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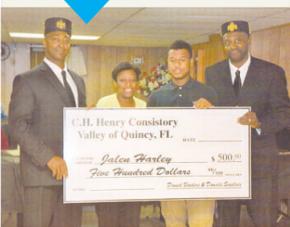
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County eyes ways to retain talent, attract new business

From staff reports

Jackson County Commissioners met in special session Monday to talk about potential new funding sources to help with issues such as the need for more competitive salaries in critical areas like corrections and emergency services, where the county has trouble

keeping help.

The board reviewed a package of information put together by consultants from the Nabors Giblin and Nickerson law firm which focused on various taxes and fees the board could consider.

They will individually review that and potentially discuss

their favored ideas as a body when they meet in a future session.

The meeting also included a brief discussion of what the county can do to attract more businesses here and help existing ones expand. The board members also received a package of materials regarding po-

tential incentives they could offer businesses they'd like to see locate or expand here.

The board members are reviewing those materials individually, as well, and are expected to discuss as a body some of the ideas they wish to incorporate in a county incentive policy.



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Students who placed in the art contest stand with student presenters and Black History Month coordinator, teacher Linda Long.



Keynote speaker Lenoris Dixon addresses students at Grand Ridge School, where he also teaches.

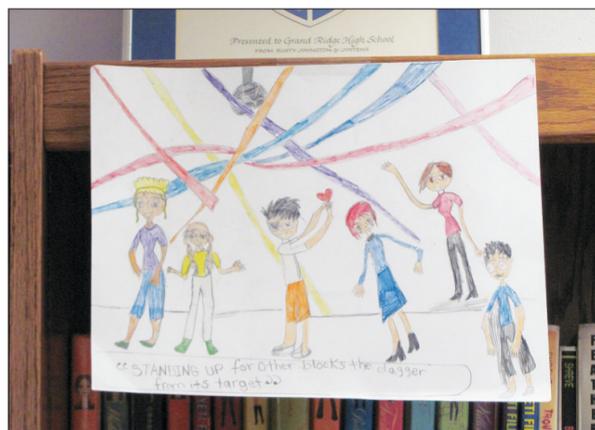
Grand Ridge celebrates Black History Month

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Grand Ridge School looked within to find a keynote speaker for last Friday's Black History Month program in the gymnasium at the combined elementary and middle school.

Organizers also tapped internal talent to decorate the podium and the library where a post-event reception was held for school officials and other adult guests who attended. Event entertainment was also found internally, with the Grand Ridge Show Choir singing "Man in the Mirror," and a student group leading the crowd in "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The occasion was led by students, as well, along with GHS Principal Laura Kent. Students Jayiah Gardner and Gracee Tyler were master and mistress of ceremonies, student Elijah Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance, student J'ashanti Jones introduced the speaker. Presentation of art awards was made by Jasmine Suggs, and Nalainee Pitts made closing remarks.

Grand Ridge educator Lenoris Dixon, who teaches seventh-grade business education, spoke on the theme



LEFT: Art from a contest at Grand Ridge School in association with Black History Month.

BELOW: An art piece highlights the values of Peace, equality and love, to celebrate Black History Month.

of the event: "We are more alike than different."

He brought home the topic in a variety of ways, finding ways of relating the same message to the very youngest as well as the oldest students in the crowd. In noting the things that almost all humans share, regardless of their race,

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MARRY MARIANNA Planners welcomed with open arms

BY ANGIE COOK
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MARIANNA — With the look of a bustling midway, Madison Street Park was overflowing with guests of all ages Monday evening, as a group of urban planners was welcomed to town.

The American Planning Association group is here this week to assess the needs of what's being called the Penn Avenue Corridor (between Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 90) and help city and county officials by giving them a plan to improve that area of the city's West End.

Monday's welcoming event

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ANGIE COOK/FLORIDIAN

Ronstance Pittman, (left) and Royce Reagan, (right) get help from audience volunteer Aiden with drawing the winning prize ticket, Monday, Feb. 26, at the Marry Marianna celebration in Madison Street Park.

Looking for a regional triumph

Some local leaders planning for Northwest Florida Forward meeting

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tiffany Garling expects to attend the upcoming Northwest Florida Forward meeting in Niceville as Florida's Great Northwest continues its "Forward" effort to develop regional economic strategies.

The Friday, March 2, meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Raider Room at Northwest Florida State College.

The Forward process

was put together by the organization about a year ago after several months' discussion among key players in the region's economic landscape. Five sectors of concern were identified and councils were put together to focus on those aspects. The areas were talent, business vitality, infrastructure, entrepreneurship/innovation, and quality of place.

Garling was appointed to serve on the Business Vitality Council. She said this week she believes the

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WEDNESDAY Cloudy 79/67

THURSDAY AM Showers Wind 79/49

FRIDAY Partly Cloudy 69/44

SATURDAY Sunny 71/45

SUNDAY Sunny 71/47

Map of Florida showing weather forecasts for various cities: Enterprise 76/65, Dothan 78/67, Donalsonville 79/66, Marianna 79/67, Panama City 76/69, Tallahassee 77/65, Pensacola 77/70, Crestview 80/66.

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Sunrise.....6:07 a.m.
Sunset.....5:39 p.m.
Moonrise.....5:25 p.m.
Moonset.....6:10 a.m.

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Correction
Jackson County Commissioners on Monday, Feb. 19, hired Lyndon L. Bonner to become the next administrator of the county. He got a three-year term on the deal, renewable annually after that, at a base salary of \$115,000 a year.

RIVER READINGS

Chipola (Marianna) - Observed: 8.81 - Flood Stage: 18'
Chipola (Altha) - Observed: 11.75 - Flood Stage: 22'
Apalachicola (Woodruff Dam) - Observed: 44.74 - Flood Stage: 66'
Apalachicola (Blountstown) - Observed: 7.42 - Flood Stage: 17'
Choctawhatchee (Caryville) - Observed: 7.80 - Flood Stage: 14'

From the Archives: 1973

Archived newspaper page from Jackson County Floridan, March 1, 1973. Headlines include: 'Navy minesweepers pulled from harbor', 'Proposed police academy called waste, praised', 'Indians, marshals exchange gunfire during takeover', 'Panhandle turtles said endangered', 'Patient release hearings begin in Chattahoochee', 'Rent controls proposed to help poor, elderly'.

EDITED BY ANGIE COOK
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A look back at local history as chronicled in the Jackson County Floridan.

Parallel parking
The new lines have been drawn, the meters are up and now on it will be parallel parking on both sides of Market Street in downtown Marianna. The new spaces replace the angle parking on one side of the street. The new parking system went into effect Wednesday.

Patient release hearings begin in Chattahoochee
The first hearing under a new law to determine which mental patients are entitled to release from state mental hospitals was conducted in Chattahoochee Wednesday.

WANT AD ACTION
Tractor makes tracks
The thing never right on the road. I had a tractor for a while and it was a real pain in the neck. I had to get it fixed and it was a real pain in the neck. I had to get it fixed and it was a real pain in the neck.

Rent controls proposed to help poor, elderly
The elderly and poor will continue to be tossed into the street by hard-hearted landlords until the state steps in and gives cities and counties the power to control rent, legislators told Wednesday.

housing shortage by discouraging new construction. The House Community Affairs Committee heard the testimony while considering a bill which would authorize city councils and county commissions to regulate rent provided there was a shortage of adequate rental units residents could afford.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2018. There are 306 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Purim begins at sunset.

Thought for Today
In science, all facts, no matter how trivial or banal, enjoy democratic equality.
-Mary McCarthy
American author and critic (1912-1989)

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 28, 1993, a gun battle erupted at a religious compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Branch Davidian leader David Koresh on weapons charges; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

reported that the United States had obtained a diplomatic communication sent by German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to a German official in Mexico proposing a German alliance with Mexico and Japan should the U.S. enter World War I. (Outrage over the telegram helped propel America into the conflict.)

truck near Prestonburg, Kentucky, and plunged down an embankment into the Big Sandy River; 22 children managed to escape, but 26 other children and the bus driver drowned. In 1960, a day after defeating the Soviets at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California, the United States won its first Olympic hockey gold medal by defeating Czechoslovakia, 9-4. In 1968, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver was published by McGraw-Hill.

Diana died in a car crash in Paris a year after that.)
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush told a White House news conference the country was not recession-bound; Democratic candidate Barack Obama said the economy was "on the brink of a recession" and blamed economic policies espoused by Bush and Republican presidential contender John McCain. Defense Secretary Robert Gates told his Turkish counterpart that Turkey should end its offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq as soon as possible. Mike Smith, lead singer for the British band the Dave Clark Five, died outside London at age 64. Five years ago: Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign, ending an eight-year pontificate. (Benedict was succeeded the following month by Pope Francis.) Bradley Manning, the Army private arrested in the biggest leak of classified information in U.S. history, pleaded guilty at Fort Meade, Maryland, to 10 charges involving illegal possession or distribution of classified material.

LIONS' DAUN CREWS PANCAKE BREAKFAST SET FOR MARCH 10



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday,
February 28, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Camden Reese Bennett
Drew Melvin
Katy Edwards
Landon Collins
Leslie Katherine Furr
Tara Padgett Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeffrey & Nicole Stewart

IN MEMORY OF

Helen K. Jennings
John Burch

Thursday,
March 1, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Smith
Alan McLane
Colby Smith
Dee Callaway-Helton
Natalie Sims
Sid "Tiger" Riley
Thomas Cooper



Friday,
March 2, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Lowe
Marissa Speights Russ
Molly Green O'Keefe
Pam Miller

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Judy Stanton

Birthdays, anniversaries and memorials are shared by the Pilot Club of Marianna, from their annual Community Birthday Calendar.

To add your listings to future editions of the Pilot Club's calendar, contact Claudia Smith at 482-7507. To add your listings to the newspaper, contact the Floridan at 526-3614.



CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Wednesday, Feb. 28:

Actor Gavin MacLeod is 87. Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 78. Actor Frank Bonner is 76. Actress Kelly Bishop is 74. Comedian Gilbert Gottfried is 63. Rock singer Cindy Wilson is 61. Actress Rae Dawn Chong is 57. Actress Maxine Bahns is 49. Actor Robert Sean Leonard is 49. Rock singer Pat Monahan is 49. Actress Madisen Beaty is 23.

Thursday, Mar. 1:

Actor Robert Clary is 92. Singer Harry Belafonte is 91. Actor Robert Conrad is 83. Actress Catherine Bach is 63. Actor Tim Daly is 62. Actor Maurice Bernard is 55. Actor Russell Wong is 55. Actor Chris Eigeman is 53. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 44. Actor Jensen Ackles is 40. TV host Donovan Patton is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sammie is 31. Pop singer Justin Bieber is 24.

Friday, Mar. 2:

Actor John Cullum is 88. Author Tom Wolfe is 88. Former Soviet President and Nobel peace laureate Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 87. Actress Cassie Yates is 67. Actress Laraine Newman is 66. Singer Jay Osmond is 63. Pop musician John Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 62. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 60. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 56. Blues singer-musician Alvin Youngblood Hart is 55. Actor Daniel Craig is 50. Actor Richard Ruccolo is 46. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 41. Actress Rebel Wilson is 38.
The Associated Press



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Marianna Lions Club President Marilyn Mabardy, left, and Lion Don Williams are gearing up for Saturday, March 10, when the Marianna Lions Club will host the annual Daun Crews Pancake Breakfast, 7-10 a.m. at Jim's Buffet and Grill in Marianna. Tickets, \$5 each, can be purchased from any Marianna Lions Club member or at the door. Proceeds help support local projects.

Community Briefs

Rubio staff to host mobile office hours

Staff of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio will host mobile office hours, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 8, at 2864 Madison St. in Marianna. The public is invited to meet local staff and learn about the services Sen. Rubio's Office offers his constituents, including in areas such as: immigration, military/VA, Medicare, Social Security, IRS/banking or legislative issues.

For more information, call the Capital Area Regional Office at 850-599-9100 or 866-630-7106 (toll free in Florida).

Rose Care Basics Workshop is March 10

Do you wonder what should be done to ensure a bountiful bloom on your roses this spring? Are you interested in growing roses but don't know where to start?

Well, the upcoming Rose Care Basics Workshop is for you. UF / IFAS Extension Washington County will be providing a rose gardening workshop for gardeners across the Panhandle, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at the Washington County Agriculture Center, 1424 Jackson Ave., in Chipley.

Many roses are hard to grow in the Florida Panhandle without investing considerable time and

energy into spraying for insect and disease problems. This workshop will teach attendees how to select and sustainably grow roses adapted to the hot-humid conditions of the Southern Gulf Coast. There will be opportunities for outdoor learning and hands-on activities.

Cost: \$5. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration required for count: Call 850-638-6180 or email mjrwat@ufl.edu.

Regional

From Page 1A

the regional approach is one of the most powerful ways to help Jackson County and its neighbors grow together. Rather than competing with each other and potentially knocking themselves all out of contention for a potential development, counties must work together to make the whole area more attractive to incoming businesses and more conducive to the retention and expansion of existing ones. That means sharing ideas and success stories, as well as airing their difficulties in hopes of finding common solutions to common problems.

Opportunity Florida Executive Director and Career Source Chipola Executive Director Richard Williams is also planning to attend the session. He served a term as a co-chair of the Forward Talent Council for Florida's Great Northwest, but eventually stepped down in order to focus more on his two paying jobs. Although he no longer serves on a council, he said he believes Jackson and other counties in this area can benefit by staying attuned to — and helping create — opportunities across the entire region.

He, like Garling, believes that the regional approach is the way Jackson and other surrounding counties must go, generally speaking.

"I represent nothing but rural counties," Williams said. "Regional economic development is the approach if you're going to change the situation we're in right now. We've still got a declining labor force, our general population is declining, and you've got to work regionally to help who's here now and to get more in. If we have a prospect looking at Marianna, we're running numbers 60-70 miles out to get them information about resources they can access. They don't care about where the county and city limits are. They just want to know what they can reach out and

North Florida's I-10 counties unite to spur growth

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Jackson County's Marianna and Cottondale, and the communities of Chipley, Altha and Gretna in surrounding counties, have spots on the newly launched North Florida Manufacturing and Logistics Corridor website, which gives business and industry a comprehensive look at the places and opportunities along Interstate 10 in Northwest Florida.

This at-your-fingertips view of the region is a project of four economic development organizations, including Florida's Great Northwest, Opportunity Florida, the North Florida Economic Development Partnership and JAXUSA Partnership.

See more on this development in the Saturday edition of the *Jackson County Floridan*.

find. We have to work together to promote the whole region because in the long run, its entire wellbeing affects us all."

That regional view may be increasingly beneficial to Jackson and other inland communities that lie close to eight coastal counties most affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico.

Two of the featured

speakers at the Forward meeting are members of the Triumph Gulf Coast non-profit corporation, created by the Florida legislature, which will decide how the state will use more than a billion dollars recovered by Florida as the result of the oil spill. One of those two speakers is Allan Bense, former Speaker of the House. The other is Dr. Rick Harper. The third

guest speaker is Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Cissy Proctor.

Triumph Gulf Coast will oversee use of \$1.5 billion of Florida's oil spill recovery money. The funds are earmarked to help Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin and Wakulla counties in particular. Although Jackson is not in that mix, local leaders recognize that it could benefit from projects that help those nearby coastal areas. And things that benefit Jackson could potentially benefit citizens of those communities as well.

Triumph has already received 130 pre-applica-

tions from entities in those eight primary counties, with more than 20 from neighboring Bay County and several that are projected to affect more than one of the eight target counties. Projects are ranked after the pre-application process and there is a 29-page application form that comes into play after the pre-app process is completed.

Williams said he believes that Jackson County is well-positioned to become the home of a parts supplier or other kind of company that could arise as an outgrowth of projects funded in part by the Triumph money in the nearby coast.

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Historic organization helps build futures

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Marianna High School graduate Jaeden Harley last August became the latest recipient of an annual scholarship given by the Masonic Scottish Rite C.H. Henry Consistory.

The Scottish Rite is the highest level of the Masonic order. A consistory is made up of Masons who have reached the 32nd degree of learning and status in the organization.

Harley, a freshman at Chipola College, said the \$500 scholarship for books made a big difference.

"I don't qualify for a Pell grant or other financial aid, so it did help and I'm thankful," he said.

A Class of 2017 graduate of MHS, Harley had been offered a couple of half-scholarships to play ball for two private schools, but the remaining tuition, higher than public institutions, was too great to let him accept those.

Instead, he made the difficult decision to study closer to home, mostly on his own family's dime. The book money, says his mother, Latina Broxton, was much appreciated. It helps ensure that her son won't graduate in deep debt.

"I don't think people always realize how much books — or their access codes — cost," she said. "We're very grateful that they stepped up to help."



Members of the Masonic C.H. Henry Scottish Rite Consistory and D.J. Morgan Assembly gather.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

As he was playing basketball one day with a member of the C.H. Henry Consistory (No. 71) that fellow player began to question him about his future plans. When the older man learned of his tuition dilemma, he told Harley about the availability of the scholarship and encouraged him to apply.

The C.H. Henry Consistory's Masonic Lodge is located in Marianna, although its banking functions and some of its members are in Quincy. Because of those reasons, the C.H. Henry identifies on paper as being of Quincy.

But in reality, it is the only remaining African-American Masonic group physically based in Jackson County. C. H. Henry was a former educator in Jackson County, at the old Gilmore Academy, and the consistory was named after him when it was established in the mid-1960s. The D.J. Morgan Assembly, an auxiliary to the consistory, was established a few years later. It is mostly made up of spouses to the consistory members and is named for a community member who helped establish it. There are about 40 people in the two

organizations. Together, they have funded the yearly scholarship since around 2000.

Consistory Commander-in-Chief Donald D. Sinclair says at one time several African-American Masonic chapters were scattered through Jackson County in various communities. He'd like to see more established anew, and offered his group's help if any Masons in Jackson County want assistance in getting started. The group meets in the St. Joseph Masonic lodge at 3693 Poplar Springs Road in the Mt. Tabor community. The membership in-

cludes Worshipful Master Richard Cotton, Past Worshipful Master Leo Sims, and others. Sinclair can be reached at 850-557-7926.

Sinclair said he has found his Masonic involvement fulfilling. "Its foundation is basically trust, loyalty and faith — characteristics you need to be helpful to another person," Sinclair explained. "Once those things (in the Masonic tradition) are

learned through the different degrees, you have a better insight on who you are as a person and what you're capable of doing for someone else." His fellow members of the consistory and those in the auxiliary, he said, have shown themselves to be "men and women of courage, humility and integrity... they are happy to honor their community and they look forward to working with the community for the common good and for the welfare of our community for many years to come."

The group carries out holiday giveaways, does free community car wash events, and takes on additional projects to assist others. "I am trying

to bring more light to what we do," Sinclair said. "That's important, because we want to grow and expand and let people know that we are there for them."

As for Harley, he's still trying to decide on a major, but is leaning toward sports medicine or sports management. Thanks to this historic organization, he says, his burden in making that journey has been made lighter.

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Ex-presidents, friends, family pay respects to Graham

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Former President Bill Clinton visited the Rev. Billy Graham's boyhood home in North Carolina on Tuesday to pay respects to the pastor who ministered to presidents all the way back to Dwight Eisenhower.

Clinton was the second former U.S. president to visit the state to honor Graham. He arrived in Charlotte late Tuesday morning and was escorted by to Graham's casket by his son Franklin. The two spoke for about 15 minutes, ending their visit with what appeared to be a prayer over Graham's casket.

"I'm just here as another person — grateful," said Clinton, who visited without his wife, Hillary.

Like so many mourners, Clinton recalled his first memory of Graham 60 years ago when a Sunday School teacher took him to a football stadium in Little Rock, Arkansas, to hear a Graham crusade.

Clinton called it a profound experience in his life that became more amazing 30 years later when Graham returned to Arkansas and met with Clinton, who was then governor. Clinton said then he was honored to meet one-on-one with Graham several times in the White House.

"In that little room, he was the same person I saw when I was 11 on that football field," Clinton said.

On Monday, former President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, came to the complex that includes Graham's library and worldwide headquarters of his evangelical center along with more than 6,000 other mourners. It was the first of two



Former President George W. Bush (left) speaks to the media on Monday as wife Laura Bush, and Franklin Graham (back right) and his wife Jane Graham, listen after paying their respects to Billy Graham during a public viewing at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C.

days of public mourning in Charlotte.

Bush and Clinton said they came early because they could not make it to Graham's funeral on Friday. Bush said his father, George H.W. Bush won't be there because of his health and Barack Obama also said he won't be able to make it.

President Donald Trump plans to attend the funeral, held in a tent as a nod to Graham's 1949 crusade in Los Angeles. That crusade, which propelled him to worldwide fame, was held inside a circus tent.

Graham was known as the "Pastor to Presidents." Graham said he learned something from talking to the powerful and the weak.

"Whether the story of Christ is told in a huge stadium, across the desk of a powerful leader, or shared with a golfing companion, it satisfies a common hunger," Graham said.

Graham's body will be

taken to Washington on Wednesday and Thursday to lie in honor at the U.S. Capitol. He is only the fourth private person to have that honor since Congress allowed

it in 1998, joining Capitol Police officer John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut, killed in the line of duty in 1998, and civil rights hero Rosa Parks in 2005.

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After Florida rampage, some owners are destroying their guns

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — One man in upstate New York sawed his AR-15 rifle into pieces and posted a video of it on Facebook. A woman in Connecticut did the same with her handgun. Not far from scene of the Florida high school shooting, another man brought his assault weapon to police and asked them to destroy it.

In response to the killings of 17 people by a 19-year-old with an AR-15, some gun owners are waging personal protests against mass shootings.

The AR-15 is the gun drawing the most scorn during these public displays of destruction playing out on social media. Their owners say they love to shoot it, but enough is enough.

Scott Pappalardo is one such gun owner. Sitting in the backyard of his home in Scotchtown, New York, cradling the Eagle AR-15 rifle he'd owned for 30 years, Pappalardo called himself a firm believer in the Second Amendment who considers the rifle his favorite, but said he's pained by the steady drumbeat of mass shootings.

"Here we are, 17 more lives lost. So when do we change? When do we make laws that say maybe a weapon like this isn't acceptable in today's society?" he said in a video on his Facebook page. People blame mental illness, video games, bad parenting and other reasons, but he said "ultimately, it's a gun like this one that takes away the lives."

With that, he turned around and put a saw to his rifle, and posted the video with the hashtag #oneless, calling it "My drop in a very large bucket." That was Feb. 17, and 5 days later, it had received more than



A deputy at the Broward County sheriff's office in Ft. Lauderdale, processes paperwork to take possession of and destroy Dickmann's AR-style firearm.

