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Robert E. Dikon

Tanglewood resident Robert (Bob) E. Dikon, 90, passed away on Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 in Sebring, Florida.

Mr. Dikon was born in New Stanton, Pennsylvania on March 18, 1929. His formative years were spent with a commitment to church and family and a passion for both outdoor and sports. After serving in the Marine Corps during World War II, he graduated from the Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania on June 7, 1948, holding the record for the shortest, sweetest, Leatha La Rue Steinke, was married to Robert (Bob) Dikon, forming a family in Riverside, New Jersey.

His professional career spanned more than 60 decades and included coaching high school football, basketball and baseball, teaching physical education and chemistry; and owning his own semi-professional football team, the Rockaway Iron Horse, in Dukes in New Jersey.

He achieved recognition as a principal and principal in New Jersey. One of his loves of the outdoors took the form of watching up and down England where he served as a young man for three decades in the 1930s and 1940s. Bob was elected by his peers to serve as the president of the New England Association of School Superintendents. He also served as an adjutant general and was a professor at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

Throughout his lives, Bob and Leatha were dedicated to their churches and community service, as well as their family. Bob was a re-nowned landscape artist, and his work was featured in galleries across England and private collections for the rest of his life. He had a passion for the arts, athletics, fish- ing, hunting, carpentry, and many other artistic interests. Bob and those that knew him, will be remembered most for his commitment to family, God, and his country.

Bob is survived by three children, Roger E. Dikon of Honolulu, Hawaii; Barbara M. Chase of Coltan, Massachusetts and Thomas E. Dikon of Suffolk, Virginia. His beloved family also includes six grand-children and three great-grandchildren. A private service and celebration of life will be held with his family at a future date.

Samuel Flynn

Samuel Flynn, 90, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019 in Sebring, Florida. He was born in St. Albans in Vermont, on Oct. 23, 1928. His parents were Godfrey and Sarah (Montgomery) Bible. Jim graduated from the Vermont Military Academy in 1945 and later served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and served from 1945 to 1946.

Samuel was a leader of the Washington Gardens Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church in Kingston Jamaica for many years. After retiring from active church leadership, he was a Bible worker for the Eastern Jamaica District of Adventists. Upon becoming a resident of Aruba, he became an active member of the Ridge SDA church. In 2004, Samuel threw a “jack of all trades” and “Mr. Fix It” into the mix.

Viewing will be held for one hour prior to the funeral service from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at the Ridge SDA Church of Sebring with interment following at the Evergreen Cemetery in Sebring.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at the Ridge SDA Church of Sebring. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Funeral Home.

William T. Cross Jr.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019, Bill Cross, loving husband, father, and two grandfa- thers, passed away at the age of 90. Bill was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee by Vernon and Teresa Dow. He served in the Army for 27 years and then married Patry Keaton in 1964.

They raised their son, Bob, and daughter, Stacy, while he worked for 27 years for becoming president of American Long Distance Company and subse- quently the developer of the Country Club of Sebring.

He is also survived by two sons, Rick and John Flynn; one daughter, Mary Flynn; two grandchildren, James and Sarah Flynn; three great-grandchildren, and three nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at the Ridge SDA Church of Sebring. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870. Arrangements entrust- ed to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 7885 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be left at stephensonnelson.com.

James M. Bible

James Mitchell Bible, 73, of Sebring, Florida passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019. He was born June 14, 1947 in Fort Pierce, Florida to James Homer and Helen (Mecklenburg) Bible. Jim grew up in Clewiston, Florida, moved to Sebring in 1964 and graduated from Sebring High School in 1966.

He then attended and graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1968 and returned to Sebring to start a teaching career that lasted until his retirement in 2007. Jim loved fishing, hunting, making bamboo fly rods, tinkering in his shop and spending time with his family. He was a loving husband of 52 years, of Aruba Bible of Sebring, Florida, daughter, Amy Brasswell (Heath) of Pocahontas City, Georgia; son, Andrew Brasswell (Rosanna) of Sebring, Florida; and seven grand- children: Jay Em, Joph, Ashley, Hayden, Tyler and Saige. The family will receive friends at a visita- tion from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019 at First Baptist Church of Sebring with interment following in Lakewor Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 200 E. Center Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 or to Take Stock in Children, 12 E. Main St., Avon Park, FL 33825.

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Don’t be afraid to ask for help when you are struggling

Federal judge will hear board’s bad idea

Members of the South Florida Water Management District board have run rough-shod over rules and procedures for years. Their arrogance led to a public outcry causing the entire board to resign soon after his inauguration.

In a seemingly last act of defiance, the SOFMUD board filed the request — not long before DeSantis called for its members to resign after they met and extended a lease on a property before DeSantis called for its members to resign in January.

The leased land was vital in a plan to build a reservoir to hold water from Lake Okeechobee, centered on a dam the state was using to control the Caloosahatchee River to the Gulf Coast.

U.S. Judge Federico Motora said “no.” He dismissed the motion without prejudice, meaning it can be filed again. But, between now and any possible rewriting of the motion, the SOFMUD board would have at least a majority of new members appointed by DeSantis.

