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Nelson, Foreman win new terms

Are alone on ballot as qualifying ends; DePratter out at BOCC.

By **STEVE WILSON**
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With the qualifying period over as of noon Friday, the candidate field for local, state and federal elections is set.



Nelson

Steve Nelson, current Columbia County School Board member for District 3, is running unopposed and is now guaranteed to be reelected, as is County Attorney Joel Forman.



Foreman

For School Board District 1, incumbent board member Danny Green will face off against Linard Johnson and "Narrie" Narraganset Smith. In District 5, incumbent Stephanie Finnell will face off against Shayne Edge and Hunter Peeler.

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Scam strikes fear in hearts of local couple

Were told grandson would soon be jailed.

By **COREY ARWOOD**
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This is a scam. "Granddaddy, this is Michael," began the conversation between an 84-year-old Lake City man and the person on the other line claiming to be his grandson.

He needed help. After a few drinks, he'd been in a wreck and hit a government vehicle and was about to be locked up, the crying voice pleaded.

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AMATEUR HOUR

In the best sense of the term



Photos by **TONY BRITT**/Lake City Reporter

Richard Heston, Columbia Amateur Radio Society past president, and his grandson, Matthew Heston, work on an IC740 all-mode 100-watt transceiver to communicate with other ham radio operators Saturday.

Radio fans hamming it up here this weekend

By **TONY BRITT**
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Think ham radio sounds boring? Not so much.

Erecting an antenna, twisting and turning dials for high and very high frequency communication links or keying microphones on handheld radios — all these steps needed to communicate to others in potential emergency scenarios that were explored Saturday in Lake City.

The Columbia Amateur Radio Society participated in the annual Amateur Radio Operators Field Day, which is set to take place over a 24-hour period, ending today at noon. It is a national event with more than 45,000 Amateur radio operators in the United States trying to contact other ham radio operator across the globe.

More than 20 local club members set up shop near the Lowe's parking lot Saturday afternoon and went to work on a variety of communication tools utilizing very high frequency, ultra high frequency and digital technologies to communicate with other ham operators. Ham operators normally

RADIO continued on 5A



TOP: Gary W. Whitehead (from left), Michael Bayish and Matthew Heston help erect a 40-foot antenna on Saturday.

ABOVE: Noah and Serenity Heston look on as Matthew Heston examines an item created from a 3-D printer at Columbia Amateur Radio Society Field Day.

SEPTIC TANK REGS

Rule will 'kill our economy'

New requirements will add up to \$15K to cost of a new home.

By **CARL MCKINNEY**
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Newly built homes are about to get significantly more expensive in Columbia County thanks to incoming septic tank regulations, two industry insiders say, fearing it will bring construction to a crawl.

Starting July 1, conventional septic tanks cannot be installed in lots smaller than an acre within a special area — which accounts for most of southern Columbia County. (See map, Page 8A, with accompanying instructions to see if you live in the affected area.)



Eagle

Instead, builders and homeowners must utilize costlier nitrogen-reducing systems aimed at protecting the water supply.

"It's another government regulation that's going to kill our economy in Lake City," said developer Tom Eagle.

The rule is established by the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act, which the state legislature passed in 2016.



Zecher

Excessive nitrate pollution promotes runaway algae growth, which threatens underwater life, according to the Suwannee River Water Management District.

There have been documented cases of infant death and serious illness due to excessive nitrate levels in drinking water, according to the DEP website.

County Manager Ben Scott said the nitrogen-reducing septic tanks are estimated to be anywhere from \$8,000 to \$15,000 more expensive than a standard \$3,500 system.

In addition, maintenance and permitting costs are estimated at about \$350 per year.

Eagle said he has a 40-lot subdivision and an eight-lot subdivision that will both be affected.

The added cost will severely stunt home construction in the area, he said.

"I don't know how Columbia County's going to handle it," Eagle said. "It's definitely going to impact the buyers' ability — which were struggling already — to be able to afford a new home."

Wealthier communities such as Duval County can easily eat the extra cost, he said. This community can't.

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SUWANNEE CRIME

Cops: Mother-son team scores \$12K on stolen tractor scam

Sold \$40K machine on the cheap, say Suwannee deputies.

By COREY ARWOOD carwood@lakecityreporter.com

A four-month investigation into a stolen \$40,000 tractor led Suwannee County Sheriff's Office to a Live Oak mother and son team who reportedly worked together to sell the farm equipment for only \$12,000, SCSO reports.

Gage Duncan Carmichael, 20, and Charyle Renee Gaskins, 46, of Live Oak were jailed Thursday in connection

with a stolen Kubota tractor from Howland's Feed Mill also in Live Oak.

The investigator's probable cause statement said Carmichael and Gaskins sold the farm equipment to a Raiford man who paid Gaskins \$8,000 and Carmichael \$4,000 for the tractor.

The initial report was made in early February but the missing tractor turned up in June when the investigator responded to a Live Oak auction company.

"When running the serial numbers I found that the tractor was listed as stolen out of Suwannee County ... and was in fact the tractor stolen from the Feed Mill," the SCSO officer reported.

According to the report, he had contacted both Carmichael and Gaskins prior to the attempted auction of the Kubota, now making its way through a third sale from a previous auction site in High Springs. The officer spoke

with witnesses who saw Carmichael in the tractor on their land, and reportedly told him Carmichael said the tractor was an inheritance from his grandfather.

However, he later told them the tractor belonged to Howland's Feed Mill, the report says.

The tractor has since become the possession of an Ohio-based insurance company that payed out over \$14,000 to its finance company, SCSO says.

"Ohio Indemnity Insurance Co. ... stated they wished to pursue criminal charges against the two individuals," the report said.



Carmichael



Gaskins

FEMA scam lands Live Oak man in jail; 'systematic and ongoing' fraud alleged

Already on probation for boat-buying scam in Columbia County.

By CARL MCKINNEY cmckinney@lakecityreporter.com

A Live Oak man was arrested Monday after Suwannee County deputies say he put up the title to his truck for collateral on a loan while he waited for a FEMA check, but then sold the vehicle to someone else.

Justin Brown Gregg, 28, of County Road 49, faces two felony fraud charges and a perjury charge.

On Oct. 11, Gregg borrowed \$6,000 from Walter

Sterling and put up the title for his 2002 Kenworth semi-truck as collateral, according to a Suwannee County Sheriff's Office report.

Gregg told Sterling he needed the money to cover payroll for Hurricane Irma clean up and that he was waiting for a check from FEMA.

But weeks after the deal, Gregg went to a logging company, Pettrey Logging, and sold the truck without the title to John Pettrey, according to the report.

Gregg told the buyer he couldn't find the title and would get a duplicate from the tag office.

The buyer gave Gregg half the money upfront and the other half when they met at the tag office days later on Oct. 31.

Gregg applied for a lost title, making no mention that he'd signed it over to Starling as part of their deal, according to the report.

While investigating the case, a deputy spoke to a man involved in Gregg's cleanup in Central Florida.



Gregg

Not only did Gregg not pay him for the work, the man said, but he gave Gregg \$1,000 of his own money to start the cleanup operation.

It appeared Gregg allowed individuals to work for him and enjoyed the profits without paying, the man told deputies.

Based on the investigation, Gregg engaged in "systematic and ongoing" conduct to defraud several people, according to the report.

Gregg is currently on felony probation for a previous scam involving bad checks and a boat in Columbia County.

2 face drug charges after search

By STEVE WILSON swilson@lakecityreporter.com

Despite efforts to hide by the man, a Lake City man and woman are facing multiple charges following their arrest by a Columbia

County Sheriff's Deputy on Thursday.

A'Niaus Ray, 26, of Lake City, has been charged

with possession of marijuana and with possession of drug equipment. He was transported to the Columbia County Detention Facility.

Also arrested and facing charges of drug possession, drug trafficking and possession of drug equipment is Madeline Joyce Thornton,

19, also of Lake City.

According to a CCSO report, a sheriff's deputy reported to a civil dispute at 317 SW Wise Drive in incorporated Columbia County. Following that call, the deputy received another call in reference to drug activity, specifically that a vehicle was leaving the driveway at 411 SW

Wise Drive, then stopped.

"The driver dropped his seat to conceal himself from view," the deputy said in the arrest report.

Thornton was at the residence at the time and was detained during the search, according to the report.

After making contact

with the vehicle, the deputy detected the smell of marijuana, and the subsequent search of the vehicle yielded 14 pounds of marijuana. At this point the multi-jurisdictional task force was called in, and a search warrant was obtained, and from the residence detectives recovered eight crack "cookies", several pills 62 grams of the synthetic stimulant Alpha-PVP, and three guns, one of which had been reported stolen in Columbia County.

In addition, a 13-year-old girl was located in a bedroom at the residence and asked to walk outside.

Both Ray and Thornton had been released from the county detention facility as of Saturday afternoon, on \$21,000 and \$256,000 bond, respectively.



Ray



Thornton

FIELD

Continued From 1A

For Lake City Council, Eugene Jefferson will be seeking a sixth term against Vanessa George and Clarence Tucker for District 10, and for District 14, with incumbent George Ward not seeking reelection, it's a three way match-up between Befaihtful "Bea" Coker, Chris Greene and Ricky Jernigan.

For County Commission, Rusty DePratter did not qualify for reelection in District 2.

Competing for his seat are Marc Kazmierski, who lost to DePratter by seven votes in 2014, Rocky Ford and Scott Thomason.

County Commission District 4 is a rematch of 2014, with incumbent Everett Phillips facing off against Toby Witt.

In the state representative District 10 race, Marc

Vann of Lake City will face Chuck Brannan of Baker County. Ronald W. Williams II is unopposed for the Democratic primary.

For U.S. Congress, Representative Neal Dunn is unopposed for the Republican Primary, but will face either Democrat and former Leon County Commissioner Bob Rackleff, or Brandon Peters of Williston, as the later two are competing in the Democratic Primary.

QUICK HITS

Scripture of the Day

"The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul." — Psalm 121:7 (KJV)

Thought for Today

If you don't think every day is a good day, just try missing one. — Cavett Robert, 1907-1997, American businessman

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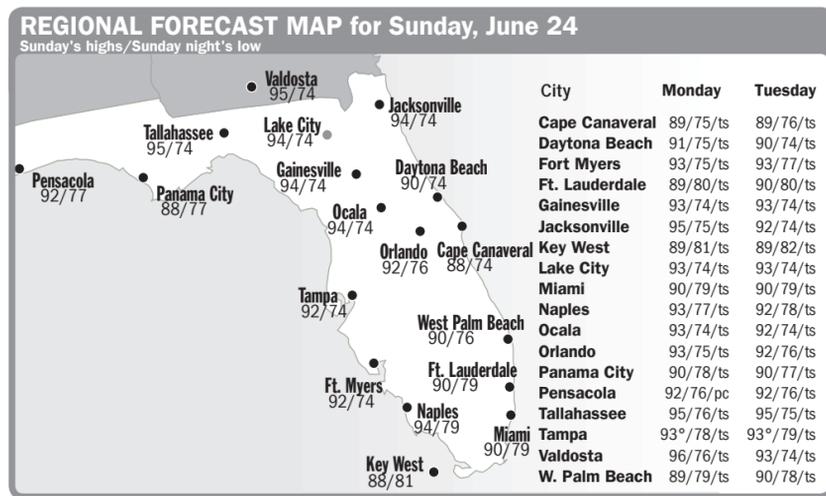
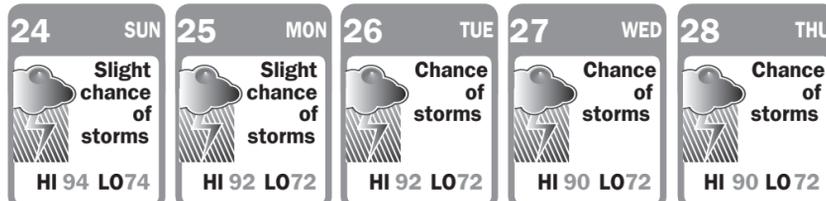
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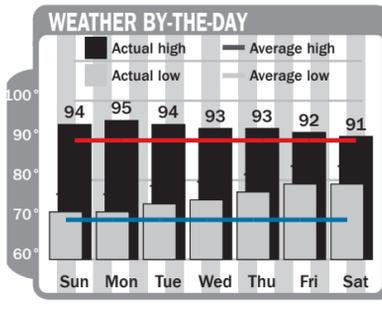
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Rotary installs new president



ABOVE: Brent Kuykendall (center) was sworn in as president of the Rotary Club of Lake City Thursday afternoon. Conducting the ceremony was Rotary District 6940 Gov. John Medina, (right) of the Rotary Club of Lake City. At left is past District Gov. John Kuykendall, Brent's father. **TOP LEFT:** Brent Kuykendall (right) was sworn in as Rotary Club of Lake City president. He was presented with his president's pin by his father, past Rotary District Gov. John Kuykendall. **LEFT:** Rotary Club of Lake City President Brent Kuykendall gives his presidential address to the club after he was sworn in as 2018-19 club president. Kuykendall is vice president of Gulf Coast Financial Services in Lake City.

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Lake City Reporter

LCMC Auxiliary volunteers needed

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OUR OPINION

Who's qualified to lead, and how can you tell?

The field is set for this fall's primary and general election. Just because someone has qualified to seek local office doesn't mean they are actually qualified to hold the seat they seek, however.

How do you assess their abilities?

A county commission seat, as we see it, is akin to a seat on the board of directors of a \$150 million a year corporation, that sum being roughly our annual budget.

In the end, commissioners are managing a corporation funded by your tax dollars.

Their focus is rarely on social issues (though these are the ones that sometimes get all the attention).

Their focus is fiscal, pure and simple.

How commissioners manage the people's money is what makes them a failure or success.

If you suspect — or know based on past experience — that any given candidate is not up to the task, do not vote for them.

It's that simple.

Same for the city council, except with smaller numbers — about \$50 million at last count.

As a whole, neither of the aforementioned bodies has anything to brag about concerning their money-managing skills.

The county is looking at a tax hike in part because the commission's class of 1986 — one member of which remains — built a jail that was nearly obsolete when it opened.

Plus they can't keep basic road upkeep and construction properly funded, which is Job One in a small, rural community such as this.

As for the city council, they are even worse, with tax hikes and new fees that threaten to drive away the very people who pay the bills.

The school board is a little different.

They spend, spend, spend as well, but much of it is on unfunded mandates they are required by law to enact. The people at whom to direct your rage in this case often reside in Tallahassee.

For everybody else, look them over hard and ask the toughest question of all: Will they guard your money as carefully as you do?

Very few will.

As for the rest, show them no mercy. Show them the door.



A plaque for Quinton Rumph

Fort White High School philanthropist J. Quinton Rumph now has a permanent plaque located in the school's main office.

FWHS principal Keith Couey, former FWHS principal Keith Hatcher, and school foundation director Dianna Swisher were the main forces behind the plaque. The plaque reads:

"Quinton Rumph
Fort White High School Class of 1941
NOVEMBER 8, 1923 – MARCH 29, 2018"

This plaque was placed in the front office of Fort White High School by the Columbia County Public Schools Foundation in memory and in honor of Mr. J. Quinton Rumph.

The last of eight children born to Carnot and Elizabeth Rumph, Mr. Rumph was one of 14 in his graduating class at Fort White High School during the Great Depression.

Soon after graduation, in 1941, he hitchhiked with a borrowed \$10 bill and a suitcase to take a job at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville. He joined the navy during World War II and was present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered on September 2, 1945.

After the war, he married Ann Stevens and graduated from law school at the University of Florida in 1946. Mr. Rumph became a high-

ly successful attorney and businessman in Jacksonville where he lived for the rest of his life.

Never one to forget his roots, Mr. Rumph established an endowment that will, perpetually, provide scholarships for graduates of Fort White High School, especially those who have a desire to return to the Columbia County area after college to give back to their community."

What did Mr. Rumph do to deserve such an honored plaque?

He provided \$329,000 in college scholarship money to selected FWHS seniors. Some of these scholarship recipients: Leslie Ammerman, Ashley Beckman, Danielle Leon, Caitlyn Wilson, Tiffany Joseph, Dustin Cason, Stephen Lynch, Whitney Bigelow, Della Katharine Etheridge, Corey Wilson, Molly Shoniker, Sherod Keen, Dominic Deluca, and Trace Wilkinson.

