black catsuit, a reminder that nobody can command the Grand Slam stage quite like Serena Williams.

She reached the finals at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Williams didn't win those or any other tournaments, which in every other situation might have made for a forgettable year.

In 2018, it was a remarkable one.

Her rapid return to tennis after a health scare following childbirth was a victory in itself, and for that, Williams was voted

The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the fifth time.

Williams received 93 points in balloting by U.S. editors and news directors, while gymnast Simone Biles was second with 68.

The women's award has been won more only by Babe Didrikson Zaharias, whose six wins included one for track and five for golf.

Now 37 and a new mother, Williams isn't the same person who ruthlessly ran her way to 23 Grand Slam singles titles — the last of which came at the 2017 Australian Open when she was pregnant.

"I'm still waiting to

get to be the Serena that I was, and I don't know if I'll ever be that, physically, emotionally, mentally. But I'm on my way," Williams said on the eve of the U.S. Open final. Williams' previous times winning the AP honor, in 2002, 2009, 2013 and 2015, were because of her dominance.

This one was about her perseverance.

Williams developed blood clots after giving birth to daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. on Sept. 1, 2017, and four surgeries would follow. She returned to the WTA Tour in March and played in just a pair of events before the French Open. She had to withdraw

in Paris because of a right pectoral injury and didn't play again until Wimbledon, where she lost to Angelique Kerber in the final.

Williams came up short again in New York, where her loss to Naomi Osaka in the final will be remembered best for her outburst toward chair umpire Carlos Ramos, who had penalized Williams for receiving coaching and later penalized her an entire game for calling him a "thief" while arguing.

That loss leaves her one major title shy of Margaret Court's record. "Getting this far, crazy," it says. "Stopping now, crazier."

Florida Lottery
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■ PICK 2

Dec. 26N.....	3-2
Dec. 26D.....	2-2
Dec. 25N.....	1-7
Dec. 25D.....	3-5
Dec. 24N.....	0-2
Dec. 24D.....	5-0

D-Day, N-Night

■ PICK 3

Dec. 26N.....	7-8-1
Dec. 26D.....	8-0-3
Dec. 25N.....	7-6-3
Dec. 25D.....	3-2-8
Dec. 24N.....	9-0-0
Dec. 24D.....	4-5-9

D-Day, N-Night

■ PICK 4

Dec. 26N.....	8-9-5-5
Dec. 26D.....	9-8-0-0
Dec. 25N.....	4-0-4-0
Dec. 25D.....	8-6-3-2
Dec. 24N.....	8-6-3-1
Dec. 24D.....	0-5-9-4

D-Day, N-Night

■ PICK 5

Dec. 26N.....	5-9-8-3-9
Dec. 26D.....	0-2-0-4-8
Dec. 25N.....	3-8-1-5-9
Dec. 25D.....	4-6-7-7-3
Dec. 24N.....	0-7-5-1-6
Dec. 24D.....	0-8-0-6-2

D-Day, N-Night

■ FANTASY 5

Dec. 26.....	Late
Dec. 25.....	6-9-19-21-30
Dec. 24.....	3-6-9-14-22

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 25

1 5-digit winners.....	\$151,593.10
260 4-digit winners.....	\$94.50
7,704 3-digit winners.....	\$8.50

■ CASH FOR LIFE

Dec. 24.....	3-28-31-37-40
Cash Ball.....	2

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Dec. 20.....	4-29-30-40-47
Cash Ball.....	4

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 24

0 5-5 CB.....	\$1,000/Day
0 5-5.....	\$1,000/Week
2 4-5 CB.....	\$2,500
5 4-5.....	\$500

■ LUCKY MONEY

Dec. 25.....	4-10-21-30
Lucky Ball.....	3

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Dec. 21.....	9-37-39-43
Lucky Ball.....	17

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 25

0 4-of-4 LB.....	\$500,000
3 4-of-4.....	\$1,429.50
24 3-of-4 LB.....	\$391.50
480 3-of-4.....	\$57.50

■ LOTTO

Dec. 22.....	14-32-40-49-51-53
Dec. 19.....	5-10-13-25-26-34
Dec. 15.....	1-10-16-31-36-39

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 22

0 6-digit winners.....	\$4.5 million
16 5-digit winners.....	\$5,816.00
800 4-digit winners.....	\$88

ESTIMATED JACKPOT

5 million

■ POWERBALL

Dec. 22.....	21-28-30-40-59
Powerball.....	26

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Dec. 19.....	15-29-31-37-43
Powerball.....	16

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 19

0 5-5 + PB.....	\$262 million
1 5-5.....	\$1 million
2 4-5 + PB.....	\$50,000
33 4-5.....	\$100

ESTIMATED JACKPOT

\$294 million

■ MEGA MILLIONS

Dec. 25.....	2-8-42-43-50
Mega Ball.....	6

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Dec. 21.....	10-13-61-62-70
Mega Ball.....	5

PAYOFF FOR DEC. 25

0 5 of 5 + MB.....	\$305 million
0 5 of 5.....	\$1 million
1 4 of 5 + MB.....	\$10,000
39 4 of 5.....	\$500

ESTIMATED JACKPOT

\$348 million

SPORTS ON TV

8 p.m.
FS1 — Missouri at Creighton
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1:30 p.m.
ESPN — Independence Bowl:
Temple vs. Duke

5:15 p.m.
ESPN — Pinstripe Bowl: Miami vs.
Wisconsin

9 p.m.
ESPN — Texas Bowl: Baylor vs.
Vanderbilt

NBA
8 p.m.
TNT — Boston at Houston

10:30 p.m.
TNT — Philadelphia at Utah

NHL
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Philadelphia at Tampa
Bay

SOCCER
2:40 p.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, South-
ampton vs. West Ham —

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■ QUICK LANE BOWL: Minnesota 34, Georgia Tech 10

Ibrahim's 224 carries Golden Gophers

DETROIT (AP) — Mohamed Ibrahim took full advantage of holes his teammates created to burst through the line or get to the outside.

And when defenders were in Ibrahim's way, he simply lowered his shoulder to run over them.

Ibrahim ran for career-high 224 yards and two touchdowns, leading Minnesota to a 34-10 victory over Georgia Tech on Wednesday night in the Quick Lane Bowl.

The Golden Gophers (7-6) won three of their last four games, and Ibrahim had a lot to do with that. The 5-foot-10, 205-pound redshirt freshman running back had 121 yards rushing in a win at Wisconsin that made Minnesota bowl eligible and ran for 155 yards last month in a victory over Purdue.

"He's not the biggest, strongest or fastest," coach P.J. Fleck said. "He has that too short, too small, too this, king of the toos, which is right up my alley. This kid's got more heart, passion, courage and plays the game the right way more than anybody I've ever met."

The Yellow Jackets (7-6) did not have the speed or strength to slow down Ibrahim, who was so effective Minnesota didn't have to punt once. And, their triple-option offense was stunted in coach Paul Johnson's finale.

"They did pretty much whatever they wanted," said Johnson, who is retiring as Georgia Tech's coach. We never stopped the run and then we let them throw it over our head a couple times.

The Gophers limited Georgia Tech to 206 yards on the ground after it led the nation with 335 yards rushing per game.

Minnesota led 13-0 early in the second quarter after Tanner Morgan threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Johnson in the first quarter and Emmitt Carpenter made two field goals. Ibrahim's 3-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter made it 20-3.

The Yellow Jackets responded with Nathan Cottrell's 20-yard touchdown run, but their defense allowed Ibrahim to score again on the ensuing drive. Morgan connected with Johnson on a 30-yard touchdown strike with 6:19 left.

THE TAKEAWAY

Minnesota: Ibrahim has the potential to be

one of the top players on offense in the Big Ten next season. He runs with a mix of speed and power.

"He's a physical back," Johnson said. "He broke tackles and he ran through us some."

Ibrahim had the best day on the ground for a Gopher since 2005 when Laurence Maroney had 258 yards rushing against the Badgers.

"That's big," Ibrahim said. "He's a superstar and he had a great career."

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets were in trouble when they fell behind because they don't pass much, making it tough to come back. They averaged fewer than 10 passes during the regular season and it was clear both of their quarterbacks were not comfortable dropping back to throw.

"It's tough to go out this way," Marshall said. "We didn't come ready to play and it showed."

RECORD WATCH

Johnson set single-season school record with 1,169 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns. He finished the season with 78 catches, six short of another Minnesota record.

"The hard work and dedication paid off," he said.

MISSING MEN

Georgia Tech linebacker Charlie Thomas and Minnesota linebacker Kamal Martin were suspended for undisclosed violations of team rules.



AP PHOTO

Minnesota running back Mohamed Ibrahim breaks a tackle during the first half of the Quick Lane Bowl against Georgia Tech. Ibrahim ran for a career-high 224 yards and two touchdowns, leading Minnesota to a 34-10 victory. It was the most rushing yards for a Gopher since 2005.

UP NEXT

"If you don't do the right things, you're not going to travel," Fleck said.

The Gophers also were without senior linebacker Blake Cashman, who announced his intention to skip the bowl game to focus on preparing for the NFL draft.

Minnesota: The Gophers had a nation-high 52 percent of their roster filled by freshmen, giving them a lot of hope for next season when they open at home Aug. 29 against South Dakota State.

"We have a bright future — for sure," Ibrahim said.

Georgia Tech: It will be challenging for Geoff Collins to win in his coaching debut with the Yellow Jackets. They play Aug. 22 at Clemson in the first game on the ACC Network.



AP PHOTO

Minnesota quarterback Tanner Morgan is sacked by Georgia Tech defensive back Jalen Johnson in the Quick Lane Bowl game, Wednesday, in Detroit.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SERVPRO First Responder Bowl canceled

By SCHUYLER DIXON
DALLAS (AP) — No. 23 Boise State's first appearance at historic Cotton Bowl Stadium turned into what is believed to be the first bowl game called off because of weather.

The SERVPRO First Responder Bowl between the Broncos and Boston College was canceled because of the threat of severe weather after a delay of nearly 1 1/2 hours Wednesday.

The game was stopped with BC leading 7-0 with 5:08 remaining in the first quarter. The delay came not long after AJ Dillon ran 19 yards for a touchdown.

"In my career, this is

a first," said BC coach Steve Addazio, finishing his sixth year in charge of the Eagles and 33rd year in the profession. "I don't second-guess anything about it. The decision was made for the right reasons and that's the welfare of both teams' players."

NCAA spokesman J.D. Hamilton said via email that it was believed to be the first bowl canceled by weather. Hawaii's planned second post-season game of 1941, against San Jose State, was canceled because of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Both schools said they would offer refunds for tickets purchased through their athletic

departments. Before the announcement, fans had begun returning to their seats after severe storms rolled through the area near downtown Dallas. Lightning strikes near the stadium continued intermittently for three hours after the initial delay, and more storms were expected.

"We followed all those protocols today and we finally had to come to a decision to cancel the game based on weather that was forthcoming as well," Ringler said.

The Broncos (10-3) were playing at the 86-year-old stadium for the first time, in their second meeting with BC.

The other was the Eagles' 27-21 victory with Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan on Boise's blue turf in the 2005 MPC Computers Bowl.

Boise, which won 34-14 at Wyoming in September in hazy conditions because of a wildfire, was trying for its second straight 11-win season after losing to Fresno State 19-16 in overtime in the Mountain West Conference championship game.

"Help me out guys, this is a new one," Boise coach Bryan Harsin said. "We prepared for this in fall camp where we ran into the locker room."

The Eagles (7-5) were going for their first

eight-win season under Addazio in their first appearance at the Fair Park venue since Doug Flutie led a 45-28 victory over Houston in the 1985 Cotton Bowl.

"We are all deeply disappointed," Addazio said. "A lot went into this, a lot of work and a lot of preparation. Tough decisions have to be made. And they have to be made in the big picture of things."

This was Boise's second bowl trip to Texas since joining FBS in 1996. The Broncos beat TCU, 34-31, on the Horned Frogs' home field at the PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl in 2003.

■ PICKLEBALL

Sport has a deep sense of community

By **BEN BAUGH**
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 pickleball players turned out to play the fastest growing sport in the nation Wednesday morning at Gilchrist Park. All eight courts were brimming with activity.

Players of all levels, who participate routinely were among those playing, but it was also an opportunity to share the sport with family and friends who were in town to celebrate the holidays.

Pickleball is an outstanding way to burn off those extra calories, one seems to pack on during the holiday season, making it an ideal recreational activity. The depth of the participation Wednesday morning featured players of all ages and levels. There are tangible and intangible benefits the players reap by taking part in the paddle sport.

"You have the grandparents, the parents and you have the children and the grandchildren playing against each other and being very competitive," said Dave Fox, PicklePlex board member. "You can be competitive at home playing cards. But for them to go out and be active and to be the way they

are, that's a good thing."

Wednesday morning's play featured local coaches, an Olympic athlete and kids. The touching of the graphite paddles by players at the end of each match is symbolic of the intense bond shared by players within the community.

"It's a fun sport, it's very competitive, everyone is always slapping hands at the end of the game, win or lose, it doesn't matter," said Fox. "It keeps you fit through the exercise, and even though you may have played a bad game, you've still won. And then the next game, you might go back out and you might lose, you go right back out and you might win against the same people."

Pam Morgan loves to play and watch the sport. Her experience playing pickleball has served as an invaluable resource. However, it's the camaraderie that she loves.

"It's the best community you could possibly have," said Morgan. "If you want to get good, you need some lessons and you need to play a lot. You could come down here and not play for six months, pick it right up and just enjoy the game. The whole atmosphere is beautiful."



SUN PHOTO BY BEN BAUGH

Dave Fox was among the pickleball players participating in the sport Wednesday morning at Gilchrist Park.

ARANGO

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"It's the best thing ever. The whole country was lit up. The whole country was celebrating. We were all glad that we finally made it."

-North Port senior Camilo Arango

play; you either play soccer or you watch other people play soccer.

There was no football, baseball or basketball. Columbia's national pastime is and always has been soccer.

His family moved to the U.S. when he was 3, but traveled back and forth for a few years. When he was 6, he was stateside and began playing rec ball.

He quickly developed his craft, well enough that he began playing U-10 with kids four years older than him.

"I was doing pretty well for U-10," Arango said. "That's when coaches started noticing me."

The size and age disadvantage forced Arango to adapt his game and inevitably molded him into a much tougher player.

Now, when players are constantly tugging at his jersey and hip-checking him for position, he can hold his own much more effectively.

Going back and forth to South America also opened his eyes to the differences in play style. In Colombia, Arango says, the game is centered around passing whereas in the U.S. he feels it's more of a "touch-and-run" style.

Both have their merit and both methods have shaped his own unique form.

"I would learn from (Colombia) their techniques and how they play and then I'd come here and some coaches would show me a different way," Arango said.

"I would just incorporate both ways when I got onto the field.

"The U.S. doesn't really



SUN PHOTO BY JOHN KERSTEN

North Port's Camilo Arango, center, plays the ball in a game against Braden River.

have a set style because coaches and players do things their certain way. In Colombia there's one way. For me I would've stayed in Colombia to play because the level there is so much higher than it is here."

Arango has always been pushed beyond the norm. Being a good player isn't enough and being "one of the best" still might not quench his competitive appetite at the culmination of his high school career.

So it's no surprise that heading into his junior season he had the desire to break the school record for goals scored in a single season.

28 goals in 20 or so games. It's a lofty goal, but an attainable one.

Injuries derailed his first try at etching his name into the Bobcat record books. 12 games into his senior season, that hasn't been the case.

Arango is nearly halfway to his target with 14 goals to his credit with six regular season games and potential playoff games remaining.

No one was surprised with

his ambition, even less are astonished that he's off to a hot start.

"He's the best player you could have," North Port coach Joey Sorbino said. "He checks all the boxes as far as skill. The maturity level is there. He's just that guy that as a coach, you're happy to see him come out to the tryout because you know he's gonna make a difference in the game. That's a special player."

Arango has cooled as of late with no goals since his four-goal effort against Port Charlotte on Dec. 5, but that has less to do with a drop off in play and more to do with teams taking notice of his effectiveness.

Arango is constantly shadowed by defenders, tugged at, chirped at poked, prodded, all of the things that come with being your team's most electric player.

"When he touches the ball, there's three guys flocking to him," Sorbino said.

"When you score goals, that's what happens. But also when you're a great player that's what happens.

Their game plan is to shut him down."