According to a report in the Miami Herald, South Florida Water Management District Statewide, SOFMUD board members have complained for years about limits on how much they can spend on items like fertilizer, or to fight the ratepayer rate hike about $880 million to build reservoirs to control the Everglades.

The SOFMUD board failed to pass a request to be able to tell if the fixes were adequate. They failed to pass a request to have projects that would impact the Everglades.

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The SOFMUD board will have at least a majority of new members appointed by DeSantis.

January was a very difficult month for our county. In a four-day span later in the month, the state dealt with the loss of few women in the shooting at SunTrust and the suicide of a lifeguard.

The state also lost Ahmed Walker, who had been the Sheriff’s Office for more than 10 years. We are sure any actions we do will find us not be enough to make sense of these two tragedies. Whatever the reason — undue influence thwarted water issues or too much political influence — the state is in a bad place.

We hear the words “born again” quite often, but do you truly understand what they mean? A standing committee has reported that you are born again, most probably by saying that they believe in God and that they are a good person or they help the poor and do lots of things in a charity or church work or they have connections in the political system by the Holy Spirit, not by man’s hand.

There are only two ways, the first, the only way, the only way, the only way, the only way, is God by going to church and doing charity work or they have a good person or they help the poor and do lots of things in a charity or church work or they have connections in the political system by the Holy Spirit, not by man’s hand.

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Born again ... time is short

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The help can be from families, friends members of your church or anyone, but please try to go through it with them.

If you have nobody else, call the Sheriff’s Office has chaplains and victim advocates available, as well as access to many other organizations to get you help.

For our deputies and members, we have enlisted the help of a

from the sheriff

Paul Blackman

Crime Prevention Management Team to offer assistance as they work through their own problems of being involved in traumatic situations. Unfortunately, there is not such a tool available for most people, but that doesn’t mean we can’t also be a tool for assistance. I want to say anyone who is undergoing a very difficult time, I want to be there to help with just that. I want to be there to help you with just that. I want to be there to help you with just that.

To all first responders and law enforcement officers, both past and present, I want to say please do not be afraid to ask for help. Your job will not become your problem and there is no stigma attached to seeking guidance through difficult times.

If you feel you are in a mental crisis of any kind and need help, just suicidal thoughts, call 911. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255) is standing ready to help you deal with not just suicidal thoughts, but any other emotional disaster. You can also call the Peace River Center at 1-833-513-5714 or 1-800-627-5900 or contact us at 863-420-700. The help can be from families, friends members of your church or anyone, but please try to go through it with them.

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LAKE FROM PAGE 1A and diminishes Florida's waterways and displace native plants, as going as far as to pose "a significant threat to human welfare" and cause problems by impeding flood control and affecting use of the lakes and rivers.

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enough, they’re doing very
well. Blackman said they are
concerned that the victims’ families
are taking care of, ‘‘simply because our
community reaches out to us.’’

What would you
the community to
know about this tragedy
and what you’re learned?
‘‘That’s a very, very sad
situation. This community has
never had to deal with something
like this. I think it will be a sad
day for everyone who comes
here ever, then it’s going to be a
good day for us to
say, ‘We’re going to have
to let the kids off our streets,’’
Blackman said.

We do not
have the

After-action reports
Action teams identify what
methods to improve,
equipment to replace and
funds to pay for. This
time, they didn’t need
any broken equipment.

In 2011 it

control?
People needed to evacu-
ate from the adjacent
Marriott Hotel, the unfin-
ished Hilton hotel, other
downtown businesses and
both sides of U.S. 27, and
move to a safe distance.
Public cooperation is key.
Law enforcement didn’t
make it any easier for us
while we were at the scene.
He called it ’communications’
and he said he had a tram pistol,
but might have lied.

‘‘Super-aware’’ of their
encourages people to be
super-aware of their
Community for

How many of your
police officers have
from outside
broken equipment.

In this particular case,
we found that the suspect
had a 9mm pistol,
911 communicators and
know how well armed the
other agencies? Blackman
said he had a 9mm pistol,
911 communicators and

Take five people’s
lives is just absurd.”

This community has
faced several hardships in a short
period of time — Hurricane Irma,
Deputies killed County
county, murder, the
bank shooting and a
department’s suicide.
What are your
thoughts on how the
community will
handle all of this?

These are, these are,
people support law
enforcement and the
true concern and a
for each other.

It’s just amazing
that it came
that time again, they
don’t do that, and it is just
a matter of how fortunate I
am to call Highlands County
home,” he said.

How many of your
police officers have
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job? This agency
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What about crowd
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The Florida
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people Advocates and
sharpened. The FBI arrived
that day to offer services,
and did Gov. Ron DeSantis
and Florida Attorney
General Ashley Moody’s
offices. The Polk and
Lee county sheriffs’ CISM
teams came to help.
Blackman said he
spoke on the phone with
Senators Marco Rubio
and Rick Scott, Rep. Greg
Stauber and sheriffs from
all over Florida.

‘‘I can’t tell you, I would
be remiss, if I tried to list
all the sheriffs that called
us. Hey, do you need
anything?’’ Blackman

At the end of the
day, Jan. 23, what did you
tell your
deputies?

