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District alternative school brimming with students



MARC VALERO/STAFF

The number of students attending the School Board of Highlands County's alternative educational facility, Academy at Youth Care Lane, has increased about 35 percent in the past year.

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — School enrollment growth can be an indicator of an improving local economy, but when a school district's alternative school gets crowded it means there are more students with discipline issues and some with longer terms

in the program. The School Board of Highlands County's alternative school, Academy at Youth Care Lane, had 44 students on Friday and 45 students on Tuesday when the School Board members and district administration visited the facility during the annual walk through tours of all the school campuses.

School Board Vice Chair Donna Howerton said Friday she expressed her concerns about the high student count at the Academy during the walk through and at a recent school board meeting. "I definitely feel we need another full-time instructional staff member there," she said. The Academy's lead

teacher, Marcia Davis, had just enrolled 10 students and it takes approximately 45 minutes per student to set them up there, Howerton said. So that takes away from helping students. Granted, they are on Highlands Virtual School, the district's online

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No election for Sebring City Council

Two candidates qualify for two open seats

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER



LOWRANCE

SEBRING — During the last election period, no election was held for the Sebring City Council, because the candidate, Tom Dettman, was running unopposed. The last election for the Sebring City Council was on March 11, 2014. Since that time, some of the candidates who qualified have had illness in their immediate families or have died prior to election day, leaving the remaining candidates to run without opposition.



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Since only two candidates have qualified for the Sebring City Council,

an election will not be held. There is one candidate available for each vacant seat

Sebring City Council President Charlie Lowrance is seeking re-election. Curt Ivy is seeking his first term as a councilman.

When asked why he was running for office, Ivy replied, "My wife and I love Sebring." In addition to his love for the city, he felt that his background prepared him to run for this position. Ivy's administrative experience includes both military and civilian service. He spent four years in the Army during Vietnam and 24 years in the Army Reserve, where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After serving in the military he worked his way up in law enforcement and spent 10 years as the police chief of Homestead and 10 years as city manager for Homestead. He is also the director of the Criminal Justice Academy at South Florida State College, where he was awarded employee of the year.

Ivy has four main goals for Sebring: keeping taxes low, beautifying the city, ensuring that the city has the appropriate infrastructure for strategic growth and ensuring that the city is business friendly.

"To me, the police and fire departments are very important to the city, because of public safety," Lowrance said. He spent a little over 29 years with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and retired as a captain and station commander.

Lowrance has enjoyed seeing the progress that the fire department has made during the past few years. "We are now up to full staff with the fire department. Before, we were always four to five people short."

"I believe in a balanced effort to keep taxes low and provide strong services to the people," Lowrance said. "It's important to keep services and infrastructure strong. We will have hurricanes and other challenges. We need to be prepared for them."

Remembering MLK Jr.

The man, the myth, the movement

By **ROBERT MILLER**
NEWS CLERK

SEBRING — "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Part of a 17-minute speech given at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, these words spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped pave the way for the Civil Rights Act to be passed the following year in 1964 as well as the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

King was a pastor, a husband, father of four, held a Ph.D. from Boston University and became a figure for equal rights when he led the boycott on Montgomery buses in 1955.

He advocated for the end of racial segregation, but he believed this was possible through nonviolent ways. The passing of the Civil Rights Act outlawed discrimination based on color, sex, race, religion or national origin. It also prohibits segregation based on race in schools, employment and public accommodations.

Considered the most influential African American civil rights leader of the 1960s, King founded and became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 and received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Celebrating a hero

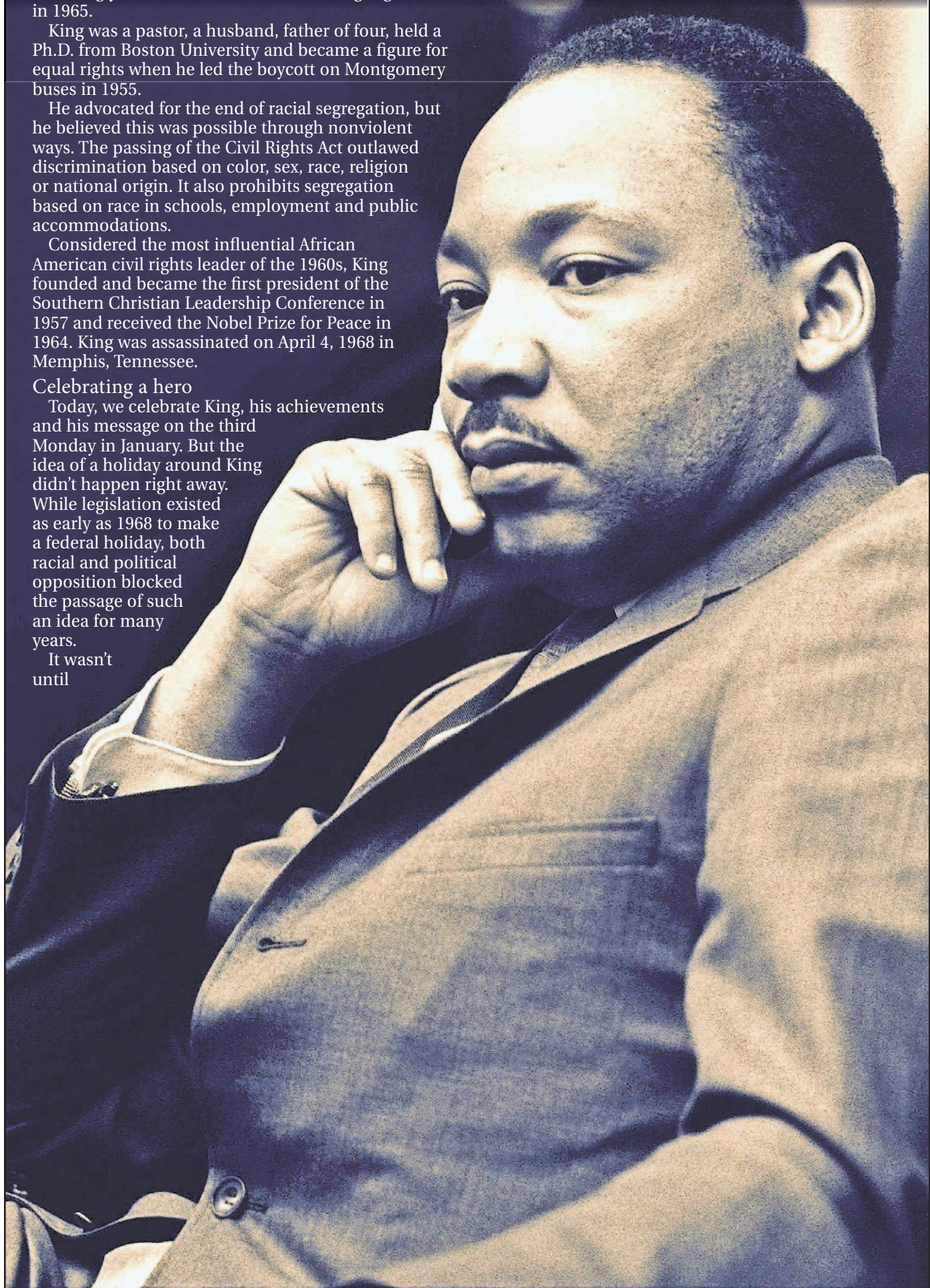
Today, we celebrate King, his achievements and his message on the third Monday in January. But the idea of a holiday around King didn't happen right away. While legislation existed as early as 1968 to make a federal holiday, both racial and political opposition blocked the passage of such an idea for many years.

It wasn't until

1983 that the legislation to mark the third Monday in January as a federal holiday was actually signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. The first official celebration under the new holiday didn't take place until 1986.

Despite segregation and civil rights coming a long way since the 1960s, some states still resisted the holiday, giving it a different name or combining it with other holidays. Utah referred to it as "Human Rights

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Agreement yet to be finalized in lawsuit against School Board

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A negligence lawsuit against The School Board of Highlands County continues to be listed as “active” by the court despite a September 2018 settlement agreement between both parties.

The civil lawsuit was related to the case of former Hill-Gustat Middle School teacher Stacy Lynn Hooks.

Hooks was arrested in 2016 and subsequently pleaded no contest to eight counts of lewd battery, nine counts of possession of child pornography, three counts of transmission of harmful material to a child, and one count of use of a computer to solicit a child.

The lawsuit involved the complaint filed by the attorney representing the parent of a student. The complaint stated

that Hooks “preyed upon and engaged in sexual relations” with the minor student and the School Board was negligent for failing to discharge or reassign Hooks after being made aware of her inappropriate relationship with the student on multiple occasions by students and faculty.

A settlement agreement of \$80,000 was reached in September.

School Board Finance Director Richard “Bo” Birt said when a minor is involved in a case a judge has to approve the agreement and outcome.

The district agreed to the settlement and the plaintiff signed off on it, but it takes time for the judge to approve it.

Winter Haven attorney James T. Joiner, who was appointed as the Guardian ad Litem for



HOOKS

the minor, issued a report in December 2018 after interviewing the mother of the minor and all the attorneys in the case.

All the people who were interviewed said the student wanted the situation settled and was tired of the proceedings, the report states.

“In considering this matter I also considered the problems relating to sovereign immunity and the difficulties that would pose in the litigation of this matter,” Joiner stated in his report. “It is my recommendation that the suit be settled for the \$80,000 offer and that the young man go forward with this matter concluded and behind him.”

Hooks was sentenced to a 20-year prison term in October 2017.

She is currently incarcerated at the Lowell Correctional Institute Annex in Ocala with a current release date of Feb. 12, 2036.

Medical Examiner releases Moncrief autopsy results

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER



MONCRIEF

FROSTPROOF — The Polk County Medical Examiner released the results of the autopsy of Avon Park resident, Emily Sager Moncrief, 23, on Friday afternoon. The report comes seven months after the tragic deaths of Moncrief and her passenger and best friend Lyndsay Serey, 23, of Sebring on June 15 in a vehicle accident.

The examiner stated the cause of death was a result of “blunt impact to the head and torso” due to a “motor vehicle versus railroad train collision.” The examiner also stated ethanol (alcohol) intoxication as a contributing factor in the accidental

death.

Moncrief was mother to two young sons, Rhett and Henry, and wife to William.

Heading home to Highlands County, after a night out in Frostproof, both young women died shortly after 3 a.m. when the 2012 Dodge Caravan Moncrief was driving plowed into the side of a CSX train at U.S. 98. The minivan went through the working railroad actuary and functional arm bar at the crossing.

The train was heading northbound from Miami when the minivan hit the 27th boxcar. The impact derailed two of the train’s cars.

Public Information Officer Carrie Horstman of the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, said Friday the traffic department had not received the postmortem yet and has not closed the case. No final accident reports were available.

Officials from the Polk County Medical Examiners Office stated on Friday the autopsy for Serey was not complete.

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1. Squirrel Appreciation Day has been celebrated on Jan. 21 every year since 2001. It was created by wildlife rehabilitator Christy Hargrove of Asheville, North Carolina.

2. Newborn squirrels in the United States are only about an inch long.

3. The ratufa (ratufa indica), also known as the Indian giant squirrel of Southeast Asia, can grow up to 3 feet in length.

4. Squirrels may pretend to bury a nut to throw off potential thieves.

5. A squirrel’s front teeth never stop growing. This is a common characteristic of other rodents, as well. The word “rodent” actually derives from the Latin “rodere,” which means to gnaw.

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school, but this is another chance for these students to get back on track and there is only one other instructor there who is temporary and part time.

Howerton said she recalls in the past the Academy had no more than 25 to 30 students at a time.

The district's 2018-19 five-year work plan that was approved by the School Board in September shows the Academy at Youth Care Lane listed under its former name — the "Achievement Center." The name of the district's alternative school was changed more than a dozen years ago.

According to the work plan, the Academy has

one classroom with a capacity of 25 and an actual average 2018-19 class size of seven. The projected class size for 2022-2023 is 33, with 132 percent utilization (meaning over capacity).

But, along with its one building the Academy has two portables with the work plan showing 25 student stations in a portable for 2018-19 school year and 50 student stations for 2019-2020 in portables school year.

District enrollment data shows the Academy already was over its original capacity in 2017. The data shows on May 26, 2017 and May 24, 2018 an enrollment of 33 students at the Academy.

The Academy will likely be enrolling more students soon.

At its meeting on Tuesday the School Board

will consider the approval of 11 expulsions, including eight drug related and separate incidents of assault on a school board employee and battery on a school board employee.

Marcia Davis said Friday there were 44 students at the Academy, which has a nine-week and 18-week program.

"We also have felony suspension students that come here on a felony suspension and are here until things are handled with their cases so they are not here for a determined amount of time," she said.

Staffing at the Academy includes lab monitors, a school safety officer, and Davis noted she is a certified teacher and there is a part-time person who is a certified teacher.

Do you need another instructor or staff

member?

"It is a lot of kids; it's not a very big facility, I mean we have enough physical space, but it is just a lot of kids," Davis said. "These are kids that have gotten into some kind of trouble so it is challenging."

Superintendent Brenda Longshore said some students are staying at the Academy for longer periods of time and due to that decision the numbers are growing.

"We absolutely will be looking at the number of instructors in that location as well as all of our locations as we have a better understanding of the capacity," she said. "So we will be looking at the numbers that have trended out there this year and try to make the very best decision we can as far as how much

personnel is needed at that location."

Does the Academy have enough space?

There are two portable classrooms and the "main location," Longshore said, "But, it is tight — it is tight with the expectation that the students would be working on computers a substantial amount of

time of the day.

"So they are being very creative in how they move students from one area to the other and making sure they have appropriate coverage for them as they move from the main facility to the portables and out to PE [physical education] time as well."

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major changes on Earth. We will visit several places of interest and will provide possible collaboration opportunities.

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Catherine J. Reid

Catherine J. Reid, 74, of Lake Placid, Florida passed away Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at Somers Hospice House in Sebring. She was born Jan. 10, 1945 in Marion, Indiana to Paul Jr. and Mildred E. (Meier) Hadley.

Cathy retired from teaching after 30 years. She enjoyed fishing and her two dogs, Sailor and Brady. She was a great lady who loved life and most of all loved her family.

Cathy is survived by her husband of 31 years, James Reid Jr.; daughter, Stephanie Fowler of Lake Placid; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Terry Hadley (Judy) of Concord, Massachusetts.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dowden Funeral Home, 2605 Bayview St., Sebring, FL 33870. 863-385-1546.

William H. Earle Sr.



William Henry "Bill" Earle Sr., 91, took his final step in this journey of life on Earth on

Aug. 22, 2018 at home in Sebring, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son and two nieces. He is survived by Darlene Pinion-Earle, his companion and

friend of 32 years; his sister, Frances Earle Light (passed Oct. 28, 2018); a nephew and niece in Florida. He is also survived by three sons and spouses; five grandchildren and spouses; four great-grandchildren; three nieces in Maryland and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

Mr. Earle served his country in the submarine service, U.S. Navy, in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a past commander and life member of the American Legion Post 82 in LaPlata, Maryland. He was employed by the B&O Railroad prior to becoming a Maryland State Trooper in 1949. He retired in 1991 after serving the state of Maryland in public safety as a public service representative for 43 years. He was a member of both the USS CARP Alumni Association and the Maryland State Police Alumni Association.

After retirement, moving to Sebring, Florida he became a life member of VFW Post 4300 and the Military Sea Services Museum, Inc. In 2008, he was made an honorary member of the Holland Club 50 for "Qualified in Submarines," United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI).

He was very active in his community, serving the American Red Cross as shelter manager during several hurricane seasons, a former president and vice president of the TRIAD Educational Forum, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) as well as former president and vice president of the Fairmount Neighborhood

Watch Program.

A memorial celebration will be held in his honor on Jan. 26, 2019 at Whispering Pines Baptist Church where he was a member. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. His memorial will be conducted by Pastor Steve Trinkle and VFW Post 4300. His cremains will be interred in Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Carolyn Hamilton



Carolyn Hamilton, 87, from Augusta, Illinois passed away Monday,

Jan. 14, 2019 in The Manor at Lake Jackson in Sebring, Florida. She was born Jan. 29, 1931 in Shelbina, Missouri to Viola and Bernard Decker, where she enjoyed growing up on the farm with her younger brother, Bob Decker, who survives.

As a young girl she competed in many "acrobat" competitions in state and local fairs. She graduated from Shelbina High School and moved to Quincy, Illinois where she attended Gem City College. Carolyn pursued a career as an airline reservationist working for both United and Ozark Airlines in Chicago, Illinois.

Carolyn's love of music and art became her true passion, which she shared with so many people. She was an avid self-taught painter and is well known for her design and artwork on the mural in the Augusta Pitney Park

in 1980 and again in black and white in 2000. Later in life she helped found and organize the Western Illinois Tole Society (WITS) in which she and local artists would gather, share and learn tole painting techniques. She was very well known for her love of oil paintings depicting farm scenery from both rural home life in Missouri and Illinois.

Music was a natural talent for Carolyn and she had a true gift of playing by ear. Carolyn enjoyed sharing her music with anyone that would listen and was well known for playing the piano at weekly church services, weddings, funerals, and various state and local events. She also shared her music with many local nursing homes by playing both the piano and accordion daily in multiple locations. On the weekends she enjoyed attending jazz festivals with her late husband, Robert Hamilton, and friends.

Carolyn was an active member of many local organizations, some of which included Illinois Tole Painters Society, Illinois Federation of Republican Women, PEO Chapter AQ, the Rebekah's Lodge, Eastern Star and the Methodist church. She was a longtime member of the Tri County Country Club where she enjoyed years of fellowship on Tuesday Ladies League in pursuit of perfecting her drive. She was also well known for her love of "tattooing," in which she tattooed and gifted thousands of bookmarks and snowflake ornaments, logging each recipient's name in her book.

She is survived by her three children, Alan Holmes (Nancy) of Sebring, Florida, Ray Holmes (Janice) of Clayton, Illinois and Jill Steiger (Raymond) of St. Louis, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Alana Murphy (Sean) of Houston, Texas, Ross Holmes of Tampa, Florida, Nicole Huppe (Kyle) and Jacquelyn Haschemeyer of Arenzville, Illinois and Grant, Brock and Sadie Steiger of St. Louis, Missouri; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Bob Decker (Kate) of Shelbina, Missouri. In addition to her parents and husband of 40 years, Robert Hamilton of Augusta, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Jan Holmes of Augusta, Illinois.

A service will be held in Augusta, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, 209 North Ridgewood Drive, Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements by Morris Funeral Chapel, Sebring, morrisfuneralchapel.com.

James J. Burns



James J. Burns, 89, of Lake Placid, Florida went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019 at the Lake Placid Health and Rehabilitation Center. James was born of Oct. 6, 1929 in Chester, Pennsylvania and was the son of Lydie (Bouchet) and James Burns. James served his country with honors in the U.S. Army.

James has been a resident of Lake Placid since 1995 moving here from Jennersville, Pennsylvania. James was a retired mechanic in the automobile industry. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of the St. James Catholic Church. James enjoyed his daily walks.

He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Virginia.

In keeping with James wishes, services were private for the family. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted with the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, Florida. Call 863-465-4134.

Velma Geri Sauer

Velma G. Sauer, 93, passed away on Jan. 12,

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ANOTHER VIEW

Perversion of justice finally corrected

Gov. Ron DeSantis and the new state Cabinet held their first meeting Friday and made history. Correcting a longstanding injustice, the governor and the Cabinet officially pardoned the Groveland Four, the four African American men who were accused of raping a white woman in 1949 and then victimized by a justice system rotted by racism. The action marks an important acknowledgment of a dark episode in Florida's past that should be remembered but never repeated.

On the night of July 16, 1949, 17-year-old Norma Padgett and her husband were driving outside the Lake County town of Groveland when their car broke down. Four black men stopped to help, but then, Padgett said, they beat her husband and dragged her away and sexually assaulted her at gunpoint. The infamous Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall arrested Walter Irvin, Samuel Shepherd, Ernest Thomas and Charles Greenlee, who was only 16 and had come to town looking for work. Within days, Thomas, a World War II veteran, escaped from the county jail and was lynched by a mob in the Panhandle. The other three were beaten in custody until they confessed and were convicted by an all-white jury.

The injustice did not stop there. The U.S. Supreme Court threw out the convictions, but as McCall was transporting Shepherd and Irvin to their second trial three years later, he shot them in cold blood, saying they had tried to escape. Shepherd died on the spot. Irvin faced trial again and lost in the face of manufactured evidence. Gov. LeRoy Collins commuted his sentence to life, and Irvin was paroled in 1968. Greenlee was paroled in 1962 and died in 2012.

The recent clemency hearing was the culmination of years of work to pardon the men. Elected officials from Lake County attended, as well as legislators, historians and family members of the four who believe the crime never happened. Then Padgett spoke, insisting she has always told the truth and still relives the horror of her attack every day. But the purpose of the hearing was not to re-investigate or re-litigate the case.

That possibility was lost 70 years ago, when Thomas was lynched and the others lost their freedom to a system corrupted by racists bent on vengeance. It was buried deeper when McCall murdered Shepherd and when Irvin, given a reprieve by the nation's highest court, was deprived a fair trial again. Those perversions of justice are what was finally corrected Friday.

The Florida Legislature unanimously passed a resolution in 2017 "offering a formal and heartfelt apology to these victims of racial hatred and to their families" and asking former Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet to expedite the pardon process. Scott never made it a priority. It should stand as an early mark of his character and independence that DeSantis took up the cause on his busy first week in office. He noted his belief in the Constitution and in "getting a fair shake." The Groveland Four never got that, and now the official state record says so.

An editorial from the Tampa Bay Times.



"ENTIRELY SELF-INFLICTED, OLD CHUM, AND YOU?"

It's not just one thing ...

It's not really the fact that our county commissioners recently voted yes to allow alcohol sales before 1 p.m. on Sundays. If folks wanted alcohol for an event on a Sunday, they usually would have stocked for that well before Sunday at 7 a.m. While I never understood the need for alcohol so darn early in the day, I have had a glass of champagne at brunch in my life. Additionally, I have had a beer with wings while watching football, although I must point out that both the NFL and NASCAR for the most part don't start their events until after church hours.

What concerns me is we now are giving those who abuse alcohol another seven hours of access to our roads without proper law enforcement out there watching over the roads. We have an abundance of people going to and from church in this area I call the Bible Belt of Florida and they deserve to be protected.



MY IMPRESSION
Tim Smolarick

It's not really the fact that patrol cars with mannequins, strategically placed on the roads taxpayers drive on most every day, can't pull over the person driving faster than 70 miles per hour and weaving in and out of traffic. We are all guilty of speeding at one time or another.

What concerns me is the fact the residents get wise rather quickly and the genius of it quickly fades away locally and folks go back to the norm. Additionally, if there is a violator blowing right by the strategically placed prevention cars, the mannequin can't fire up the siren and get the driver's attention.

It's not the fact that our neck of the woods

provides an excellent route for a semi driver to get the load to its destination. I would venture to say at some point we are getting some return for this exposure with fuel, restaurant, and lodging taxes.

What concerns me is the fact that some blow through our county entirely too fast. We all know a semi rules the road and does the damage in an accident.

It's not the fact that the Highlands County Sheriff's Office gave back to the county \$1.2 million recently. That's not so bad, huh? One has to wonder why the folks who paid it do not get it back, but Lord knows that's a whole new column. In any event, I was told that cash went to other places including a "Rainy Day" fund for the county.

What does concern me is when we asked the Sheriff's Office why we don't have a traffic unit, we were informed ... wait for it ... you probably guessed it ... if you guessed not

enough money to have a traffic unit then you are correct. Imagine the surprise when I read about that proud moment when \$1.2 million was given back to the county, yet we can't afford a traffic unit. Now I assure you, I will be chastised and bombarded with all sorts of "legal" reasons why the money had to go back; I will let you know as it happens.

It's really not about all these things I just wrote about. You can decide whether it's important or not. What concerns me most is our citizens are dying on our roadways. Not just the big counties' roadways, our citizens are dying on our roadways. It's well beyond past the time our local government fixes this.

The county commissioners voted 5 to 0 on Jan. 8 in favor of selling alcohol at 7 a.m. on Sundays.

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YOUR VIEW

People are the problem

On the front page of Friday's Highlands News-Sun there is a headline, "State Road 70 takes another life." Let me simply remind everyone that this highway is not at fault. Drivers are!

Since moving to this area in 2012, virtually every time I have driven on local highways such as 70, 98, 66, etc., I have witnessed people making unsafe passes, tailgating extremely closely, driving well over the posted speed limit,

etc. People seem to always be in such a hurry that they are willing to not only endanger their own lives, but the lives of others as well.

The highways are fine. It is the driving habits of people that must change. Good luck with that.

Wes Linscott
Sebring

Driver was at fault for death

Why do you blame highway 70 for taking another life? The driver had no license, improperly changed lanes and

who knows what else, just to blame highway 70.

Rafael Egozcue
Lake Placid

Careful where you park when shopping garage sales

If you are an uncaring, obstinate, obnoxious and inconsiderate person, there is no need for you to read this article, we can't help you. Just move to another state. Otherwise if you care about other persons, we may be able to educate you on courtesy and safety.

I've searched the Florida Statutes and can find no relaxation of regulations for parking on the right of way during garage sales. So let's say it! Do not park on the right of way when going to a garage sale. It is illegal, unsafe and very inconsiderate.

There are few locations in Highlands County residential areas where the town, city or state does not own sufficient right of way for you to pull completely off the roadway. In fact, pull off an extra foot or so.

Capt. Bill Sides
Lake Placid

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

OBITS

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2019 in Palm Bay, Florida. Born in St. Petersburg, Florida to William and Opal Dennis on Jan. 2, 1926, Velma worked as a bookkeeper, moving to Florida from Columbus, Ohio in 1988.

Velma is survived by her daughter, Debra Goulbourne and husband, Erroll of Palm Bay, Florida; and stepdaughters, Shirley Watson and Sue Duncan. Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth, and sons, Michael Wallace and David Henry Wallace.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Avon Park, Florida with Rev. Bill Breylinger officiating. The family asks that any memorial contributions be made to Union Church in Avon Park, Florida.

Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 E. Circle St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Loris Catherine Horne Guelff



Our beloved Lori left this life on Jan. 12, 2019 surrounded by family in the home

she loved in Lake Placid, Florida. Lori faced a devastating diagnosis of esophageal cancer with fierce determination and grace.

She never complained and did everything she could to regain her health. As she often said, she had so many things to live for. We are utterly heartbroken to lose her, but know that she is now at peace. Lori was born on Sept. 9, 1958 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Dr. Steven M. Guelff — her “buddy” who unfailingly lifted her up; her mother, Marilyn M. Horne of Stuart, Florida; her father, Dr. Robert J. Horne of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; her three sons, Harrison Price of Okinawa, Japan, Taylor Price of Orlando and Stephen Guelff of Lake Placid; her sister, Janet Horne of Charlottesville, Virginia; and her three brothers, Dr. James Horan of Sebring and Chad Horne of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She loved her boys deeply and was so proud of the young men they had become. Lori adored her niece and nephews and delighted in watching them grow: Kyle and Dylan Horne, Lucas and Dainius Horan and Isabelle Horne Holway. She wanted her sons, niece, and nephews to live out their dreams and to always remember that their greatest rewards would come from their service to others.

Lori lived life with passion and had a creative eye and appreciation for beauty in all forms. She founded and managed The Studio of Health and Beauty in Sebring, Florida to pursue her vocation of helping others as a skin care specialist. She worked in this field for over 10 years, became “Oncology Certified” and took a special interest in caring for those who were fighting the cruel travails of cancer. This work was the source of her greatest professional fulfillment.

Lori never stopped pursuing her education and her love of learning new things. For 10

years, she was a dental hygienist (B.S., University of Pittsburgh), a fitness and aerobics instructor and a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines. Recently, to enhance her understanding of natural health, skin care and nutrition she became a Doctor of Naturopathy (Trinity School of Natural Health).

Wherever she went Lori inspired people and had a generous heart. She was intent on helping others live with greater knowledge, dignity and joy. We will never forget her smile, her laugh, her humor or her sense of style.

Lori’s special place was Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where she and her husband, sons, close family and friends shared memorable moments.

Lori loved her country and her community. Raised in the Catholic church, Lori remained a devout Christian throughout her life and inspired her family and friends with her faith as she faced her illness. She lived in God’s light and into his loving arms she has returned.

A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 at the Grace Bible Church, 4541 Thunderbird Road,

Sebring, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the Cornerstone Christian Academy, 2600 N. Highlands Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825. morrisfuneralchapel.com.



Henry B. Webster

Henry “Hank” B. Webster, 80, of

Leavenworth, Kansas died on Dec. 24, 2018. A native of Sebring, Florida, to Henry Nelson and Ellie Jane (Yates) Webster.

He was a 1956 graduate of Sebring High School and a 1962 graduate of the University of Florida’s School of Engineering. In 1963 he started with the Tennessee Valley Association (TVA) as a quality control inspector where he traveled extensively throughout the United States. He was with the Florida Agriculture Chemical Company from 1965 to

1966 when he went to the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tuscaloosa, Alabama as the assistant chief engineer.

In 1971, Hank transferred to the VA in Grand Island, Nebraska, where he was chief engineer until 1973. He was chief engineer in Seattle, Washington from 1974 to 1975 when he transferred

to the VA in Leavenworth, Kansas, and was there until 1984. Hank left the VA in 1984 and was an engineer on the construction of the Wolfcreek Generating Station.

In 1986 he became a resident engineer with the Department of VA assigned as a mechanical systems engineer on the new construction of the

1,050 bed VA hospital in Houston, Texas. In 1991, Hank retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs moving to Leavenworth, Kansas, where he worked 10 years with the Leavenworth Public Library.

Hank served in the active military from

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March to August of 1961 and in the Army Reserves until 1968.

He was an avid motorcycle and car enthusiast. He loved electronics, mechanics, exercising, nature and traveling. There was nothing he couldn't fix but was also a firm believer in "if it ain't broke don't fix it."

Hank is survived by

his wife, Charlene, of the home. He is also survived by four sons, Henry Kenneth (Kim) of Jupiter, Florida, Scott (Gail) of Manhattan, Kansas, Dan (Barbara) of New York City, New York and Kedric (Jennifer) of Red Bank, Tennessee; two sisters, Margaret Mueller of Centerville, Ohio and Linda Stevenson of Cayce, South Carolina; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and four step-children, Deb Smith of Cheyenne,

Wyoming, Jo Ann (James) Green of Lawton, Oklahoma, Patty (Tim) Thrasher of Leavenworth, Kansas and Bill Thrasher of Leavenworth, Kansas and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carol Taylor; two brothers-in-law, Joel Stevenson and Ken Mueller; and a step-son-in-law, Greg Smith.

There was a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at the R.L. Leintz Funeral Home.

MLK

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Day" until 2000 when it officially changed the name to "Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

It was officially adopted by all 50 states in 2000. That year, South Carolina made it a paid holiday for state employees. Before this, employers were able to choose between Martin Luther King Jr. Day and one of three Confederate holidays.

The state of Arkansas recognized the holiday, but chose to pair it with Robert E. Lee Day, which celebrates the birthday of the Confederate general. In March 2017 the two holidays were finally separated and Robert E. Lee Day moved to October.

The United States isn't the only place King is honored each year. Other places that honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. are the city of Toronto in Canada, Hiroshima, Japan and The Netherlands.

Remembering King's words

Lake Placid resident Eddie Mae Henderson remembers the day Dr.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eddie Mae Henderson of Lake Placid remembers how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s words affected her as a youth and are still relevant today.

King was assassinated. She was a young adult in downtown Lake Placid when she heard the news.

"I was shocked and surprised, angry," Henderson said. "God had better things for us. 'We Shall Overcome' is very touching and we are still trying for that today. There's still a long way to go."

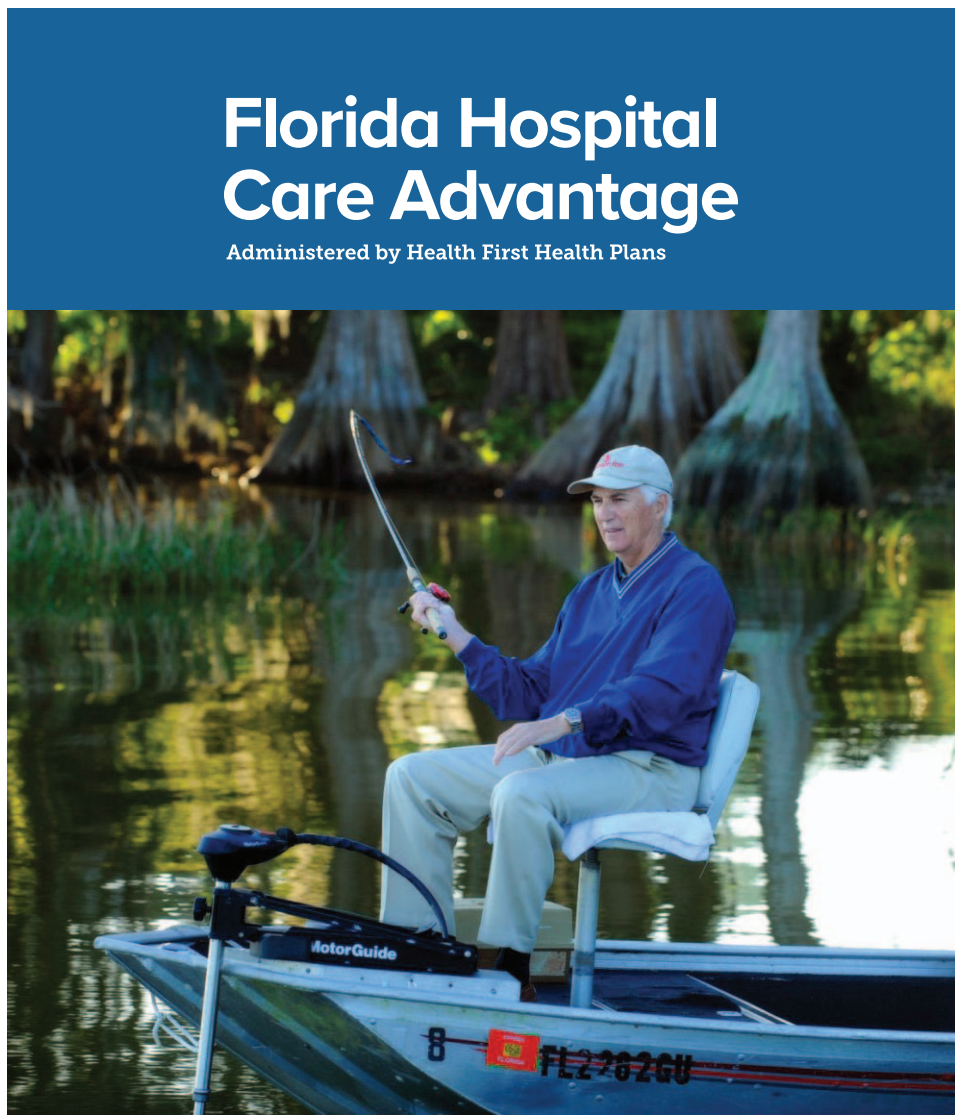
Henderson takes part every year in the march in Highway Park to show love and respect for what King has done for African

Americans. "We need to open our hearts and love will bring us together," she said.

Henderson added that we need to come together, forget about skin color and move forward. She had a special message for the youth of Highlands County.