All these are now college graduates employed in their respective communities as physicians, attorneys, engineers, teachers, nurses, etc. to name just a few professions and all are doing great.



Morris Williams

Mr. Rumph also established nearly \$3,000,000 for endowments to benefit future FWHS graduates after his death which will be available now.

Now you can see why Mr. Rumph so richly deserves this plaque.

SKIPPING AROUND

*Of the five assistant principals working at CHS in 1997, three were destined for larger leadership roles in our school system. Joann Chamberlin later served five years as CHS principal, Keith Hatcher later served 14 years as FWHS principal, and Mike Flanagan went on to serve eight years as School Superintendent. And, of course, principal Terry Principal went on to become county school superintendent.

*Four members of the local Mary Kay and Darrel Mathis family had a total of 52 years perfect attendance in our school system: Stephanie (CHS 2009), Katherine (CHS 2011), Danielle (CHS 2013), and Matthew (CHS 2017). 52 years!

*Kristina Rodriguez (CHS 2006) was elected Governor of Girls State and Tommy Ives (CHS 1950) was elected Governor of Boys State.

*Dr. Walter P. Atkinson (CHS 1952) served as a Bishop in the International Church of God.

LAWYER LETTER

Dear Lawyer, Unless you get me my husband's alimony real soon, I will be forced to live an immortal life.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paper printed truth about murder

To the Editor:

At the same time, I find it interesting, ironic and saddening that the Lake City Reporter was barraged with letters complaining the newspaper was reporting the truth about a recent gangster-style hit.

Quite frankly, I found the headline "Victim had a troubled past" to be quite generous to the victim and his family. Apparently, he had not put his past behind him yet. Reports that his murder was retaliation for being a police informant

only bolster the idea that he was still traveling in dark circles. Even the victim's mother only claimed "I never condoned my son's lifestyle." None of the 4 printed letters, not even the mother's, would claim that he was trying to turn his life around and do better.

The letter writers only complained about the fact that the truth was reported and then accused the paper of being racist, capitalistic, opportunistic, callous, degrading, etc. Not one of the writers expressed any sense of shame for

the fact this victim was a member and product of their proverbial "village."

When newspapers and news sources hide and sugarcoat the truth so as not to offend someone, our collective society is in deep trouble. It is the duty of a newspaper and an obligation to all of its readership to report whole truth and all known facts!

Robert Long
Lake City

Philip Levine's pie-in-the-sky nightmare

To the Editor:

Apparently the Democrat candidates for governor both have the idea that "assault rifles" have to be taken away, so I will save that for another letter.

This may, in one way, be more important because it will impact every person in the state — gun owner, or not.

Mr. Levine proposes to give every teacher in the state a pay raise of \$10,000.

According to the internet, there are 167,537 teachers from K-12 in Florida. That would be One BILLION, seven hundred sixty-five MILLION, three hundred seventy

THOUSAND DOLLARS. Just for showing up. That is on top of what they already are paid.

Nobody has to work harder, or do a better job, and the educational system in Florida is already one of the poorest in the nation. Of the smartest states, Florida is number 5 from the bottom of the list, and has a ranking of number 29 out of 50, with a grade of ONLY a C. That's just barely average.

Most kids in this state are being cheated out of a proper education, and are being conned into believing that they MUST go to college, as well. Most kids would be better off either going to a "trade school" of some kind, or into the military — at

least for a couple of years. Does nobody understand that a carpenter, electrician, or plumber will make much more than minimum wage after just a few years in his trade.

Where are we supposed to get the kind of money that Mr. Levine proposes to "give" the teachers. Maybe he plans to get it out of his own pocket. I know most politicians get in "the game" to get power, authority, and money. Maybe he will start a "gofundme" for this pie-in-the-sky nightmare. Or, maybe he will just raise taxes on US, the citizens of Florida.

James Parks
Lake City

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

Bingo games

Bingo games are offered every Sunday, Monday and Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at the American Legion Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd. in Lake City. There are three \$250 jackpots each night. Quarter games are played at 3 p.m. For more, call 386-752-7776.

Tuesday

Volunteers needed

Lake City Medical Center Auxiliary needs volunteers who have a heart to serve. The auxiliary need volunteers for all positions. Those interested in participating in the program may pick up an application at the Lake City Medical Center

Gift Shop or the H2U office. For more, call 386-719-7713.

Club registration

The Boys' Club of Columbia County is accepting registration for the fall session. All children ages 6-14 are eligible to attend. There are bus pickups from all elementary and middle schools. Fees for the session are \$200. For more, call 386-752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way in Lake City.

Wednesday

Volunteers needed

Community Hospice and Palliative Care recently opened a new office at 163 SW Stonegate Terrace, Suite 105, Lake City. We are looking for volunteers

to serve in several different capacities including: relief visits for our patient's families, pet therapy, veteran pinning and clerical help. Visit our web site, VolunteerCommunityHospice.com to learn more about our volunteer on-boarding process and to complete a volunteer application.

'Terrific Twos'

"Terrific Twos," a library program for toddlers, is offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the main branch of the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. in downtown Lake City. For more information about the library's children's programs, call 386-758-2101.

Al-Anon meeting

An Al-Anon group meets at First Christian Church (403 W. Duval St., Lake City) at 6 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. Newcomers group meets on Mondays at 5 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Club

Lake City Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays at The Country Club at Lake City. All bridge enthusiasts are welcome. For more, call Dottie Rogers at 386-758-8606.

Volunteers needed

The Christian Service Center (421 NW Washington St., Lake City) is in search of volunteers. The center's mission is to serve those in need in Columbia County

through Christian faith and resources. For more, call 386-755-1770.

Haven seeks help

Haven is always seeking compassionate volunteers looking to give back and make a positive impact on their communities. There are many ways in which skills and a smile can make a difference by volunteering. Explore all of the possibilities at www.beyourhaven.org or by calling 386-752-9191 to speak with the volunteer coordinator.

'Catholics Come Home'

A "Catholics Come Home" and Adult Catholic Education Inquiry Program will be presented at San Juan Catholic Mission each

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7-8:15 p.m.

Thursday

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RADIO

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operate on medium or high frequency devices from 1.8-30 mega hertz — often with equipment using less electricity than a night light.

Richard Heston, CARS' past president, also noted that local ham radio operators were taking part in Field Day as the meaty part of hurricane season approaches, and their communication capabilities could be put to the test.

In addition, this year

local ham operators were focusing on getting more youngsters into the hobby with STEM-created (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) puzzles.

"We've already had about 10 people sign-up who are interested in opening a new avenue of our future," Heston said. Satellites, robotics and the use of a 3-D printer were used by local club members as they displayed the main tools of their hobby to today's school-aged children.

"They're watching how this

technology all works and it's pretty fascinating to them to see it actually happen and for them to know they can do it."

There are more than 700,000 amateur radio operators in the United States and approximately three million worldwide.

The ability to communicate across the country and around the world without the need for the Internet or a cell phone network is how HAM radio operators gained their popularity decades ago.

Heston said the hobby

is still beneficial in emergency scenarios when traditional means of communications are inaccessible and HAM radio systems are nearly the only way to communicate.

"We've got to get this technology back in the

schools," he said. "Kids need to know how to do this."

Heston said there is currently a vacuum in society where there is a tremendous need for youngsters with technological skills, and that CARS is trying to

get children to learn some of those technical skills through the basics of using and building a ham radio.

"There is no backup technology or training in the high schools," Heston said. "It's not in the curriculum anymore."

PRESS RELEASE

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Road Closure Notification



Where: South Marion Avenue between SE Knox Street to SE Camp Street

When: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 - Friday, June 29, 2018

Why: Water line repair

Work Hours: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018, AT 1:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AT 205 NORTH MARION AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to City Code Section 2-32, that the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, has called a special meeting to be held on June 28, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Conduct the second round of interviews for the position of City Manager
- Notification of Selection of City Manager

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Pursuant to 286.0105, Florida Statutes, the City hereby advises the public if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at its meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Scam strikes fear in hearts of local couple

COUPLE

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Soon someone claiming to be an attorney entered the conversation, said Jim Hamilton of Lake City.

The smooth talking lawyer instructed Hamilton and his wife that \$2,000 would get Michael out of his predicament.

There was a caveat though. The driver of the "government vehicle" was intoxicated too, but had diplomatic immunity.

Michael wouldn't be charged if they acted fast to get him out of jail, the story went.

Altogether, he said Michael's bond was \$20,000, but all they needed to put up

was \$2,000. However, they needed to get it ASAP, the same day, Hamilton was told.

The man claimed to be a public defender working in Tallahassee, and couldn't meet Hamilton or his wife in person to retrieve the money. But getting the money to him would be easy they were told.

After consulting a "secretary," he instructed them to go to Walmart and get four \$500 gift cards.

"We were hit," said Hamilton.

It was a scam. They were given a day to gather the funds and put it on gift cards.

"They had it down pat," he said.

Hamilton called it "the most elaborate, well thought

out" scam he'd heard of.

"Everything had an answer," he said.

Someone was impersonating his grandson, and Hamilton said it was a good impersonation.

But something was off about the voice, he said.

"He sounded so real. I said Michael you do sound a little different. He said the air bag exploded and broke my nose," Hamilton said.

Luckily, Hamilton's wife, 79, had been a banker before her retirement.

He said they took the information to his grandson's girlfriend who works at a local bank and she promptly told them it was all fake. Their grandson, Michael, was in class at a college in Jacksonville that day.

He couldn't be reached, which Hamilton said was pivotal to the scheme.

They contacted Columbia County Sheriff's Office and lodged a complaint.

Hamilton said a CCSO officer helped them rest of the way. They were going to try to help CCSO land the scammer.

At the officer's instruction, they called back the fake state public defender, who said his name was Harvey Green.

Green told them he would have someone meet them to pick up the cards, so with CCSO leading them through the call, Hamilton goaded the scammer without giving him what he asked for.

"They will never come here and pick it up they

will take the numbers," Hamilton said.

With the gift card serial numbers they could access the funds for online purchases as easily as if they had the plastic cards themselves.

The scammers ratcheted up their drama to a fever pitch trying to get Hamilton to read the numbers, he said.

"He (fake Michael) continued to cry and plea and beg," he said. "They worked on me like you could not believe. And the policeman was giving a thumbs up."

Hamilton said the scammers knew their grandson's background and about his time in the military. They used it to give authenticity to the story.

"At the end that's where I just hung up with him screaming and yelling," Hamilton said.

Ultimately the scammer got away. Hamilton said law enforcement told them it was too complex to trace him, especially with most of the information coming from publicly accessible online records.

Now, however, Hamilton wants to warn others, especially seniors, against the scam.

"We're not dummies but this thing really had us down the road" he said. "It's going to work on others, believe me."

He said it all happened in the span of a day, Thursday, June 14, and started with a 10:30 a.m. phone call.

OBITUARIES

Ima Jean Wood

Ima Jean Wood, 86 of Lake City, passed away on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at her home. She was a native of Phil Campbell, AL, and had resided in Lake City since 1969. Mrs. Wood was the daughter of the late T.J. and Minnie Mae Hutcheson of Phil Campbell, AL. She was an active member of Eastside Baptist Church. In her spare time she enjoyed her grandchildren, sewing, gardening and reading. Ima Jean retired from Columbia County Senior Services after teaching sewing for 32 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Wood; daughter-in-law, Brenda Wood; brothers, Lowell, Owen, Norman, Wallace and Ray Hutcheson; and her sister, Gladys Hutcheson. Survivors include her two sons, James Jeffery Wood and Harold Douglas Wood (Arlene); one daughter, Judith Lynne Johnson (Ronald Dean); two grandchildren, Joseph Dean Johnson (Shannon) and Leah Kendal Johnson; and one great granddaughter,



Larkin Madison-Marie Johnson; five sisters, Julia Vinson and Voncile Davis both of Russellville, AL, Marlene Pounders and Janice Holcomb both of Phil Campbell, AL and Andra Watson, Hobart, IN; one brother, Otis Hutcheson, Phil Campbell, AL; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends also survive. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Rev. Hugh Dampier and Rev. William Lawhon officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service on Monday from 2-3:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Haven Suwannee Valley Hospice Care Center at 6037 West US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. 386-752-1954 Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

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Few surprises as state candidates qualify

Florida's 2018 state elections are set, with seven major candidates running for governor, three contested state Cabinet seats and fifteen state Senate incumbents facing opposition as the qualifying period closed Friday.

At the top of the list is the campaign to replace term-limited Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who is running against U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

Chris King, a Democrat and Orlando-area businessman, was the

last major gubernatorial candidate to file, submitting his paperwork shortly before the five-day qualifying period for state and local offices ended at noon Friday.

King entered a crowded Democratic field that includes former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Tallahassee, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, Palm Beach investor Jeff Greene and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum.

Heading into the Aug. 28 Republican primary for governor

are Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis of Palm Coast.

In other statewide races, 14 candidates — not including write-in candidates — qualified for the three Cabinet seats.

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, who was appointed to his post by Scott, will face former state Sen. Jeremy Ring, D-Margate, in November.

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Septic tank regs could hurt economy

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"We do not have the income base in Columbia County to absorb another hit," Eagle said.

Most of the homes built in the area need septic tanks, Eagle said.

"I'm eco-friendly, don't get me wrong, but there's got to be a better solution," he said.

This year's Parade of Homes, the first in Lake City in more than a decade, saw a record number of 17 newly built homes on the market, Eagle said.

If the septic tank rule had been in place, that number would have been about four or five, he said.

The commercial real estate market has already slowed down here, Eagle said.

"Now we're going to slow the residential new construction down," he said. "It's just unreasonable."

Prominent Columbia County home builder Bryan Zecher said the rule will disproportionately impact lower-income, first-time buyers.

When a \$200,000 home becomes a \$215,000 home due to the rule, it amounts to a significant increase for buyers in that price range.

"That's almost an eight percent increase overnight," he said.

But more expensive houses are typically constructed on lots larger than an acre and won't be affected.

"An increase in cost of this magnitude — I think it will affect the construction industry," he said.

"Hopefully it's something that we can recover from."

The septic tank requirement is one of the three biggest issues facing the industry today, the other two being rising lumber costs and a labor shortage, he said.

Charlie Keith, who owns a pawn shop in Lake City and also sits on the Suwannee River Water Management District board, said the rules are the inevitable consequence of growth.

"For us to have sustainable water, we're going to have to make changes," said Keith, who was speaking as a private citizen.

He acknowledged that the rules would have some adverse effects, but said nitrate pollution is a large problem that must be addressed.

"Everybody is going to have to tighten their belt, because there's just a lot of consumption out of the aquifer," he said. "We have to eliminate the nitrates as best we can so we have quality water."

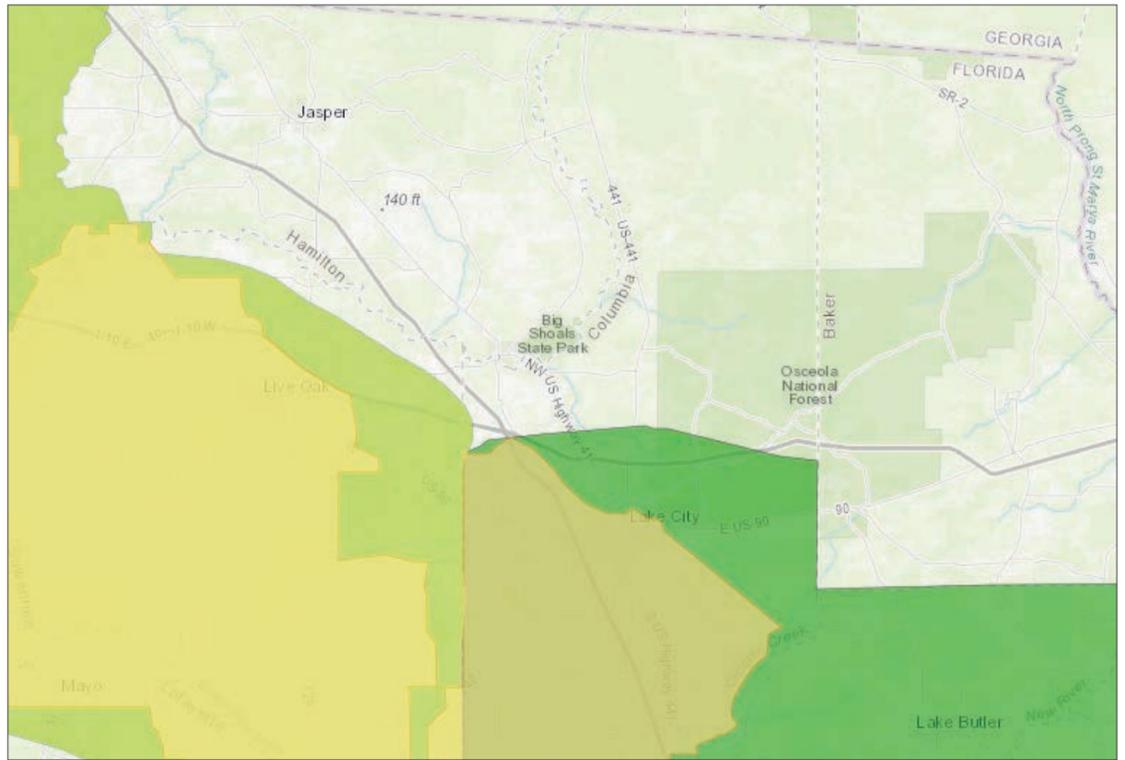
Keith said it's better to take action now rather than wait until the problem grows.