The Special Weapons
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How are you
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Blackman wonders
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other humans that they
are confident they can
handle an active shooter
situation.

That part of it just
blew my mind,’’ Blackman
said. ‘‘Someone
thinks that it’s OK to hurt
another individual and
that they’re not going to
be held accountable for that.

What help did you
receive from outside
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Heartland Senior Games roll on

Mix double pickleball, bowling competition held

By NEIL SIMPSON
Special to Highlands News-Sun

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Wildcats a commanding 61-42. Travis Hill made a jump shot. McKiel was sent to the line after two technical fouls and made all four of the free throws to seal the victory. The Wildcats held on for a 65-44 victory.

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80-84 Gold – Gail Brown, The Villages and Jimmy Maynard, Tanglewood.

Coming events in the Heartland Senior Games are doubles and mixed bowling on the 18th, bridge on the 21st, track and field on the 23rd and swimming on the 25th. The Games wrap up with tennis on the 26th, 27th and 28th.

Singles Bowling

Last Monday, bowlers visited Bowl Of Fun Lanes in Wauchula to compete in the Heartland Senior Games singles bowling competition. Sadly, the number of bowlers was way down from previous years putting the future of bowling as a Heartland Senior Games event in jeopardy.

With Larry and Jean Barwick running a business they have owned for more than 40 years, it is unfair of the Senior Games to push aside other groups, that play each week, unless the numbers truly warrant the switch.

Those who did take part had an enjoyable morning and agreed to make an effort to convince other bowlers to compete in 2020. Those present earned the right to move on to the Florida Senior Games which will take place in Broward County, December 7 to 15.

Cheryl Smethurst from Avon Park earned a gold in the 55-59 bracket with a score of 419.

Bowling Green’s representatives from Pioneer Creek both took home gold medals. Maxine Williams, competing in the 65-69 age group, had the high score among the women with a 478. Ed Gilson’s 386 was enough to win the gold in the 80-84 men’s division.

An example was represented by Andre Larrivee who rolled the highest three game total of the day with 626 to capture gold. Brenda Svetlich and David Tart, both from Camp Creek RV, each won a bronze medal.

Lake Placid’s lone bowler, Mary Ellen Schweher, 80-84, has certainly not lost any of her strength, heaving the ball down the alley with power and precision on her way to a 445 total.

Sebring gold medals came from Judy Bateman (465), Wanda Harrelson (345), Ron Crandall (454) and Virgil Crandall (490).

Silver medals went to Juanita Weber (420), Barbara Gaiownik (434), Ron Hogue (582), Mitch Brown (407) and Larry Weise (400).

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From left, Heartland Senior Games bowling 70-74 gold medal change; Judy Bateman, Cross Creek RV; Arcadia; Ron Crandall, Whisper Lake, Sebring; Virgil Crandall, Sebring; Ed Gilson, Pioneer Creek, Sebring.

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Medal winners in the 70-74 age bracket in the pickleball mixed doubles competition were from left, Cheryl Smethurst, Avon Park, and Gene Timmerberg, Tanglewood; John Prentice and Linda Kramer, gold, Diane Reynolds and Ron Bowman, bronze.
The fight that changed NASCAR forever

By MARK LONG

DAYTONA BEACH — The first break came with the massive Blizzard that swept over the East Coast, essentially locking television crews in their homes. The Daytona 500, meanwhile, was to be broadcast live in its entirety for the first time, reaching markets that knew little, if anything, about stock car racing. The 3:12-hour event finished in stunning fashion, another fortunate turn that featured a smoothly, bloody-brained few hundred yards from the finish line.

It was NASCAR's version of a perfect storm.

And it changed the sport forever.

Thanks to a landmark television deal with CBS, a winter storm that stranded a large portion of the country and a spectacular ending involving several top drivers — including Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough and brothers Bobby and Donnie Allison — the 1979 Daytona 500 was instrumental in broadening racing's southern base.

Forty years later, it remains as perhaps the most pivotal race in NASCAR history.

"It was a wild day," Hall of Fame radio personality and former NASCAR executive Bill France Jr. said. 

"It was the talk of the town." It was more like the talk of the nation.

The chain of events started a year earlier, when NASCAR founder Bill France sent the offseason Yarborough and veteran commentator Ken Squier to cajune TV executives that they needed to broadcast the race from start to finish. At the time, NASCAR's limited TV exposure would come from short, weekly segments on ABC's "Wide World of Sports."

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Zion Williamson talk of the NBA All-Star weekend

By BARBARA BAKER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. —

One of the most talked about players heading into NBA All-Star weekend is drawing comparisons to LeBron James when he came out of high school. James was intrigued enough by what he heard to fly down to Charlotte, N.C., last Saturday to catch Duke’s game against Virginia. He told ESPN on Friday that he was impressed.

“What strikes me? His agility and his quickness,” James said of the 6-7, 285-pound Duke star. “For his size, how strong he is, to be able to move the way he moves, he’s very impressive. I mean, everybody can see the athleticism. That’s obviously, that’s ridiculous. But the speed and the quickness that he moves with at that size is very impressive.”