375,000 likes and been shared more than 425,000 times.

Pappalardo, a 50-year-old supplier of building materials, said it was a tough and personal decision to destroy the gun. He loved target shooting with it. He's been a gun owner for decades and even sports a fading tattoo on his arm showing a firearm with the words "the right to keep and bear arms."

"I literally love that gun. It was almost like taking my sick dog out in the backyard and putting it out of its misery. It was very personal for me," Pappalardo told The Associated Press. "And I said to my wife before I did it, I can't believe I'm about to go outside and cut up my gun. It wasn't an easy thing to do."

But he believes the AR-15 has become a weapon of choice for too many mass shooters — used in Parkland, Las Vegas, the Orlando nightclub shooting, last year's Texas church massacre and other recent high-profile attacks — and

he no longer wanted to be associated with it.

Despite the recent outrage, the AR-15 remains an incredibly popular weapon across America, and the people destroying them represent a small fraction of the gun's owners.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, which represents gunmakers, says there are about 12 million AR-style firearms in circulation.

Chris Waltz, president and chief executive of AR15 Gun Owners of America, called the destruction of guns kneejerk reactions that wrongly blame the rifle. He laments that so many mass shooters have been using the AR-15 to carry out their carnage, even as handguns remain the weapon most used in mass shootings. His group has more than 550,000 Facebook followers, adding 10,000 more in recent days.

"It's not a rifle problem. It's a societal problem," Waltz said. "We need to get a handle on what's going on that's causing these kids

to do these things."

Destroying the weapon "makes no sense at all," he says.

"If you're a responsible gun owner and you purchased that weapon and you know you're not psychotic, then why would you ever do that?" he said. "It almost seems like it's political theater."

Ben Dickmann, who lives near Parkland, brought his AR-15, a variation of the AR-15, to Broward County sheriff with instructions to have it destroyed.

"I enjoyed shooting this rifle immensely but I don't need it, I have other types I can shoot for the same enjoyment," he wrote in a Facebook post showing images of the firearm and an officer processing the paperwork to destroy it.

His post, like others using Facebook to publicly declare what gun owners have done, attracted thousands of comments that offer a glimpse into the nation's gun debate. Some accuse him of being a wimp or somehow deranged. Others praise him.

Amanda Meyer, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut, had a similar experience.

She grew up in Iowa and first learned to hunt at 14. Five years ago, she bought a Sig Sauer P229 handgun to target shoot and for self-defense. She had been thinking about getting rid of it for months, but was worried it could wind up in the wrong hands.

"After what happened in Florida, I just thought, this is ridiculous, I'm attaching myself to this inanimate object that its sole purpose is to kill humans," Meyer told the AP.

Her Facebook video — showing her slicing holes into the barrel, the rails and other parts with a saw in her garage.

In free speech case, justices troubled by Florida man's arrest

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices seemed troubled Tuesday by the arrest of a Florida man during a city council meeting in Florida, an arrest he says was retaliation for being an outspoken critic of the city.

The justices were hearing arguments in a case brought by Fane Lozman over his arrest at a 2006 city council meeting in south Florida's City of Riviera Beach. Lozman was arrested after he began using the meeting's public comment time to talk about government corruption in the county and kept speaking after a member of the council warned him not to continue with the topic. The charges against him were ultimately dropped, but Lozman then turned around and sued the city.

Lozman claimed the city violated the First Amendment's free speech guarantee by arresting him in retaliation for his criticism of city of-

officials and policies and a separate lawsuit he'd filed against the city. A lower court ruled that because a jury found a police officer had probable cause to arrest Lozman for disturbing a lawful assembly, he couldn't bring a retaliation claim.

Chief Justice John Roberts said he found video of Lozman's arrest "pretty chilling." He said Lozman appeared to speak in a very calm voice for about 15 seconds and then "the next thing he knows, he's being led off in ... handcuffs."

"Now the council may not have liked what he was talking about, but that doesn't mean they get to cuff him," Roberts said.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor also appeared to take issue with Lozman's arrest.

"He started by saying there's been an arrest for corruption, which was true. And then he tried to say, 'And I've been telling you that other people are corrupt,'" she said. "Why is that off topic?"

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State Briefs

Legislature approves slavery memorial for Capitol

TALLAHASSEE — A memorial recognizing the cruelty and inhumanity of slavery soon could be placed on the Florida Capitol grounds.

The Florida Senate unanimously passed a bill Tuesday to create the memorial. It now heads to Gov. Rick Scott.

Sen. Darryl Rouson, a sponsor of the legislation, said the creation of the memorial will allow the state to tell its "joint history that we overcame, that we will never forget and that we must not repeat."

Rouson said it was important for Floridians to recognize that slaves worked around the state when Florida was a territory and during early statehood.

Lawmaker sued for blocking constituent on social media

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida state lawmaker is being sued for blocking one of his constituents on official social media accounts.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida said Tuesday it filed the lawsuit against state Rep. Chuck Clemons, a Republican who represents a north Florida district. The lawsuit accuses Clemons of discrimination for excluding a Gainesville man from otherwise publicly accessible social media accounts.

The ACLU says Morgan Attwood was blocked on Twitter and Facebook accounts after sending a tweet to Clemons asking why he voted against taking up a bill that would ban assault-style weapons.

Trump golf club agrees to pay \$5.45 million settlement

JUPITER — A Florida golf club owned by President Donald Trump has agreed to pay \$5.45 million to settle a lawsuit brought by former members.

The Sun Sentinel reported Monday that the agreement must still be approved by the courts.

A class-action lawsuit alleged Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter violated contract terms that members had signed with the previous owner, Ritz-Carlton.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra ruled against the golf club in February 2017. The settlement requires Trump's organization to pay 94 percent of the total judgment ordered by the federal judge. After deducting expenses and attorneys' fees,

the class-action members will receive 71 percent of their refunds.

SeaWorld losses widen for the year, CEO Manby departs

ORLANDO — SeaWorld is posting a fourth-quarter loss of \$20.4 million and says CEO Joel Manby is stepping down.

On a per-share basis, the Orlando company had a loss of 24 cents, which is worse than the per-share loss of 18 cents that Wall Street had expected, according to Zacks Investment Research.

Quarterly revenue of \$265.5 million beat analyst projections of \$260.1 million.

Annual losses widened to \$202.4 million, or \$2.36 per share. Revenue was \$1.26 billion.

Arrest made more than two years after Zombicon mass-shooting

FORT MYERS — Authorities say they've arrested the man responsible for a shooting at a Florida Zombie-themed festival more than two years ago.

Fort Myers police Capt. Jay Rodriguez says 23-year-old Jose Raul Bonilla was arrested Monday. He faces a second-degree murder charge, along with five counts of aggravated battery with a firearm and one count of tampering with evidence.

Zombicon was one of the most popular celebrations in southwest Florida, attracting about 20,000 people in October 2015. The event was winding down when authorities say Bonilla started shooting into the crowd.

Officials say 20-year-old Expavious Tyrell Taylor died at the scene, and five others were wounded.

Florida may OK license plates that tout Georgia, Auburn

TALLAHASSEE — Florida would sell license plates that tout two out-of-state universities under a bill that is advancing in the Legislature.

A House panel on Monday approved a bill that would call for the creation of state license plates that would include the logos and names of Auburn University and the University of Georgia. Proceeds from the tags would provide scholarships to Florida residents who attend the schools.

The bill sponsored by Rep. James Grant, a Tampa Republican and Auburn graduate, now heads to the full House.

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Editorial Roundup

Brace yourselves, student activists

That was swift. As swift as Nikolas Cruz was when he killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. It took Florida legislators little time to teach some activist students a lesson by refusing to consider a gun law on Tuesday, even as students from Stoneman Douglas sat in the audience.

One student burst into tears in the gallery, stunned and angered by the slap in the face from adults. Another one, student leader Emma Gonzalez, tweeted: "How could they do that to us?" We are not forgetting this come midterm elections — the anger that I feel right now is indescribable"

Well done, Florida legislators. You just turned those students against The Establishment. What a mistake.

Do you think the kids will now go away quietly since you flexed your procedural muscle?

Doubt it.

So welcome to 1968 and the war between the Vietnam protesters and the government. We were sending young people to die then, too, and they rebelled. Kids are now dying in school mass shootings, and they are about to rebel. The example can extend to the early 1960s, when black youths grew sick and tired of being second class citizens and pushed back and led America in to the Civil Rights Movement.

So yes, what a mistake by Florida lawmakers to not even pretend to show respect for the horrible things those kids saw a week ago. The Stoneman Douglas students got on buses and headed for Tallahassee to get some action. You showed them who's boss.

The students had arrived to witness a move to push a bill banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines directly to the Florida House floor.

Rep. Kionne McGhee, D-Miami, the incoming House Democratic leader, called for the bill that had not received a committee hearing to be immediately considered by the full chamber at the start of Tuesday's House session. A bit unorthodox, yes. But so is the murder of 17 people in a Florida school.

Democrats used the highly unusual procedure to try to move the proposal directly to the House floor for a debate and vote. Republicans voted it down, 71-36. The several survivors watching from the visitors' gallery were overcome with emotion, and the action set off a firestorm of controversy on social media.

So there you go, brave Stoneman Douglas student activists. This is what you'll face in the coming days. So brace yourselves.

Miami Herald

Banning all firearms is unrealistic

The massacre at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, which has claimed at least 17 lives, was the 18th school shooting in America this year.

A great deal of effort has gone into identifying common traits between separate killers — mental health, narcotics, extremism — but the single linking factor is, of course, the use of guns.

The U.S. is awash with weapons. To some they are a persistent danger, to others a constitutionally protected way of life. What must be painfully obvious to all is that they part of a culture of violence that desperately needs to be addressed.

There's a tendency in Britain to ask "why not just ban all firearms"? The proposition is both unrealistic and unreasonable.

For good or ill, the freedom to bear arms is guaranteed in the US Constitution, and some Americans are so enthusiastic about exercising this right that it's estimated there are now more guns than people. Ban guns, say the lobbyists, and only the innocent will obey the law, putting them at the mercy of armed criminals.

Why not regulate guns to limit firepower and cease sales to those who should not have them? Some regulation is ineffectual: several killers passed background checks and owned their guns legally. Efforts in Congress to go further have repeatedly fallen foul of partisanship.

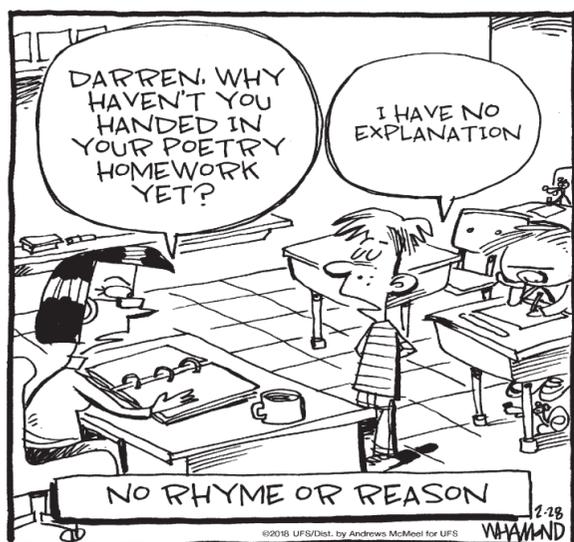
Many liberal politicians have given up, concluding that the gun control debate is a cul de sac that drains energy without actually achieving anything. Pro-gun activists are held up as heartless villains, but such a narrow apportion of blame ignores the complexities.

The US is shaped by a centuries-old frontier psychology. Its welfare system offers scant help to the mentally ill. Its schools are depersonalizing. Its young are prey to fantasies of empowerment through violence.

When Al Gore, then vice-president, spoke in the wake of the 1999 Columbine High School massacre, which seemed to open this historic cycle of violence, he cut across the partisan divide by addressing both gun control and the importance of fostering character: "We must replace a culture of violence and mayhem with one of values and meaning."

Success implementing this in the years that followed has been negligible. Yesterday, the Trump administration promised action to enforce the law, which hopefully begins a long, hard journey that America needs to take.

The Telegraph of London



Anatomy of a coup

Every place you look in Robert Mueller's investigation, the same names keep popping up: FBI agent Peter Strzok and sleazy, foreign private eye — or "British intelligence agent" — Christopher Steele.

So it's rather important that they both are Trump-hating fanatics, and one was being paid by Trump's political opponent in a presidential campaign.

Steele is the author of the preposterous dossier that sparked the special counsel investigation, and Strzok is the FBI agent involved at every crucial turn of both the Trump and Hillary investigations.

As we found out from the House Intelligence memo, Steele told Department of Justice official Bruce Ohr that he "was desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being president."

In the hands of Trump-obsessive Peter Strzok — he of the estrogen-dripping texts to his Trump-hating FBI lawyer mistress — the dossier was used to obtain a warrant under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act against Trump's alleged "foreign policy adviser," Carter Page. The FISA warrant against Page constitutes the last crumbling piece of the "Russia collusion" story.

Strzok was the person who instigated the Russia investigation against Trump back in July 2016. He was the lead agent on the investigation into whether Hillary, as secretary of state, sent classified information on her private email account. (Conclusion: She had — but it wasn't any of the FBI's business!) He volunteered for the Mueller investigation and remained there, right up until his Trump-hating texts were discovered by the inspector general of the FBI.

Most strangely, Strzok was the FBI agent who asked Trump's national security adviser, Michael Flynn, about his phone call with the Russian ambassador, Sergey Kislyak.

There was nothing wrong

with Flynn's conversation with Kislyak, but Flynn later pleaded guilty to lying to an FBI agent about it, based on a secretly recorded intercept of the phone call. The question remains: Why was any FBI agent even asking about a perfectly

Ann Coulter

legitimate conversation? No one seems to know. But we do know the name of the FBI agent who asked: Peter Strzok.

Aside from Strzok's girl-power text to his mistress upon Hillary becoming the first female presidential nominee — "About damn time!" — his most embarrassing message to her was about the Russia investigation:

"I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office (FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe) — that there's no way (Trump) gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40 ..."

The media have tied themselves in knots trying to explain this text as meaning anything other than its obvious, natural meaning. To wit: "Although the worst is unlikely (Trump wins/you die before age 40), you still prepare by taking out 'insurance' (we take Trump down with the Russia investigation/your family gets a payout)."

I keep looking for a plausible alternative interpretation, but they're all absurd; e.g., The Washington Post points out that even with an insurance policy, YOU STILL DIE! (Yes, and even with the Russian investigation, TRUMP IS STILL PRESIDENT.) Everyone except American journalists understands that Strzok's "insurance" was their plan to tie Trump up with an endless investigation.

Which, coincidentally, is exactly what they've done.

Contrary to every single person talking on MSNBC, the issue is not whether FBI agents are al-

lowed to have political opinions. In a probe of the president, FBI agents shouldn't be dying to take him down for political reasons.

You want drug enforcement agents to be hungry to shut down drug cartels. You want organized crime prosecutors to be hungry to dismantle the mob. You want your maid to be hungry to clean your house. But the staff on a special counsel's open-ended investigation of the president aren't supposed to be hungry. They're supposed to be fair.

This is an investigation with no evidence of a crime, apart from politically motivated, anti-Trump investigators relying on a Hillary-funded dossier.

Also contrary to every single person talking on MSNBC, Steele's dossier is not like a neighbor who hates you telling the police you're cooking meth in your basement. The police still have to investigate, don't they?

First of all, if after 18 months of police work, the only evidence that you're cooking meth in your basement is STILL your neighbor's bald accusation, reasonable people will conclude that your neighbor is a liar. That's what the Steele dossier is. It was the only evidence of Trump's collusion with Russia 18 months ago, and it's the only evidence of Trump's collusion with Russia today.

Moreover, it's not just the informant who hates the target. The investigators do, too. This is more like a police officer calling the police on his wife, sending himself on the call, shooting her, then writing up the police report concluding it was a justified shooting.

When your entire investigation turns on a handful of people with corrupt motives, maybe it's time to call off the investigation.

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A non-alarmist reading of the Russia indictment

There's been no shortage of breathless reaction to Trump-Russia special prosecutor Robert Mueller's indictment of 13 Russians and three Russian organizations for their efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election. "An attack that — but for the loss of life — is as bad as Pearl Harbor," tweeted veteran journalist Jonathan Alter.

That's one way to look at it. Another is that, combining the 37-page indictment with testimony from social media executives before congressional intelligence committees, the Russian operation, while warranting serious U.S. punishment, emerges as a small, poorly funded undertaking with a level of effectiveness that is impossible to measure but could be near zero.

The Russian project has been discussed almost exclusively in terms of Donald Trump, but it did not start out that way. According to the indictment, it began in May 2014, months before Trump began campaigning, with "the purpose of interfering with the U.S. political and electoral processes, including the presidential election of 2016."

The group's work was done through social media. Most of it consisted of buying ads or posting messages and keeping track of their spread through the social media world.

The indictment quotes an unspecified Russian document saying the goal was to create "political intensity through sup-

porting radical groups," focusing on angry fringes and hot-button issues like immigration, the Black Lives Matter movement, and religion.

Byron York

When attention turned to the 2016 race, the Russians at first focused on denigrating Hillary Clinton, and also Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, and supporting Bernie Sanders and Trump.

But again, it was not Trump-specific. The primary goal seemed always to mess with Clinton, the presumed favorite to win the Democratic nomination and then the presidency. Everything else was improvised.

The intensified focus on Trump came, not surprisingly, as Trump emerged as the likely Republican nominee to challenge Clinton. "From at least April 2016 through November 2016," the indictment says, "defendants and their co-conspirators, while concealing their Russian identities and organization affiliation through false personas, began to produce, purchase and post advertisements on U.S. social media and other online sites expressly advocating for the election of then-candidate Trump or expressly opposing Clinton."

Facebook officials gave more details to the Senate and House intelligence committees a few months ago. First, Facebook said the Russian operation bought

about 3,000 ads, spending about \$100,000 on Facebook and Instagram combined. That is compared to about \$81 million the Clinton and Trump campaigns spent on Facebook and Instagram combined.

Facebook said that of ad "impressions" — that is, how many times an ad appeared on screen in a person's news feed — 44 percent came before the election, while 56 percent came after the election, and thus did not affect its outcome. And about 25 percent were never seen by anyone, Facebook added.

Looking at key states, the total spent on ads targeting the super-important state of Pennsylvania was just \$300, according to Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Richard Burr. Ad spending in another key state, Michigan, was \$823. In Wisconsin, it was \$1,979.

That is not the stuff of rigging elections.

Of course, there's more to the 2016 Russian effort than the conduct outlined in the new indictment. The charges do not cover, for example, the Russian hacks of the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chair John Podesta, which could become the subject of future indictments.

So far as is more to learn. But as far as the new indictment is concerned, there is good reason to stay calm. It's not Pearl Harbor, in any way, shape or form.

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Art

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height, age or other things that set them apart as individuals, he gave the students a task. The elementary-age youngsters on his left got into the spirit of the job he assigned, pointing to their eyes and lips and ears and such as he made his point about human commonalities.

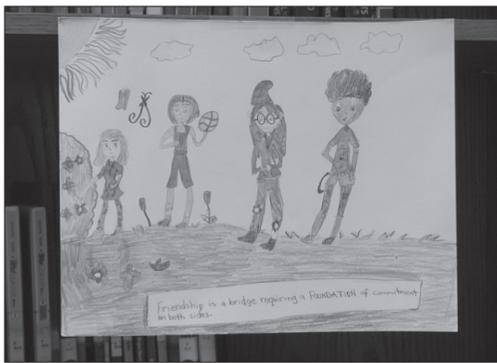
He talked about the morning ritual of getting out of bed, putting on clothes and getting ready for school. That, he pointed out was something teachers and students have in common.

And he turned to the older students in acknowledging the things that students and teachers from schools around the state and the globe all share — a burden of pain over the school shootings that have devastated too many campuses of the nation and larger world.

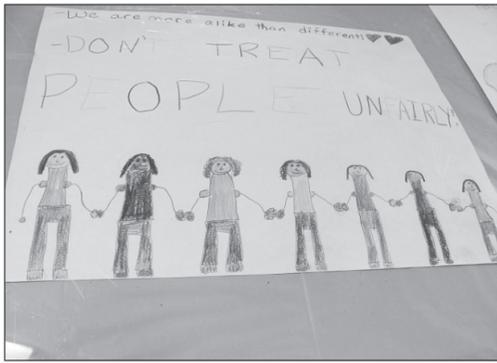
He spoke of the nation's founding principles and its core declaration that all are created equal and are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Dixon also tapped into subject matter — math — to make his point. There are two parts of a common math problem like addition, he said, and one vital symbol before solution to a problem is seen. That's an equal sign.

Fear and the unknown, he said, are two factors that bring imbalance to the basic human equation and threaten the harmony that can exist for people who realize and embrace that they can all stand together as one, regardless of the differences that make each person unique. No matter what those are, humans



Art from a contest at Grand Ridge School in association with Black History Month.



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can be inseparably linked in peace by the things that make them alike. Dixon said that is very much an attainable state — on campus, in the workforce and in the world at large — if all stand shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand and toe to toe in unity against the influence of any force that would try to drive wedges between them.

The podium he spoke from was highlighted by the placement of an award-winning poster leaned against the front of the dais. The poster featured the images of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President Abraham Lincoln and other icons associated with

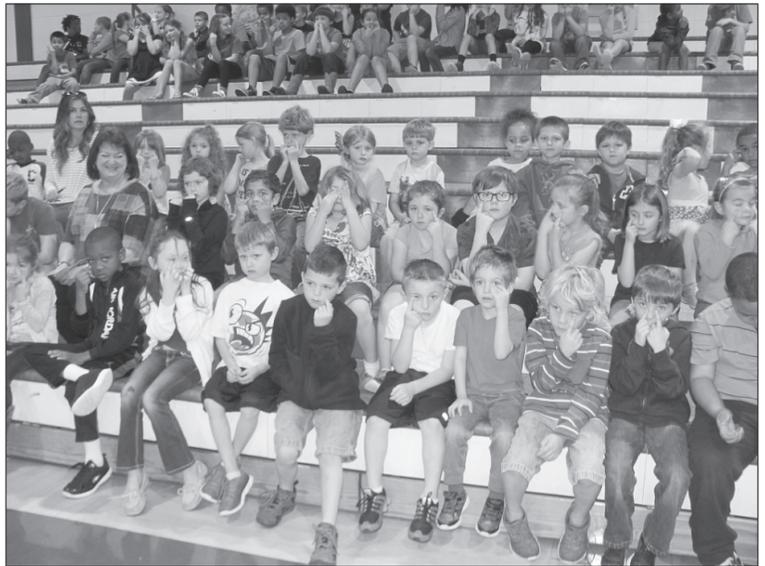
the Civil Rights movement. They had been colored in with paint and pencil by Kilik Simmons, a seventh-grader who won first place for his entry in the school's art contest associated with Black History Month. Other art was displayed in the library, where adult guests were treated to lunch after the program.