"The public will have to grasp that change is inevitable to sustain life," he said.

Lake City Board of Realtors Executive Vice President Dan Gherna said that though the price of a newly constructed home will go up due to the rules, there are a number of other factors driving up costs, such as President Trump's tariffs on Canadian lumber.

"It's just another wrench in the cog," Gherna said.

About 75 percent of houses



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The light and dark yellow portions of this map highlight a Priority Focus Area, which occupies most of southern Columbia County. (The roughly horizontal line represents Interstate 10; the line heading northwest is I-75.) Starting July 1, septic tanks installed on lots smaller than an acre within this area must be of a nitrogen-reducing variety. The green represents the area of a Basin Management Action Plan, which the Florida Department of Environmental Protection describes as a "blueprint for restoring impaired waters" through a variety of strategies. The online map is interactive. To find where your home falls within this area, go to <http://fddep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=1afdd97c67584c06840019241becde74> and type in your address.

es on the market are on half-acre lots, Gherna estimated.

That might slow down housing construction, but likely won't cripple the housing market as a whole in Columbia County.

"There's not going to be a significant impact," he said.

Gherna said he is afraid the rules are written too broadly, making it easier to pass more restrictive measures down the road.

"They left the door open for tighter regulations," he

said.

When state officials went over the new rule during Thursday's County Commission meeting, Zecher voiced his opposition.

"You're going to hurt out industry," he told commissioners. "I think that's a major economic punch."

The goal of the regulation is to eventually reduce the amount of harmful nutrients in the water supply by 1.8 million to 2 million pounds, Florida Department of

Environmental Protection geologist Terry Hansen said at Thursday's County Commission meeting.

"It's a large task," he said. About 7 percent of those nutrients come from septic tanks.

Hansen acknowledged that the change will have an adverse effect on homebuyers.

"That's the hand we're dealt," he said. "And we have to play it."

The rules won't apply to septic tank permits request-

ed before July 1, and they're good for 18 months, Hansen said.

Jim Tatum, director of nonprofit group Our Santa Fe River, told commissioners he found it puzzling that lawmakers are only forceful about protecting water quality when it comes to residential septic tanks, while agriculture is responsible for the majority of nitrate runoff.

"The burden they place on the citizens is not evenly distributed," Tatum said.

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Section B

LCR's 2018 BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



ERIC JACKSON/Lake City Reporter

Fort White pitcher Tyler Shelnut registered 69 strikeouts with 2.27 ERA this year.

Tyler Shelnut

Fort White star reaps benefits of offseason preparation

By ERIC JACKSON
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Tyler Shelnut takes no days off.

The high school season may be over but baseball continues for the young phenom as he's in the midst of summer league now. The rising junior made great strides last summer, and it was evident during his sophomore campaign at Fort White.

Shelnut dominated both on the mound and at the plate. He finished the year with a team-best .426 batting average while also notching 69 strikeouts. He carried the Indians to 13 wins with his strong performances as a starting pitcher and shortstop.

His consistency and versatility was enough to earn him the Lake City Reporter's Baseball Player of the Year.

"Well, you don't play for (awards) but you just play hard and do what you can," he said.

Shelnut has turned heads at Fort White since his arrival last year.

After a breakout freshman season, the standout

utility player only improved that summer, enough to gain the attention of University of Florida. The UF commit played like a future Gator this past season – scoring runs, striking out batters, anything he could to get a win.

"Probably his biggest area (of improvement) was his offense," Fort White coach Rick Julius said of Shelnut. "I think he was battling like

.250 his freshman year and he batted .400 this year. So we put him in the leadoff spot because his on-base percentage really got up. That was probably his biggest improvement: offense."

As one of the team's leaders, Shelnut anchored the Indians throughout the year before an early exit, losing 2-1 against P.K. Yonge in the District 5 tournament.

A tough loss for the tribe, a squad that had potential to win their first title since 2014.

"We had the talent," he said. "We had the talent we needed to win it. We just didn't come together

SHELNUT continued on 6B

ALL-AREA TEAM



Brant Parker
Fort White

Parker was one of the team's leaders in 2018. The senior starred in the outfield and pitched for the Indians. He hit .349 with six doubles, two triples, 12 RBIs for 13-11 Indians.



Jacob Sosa
Fort White

Sosa was a senior leader who started at third base for the tribe. He led Fort White to 13 wins with his big bat, hitting .345 with five doubles, one triple, 16 RBIs in 2018.



Clayton Steinruck
Columbia

Steinruck started in center field. The senior ended the year with a .310 batting average along with seven doubles, 12 RBIs, 11 stolen bases & .990 fielding percentage.



Micah Kriehauser
Columbia

Kriehauser was a go-to pitcher for the Tigers. The senior finished with a 2.87 ERA, 66 strikeouts in 49 innings pitched for the 4-time district champions.



Daveion Love
Columbia

Love was an ace on the mound for the Tigers. The senior stand-out batted .305 with six doubles, 13 RBIs; 5-5 as pitcher, 2.15 ERA, 45 strikeouts in 45 innings pitched.

WORLD CUP

Kroos scores late to give Germany win over Sweden

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The desperate world champions from Germany were seconds from losing control of their World Cup fate when Toni Kroos whispered to Marco Reus just outside Sweden's penalty area.

With the score tied in the fifth minute of stoppage time, Kroos seemed to remind Reus of a tricky set play from training that will live in World Cup lore.

Down to 10 men after Jerome Boateng was given a second yellow card, Germany rallied for a 2-1 victory over Sweden on Saturday to suddenly revive its title defense thanks to a strike from Kroos that caught the Swedes by surprise and won't soon be forgotten in Germany.

"The fact Toni Kroos put it

away is just incredible," Reus said. "He's shown that talent on previous occasions but really in this case it was practically the very last opportunity to win this match."

Kroos lined up for a free kick as if he was going for goal but just tapped the ball to Reus, who held it with his toe as the defenders paused. Kroos swung his right foot, curling the ball past a spinning Sebastian Larsson and over the outstretched hand of diving goalkeeper Robin Olsen.

The Swedes watched the ball go in, mouths open in disbelief.

The Germans ran to Kroos and erupted in emotional relief.

"Happy of course. It was a tough game again today for us," Kroos said. "We suffered. ... If you don't score

GERMANY continued on 4B



COURTESY

Toni Kroos celebrates after his winning goal.

Mexico's victory over S. Korea mutes critics

Associated Press

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — The criticism of Mexico's national team heading into the World Cup was loud and scathing. The answer has been emphatic.

The Mexicans won their second straight match at the tournament, beating South Korea 2-1 Saturday to move ever closer to a spot in the round of 16.

"We didn't listen to the criticism," said Javier Hernandez, one of the scorers against South Korea. "It was just noise."

Mexico opened its World Cup by upsetting defending champion Germany 1-0. A second victory on Saturday gives it six points and a chance to win Group F on Wednesday when the team faces Sweden.

"We want the Mexican people to enjoy this. We are going to enjoy it," Hernandez said. "But as of tomorrow we will be working hard thinking about Sweden and regardless of the results of the matches against Germany and South Korea, we are going to go

out there to get the three points."

Hernandez and Carlos Vela scored a goal each at Rostov Arena. Vela converted from the penalty spot in the 26th minute after Jang Hyun-soo handled the ball while trying to stop a cross from Andres Guardado.

Hernandez added the second in the 66th, scoring his 50th goal for Mexico. He hit the ball low past goalkeeper Jo Hyeon-woo after collecting a pass from Hirving Lozano.

"We have beaten two brilliant and complicated teams, Germany and South Korea," Hernandez said. "Our talent and hard work have paid off."

Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio said he prepared more for the match against South Korea than for the game against Germany.

"Very often when you play countries or teams with less of a footballing history, human beings tend to rest on their laurels a little bit. They tend to relax, they tend to lose focus, so every

MEXICO continued on 4B

SCOREBOARD

TV LISTINGS

Today
AUTO RACING
10:05 a.m.
 ESPN2 — Formula One, French Grand Prix, at Le Castellet, Var, France
1 p.m.
 NBCSN — IndyCar, Kohler Grand Prix, at Elkhart Lake, Wis.
3 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Toyota/Save Mart 350, at Sonoma, Calif.
DRAG RACING
12:30 p.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Summit Racing Equipment Nationals, qualifying, at Norwalk, Ohio (tape delayed)
6:30 p.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Summit Racing Equipment Nationals, finals, at Norwalk, Ohio (same-day tape)
GOLF
6:30 a.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, BMW International Open, final round, at Pulheim, Germany
1 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Travelers Championship, final round, at Cromwell, Conn.
3 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, Travelers Championship, final round, at Cromwell, Conn.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, third round, at Rogers, Ark.
5 p.m.
 GOLF — Champions Tour, American Family Insurance Championship, final round, at Madison, Wis. (same-day tape)
MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, Seattle at Boston OR L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Mets
8 p.m.
 ESPN — Philadelphia at Washington
SOCCER
8 a.m.
 FS1 — FIFA World Cup, Group stage: Group G, England vs. Panama, at Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
11 a.m.
 FOX — FIFA World Cup, Group stage: Group H, Japan vs. Senegal, at Ekaterinburg, Russia
2 p.m.
 FOX — FIFA World Cup, Group stage: Group H, Poland vs. Colombia, at Kazan, Russia
4:30 p.m.
 FOX — MLS, Portland at Atlanta United
TRACK & FIELD
4 p.m.
 NBC — USATF, Outdoor Championships, at Des Moines, Iowa
WNBA BASKETBALL
4 p.m.
 NBA — Seattle at Dallas
6 p.m.
 NBA — Minnesota at Las Vegas

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	42	33	.560	—
Los Angeles	39	35	.527	2½
Colorado	38	38	.500	4½
San Francisco	38	39	.494	5
San Diego	35	43	.449	8½

American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	50	23	.685	—
Boston	51	26	.662	1
Tampa Bay	35	40	.467	16
Toronto	34	41	.453	17
Baltimore	22	52	.297	28½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	41	33	.554	—
Detroit	36	40	.474	6
Minnesota	33	39	.458	7
Chicago	25	50	.333	16½
Kansas City	23	52	.307	18½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	50	27	.649	—
Seattle	46	30	.605	3½
Los Angeles	41	35	.539	8½
Oakland	39	37	.513	10½
Texas	33	44	.429	17

Realuto hits grand slam, Marlins beat Rockies 6-2

DENVER (AP) — J.T. Realmuto was focused purely on putting the ball in play with the bases loaded and two strikes on him. He ended up putting it out of play. Realmuto hit a grand slam during a five-run seventh inning and the Miami Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 6-2 Saturday. With one out, Realmuto fouled off three pitches against struggling reliever Bryan Shaw before lining an elevated cutter just over the right-field wall. The drive helped Miami stop a three-game skid and ended the Rockies' winning streak at four. "Early, I felt like I was trying to do a little too much in that at-bat," Realmuto said. "Once I got to two strikes I was really just trying to fight and put the ball in play. That's really it." Shaw said he threw the pitch he wanted against Realmuto. It just ended with a bad result. "We executed where we wanted to and he hit it," Shaw said. Trevor Richards (2-4) gave up one run and three hits in six innings, striking out eight. He also singled for his first hit in the majors.

Font gets 1st win, Adames homers, Rays beat Yankees 4-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Wilmer Font worked into the sixth inning to get his first major league win, Willy Adames homered and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 4-0 Saturday. Font (1-3) allowed three hits, one walk and struck out four over 5 2/3 innings. Four relievers completed a four-hitter. Adames had an RBI single during a two-run second and added a solo homer in the seventh off Sonny Gray (5-5). The Rays have won the first two of a three-game series against the Yankees, who have the best record in the majors. New York (50-24), coming off a three-game sweep over Seattle, is the only team in the big leagues not to have dropped more than two straight games this year. This is the latest the Yankees have gone into a season without losing three in a row since August 1954. After Jake Bauers had a first-inning RBI double, Tampa Bay took a 3-0 lead in the second when Daniel Robertson hit a run-scoring double and scored on Adames' single.

MLB STANDINGS

National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	43	31	.581	—
Philadelphia	40	33	.548	2½
Washington	40	34	.541	3
New York	31	42	.425	11½
Miami	29	47	.382	15

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	45	30	.600	—
Chicago	42	31	.575	2
St. Louis	38	36	.514	6½
Pittsburgh	36	39	.480	9
Cincinnati	30	45	.400	15

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Diego	42	33	.560	—
Los Angeles	39	35	.527	2½
Colorado	38	38	.500	4½
San Francisco	38	39	.494	5
San Diego	35	43	.449	8½

Russian forward Ilya Kovalchuk returns to NHL with LA Kings

Associated Press

After five years back home in Russia, Ilya Kovalchuk is ready to resume his Stanley Cup chase with the Los Angeles Kings.

The high-scoring forward agreed to a three-year, \$18.75 million deal with the Kings on Saturday, choosing Los Angeles over several interested teams for his return to the NHL.

The 35-year-old Kovalchuk scored 816 points in 816 career games for the Atlanta Thrashers and the New Jersey Devils before leaving North America in 2013 for the Kontinental Hockey League's SKA St. Petersburg. He led the KHL in scoring last season, and he was the MVP of the Olympic tournament in Pyeongchang while propelling the "Olympic Athletes from Russia" to a gold medal.

"He gives us an added element of skill and scoring, along with a desire to win," Kings general manager Rob Blake said.

Boston and San Jose were among the suitors for Kovalchuk, but the Kings made a top-dollar offer to add him to a lineup that could use another dependable goal-scorer.

Kovalchuk is likely to be particularly important on the power play for the Kings, who ranked in the middle of the NHL standings in most team scoring categories.

Kovalchuk was the first Russian to be the No. 1 pick in the NHL draft when Atlanta chose him in 2001. He quickly became one of the NHL's most consistent scorers with his wicked shot and hockey sense. He spent nearly eight years with the Thrashers and 3½ seasons with the Devils, who acquired him in a trade in February 2010.

Kovalchuk will forever be the top scorer in the history of the Thrashers, who moved to Winnipeg one season after trading him to New Jersey. He shared the Rocket Richard Trophy in 2004.

'Canes get Hamilton in blockbuster trade with Calgary Flames



COURTESY

Defenseman Dougie Hamilton heads to Carolina.

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Carolina Hurricanes acquired defenseman Dougie Hamilton on Saturday as part of a blockbuster trade with the Calgary Flames at the NHL draft.

Carolina got Hamilton, winger Micheal Ferland and prospect Adam Fox from Calgary for center Elias Lindholm and defenseman Noah Hanifin in the biggest trade so far this offseason.

The 25-year-old Hamilton has now been traded at the draft twice after going from the Bruins to the Flames three years ago. The 6-foot-6 right-shot defender has 220 points in 423 regular-season games.