Having endured so much this season, Knicks fans are pinning their hopes on somehow seeing the second-worst team in the NBA sweep its hopes on somehow seeing the second-worst team in the NBA. If they can finish the year with one win, they can have a 14 percent chance winning the draft lottery. If they can win the All-Star break with their best player, they will have a 14 percent chance winning the draft lottery.

Kevin Knox, the Knicks’ top draft pick last summer, said he hasn’t thought specifically about what it would be like to be a teammate of Williams. Still, he can’t help but be a big fan of his and what he might bring to the league.

“I love the way he moves, the athleticism. That’s obvious,” Knox told reporters at the media session before Friday night’s Rising Stars game. “A lot of people say he can’t shoot, can’t do all this, but the other things he does for the game is really good. He can rebound, defend, he can really pass — which is really underrated for him. So I think he’s going to be really great.”

Knot told reporters at the media session before Friday night’s Rising Stars game “But yeah, it’s crazy how fast he moves and how agile he is for his weight. So it’s definitely crazy. How strong he is, the way he can move. Especially him being that big.”

Knot, who was an injury replacement for Lonzo Ball, was playing for Team USA Friday night. Team USA’s coach? Kyle Irving, the soon-to-be free agent from Boston who has also been a focal point of Knicks fans’ fantasies during this difficult season.

With room for two max contracts this offseason and not much to cheer about now, fans have been dreaming about a free-agent talent infusion that includes at least one big-time veteran such as Irving, Kevin Durant or Anthony Davis.
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reassesses global warming’s role

By MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON — Let the lawsuits begin. President Donald Trump declared a national emergency along the southern border and predicted his administration would end up defending it all the way to the Supreme Court.

That may have been the only thing Trump said Friday that produced near-universal agreement.

The American Civil Liberties Union announced its intention to sue less than an hour after the White House released the Trump declaration that the “current situation at the southern border presents a border security and human-itarian crisis that threatens core national security interests and constitutes a national emergency.”

Nonprofit watchdog group Public Citizen filed suit later, saying the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will “test Trump and the U.S. Department of Defense from using the declaration and funds appropriated for other purposes to build a border wall.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and several Democratic state attorneys general already have said they might go to court.

The coming legal fight seems likely to hinge on two main issues: Can the president declare a national emergency to build a border wall in the face of Congress’ refusal to give him all the money he wanted and, under the federal law Trump is invoking in this declaration, can the Defense Department take land from some the vast property owners to buy up houses and other private properties that frequently end up in the path of future storms and that translate to larger, more ferocious storms on the scale of 2017’s Hurricane Harvey in Texas or 2018’s Hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. Florence dumped six months’ worth of rain on the Carolinas in the course of just a few days.

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The attack happened a day after the national election, delayed by a week, was a general election for the presidency of Nigeria.

The attack came days after the Boko Haram insurgency, which has been fighting for control of the northeastern city of Maiduguri, said it was ready to attack the town.

The U.S. military airlifted 200,000 people to the town of Cucuta, on the border with Venezuela, to assist in the distribution of humanitarian aid in Venezuela, during an event in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday. The U.S. Air Force has begun flying aid to a Colombian town on the Venezuelan border as part of an effort meant to undermine President Nicolas Maduro.

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**Bible verse** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)
Fool's School

It’s Time to Talk About Money

A recent study found that Amrican parents talk less about personal financial matters than they do about marital conflicts, drug addiction, political topics, or even the weather. Maybe parents don’t talk about money because they’re too busy, too stressed, or, quite possibly, because they’re too embarrassed.  

Taking more than usually about how a child or teen should spend their allowance or a teenager’s car buying plans, parents might talk to their kids about money. But even talking about money doesn’t necessarily mean they’re doing it right, says financial advice columnist Suze Orman.  

It’s not enough to let your children or teens know that money is important. You have to teach them how to manage money. The best way to do this is to talk about money in your family.  

Parents need to be open and honest about their finances and explain to their kids how money works. They need to teach their kids financial responsibility and show them how to make the most of their money.  

The Motley Fool's School: It’s Time to Talk About Money

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1937, when a man from Weston, Nebraska, bought an American potato chip company. This New Orleans chef started selling doughnuts to local markets.

Counts, where I was born, were poor and children had to work hard to earn a living. Food was scarce and families had to be creative to make ends meet.  

I was one of the pioneers in the potato chip industry, and I was proud to be a part of it. My name was Chester Cheetah, and I was the face of the brand.

The Motley Fool Take

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The Motley Fool has had a long and successful history of helping investors achieve financial goals. From its inception in 1993, the company has grown to be one of the largest online personal finance publishers in the world.  

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Shouldn’t Have Sold

My average investment was buying 750 shares of Dell early in 2001 for about $3.00 (they were trading for a couple of dollars at the time). When Dell stock rocketed in price, I quickly bought another 300 shares and decided to sell half of my shares.

As a result, I now have 125 shares of Dell, which I purchased at $75 per share in 2001. However, this investment has not been as successful as expected.  

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The South

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Pass 2 Pass 2 Pass 2

Opening lead: Ace of C

South correctly evaluated his hand as worth 30 points when he held two spades, North’s raise to game was routine.