"Be a part of what God created. You can have the love of God in your heart," she said.

"Let us climb that mountain together in unity and love."



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Activities at Highlands County YMCA

Lots of fun ways to stay in shape



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Laura Van Fleet, YMCA Health and Wellness Director, demonstrates some of the equipment in the Thakkar Wellness Center.

By NEIL SIMPSON
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
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If you have never done so, pay a visit to the Highlands County Family YMCA, located just off Hammock Road. From 5:00 in the morning until late evening the Y is alive with activities for people of all ages.

As you enter, you'll be given a cheerful welcome at the front desk. You might then head to the

Justin K Ward Aquatic Center where you could see a group participating in a water aerobics class, individuals swimming laps or the swim team practicing. Move on to the Thakkar Wellness Center and you'll find a large, well equipped fitness center, including a rock climbing wall. There are additional rooms where classes are taught and a covered basketball court.

Membership in the YMCA is \$58 per month

for a couple and just \$72 monthly for a family. The YMCA tallies membership units, be they singles, couples or families. At this time they have more than 1,000 membership units.

For many, the monthly fee may well be covered under one's insurance plan as insurers know that staying fit reduces the need for medical attention, thereby reducing claims. Check your policy to see if any of the following is covered: Silver Sneakers, Optum or

Silver & Fit.

Strength Train Together is a new program run by the strength training team. It started just this month and is offered Monday through Friday at various times through the day. This program has attracted people aged from 19 to 75 in classes of 15 to a maximum of 20. The goal of the program is to strengthen muscles and joints to allow participants to stay healthy

ACTIVITY | 2B

Dragons rally past Blue Streaks



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Lake Placid's Christy Shank (12) looks for a way around Sebring's Genesis Gonzalez (2) in Thursday night's rivalry game. The Green Dragons rallied for a 39-38 victory over the Blue Streaks.

Lake Placid beats Sebring with late comeback



Lake Placid's Claire Pypers (5) celebrates after the Green Dragons rallied past Sebring Thursday night.

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING – The rivalry between the Sebring Blue Streaks and Lake Placid Green Dragons never fails to entertain. The high intensity game had everyone on the edge of their seats. Lake Placid came back from a 19-point deficit to beat Sebring by a final score of 39-38 on Thursday night.

This victory improved the Green Dragons record to 6-7 for the season, while the loss dropped Sebring to 4-13.

"The first half we really looked bad," said Lake Placid Coach Steve Bullard. "We threw the ball away a lot and the girls played man-to-man in the second half. I didn't think we could play them man-to-man but that was the trick. I have to give it to the girls, they didn't quit. We were down 19-points at half. Sebring has a nice team and Genesis Gonzalez is a wonderful player. They have some good players on their team. They only

have six players but they led us down to the wire. We are always excited to win and to beat Sebring."

The Blue Streaks jumped into the lead early. Johneisha Rowe and MyKerriya Brown each made a basket. Lake Placid's Christy Shank narrowed the deficit when she netted a 3-pointer to make it 4-3. The Blue Streaks extended their lead with Brown making a layup and Genesis Gonzalez scored in the paint to make it 8-3.

Lake Placid's Hailey Shank made a jump shot cutting the deficit to 8-5. Sebring's Isabella Lambert was fouled and sent to the line where she made one of two free throws. Rowe made a jump shot, then stole the ball from Lake Placid and made the basket to give the Blue Streaks a 13-5 lead at the end of the first period.

Sebring continued to build its lead in the second period as Gonzalez

DRAGONS | 3B

Sign up for after school tennis classes

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN SPORTS STAFF

After school tennis classes are being offered at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring. The classes run through Feb. 1, and are for youngsters ages 4-18 and are run by USPTA certified professional Horace Watkis.

The four-week sessions which include one session a week, are for any skill level. Tiny Tots, ages 4-6, are on Tuesday's from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$37. Future Champs, ages 6-12, are any day of the week from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the cost is \$45.

Pre-Tournament Academy is Wednesday's from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60. High School Team level is Thursday's from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60.

For more information, call Watkis at 863-414-2164 or 863-386-4282. Email is horacewatkis@hotmail.com.

Million Dollar Golf Shootout

The College Foundation Million Dollar Golf Shootout takes place Jan. 17-20 at Sun 'n Lake Golf Club. For more information please contact Melissa at 863-784-7379.

Purple Heart Golf Tournament

The Sebring Chapter 601 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will hold its annual Memorial Golf Tournament at River Greens Golf Course, Avon Park, on Saturday Jan. 19. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Entry fee is \$60 per person and includes cart, lunch and beverages after the tournament. Hole sponsorships are available for \$50.

A hole-in-one prize of a 2019 Ford EcoSport provided by Bill Jarrett Ford will be offered. Door Prizes include a 55 and 32" LCD TV. A 50/25/25 drawing will also take place.

All proceeds will be donated to the Sebring Veterans Service Office in the form of gasoline and food gift cards for local veterans in need.

Over the past four years the tournament has raised over \$20,000 and in 2018 was named after "Lefty" St Pierre, a WWII veteran and Chapter member who passed away in 2017.

Contact River Greens Golf Club at 863-453-5210 or Doug Tait at 863-414-3504 or Marsh at 863-226-2296. You can also email mophchapter601@gmail.com.

Wings Of Faith Golf Tournament

Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center, in memory of Coach "Amp" Anthony Robinson, presents the 9th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday March 30, at The Country Club Of Sebring. It's a four-man scramble format with handicap flights. Entry fee is \$65.00 per person or \$260.00 per team. Registration is 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Entry Fee includes green fee, golf cart, and lunch. Please Make Checks Payable To: Wings of Faith CWC Scholarship Fund. Questions: Contact Alvin Walters (863) 381-5706

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Cold front affects super moon fishing

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for the fourth week of January gives anglers the super full moon and a strong cold front, both arriving today. Anglers therefore will be challenged by two opposing fishing-factors.

A super full moon which always produces faster metabolism speeds in all living beings, will be overpowered by a weather condition which starts this morning with a strong low pressure system driven by a strong southern wind, only to be countered by a strong high pressure system cold front



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER
Dave Douglass

producing a conflicting slow metabolism speed.

As I have always stated; severe weather changes always trump solar and lunar fishing factors. Essentially, the elevated

energy levels caused by the super full moon will cause fish to become aggressive as the ionosphere builds daily energy bursts, but a serious cold front will act as a binder on the release of this energy, causing a stressed physical state.

The end result in the world of fish, will be a four to five feed rating instead of an eight to nine rating — perhaps, maybe, maybe not. Trying to stay optimistic. All bets are off.

One fact for sure will be...if fish need to feed, they'll wait for the warmest water temperatures of the

day to hunt for food. And I am willing to wager it will be a snack instead of a full meal.

So might I suggest using a short, fat, and heavy-action during slow retrieve type bait, Carolina-rigged in order to keep it down along the lake bottom where the warmer temperatures will be until the cold surface water descends tonight and Monday.

More bad news: This current full moon has no nighttime cloud-cover, which always reduces any potential feeding fish

during the daytime. Throw in the active bass spawning going on currently and finding a hungry bass will be very challenging.

Best Fishing Days: Fish have been feeding every three days over the past month, and with the current cold front I expect this to feeding trend to extend to a four day feeding pattern — doesn't mean no fish will feed on the three days in between, just that once a fish feeds, they're metabolism speed will not require food for the duration of four days.

So the next cold front

(slow-moving longer-duration almost-freezing front) is forecasted to arrive Thursday afternoon so Wednesday night-Thursday morning will be the next better fishing period.

Major Fishing Period: Today the moon underfoot period occur at 12:07 p.m. and solar noon at 12:37 p.m. and will create a feed intensity rating of 3-5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Daily this period move later into the warmer water period (2-5 p.m.) of the day and will remain there regardless

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ACTIVITY

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and enjoy a long life.

Biggest Loser Boot Camp could be just what is needed to allow you to fulfill your New Year's resolution to lose weight. The multi-week course includes nutrition classes as well as fitness activities with workouts that are always changing. The class is held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. It attracts the very sedentary couch potatoes, who need to make a drastic change, right up to very fit athletes, who want to continue to enhance their fitness levels.

Boot Camp meets at 5:15 and 5:45 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is an opportunity to get in a varied exercise program before heading

off to work or getting the kids off to school. At the end of the 60 or 90 minute workout, participants will be totally drained.

Laura Van Fleet, the YMCA's dynamic Health and Wellness Director is in charge of Boot Camp. She was raised in Ocala and spent 8 years traveling to California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, while her husband was in the Marine Corps, before moving to Sebring. She has been with the Highlands County Family YMCA for 10 years. Van Fleet, mother of four, aged 20, 17, 16 and 13, puts in a full day, arriving at the Y at 4:30 in the morning, heading home midday and returning to teach evening classes. She loves the new challenges her job presents daily and is happy to be able to help YMCA members to



PHOTO BY NEIL SIMPSON

Glenda Conrad, waving, leads 90 minute water aerobics classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the Highlands county YMCA.

become healthier versions of themselves.

Soccer Signups – Soccer registration for ages 3 to 14 is taking place right now. The first game will be on February 23rd.

For more information about the YMCA and what

it has to offer you and your family, stop by for a

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Laura Van Fleet, YMCA Health and Wellness Director, climbs at the Thakkar Wellness Center at the Highlands County YMCA.

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Acura Team Penske expect big results



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When it comes to past success and high expectations, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more heralded group of teammates than the Acura Team Penske lineup for the Jan. 26-27 Rolex 24 At Daytona.

Race team excited to compete in Rolex 24 At Daytona

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

DAYTONA BEACH – When it comes to past success and high expectations, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more heralded group of teammates than the Acura Team Penske lineup for the Jan. 26-27 Rolex 24 At Daytona.

As it has done seamlessly in the past, the team has brought together a diverse and accomplished group of drivers to contend for the season-opening trophy in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's annual twice-around-the-clock event.

Penske's high-achieving lineup this year features three Indianapolis 500 winners, a pair of IndyCar champions and some of the finest sports car competitors in the world.

The No. 7 Team Penske Acura ARX-05 DPi will be driven by three-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves and 2017 WeatherTech Championship Prototype champion Ricky Taylor on a full-time basis, with help next weekend from 2016 Indy 500 winner Alexander Rossi, whose lone Rolex 24 appearance to date came in 2014 as part of the DeltaWing driver lineup.

The No. 6 Team Penske Acura will again be driven full time this season by two-time Indy 500 winner and former NASCAR and Formula 1 star Juan Pablo Montoya and 2016 WeatherTech Championship Prototype champion Dane Cameron. Joining them for the Rolex is Simon Pagenaud, who won the 2016 IndyCar title with Team Penske.

And judging by their time both in front of the cameras and in the garage during the recent Roar Before the Rolex 24 test weekend, the group has already begun to gel in an effort to land the big trophy in the season-opening event.

"There are so many things we developed in the offseason and now hopefully we'll be able to deliver," Castroneves said. "Alex [Rossi] has joined us and good news is he's using the same seat as [last year's Penske driver] Graham [Rahal] so he 'fits right in.' Hopefully we'll get the results we deserve."

Certainly, this race is an important part of Penske's illustrious racing contribution. He's won the Rolex three times, including overall in 1969 with the late Mark Donohue and Chuck Parsons.

Last year, the two-car Acura Team Penske program returned to sports car competition full time

DRAGONS

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drained a pair of 3-pointers. Claire Phypers was fouled and sent to the line for Lake Placid where she made one of two shots to make it 19-6 with 6:31 left in the first half.

Sebring's Brown drilled a jump shot and Elysia McIntyre, Rowe and Brown each made buckets for the Blue Streaks for a commanding 28-6 lead.

Lake Placid chopped away at the deficit with Phypers making a shot off the glass and added a free throw to pull the Dragons within 28-9 at the half.

Lake Placid cut the deficit in the third period as Phypers scored four points and Skylar Armonia scored to make it 30-16. Phypers made another put back and added a jump shot and a free throw and Lake Placid's Shank made a bucket to make it 35-25 with the Blue streaks leading heading to the final quarter.

The Green Dragons dominated the fourth period as Shank made a put back and added a shot off the glass. Kayla Domenich stole the ball from Sebring and charged down court for a layup cutting the deficit to 35-33. Sebring's Gonzalez was sent to the line and made one free throw. Gonzalez had 14 points for the Blue Streaks.

Phypers scored two of her team-high 17 points, but Lambert was fouled and went two-for-two at the line extending Sebring's lead to 38-35 with 1:56 left in the game.

Lake Placid's Armonia and Domenich each made jump shots pushing the Green Dragons into a 39-38 lead with 1:00 left on the clock. Sebring failed to score in the final minute as Lake Placid



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/STAFF

Sebring's Genesis Gonzalez (2) makes an easy layup in Thursday night's game against Lake Placid.

held on for the 39-38 victory.

"I thought it was a team effort," said Bullard. "Claire Phypers played a tremendous second half. You almost have to knock her in the head to get her to shoot the ball. She started shooting and scored a lot in the second half. Hailey Shank did a nice job on Gonzalez but she still scored a lot of points on us. I thought it was a team effort and we hit some important free

throws down the stretch. Christy Shank fell and hit her head but got up and made both of her free throws. Skylar did a nice job inside and I am just

excited to win. I thought we were done but the team didn't give up. It was a great comeback."

Sebring played hard but failed to ean the win.

"We played a good game," said Sebring Coach Jackie Childs. "We just did not set up the offense and hold the ball like we were supposed to. The girls wanted to keep shooting the ball but when you are ahead in the game you have to slow the ball down and look for who is open. You can't continue to play. You have to stop the ball and run the offense and we didn't do that. Elysia McIntyre doesn't usually play a lot but she got in there and did what she had to do. We are down people. Johnisha Rowe did a great job and Isabella Lambert did a great job on both of Lake Placid's big girls but got into foul trouble. If we would have had one more big player we would have been good. Paxton Brooks came back but her ankle is still laboring her. All of our girls never gave up. They just did not execute like we asked them to do. They have to learn to finish the game."

The Sebring Blue Streaks will host the Frostproof Bulldogs on Monday. Lake Placid will hit the road to face their other rivals, the Avon Park Red Devils, on Tuesday in a Class 5A-District 8 game.

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Rams' Goff always learning

Los Angeles quarterback takes on Saints in NFC title game

By **GREG BEACHAM**
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THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Although Jared Goff is uncomfortable being overly nosy when he's around the NFL's best quarterbacks, he kept a close eye on Drew Brees while they were together at the Pro Bowl in Orlando last year.

The most prolific passer in NFL history had no problem sharing aspects of his mental approach and game-day preparation with Goff, who was eager for knowledge a few weeks after taking a loss in his first career playoff game for the Los Angeles Rams.

"I wasn't going to pry too deeply," Goff said. "But I'd ask him a few questions as far as his warmup, and things he does throughout the week."

While Goff admires Brees, Tom Brady and the other top quarterbacks of this era, he is more interested in the mental mechanics of their game than in their arms, achievements or trophies. Goff wants to know how they prepare, and he seeks out tips on film study, game-morning arm exercises — anything he can put into his own evolving approach to the game.

"The thing about Jared is that he's always looking to get better," Rams coach Sean McVay said. "He doesn't look at our record or his success and think he's made it."

Goff's rough rookie season has vanished into history as he heads into his first NFC championship game with the Rams (14-3) against Brees and the New Orleans Saints (14-3) today. While McVay clearly deserves



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ

Los Angeles quarterback Jared Goff leads the Rams against the New Orleans Saints in today's NFC Championship game.

much of the credit for Goff's swift evolution from a struggling No. 1 overall pick into an above-average NFL passer, Goff's adaptability and eagerness to learn are just as important as his arm strength.

"I think I rely on a lot of the successes I've had, and understand that I didn't do that on accident," Goff said. "It's part of my process, and part of what I do routinely."

The same quarterback who went 0-7 as a rookie starter while getting sacked 26 times is now a two-time Pro Bowl selection at the helm of an elite NFL offense. The Rams have won their first back-to-back division titles since the 1970s during his two full seasons as their starter, and they earned their first playoff victory in 14 years last weekend.

"You talk about a guy who stays even-keeled," Rams receiver Brandin Cooks said. "He operates with such a quieted mind, no matter what's going on. The ebbs and flows of the game, he seems to stay even-keeled, and when you have that from your quarterback, that's special."

Despite his impressive success over the past two seasons, Goff still has more to prove than the other three quarterbacks playing this Sunday. Brees and Brady have accomplished nearly everything possible behind center, while Patrick Mahomes just completed a spectacular season that has left him the league MVP favorite.

Brees was happy to speak with Goff at last year's Pro Bowl even while knowing they were likely to be rivals atop

the NFC for the next few seasons. Brees remembered Doug Flutie's willingness to mentor him in San Diego.

"I want to make sure that I pay it forward, just like those guys did with me," the 40-year-old Brees said.

Brees praises Goff as an outstanding passer and an emerging leader. He also sees intricacies to Goff's performances that others might not.

"You watch what they do with their offense, there's a lot of moving parts, and I think he handles it very, very well," Brees said. "I think he creates great timing and rhythm in the

passing game."

Goff was fourth in the NFL with 4,688 yards passing this season, and his 32 TD passes were sixth. Yet his season arguably peaked with his 413 yards and four TD passes in the Rams' epic Monday night victory over Kansas City in late November, leading into a December in which he didn't exactly distinguish himself.

In the Rams' final five regular-season games, Goff averaged just 228.2 yards per game with six TD passes against six interceptions and nine sacks. The Rams took two of their three losses all season during

that stretch, with Goff memorably throwing four interceptions in the freezing cold of Chicago.

"It was a bad game or two, and I hate having to talk about it," Goff said. "But if (reporters) keep asking about it, you can call it three (bad games) if you want. If you're going to (criticize) three out of 16, I'm OK with that."

McVay also rejects the notion Goff had a slow finish to the regular season, noting the external perception of a quarterback's performance can be altered by something as arbitrary as a couple of tipped passes turning into interceptions instead of incompletions.

"I think everybody wants to make a big deal of the way that he was playing," McVay said. "I think in large part it's because he was playing at such an elite level, he almost became a victim of his own success. But he really didn't fall off at all. I think it was just some of those things that bounced one way or the other, and then defensive guys made some good plays."



TENNIS

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email alvinwalterssr@gmail.com. Minister Johnnie L. Walters (863) 381-6578.

Our annual Wings of Faith Christian Worship Center scholarship golf tournament is coming up and we are excited. This year we are dedicating the tournament to the memory and legacy of Minister Anthony "Coach Amp" Robinson. Coach

Anthony touched the lives of many youth in our community. He gave his love through the eyes of faith; therefore we are honored to give back in honor of his legacy.

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FISHING

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of what the moon does.

Minor Fishing Period: Today the moon-rise occurs at 5:36 p.m. and the sunset at 5:57 p.m. and water temperatures will be four to five degrees warmer than during the sunrise period. Therefore a feed rating intensity of 3-4 will occur from 4-6 p.m.

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

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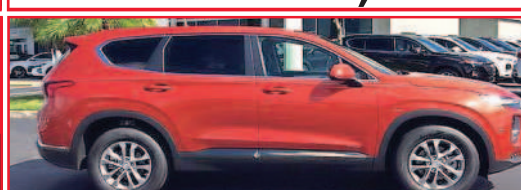
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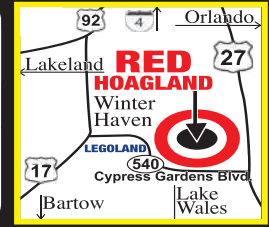
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A scaled-down, but still angry, Women's March

Cold weather didn't stop Women's Marches across the nation

By ASHRAF KHALIL
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WASHINGTON — Amid internal controversies and a capital city deeply distracted by the partial government shutdown, the third Women's March returned to Washington on Saturday with an enduring message of anger and defiance aimed directly at President Donald Trump's White House.

The original march in 2017, the day after Trump's inauguration, flooded the city with pink-hatted protesters. The exact size of the turnout remains subject to a politically charged debate, but it's generally regarded as the largest Washington protest since the Vietnam era.

This year was a more modest affair for multiple reasons. An estimated 100,000 protesters packed several blocks around Freedom Plaza, just east of the White House, holding a



AP PHOTO

Demonstrators march on Pennsylvania Avenue during the Women's March in Washington on Saturday.

daylong rally. The march itself took about an hour and only moved about four blocks west along Pennsylvania Avenue past the Trump International Hotel before looping back to Freedom Plaza.

Organizers submitted a permit application estimating up to 500,000 participants even though it was widely expected that the turnout would be smaller. The original plan was to gather on the National Mall.

But with the forecast calling for snow and freezing rain and the National Park Service no longer plowing snow because of the shutdown, organizers on Thursday changed the march's location and route.

As it turned out the weather was chilly but otherwise pleasant, and the mood among the marchers a now-familiar mix of sister-power camaraderie

MARCH | 4

Winter storm forces airline cancellations, road troubles

A plane carrying 129 people skidded from a slick runway

By COREY WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — A plane carrying 129 people skidded Saturday from a slick Chicago runway and a plow driver was killed when his truck rolled over outside Kansas City following a winter storm that covered many parts of the Midwest in snow and ice.



AP PHOTO

A deicing agent is applied to a SkyWest airplane before its takeoff, Friday, at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

No injuries were reported on the United Airlines flight at O'Hare International Airport as it arrived Saturday morning from Phoenix, Chicago Fire officials said. The massive storm which dumped 10 inches of snow on some areas in the Midwest prompted the cancellation of nearly 1,000 flights at Chicago's

airports. The average delay at O'Hare was nearly an hour Saturday afternoon.

Kansas Department of Transportation snowplow Stephen Windler, 25, died about 6 a.m. Saturday on U.S. Highway 69, according to the Wichita Eagle. A police crash report says

WINTER | 4

Mexican pipeline explosion kills 73, leaves nightmare of ash

Forensic experts attempt to separate and count charred heaps of corpses

By MARK STEVENSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TLAHUELILPAN, Mexico — Gerardo Perez returned Saturday to the scorched field in central Mexico where he'd seen an illegal pipeline tap burst into flames to see if he could recognize missing friends. He couldn't. Only a handful of the remains still had skin. Dozens were burned to the bone or to ash when the gusher of gasoline exploded, killing at least 73 people.

Perez said he and his son bypassed soldiers and ignored warnings to stay clear of the geyser Friday evening in the town of Tlahuelilpan in Hidalgo

state, about 62 miles north of Mexico City.

"We're stubborn," he said. But as Perez neared the spurting fuel, he was overcome with foreboding. He recalls telling his son: "Let's go ... this thing is going to explode."

And it did, with the fireball engulfing locals collecting the spilling gasoline in buckets, jugs and garbage cans. Video footage showed flames shooting high into the night sky, and screaming people running from the explosion, some themselves burning and waving their arms. Perez and his son made it out.

By Saturday evening the death toll had risen to 73, according to Hidalgo

Gov. Omar Fayad. Officials said at least another 74 were injured and dozens more were missing. Fifty-four bodies have yet to be identified.

Forensic experts were separating and counting charred heaps of corpses while anguished relatives of those presumed dead gathered around the scene of carnage.

Just a few feet from where the pipeline passed through an alfalfa field, the dead seem to have fallen in heaps, perhaps as they stumbled over each other or tried to help one another as the geyser of gasoline turned to flames.

Several of the deceased

EXPLOSION | 4

Trump celebrates new citizens in Oval Office ceremony

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a day focused on his demand for a border wall, President Donald Trump used music and pageantry to welcome "the five newest members of our great American family" during a naturalization ceremony in the Oval Office.

In a ceremony Saturday that began to the strains of a violin and ended with a booming national anthem, Trump celebrated the five new Americans from Iraq, Britain,

South Korea, Jamaica and Bolivia.

"Each of you worked hard for this moment. You followed the rules, upheld our laws," the president said, stressing that they had arrived in the country legally.

A couple of hours later, Trump would unveil his offer to extend temporary protection to young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children if Democrats would agree to fund the southern

border wall he promised as a candidate. Democrats quickly dismissed the plan as a "non-starter."

Trump introduced each of the new U.S. citizens, noting that some had come to the country with American spouses and some had children who were born here. To a woman from South Korea who came to the U.S. to pursue graduate studies and is now a university

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President Donald Trump attends a naturalization ceremony in the Oval Office of the White House, in Washington, Saturday.



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US airstrike in Somalia kills 52 al-Shabab extremists

Was a response to an attack on Somali forces

By **CARA ANNA**
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JOHANNESBURG — The U.S. military on Saturday said it had carried out its deadliest airstrike in Somalia in months, killing 52 al-Shabab extremists after a “large group” mounted an attack on Somali forces.

The U.S. Africa Command said the airstrike occurred near Jilib in Middle Juba region. There were no reports of Americans killed or wounded.

The U.S. statement did not say whether any Somali forces were killed or wounded by the al-Qaida-linked extremists. Al-Shabab via its Shahada news agency asserted that its attack on two Somali army bases killed at least 41 soldiers. It described the location as the Bar Sanjuni area near the port city of Kismayo.

There was no immediate comment from Somalia’s government.

In neighboring Ethiopia, state television cited the defense ministry as saying more than 60 al-Shabab fighters had been killed and that four vehicles loaded with explosives had been “destroyed.” Ethiopia contributes troops to a multinational African Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia and has troops there independently under Ethiopian army command.

A Somali intelligence officer said al-Shabab had been amassing fighters for more than a week to launch a major attack against Somali and Kenyan forces in order to disrupt a planned offensive against the extremists. The officer said some 400 extremists, including foreign ones, had been prepared, including two suicide car bombers. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

Al-Shabab controls large parts of rural southern and central Somalia and continues to carry out high-profile

suicide bombings and other attacks in the capital, Mogadishu, and elsewhere.

The Islamic extremist group claimed responsibility for the deadly attack on a luxury hotel complex in the capital of neighboring Kenya on Tuesday, the latest high-toll assault inside that county in retaliation for Kenya sending troops to Somalia to fight al-Shabab.

The extremist group finds itself under pressure at home on a number of fronts, including from a small presence of rival fighters linked to the Islamic State organization, which has begun challenging al-Shabab in recent months.

The United States has dramatically stepped up airstrikes against al-Shabab in Somalia since President Donald Trump took office, carrying out at least 47 such strikes last year. Some have targeted top al-Shabab leaders or key financial officials; the extremist group funds its attacks with an extensive network of “taxation” and extortion.

In October, the U.S. said an airstrike killed about 60 fighters near the al-Shabab-controlled community of Harardere in Mudug province in the central part of the country.

The airstrikes hamper the extremist group but have not “seriously degraded al-Shabab’s capability to mount strikes either inside or outside Somalia,” Matt Bryden of Sahan Research, an expert on the extremists, told The Associated Press after the Nairobi hotel attack.

Airstrikes alone cannot defeat the extremists, Bryden said, and must be combined with more ground-based attacks as well as a non-military campaign to win over residents of extremist-held areas.

The U.S. on Saturday said it is committed to “preventing al-Shabab from taking advantage of safe havens from which they can build capacity and attack the people of Somalia.”

Survivors: Up to 117 missing from sunken boat off Libya

By **FRANCES D’EMILIO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Three survivors of a rubber dinghy that sank in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya say up to 117 other migrants were aboard at the time, a U.N. migration official said Saturday.

It appeared to be the latest tragedy on the dangerous central Mediterranean route from North Africa to Europe.

Flavio Di Giacomo of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) told Italian state TV that “unfortunately about 120” migrants were reported by survivors to have been on the overloaded smugglers’ dinghy when it was launched from Libyan shores on Thursday evening.

“After a few hours, it began sinking and people began drowning,” Di Giacomo said.

Among the missing are 10 women and two children, including a two-month-old baby, he said. Survivors indicated their fellow migrants came from Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Gambia and Sudan, Di Giacomo said.

Italian President Sergio Mattarella, who has urged that the government show more compassion for migrants, expressed his “deep sorrow for the tragedy that has taken place in the Mediterranean.” Premier Giuseppe Conte told reporters he



AP FILE PHOTO

In this 2018 filer, the Sea-Watch rescue ship waits off the coast of Malta. Flavio Di Giacomo of International Organization for Migration says three survivors were plucked to safety by an Italian navy helicopter Friday, and they say 120 were aboard when the dinghy left Libya.

was “shocked” at the reports of the sinking and vowed that Italy would continue to combat human traffickers.

Italy’s populist government has banned private rescue boats from bringing migrants to Italian shores. Together with Malta, Italy has also launched probes of the rescue groups themselves, claiming their operations might facilitate trafficking.

The three survivors of the sinking were plucked to safety by an Italian navy helicopter on Friday afternoon, the navy said.

The Italian Coast Guard says Libya asked a nearby cargo ship to search for survivors but the ship reported it found no one. Libyan navy spokesman Ayoub Gassim said one of its boats was sent Friday to the scene but it “had a

100 nautical away sent a helicopter to the scene.

That helicopter rescued the survivors, two from a life raft and one from the water, the navy said, adding that all had hypothermia.

Many migrants cannot afford to pay for life vests, an extra cost when boarding a smuggler’s boat in Libya. The survivors said the migrants aboard the dinghy didn’t have any.

It wasn’t immediately clear exactly how many migrants might have died before the navy plane spotted the sinking dinghy.

The Italian Coast Guard says Libya asked a nearby cargo ship to search for survivors but the ship reported it found no one.

Libyan navy spokesman Ayoub Gassim said one of its boats was sent Friday to the scene but it “had a

mechanical issue and we had to call it back.” The official said 50 migrants were believed to have been aboard the dinghy when it set sail.

According to the IOM, at least 2,297 people died at sea or went missing trying to reach Europe in 2018. In all, 116,959 migrants reached Europe by sea routes last year, it says.

The U.N. refugee agency UNHCR, said Saturday it was “appalled” at the news of the latest migrant deaths in the Mediterranean. In a statement from its Geneva headquarters, it said in addition to those missing off Libya, 53 people died in recent days in the western Mediterranean, where one survivor was rescued by a fishing boat after being stranded for more than 24 hours at sea.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

Rescuers hope to reach Spanish boy in deep hole

MADRID (AP) — Authorities in southern Spain said Saturday they hope to soon reach the spot where they believe a two-year-old boy is trapped after falling in a deep borehole six days ago.

Angel Garcia, the leading engineer coordinating the search-and-rescue operation, said that they hope to get there in 35 hours — sometime Sunday — though that depends on everything “going favorably.”

Garcia said a drill is perforating a hole, after which two or three experts will be lowered in a cage so they can begin digging a horizontal tunnel to the location where they believe the toddler is.

There has been no contact made

with Julen Rosello, who fell into the 110-meter (360-foot) deep, 25 centimeter-diameter (10-inch-wide) waterhole on Sunday during a family meal in the countryside northeast of Malaga. The only sign of him search-and-rescue teams have found so far is hair that matched his DNA.

Rescuers hope to find the boy at a depth of 72 meters (236 feet), where the hole is blocked by soil.

Freelance journalist killed amid new round of Libya clashes

BENGHAZI, Libya (AP) — A freelance journalist who contributed to The Associated Press and other news organizations was killed Saturday in the Libyan capital, a colleague said.

Mohamed Ben Khalifa, who was in his 30s, was hit by shrapnel while accompanying a militia patrolling the Qaser Bin Ghashir area south of Tripoli, said Hamza Turkia, also a freelance journalist.

The militia came under attack by another armed group, said Turkia. He said there was gunfire, and that a missile was also fired.

Ben Khalifa, a photographer and video journalist, is survived by his wife and a 7-month-old daughter, another colleague said.

A new round of fighting between rival militias erupted earlier this week, killing 13 people and wounding more than 50, according to the Libyan Health Ministry.

The clashes shattered a U.N.-brokered cease-fire reached in September. A bout of violence last year killed nearly 100 people.

HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

Florida agriculture commissioner orders LGBT protections

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is adding sexual orientation and gender identity to her department’s list of workplace protections against discrimination.

Friday’s announcement means the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will include LGBT employment protections along with those based on race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age and disability.

It is the first agency to extend protections to transgender employees and applicants.

Fried was sworn in earlier this month and is the only Democrat to hold a statewide office in Florida.

She said she’s encouraging the state’s other two Cabinet members to enact similar policies.

Man gets life sentence for killing 3 teens during robberies

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — A Florida man has been sentenced to life in prison for killing three teens in robberies. The Palm Beach Post reports

that 20-year-old Joel Rodriguez was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty to three murder counts as part of a deal with prosecutors.

Authorities say Rodriguez fatally shot 18-year-old Dalton Dobkins at a Wellington home in November 2016. Rodriguez’s half-brother, 22-year-old Augustine Ricardo Rivera, served as lookout for the robbery. He faced a life sentence for his involvement, but prosecutors settled for 20 years after his brother’s guilty plea.

Officials say Rodriguez also killed 18-year-old Aaron Valle and 17-year-old Elijah Montas outside a Greenacres apartment several weeks after the first shooting. During that robbery, 19-year-old Carlos Amaya Hernandez was with Rodriguez. Hernandez has pleaded guilty to two counts of murder and awaits sentencing.

Woman gets 30 days in jail for crash that killed 2 people

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A Florida woman has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for a drunken driving crash that left two people dead.

WPLG news reports that 55-year-old Judith Khouri was sentenced Friday as part of a

deal with prosecutors. She had been charged with a misdemeanor count of driving under the influence.

Police say Khouri ran a red light at a Lauderhill intersection early one morning in March 2017. Officials say she collided with another car. The crash left Benjamin Benjamin and Zafrit Ruvio Benjamin dead.

Tests showed Khouri had a blood alcohol level of 0.14 percent. Florida law considers a driver impaired at 0.08 percent.

The Broward State Attorney’s Office says it had a difficult time proving that Khouri’s drinking directly caused the deaths.

Man charged with underage sex with girl he met on Fortnite

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — Authorities say a Florida man had sex with an underage girl he met through the online video game Fortnite.

The Florida Attorney General’s Office announced the arrest Thursday of 41-year-old Anthony Gene Thomas on charges including unlawful sex with a minor and child pornography. Investigators believe there could be as many as 20 additional victims.

Officials say the 17-year-old

victim initially had contact with a 23-year-old woman, who then introduced the victim to Thomas. Thomas and the woman arranged in August to pick up the teen in Brevard County and bring her back Broward County.

Law enforcement served a search warrant in October. Authorities say Thomas had pornographic images and videos of the victim on his phone.

No charges were immediately filed against the woman.

Spanish citizen found guilty of triple murder in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A Florida jury has convicted a man for three murders in a case that is being closed watched in Spain.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reported that after 22 hours of deliberation a jury found Pablo Ibar guilty on Saturday.

Ibar had previously been convicted of the 1994 murders of Casimir Sucharski, Sharon Anderson and Marie Rogers. A surveillance camera in Sucharski’s Miramar home had captured the fatal shootings.

The state Supreme Court in 2016 granted a request for a retrial. The court concluded

that Ibar’s lawyer should have hired an expert to question whether the murderer in a grainy surveillance camera video was actually Ibar.

Ibar was born in South Florida to a Spanish jai-alai player and only took Spanish citizenship after being initially convicted in 2000.

Shooting leaves 3 dead and 2 injured

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Authorities in Florida are investigating a shooting that left three people dead and two people injured.

First Coast News reported that the shooting occurred in a west Jacksonville neighborhood early Saturday morning. A spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office told local media that they believed it was a “murder-suicide.”

The two victims were in critical condition according to the sheriff’s office spokesman.

Before being transported to a local hospital, one of the victims told deputies the name of the suspect who shot her. The sheriff’s office said that they believed that the suspect was found dead inside the home.