Dealing pending restricted free agents Lindholm and Hanifin is the latest shake-up for Carolina since Tom Dundon bought the team from Peter Karmanos Jr. earlier this year. They've already removed Ron Francis as general manager, replaced him with Don Waddell and promoted assistant Rod Brind'Amour to head coach.

This trade changes Brind'Amour's mix as Carolina looks to end the league's longest playoff drought, which currently stands at nine seasons. Ferland gives the Hurricanes a big winger who can produce after putting up a career-high 78 points last season with Calgary.

Arkansas off to CWS finals, tops Florida 5-2

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Arkansas coach Dave Van Horn had a simple message for his Razorbacks before they played Florida for a spot in the College World Series finals Friday night.

"I don't care if they have the best player in the SEC and the best pitcher in the SEC, we have to take it to them tonight," Van Horn said he told them.

Isaiah Campbell, a 24th-round draft pick who got rocked by Florida three months ago, won his match-up against Southeastern Conference pitcher of the year and first-rounder Brady Singer in convincing fashion.

Arkansas freshman third baseman Casey Martin went 4 for 5 and scored three times. His counterpart at third, SEC player of the year and No. 5 overall draft pick Jonathan India, was

0 for 4. The Razorbacks took it to them, just like Van Horn wanted, and earned their way into the best-of-three finals next week with a 5-2 win over the defending national champion Gators.

Arkansas (47-19) has never gone to the CWS finals since the NCAA Tournament went to its current structure in 1999. The Razorbacks were runners-up in 1979 in their only appearance in a championship game.

Florida (49-21), the No. 1 overall seed, lost for the first time in eight NCAA elimination games. The Gators were looking to get to the finals for the second straight year and fourth time since 2005.

Martin, who grew up three hours from Fayetteville in Lonoke, population 4,200, grew up watching the Razorbacks and choked up when dis-

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cussing what it meant to be in the finals.

"Honestly, I never thought I'd be here," he said. "I dreamed about it my whole life. Dreamed to play for this team. Dreamed to start my freshman year. I'm just super excited to play for these guys. Some careers end here and some don't. I just want to do what I can for each of them."

The run to the championship round might not have happened Friday if it hadn't been for Campbell (5-6).

The sophomore limited Florida to two hits over 5 1/3 innings, more than atoning for his worst performance of the season when he faced the Gators in the teams' SEC opening series in March. In that game, he lasted only an inning and allowed six runs in a game the Razorbacks lost 17-2.

Newgarden takes pole at Road America, Penske claims 1st row

By GENARO ARAMS
 Associated Press

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Josef Newgarden has a pole to go with the new garden that fans planted in his honor at Road America.

The defending IndyCar series champion led a Team Penske sweep up front for the 222-mile race Sunday. Newgarden turned a lap time in 1 minute, 43.20 seconds for his fifth career pole and second straight after taking pole position two weeks ago at Texas.

At Road America, Newgarden also gets a vegetable garden.

"Someone set up my own garden, too," he said Saturday after qualifying. "It shows you the kind of you support you have around here."

He edged teammate Will Power by 0.05 seconds.

"That was close. We were off the whole time. I gave it everything the last lap — a surprise front row," Power said.

Andretti Autosport drivers locked down the second row for the road-course race Sunday, with Ryan Hunter-Reay starting third and Alexander Rossi taking fourth.

"Just came up a little short there. All of a sudden, Josef and Will popped out of

nowhere," Hunter-Reay said. Rookie Robert Wickens will start fifth, with Sebastien Bourdais starting sixth.

Wickens and Newgarden recorded the top two laps over the three practice sessions at Road America.

Newgarden's momentum carried over into qualifying. Maybe Road America will give him a spark after dropping to fifth in the points standings following a five-race stretch finishing no higher than eighth.

"We were on the pole last week in Texas too. Qualifying for us doesn't really guaran-

tee anything in this series," Newgarden said.

"We've got speed," he added. "We've just got to make sure we execute on race day."

Points leader Scott Dixon will start eighth, his lowest starting position since qualifying ninth for the Indy 500 last month.

But Dixon, a four-time series champion, is a threat no matter where he's stationed on the starting grid.

"I think even if Scott started 23rd he'd still be in the front at the end," Rossi said.

JUMBLE

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

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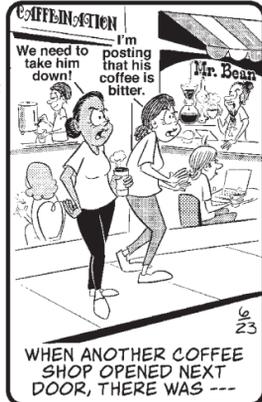
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IMPEL FORGO ODDDEST NUANCE
 Answer: When Edison invented the phonograph, there was no doubt that he was — OF SOUND MIND

ACROSS

- 1 Murky
- 4 Pouch
- 7 Undersized
- 11 Fish eggs
- 12 Large prefix
- 13 Jai —
- 14 Wool producer
- 15 Ayla's creator
- Jean —
- 16 Fabric sample
- 17 Greets the day
- 19 Zinc or tin
- 21 City transport
- 22 Reduced
- 23 Ballroom number
- 26 Wicked
- 28 Way back when
- 29 Bound
- 31 Long story
- 35 Kapow!
- 37 Late twilight
- 39 Amazon milieu

DOWN

- 1 Limned
- 2 "Field of Dreams" setting
- 3 Unassuming
- 4 "If I Ran the Zoo" author

Answer to Previous Puzzle

W	E	N	D	PAH	F	I	N	S		
H	E	I	R	O	L	E	E	R	A	S
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- 5 Historical period
- 6 Reassure
- 7 Soft hues
- 8 Humerus neighbors
- 9 Picture holders
- 10 Kennel sound
- 12 How-to book
- 18 Recede
- 20 Yale alumnus
- 23 Like sushi
- 24 "Oh, gross!"
- 25 Extinct bird
- 26 — de vie (brandies)
- 27 FDR had three
- 30 Ben & Jerry rival
- 32 Piercing tool
- 33 Right, to Dobbin
- 34 Washboard —
- 36 Hit the runway
- 38 Young Manx
- 41 U.N. headquarters
- 43 Stockholm carrier
- 44 Smiles
- 45 Kukla's friend
- 46 Diving duck
- 48 Lobster pot
- 50 Nymph who pined away
- 51 Hideout
- 52 Scrooge's nephew
- 53 Frat letter
- 55 Ms. Thurman

OUTDOORS



Summer Scallop Season Has Started

By MONTY STEPHENS
Special to the Reporter

Scallop season kicked off big time in Dixie and “parts” of Taylor counties last weekend. On opening day, June 16, at the Rocky Creek boat ramp, I counted 57 boat trailers and two very large motor homes. That is extremely busy for this boat ramp. Normally, I would see just six or seven boat trailers. There was no wait in getting the boat in the water though and everyone did a great job in creating parking “rows.” A glance at a few license plates saw many folks were from out-of-state and central Florida.

Scallop season is a great way to get families out on the water. The scallops are great eating and easy to catch. This sport is usually done in shallow water (4 ft. or less.) For equipment, all that is needed is a mask/snorkel and a mesh bag to put your catch in.

Once you get a bagful of scallops, throw them in an ice chest. After a few hours of chilling, they will open enough to make cleaning easy. Discard all of the scallop innards except the muscle that holds the shell together. Each scallop will yield a small portion of meat that is about the size of the tip of your little finger from the nailed up. So it takes a lot of them to get a meal’s worth. The limit is two gallons per person of whole scallops (in-shell) or 10 gallons (whole) per boat. Many people I spoke with had caught their limits.

The FWC has split Florida’s gulf counties into four sections with four different dates for the season opener. Dixie County and Taylor County south of the Fenholloway River opened June 16, was the first area to open. To check opening dates of other areas, go to: <http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/bay-scallops/>. Scallop season is a big money maker for the marinas, fishing camps, motels and guides in Steinhatchee. Getting a



motel room in Steinhatchee right now would be very challenging.

Diving for scallops is fun, but it must be done safely. To alert other boats that divers are in the water, all boats with divers must have a diver-down flag. This is the red flag with a diagonal white strip running through it. This flag signals other boats that someone is diving. Using a snorkel, turns a swimmer into a diver. By regulations, the flag must be at least 20” x 24”. It must be mounted on the highest point of the boat. This is so it can be seen by approaching vessels from any direction.

As an alternative, divers can use a floating buoy in the water with a 12” x 12” flag. The flags must also have a wire stiffener or other brace to keep the flag “open.” This is to ensure the flag doesn’t just drape itself on its pole should there be no wind. Diving without a divers-down flag is a misdemeanor. So if you are ticketed for this offense, an appearance in court is mandatory.

On the flats, boats are advised to stay at least 300 ft. from a divers-down flag. A diver using a snorkel offers very little visually of their presence. All a boat operator may see of a diver for scallops is a 10” snorkel tube above the water. Please steer well clear of boats with divers swimming for scallops. Conversely, divers are required to stay within 300 ft. of their boat or buoy for safety reasons also.

This is a fun sport for kids and adults alike. Whatever boat you have will work. I even saw several kayaks. So make plans to get out and the water and above all, stay safe. Good fishing.



ABOVE: Kaypers Show, 13, from Mayo, Florida displays one of the many scallops he caught. LEFT: This diver-down flag mounted on a buoy is an essential safety item.

COURTESY PHOTOS

FWC approves new course requirements for airboat operators

From staff reports

At its June 19-20 meeting in Sarasota, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved new course requirements for airboat operators carrying passengers for hire. A tragic airboat accident in south Florida was the impetus behind House Bill 1211, known as “Ellie’s Law,” requir-

ing all airboat operators carrying passengers for hire to complete an Airboat Operators Course.

FWC staff worked with the airboat education industry and stakeholders to gather public input and develop the rule, which details minimum course requirements for instructor qualifications, student requirements, airboat oper-

ators course requirements, basic course topics, proof of completion and refresher course requirements. The rule is supported by the airboat education industry, stakeholders and the public as indicated from three public meetings and meetings with the Florida Airboat Association.

“Public safety is important to the

FWC, and with the Legislature’s guidance, this new rule provides additional requirements for airboat operator courses which will improve safety measures for passengers aboard an airboat for hire,” said Commission Chairman Bo Rivard.

Implementation of the new rule will go into effect by July 1, 2019.



John Little named Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year

From staff reports

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) named John Little of Palm Bay the 2017 Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year at its June Commission meeting in Sarasota. The award recognizes a volunteer who significantly advances the cause of safe hunting through extraordinary service in training and education.

Little has been volunteering to teach the state’s hunter safety course since 2003. He received Area Coordinator of the Year in 2016, in his home county of Brevard. During 2017, Little scheduled 14 classes and certified 116 students.

“John does a great job of cross-training the members of his teaching team and combines traditional and skills day classes, offering students a choice,” said Will Burnett, FWC’s northeast regional hunter safety coordinator. “Students walk away from John’s class with a new respect and appreciation for safe firearms handling and ethical hunting.”

In addition to teaching the FWC’s hunter safety course, Little is a nationally-certified instructor, youth-group counselor, and teaches basic firearms handling and safety at a local gun club.



John Little is now in the running and representing Florida for the national title International Hunter Education Association’s Instructor of the Year.

JUMBLE

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

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Print your answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: LOGIC TWINE REDUCE JABBER
Answer: When another coffee shop opened next door, there was — TROUBLE BREWING

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jacques’ girl
 - 5 Small, in Dogpatch
 - 8 Fabric meas.
 - 11 Cheers
 - 12 Dismounted
 - 14 Search engine find
 - 15 Gator’s cousin
 - 16 Floor model
 - 17 Big green parrot
 - 18 Leeway
 - 20 Nothing doing! (2 wds.)
 - 22 Wrestler’s coup
 - 23 Tough spot
 - 24 Was an omen of
 - 27 Oregon, to Yves
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 - 43 Firefly holder
 - 44 Poet or novelist
 - 46 Etching fluids
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MEXICO

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weekend, every match, we insist on being fully focused on not losing that important message,” Osorio said. “We’ve received a lot of praise, we the team, and we’ve tried to remain focused.”

Son Heung-min scored a consolation goal for South Korea in injury time, sending a powerful shot past goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa.

The South Koreans, who have lost their opening two matches, kept Ochoa under pressure throughout the match with Son often out-sprinting the Mexican defense.

“I think our players had a game they will not regret,” South Korea coach Shin Tae-yong. “All of the players became one, and they did their utmost until the very last minute.”

Mexico relied on keeping possession and long-range shots, with a powerful attempt from Guardado forcing an athletic save from Jo in the second half. A volley

from Vela skimmed the bar minutes later.

Mexican fans avoided using a chant, which is considered to be homophobic by FIFA, against the opposing goalkeeper. The chant earned the country’s soccer federation a fine after the previous match.

GROUP DYNAMICS

Mexico will face Sweden on Wednesday in Yekaterinburg with a chance to win Group F, a prospect that could set up a match against Brazil in the round of 16.

South Korea will face Germany at the same time in Kazan.

HISTORY

Mexico has reached the round of 16 in six straight World Cups, but the team has not advanced to the quarterfinals since playing at home in 1986.

Winning the group with three straight victories will be a good sign, but getting past the next round is the ultimate goal.

IN THE CROWD

South Korean President Moon Jae-in, in Russia on an official visit, attended the match at Rostov Arena.



COURTESY

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WORLD CUP

Beyond World Cup: Advocates call attention to Russian abuses

By MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Wrapped in national flags, jubilant fans dance at midnight in the streets of Moscow, smiling, laughing and cheering.

While foreign spectators from all over the world are having a blast at the World Cup being hosted by Russia, human rights activists are urging them not to overlook the other side of Vladimir Putin’s nation: political prisoners and the harassment of critical voices.

Friday marked the 40th day that Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov has been refusing food in a Russian prison. Sentsov, an outspoken opponent of Russia’s 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, was sentenced in 2015 to 20 years for conspiracy to commit terror acts. He calls the case against him politically motivated and went on a hunger strike in mid-May to demand his release, as well as that of other Ukrainians held by Russia. Western nations have been calling for Sentsov’s release.

Sentsov’s lawyer, Dmitry Dinze, visited him in a prison clinic Friday and said his client has lost about 20 kilograms (44 pounds) and was very frail.

“His condition is bad. He is very weak, very pale,” Dinze told The Associated Press by telephone. Dinze said Sentsov is able to walk, but talking is difficult and he has kidney and heart problems. Sentsov is receiving vitamins and other nutrients through an intravenous line and is refusing to be force-fed.

“He has stated his position firmly. Nobody will be able to talk him out of it, he will continue until his demands are met,” Dinze said.

Russian officials have been saying Sentsov is in satisfactory condition and his health has not suffered.

“This is a double picture of a very bright, very sparkling celebration, but on the other hand, there is an entire abyss of despair,” said Tanya Lokshina, the Russia program director at Human Rights Watch. “It is very important that today those who watch Russia, film Russia, write about Russia see not only this celebration, beautiful by itself, which will come and go, understand even a little bit what today’s Russia is in terms of human rights and basic freedoms.”

Ukrainian rights activist Maria Tomak was among about a dozen people who staged a rally Friday outside the Russian consulate in Kiev, urging Putin to exchange Sentsov and other Ukrainians jailed in Russia for Russians detained in Ukraine.

“The situation around Oleg Sentsov is a threat to everyone,” Tomak said. “If there is some kind of fatal incident with Oleg in Russia during the World Cup, this will look awful, this will lead to (Russia’s) isolation.”

On the opening day of the World Cup, Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny walked out of a Moscow jail after 30 days behind bars on charges of organizing an authorized rally and resisting police. Two days later, Navalny’s press secretary was released after a 25-day stint in prison.

In the Chechen capital of Grozny, where Egypt’s national team set up its base, Chechen strongman Ramzan Kadyrov was posing for photos with the Egypt star soccer forward Mohamed Salah. All the while, across town, the region’s top human rights activist Oyub Titiev was in a prison on drug charges that he calls fabricated.

International human rights organizations have dismissed the charges against Titiev as fake and have called on FIFA to intervene and seek his release.

Beyond soccer, movie theaters across Russia are playing “Summer,” a romantic period drama about the budding rock scene in the waning years of the Soviet Union that received a standing ovation at the Cannes Film festival in May. But its director, Kirill Serebrennikov, is under house arrest on embezzlement charges, which he denies. The case is viewed by many in Russia as punishment for Serebrennikov’s iconoclastic views and has raised fears of a return to Soviet-style censorship.