West continued with the king of hearts at trick two and, with nothing better to do, led a third heart to dummy’s queen. South noted that East followed to all three hearts.

Puzzle Answers

PUZZLE ANSWERS (Puzzles on previous pages)

JUMBLE

The fashion model refused to try anything and would soon — WEAR OUT HER WELCOME

1. A dodgy piano player was rudely arrested because he got into trouble with the cops.

2. What did the ugly and gobby young chicks say that was annoying to Handel? “Bach, Bach, Bach!”

3. The able London musicians couldn’t find a place to play. But then it suddenly came to them— A Flat!

4. I had to bike it, but I found a very cool concert that cost only forty eight cents. It featured Fifty Cents and Nickelback.

HOLIDAY MATHS HORSOCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You act and you never know where the ripple goes. That’s why it’s important to set yourself in a good direction before you ever leave the house. Get into the mood to do some good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You’ll receive contradictory advice from a variety of sources. You can take this lack of consensus as a sign to turn inward. Ask your gut and go with that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People don’t change their minds because they learn the scientific data, but they may change because of the way they are directly affected by a thing or because of the way they relate to a personal story.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may plan something and look forward to it and then, when the time comes, not feel like going out. Give yourself a little pep talk and push, because you’ll make a memory if you go out—and enjoy it for years to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The aim is clear, and now you need to find the right discipline to get there. Most likely, it won’t be the same thing that works for friends and colleagues; it will be something you find on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The better you abide in your own natural state the more contentment you’ll feel. Knowing what that state is and feels like and recognizing when you’re in it (or not) is the order of the day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You’re not who they think you are—but you’re not who you think you are, either. In fact, thinking is beside the point. Your being goes deeper, wider and brighter than anything that could be encapsulated in a thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You’ve reverence for what others might consider ordinary because of your broader view of things in space and time. You see connections to the whole. You see past, present and future. Nothing is only what it is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are times when you can simply tell yourself what to do and it sticks. Then there’s now. The rebel in you will do the opposite of what anyone says, especially you, until you somehow answer the rebel’s demands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The tension you feel is telling you something. Maybe it’s pointing to a cognitive dissonance. Maybe what you’re trying to do or who you’re trying to be isn’t a good fit. How can you make this more “you”?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There’s a shift in your approach. You’ll go at it from a different angle, and things suddenly and markedly improve. It boils down to this: Ask a better question, get a better answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You used to see yourself in a certain way, and though that version of you has been updated many times over by now, old identities die hard. Work on it. Overwrite the old code with some new adjectives.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 17). What was, in years past, unrealistic to want now becomes accessible. It’s a sign that you’ve arrived and the opening of a new chapter in which you can form your life around your ideals. The most satisfying part is when projects pay out and you’re able to be generous and make a difference in the world. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 32, 11, 48 and 25.
Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Make certain that you have one or two places where all family records are kept. It could be a safe deposit box, a secure drawer at home, or a big, heavy book for a day or two. But if the photos are old, fragile or brittle, take them to a professional photo shop for help. And it is a good idea to scan or make copies of valuable photos. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: I was going through boxes of torn family photos to put these into photo albums for my children, but some of the pictures have runt up. How can I uncurl them without damag-
By JOSEPH PISANI

State Department: Nauert out as pick for UN ambassador

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department says Heather Nauert, picked by President Donald Trump to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations but never officially nominated, has withdrawn.

Nauert, State Department spokeswoman, said that “the past two months have been grueling for my family and therefore it is in the best interest of my family that I withdraw my name from consideration.”

She was a Fox News Channel reporter with little foreign policy experience when she joined the State Department as spokeswoman less than two years ago.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he respected Nauert’s decision and that she had performed “with distinction and excellence.”

The State Department said Trump would announce a nominee for the position “soon.”

In this photo, Nauert is viewed leaving the State Department in Washington, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018. The State Department says Heather Nauert, picked by President Donald Trump to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations but never officially nominated, has withdrawn.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)
One-of-a-kind lake home in Lake Placid

This home is at 128 Sirena Drive in Lake Placid. It is priced for $449,000 and is listed with Andrea Cranmer with Advantage Realty #1.

This exquisite lake home, custom built by Harris Endicott, is truly a one-of-a-kind. The attention to detail and expert craftsmanship is evident from the moment you walk through the doors. This stunning five-bedroom, three-bath home sits on 85 feet of frontage on highly coveted Lake Sirena. This home boasts more than 2,350 square feet of living space with luxurious amenities such as crown molding, plantation shutters, a beautiful brick fireplace and more. Soaring ceilings in the living room are accented with hand-crafted wood beams and amazing views of the Lake. This unique home offers a large two-bedroom, one-bath apartment with a kitchen, living room and private entrance.

Directions:
128 Sirena Drive, Lake Placid
From U.S. 27 in Lake Placid, turn onto East Interlake Boulevard. Turn left onto South Main Avenue. Head straight onto Lake Drive East. Go over the railroad tracks and turn right onto Sirena Drive. The home is on the left.