Arango is a passionate player, which can sometimes come off as arrogant or disrespectful.

But at his core, he's just devoted to the sport he's grown up playing and is adamant on competing at the highest level.

He has aspirations of playing collegiately or playing overseas for the feeder academy teams of the European pro teams, which have already contacted him.

One way or another his soccer dreams won't finish with graduation and his love for a sport and a country that has spanned two continents will never fade.

No matter what field meets his cleats, his mindset is the same.

"I'm into the game," Arango said. "I'm focused every time I set foot on the field. When I have the ball, my focus is on scoring. It's how I've always been."

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PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Basketball
6:30 P.M.
Venice Girls at Bradenton Christian

LOCAL PREP BRIEFS

Senior Softball

The Charlotte County Senior Morning Softball League will be holding batting practice and sign-ups for the upcoming winter season for players 55 years and older on Dec. 27, 31 and January 3 at 9:00 a.m. League play will begin Jan. 7 and games are played at Carmalita Fields in Punta Gorda. Cost for this session is \$40 which includes a team T-shirt and hat. Questions can be directed to Tim Seagreaves 941-276-7048, Tim Casey 203-996-6632 or Charlie Hofer 941-505-2961."

■ NBA

Ex-Tampa Catholic star Knox finds his way

At 19, first-round pick out of Kentucky excelling as a rookie with the Knicks



AP PHOTO

The Knicks' Kevin Knox, left, passes around the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo in a recent game. He had 21 points.

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Knox knew this might be a tough Christmas.

The NBA is hard on teenagers, no matter how easy Knox, 19 and a Tampa Catholic graduate, made it look in the summer league. There's always

a veteran looking to feast on young players, and Tuesday it was the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo, who might be the MVP favorite as the league arrived at the biggest day on its calendar.

Antetokounmpo had 30

points and 14 rebounds as the Bucks beat the Knicks 109-95 in Knox's second national TV game. But Knox had a team-high 21 points, his third straight 20-point outing, as he has overcome his early struggles and been showing why the

Knicks view the rookie forward as the player who could be their long-term answer at a position loaded with superstars.

"I knew at some point it was going to kick back in for him," Knicks coach David Fizdale said before Tuesday's game. "I just didn't know when, and now we're seeing the kid that we thought we had. The kid's talented. He'll hit some more pitfalls this year. That's just part of the deal. But the one thing that's encouraging is that he's starting to see things a lot more clear and do some things that can be determined as big time."

Such as averaging 20.3 points over his previous seven games, starting with a 26-point, 15-rebound performance against the Hornets on Dec. 9, when Knox joined LeBron James as the only teenagers with at least 25 points and 15 rebounds in a game.

Knox said the key to his surge has been not settling for jumpers, instead using his 6-foot-9 frame to get inside.

"The game is really kind of slowing down for me, and that's a really good thing," Knox said, "because at the beginning of the year, I was going 100 mph with

everything I was doing, just running up and down the court, as most young dudes are. They come in the league just trying to run and just do what they want, but once the game started to slow down for me, I've been able to make the right reads."

Knox entered Tuesday averaging only 11.6 points, but that figure will climb if he keeps playing the way he's playing now.

"Standing next to him, he's like 6-9, 6-10, so to be able to have that game, that polished offensively, at that age is incredible," Suns guard Devin Booker said.

After one year at Kentucky, Knox was the ninth overall draft pick in a strong rookie class. He averaged 21.3 points in the Summer League, ranking fourth. Then reality set in quickly. Knox struggled so much during the preseason that Fizdale rescinded a starting spot he'd said would belong to Knox, and a sprained ankle in the third regular-season game sidelined Knox for the next seven.

"The growth that we have seen over the last five or six games gives us tremendous confidence in him," Knicks president Steve Mills said.

■ NBA

James day to day with strained groin

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — LeBron James got good news Wednesday on his injured groin.

An MRI exam showed that the four-time NBA MVP merely strained his left groin in the Los Angeles Lakers' win over the Golden State Warriors on Christmas. The Lakers are listing him as day to day. They play next on Thursday, against Sacramento.

James has appeared in 156 consecutive games, going back to the start of the 2017 playoffs with Cleveland. His last extended absence due to injury was an eight-game stint to deal with back and knee aches in 2015.



AP PHOTO

Lakers forward LeBron James is day to day after straining his left groin against the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday.

■ GOLF

Molinari set to focus on PGA Tour next season

LONDON (AP) — Francesco Molinari may not play in Europe until the 19th-ranked Italian defends his British Open title in July.

The lure of the US PGA Tour and changes to the European Tour calendar will combine to leave the London-based golfer short of dates to compete on his home circuit next year.

Molinari is struggling to commit to the British Masters in May, despite receiving an invitation from tournament host, close friend Tommy Fleetwood.

"I would like to play the British Masters but it depends probably on the first couple of

months of the season," Molinari said.

"With the changes, it is a bit different. Wentworth was always the first for me but now it has moved from May to September, that might be the first regular European Tour event I play," he added in reference to the PGA Championship, another tournament he won in 2018.

The 36-year-old Italian will defend his British Open title at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland.



AP PHOTO

Francesco Molinari plans to focus on the US PGA Tour until after the British Open.

■ MLB

Cardinals' Carpenter already at work at third base

By DERRICK GOOLD

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

It might happen at the supermarket 30 minutes away from his ranch or at breakfast joint nearby when a neighbor or friend of a friend starts quizzing Matt Carpenter about his profession and inevitably asks what he has been unable to answer.

"Baseball, huh? What position do you play?" they'll say.

"It's actually a great question," he'll reply. "I don't know."

Almost immediately after the Cardinals traded for six-time All-Star and first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, Carpenter unpacked his Rawlings infielder's glove, enlisted a ranch hand and started going daily to a nearby high school field to take grounders at third base. For the first time in his career, the Cardinals' leadoff hitter and last season's leading hitter has a home before the holidays.

The annual questions of what he'll play when or where he'll hit now already have their resolutions. The hot corner is his. The leadoff spot awaits him. The certainty is a gift.

"First time it solidifies a spot for me," Carpenter said this past week from his home in Texas. "It's uncharted territory. I've become accustomed to

going into the season being prepared for all of it, for anything. It's baseball, so things can happen, things can change. I look at this as the chance to focus."

Carpenter, 33, has been an All-Star at three infield positions, and since his last extended season at third base, he's started at least 140 games at first or third and 61 at second, moving around to accommodate the Cardinals' roster. In 2018, Carpenter appeared in 156 games, yet didn't have more than 75 starts at a single position. It has been three years since he called his original position his everyday position, and he moved off third in part because the Cardinals wanted a super-utility fielder and they had a slicker defender in Jedd Gyorko.

With Goldschmidt, a Gold Glove-winner at first, the Cardinals are comfortable shifting Carpenter back to third because they feel the consistent reps — which have already started in Glen Rose, Texas — will help, and, as manager Mike Shildt said, "The metrics support it."

"Really, I think that's a change in mindset," explained Carpenter. "I played that position more aggressively than I ever have. It was an aggressive

mindset that played a role in all of it. I'm never going to whiz it over there with my arm, but if it's in my glove, I'll make the play."

At the urging of coaches Jose Oquendo and Oliver Marmol, Carpenter also moved off the line, farther to his left than he had played before. The metrics reveal the results as he went from a minus-7 fielder to his left in 2015 at third to a plus-7 this past season.

Oquendo has already outfitted Carpenter with a regimen of fielding work before reporting to Jupiter, Fla., for spring training. The fielding guru sent Carpenter video clips on ways to improve footwork. Each one features Oquendo running through the drills so Carpenter can see the specific movements the coach wants and recreate them in Texas.

About two miles from Carpenter's home, Glen Rose High has a field turf ballfield that allows for true hops, and he'll grab a bucket of balls, his glove, and a cowboy to head there for workouts daily. The cowboy, Chance Knight, is a high school teammate, friend and former pitcher who runs Carpenter's ranch. In addition to farming, mowing, feeding, corralling and branding, Knight hits a mean fungo.

"He's a man of many hats," Carpenter said, before clarifying that he will take the cowboy hat off before practice. "He'll hop right off the tractor and sit on a bucket and flip balls for me to hit for 30 minutes. Three hours later he'll hop off the tractor, in cowboy boots and Wranglers, and he'll hit ground balls to me for an hour. I'm pretty lucky to have this setup."

What is driving the Cardinals' decision on where to put Carpenter's glove is of course the bats. Goldschmidt brings a perennial MVP candidate to the Cardinals' lineup, and his .925 OPS ranked second in the majors at first base. Carpenter's .983 OPS while playing first was first. Carpenter's production plays even better at third and allows some slack for his defense. His .897 overall OPS would have ranked fourth among NL third basemen, and his .374 on-base percentage would have edged Washington's Anthony Rendon to lead the position in the NL. Only Colorado's Nolan Arenado hit more homers at third base than Carpenter's 36.

Carpenter finished ninth in the MVP voting this past season and set career highs for homers (36), OPS (.897), extra-base hits (78) and slugging (.523). But he got to those numbers a

lot like the Cardinals assigned his position — inconsistent with occasional stretches of consistency.

One number that has been diminished by analytics but still matters to Carpenter is one that has shriveled the past two seasons: his average.

He's hit .250 this past two seasons, and he's seen his career average slip from .293 to .274 in four years.

"I feel like I can put together the season that I really have in there," Carpenter said. "The complete season. I feel there is a season in me with my skills that could be .300 (average), .400 (OBP), .500 (slugging)."

With two young kids, Carpenter expected to spend Christmas Eve assembling toys. He recalled a Christmas morning when his family had finished all the gifts and one of his parents suggested maybe they forgot something — out in the backyard. There stood a new basketball goal. Carpenter recalled "the drama, the surprise of it." The lineup card has had that feel for some time, too. If Carpenter wasn't starting a season (2017) with the intent to move out of the leadoff spot, he was starting a season (2013) at an unfamiliar position, second base, as unsure as anyone if it would work.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

RESULTS/SCHEDULE All times Eastern (Subject to change) FCS PLAYOFFS Championship Saturday, Jan. 5 At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas North Dakota State (14-0) vs. Eastern Washington (12-2), noon

BOWL RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Dec. 15 Celebration Bowl at Atlanta N.C. A&T 24, Alcorn State 22 Cure Bowl at Orlando, Fla. Tulane 41, Louisiana-Lafayette 24 New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque Utah State 52, North Texas 13 Las Vegas Bowl Fresno State 31, Arizona State 20 Camellia Bowl at Montgomery, Ala. Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21 New Orleans Bowl Appalachian State 45, Middle Tennessee 13 Dec. 18 Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl UAB 37, Northern Illinois 13 Dec. 19 Frisco (Texas) Bowl Ohio 27, San Diego State 0

Dec. 20 Gasparilla Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla. Marshall 38, South Florida 20 Dec. 21 Bahamas Bowl at Nassau FIU 35, Toledo 32 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Boise BYU 49, W. Michigan 18

Dec. 22 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl Wake Forest 37, Memphis 34 Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas Army 70, Houston 14 Dollar General Bowl at Mobile, Ala. Troy 42, Buffalo 32 Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu Louisiana Tech 31, Hawaii 14

Wednesday's Games SERVPRO First Responder Bowl at Dallas Arkansas College (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-3), ccd. Quick Lane Bowl at Detroit Minnesota 34, Georgia Tech 10 Cheez-IT Bowl at Phoenix California (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), late Today's Games Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La. Temple (8-4) vs. Duke (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN) Pinstripe Bowl at The Bronx, N.Y. Miami (7-5) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Texas Bowl at Houston Baylor (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Friday's Games Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn. Purdue (6-6) vs. Auburn (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN) Camping World Bowl at Orlando, Fla. West Virginia (8-3) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl at San Antonio Iowa State (8-4) vs. Washington State (10-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday's Games Peach Bowl at Atlanta Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), noon (ESPN) Belk Bowl at Charlotte, N.C. South Carolina (7-5) vs. Virginia (7-5), noon (ABC) Arizona Bowl at Tucson, Ariz. Arkansas State (8-4) vs. Nevada (7-5), 1:15 p.m. (CBSN) Cotton Bowl Classic at Arlington, Texas College Football Playoffs Semifinal: Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Clemson (13-0), 4 p.m. (ESPN) Orange Bowl at Miami Gardens, Fla. CFP Semifinal: Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Alabama (13-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL PLAYOFF SCENARIOS

AFC CLINCHED: New England, AFC East; Houston, Kansas City and L.A. Chargers, playoff berths. KANSAS CITY vs. Oakland Clinches AFC West and home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with: — Win, OR — Tie and Chargers loss or tie, OR — Chargers loss and New England and Houston loss or tie, OR — Chargers loss and New England loss or tie and Kansas City clinches at least a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Houston Clinches AFC West with: — Chargers loss, OR — Tie and Chargers tie NEW ENGLAND vs. New York Jets Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with: — Win and Kansas City and Chargers losses Clinches first-round bye with: — Win, OR — Tie and Houston loss or tie, OR — Baltimore and Tennessee loss or tie and Houston loss HOUSTON vs. Jacksonville Clinches AFC South and home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with: — Win and New England loss or tie and Kansas City and Chargers loss and Houston clinches a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Kansas City Clinches AFC South and first-round bye with: — Win and New England loss or tie, OR — Win and Kansas City and Chargers loss and Houston clinches a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Kansas City, OR — Tie and New England loss, OR — Indianapolis-Tennessee tie and New England loss and Baltimore win and Houston clinches a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Baltimore Clinches AFC South with: — Win or tie, OR — Indianapolis-Tennessee tie BALTIMORE vs. Cleveland Clinches AFC North and first-round bye with: — Win and New England and Houston loss and Indianapolis-Tennessee does not end in a tie, OR — Win and New England and Houston loss and Baltimore clinches at least a tie in strength of victory tiebreaker over Houston Clinches AFC North with: — Win, OR — Pittsburgh loss, OR — Tie and Pittsburgh tie Clinches playoff berth with: — Tie and Indianapolis-Tennessee tie LOS ANGELES CHARGERS at Denver Clinches AFC West and home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with: — Win and Kansas City loss or tie, OR — Tie and Kansas City loss INDIANAPOLIS at Tennessee Clinches AFC South with: — Win and Houston loss Clinches playoff berth with: — Win, OR — Tie and Pittsburgh loss or tie, OR — Tie and Baltimore loss TENNESSEE vs. Indianapolis Clinches AFC South and first-round bye with: — Win and Houston and New England loss and Baltimore loss or tie Clinches AFC South with: — Win and Houston loss Clinches playoff berth with: — Win, OR — Tie and Pittsburgh loss or tie, OR — Tie and Baltimore loss PITTSBURGH vs. Cincinnati Clinches AFC North with: — Win and Baltimore loss or tie, OR — Tie and Baltimore loss Clinches playoff berth with: — Win and Indianapolis-Tennessee tie NFC CLINCHED: New Orleans, NFC South and home-field advantage; Chicago Bears, NFC North; Dallas Cowboys, NFC East; L.A. Rams, NFC West; Seattle, playoff berth. LOS ANGELES RAMS vs. San Francisco Clinches first-round bye with:

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TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed OL Will House to the practice squad. CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed QB Taylor Heinicke on injured reserve. Signed QB Garrett Gilbert. DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Brian Brown to the practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed DL Kenny Clark on injured reserve. Activated OL Alex Light from exempt status. Signed TE Evan Baylis to the practice squad. HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed LB Tyrell Adams. Signed CB Michael Hunter to the practice squad. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released QB Phillip Walker from the practice squad. Signed TE Erik Swopce to the practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR Steven Dunbar Jr. from the practice squad. WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Margus Flowers. Signed WRs Carlos Henderson and ArDarius Stewart to the practice squad. Canadian Football League WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Jacob Firlotte and LB Otha Peters Jr.