Those guests included Jackson County Superintendent of Schools Larry Moore, Deputy Superintendent Cheryl McDaniel, Student Services Director and Equity Coordinator Shiril Williams, several school board members, Campbellton-area artist and studio owner Lillie Clark, who presented an



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Grand Ridge high school students touch their faces as directed by keynote speaker Lenoris Dixon.



Elementary students at Grand Ridge School touch or point to their eyes as directed by Black History Month keynote speaker and teacher Lenoris Dixon.

art workshop for the children in preparation for their art contest, and others.

The school program was

coordinated by teacher Linda Long, who has chaired the Black History Month committee for several years. BHM commit-

tee members also included Rita Alday, Daisy Cockerham, Joey McDaniel, Kay Nichols, Sandra Reed and Joy Shouse.

Florida House debates school safety bill

The Associated Press

PARKLAND — Florida's governor said Tuesday that he's determined to make the Parkland school shooting the last the state ever experiences.

Gov. Rick Scott met with Miami-Dade County officials to outline a plan to pass a school safety bill before the state's annual legislative session ends next Friday.

Scott says he wants to spend \$500 million to increase law enforcement and mental health counselors at schools, to make buildings more secure with metal detectors and to create an anonymous tip line.

Family members of slain students spoke during the news conference and during a legislative hearing Tuesday in Tallahassee.

The father of a girl who was shot to death at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14 urged people not to allow the contentious gun debate to stall other efforts.

"Let's not get mired down in that debate," said Ryan Petty, father of Alaina Petty. "There will be time for that. Right now, we secure our schools. Next, we figure out what went wrong."

Also Tuesday, a House committee approved the bill that would raise the minimum age to buy rifles from 18 to 21 and create a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases. The bill would also cre-



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The Rally in Tally protesters chant after marching to the state Capitol in Tallahassee.

ate a program that allows teachers who receive law enforcement training and are deputized by the local sheriff's office to carry concealed weapons in the classroom if also approved by the school district.

Marion Hammer, a lobbyist for the National Rifle Association and Unified Sportsmen of Florida, told the House Appropriations Committee that she supports hardening schools and keeping guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, but couldn't support the bill because of the new restrictions on gun owner-

ship. After the meeting, she said the restrictions wouldn't have stopped the Parkland shootings.

"There are laws in place that if they had been followed, that shooter could have been stopped so many times it makes your head spin. So passing more laws dealing with guns as a solution to a problem that exists within the enforcement of laws is just kind of silly," Hammer said.

The 23-6 committee vote Tuesday came after more than four hours of emotional discussion, includ-

ing input from parents of some of the 17 killed at Stoneman Douglas.

Linda Beigel Schulman, mother of 35-year-old geography teacher Scott Beigel, who died in the shooting, spoke about the need to raise the minimum age to buy a rifle to 21, as well as banning assault-style rifles and putting limits on the size of ammunition magazines. She spoke against the idea of arming teachers.

"If you can't legally buy a beer in Florida, why should you be able to legally obtain a weapon of war that

can kill people? If you are not mature to consume alcohol, why would you then be mature enough to handle a firearm?" Schulman said.

Democratic Rep. Jared Moskowitz, a former Parkland vice mayor, said he didn't like the bill but still voted for it. He explained: "It doesn't go far enough, and now it goes too far in other areas. But the NRA opposes it, and I will not vote with the NRA."

Unlike Monday, when hundreds of sometimes rowdy protesters jammed a Senate meeting to consider

a similar bill, Tuesday's proceedings were more orderly. Several people spoke in favor of the assault weapons ban, including Parkland resident Amber Hersh.

"Our children lost a friend. Our friend lost a daughter. This is your opportunity. The world is watching," she told the committee.

An amendment to ban assault weapons was rejected on an 18-11 vote.

A Senate committee was going to take up a similar bill later in the day.

As the bill moves through the Legislature, a judge has refused to step aside in the court case of Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old accused of killing 17 people at the high school.

Court records show Broward County Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer denied the request by Cruz's lawyers Monday. They claimed Scherer has made rulings and comments that indicate favoritism for prosecutors.

A Tuesday morning hearing in the criminal case against Cruz was canceled after lawyers reached an agreement for prosecutors to get hair samples, fingerprints, DNA and photographs of him. He is charged with 17 counts of murder.

Meanwhile, students are scheduled to return to school Wednesday, for the first time since the Feb. 14 shooting.

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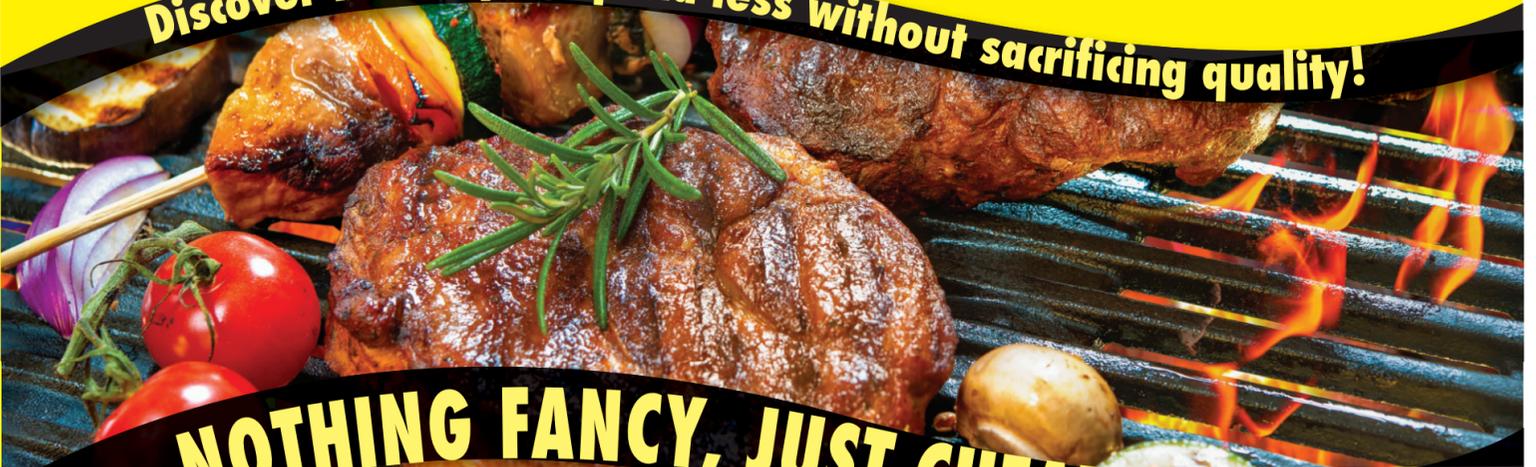
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- » **Bible Study and Christian Teachings**—7 a.m. each Wednesday at the First United Methodist Wesley Center in Marianna. Breakfast (\$2) is followed by 30 minutes of Bible study and teachings. For more, call George at 209-2072 or Jim at 718-7340.
- » **Giving Out USDA Food**—8 a.m. by Malone Methodist Church at Malone City Hall. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Food Pantry**—10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc., 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting**—Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Monthly Meeting**—3 p.m. of the Jackson County Public Library Advisory Board in conference room of the Panhandle Public Library Corporate System office.
- » **Kidney Smart Class**—3-4:30 p.m. at Marianna Dialysis Center, 2930 Optimist Drive, Marianna. Family and caregivers welcome. Free to public. For more, call Stephanie at 482-5328.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- » **Panhandle Row Crop Short Course**—7:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., hosted by Jackson County Extension, at the Jackson County Agriculture Conference Center, 2741 Penn Ave., Marianna. For more, call 482-9620.
- » **Drug/Alcohol Recovery Group**—9 a.m. at the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. This is an open meeting. For more information call 263-4431.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Call 482-3734. Big sale Feb. 27-March 6. Shoes and Clothing only. \$8 each bag.
- » **Dangers of Tobacco**—10:30 a.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizen Center, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Guest speaker: Karen Edwards. For more, call 482-5028.
- » **Free Caregiver Support Group**—10:30 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church, Marianna in social hall. All caregivers welcome. Support group empowers caregivers with knowledge and information, through fellowship and sharing like-minded individuals who are caring for loved ones. For more info call Recie Culpepper 566-2553.
- » **Small Business Workshop at Chipola**—11:30 a.m. in Building Z, Room 116, Jackson Hall, Chipola College. Bring a brown-bag lunch. For more, call 718-2380.
- » **Marianna Kiwanis Club Meeting**—Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2290.
- » **Chipola Civic Club Meeting**—Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.
- » **Chess Club**—3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Marianna High School. Club is for MHS Students. For more information call 693-0473.
- » **VFW & Auxiliary Post #12046 Meeting**—6 p.m. at 2830 Wynn St., Marianna. Covered-dish supper followed by a 7 p.m. business meeting. Call 850-447-3659.
- » **William Dunaway Chapter National Society Sons of the American Revolution Meeting**—7 p.m. Jim's Buffet and Grill, Marianna. Dutch treat meal at 6:30 p.m. Veteran's program to be presented by Brian J. Budzien of the Jackson County Veteran's Service Office. Veterans are entitled to so many programs. Learn how to connect to these programs. Prospective members are welcome. For more information call 594-6664.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous**—Closed discussion, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking; papers will not be signed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Hooks and Needles**—10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna Branch. New and experienced hand crafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.
- » **Gospel Sing-A-Longs**—10:30 a.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizen Center, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Guest: Callie Woodens. For more, call 482-5028.
- » **Raspberry Pi at Chipola**—5:30 p.m. lecture by computer engineer David Thomas, in Jackson Hall, Literature/Language Building, Chipola College. For more, call 718-2268.
- » **Youth Activity Night**—6 p.m. at Marianna Church of God. Ages: 12-19. Call 482-6264.
- » **Celebrate Recovery**—7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting**—8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Annual Women's Conference**—March 3-4 at Sneads Community Church. March 3 at 6:30 p.m. the guest speaker will be Minister Stacey Croft. March 4 at 11 a.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Deborah Brown.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- » **Pack the Pew Program**—3 p.m. at New Beginning Outreach Ministries Inc., 2254 Magnolia Drive, Jacob. Guest speaker: Rev. Travis Grace. Praise and worship by Triple Anointing of Chiplely. For more, call 209-9802.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion**—6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- » **Biblical Interpretation Conference**—10 a.m. at The Baptist College of Florida on March 5-6. Title: Grasping God's Word. For more, call 263-3261.
- » **Breaking Free**—7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location call Shawn at 693-1621 or email BreakingFreeSAA@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

- » **St. Anne Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Big sale Feb. 27-March 6. Shoes and Clothing only. \$8 each bag. For more, call 482-3734.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Hearing Impaired Phone Service**—9:30 a.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizen Center, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Guest: Carol Davis. For more, call 482-5028.
- » **Beginner/players Pinochle**—10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and play. For more information and location call 272-6611.
- » **Optimist Club of Jackson County Meeting**—Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. All visitors welcome.
- » **Lenten Lunches**—noon every Tuesday from now through the end of March at First Presbyterian Church, 2898 Jefferson St., Marianna in the fellowship hall. Free lunch with soup, sandwiches and desserts.
- » **Marianna City Commission Meeting**—6 p.m. in City Hall, 2898 Green St., Marianna. Public welcome. Call 718-1001.
- » **Dare to Live Healed**—Healing School Class—7 p.m. in the Bascom Town Hall at 4969 Basswood Road. Free classes taught by Jacquelyn McGriff. Call 276-6024.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meeting**—8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Closed discussion with 12 & 12 study. Everyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Food Pantry**—10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc., 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting**—Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Jackson Blue Spring and Merritt's Mill Pond Basin Meeting**—6:30 p.m. at Jackson County Extension Auditorium, 2741 Penn Ave. Marianna. Topic: Update on the Jackson Blue BMAP revision.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8

- » **Drug/Alcohol Recovery Group**—9 a.m. at the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. This is an open meeting. For more information call 263-4431.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. New spring line. Need donations. Call 482-3734.
- » **Yoga Class & Health Talks**—10 a.m. at Jackson County Senior Citizen Center, 2931 Optimist Drive in Marianna. Guest: Sunshine Spears. For more, call 482-5028.
- » **Military Officer Training Meeting**—11:30 a.m. in Jackson Hall of Chipola Building Z for students interested in becoming a commissioned officer in the Marines after graduation. For more, contact Dr. Bouvin at 718-2380 or bouvind@chipola.edu.com.
- » **Chipola Civic Club Meeting**—Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.
- » **Chess Club**—3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Marianna High School. Club is for MHS Students. For more information call 693-0473.
- » **Free Caregiver Support Group**—4:30 p.m. to 6:00

p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Marianna in the social hall. All caregivers welcome. Support group empowers caregivers with knowledge and information through fellowship and sharing likeminded individuals who are caring for loved ones. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Tallahassee.

» **Jackson County Branch of the NAACP monthly meeting**—6 p.m. St. James A.M.E. Church.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous**—Closed discussion, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking; papers will not be signed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **BCF Preview Day**—9 a.m. registration at the Baptist College of Florida Wellness Center, 5400 College Drive, Graceville. For more, call 263-9015.
- » **Hooks and Needles**—10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna Branch. New and experienced hand crafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.
- » **Youth Activity Night**—6 p.m. at Marianna Church of God. Ages: 12-19. Call 482-6264.
- » **Play: On Golden Pond**—7 p.m. March 9-11 at The Spanish Trail Playhouse, 680 Second St., Chiplely with Sunday showing at 2 p.m. For more, call 638-9113.
- » **Celebrate Recovery**—7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting**—8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Spring Rose Care Basics**—9 a.m. to noon at the Washington County Agriculture Center, 1424 Jackson Ave., Chiplely. Pre-registration required. For more, call 638-6180.
- » **Sneads Recreation First Annual Golf Tournament**—10:30-11:45 a.m. registration. Lunch at 11-11:45 a.m., noon tee time, at Indian Springs Golf Course, 5248 Clubhouse Drive, Marianna. Cost: \$60 per person or \$180 per team. For more, contact recdirector@sneadsfl.com.
- » **Little, Junior and Miss Marianna Pageant**—6 p.m. at Marianna High School Auditorium. Admission \$5.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

- » **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion**—6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

- » **The Arrive Alive Tour from UNITE**—8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. at Cottondale High School, 2680 Levy St., Cottondale. Featuring virtual reality impaired driving and texting simulator. Sponsored by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.
- » **Marianna Lions Club Meeting**—Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2005.
- » **Distributing Food to End Hunger**—12:30 until all food is gone. 8012 Hwy., 90 W. Sneads. Restoration Network is partnering with Mount Moriah Church, Sneads. Distributing the 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month only on Mondays. First come first served basis. For more information call 850-718-1514.
- » **Breaking Free**—7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location call Shawn at 693-1621 or email BreakingFreeSAA@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

- » **Annual Strawberry Sale**—at Sneads Elementary School. Cost: \$15 per flat. Orders must be prepaid and placed by Friday, March 9. For more, call 482-9003.
- » **The Arrive Alive Tour from UNITE**—8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sneads High School, 8066 Old Spanish Trail, Marianna. Featuring virtual reality impaired driving and texting simulator. Sponsored by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.
- » **St. Anne Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Call 482-3734.
- » **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store**—9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna For more information call 573-5526.
- » **Jackson County Commissioners Meeting**—9 a.m. at Malone School for the board's 2nd Tuesday meeting.
- » **Beginner/players Pinochle**—10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and play. For more information and location call 272-6611.
- » **Graceville Kiwanis Club Meeting**—Noon at Circle Grill Restaurant, 5325 Cotton St.
- » **Lenten Lunches**—noon every Tuesday from now through the end of March at First Presbyterian Church, 2898 Jefferson St., Marianna in the fellowship hall. Free lunch with soup, sandwiches and desserts.
- » **Republican Club of Northwest Florida Meeting**—Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 352-4984.



JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following people were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:

- » **Michael Meier**, 60, 5540 Grove Road, Bascom, driving under the influence.
- » **Kyle Hodges**, 27, 2238 Ray Ave., Grand Ridge, violation of state probation, resisting an officer without violence — two counts.
- » **Taylor Barnhill**, 25, 2238 Ray Ave., Grand Ridge, accessory after the fact — two counts (violation of state probation, resisting an officer without violence).
- » **Christopher Sigers**, 30, 613 Gunter St., Ozark, violation of state probation.
- » **Tiale Winks**, 28, 17325 PCB

Parkway, Panama City, possession of drug paraphernalia.

- » **Joshua Quesenberry**, 31, 3981 Highway 90, Marianna, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- » **Michael Brady**, 29, 3467 Celestial Lane, Marianna, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana-less than 20 grams.
- » **Christopher Brock**, 35, 2130 Admiral Road, Cottdale, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana-less than 20 grams.
- » **Tronny Knapp**, 36, 2008 Mill Road, Cottdale, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting officer without violence.

Police Roundup

- » **Roy Maynard**, 50, 635 Oak Hill Road, Cairo, Georgia, issuing worthless checks — six counts.
- » **Andrew Lewis**, 54, 4241 Bryan St., Greenwood, driving while license suspended or revoked.
- » **Michael Barnes**, 39, 2991 Guyton St., Marianna, trespass on property other than structure or conveyance.
- » **Cyrus Brown Jr.**, 35, 6785 Bumpy Lane, Grand Ridge, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- » **Clyde McClennon**, 57, 6063 Wolf Pond Road, failure to appear — three counts, driving while license suspended or revoked.
- » **Henry Johnson**, 21, 1289 Harrison St., Oviedo, reckless

driving, driving while license suspended or revoked, fleeing with disregard of safety of persons or property, possession of a controlled substance without prescription, possession of marijuana — less than 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence, obstructing officer without violence, hold for Seminole and Orange counties, hold for Volusia.

- » **Monique Starnes**, 46, 4023 Charles Drive, Marianna, aggravated battery (domestic).
- » **Wilson Vasquez-Lopez**, 21, 4752 Watson St., Marianna, driving under the influence causing serious bodily injury to another, driving under the influence with damage to person or property, operating motor vehicle without

a valid driver's license.

- » **Jacqueline Hopkins**, 54, 642 S. Stewart St., Quincy, driving while license suspended or revoked, obstruction by disguised person, resisting officer without violence.
- » **Christy Faulk**, 32, 1828 Destiny Lane, Marianna, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of state probation.
- » **Crystal Enfinger**, 31, 6914 E Highway 388, Youngstown, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

JAIL POPULATION: 288

To report a crime, call CrimeStoppers at 526-5000 or a local law enforcement agency. To report a wildlife violation, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

Crime Briefs

Woman given 14 years for manslaughter in boating death

The Office of State Attorney Glenn Hess has announced that on Feb. 23, Circuit Judge Brantley S. Clark Jr. sentenced Mary King to 14 years in prison for principal to manslaughter and aggravated battery.

King had been found guilty as charged by a Bay County jury of those charges on Jan. 12, 2017. The charges stemmed from an October 2015 incident.



King

An anonymous tip was called into the Bay County Sheriff's Department in reference to King, her co-defendant, Thomas Hutchinson, and the victim, Timothy Morrell, being on a boat that had capsized in North Bay. Even after being rescued, King never mentioned Morrell, authorities say. After several interrogations, King finally admitted to battering Morrell and stabbing him multiple times, and then refusing to allow him back in the boat.

On Oct. 15, 2015, Mr. Morrell's body was recovered floating in the bay.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Bob Sombathy.

Man pleads to guilty first-degree murder, sentenced to life in prison

The Office of State Attorney Glenn Hess has announced that on Feb. 22, Billy Herman Shaffer pled guilty to first-degree murder with a firearm, burglary of a dwelling, and felon in possession of firearm or ammunition. He entered a plea to Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet without the benefit of any plea deal from the state.



Shaffer

Judge Overstreet sentenced Shaffer to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murder of Matthew Kelley. The investigation revealed that on Nov. 18, 2017, Shaffer waited for Kelley to return to his home. Once Kelley entered his residence, Shaffer shot him; he then called 911 and confessed to the crime. Within minutes, officers arrived on scene and detained Shaffer.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Bob Sombathy.

Jury returns guilty verdict in DUI manslaughter/vehicular homicide case

The Office of State Attorney Glenn Hess has announced that, on Feb. 22, a Bay County jury found Cody Austin Shirah guilty as charged of four counts of DUI manslaughter, four counts of vehicular homicide, DUI causing serious bodily injury, and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

Circuit Judge Michael Overstreet then sentenced Shirah to 60 years of imprisonment. The case was investigated by the Florida Highway Patrol.

At trial, Chief Assistant State Attorney Larry Basford and Assistant State Attorney Mark Graham presented evidence to the jury that on Sept. 16,

2016, Shirah sideswiped one vehicle on Highway 231. Shirah then fled onto Pinetree Road at an excessive speed and ran the stop sign at Pinetree Road and John Pitts Road, colliding with a separate vehicle, a van carrying a team of five softball players from Ohio. Four of the occupants of the van were killed, and one was seriously injured.

Testimony revealed that Shirah had 7.25 alcoholic drinks in his system at the time of the crash.

Washington County seeks man wanted on fraud charge

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating a man who is wanted on an outstanding warrant for alleged fraud.



Byrd

Trent Arthur Byrd, 27, who authorities say is also an absconder from Florida State Probation on other charges, is listed as a white male, approximately 6'3" tall with brown hair and brown eyes.

Washington County Sheriff's Office is asking that if you have any information on the whereabouts of Trent Byrd, call 850-638-6111. You may also contact the agency anonymously by calling 850-638-TIPS (8477) or by email at tips@wcso.us.

Bonifay woman behind bars on drug charge

A Bonifay woman is behind bars for methamphetamine charges following a traffic stop in Washington County.



Maul

The Washington County Sheriff's Office reports that deputies from that agency conducted a traffic stop, for speeding, near the intersection of Palmer Drive and U.S. Highway 90 in Caryville Sunday afternoon.

The driver, identified as Kevin Hammett, 51, of Bonifay, was found to be operating the vehicle with a suspended license for a prior DUI charge, officials say. Hammett, who is also on community control for unrelated drug charges out of Holmes County, was arrested for driving with a suspended license and booked into the Washington County Jail.

Officials say Hammett authorized a search the vehicle, which resulted in deputies locating a small bag of crystal methamphetamine in a wallet belonging to the passenger. The passenger, identified as Jackie Denise Maul, 49, of Bonifay, was also in possession of a plastic straw which contained methamphetamine residue, according to authorities.