Beautiful home in Sebring’s Harder Hall

This home is at 4417 Medina Way in Sebring. It is priced for $234,900 and is listed with Jeanny Campbell with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

This is a beautiful Mark Gose built home in the popular golfing community of Harder Hall has lush landscaping, three bedrooms, two baths, and a split, open floor plan with high ceilings, crown molding and thermopane windows. The huge kitchen is the focal point of the home with hard surface counters, roll out pantry shelves, lots of counter space, and a large breakfast bar with bar stools included. The bright and open dining room is spacious enough to fit a large table and hutch. From the living room, French doors open up to a large enclosed porch that is the perfect space for entertaining. A great bonus space is between the front door and the living room, which is ideal for a desk, sitting area, breakfast nook or for a special or unique piece of furniture.

Directions:
4417 Medina Way, Sebring
From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Golfview Road. Turn left onto Lake Drive Boulevard. Turn right onto Medina Way. The home is on the right.

Affordable home on corner lot in Avon Park

This home is at 207 Woodlawn Ave. in Avon Park. It is priced for $142,500 and is listed with Kevin and Theresa Bock with Re/Max Realty Plus in Sebring.

This home is new on the market and has been well maintained inside and out. It has two bedrooms, two baths, a 12-by-22 family room in the back of the home, an over-sized one-plus car garage, a 12-by-10 rear covered porch, and an open front porch for sitting and relaxing in the beautiful Florida weather. This home also includes a 15 kw whole house generator and all new thermopane windows. Both bedrooms are nice size rooms and feature built-in closet and drawer space for added storage. The kitchen features an abundant amount of cabinets and drawer space with granite counter tops and plenty of space to allow for more counter top work. The space is open to the dining area.

Directions:
207 Woodlawn Ave., Avon Park
From U.S. 27 in Avon Park, turn onto Main Street. Turn left onto Miracle Drive. Turn right onto East Cedar Street. The home is on the corner of Cedar Street and North Woodlawn Avenue.
CAMPBELL
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This is a beautiful Mark Gose built home in the popular golfing community of Harder Hall has lush landscaping and a new roof. The home also has two master bedrooms and a guest bath. The bath has a double-sink vanity, a gorgeous tiled shower and a convenient side door leading to the white vinyl fenced in backyard. Large vehicles will likely fit in the two-car garage, which has a side golf cart entrance and an indoor utility room with laundry storage. A bonus for this home is its brand new roof. This beautiful home is move-in ready and primed for its new owners.

For more information, call Campbell at 863-381-1084. Ask about MLS 250433.

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6 MONTHS SAME AS CASH
Florida Housing renews program for first-time homebuyers

Mandy Elliott
(Tallahassee—On March 4, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing) will relaunch the Florida Hardest-Hit Fund Down Payment Assistance Program (DPAP) in five approved counties. This federal program was implemented to prevent foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in certain counties that demonstrated high levels of housing market distress. DPAP provides up to $15,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance to eligible first-time homebuyers and is forgivable five years from closing.

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The retiree should be the one making the decision. The retiree's financial assets will help the retiree select the plan. With high returns, the retiree can spend all he or all she wants, to a large extent. Regular payments to the retiree's financial assets, annuity payments, and (in some cases) draws on a HECM reverse mortgage. Monitoring of these payments of returns, their integration, and the yield increases with the amount covered by the plan.

Annuity yields, however, are guaranteed as long as the retiree remains alive, and the yield rises with the amount covered. For example, an immediate annuity priced monthly as a Single at 65 yields 4.16 percent if the insured lives to her expected life of 80, and 6.5 percent if he lived to 104. In contrast, stock yields are subject to significant downturns. In any event, the five-year periods referred to above, the return was 2 percent or less, and about 2 percent of 2 percent is 0.01. Since the annuities are guaranteed for the length of the retiree's life, the annuity hazard is to be avoided.

The market for annuities is extremely inefficient, as indicated in the example of a price quote in the same company for the same retirement amount for 50 years. For example, I recently received monthly payments on a $100,000 annuity at the discount of $412,500 with 11 comparable annuities, the high and low quotes were $1,392,500 and 10,690, a difference of 99 percent — every month.

Bottom line, retirees should be sure that the provider of their retirement planning has the means to find the best price on their annuity. If your advisor has a deal with one or two insurance companies, your will have no choice. While not many of us will outlive the life of the policy, the peace of mind you deserve, the retirement plan should assume that you will.

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1383 SHERMAN ST, LAKE PLACID

3BR, 2BA, 2CG. It has all tile floors, formal room, parking space, in a very nice quiet area. MLS# 249308 $1400/mo.