HOCKEY National Hockey League CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled Fc Clark Bishop and Jannik Kuokkanen from Charlotte (AHL). NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled F John Quenneville from Binghamton (AHL). American Hockey League AHL — Suspended Rochester F Yannick Veilleux and Hartford F Peter Holland two games and Cleveland F Brett Gallant and San Diego F Matt Berry and Corey Tropp one game. CLEVELAND MONSTERS — Recalled F Nikita Korostelev from Jacksonville (ECHL). LAVAL ROCKET — Assigned F Morgan Adams-Moisan to Maine (ECHL). SAN DIEGO GULLS — Signed C Jake Marchant to a professional tryout. TORONTO MARLIES — Recalled F Griffen Molino from Newfoundland (ECHL). ECHL FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Added G Alex Zion as emergency backup. IDAHO STEELHEADS — Loaned F Steve McParland to San Diego (AHL). MAINE MARINERS — Signed F Loui Rowe. READING ROYALS — Traded G Charlie Millen to Orlando. TOLEDO WALL EYE — Traded D Kevin Lohan to Orlando. UTAH GRIZZLIES — Loaned F Jake Marchant to San Diego (AHL). WHEELING NAILERS — Loaned F Nick Saracino to Binghamton (AHL).

COLLEGES

GEORGIA TECH — Suspended LB Charlie Thomas from the Quick Lane Bowl.

PRO BASKETBALL

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TIMBERWOLVES 119, BULLS 94 MINNESOTA (119)

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL THE AP TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

RECORD PTS. LW 1. Duke (35) 11-1 1,529 2 2. Michigan (9) 12-0 1,472 4 3. Tennessee (12) 10-1 1,471 10 4. Virginia (4) 11-0 1,427 5 5. Kansas (4) 10-1 1,386 1 6. Nevada 12-0 1,316 6 7. Gonzaga 11-2 1,199 8 8. Michigan State 10-2 1,146 10 9. Florida State 11-1 1,061 11 10. Virginia Tech 10-1 924 13 11. Texas Tech 10-1 845 12 12. Auburn 10-2 770 15 13. Ohio State 11-1 737 17 14. North Carolina 8-3 678 9 15. Wisconsin 10-2 673 16 16. Kentucky 9-2 664 19 17. Arizona State 9-2 626 18 18. Marquette 10-2 538 20 19. Mississippi State 11-1 518 17 20. North Carolina State 11-1 292 21 21. Buffalo 11-1 279 14 22. Houston 12-0 274 21 23. Indiana 11-2 247 22 24. Iowa 10-2 178 23 25. Oklahoma 11-1 163 — Others receiving votes: Nebraska 160, Kansas St. 69, St. John's 67, Villanova 44, Cincinnati 11, Iowa St. 11, TCU 6, Seton Hall 5, Louisville 4, Purdue 3, Belmont 2, Furman 2, NJIT 1, Penn 1, San Francisco 1.

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern Tuesday's Games None scheduled Wednesday's Games None scheduled Today's Games None scheduled Friday's Games No. 7 Gonzaga vs. North Alabama, 9 p.m. No. 10 Virginia Tech vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 7 p.m. No. 11 Texas Tech vs. Texas-Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m. No. 18 Marquette vs. Southern University, 8 p.m. No. 20 N.C. State vs. Loyola (Md.), 7 p.m.

RESULTS TUESDAY'S GAMES

AT HAWAII Colorado 68, Charlotte 53 Hawaii 68, Rhode Island 60 Bucknell 97, UNLV 72 TCU 83, Indiana State 69

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

None scheduled SCHEDULE All times Eastern TODAY'S GAME MIDWEST UMKC at Creighton, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL THE AP TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's ranking:

RECORD PTS. LW 1. UConn (31) 11-0 775 1 2. Notre Dame 11-1 740 12 3. Louisville 12-0 714 3 4. Maryland 11-0 647 5 5. Oregon 11-1 642 7 6. Stanford 9-1 618 8 7. Baylor 8-1 588 8 8. Mississippi State 11-1 584 4 9. North Carolina State 12-0 524 10 10. Tennessee 9-1 493 9 11. Oregon State 9-2 446 11 12. Minnesota 11-0 399 13 13. Texas 9-2 394 12 14. California 9-1 377 14 15. Syracuse 11-2 332 15 16. Iowa 9-2 302 16 17. Arizona State 9-2 241 18 18. Kentucky 12-1 233 17 19. DePaul 9-3 194 20 20. Gonzaga 11-1 163 21 21. Michigan State 10-1 152 22 22. Marquette 9-3 142 19 23. Texas A&M 10-2 127 24 24. Miami 11-2 79 25 25. South Carolina 7-4 59 25 Others receiving votes: Iowa State 51, Virginia Tech 28, Florida State 25, Utah 11, North Dakota 7, Indiana 6, Southern California 1, West Virginia 1.

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern Tuesday's Games None scheduled Wednesday's Games None scheduled Today's Games None scheduled Friday's Games No. 4 Maryland at Penn State, 7 p.m. No. 10 Tennessee vs. Murray State, 7 p.m. No. 12 Minnesota vs. Wisconsin, 9 p.m. No. 24 Miami vs. Florida A&M, 7 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL All times Eastern

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WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTRAL DIVISION

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Tuesday's Games

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Friday's Games

Montreal at Florida, 7 p.m. Toronto at Columbus, 7 p.m. Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m. INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Through Dec. 23: SCORING GP G A PTS Mikko Rantanen, COL 37 16 43 59 Nikita Kucherov, TB 37 16 41 57 Nathan MacKinnon, COL 37 22 34 56 Connor McDavid, EDM 35 19 33 52 Mitchell Marner, TOR 37 12 38 50 Mark Scheifele, WPG 36 22 27 49 Johnny Gaudreau, CGY 37 16 32 48 Jack Eichel, BUF 37 14 34 48 Blake Wheeler, WPG 36 5 43 48 David Pastrnak, BOS 37 23 24 47 Brayden Point, TB 37 21 26 47 Alex Ovechkin, WAS 35 29 15 44 Patrick Kane, CHI 38 17 27 44 Morgan Rielly, TOR 37 13 31 44

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■ NFL: Tampa Bay

Bucs likely to play Griffin against Falcons

After six pro seasons, three with Tampa Bay, backup QB finally set to get his shot in a game

By **EDUARDO ENCINA**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — Bucs coach Dirk Koetter said this week that he will look for an opportunity to give Ryan Griffin the first regular-season snaps of his NFL career in Sunday's series finale against the Atlanta Falcons. The game scenario must first call for it, and while Griffin's waited through six pro seasons of backup duty for this chance, it's

still not guaranteed.

"Beggars can't be choosers," Griffin said with a smile on Wednesday. "I'd like to get out there. However it happens, it happens. ... That would be sweet. Obviously, I want the team to win and have success. It would be nice to get in there, too."

Griffin, who has been the team's No.3 quarterback for the past three seasons, was the No. 2 quarterback in Sunday's loss

in Dallas. Koetter said the team would like to see Griffin in game action before he becomes an unrestricted free agent in the offseason.

The 29-year-old has taken the news in stride, saying he's eager to show the Bucs what he can do in a real game. He completed 68 percent of his passes for a total of 518 yards and four touchdowns this preseason, compiling a 105.3 quarterback rating, though the team would

like to see how his improving skills translate in a real game. And so would Griffin.

"In the offseason, it kind of comes down to the whole thing has been whenever I talk and get the evaluation after the season, it's that I don't have any experience," Griffin said. "It's big to get in there and get some time just to show you can do it. ... It means a lot, and that's something I want to prove whenever I get in there,

if I have a chance, is to prove them right.

"They've kept me and believed in me and I want to prove them right and show I deserve to be here. It's tough, but it's part of the job. You talk about being a professional, it's one of the things that it takes is sometimes you know you're not going to get into there but you still have to go in and do your job and focus and prepare like you are."

Pierre-Paul's battle through injuries set standard

By **EDUARDO ENCINA**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — Bucs defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul was a limited participant in practice Wednesday, taking in one of the lighter days that have allowed him to stay healthy for Sundays. And while battling through a variety of injuries, Pierre-Paul's first season with the Bucs has shown that he still has what it takes to post stellar stats every week through a demanding NFL schedule.

Pierre-Paul leads the Bucs with 11.5 sacks — he's the first Tampa Bay player to post double-digit sacks since Simeon

Rice in 2005 — and while he's been held without a single sack or quarterback hit over the past three weeks, this year's sack total is his best since 2014.

Asked to assess his season Wednesday, Pierre-Paul said he could have done more, saying this was probably his most injury-riddled season of his nine-year NFL career.

Pierre-Paul said. "I think I could have did way better than I did this year. But injuries happen. You've got to fight through them. And I've been fighting through injuries for the longest (time) now this whole year. It's probably the one season that I've had the most injuries.

But I fought through it all year and I'm still fighting through them. But at the end of the day, I think i did okay. Come back next year and rehab my body and get it right for next year."

Dating to mid-October, Pierre-Paul has been listed with six different injuries — knee, hip, shoulder, foot, ribs and hand — but he's still managed to stay on the field more than nearly every other defensive player in the league.

Going into Sunday's finale in Atlanta, Pierre-Paul has played in 90 percent of his team's snaps, second-highest among NFL defensive linemen — only Rams defensive tackle Aaron

Donald's 91 percent is higher — and his 823 snaps rank fourth among all defensive players.

Bucs coach Dirk Koetter said it wasn't the plan to have Pierre-Paul play so many snaps, but that he's set an example for his teammates.

"I would say he set the tone for the team," Koetter said. "He set the bar extremely (high) for everybody else. All the guys who have played significant time are hurt this time of year. They've got different aches and JPP probably has four different things that can keep him out on their own, so he's set the bar really high for everybody else." Pierre-Paul attributes

being able to play through the injuries to enduring the career-threatening fireworks injury he sustained in 2015 that severely damaged his right hand. The incident led to the amputation of his right index finger and the tip of his right thumb while severely damaging his middle finger.

"I know what real pain feels like, so I'll never forget that," Pierre-Paul said. "Some guys, they're not like me. I'm a different breed, man, so at the end of the day, I know what real pain feels like. If I can deal with it, I can deal with it and keep it rolling. That's how I was able to go through this season."

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Murray, Tagovailoa take center stage together

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP SPORTS WRITER

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Oklahoma's Kyler Murray and Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa have struck up a friendship over the past several weeks, which shouldn't be surprising considering how much time the quarterbacks have spent alongside one another in that span.

They were in Atlanta together at a college football awards show, where Tagovailoa took home the Maxwell Award.

They were in New York a few days later for the Heisman Trophy presentation, where Murray claimed the top prize.

It's fitting that they'll both be center-stage again — at Saturday's Orange Bowl, where a berth in the College Football Playoff championship game awaits one of them. Murray and the fourth-ranked



Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa (left) and Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray (right) are on pace to break the record for passer efficiency rating set by former Sooners quarterback Baker Mayfield last season. They face each other Saturday in the Orange Bowl for the rights to go to the championship.

Sooners (12-1) will meet with Tagovailoa and the top-ranked Crimson Tide (13-0).

"You know, it's football. We all understand the level of respect we have for each other," Tagovailoa said Wednesday. "We understand it's just competition. Off the field, it's a lot different. But on the field, you've got to go out there. It's your job. You've got to compete for your team, for the university, for the state."

They were supposed to share the spotlight



CRAIG RUTTLE

Wednesday morning at a media availability, but Murray was a late cancellation because of an undisclosed illness. Offensive coordinator Cale Gundy didn't know Murray was sick until he got into the car that took the Sooners to the interview site.

Tagovailoa was walking without a limp Wednesday and declared his surgically repaired right ankle — it was scoped earlier this month to accelerate the healing of a high sprain — to be at about 80 to 85 percent.

MCCOY

FROM PAGE 1

Sunday, and McCoy is a passenger for the ninth time in his nine seasons in Tampa Bay, a playoff-less streak which might very well define his career here.

It's the same way every year, and it wears on him, media gathering around to ask him what's left to play for. He went 10-6 in his rookie season. It all seemed in front of him. Now it nearly all seems behind him.

"We're blessed to have an opportunity to play this great game and play in this great league," he said a few weeks ago, before the loss at Baltimore again knocked the Bucs from playoff contention. "Things haven't gone the way they were supposed to go. I truly believe in what God's plan is. I'm not saying it's easy to deal with. I'm just going to keep playing, man."

McCoy will be in the Bucs Ring of Honor. He has been a star for this team. But he is excellence without an exclamation point. He is the Bucs' modern-day Paul

Gruber, a man who did his job and kept doing his job, regardless of how his team fared. But even Gruber lived a playoff season and won a playoff game. McCoy might whiff here in Tampa Bay. I bet he'd trade those Pro Bowls for a playoff week. He didn't sign up to be Sisyphus.

He has always been a professional. He has fought through injuries and bad Bucs seasons, as well as through double teams. His Pro Bowl streak ended at six this season.

McCoy-has always been good with media, even when seasons begin to fray. He has been remarkable in his charitable work in Tampa Bay. He is the Bucs' 2018 nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award, given annually to the player whose philanthropy and community impact rises above. In other words, he has truly been a face for this franchise, more than the team's young "franchise" quarterback ever was or will be. He will be missed if he is gone.

It is not McCoy's fault that he never became Warren Sapp, the Hall

of Famer whose ferocity helped lead the Bucs defense to the Super Bowl. It isn't McCoy's fault, those outrageous contracts. For that matter, it isn't McCoy's fault that the Bucs have had only two winning seasons and are 52-91 since his arrival.

McCoy has mostly answered the bell in Tampa Bay, despite the controlled violence of Sundays that have worn down his body. But now there is Jason Pierre-Paul, who reached the elusive double-digit sacks before McCoy did, and who'll probably be back next season. And there is surging rookie tackle Vita Vea. There might not be room for McCoy next season, though a new coach might feel different.

It's who he is. is when he throws Christmas parties for families in need, or holds youth clinics or supports community outreach and raising funds for the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. We could go on and on about McCoy's off-field work. He might be the best ambassador this franchise has ever had.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Big Ten resurgent with expanded schedule, depth

By **NOAH TRISTER**
AP SPORTS WRITER

The Big Ten's expanded schedule is shaping up to be quite a grind.

After starting the season with only three teams in the AP Top 25, the league now has six. That's significant at a time when the Big Ten has increased the number of conference games. Each of the league's men's basketball teams will play 20 conference games now — up from 18 a season ago.

Right now, there's a bit of a lull in the schedule, but league play resumes in early January.

"It's the toughest year to go to 20 games," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I think it's great. It's going to be hard on all of us."

Izzo's team won the Big Ten last season, but rival Michigan took the conference

tournament for a second straight year — and then went all the way to the national title game before losing to Villanova. No. 2 Michigan and No. 8 Michigan State look like the class of the league so far this season, but there's plenty of competition.

No. 13 Ohio State, No. 15 Wisconsin, No. 23 Indiana, No. 24 Iowa and unranked Nebraska have all had their moments.

It will be a while before Michigan and Michigan State face each other. They play twice toward the end of the season, on Feb. 24 and March 9. By then, the buildup could be immense. The Wolverines are still undefeated after routing Villanova on the road and North Carolina at home. The Spartans have losses to Kansas and Louisville, but their resume includes a 22-point win over

Iowa, a 20-point win over UCLA and a 10-point victory over Texas.

Michigan and Michigan State lost key players to the NBA in Moe Wagner, Miles Bridges and Jaren Jackson, but they've looked formidable anyway. Freshman Iggy Brazdeikis has fit in right away for the Wolverines.

Michigan State is averaging a league-best 87.6 points per game behind the experienced trio of Cassius Winston, Nick Ward and Joshua Langford.

Here are a few more things to watch in the Big Ten:

PARTY CRASHERS:

The Wolverines and Spartans look like the most obvious title contenders, but there are five teams tied for first at 2-0 in the league — Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin

and Indiana. Wisconsin star Ethan Happ is averaging 19 points and 11 rebounds a game.

And keep an eye on Nebraska, which actually leads the Big Ten with an average scoring margin of 20.8.

MORE BIDS?:

The benefit of a 20-game conference schedule is that teams may have more chances for quality wins. The Big Ten put just four teams in the NCAA Tournament last season but appears on track for more.

DARK HORSE:

Purdue won the conference in 2017 and finished one game back last season, but it's hard to tell what to make of this season's Boilermakers. They've lost to Virginia Tech, Florida

State, Michigan, Texas and Notre Dame, allowing at least 72 points in each of those.

Guard Carsen Edwards is a Big Ten player of the year candidate. He's averaging 26 points a game and shooting 40 percent from 3-point range.

DEPTH:

Izzo surveys sees plenty of strength among teams expected to be near the bottom.

"I think Illinois' going to be a tough out, I think a lot of those teams are going to be tough outs. Those are supposedly the worst teams in the league. You want to go to Illinois and play them the way they pressure? You want to go to Northwestern and play?" Izzo said.