Before hosting the Sochi Winter Olympics in 2014, Russia freed its most prominent prisoners, the oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky and two women from the Pussy Riot punk band. Lokshina called for the same for Sentsov, Titiev and others.

“If this doesn’t happen, the legacy of the World Cup will be clouded by these awful, horrible cases,” Lokshina said.

Independent political analyst Masha Lipman welcomed the festive and positive atmosphere of the World Cup, given that relations between Russia and the West had sunk to their lowest point in recent history. Lipman said that Western leaders have already made their position clear by not attending World Cup games but she says regular fans who have spent a lot of money and effort to come to come to Russia should focus on soccer and enjoy their stay.

“Do you think it would be better if everybody was walking around somber and angry, for tourists and fans to come here and to be looking for what else would upset them? Of course it is better when there is a friendly attitude toward the country,” Lipman said. “At least for a change.”



COURTESY

Oleg Sentsov gestures as the verdict is delivered, as he stands behind bars at a court in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. A state news agency is quoting a Russian human rights official as saying that jailed Ukrainian filmmaker Oleg Sentsov is in satisfactory condition despite a month-long hunger strike.



COURTESY

Switzerland’s Granit Xhaka celebrates after scoring his side’s first goal during the group E match between Switzerland and Serbia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Kaliningrad Stadium.

Serbians angrier at World Cup ref than at nationalist gestures

Associated Press

KALININGRAD, Russia — Serbs appeared angrier Saturday at the referee who officiated their country’s 2-1 World Cup defeat than at two Swiss players who provocatively flashed Albanian nationalist gestures after scoring.

Years of simmering Balkan tensions surfaced at the World Cup on Friday night as Switzerland beat Serbia in Kaliningrad. The two Swiss goals came from ethnic Albanians Xherdan Shaqiri and Granit Xhaka, both of whom celebrated with a hand signal of the double-headed eagle on the Albanian flag.

“The Swiss Provocation,” wrote Serb nationalist daily newspaper Vecernje Novosti alongside photographs of the gestures and a picture of Shaqiri’s boots, which have the Kosovo flag on one heel and the Swiss flag on the other.

FIFA’s disciplinary committee opened proceedings against the two for the politically charged goal celebrations. FIFA also said Saturday it has opened disciplinary proceedings against the Serbian Football Association for crowd disturbance and the display of political and offensive messages by Serbian fans. FIFA also is review-

ing statements that Serbia coach Mladen Krstajic made after the match.

The families of both goal scorers hail from Kosovo, the former Serb province whose 2008 declaration of independence is not recognized by Serbia and remains a source of friction between the Balkan neighbors.

Thousands of Kosovo Albanians trekked across Europe in the 1990s, fleeing rising ethnic tensions that culminated in a bloody 1998-99 war of independence between ethnic Albanians and Serb forces that left about 10,000 people dead. Many settled in Switzerland, but still have strong feelings for their homeland — Xhaka’s brother plays for the Albanian national team.

Serbian football officials complained to FIFA, soccer’s governing body, about the gestures, but appeared far angrier about the failure of German referee Felix Brych to use a video review when two Swiss defenders manhandled Serbia striker Aleksandar Mitrovic to the ground in the second half. Brych ignored Serbian players’ penalty appeals.

FIFA had no comment Saturday about the video decision.

GERMANY

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an early goal and we have the chances then it’s going to be difficult until the end. It was, but now of course we’re happy because I think we also deserved the victory.”

Coming off an opening loss to Mexico, Germany fell behind again when Kroos’ early mistake led to Ola Toivonen’s goal in the 32nd minute. Reus equalized in the 48th. A point for a draw would have been enough to stay alive for the knockout stage, but the Germans would have needed help on the final day.

Now Germany has some control of what happens. Mexico leads Group F with six points, and Germany and Sweden both have three. Mexico faces Sweden and Germany takes on winless South Korea in the final group matches.

“Of course this was a thriller, full of emotions and a rollercoaster ride right up until the final whistle,” Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

Crazy as it seems, all four teams still have a chance to advance on the final day.

“There’s nothing strange to get ready for that match,” Sweden coach Janne Andersson said. “We still have an excel-

lent opportunity to qualify.”

For 90-plus minutes, Germany looked as if it would enter the final match facing the same possible fate as Spain and Italy and potentially become the third straight defending champion to fail to reach the knockout stage. They played the final 10 minutes without Boateng.

Toivonen gave Sweden the lead, but Germany controlled every aspect by playing aggressive and attacking soccer. Germany forced Sweden to play defensively for almost the entire second half and eventually the attack paid off.

“This is probably heaviest conclusion that I’ve experienced in my career,” Andersson said.

AFTER THE WHISTLE

Sweden’s bench took issue with the way some Germany staff members celebrated after the final whistle. There was a confrontation between members of both teams on the sideline at midfield and the two groups had to be separated. Loew said he didn’t see “any gestures or aggressive gestures” directed at the Swedes.

Andersson said he was annoyed by what he saw from the German celebration.

“People behaved in ways that you don’t do,” Andersson said.



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NBA

Thunder's Anthony to opt in, take \$28 million

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony plans to opt in and take the \$28 million he is due next season.

The New York Times first reported the 34-year-old Anthony's decision to bypass the chance to become a free agent. A person with knowledge of details confirmed Anthony's choice to The Associated Press on Friday night. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

The Thunder traded for Anthony and Paul George to join Russell Westbrook before last season, moves that gave them high hopes of challenging Golden State in the West. It didn't work out as planned.

The 34-year-old Anthony had been the headliner his entire career — he's 19th in NBA history with 25,417 points — but he was more of a catch-and-shoot scorer last season instead of the isolation specialist he had always been. He averaged 16.2 points per game, but struggled at times in his new role. His playing time dwindled in the playoffs and he wasn't happy. In Game 6 of the first-round playoff series against Utah that ended Oklahoma City's season, he played fewer min-

utes than backup Jerami Grant.

It wasn't entirely clear if Anthony would opt in. After the season, he said he prefers to play with the ball in his hands more and said coming off the bench is "out of the question."

"So it's something I really have to think about, if I really want to be this type of player, finish out my career as this type of player, knowing that I have so much left in the tank and I bring so much to the game of basketball," he said.

Despite his confidence, the 10-time All-Star posted career lows in scoring average and field goal percentage last season. Thunder general manager Sam Presti said at the end of the season that he doesn't expect Anthony's role to change.

"I give him an enormous amount of credit for the fact that he put both feet in," Presti said. "I personally think he did an excellent job in his first year transitioning his game, working to becoming more of an off-the-ballplayer, being more reliant on other people to generate his offense, and sacrificing a lot. At the same time, I think every player is entitled to take a step back after the season, reflect on the year they had, and in his case have to make a determination about whether or not this is a role that he wants to continue to be functioning in."

SHELNU

Continued From 1B

at the right time. We were so evenly matched, with five (district) teams that were 6-6, so really anybody in that district could've won it... Everybody was so evenly matched, a lot of good teams got knocked out in the first round. I believe we had what it takes to win that district championship. It just didn't come together at the right time. Not all cylinders were clicking in that last game."

Shelnut is back this summer playing for his travel club, Gatorball. He recently competed in the Perfect Game National Championship showcase near Atlanta this past weekend.

Shelnut plans to give his arm a rest for the remainder of summer league while polishing his skills at the plate and infield. The Fort White star hopes playing year-round will continue to pay off in the long run of his baseball career.

"Professional teams will

start to take a peek at him," Julius added. "With his size and improvement, he'll (see) wither they think he needs to go to play college ball or if he might be ready for pro ball."

In the meantime, Shelnut says he's focused on improving and winning ballgames.

After falling short of a district title in his first two high school seasons, the UF commit will return to fall ball season set on bringing the hardware back to Fort White.

Shelnut remains confident that the Indians can accomplish their longtime goal before he hangs up his high school cleats.

"If nothing more, hopefully we can help the other guys get better and help them do something they want. Maybe a personal goal for them, not just for me, I'd like help them get better as players and as people."

So we can go out into our lives and careers — maybe learn something they can carry on from playing baseball at Fort White."



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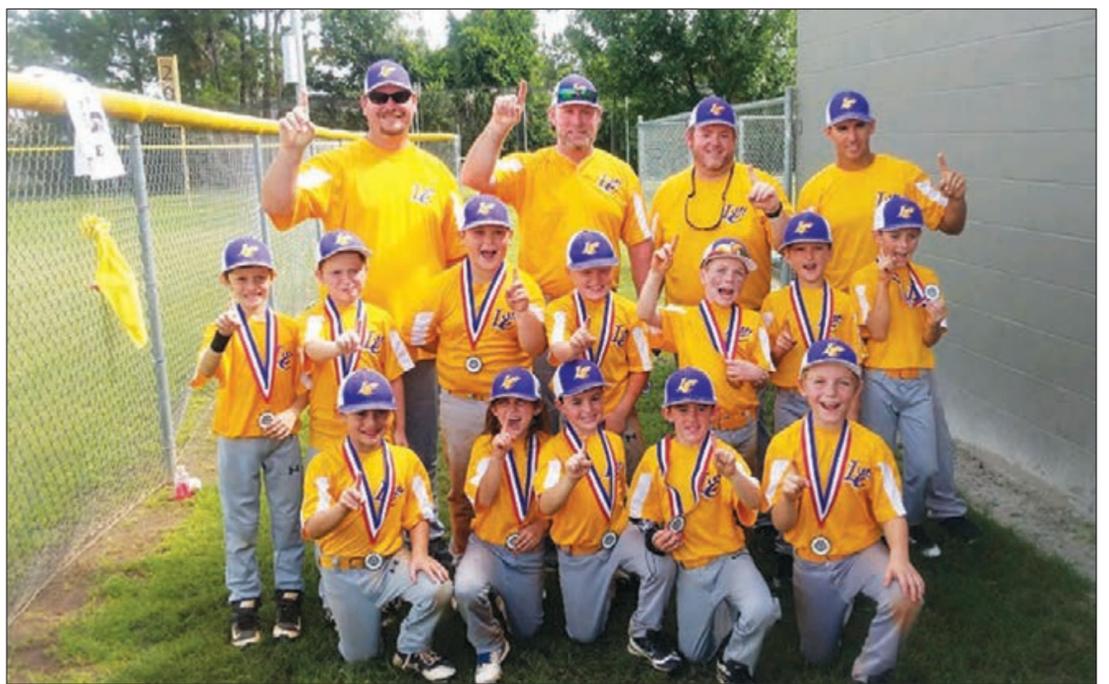
Tyler Shelnut has two more years left at Fort White.

Columbia County All-Star Teams



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Lake City "A" T Ball qualified in Live Oak as the District 6 champions. They were 3-0. Tucker Burns (front row, from left), Kellen Keen, Brantley McCray, Charlie Brush, Ace Whitcomb, Colson Capallia, Mason Sparks (second row, front row), Blaize Butcher, Kelan Jones, R.J. Higgs, Michael Lumpkin. Coaches Kyle Keen (last row), Cory Capallia, Chuck Brush, and Randy Higgs.



The Lake City "B" Rookie team qualified in Lake City at a tournament that had over 60 teams. They were the champions in their pool going 2-1. Carson Helms (front row, from left), Alannah Lord, Brent Dicks, Gabriel Zele, Travis Copeland. Carter Allen (second row, from left), Jake Steele, Bo Jones, Golden Brown, Karder Knight, Peyton Lizotte, Logan Bedenbaugh. Coaches Bryan Jones (last row, from left), Jeff Knight, Allen Martin, and Dustin Lord.



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AUTO RACING

IndyCar rookie Robert Wickens returns to Road America

Associated Press

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. — Robert Wickens emerged from his trailer after a meeting with engineers, taking a brief break after practice at Road America.

Finally, the IndyCar rookie has to get ready for a race at the rural Wisconsin road course.

Wickens is off to an impressive

start this weekend at Road America, a year after taking his first IndyCar spin around the 4-mile track as a substitute driver for Mikhail Aleshin for one day of practice.

Now the Canadian, a former DTM star, has the full-time IndyCar ride. He'll stay in the driver's seat of the No. 6 car for Schmidt Peterson Motorsports for the 222-mile Kohler

Grand Prix on Sunday.

"When I drove the free practice here last year ... this was just kind of a (check off) a bucket-list item, driving IndyCar on one of the best tracks in America," Wickens said Saturday.

"A year later, I'm a full-time IndyCar driver," he added. "This is a new car, it's a new season and so far it's going well."



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Robert Wickens has his full-time IndyCar ride.

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Section C

Medina: 'For me, it's a calling'

Area banker now in high level Rotary position.

By TONY BRITT
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A local banker by profession, John A. Medina left his community close to two decades ago set on achieving his life goals.

As life would have it, his career trail brought him back home, where he now treasures the opportunity to help promote growth and success and exhibit his commitment and love for the community on a daily basis.

Medina is the senior executive vice president and chief banking officer at First Federal Bank of Florida. He celebrated his first anniversary with First Federal Bank of Florida last week.

Medina started his banking career right out of college with an undergraduate degree from Florida State University and a graduate degree from the University of Florida.

After working with First Union Wachovia for about 18 years, he retired from the banking industry and later got into consulting.

His career changed when he was offered the position at First Federal Bank of Florida and a chance to make a difference in the community where he grew up.

"This opportunity came up to join, basically, the hometown bank," Medina said, describing it as one of the more unique opportunities in his life. "I've been in banking most of my career."

Both of his parents and his wife are from Live Oak and Medina had other roots in



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Longtime Lake City Banker John Medina was recently installed as the district governor of Rotary District 6940.

the community such as attending Florida Gateway College when it was known as Lake City Community College.

Medina is proud to have the opportunity to work in his hometown bank.

"For me it's a calling," he said. "For me it's not a job, it's an opportunity to help others and with the community on a high-performing team."

First Federal Bank of Florida was established 55 years ago and has been a staple in the local banking community.

Medina said he likes working with Keith Liebfried, First Federal Bank of Florida Chief Executive Officer, who has been with the bank for 45 years.

"It's an organization that's the only mutual in Florida," Medina said. "It basi-

cally started in my hometown and to work with people like Keith and others is a rare opportunity in my life, so when you combine that with being close to your parents, and your roots, it's a unique opportunity."

Medina, 54, said he never imagined he would have an opportunity to come back home and work in the area where he grew up. He and his family had lived in the Tallahassee area for about 20 years.

"We really weren't looking to move," he said. "It was just a combination of this opportunity and being there for our parents. I'm basically looking at this as being the last stop on what's been a very good career. We prayed about it. Talked about it and we think we're exactly where we are supposed to be."

Medina is a graduate of the Suwannee High Class of 1982 and he relishes working with and seeing friends he grew up with.

Although there have been several changes to the banking industry through federal regulations, First Federal Bank of Florida has remained one of the leading local financial institutions in helping grow the community.

"We've done that over the 55 years that we've been here," Medina said. "It's just not the financial contributions that we've made, which I can't imagine over a 55-year period the amount we've contributed to the community we serve and continue to do so everyday."

He said the bank has programs where it matches the employees' contributions to non profit organizations, as well as a foundation that makes contributions to the community.

"More importantly than that is the opportunity that we create for our employees to serve within the communities that they live in, by providing time that they can volunteer and encouraging folks to take leadership roles," he said.

Medina leads by example on that goal and he was recently installed as the district governor of Rotary District 6940.

"Whether it's little league, boy scouts, or high school sports or church-related activities, our employees are very much involved in the communities we serve," he said.

First Federal Bank of Florida had about 380 employees before recently acquiring another bank and now they have more than 800 employees in several states.

"That culture of giving back to the community is now being perpetuated throughout the entire country," he said. "It's one of our culture components — giving back to the community."

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Stop living off those precious metals

Dear Dave,

I make about \$240,000 annually, and I will be maxing out my 401(k) contributions this year. I have \$60,000 in student loan debt I'm trying to pay off, a small amount left on my home mortgage, plus I've been investing in a lot of gold and silver. Those investments are worth about \$30,000 right now. In addition to this, I've got \$10,000 in cash just sitting in a savings account for emergencies. Should I stop the gold and silver investing, and focus on paying off the loans, or keep splitting

my money between them?