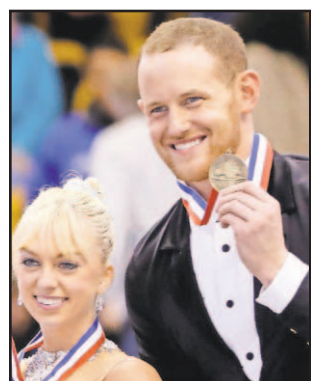
Authorities did not release any additional details about the suspect or the victims.

Suspended pairs skating champion dies at 33

ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Coughlin, a two-time U.S. pairs champion recently suspended from figure skating, died by suicide in Kansas City, Missouri. He was 33.

U.S. Figure Skating released a statement Saturday and cited his sister, Angela Laune. The sister said in a Facebook post that her "wonderful, strong, amazingly compassionate brother John Coughlin took his own life. ... I have no words." There were no further details from her.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 11, 2014, file photo, bronze medalists Caydee Denney and John Coughlin, smile during an award ceremony. Coughlin, recently suspended from figure skating, has died.

The Kansas City Police Department said in an email Saturday that officers responded to a call of a suicide at a house in the Country Lanes Estates neighborhood in Kansas City just before 5 p.m. Friday and found Coughlin's body. Sgt. Jacob Becchina declined to give specifics on the death.

Coughlin received an interim suspension from the U.S. Center for SafeSport

and USFS on Thursday for unspecified conduct. He was barred from any activities sanctioned by the skating body or the U.S. Olympic Committee.

USFS said it was "stunned" by the news and extended "heartfelt and deepest sympathies" to the family. The organization said it would have no further comment "until a later time."

Take a Flier With J.C. Penney

Dear Mr. Berko: In 2007, my stockbroker had me buy 100 shares of J.C. Penney at \$73. Months later, he had me buy another 100 shares at \$62. And because he was very certain it would recover, he had me buy



Malcolm BERKO COLUMNIST

100 more shares when it had fallen to \$47. Finally, in 2009, I bought my last 100 shares at \$28, giving me an average cost of \$52.50 per share. I still own the stock and want to know whether I should sell my 400 shares or buy the stock again at \$1.36 a share. — HD, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Dear HD: Wow! I think your broker must have slipped into the gene pool when the lifeguards weren't watching. I'm also wondering whether you joined him!

James Cash Penney was from Missouri, the same state that gave us Harry S. Truman. They could have met, played checkers together and even talked serious politics. However, after graduating from high school, Penney moved to Colorado on doctor's orders, hoping a better climate would improve his rheumatism. And in 1898, Penney went to work for Thomas Callahan and Guy Johnson, who owned the Golden Rule dry goods stores in Colorado and Wyoming. In 1902, Penney opened his first store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and by 1907, he owned four locations.

In 1912, with good past successes, Penney had opened 34 stores in the Mountain States under the J.C. Penney name. By 1928, Penney had over 1,000 stores, generating \$190 million in revenues — equivalent to nearly \$3 billion in today's dollars.

Wonder of wonders, in 1940, a lad called Sam "Sam Boy" Walton took a trainee job at a J.C. Penney store in Iowa. He got a lot of good training; however, 18 months later, Walton was drafted into the Army. In any event, by 1973, there were 2,050 J.C. Penney stores selling thousands of products and pumping profits. But that's when the troubles began, as the company realized it was competing with Wal-Mart and Sears, which were selling merchandise at discount prices. Then came the 1990s, with big-box stores such as Costco and Target, Circuit City and Best Buy. J.C. Penney's management fumbled. Then came Amazon.com, and its management stumbled. Along came similar e-commerce platforms, and its management bumbled. And as revenues dropped 40 percent in the past 12 years, J.C. Penney's store count imploded, falling from 2,050 to 850.

So, like Claire's, Toys R Us, The Limited, H.H. Gregg, Sports Authority, Aeropostale, Radio Shack, A&P and Sears, each of which is bankrupt, J.C. Penney (JCP-\$1.36) lacks the mojo to keep its doors open for another few years. During the past 10 years, JCP has tried appealing to a younger

consumer, but revenues have declined steadily, from \$20 billion in 2008 to \$12.5 billion last year. In any event, JCP still has the reputation of being your grandmother's store. So, with cumulative losses of nearly \$4 billion and little in the way of encouraging news regarding profits, JCP may close more than 100 stores by 2020. Management has reasoned that with fewer stores and lower sales, the company won't lose as much money in future years. That's logical!

But now, new leadership has come, in the form of CEO Jill Soltau. Her past is riddled with 30 years of excellent retail experience, impressive product development and an important e-commerce skill set. The board believes that Jill's skills will be able to turn JCP around, helped by a sizable credit line that will give Jill the liquidity she'll need. However, I would hope she'd sell some of

JCP's numerous non-core assets before increasing debt.

Without someone of Soltau's experience, the possibility of a JCP comeback would make a sick cat laugh. However, I like this very classy lady's retail background, and I like her record of success. And most of all, I was impressed that the people at her previous employer (Jo-Ann Stores) spoke so highly of her.

Here's my suggestion: Take a humongous speculation and buy 1,000 shares of JCP at \$1.36. Wait 31 days, and then sell your 400 shares with a \$52.50 basis. There's a 38.7 percent degree of probability that Jill will turn JCP around and the shares will rise to \$6 by September.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 8303, Largo, FL 33775, or email him at mberko@yahoo.com.

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US spy satellite launched into orbit from California

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A powerful Delta 4 Heavy rocket carrying a U.S. spy satellite lifted off Saturday from California.

The rocket propelled the National Reconnaissance Office satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 11:10 a.m. Pacific time, arcing over the Pacific Ocean west of Los Angeles as it headed toward space.

The outer boosters

of the rocket separated about four minutes into flight, followed shortly by separation of the central first-stage booster and successful ignition of the upper stage.

As is customary with classified payloads, United Launch Alliance webcast the liftoff only until the aerodynamic fairing covering the payload was discarded.

Details of the mission, dubbed NROL-71, were not released.

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Students mock Native American after rally

Boys were from an all-male Catholic high school and wore ‘MAGA’ hats

By **ADAM BEAM**
and **BRIAN MELLEY**
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FRANKFORT, Ky. — A diocese in Kentucky apologized Saturday after videos emerged showing students from a Catholic boys' high school mocking Native Americans outside the Lincoln Memorial after a rally in Washington.

The Indigenous Peoples March in Washington on Friday coincided with the March for Life, which drew thousands of anti-abortion protesters, including a group from Covington Catholic High School in Park Hills.

Videos circulating online show a youth staring at and standing extremely close to Nathan Phillips, a 64-year-old Native American man singing

and playing a drum.

Other students, some wearing Covington clothing and many wearing “Make America Great Again” hats and sweatshirts, surrounded them, chanting, laughing and jeering.

In a joint statement, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington and Covington Catholic High School apologized to Phillips. Officials said they are investigating and will take “appropriate action, up to and including expulsion.”

“We extend our deepest apologies to Mr. Phillips,” the statement read. “This behavior is opposed to the Church’s teachings on the dignity and respect of the human person.”

According to the “Indian Country Today” website,



IMAGE FROM SURVIVAL MEDIA AGENCY VIA AP

In this Friday image made from video provided by the Survival Media Agency, a teenager wearing a ‘Make America Great Again’ hat, center left, stands in front of an elderly Native American singing and playing a drum in Washington.

Phillips is an Omaha elder and Vietnam veteran who holds an annual ceremony honoring Native American veterans at Arlington National Cemetery.

“When I was there singing, I heard them saying ‘Build that wall, build that wall,’” Phillips said, as he wiped away tears in a video posted on Instagram. “This is indigenous lands.

We’re not supposed to have walls here. We never did.”

He told The Washington Post that while he was drumming, he thought about his wife, Shoshana, who died of bone marrow cancer nearly four years ago, and the threats that indigenous communities around the world are facing.

“I felt like the spirit was talking through me,” Phillips told the newspaper.

The videos prompted a torrent of outrage online. Actress and activist Alyssa Milano tweeted that the footage “brought me to tears,” while actor Chris Evans tweeted that the students’ actions were “appalling” and “shameful.”

MARCH

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and defiant anger toward Trump and the larger power structure. As always the Trump administration was the direct target of most of the abuse — with fresh bitterness stemming from more recent events like Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s successful confirmation last fall despite a direct accusation of sexual misconduct when he was in high school.

One sign declared, “Strong women only fear weak men.” Another stated, “MOOD: Still pretty mad about Kavanaugh.”

Parallel marches took place in dozens of cities around the country.

In Los Angeles, a few hundred demonstrators gathered in Pershing Square downtown and marched to Grand Park as the crowd swelled to thousands.

In San Francisco, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was in the march and video on Twitter showed people clapping and cheering as she passed.

In Denver, protester Jacquelynn Sigl said it’s a mistake to focus solely on Trump.

“It’s not OK, the rhetoric the president has today, but it’s also important to know this isn’t an

anti-Trump rally,” she said. “This isn’t about him. It’s about the thought that’s running across the country right now.”

Preparations for this year’s march were roiled by an intense ideological debate among the movement’s senior leadership. In November, Teresa Shook, one of the movement’s founders, accused the four main leaders of the national march organization of anti-Semitism.

The accusation was leveled at two primary leaders: Linda Sarsour, a Palestinian-American who has frequently criticized Israeli policies, and Tamika Mallory, who has maintained a public

association with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Shook, a retired lawyer from Hawaii, has been credited with sparking the movement by creating a Facebook event that went viral and snowballed into the massive protest on Jan. 21, 2017. In a recent Facebook post, she claimed Sarsour and Mallory, along with fellow organizers Bob Bland and Carmen Perez, had “steered the Movement away from its true course” and called for all four to step down.

The four march organizers have denied the charge, but Sarsour has publicly expressed regret

that they were not “faster and clearer in helping people understand our values.”

Despite pleas for unity, the internal tensions were most keenly felt in New York. An alternate women’s march organization held a parallel rally a few miles away from the official New York Women’s March protest, and one activist actually disrupted the main protest.

As New York march director Agunda Okeyo was making her opening remarks, an activist named Laura Loomer came on stage and shouted that the march “does not represent Jewish people” and called it “the real Nazi march.”

EXPLOSION

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lay on their backs, their arms stretched out in agony. Some seemed to have covered their chests in a last attempt to protect themselves from the blast. A few corpses seemed to embrace each other in death. Lost shoes were scattered around a space the size of a soccer field, as were half-melted plastic jugs the victims carried to gather spilling fuel. Closer to the explosion, forensic workers marked mounds of ash with numbers.

On Friday, hundreds of people had gathered in an almost festive atmosphere in a field where a duct had been perforated by fuel thieves and gasoline spewed 20 feet into the air.

State oil company Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, said the pipeline, which supplies much of central Mexico with fuel, had just reopened after being shut since Dec. 23 and that it had been breached 10 times over three months.

The tragedy came just three weeks after President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador launched an offensive against fuel theft gangs that have drilled dangerous, illegal taps into pipelines an astounding 12,581 times in the first 10 months of 2018, an average of about 42 per day. The crackdown has led to widespread fuel shortages at gas stations throughout the country as Pemex deviates distribution, both licit and illicit.

Lopez Obrador vowed on Saturday to continue the fight against a practice that steals about \$3 billion per year in fuel.

“We are going to eradicate that which not only causes material damages, it is not only what the nation loses by this illegal trade, this black market of fuel, but the risk, the

danger, the loss of human lives,” he said.

He said the attorney general’s office will investigate whether the explosion was intentional — caused by an individual or group — or whether the fireball occurred due to the inherent risk of clandestine fuel extraction. He called on townspeople to give testimony not only about Friday’s events in Hidalgo, but about the entire black-market chain of fuel theft.

Lopez Obrador faces an uphill fight against a practice that locals say is deeply rooted in the poor rural areas where pipelines pass, covered by only a foot or two of dirt. Specialized fuel thieves who tap the lines usually cart their bounty off in trucks. But in recent days, as the government cracks down on fuel theft rings, the gangs have punctured pipelines and invited locals to help themselves.

Tlahuailpan, population 20,000, is just 8 miles from Pemex’s Tula refinery. Pemex Chief Executive Octavio Romero said an estimated 10,000 barrels of premium gasoline were rushing through the pipeline with 20 kilograms of pressure when it was ruptured.

Wrapped in a blanket, Hugo Olvera Estrada said he had gone to six nearby hospitals looking for his 13-year-old son, who had joined the crowd at the fuel spill. He hasn’t been seen since.

“Ay, no, where is my son?” he wailed.

Lopez Obrador launched the offensive against illegal taps soon after taking office Dec. 1, deploying 3,200 marines to guard pipelines and refineries. His administration also shut down pipelines to detect and deter illegal taps, relying more on delivering fuel by tanker truck. There aren’t enough trucks, however,

WINTER

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his truck “traveled to the right, traversing the shoulder and drove into the grass” before it rolled over. Windler was thrown from the vehicle which landed on top of him.

The storm moved Saturday toward the Northeast and New England. Some northern parts of New England could see up to 18 inches of snow.

A 15-vehicle crash blocked a section of Interstate 55 in southeastern Missouri near Ste. Genevieve Saturday afternoon and drivers were urged to find an alternative route. In Detroit, many motorists were moving well below posted speed limits along freeways due to slushy conditions. Amtrak canceled some trains Saturday from Chicago to Washington and New York and between New York and Boston and

Pennsylvania on Sunday.

In Nebraska, authorities closed Omaha’s Eppley Airfield on Friday afternoon after a Southwest Airlines plane slid off an ice-slicked runway. No one was injured. The airfield later reopened.

The snow was part of a wall of hazardous weather that moved from the Dakotas across the Great Lakes states. The storm brought snow, ice and strong winds, followed by deep cold. The highest snowfall totals were expected in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, which could see up to 18 inches.

Further east, the National Weather Service in Albany, New York, said snow could fall at a rate of 1 to 3 inches an hour, creating “difficult to impossible travel conditions” in areas.

The storm prompted the cancellation of a Special Olympics competition in upstate New York. Nearly 200 athletes from around New York

state were expected to compete in snowshoeing, snowboarding, cross country, and Nordic and Alpine skiing at West Mountain, just outside Glens Falls.

In New York City, the worst of the storm was expected from Saturday afternoon through Sunday afternoon, with snow accumulations of 3-6 inches, followed by rain that could turn to ice as temperatures drop later Sunday. Single-digit temperatures could last into Monday. Strong wind gusts beginning Sunday afternoon could bring down snow- or ice-burdened tree limbs and power lines.

Following the storm system, some areas of the Midwest were expecting high winds and bitter cold.

In Iowa, temperatures in the teens Saturday were expected to drop below zero overnight, producing wind chills as low as 20-below by Sunday morning.



AP PHOTO

The five people being naturalized as American citizens, take the oath of allegiance in the Oval Office of the White House, in Washington, Saturday.

CITIZENS

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professor, he said: “I want to congratulate you, and you’re going to have a great time.”

The new citizens had the oath of allegiance

administered by Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and received their naturalization certificates from Vice President Mike Pence, followed by a handshake from Trump.

“By taking this oath, you have forged a sacred

bond with this nation, its traditions, its culture and its values. This heritage is now yours to protect, promote and pass down to the next generation and to the next wave of newcomers to our shores,” the president said.

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Jan. 20**, the 20th day of 2019. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Jan. 20, 2017**, Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, pledging emphatically to empower America’s “forgotten men and women.” Protesters registered their rage against the new president in a chaotic confrontation with police just blocks from the inaugural parade.

On this date

In **1649**, King Charles I of England went on trial, accused of high treason (he was found guilty and executed by month’s end).

In **1887**, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In **1942**, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their “final solution” that called for exterminating Europe’s Jews.

In **1981**, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the president-elect had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In **1986**, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Today’s birthdays

Comedian **Arte Johnson** is 90. Former astronaut **Buzz Aldrin** is 89. Olympic gold medal figure skater **Carol Heiss** is 79. Actor **Daniel Benzali** is 69. Rock musician **Paul Stanley (KISS)** is 67. Rock musician **Ian Hill (Judas Priest)** is 67. Comedian **Bill Maher** is 63. Actor **Lorenzo Lamas** is 61. Actor **James Denton** is 56. Actor **Rainn Wilson** is 53. Presidential counselor **Kellyanne Conway** is 52. Actress **Stacey Dash** is 52. TV personality **Melissa Rivers** is 51. Singer **Xavier** is 51. Actor **Reno Wilson** is 50. Singer **Edwin McCain** is 49. Actor **Skeet Ulrich** is 49. Rap musician **Questlove (The Roots)** is 48.

Bible verse

“And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?” — **Matthew 7:3.**

Our vision always seems at its best when we are looking at another’s faults. Oh God, give us good “insight” — so that we can be understanding of others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ODD NEWS



AP PHOTO

A naturally occurring ice disk forms on the Presumpscot River in Westbrook, Maine.

Giant rotating ice disk draws attention, visitors

WESTBROOK, Maine (AP) — Think of it as a crop circle, but in a river.

A curious formation that’s getting attention in Greater Portland is actually a spinning ice disk that is roughly 100 yards wide.

The formation in the Presumpscot River was widely shared on social media and has drawn comparisons to an alien spacecraft, a carousel and the moon.

The oddity drew a crowd that stood mesmerized by the slow-turning disk Tuesday afternoon in Westbrook.

The ice formation is believed to have formed naturally in a part of the river where there’s a circular current that creates a whirlpool effect, said Tina Radel, the city’s marketing and communications manager.

Locals say they’ve seen smaller ice disks before, but nothing like this one, Radel said.

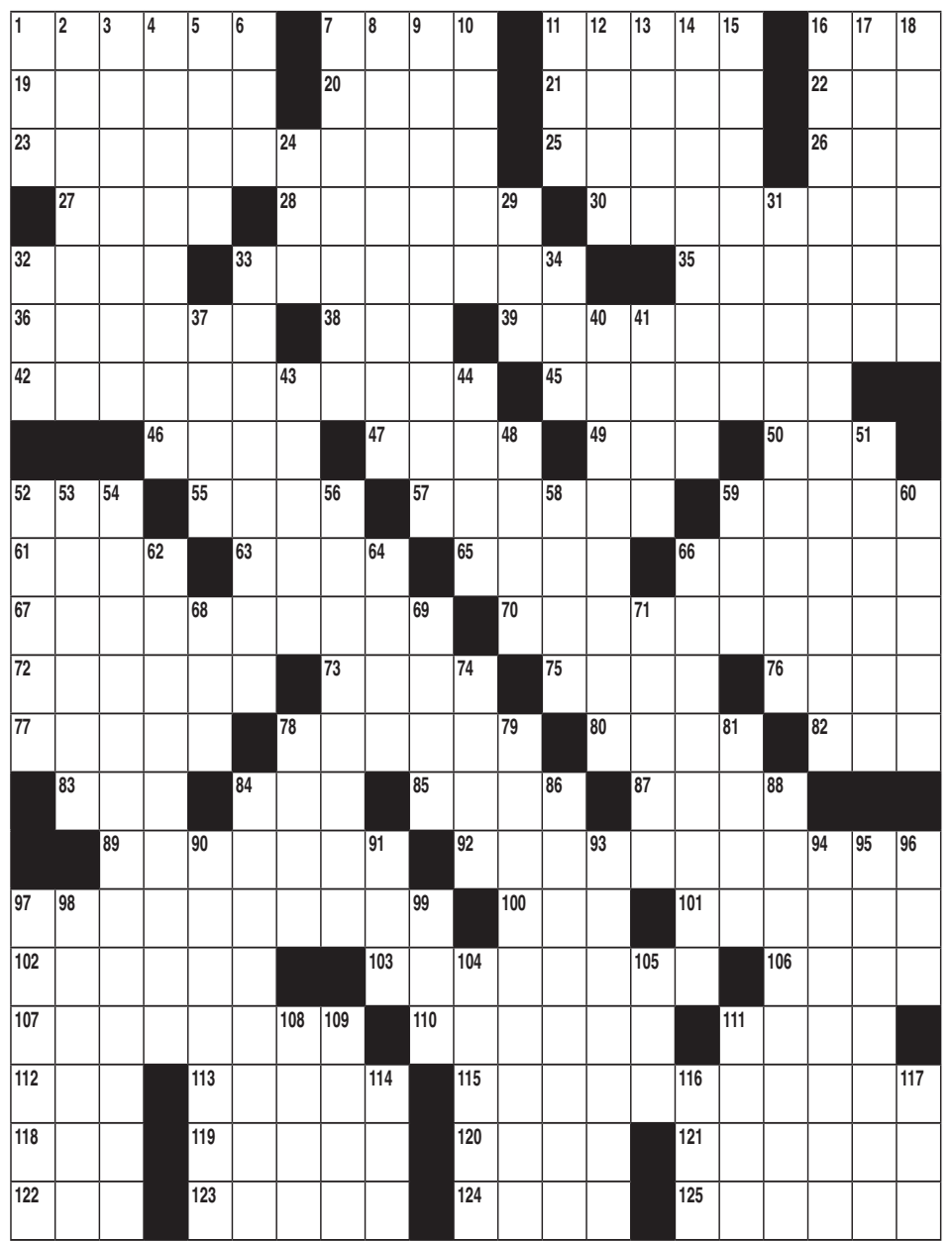
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PARLOR TRICKS

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- ACROSS
1 Locale for a bottom feeder
7 Relinquish
11 Total nerdburger
16 The Mormon Church, for short
19 Having come apart
20 Company with a Roman centurion logo, informally
21 Name shouted at the end of the "Flintstones" closing theme song
22 I.S.P. option
23 At the ice cream parlor, the grand marshal ordered a ...
25 R&B's ___ Brothers
26 Effort
27 Atoms
28 Weak-minded type
30 Something lost in old literature
32 Airline to Ben Gurion Airport
33 Water
35 Sites with corporate names, often
36 Low-status, as work
38 Govt. org. under Homeland Security
39 The confirmed bachelor ordered a ...
42 The crossing guard ordered a ...
45 See 46-Across
46 With 45-Across, focus directly on hitting someone
102 Simpson with the 2004 hit "Pieces of Me"
103 Arthur who composed "The Yeomen of the Guard"
106 Approximately
107 All out
110 Won
111 Without alteration
112 Filming locale
113 Places for cheap drinks
115 And the homebody ordered an ...
118 "We'll teach you to drink deep ___ you depart": Hamlet
119 Stores with Småland play areas
120 Pespacious
121 Fishing sites
122 Director Guillermo ___ Toro
123 Earth
124 Beaux-___
125 Vaporize
11 Bad thing on a motorist's record, for short
12 Pufflet
13 First name of the First Lady of Song
14 Some sights in Oz
15 Where many Golden State Warriors fans live
16 Like much of the Western Hemisphere
17 Along the back
18 Most foxy
24 Pres. who signed the Glass-Steagall Act
29 Rehab affliction, for short
31 Bulbous, narrow-necked bottles
32 Lifesaver, for short
33 Successful presidential slogan of old
34 ___ al-Fitr (holiday marking the close of Ramadan)
37 Miles away
40 Fails (to)
41 Problems of amnesia
43 Stop
44 Channel with highlights
48 Angry chorus
51 Annual science fiction award
52 Isn't serious
53 Family support group
54 Vegas establishment with a giant guitar sign
56 Writing of W.S. Gilbert
58 Weight
59 English facilities
60 Scruffs
62 Country singer with the No. 1 albums "Breathe" and "Cry"
64 Follow closely
66 Females whose gender identities match their gender assignments at birth
68 Some gametes
69 Tach readings
71 Savings vehicle, in brief
74 A pop
78 ___ rea (intent to commit a crime)
79 Winter garment insert
81 Likely to butt in
84 Pay up?
86 Toy to keep track of?
88 What "goes to" a movie star
90 "That's really important to me"
91 T.S.A. requirements
93 Some counterculture gatherings
94 Theoretical
95 Dismissal, slangily
96 W.W. II arena
97 Had a good cry
98 Like sailors on leave
99 8: Abbr.
104 Soviet space dog of 1957
105 Contribute
108 No longer bothered by
109 Manual selection
111 Eponym of the Courage Award given at the ESPYs
114 Fed. agcy. founded by 24-Down
116 ___ Beach, Hawaii
117 "Gangnam Style" rapper



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Ask the Fool

Funds, Stocks and Diversification

Q If I'm invested in mutual funds, do I need to invest in some individual stocks, too, to diversify further? — M.W., Columbus, Mississippi

A Mutual funds alone can provide plenty of diversification — especially if they're broad-market index funds. An S&P 500 index fund, for example, spreads its shareholders' money across all (or a representative sample of the) 500 stocks in the S&P 500 index, from Apple to Zions Bancorporation. (If you're invested only in funds focused on one or two regions or sectors, though, such as Asia or biotechnology, you're not sufficiently diversified.)

The main reason you'd add individual stocks to your mix is to try to improve your portfolio's overall performance. If one stock among 200 in a mutual fund doubles in value, it might not make too big a difference to your bottom line. But if you invest 5 percent of your money in Scuffy's Chicken Shack (ticker: BUKBUK) and it doubles, your portfolio's value will increase by 5 percent.

Studying stocks and deciding which ones to buy (and sell) and when takes skill, though. You can start learning how at Fool.com/how-to-invest. If you don't have the time or interest, just stick with low-cost, broad-market index funds that track the stock market's performance.

Q What does it mean when an investor "takes profits"? — R.T., online

A It's when they sell a holding that has appreciated in value. Imagine, for example, that you own shares in Buzzy's Broccoli Beer (ticker: BRRRP), and the share price has risen 30 percent since you bought them. That's great, but it's just a "paper" gain that will be higher or lower in a day or two. When you sell, you "realize" the gain, taking your profits.

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Fool's School

Staying on Target

If you like the idea of your investments automatically getting more conservative as you approach retirement, consider making use of target-date funds, which are sometimes called life-cycle funds.

Generally, they're mutual funds that invest in a bunch of index funds. They distribute shareholder money across asset categories such as U.S. stocks, foreign stocks, bonds and cash. Each target-date fund has a year in its title — the year a shareholder would want to retire. So if you're 59 and hoping to retire in six years, in 2025, you could invest in a 2025 target-date fund from Vanguard, Fidelity or another major fund company. If you're, say, 24, hoping to retire at age 65 in the year 2060, you could put your money in a 2060 target-date fund. (Many 401(k) plans feature target-date funds.)

Target-date funds adjust their holdings over time, typically shrinking stock holdings and

adding more bond holdings as the target date approaches and their shareholders near retirement. Consider, as examples, the Vanguard 2025 and 2060 funds. The 2060 fund is designed for young adults, and has about 88 percent of its assets in stocks, and just 10 percent in bonds. The 2025 fund, though, is about 61 percent in stocks and 37 percent in bonds. (The remaining 2 percent in each fund is in cash and other investments.)

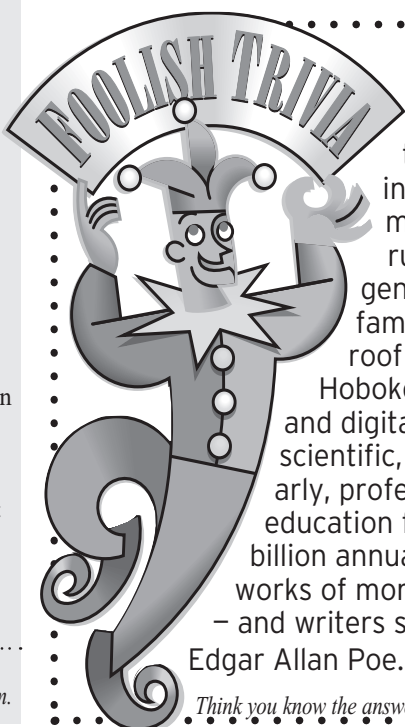
These funds are clearly convenient, freeing you from having to reallocate your assets over time. They're not perfect, though, and they're not all alike, either. A Fidelity 2060 fund, for example, recently had around 85 percent of assets in stocks, 7 percent in bonds and 8 percent in cash.

When shopping for target-date funds, seek those with low fees and the kind of asset mix you want. If you aim to retire in, say, 2030, you can always invest in a 2035 fund in order to be a little more aggressive, or a 2025 one to be more conservative. Remember that each target-date fund will perform a little differently, too.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the opening of a print shop in New York City in 1807 by a man whose family was in the rum distilling business. Seven generations of my founder's family have worked under my roof — but no coyotes. Based in Hoboken, New Jersey, I'm a print and digital publishing leader in the scientific, technical, medical, scholarly, professional, trade and higher education fields. I rake in close to \$1.8 billion annually and have published the works of more than 450 Nobel laureates — and writers such as Herman Melville and Edgar Allan Poe. Who am I?

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



My Dumbest Investment

Out of Ink

So far, my biggest mistake has been doubling down on 3D printing stocks. I bought into Stratasys, ExOne and 3D Systems in mid-2014, a little before the big drop began. After one was accused of misleading investors in its financial statements and the stock dropped 30 percent, dragging down the others with it, I bought more of each, thinking they would bounce back. But then another company announced disappointing earnings and dropped 25 percent, dragging down the others with it. I bought in again, thinking the deal was too good to pass up.

Each stock has been repeatedly disappointing. I keep waiting for the industry to begin to deliver value instead of hype, but it will be a long climb before I can come close to breaking even for any of these picks. — Randall, Florida

The Fool Responds: 3D printing is a prime example of a new technology that got lots of investors excited and hopeful, with many buying shares well before there was established and substantial consumer demand — not to mention dependable profitability.

While some have soured on the industry at this point, others see it as simply being still early in the game, and expect future profitability from 3D printing in the health care realm, among others.

Whenever you think about doubling down on a fallen stock, it's smart to first do a lot of research confirming the likelihood of a rebound.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to Japan in the 1950s, when five companies united to form Fuji Heavy Industries. I took on the name of my most popular car brand in 2017. Meaning "united," it's also the Japanese name for the Pleiades cluster of stars. I launched a symmetrical all-wheel drive in 1972, and I plant a boxer engine in each of my cars. My 360 car, introduced in the U.S. in 1968, was called "cheap and ugly," and claimed to get 66 miles per gallon. My WRX was recently the most-ticketed car in the U.S. Who am I? (Answer: Subaru)



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The Motley Fool Take

Blue Skies

Stiff competition and overcapacity in some of its markets have recently been holding back JetBlue Airways' (Nasdaq: JBLU) unit revenue growth. Revenue per available seat mile (RASM) rose just 2 percent in the first nine months of 2018, while JetBlue's average fuel price shot up 34 percent. This has shrunk both profit margins and expected earnings.

The outlook for 2019, though, is better. First, JetBlue has eliminated a variety of underperforming flights, redeploying that capacity into its most profitable markets. The company has also increased its bag fees and some other fees, which are starting to have a positive impact, with RASM expected to rise 2.4 percent in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, cost trends are set to change dramatically in 2019. The market price of jet fuel has plunged about 25 percent in recent months, and JetBlue is planning to add seats to each of its A320s. It has reduced staffing needs by upgrading airport kiosks, too. Thus, JetBlue's profit margin could improve significantly this year. Further refinement of its route network, additional cost savings and the introduction of a "basic economy" seating class could boost profit margin further in 2020.

JetBlue is poised to keep growing its earnings beyond 2020. Its stock may not be a screaming bargain, but it's appealingly priced for long-term believers and at least deserves consideration for your watch list. (The Motley Fool has recommended JetBlue Airways.)

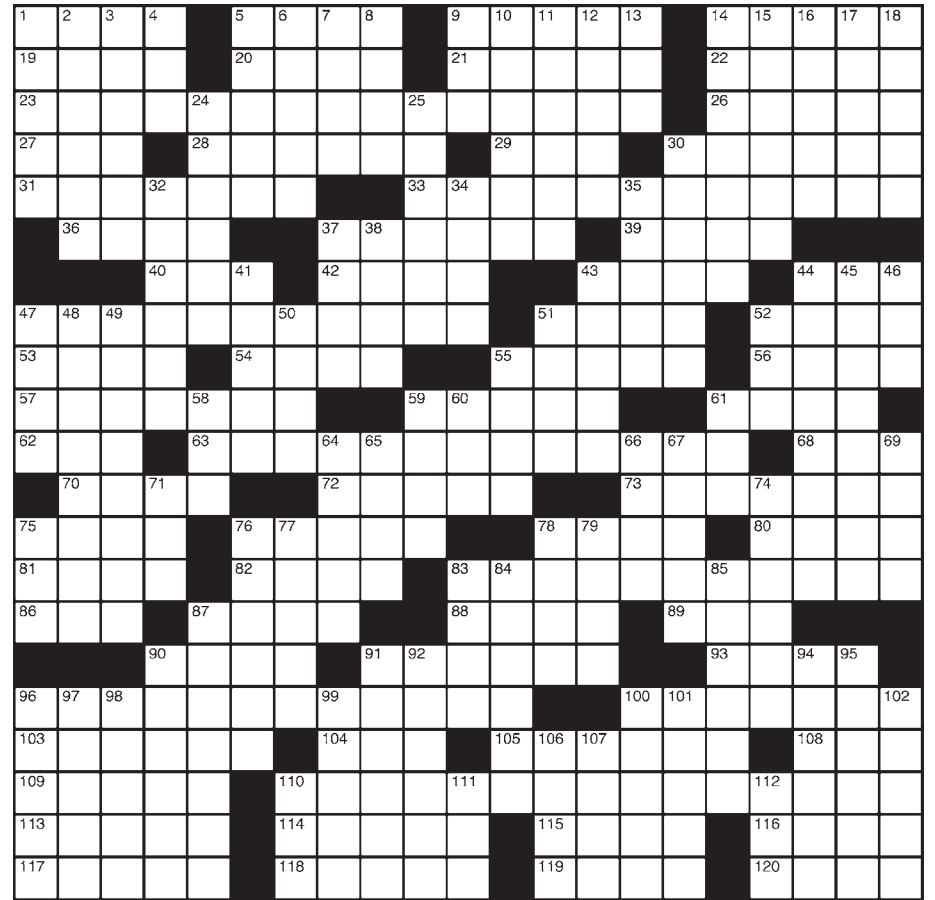
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77 Friend of Claudius I
78 Common opening time
79 "A Visit From the Goon Squad" Pulitzer winner Jennifer
83 Crude gp.?
84 MLB leader in career saves
85 Virgil subject
87 Clunky old cars
90 Concurred
91 Aplenty
92 Designed to fit tightly
94 Herb commonly in five-spice powder
95 Removes forcibly
96 Mill output
97 Elementary seed
98 Audacity
99 Fact
100 Fiji's eastern neighbor
101 Cereal grass disease
102 Bjorn Borg, e.g.
106 Barely gets, with "out"
107 Bog
110 BART stop
111 Simon & Garfunkel's "___ Robinson"
112 "... ___ he drove out of sight": Moore

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis



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BRAVE BIDDING

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
A J 10 5
K 2
A J 5
A K 4 3

WEST
Q 7 4
A J 10 7 6 4 3
Void
10 8 6

EAST
K 9 8 3 2
Q
10 8 4 3
Q 7 2

SOUTH
6
9 8 5
K Q 9 7 6 2
J 9 5

ruffed his last heart with dummy's ace. He cashed the jack of diamonds and the ace of spades, then ruffed a spade. South started to run the diamonds, reaching this position with two diamonds left:

NORTH
J 10
Void
Void
A K 4

WEST
Q
10
Void
10 8 6

EAST
K 9
Void
Void
Q 7 2

SOUTH
Void
Void
7 6
J 9 5

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2NT Pass 3NT 4
Pass Pass 5 All pass

Opening lead: Ace of

West's courageous four-heart bid would probably have shown a profit. Unless the defense is clairvoyant, West would escape for down two — a good result against the cold three no trump. South was not to be bullied and he persevered with five diamonds. Could he make it?