Maul was taken into custody and transported to the Washington County Jail where she was booked on the charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

From staff reports

Two from Vero Beach arrested for local drug charges

According to a press release from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, two Vero Beach residents were arrested on drug charges on Feb. 24.

The agency reports that a deputy patrolling in the area of Peacock Bridge Road and State Road 71 in Marianna when he observed a traffic violation (unspecified in the release) and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle.

While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, identified as

Jackie Dodgen, the officer reportedly saw the front-seat passenger attempting to place the vehicle's radio into the dash of the vehicle. During the course of the traffic stop, the deputy obtained consent to search the vehicle.

The search revealed several items of drug paraphernalia, officials report, including a syringe found behind the vehicle's radio. The search also allegedly revealed a small plastic bag of methamphetamine and a glass

pipe containing methamphetamine. The substances were field tested and returned favorable signs of the substance being methamphetamine, officials said.

Dewy Dodgen, 40, and Jackie Dodgen, 43, both of Vero Beach, were arrested and transported to the Jackson County Correctional Facility to await first appearance; each of them is charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Arnold High School student arrested for making threats

Investigators with the Bay County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division last Friday arrested Arnold High School student Christian Grogan, 16, after an investigation into reports by several students that he had made threatening statements about killing his teacher as well as some students.

Last Friday morning around 8 a.m., authorities say, several students were gathered together talking when one of them reportedly stated he was going to "shoot up the school" beginning with his teacher first, then moving on to the students. Officials identified this individual as Grogan.

Officials say he reportedly elaborated on his plans to wreak havoc at the school, allegedly stating he wanted to use C-4 on certain pillars in the school to collapse the buildings, and then shoot the students. He stated he wanted to start by shooting his teacher in the arms and legs.

Alarmed, students sought out their school resource deputy and reported what Grogan had reportedly said. Investigators reported to the school and made contact with him.

Grogan allegedly admitted to investigators he had made his plans of destruction "mentally" as he has a "high IQ" and was good at strategy. Grogan did not exhibit any remorse at his statements, authorities report, but instead seemed amused, saying "I enjoy bringing pain and seeing other people suffer."

A search warrant at his residence revealed several firearms in the home, authorities report. They were seized.

Grogan was charged with making a false report concerning the use of a firearm in a violent manner, a second-degree felony. He was taken to a Department of Juvenile Justice facility.

Passenger arrested on drug charge

A passenger in a vehicle pulled over because of an alleged traffic violation wound up behind bars on a drug charge last weekend.

According to a press release from the Jackson County Sheriff's office, a deputy with that agency was patrolling in the area of State Road 71 and Magnolia Road on Feb. 25 when he observed a traffic infraction (unspecified in the release) and conducted a traffic stop on the white vehicle.

While attempting to stop the vehicle, the deputy reportedly observed the front-seat passenger make several furtive movements in the area where she was seated. Upon making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, the deputy asked the front-seat passenger if there were any illegal weapons or narcotics in the vehicle or in the area where she was seen making movements. The passenger stated that she had a "pipe" and methamphet-

amine in her purse, officials say.

A search of the purse did reveal a glass pipe bearing methamphetamine residue, authorities say. Located adjacent to the pipe was a small jewelry-style bag that contained a crystallized substance consistent with that of methamphetamine or "Ice," according to authorities. The substance was subsequently field-tested, a process which reportedly returned favorable results for being methamphetamine.

Officials said they also learned the passenger was on active state probation. At the conclusion of the traffic stop the passenger, identified as Christy Lee Faulk, was placed under arrest and transported to the Jackson County Correctional Facility to await first appearance on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of state probation.

Man accused of attempting to elude officers

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of a Cottdale man on drug charges Feb. 24.

In a news release, authorities from that agency say a deputy was patrolling in the area of Bethlehem Road in Cottdale when he saw a traffic violation (unspecified in the release) and attempted a traffic stop on the blue Ford pickup truck in question.

With the deputy's emergency equipment activated, officials say, the driver failed to stop and continued traveling south on Bethlehem Road. After a distance, the vehicle entered a driveway and continued driving up the driveway until reaching a residence.

After the truck stopped, a K-9 unit arrived on scene to assist the deputy with the traffic stop. Contact was made with the driver, identified as Donnie Ray Shores Jr., 46, who was the single occupant of the vehicle.

During the course of the probable-cause traffic stop, K-9 "Roxy" was deployed to conduct a free-air sniff of the vehicle. The dog alerted on the vehicle indicating the odor of narcotics coming from within, officials say. A search of the truck revealed drug paraphernalia and crystal methamphetamine or "Ice,"

according to authorities.

At the conclusion of the investigation, Donnie Ray Shores Jr. was arrested and transported to the Jackson County Correctional Facility to await first appearance on the charges of fleeing/attempting to elude a law enforcement officer and possession of methamphetamine.

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Nation Briefs

Rapper YoungBoy arrested on kidnapping, assault charges

TALLAHASSEE — Authorities say rapper YoungBoy's Florida arrest stems from kidnapping and weapons charges filed in Georgia.

The Leon County Sheriff's arrest affidavit shows Kentrell DeSean Gaulden was arrested at a Hampton Inn & Suites in Tallahassee over the weekend on a Waycross, Georgia, warrant for aggravated assault with a weapon and kidnapping.

Gaulden appeared in court Monday and faces extradition. Jail records stated his age as 19, but the affidavit says he is 18 years old.

The Louisiana rapper is by his nickname YoungBoy Never Broke Again. His songs "Outside Today" and "No Smoke" have appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart.

Gaulden was arrested in a drive-by shooting in 2016. A Louisiana judge ordered three years of active supervised probation in August.

Police: Officer shoots, wounds suicidal man

SOUTH DAYTONA — Authorities say a police officer shot and wounded a suicidal man who charged at officers with a knife.

South Daytona police Lt. Mark Cheatham tells news outlets that 31-year-old Chad Murray was shot once in the incident that occurred Saturday.

Police were called by Murray's ex-girlfriend who reported he was threatening to commit suicide by overdosing on medication because his relationship with her fell apart.

When officers arrived, the girlfriend let them in and Murray immediately confronted the officers and charged at them.

An officer deployed his stun gun, which didn't stop him, and another officer fired his weapon. Even after Murray was shot, officers had to wrestle him to the ground.

Police charged Murray with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Man killed, three injured in two related shootings

RIVIERA BEACH — Police in Florida say a man was killed and three others were injured in two shootings that are apparently related.

Riviera Beach Police told news media that one man was shot and wounded before he was driven to a nearby hospital in a private car.

Thirty minutes later, police say a suspect linked to the first shooting pulled up to a home in the same neighborhood, got out of his car and shot a man sitting in another car, killing him. Two people who were inside the garage were also shot and injured.

Authorities say the attacks appear to be related to a dispute between groups.

Pediatrician arrested for using partial vaccine doses

ORLANDO — A Florida pediatrician has been arrested for giving partial doses of vaccines to children.

The Florida Department of Health says in a statement that about 500 patients of Dr. Ishrat Sohail may have been affected. The agency is working to notify those families to consider revaccinating their children.

Sohail is suspected of Medicaid fraud.

In 2016, the health department suspended her for two months from a federal vaccination program for administering on children with private insurance vaccines meant for Medicaid and uninsured patients. State health officials discovered the partially-used doses in a follow-up visit in late January.

It also is possible Sohail's vaccines may not have been sterilized.

Teen accused of shooting father pleads guilty

HAMILTON, Ohio — An Ohio teenager has pleaded guilty to charges that she fatally shot her father.

The 15-year-old girl entered her plea Monday in Butler County Juvenile Court in the February 2017 shooting death of James Ponder.

The teen was 14 when police say she shot her 71-year-old father in the face at the family's home in Hamilton, roughly 30 miles north of Cincinnati.

Police said the girl called 911, telling a dispatcher she just shot her father.

The teen could be sentenced to Ohio's Department of Youth Services until her 21st birthday and could face an adult sentence if she misbehaves in juvenile prison.

Pal of Boston Marathon bomber getting out of prison

BOSTON — The second of three college buddies convicted for their roles in covering up for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is getting out of prison.

The Boston Herald reports that 24-year-old Robel Phillipos is scheduled to be released Monday from a residential re-entry management program. A Philadelphia-based spokesman for the re-entry program says he can't disclose where Phillipos had been held.

Phillipos was convicted in 2015 of lying to authorities investigating the 2013 bombing that killed three people and injured more than 260.

Phillipos went to Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School and the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth with Tsarnaev.

A federal appeals court last year rejected Phillipos' bid to overturn his conviction.

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featured vendors and food, live entertainment, door prizes and a ceremonial commitment ceremony in which residents pledged to "marry" Marianna and support its growth. Mayor Kenny Hamilton lead the group in taking their "vows" and even read a proclamation declaring Feb. 26 Marianna Day to formalize the occasion.

But the fun in the park also served a purpose for the certified planners who've volunteered to come here and do a complicated job. Gathering input from myriad sources is a key task for Ellen Heath, Sonja Ewing, Tom Lavash, Mary Morton and Peter Costa, who help communities with what can seem like daunting work — big-picture land-use planning that takes into consideration the needs of the public, businesses and environment, now and years into the future.

The City of Marianna applied to the APA and the visit from the planners, who are traveling with APA programs manager Ryan Scherzinger, is one result of that application's acceptance. While the work is done by volunteers, travel expenses are paid by the applicant. Those costs will be shared between the City and Jackson County. The week's whole-team visit will help them get the information they need to better understand what the community wants to see happen to the Penn Avenue Corridor, from the Instate 10 exchange with its nearby Family Dollar Distribution Center, along areas



PHOTOS BY ANGIE COOK/FLORIDAN

Sonja Ewing talks about focal points of the Penn Avenue Corridor planning project, Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Marianna.

like the former Dozier school, now dormant, and Marianna Middle School, the future of which is in flux while the new K-8 school is under construction, to the US 90 node that connects downtown.

That community input — coming via surveys, small stakeholder meetings, two public meetings and a "quick" chat that can pop up just about anywhere a planner stops to take a breath — is piling up. "It's been like a fire hose," Heath told the small crowd Tuesday night at the first public meeting.

She and other planners shared results of those surveys, fielded questions from the small crowd and said the group's preliminary recommendations will be shared at Thursday night's public meeting — 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Agriculture Office Complex on Penn Avenue.



Mayor Kenny Hamilton holds a proclamation declaring it Marianna Day, Monday, Feb. 26, in Madison Street Park.



A map showing the Penn Avenue Corridor, focus of an American Planning Association project to improve the West End, is displayed during a public meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, in Marianna.

UConn gives posthumous admission to Florida school shooting victim

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — The University of Connecticut has sent a posthumous letter of admission to the family of a student killed in the mass shooting at a Florida high school.

UConn officials say they learned through news reports that 14-year-old Alex Schachter had dreamed of going to the university and often would wear a sweatshirt with the school's logo. He was one of 17 people killed Feb. 14 in a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

UConn admitted the young trombone player as a music major after learning about his passion for band.

"We were touched by his love for music and for his love of UConn," wrote Nathan Fuerst, the school's director of undergraduate admissions, in a handwritten note of condolence that accompanied the formal letter of acceptance. "Alex will always be remembered, and for us, forever a UConn Husky."

Spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz said the university hopes the gesture provides a small measure of comfort to Alex's family and friends.

Alex's late mother and a cousin both attended UConn, his uncle, Paul Goldberg, told the Sun Sentinel newspaper.

"That's why Alex loved UConn, 'cause his mom went there," Goldberg said. "He wore the sweatshirts all the time."

The U.S. Military Academy last week posthumously admitted 15-year-old victim Peter Wang, who was a member of the Junior ROTC at Douglas High. Peter, 15, died wearing his gray ROTC shirt and was last seen holding a door open for other students, his cousins have said.

West Point rarely offers posthumous admissions. Potential candidates' actions must exemplify the academy's tenets of duty, honor and country.

Reitz said the posthumous admission for Alex is the second UConn has offered "in recent memo-

ry." The other was several years ago when a student applied but died before admissions decisions had been publicly released, she said.

UConn is about 75 miles from Newtown, Connecticut, where a mass shooting in 2012 took the lives of 26 students and educators at the Sandy Hook

Elementary School. Following the tragedy, the school set up scholarships for the siblings and children of those killed and any students who were enrolled at the elementary school at the time of the shooting. They must pass the usual admission requirements to claim the scholarships.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A draft of the CareerSource Chipola (CSC) Workforce Services Plan Two Year Modification for 2016-2020 is available for review and comment on the CareerSource Chipola website www.careersourcechipola.com or you can view the plan at our office located 4636 Highway 90 East, Suite K, Marianna, FL. Any questions or comments can be sent to us at comments.careersourcechipola.com CSC is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Area Church Briefs

Clondyke announces March schedule

The following gospel music ministries will be in concert this March at the Clondyke Gospel Music Center, located half-way between the Alabama towns of Newton and Ozark, at 3885 Alabama Highway 123 South. Concert time is 7 p.m. in each case. The shows are free.

- » Saturday, March 3: The Conrads of Dothan, Alabama
- » Saturday, March 10: Fortress of Hosford
- » Friday, March 16: Nothin' But Grace of LaGrange, Georgia
- » Saturday, March 17: Mercy's Echoes Quartet of Troy, Alabama
- » Saturday, March 24: Rachel Hartzog of Brundidge, Alabama
- » Saturday, March 31: Miller Family of Chipley.

First UMC has Wednesday events

The First United Methodist Church of Marianna extends an open invitation for all to join a group of men and women each Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. for breakfast followed by 30 minutes of Bible study and Christian teachings, led by Pastor Nathan Attwood.

Breakfast is \$2 and the pastor's message is free. The gathering is in the Wesley Center adjacent to the Marianna Post Office parking lot.

Call George 209-2072 or Jim 718-7340 for additional information.

Cords of Love revival concludes tonight

The revival in process at Cords of Love Assembly

of God concludes tonight, Feb. 28 with the Rev. Tim Collins as guest speaker. The service begins at 6 p.m. The church is located at 2060 Bethlehem Road.

Women's Conference set for Sneads Community Church

Sneads Community Church will host its annual Women's Conference March 3-4. The service on March 3 begins at 6:30 p.m. with Minister Stacey Croft as guest speaker.

The March 4 service begins at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. Deborah Brown as guest speaker. The program is open to the public and sponsored by Elder Kindra Roulhac. The church is located at 8162 Highway 90 East in Sneads.

"Pack the Pew" at New Beginning Outreach

On March 4, at 3 p.m., New Beginning Outreach Ministries will have its 7th annual Pack the Pew Program.

The theme is "When All God's Children get Together" There will be singing, praise dancing, and preaching. The speaker will be the Rev. Travis Grace of Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in Headland, Alabama.

Triple Anointing of Chipley, Florida will be ministering through praise and worship music.

For more information, contact Bro. Derrick Henderson at 209-9802. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 2254 Magnolia Drive, Jacob City.

From staff reports

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN HOSTS LENTEN LUNCHES



SUBMITTED PHOTO

First Presbyterian Church of Marianna is hosting Lenten Lunches (above) every Tuesday at noon from now through the end of March. The community is invited to lunch free of charge with soup, sandwiches and desserts on the menu. The meals are held in the church fellowship hall near the corner of Clinton and Jefferson streets. At the gatherings, local preachers from various denominations give messages centered on the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus in the gospel of John. The church is located at 2898 Jefferson Street.

Church officials: Holy Sepulchre will reopen

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Latest on the tax dispute between the Jerusalem Municipality and Christian churches (all times local):

Christian leaders say they will reopen the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem after Israeli authorities suspended a plan to impose taxes on church properties in the holy city.

Major denominations, including the Roman Catholic and Greek Or-

thodox churches, said the church would reopen early Wednesday after it was shut for three days to protest the Israeli tax plan.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is built on the site where Christians believe Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead. It is one of the most visited sites in the Holy Land, and the closure came just weeks before the busy Easter season.

Jerusalem's mayor has suspended a plan to collect taxes from churches, easing a crisis that had led to a

three-day closure of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In an announcement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he and Mayor Nir Barkat had formed a team to "formulate a solution" to the matter. The team will negotiate with church officials.

Barkat says his tax plan applies only to commercial properties owned by churches, not houses of worship. But the churches say the plan violates longstanding understandings.

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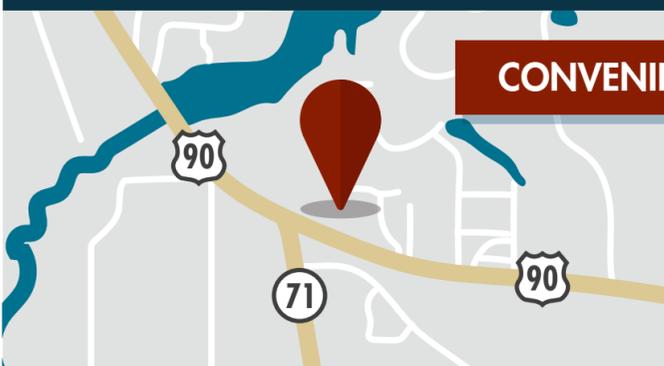
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High School Baseball

Cottdale finishes rally to edge out Altha

From Staff Reports

It was a mixed weekend for Cottdale baseball.

On Friday, the Cottdale Hornets pulled out a 9-8 win over Altha, but the game did not have a promising start. The Wildcats scored four runs before Cottdale Pitcher Brady Hill settled in and struck out two with number three flying out. Hill was able to walk and steal his way to third after Grayson Ball grounded out, but he was left stranded when Avery Burkett and Austin Livingston

struck out.

The second was not a good inning for the Wildcats. A ground out and two strikeouts quickly brought the Hornets back to bat. Levi Davis was walked to first, stole second, got to third on a catcher error and then headed home on a ground-out hit by Austin Grissett to make it 4-1 before Altha got out number three. Altha came to the plate, but went to the dugout in three due to two strikeouts by Hill and a ground-out.

The Hornets were fired up now

and Ball was able to steal his way home to make it 4-2 Altha. Hill was up next and after being hit by a pitch stole his way to third. He was soon joined on the bases by Livingston. They didn't stay in the filed for long though. Mason Jones smashed a home run into left field that brought them in and made the score 5-4 Cottdale.

In the fourth inning, Altha had two strikeouts and a groundout to bring up Cottdale again. The Hornets brought up three but they fell to strikeout, line out

and a fly ball.

The fifth proved equally anticlimactic. Neither team could get anyone past second before being retired by fly balls, strikeouts and groundouts. Scoring resumed in the sixth though.

Altha was able to tie things up 5-5, but Cottdale pulled ahead again with Jordan Braxton, Caleb Nix and ball all scoring runs. It was now 8-5 Cottdale.

With the end in sight, the Wildcats rallied in the seventh and brought in three runs to tie things up.

With it now 8-8, Cottdale needed at least one run to keep the game out of extra innings.

Davis flied out, but Grissett hit a solid single to get to first. Cody Foran came in as a substitute runner for Grissett and began to make his way to third base. Braxton was walked and Nix flied out, but Ball hit a solid grounder to center field that brought in Foran to make it 9-8 Cottdale for the win.

On Saturday, they faced Bozeman and lost 11-1.

The Hornets are 2-1 for the season.

Pirates scuttle Yellowjackets

From Staff Reports

The Sneads Pirates faced off against the Vernon Yellowjackets Friday night.

After two innings of defensive play, Vernon was able to finally put a run on the board, but Sneads came back big time in the fifth and scored three runs to take the lead.

Sneads was able to hold off Vernon for three more innings and score one more run in the sixth to make it 4-1.

The Pirates are now 3-2 for the season.

Colton Mercer scored two runs and had one RBI. Russell Allen also had one RBI. Josh Baxley and Russell Allen had one RBI apiece.

Trenton Barbee and Turner Gainer were on the mound for Sneads. They only gave up three hits and two walks in the game.

Barbee threw 49 strikes in 69 pitches and Gainer had 29 strikes in 49 pitches.

High School Softball

Lady Pirates keelhaul Marauders

From Staff Reports

In true Pirate style, Sneads softball walked off with a 11-1 win over the Mclay School Marauders Friday night.

The first inning basically set the pattern for the game. Four batters came up, but three were quickly sat down by a fly ball and a pair of grounders.

Sneads was on offense and Michaela Edenfield and Marissa Baxter were both brought home by a double from Abby Perkins to make it 2-0.

Mclay came back to bat after a pair of fly balls and a strike out by Sneads, but went back to the dugout after three groundouts in a row.

Sneads' Hanna Stephens made it to third on a trio of errors, before being sent home by a double hit by Abbie McIntosh.

McIntosh then made it home when Edenfield and Baxter both smashed a pair of singles. It was now 4-0.

The Marauders got three outs and were back hitting again. Their first batter flied out and number two was picked off in a fielder's choice. Number three scored to make it 4-1, but a Mclay runner got picked off to retire the Marauders.

The bottom of the third was not productive for the Pirates. Four came to bat, but two flied out and one got out on a line drive. It was now the fourth and the Marauders were back at bat. Two flied out and one was picked off heading to first.

Sneads came alive in the fourth. Edenfield, Baxter, Perkins and Ayleen Faria all scored runs to make it 8-1 Sneads as the game headed into the fifth.

Mclay came to bat again but they grounded out twice and had one strikeout. Sneads was back up and Taylor Lanphere, McIntosh and Edenfield quickly scored three more runs to make the score 11-1. The mercy rule kicked in to end the festivities.

Edenfield had three runs in the game with McIntosh and Baxter having two. Perkins, Faria, Lanphere and Stephens all had one run apiece.

Sneads is now 5-0 for the season.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

DOWN AND DIRTY



PHOTOS BY MARK SKINNER/FLORIDAN

Brandy Adams slides into third after hitting a triple that brought in two runs for Malone Tuesday night against Cottdale. The Lady Tigers won, 15-8.



Chloe Temples pitches for Marianna during Tuesday night's game against Holmes County. Marianna lost, 3-0.

Box Scores

FEBRUARY 27
HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Cottdale beat Graceville, 11-0.
Marianna JV lost to Northside, 5-1 and 5-4.
Sneads beat Wewa, 8-6.

Softball

Graceville lost to Poplar Springs, 15-4.
Malone beat Cottdale, 15-8.
Marianna lost to Holmes County, 3-0.
Sneads-Blountstown game moved to Feb. 28t, 3 p.m. in Sneads.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Grand Ridge beat Vernon: A team won, 9-1; B team won, 12-5.
Marianna-West Gadsden game cancelled.

Softball

Grand Ridge beat Roulhac. The A team won 10-0 and the B team won 8-1.
West Gadsden forfeited to Marianna.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Chipola softball beat Enterprise State Community College, 7-0, in game one. Score of game 2 was unavailable at press time.