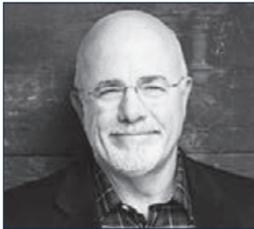
Adam

Dear Adam,

I'd stop investing in gold and silver completely. I don't put money in precious metals at all, because they have a lousy long-term track record.

My advice would be to cash out every bit of your gold and silver, and put the money toward paying off your student loans. That would instantly cut your student loan debt in half. Then, with your salary, you should be able to pay off the rest in just a

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Dave Ramsey
CEO of Ramsey Solutions

few months.

The key will be to start living on a very strict budget.

Don't spend on anything that's not absolutely necessary. I also want you to temporarily stop contributing to your 401(k). Do this just until you get the student loan debt wiped out, then pick it up again like before. If you want to put even more toward retirement, you could check with a quality investment professional — one with the heart of a teacher — to see if you're eligible for a back-door Roth IRA. When it's all said and done, Adam, I want you to have 15 percent of your yearly income going toward retire-

ment.

You already know the value of saving and investing. With your income, once you knock out your debt and begin investing again, you have the very real potential to become a millionaire in just a few years!

—Dave

■ Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored best-selling books and hosts "The Dave Ramsey Show."

Education Commissioner Stewart honors Florida businesses

From a press release

Today, Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart honored nearly 50 Florida businesses from around the state with the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award. The award recognizes businesses for their extraordinary contributions to public education in Florida.

"I am pleased to present these businesses with the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award in appreciation of their ongoing commitment to Florida's students," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "Strong partnerships between the education and busi-

ness communities are essential to student success, and I hope more businesses will take advantage of this mutually-beneficial opportunity."

During the awards ceremony, Commissioner Stewart highlighted a few of the initiatives that businesses are embarking on to help Florida's students:

The Anderson Columbia Company in Dixie County not only provided job opportunities and scholarships to seniors graduating from Dixie County High School, they donated land for the new Old Town Elementary School.

In Duval County, VyStar

Credit Union established branches in five area high schools which are managed, operated and utilized by students, providing career development opportunities and teaching them the importance of financial literacy.

In Orange County, McCoy Federal Credit Union contributed backpacks for every student at Lancaster Elementary School, and donated gifts for each member of 120 homeless families.

Quantum Electrical Contractors in Flagler County established the "A Hand Up" scholarship program to help students from low income families attend college.

In Suwannee County, Pilgrim's co-sponsored the Early Learning Matters program that fosters a community-wide awareness of the importance of learning and literacy among young children.

To view a list of awarded businesses and organizations, visit Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards.

The Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards are administered by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation to encourage successful alliances within the business community and among local school districts for

the benefit of Florida's students.

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As a valued partner to public education, the Florida Education Foundation's mission is to invest in high achievement for every student to contribute to Florida's globally competitive workforce. The Foundation is the direct support organization for the Florida Department of Education. For more information, visit Florida Education Foundation.

For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit www.fldoe.org.

Worst places to live in the U.S.? Three of them are in Miami-Dade

By Linda Robertson

Miami Herald

MIAMI — South Florida has been saddled with the "Paradise Lost" label since that unflattering Time magazine cover in 1981. Now, another quality-of-life list asserts that things are still bad down here at the bottom of the Sunshine State. Three Miami-Dade County cities — Miami, Miami Beach and Homestead — rank among the 50 Worst Places to Live in the U.S.

The study by 24/7 Wall Street, a financial news and commentary website, created an index with measurements in eight categories: Crime, economy, education, environment, health, housing, infrastructure and leisure.

Miami placed 42nd, Miami Beach, 25th, and Homestead, 14th. Among other Florida cities, Tallahassee was 38th, Gainesville 48th and Daytona Beach 23rd, mostly due to their high poverty and low median income rates.

But take heart, Miami. The city was rated least livable in 2016. In 2012, Forbes rated Miami the nation's "Most Miserable City." In 2014, WalletHub said Miami was a horrible place to raise a family. Miami was rated among the very worst cities in which to grow old in a recent MagnifyMoney study.

A Washington Post analysis showed Miami is among the worst cities — 45th out of 50 studied — for its high

rate of unsolved murders. Looking for a romantic city to spend Valentine's Day? Miami and Hialeah would be among your worst choices, WalletHub said earlier this year, failing to mention why anyone would even consider Hialeah.

So we're used to being abused like a Tony Montana patsy — too often deservedly so.

Poor Detroit, which is working its way out of bankruptcy as nearly half its population has fled, has taken over the No. 1 spot as the worst place to live, followed by Flint, Mich., St. Louis, Memphis and Cleveland — LeBron James' favorite city — at No. 5.

California had seven cities on the list (Compton, Fresno, Florence-Graham, Merced, Oakland, San Bernardino, Stockton). Florida had six. Ohio had five (Canton, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown).

Miami, where 1 out of 4 people live in poverty, is one of the most expensive cities in the country, states the report. A typical Miami home is worth \$277,700 compared to the median home value of \$205,000 nationwide.

The typical household in Miami earns \$34,901 a year, far below the median income of \$57,617 nationwide — making it even more difficult to afford a mortgage or rising rents. Pay just hasn't kept pace with the escalating cost of living in a place where the income gap between rich

and poor is among the biggest. Miami also ranked poorly on safety, with 879 violent crimes for every 100,000 people compared to the national rate of 386.

In Miami Beach, where the poverty rate is 13.5 percent, the median home value is \$479,400, about nine times the median household income of \$53,685.

"In comparison, the typical home nationwide is worth just 3.6 times the median household income," said the report.

A high crime rate of 1,023 violent incidents per 100,000 residents is almost triple the national average. But on the plus side, "unlike most cities on this list, Miami Beach's population is well educated," the report said. "More than 46 percent of adults in the city have a bachelor's degree or higher compared to just 31.3 percent of American adults."

Homestead was rated the least livable city in Florida. Average household income is just \$32,001 with a median home value of \$204,800, 1 out of 3 residents live in poverty, and the percentage of residents with at least a bachelor's degree is 17.2 percent.

"Most cities have high concentrations of bars, restaurants and cafes but Homestead is an exception," said the report, although Homestead has made progress on its plans to enliven downtown. "The number of bars and restaurants for every 100,000



Dreamstime

A view of downtown Miami. Three Miami-Dade County cities — Miami, Miami Beach and Homestead — ranked among the 50 Worst Places to Live in the U.S., according to a survey by 24/7 Wall Street.

people is less than half the average concentration across the U.S. as a whole."

The picture was bleak in all regions. In Flint, 44.5 percent of residents live below the poverty line and 9.8 percent are unemployed. Youngstown is the only U.S. city where more than half of all households earn less than \$25,000 a year; the typical home is worth just \$43,300. The

population of Albany, Ga., declined by 4.8 percent over the past five years. In Hartford, average household income is \$36,637, less than half the Connecticut average, and unemployment is at 9.4 percent. In San Bernardino, houses are expensive at \$240,400, the crime rate is high and the poverty rate is twice the national average.

"In 17 of the 50 cities on

this list, the typical home is worth less than \$100,000, and only 12 cities have a higher median home value than the national median of \$205,000," authors of the report wrote. "In those cities with higher home values, home ownership may be prohibitively expensive as in most cases the median home value is more than five times the median income."

ELC to meet this Monday, June 25

From staff reports

Please be advised that the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, Inc., Executive/Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Coalition Office, 1104 SW Main Blvd, Lake City, Florida.

The Coalition administers the state and federal funding for all School

Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs for the following counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee, and Union. We encourage community participation and welcome any input.

If any person(s) interested in attending this meeting has a disability requiring special assistance, please contact

Stacey DePratter at (386) 752-9770.

Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication, to comply with the "Government in the Sunshine" Law.

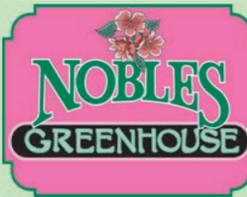
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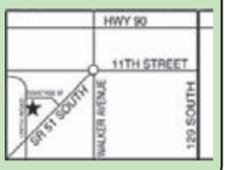


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Farm Bill passes the House

From wire/staff reports

Members of the U.S. House narrowly approved the 2018 Farm Bill that keeps many of the agriculture benefits in place, but would toughen work requirements for food stamp recipients.

The bill passed 213-211 Thursday afternoon in the House. According to multiple reports, the U.S. Senate is anticipated to have a vote on its own bill early next week, although the bill being taken to the Senate floor is a more bipartisan version of a 2018 Farm Bill — it doesn't include cuts to nutrition programs, the main reason the bill had been held up.

Neal Dunn (FL-02), who represents part of Columbia County, released the following statement in support of the passage of H.R. 2, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, or the 2018 Farm Bill:

"Today is a great day for Florida farmers — we just passed the 2018 Farm and Food Bill. This historic legislation will ensure that our farmers are protected for years to come. From improving crop insurance and preserving the farm safety net, to addressing unfair international trade practices and modernizing the food stamp program, we created a Farm and Food Bill that works for today's producers,"

said Dr. Dunn. "Farmers, ranchers, and foresters across the Second District work hard and take risks every day to make our lives easier and provide us with the lowest grocery bills in the world — they are the backbone of our economy. In North Florida, the threat of hurricanes and natural disasters loom and our producers often struggle year-to-year attempting to bounce back from devastating events. With this bill, our farmers now have some certainty during times of recession



Dunn

and loss; they know that the United States will continue to have a strong and robust agricultural economy."

Bill highlights:

*Reauthorizes the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) options through 2023.

*Strengthens the risk management programs and protects crop insurance.

*Restores funding for vital tools for trade promotion and market development.

*Streamlines and reduces regulatory burdens.

*Improvements to the

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that help food stamp recipients.

Dr. Dunn worked to include the following in the Farm Bill:

*Reduced burden on farmers who share ownership in a farm or ranch operation by providing equal access to risk management programs regardless of how the partnership is organized (e.g. family members who share ownership).

*Continued robust funding for working forest programs, which promote sustainable forest management and strengthen communities that depend on forest products.

*Maintained strong risk

management programs for peanuts and cotton, which allow producers to replant and continue providing food and fiber to the nation after difficult seasons.

*Adjusted the risk management tool for dairy, which allows producers to insure against low revenue versus costs, to increase participation and ensure the tool functions as it was intended.

*Directed USDA to develop new crop insurance coverage options for high-value, under-insured crops such as fruits and vegetables, which will reduce exposure to crop losses in the aftermath of natural disasters.

Lawsuit: Trump plan to expand Gulf drilling ignores impacts on wildlife

By Jenny Staletoich

Miami Herald

A handful of environmental groups sued the Trump administration Thursday for failing to protect whales, sea turtles and other marine life in the Gulf of Mexico even as it pushes to expand drilling amid safety cut-backs.

In a lawsuit filed in federal court in Tampa, Earthjustice claimed the administration has yet to

complete a long overdue study of hazards to wildlife from drilling following the 2010 explosion of BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig. The explosion, which left 11 workers dead, dumped at least 3 million barrels of oil into the Gulf, killing baby dolphins, causing heart problems in mahi mahi and leaving a trail of damage to marine life, from plankton to shrimp to oysters, that scientists are still trying to understand.

"You've got whales and sea turtles that not only have to contend with the everyday operations of drilling, but they have to rebuild their populations," said Earthjustice attorney Chris Eaton.

Following the spill, the Obama administration agreed to take another look at impacts from drilling. When it failed to complete a study by 2013, environmentalists sued. Wildlife officials agreed to complete it by 2015. It

was never done.

A new assessment is even more critical now following Trump's move to undo Obama drilling bans and aggressively expand efforts, Eaton said.

Earlier this year, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced plans to quadruple drilling in U.S. water, including Florida's Atlantic coast and in the eastern Gulf, where drilling was banned in 1988. Zinke quickly withdrew the plan after meeting

with Florida Gov. Rick Scott in what critics called an election-year stunt.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club and the Gulf Restoration Network, asks the court to order the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to complete a new study in three months. The study would likely lead to new protections for endangered species given the

breadth of the 2010 spill, Earthjustice said.

"They opened up unleased acreage in the Gulf. They have reduced royalty rates in shallow water to entice companies to drill there. They're rolling back safety regulations," Eaton said. "They're doing all they can to make it a lot more appealing for the gas companies to drill in the Gulf ... and that's a bigger threat to the species."



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Growth or Value?

Should I invest in "growth stocks" or "value stocks" — which is better? — G.G., Portland, Oregon

You don't have to choose one or the other — some of the best stocks to invest in are both.

Growth stocks are tied to companies that are increasing their revenue and earnings relatively rapidly, while value stocks are tied to companies with market values significantly below what they seem to really be worth. If you find a company that's growing at a solid clip and it seems to be undervalued, that's a very appealing proposition, offering a good chance of stock price appreciation.

It's best, overall, though, to favor undervalued stocks. Even if they grow slowly, they offer a margin of safety by not being overpriced.

Are secondary offerings and subsequent offerings the same thing? — K.F., Muskegon, Michigan

Subsequent offerings are often called secondary offerings, but the two events are different.

When a company "goes public," it issues stock in itself via an initial public offering (IPO) on the open market. It's common for insiders or large investors to keep sizable ownership stakes in the company, with only a portion of shares sold in the IPO. If these big investors later sell some of their shares to the public, that's a secondary offering, and the investors collect the sales proceeds, not the company.

A subsequent (or follow-on) offering happens if the company wants or needs to raise more money later (perhaps to pay down debt, finance operations or buy another company). It will create and sell new shares, increasing the number of shares outstanding and diluting the value of existing shares. That's not great for existing shareholders.

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Lower Your Risk

It can seem like investing in stocks is a crapshoot, as stocks can go up or down on any given day, but it doesn't have to be so risky. Here are some ways to reduce your risk.

1. Invest for the long haul. Short-term investing is more like speculating or gambling. Being a shareholder means you're a part-owner in a company, so commit yourself to those businesses and aim to stay invested in them as long as they remain healthy and growing. With a long investing period, you can ride out the occasional market downturns that will likely occur. Don't worry about what happens this year if you don't plan to sell for many years.

2. Learn more. The savvier you become about investing, the fewer mistakes you'll likely make. Don't buy stocks merely on tips from friends or strangers without even knowing what a company does. Instead, read widely and keep reading. Start with books by Peter Lynch, John Bogle, The Motley Fool — or the "Little Book" series

of investing guides. Read Warren Buffett's educational letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. Hang out at the Fool online (fool.com), reading and asking questions on our discussion boards.

3. Invest only in companies and industries you have studied and understand well. Weigh the risks that companies disclose in their financial statements. Consider a stock's valuation. Assess the market capitalization, expected future earnings and price-to-sales and price-to-earnings ratios for candidates for your portfolio. Stocks that seem undervalued should offer less downside risk than exciting high-flying stocks.

4. Avoid penny stocks (those costing less than about \$5 per share), commodities, futures, day trading, shorting and investing on margin. Those can be risky ways of investing.

5. Consider not investing in any or many individual stocks and just opting for a low-fee S&P 500 index fund. You'll match the market's returns effortlessly.

The stock market can be volatile, but over the long run, it's one of the most effective ways to build wealth.

My Dumbest Investment

Before and After

Ugh. My dumbest investment was in an offshore drilling company that was recommended by a TV stock guru.

I bought into the stock when the price of a barrel of oil was still in triple digits. I kept adding as the price of oil continued to crash — hey! I'll end up with a lower cost basis! I lost a lot of money.

I'm keeping the shares as a reminder of how not to build up my portfolio.