West gave his partner a heart ruff at trick two and East exited with a trump. South now had to find a way to avoid a club loser. Declarer won the trump shift in hand and

South cashed another diamond, shedding dummy's low club, and East couldn't defend the position. A spade discard would see South lead a club to dummy and ruff a spade, setting up the jack. A club discard, instead, would see South cash both high clubs and ruff a spade to his hand for the good jack of clubs. Well played!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper. Please send your e-mail responses to tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

CRYPTOGRAMS

CRYPTOGRAMS MIXED BAG by Myles Mellor

1. Q C P L ' R P M H B A S N B E R P H K Q N L C P B

U V L U B R N W U W E J P F H G P K A ? C U Q E H G S

M K E F P F G A F U J P G G U S P L C U R P H K H R

K U V !

2. C F J I B N U R J X Z N X H B N C F U V Q I ' R

F G V K E L ? Q I Q V A J Z Z Q S Z L K N U R S J X H

A N G E R U X N V B R !

3. W Q Z T R L G Z J W R L Z N L J T Y N Z W F C L R

W A U T Z X L J W X C Z N W Z A X U C L G

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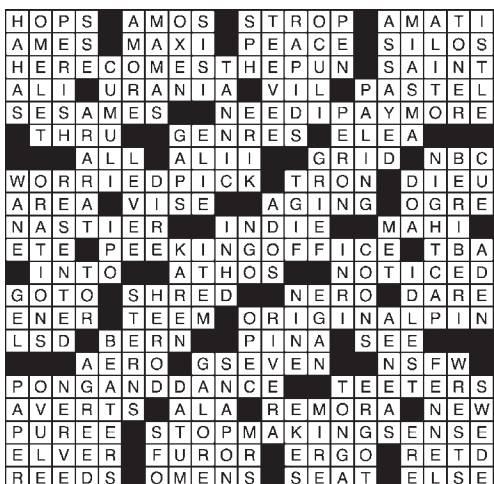
4. A F K N N A D U H V K U J C Y N K D D I A O F V

V F Q P Y O F V F J O D P P Z V P H J J M F J Q J V F J

H Y I M J I V . V F J I A V C K M I J C P I Z J !

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



- 1. What's a puny dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? He would probably be called a thesaurus rex!
2. What does a clock do when it's hungry? It infallibly goes back four seconds!
3. A student made the much talked about remark that broken pencils are pointless.
4. I happily stayed up all night through the gloom to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me!

JUMBLE

Answer:

COSMOS GENTLE TRUDGE
CANCAN WIDGET SWIVEL

California's famous "Muscle Beach" outdoor gym started in 1934 and is —

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HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're probably not in the mood to operate in a big group, and you definitely need your alone time. Still, sharing a meal with someone you love will be a precious opportunity to connect today, not to be missed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stay keen. You have to be looking for the opportunity to see it. But because you are, you'll get the chance to slide right into the position you've had your eye on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You give a high-quality grade of attention to others. You're engaged. You ask fantastic questions. You're warm and accepting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your realizations are rapid-fire. You'll process so much in your sleep that when you awaken tomorrow, you'll be quite changed. In other words, wherever the sunset leaves you, the sunrise won't find you there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). How are you going to make yourself happy? Get on that. The rest of the problems seem more pressing than they really are. You wouldn't want to be accused of taking things too seriously, would you?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Questions definitely aren't always innocent. They can be invasive, prying and downright hostile. Thankfully, the ones you field today will be merely annoying — and easily defused with vague answers. Keep private things private.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's impossible to be present in the current moment at the same time you're running mental movies of the past on the projector of your mind. Pause that tape, and step out of the theater. It's a brand-new day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll have to play parent to yourself today in that "eat your vegetables, no devices until the homework is done" sort of way. Otherwise, unhealthy distractions will keep you from all you need to accomplish by sundown.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Remember that thing that stressed you out a little while back? You've finally made it to the day when you call that a "learning experience" or "funny story." Congratulate yourself for making it to the other side!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It feels as if you've been collecting clues for a very long time, and now you're starting to see how they might fit together. Play with them as you would any puzzle piece, turning them to see how they fit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's weird how you can feel a person out there, far away, thinking of you. You don't know what the thoughts are exactly, but you really can feel the general emotion of it, as though you're totally connected.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). You've got the secret to perpetual youth. You simultaneously live in the year and the moment, your finger on the pulse of the generation and the heartbeat of the second hand. Because of this, you'll be promoted at work and considered very cool by your friends, and you'll make savvy investments, too. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 43, 3, 39 and 10.

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Gorgeous home in Spring Lake

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 524 Spring Lake Blvd. in Sebring. It is priced for \$319,900 and is listed with Jeanny Campbell with Re/Max Realty Plus.

This well-maintained, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home has a unique feature that makes it a must have. The home features a separate apartment with a full kitchen and bath, making this a four-bedroom home with an ideal space for a teenager, guest or in-laws.

The spacious kitchen with Corian counter tops, large breakfast bar, ample cabinet space and cathedral ceiling will surely be the favorite space in the home. The kitchen opens into the family room, which could be set as a large dining room. It also opens to the pool area. With lots of privacy and equipped with an outside shower, the caged in, salt water pool invites you in for a relaxing swim.

The large master suite, which also opens to the pool area, features a gorgeous master bath with a beautiful glassed-in

CAMPBELL | 2C

DIRECTIONS

524 Spring Lake Blvd., Sebring

From U.S. 27 in south Sebring, turn east onto U.S. 98. Turn right onto Spring Lake Boulevard. The home is on the left.



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 524 Spring Lake Blvd. in Sebring. It is priced for \$319,900 and is listed with Jeanny Campbell with Re/Max Realty Plus.

Resort lifestyle home in Highlands Ridge

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 5012 Birkdale Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$239,900 and is listed with Helen Ferry and Kim Reed of The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

If you've been dreaming about living in an active adult community that offers a low-maintenance lifestyle with plenty of amenities and activities to keep you young, this two-bedroom, two-bath plus office villa fits that bill perfectly.

As you pull into the driveway, you'll notice the curb appeal of this home with its majestic palm tree out front, tasteful landscaping, a carriage-style garage door and paved driveway. Enter through the screened front entry and designer front door to be greeted by this home's generous open floor plan with tile laid on a diagonal offset pattern.

FERRY | 3C

DIRECTIONS

5012 Birkdale Drive, Avon Park

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn left onto Scenic Highway. Turn right onto Manatee Drive. Turn left onto State Road 17 North. Turn right onto Power Line Road. Turn left into Highlands Ridge onto South Clubhouse Boulevard. Turn right onto East Fairway Vista Drive. Turn left onto Birkdale Drive. The home is on the left.



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 5012 Birkdale Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$239,900 and is listed with Helen Ferry and Kim Reed of The Reed-Ferry Team with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Remodeled home in Country Club of Sebring

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is at 2801 Boulder Court in Sebring. It is priced for \$164,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team with Keller Williams Realty.

Have you wanted to live in the Country Club of Sebring but didn't think you could afford it? Now is your time to buy in this gorgeous family-friendly golfing community. Whether you are looking for a starter home or for the perfect winter retreat, this home will check all your desired boxes.

The home boasts nearly 1,700 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two full baths. It has tile floors and newer wood laminate throughout the house — no carpet. Tall ceilings and lots of natural light really open up the living areas. The home has been beautifully remodeled throughout with granite in the kitchen and baths.

The galley-style granite kitchen has stainless steel appliances and a large walk-in pantry. The kitchen overlooks

ELLIOTT | 3C

DIRECTIONS

2801 Boulder Court, Sebring

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



COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 2801 Boulder Court in Sebring. It is priced for \$164,900 and is listed with The Elliott Team with Keller Williams Realty.

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Helen Ferry is with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group. Call 863-381-1089.

HOW TO APPEAR IN PEOPLE IN REAL ESTATE

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

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shower, double vanities, large corner tub and plenty of cabinet space. A third bedroom has built-in cabinets.

To top it off the home features a brand new metal roof installed in 2018. The home's driveway was recently painted driveway and the garage features cabinets and shelving. The home also has a 10 by 10 floor in the attic.

All of this is set in the great community of Spring Lake Village, which is just a short golf cart ride away where golf, tennis



COURTESY PHOTO

The caged, salt water pool and its surrounding area has lots of privacy and an outside shower.

courts, a playground and a community center are available.

For showings or more

property information, call Campbell at 863-381-1848. Ask about MLS 260273.

Dell joins Berkshire Hathaway

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — Pat Dell, Realtor and community service award Winner, now becomes Broker/Manager with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group. For almost 40 years Dell has been a name associated with real estate in Highland County.

"I served our country and now I'm here to serve you," Dell said.

First, with Century 21, Carriage Trade Realty as top producing salesman, then as Broker/Owner. After selling the franchise, Dell became founder and Broker/manager of Bayless Realty. When his daughter, Dawn, decided to come into real estate sales, he opened Dell Realty in downtown Sebring on the Circle.

Dell has been involved in hundreds and hundreds of residential sales over

the years and has been successful helping clients sell or buy their homes, which is very gratifying.

However, Dell also boasts of commercial transactions such as Spring Lake Golf Course, Francis One Mobile Home Park, Sebring Shores Golf Course and 18 Lakefront Apartments, Magnolia Assisted Living Facility, Lake Letta RV Campground, Lake Letta Mobile Home Park, Lake Bonnett RV campground, Kenilworth Restaurant (currently Dimitris/Back Alley Restaurant & Sports Bar), Nan-cess-o-wee Hotel, along with numerous restaurants and golf courses. He eventually turned Dell Realty over to his daughter.

Dell was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. At the age of 15 he moved to Hollywood, Florida and graduated from McArthur High School in 1964.

In 1966 he joined

the U.S. Marine Corp., where he was selected as "Outstanding Marine Recruit" and Leatherneck Magazine Awards', "Dress Blue Award" and Meritorious promotion to PFC at famous Parris Island Recruit training Depot, Beaufort South Carolina.

While in the Marines, Dell was responsible for revamping priority ordering of supplies for the fighter jets. One of his biggest accomplishments was being co-captain of Beaufort Marine Corps' basketball team, which won the Fleet Marine Championship, undefeated!

Dell was also co-captain and quarterback of his Marine Corps football team in 1966-67 until he was severely injured in a game. he suffered complete tears of ligaments and cartilage and internal derangement of his left knee. Dell became a U.S.

letter carrier in Hollywood until he moved to Sebring in 1977.

In Sebring, Dell volunteered to coach to football and basketball at Sebring Middle School. In 1980, he became co-owner and operations manager of Highlands County Sports Line Magazine & Promotional Company with Rick Moyer, who is the former sports editor of the Sebring News.

Dell also started the Highlands County Amateur Boxing Club where he helped train over 60 boxers. He was the promoter of the United States Amateur Boxing Championships held in February 1982.

It was the first event held at the Firemen's Field arena. Evander Holyfield competed in this event as state champion from Georgia.

While doing real estate sales, Dell handled duties as head varsity coach of



COURTESY PHOTO

Pat Dell joined the U.S. Marine Corp. in 1966.

Sebring Christian High School basketball team. After three years, Dell was recruited to coach at Sebring High School where he was JV Basketball head coach and varsity assistant. Later Dell only did varsity and helped the team win Sebring's first district championship.

Other accomplishments:

- Co-founder and first president of the Boys & Girls Club of Highlands County
- Easter Seal Chairman for Highlands County and held popular fund

raiders such as 12 Hour Bowl-A-Thon; Night Glow golf tournaments; boxing shows; first professional boxing show with co-promoter Chris Dundee; winner of state lip sync contest in Marco Island; Highlands County representative to state convention in Hollywood in 1985; radio announcer for WTCM and WITS Radio; local sports night television show with co-owner Mark Pinson; became Florida shuffleboard professional in 2010; a member of Sebring Recreation Club; member of Sebring Firemen Inc. since 1982; and a member of Heartland Realtor's Association, Sebring Recreational Club, Mezza Golf Group, DAV, AMVETS, American Legion, Sebring Historical Society, Golftoberfeast Charities and Grace Bible Church.

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This home's kitchen is a chef's dream with its white cabinets, stainless steel appliances including an induction range, ceramic floors, pantry, tiled back splash and staggered cabinets. The kitchen has been extended giving you even more cabinet and counter space. A breakfast area overlooks the backyard and a breakfast bar separates the kitchen from the living area.

The spacious 15 by 20 great room adjoins the kitchen and dining area. The angled tile continues through the great room. The high ceilings, crown molding and upscale wall coloring add a rich feel to the room. It is open to the Florida room through sliding glass doors. This is the perfect home for family holidays because the floor plan flow allows guests to mingle well.

You'll enjoy relaxing in the screened 14 by 18 lanai with its fantastic view of the golf course. It boasts a stone floor, fountain and has both a covered and screened area giving you plenty of room for outdoor furniture. It's the perfect place for an evening drink with friends. A paved patio area is outside of the lanai for grilling.

The owner's suite, at 13 by 18, is spacious enough for a sitting area and has a large walk-in closet with a California-style closet system, cove ceiling and crown molding. It provides a relaxing retreat from your days on the golf course or pickleball court. The spa-like owner's bath boasts a double vanity with marble counters, a solar tube for natural



COURTESY PHOTO

The kitchen has white cabinets, stainless steel appliances including an induction range, ceramic floors, pantry, tiled back splash and staggered cabinets.

mirrors and a magnificent tiled walk-in shower. A door from your bath into the laundry room makes doing laundry almost fun.

The office in this home can also be used for guest visits as it has a built-in Murphy bed. A second bedroom and another bath may also be used by guests.

The laundry room features a front-load washer and dryer set on a ceramic pedestal, a deep sink, room for a deep freezer and plenty of cabinets.

Other features of this fabulous home include a two-car garage with epoxy sealed floor, plantation shutters, tankless water heater, solar attic fans, upgraded attic insulation, polyfoam insulation on exterior block walls, external water supplied by a common well and more.

Located just minutes from downtown, shopping

and restaurants, this well-maintained villa built in 2013 offers 1,747 square feet of air-conditioned living space with 2,526 total square footage. The low homeowner's association fee covers lawn mowing and edging, giving you plenty of time to enjoy the many amenities this beautiful community has to offer. Highlands Ridge has two championship golf courses, restaurants, two heated pools, library, fitness center, pickle ball, shuffleboard, tennis and more.

To schedule your private viewing of this lovely home, call Ferry at 863-381-1089 or email Hbferry@comcast.net or call Reed at 863-381-6575 or email KimBReed@comcast.net. Visit HomesForSaleSebring.com and search for MLS 250433.

US average mortgage rates steady

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. long-term mortgage rates held steady this week, after falling for six straight weeks to reach their lowest levels in nine months.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on the benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage was unchanged from last week at 4.45 percent.

Rates remain far above last year's levels, however. The key 30-year rate averaged 4.04 percent a year ago.

The average rate for 15-year fixed-rate loans edged down to 3.88 percent from 3.89 percent last week.

The decline in home borrowing rates in recent weeks has been a spur to prospective homebuyers, reflected in a

spike in applications for mortgages.

The recent easing of rates has come amid steep declines in the stock market and tumbling interest rates on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note — which influences long-term mortgage rates. The decline in rates could help boost home sales, which stumbled last year as higher borrowing costs eroded affordability.

The head of the Federal Reserve last week signaled restraint and flexibility on setting interest rates, reassuring investors who had been sending stock prices lower out of fears that the Fed would tighten credit too much, possibly sending the economy into a recession.

Mortgage applications jumped 13.5 percent in the week ended Jan.

11 from a week earlier, reaching their highest level since February 2018, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

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

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

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined this week to 0.4 point from 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year mortgages held steady at 0.4 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 3.87 percent from 3.83 percent last week. The fee was unchanged at 0.3 point.

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the dining and living room combo. The rooms have space for the large furniture pieces. Plant shelves and large sliding doors off the dining area lead to the cement patio, which is a perfect grilling area. The living room also has sliding doors that

lead to the screen porch and back yard.

The luxurious master suite has a master bath that leaves nothing to be desired. The bath is complete with a stunning walk-in shower and double vessel sinks. If all of that was not enough to make you fall in love, just wait until you see the master bedroom walk-in closet. It is huge; some would say it's the size of a

small bedroom.

An indoor laundry room provides added convenience and the home has an attached two-car garage. The annual homeowner's association fee of \$500 includes use of the community pool, playground and more.

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Importance of buyer's first impression

Editor's note: This column first published Aug. 12, 2018.

When looking for a professional Realtor to list their home, a good number of home sellers focus on the interior of the home, making sure it is organized, clean and appealing. Sellers are convinced that the buyer's main focus is the interior of the home, where they will be the majority of their time on a daily basis.

Let's not forget the list of possible reasons a buyer may express interest in a property. Typically it starts with the neighborhood, the location of the home within the area, reputation of the neighborhood, accessibility to services and more. Buyers will consider all of these things when selecting a home; this is important because these are permanent facts that are not likely to change about the home.

Sellers tend to forget the buyer's first real impression of a home is how your property exterior is properly groomed, reflecting the seller cares enough to invest in landscaping that enhances the architecture of the property. A common observation of a buyer is, if the seller invests in the exterior presentation I have no doubt the property is to be in excellent condition.

Sellers, understand that buyers who form a favorable opinion of a property even before they step inside the home are more likely to make a fair offer of the property. For some properties, landscaping



TODAY'S REAL ESTATE
Julio Seda

can make or break a deal. Unless you're selling a real fixer-upper, your home's yard is an important part of the real estate equation.

If you're looking to put your home on the market, or you've already listed and you haven't had a lot of interest, use these quick and easy landscaping tips to help your property stand out from all the others.

If your home has a yard, don't be afraid of adding accents with pops of color. Many buyers prefer a nice green lawn; if you don't have a sprinkler system, your local home improvement store will have easy-to-use and affordable sprinkler units you can hook up to a garden hose to help revive any dying grass (unless you live in an area where water usage summer is limited).

You can also add color with flower pots: plastic or terra cotta pots filled with annuals are an easy, cheap and quick way to spruce up a drab entryway, driveway or front porch. You don't have to go overboard, one or two pots can do wonders. Sometimes a landscape or outdoor area doesn't need a complete overhaul to look brand new.

When it comes to decks, fences, driveways,



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A common observation of a buyer is, if the seller invests in the exterior presentation I have no doubt the property is to be in excellent condition.

and any other outdoor surface that can accumulate dirt and grime, an easy way to freshen things up is with a good pressure wash. Pressure washing is cleaning a surface with a powerful stream of high-pressure water, much stronger than a typical garden hose. The water is strong enough to get rid of months and even years worth of dirt and debris on wood, masonry, brick and concrete.

You don't have to go out and buy a pressure washer — many home improvement stores rent them out, and for the cost of the rental and a couple hours of your time, your home could

look like new! It's important to note that you will want to test the pressure on the washer prior to spraying your home since very high pressure can remove worn paint.

Take in consideration the windows and side moldings. While it's highly unlikely you'll have many people come and view your home at night, an interested buyer will take time to see how dark your entrance is along with the surroundings of the home. An easy solution is to add lights to your current landscape. Whether it's adding a new outdoor lamp, or putting in walkway or path lights (solar ones are readily available

and environmentally friendly), buyers love to see little details put into homes.

Pathway lights are often overlooked by homeowners, but a home with outdoor lighting will always speak volumes to potential buyers. Spotlights are also a great and easy addition — LEDs can highlight specific areas, and complete units can be found for under \$30.

A nice manicured yard always rates highly among buyers. But if half of your yard is dead, despite being landscaped, it's a good idea to ditch the dead plants. Take a couple of minutes each day to check out your

yard, grass, flower beds, pots, etc. and pull out anything that's dying or dead. While it's definitely a plus to have flowers and shrubs, if they're dead, you're better off getting rid of them than keeping them around because dead plants do not add to a landscape.

Flower beds are a great focal point for any yard, especially when they're a real show stopper. But if your beds look weathered or rough, they can be a definite turn off to potential buyers. An easy, affordable and sure fire way to spruce up a tired flower bed is by adding new mulch or other ground covers like bark chips or gravel to help make the beds look fresh and new. A yard that has fresh mulch will always draw in a buyer's eye because the yard looks put together and cared for.

Sellers, keep in mind that you are to up keep the original presentation until title has been transferred; sometimes sellers tends to believe that because they are scheduled to close it is the buyer's responsibility and they stop caring about the upkeep of the yard. This would be wrong. The property needs to be delivered in the same or better condition than the first day the buyer decided to purchase the home. This means no trash, rubbish or waste is to be left inside or outside of the home.

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 A 5 STAR COMMUNITY 2/2 w/den/in-law cave, all new SS appliances, new roof in 2017, Furnished home is move in ready. Great open floor plan with plenty of natural light. SB2333 Pete Blake (702) 579-5155 \$129,900	 OUTSTANDING TURN KEY HOME! 2/2 New roof in 2014, new kitchen floors, many newer updates, newer furniture and appliances, well landscaped, double driveway, nicely decorated, rebuilt sprinkler system, SB2309 Reggie Maxon (863) 808-1706 \$29,500
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4275 STURGEON DRIVE, SEBRING

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6315 COLUMBUS BLVD, SEBRING

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1544 CHURCHILL ST, LAKE PLACID

Buyer's sale fell through, their loss your gain! Well maintained canal front home in Sylvan Shores. This home features a large living room with vaulted ceiling and a cozy gas fire place. Freshly painted living room, dining, kitchen and bedroom. Kitchen has plenty of storage and work space with a gas stove. New roof in 2016. MLS#249788 **\$399,000**

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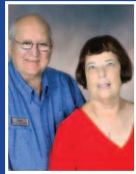
502 CHELSEA WAY, LAKE PLACID

This resort style 3BR, 2BA is located right off US 27. Community pool, club house & lake views!!! Lanai has been closed in & opened to living room for even more space. Master has a wall of built ins. Full size stack washer and dryer included. You will want to check this ONE out!!!
MLS#243591 **\$1100/mo.**

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3848 ERIN ROAD, SEBRING

3BR, 2BA Open floor plan, tile flooring throughout the home. Back yard leads to Little Lake Jackson, to Lake Jackson - go fishing, or just have a day at the lake. Pool is caged you have a shed for storage. Pool care is included. MLS#260626 **\$1400/ Mo**

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215 WASHINGTON BLVD, LAKE PLACID

3BR, 2BA affordable home with large living space! Master bath w/walk-in shower. New roof 2018, storage shed.

MLS#248918 **\$135,000**

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1451 WHISPER CIR, SEBRING

Move in ready single wide fully furnished 2BR, 2BA w/screened lanai. View of canal, new roof, central A/C.

MLS#250442 **\$14,130**

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1014 LAKE SEBRING DRIVE, SEBRING

Boater's paradise 3BR, 3BA, 2CG upstairs Master Suite w/rooftop terrace overlooking lake. Water views from FR, DR & Master BR. Family rm w/gas fireplace, perfect for entertaining. Home has everything that you have been waiting for a MUST see! MLS# 249992 **\$249,900**

Contact: Nancy May: -863-852-6687



4843 VILABELLA DRIVE, SEBRING

Spacious 2nd story 2BR, 2BA condo w/pleasing layout. Kitchen has breakfast bar w/stools, open to the living area, vaulted ceilings, screened balcony overlooking the pool. Guest bath has a skylight, step-in shower, master bath has a tub. Stacked washer/dryer are included!! MLS#260625 **\$875/ Mo**

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405 FLAMINGO RD, NE, LAKE PLACID

Larger duplex in Placid Lakes on a drainage canal. 2 BR, 2BA & 1/2 BA on both sides, w/2-CG. Bonus room on each side for a office/hobby room. Fiberglass heated pool. Eight foot sea wall, pool heater (propane tank buried in ground.), emergency electric panel for external generator. MLS#260692 **\$345,000**

Contact: Clarence (C.B.) Brewer: 863-441-5617



2788 S. CRYSTAL LAKE DR, AVON PARK

2BR, 2BA partially furnished single wide in 55+ Golf Community! Central A/C, eat in kitchen & bonus room. So many amenities!
MLS#248921 **\$17,000**

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1749 KOY DRIVE, SEBRING

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210 FRED CONNER ST, AVON PARK

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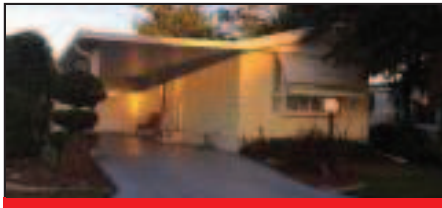
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3055 AZALEA LN, LAKE PLACID

Great 2BR, 2BA comfortable home. Kitchen has twin SS sinks & faucet, new refrigerator. Nice size BR & tiled floors, one bath has a tub & shower & other has walk-in shower. New toilets in each bathroom. Need to park motor home, extra cars, toys building w/large garage door. MLS#248578 **\$155,000**

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2719 S FLAMINGO RD. AVON PARK

Fully furnished & moved-in ready! This 55+ 2BR, 2BA mobile w/ split floor plan. New Central A/C, flooring, new roof over bonus room. MLS#249612 **\$26,119**

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702 US 27 S, LAKE PLACID

Sale or Lease (5 yr lease may be approved) this 2408 Sq Ft ideal location in Lake Placid. Previously used as restaurant. US HWY 27 Frontage w/46 parking spaces. MLS#249742 **\$565,000**

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Many people are embracing some of the more popular trends concerning kitchen layouts to maximize the comfort and efficiency of these rooms.

Rethink your kitchen layout

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Kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Even though The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states the average person spends just 68 minutes each weekday consuming food, and around 37 minutes preparing meals, the kitchen is not just a spot for food. It also is a gathering place for conversation, homework and family time.

In recognition that so much time is spent in this heart of the home, many people are embracing some of the more popular trends concerning kitchen layouts to maximize the comfort and efficiency of these rooms.

Communal zones

Unlike the days of yore when the kitchen was utilitarian, today's home floor plans make kitchens a focal point of a home. Food preparation also is no longer a solitary task. Thanks to larger kitchen footprints and multiple zones set up for meal creation, a greater number of people can hang out in

the kitchen and help with meals. You'll find multiple sinks, large islands and more counter space are key components of modern kitchen layouts.

Dining nooks

Kitchen designs are bringing back banquette seating in a cozy nook. This design is a practical use of space, and can fit in large and small kitchens alike. It also can give a kitchen a high-end look, as built-in banquettes can highlight a bay window or seem custom-made for the space. Banquette seating can fit a number of people comfortably and provides a sensible and casual dining spot solution.

Family table

The trend experts at Southern Living magazine indicate that formal dining and living rooms are now used infrequently. As a result, kitchens have evolved to accommodate meal prep and dining. A large family table in the center of the room brings people into the kitchen to get more involved with food, according to San Francisco designer David

Kensington.

Counter culture

Taking a page out of a favorite corner diner or bar, kitchens are increasingly outfitted with a large island flanked by chic counter stools, according to the design pros at Domino. Family members can pull up a stool and grab a quick snack. It's also a great place for friends to engage in conversation while a host or hostess prepares cocktails and appetizers for an evening soiree.

Work zone

Many families like to have an area of the kitchen set up as a tech zone where kids can do their homework and even parents can do some work, such as paying bills. Setting aside an area of counter space as a small desk area can be a great idea. Such areas also help parents keep a watchful eye on children while they're surfing the internet.

Kitchens are the hub of the household, and modern design trends cater to a growing need for a multipurpose space.

Early spring landscaping tips

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During the cold months of winter, many people stare longingly out of the window dreaming of spring and time spent outdoors. For those with green thumbs, images of tending to the garden and other aspects of their landscapes no doubt dominate such daydreams.

Draw inspiration from those budding crocuses and daffodils pushing through the last remnants of snow and employ these tips to prepare for the upcoming gardening season.

- One of the first steps is to apply a preemergent weed killer to get a head start knocking out weeds that can plague the lawn during the growing season. Killing weeds at the roots early on can mean far fewer hassles in spring and summer, and may prevent new generations of weeds from cropping up each year.

- While it may be tempting to take a prematurely warm day as a sign that spring is in full force and purchase a bunch of annuals, it's better to know the last of the possible frost dates (check "The Farmer's Almanac"); otherwise, you may waste time and money planting flowers or vegetables only to have them zapped by another frosty day.

- Amend the soil so that it is the right



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consistency — just crumbling when lifting it. Soil that is too muddy after spring thaw can harden, making it difficult for plants to flourish later on. Speak with representatives at a local lawn and garden center about which types of amendments you can add to the soil in your particular area to enrich it.

- Lawn and garden experts at The Home Depot suggest filling in bare patches of lawn now by mixing a few shovelfuls of soil with grass seed. Then apply this patch to the bare areas, water, and continue to care for the area until the spot fills in.

- Spend a day in the garage or shed tending to the lawn mower and other gardening equipment. Clean all tools and ensure that everything works, repairing parts as needed.

- Give outdoor

entertaining spaces a good scrubbing, clearing away dirt and grime that may have accumulated over the winter. Use a leaf blower to blow away any leftover leaves.

- Check if the front porch, railings or decking need painting and/or staining. Tackle these projects when the weather is cooler so everything will be ready for those peak spring days.

- Think about any annuals you might want to plant in the landscape this year that will complement any existing shrubbery or perennials. Come up with a theme so that the entire yard is cohesive.

Before homeowners know it, winter is gone and it is time to once again enjoy long days spent outdoors. Get a jump start on spring lawn prep as soon as you can.

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NEW LISTING



REMODELED!
This 3 BR 1.5 BA home brings you all NEW kitchen & baths, all NEW windows, NEW roof, NEW flooring, NEW siding, and NEW fixtures throughout the home. Open front porch and enormous back screen porch for you to enjoy the large back yard. This is a must see

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As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must

be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend

additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

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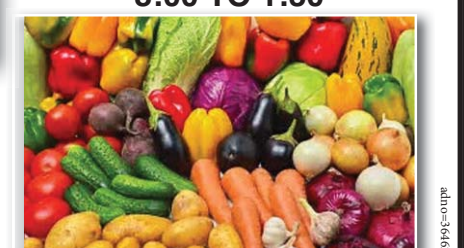
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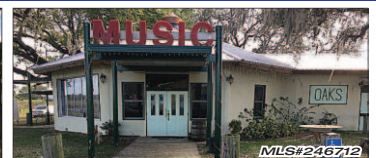
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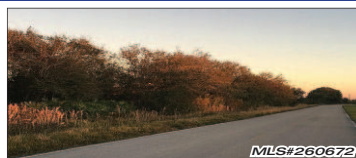
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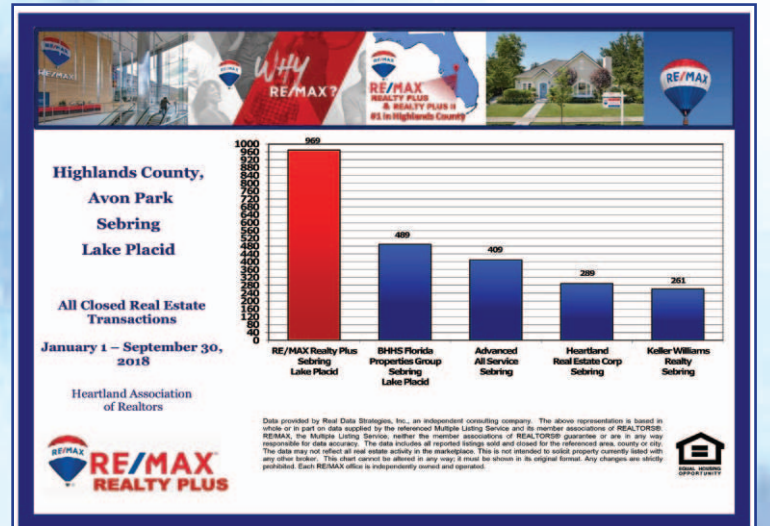


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■ **BOYS BASKETBALL: Fort Myers 75, Lemon Bay 50**

Green Wave's three-pointers difference in win over Mantas

By **BRUCE ROBINS**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

PUNTA GORDA — A barrage of three-point baskets was too much for Lemon Bay to withstand as Fort Myers rolled to a 75-50 victory over the Manta Rays in the Wally Keller Classic Saturday night.

The Green Wave sank seven treys in the first quarter, jumping out to a 29-14 lead, and held off the Mantas from there, bringing a wave of substitutes off the bench without any drop-off in shooting. Six different Fort Myers players combined to make 13 three-point shots for the game.

"That's the best team we've played all year," Lemon Bay coach Sean Huber said of the Green Wave. "I know that tempo is always a big part of their offense and we tried to slow them down and didn't do a very good job. I'll be shocked if Fort Myers doesn't go deep in the playoffs."

Brady Luttrell sank three three-pointers in the first quarter and finished with four for the game while pacing the Wave with 18 points. Javian McCollom and



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MANTAS | 3 Gunyr Morrill scores a layup for the Manta Rays.

■ **TENNIS: Australian Open**

Serena helps console her latest victim

Next foe is No. 1 Halep

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP TENNIS WRITER

MELBOURNE, Australia — It was all a bit overwhelming for the latest opponent who could do nothing to slow Serena Williams at the Australian Open. So Dayana Yastremska, an 18-year-old from Ukraine, found herself wiping away tears as she walked to the net.

Williams knows what it's like to be the one weeping after a loss. She put her right hand on Yastremska's shoulder and consoled her by saying, "You're so young. You did amazing. Don't cry." Then they embraced, and Williams patted Yastremska on the back.

"I could tell she was quite upset. I kind of liked that. It shows she wasn't just there to play a good match — she was there to win. She wanted to win. That really broke my heart," Williams said. "I think she's a good talent. It's good to see that attitude."

Maybe she will be tested in the fourth round, because no one

has come close to making her work too hard so far, including the 6-2, 6-1 victory on Saturday.

Next up, though, is a far more accomplished player, No. 1-ranked Simona Halep, who took control by reeling off six consecutive games in one stretch and advanced by beating Williams' sister, Venus, 6-2, 6-3.

After two tough three-set tussles, Halep had a much easier time of things, making only 12 unforced errors while Venus had 33. Halep played with her left thigh taped, but moved around the court well.

"She played pretty flawless," said Venus, who exits before the fourth round at a fifth consecutive Grand Slam tournament.

Looking ahead, Halep said: "It's going to be a bigger challenge. I am ready to face it."

She's lost eight of her past nine matches against Serena.

Not only has Serena won every set she played this week — and 20 in a

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■ **NFL: AFC Championship**

This Chiefs defense not the same as old defense

Pats won 43-40 shootout in Week 6

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP SPORTS WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The only defense the Kansas City Chiefs played most of this season was, well, in defense of their own defense, which gave up so many yards and points that it became a running joke around the league.

Yes, the Chiefs scored in bushels. They also allowed points in bunches.

The fact that they spent most of the season coughing up 30 points and 400-plus yards per game came despite the fact that they excelled at sacking the quarterback. They finished with 52 of them, tied for the NFL lead, thanks primarily to the trio of Chris Jones, Dee Ford and Justin Houston.

Yet things began to

change in Week 17, when the Chiefs shut down the Oakland Raiders in a game they needed to win to secure the No. 1 seed in the AFC. And when critics claimed that the Raiders were playing for nothing, the Chiefs backed it up with a defensive gem in the divisional round against the Colts.