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117 COUNTRY CLUB DR, #202, LAKE PLACID

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500 CHURCHILL ST, LAKE PLACID

Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA Doll house. The Den is being used as a bedroom. MLS# 260586

Contact: ANDREA CRAMMER: arranncrammer@gmail.com

352 ROSE AVE, SEBRING

Inquire BTR, mobile home on 20 foot wide lot. MLS# 249231

Contact: NANCY KEENAN (R): nancy1st1@gmail.com

1360 SE 6TH AVENUE, LAKE PLACID

Large 2BR, 1BA apt w/kit., LR & private entrance. Perfect for guests, MLS# 249622

Contact: NANCY KEENAN (R): nancy1st1@gmail.com

$249,900

456 FLAMINGO RD, NE, LAKE PLACID

Stone, brick exterior. 3 BR & 2 BA on both sides. MLS# 251191

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3055 AZALEA LN, LAKE PLACID

Larger duplex in Placid Lakes on a drainage canal. 2 BR, 1 BA, plus provisions for 2nd floor. MLS# 262220

Contact: ALAINA ZAHIN: alainazahin@gmail.com

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405 FLAMINGO RD, NE, LAKE PLACID

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2019 AZALEA LN, LAKE PLACID

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**SPORTS**

**NASCAR**

Toyota stars Busch, Truex sweep Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The biggest Toyota stars swept the final practice for the Daytona 500, with former NASCAR champs Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch among the drivers sitting out.

There was little need to risk the cars and rain a starting position for Sunday's race. Seven-time champ Jimmie Johnson had triggered a pair of crashes during exhibition races in Speedweeks that dis- stroyed and damaged several cars, giving most teams little incentive to show what they had in the final tuneup before NASCAR's Great American Race.

Michael McDowell posted the final lap at 181.440 mph in the No. 38 Racing Team car for a Toyota sweep of Daytona International Speedway. Former Daytona 500 winner Jamie McMurray had a top speed of 190.118 as he prepared for what is expected to be the final race of this NASCAR career.

Hendrick Motorsports sent out three of its four drivers, including the Daytona 500 front row of pole-sitter William Byron and Alex Bowman. Byron hit 181.339 and Bowman toppled out at 191.278.

**RAYS**

Snell not bogged down by hype or pressure

After Cy Young Award campaign, Tampa Bay lefty more relaxed, motivated to deliver

By JACOB HOAG

Tampa Bay Rays had left-handed starting pitcher and reigning American League Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell keep up before throwing a bullpen session on Thursday at Charlotte Sports Park.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Lady Tarpons cover uncharted waters

By BEN BASH

The Charlotte Lady Tarpons had uncharted waters with Matt Stephenson and his coaching staff at the helm. They managed the number of wins in 2019. They won their first district championship with Stephenson as coach, and they played the 20-win plateau for the first time under his direction and they have advanced to the regional semifinals.

"It's a great experience for the impetus for Thursday night's open- ing victory in regional play as they defeated North Florida 58-46. The Lady Tarpons will meet the Clearwater Tarpons at Home on Tuesday at 7 p.m." Said Stephenson. "District was huge for them. Since taking over as coach, we've been second the past few years, but this year we've had a big focus, especially for these seniors to come out and really lead us. One team in the district crown served as the impetus for Thursday night's open- ing victory in regional play as they defeated North Florida 58-46. The Lady Tarpons will meet the Clearwater Tarpons at Home on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Playing on their home court in front of a packed house, the Lady Tarpons scored a 22-point victory with a second consecutive shutout and franchise-record 18th for his career. It was Vasilevskiy's sixth shutout of the season, tying with Marc-Andre Fleury for the league lead. Steven Stamkos had two assists, helping Tampa Bay improve to 7-0-2 in the past nine games. Tyler Johnson scored his 21st goal of the season, Carey Price finished with 34 saves for Montreal.

The Canadians are winless in their past three games (0-3-1) and coming off a one-loss in the previous 10 games. After two scoreless periods, the Lightning struck twice in 1.25 apart in the third. On a broken play, Stamkos collected a puck knocked off the stick of Ondrej Palat in the high slot before feeding Kucherov for a one-timer at 2:18. Kucherov extend- ed his goal-scoring streak to four games with his 20th of the season. Kucherov then knocked the puck off the
**SPORTS ON TV**

**NFL**

- ESPN — Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos
- CBS — Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills
- Fox — Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers
- NBCSN — Chicago Bears at Jacksonville Jaguars

**GOLF**

- ESPN — Farmers Insurance Open (Tee times 10 a.m.)
- PBCSN — foamBET Classic (Tee times 1:30 p.m.)

**Wrestling**

- Fox Sports Pay-Per-View — All In

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**LOTTERY CHANGE**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, marks the final day of the Lucky Lady Money lottery game, a Florida tradition that has now been replaced with the Florida Lottery’s popular Triple Play game, which will draw on Tuesday and Friday nights.

**FLORIDA LOTTERY**

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**MEGA MILLIONS**

- **Feb. 15**
  - 10-38-40-43-65
  - Payoff: $1 million

**MEGA MILLIONS**

- **Feb. 16**
  - 2,224 4-of-6
  - Payoff: $23.50

**LOTTO**

- **Feb. 15**
  - 8-11-19-35-36-41
  - Payoff: $1,100,000

**CASH FOR LIFE**

- **Feb. 15**
  - 6-of-6
  - Payoff: $1 million

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**SUN PHOTO BY BEN BAUGH**

Charlestown Sorenstam watches her drive on the 10th hole Friday in the Powder Puff Charity Classic pro-am at The Golf Links at Charlotte Harbor. The tournament benefited Tidewell Hospice. Sorenstam’s sister is Hall of Fame golfer Annika Sorenstam.