FEBRUARY 26
HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Malone beat Graceville, 15-2.

Softball

Malone lost to Freeport, 6-3.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Grand Ridge beat Marianna, 7-2.

Softball

Marianna beat Grand Ridge, the A team won 7-1 and B won 10-9.

FEBRUARY 25

Chipola College

Chipola baseball split. They lost to East Georgia College, 4-1 and beat Hillsborough Community College, 9-6.

FEBRUARY 24

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna plays Freeport at 1 p.m. and Walton at 3 p.m. at Altha.

Chipola College

Chipola basketball host Gulf Coast, The men won 80-69 and the women lost 69-65.

Chipola baseball beat the State College of Florida, 13-10.

Sports Briefs

FEBRUARY 28
HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna JV host Blountstown, 4 and 6 p.m. doubleheader.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Chipola baseball at Gordon State College, 2 p.m.

MARCH 1
HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Cottdale at Blountstown, 6 p.m.
Malone at Bethlehem, 4 and 6 p.m.
Marianna at Pike Liberal Arts, 6:30 p.m.

Sneads hosts Liberty County, 6 p.m.

Softball

Graceville hosts Cottdale, 6 p.m.
Malone Varsity hosts Port St. Joe, 5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna A at Riversprings, 12:45 p.m.

Softball

Grand Ridge at Vernon, 5 and 6 p.m.

Marianna A plays Riversprings, 3:30 p.m. in Crawfordville.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Chipola softball at Southern Union State Community College, 2 and 4 p.m.

MARCH 2
HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Cottdale at Altha, 6:30 p.m.
Graceville hosts Holmes County, 6 p.m.

Malone hosts Bethlehem, 4 and 6 p.m.

Marianna at Glenwood, 5 p.m.

Softball

Arnold Invitational in Panama City: Marianna plays at 4 and 6 p.m.
Sneads plays at 4 and 8 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna hosts Freeport, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Softball

Malone hosts Bethlehem, middle at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 p.m.
Marianna hosts Florida High, 4 and 6

p.m. B team plays first.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Chipola hosts Grand Rapids Community College, 1 p.m.

MARCH 3

HIGH SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna plays at Central Phenix City, 12 p.m.

Softball

Arnold Invitational in Panama City: Marianna plays at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sneads plays at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Baseball

Marianna plays Roulhac, 11 a.m., and Holmes County, 1 p.m., in Freeport.

Softball

Malone Varsity plays Port St. Joe, 11 a.m., and John Paul, 1 p.m., in Port St. Joe.

CHIPOLA COLLEGE

Chipola hosts Grand Rapids Community College, 12 p.m.

(Game times subject to change.)

Outdoors

Spring turkey season set to open in Florida

From Staff Reports

Florida's spring turkey season opens Saturday, March 3, on private lands south of State Road 70.

It is one of the first spring turkey hunting seasons in the country.

North of State Road 70, Florida's spring turkey season on private lands opens Saturday, March 17. Florida's wildlife management area system also offers opportunities for tur-

key hunters, and because dates and regulations can vary, hunters are encouraged to review the regulations brochure for the WMA they plan to hunt.

Florida is also the only place in the world where the Osceola subspecies of wild turkey (AKA the Florida wild turkey) is found.

It's similar to the eastern wild turkey that is found in north Florida and throughout the eastern United States, but they

tend to be smaller and darker with less white barring on the wings.

Hunting wild turkeys is popular in Florida and throughout North America. One reason people enjoy it is the range of calls wild turkeys make. The most recognized call is gobbling, which is most often associated with male birds, or gobblers, during spring when they breed.

The gobbler will fan out

its tail, puff out its feathers, strut and gobble to attract hens. Hunters pursue this wary bird by imitating various turkey calls to bring gobblers in close. Getting to see a male wild turkey's courtship ritual is exciting for new hunters as well as those with years of experience.

"Spring turkey season gives hunters the chance to share a delicious wild game meal with friends and family," said Roger

Shields, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Wild Turkey Management Program coordinator.

"The weather is mild, the spring woods are beautiful, and the thrill of hearing a gobbler respond to your calls is a wonderful memory you can share with a new hunter," he added.

Wild turkeys are a conservation success story in Florida and across North

America. They had almost disappeared by the turn of the 20th century, but thanks to science-based wildlife restoration efforts, today Osceola and eastern wild turkeys are flourishing throughout the state.

To see Florida's wild turkey season dates and bag limits, visit MyFWC.com/Hunting and click "Season Dates." Learn more about wild turkeys by choosing "Species Profiles" at MyFWC.com/WildlifeHabitat.

Golf Commentary

Woods' shadow larger than ever

MEXICO CITY

Tiger Woods is bigger than ever in golf, and he already was plenty big when he was winning at a rate never seen.



Doug Ferguson

The Honda Classic broke its attendance record last week with a confirmed 224,624 spectators over seven days. The tournament attributed the record increase to the return of Woods and the drama of a sudden-death playoff won by Justin Thomas.

It could have stopped after Woods. Not even Thomas would argue with that.

Television ratings for the Honda Classic were up 43 percent from the previous year, when Rickie Fowler won.

No surprise there, either.

Woods no longer moves the needle in golf. He is the needle.

Even when he finishes 12th.

What made Woods so compelling at PGA National was that he was only four shots behind going into the weekend, and that on the toughest course of the season — more than a full shot harder than the next one — Woods never shot worse than 71.

He still finished eight shots behind and was never closer than four shots of the lead over the back nine. The possibilities were there, just not the performance.

Not yet, anyway.

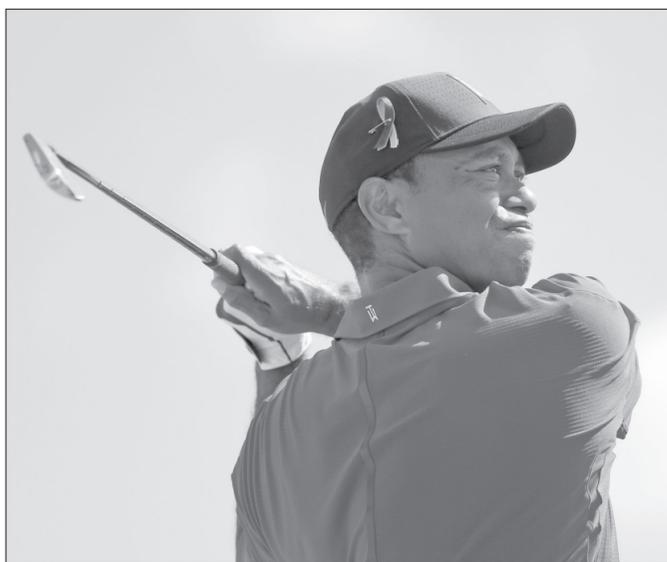
And perhaps that's why coverage of the Honda Classic — video, digital and print — touted results by Woods that were impressive, promising and everything in between, almost to a point that Thomas winning in clutch style was an afterthought.

Woods was pleased with how he played, all things considered, and there is a lot to consider — three back surgeries in a span of 18 months, and not knowing five months ago if he'd ever be able to compete at a high level, and playing against a full PGA Tour field for only the third time this year.

He also knows how to keep score.

And that might explain the text message Woods sent to Thomas on Monday: "Don't worry about it. You're still the one holding the trophy."

Thomas was not the least bit surprised, nor concerned, about such an intense focus on Woods. He could hear it from the third green Sunday when he was looking over a short birdie putt and a burst of cheers came through the trees from the eighth green where Woods made



Tiger Woods tees off on the fourth hole during the final round of the Honda Classic tournament on Sunday.

birdie.

The walk to the fourth tee goes across the tee box at No. 9, where Woods had just teed off. The gallery with Woods — perhaps four times the size that was following the last group — stretched all the way to the clubhouse. Thomas couldn't help but notice of his fans peel off to watch Woods.

Why not?

"I'd do the same thing," he said. "I'd go watch Tiger Woods. I was out there trying to win a golf tournament. The fact people want to go watch Tiger Woods doesn't bother me. I don't blame them. He's earned that."

It's really nothing new. Stewart Cink once told of the time he played in the Junior World Championship in San Diego. When his round was over, his mother would go back onto the course and watch Woods.

Golf is in a different place than when Woods picked up his 79th victory on the PGA Tour in August 2013, his most recent victory. Thomas had just turned pro. Jordan Spieth had just earned a full PGA Tour card. Jon Rahm was going into his sophomore year at Arizona State. Since then, five players have taken turns at No. 1 in the world.

During his longest stretch out of golf with his bad back, the refrain was that golf needed Tiger Woods. When he was on the verge of returning at the end of 2016, the talk was that golf was in a good spot and Woods could only make it that much better.

For the first few tournaments of his return, it has become Woods and

everyone else.

The question leading to the Masters, and possibly beyond, is whether the rising tide lifts all ships or sinks them.

But it's early. Woods finished seven shots behind in a tie for 23th at Torrey Pines. He finished eight shots behind in 12th place at PGA National. In between, he missed the cut at Riviera, a course that never was kind to him even when he was at his best. Next up is most likely Bay Hill, where he has won eight times.

Different about Woods this time is that he has lowered his expectations. He was playing to win, sure. This time, he has accepted a new body he had to learn after fusion surgery on his lower back, and that it might take time to get back into the game. Three starts in five weeks is the most tournament golf he has played since August 2015.

"My expectations have gone up," Woods said.

So will the hype. That probably won't change until he wins.

Thomas, and no doubt others, are fine with that. Thomas is approaching \$20 million in career earnings, and even though he has played in only 11 PGA Tour events with Woods, he knows who to thank for it.

Meanwhile, Thomas will try to win his first World Golf Championships title this week in Mexico. Dustin Johnson is the defending champion. Woods has been out of golf too long to be eligible.

For the mainstream fans whom Woods brought to the game, will they even notice who wins?

Be a citizen-scientist this horseshoe crab spawning season

From Staff Reports

Spring is peak mating season for horseshoe crabs and biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are encouraging people to report sightings with a new app.

The FWC Reporter app is free to download on Apple or Android smartphones or tablets from the App Store and Google Play. You can also report findings via email at horseshoe@MyFWC.com or by phone at 866-252-9326, or go to MyFWC.com/Contact and click on "Horseshoe Crab Nesting Activity" for the "Florida Horseshoe Crab Spawning Beach Survey" link.

Horseshoe crabs mate year-round, but it is most common to see groups along the shore in March and April. To identify mating pairs, look for a smaller male on top of a larger female.

Beachgoers will likely have the best luck spotting horseshoe crabs around high tide, within three days of a full or new moon. The next full moon is Friday, March 2, and the new moon is Saturday, March 17.

These sighting reports provide important information about population distribution to the FWC. Although horseshoe crabs have existed for about 450 million years, their numbers have declined due to overfishing and loss of habitat.

If you see a horseshoe crab on its back, gently pick it up (holding both sides of the shell) and release it back into the water. Simple actions like this help conserve this species and the many other species that depend on it.

Report fish and wildlife sightings with FWC's new app

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) invites Florida residents and visitors to take an active role in conservation by reporting fish and wildlife observations with the new FWC Reporter app.

Middle School Baseball

Grand Ridge takes down Marianna

From Staff Reports

The Grand Ridge Indians beat the Marianna Middle Bullpups, 7-2, Monday night.

After a quick first inning where Marianna's Brantley Willis scored a run and a scoreless second inning, things came alive in the third.

Grand Ridge's Eli Adams, Devin Barnes, McLane Baxter and Caden Mercer all scored runs to make it 4-1 Grand Ridge.

Waylon Crumpler was able to score a run for the Bullpups to make it 4-2, but the Indians stayed on a roll for the rest of the game while the Marianna offense faltered.

Taylor Brown scored in the fourth to make it 5-2. In the sixth Sam Godwin and Peyton Brown both scored to make it 7-2.

Major League Baseball

Seahawks QB Wilson works out with Yankees

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Russell Wilson's head knows football was the right choice. Baseball still has his heart.

A 2014 Super Bowl champion quarterback with the Seattle Seahawks, the 29-year-old began a week of workouts Monday with the New York Yankees.

"Is this just a stunt?" he said. "I think that if you really know me, baseball's been a part of my blood. It's been a part of who I am and where I've come from and what I've done. When you see me make plays on the football field, a lot of that's a direct correlation to baseball."

Wilson hit six homers in 39 swings as part of a batting practice group that included Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton,



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson goes through drills with the New York Yankees during spring training on Monday.

the top sluggers in the major leagues last season, plus Gary Sanchez and Greg Bird.

A middle infielder who hit .229 over 93 games at Class A in the Colorado Rockies' system in 2011 and '12, Wilson became the Seahawks' starting

quarterback in autumn 2012. He was selected by Texas in the 2013 winter meeting draft and attended spring training with the Rangers.

Wilson was on vacation in the Bahamas early this month when he learned he had been acquired in a

trade by the Yankees, his favorite team growing up. While the Yankees gave playing time to football players Deion Sanders and Drew Henson, they said Wilson will not appear in any spring training games; they want to observe his leadership skills, and he wants to soak up the attitude of a franchise with a record 27 World Series titles.

"There's an aroma around here that I've got to figure out, and I can't wait to learn more about it and use that for my football career," he said.

Wearing pink sunglasses for BP, Wilson fell short of the fence in his first 17 swings with a 33-inch, 31-ounce Louisville Slugger, a personalized maple model H319C in black. He then hit three in his next four tries, cleared the left-field walkway and

clanked his final drive off the center-field batter's eye.

"It's just cool being able to pick his brain, that was the coolest part for me," Judge said. "When he's working out, everything is for a purpose."

Wilson was on the field hours early, working with shortstop Didi Gregorius. He and the Yankees were all smiles.

"Watching him take a ball from the outfield that was kind of an in-between hop and watching him moving his feet real well and create a longer hop, that's a savvy good-player move," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Wilson spoke to the team before batting practice about leadership principles and said Judge and Stanton would be tight ends if they played

in the NFL. He wore No. 73 — his football number, 3, is retired by the Yankees for Babe Ruth and his baseball number in high school was 7, retired by New York for Mickey Mantle.

He said his great uncle wears a Yankees cap every day, even to Seahawks games.

"I was always a fair-weather fan. I loved watching the best players, the best teams play. So when I was growing up, playing football, it was the Green Bay Packers at one point, then it was the 49ers, then it was the Cowboys," Wilson said. "But for baseball growing up, I was always a huge Yankees fan, and I think it was because I loved the process. I love watching wins in intention."

Wilson has no intention to switch sports.

Major League Baseball

Sign me: Free agents play Japanese amateurs in exhibition

The Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. — Tyler Clippard wore a black jersey with a white players' union logo and pitched hitless ball for two innings against amateurs in the green shirts of the East Japan Railway Company.

Even coming off the worst of his nine major league seasons, this is not how the 33-year-old right-hander envisioned spring training.

"We know that my year last year was a bad year, but at the end of the day how bad was it? And it wasn't as bad as some that got significant contracts," he said Tuesday after appearing in the first of two exhibition games for free agents scheduled for this week at the IMG Academy.

Thirty-eight players have attended the camp since workouts started Feb. 14. They wonder why they are



Major League Baseball free agent second baseman Tyler Ladendorf (center) and Omar Infante (right) team up to force JR East base runner Sato at second base and turn a double play on Hasagawa during an exhibition game on Tuesday in Bradenton, Fla.

on the outside while several teams have jettisoned veterans to fill a higher

percentage of their roster spots with lower-salaried youth.

The players' association filed a grievance Friday against the Miami Marlins,

Oakland Athletics, Pittsburgh Pirates and Tampa Bay Rays, accusing the teams of failing to appropriately spend revenue-sharing money.

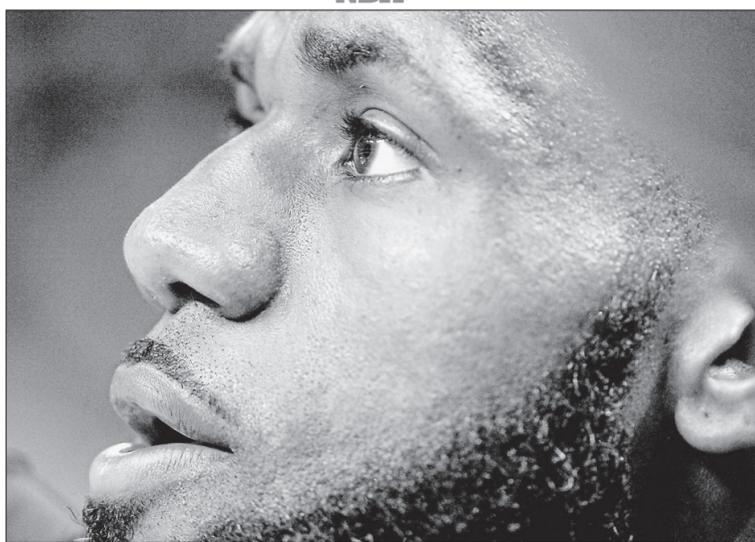
"Isn't the goal to win the World Series every year? I think every team should want to win the World Series every year," 35-year-old left-hander Tom Gorzelanny said. "You're not trying to go out there and say I'd rather save money than win games."

Two players agreed to minor league deals after attending camp: right-hander Carlos Torres with Cleveland and left-hander Tommy Layne with Boston. First baseman Mike Napoli had been on the roster for the exhibition, but left for Arizona and a physical needed to finalize a minor league contract with the Indians. Second baseman Neil Walker arrived this week.

This camp is similar to the one run by the union at Homestead, Florida, following the end of the 1994-95 strike. Dave Gallagher attended then as a player and signed with Philadelphia. Now he is a coach under manager Bob Porter. "They start to lose hope," he said. "And it's a little bit humiliating."

The starting lineup included center fielder Alejandro De Aza, catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, designated hitter Juan Francisco, first baseman Tyler Moore, right fielder Luke Scott, third baseman Chris Johnson, shortstop Omar Infante, left fielder Nolan Reimold and second baseman Tyler Ladendorf. The free agents won 2-0 in five innings, allowing just one hit. Several scouts looked on from the small stands, which had three rows of blue seats and nine rows of metal bleachers.

NBA



Cavaliers forward LeBron James is shown before a game against the Grizzlies on Friday in Memphis, Tenn.

Philly fans' free-agency fawning flatters LeBron

The Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James has Philadelphia's basketball pulse racing.

The NBA superstar still hasn't seen three billboards urging him to join the 76ers, but he's flattered by the idea that a city would want him to play there.

"That's dope," he said.

The three billboards were unveiled on Monday on busy Interstate-480 outside Cleveland, and each contains a message asking James to sign with the Sixers this summer as a free agent.

The signs, which were paid for by a Chester, Penn., company were inspired by the Oscar-nominated film, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." But their objective was to entice James to Philadelphia.

Although James might not see the signs because they're not on any route he would take from his home in Bath, Ohio, to Quicken Loans Arena, the three-time champion was warmed by the sentiment.

"It is actually very flattering that I'm sitting here at 33 and in my 15th year and teams or guys — I don't want to say teams because that becomes tampering — but people in their respective city want me to play for them," he said. "That's cool I think."

James' appreciation caused a commotion on social media as Sixers fans began dreaming of No. 23 in one of the team's jerseys. NBA tampering rules prohibit teams from having any involvement in recruiting players, but there's nothing to stop fans from making their pitch.

"We're passionate about Philadelphia," Asher Raphael, co-CEO of by Power Home Remodeling, the company that paid for the billboards told ESPN. "We



Three billboards trying to entice Cavaliers forward LeBron James to come to Philadelphia are shown near a highway on Tuesday in Cleveland.

have an amazing city. It's the best sports town and it's an awesome place to live. We think the best athletes should want to play here."

The Sixers will visit the Cavaliers on Thursday night.

James can opt out of his contract with Cleveland following this season and the superstar can hit the free-agency market.

The first billboard includes a "(hash)23" in maroon with a crown, on a court with four numbers — the jerseys for Sixers Ben Simmons, Joel Embiid, Dario Saric and Robert Covington. The second billboard has the motto: "Complete The Process," a takeoff on the Sixers' "Trust The Process" mantra and the third says: "(hash) PhillyWantsLeBron."

James' free agency figures to be the NBA's biggest offseason story, and the four-time champion recently shot down any discussion about his future until this season ends.

Following Tuesday's shootaround before the Cavs hosted Brooklyn, James initially pretended he was unaware of the billboards.

"A lot of potholes on 480," James joked. "Got to be careful with the cars. Got to be very careful. That's why I don't do much driving. I sit in the backseat. You talking about the billboards, though?"

Winter Olympics

Thrilling hockey final may have redeemed dull Games

The Associated Press

GANGNEUNG, South Korea — This was an Olympic men's hockey tournament played without NHL stars, to mostly half-empty arenas and with tepid interest in North America and in a host country still getting to know the sport.

Until the final, perhaps. When the Russians beat Germany 4-3 in an overtime thriller Sunday to win the gold medal, they did so in an almost-full Gangneung Hockey Centre amid an atmosphere that built with the tension of the back-and-forth game.

Such an entertaining final may have at least redeemed a men's tournament that was overshadowed for some by the political overtones of the Korean women's unified team and by the excitement of the United States beating rival Canada for the women's gold medal.

"The hearts of all the players on the bench stopped," Russian captain Pavel Datsyuk said. "We were waiting for this. ... It was a very emotional game and now there is a void."

There was a void in the Pyeongchang Games without the NHL, devaluing and sucking some interest out of the men's hockey tournament.

Now it's a matter of how the mostly listless tournament and the exhilarating gold-medal game shifts the leverage between the NHL, the NHL Players' Association, International Olympic Committee and International Ice Hockey Federation for Beijing in 2022.

For the first time since 1994, the NHL chose not to stop its season to allow players to go the Olympics. IIHF president Rene Fasel said Saturday the NHL should start thinking about 2022 now.

"I really hope in 2019, 2020, we can have some discussion and they can make a decision," Fasel said. "Going to Beijing in 2022 will be another opportunity to promote the

game in Asia. We will then see about the possible participation of the NHL or not."

Even as Fasel used Germany's run to the final to say nobody in that country cares that the NHL wasn't there, coach Marco Sturm was lamenting their absence.

"All the NHL guys should be in the Olympics," Sturm said. "That's just what the event is for, and hopefully in the future they will be back on Olympic ice."

It could only help the buzz around Olympic hockey, which fell short of the anticipation for and the action of the U.S.-Canada women's final. Even Datsyuk, Ilya Kovalchuk and the Russians being in the final didn't do much to boost ticket sales as the IIHF announced a paid attendance of 5,075.

The fans and many athletes who went to watch Russia-Germany saw Slava Voynov score a crucial goal with 0.5 seconds left in the first period.