Now, that suddenly stingy defense gets its biggest test Sunday against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

At stake: A trip to the Super Bowl, the first for the Chiefs in 49 years.

So what changed? How did a Swiss cheese defense that was torched by the Patriots for 43 points in a Week 6 loss in Foxborough suddenly turn into a steel curtain, and just in the nick of time?

"In the last couple of

games, the three things we've done is we've limited the explosive plays, we've done a really solid job of tackling and we've had one defensive penalty in two weeks," Chiefs defensive coordinator Bob Sutton said. "Those three things allow you to function and go."

Take each one in order. In the Chiefs' four losses this season, they allowed four plays of 40-plus yards and 21 plays of at least 20 yards. Seven of those came in a particularly dismal defensive performance against the Rams, who ultimately won a 53-50 shootout at the Coliseum in Los Angeles.

But the Chiefs didn't allow a single play over 15 yards against Oakland, and didn't allow the

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■ **NFL: NFC Championship**

Saints-Rams coaching matchup features Gruden coaching tree

By **BRETT MARTEL**
AP SPORTS WRITER

NEW ORLEANS — One way or another, the NFC Championship between the Los Angeles Rams and New Orleans Saints will be won by a coach named Sean — with an Irish surname — who designs and calls plays for one of the most innovative and productive offenses in the NFL.

The ties between the Saints' Sean Payton and the Rams' Sean McVay go well beyond a shared name.

"We both cut our teeth in this league under Jon Gruden," Payton said. "That (Rams) staff — there's a ton of guys that we're friendly with and that we know on that staff. Guys who we have

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AP PHOTO

Los Angeles Rams coach Sean McVay (left) and New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton (right) both coached under Jon Gruden. Their teams play in the NFC title match on Sunday.

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NHL: Roundup

New-look Ducks, led by John Gibson in goal, beat Devils 3-2

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — After a franchise-record 12-game losing streak, the Anaheim Ducks are rolling behind John Gibson and bunch of new faces. Gibson made 29 saves and Troy Terry scored his first NHL goal and set up another Saturday, sending the new-look Ducks past the New Jersey Devils 3-2 for their second straight win after the losing streak. Gibson has been the big difference in the streak that has the Ducks in the playoff hunt again. He blanked Minnesota on Thursday night and was outstanding sending New Jersey to its third straight loss. "He's huge to this team," Ducks center Adam Henrique said. "We've known that and everybody knows that; it's no secret. He's one of, if not the best goalie in the league. There have been a lot of moments this year where we really haven't helped him out and he absolutely stood on his head and made huge saves just to keep us in games and give us an opportunity." While Gibson held the Devils at bay, the Ducks made the most of their 14 shots at Devils rookie goaltender Mackenzie Blackwood.

Avalanche 7, Kings 1

DENVER (AP) — Mikko Rantanen scored two of Colorado's franchise record-tying six second-period goals, Semyon Varlamov stopped 30 shots and the Avalanche routed the Los Angeles Kings 7-1 on Saturday. Colorado had six goals in a period for the first time since March 3, 1999, at Florida. Gabriel Landeskog, Tyson Barrie, Sheldon Dries and Colin Wilson also scored in the decisive period. Dries' short-handed goal made it 5-0 and chased goalie Jonathan Quick. Carl Soderberg got things rolling with a goal in the first period as Colorado returned home in fine fashion following a 1-4 trip. Ilya Kovalchuk ended Varlamov's shutout bid with a power-play goal in the final period. It wasn't all positive for the Avalanche, who announced Rantanen was out for the third period with a lower-body injury. He's among the NHL's scoring leaders with 73 points. In addition, veteran defenseman Erik Johnson took a puck off his jaw early in the first period. He went to the locker room for

treatment and was later ruled out. Everything was going Colorado's way in the second, including a disallowed goal late when it was ruled that Los Angeles defenseman Derek Forbort kicked in the puck with his skate. The Avalanche had a short-handed goal in the second after Matt Calvert grabbed a loose puck and raced in on Quick, who deflected the puck into the air. Dries was trailing on the play and batted it in with his stick. Los Angeles challenged the call for goaltender interference as Calvert landed on top of Quick. But the call was upheld. Quick gave way to Jack Campbell. Campbell allowed goals to Rantanen and Wilson. It was the ninth time in Avalanche/Nordiques history the team has scored six goals in a period.

Rangers 3, Bruins 2

BOSTON (AP) — Mika Zibanejad scored two goals, Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves to take over sole possession of sixth place on the NHL's career wins and the New York Rangers beat the Boston Bruins 3-2

Saturday night. Filip Chytil also scored for New York, and Lundqvist got his 446th win to break a tie with Terry Sawchuk and move eight behind Curtis Joseph for fifth. It was New York's fourth win in five games, and its eighth in the last nine meetings against Boston. Danton Heinen and Brad Marchand scored for the Bruins, who lost in regulation for just the second time in 10 games (7-2-1). Boston also lost starting goalie Tuukka Rask to a concussion late in the first period. Rask was hurt in a hard collision with Chytil, who was sent flying into his head by Boston defenseman Charlie McAvoy after scoring a goal charging the net at full speed with 1 1/2 minutes left in the opening period. The hit sent Rask onto his back, where he was down for a while before being helped to the bench and down the tunnel to the locker room. He entered tied with Cecil "Tiny" Thompson as the winningest goaltender in club history with 252 victories and was 6-0-1 in his previous seven starts. Rask had six saves and backup Jaroslav Halak finished with 11.

NHL: Lightning

Stamkos scores twice, leads Lightning past Sharks 6-3

By ERIK ERLANDSSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Steven Stamkos scored twice and NHL points leader Nikita Kucherov added a pair of assists as the Tampa Bay Lightning defeated the San Jose Sharks 6-3 on Saturday. Victor Hedman had a goal and an assist, and Alex Killorn, Mathieu Joseph and Yann Gourde also scored for Tampa Bay, which is 6-2 since the Sharks ended the Lightning's 16-game streak of consecutive games with a point on Jan. 5. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 36 saves and recorded his 20th victory of the season. Evander Kane had two goals, and Marcus Sorenson also scored for the Sharks, who were without All-Star defenseman Erik Karlsson, who was a late scratch after participating in warmups. Martin Jones stopped 20 shots and had his personal eight-game winning streak halted.



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Lightning center Yann Gourde (37) celebrates his second period goal during an NHL hockey game against the San Jose Sharks, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, in Tampa, Fla.

Stamkos put the game out of reach with two goals in the third period. He took a pass from Kucherov and scored on a wrist shot high to the stick side at 5:08, and added a power-play goal with a one-timer off a pass from Hedman at 14:15 for his 26th goal of the season. Stamkos

reached the 25-goal mark for the ninth time in his career. Kucherov's two assists give him a league-leading 56 for the season. He has 78 points overall. Joseph opened the scoring for the Lightning with his 12th of the season, taking a rebound of a shot by Anthony Cirelli and netting a backhand at 3:32. Killorn made it 2-0 on another rebound at 17:51. Kane cut the lead in half with a power-play goal with 20.1 seconds left in the first period. San Jose tied the game on the opening shift of the second period as Kane pounced on his own rebound off the end boards 58 seconds in. But Gourde answered at 7:29, while Hedman

scored a power-play goal at 12:01 to regain the two-goal edge. NOTES: San Jose D Erik Karlsson was a late scratch after he left the ice early during pregame warmup. Karlsson missed practice on Friday. Lightning RW Yann Gourde scored his first goal since Dec. 29. Gourde has six game-winning goals this season. Sharks' D Marc-Edouard Vlasic missed his ninth consecutive game with a wrist injury. Tampa Bay played its final game before going into its bye week. UP NEXT Sharks: At Florida Panthers on Tuesday Lightning: At Pittsburgh on Jan. 30.

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■ **BOYS BASKETBALL: Jensen Beach 67, Venice 43**

Running on fumes

Indians fall flat in fourth game in five days

By **VINNIE PORTELL**
VENICE SPORTS EDITOR

During the course of a season, there's bound to be some nights where nothing seems to go right.

That was the case for the Venice boys basketball team against Jensen Beach in the Wally Keller Classic on Saturday, as the Indians couldn't keep up with the Falcons no matter what they tried, falling 67-43 at Charlotte High School.

Saturday's game was the fourth in five days for Venice (6-12, 3-3), as it looked to keep its first winning streak of the season alive.

But after winning three intense games including a come-from-behind win over Sarasota on Friday night, it was clear that Venice was feeling the effects of its busy week.

"We just had four games in five days and they're worn out," Venice coach John Flynn said. "We had some emotional wins this week. I know that I'm pretty drained and my coaches are drained. You come out and do what you can and hope it works out."

Venice was in trouble from the start as shots simply wouldn't fall. It took until 35 seconds were left in the first quarter before the first bucket would be scored on a layup from junior Gabe

Monzon.

At that point, the Indians were already facing a 12-2 hole, and the second quarter wouldn't be any better.

Again, Venice's first basket of the quarter didn't come until over midway through, as guard Cyrus Lusk stole the ball and broke away for a fastbreak dunk.

However, Lusk hung on the rim a bit too long for the referees' liking and received a technical foul.

By the time halftime came around, Venice had made just one more bucket — a Brett Keyso put-back — and trailed, 30-11.

Without any shots falling from the floor or the free-throw line (5-for-13 on free throws at half-time), there was little the Indians could do to stay in the game.

While Venice was struggling through Saturday's game, it couldn't have seemed easier for Jensen Beach.

The Falcons hit shots with ease from 3-point range, routinely caused turnovers, and finished in transition.

Though Adam Gebel hit two 3-pointers and Vince Marino added another in the third quarter, Jensen Beach caused six Venice turnovers and took advantage — mounting a 53-24 lead by the end of the quarter. Already leading by nearly 30,

the Falcons just had to wait out the final eight minutes before wrapping up their victory.

Even though the Indians lost this weekend, their wins during the week have given them new life in their district.

Wins over Braden River and Sarasota have bumped Venice up to .500 in its district at 3-3 after beginning the week at 1-3. This puts the Indians in a tie for third place in the district with the Pirates — behind one-seed Lakewood Ranch and two-seed Palmetto.

"The wins that we got mean more to me than this one to be honest with you," Flynn said. "Nobody got hurt. We have a huge week coming up with Palmetto and Manatee. We're 3-3 and we're right in the hunt."

JENSEN BEACH 67, VENICE 43

Jensen Beach 14 16 23 14 — 67
Venice 4 7 13 19 — 43

Jensen Beach (67): Jasian Laboy 15, Lavarius Hampton 14, Jeremiah Denaud 11, Da'quan Gonzales 7, Emanuel Rogers 7, Zachary Galinis 6, Carson Funk 4, Daniel Morris 3.

Venice (43): Cyrus Lusk 11, Adam Gebel 11, Gabe Monzon 9, Vince Marino 5, Chason Rockmore 4, Brett Keyso 2, Spencer Green 1.



SUN PHOTO BY JUSTIN FENNEL

Venice guard Vince Marino shoots a three-pointer against Jensen Beach in the Wally Keller Classic at Charlotte High School.

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL: North Port 46, Mariner 33**

Tosi, Bobcats overcome slow start at Wally Keller Classic

By **JUSTIN RAFFONE**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Maybe it was the early morning start, or jitters playing in a tournament that has featured future NBA stars Ben Simmons and Kevin Knox, but the North Port Bobcats boys basketball team looked out of place early in the Wally Keller Classic at Charlotte High. Luckily for them they found their rhythm in the second quarter and went on to beat the Mariner Tritons 46-33.

The Tritons pulled out to a 16-7 lead after the first

quarter, but North Port was able to hold them to just 17 points over the final three quarters and leave with a victory in the tournament.

"We knew they wanted to go high-low with their bigs and yesterday we practiced it," said North Port coach Ryan Power. "After the first quarter, we talked to (our team) about help side pressure. Half way through the third when we switched to zone it threw off their game-plan of going high-low and kept them on the perimeter; and forced some long jumpers that got us into

transition."

Bobcats senior Mitch Tosi was named the game's outstanding player as he scored seven of his points after the first buzzer, five coming off of free throws. Tosi also corralled five rebounds— three offensive—and was active on defense, keeping the Mariners forwards at bay.

North Port made their move in the second quarter, taking a two-point lead before the Tritons tied it at 23 to head into halftime. After the break, it was all Bobcats.

Senior Eric Baker led North Port with 14 points on

Saturday, with seven rebounds. Fellow senior Joshua Hogue had eight rebounds to lead the way and chipped in nine points of his own.

The Bobcats outscored Mariner 16-7, 12-6 and 9-4 after the first quarter as their defense found their footing more as the game went on, holding the Tritons to 4-12 shooting in the second half, including 1-8 from three-point range.

On the offensive side, North Port shot 50 percent in the second quarter and were 7-11 in free throws in the second half to hold onto

the lead. The Bobcats ended the night with 14 offensive rebounds to aid in second chance attempts in the win against Mariner.

North Port will host Gulf Coast for their final district game on Jan. 22 before taking on Charlotte on Jan. 24.

"We have a two game winning streak going into it," Power said about the upcoming game against Gulf Coast. "I think we're playing pretty good right now. We can't afford to have a slow start against them, but very happy with the way our defense is able to adjust."

MANTAS FROM PAGE 1

Josh Gergley made three apiece. McCollom totaled 16 points while Gergley had 11.

For Lemon Bay, Caleb Geissendorfer led the way with 12 points and 8 rebounds, but the Mantas ultimately had no answers after a hard fought win at Cape Coral on Friday night.

"We were in a war last night and I really thought we played physically pretty tough," Huber said. "Sometimes you just play teams that are better than you and that was the case tonight. They do a great job of getting into the paint so you

have to pick your poison. If you try to stop them from getting into the paint, it's hard to get back out to the shooters because they move the ball so fast. They're a handful. We have to make more shots and not turn the ball over as much. I thought we rebounded pretty well but we didn't shoot from the foul line very well."

The Mantas made 10 of 20 free throws and made only four three pointers for the game.

Geissendorfer was named Lemon Bay's Most Valuable Player for the game. Gunyr Morrill added 9 points for the Mantas while Leon Fleming had 8 points and 9

rebounds.

Fort Myers improved to 16-3 while Lemon Bay is now 11-8 on the season. The Mantas return to action Tuesday at Port Charlotte.

FORT MYERS 75, LEMON BAY 50

Fort Myers 29 18 14. 14. — 75
Lemon Bay. 14. 12. 17. 7. — 50

FORT MYERS: Luttrell 18, McCollom 16, Gergley 11, Roberts 7, Merilus 7, Riemenschneider 6, Primus 5, Tipton 3, Meriser 2. Totals: 26(13), 10-14, 75

LEMON BAY: Geissendorfer 12, Morrill 9, Fleming 8, Yale 6, Harvey 6, Kreissler 4, Martinez 3, Shamasian 2. Totals: 18(4), 10-20, 50



SUN PHOTO BY JUSTIN FENNEL

Lemon Bay's Martell Yale charges the hoop.

LOCAL PREP BRIEFS

BASKETBALL

Bradenton Christian 60 Imagine School 47

Arianna Andrade led the Lady Sharks Saturday afternoon with 17 points, 11 rebounds and six steals, in a hard-fought loss to the Bradenton Christian Panthers.

Kayle Christie scored 11 points and added five rebounds. Izzy Faulkner scored nine points for the Sharks.

The Lady Sharks are 10-7 overall and 4-2 in the district.

The Lady Sharks next game will be against St. John Neumann.

Bishop Verot 66 Community Christian 53

The Community Christian Mustangs played well, but fell Saturday afternoon to the Bishop Verot Vikings, 66-53.

Sam Battle and Ethan Bray each had 16 points for the Mustangs. Rodney Anicet contributed eight. Battle and Anicet had five rebounds each and Bray had five steals.

Community Christian is now 8-9 overall and 6-2 in the district.

Bradenton Christian 80 Imagine School 56

The Sharks fell to the Panthers Saturday afternoon, 80-56.

Zach Leslie led the Sharks with 16 points.

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Eagles hold a six-point advantage over Tarpons at half

By **CHUCK BALLARO**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: The game between the Oldsmar Christian Eagles and Charlotte Tarpons was still in progress at press time. For the full story see Monday's edition of the Charlotte Sun.

Jadrian Tracey scored 12 points for Oldsmar Christian, who put together an 8-0 run in the second quarter, to give the Eagles a 31-25 halftime lead against host Charlotte High School Saturday evening, in the final game of the Wally Keller Classic

Ahmad Johnson led the

Tarpons with seven points, Makai Reaves added six, as Charlotte jumped to a 17-15 lead in the second quarter. Tracey got hot from the field however, and Oldsmar Christian was able to build an eight point lead in the second quarter. Braxton Bartlett added seven points for the Eagles.

PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

MONDAY

■ **Basketball**
Charlotte Girls vs. Imagine School, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

■ **Basketball**
Venice Boys vs Palmetto, 7:30 p.m.
Venice Girls at Lakewood Ranch, 7 p.m.
Lemon Bay Boys at Port Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Port Charlotte Girls at

Lemon Bay 7 p.m.
North Port Boys vs. Gulf Coast, 7:30 p.m.
North Port Girls at Gulf Coast, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte Boys vs. North Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
Charlotte Girls at North Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
■ **Soccer**
Venice Girls vs Lakewood Ranch, 7 p.m.
North Port Girls vs. Riverview Sarasota, 6 p.m.

■ GOLF

Mickelson maintains advantage at Desert Classic

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson made three long birdie putts on the back nine Saturday to take a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Desert Classic.

Making his first start of the year, the 48-year-old Mickelson shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 on the Stadium Course at PGA West to get to 22-under 194.

"I don't know what to say," Mickelson said. "I played OK and my goal or game plan of playing the Stadium Course is to actually hit drivers and to try to bomb it down there as close to the greens as you can. ... It seemed to play out OK and I gave myself a lot of good chances. I missed a few short putts ... but I also made a couple of long ones that were nice little bonuses."

He topped the leaderboard for the third straight day after matching his career-low score with an opening 60 at La Quinta Country Club and shooting a 68 on Friday on PGA West's Nicklaus Tournament Course.

"It's so fun," Mickelson said. "I just love being in contention, having a chance to win, being in the final group, feeling the nerves, feeling that excitement, the opportunity. It's just, it's really fun."

The tournament winner in 2002 and 2004, Lefty rolled in a

35-foot birdie putt on the par-3 13th and added a 12-footer on the par-4 14th. After missing a 10-foot try on the par-5 16th to spoil an up-and-down bid from the deep greenside bunker, he ran in a 25-footer on the island green, par-3 17th called Alcatraz.

Adam Hadwin was second after a 65 on the Nicklaus layout. The Canadian has three straight top-six finishes in the event. He was second in 2017 after a third-round 59 at La Quinta and tied for third last year.

"Living in Phoenix these past few years, this is the golf that I play every day," Hadwin said. "The greens are exactly what we play back in Scottsdale. So I would assume that might add to some of the comfort. It's really hard to pinpoint. For whatever reason as soon as I get down here in the desert I start playing some good golf."

Mickelson is making his first tour start since early October and first competitive appearance since beating Tiger Woods in Las Vegas in November in a made-for-TV event. The Hall of Famer won the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship last year for his 43rd PGA Tour title and first since the 2013 British Open.

After opening with five straight pars, he chipped in for



AP PHOTO

Phil Mickelson hits from the fairway on the third hole during the third round of the Desert Classic golf tournament on the Stadium Course at PGA West on Saturday in La Quinta, California.

birdie on the par-3 sixth and birdied the next two.

"Every once in a while you just need that little putt, chip, something to fall and give you a little momentum," Mickelson said. "I followed that with two more birdies, so that was kind of the shot that ignited that little run and got the round going."

He'll be back on the Stadium Course for the final round.

"It's a course you don't have to be perfect on, you have to hit a lot of good shots in certain spots, but if you miss it, miss it properly, you can still play this course," Mickelson said. "I feel like I don't have to be perfect, I can come out, play aggressive, which is how I like to play, try

to crush drivers and get it down as close as I can to the greens and see if I can make some more birdies."

Adam Long was third at 19 under after a 63 at La Quinta, and Steve Marino had a 67 on the Nicklaus layout to get to 18 under. Defending champion Jon Rahm was tied for seventh at 16 under.

Ko, Ji share LPGA lead at Lake Buena Vista

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Lydia Ko could only think about the putts that didn't go in, perhaps because she was used to making so many.

Ko ran off four birdies on the front nine Saturday for a 30, and it was enough to carry her to a 5-under 66 and a share of the lead with Eun-Hee Ji going into the final round of the season-opening Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions on the LPGA Tour.

Ji also was hot early, and a pair of birdies early on the back nine gave her a 66.

They were at 13-under 200.

Brooke Henderson of

Canada was poised to make it a three-way tie at the top until she made bogey on the par-3 closing hole for a 69, leaving her one shot behind. Nelly Korda had an eagle and four birdies for a 65 and was two shots off the lead.

Ko closed with seven straight pars.

"I felt like there were a few putts that I thought I holed and it didn't go in," she said. "But I holed a really long one on 8 — that one, I probably didn't deserve — so everything balances out. It felt like I gave myself quite a few good looks and just wasn't able to hole in.

But at the end of the day, all I can do is put a good roll on it and just give myself good opportunities out there."

Now she has an opportunity to start 2019 with a victory, something that took her until April to do last year as she began to emerge from a slump.

The LPGA Tour season opener is limited to winners each of the last two seasons for a \$1.2 million purse. It also includes a 49-player field of celebrities and athletes competing for a \$500,000 purse. Former Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz had 39 points in the modified Stableford

format, giving him a four-point lead over retired pitcher Mark Mulder. Mardy Fish from the world of tennis was five points behind.

Ariya Jutanugarn, the No. 1 player in the world who swept all the major awards last year, failed to make a birdie in her round of 75 to fall nine shots behind.

Stacy Lewis, in her first tournament as a mother, bounced back from a 74 to post a 66. She was six shots behind.

"Honestly, if I could finish this thing under par for four days, I was going to be happy," Lewis said. "I've hit some good

chip shots, I've hit some good putts. I feel like the touch and the feel is coming back. I still hit some weird golf shots, which is fatigue, I think, more than anything. Got pretty tired toward the end of the round yesterday. Just really happy where things are."

The forecast for the final round was cooler temperatures in the upper 50s and 20 mph wind with gusts even stronger. Henderson hopes that works in her favor.

"I think I can grind it out, and a lot of my wins have come in windy conditions," Henderson said. "but it's really

■ NFL

Super Bowl menu brings fans together for chili

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Kenneth Temple is a devout New Orleans Saints fan. Ask him a question about his beloved team, and the first words from his mouth are "Who Dat? Who Dat?"

Still, Temple, a noted chef who has cooked for several NFL players, including Malcolm Jenkins, Brandin Cooks and All-Pro receiver Michael Thomas, recognizes there are three other teams remaining in the playoffs. So when Hormel Chili asked him to create dips for the Super Bowl, he dived right in with versions that reflect not only New Orleans, but New England, Los Angeles and Kansas City.

"The beautiful thing about it is chili and football go hand in hand," Temple says,

noting Hormel was a partner with the NFL as far back as the 1950s. But his chore for now is to accommodate four distinctly different tastes as part of a contest in which fans will include touchdown dances; a winner and a guest will get tickets to the 2020 Super Bowl in Miami.

"Chili is versatile, but you can't throw everything in it," he says. "Don't want it to be intimidating."

First, the Big Easy.

"I had to make sure I represent the culture right, being from New Orleans," he says. "Nobody wants to eat shrimp with their chili, they don't go together. So what to do?"

Temple quickly came up with an answer: red beans. Add in some onions, celery and bell peppers, sausage, creole seasoning, a few

other items and, voila.

"I was thoroughly impressed with it," Temple says. So he rolled on to LA.

"The fun thing about Los Angeles is it's such a large melting pot, so you don't know which culture to pull from to represent the area," he explains. "I came across a Felipe's restaurant known for their chili, they do annual giveaways. So we paid homage to the Latin culture."

Which meant a touch of cilantro and some jalapenos.

Next stop, Kansas City, renowned for its barbecue. As in his LA chili, no beans for this creation.

"My wife is from Kansas City and we went on a barbecue tour of about eight spots recently, so I knew I wanted to play with the burnt ends," Temple says.

"That is what they do well and people wait on line for."

This recipe included the flavor of a Kansas City barbecue sauce, which Temple says is "spicier and bolder than I expected. I am used to more of the sweeter side of barbecue."

He wanted the smokiness of the burnt ends to blend in, but urges folks to mix the meat into this dish, not to simply put the burnt ends on top and chow down.

Finally, he tackled New England, knowing that, like in New Orleans, clams or lobster wouldn't quite work.

"Boston baked beans," he exclaims. "That's a savory sweet payoff, and because you can use a variety of baked beans, I can imagine you will get a lot of different flavors with it."

Temple recently gave

cooking lessons to Vikings star receiver Adam Thielen.

Indeed, the dance contest emanates from some of Thielen and his teammates' touchdown celebrations. From now through Super Bowl Sunday on Feb. 3, 2019, fans can submit their best touchdown dance via social media by tagging @HormelChili on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Temple and Thielen created a Minnesota chili.

"I told Adam that I am the chef, so this is my side of the field," Temple says with a hearty laugh. "But when I have an engagement with whomever I am cooking with, I want him to throw out some ideas and we bounce them back and forth — especially with people who do not get a chance to cook too many times."

■ MLB

Tampa Bay Rays finalize signing of Avisail Garcia

By **MARCTOPKIN**

TAMPA BAY TIMES

ST. PETERSBURG — Avisail Garcia is confident the disappointing dropoff in production from his 2017 All-Star performance to last season was the residual of a significant hamstring strain and ongoing right knee issues.

So with his hamstring healed, his knee surgically repaired in early October and the resulting bad habits eradicated from his swing, Garcia is confident he

can return to his old form with his new Rays team.

"One hundred percent," Garcia said Friday night, after his deal for \$3.5 million, plus up to \$2.5 million of plate-appearance based incentives, was finalized. "For sure. I know what I can do. I know my swing. I've just got to be healthy and ready to go. And that's how I am right now."

Garcia, 27, was non-tendered by the White Sox after making \$6.7 million for an inconsistent 2018 showing in which he hit

a career high 19 homers but posted only a .236 average, .719 OPS and 0.3 WAR while limited to 93 games.

"I was fighting the whole season with injuries, up and down, up and down," he said. "You know how it is when you play with pain; sometimes you feel good and sometimes you don't."

In 2017, Garcia, whose first name is pronounced ah-vee-sigh-EEL, hit .330 (second in the AL) with 18 homers, .885 OPS and 4.6 WAR.

A righty hitter, Garcia is expected to play rightfield or DH against lefthanded pitchers, against whom he has a career .304 average and .816 OPS, and compete for playing time vs. some righthanders, already working on hitting more to right-center. His outfield play has gotten mixed reviews though he has a strong arm.

Garcia, a Venezuelan who lives in Miami, said he was excited to join the Rays because they "are a competitive team, they play hard, they are close to

my home."

To create a roster space, the Rays, for the second time this off-season, designated for assignment RHP Oliver Drake.

Drake, who pitched for a single-season record five teams in 2018 (Brewers, Indians, Angels, Blue Jays, Twins), was claimed off waivers from the Twins Nov. 1, then DFA'd Nov. 20. The Blue Jays claimed him, then turned around and DFA'd him Dec. 30, and the Rays re-acquired him for cash considerations on Jan. 4.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
WILD-CARD ROUND
Jan. 5
Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
Dallas 24, Seattle 22
Jan. 6
Los Angeles Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Jan. 12
Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13
Los Angeles Rams 30, Dallas 22
Jan. 13
New England 41, Los Angeles Chargers 28
New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 14

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Today's Games
NFC
Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)
AFC
New England at Kansas City, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL LIII (53)
Sunday, Feb. 3
At Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

NFL PLAYOFF INJURY REPORT
As provided by the league, updated on Friday:
Today
L.A. RAMS at NEW ORLEANS — RAMS: No Report. **SAINTS:** OUT: WR Keith Kirkwood (calf), QUESTIONABLE: TE Benjamin Watson (illness).
NEW ENGLAND at KANSAS CITY — PATRIOTS: No Report. **CHIEFS:** OUT: LB Dorian O'Daniel (ankle).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWL SCHEDULE
Saturday's Games
East-West Shrine Classic at St. Petersburg, Fla.
West 21, East 17
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.
American vs. National, late

Saturday, Jan. 26
Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)

ODDS

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Today

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Indiana	7½	219	Charlotte
at Minnesota	10½	227½	Phoenix
at San Antonio	Off	Off	L.A. Clippers

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Today

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Florida State	6½	at Boston College
at Marquette	Off	Providence
at Iowa	Off	Illinois
Duquesne	2½	at Geo. Washington
at Drake	4½	Missouri State
at S. Illinois	8	Bradley
at Utah	4	Colorado

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Today

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Washington	-172	at Chicago	+160
at N.Y. Islanders	Off	Anaheim	Off
at Vancouver	Off	Detroit	Off
at Toronto	-250	Arizona	+220
Carolina	-111	at Edmonton	+101

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Conference Championships
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at New Orleans	3½	3	56½	L.A. Rams
at Kansas City	3	3	56	New England

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TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL
National Football League
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Nate Kaczor special teams coordinator.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled C Sam Carrick from San Diego (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Placed F Miles Wood on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 14. Assigned F Blake Pietila to Binghamton (AHL). Recalled F Kurtis Gabriel and Nathan Bastian from Binghamton (AHL).
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed D Zach Tolkinen to a professional tryout agreement.
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Wheeling's Mark Petaccio two games and fined him an undisclosed amount and fined Wheeling's Cedric Lacroix an undisclosed amount for their actions in Jan. 18 game at Adirondack. Suspended Utah's Tim McGeauley one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 18 game against Tulsa. Suspended Idaho's Kale Kessy indefinitely and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions and suspended Allen's Curt Gogol five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for leaving the player's bench to begin an altercation in a Jan. 19 game. Suspended Allen's Emerson Clark five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his major penalty for cross-checking; Allen's Zach Pochiro two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 19 game at Idaho. Fined Allen's Adam Miller an undisclosed amount for his major penalty for spearing at 9:18 of the first period of a Jan. 19 game at Idaho.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK CITY FC — Acquired M Keaton Parks on loan from S.L. Benfica for the 2019 season.

COLLEGES
NEW MEXICO — Named Joe Dailey offensive coordinator.
PRINCETON — Suspended men's senior basketball G Devin Cannady after being arrested following a confrontation at a convenience store.
TENNESSEE — Named Tee Martin assistant football coach.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	34	13	.723	—
Toronto	30	17	.638	4
Brooklyn	27	18	.600	6
Washington	24	23	.511	10
New York	10	34	.227	22½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	21	22	.488	—
Charlotte	21	23	.477	½
Washington	19	26	.422	3
Orlando	19	26	.422	3
Atlanta	14	30	.318	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	32	12	.727	—
Indiana	29	15	.659	3
Detroit	20	24	.455	12
Chicago	10	35	.222	22½
Cleveland	9	37	.196	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	27	20	.574	—
Houston	25	19	.568	½
New Orleans	21	25	.457	5½
Dallas	20	24	.455	5½
Memphis	19	26	.422	7

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	27	18	.600	3½
Oklahoma City	28	19	.596	3½
Portland	26	21	.553	5½
Utah	21	24	.467	9½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	32	14	.696	—
L.A. Lakers	25	21	.543	7
L.A. Clippers	24	21	.533	7½
Sacramento	23	22	.511	8½
Phoenix	11	35	.239	21

Friday's Games
Boston 122, Memphis 116
Brooklyn 117, Orlando 115
Detroit 98, Miami 93
San Antonio 116, Minnesota 113
Utah 115, Cleveland 99
Golden State 112, L.A. Clippers 94
Portland 128, New Orleans 112

Saturday's Games
Oklahoma City 117, Philadelphia 115
Phoenix at Charlotte, late
Dallas at Indiana, late
Milwaukee at Orlando, late
Sacramento at Detroit, late
Boston at Atlanta, late
Memphis at Toronto, late
Miami at Chicago, late
L.A. Lakers at Houston, late
Cleveland at Denver, late

Today's Games
Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games
Oklahoma City at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 2 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 5:30 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

THUNDER 117, 76ERS 115
OKLAHOMA CITY (117)
George 8-20 11-11 31, Grant 2-6 6-6 10, Adams 8-13 0-0 16, Westbrook 8-21 4-7 21, Ferguson 4-8 0-0 11, Nader 1-2 0-0 3, Patterson 0-2 0-0 0, Noel 2-2 0-0 4, Schroder 8-18 2-2 21, Diallo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-93 23-26 117.

PHILADELPHIA (115)
Butler 5-18 7-8 18, Chandler 1-4 1-2 4, Embiid 11-19 8-12 31, Simmons 8-12 4-8 20, Redick 6-13 6-7 22, Bolden 1-2 0-0 3, Muscala 2-5 2-2 6, McConnell 1-5 0-0 2, Shamet 3-3 0-0 9. Totals 38-81 28-39 115.

OKLAHOMA CITY 33 26 29 — 117
PHILADELPHIA 25 31 23 36 — 115

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 12-31 (George 4-9, Schroder 3-5, Ferguson 3-6, Nader 1-1, Westbrook 1-6, Patterson 0-1, Grant 0-3), Philadelphia 11-32 (Redick 4-10, Shamet 3-3, Bolden 1-2, Chandler 1-4, Embiid 1-5, Butler 1-6, Muscala 0-2). Fouled Out—Westbrook. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 45 (Westbrook 10), Philadelphia 47 (Simmons 15). Assists—Oklahoma City 20 (Westbrook 6), Philadelphia 28 (Simmons 9). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 24, Philadelphia 20. Technicals—George, Ferguson, A.—20,646 (20,478).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL
THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE
All times Eastern
Friday's Games
No. 16 Buffalo 77, Eastern Michigan 65
No. 19 Maryland 75, Ohio State 61
No. 22 Villanova 85, Xavier 75
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Duke vs. No. 4 Virginia, late
Wisconsin 64, No. 2 Michigan 54
No. 3 Tennessee 71, Alabama 68
No. 5 Gonzaga at Portland, late
West Virginia 65, No. 7 Kansas 64
No. 8 Texas Tech at Baylor, late
No. 9 Virginia Tech 87, Wake Forest 71
No. 10 Nevada vs. Air Force, late
No. 12 Kentucky 82, No. 14 Auburn 80
No. 13 North Carolina 85, Miami 76
No. 17 North Carolina St. 77, Notre Dame 73
No. 18 Mississippi 84, Arkansas 67
No. 20 Oklahoma at Texas, late
No. 21 Houston at South Florida, late
No. 24 Mississippi State at Vanderbilt, late
Purdue 70, No. 25 Indiana 55
Today's Games
No. 11 Florida State at Boston College, noon
No. 15 Marquette vs. Providence, noon
No. 23 Iowa vs. Illinois, 1 p.m.