Northwestern lost by two points each to Indiana and Michigan and took Oklahoma to overtime.

Griffin, Drummond help Pistons pull away from Wizards 106-95

DETROIT (AP) — Blake Griffin had 23 points and nine rebounds, Andre Drummond got his 10th straight double-double, and the Detroit Pistons beat the Washington Wizards 106-95 on Wednesday night.

Detroit had lost 9 of 11 but used a hot start in the third quarter to pull away. Drummond had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Langston Galloway scored 22 points off the bench.

The Wizards lost for the eighth time in 10 games and are 4-16 on the road. John Wall had 21 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and Bradley Beal scored 21 points.

The Pistons struggled early on the defensive end, allowing Washington to shoot 57.9 percent in the first half. They stayed in the game from the 3-point line. Detroit came into the game ranked 28th in 3-point percentage but hit 12 of its first 23 attempts.

The last four came in the third quarter, when the Pistons started the half with a 22-2 run to take a 76-57 lead.

Washington narrowed the gap to 85-72 at quarter's end and was within nine with 8:56 to play, aided by the Pistons missing 11 of their next 12 3-point attempts.

Trevor Ariza hit a 3-pointer to make it 94-91 with 5:33 to play but missed a potential tying 3 on the next possession.

Drummond, the



Washington Wizards head coach Scott Brooks yells out the officials during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Detroit Pistons.

second-worst free-throw shooter in NBA history, hit two with 2:32 left to give the Pistons a 100-93 advantage.

SUNS 122 MAGIC 120

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Devin Booker scored 35 points and T.J. Warren added 24 points, including all four Phoenix points in overtime, as the Suns defeated the Orlando Magic 122-120 Wednesday night.

Kelly Oubre Jr. scored had 19 points and Josh Jackson added 10 for Phoenix, which has won five of its last seven games.

D.J. Augustin led Orlando with 27 points and six assists. Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrence Ross scored 18 points off the bench.

Orlando has lost four straight.

Phoenix outscored the Magic 4-2 in overtime. Vucevic hit a jumper with 4:26 left in the extra period to account for Orlando's only points on 1-for-10 shooting.

Fournier had a contested 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have won the game for Orlando.

Regulation was marked by a series of long runs by each team that didn't end until the middle of the fourth quarter, when Booker hit a baseline jumper that tied the game at 100-all.

Booker scored nine points in the final minute, including a 3-pointer that tied the game at 112-all, followed by back-to-back layups that put Phoenix up 116-112 with 16 seconds left.

Ross hit a 3-pointer with 11.4 seconds to pull Orlando within one, but Booker hit two free throws with 4.9 seconds to make it 118-115.

Mikal Bridges fouled Augustin on a 3-point attempt with 0.6 seconds to go and the Magic guard hit all three free throws to tie the game.

Booker's attempt at a winner bounced off the rim as time expired.

RAPTORS 106 HEAT 104

MIAMI (AP) — Kawhi Leonard scored 30 points, Danny Green's 3-pointer with 22.7 seconds left put Toronto ahead for good and the Raptors improved the NBA's best record to 26-10 by topping the Miami Heat 106-104 on Wednesday night.

Green had 18 points and Fred VanVleet added 16 for the Raptors, who survived a wild fourth quarter that saw 12 lead changes and four ties. Miami had three

shots on the game's final possession, with Dwyane Wade and Justise Winslow missing 3s and Wade having a chance at a tip-in that wouldn't fall.

Winslow scored 21 points for Miami, which saw its five-game winning streak snapped. Josh Richardson scored 17 and Hassan Whiteside scored 16 for Miami, which was 6 for 12 from the foul line — while Toronto was 19 for 23.

James Johnson and Tyler Johnson each scored 12 for the Heat, while Wade had 10. Pascal Siakam added 10 for the Raptors.

Winslow's layup with 35.2 seconds left put Miami up by one, and on the next Toronto possession Green found himself wide-open in the right corner — nearly the identical spot from where Ray Allen hit a 3-pointer to deny Green and Leonard the 2013 NBA title when they were with San Antonio.

Green connected, the Raptors got the game's last stop and escaped to move to 7-0 against the Southeast Division this season.

Miami led 58-44 at the half and extended the lead to 17 early in the third quarter, before Toronto went to a zone — the defense that the Heat have been using so well of late — and the game changed. VanVleet made three 3s and had 11 points while Leonard added 10 in what became a 31-12 run over the last 8:10 of the quarter by the Raptors, and they took an 81-79 lead into the fourth.

Winslow made a wild layup for a 99-93 lead that came after an 8-0 Miami run — and the Raptors needed about a minute to respond with a lead-taking 8-0 run of their own. VanVleet



AP PHOTOS

Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) goes to the basket against Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal (3) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday.

connected on a 3, Siakam added a three-point play and Leonard drew a blocking call against Winslow that the Heat didn't like with 1:19 left that he turned into a pair of free throws and a 101-99 Toronto edge.

TIMBERWOLVES 119 BULLS 94

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick Rose had 24 points and eight assists in just his second career game in the United Center against his former team, lifting the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 119-94 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 20 points and 20 rebounds as the Timberwolves won their second straight on the road.

Rose, the top pick in the 2008 draft, played his first seven seasons in Chicago and was named the NBA's most valuable player in 2011. He had missed Minnesota's previous game with a sore left ankle.

Because of an assortment of injuries, this was just Rose's fourth career game against the Bulls. He said he got 50 tickets for family and friends.

Zach LaVine had 28 points in 26 minutes off the bench and Lauri Markkanen added 16 for Chicago, which had won two straight and three of five before Wednesday. LaVine had missed the previous five games with a sprained left ankle.

Both Rose and fellow former Bull Taj Gibson received loud ovations when they were announced during player introductions.

Towns scored the game's first basket, but

it was Rose who set the tone early. He repeatedly attacked the basket — showing the form of earlier in his career before the rash of leg injuries — and had 10 points (5-for-8 shooting) and five assists in the first quarter as Minnesota took a 29-18 lead.

The Timberwolves' advantage was up to 60-37 at halftime.

Rose had 19 points through three quarters as Minnesota took an 83-65 edge into the fourth.

The Bulls pulled within 91-74, but Rose stopped the momentum with a jumper and Dario Saric added a 3-pointer on the next possession for a 96-74 lead with just over seven minutes remaining.

Later in the fourth, the UC crowd started chanting, "MVP.. MVP.. MVP.." when Rose stepped to the foul line to complete a 3-point play.

NBA has most-watched Christmas slate of games since 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA had its most-watched Christmas schedule since 2011, with 10.2 million viewers tuning in for the Lakers' victory over Golden State.

ESPN says Wednesday that the audience for that game, the first matching the defending champion Warriors and LeBron James since he moved to Los Angeles, was its fifth-largest for one on Christmas.

The 2011-12 season began on Christmas after the lockout.

The five games Tuesday averaged 5.8 million viewers, an increase of 14 percent from last year.



Detroit Pistons forward Jon Leuer (30) goes to the basket against Washington Wizards center Ian Mahinmi, left.

How some ugly golf helped Timberwolves play beautiful basketball

By CHRIS HINE

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)
(TNS)

The social media feeds of the Timberwolves filled up with video after video Saturday night of players like Andrew Wiggins and Taj Gibson stepping up to a golf tee and taking some ... unorthodox golf swings. Sometimes they would miss the ball completely.

But the team outing at a Topgolf driving range in Oklahoma City was worth more than a few laughs to the Wolves. After their 114-112 win over the Thunder on Sunday night, multiple players said the previous

night had been an important one for team bonding.

"You got to be able to communicate, talk about what we need to do better but just kick back," Gibson said. "It was everybody just understanding, putting in their two pieces to the puzzle and trying to relate to one another. I felt it was great."

It wasn't as if the Wolves were a fractured team before this. But the season has been a turbulent one. It began with all the weight of Jimmy Butler's trade request and when Robert Covington, Jerry Bayless and Dario Saric

joined the team, the Wolves were in the thick of the season.

One staffer said Karl-Anthony Towns was the driving force behind organizing Saturday night's outing. The time for these kinds of events is minimal, but they're essential, Covington said, adding the 76ers would hold regular events like that.

"It's building team chemistry. It's very important for teams that want to be successful. You need stuff like that," Covington said. "You need outlets, that way you can have fun. It doesn't have to be all about basketball, taking

your mind away from basketball instead of having to be by yourself all the time."

Gibson said team veterans were able to communicate their past experiences in the league with some of the younger players.

"We have a team full of vets and they always share their wisdom with us," Wiggins said.

Rookie Josh Okogie, who drew laughs for whiffing on one of his drive attempts, said the night out came at a pivotal time, with the Wolves in a precarious position in toward the bottom of the Western Conference standings.

"It's very important, especially in a time like this where our season can go one of two ways," Okogie said. "It's good just to go back to the drawing board and form some chemistry with the guys, just get to know one another, keep learning about each other because it's a long season. Times like that draws everybody closer and it does translate on the court."

That's why it was no coincidence to Okogie that the Wolves survived a raucous atmosphere in Oklahoma City and pulled off a late victory thanks in part to 30 points from Wiggins,

who also hit the winning layup with 14.3 seconds remaining.

"We felt like we had each others' back," Okogie said. "I'm not saying we haven't felt that way all season, but we had that sense of urgency and we all knew everybody has to be on board. We all fought for each other and it showed."

Now the Wolves need that bond to stay strong, especially with four of their next five coming away from home. Perhaps there will be more time to bond.

"We needed it," Wiggins said. "Basketball can take a toll on you."

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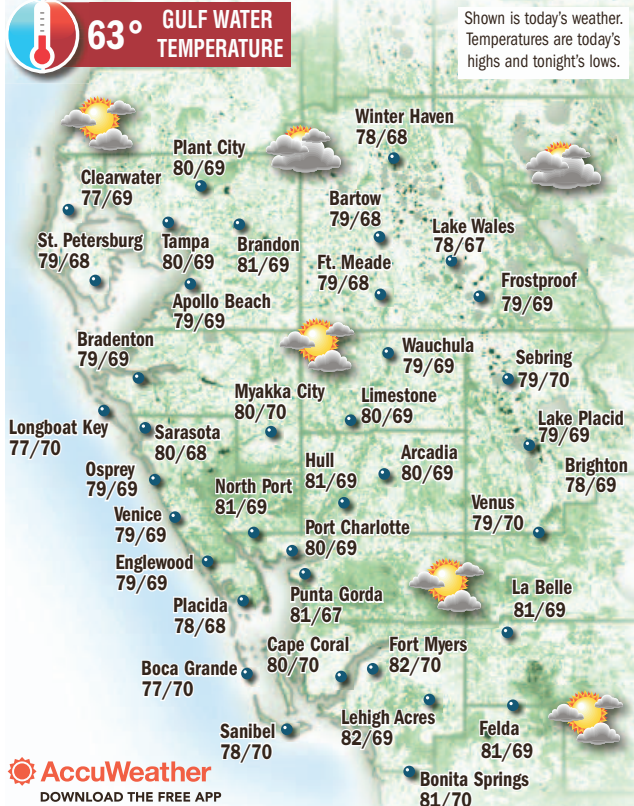
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FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Apalachicola	66 64 sh	69 63 r
Bradenton	79 69 pc	80 68 c
Clearwater	77 69 pc	78 67 pc
Coral Springs	80 75 pc	83 73 c
Daytona Beach	77 68 c	79 65 c
Fort Lauderdale	80 72 sh	81 72 c
Fort Myers	82 70 c	84 67 c
Gainesville	77 68 c	79 65 c
Jacksonville	73 65 sh	78 63 r
Key Largo	78 75 sh	80 75 pc
Key West	82 74 c	82 74 pc
Lakeland	79 68 c	82 67 c
Melbourne	78 69 c	80 66 c
Miami	80 73 sh	82 73 c
Naples	82 68 pc	82 66 pc
Ocala	78 68 c	81 66 c
Okeechobee	78 70 pc	80 66 c
Orlando	80 69 c	82 67 pc
Panama City	68 67 r	70 63 r
Pensacola	68 66 r	72 62 r
Pompano Beach	81 72 sh	82 71 sh
St. Augustine	72 68 c	75 64 c
St. Petersburg	79 68 pc	80 66 pc
Sarasota	80 68 pc	80 66 c
Tallahassee	71 65 sh	72 63 r
Tampa	80 69 c	81 69 c
Vero Beach	79 71 c	81 67 c
West Palm Beach	80 72 sh	81 68 sh

TIDES

Location	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 5:23a 8:13p	Fri. 6:38a 8:53p
Englewood	Today 4:00a 6:50p	Fri. 5:15a 7:30p
Boca Grande	Today 2:31a 10:32a	Fri. 3:55a 11:18a
El Jobean	Today 5:55a 8:45p	Fri. 7:10a 9:25p
Venice	Today 2:15a 10:27a	Fri. 3:30a 11:17a

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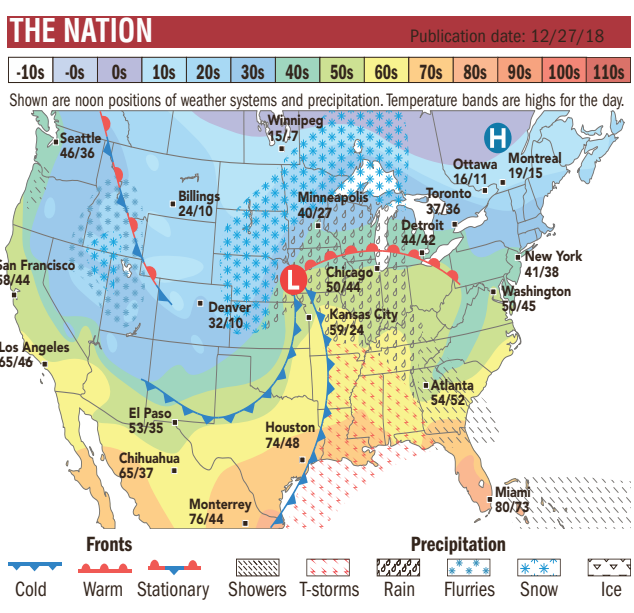
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Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	ESE	10-20	1-3	Light chop
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	ESE	10-20	3-5	Moderate chop

SUN AND MOON

	Today	Rise	Set
The Sun	7:16 a.m.	5:43 p.m.	5:44 p.m.
The Moon	11:19 p.m.	11:29 a.m.	12:10 p.m.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Time	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	10:04a	3:51a	10:31p	4:17p
Fri.	11:00a	4:48a	11:26p	5:13p
Sat.	11:51a	5:39a	---	6:03p



U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High 81° at Immokalee, FL Low -22° at Stanley, ID

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W		Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Albuquerque	42 24 pc	29 13 sn	Jackson, MS	70 55 t	65 44 c
Anchorage	26 21 sf	25 21 sn	Kansas City	59 24 t	32 15 pc
Atlanta	54 52 r	68 52 r	Knoxville	58 54 r	63 42 r
Baltimore	46 41 pc	62 47 r	Las Vegas	54 38 pc	51 33 pc
Billings	24 10 c	25 15 c	Los Angeles	65 46 s	62 40 s
Birmingham	63 61 r	67 45 r	Louisville	58 54 r	60 33 c
Boise	37 18 c	34 24 s	Memphis	64 47 t	56 34 pc
Boston	35 30 s	53 48 r	Milwaukee	47 43 r	44 22 r
Buffalo	42 39 pc	54 35 r	Minneapolis	40 27 r	28 6 sn
Burlington, VT	23 20 s	44 39 sn	Montgomery	67 65 r	71 56 r
Charleston, WV	53 50 c	64 40 r	Nashville	62 58 r	64 34 c
Charlotte	48 47 c	69 52 r	New Orleans	73 65 t	71 59 r
Chicago	50 44 r	44 26 c	New York City	41 38 pc	58 50 r
Cincinnati	52 50 r	60 31 c	Norfolk, VA	54 50 pc	69 54 r
Cleveland	50 47 r	59 36 c	Oklahoma City	51 26 pc	41 22 pc
Columbia, SC	55 52 c	72 59 r	Omaha	52 22 t	25 10 c
Columbus, OH	50 49 r	60 34 r	Philadelphia	45 40 pc	61 49 r
Concord, NH	32 19 s	42 38 i	Phoenix	59 40 pc	56 35 pc
Dallas	64 36 s	51 34 s	Pittsburgh	49 43 pc	58 34 r
Denver	32 10 sf	25 8 c	Portland, ME	31 20 s	43 38 r
Des Moines	55 27 t	30 13 c	Portland, OR	47 37 c	45 41 r
Detroit	44 42 r	55 32 c	Providence	37 27 s	54 48 r
Duluth	34 20 sn	21 -6 sn	Raleigh	50 49 pc	68 53 r
Fairbanks	-9 -14 c	-4 -11 c	Salt Lake City	30 18 sn	27 14 pc
Fargo	24 3 sn	4 -14 c	St. Louis	61 36 r	43 24 pc
Hartford	37 26 s	51 46 r	San Antonio	73 42 s	64 39 s
Helena	28 17 pc	30 19 pc	San Diego	64 49 s	64 43 s
Honolulu	83 71 pc	81 70 c	San Francisco	58 44 s	57 41 s
Houston	74 48 t	67 47 pc	Seattle	46 36 pc	45 43 r
Indianapolis	52 50 r	52 30 pc	Washington, DC	50 45 pc	63 51 r

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Wednesday

Temperatures
High/Low 78°/57°
Normal High/Low 75°/53°
Record High 86° (2016)
Record Low 27° (1983)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Wed. 0.00"
Month to date 2.47"
Normal month to date 1.52"
Year to date 63.26"
Normal year to date 50.39"
Record 0.75" (2004)

VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Wednesday

Temperatures
High/Low 79°/59°
Normal High/Low 72°/53°
Record High 86° (2016)
Record Low 26° (1983)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Wed. 0.00"
Month to date 4.33"
Normal month to date 1.98"
Year to date 45.31"
Normal year to date 50.12"
Record 0.75" (1977)

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

1	2	2	1	1	0
65	74	79	81	78	74

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 Wednesday

Trees	absent
Grass	absent
Weeds	absent
Molds	absent

absent low moderate high very high
Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Wednesday

55

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: scdwx.gov.net

WEATHER HISTORY

New York City was hit by its biggest 24-hour snowstorm on Dec. 26 and 27, 1947; 26 inches accumulated in Central Park.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the coldest major urban area in the United States?
A: Minneapolis, Minn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kansas favored to win 15th straight Big 12 title

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP SPORTS WRITER

LAWRENCE, Kan. — There have been plenty of times over the past 14 years that Kansas was supposed to have a tough test in the Big 12, only for the Jayhawks to emerge on top when March rolled around.