Voynov is banned from the NHL as a result of his 2015 domestic abuse conviction but was allowed by

the IOC and IIHF to play at the Olympics.

It remains to be seen if Voynov, who will turn 32 just before the 2022 Winter Games, would be allowed to play if the NHL is involved and has any say over rosters. That's far from a sure thing, with Commissioner Gary Bettman saying as recently as Saturday he doesn't know if the NHL wants to go to China, calling it disruptive to a season.

The NHL skipped Pyeongchang in part because the IOC refused to pay for insurance, travel and other expenses as it did for previous Olympics. An average attendance of less than 5,000 and sharing attention with NHL playoff races and the trade deadline in North America might be enough incentive for the IOC to play ball.

Bettman and the NHL certainly do because of interest in the Chinese market. The Los Angeles Kings and Vancouver Canucks already played exhibition games in Shanghai and Beijing prior to this season, and the league is planning more in 2018 and beyond.

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NASCAR: In the Pits

Veterans aren't pulling over for the rookies

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Kevin Harvick put the brakes on the "New NASCAR!" movement with a dominating victory on a weathered old racetrack.

Away from Daytona, the veterans showed the young new drivers how to race on the dogged surface at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Harvick put on a clinic, and the top eight finishers were the familiar faces that seem to compete for wins every week.

All the new kids who sparked in the Daytona 500 had their hands full at Atlanta, a track that requires an entirely different skill-set. In the season-opening showcase, the idea is to go as fast as you can while avoiding the mishaps of others.

But the style of racing at Daytona, as well as Talladega, comes just four times a year. The rest of the NASCAR schedule is where the true talent rises. So at Atlanta, where experience matters, the finishing order showed five former series champions — four Daytona 500 winners — cross the finish line in order.

"This is a racetrack that takes a lot of experience, and there's a lot of things that you have to know about your car and know about the racetrack to get the car around," Harvick said. "This is where experience pays off."

That doesn't fit the fresh narrative that came out of Daytona, where the new



Jenna Fryer
The Associated Press

crop of NASCAR drivers ruled. Alex Bowman won the pole, Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney won qualifying races, Blaney led the most laps in the Daytona 500, Austin Dillon won the race and Bubba Wallace finished second in his debut. At 27, Dillon is the oldest driver in that bunch.

Harvick, meanwhile, is 42.

The shift in focus to the new generation is not lost on anyone who follows NASCAR, particularly the veteran drivers. Some have nitpicked about the marketing push behind this "New NASCAR!" and they had to have felt the change in dynamic at Daytona.

Denny Hamlin, a former Daytona 500 winner who finished third in the 500 and fourth at Atlanta, shared his thoughts on Twitter on Monday night by posting a video of pro bowler Pete Weber screaming "Who do you think you are? I am!" after winning his fifth U.S. Open title in 2012. Hamlin added his own message: "All the old drivers after Sunday."

A reply chided Hamlin that Elliott is the future, and "In a couple years you



Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series drivers Kyle Busch (18) and Kevin Harvick (4) race down the front stretch during the NASCAR Cup Series race at Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga., on Sunday.

will be watching him win from your recliner," the fan wrote. Hamlin didn't back down. "Agree. But I won't be on that recliner for some time," he posted.

This isn't about jealousy, rather reality. The older drivers know their laps are limited, but they aren't going to simply go away. Experience matters and it's going to take seat time for the newcomers to figure out how to contend on a weekly basis.

Elliott, for example, is winless in the Cup Series but has seven runner-up

finishes. He's still working on closing races. Kyle Larson was the same, and when he finally figured it out, he knocked out four wins last season and was a legitimate title contender.

Harvick noted there's going to be a balance all season between the radically different ends of the spectrum. The younger drivers may have better finishes this weekend at Las Vegas because the track is "a little calmer with things that you don't have to have in your

memory bank."

Clint Bowyer, who finished third behind teammate Harvick at Atlanta, believes there will be a better mix at Las Vegas because "it's qualifying laps every single lap, and those kids will show back up."

And when they do, there will be room for both new and old. Harvick, who has started the transition from race car driver to analyst with a radio show on Sirius and a recurring spot in Fox's broadcasting lineup, understands its going to take everyone for NASCAR

to go through these current growing pains.

"We're in a great spot in our sport because we have these young guys that are fired up and can drive the car fast and have great stories and have ties to great family heritage," he said.

"The diversity from young to old is something that we haven't had in a long time, and we're going to corral everybody to make sure that they realize that we all need each other in order to make this sport what we all want it to be."

NASCAR

Richard Petty cars, trophies to be sold at auction

The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. — NASCAR legend Richard Petty says after "accumulating stuff" for 80 years, it's time to sell some of his most famous cars, trophies and other items.

Petty's iconic day-glow red and Petty blue 1974 Dodge Charger is going on sale at an auction on May 12 at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas, along with other cars, his 1981 Daytona 500 trophy and other items. Petty drove the '74 Charger to 31 wins, including his fifth Daytona 500 championship.

"We're putting some pretty good stuff out there, some winning Daytona cars, some rings, some watches, some knives," Petty, 80, told The Associated Press.

"You name it, we've got a little bit of everything. Some of the uniforms,

some stuff that really meant something in my career."

Petty said he has more cars and memorabilia than he can showcase in his museum in Level Cross, North Carolina.

"We feel like we've got enough stuff in the museum and none of my kids really want it," he said.

"They've got enough of their own junk. So we got together and said hey, let's throw some stuff out there and see if there are other people interested in some of the stuff we've got."

Petty won a record 200 races, including seven at the Daytona 500, and seven Cup championships.

Among other cars to be sold at the auction are a 1978 Chevrolet Monte Carlo he drove in 1979 when he won his seventh series championship and a 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix he

drove during his farewell tour.

Also up for auction will be a trophy for Petty's first Southern 500 win in 1967, part of his streak of 10 consecutive wins that year. The collection also includes a leather racing jacket signed by Petty, race programs, license plates, posters, trading cards, plaques and clothing.

Petty remains involved in NASCAR as the owner of Richard Petty Motorsports. Rookie Darrell "Bubba" Wallace now drives the 43 car Petty made famous and finished second at the Daytona 500 to open the season.

The auction will be conducted live and online by Julien's Auctions, which estimates the value of the '74 Charger at \$400,000 to \$600,000 and the 1967 trophy at \$100,000 to \$200,000.



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This 2018 photo provided by Julien's Auctions shows the 1974 Dodge Charger that Richard Petty drove to win his fifth Daytona 500, at the Richard Petty Museum in Randleman, N.C.

Formula 1

Vettel fastest in Ferrari on cold 2nd day of F1 testing

The Associated Press

MONTMELO, Spain — Sebastian Vettel was faster than rival Valtteri Bottas on the second session of Formula One testing on Tuesday, as bad weather continued to complicate preparations for the upcoming season.

Vettel set the pace with a lap of 1 minute, 19.673 seconds in the German's first drive of the new Ferrari.

Bottas was next at 0.303 seconds slower in his Mercedes.

They were followed by McLaren's Stoffel Vandoorne, who just edged Red Bull's Max Verstappen for the third fastest time.

"In terms of general operation everything is really smooth. So it is good to come here and switch on the car and be able to run," Vettel said. "Obviously the limiting factor was the weather. I think the next two days won't



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Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany steers his car during a Formula One preseason testing session at the Catalunya race track in Montmeló, outside Barcelona, Spain, on Tuesday.

be much better but I hope next week will be."

Cold and wet conditions, which reduce the tire's grip on the tarmac, limited driving for a second straight day with only six more test days left before the season starts in Melbourne.

A track temperature of

39 degrees when the session started kept most drivers in the garages until things warmed up by noon.

To make up some of the lost time, officials granted the teams' request to cancel the one-hour lunch break.

But light snow fell on

the track as temperatures fell again with an hour remaining for the session.

"It was very cold on track today. I don't think I've ever driven in such cold conditions before in Formula One," Bottas said. "The tires are just not made for these conditions. But

we made the most out of the day."

More snow is forecast for Wednesday.

Even with temperatures at their highest, both Vettel and Sauber rookie Charles Leclerc spun off the track and into the gravel.

Kevin Magnussen had the biggest scare of the day. The Haas driver was about to crash when he managed to regain control and skirt just alongside the barrier until returning to the track.

Vandoorne's third-best time, however, came on a faster set of tires than Verstappen. Much more worrying was that his session was cut short by a problem with the car's exhaust that the team said it was investigating.

McLaren teammate Fernando Alonso had a wheel pop off on Monday, limiting his driving time as well.

The hiccups don't bode well for a team trying to rebound after three disap-

pointing years with Honda by changing to Renault engines.

Red Bull's fortunes turned after Daniel Ricciardo set the fastest time and clocked the most laps on Monday.

Verstappen had trouble getting his car out of the garage early because of a problem identified by the team as a "minor fuel leak."

Defending champion Lewis Hamilton was scheduled to relieve Bottas at midday. But Mercedes announced after the lunch break was cancelled that Bottas would continue behind the wheel "to maximize our mileage after the poor track conditions limited running this morning."

That means Hamilton has made 25 laps in the Mercedes so far.

Vettel recorded the most laps for the session with 98, four more than Bottas.

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20TH CENTURY FOX VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE SHAPE OF WATER



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THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI



MERRICK MORTON/FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES VIA WASHINGTON POST

BEST PICTURE

Nominees pictured at left

And the Oscar goes to: "The Shape of Water." Probably. It leads in total nominations, and the director is going to win for his very personal vision that speaks to outsiders fighting against the system. It won the Producers Guild top award, and that includes many Oscar voters. But so does the Screen Actors Guild, and this would be the first film to win best picture without SAG's ensemble nomination since "Braveheart" in 1995. But I'll say that the fish (man) tale takes the trophy. Probably.

Spoiler if there is one: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri." This is my favorite, but it's also divisive. It won big with Screen Actors Guild and more, but Martin McDonagh wasn't nominated as best director, and in the last 80 years, only two movies have won best picture without this nomination. People are passionate about "Get Out" and "Lady Bird," but neither has a single nomination in the 10 craft categories. That's important: best picture is the only category that every one of the 7,000-plus Academy members votes for ... so get ready for the mystery of Sunday's final award.



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PREDICTING THE WINNERS

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By Michael Smith • Tulsa World



Jimmy Kimmel

There is going to be a surprise at the Academy Awards on Sunday night. Hopefully there are a few, but not to the degree of "the wrong envelope" best-picture win for "Moonlight" over "La La Land" last year. An incredible surprise, but that only needs to happen once. You know that one starstruck accountant will be nowhere in sight.

This year there are a couple of contests that, if not wide open, are at least decidedly open to multiple nominees going home with a golden guy, and one of those is again the award for best picture, with at least three in the running — maybe four.

"The Shape of Water" leads with 13 nominations, but it's no sure thing in the big category. Neither are my picks, but they're not bad: my picks were 11-of-13 correct last year, 82-of-104 since 2006.

Let the ballot-picking game begin: Go with Guillermo del Toro as best director for "The Shape of Water," and pick the movie to win production design and score as well. Select "Call Me by Your Name" for adapted screenplay, "Coco" for animated movie, "Phantom Thread" for costuming, "Blade Runner 2049" for cinematography and "Darkest Hour" for makeup.

Now let's focus on the big-five award categories.

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE



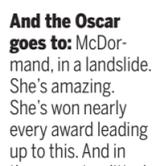
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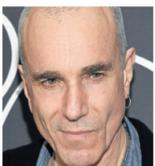
And the Oscar goes to: McDormand, in a landslide. She's amazing. She's won nearly every award leading up to this. And in the current political climate around violence against women, and against children, her grieving but defiant mother who seeks answers in the murder of her daughter makes this a no-brainer.

Spoiler if there is one: Hawkins/Robbie/Ronan. No one is spoiling McDormand's party, but consider this in Hollywood's year of the woman: What Hawkins does with an almost silent role, Robbie's brilliant Tonya Harding portrayal, Ronan reinventing the coming-of-age heroine — any of these three could take home the prize in other years. They are that strong.

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE



TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET
Call Me by Your Name



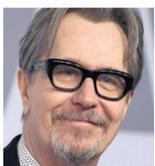
DANIEL DAY-LEWIS
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DANIEL KALUUYA
Get Out



GARY OLDMAN
Darkest Hour



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Roman J. Israel, Esq.

And the Oscar goes to: Oldman. The most sure-thing win this side of McDormand is this win for the longtime acting chameleon, a shape-shifter whose portrayal of Winston Churchill, even under all that makeup, shows us what a real leader looks like, both strong and vulnerable when needed.

Spoiler if there is one: Chalamet. Day-Lewis and Washington each have multiple Oscars at home and are not factors, and then there's the two young guys. Their films may each take home screenplay awards, but both Chalamet and Kaluuya are more likely headed to promising careers than taking home a trophy Sunday.

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



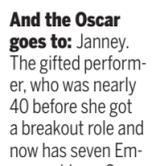
MARY J. BLIGE
Mudbound



ALLISON JANNEY
I, Tonya



LESLEY MANVILLE
Phantom Thread



LAURIE METCALF
Lady Bird



OCTAVIA SPENCER
The Shape of Water

And the Oscar goes to: Janney. The gifted performer, who was nearly 40 before she got a breakout role and now has seven Emmys, adds an Oscar for her pitch-black comedic turn as the eccentric, abusive mom of Tonya Harding. She's unforgettable with a cigarette always burning, acid profanities on her lips and a bird on her shoulder.

Spoiler if there is one: Metcalf. Playing the woman who finds it hard to get close to her daughter, her role is more complex and less colorful than Janney's is, forcing her to internalize emotions when she's not blowing off steam, and she nails both. This year's winner was always going to be a difficult mother.

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE



WILLEM DAFOE
The Florida Project



WOODY HARRELSON
Three Billboards ...



RICHARD JENKINS
The Shape of Water



CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER
All the Money in the World



SAM ROCKWELL
Three Billboards ...

And the Oscar goes to: Rockwell. His violent, racist lawyer role that Oscar voters love. Rockwell embraces Martin McDonagh's script to show both humor and heart amid so many flaws.

Spoiler if there is one: Dafoe. His sweet role in a tiny film won one award after another from the critics; then Rockwell took control when groups that include Oscar voters began giving honors. But always remember: If there is going to be a surprise among the acting awards, they are most likely to happen in the supporting categories.

DID YOU KNOW?

By the Associated Press

Stand-ins, aka sit-downs: Cameras never find an empty seat at the Academy Awards, with a troop of seat-fillers at the ready to occupy any chair vacated by a bathroom- or bar-bound guest. A parade of extras in tuxedos and gowns arrive hours before the show begins and are ready to swoop in and sit once the cameras start rolling. Getting the gig, like so much in Hollywood, depends on who you know: Seat-fillers are family and friends of movie academy staff and accounting firms. Are there polite tussles to sub for Streep, Hanks or other A-listers, earning bragging rights? We can only hope.

Stay in your lane: There are two paths on the Oscars red carpet: one for famous people, and one for everyone else. Stanchions and velvet ropes separate the recognizable from the not. Famous folks walk on the side of the carpet closest to the cameras and reporters, and stars often collide or share impromptu carpet greetings. The non-famous, meanwhile, walk along the carpet closest to the fan bleachers, with beefy-looking security guards ushering them along to reduce star-gazing across the aisle. There's everything to see, folks, but move along.



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Writers, stat! Live shows inevitably hit speed bumps, such as last year's supersized-one in which Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway presented "La La Land" with the top trophy that belonged to "Moonlight." Such gaffes and other standout moments become fodder for the host, with a village of comedy writers backstage to help craft witticisms. The best, like Kimmel's teasing rebuke to Beatty ("Warren, what did you do?") feel spontaneous and are out quickly so the audience doesn't lose the thread. Hosts also need to be ready with "savers" to follow a joke that bombs, says longtime awards writer Bruce Vilanch, who offers up an example: "That was about as funny as a screen door on a submarine."

Puzzles

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Second weekend for 'Black Panther' is one of the best ever

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Black Panther" scored one of the best second weekends ever with an estimated \$108 million in ticket sales, putting it on track to rank among the highest-grossing blockbusters ever.

Ryan Coogler's Marvel sensation is on a box-office course that few films have managed, according to studio estimates Sunday. It is only the fourth film to earn \$100 million in its second weekend, along with "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" (\$149.2 million), "Jurassic World" (\$106.6 million) and "The Avengers" (\$103.1 million).

Only "The Force Awakens" had a better second weekend than "Black Panther," which dropped 47 percent after its opening weekend of \$201.8 million. "Black Panther" has grossed \$400 million domestically and \$704 million worldwide in two weeks. The film, starring Chadwick Boseman and Michael B. Jordan, has held even better overseas, where it dropped 42 percent this weekend. Its release in China, the world's second-largest film market, is set for March 9.

"Whatever your projections for 'Black Panther' might be, just increase them by 20 percent and you might be on point,"



This image released by Disney shows a scene from Marvel Studios' "Black Panther."

said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "Now the question isn't so much if it gets to \$1 billion, but how far beyond that number does it go."

The results so far put it in the company of "Jurassic World," which ended up grossing \$1.67 billion worldwide, and "The Avengers," which ultimately hauled in \$1.52 billion. Both rank among the top five of all time, not accounting for inflation.

"Black Panther" is spurring a surge for the industry. The overall box office is up 12.5 percent from last year, according to comScore.

And the movie is doing it with an especially diverse audience. This weekend's

audience was 33 percent African-American, 37 percent Caucasian, 18 percent Hispanic and 7 percent Asian, according to comScore.

The film's success didn't appear to hurt the handful of new releases.

Faring the best was "Game Night," starring Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams, from Warner Bros.' New Line. The comedy, which cost about \$37 million to make and was directed by John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, debuted with \$16.6 million, coming in slightly above forecasts.

Though comedies have struggled at the box office in recent years, "Game Night" got a modest boost from good reviews and

perhaps from the waves of moviegoers brought in by "Black Panther."

"It's that whole 'a rising tide floats all boats,'" said Jeff Goldstein, distribution head for Warner Bros.

"The whole (comedy) genre is just really troubled," he added. "New Line is, I think, particularly good at teasing these movies out to be the best versions of them. They've had a lot of success in the past, whether it be 'Horrible Bosses' or 'Central Intelligence.'"

Alex Garland's sci-fi thriller "Annihilation," starring Natalie Portman, also debuted with some momentum thanks to strong reviews. It opened with \$11 million on about 2,000 screens (or about

half the number of "Black Panther").

Paramount earlier sold the film's international rights (except in China) to Netflix after disappointing reactions in test screenings. Opening weekend audiences largely responded similarly, giving the film a poor C CinemaScore.

It's not uncommon for studios to offload international rights to recoup their costs. But selling an ambitious film from Garland, writer-director of 2015's acclaimed "Ex Machina," to Netflix was seen by some as a sign of diminishing aspirations for a Hollywood major studio.

But Paramount has been behind some of the more artistically audacious releases in recent years, including Darren Aronofsky's "mother!", Alexander Payne's "Downsizing" and Martin Scorsese's "Silence."

"Annihilation," an unusually challenging and psychedelic sci-fi release for a major studio, cost about \$40 million to produce. It's among the last releases green-lit by previous Paramount head Brad Grey. Jim Gianopulos took over as chief executive and chairman last year, and he is pushing a more franchise-focused agenda.

Kyle Davies, Paramount's domestic distribution

chief, declined to comment on the Netflix deal but said he was pleased with the film's performance.

"Alex is a very talented filmmaker, and he's created this mind-bending experience," Davies said. "And I think there's going to be a lot of chatter and a lot of buzz that will propel the movie into the spring moviegoing season."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers are included.

- "Black Panther," \$108 million (\$83.8 million international).
- "Game Night," \$16.6 million (\$5.2 million international).
- "Peter Rabbit," \$12.5 million.
- "Annihilation," \$11 million.
- "Fifty Shades Freed," \$6.9 million (\$22.3 million international).
- "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," \$5.7 million (\$3 million international).
- "The 15:17 to Paris," \$3.6 million (\$1.3 million international).
- "The Greatest Showman," \$3.4 million (\$7.7 million international).
- "Every Day," \$3.1 million.
- "MET Opera: La Boheme," \$1.9 million.

The language of 'Black Panther'? It's real. Give it a try.

The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — Much of what is seen in "Black Panther" is fictional, including the country where the movie is based. But in Wakanda, they do speak a language that is very much real, with distinctive click sounds that had some cast members struggling to speak it.

"The clicks are no joke," Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o said recently, calling isiXhosa "one of the hardest languages on

the planet."

The idea to use isiXhosa, one of South Africa's 11 official languages, in the blockbuster came from South African actor and cast member John Kani. Kani plays the father of the king T'Challa, played by Chadwick Boseman.

Now, in the wake of "Black Panther," the language is having a moment. Even the foundation of Nobel Peace Prize-winner and anti-apartheid activist Desmond Tutu, who rarely makes public statements

these days at the age of 86, pointed out this week on Twitter: "Archbishop Tutu comes from a #Xhosa background as well."

Some South Africans at the film's Johannesburg premiere said it was humbling to hear isiXhosa spoken in a major Hollywood film, even if they found the accents of some actors a little eyebrow-raising.

"I'm not so impressed, but they tried," said South African reality TV star Blue Mbombo with a good-natured smile.

Somikazi Deyi, a lecturer at the University of Cape Town's School of Languages & Literature, said of isiXhosa: "It's a wonderful language." Deyi also dismissed any assertion that the clicks of the language were hard to grasp.

"They're kind of easy," she said.

She walked The Associated Press through it. For the "X" sound, push your tongue against the side of your mouth and click as if calling a horse. For the "C" sound, do the same but

against your front teeth. And for the "Q" sound, pop the tip of your tongue off the roof of your mouth.

The tricky part, perhaps, is incorporating them into words at normal speed.

Those "click" sounds that are unusual to many outside South Africa are a combination of the Khoi and San languages of the region's original inhabitants, Deyi said.

Now they're a key part of isiXhosa, which is spoken by almost everyone in Eastern Cape province

and whose famous speakers include South Africa's first black president, Nelson Mandela.

IsiXhosa carries a person's emotional identity, a sense of kinship, Deyi said.

"You own it. You're in control. There's some spirituality to it."

You speak more to a person's heart when using their Xhosa clan name, she added — a reason why Mandela is often warmly called "Madiba" in South Africa.

Fred Rogers, America's favorite neighbor, celebrated in 2018

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's been 50 years since Fred Rogers first appeared on TV screens, a gentle and avuncular man who warbled "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" as he changed into a cardigan and sneakers.

The low-key, low-tech "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" presented Rogers as one adult in a busy world who always had time to listen to children. That legacy burns for many in these turbulent times.