RESULTS
FRIDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Buffalo 77, Eastern Michigan 65
Iona 90, Marist 77
Northwestern 65, Rutgers 57
Villanova 85, Xavier 75
MIDWEST
Maryland 75, Ohio State 61
Saint Louis 60, Saint Joseph's 57
Toledo 75, Ohio 52
SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Army 72, Navy 61
Bucknell 85, Lehigh 83
Canisius 73, Fairfield 68
Colgate 77, Boston U. 56
Cornell 60, Columbia 59
Drexel 73, James Madison 68
Hofstra 86, Coll. of Charleston 72
Lafayette 84, American U. 79, OT
Loyola (Md.) 67, Holy Cross 65, OT
Mass.-Lowell 76, Hartford 73
Mount St. Mary's 70, Wagner 56
Niagara 75, Quinnipiac 72
Northeastern 88, UNC-Wilmington 71
Rhode Island 78, La Salle 67
Robert Morris 79, Bryant 65
St. Francis (Pa.) 80, Central Conn. St. 69
St. Francis Brooklyn 92, Sacred Heart 85
Stony Brook 64, Maine 61
Syracuse 74, Pittsburgh 63
UConn 87, Tulane 71
UMBC 65, Albany (NY) 64, OT
Vermont 78, Binghamton 50
West Virginia 65, Kansas 64
Yale 70, Brown 67
Robert Morris at Bryant, late
Jacksonville at NJIT, late
Fairleigh Dickinson at LIU Brooklyn, late
Dayton at St. Bonaventure, late
Penn at Temple, late
Towson at Delaware, late
Binghamton at Vermont, late
Bucknell at Lehigh, late
Manhattan at Rider, late
Tulane at UConn, late
DePaul at Seton Hall, late

SOUTH
Charlotte 55, Louisiana Tech 40
Coastal Carolina 89, Appalachian St. 72
Davidson 75, Richmond 62
Florida 62, Georgia 52
Kentucky 82, Auburn 80
Louisiana-Monroe 99, Louisiana-Lafayette 95
Mercer 93, Samford 87
Mississippi 84, Arkansas 67
North Carolina 85, Miami 76
SE Louisiana 74, McNeese St. 71
Tennessee 71, Alabama 68
Troy 77, Georgia St. 75
UCF 64, Tulsa 62
UNC-Greensboro 75, ETSU 68
Virginia Tech 87, Wake Forest 71
VMI 91, W. Carolina 83
W. Kentucky 72, FAU 66
Coppin St. at NC Central, late
Md.-Eastern Shore at Florida A&M, late
Howard at SC State, late
Southern Miss. at Old Dominion, late
Georgia Southern at South Alabama, late

Delaware St. at Bethune-Cookman, late
Morgan St. at NC A&T, late
Elon at William & Mary, late
Louisville at Georgia Tech, late
Stetson at North Alabama, late
SMU at Memphis, late
Longwood at Presbyterian, late
Radford at UNC-Asheville, late
Florida Gulf Coast at Kennesaw St., late
The Citadel at Chattanooga, late
Winthrop at SC-Upstate, late
Campbell at Charleston Southern, late
Alabama St. vs. Alabama A&M, late
Virginia at Duke, late
Tennessee St. at Belmont, late
UTEP at Middle Tennessee, late
Norfolk St. at Savannah St., late
South Carolina at LSU, late
UMass at VCU, late
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Southern U., late
MSU at Alcorn St., late
UT Martin at Morehead St., late
North Florida at Liberty, late
Hampton at Gardner-Webb, late
Furman at Wofford, late
Fordham at George Mason, late
FIU at Marshall, late
SE Missouri at E. Kentucky, late
Houston at South Florida, late
UTSA at UAB, late
Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville St., late
Mississippi St. at Vanderbilt, late

MIDWEST
Bowling Green 79, W. Michigan 48
Cincinnati 66, Wichita St. 55
Green Bay 90, Ill.-Chicago 85
Illinois St. 78, Evansville 70
Kent St. 78, N. Illinois 68
Loyola of Chicago 75, Indiana St. 67
Miami (Ohio) 68, Akron 61
N. Dakota St. 67, North Dakota 65
N. Kentucky 82, Youngstown St. 74
NC State 77, Notre Dame 73
Oakland 79, Detroit 73
Purdue 70, Indiana 55
Wisconsin 64, Michigan 54
C Wright St. 89, Cleveland St. 66
N. Iowa at Valparaiso, late
TCU at Kansas St., late
Austin Peay at E. Illinois, late
Ball St. at Cent. Michigan, late
St. John's at Butler, late
Oklahoma St. at Iowa St., late
IUPUI at Milwaukee, late
Purdue Fort Wayne at W. Illinois, late
Murray St. at SIU-Edwardsville, late
Penn St. at Minnesota, late

SOUTHWEST
Missouri 66, Texas A&M 43
Texas-Arlington 82, UALR 73
Stephen F. Austin at Incarnate Word, late
Arkansas St. at Texas State, late
Nicholls at Cent. Arkansas, late
New Orleans at Texas A&M-CC, late
Rice at North Texas, late
Texas Tech at Baylor, late
Jackson St. at Prairie View, late
Northwestern St. at Abilene Christian, late
Sam Houston St. at Houston Baptist, late
Oklahoma at Texas, late
Grambling St. at Texas Southern, late

FAR WEST
S. Utah 76, Sacramento St. 71
Stanford 78, Washington St. 66
Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount, late
Portland St. at N. Arizona, late
UCLA at Southern Cal, late
California at Washington, late
Montana St. at E. Washington, late
Fresno St. at Boise St., late
Wyoming at New Mexico, late
UC Irvine at CS Northridge, late
Oregon St. at Arizona, late
San Jose St. at UNLV, late
Cal Poly at UC Davis, late
Hawaii at UC Riverside, late
Colorado St. at Utah St., late
UMKC at Grand Canyon, late
San Diego at Saint Mary's (Cal), late
N. Colorado at Weber St., late
New Mexico St. at Utah Valley, late
Oregon at Arizona St., late
Air Force at Nevada, late
Cal St.-Fullerton at Long Beach St., late
Gonzaga at Portland, late
Chicago St. at CS Bakersfield, late
Rio Grande at Seattle, late
Montana at Idaho, late
Santa Clara at Pacific, late
BYU at San Francisco, late

SCHEDULE
All times Eastern
TODAY'S GAMES
EAST
Florida St. at Boston College, noon
Iona at Monmouth (NJ), 1 p.m.
Duquesne at George Washington, 4 p.m.

MIDWEST
Providence at Marquette, noon
Illinois at Iowa, 1 p.m.
Missouri St. at Drake, 4 p.m.
Bradley at S. Illinois, 4 p.m.
South Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST
Oral Roberts at Denver, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, 6 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE
All times Eastern
Friday's Games
No. 5 Oregon 77, No. 19 Arizona State 71
No. 6 Stanford 91, Washington 54
No. 10 Oregon State 86, Arizona 64
No. 14 Marquette 96, Seton Hall 60
No. 24 DePaul 73, St. John's 64
Saturday's Games
No. 2 UConn 88, Temple 67
No. 11 Texas 73, Texas Christian Univ. 67
No. 13 Gonzaga 86, San Diego 61
No. 18 Iowa State 104, Oklahoma 78
Today's Games
No. 1 Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 1 p.m.
No. 2 Baylor vs. West Virginia, 5 p.m.
No. 4 Louisville at Wake Forest, 1 p.m.
No. 5 Oregon vs. Arizona, Noon
No. 6 Stanford vs. Washington State, 3 p.m.
No. 8 N.C. State vs. Virginia Tech, 12:30 p.m.
No. 9 Maryland vs. Penn State, 2 p.m.
No. 10 Oregon State vs. No. 19 Arizona State, 5 p.m.
No. 12 Syracuse at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.
No. 14 Marquette vs. St. John's, 3 p.m.
No. 17 Michigan State at No. 20 Rutgers, 2 p.m.
No. 22 Iowa at Illinois, 3 p.m.
No. 23 Minnesota at Nebraska, 6 p.m.
No. 24 DePaul vs. Seton Hall, 3 p.m.
No. 25 Indiana at Purdue, 2 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	48	36	10	2	74	193	137
Montreal	47	29	16	2	60	166	133
Boston	48	27	16	5	59	141	125
Montreal	49	27	17	5	59	151	143
Buffalo	48	24	18	6	54	140	144
Florida	46	18	20	8	44	142	166
Ottawa	48	19	24	5	43	152	181
Detroit	49	18	24	7	43	140	167

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	47	28	15	4	60	142	119
Columbus	47	28	16	3	59	153	144
Washington	47	27	15	5	59	157	141
Pittsburgh	47	26	15	6	58	166	139
N.Y. Rangers	47	22	20	5	49	126	140
C.A. Islanders	47	20	20	7	47	136	162
New Jersey	48	18	23	7	43	140	164
Philadelphia	47	18	23	6	42	134	167

WESTERN CONFERENCE
CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg	47	31	14	2	64	165	130
Nashville	49	28	17	4	60	153	129
Colorado	48	27	18	8	52	166	153
Dallas	48	23	21	3	49	122	126
Minnesota	47	23	21	3	50	131	137
St. Louis	46	20	21	5	45	128	142
Chicago	49	16	24	9	41	145	183

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Calgary	49	31	13	5	67	182	141
San Jose	49	28	14	7	63	175	149

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	49	28	17	4	60	147	131
Anaheim	49	21	19	9	51	119	145
Vancouver	49	22	21	6	50	142	154
Edmonton	47	23	21	3	49	136	148
Arizona	47	21	22	4	46	124	136
Los Angeles	49	19	26	4	42	110	147

Friday's Games
Montreal 4, Columbus 1
Florida 3, Toronto 1
Ottawa 4, Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 0

■ NBA: Roundup

George's four-point play lifts Thunder past 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Paul George converted a four-point play with 5.1 seconds left, sending Russell Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder to a wild 117-115 victory over Joel Embiid and the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday.

George's clutch shot capped a wild finish that included another memorable exchange with Westbrook and Embiid. Westbrook hit the floor out of bounds under the basket after a foul by Embiid late in the game, and Westbrook fouled out with 14.9 seconds remaining after he got Embiid while shooting a 3-pointer.

Embiid made all three foul shots, tying it at 113, and Jimmy Butler's driving layup put Philadelphia in front with 6.9 seconds to go. But George drained a 3 while being fouled by Butler and made the foul shot.

Philadelphia had one last chance, but Butler missed a 3-point attempt in the final seconds. The 76ers have lost 19 in a row to the Thunder.

George finished with 31 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals. Westbrook had 21 points, 10 rebounds and six assists for Oklahoma City, and reserve Dennis Schroder also

scored 21 points.

Embiid had 31 points, eight rebounds and six assists. JJ Redick scored 22 points for Philadelphia, and Ben Simmons finished with 20 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists.

Hornets 135, Suns 115

Kemba Walker scored 21 points, Jeremy Lamb hit three-points and had 18 points and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Phoenix Suns 135-115 on Saturday for their third straight victory.

Charlotte shot 54.5 percent from the field and made 16 of 34 3-point attempts in the wire-to-wire victory en route to its season-high points total.

Bismack Biyombo had 11 points and 13 rebounds, and Willy Hernangomez added nine points and 13 rebounds to help the Hornets rebound the Suns 53-26.

Devin Booker had 32 points and 11 assists for the Suns.

Celtics 113 Hawks 105

Kyrie Irving scored 32 points and the Boston Celtics rallied to beat the Atlanta Hawks 113-105 on Saturday night for their



AP PHOTO

Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook dunks over Philadelphia 76ers' Landry Shamet, Saturday, in Philadelphia.

third straight win.

After trailing for most of the game, Boston took the lead with a 9-0 fourth-quarter run, including a go-ahead 3-pointer by Jaylen Brown, who had 14 points.

A drive by Irving gave Boston the lead for good at 101-100. Al Horford made four free throws and a layup to help the Celtics

increase their advantage to 109-100 with 1:11 left.

Kevin Huerter led Atlanta with 18 points, and fellow rookie Trae Young had 16.

Boston's Marcus Smart was ejected following an altercation with Atlanta's DeAndre Bembry.

Smart and Bembry had to be separated after an exchange of words as players lined up

for a jump ball. After being restrained by teammates and coaches, Smart broke free and charged toward Bembry before being restrained again.

One night after scoring 38 points in a 122-116 home win over Memphis, Irving continued his high-scoring streak by going 5 for 8 from 3-point range.

AFC

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Colts play over 30 yards. In fact, Indianapolis didn't score on offense until late in the fourth quarter.

Their success in limiting big plays is, at least in part, a byproduct of improved tackling.

Then there are the penalties. After leading the league in total penalties and defensive penalties this season, their defense has been flagged just once over the past two games.

The Chiefs have been missing pieces on defense the entire season, and often they have been crucial playmakers. Highly paid linebacker Justin Houston, who had a pair of sacks against the Colts, missed four games with a hamstring injury. Top cornerback Kendall Fuller missed a game with a broken hand. Starting safety Daniel Sorensen missed half the season with a broken leg.

Those injuries alone are enough to derail any defense, but the Chiefs have also played almost the whole season without Eric Berry, their star safety and arguably the team's emotional leader.

He played in just two games because of his heel but is poised to play Sunday against New England.

"That's my guy. Eric Berry has kind of taken me under his wing since I got here," Chiefs cornerback Steven



AP PHOTO

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Anthony Hitchens (top) and safety Jordan Lucas (bottom) tackle Indianapolis Colts running back Marlon Mack during the second half of last week's AFC Divisional Round playoff game in Kansas City, Mo.

Nelson said. "We call him 'Coach' in our room because he's so knowledgeable. He means a lot to our team and our defense, so whenever we can have him out there, it's a great thing."

The Patriots are under no preconceptions the defense they marched up and down the field against in Week 6 will show up on Sunday. Bill Belichick said this week that there is little to glean from that win, while Brady was quick to heap praise on a defense playing its best

all year.

"We've played them quite a bit over the years," the Patriots quarterback said. "They've had some incredible units that we've played against. They've got play-makers at each level. Obviously, a good scheme. They make you work for it. It's a very tough, hard-nosed team. They compete on every snap. They've been in a lot of close games this year. It's a great challenge for us. I don't think you can take anything for granted."

NFC

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worked with, and Sean and I have a real good relationship. He is an engaging guy, a fun guy to be around."

Gruden, the current Oakland Raiders coach, was the offensive coordinator with the Eagles in 1997 when Payton was hired as quarterbacks coach. In 2008, Gruden was the head coach in Tampa Bay when he hired McVay as a receivers coach.

During the past two seasons Payton and McVay have led their teams to the playoffs with one of the best offenses in football, thanks in part to elite quarterbacks — Drew Brees with New Orleans (14-3) and Jared Goff of Los Angeles (14-3).

Both coaches have acknowledged they watch each other's offensive film nearly every week — not just because of the possibility of playing against one another; they're looking for good ideas.

And then there are some connections on the roster and coaching staff. One of the Rams' top receivers, Brandin Cooks, was Payton's first-round draft choice in 2014. Los Angeles' running game coordinator is Aaron Kromer, a former running backs and offensive line coach under Payton, including on the 2009 Super Bowl-winning squad.

Players on both teams praise their coach's intangible feel for how a

game is developing.

Saints Pro Bowl left tackle Terron Armstead extolled Payton's "fearlessness" in his play calling and said the coach has "so much believe and confidence in us and the system that we can go out and make a play no matter the down and distance."

Goff mentioned how McVay sends in plays "with confidence and having a good feel for everything."

"There's certain moments in games where being a good play caller — you can't teach it — but there's certain moments where you have to go for that dagger or you have to pull back a little bit," Goff continued. "There's just different ebbs and flows in games. I think he's got a great feel for that."

The main thing that separates the two is age and experience. The 55-year-old Payton got his first head coaching job 13 years ago, is coaching in his third NFC title game and trying to win his second Super Bowl. In his second season as a head coach, McVay, 32, is preparing for his first NFC title game.

The same goes for their QBs: the record-setting Brees turned 40 on Tuesday and Goff is 24.

"He's been doing it at really high level for a lot longer than I have," McVay said of Payton. "He's an outstanding coach — clearly referenced by the way that his team is playing this year, how they've played over

the course of his career when he's been leading the Saints. So, I don't think we're in that category yet. We've got to do things for a lot longer to be able to be mentioned in that same breath."

Getting to a Super Bowl by winning Sunday would be a good start for McVay and the Rams, whose first loss this season came when they last visited the Superdome on Nov. 4 and fell 45-35.

Brees carved up the Rams' defense for 346 yards passing and four TDs in the teams' first meeting, but the Rams have reason to believe they can do better this time. Star cornerback Aqib Talib was injured and missed the game in November, but he is back in uniform.

LOST LEADER

New Orleans placed top defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins on injured reserve this week after he tore his Achilles last Sunday against Philadelphia. Not only was the 2016 first-round draft choice the anchor of a defensive front that helped the Saints rank No. 2 in the NFL in stopping the run, but he also ranked second on the club with eight sacks. Without his trademark mix of quick spin moves, powerful bull rushes, and ability to draw double-teams, the Saints will rely more on tackles David Onyemata and Tyeler Davison, along with rookie Taylor Stallworth and recently signed veteran Tyrann Walker.

WILLIAMS

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row at Melbourne Park, dating to the start of her 2017 run to the title (she sat out last year's tournament after having a baby) — but Williams has ceded a total of only nine games through three victories.

Unlike any of Serena's foes until now, Halep has won a major title, last year's French Open.

She's been to three other Grand Slam finals, including a year ago at the Australian Open.

Williams is bidding for an eighth trophy at the Australian Open and

record-tying 24th Grand Slam title in all.

Other women's fourth-rounders set up for Monday: Naomi Osaka, the woman who beat Serena in last year's chaotic U.S. Open final, against No. 13 Anastasija Sevastova; 2017 U.S. Open runner-up Madison Keys against No. 6 Elina Svitolina; and two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza against 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova, who beat No. 27 seed Camila Giorgi 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 on Saturday night.

Men's matchups Monday with a quarterfinal berth at stake will be: No. 1 Novak Djokovic against No. 15 Daniil Medvedev; No. 4 Alexander Zverev against

2016 Wimbledon finalist Milos Raonic; 2014 U.S. Open finalist Kei Nishikori against No. 23 Pablo Carreno-Busta; and No. 11 Borna Coric against No. 28 Lucas Pouille, who eliminated 19-year-old Australian wild-card entry Alexei Popyrin 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-7 (10), 4-6, 6-3.

Serena complimented Yastremaska in the locker room after their match.

"She said, like, 'You're young, you're very good and you will be a good player in the future.' It's nice to hear those words from a legend," said the 57th-ranked Yastremaska, who eliminated 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur in the first round and 23rd-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro in the second.



AP PHOTO

Serena Williams consoles Ukraine's Dayana Yastremaska after winning their third round match at the Australian Open in straight sets on Saturday.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

No. 1 Duke holds off No. 4 Virginia 72-70

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — RJ Barrett scored 30 points, Zion Williamson had 27 and No. 1 Duke beat No. 4 Virginia 72-70 on Saturday night to give the Cavaliers their first loss of the season.

The Blue Devils (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back from an overtime loss to Syracuse that could cost them their top ranking. They avoided their first two-game losing streak at home since 2016 and proved they can win without injured point guard Tre Jones.

DeAndre Hunter scored 18 points, and Ty Jerome and Kyle Guy had 14 apiece for the Cavaliers (16-1, 4-1), who entered as the nation's last unbeaten after No. 2 Michigan was upset at Wisconsin earlier in the day.

The fourth matchup of top-ranked teams in the sport's history — Virginia entered at No. 1 in the coaches' poll — was a tournament-caliber game throughout. There were 14 ties and 15 lead changes, and it was a one-possession game for a 1½-minute stretch of the second half.

After the Cavaliers missed 11 of 12 shots during a late nine-minute stretch, they pulled within 69-66 on Guy's 3-pointer with 23 seconds left. Barrett hit two free throws with 20.9 seconds to play, and Virginia let too much time elapse before Braxton Key was fouled with 8.9 seconds remaining and hit both shots to make it 71-68.

Cameron Reddish hit a free throw to make it a four-point game before Hunter hit a jumper before the buzzer for Virginia.

Wisconsin 64, No. 2 Michigan 54

Ethan Happ and the Wisconsin Badgers finally closed out a tight game. Against No. 2 Michigan, too.

Happ had 26 points and 10 rebounds as Wisconsin handed the Wolverines their first loss of the season, breaking away in the final minute for a 64-54 victory over Michigan (17-1, 6-1).

Fans rushed the floor after the Badgers (12-6, 4-3 Big Ten) finished off the upset.

The Wolverines closed within 57-54 on Isaiah Livers' 3-pointer with just under a minute to play. Michigan put on a full-court press that the Badgers broke, and Ignas Brazdeikis was whistled for a flagrant foul on Happ, who was across the court from the ball.

Happ, shooting 49 percent from the line coming in, hit the first shot as an incensed Michigan coach John Beilein argued with the officials, but missed the second. On the ensuing Wisconsin possession, Happ put back his own miss for a 60-54 lead, then hit a streaking Nate Reuvers following a Michigan turnover for a dunk that sealed it.

No. 3 Tennessee 71, Alabama 68

Grant Williams scored 21 points, and No. 3 Tennessee rallied past Alabama 71-68 on Saturday for its 12th straight win and a chance to climb atop the AP Top 25.

After No. 1 Duke lost to Syracuse on Monday and No. 2 Michigan fell at Wisconsin on Saturday, the Volunteers (16-1,



AP PHOTO

Wisconsin's Ethan Happ dunks over Michigan's Jon Teske during the second half in Madison, Wis. Happ had a game-high 26 points in unranked Wisconsin's 64-54 upset victory over No. 2 Michigan in a Big Ten showdown.

5-0 Southeastern Conference) could lead the poll Monday for the first time since 2008.

After winning its first four SEC games by an average of 25 points, Tennessee had a much tougher time with the Crimson Tide. John Petty matched a career high with 30 points, and Alabama (11-6, 2-3) erased a 15-point deficit to lead late in the second half. But Petty also had a critical turnover in the closing seconds.

Tennessee led 69-68 when Williams was called for an offensive foul after leaning into Alabama's Donta Hall with 11.3 seconds left. After a timeout, Alabama worked the ball to Petty, who traveled as he began his drive with 3.2 seconds left.

Lamonte' Turner made two free throws to extend Tennessee's lead to 71-68 with 2.5 seconds left.

Admiral Schofield had 12 points and 11 rebounds for Tennessee, and he made the basket that put the Vols ahead for good with 2:12 left. Jordan Bowden scored 12 points, and Jordan Bone added 10.

Hall had 16 points and 12 rebounds. Lewis added 12 points.

West Virginia 65, No. 7 Kansas 64

Jermaine Haley hurried up the court and hit a layup with 8.5 seconds left, completing a late rally that lifted West Virginia over No. 7 Kansas 65-64 on Saturday.

West Virginia (9-9, 1-5 Big 12) scored the final seven points to break a five-game losing streak.

Dedric Lawson and Marcus Garrett made layups 29 seconds apart to give the Jayhawks (15-3, 4-2) their largest lead at

64-58 with 2:34 left. But Kansas didn't score again.

Wes Harris responded with a 3-pointer for West Virginia and Derek Culver's layup cut the deficit to 64-63 with 1:26 remaining. Culver then grabbed a rebound, but threw the ball straight to Garrett with 54 seconds left.

No. 9 Virginia Tech 87, Wake Forest 71

Nickeil Alexander-Walker scored 24 points and No. 9 Virginia Tech used a 14-4 first-half run to pull away from Wake Forest in an 87-71 victory Saturday.

Ty Outlaw added 14 points and Ahmed Hill 12 for the Hokies (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

Brandon Childress scored 18 of his 28 points in the second half for Wake Forest (8-9, 1-4). Childress was 7 of 12 from the field and the rest of the team was 11 of 36.

No. 12 Kentucky 82, No. 14 Auburn 80

Tyler Herro made two free throws with 24 seconds left and Immanuel Quickley added another to help No. 12 Kentucky survive a big rally from No. 14 Auburn, 82-80 on Saturday.

The Wildcats (14-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) rebounded after losing a 17-point second-half lead to finish off a showdown between two of the league's top teams.

Auburn (13-4, 2-2) took an 80-79 lead on Jared Harper's contested 3-pointer over Ashton Hagans with 32 seconds left. Herro grabbed the lead back from the line, then Harper held onto the ball for

on for a 73-67 win over TCU.

Danni Williams added 15 points for the Longhorns (15-3, 5-1 Big 12), who bounced back from an 18-point loss at Kansas State. Charlie Collier had 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting and Destiny Littleton 11.

Jordan Moore led TCU (12-5, 2-4) with 20 points and Amy Okonkwo added 18.

what he hoped would be a game-winner.

The Tigers' 6-foot point guard drove and launched a shot that hit the backboard and bounced off the rim a couple of times but didn't go in.

Quickley grabbed the rebound and was fouled. He made the first of two free throws with 3 seconds left and Samir Doughty's desperation 3-point attempt missed at the buzzer.

Herro scored 15 in the second half and he and Keldon Johnson both scored 20 points for the Wildcats.

Travis Reid had 17 points and seven rebounds as the Tigers played without injured center Austin Wiley. PJ Washington scored 13.

Bryce Brown had 25 of his 28 points in the second half and was 6-of-7 shooting from 3-point range. Harper had 17 points and six assists.

No. 13 UNC 85, Miami 76

With 6½ minutes left and North Carolina clinging to a one-point lead, 6-foot-9 Cameron Johnson took aim from long range over 5-foot-7 Chris Lykes.

Johnson's back-to-back 3-pointers gave the No. 13-ranked Tar Heels the breathing room they needed, and they outlasted outmanned Miami 85-76 Saturday.

The Tar Heels (14-4, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) shot 55 percent, including 9 for 20 from beyond the arc. They made at least half their shots for first time in eight games.

The Hurricanes (9-8, 1-4) led in the second half for the 16th time in 17 games but faded at the finish, as has been a tendency. Williams finished with 16 points and seven assists. Coby White added 15 points and eight assists, and Maye had 14 points.

Lykes led Miami with 20 points and six assists.

No. 17 NC State 77, Notre Dame 73

C.J. Bryce scored 23 points and No. 17 North Carolina State withstood several second-half challenges from Notre Dame for a 77-73 victory Saturday.

Devon Daniels scored 15 points, including four free throws in the final minute, and Torin Dorn had 13 for the Wolfpack (15-3, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference). N.C. State rebounded from a four-point loss Tuesday at Wake Forest. D.J. Funderburk added 11 points.

TJ Gibbs hit three free throws and John Mooney dunked on the next possession to get Notre Dame (11-7, 1-4) within 75-73 with 17 seconds left. Daniels answered with two free throws, though, and Gibbs missed a 3 on the next possession with 7 seconds left.

Freshman Dane Goodwin tied his career high with 19 points — 17 in the second half — and Mooney got his ACC-leading 10th double-double with 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Fighting Irish.

No. 18 Mississippi 84, Arkansas 67

D.C. Davis played a grand total of 16 minutes last season, yet there he was on Saturday, leading a fast break opportunity in a key conference game.

The former walk-on spied Terence Davis streaking toward the rim and let a high pass fly. It was perfectly placed and Davis grabbed it in midair, slammed it home and the 18th-ranked Rebels were well on their way to an 84-67 victory over Arkansas at The Pavilion.

Breoin Tyree scored 22 points and Terence Davis added 18 in a game the Rebels never trailed. Ole Miss also got huge production from role players:

Purdue 70, No. 25 Indiana 55

Carsen Edwards scored 20 points and backcourt mate Nojel Eastern had his first double-double Saturday to send Purdue past No. 25 Indiana 70-55 for the Hoosiers' fourth straight loss.

Eastern finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds while locking down Indiana star freshman guard Romeo Langford in this state rivalry. Langford had just four points on 2-of-10 shooting and committed three turnovers. He missed all four of his free throws and was dogged with "overrated" chants most of the game.

Both teams are now 12-6 overall.

Florida 62, Georgia 52

KeVaughn Allen scored 13 points, Noah Locke added 10 points and the Gators rallied from a brief second-half deficit to beat Georgia 62-52 on Saturday.

After losing to South Carolina, No. 3 Tennessee and No. 24 Mississippi State by an average less than five points, Florida (10-7, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) closed out the game by holding Georgia without a field goal for over nine minutes at the end of the second half.

Rayshaun Hammonds, Georgia's leading scorer this season, was held without a point for the second time in the last five games. Second-leading scorer Nicolas Claxton had nine points and 12 rebounds.

Jordan Harris, taking Turtle Jackson's spot in the starting lineup, had 10 points and was the only Bulldog to finish in double figures. Georgia (9-8, 1-4), shot 5 for 14 beyond the arc.

The Bulldogs were outscored 28-10 in points off turnovers.

UCF 64, Tulsa 62

B.J. Taylor scored 15 points, including UCF's final five, and the Knights edged Tulsa 64-62 on Saturday despite going without a field goal for the final 6½ minutes.

UCF trailed by 15 early and 32-23 at halftime before taking a seven-point lead with 6:36 left after a 19-5 run.

Taylor missed his final free throw with 11.4 left and Sterling Taplin dribbled down court before trying an awkward bounce pass that went awry.

Collin Smith scored 13 points and Aubrey Dawkins and Tacko Fall 12 each for the Knights (14-3, 4-1 American Athletic), who beat the Golden Hurricane (12-7, 2-4) for the second time in their last seven meetings and won their ninth straight home game. Chad Brown grabbed 10 rebounds.

Daquan Jeffries scored 15 points and Taplin 14 for Tulsa.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Dangerfield, No. 2 UConn overwhelm Temple

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Crystal Dangerfield had a career-high 26 points with nine assists and no turnovers to help lead No. 2 UConn to an 88-67 victory over Temple.

Dangerfield broke out of a shooting slump by hitting 10 of 14, including 3 of 7 on 3-pointers. She entered having missed 21 of her last 28 shots.

Aliya Butts had 17 points to lead the Owls (4-13, 0-5), who lost their sixth straight.

No. 11 Texas 73, TCU 67

Joyner Holmes scored 17 points, Sug Sutton made four free throws in the final 10 seconds and No. 11 Texas held

on for a 73-67 win over TCU.

Danni Williams added 15 points for the Longhorns (15-3, 5-1 Big 12), who bounced back from an 18-point loss at Kansas State. Charlie Collier had 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting and Destiny Littleton 11.

Jordan Moore led TCU (12-5, 2-4) with 20 points and Amy Okonkwo added 18.

No. 13 Gonzaga 86, San Diego 61

Katie Campbell had 17 points and Laura Stockton had 10 assists, and Jenn Wirth added a double-double to lead No. 13 Gonzaga to an 86-61 win over San Diego.

Chandler Smith led the Bulldogs (17-2, 6-1 West Coast

Conference) with 18 points. Wirth had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

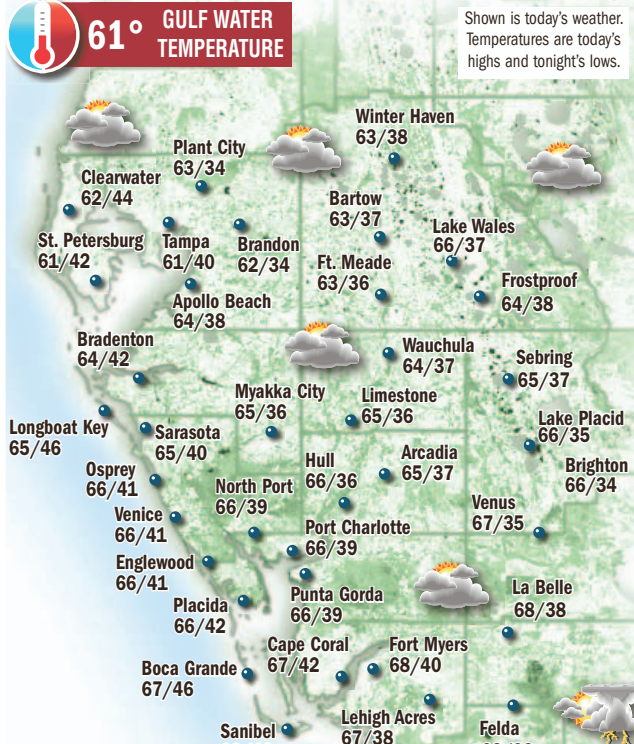
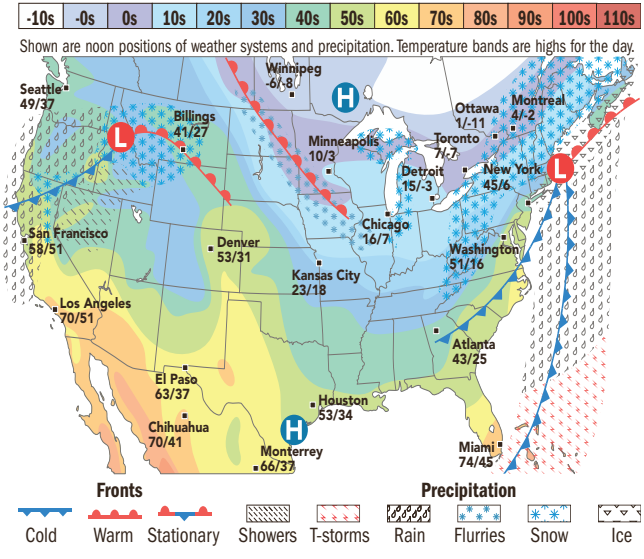
After San Diego (8-11, 1-7) scored the first four points of the game Gonzaga reeled off 18 straight, seven from Smith. The Toreros missed six straight shots, Gonzaga made 6 of 7.

Smith, Campbell and Jenn Wirth combined to go 19 of 28.

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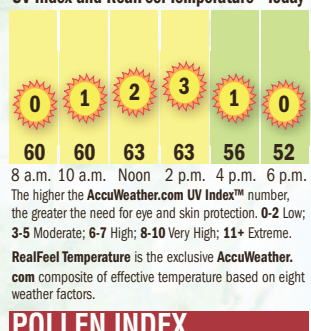
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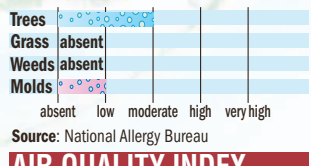
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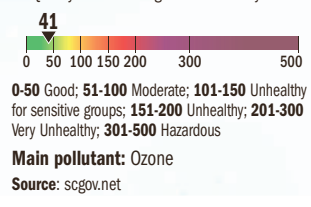
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rypien, Stick help West top East in Shrine Game

By MARK DITLER ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Brett Rypien displayed some of his pedigree in the East-West Shrine Game. Rypien and Easton Stick each threw a touchdown pass to help the West beat the East 21-17 on Saturday.

week," Rypien said. "I thought I came down here and did what I needed to do as far as what I wanted to show the scouts." Stick, from North Dakota State, completed 5 of 8 passes for 51 yards.

on a 22-yard scoring strike with LSU's Nick Brossette during the first drive of the game. "Thought I was pretty accurate with the ball for the most part," Rypien said.

the third. The East got to 21-14 during the final three minutes of the third when Blough threw 6- and 18-yard TD passes to Terry Godwin II of Georgia.

ALMOST GONE

One of the most exciting plays came on the final play in the first half when James Madison's Jimmy Moreland caught a 61-yard field-goal try by John Baron II of San Diego State in the back of the end zone and was tipped during his return near midfield.

Brody Oliver had two catches for 12 yards. He was targeted three times.

DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS

Oregon linebacker Justin Hollins had 10 tackles and two sacks for the West. "The only statement I could make is playing hard," Hollins said.