The year Texas had Kevin Durant, or Oklahoma boasted Buddy Hield. The years that Jayhawks coach Bill Self had to replace all five of his starters, or that some other up-and-coming program was stocked with the kind of talent that Kansas seems to get every season.

This was not supposed to be one of those years. Yes, the Jayhawks lost their entire backcourt of Devonon Graham, Svi Mykhailiuk and Malik Newman to the NBA. And yes, rival Kansas State returned almost its entire

roster from a team that went to the Elite Eight last year, giving the Wildcats a real feeling of confidence heading into the season.

The Jayhawks merely restocked with a bevy of high-profile transfers and five-star recruits, and the result was a No. 1 ranking that they held through much of the nonconference slate. It wasn't until this past weekend against Arizona State that they lost their first game — without injured big man Udoka Azubuike.

Now, the fourth-ranked Jayhawks (10-1) are setting their sights on an unprecedented 15th consecutive conference championship.

"You never want to lose," Self said. "But certainly you'd rather learn from a nonconference loss than a conference loss, so hopefully we get something from (the loss to Arizona State). Meanwhile, the

Jayhawks have more competition in the Big 12 than previously thought.

The Wildcats (9-2) are coming off a win over Vanderbilt despite losing preseason player of the year Dean Wade to a foot injury. No. 11 Texas Tech (11-1) leads the nation in adjusted defensive efficiency and just gave Duke all it could handle. Iowa State (10-2) got Lindell Wigginton and Solomon Young back from injuries last week and has shown plenty in their absence.

"We've got good players," Kansas State coach Bruce Weber said. "If you think about it, Dean was the only underclassman on the first team All-Big 12 last year, and Barry (Brown) was second team. So two underclassmen in an unbelievable league, probably the toughest league I've been a part of.

RED RAIDERS RISING: Chris Beard's team was

supposed to take a step back after losing All-Big 12 guard Keenan Evans and freshman standout Zhaire Smith to the pros. But sophomore Jarrett Culver has been playing like an All-American and the Red Raiders have shut down just about everyone they've played, even causing the Blue Devils problems in their game at Madison Square Garden.

TOUGH TCU: It didn't take long for Jamie Dixon to turn around TCU, and now the Horned Frogs (11-1) can compete for a Big 12 title. They breezed past their nonconference schedule, winning the Diamond Head Classic earlier this week.

SOONERS OR LATER: Lon Kruger is putting together a sneak attack. Christian James and No. 25 Oklahoma (11-1) have quietly had one of the better nonconference runs, their only loss coming against Wisconsin.



Kansas freshman guard Quentin Grimes shoots over Arizona State guard Rob Edwards Saturday in an 80-76 loss. It was the first loss for Kansas, who face a tough Big 12 conference this season.

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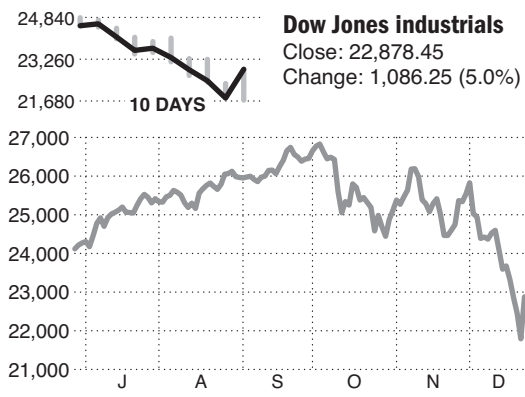
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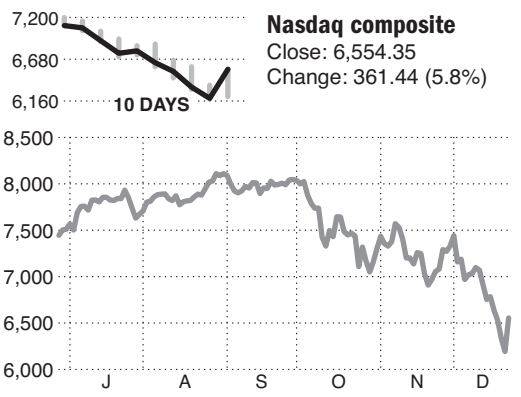


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Dow Jones industrials
Close: 22,878.45
Change: 1,086.25 (5.0%)



Nasdaq composite
Close: 6,554.35
Change: 361.44 (5.8%)

How to read the stock tables

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High Low	Vol 1000s	Last	YTD %Chg
XYZcorp	XYZ	1.20	3.6	17	34.09 27.27	2780	33.72	+20.7

- 1 — Name of stock.
 - 2 — Ticker Symbol company trades under.
 - 3 — Dividend: A distribution of the company's earnings to shareholders, usually consisting of stock dividends, interest on bonds, or short-term capital gains on the sale of securities usually paid quarterly in the form of cash or stock.
 - 4 — Div. Yield: The dividend divided by the stock price. It helps gauge how well the stock is paying, compared to other investments such as CDs, bonds or savings accounts.
 - 5 — Price to earnings ratio: The price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. PEs are used to gauge the relative worth of a company's stock. When compared to other companies in the same industry, the companies with the lowest PEs are generally earning higher profits.
 - 6 — Range of closing prices in last year.
 - 7 — Sales in thousands (10 = 10,000 shares), and closing price.
 - 8 — Last trading price of the day.
 - 9 — Percent change for the year.
- ▲▼ Arrows, indicate new highs or lows.
Underline: indicates top 100 stocks by volume rank.
Bold stocks, designates which stocks have gone up or down 5%.

StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,168	2,492
Pvs. Volume	2,581	1,600
Advanced	2526	2378
Declined	323	588
New Highs	4	6
New Lows	72	671

	DOW	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	22878.92	21712.53	22878.45	+1086.25	+4.98%	▼	▼	▼	-7.45%
DOW Trans.	9102.39	8646.91	9102.12	+464.97	+5.38%	▼	▼	▼	-14.23%
DOW Util.	703.51	681.85	703.51	+11.51	+1.66%	▼	▼	▼	-2.75%
NYSE Comp.	11204.59	10723.66	11204.09	+434.26	+4.03%	▼	▼	▼	-12.53%
NASDAQ	6555.53	6214.33	6554.35	+361.44	+5.84%	▼	▼	▼	-5.06%
S&P 500	24677.76	2346.58	24677.00	+116.60	+4.96%	▼	▼	▼	-7.70%
S&P 400	16399.97	1565.76	16399.78	+72.38	+4.62%	▼	▼	▼	-13.72%
Wilshire 5000	25367.54	24129.49	25366.85	+1215.42	+5.03%	▼	▼	▼	-8.73%
Russell 2000	1330.42	1268.19	1329.81	+62.89	+4.96%	▼	▼	▼	-13.40%

NYSE

Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High	52-week Low	Vol 1000s	Last	YTD %Chg	
- A -										
AAC Hlids	AAC	...	...	...	12.96	1.52	241	1.67	-81.4
AAR	AJR	.30	.8	25	51.52	34.64	242	35.62	-9.3	
ABBB Ltd	ABB	.76e	4.1	...	28.67	18.14	3198	18.68	-30.4	
ABM	.72f	2.3	17	40.00	25.64	657	31.10	...	-17.6	
ADT Inc n	ADT	...	...	...	9.84	5.91	2718	18.29	-12.4
AES Corp	AES	.55f	3.8	11	16.28	9.86	8237	14.28	+31.9	
AFLAC s	AFL	1.04	2.4	14	48.19	41.41	3926	44.14	...	
AG MtgeIT	MITT	2.00	12.2	11	19.19	15.52	247	16.34	-14.0	
AG Mtg pfA	MITTPA	2.06	8.6	...	26.00	22.58	19	24.07	-5.1	
AG Mtg pfB	MITTPB	2.00	8.4	...	25.79	22.56	17	23.95	-5.4	
AGCO	AGCO	.60	1.1	22	75.10	49.50	524	54.03	-24.4	
AH Belo	AHC	.32	9.0	11	5.80	3.45	20	3.54	-26.3	
AK Steel	AKS	...	...	...	10.60	2.14	11828	2.25	-60.2
AMC Ent	AMC	.68	5.4	...	21.45	12.06	1574	12.68	-16.0	
AMCON	DIT	.72	.8	21	100.00	77.00	1	91.99	-6.0	
AMN Hld	AMN	22	68.20	47.05	436	55.69	+13.1
ARC Docu	ARC	14	3.59	1.62	327	1.88	-26.3
ASA Gold	ASA	.04e	4	...	12.18	8.18	91	9.17	-19.0	
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AT&T 66 n	TBB	26.39	22.00	345	21.97	-15.8	
A10 Ntwks	AUEN	7.82	5.51	460	6.09	-21.1	
AU Optron	AUO	.18e	4.76	3.40	691	3.99	-7.8	
AVX Cp	AVX	.46	3.1	...	21.48	14.39	234	14.89	-13.9	
AXA EqH n	EQH	.13p	...	...	23.21	14.72	4162	15.41	-28.0
AZZ Inc	AZZ	.62	1.7	17	56.05	37.69	114	39.82	-22.1	
Aareons	AAN	.18	3.0	10	56.00	36.20	424	42.05	-5.5	
AbbVie	ABB	1.28f	1.8	30	74.92	55.58	7426	69.62	-22.0	
AbbtLab	ABBV	4.28f	4.8	14	125.86	77.50	6197	89.04	-7.9	
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AbdnLatA	JAQ	1.21e	1.8	...	30.00	25.66	26.38	-1.3	-1.3	
AbdSinqFd	SGF	1.09e	8.0	...	13.89	12.31	13.59	-9.4	-9.4	
AcadIBD50	FFTY	...	...	...	35.94	32.98	32.13	-3.2	-3.2
AcadiaRit	AKR	1.12f	4.6	42	29.28	21.34	438	24.36	-11.0	
Accenture	ACN	2.92	2.1	21	175.64	133.60	2429	139.01	-9.2	
AccoBrms	ACCO	.24	3.7	10	14.63	6.28	903	6.52	-46.6	
AcmeU	ACU	.44	3.0	16	25.00	13.50	29	14.85	-36.5	
Accornit rs	ATV	...	...	...	38.86	13.50	5	22.10	+25.2
ActiniumP	ATNM	...	...	...	.87	.33	916	.40	-39.8
Act Rep n	GOP	...	...	...	23.61	20.47	...	22.40	+4.3
Act Dem	DEMS	...	...	...	21.58	20.29	...	21.08	-1.8
Act TAx n	TAXR	...	...	...	23.79	18.38	6	18.78	-12.2
Actuair	ATU	.04	2	...	31.00	19.07	498	20.58	-18.7	
Acuity	AYI	.52	5	13	186.99	103.48	313	110.74	-37.1	
Acushnet n	GOLF	.52	2.5	...	27.87	17.55	112	21.13	+2.1	
AdaDvsEq	ADX	1.32e	1.6	...	14.79	11.84	637	12.52	-5.3	
AdamsNR	PEO	1.32e	1.4	...	21.48	13.65	365	14.57	-26.6	
AdmRsc	AE	.88	2.3	...	50.33	35.81	4	38.15	-12.3	
Admeaagro	AGRO	...	...	...	10.63	6.48	204	6.76	-34.6
Adient n	ADNT	1.10	6.7	...	84.59	15.87	2881	16.44	-79.1	
AdientAl	ATGE	.36	8	25	58.80	41.76	482	46.59	-10.8	
AdvAuto	AAP	.24	2	27	186.15	98.17	956	155.03	+55.5	
AdvDisp n	ADSW	...	...	...	27.93	21.50	382	22.94	-4.2
AdvDrainS	WMX	.32	1.3	21	33.50	21.70	101	24.20	-1.5	
Advans n	ASIX	...	...	...	44.44	22.57	205	24.32	-42.2
AdvClayCv	AVK	1.13	9.0	...	16.50	12.08	143	12.51	-21.2	
AdvDorWr	AADR	.32e	8	...	64.00	38.19	46	39.83	-32.3	
AdvPerMts	HYLD	3.54e	9.5	...	37.20	35.62	37.10	32.6	-28.2	
AdvNewT n	FNG	...	...	...	23.41	14.47	49	15.42	-28.2
AdvSht pf n	CWS	...	...	...	32.47	31.25	32.18	...	-13.1
AdvS Kor n	KOR	...	...	...	32.01	26.94	...	...	-19.7
AdvSmCap	SCAP	...	...	...	42.75	30.99	30.40	...	-13.2
AdvPacFit	FLRT	1.56e	4	...	50.64	46.81	0	47.03	-4.7	
AdvSagEq	HOLD	.41e	4	...	103.68	97.35	0	99.29	-2.9	
AdvNHTMS	MINC	1.34e	2.8	...	48.50	46.31	13	47.41	-2.0	
AdvSStarG	VEGA	...	...	...	32.34	28.37	0	28.32	-8.1
AdvGLEch n	GIVE	...	...	...	5.95	1.13	162	2.69	-7.7
AdvDblLine	DBLV	.47e	.8	...	75.63	56.82	5	58.74	-17.8	
AdvMediil	MATH	...	...	...	35.56	32.38	...	33.00	-2.3
AdvMGBd	FWDB	.73e	3.0	...	27.29	21.99	3	24.29	-6.1	
AdvMadInt	FWDI	.37e	1.6	...	33.10	23.69	3	23.83	-23.3	
AdvMadM	FWDD	.18e	4	...	57.19	44.44	4	45.18	-15.5	
AdvAcotBear	HDGE	...	...	...	8.98	7.22	1210	8.58	-9.4
AdvAecom	ACM	...	...	...	39.90	24.87	773	26.37	-29.0
AdvAegon	AEG	.25e	5.4	...	7.48	4.47	1492	4.61	-26.8	
Aegon cap	AEH	1.59	6.4	...	26.52	24.75	37	24.85	-3.8	
Aegon 6.5	AED	1.63	6.5	...	26.83	24.55	29	24.82	-4.4	
Aegon fit	AEB	.77	4.1	...	25.49	17.85	63	18.50	-23.5	
Aegon42	AEK	2.00	7.9	...	27.04	25.50	25.28	...	-26.2	
AdvCap	AER	...	...	...	58.30	36.85	3208	38.84	-26.2
AdvAerocry	ACY	2	1.734	9.21	1.6	9.25	-39.3
AerohiveN	HIVE	...	...	...	6.10	3.19	210	3.31	-43.2
AerojetR	AJRD	68	38.92	24.41	647	34.10	-9.3
AvflMngs	AMG	1.20	1.3	7	216.99	150.91	791	95.06	-33.7	
AgeX Th n	AGE	...	...	...	5.95	1.13	162	2.69	-7.7
Agilent	A	.66f	1.0	67	75.11	60.42	1662	65.54	-2.1	
Agnico g	AEM	.44	4	...	48.90	32.18	1215	39.79	-13.8	
AgreeRit	ADC	2.22f	3.8	30	63.00	43.74	330	58.86	+14.4	
Avr Inds	AIRI	.60	78.9	...	1.95	.78	97	.76	-56.0	
AvrLease	AL	.52f	1.7	4	50.70	28.63	1499	29.95	-37.7	
AirProd	APD	4.40	2.8	23	175.17	148.44	1218	156.92	-4.4	
AirPrd w	APD/WI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aircastle	AYR	1.20f	7.2	6	25.30	16.09	473	16.78	-28.3	
Aiamw n Q	ALPQ	1.25	5.4	...	26.60	22.64	19	20.77	-19.2	
Aiamw n Q	ALG	.48f	6	20	120.58	73.48	68	73.49	-32.2	
AlamosGld	AGI	.02	.6	...	6.84	2.90	2435	3.59	-44.4	
AlaskaAir	ALK	1.28	2.1	8	75.46	57.42	1474	60.79	-17.3	
AlbnyIn	AIN	.72f	1.2	24	82.20	57.85	87	61.13	-5.2	
Albemarle	ALB	1.34f	1.8	12	138.67	72.44	1496	76.28	-40.4	
Alcoa Cp	AA	14	62.35	25.08	3217	27.14	-49.6
AlexC Inc	ALEX	.28	1.5	19	29.23	17.58	402	18.32	-34.0	
Alexanders	ALX	18.00	5.9	...	403.60	295.75	7	302.54	-23.6	
AlexREE	ARE	3.88f	3.4	25	131.63	110.13	637	113.97	-12.7	
AlxRE pfD	AREPD	1.75	5.2	...	37.59	33.12	1	33.71	-8.9	
AlexcoR g	AXU	...	...	...	1.79	.68	301	.89	-44.3
AlgonPw n	AGN	.51	...	...	11.23	9.45	222	9.93	-11.0
Alibaba	BABA	37	211.70	129.77	14446	138.00	-20.0
Timmins g	TGDO	148	...	
Allo Gld rs	ALO	3.93	.63	390	.82	-77.6	
AlleqCp	Y	659.88	558.50	64	606.76	+1.8	