"Sometimes I think I wish we had a bat signal for Mister Rogers right now," said comedian Sarah Silverman, who has hung a portrait of Rogers on the set of her Hulu series "I Love You, America" for inspiration.

The golden anniversary of America's favorite neighbor's appearance is being celebrated with a PBS special next month, a new postage stamp, a feature-length documentary coming out this summer and plans for a Tom Hanks-led biopic.

"It's just a wonderful, thrilling time for me," said his widow, Joanne Rogers. "I'm just sorry that Fred's not here to share it. But I think he would be just as amazed as I am."

An ordained Presbyterian minister, Rogers produced the pioneering show at Pittsburgh public television station WQED beginning in 1966, going national two years later. He composed his own songs for the show.

It offered a soft haven for kids, in sharp contrast to the louder, more animated competition. The final episode of what his widow calls "a comfortable lap" aired August 2001. Rogers died in 2003.

"No one has come along like him. Everything is based on high stimulation. He really was exactly the opposite," said actor John Lithgow. "He had such a sense of children's developmental needs. And I think that's under assault these days."

Lithgow, whose kids were enchanted by Rogers growing up,



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Fred Rogers as he rehearses the opening of his PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" during a taping in Pittsburgh. It's been 50 years since Fred Rogers first appeared on our TVs, a gentle and avuncular man who warbled "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" The golden anniversary of America's favorite neighbor's appearance is being celebrated with a PBS special next month, a new stamp, a feature-length documentary coming out this summer and plans for a Tom Hanks-led biopic.

is joining Silverman and celebrities like Whoopi Goldberg, Yo-Yo Ma, Esperanza Spalding, Judd Apatow and hosted by Michael Keaton for the public television pledge special "It's You I Like" set for March 6.

"I've thought about him more and more over the years because there's no one like him," said Lithgow, who met Rogers while touring with his own concert series. "There is no one who so completely talked on the level of children — not talking down to them, not talking up to them — just talking right to them."

One of those kids was Angela Santomero, who would go on to focus on child development and create "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" and co-create "Blue's Clues." If Rogers' baton has been picked up by anyone, it's Santomero.

"I was his No. 1 fan. Like I liter-

ally could not sit any closer to the TV set when he was on," she says, laughing. "When someone looks you in the eye — I don't care if it's through the TV screen — and tells you that 'I like you just the way you are,' it's very powerful."

Homage to Rogers is baked into "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," which features children of characters from "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," including Prince Wednesday, the child of King Friday XIII, and Katerina Kittykat, the daughter of Henrietta Pussycat.

Rogers' effect on popular culture was profound: Eddie Murphy parodied him on "Saturday Night Live" in the 1980s and one of Rogers' trademark zip-up sweaters hangs in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. He's had a category dedicated to him on "Jeopardy."

PBS stations around the country still air "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and some can be found on the PBS Kids video app. There are DVD collections on Amazon and episodes are streamable on Amazon Prime.

Rogers has remained relevant in this high-tech and ironic age despite a lack of new episodes. Generations of kids — and those who became parents themselves — have found in Rogers' heartfelt, simple lessons a comfort blanket in times of stress. At a time when media icons have been tarnished or pulled down, Rogers endures.

"He's essential right now. His teachings and his beauty and love and patience and care and empathy and compassion are our only salvation right now," said Silverman.

Last year, amid proposed slashes to PBS funding, Rogers' 1969 Senate testimony defend-

ing public TV from budget cuts went viral. And when a shaken Jimmy Kimmel addressed his viewers following the Las Vegas mass shooting, he quoted Rogers' dictum to "look for the helpers."

"I can't think of a time when we've needed him so much," says Joanne Rogers, 89, an accomplished pianist who still lives in Pittsburgh. "I think his work is just as timely now as it was when it came out, frankly."

The celebration of Rogers also includes a new feature-length Rogers' documentary called "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" to be released by Focus Features on June 8. It includes behind-the-scenes footage of the TV show and never-before-seen clips.

And the U.S. Postal Service will unveil a new stamp featuring Rogers on March 23 in the same Pittsburgh TV station where "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was produced. The Forever stamp features an image of Rogers and the royal puppet King Friday XIII.

Bill Gicker, creative director of stamp development, said the decision to honor Rogers was a "no brainer." Gicker was born the year the show went national and grew up watching "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

"There are certain people that come up that you just know it's not going to be a conversation. It's just going to be, 'Yep!'" said Gicker. "His calm demeanor really made him stand out, especially at a time when a lot of television wasn't for kids at all."

The 50th anniversary celebrations are somewhat bittersweet for Joanne Rogers. While fans cheer Rogers' pacifism and kindness, she joins them, of course, but she also misses her husband.

"I don't know how he would have liked growing older," she said. "I think he would have just tackled it the way he tackled everything else. But he wasn't given that opportunity and I regret that."

Bateman, McAdams anchor lively and fun 'Game Night'

The Associated Press

A murder mystery party goes sideways when violent kidnapers arrive before the fake ones in "Game Night," which seems on the page to be like all the other disappointing action-comedies of late.

You know the kind, where ordinary, upper middle class suburbanites get thrown into some wacky underworld or genre situation. Spies live next door! We have to start a casino to put our kid through school! We killed a stripper! While it's a formula that can be brilliant and/or fun (see: everything from "After Hours" to "Adventures in Babysitting"), recent efforts have seemed to result in features that feel more like extended Saturday Night Live sketches — a gimmick stretched far past its worth and padded with some car chases and contrived heart.

Thankfully, "Game Night" does not fall into that trap. A charismatic ensemble cast, a sharp script and a few well-placed twists make "Game Night" one



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This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Rachel McAdams, left, and Jason Bateman in a scene from "Game Night."

of the more enjoyable big studio comedies in recent memory. John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein ("Vacation") direct off of a script by Mark Perez, whose credits include "Accepted" and "The Country Bears."

Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams anchor "Game Night" as Max and Annie, a married couple who love each other as much as they love games —

trivia, charades, board varieties, you name it — and winning. They live in a cul-de-sac, where all middle class suburban couples live in glossy comedies, and host a weekly game night with their friends, longtime couple Michelle (Kylie Bunbury) and Kevin (Lamorne Morris) and the happy, handsome idiot Ryan (Billy Magnussen) and whatever Instagram babe he happens to have on his

arm that week.

They also have a very strange next-door neighbor, Gary (Jesse Plemons), a police officer with light serial killer vibes. Always in uniform and holding his fluffy white dog, Gary just desperately wants to be included. Plemons plays him with over-the-top seriousness that makes for some of the sillier laughs early on.

The hook of the film comes when Max's brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler), a charismatic alpha male and bane of Max's existence, attempts to one-up the normal game night proceedings by arranging a pricey murder mystery event where one person is kidnapped and the rest have to try to solve it. So no one is the wiser when real kidnapers show up and beat Brooks to a pulp before taking him away, thinking that it is all part of the game. The somewhat ridiculous misunderstanding, while definitely milked for all it's worth, does eventually go away and the couples are all invested in trying to help Brooks get out of trouble. Also by this point Ryan has introduced a different kind of date in his co-

worker Sarah, who is played by the wonderful Sharon Horgan.

Attempting to explain why a comedy works is a kind of futile exercise, but this group of actors just works together. They have an easy chemistry with one another that resembles that sort of lived-in friendship that usually only comes across midway through the first season of a sitcom. That and there are a lot of giddily executed movie references.

"Game Night" isn't perfect, and an electric first hour gives way to a slow third act that's handicapped by the gimmick wearing thin and a too-earnest side plot about Max and Annie's shifting plans to have a kid. But it kind of redeems itself by the end with a series of twists and turns fitting of the absurd premise.

"Game Night," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language, sexual references and some violence." Running time: 100 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Michelle Obama to release memoir in November

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michelle Obama's memoir, one of the most highly anticipated books in recent years, is coming out Nov. 13.

The former first lady tweeted Sunday that the book, to come out a week after the 2018 midterm elections, is called "Becoming." By Sunday night, her memoir was in the top 20 on Amazon.com.

"Writing 'Becoming' has been a deeply personal experience," she said in a statement. "It has allowed me, for the very first time, the space to honestly reflect on the unexpected trajectory of my life. In this book, I talk about my roots and how a little girl from the South Side of Chicago found her voice and developed the strength to use it to empower others. I hope my journey inspires

readers to find the courage to become whoever they aspire to be. I can't wait to share my story."

She and her husband, former President Barack Obama, last year reached a joint agreement with Penguin Random House for their respective books. The deal is believed to be well in excess of \$30 million. "Becoming" will be released in the U.S. through the Crown Publishing Group, a Penguin Random House division that has published works by both Obamas.

Memoirs by former first ladies usually sell well, with notable works including Laura Bush's "Spoken from the Heart" and Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Living History." Michelle Obama's memoir is expected to be a major commercial and cultural event. She is admired around the world and has never told her story at



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Former first lady Michelle Obama smiles while speaking at the Partnership for a Healthier American 2017 Healthier Future Summit in Washington.

length. Her only previous book was a 2012 work on gardening, "American Grown."

The book will be published simultaneously in 24 languages, from Swedish to Arabic, and Michelle Obama expects to promote "Becoming" in the U.S. and overseas. She will also narrate

the audio version. According to Crown, Obama is working with a team of assistants, but that every word in the finished text will be hers.

"As first lady of the United States of America — the first African-American to serve in that role — she helped create the

most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world," Crown said in a statement.

"In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her — from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address."

Barack Obama, who has written the million-sellers "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope," has not yet scheduled his memoir. He is expected to focus on his eight years in the White House.

Supreme Court considers free speech vs. retaliatory arrests

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A Florida man who already won an improbable victory before the U.S. Supreme Court is hoping legal lightning strikes twice in a First Amendment case pitting police powers of arrest against the right to speak freely and protest.

Oral arguments are scheduled Tuesday in Fane Lozman's lawsuit against the City of Riviera Beach, which is just north of West Palm Beach. Lozman contends he was wrongly prevented from speaking at a 2006 city council meeting through an arrest on bogus charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest that were later dropped.

The officer apparently concluded that Lozman was about to create a disturbance, so that was enough probable cause, according to court papers.

"There's nothing to preclude elected officials and police to do this anytime they want when they don't like the content of someone's speech. There's no accountability," Lozman said in an interview. "It intimidates the public and they say it's not worth participating in our democracy."

Lozman, 56, in 2013 won a Supreme Court decision in a related case on whether the floating home he had docked at a Riviera Beach marina qualified as a vessel or a dwelling, like a home on land. The justices decided then that not everything that floats is a boat.

The latest legal battle centers on whether police can use probable cause to defeat a claim under the First Amendment that an arrest was made for retaliation or to stifle a person's right to speak. Numerous First Amendment and media organizations, including The Associated Press, have filed "friend-of-the-court" briefs supporting Lozman's position.

One of his attorneys, Kerri

L. Barsh of the Stanford Law School Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, said the court's decision will have impact on much of society, from people who march in protests to journalists trying to cover controversial events involving law enforcement.

"The ruling in this case will have broad implications on how governments balance probable cause for an arrest with free speech rights," Barsh said. "The inability to engage in protected speech without retaliation has a chilling effect on citizens' constitutional rights to criticize their government and engage in other protected expression."

The city, however, contends that police officers should not have to worry that an arrest for retaliation might lead to a lawsuit in situations that often call for a snap decision that could prevent a crime or something worse, such as a terrorist attack. The administration of President Donald Trump has filed a brief in support of the city.

"The probable cause element permits officers to make arrests in such circumstances without fear of having to later litigate whether their real motivation was preventing a massacre or punishing speech," the city's attorneys argue in court papers.

Lozman was arrested at the 2006 city council meeting as he was speaking critically about government corruption, part of his opposition to a then-planned redevelopment at a marina where he had a floating home. Lozman was never brought to trial on the charges; prosecutors dropped them after concluding there was no possibility of a conviction.

After Lozman sued for retaliatory arrest, a jury sided with the city after a trial and an appeals court upheld that verdict. Lozman, however, took the case to the Supreme Court, arguing in part that U.S. appeals courts across the country are split on the issue of probable



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Fane Lozman stands on his property in Riviera Beach. Oral arguments were scheduled Tuesday in Lozman's lawsuit against the City of Riviera Beach.

cause arrests versus free speech. Last November the high court took the case.

The Supreme Court's 2013 ruling on Lozman's floating home, which was seized and destroyed by Riviera Beach, was seen by legal experts as an important precedent in maritime law for thousands of people who make their homes on the water as well as floating businesses such as casinos. Different laws apply to vessels and homes, with homeowners receiving more protection from seizure in Florida and

other states.

The 57-foot floating home had been targeted by Riviera Beach for eviction from the marina — Lozman contended that was retaliation for his vocal opposition to the redevelopment plan — then the city declared it was a vessel that had to be registered as one. Eventually the city had Lozman's floating home seized and destroyed, leading to the Supreme Court case that he won: the court decided marine law should not have applied because it was not

really a boat.

The latest case will be the culmination of Lozman's 12-year, costly fight against city hall. The former U.S. Marine Corps officer and wealthy financial trader said he simply refused to back down.

"The city initiated the eviction action. I defended it. It's not like I'm looking to get in these fights," Lozman said. "The city brought the fight to me. They just ran into a guy who is not going to run and hide in a corner, but is going to fight back."

Georgia GOP leader threatens Delta over cutting its NRA ties

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia's lieutenant governor on Monday threatened to prevent Delta Air Lines from getting a lucrative tax cut after the company ended its discount program with the National Rifle Association, in the latest fallout from a deadly school shooting in Florida.

Delta is part of a growing chorus of businesses cutting ties with the NRA after the Valentine's Day shooting at a Florida high school left 17 people dead. But now the airline is coming under attack, with Georgia's lieutenant governor threatening a sales tax exemption making its way through the legislature.

Republican Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, president of the state Senate and a leading candidate to succeed Gov. Nathan Deal, tweeted that he would use his position to sink the proposed sales tax exemption on jet fuel.

"I will kill any tax legislation that benefits @Delta unless the company changes its position and fully reinstates its relationship with @NRA," Cagle tweeted. "Corporations cannot attack conservatives and expect us not to fight back."

More than a dozen companies, including Metlife, Hertz, Avis, Enterprise, Best Western, Wyndham and United Airlines have ended NRA partnerships since the school shooting. Police say the suspect, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, gunned down students with an AR-15 assault-style rifle.

On Saturday, both Delta and United said they will no longer offer discounted fares to NRA members to attend their annual meetings, and both have asked the gun rights group to remove any references to their companies from the NRA website. One of the school shooting survivors also suggested Saturday on Twitter that tourists stay away from Florida.

Cagle's comments come as Delta, one of the Georgia's largest employers, appeared close to convincing lawmakers to restore a \$50 million sales tax exemption on jet fuel. Headquartered in Atlanta, Delta would be the



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Attendees look over a pistol display at the National Rifle Association's annual convention in Indianapolis. Over a dozen companies including Metlife, Hertz, Avis, Enterprise, Best Western, Wyndham, United Airlines, and Delta, which have ended NRA partnerships since the shooting.

prime beneficiary of the tax cut.

The proposed exemption had been part of Deal's larger tax overhaul, which has passed the House and awaits Senate input.

As the powerful leader of the Senate and one of the top contenders for the governor's office, Cagle would wield considerable power over the future of the jet fuel sales tax exemption in the Senate.

Cagle was not alone in his push to punish the airline, and the issue appeared poised to become part of the upcoming gubernatorial race in the gun-friendly state.

Sen. Michael Williams, another Republican candidate for governor who had opposed the Delta tax cut before the NRA controversy, praised Cagle's statement, saying his political rival "is feeling the pressure that we are putting on him." He applauded Cagle for listening to what he says is the "vast majority" of Republican senators who now want to quash the proposed jet fuel tax cut.

"When Delta came out and pretty much dumped on all the NRA members, it invigorated a lot of our base," Williams said. "We're going to fight."

A spokeswoman for the governor did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Representatives at Delta and the NRA did not respond to requests for comment Monday evening.

On the other side of the aisle, the communications director for the campaign of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams weighed in, saying that

this was proof that Republican leaders are in the pocket of the gun lobby.

"Casey Cagle would sacrifice thousands of jobs, endanger our state's economy, and stick a finger in the eye of a huge employer in our state just to satisfy his buddies at the NRA," Priyanka Mantha said.

Another Democrat, Senator Steve Hanson, said Republican leaders had been arguing that the tax cuts were good for business and now were changing their tune.

"Republican fear of the NRA is evidently more important than the Georgia business climate, jobs, or the well-being of Georgia citizens," Henson said.

In its Saturday statement, Delta said it supports the Second Amendment and its decision "reflects the airline's neutral status" in the national debate over guns.

The airline also pointed out that last year it withdrew sponsorship from a theater that staged a controversial "Julius Caesar" production that depicted the assassination of a Donald Trump look-alike.

ACLU of Georgia Executive Director Andrea Young criticized Cagle's move and highlighted Atlanta's status as a finalist for the location of Amazon's second U.S. headquarters.

"Politicians should not use taxpayer dollars to impose ideological litmus tests and punish organizations that express views that politicians dislike. Amazon should take note," Young said in an emailed statement.



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Oprah Winfrey poses in the press room with the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the 75th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. Winfrey is praising the outspoken students of Parkland, Fla.

Winfrey praises Florida students as 'warriors of the light'

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Oprah Winfrey has nothing but praise for the Florida school shooting survivors who have channeled angst into activism, calling them "warriors of the light" and comparing them to civil rights pioneers.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Saturday, Winfrey drew parallels between the teens and the Freedom Riders of the 1960s, who rode buses into southern states in protest of racial segregation. Winfrey called the Parkland students' protests for gun control "a proud moment."

"It's an evolving moment for our country. The same thing happened, as you know, back in the '50s and '60s for the civil rights movement," Winfrey said. "Young people said, 'We will not tolerate what our ancestors have tolerated. We have had enough and we're willing to fight for it and willing to march in the streets for it and, if necessary, die for it.'"

Winfrey spoke while promoting the upcoming film "A Wrinkle in Time," directed by Ava DuVernay and featuring her, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling. The film is adapted from Madeleine L'Engle's science-fiction fantasy novel.

"These young people get to be literally warriors of the light," Winfrey said. "That's what they're trying to do. They're trying to — through their voices, through the March For Our Lives — say 'We will not let this happen again. We are going to do what we can to banish the darkness.'"

The former talk show host last week matched a \$500,000 donation by George and Amal Clooney to the students' planned marches, including one on March 24 in Washington, D.C.

The Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 people dead has sparked calls for walk-outs, sit-ins and other actions on school campuses across the U.S.

Winfrey also again reacted to President Donald Trump's recent tweeting about her in which he called her "very insecure."

"Nobody wants to be hate-tweeted, especially by the president," said Winfrey. "So it's not a comfortable thing I think for anybody on social media who's had somebody say something about you that you didn't feel was true. But I believe that you meet any kind of negativity in your life, that you meet it with light."



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

A Winning Comfort Combination

Almost nothing says comfort food quite like tender, slow-cooked beef and potatoes. Add in sweet honey for a twist on a timeless cold-weather classic and you're in for a true delight. Find more honey-infused recipes at honey.com.

Beef and Potato Tzimmes

Recipe courtesy of the National Honey Board

Servings: 6

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 2 pounds beef, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 2 cups carrots, sliced 1-inch thick
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 4 cups water, plus 3 tablespoons (optional)
- 2 cups potatoes, cubed 1-inch thick
- 2 cups sweet potatoes, cubed 1-inch thick
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
- 4 ounces dried apricots
- 4 ounces pitted prunes
- 2 tablespoons flour (optional)
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley (optional)

In heavy 5-quart pot over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add beef and brown on all sides.

Remove beef from pan, add remaining oil, if necessary, and saute onion until tender. Return beef to pan; add carrots, garlic salt and 4 cups water to cover ingredients. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 1 hour.

Add potatoes, sweet potatoes, honey, cinnamon and pepper; stir and return to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, partially covered, 30 minutes, or until potatoes are barely cooked.

Add apricots and prunes and simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes, or until beef is tender. Liquid should be slightly thickened. If necessary, dissolve flour in 3 tablespoons water and stir into stew; return to simmer, stirring frequently.

Sprinkle with parsley before serving, if desired.

WARM UP with Comfort Foods

FAMILY FEATURES

Enjoying warm comfort foods during winter months can serve as an exceptional way to defeat that icy chill. As the frost sets in and winds howl, nothing beats the comforting taste of delicious foods like Roasted Sonoma Chicken with Wild Rice and Carrot Butter, Beef and Potato Tzimmes, or Pumpkin Butterscotch Bread Pudding.

For more comfort food recipes, visit culinary.net.

Bread Pudding Pick-Me-Up

On cold winter nights, sometimes that one last bite to eat before turning in is the key to finishing your day on a happy note. A warm serving of Pumpkin Butterscotch Bread Pudding with a dollop of cool ice cream is sure to do the trick. Find more dessert options at verybestbaking.com.

Pumpkin Butterscotch Bread Pudding

Recipe courtesy of Nestlé

Servings: 12

Prep time: 30 minutes

Total time: 1 hour, 55 minutes

- 1 loaf (14 ounces) cinnamon challah bread or cinnamon brioche, cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cans (12 ounces each) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Lowfat 2 percent Milk
- 1 can (15 ounces) Libby's 100 percent Pure Pumpkin
- 1 cup granulated sugar, plus 1 tablespoon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

- 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 cup Nestlé Toll House Butterscotch Flavored Morsels
- Vanilla Dreyer's or Edy's Slow Churned Light Ice Cream

Heat oven to 350 F. Grease 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

On rimmed baking sheets, spread bread cubes in single layer. Bake, tossing occasionally, 10 minutes, or until dry.

In large bowl, beat eggs; stir in evaporated milk, pumpkin, 1 cup granulated sugar, vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon cinnamon and salt. Add bread; toss gently to coat. Transfer mixture into prepared baking dish; let stand 30 minutes, or until bread is thoroughly saturated.

Combine brown sugar with remaining granulated sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle morsels over bread mixture; top with brown sugar mixture.

Bake 45-55 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack 30 minutes to set. Serve warm with ice cream.



Cozy Up to Comfort Foods

Creating a comfort food masterpiece like Roasted Sonoma Chicken with Wild Rice and Carrot Butter is a no-brainer when hunger hits along with chilly winter air. The dish's warm, captivating spices will help you forget about the frosty climate around you.

But to truly keep winter winds at bay, try pairing your tasty meal with a vibrant, fruit-forward wine, such as Kenwood Vineyards Sonoma County Pinot Noir 2014. The wine works well for nearly any occasion, but it's the perfect complement to bring out the flavors of the roasted chicken thanks to its aromas of raspberry and red currant combining with spice notes of nutmeg and vanilla, which lead to a smooth, elegant finish.