MINING FOR RECEPTIONS

Colorado School of Mines wide receiver

East wide receiver Terry Godwin II (right), of Georgia, stiff arms West cornerback Jordan Wyatt, of SMU, after a reception during the East West Shrine game Saturday, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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AP PHOTO East wide receiver Terry Godwin II (right), of Georgia, stiff arms West cornerback Jordan Wyatt, of SMU, after a reception during the East West Shrine game Saturday, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

SFSC Mechatronics program partners with CitraPac

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — South Florida State College is partnering with CitraPac to give students unique educational experiences and hands-on skills.

The mechatronics training at SFSC includes state-of-the-art instruction in its Advanced Manufacturing Center using industry-standard Siemens, Kuka, and Festo technology, which align well with the needs of CitraPac. Students earn college

credit certificates, industry-recognized certifications, and an Associate in Science degree in Engineering Technology (Advanced Manufacturing concentration).

Through the mechatronics program, students learn about robotics; AutoCAD and SOLIDWORKS; laser engraving; 3-D printing; electromechanical components and mechanisms; industrial safety; process control; programmable logic controllers (PLCs);

manufacturing processes and materials; and technical writing, among others.

“We have done some rapid prototyping with our 3-D printers to support enhancements to the CitraPac production line and hope to expand this into student projects,” said Erik Christensen, dean of applied sciences and technologies at SFSC. “Whenever students work on real world issues, they get more engaged and motivated as they see the ‘why’

behind what they are learning. We are excited to have CitraPac as an industry partner and look forward to working closely in the future.”

CitraPac is highly supportive of new local science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) educational programs and looks forward to sending some of its team members to participate in mechatronics classes next year. They also encourage local high



FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, CitraPac workers sort oranges before they head to the pasteurization process at the company's new facility at Sebring Regional Airport. South Florida State College is partnering with CitraPac to give students unique educational experiences and hands-on skills.

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GUEST COLUMN

Jason C. Biance CFP

Will your fiscal house stand strong?

Editor's note: This article is the final installment of a three-part series.

If you look at our country's early history, one could argue many of our successes came at the misfortune of the British Empire. The same could be said about the success of our most prominent stock exchange, the New York Stock Exchange.

In the 17th century the East India Company had a monopoly on trade and therefore, were well established. Many people purchased shares of stock in hopes of benefiting from the company's profits. This inspired many entrepreneurs to “set up shop” and sell shares of stock for their new ventures. Many of these businesses failed and people owning shares of stock lost money. This caused the government of England to have a knee-jerk reaction and ban the sale of any stock until 1825.

This created a huge opportunity for the NYSE, which “officially” formed in 1817. America was open for business. Countries around the world came to our shores to buy and sell stocks and bonds.

Businesses need capital to grow and the stock market was a place to raise capital. These enterprises could sell equity in their firms (shares of stock) or borrow money from investors through the sale of debt instruments (bonds). The NYSE soon became the center for global economic trade and it held that prominence for 150-plus years. Even though this global marketplace was burgeoning on a street named “Wall” in Manhattan, the vast majority of Americans had little knowledge it existed. This was mainly due to the fact that it didn't affect their everyday lives. It wasn't until the 1980's when the stock market became well known on Main Street.

Prior to 1981, most all retirement plans were “defined benefit plans,” commonly known as pensions. These plans were established by large companies such as General Electric and Sears Roebuck & Company. Investment decisions and the subsequent risk involved, rested solely on the shoulders of the company. However, that all began to change with the introduction of the 401(k) plan in 1981.

The 401(k) or defined contribution plan is owned and managed (directly or indirectly), by the individual investor. For the first time, the Average Joe had to make investment decisions regarding his retirement assets. There was pressure for the Average Joe to understand the stock market better due to the fact that the risk of loss was laid squarely on his shoulders, rather than the shoulders of his employer.

Those early adopters of 401(k) plans who took on investment risk were handsomely rewarded. The period from 1982 to 2000 was known as the Millennium Boom, the largest stock market boom ever. It is a modern example of that old Chinese proverb, “Pearls don't lie on the seashore. If you want one, you must dive for it.”

Due to the success many investors experienced within their retirement accounts, scores of Americans began investing non-retirement funds in the stock market as well. This coincided with the expansion of media outlets reporting business news. Readily accessible information about the stock market educated

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Chaotic Brexit



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In this file photo dated Tuesday, June 5, 2018, a plane takes off over a road sign near Heathrow Airport in London. British lawmakers are set to vote Monday June 25, 2018, on whether to expand Europe's biggest airport, Heathrow. Disruptions to air travel are possible if Britain leaves the European Union in March without a deal, the head of the leading association for airlines around the world warned Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019.

Airports, customs, trade — Europe preps

By ANGELA CHARLTON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — One by one, European Union nations are spending millions, hiring thousands of workers and issuing emergency decrees to cope with the increasingly likely possibility that Britain will leave the bloc on March 29 without a plan.

A no-deal Brexit could shake up the rest of the continent in ways that many Europeans haven't yet fathomed, from snarled air traffic to paralyzed ports and millions of workers in legal limbo.

France is spending 50 million euros (\$57 million) to beef up security at airports and the Eurotunnel, and hiring hundreds of extra customs officers.

Portugal is opening special airport lanes for British travelers, the nation's main source of tourists. The Netherlands is scouring for qualified veterinarians to carry out new checks on live imports. Germany is fast-tracking a debate on solving bureaucratic problems if there is no Brexit deal.

Governments from Europe's Atlantic Coast to the Black Sea are preparing rules for British citizens to live and work in their countries once they no longer enjoy EU residency rights — and hoping that Britain is doing the same for their citizens.

Britain, which would face by far the biggest disruption, has devoted thousands of civil servants and several billion pounds (dollars) on measures to mitigate the worst effect — although officials can only speculate about what will actually happen on March 30 if Brexit happens without a deal.

After the British parliament overwhelmingly rejected British Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit divorce deal this week, other governments are bracing for chaos, too.

“We strongly believe” Britain will leave with no exit deal, French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced Thursday, unveiling a raft of emergency measures to cope with that prospect. “Under these conditions,



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In this photo taken on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, David Wright, left, and Dan During, right, pack bars of soap at the Clarity-The Soap Co. premises in London. Amid the rancor and political bickering that this week sent Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal down to the biggest defeat in history, people across the U.K. are worried about what the impasse in Parliament means for them and their families. Nowhere more than at Clarity-The Soap Co. which employs visually impaired adults who understand that jobs can be precious — and hard to come by.

our responsibility ... is to ensure that our country is ready, that the interests of our citizens are preserved and defended.”

The French government will build new infrastructure and hire new staff at airports and ports — and the tunnel beneath the English Channel. The company that operates the Eurotunnel says a quarter of all U.K.-EU trade passes through the tunnel, which could be a major chokepoint in a no-deal Brexit.

France's emergency decrees will temporarily let British companies transport goods in France, and allow certain British insurance and other financial activities to continue in France despite Britain's loss of access to the EU financial market. The exceptional transfer of military equipment between the two countries will also be allowed.

In Berlin, German lawmakers debated a bill Thursday that aims to solve bureaucratic issues arising from Brexit.

“We want to keep the damage — and there will certainly be damage

from Britain's departure — as small as possible,” German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Wednesday. “That's why we will of course do everything to find an orderly solution, but we are also prepared if there is no orderly solution.”

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa said Thursday that 80 percent of British tourists arrive at airports in Faro, the Algarve and Funchal in the Madeira Islands, where dedicated lines for them will help prevent delays.

Dutch authorities say they are hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. The customs service is hiring some 900 new staff. The food and animal welfare authority is scouring southern and eastern Europe for qualified vets to carry out checks on live imports.

The government has set up an online Brexit counter and checklist for Dutch companies doing business with Britain — some 35,000 of which have no experience of dealing with countries outside the EU single market.

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the general public and increased investor confidence. People fear what they don't know. The more people learned about the stock market, the less they feared it. Experiencing a solid return on investment helped to fuel that fire as well.

According to the Stern Business School at New York University, from 1928 to 2013, the S&P 500 had an average annual return of 9.55 percent. Over the long term, a well diversified portfolio of stocks such as the S&P 500 typically outperforms

other investment vehicles such as Treasury Bills, Bonds and Certificates of Deposit.

The key words in that previous sentence are "over the long-term." Having a long investment time horizon is essential to realize a return similar to the S&P 500. It begs the question, "what if I don't have a long time horizon?" This is a question that troubles many retirees.

If someone is taking income from their investments or will be taking income soon, it is essential to understand the risk within their portfolio. Many retirees are worried they do not have enough time

to recoup losses. Their concern is well-founded. The incessant pursuit of return is the downfall of many investors. Managing risk is the paramount objective when referring to the stock market. Warren Buffett's most influential mentor Benjamin Graham said it best, "successful investing is about managing risk, not avoiding it."

Looking back at the history covered in this three-part series, it is easy to see that the stock market has become extremely complex over the years. It can be daunting. It behooves the average investor to remember the stock market is merely a tool. A tool that can

help you build a strong "fiscal house" fortified to withstand a "storm."

That being said, if this tool is not used wisely than your fiscal house may not fair well during the next history-making event on Wall Street. As we have learned over the years, storms will come. The question is, will my fiscal house stand strong? The wise investor understands the risks they are taking and makes certain they understand how to utilize such a tool as the stock market.

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school students to explore SFSC's valuable training environment, as many of these skill sets are much needed in the growing field of manufacturing.

"The new mechatronics programs at SFSC offer tremendous in-depth training opportunities to students, and will no doubt open doors for those students to become highly valued 'solutions providers' and 'problem solvers' for local manufacturers," said Gregg Harshman, CEO of CitraPac Inc. "After touring the new labs, I am truly impressed by the level of technical and analytical systems that have been built to train our future systems experts."

"From electrical

to PLCs, Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) to safety and lean manufacturing, they have created a complete learning environment," he said. "CitraPac commends the vision of the SFSC leadership team."

With leaders in manufacturing, like Amazon, Walmart, and Zappos, expanding their warehouses and product lines, the field of advanced manufacturing is rapidly growing and workers are in high demand. SFSC prepares students to successfully step right into a high-paying career with any one of these companies and many others right in our backyard.

For more information about the mechatronics program at SFSC, call 863-453-6661, email recruiter@southflorida.edu, or visit southflorida.edu.

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Romanian leaders have sought to reassure the estimated half a million Romanians living in Britain that they won't be left in the lurch — but haven't provided specifics. Romania currently holds the EU's rotating presidency.

The Czech Republic and Slovakia are working on legislation to deal with the short-term rights of British citizens in a no-deal Brexit, while the Dutch will let British citizens living in the country remain for 15 months and offer them the chance to apply for residency permits.

In Britain, the government announced Thursday it's putting military reservists on standby for permanent service in the event the country leaves without a divorce deal. It's also recruiting hundreds of extra customs officers and border staff and has passed laws to help cross-border trade continue to flow, such as permits for long-distance truckers. Many

businesses are taking things into their own hands, and stockpiling goods.

Britain says EU citizens will be able to stay temporarily despite a no-deal Brexit.

A high-level EU official is now touring all the capitals of the 27 countries remaining in the bloc, to assess Brexit preparations and

provide help where needed, EU Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said Thursday.

The EU has produced 88 notices how specific sectors should deal with possible Brexit emergencies.

"We're not taking any chances," said Schinas. Jill Lawless in London, Barry Hatton in Lisbon,

Frank Jordans in Berlin, Raf Casert in Brussels, Mike Corder in The Hague, Alison Mutler in Romania and Karel Janicek in Prague contributed.

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Lovely 3/2 home at 904 Catfish Creek Rd. Screen porch, w/outside deck & jacuzzi; reverse osmosis & rights to boat ramp & Lake June. \$179k 863-699-6772 Call for Appointment

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 1090

2007 furn dblewide in gated 55+ park. Clubhouse w/heated pool, pet friendly, 3/2, Jacuzzi, walk in closet, lanai w/tinted windows & central AC, utility rm w/workshop area, irrigation & well, carport with 4/car parking. \$309/mo lot rent, asking \$55k.
207-576-9444

MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE 1090

Dblwide Hammock Estates 2/2 All Remodeled & Fully Furn! Includes lot! \$69,500. 260-402-1287

Classified = Sales

Selling Mobile Homes- \$500 in 55+park on Dinner Lake; RV Spaces for rent also. **863-273-2874**

WANTED TO BUY 1120

Lake Placid CASH for Your Home! Rapid Closing; Any Condition. Must have sufficient equity. Ken **863-441-2689**

CASH For Your Home ALL AREAS 863-414-3069 M Cheeley PA

HOMES FOR RENT 1210

Sebring-2/1.5/1cg & carport. Very Clean: NO SMOKING, NO PETS. Credit & background check. \$775/mo + 1st & dep **863-441-2297**

Apartments & Houses for Rent in Highlands County Starting at \$450 Pet Friendly! Call Mike 863-243-9191 www.Mylakeplacid.com

DUPLEXES FOR RENT 1300

Sebring Luxury Duplex Totally remodeled 3/2, new appliances, SS fridge w/ice & water disp on door, dishwasher, stove & microwave; inside pantry & laundry rm, nicely landscaped, sm. pets ok. \$975/mo includes lawn-care + \$975 sec dep. 31286 Fernway St. **863-446-7274**

Sebring-Sun n Lakes 2/2/1 low electric rate, lawn care incl. \$880/mo. Pics at MJAHoldings.com. **863-446-0461**

APARTMENTS FOR RENT 1320

1bd apt AVAIL FEB 1-incl water, sewer & garbage. No dogs. \$450/mo + 1st, last & sec. **800-743-2301**

Castle Hill of Avon Park Accepting Applications **1 & 2 BR Apts**

62 years of age or older Handicap/Disabled Regardless of Age

★ We have some rental assistant available, but you must act fast! ★

1025 S. Castle Hill Drive Avon Park, FL 33825 **863-452-6565 TDD 711**

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Avon Park-2/1 w/carport, back porch & W/D hookup. \$585 plus 1st & sec. 561-719-2520

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT 1320

Citrus Terrace Apartments 1219 Citrus Terrace Dr., Sebring FL, 33870.

863-382-4664 TDD 1-800-955-8771

Now accepting applications. HVAC, small waiting list, must pass background check.

- 1 BR starting at \$472/mo
- 2 BR starting at \$567/mo
- 3 BR starting at \$602/mo

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Sebring Lake Front Condos & Houses New kitchens; 1br starting at \$575; 2 br starting at \$700; 3bd/2ba Remodeled house w/lrg back yard, \$875/mo. 1yr lease, NO PETS. **863-382-2221**

Sebring- New Completely Remodeled lrg 1bd & 2 bd; new kit cabinets, appliances, ceramic tile. Starting at \$550/mo w/1yr lease **863-588-0303**

Studio Apt \$500
Avon Park/Sebring **863-414-3069 M Cheeley PA**

UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS 1324

Avon Park- 2/1 Great Location! HUGE Porch & Shed tool W/D hookup. \$575/mo + deposit 941-722-1533

VACATION/ SEASONAL RENTALS 1390

Lakefront- 1 bedroom \$1700 month 3 month minimum 863-382-2221

Find it in the Classifieds!

COMMERCIAL RENTAL 1392

Liberty Star Plaza
Sebring *Liberty Star Plaza* 3000-18,000 sqft; Built out. US 27 Near SR 66. **Great Medical, School, Real Estate space! 863-471-0663**

Sebring Medical/Professional Office Space- 3315-3345 Medical Hill Rd., near Highlands Regional Medical Center. **954-868-9091**

LOTS & ACREAGE 1500

SE of Gainesville- 8 ac lakefront, high & dry, on 854 ac George's Lake. \$215k. **239-693-7270**

Lake Okeechobee Lot on Canal w/seawall & dock! 110x78, Zoned for permanent structure, No RV's. Existing slab, electric & water. 2827 SE 37th Ave., Okeechobee. **DRASTICALLY REDUCED! Only \$22k. 269-506-6510 or 269-476-2188**

Call to Place Your Ad TODAY 863-385-6155

CLASSIFIEDS

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 1 week: \$35
 2 weeks: \$49
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LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID 14

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")
 The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, Florida will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

ITB NO. 19-020 Sale of Surplus County Owned Properties
 Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcacc.net, or by contacting: Jamee Soto, Purchasing Agent; 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3809, Phone: 863-402-6526; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E Mail: ja-soto@hcacc.org.

A PRE-BID meeting will not be held for this solicitation. Each submittal shall include one (1) original and (1) exact copy of the BID submission packet. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870-3809 so as to reach said office no later than **3:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 12, 2019**, at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy ("Local Preference Policy") and Women/Minority Business Enterprise Preference Policy (W/MBE) will NOT apply to the award of this ITB. The Board, does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Mrs. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progers@hcacc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
 Jan. 13, 2019

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 18000308GCAXMX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERTA JONES (DECEASED); DORTHA BARRERA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 23, 2018, and entered in Case No. 18000308GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERTA JONES (DECEASED); DORTHA BARRERA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on January 31, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 10, BLOCK A, STEWART'S ADDITION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 3, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property Address: 1030 EO DOUGLAS AVENUE 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 this 24th day of October, 2018.

Robert Germaine
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Chrystal K. Williams
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

January 13, 2019

HELP WANTED 2001



Genpak LLC, a leading manufacturer of disposable food-service packaging, is seeking to fill the following positions in our Sebring plant.

- ★ Packers
- ★ Quality Inspectors
- ★ Forklift Drivers/CDL
- ★ Electrician
- ★ Maintenance Mechanic
- ★ Parts Administrative Asst.

NOW Open Interviews
 Thursdays: 1-3:30pm

We offer a highly competitive compensation package, insurance & retirement benefits.
Apply in Person at 116 Shicane Dr., Sebring, FL 33870 & bring your resume. GenPak is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CPA Tax Accountant
 For immediate hire. Wanted CPA or CPA candidate. Req'd 5 yr exp in income tax and QuickBooks, BA in acctg. If not CPA, must be eligible for cert. DFWP. Send res. & ref. to info@cromancpa.com or Fax 863-314-9906.



Dispatch Person Needed:
 Full-time: 7a-4:30p + hour lunch. **Must:** pass background chk; provide references; have exp. in data base, general office programming; customer care & scheduling customer service. **Bilingual Helpful.** **Benefits:** paid vaca, holidays, 401k. Call Margie at **863-385-2665** or email margie@advancedairsebring.com

DRIVER/TECH NEEDED MUST HAVE CDL, HAZMAT, EXP. WITH PROPANE; Qualifier Licensor willingness to obtain. **Competitive wages, great benefits & paid vacations.** Call: 863-453-3959 or 270-564-1011; Fax resume to: 863-453-6559; email: dskiles@upgas.com \$2,000 SIGN ON BONUS!!

Experienced Lawn Care Worker Wanted
 Call Tony: 863-446-0449

Full-time pest control technician and/or lawn technician for local pest control company. Must be 18 yrs old & have a good driving record. **Benefits available.** Fax resume to 863-465-1513 or deliver in person to 309 South Main Avenue, Lake Placid.



Experienced Heavy Equipment Operators Wanted - Pay Based on Experience
 Call Ray: 352-585-2279

FT Housekeeper-For Condo Complex. Sat. +2 week days; 8a-4p; Apply at: 124 Lake Drive Blvd., Sebring, DFWP

★ **IT SPECIALIST** ★
Hardee Co. BOCC ITS Dept.
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HELP WANTED 2001



MAINTENANCE MANAGER SEBRING, FL

Local Manufacturer seeking a Maintenance Manager in our Sebring, FL plant. This is a key position that requires the right person who has 7-10 years experience desired in supervision of maintenance personnel. A chance to join an industry leader for the right individual.

We offer a competitive salary and excellent benefits package!

Apply in Person at 116 Shicane Dr., Sebring, FL 33870 & bring your resume with salary history. *GenPak is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Maintenance Manager
 ★Electrical, Plumbing & AC experience needed;
 ★ Clean, valid FL Driver's Lic required.
 Call **863-243-9046** or email manager@mypeaceland.com

Need a new Job? Look in the Classifieds!



GENPAK LLC, a leading manufacturer in the plastic food-service packaging industry in Sebring, FL area has an opening for an **INDUSTRIAL MECHANIC** in our Sebring, FL facility. **Must have a strong industrial/electrical/electronic background.** Troubleshooting and repair of mechanical, pneumatic & hydraulic production machinery. **Some job duties include:**
 ★ Install, maintain, inspect, troubleshoot, repair and perform preventative maintenance on all plant instrumentation, control systems, AC & DC drives and electrical equipment.
 ★ Responsible for prompt and accurate diagnosis of minor problems and the implementation of corrective action.
 ★ Set up and operate limited types of shop tools and specialized test, measuring equipment and hand tools utilized in any phase of machine installation or maintenance.
 ★ Conduct evaluation tests on valves, motors, instruments, etc.
 ★ Must be proficient in troubleshooting AC & DC controls.
 ★ Research specifications for materials, testing and repair of instrumentation and electrical equipment.
 ★ Welding and fabrication a plus.
 Applicants must maintain a full complement of tools to perform normal duties. **Benefit package includes,** but is not limited to, health, dental, vision, life, AFLAC, 401k. Shift differential for night shift. Overtime mandatory as business demands.

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HARDEE CO. BOCC PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

- ★ **Solid Waste/Heavy Equipment Operator** (FL A CDL Air Brake & Tanker endorsements) \$13.86-\$19.11/hr. + ben. pkg.
- ★ **Equipment Operator/Spotter** (FL A CDL Air Brake & Tanker endorsements) \$12.01-\$16.55/hr. + ben. pkg.
- ★ **Equipment Operator** (FL DL - preferred B CDL) \$11.41-\$15.73/hr. + ben. pkg.
- ★ **Bridge Worker I** (FL B CDL) \$11.41-\$15.73/hr. + ben. pkg.

Positions include 100% paid Health Insurance for Employee Coverage.
Job descriptions at www.hardeecounty.net w/application. Submit: HR, 205 Hanchey Rd., Wauchula, FL 33873. (863) 773-2161. Positions open until filled.

HELP WANTED 2001



Local manufacturer in the Sebring, FL area has an opening for a Safety Coordinator.

This position reports to the Regional EHS Manager.

Requirements are as follows:

- 2-3 years experience related to safety programs in a manufacturing environment;
 - Knowledge of OSHA/ANSI standards;
 - **Must have experience in the following safety programs:**
- ★ Hazardous Communications
 - ★ Exposure Control (Bloodborne Pathogens, Hep B)
 - ★ Personal Protective Equipment
 - ★ Hearing Conservation
 - ★ Respiratory Protection
 - ★ Lock Out/Tag Out
 - ★ Confined Space Entry
 - ★ Fire Prevention/Emergency Action Plan
 - ★ Powered Industrial Vehicles
 - ★ Fall Protection
 - ★ Machine Guarding
 - ★ Ergonomics

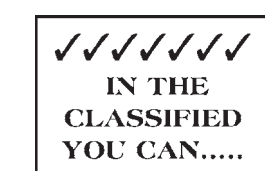
Essential Duties are as follows, but are not limited to:

- ★ Conduct weekly safety and health walk through with follow-up actions;
- ★ Provide monthly OSHA/Safety training for all employees;
- ★ Accident/Incident/Near Miss investigations and Illness Exposure monitoring;
- ★ Investigations into employee inquiries, suggestions and complaints related to safety;
- ★ Assist Corporate EHS Manager with environmental compliance programs and reports related to hazardous waste, air permitting, water pollution control, etc.;
- ★ Monthly Safety Committee meetings;
- ★ Monthly reporting to Corporate.

Successful candidate will possess good communication and organizational skills. Must be proficient in Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

We offer a comprehensive salary & benefits package.

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DAVIS CITRUS MANAGEMENT

is seeking a reliable and dependable full time employee. **Tractor/hand labor, general grove work maintenance** help needed. MUST have a VALID driver's license and reliable transportation to work. Pay is based on experience. Please fill out application and you MUST list work references. If you have applied before, no need to re-apply. We have your application on file. For further details, text or call 863-443-1365 (cell). You may also contact the office at 863-453-7777.

PROFESSIONAL 2010

CPA FIRM in Sebring needs Accountant exp. in bookkeeping & personal & corporation tax return prep. Flex hrs. Call **305-323-2521** or email: ganttcpateam@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL 2010



Relational Marketing Specialist For Venice, FL

Sun Events Entertainment is a rapidly growing concerts promotions business bringing regional and national talent to venues in Florida and on national tours. We are looking for a person with proven marketing skills to help develop our street team and execute our social media strategy. This non-anxious, goal-driven person will help us grow Sun Events while also learning the entertainment business from a supportive group of professionals. This position has entry level pay with room to grow.

Contact:
rfrank@sunevents.com

CLERICAL/OFFICE 2020

Front Desk/Receptionist
 Needed Part-Time for busy medical practice in Sebring. **Please email resume to acarr801@hotmail.com**

MEDICAL 2030

Now hiring a Certified Dental Assistant-Please bring your resume to Heartland Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery @ 5601 US Hwy 27 N., Sebring. **Must be reliable.**

Orthopedic Surgeons needed (f/t) by Florida Joint & Spine Institute, P.A. to work in Sebring, FL. Frequent evening & weekend call. Must have MD deg or foreign deg equiv; completed Orthopedic Surgery residency; completed Spine Surgery fellowship; full & unrestricted FL medical license. If interested, send resume to Gladys Echevarria, Attention Job# 1238, 6325 US Hwy 27 N., Ste 201, Sebring, FL 33870

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 17000170GCAXMX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD J. FENDLER, DECEASED; VANESSA SILVEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 17, 2018, and entered in Case No. 17000170GCAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVEISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RONALD J. FENDLER, DECEASED; VANESSA SILVEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on January 31, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK D, LOTELA TERRACE SECOND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 44, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Property Address: 808 PATE STREET AVON PARK, FL 33825

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2018.

Robert Germaine
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: /s/ Chrystal K. Williams
 As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs assistance in order to participate in a program or service of the State Courts System, you should contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 (voice), (863)534-7777 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (Florida Relay Service), as much in advance of your court appearance or visit to the courthouse as possible. Please be prepared to explain your functional limitations and suggest an auxiliary aid or service that you believe will enable you to effectively participate in the court program or service.

January 13, 2019

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CLASSIFIED WORKS!

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED 2001



ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SPECIALIST

Lykes Bros. Inc. is in need of a self-motivated and experienced Accounts Receivable Specialist. The successful candidate will perform clerical duties that ensure efficient, timely, and accurate payment of accounts, invoicing, journal entry creation, account reconciliation and other various responsibilities as needed.

Education/Experience Requirements:
 Highschool Diploma with some college preferable. 2 years' experience in AR/AP. Microsoft GP.

★ **Please apply online at www.lykesranch.com** under the career tab.

*Drug-Smoke Free Workplace/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

Seeking Full Time Administrative Assistant
 For an active 55+ Manufactured home community sales office. Must be organized, multitasker and have computer skills of Word and Excel. Please call to set up your appointment today.
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Direct Care Staff needed
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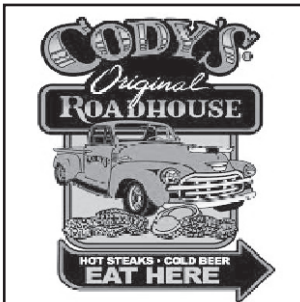
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Apply in person daily 2-4pm at 521 US Hwy 27 N.
Or email your resume to: sebringcodys@gmail.com

Downtown Deli accepting applications for **Sandwich Makers**. Wage based on exp. Apply in person Wed-Sat 9-11a or 2-4p. Call 471-3532 for directions only. 231 S. Ridgewood Dr., Sebring

SKILLED TRADES 2050

Auto Body Tech or Combo Tech needed~ Must be experienced. For appointment call **863-382-7551**

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT 2120

Experienced Home Health Aide Seeks Job Caring for Elderly. Call **786-267-3032**

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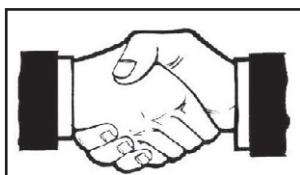
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NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3010



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Let customers Find You by advertising your business on the Business & Services Page!

Mention this ad and Call Today!! **863-658-0307**



THINGS TO DO 3030

Sebring Hills Bingo
Thurs Nights: Doors open 4p; games from 6-9p in clubhouse, 200 Lark Ave. **863-382-1554**

Find it in the Classifieds!

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MERCHANDISE



HIGHLANDS HOT DEALS!

Do you have stuff to sell at \$500 or less? Advertise your merchandise now in the Classified Section!

\$3 for 3 Lines
\$4 for 4 Lines
\$5 for 5 Lines

Call **863-385-6155** or **863-658-0307**



GARAGE SALES 6014

Lorida Church of the Brethren Annual Sale! 8a-2p Fri Jan. 25 & 8a-noon Sat Jan 26 at 332 Palms Estate Rd. Riding mower, lrg carpet, kit cabinets, designer clothes & more, plus a Bake Sale!

Get **BIGGER RESULTS** with a **Highlands News-Sun Garage Sale Ad- ONLY \$22 for 4 lines.....!**
Call **863-385-6155** in Highlands County

Lake Placid Estate Sale-8-3 Sat & 10-2 Sun at 121 Tangerine Rd. Antiques, furn, tools, Chevy tires w/rims & lots more
Lake Placid Annual Sale- Sat Jan 26, 7-noon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 25 Lakeview St., Trinity Lutheran Ladies Guild.

MOVING SALES 6029

★ Moving Sale ★
See items on Craigslist
Call **863-655-4709**

HOUSEHOLD GOODS 6030

Dinnerware Set, 48 pc. Taiher fine china, springtime pattern, service for 8 plus extra pieces, small chip on platter, \$75 obo **863-273-7625**

FURNITURE 6035

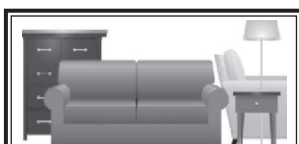
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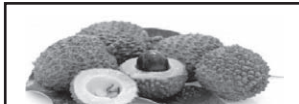


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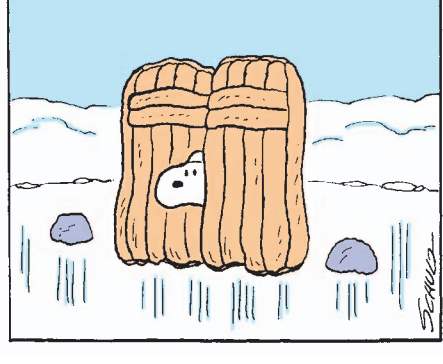
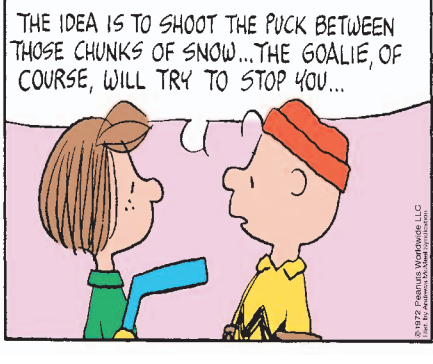
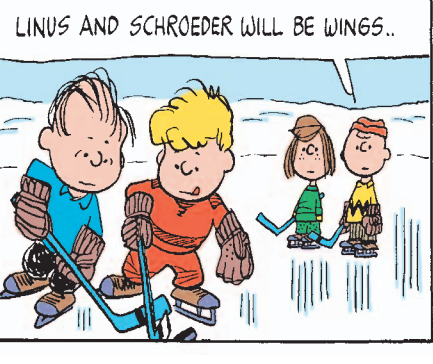
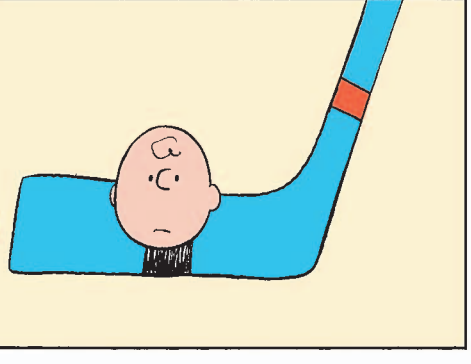

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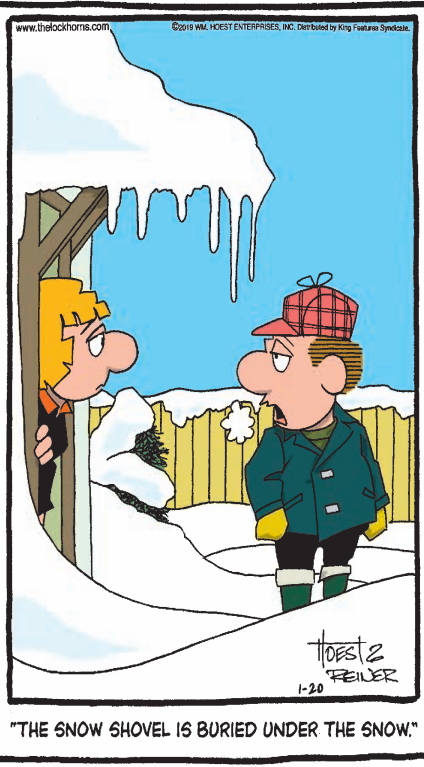
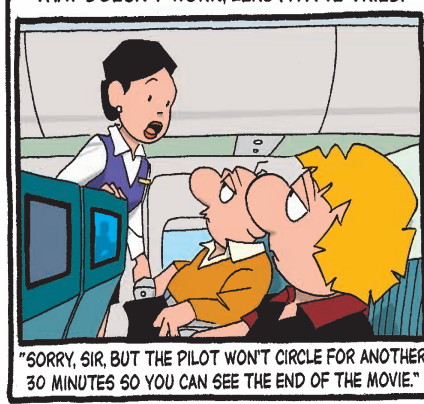
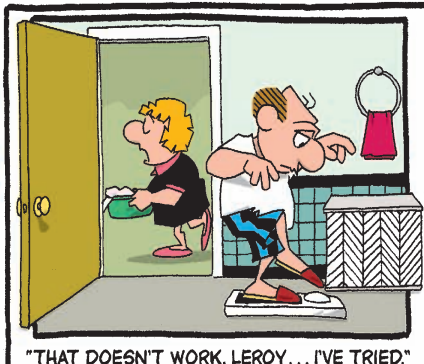
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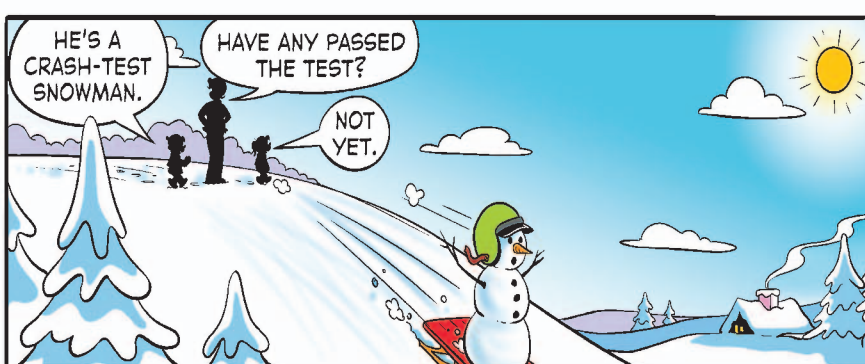
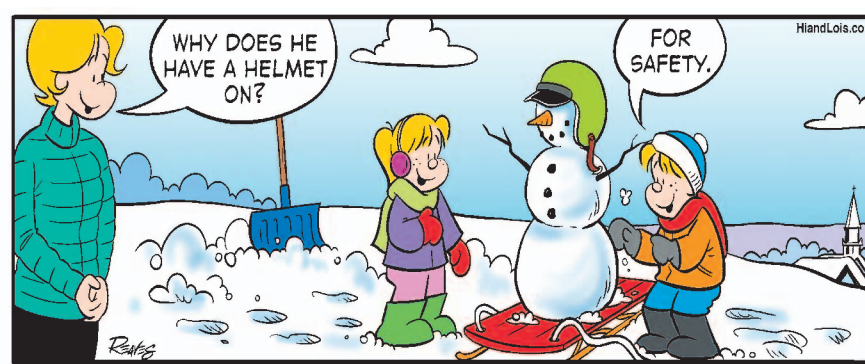
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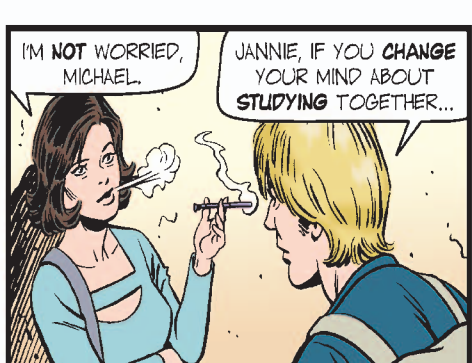
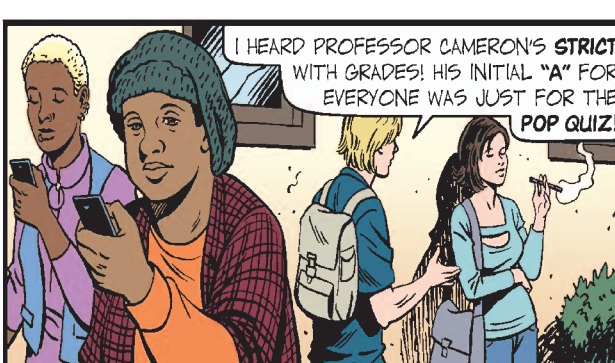
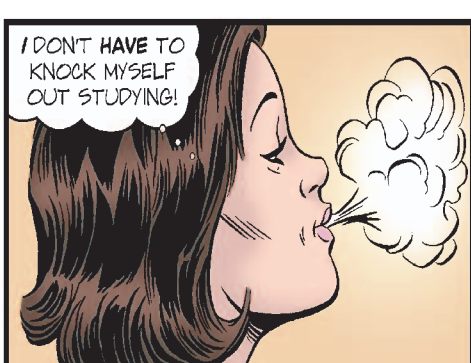
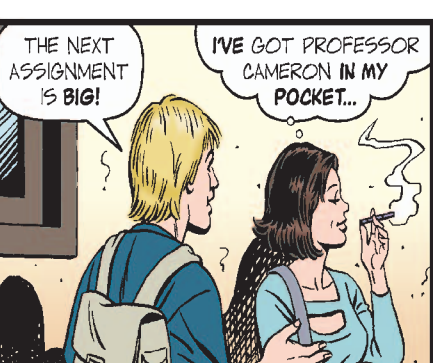