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NthlnstPrObSh	32	2.54	RBCGvRBC1	20	2.11	State Street Insti U	14	1.89	UBS Select Prime Pre	22	2.46	Western Asset Instit	23	2.19	FidSpMA	32	1.41
Northern Institution	14	1.51	Retail Prime Obligat	17	2.42	State Street Insti U	14	1.54	UBS Select Treasury	20	2.21	Western Asset NY Tax	18	1.11	FidSpNJ	56	1.26
Northern Institution	46	2.22	SEI Prime Obligat	17	2.26	State Street Insti U	14	1.93	UBS Select Treasury	20	2.23	Western Asset Prime	34	2.06	FidSpNY	31	1.43
Northern Institution	49	2.21	Retail Prime Obligat	17	2.36	State Street Insti U	17	1.85	UBS Select Treasury	20	1.96	Western Asset Tax Fr	13	.39	FidTEDiLy	40	1.08
Northern Institution	49	2.21	Retail Prime Obligat	17	2.11	State Street Insti U	14	1.86	UBS Select Treasury	20	2.27	Western Asset Tax Fr	26	1.13	FidAZ	21	1.27
NorthernInstTreas	49	2.32	Retail Prime Obligat	17	2.17	State Street Insti U	17	1.79	UBS Tax-Free Institu	13	1.51	Western Asset US Tre	39	1.36	FidTECR	40	.83
NorthernUSGv	47	2.12	Retail Prime Obligat	17	2.16	State Street Insti U	28	1.84	UBS Tax-Free Investo	13	1.24	WstnUSTrN	39	1.76	FidTxEx MM	40	1.33
OppCshResN t	31	1.80	Rydex U.S. Government	13	1.33	State Street Insti U	14	1.81	UBS Tax-Free Prefer	13	1.55	WstnLntLqRsl	42	2.09	FidTaxExPortS	33	1.53
OppenhCshB p	39	1.21	SEI DITGovA	33	2.11	State Street Insti U	14	1.64	US Government Money	20	1.31	WstnPrmLiq	42	1.85	FinSq TEF	36	1.53
OppenhCshC p	31	1.80	SEI DITGvIA	35	2.14	State Street Insti U	28	1.57	US Government Money	20	2.01	WstnLntUSTr	39	2.17	FstAmTfFA	13	.96
OppCshRes	31	1.79	SEI DITTrSA	26	2.06	State Street Insti U	14	1.91	USAA Mult	27	2.00	WstnPrmUSTR	39	1.91	FstAmTxFY	13	1.26
Oppenheimer Governme	31	1.83	SEI DITTrIA	33	2.12	State Street Insti U	17	1.82	USAA Treas	39	2.02	Wilm GovSel	29	1.62	FsAmTxFObI	13	1.41
Oppenheimer Institut	36	2.26	STI CshRes	33	2.18	State Street Insti U	21	2.02	VALIC MMkll	32	.01	Wilm TrAdm	28	1.39	FstAmTfObZ	13	1.51
Oppenheimer Institut	36	2.20	STIC Prime Portfolio	11	2.22	State Street Insti U	21	2.00	VALIC MMkll	32	.01	Wilm TrSvc	28	1.24	GenNJMub	19	.94
Oppenheimer Institut	36	2.18	STIC Prime Portfolio	11	1.51	State Street Insti U	21	1.83	VangAdmTry	52	2.26	Wilm TrSvc	28	1.64	GenNYMub	21	1.02
OppMFMd A	31	1.82	STIC Prime Portfolio	11	1.83	State Street Treasur	17	1.91	VangFdl	56	2.27	Wilm GovAdm	29	1.37	GrnMub p	11	.68
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.16	STIC Prime Portfolio	11	2.30	SunAmMMA	28	.01	VangPr	50	2.41	Wilmington U.S. Gove	29	1.22	GrnNYMub p	21	.62
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.16	STIT Liquid Assets	20	2.15	T. Rowe Price Govern	29	2.12	VangPrnst	50	2.47	WilmUSGov	36	2.11	GrnCaIMu	9	.94
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.21	STIT STIC Prime Por	11	2.08	T. Rowe Price Instit	48	2.33	Voya Governm Mone	16	2.03				JPMMuMMP	6	1.28
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.30	STIT Government & Ag	30	2.21	T. Rowe Price Tax-Ex	34	1.37	Voya Governm Mone	16	2.03				JPMorganCA	6	1.02
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.31	STIT Government & Ag	30	1.94	TDAM California Muni	3	.20	Voya Governm Mone	16	1.03				JPMorganNY	6	1.11
PIMCO Government Mon	4	2.31	STIT Liquid Assets P	20	2.42	TDAM Insti U.S. Gov	3	1.90	Voya Governm Mone	16	2.03				JPMorganTF	15	1.12
PNC Government Money	33	2.05	STIT STIC Prime Port	11	2.34	TDAM Insti U.S. Gove	3	1.86	Voya Liquid Assets P	17	1.90				JPMorgTFPr	15	1.26
PNC Gov A	33	2.00	STIT Tax-Free Cash R	9	1.25	TDAM Institutional T	3	1.16	Voya Liquid Assets P	17	2.15				BMO TaxF 1 p	13	1.55
PNC Gov I	33	2.20	STIT Tax-Free Cash R	9	1.45	TDAM Institutional T	3	1.66	Voya Liquid Assets P	17	1.75				BMO TaxF Y	13	1.30
PNC TrA p	32	1.91	STIT Treasury Obliga	41	2.19	TDAM Institutional U	3	1.50	Voya Liquid Assets P	17	2.09				BNYMellnMuM	9	1.44
PNC Tr I	32	2.11	STIT Treasury Obliga	41	1.15	TDAMMMInV	3	1.51	Voya Money Market Po	17	1.52				JPMTXFrnst	26	1.50
PNC Treasury Plus Mo	23	2.08	STIT Treasury Obliga	41	2.24	TDAMMMkPr	3	1.50	WA Select Tax Free R	26	1.52				BRLLM Muni	26	1.55
PNC Treasury Plus Mo	23	2.01	STIT Treasury Portfo	27	1.93	TDAMMMkPr	3	1.50	WF 100% Treasury Mon	37	2.19				BRF NYMuni	7	1.47
PW PACE P	22	1.77	STIT Treasury Portfo	27	2.20	TDAM Money Market Po	3	1.61	WF Government Money	28	2.28				BRFCAMuni	7	1.18
PhoenixMM A	25	.01	Saratoga Advantage T	1	.01	TDAM Money Market Po	3	1.41	Wells Fargo 100% Tre	37	2.09				CashActTxEMgd	29	1.31
Pioneer U.S. Governm	...	1.78	Saratoga U.S.Governm	1	.01	TDAM Municipal Portf	2	.48	Wells Fargo A	16	2.03				FIMMTxExII	33	1.43
Pioneer U.S. Governm	...	1.23	SaratogUSGvI	1	.01	TDAM New York Municip	1	.23	WFCashInvAd	14	2.28				FIMMTxEx3	33	1.33
PionrCs	...	1.72	SchwABCR-Pr	1	1.70	TDAM U.S. Government	3	1.38	WFCashInst	14	2.42				FIMMTxExI	33	1.58
PremGvtMP	41	2.23	SchwABCR	1	1.70	TDAMUSGv	3	1.48	Wells Fargo Cash Inv	14	2.49				FedCAMuniSv	33	1.18
PremierPort	18	2.43	SchwCshRes	17	1.92	TIAA-CREF Inst	44	.02	Wells Fargo Fd, Trea	24	2.08				FedCAMuWS	33	1.43
Premier Portfolio Pe	18	1.90	Schwab Government Mo	9	2.07	TIAA-CREF Money Mark	44	.02	WFGovAdm	28	2.08				FedGAMUCS	12	1.22
Premier Portfolio Pr	18	2.13	Schwblnv	28	2.24	TIAA-CREF Ret	44	.02	WFGvMMA	28	1.82				FedMAMuCS p	32	.72
Premier Portfolio Re	18	2.27	SchwRetAdv	25	2.21	TIAA-CREF Ret	44	.02	Wells Fargo Heritage	17	2.49				FedMAMuCS v	32	1.13
Premier Portfolio Re	18	1.58	Schwab Retirement Gu	27	2.21	TRowSumCR	47	2.15	Wells Fargo Heritage	17	2.19				FedMuObI A	34	1.60
PrimeObTr	31	1.97	Schwab Treasury Obli	10	2.06	TRowUPF	29	2.01	Wells Fargo 100	37	1.89				FedMuObI Cap	34	1.50
PruMMarD	30	1.76	Schwab U.S. Treasury	10	1.96	TRowUST	25	2.01	Wells FargoInsCsh	14	2.11				FedNyMuCSv	38	1.35
PruMMrZ	30	1.96	SchwValAdv	29	2.26	Thriv MM Inst	43	1.96	Wells Fargo Money Ma	16	2.43				FedNyMuCS c	38	.94
Prudential Governmen	30	1.76	SchwValAdvUlt	29	2.41	Thriv MMk A	43	1.83	Wells Fargo Money Ma	16	2.13				FedNyMuCSll	38	.77
Prudential Governmen	30	1.65	SchbMM	1	1.29	TreasObTR	22	1.72	Wells Fargo Municipa	5	1.51				FedPAMuniCS	21	.68
Prudential Governmen	30	1.81	Schb UST	10	1.76	Treasury Obligations	21	2.27	Wells F100Tra	37	1.79				FedPAMuCSv	21	1.07
PruInstMM A	32	2.41	SentinelGov A	10	1.81	Treasury Portfolio P	49	2.27	Wells Fargo TrsyS	24	1.98				FedTaxFobWS	32	1.54
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	StFrmMLLgA	6	1.74	U.S. Government Mone	25	1.11	Wells FargoTrsyA	24	1.83				FedTaxFobWS	32	1.29
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.57	U.S. Government Mone	25	1.61	Wells Fargo TrsyI	24	2.23				FedMuniSv	17	1.10
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.57	U.S. Government Mone	25	2.32	WFGvMInlst	28	2.22				FedTxF c	6	1.56
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.57	U.S. Treasury Money	25	2.09	Western Asset Govern	23	1.59				FidCA	18	1.25
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.64	UBS Prime Investor F	23	2.12	Western Asset Govern	23	1.39				FidCT	37	1.30
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.63	UBS Prime Preferred	23	2.43	WA GvtRsvA	23	1.79				FidMA	33	1.24
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.62	UBS Prime Reserves F	23	2.39	WAlnstGvlnst	23	2.24				FidMI	33	1.19
Putnam Government Mo	27	.01	State Farm Money Mar	6	1.63	UBS RMA Government M	27	1.89	Western Asset Inst.	27	2.16				FidMUMM	51	1.39
Putnam MMA	25	2.10	StInstLRS	21	2.08	UBS Select Governmen	27	2.24	Western Asset Inst.	27	2.21				FidNJ	54	1.24
Putnam Money Market	25	.01	State Street Insti L	17	1.35	UBS Select Governmen	27	1.93	Western Asset Insti	39	2.12				FidNY	37	1.29
Putnam Money Market	25	.01	State Street Insti T	17	1.53	UBS Select Governmen	27	2.20	Western Asset Insti	42	2.05				FidOH	48	1.26
Putnam Money Market	25	.01	State Street Insti T	17	1.87	UBS Select Governmen	27	2.18	Western Asset Instit	27	2.01				FidPA	16	1.25
PutnmMMC t	25	.01	State Street Insti T	28	1.92	UBS Select Prime Inv	22	2.13	Western Asset Instit	23	2.19				FidSPCA	21	1.37

Tax Exempt

Toronto stocks

Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg

Treasury bonds

Rate	Date	Bid	Ask	Chg	Yld	Rate	Date	Bid	Ask	Chg	Yld	Rate	Date	Bid	Ask	Chg	Yld
U.S. Treasury Bonds and Notes																	
1.00 Dec 18 p	99.31	100.00	.39			1.38 Jan 20 f	98.22	98.23	+0.01	2.61		2.25 Feb 21 p	99.08	99.09	-0.01	2.60	
1.38 Dec 18 p	99.31	100.00	.35			1.25 Jan 20 p	98.16	98.17	+0.01	2.61		3.63 Feb 21 p	102.03	102.04	-0.01	2.59	
1.50 Dec 18 p	99.31	100.00	.33			1.38 Jan 20 p	98.20	98.21		2.62		7.88 Feb 21 k	110.26	110.27	-0.02	2.61	
1.13 Jan 19 p	99.29	99.30	2.02			2.00 Jan 20 p	99.10	99.11		2.61		1.38 Feb 21 p	96.28	96.29	-0.01	2.60	
2.13 Jan 19 f	99.28	99.29	+0.01	4.04		3.63 Feb 20 p	101.01	101.02		2.65		2.00 Feb 21 p	98.23	98.24	-0.01	2.60	
1.13 Jan 19 p	99.27	99.28	2.23			8.50 Feb 20 k	106.15	106.16	-0.01	2.64		3.38 Mar 21 p	99.16	99.17	-0.01	2.59	
1.25 Jan 19 p	99.28	99.29	2.24			1.38 Feb 20 p	98.17	98.18	+0.01	2.62		1.25 Mar 21 p					