For more wine pairing tips and recipes, visit KenwoodVineyards.com.

Roasted Sonoma Chicken with Wild Rice and Carrot Butter

Recipe courtesy of chef Ari Weiswasser

Serves: 4

- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts
- 3/4 cup kosher salt, plus additional for seasoning
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 gallon water
- 1 cup carrot juice
- 4 tablespoons butter, diced
- 1 1/2 cups wild rice
- 3 1/3 cups chicken stock

- 2 large onions, diced
- 3-4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons curry spice
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 4 tablespoons sun-dried tomato, chopped finely
- canola oil or olive oil
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped

Brine chicken in 3/4 cup salt, sugar and water. Refrigerate 1 hour; pat dry and store overnight, uncovered, in fridge.

Add carrot juice to saucepan and reduce to thick consistency on high heat, 10-15 minutes. Whisk vigorously if juice separates. Whisk in butter. Set aside to cool.

In pot, cover wild rice with chicken stock. Bring to simmer and cook 45 minutes to 1 hour. Season with salt.

Heat oven to 400 F.

In frying pan on medium-high heat, sweat onions in olive oil until soft. Add curry spice and toast until aromatic, 1-2 minutes. Add vinegar and salt; stir well. Fold through sun-dried tomatoes.

Place chicken skin-side up on roasting pan fitted with rack. Brush chicken with canola or olive oil and season with salt. Roast about 25-35 minutes until golden brown; internal temperature should be 165 F. Drizzle with roasting juices; add salt and chopped parsley before plating.

To plate, add carrot butter to wild rice; scoop 1/2 cup onto each dish. Place chicken skin-side up on top of rice. Dollop with onion, curry and tomato mixture.

Pair each serving with a glass of Kenwood Vineyards Sonoma County Pinot Noir 2014.



Wednesday Best Bets

Survivor: Ghost Island

18.1 WECB 6.1 WCTV 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Probst welcomes 20 new castaways to the Mamanuca Islands in Fiji, where they'll be divided into two tribes in this season premiere. The new season features a "Ghost Island" filled with idols and advantages from past seasons.

The Blacklist

7.1 WJHG 4.0 WTCW 7:00 p.m.

Red (James Spader) once again helps the Task Force track a mysterious Blacklister in this new episode. The criminal specializes in developing airtight alibis for murderous clients. Martha Plimpton guest stars.



Jeff Probst hosts "Survivor: Ghost Island"

Designated Survivor

18.1 WMBB 1.8 WDHN 2.7 WTXL 9:00 p.m.

Kiefer Sutherland returns as President Tom Kirkman in this new episode. In the fall finale, Kirkman's wife Alex (Natascha McElhone) was in a devastating car accident. Find out what happens next as Kirkman and his staff strive to keep Americans safe.

SEAL Team

18.1 WECB 6.1 WCTV 9:00 p.m.

Jason (David Boreanaz) and the rest of the team settle into their latest mission in this new episode. They attempt to find out who ambushed Echo Team after an unlikely source on the base comes through for Mandy (Jessica Paré).

| WEDNESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | C1: Comcast D1: Dish D2: DirecTV | | | | FEBRUARY 28 | | | | |
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| BROADCAST STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WECB 18.1 | 3 | Jeopardy! | News (N) | News (N) | Inside Ed. | Survivor "Can You Reverse the Curse?" (SP) (N) | SEAL Team (N) | Modern | 35 The Late Show (N) | 35 James Corden (N) | 35 Modern | 05 Access | 35 Celeb | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| MNT 4.2 | - | Hawaii Five-O | Modern | Modern | Dateline NBC | Dateline NBC | Mike&Molly 2 1/2 Men | 2 1/2 Men | Perry Mason | Mike&Molly Hitchcock | Hitchcock | Mannix | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| CW 4.3 | - | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Family Guy | Family Guy | Riverdale | Penn & Teller: Fool Us | Page Six | Sein. 2/2 | Seinfeld | Rules | Rules | Queens | King of Hill | Cops | Top 30 | Paid | - | - | - | - | |
| WCTV 6.1 | - | News (N) | News (N) | Wheel (N) | Jeop. (N) | Survivor "Can You Reverse the Curse?" (SP) (N) | SEAL Team (N) | News (N) | 35 The Late Show (N) | 35 James Corden (N) | 35 Paid | 05 Extra | 35 News | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| MNT 6.2 | - | Rowan and Martin | Through the Decades | Dateline | Dateline | Through the Decades | Ed Sullivan | Ed Sullivan | Comedy | Hollywood | Movin' On | Medic | Medic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WJHG 7.1 | 5 | News (N) | News (N) | Wheel (N) | The Blacklist (N) | Law & Order: S.V.U. (N) | Chicago P.D. (N) | News (N) | 35 Tonight Show (N) | 35 Seth Meyers (N) | 35 C. Daly | 05 Harry | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| CW 7.2 | 6 | Amer. Dad | Amer. Dad | Family Guy | Family Guy | Riverdale | Penn & Teller: Fool Us | Page Six | Sein. 2/2 | Seinfeld | Rules | Rules | Queens | King of Hill | Cops | Top 30 | Paid | - | - | - | - | |
| WFSU 11.1 | 11 | PBS NewsHour (N) | News | Steves' | Nature | Nova (N) | Ten Buildings | Update | Amanpour | PBS NewsHour | Nature | Nova | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Create 11.2 | 201 | 4:30 Craft | Feast | Good Food | Nick S | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | Chef's 2/2 | Feast | Ask House | Steves' | Dest.Craft | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | Good Food | Cooking | Equitrek | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | - | - | |
| WMBB 13.1 | 8 | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | ET | Goldberg | Speech (N) | Modern (N) | Am.Wife | Designated "Grief" (N) | News (N) | 35 Jimmy Kimmel Live | 35 Nightl. | 05 Mom | 35 Mom | 05 Justice | 35 News | 13 | 13 | - | - | |
| METV 13.2 | 209 | Hawaii Five-O | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | A. Griffith | A. Griffith | Gom. Pyle | Mama's F. | HoganHero | HoganHero | C.Burnett | Perry Mason | Twilight | Hitchcock | Hitchcock | Mannix | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WABW 14.1 | - | PBS NewsHour (N) | Lawmakers | Outdoors | GPB Favorites | - | - | - | Memory Rescue With Daniel Amen, M.D. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| KIDS 14.2 | - | 4:30 Craft | Feast | Good Food | Nick S | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | Chef's 2/2 | Feast | Ask House | Steves' | Dest.Craft | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | Good Food | Cooking | Equitrek | Lidia's Kit. | Cook's | - | - | |
| KNOW 14.3 | - | Songwr. | Mix Tapes | GSUTV Off the Record | Den "John Legend" | GSUTV Off the Record | PBS NewsHour (N) | GSUTV Off the Record | PBS NewsHour (N) | GSUTV Off the Record | Ind. Lens "Rat Film" | Words "Muhammad Ali" | Liberty and Slavery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WDHN 1.8 | - | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | ET | Goldberg | Speech (N) | Modern (N) | Am.Wife | Designated "Grief" (N) | News (N) | 35 Jimmy Kimmel Live | 35 Nightl. | 05 Paid | 35 Paid | 05 Million? | 35 ET | - | - | - | - | |
| WTXL 2.7 | - | News (N) | News (N) | News (N) | Inside Ed. | Judy | Goldberg | Speech (N) | Modern (N) | Am.Wife | Designated "Grief" (N) | News (N) | 35 Jimmy Kimmel Live | 35 Nightl. | Inside Ed. | Paid | Paid | News | - | - | - | |
| Bounce 2.7.2 | - | Bernie Mac | Bernie Mac | Live Single | Live Single | Live Single | Live Single | Live Single | Exit Wounds '01 | Steven Seagal. | *** The Glimmer Man (96) | Steven Seagal. | *** Bait '00 | David Morse, Jamie Foxx. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WPGX 2.8 | 10 | Judy | Judy | BigBang | BigBang | The X-Files (N) | 9-1-1 (N) | 2 1/2 Men | TMZ | Crime Watch Daily | Pawn Stars | Pawn Stars | 2 1/2 Men | Met Mother | Jokers | Jokers | 28 | 28 | - | - | - | |
| WDFX 3.4 | - | Judy | Judy | BigBang | BigBang | The X-Files (N) | 9-1-1 (N) | News (N) | TMZ | Jokers | Crime Watch Daily | Steve! | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WTCW 4.0 | - | Fam. Feud | News (N) | ET | Fam. Feud | The Blacklist (N) | Law & Order: S.V.U. (N) | Chicago P.D. (N) | DailyMail | Daily /35 Tonight (N) | 35 Seth Meyers (N) | 35 C. Daly | 05 Access Live | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| WTLH 4.9.1 | - | 2 Broke G. | BigBang | Mike&Molly | BigBang | The X-Files (N) | 9-1-1 (N) | News (N) | Modern | Modern | Simpsons | Paid | 2 1/2 Men | Mike&Molly | Met Mother | Jokers | TMZ | - | - | - | - | |
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| CABLE STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E 30 | 30 | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | S. Wars (N) | Rooster & Butch (N) | 05 S. Wars | 35 S. Wars | 05 S. Wars | 35 S. Wars | 05 S. Wars | 35 S. Wars | 05 Rooster & Butch | 118 | 265 | - | - | - | |
| AMC 33 | 3.30 | *** Armageddon '98 | Bruce Willis. | *** The Green Mile '99 | - | - | - | - | - | *** A Few Good Men '92 | Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| APL 51 | 51 | Treehouse Masters | Treehouse Masters | Treehouse Masters | Treehouse Masters | Tree. Mast: Branched | Builds with Friends" | Treehouse Masters | Tree. Mast: Branched | To Be Announced | Treehouse Masters | Treehouse Masters | 184 | 282 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| BRAVO 59 | 59 | The Real Housewives | Vanderpump Rules | Beverly Hills | Beverly Hills | Housewives Atlanta | Medic. "D.N.A.-DAY" | Watch (N) | Housewives Atlanta | Beverly Hills | Vanderpump Rules | BethFred | 129 | 237 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| CN 31 | 31 | Gumball UNIKITTY | Gumball | AppOnion | King of Hill | Amer. Dad | Cleveland | Amer. Dad | BobBurg. | BobBurg. | Family Guy | Family Guy | RickMort | Robot | Eric An | BobBurg. | BobBurg. | Family Guy | 176 | 296 | - | - |
| COMC 58 | 58 | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | South Park | Corporat | South Park | Daily S. (N) | Opposit | 05 SouthPark | 05 SouthPark | 05 Daily S. | 05 Opposit | 35 SouthPark | 107 | 249 | - | - | |
| DISC 24 | 24 | Misfit Garage: Rich. | St. Outaws Fast Loud | St. Outaws Fast Loud | St. Outaws Fast Loud | St. Outaws Fast Loud | Twin Turbos (N) | 05 Outlaws FastLoud | 05 Twin Turbos | 05 Misfit Garage | 10 Misfit Garage | 182 | 278 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| DISN 21 | 21 | Jessie | Jessie | Bunk'd | Bunk'd | *** Zombies Meg Donnelly. | 45 Raven's. | 10 Gravity | 35 Gravity | Andi Mack | StuckMid. | Bizaard. | Raven's. | Jessie | Bunk'd | Underc. | Liv Maddie | 172 | 290 | - | - | |
| ESPN 19 | 19 | SportsCenter (N) | NBA Countdown (N) | Basket. NBA Golden State Warriors at Washington Wizards (L) | Basketball NCAA Villanova at Seton Hall (L) | Basketball NCAA Villanova at Seton Hall (L) | Hoops Ex | The Maestro (N) | Magnify "Shot in the Dark" | TMZ (N) | Skip and Shannon | 150 | 607 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| FOOD 50 | 50 | Game "Blue Plate Blues" | Guy's Grocery Games | Game "Funny Food" | Guy's Game (N) | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | Game "Noodle Games" | Guy's Grocery Games | Guy's Grocery Games | 110 | 231 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| FREE 28 | 28 | *** Despicable Me '10 | Steve Carell. | Grown (N) | Alone (N) | *** Big Daddy '99 | Adam Sandler. | The 700 Club | *** When in Rome '10 | Kristen Bell. | Paid | Paid | 180 | 311 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| FS1 62 | 62 | Race Hub | Basketball NCAA Providence at Xavier (L) | Basketball NCAA Villanova at Seton Hall (L) | Basketball NCAA Villanova at Seton Hall (L) | Hoops Ex | The Maestro (N) | Magnify "Shot in the Dark" | TMZ (N) | Skip and Shannon | 150 | 607 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| FSF 36 | 36 | Magic | Pre-game | Basketball NBA Toronto Raptors at Orlando Magic (L) | Post-game | Magic | Magic | Poker WPT | Basketball NBA Toronto Raptors at Orlando Magic (L) | Paid | Paid | 423 | 654 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| FX 53 | 5.00 | *** Thor: The Dark World | *** Iron Man 2 '10 | Don Cheadle, Robert Downey Jr. | Versace "Descent" (N) | 15 Gianni Versace "Descent" | 25 Gianni Versace "Descent" | 45 Gianni Versace "Descent" | 136 | 248 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| GOLF 44 | 44 | Golf Central (N) | Learning C. | PGA Tour | Golf Classics '17 WGC: Mexico Championship | Golf LPGA World Championship Round 1 Site: Sentosa Golf Club -- Sentosa, Singapore (L) | Golf LPGA | World Championship Round 1 Site: Sentosa Golf Club -- Sentosa, Singapore (L) | Golf LPGA | World Championship Round 1 Site: Sentosa Golf Club -- Sentosa, Singapore (L) | Golf LPGA | World Championship Round 1 Site: Sentosa Golf Club -- Sentosa, Singapore (L) | 401 | 218 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| HALL 46 | 46 | F. House 2/2 | Full House | Full House | Full House | The Middle | The Middle | The Middle | The Middle | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | G. Girls | Fraser | Fraser | Fraser | Fraser | 185 | 312 | - | - | |
| HGTV 49 | 49 | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Property Brothers (N) | H.Hunt (N) | House (N) | Dream H. | Dream H. | Property Brothers | H.Hunt | House | Dream H. | Dream H. | 112 | 229 | - | - | - | - | | |
| HIST 81 | 81 | American Pickers | Pickers "Pedal Pushers" | *** The Outlaw Josey Wales '76 | Chief Dan George, Clint Eastwood. | 05 American Pickers | 05 *** The Outlaw Josey Wales '76 | Clint Eastwood. | 120 | 269 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| LIFE 29 | 29 | Grey's Anatomy | Women "Cover Girls" (N) | LittleW. "Girl Power" (N) | Glam Masters (N) | Glam Masters | Glam Masters | 05 Glam Masters | 108 | 252 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| MTV 34 | 34 | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish (N) | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Catfish: The TV Show | Winter "The First Night" | 160 | 331 | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| NGEO 109 | 109 | Toughest Prisons | Russia Tough Prisons | Locked Up Abroad (N) | Locked Up Abroad (N) | Locked Up Abroad | Locked Up Abroad | Locked Up Abroad | Locked Up Abroad | Abroad "Puerto Vallarta" | Locked up "Nepal" | 186 | 276 | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| NICK 14 | 14 | Knight | Henry Danger | Lip Sync | *** The Nut Job '14 | Will Arnett. | Full House | Full House | Friends | Friends | Friends | 2 1/2 Men | 40 2 1/2 Men | 170 | 299 | - | - | - | | | | |
| SPIKE 47 | 47 | 2 1/2 Men | 2 1/2 Men | *** Shooter '07 | Action | Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg. | Waco "Day 51" (N) | 10 Cops | 35 Cops | Cops | Cops | Waco "Day 51" | 168 | 241 | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| SYFY 32 | 32 | Movie | *** G.I. Joe: Retaliation '13 | Channing Tatum. | The Magicians (N) | Channel Zero (N) | *** G.I. Joe: Retaliation '13 | Channing Tatum. | *** Underworld: Evolution | 122 | 244 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| TBS 16 | 16 | Family Guy | Family Guy | BigBang | BigBang | BigBang | BigBang | BigBang | BigBang | Full Frontal | Conan (N) | The Guest | The Guest | 139 | 247 | - | - | - | | | | |
| TLC 98 | 98 | My 600-lb Life (N) | 600-lb "Lisa's Story" (N) | My 600-lb Life "Robert's Story" (N) | 05 The 685-lb Teen | 10 My 600-lb Life "Robert's Story" | 10 The 685-lb Teen | 10 My 600-lb Life | 183 | 280 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| TNT 23 | 23 | Bones | Bones | *** We're the Millers '13 | Jason Sudeikis. | *** Magic Mike XXL '15 | Matt Bomer, Channing Tatum. | *** Wanderlust '12 | Jennifer Aniston. | 138 | 245 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| TVLAND 22 | 22 | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | Loves Ray | Loves Ray | Mom | Mom | Queens | Queens | Mom | Mom | Loves Ray | 35 Ray | 108 | 304 | - | - | | | |
| USA 26 | 2.30 | *** The Departed | *** Mad Max: Fury Road '15 | Tom Hardy. | *** Remember the Titans '00 | Denzel Washington. | Unsolved | Queens | Queens | Queens | Queens | Law&O: SVU "Home" | SVU "Hunting Ground" | 105 | 242 | - | - | - | | | | |

Thursday Best Bets

Supernatural

4.3 CW 7.2 CW 4.9.2 CW 7:00 p.m.

After Jack (Alexander Calvert) and Mary (Samantha Smith) escape from Michael (Christian Keyes), they find an ally (Jim Beaver) in this new episode. Meanwhile, Sam (Jared Padalecki), Dean (Jensen Ackles) and Castiel (Misha Collins) try to open a breach.

Showtime at the Apollo

2.8 WPGX 3.4 WDFX 4.9.1 WTLH 8:00 p.m.

Performers take the stage in the hopes of wowing one of the toughest audiences in the world in this premiere. Emmy winner Steve Harvey hosts this new series, which was inspired by the Apollo Theater's legendary Amateur Night.



Steve Harvey hosts "Showtime at the Apollo"

Mom

18.1 WECB 8:00 p.m. 6.1 WCTV 8:00 p.m.

When Jill (Jaime Pressly) returns from her wellness retreat, it appears she's a changed woman in this new episode. However, Bonnie (Allison Janney) is offended when Jill refuses to pick up the tab for lunch. Anna Faris also stars.

Chicago Fire

7.1 WJHG 4.0 WTCW 9:00 p.m.

After photos of Casey (Jesse Spencer) and Severide (Taylor Kinney) performing a heroic rescue end up on the front page of the paper, Boden (Eamonn Walker) reluctantly allows a photographer to photograph a "day-in-the-life" at the firehouse.

| THURSDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | C1: Comcast D1: Dish D2: DirecTV | | | | MARCH 1 | | | |
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| BROADCAST STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WECB 18.1 | 3 | Jeopardy! | News (N) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICES

L5863 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 17000164CAAXMX BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff, vs. NORMAN D. MATHIS; et al., Defendants. **NOTICE OF SALE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 19, 2018 entered in Civil Case No. 17000164CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Jackson County, Florida, wherein BAYVIEW LOAN

LEGAL NOTICES

SERVICING, LLC, is Plaintiff and NORMAN D. MATHIS; et al., are Defendant(s). I, CLAYTON O. ROOKS, will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Courthouse, located at 4445 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446 in Jackson County, Florida sale beginning at 11:00 a.m. on April 5, 2018 on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **See attached Exhibit "A" Street Address: 5425 Thomas Drive, Graceville, Florida 32440**

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 20th day of February, 2018. CLAYTON O. ROOKS Clerk of Circuit Court BY: Tiffany Clark, Deputy Clerk Daniel S. Mandel, Esq. MANDEL, MANGANELLI & LEIDER, P.A. Attorneys for Plaintiff 1900 N.W. Corporate Blvd., Ste. 305W Boca Raton, FL 33431 Tel: (561) 826-1740 Fax: (561) 826-1741

EXHIBIT "A" THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JACKSON STATE OF FLORIDA, TO-WIT: LOT 4, BLOCK "A": COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH; RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 210 FEET; THENCE WEST 253 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF A PUBLIC STREET; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID STREET 375 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID STREET 105 FEET; THENCE WEST 167 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 105 FEET; THENCE EAST 167 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO NORMAND. MATHIS AND DOROTHY R. MATHIS, DATED 07/03/1974 RECORDED ON 07/19/1974 IN OR BOOK 125, PAGE 140 IN JACKSON COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF FL. Jackson Co. Floridan Feb. 28, 2018, March 7, 2018

L5838 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Malone Community Center, 5107 8th Avenue, Malone, Florida 32445 Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Renovations and Alterations, Malone Community Center, 5107 8th Avenue, Malone, Florida will be received by Town of Malone at the office of Malone Town Hall, 5182 9th Avenue, Malone Florida 32445 until 2:00 p.m. CT, (Local Time March 14, 2018, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Donofro Architects, 2910 Caledonia Street, Marianna, Florida Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained via email, requests sent to karen@donofroarchitects.com. NOTE: There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on March 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. CT, at the Malone Community Center, 5107 8th Avenue, Malone 32445, and attendance will be mandatory for all General Contractors who plan to submit a bid for this project, see Architect's Supplementary Instructions to Bidders. All contracts exceeding \$10,000 shall contain a provision requiring compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled, "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375 and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).

L5864 Request for Qualifications for CM at Risk

The Jackson County School District announces the need for Construction Manager at Risk services for the building of a K-5 addition to Graceville High School located in Graceville, Florida. The design may also include remodel of the existing High School and the addition of a chiller plant and auditorium. For a packet containing specific information regarding the application process contact: Stuart Wiggins, Director of Facilities, P.O. Box 5958, 2903 Jefferson Street, Marianna, Florida 32447. Qualification Packages are due on or before 2:00 p.m. (CDT), Friday, April 6, 2018. The original and four copies of the qualification packet shall be submitted in a sealed package clearly labeled "CM at Risk for Graceville K-5 Addition." The Jackson County School District accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by firms offering their services to the county in the preparation of a response to the Request for Qualifications. The Jackson County School District will rank the firms and then conduct competitive negotiations consistent with 287.005 F.S.

L5879 FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that MELINDA L SMITH, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of MELINDA CARE SERVICES located at 3421 SPIRAL LANE, MARIANNA, FL 32448 in JACKSON County intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

L5867 LEGAL NOTICE

Tri-County Community Council, Inc., Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:00 P.M., with Finance Committee meeting at 4:15 p.m. & Personnel Committee at 4:30 p.m. at McLains Restaurant located on 331 South in DeFuniak Springs.



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