I've learned a lot since that investment, as I've spent a lot of time reading The Motley Fool. Before, my IRA was managed by my broker and invested in "aggressive" mutual funds. Now I'm sticking with stock in high-quality companies. Before, I would buy more shares of sinking companies. Now I buy more shares of solidly performing companies — even if their prices are going up. Before, I'd panic when the stock market retreated. Now I get excited about sale prices. Before, my returns trailed the S&P 500. Now, I've been outperforming it. — C.B., Los Angeles

The Fool Responds: It can be tempting to buy more shares of a falling stock, as it might seem like more of a bargain. But stocks often fall for good reasons. Always dig deeply into the situation before committing any more money. Make sure that any problems you discover seem to be temporary, not permanent, ones.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a 1971 spinoff from Columbia Broadcasting System, when I became a public company. I merged with Paramount Communications in 1994 and CBS in 2000, and then split from CBS in 2005. Today I'm a creator of television programs, movies, games, podcasts and other consumer products. With a market value recently north of \$11 billion, I reach more than 4 billion viewers in 183 countries with my networks, which include Nickelodeon, Nick Jr., MTV, BET, Comedy Central, VH1, TV Land, CMT and Logo. My Paramount Pictures is America's oldest film studio. Who am I? (Answer: Viacom)

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to Alex Manoogian's screw products company that began making parts for the auto industry in Detroit in 1929. In 1954, Manoogian designed a revolutionary single-handle faucet that was a hit. Today I'm a leader in home improvement and construction products, with more than 20 companies under my roof and dozens of manufacturing facilities worldwide. My brands include Behr paints, Delta and Hansgrohe faucets and fixtures, Kraft-Maid and Merillat cabinets, Milgard windows and doors, Kichler decorative and outdoor lighting and Hot Spring spas. My market value recently topped \$12 billion. Who am I?

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

Southern Pine Beetle season crawls to the state

From a press release

To help combat the invasive Southern Pine Beetle, which is currently present in 52 infestation sites throughout six Florida counties, the Florida Forest Service is accepting applications for the 2018 Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program from non-industrial, private forest landowners through June 29, 2018. The program is limited to 44 northern Florida counties, the known range of the south-

ern pine beetle.

The southern pine beetle is one of the most economically devastating forest pests of the southeast, with periodic outbreaks leading to deaths of millions of pine trees. In 2017, 260 SPB infestations were reported in Florida, killing trees on 1,768 acres. This pales in comparison to the last major outbreaks between 1999 and 2002, which caused an estimated \$59 million in timber losses. Since it was first offered in 2005, the pro-

gram has been implemented on more than 183,000 acres and helped thousands of landowners.

"These small infestations average less than an acre now, but they have the ability to expand rapidly this time of year," said Jim Karels, State Forester and Director of the Florida Forest Service. "It's imperative that we remain vigilant to keep this invasive pest at bay."

The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention

Program, supported through a grant by the United States Forest Service, provides incentive payments for landowners who conduct a first pulpwood thinning and offers partial cost reimbursement for activities, such as prescribed burning, mechanical underbrush treatments, and the planting of longleaf or slash pine rather than the loblolly pine, the beetle's preferred species. Qualified landowners can apply for up to two different practices per year,

and funding requests may not exceed \$10,000. All qualifying applications received during the submission period will be evaluated and ranked for approval.

To obtain an application or to learn more about the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program, visit FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests and provides forest management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests. The Florida Forest Service is also responsible for protecting homes, forestland and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at FloridaForestService.com.

One of millions without a bank account - for a day

By James Rufus Koren
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Two and a half miles of walking, two failed attempts to cash a \$15 check, one toy left behind at a checkout counter and \$14 in fees for financial transactions that ordinarily wouldn't cost me a dime.

That was my tally after a recent, frustrating morning in Hollywood spent standing in lines, filling out forms and wondering if I'd have enough money or time to get it all done.

The exercise wasn't for fun. Rather, I was participating in a sort of financial scavenger hunt that aims to replicate how life works for the millions of Americans — about a quarter of all households — who either don't have bank accounts or still rely on storefront check cashers, payday lenders and prepaid debit cards to manage their money.

The event, called FinX — as in "financial experience" — was held this month during an annual conference organized by the Center for Financial Services Innovation and attended by executives from banks, credit unions and financial technology firms, as well as consumer advocates and even federal regulators.

The nonprofit think tank, backed by charitable foundations and major banks, advocates for better financial products, especially for Americans on the fringes of the financial system.

It hopes the exercise can teach just how expensive and time-consuming it can be to manage money for consumers who are known as the unbanked or underbanked.

"The basic idea is, for as long as we've been doing this and as dismal as the facts about American financial health are, we still talk to people who really don't get it," said Jennifer Tescher, founder and chief executive of CFSI. "Everyone walks away with the same reaction: that this is intensely frustrating, it's more expensive than it should be and they can't believe millions of Americans have to deal with this."

About 27 percent of U.S. households are either unbanked or underbanked, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Despite economic growth and the proliferation of online services that have made it easier than ever to open and access bank accounts, those figures have remained little changed since the FDIC started tracking them in 2009.

What's more, those households — which are more likely to be poor, less-educated, young, black or Latino — pay a lot for their financial services. CFSI estimated Americans spend more than \$100 billion every year for products or services such as payday loans and check cashing, as well as overdraft fees, effectively a penalty for being short on cash.

On June 6, other participants and I gathered in a conference room at the Loews Hollywood Hotel at the Hollywood & Highland shopping center and were put in groups of three or four. Each team was assigned a different L.A. neighborhood and asked to complete several transactions, including cashing a few checks, getting a debit card, asking about a loan and buying a small gift.

There was an extra catch: It all had to be done in about two hours, a time limit many of us thought was generous given our own experiences with financial products.

I was teamed up with Ray Chay, director of operations at a high-interest consumer lending company, and Sybil Mulokwa, a manager at a company that develops software for small banks and credit unions.

Though all three of us work in finance to a degree — I primarily cover finance for The Times — none of us have much experience using the kind of alternative financial services we'd need to get from our list.

We all have bank accounts, we all have savings and we all manage our money online. For FinX, we tried to pretend that wasn't the case.

We were assigned to an area close to the hotel and started out thinking we'd

be able to cruise through our to-do list with time and money to spare.

"There was a general sense of optimism — misguided optimism," Mulokwa said.

In the end we got through only about half our tasks and still blew past our deadline. Even if we'd had more time, we wouldn't have had enough cash to finish.

"There's a lot of fees associated with all these services," Chay said. "And it's all for stuff I don't think about at all."

Our first stop was on Sunset Boulevard at a Money Mart, an outlet that cashes checks, makes loans and offers Western Union money transfers.

We started with our checks — a payroll check for \$70 made out to Chay and a \$15 personal check made out to me. Chay and I had to create accounts with Money Mart, so we each provided a driver's license, address, phone number and thumbprint.

Chay's payroll check was processed relatively quickly, but it cost more than we'd expected. He had called another check-cashing shop, which quoted him a fee of 2.25 percent of the face value of a payroll check. That would have been \$1.58 for his check.

But most shops also charge a minimum fee. In Money Mart's case, it was \$3, meaning we paid more than 4 percent of the check's face value.

Money Mart charges substantially more to cash personal checks: 12 percent of the face value, with the same \$3 minimum. For my \$15 check, that fee would amount to 20 percent of the face value.

But Money Mart wouldn't cash it. The check, written from a Chase checking account, had only the name of the account holder — no phone number or address.

The clerk, who asked not to be identified, asked if I had a phone number for the check writer. I didn't. A few minutes later, the clerk returned to tell me she couldn't cash the check. We'd have to try somewhere else.

Before leaving, we tried to cross a few more items



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Ray Chay, left, director of operations at a high-interest consumer lending company, L.A. Times staff writer James Rufus Koren and Sybil Mulokwa, a manager at a company that develops software for small banks and credit unions do transactions at a Money Mart in Hollywood.

off our list. We bought a \$20 money order, for a fee of \$1.29. We also asked the clerk if we could get a \$500 loan — we weren't going to borrow money, we just needed to ask — and were told we couldn't borrow that amount. We'd have to borrow much less or much more.

Money Mart offers payday loans, which under California law max out

at \$255 with a \$45 fee. It also offers installment loans, which are larger and are paid off over months or years. But, as with many subprime lenders in California, the smallest installment loan Money Mart offers is \$2,500 — at an interest rate of either 139.9 percent or 224.9 percent, according to a form taped to the bulletproof teller window.

Loans smaller than \$2,500 can charge interest of no more than about 30 percent under California law. But there's no limit on interest rates for larger loans, so many subprime lenders simply don't offer anything below \$2,500.

"I was like, 'This is highway robbery,'" Mulokwa told me a few days later. "Still, right now, I'm stunned."

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7 ways to beat the summer heat

By Leslie Barker
The Dallas Morning News

As the temperature flutters around 100, we get a little nostalgic for December's freeze and February's snow, for hot chocolate and cold toes on linoleum. Ah, and remember spring? Daffodils and open windows and wondering whether long sleeves would keep us warm enough on morning jogs?

OK. Time to wipe away those wistful smiles (as well as the sweat beads such an effort created) and face reality: It's hot. And it's going to be this hot _ hotter, even! _ for another five months. Four if we're lucky.

Before you blow a gasket, lose steam or bubble over at the mere thought, instead put cool cucumber slices over your eyes and do this: Chill. Chill out. Take a chill pill. Or any number of trite phrases that keep running through our perspiration-mottled brains.

Keeping your cool is no easy task in summer weather. For the sake of your mental health (as well as our own), we've cooked up a few ideas to get you started.

*** Close your eyes and count to 10**

Isn't that what your mom told you to do when you get hot under the collar? We'll take her thought a step further: Open them and count to diez. Or dix. Or zehn. What a fine time this would be to learn Spanish, French, German (we're too hot to think of any more exotic ones). Or, if not to actually do homework, at least to sit in a cool classroom and listen to the rhythmic cadence of another language.

*** Eat something spicy**

Perhaps better phrased: Don't avoid spicy foods in the summer. Yes, they'll make you sweat, but you're sweating already. When all that sweat evaporates, you're cooler.

"When you eat something spicy like a hot pepper, your blood vessels open to allow blood to flow more freely," says Lona Sandon, spokeswoman for the American Dietetic

Association and assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. "You might feel flushed. What it does is bring body water from surface closest to skin. You might sweat a little more. Then it evaporates off and helps the body to feel cool."

The process may sound a bit counterproductive, but Sandon's a big advocate of phytonutrients that make spicy foods spicy.

"Have at it," she says. "Just carry a towel. And have a nice glass of water or lemonade. The best way to cool your body is to make sure you have enough fluid."

*** Open your veins (but really your heart)**

Blood needs don't stop with summer, and not just because more people outside and on the road mean more accidents. For cancer patients, platelets (which have a shelf life of just five days) are imperative.

"Chemo drugs usually destroy the function of blood marrow," says Linda Goelzer, public relations director for Carter BloodCare. "The platelets and blood products they get are the stopgap for them until their marrow gets cranked up again."

Another reason to give, besides the basic life-saving one? From July 22 to Aug. 27, anyone who donates will receive a coupon for Blue Bell ice cream. "A pint for a pint," they're calling it.

Call 1-800-DONATE4 or go to carterbloodcare.org to set up an appointment.

*** Take a book around**

Where does the temperature always seem sweater-over-your-shoulders comfy, the atmosphere cool and quiet? At the library, you can lose yourself in the shelves or connect with others who love reading.

Public Library branches offer book clubs that meet various days and times. You can listen to what others have to say, as well as interject your own thoughts. You don't even have to whisper.

*** Kick around an ice-cream idea**

The members of Girl



Joshua Resnick/Dreamstime/TNS

Don't avoid spicy foods in the summer. Yes, they'll make you sweat, but you're sweating already. When all that sweat evaporates, you're cooler.

Scout Troop 1678 in Plano are out of college now. Their leader, Patty Townsend, still recalls how much fun the troop had making coffee-can ice cream.

She shared the top-secret, can't-find-anywhere-else-but-the-Internet recipe with us: Into a very clean one-pound coffee can, stir one cup each of milk and heavy cream; one-half cup sugar; and one-half teaspoon vanilla. Add fruit, nuts or chocolate, if you'd like.

Put the lid on the can and seal with duct tape. Set the can into a three-

pound coffee can. Pack ice around it. Pour at least } cup rock salt on top of the ice. Seal the can.

"The girls would stand in lines about 10 feet apart," Townsend says. "They'd kick it back and forth and sing songs and giggle. It was a huge hit."

After 30 or 40 minutes, unseal the various cans. Voila! Ice cream, three cold and creamy cups of the stuff. You've already had your workout, so indulge without (much) guilt.

This can also be done with a zip-lock plastic

bag. Check out this link from Howtoons.com for instructions.

*** Cave in**

Learn more about real caves and grottoes by attending a meeting of DFW Grotto. Maybe you'll even be inspired to go on a caving trip with the group.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. June 23 at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway. For more information, see dfwgrotto.org.

*** Make jokes**

Not only will laughter

take your mind off how miserably hot you are, it's also (did you know this?) a good abs workout.

With that in mind, we asked Dave Little (www.lovedavelittle.com) for a bit of heat mirth. He dabbed cool compresses on his pulse points and offered this:

"The devil calls up his travel agent and says, 'I'd like to go somewhere hot this summer.' The travel agent says, 'Have you ever been to Dallas in July?' The devil answers, 'It's a vacation, not work.'"

-This article was originally printed in 2010

Road rations: Sample cuisine from across the map

This article was originally published in October of 2012.

It's summer time and since everyone's in vacation mode, I thought I'd bring back an old favorite from some of my road trips about eating along the way.

Road Rations-Car Cuisine-Snack Bag-Take Out-Byway Beverages! Call it what you like, but these are definite necessities. Driving across country is a perfect way to sample the many different tastes of America. It can also presents some challenges.

On the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD we went to two places recommended by a fellow passenger on the airplane. The first was Thrasher's for their French fries. We saw people putting Apple Cider Vinegar on the fries before salting them. Everyone was doing it so we

figured there had to be something to it. Knowing the picky eater I am, Sue asked me first, and I said sure why not. And WOW if it wasn't really good. Then we went across the way to Dolle's, which is known for their caramel corn. After stirring the hot caramel in a copper pot, they dumped in the popcorn and slowly added a whole stick of butter. It looked so sinful that we got a medium bucket to take on the road with us for a snack. It's like having your very own homemade Cracker Jacks with nuts too.

In Montgomery, IN at Gasthof Amish Village, we went to the bakery and bought homemade peanut butter and a loaf of wheat bread that was so fresh it was still warm. We made sandwiches off of the opened glove box for at least 3 days. It's really not so easy to cut a slice of fresh baked bread in the

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

moving car on the glove box with a steak knife, which was all we could find.

In Dodge City, after a short trolley tour through town, or should I say feed lot after feed lot, you would think after seeing all of those cows crammed into those lots that it'd be hard to eat a steak. Well not so much. We went to Casey's

Cowtown Steakhouse and finished off one of the best filet mignon's we'd ever eaten.

Most recently, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, we saw a sign advertising "Pasties". We both laughed and thought, what the heck are pasties? Shortly after, I received a text from our friend Dan, who said his dad was from the U.P. area and if we got a chance we had to get a "pastie", that they were so good and a real treat for them when they were younger. At our first pit stop, I asked about the "pasties". I pronounced this the way you are all reading it - PAY STEES. The girl at the counter chuckled then told me I'd get laughed at if I ordered one like that, because PAY-STEES are what you put on your nipples; PASS-TEES (the correct pronunciation) are what you eat. So of course we laughed even harder and

thanked her for the tip. Who knew we would get a vocabulary lesson on a Michigan U.P. food tradition. So in Escanaba we found Dobber's and bought a pastie for lunch. One was big enough for us to share; we got the original beef flavored one. It was baked dough filled with beef, potatoes, rutabaga, onions and very, very good. We ate this on the road and I fork fed Sue from the passenger seat. As good as this new treat was; it caused us a bigger problem down the road. My head was in my lap cutting up food and Sue kept looking over at me for her next bite and we missed our turn off.

Topping off the eating experiences are the wines we wash it down with; visiting at least one winery per state we travel through - both sampling and buying more for the road!

■ Sandy Kishton is a freelance travel writer who lives in Lake City.

DEAR ABBY

Woman is put in the middle of an affair among friends

DEAR ABBY: I have two friends I am equally close to, "Jane" and "Mary." We live in the same neighborhood. They are both married, live across the street from each other and spend time together almost every day. Their children play together. I spend a lot of time with both families, and my children play with theirs.



Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

Jane is having an affair with Mary's husband and has confided in me about every detail. She keeps telling me it's over, and then I find out it isn't. I spoke to Mary's husband and told him if it doesn't stop, I'll tell Mary. (Jane doesn't know I talked to him.)