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GovernmentInc	GI	10.00	+1.6	...	+10.8	HighIncAdvntgC	m	HY	10.22	-4.5	-7.0	+5.2/C	CnsrvAllcA	m	CA	13.98	-3.9	-5.5	+2.9
GrDiscv	LG	30.60	-6.2	-1.8	+9.8/A	HighIncAdvntg	m	HY	9.60	-4.3	-6.1	+6.2/B	CnsrvAllcC	m	CA	13.68	-4.0	-6.2	+2.1
GrDiscvK	LG	30.61	-6.2	-1.7	+9.9/A	HighIncAdvntgM	m	HY	10.29	-4.5	-6.3	+6.0/B	CnsrvAllcR	b	CA	13.92	-3.9	-5.7	+2.6
GrStrategies	MG	37.27	-7.9	-8.7	+4.2/E	IndustrialsA	m	ID	31.10	-10.5	-17.1	+4.4/D	CnvrSecA	m	CV	18.77	-3.5	+3.0	+9.2/A
GrStrategiesK	MG	37.52	-7.9	-8.5	+4.3/E	IndustrialsC	m	ID	27.49	-10.5	-17.7	+3.7/D	CnvrSecAdv	m	CV	18.76	-3.5	+3.2	+9.4/A
GroCo	LG	13.92	-6.7	-5.2	+11.2/A	IndustrialsI	m	ID	32.84	-10.5	-16.9	+4.7/C	CnvrSecC	m	CV	18.48	-3.5	+2.2	+8.3/A
GroCo x	LG	15.80	-6.7	-5.8	+10.7/A	IndustrialsM	m	ID	30.38	-10.5	-17.3	+4.2/D	CorfolioAllcA	m	XM	17.48	-10.0	-11.9	+4.1
GroCoK	LG	15.81	-6.7	-5.8	+10.8/A	IntermMunincA	m	MI	10.24	-13.3	+7	+1.5/C	CorfolioAllcC	m	XM	17.13	-10.0	-12.5	+3.3
Growth&Inc	LB	33.06	-9.4	-10.0	+6.5/C	IntermMunincC	m	MI	10.25	+1.3	+1	+8/E	DevMktsA	m	EM	18.07	-2.3	-17.6	+10.4
Growth&IncK	LB	33.03	-9.4	-9.9	+6.7/C	IntermMunincI	m	MI	10.25	+1.3	+1.0	+1.8/B	DevMktsAdv	m	EM	17.96	-2.3	-17.4	+10.6
HighIncome	HY	8.24	-3.0	-3.2	+6.9/A	IntlCapitalAppA	m	FG	16.92	-4.3	-14.2	+3.8/B	DevMktsC	m	EM	17.66	-2.4	-18.2	+9.5
Independence	LG	30.33	-7.8	-8.2	+4.3/E	IntlCapitalAppC	m	FG	14.90	-4.4	-14.8	+3.1/B	DynaTechA	m	LG	64.12	-5.3	+6	+12.3/A
IndependenceK	LG	30.33	-7.8	-8.1	+4.4/E	IntlCapitalAppM	m	FG	16.51	-4.4	-14.4	+3.6/B	DynaTechC	m	LG	66.11	-5.3	+9	+12.5/A
IntermediateBd	CI	10.53	-7.2	-1.1	+1.6/D	IntlDiscvA	m	FG	36.69	-6.0	-18.1	+2/E	DynaTechR	b	LG	53.40	-5.4	-1	+11.4/A
InternationalVa	FG	7.22	-6.6	-1.77	+1.2/E	IntlGrA	m	FG	11.80	-4.9	-12.8	+2.6/C	DynaTechR6	LG	66.73	-5.3	+1.0	+12.7/A	
IntlCptlApprec	FG	17.61	-4.3	-13.9	+4.3/A	IntlGrC	m	FG	11.60	-4.9	-13.4	+1.9/C	EMSmCpA	m	EM	12.34	-1.6	-16.2	+4.4
IntlDiscv	FG	36.18	-6.0	-17.9	+6/D	IntlGrI	m	FG	11.84	-4.9	-12.5	+3.0/B	EMSmCpAdv	m	EM	12.49	-1.6	-16.0	+4.6
IntlEnhldx	FG	8.38	-5.4	-15.4	+3.0/A	IntlGrI	m	FR	15.69	-6.4	-15.9	+4.0/B	EMSmCpC	m	EM	11.69	-1.7	-16.9	+3.6
IntlGr	FV	13.24	-5.1	-11.9	+3.3/B	IntlSmCapOppsA	m	FR	15.82	-6.4	-15.7	+4.3/B	EmergMktDbtOpps	EB	10.67	+3	-1.4	+7.3	
IntlGr	FG	11.87	-4.8	-12.5	+2.9/B	IntlSmCapOppsI	m	FR	22.97	-6.1	-17.5	+5.8/A	EqlncA	m	LV	22.04	-7.6	-6.3	+6.4/B
IntlGrInstPrm	FG	36.10	-5.5	-14.1	+2.7/B	IntlSmCapOppsI	m	FO	22.20	-6.1	-18.2	+4.9/B	EqlncC	m	LV	21.89	-7.7	-7.0	+5.6/C
IntlRIEst	GR	10.77	-1.6	-5.8	+5.3/A	IntlSmallCapA	m	FO	23.54	-6.1	-17.3	+6.0/A	FdrIntTrFncA1	m	MI	11.88	-1.2	+5	+12/D
IntlSmCp	FQ	23.39	-6.1	-17.3	+6.0/A	IntlSmallCapC	m	FO	22.50	-10	-1.3	+2.4/B	FdrIntTrFncC	m	MI	11.92	+1.2	+6	+13/D
IntlSmCp	FR	13.82	-6.2	-14.7	+3.9/B	InvestmentGrBdA	m	CI	7.64	+1.0	-1.3	+2.7/A	FdrLtrTrFncA1	m	MS	10.30	+8	+1.4	+6/D
IntlSmCpOpps	FR	15.83	-6.5	-15.8	+4.2/B	InvestmentGrBdI	m	CI	7.66	+1.2	-1.1	+2.7/A	FdrLtrTrFncC	m	MS	10.30	+8	+1.5	+16/D
IntlVf	FG	8.53	-6.6	-17.0	-8/D	LargeCapA	x	LB	25.32	-9.9	-10.5	+6.9/C	FdrLtrTrFncA1	m	ML	11.60	+1.2	+5	+16/D
IntnmGovInc	GI	10.28	-1.1	+6	+8/C	LargeCapC	x	LB	22.61	-9.9	-11.2	+6.0/D	FdrLtrTrFncC	m	ML	11.60	+1.2	+7	+16/D
IntnmMunInc	MS	10.47	-1.9	+1.2	+2.1/B	LargediscvA	m	LB	25.29	-9.9	-10.7	+6.6/C	FdrLtrTrFncC	m	ML	11.60	+1.2	+7	+16/D
InvmGradeBd	CI	10.82	+1.1	-8	+2.6/A	LargediscvC	m	LB	25.29	-9.9	-10.7	+6.6/C	FdrLtrTrFncC	m	ML	11.60	+1.2	+7	+16/D
InvmGradeBd	CI	7.65	-1.0	-2	+2.7/A	LargediscvC	m	MB	31.88	-9.3	-16.8	+1.6/E	FloridaTFncA1	m	SL	10.40	+1.0	+1.7	+1.6/C
Japan	JS	13.03	-6.7	-15.4	+4.3/C	LargediscvC	m	MB	27.88	-9.4	-17.5	+8/E	FloridaTFncA1	m	SL	10.63	+1.0	+1.1	+1.1/E
JapanSmrCo	JS	14.86	-8.6	-17.5	+7.2/B	LargediscvC	m	MB	32.73	-9.3	-16.6	+1.9/D	FtngRtDlyYcsA	m	BL	8.43	-2.0	+7	+4.8/B
LargeCapStock	LB	26.64	-10.0	-10.3	+7.0/C	LargediscvC	m	MB	30.66	-9.4	-17.0	+1.4/E	FtngRtDlyYcsC	m	BL	8.43	-2.0	+3	+4.4/B
LargeCapValldx	LV	10.97	-9.0	-9.7	+6.0/B	LargediscvC	m	CS	11.22	+3	+1	+1.3/C	FndngsAlA	m	AL	12.78	-8.2	-12.6	+3.0
LatinAmerica	LS	20.71	-7.16	-13.5	+10.2/D	LargediscvC	m	CS	11.25	+4	+7	+1.5/E	FndngsAlA	m	AL	12.87	-8.2	-12.4	+3.3
LgCpCorEnhldx	LG	16.60	-6.4	-5.3	+8.9/B	LargediscvC	m	CS	11.23	+4	+1	+1.3/C	FndngsAlC	m	AL	12.53	-8.3	-13.3	+2.3
LgCpGrEnhldx	LG	16.60	-6.4	-5.3	+8.9/B	LargediscvC	m	MS	10.49	+9	+9	+7/D	FrgnA	m	FV	6.63	-5.6	-16.4	+2.5
LgCpValEnhldx	LV	11.24	-8.9	-9.0	+6.6/B	LargediscvC	m	MS	10.47	+8	+1.2	+1.0/C	FrgnAdv	m	FV	6.52	-5.6	-16.3	+2.2
LimitedTermGov	GS	9.82	+9	+8	+6/C	LargediscvC	m	SN	60.88	-9.0	-25.5	+1.3/C	FrgnC	m	FV	6.60	-5.7	-17.1	+1.7
LowPrStk	MV	42.93	-8.1	-11.9	+4.8/B	MaterialsA	m	SN	58.63	-9.1	-26.1	+6/C	FrgnR	m	FV	6.50	-5.6	-16.7	+2.2
LowPrStk	MV	42.88	-7.9	-11.6	+4.9/B	MaterialsC	m	SN	58.63	-9.1	-26.1	+6/C	FrgnR6	m	FV	6.51	-5.6	-16.7	+3.1
MidCapMunInc	MS	10.47	-1.9	+1.2	+2.1/B	MaterialsI	m	SN	60.76	-9.0	-25.3	+1.6/C	GblBAlA1	m	IH	2.78	-5.9	-10.8	+1.6
MidCapMunInc	MS	23.60	-8.1	-17.6	+1.8/D	MegaCapStockA	m	LB	13.20	-8.6	-8.6	+6.5/D	GblBAlC	m	IH	2.78	-5.9	-10.5	+1.9
MidCapMunInc	MS	23.67	-8.1	-17.5	+1.9/D	MegaCapStockI	m	LB	13.36	-8.5	-8.3	+6.7/C	GblBAlC	m	IH	2.75	-6.0	-11.5	+8
MAMunicipalInc	MT	11.90	+1.4	+1	+1.8/A	MegaCapStockI	m	LB	16.05	-11.0	-15.9	+3.7/C	GblBdA1	m	IH	2.77	-5.9	-11.2	+1.2
Magellan	LG	8.82	-7.8	-7.2	+7.0/D	MidCapLI	m	MB	14.09	-11.1	-16.6	+2.9/D	GblBdA1	m	IH	2.73	-5.9	-11.2	+1.2
MagellanK	LG	8.80	-7.8	-7.2	+7.1/D	MidCapLI	m	MB	16.58	-11.0	-15.7	+4.0/C	GblBdA1	m	IH	2.73	-5.9	-11.2	+1.2
MegaCapStock	LB	13.35	-8.5	-8.3	+6.7/C	MidCapLI	m	MB	15.62	-11.1	-16.1	+3.4/C	GblBdA1	m	IH	2.73	-5.9	-11.2	+1.2
MichiganMunInc	SL	11.96	+1.6	+7	+2.0/A	MidCapLI	m	MV	18.59	-11.1	-20.0	+1.2/E	GblBdC	m	IB	11.36	+2	+1.1	+3.0/B
MidCapStock	MG	30.11	-8.9	-7.6	+7.6/B	MidCapLI	m	MV	18.51	-11.1	-20.2	+9/E	GblBdR	b	IB	11.33	+2	+1.3	+3.1/B
MidCapStock	MG	30.11	-8.9	-7.5	+7.8/B	MidCapValueA	m	MV	18.59	-11.1	-20.0	+1.2/E	GblBdR6	m	IB	11.28	+3	+1.8	+3.8/A
MidCapValue	MV	18.86	-11.0	-19.8	+1.5/E	MidCapValueM	m	MV	18.51	-11.1	-20.2	+9/E	GblSmrCoA	m	SW	7.78	-8.6	-20.9	+2.9
MidCpEnhldx	MV	12.35	-9.0	-13.1	+4.9/B	MortgageSec	m	CI	10.87	+1.5	+1	+1.5/D	GblSmrCoAdv	m	SW	7.81	-8.6	-20.7	+3.2
MinnesotaMnInc	SM	11.40	+1.6	+5	+1.7/B	NewInsA	m	LG	26.07	-6.9	-6.0	+8.3/C	GblTtRetA	m	IB	11.64	+5	+1.9	+4.4/A
MortgageSecs	CI	10.91	+1.5	+2	+1.5/D	NewInsC	m	LG	22.37	-6.9	-6.6	+7.5/D	GblTtRetAdv	m	IB	11.66	+6	+2.2	+4.7/A
MryndMunInc	MS	11.14	+1.6	+1	+2.0/B	NewInsM	m	LG	25.78	-6.8	-6.2	+8.0/C	GblTtRetC	m	IB	11.63	+5	+1.5	+4.0/A
MunInc2019	MS	12.74	+1.6	+1	+2.0/B	NewInsM	m	LG	26.72	-6.8	-6.6	+8.7/B	GblTtRetC	m	IB	11.65	+6	+2.2	+4.8/A
MunInc2019	MS	10.56	+3	+1.3	+1.0/B	OverseasA	m	FG	20.35	-6.3	-15.7	+1.1/D	GldPrCMTsA	m	SP	12.44	+6.8	-20.7	+6.1/E
NJMunicipalInc	MJ	11.68	+1.7	+1.3	+2.9/A	OverseasI	m	FG	20.57	-6.4	-16.1	+1.6/D	GldPrCMTsC	m	SP	13.20	+6.7	-20.5	+6.3/E
NYMunInc	MJ	12.87	+1.6	+3	+1.9/C	RealEstateA	m	FR	19.14	-7.7	-7.2	+5/D	GldPrCMTsC	m	SP	11.42	+6.7	-21.2	+5.3/E
NasdCmpldx	LG	85.04	-7.3	-4.3	+10.1/A	RealEstateC	m	FR	18.65	-7.8	-7.9	-3/E	GrIncA	m	WS	20.63	-8.7	-15.0	+2.6/E
NewMillennium	LB	30.71	-8.7	-8.5	+7.7/B	RealEstateI	m	SR	19.33	-7.7	-6.9	+4.0/D	GrIncAdv	m	WS	20.63	-8.7	-14.8	+2.8/E
NewMktInc	EQ	14.27	-1.3	-7.9	+5.2/B	RealEstateM	m	SR	19.12	-7.7	-7.4	+3/D	GrIncRet	b	WS	20.45	-8.7	-15.2	+2.3/E
Nordic	MB	41.73	-6.3	-13.5	+1.5/D	RIEstlncA	m	SR	11.10	-3.0	-1.4	+5.2/A	GrA	m	LG	88.17	-7.8	-5.3	+8.9/B
OTCPortfolio	LG	9.98	-5.8	-4.3	+10.7/A	RIEstlncC	m	SR	10.99	-3.0	-2.2	+4.4/A	GrAdv	m	AL	88.30	-7.8	-5.1	+9.2/B
OTCPortfolioK	LG	9.98	-5.7	-4.2	+11.0/A	RIEstlncI	m	SR	11.12	-2.9	-1.2	+5.4/A	GrAllcA	m	AL	17.62	-7.5	-10.2	+4.0
OhioMunInc	MO	11.89	+1.6	+3	+2.2/A	RIEstlncM	m	SR	11.11	-3.0	-1.5	+5.1/A	GrAllcC	m	AL	17.71	-7.5	-10.8	+3.2
Overseas	FG	40.44	-6.3	-15.6	+2.5/C	SCGrthA	m	SG	19.85	-10.2	-6.8	+9.5/B	GrAllcC	m	AL	17.04	-7.5	-10.8	+3.2
OverseasK	FG	40.33	-6.4	-15.6	+2.6/C	SCGrthC	m	SG	17.54	-10.2	-7.5	+8.6/B	GrAllcR	b	AL	17.35	-7.5	-10.5	+3.7
PacificBasin	DF	26.25	-4.4	-1.2	+5.8/A	SCGrthI	m	SG	20.83	-10.1	-6.5	+9.8/A	GrC	m	LG	60.76	-7.9	-6.0	+8.1/D
PensylvnMnInc	PA	10.97	+1.1	+1.7	+2.1/B	SCGrthM	m	SG	19.17	-10.2	-7.0	+9.1/B	GrOppsA	m	LG	33.80	-6.8	-2.7	+6.0/D
Puritan	MA	19.34	-4.8	-5	+5.5/A	SCValueA	m	SV	12.71	-10.7	-16.1	+3.9/C	GrOppsAdv	m	LG	33.80	-6.8	-2.5	+6.8/D
PuritanK	MA	19.33	-4.8	-5.4	+5.6/A	SCValueI	m	SV	13.01	-10.8	-15.9								