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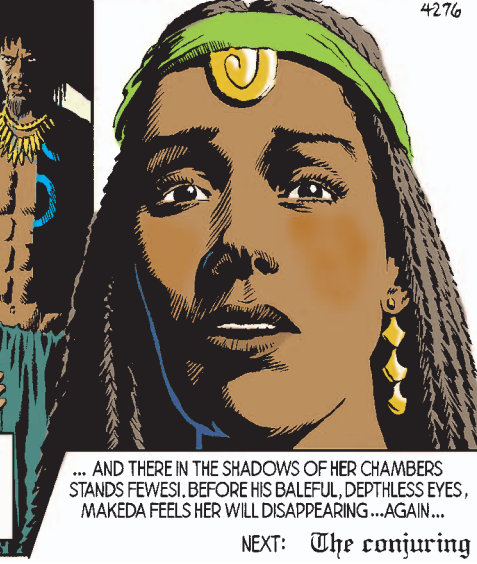
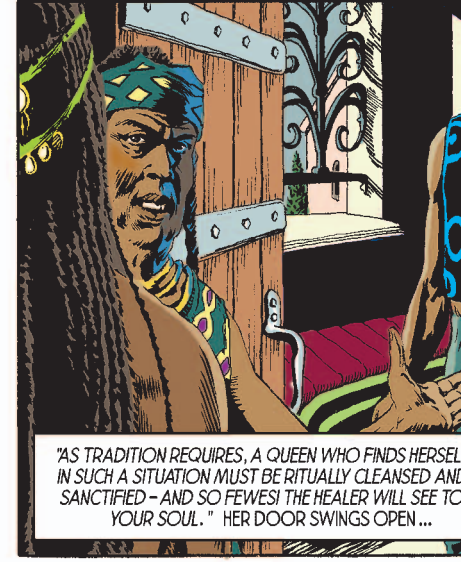
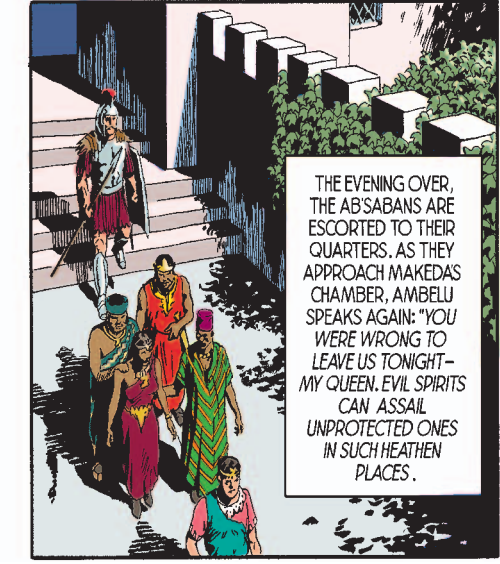
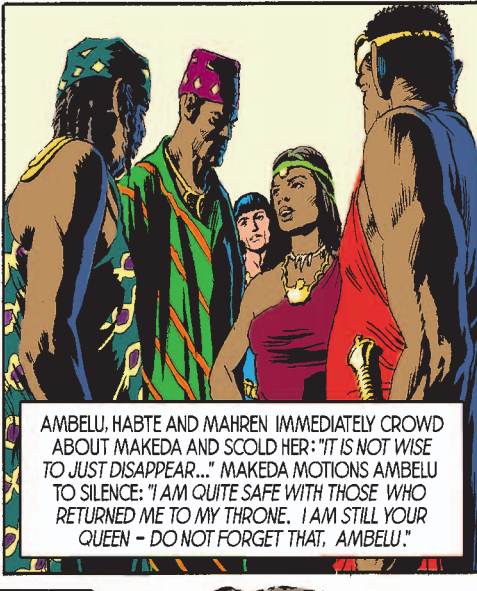
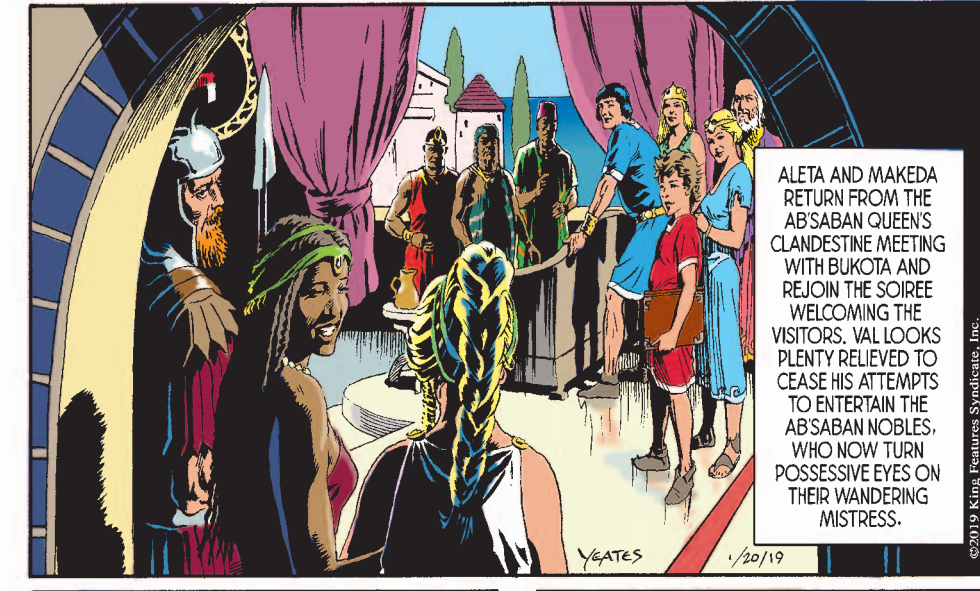
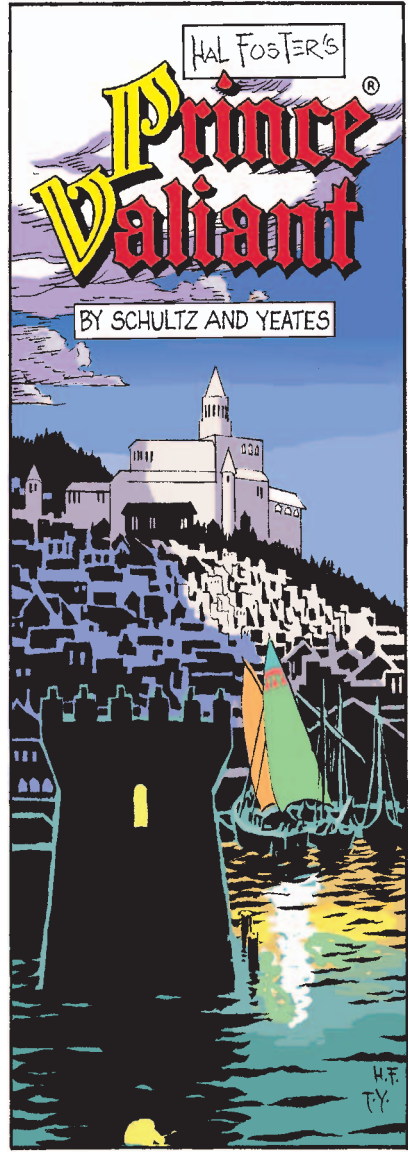
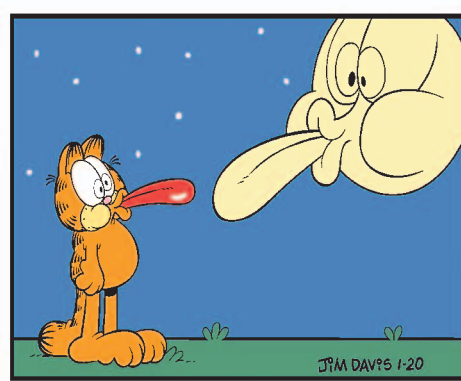
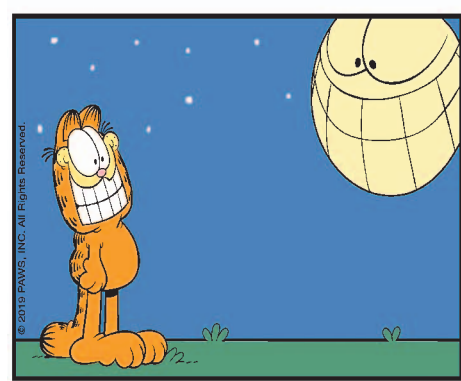
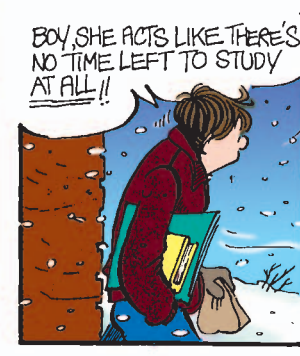
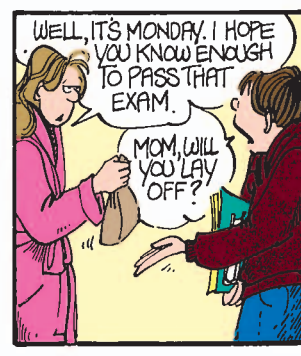
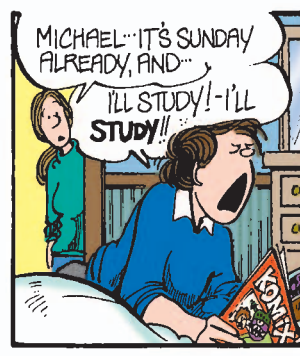
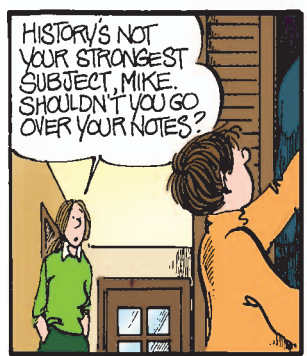
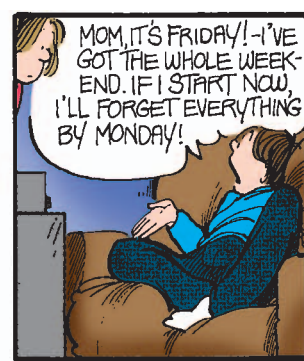
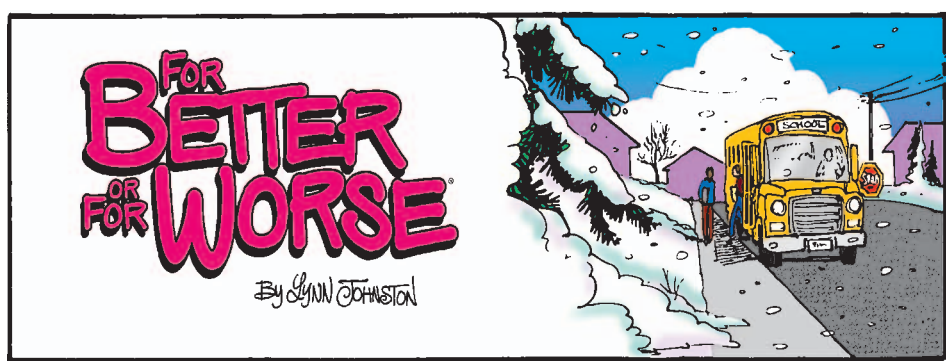
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THAT'S A RELIEF! I'M SORRY ABOUT SOUNDING LIKE A SCROOGE!
KISS

DON'T BE SILLY! YOU'RE RIGHT! WE NEED TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS

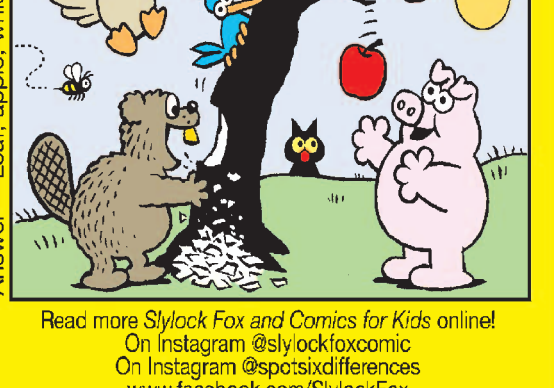
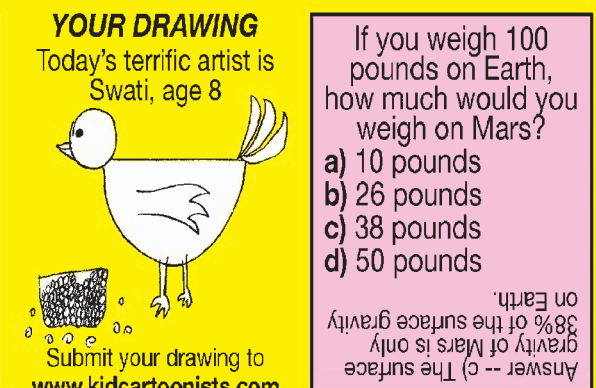
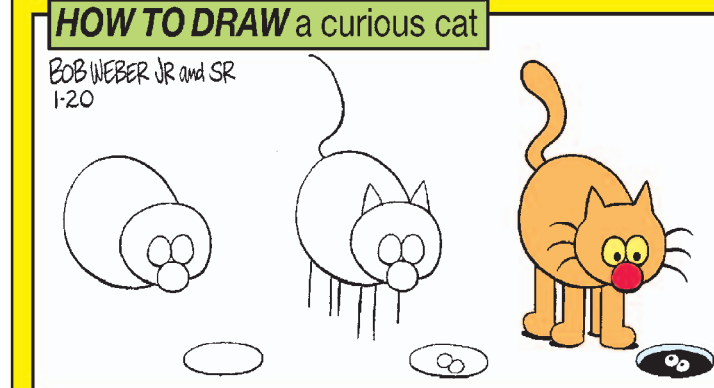
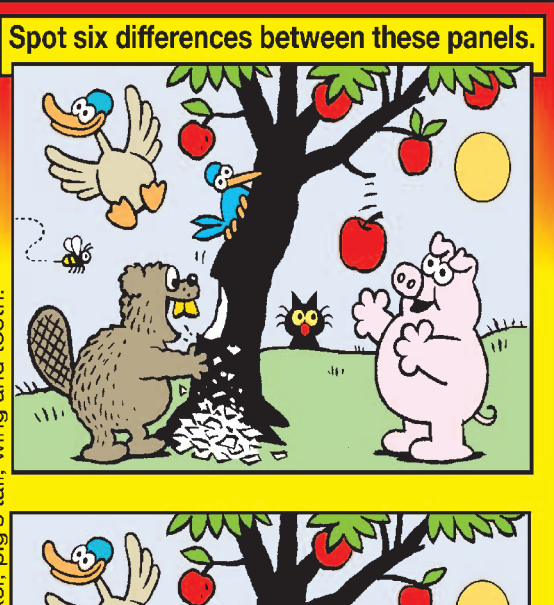
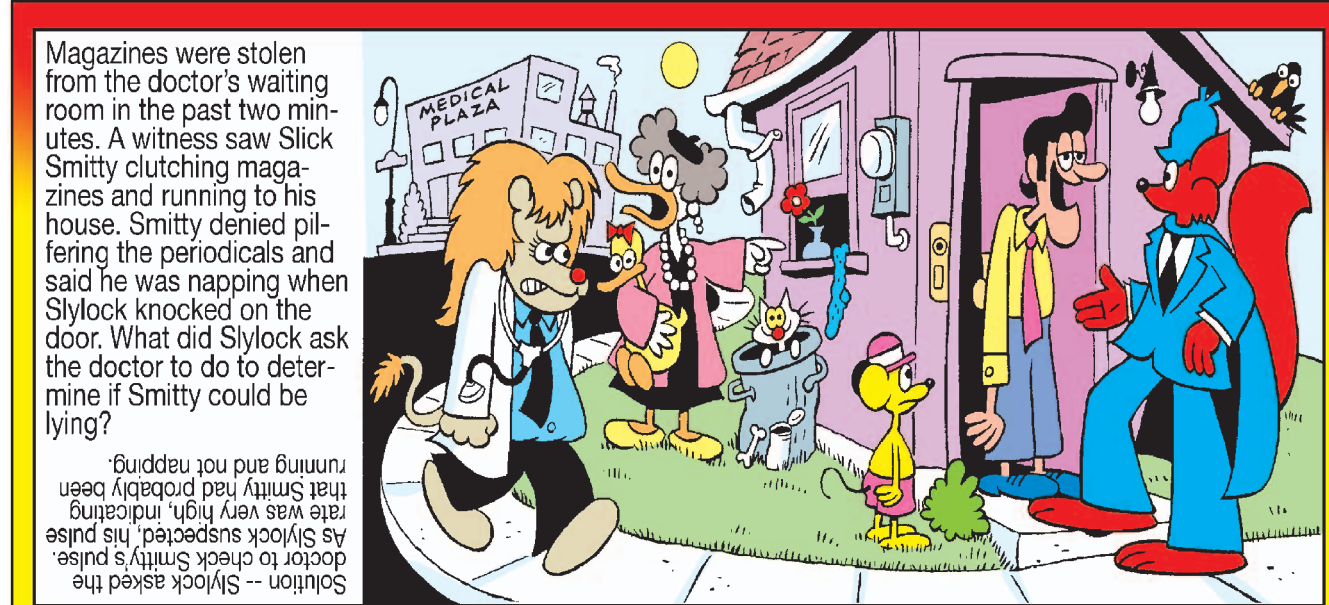
SO I GUESS THAT NEW SURROUND SOUND SYSTEM I WANTED IS OUT, TOO!
THAT'S A REALLY GOOD GUESS

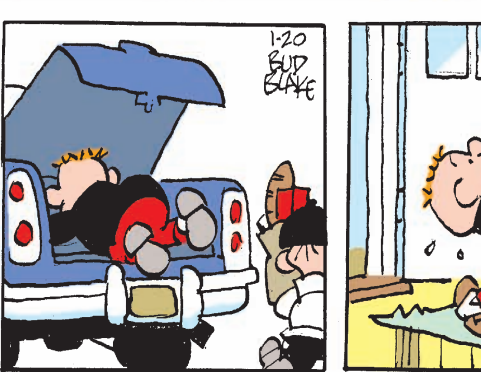
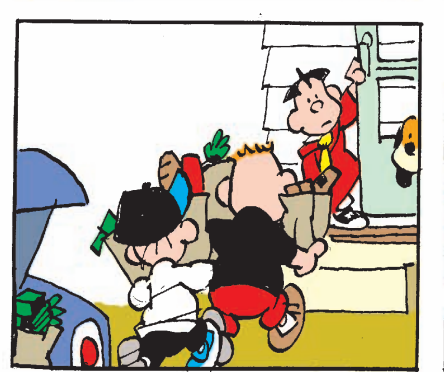
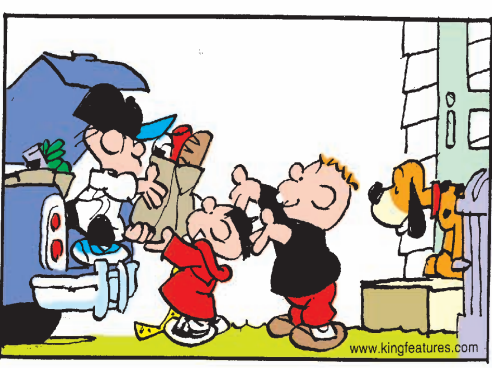
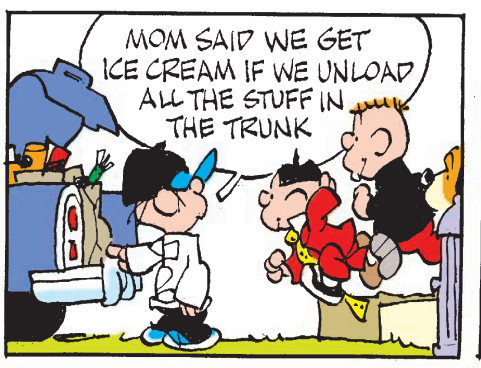
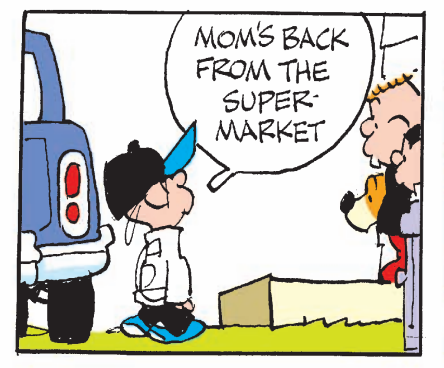
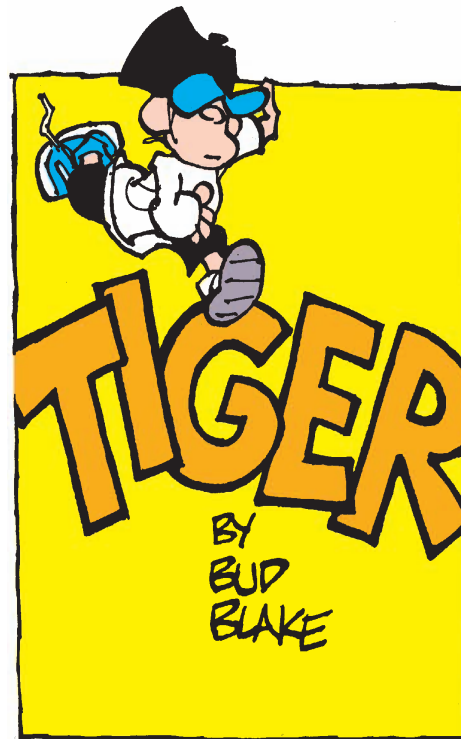
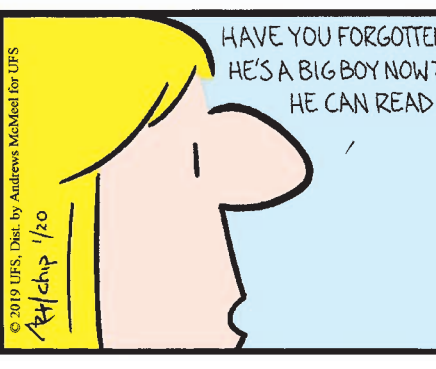
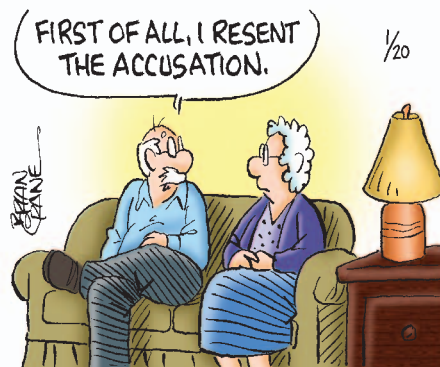
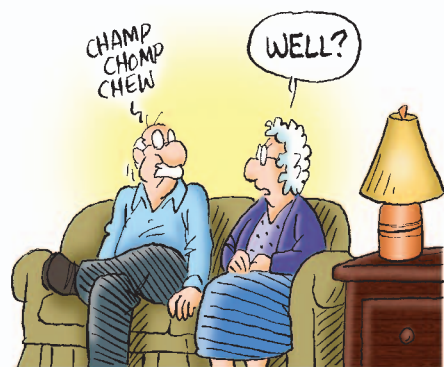
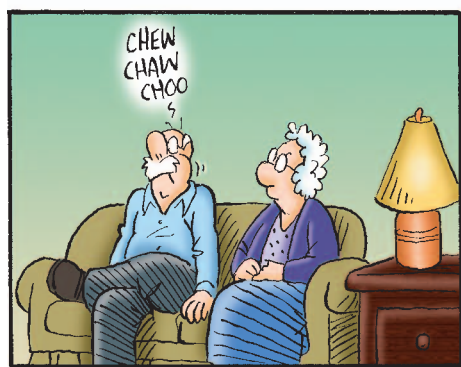
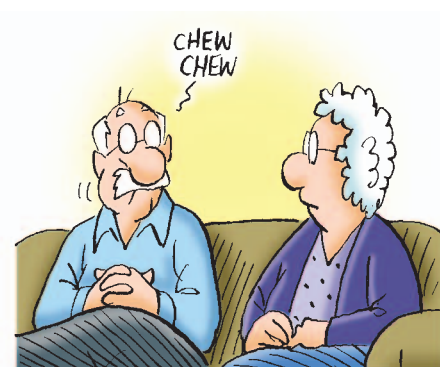
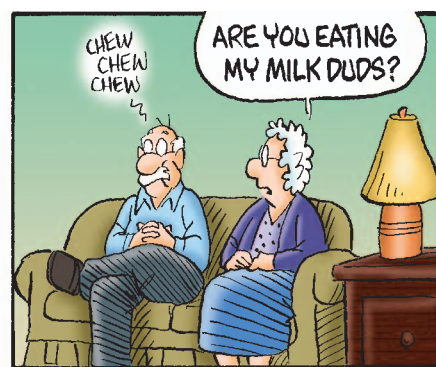
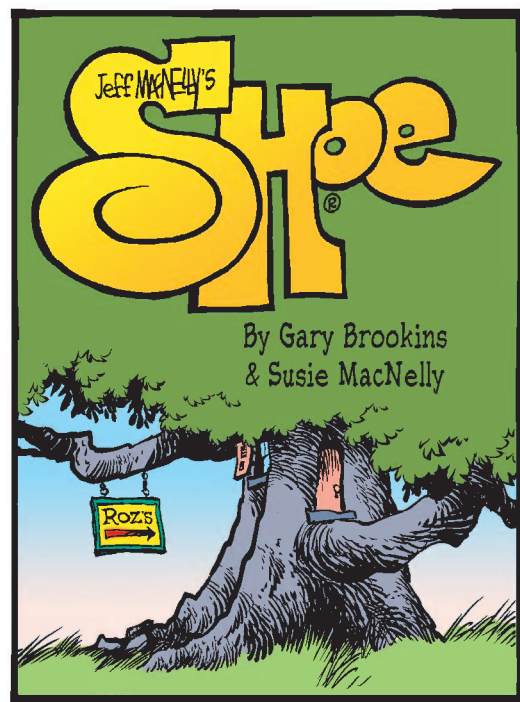
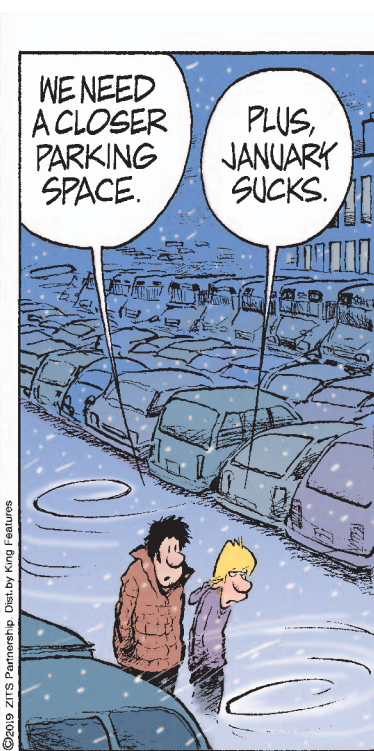
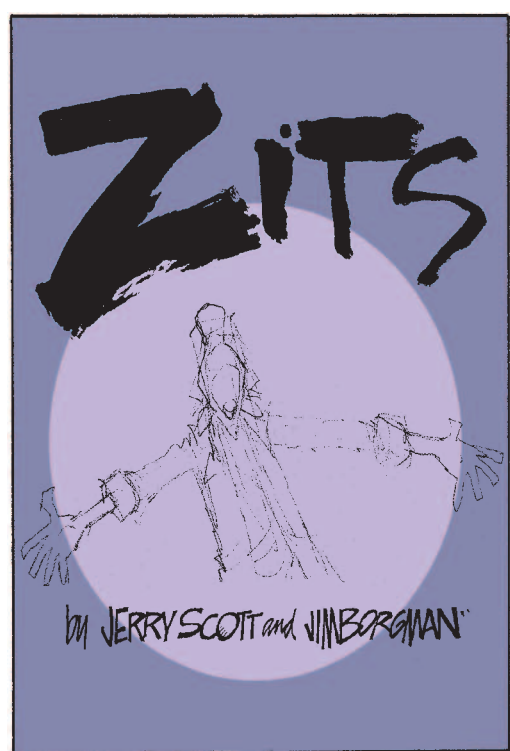
JOHN MARSHALL



SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.





BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN / JERRY SCOTT

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YAGH!
Pop!
Pop!

GAH!
Thop!
Thop!

YEEP!
FIP!
FIP!

HEY!
POINK!
POINK!

SO I GUESS WE'LL CALL THIS WREN'S EARBUD PHASE.

KEEP YOUR DEVICES CLOSE AND YOUR WIRES CLOSER.

1-20

BARNEY GOOGLE and SONS FIM WITH

BY JOHN ROSE

DANG, SNUFFY !! AIN'T THAR AN EASIER WAY ?

WELL, THIS BEIN' HOOTIN' HOLLER...

THAT'D BE TH' ONE ON TH' TOP !!

I WATCHED THIS BODACIOUS TV SHOW OVER AT PARSON TUTTLE'S PLACE LAST NIGHT, LUKEY !!

IT WUZ 'BOUT EXTREME SPORTS !!

YA SHOULD'A SEEN ALL TH' CRAZY STUFF THEY WUZ DOIN' !!

SOUNDS LIKE FUN !! ENNYTHIN' WE COULD TRY ?

OH, HECK NO !!

WAY TOO DANGEROUS !!

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

DAD, WHY ARE HUMANS SO VIOLENT ?

IF WE KNEW THAT, WE'D RULE THE WORLD.

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ROSS

FUUNK

... ★ HOW ?

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

THE STUFFED-UP HEAD. THE ENDLESS MUCUS. THE FEELING I NEVER WANT TO BE AWAKE AGAIN. ALL GONE!

YOU KNOW, I THINK MY COLD IS GONE!

MINE TOO!

SAME HERE!

YOU KNOW, IT'S NICE TO FINALLY GREET THE DAY AND KNOW YOU WON'T SPEND IT ALL IN BED.

OF COURSE, NOW THAT GUY WALKING HIS DOG IS STARING AT US STARING OUT THE WINDOW.

I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD TRANSFORM INTO A SUPERHERO TEAM OR AT LEAST A MULTI-PART ROBOT.

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST YELL AT HIM FOR LETTING HIS DOG DO THAT ON OUR LAWN.

1-20

CRANKSHAFT

BY BATIUK & DAVIS

GRAB A SNOW SHOVEL, RALPHIE!

TIME'S A-WASTING!

SHOVEL YOUR DRIVE FOR A QUARTER, MISTER?

YOU'VE GOT A DEAL!

WILL YOU BOYS SHOVEL MY DRIVE, TOO?

YOU BET!

WE'RE GONNA BE RICH, RALPHIE!

IF I'D HAVE HAD ONE OF THESE BABIES BACK THEN, I'D OWN THE WORLD TODAY!

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THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK

CHRONICLES OF THE 21ST PHANTOM...
A SHOW PLANE THAT CALLS ATTENTION TO ITSELF--
CRIMINALS CALLED IT THE PERFECT COVER!

FROM ONE AIR SHOW TO ANOTHER, THE CUSTOMS PEOPLE NEVER TOOK A HARD LOOK AT THE AIRCRAFT?
NOT ONCE!

"THE VINTAGE TRUCKS TRANSPORTING CAPTIVE WILD-LIFE WERE SEEN AS PROPS...
...A PART OF THE SHOW!"

AND THE GIRL? WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
YOU MIGHT SAY SHE...

"...HAUNTED THE CREW ON ITS TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD."
LOOK, I KNOW IT WAS YOU!!

MY MAN, YOU KEEP CALLING ME A THIEF, THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GONNA KNOW IS THIS FIST! IN YOUR FACE!!
Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 1-20-19

NON SEQUITUR BY WILEY

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

OK, YOU GOT ME. HOW ABOUT WE MAKE A DEAL HERE...
ANOESIS

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VIEW!

SURE IS NICE.
LOOK, GEORGE!

IF YOU PUT ME BACK IN THE OCEAN, I'LL GRANT YOU ONE WISH

DENNIS IS WAVING AT US FROM ACROSS THE STREET!

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

ANYTHING I WANT?
YES... JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU DESIRE MOST IN LIFE

...I THINK I'M READY FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY FACING THE WALL!
SLAM!

YES!!

READY TO HEAR MY WISH NOW?
DESIS

MARVIN

by Tom Armstrong

YEAH

...SO I WAS THIS CLOSE TO HAVIN' MY BAH TAB PAID OFF FAN LIFE
I'D SAY IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS, BUT IT ISN'T, SO IT DOESN'T

HEY, I MISSED YOU, MARVIN!

REALLY?

YEAH

FLING!

DANG!!

I MISSED YOU AGAIN!!