They recently had another "weak moment." Should I tell Mary what's going on? Her husband has cheated in the past, and she chose to stay with him. I'm afraid the fallout from her finding out will be two broken marriages and several broken friendships. It's very difficult to spend time with any/all of them knowing what I know. I feel like my silence is betraying Mary. Help! -- WISH I DIDN'T KNOW

DEAR WISH: You are already more involved in this than you should be, and Jane should not have placed you in that position. Mary knows she has a philandering husband but chose to remain with him. I vote for keeping your lip zipped and trying to stay out of the line of fire.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 38 years. We divorced once, but remarried. We have four grown sons and six grandchildren.

He retired a year and a half ago, and I went through menopause. There has been constant contention since. He wants to fight over everything and won't speak to me for days, sometimes weeks, at a time. I feel I am being emotionally abused. When I asked him for another divorce,

he told me not to be ridiculous.

Four months ago, I moved out and moved in with my dad to be his caretaker. Dad is 95 and on home hospice.

I am so much happier not living with my husband. When my father passes away, I dread having to move back with my husband. I know we probably need counseling, but he doesn't agree.

I want to live a happy, peaceful life. My husband seems to enjoy the constant fighting. Should I get my own place and live apart from my husband when my dad passes?

UNHAPPILY MARRIED IN UTAH DEAR

UNHAPPILY MARRIED: Your husband's silent treatment qualifies as emotional abuse. You do NOT have to tolerate it. Before making plans about where you will live after your father's passing, discuss this with a lawyer. Marriage isn't slavery, and you do not need your abuser's "permission" to divorce him (again).

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES | THE LAST WORD BY EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make your mark by doing something that will make a difference. Get involved in an organization that shares your beliefs. Spend time with people you can learn from, and steer clear of anyone who tends to be a bad influence. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't act on an assumption. It's important to analyze whatever situation you face earnestly before you take a leap of faith. Use your intelligence, not your emotions, when it comes time to make a decision. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look inward and prepare to make any adjustments that will bring about positive change. Stick to a budget and refuse to let anyone use persuasive tactics to push you to take on more than you can handle. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Socialize, take a day trip and spend time with people you find creative and mentally stimulating, but don't get drawn into some else's plans if they involve money. Joint ventures aren't likely to pan out as planned. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Live within your means. Don't let anyone talk you into something you know you shouldn't do. Put your energy into physical self-improvements. Get fit and get healthy. Make calculated decisions, not snap decisions, and avoid making a regrettable mistake. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Speak up and do things that will make a difference to you, those you love or your community. Engage in creative endeavors and nurture important relationships. Romance will enhance your life and bring you closer to the one you love. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deal with friends

or relatives carefully. You aren't likely to share the same point of view and are best off keeping your opinions to yourself for the time being. Don't let anyone dump his or her responsibilities in your lap. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your emotions, but don't get worked up if someone doesn't agree with you. Take information offered and consider if the suggestions made are in your best interest. Refuse to get involved in arguments or challenges that could lead to injury. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Brush off the past so you can move forward without baggage. Learn from the past instead of living in it. Make personal improvements that make you feel good about the way you look. Plan to have some fun. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The changes you want to make should be planned carefully. Gauge the cost and extent of any home or self-improvements and set a budget you know you can handle. Discipline will pay off, and intelligence will win out over brute force. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Channel your energy wisely. You'll be subject to criticism if you get involved in situations that entail excess or indulgent behavior. Stay focused on what's best for you and avoid unwanted opposition and change. Abide by the rules. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An interesting idea will turn into a reward. Explore the possibilities and consider how you can make your money work for you. Home improvements, real estate and socializing are favored, and financial gains or gifts are apparent. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"DJZ ORJH VGJZU KCVUX; UXVU TU'F NZFU V MXVRIC, RJU VR CRK." — UXCEJIEVKD (MVUXCLTRC C. MJZEFJR)

Previous Solution: "I think the amazing thing about 'Twin Peaks' was that it completely changed television from that point forward." — Madchen Amick

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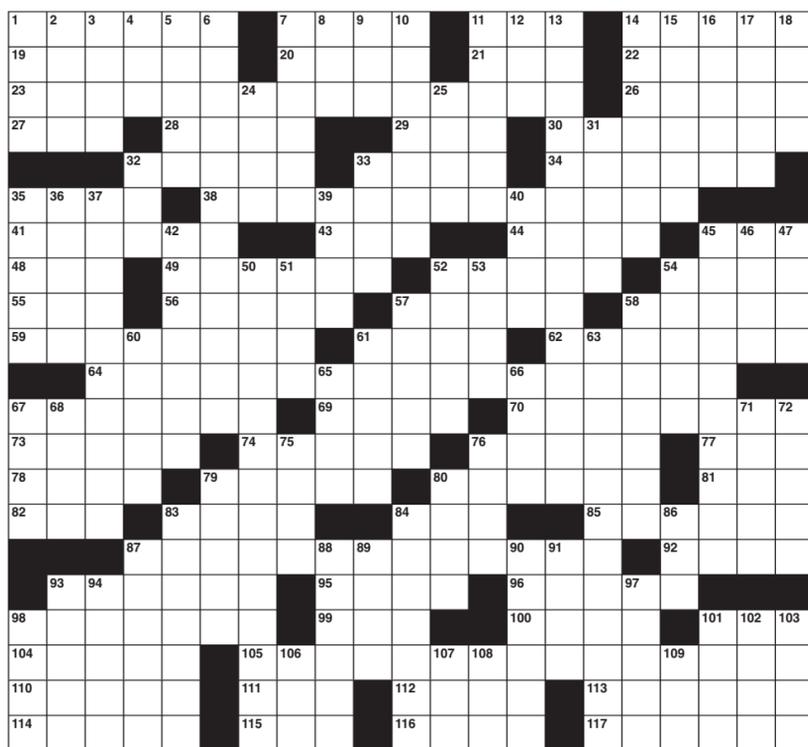
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| 49 Lost-baggage helpers | 96 State a case | | 53 Tall and thin |
| 52 Ad-biz awards | 98 Director Taika ____ | | 54 Joins |
| 54 Producer of public radio's "Radiolab" | 99 "Star Wars" nickname | | 57 Classic horror-film locale |
| 55 Spanish seasoning that's a letter short of its English counterpart | 100 Pronoun in Dixie | | 58 Actress/singer Hudgens |
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| 66 Southern university whose team is the Phoenix | 76 Letter that, surprisingly, is not the end of the Greek alphabet | 87 Thick soup | 98 Load of laundry |
| 67 ____ Clooney, Barbara Walters's "most fascinating person" of 2014 | 79 Assail | 88 Sci-fi stunner | 101 Pet peeves? |
| 68 Litter sounds | 80 Campus building | 89 One who cries "Uncle!?" | 102 Med. school course |
| 71 Chopped up | 83 Spirals | 90 Contradict | 103 Fearsome figure |
| 72 BMW competitor | 84 Charlize Theron's role in 2015's "Mad Max" reboot | 91 "Nuts!" | 106 Suffer |
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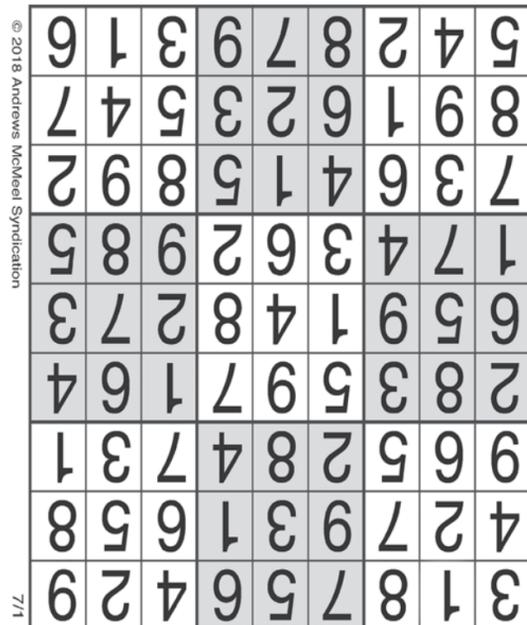
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Answer to last Sunday's Crossword



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A scene from "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom."

Review: New 'Jurassic' may be the greatest of all

By Colin Covert
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Like an ancient volcano thundering to life, the "Jurassic" realm keeps roaring onto film screens with unexpected energy. The fifth episode in the series, "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom," is the latest and arguably greatest of all.

It equals many achievements of Steven Spielberg's 1993 breakthrough in computer-animated fantasy and, in smart-alecky, self-satirizing ways, even surpasses it. This is the T. rex of franchise entertainment, bigger than its rivals, bolder and coming on strong from the get-go to the very last moment. Run away, "Star Wars Story" spinoffs, you cannot compete with this.

There's a lot of standard sequel material here, of course. You can't win the global market with a dinosaur

movie lacking angry raptors on the run and heroic humans in breakneck escapes. But the basic ingredients of the script (co-written by Colin Trevorrow, who directed the monumentally successful "Jurassic World") are layered with idiosyncratic ideas and ironic subtexts right in plain view.

It isn't on the gonzo level of series star Chris Pratt's "Guardians of the Galaxy" goofs, but it's still outstanding. Like the sci-fi satires "District 9" and "Starship Troopers" or the recent, serious "Planet of the Apes" trilogy, it has the feeling of a classic slam-bang thrill ride updated for the paranoid funhouse of the current moment.

The action begins on a dark and rainy night at the fabled South American dinosaur sanctuary of Isla Nublar, as a security squad learns that cages and huge barrier

walls aren't always effective. We move to a TV news feed about the disaster that notes the president doesn't believe dinosaurs ever existed. Add a cameo of Jeff Goldblum, who played scientist/philosopher Dr. Ian Malcolm in the first two "Jurassic Park" films, warning about man's responsibility to nature at a U.S. Senate hearing conducted by self-important nitwits.

If all that doesn't seem relevant, check out the Hawaii-style lava apocalypse about to melt down the island menagerie. Things feeling familiar now?

Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard return as Owen and Claire, former employees of the failed dinosaur getaway, which closed as a luxury theme park after a feeding frenzy by tall, toothy reptiles in the previous chapter.

Owen remains a dinosaur whisperer whose spiritual

connection to the creatures has led him to train the most intelligent examples of the species, and to work for the protection of all. Claire, the resort's former manager, developed moral objections to the whole enterprise, which was almost equally fatal to vacationers and Velociraptors.

The film properly handles the actors' lack of romantic chemistry by informing us that Claire and Owen had a brief bygone fling and remained friends. Now they work like a brave-big-brother/plucky-little-sister team, fighting to rescue the island's remaining dinosaurs from new threats of extinction. Those include the rivers of lava coursing from Isla Nublar's erupting crater, and greedy mercenaries allegedly preserving the remaining creatures for aged gazillionaire Benjamin Lockwood (James Cromwell).

Nearly a fossil himself, Lockwood lives in a gothic mansion in Northern California with his 10-year-old granddaughter Maisie (Isabella Sermon). He says he wants to use the cloning technology he invented to maintain the ancient species. As most viewers will instantly suspect, it's more complicated than that.

The film is directed in high style by Spanish filmmaker J.A. Bayona, who made one of the era's prime horror films with 2007's "The Orphanage." He clearly enjoys Spielberg's first two forays in the "Jurassic" empire. In terms of precise pacing, trim character work and flawless optics, there's hardly a shot here that couldn't have come from the master himself. But Bayona is conducting that familiar symphony with his own energy.

The film's most visceral moments are not all about

humans being ripped apart and eaten. They take place amid the animal skeletons displayed in the old tycoon's manor house. There, the jungle monsters creep around like evil spirits, creating hair-raising frights through their unexpected shadows, slowly extended claws and gargoyle-like images atop the steeply slanted roof amid a lightning storm. It plays like a menacing passage from a supernatural thriller, patiently building up Maisie's vulnerability until she, and we, are scared to smitherens.

Some fans may grouse that too few people are seized, chomped and swallowed, but less feels like just enough. If sequelitis has become the incurable infection of big-studio filmmaking, an antidote may lie in this movie's fusion of proven material and singular creative flair.



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Thomas's celebrate 50 years June 22

Rodney and Sarah Lou Thomas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22, 2018. They have three children, Renee (deceased), Rowdy and Levi, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They are life long residents of Lake City.

"On June 22, 1968, I was the luckiest man alive. This is the day God let me borrow one of his princess angels. I could never thank God enough for My Little Princess Angel. She has been and still is a blessing in my life. As I go into the golden years of my life, I thank God everyday for his gift.

My princess Angel, Sarah Lou Davis Thomas, does more for me than I could write on a thousand pages of paper. My prayer is we live a long and healthy life together. With the Lord Jesus Christ as our savior when we go to heaven, there will be no pain or hurt, just a blessed Jesus to hold our hands as we enter the gates of heaven.

I love you, Princess Angel Sarah Lou, always have and always will."

Your loving husband of 50 years,
Rodney Thomas

So much TV, so little summer: Amy Adams, Kevin Hart, Dr. Pol

From the Associated Press

The fall television season is months away but that's no reason to stare moodily at a blank screen. In this era of peak TV, there are so many outlets and shows clamoring for your summertime attention that it can be as daunting as choosing between a mojito and a frozen daiquiri.

The following highlights include enough crime to send chills down your spine, the temperature notwithstanding, along with a slice of history and some upbeat options (debut dates noted for upcoming series, all times EDT).

— "Love Is_," OWN, 10 p.m. Tuesdays. The romantic drama from married producers Mara Brock Akil ("Girlfriends," "The Game") and Salim Akil ("Black Lightning") is inspired by their relationship. The series toggles between the 1990s Hollywood scene and present day as it follows the intertwined lives and careers of Nuri (Michele Weaver) and Yasir (Will Catlett) and how they reflect back on it all.

— "The Great British Baking Show," PBS, 9 p.m. Friday (check local listings). Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood, the show's original and inspiringly exacting judges, are on hand for this previously unaired (in the U.S.) season of the butter-drenched contest. Hosts Sue Perkins and Mel Giedroyc lend support as amateur bakers try to top each other's bagels, strudel, treacle tarts and more.

— "The Pacific War in Color," Smithsonian Channel, 8 p.m. EDT Sunday. The eight-part documentary series combines rare color film from the World War II Pacific theater and homefront with first-hand accounts. The footage, some shot by servicemen, includes dogfights and beachfront invasions and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's home movies of post-war Japan.

— "The Incredible Dr. Pol," Nat Geo Wild, 9 p.m. July 7. A reality series set in rural

Michigan and featuring a veterinarian in his mid-70s is far from standard TV fare. But the intrepid, dedicated Dr. Jan Pol is so popular that the show is in its eighth year. Among the new challenges facing Pol and his colleagues: a horse with colic, a piglet in serious trouble and a dehydrated dachshund.

— "Sharp Objects," HBO, 9 p.m. July 8.

Amy Adams stars in this eight-episode adaptation of Gillian Flynn's novel about a reporter who's immersed in murder and her dark hometown past. The Oscar nominee is in good company, playing opposite Patricia Clarkson and Chris Messina and directed by Jean-Marc Vallée ("Big Little Lies") in scripts from Flynn and Marti Noxon ("Dietland," "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce").

— "TKO: Total Knock Out," CBS, 8 p.m. July 11. Kevin Hart is in charge as host of this light-hearted competition series from "Survivor" producer Mark Burnett. Contestants navigate an obstacle course as rivals try hard to thwart their progress. A cash prize awaits the winner.

— "Hidden," Acorn TV, Monday, July 16. If you forgot to book a trip to scenic Wales, get an eye full combined with a murder mystery in this eight-part drama filmed on location. Sian Reese-Williams stars as a police detective who returns to her Welsh hometown to care for her father and ends up on the job, confronting the death of a local woman with far-ranging implications.

— "Get Shorty," Epix, 9 p.m. Aug. 12. Chris O'Dowd and Ray Romano are back for season two of the dark comedy based on Elmore Leonard's novel about a career criminal (O'Dowd) and his foray into Hollywood filmmaking. Raymond Cruz ("Breaking Bad") joins the cast as a prison gang leader with a 1980s style fetish, and Felicity Huffman and Steven Weber are among the guest stars.