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DiscpEqHLSIB b	LB	13.19	-7.6	-4.0	+6.9/C	GlbCorEqA m	WS	12.62	-7.8	-15.6	+3.2/D	LCapGrI	LG	32.38	-6.1	-1.8	+9.7/B
DivandGRa m	LV	21.43	-7.9	-7.1	+7.4/A	GlbCorEqC m	WS	12.00	-7.9	-16.3	+2.4/E	LargeCapValueA m	LV	12.20	-11.3	-16.4	+5.8/C
DivandGRc m	LV	20.59	-8.0	-7.8	+6.6/B	GlbGrA m	WS	25.91	-6.9	-14.5	+1.5/E	LargeCapValueI	LV	11.98	-11.3	-16.2	+6.0/B
DivandGRHLSIA	LV	19.58	-8.0	-6.9	+7.8/A	GlbLwVIEqYldA m	WS	12.11	-4.7	-11.3	+1.8/E	LtdDurBdA m	CS	9.99	+5	+1.6	+1.4/C
DivandGRHLSIB b	LV	19.49	-8.0	-7.1	+7.6/A	GlbRIEsttA m	GR	11.38	-4.3	-6.5	+2.2/D	LtdDurBdI	CS	9.99	+5	+1.8	+1.7/B
DivandGRl	LV	21.33	-7.9	-6.9	+7.6/A	GlbSmiMidCpGrA m	SW	14.93	-7.9	-15.4	+2.0/E	LtdDurBdR6	CS	10.00	+4	+1.9	+1.9/B
DivandGRR3 b	LV	21.73	-7.9	-7.4	+7.0/A	GldPrctMtlis m	SP	3.23	+6.2	-22.4	+6.6/D	MCapValA m	MB	31.82	-10.2	-13.2	+3.6/C
DivandGRR4 b	LV	21.91	-7.9	-7.1	+7.4/A	GldPrctMtlisInv b	SP	3.25	+6.2	-22.2	+6.5/D	MCapValC m	MB	30.57	-10.2	-13.7	+3.0/D
DivandGRR5	LV	22.02	-7.9	-6.8	+7.7/A	GrAlIcA m	AL	14.23	-5.1	-9.2	+4.4/D	MCapValI	MB	32.16	-10.1	-13.0	+3.8/C
DivandGRY	LV	22.02	-7.9	-6.8	+7.7/A	GrAlIcC m	AL	14.12	-5.3	-9.8	+3.8/E	MCapValV	MB	32.55	-10.1	-12.8	+4.1/C
EmKmtsEqY	EM	8.30	-2.0	-16.4	+8.9/A	GrAndInC m	LV	20.21	-11.1	-14.6	+5.0/D	MidCapEqEqlyI	MG	40.81	-9.0	-9.9	+5.2/D
EmKmtsLcDdbtI	XP	5.58	+1.0	-9.0	+5.2/B	GrAndInC m	LV	19.95	-11.2	-15.2	+4.2/E	MidCapGrowthA m	MG	24.96	-8.2	-7.4	+5.8/D
EmKmtsLcDdbtY	XP	5.54	+1.1	-9.0	+5.2/B	HCA m	SH	32.23	-8.5	-1.7	-7.0/D	MidCapGrowthC m	MG	19.26	-8.2	-7.9	+5.3/D
EqlncA m	LV	16.75	-7.8	-9.6	+6.6/B	HCC m	SH	21.41	-8.6	-2.5	-8.0/D	MidCapGrowthI	MG	29.04	-8.2	-7.1	+6.1/C
EqlncC m	LV	16.63	-7.9	-10.2	+5.8/C	HClnc b	SH	32.23	-8.5	-1.7	-7.0/D	MktExpnEnhldA m	SB	8.44	-11.2	-14.7	+5.3/C
EqlncI	LV	16.66	-7.8	-9.3	+6.8/A	HYA m	HY	3.82	-2.9	-4.1	+4.3/D	MktExpnEnhldI	SB	8.59	-11.2	-14.4	+5.6/B
EqlncR3 b	LV	16.76	-7.8	-9.9	+6.2/B	HYC m	HY	3.81	-2.7	-4.9	+3.5/E	MortgBackedScA m	CI	11.25	+1.3	+1.1	+2.0/C
EqlncR4 b	LV	16.80	-7.7	-9.6	+6.5/B	HYInv b	HY	3.82	-2.9	-4.1	+4.4/D	MortgBackedScI	CI	10.96	+1.4	+1.3	+2.2/B
EqlncY	LV	16.94	-7.7	-9.3	+6.9/A	HYMuniA m	HM	9.81	+1.5	+1.3	+3.9/B	MortgBackedScR6	CI	10.96	+1.4	+1.4	+2.3/B
FItngRtA m	BL	8.28	-3.0	-1.0	+4.7/B	HYMuniC m	HM	9.77	+1.3	+5	+3.2/C	MunicipalInclA m	MI	9.48	+1.3	+5	+1.3/D
FItngRtC m	BL	8.27	-3.1	-1.7	+4.0/C	HYR5	HY	3.81	-2.9	-4.9	+4.7/D	MunicipalInclI	MI	9.42	+1.4	+9	+1.6/C
FItngRtHlncA m	BL	9.57	-2.7	-5.5	+5.8/A	IncomeA m	MU	8.31	-1.1	-3.2	-1/E	NYTxFrBdA m	MN	6.67	+1.3	+5	+10.0/D
FItngRtHlncC m	BL	9.57	-2.8	-1.3	+5.1/A	IntermTrmMnlncA m	MU	10.93	+1.1	+7	+1.9/B	NYTxFrBdC m	MN	6.67	+1.4	...	+5.5/E
FItngRtHlncI	BL	9.57	-2.8	-4	+6.1/A	IntAlIcA m	FB	10.01	-5.0	-16.8	+2.9/B	NYTxFrBdI	MN	6.71	+1.4	+8	+1.3/C
FItngRtI	BL	8.29	-3.0	-7	+5.0/B	IntAlIcC m	FB	10.01	-5.0	-16.8	+2.9/B	ReschlyIncomel	SF	11.99	-6.7	-7.7	+2.0/D
FItngRtY	BL	8.27	-3.0	-7	+5.1/A	IntIcGr m	FG	25.28	-5.4	-17.0	-5/E	ReschMktNeutrI	NE	15.31	+2.4	+2.2	+2.0/B
GlbAlIAsstA m	IH	9.62	-2.7	-10.3	+3.4/C	IntIcGr5	FG	28.08	-5.3	-16.1	+6/D	ScapEqA m	SB	41.14	-11.7	-10.7	+7.4/A
GlbAlIAsstC m	IH	9.44	-2.8	-11.0	+2.6/D	IntIcGr5A m	FG	28.08	-5.3	-16.1	+6/D	ScapEqC m	SB	29.87	-11.8	-11.2	+6.9/A
GlbAlIAsstI	IH	9.68	-2.7	-10.1	+3.7/C	LtdTrmMnlncA m	MS	11.18	+7	+8	+9/C	ScapEqI	SB	47.90	-11.7	-10.5	+7.7/A
GlbGRHLSIA	WS	24.18	-5.9	-5.2	+8.5/A	LtdTrmMnlncA2 f	MS	11.19	+7	+1.1	+1.2/B	ScapEqR5	SB	47.99	-11.7	-10.3	+7.9/A
GlbGRHLSIB b	WS	23.93	-5.9	-5.5	+8.2/A	MidCpCorEqA m	MB	16.81	-7.8	-13.1	+3.5/C	ShDurBdA m	CS	10.68	+4	+7	+6/E
GlbGRHLSIB	WS	23.93	-5.9	-5.5	+8.2/A	MidCpCorEqC m	MB	16.81	-7.8	-13.1	+3.5/C	ShDurBdI	CS	10.70	+4	+9	+9/D
GlbRIAssY	IH	8.44	-4.2	-10.5	+5.1/A	MidCpCorEqR b	MB	16.00	-7.8	-13.3	+3.2/D	ShDurBdR6	CS	10.70	+5	+1.1	+1.2/C
GrAlIcA m	AL	11.17	-6.2	-8.4	+4.3/D	MidCpGrA m	MG	30.74	-9.2	-7.5	+4.2/E	SmCpBldA m	SG	16.10	-10.3	-5.6	+12.3/A
GrAlIcC m	AL	10.92	-6.4	-9.1	+3.5/E	MidCpGrC m	MG	21.79	-9.3	-8.1	+3.5/E	SmCpBldI	SG	19.30	-10.3	-5.4	+12.6/A
GrOppsA m	LG	31.65	-8.3	-2.2	+7.9/C	ModAlIcA m	MA	11.89	-3.9	-7.2	+4.0/D	SmallCapCoreR5	SB	42.68	-11.2	-13.1	+5.9/B
GrOppsC m	LG	16.55	-8.4	-2.9	+7.1/D	ModAlIcC m	MA	11.79	-3.9	-7.9	+3.2/E	SmallCapGrowthA m	SG	13.10	-10.2	-7.1	+11.6/A
GrOppsHLSIA	LG	33.11	-8.3	-1.5	+8.4/C	MunIcA m	MI	12.95	+1.3	+1	+2.2/C	SmallCapGrowthI	SG	14.66	-10.2	-6.8	+11.9/A
GrOppsHLSIB b	LG	31.54	-8.3	-1.7	+8.1/C	NYFCrA m	MY	15.09	+1.2	+1	+1.6/D	SmallCapGrowthI	SG	15.16	-10.7	-7.7	+12.0/A
GrOppsI	LG	33.58	-8.3	-1.7	+8.1/C	PETXFrInC m	MP	15.09	+1.2	+1	+1.6/D	SmallCapGrowthV	SV	23.20	-11.5	-15.3	+3.2/B
GrOppsR4 b	LG	36.49	-8.3	-2.2	+7.8/C	QualInC m	CI	11.42	+1.1	+7	+1.3/D	SmallCapValueI	SV	22.60	-11.5	-15.1	+3.9/C
HCA m	SH	29.48	-8.7	-5.0	+1.8/C	RIEsttA m	SF	18.61	-6.4	-6.4	-2.5/B	SmallCapValueR5	SV	22.62	-11.5	-15.0	+4.0/C
HCC m	SH	23.51	-8.8	-5.7	+1.0/D	RIEsttC m	SF	18.61	-6.5	-7.1	+1.7/C	SmallCapValueR6	SV	22.66	-11.4	-14.9	+4.2/B
HCHLSIA	SH	20.13	-8.7	-4.7	+2.1/C	SP500IdxA m	LB	26.37	-7.6	-6.4	+7.8/B	SmtRetr2020A m	TE	17.72	-2.5	-6.1	+3.9/C
HCHLSIB b	SH	19.05	-8.7	-4.9	+1.9/C	SP500IdxC m	LB	25.47	-7.6	-7.1	+7.0/C	SmtRetr2020I	TE	17.79	-2.5	-6.0	+4.0/C
HCl	SH	31.10	-8.7	-4.7	+2.1/C	SP500Idy	LB	26.67	-7.6	-6.2	+8.0/B	SmtRetr2020R5	TE	17.82	-2.5	-5.9	+4.2/C
HCY	SH	34.05	-8.7	-4.6	+2.2/C	SelCoA m	SB	14.79	-11.1	-16.1	+6.9/A	SmtRetr2030A m	TH	18.80	-4.0	-8.4	+4.6/D
HYA m	HY	6.81	-2.7	-4.1	+5.2/C	SelCoC m	SB	12.22	-11.2	-16.7	+6.1/B	SmtRetr2030I	TH	18.86	-4.0	-8.3	+4.7/D
HYHLSIA	HY	7.41	-2.8	-4.0	+5.8/B	SHtBdA m	CS	8.41	+1	+5	+1.7/B	SmtRetr2030R5	TH	18.91	-4.0	-8.2	+4.8/C
HYHLSIB b	HY	7.28	-2.8	-4.2	+5.5/C	SHtBdC m	CS	8.40	...	+1.3/C	SmtRetr2040A m	TJ	19.47	-5.0	-10.3	+4.9/D	
IntIPlusA m	IP	10.31	...	-1.7	+1.4/D	ShrtDrInIPrTA m	IP	10.05	-1	-5	+8/E	SmtRetr2040I	TJ	19.54	-4.9	-10.1	+5.0/D
IntIPlusC m	IP	9.84	...	-2.4	+6/E	SmCpDiscovA m	SG	7.57	-11.1	-7.1	+5.8/D	SmtRetr2040R5	TJ	19.60	-4.9	-10.0	+5.1/C
IntIPlusI	IP	10.51	+1	-1.4	+1.7/C	SmCpEqA m	SB	10.89	-12.3	-16.3	+1.7/E	SmtRetrIncl	RI	16.92	-1.9	-5.1	+3.4/B
IntIPlusR3 b	IP	10.51	+1	-1.4	+1.7/C	SmCpEqC m	SB	10.89	-12.3	-17.0	+1.9/D	SmtRetrInclV	RI	16.92	-1.9	-5.1	+3.4/B
IntIcGrA m	FG	12.06	-6.0	-15.2	+2.5/C	SmCpGrA m	SG	30.43	-11.4	-10.8	+7.1/C	TaxAwareEqI	LB	30.08	-6.5	-8.5	+8.0/B
IntIOppsA m	FB	13.38	-5.6	-19.1	+1.1/E	SmCpGrInV b	SG	32.13	-11.4	-10.8	+7.1/C	TaxAwrIRetI	MS	9.19	+2	-5	+1.3/A
IntIOppsC m	FB	11.56	-5.8	-19.8	-6/E	SmCpGrR b	SG	27.92	-11.4	-11.0	+6.9/C	TaxFreeBondA m	ML	11.74	+1.5	+4	+1.8/D
IntIOppsHLSIA	FB	13.88	-5.6	-18.9	+7/D	SmCpGrR5	SG	34.77	-11.4	-10.4	+7.5/C	TaxFreeBondI	ML	11.69	+1.5	+6	+2.0/C
IntIOppsHLSIB b	FB	14.06	-5.6	-19.1	+4/D	SmCpValA m	SV	11.05	-14.8	-25.8	+5/E	USEquityA m	LB	13.21	-8.2	-7.8	+7.0/C
IntIOppsI	FB	13.33	-5.6	-18.8	+4/D	SmCpValC m	SV	7.02	-14.9	-26.5	-3/E	USEquityC m	LB	12.76	-8.2	-8.2	+6.4/D
IntIOppsR4 b	FB	13.84	-5.6	-19.1	+1/D	SummitP b	LG	17.06	-6.9	-4.3	+8.1/C	USEquityL	LB	13.25	-8.2	-7.5	+7.2/C
IntIOppsR5	FB	14.00	-5.7	-18.9	+4/D	TechA m	ST	39.82	-5.6	-2.2	+8.9/E	USEquityL	LB	13.27	-8.2	-7.4	+7.3/C
IntIOppsY	FB	14.09	-5.6	-18.8	+5/D	TechC m	ST	31.51	-5.6	-3.0	+8.1/E	USEquityR5	LB	13.28	-8.1	-7.3	+7.4/B
IntIsmCoA m	FR	10.37	-10.7	-27.7	-2.9/E	TechInV b	ST	39.61	-5.6	-2.1	+9.0/E	USLCPcPRIsA m	LB	23.05	-7.5	-9.0	+6.2/D
IntIsmCoY	FR	10.62	-10.8	-27.4	-2.4/E	TechSectA m	ST	19.94	-5.6	-2.2	+8.8/E	USLCPcPRIsC m	LB	21.74	-7.5	-9.4	+5.7/D
IntIValY	FR	13.69	-7.0	-18.4	+9.4/A	IVA											
MidCpA m	MG	23.85	-10.2	-9.6	+7.4/C	IntIA m	FO	14.32	-3.9	-13.7	+1.1/D	USLCPcPRIsR5	LB	23.50	-7.5	-7.7	+6.8/C
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