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**GOLF**

Sorenstam a welcome part of area’s golfing community

**By BEN BAUGH**

There were 18 teams part of each foursome. 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Jensen Desguin’s dream coming true

A student-athlete possesses many admirable qualities. Sport helps to mold and define the individual, developing character traits that will last a lifetime, while providing a foundation that emphasizes growth, leadership, discipline, accountability and courage.

Nonetheless, it is more apparent than at the high school level. The challenges associated with balancing academics and sport, the importance of time management and an unceasing commitment and sacrifice are not only the student-athlete, but by the parents.

The countless hours of driving their sons and daughters to practice, the financial hardships they sometimes endure, and the energy expended providing encouragement and motivation is almost unquantifiable. It comes from the same place as the student-athlete’s passion and drive.

One of those student-athletes whose enjoying the success of those years of hard work is Charlotte senior Jensen Desguin, who was a cornerstone to the school’s cross country program, a captain as the daughter of her senior years for Tarpon coach Chris George. Desguin, has also been a constant presence on the boys track and field team, a four-year performer, like many other athletes will continue his academic career going forward at Southeastern University, a Christ-centered institution of higher learning, located in Lakeland, Florida.

"Jensen is a wonderful talent who had the privilege to coach over the past four years in Cross Country and Track," said George.

"He set the tone as a freshman runner, led the team by example, and gave back to others in need. He has so much potential to continue running cross country in NCAA at Southeastern University as he starts his new chapter in his running career. I truly wish him all the best as he goes after his dream to run cross country in college. Go Fire!"

Jensen comes from a long line of descendants from the Desguin and Gehring families of Charlotte County.

Jensen has always taken pride of their achievements at Charlotte High School and dedicates his running to his Papa George. His dream passed away in 2016.

"Ever since my freshman year, I knew I wanted to run for a college, but didn’t know if that would ever happen," said Desguin. "However, a few months ago that all changed when I was contacted by Southeastern’s cross country and track coach. Running is my passion and I’m so happy and blessed that my dreams have come true now, that I have been given the opportunity to run at the college level, and to further my education at a university of great value."

In November, when I toured the beautiful campus, I felt right at home. When I met the cross country team, I was welcomed with open arms."

It’s a dream come true.

LOCAL PREP BRIEFS

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Snowbird Baseball Classic
The Ohio State University Buckeyes won their second consecutive game of the Classic, defeating the Vermont Catamounts, 7-3 on Saturday at North County Recreation Park, 4-3.

It was an impressive college debut for Buckeyes hurler Garrett Bubba. He struck out four batters, failed to issue a walk and yielded one hit in eight innings of work.

Ohio State wasted no time in setting the game’s tempo, with Connor Feld driving in the games first run in the opening inning with a sacrifice fly. The Buckeyes went on to wait until the sixth inning to add on to their lead.

Brandon Cherry’s solo shot to left-center field gave Ohio State a two-run advantage. Charlie Berndt tripled in the seventh inning, plated another run, making the score 5-0. Noah West hit a 2-run shot to center in the eighth inning and Malik Louis rounding third, gave the Buckeyes a well-earned victory.

SUN PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER G BLAKE

Ohio State’s Dominic Carranza blasts a home run against Seton Hall during Friday’s Snowbird Classic Baseball Tournament at Charlotte Sports Park. The Buckeyes beat Seton Hall 5-1 in the opening game of the tournament. On Saturday, Ohio State defeated Seton Hall 6-4.

PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Baseball
Snowbird Baseball Classic
Ohio State vs. Ohio State, North County Recreation Park, 12 p.m.

SUNDAY

Softball
DeSoto Softball at Port Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Softball
Venice at Riverview, 7 p.m.

TENNIS
Venice Boys and Girls at home, 6 p.m.

Baseball
Charlotte Baseball at Canterbury, Preseason Classic, 4:30 p.m.

WEIGHTLIFTING
DeSoto boys and girls at Port Charlotte, 5 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Charlotte Girls regional semifinals, Home vs. Clearwater, 7 p.m.

TARPONS FROM PAGE 1

一起，虽仍没想过我们已取得了如此成功。然而，他们的努力和牺牲，在Charlotte的成功是至关重要的。Jackson是她最不成熟的人，常常在自己面前称赞自己，比如在篮球方面。Jackson表示，她和她的队友们在他们的防守上会有巨大的影响，并且在拥有不同的积分时，他们会创造出更多的机会。"我们不能只是在防守端的侧翼方面做出巨大的努力，"他说。"我们还会把更多的精力放在进攻端的侧翼方面，因为那里有更多的机会。"
Los Angeles (AP) — By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

Tiger Woods is a three-time major champion, but his win Saturday at Pebble Beach in the Genesis Open was the first of his career on a Pebble Beach course in seven years.

Woods struggled through the first nine holes, but an early birdie on No. 10 turned things around and led to a final-round 68. The win gave him his second victory of the season and first major since the 2008 U.S. Open.

Woods finished at 15 under par for the tournament, two shots ahead of the 2010 U.S. Open champion, Phil Mickelson. The win was Woods' 76th on the PGA Tour and his first since 2013. The win also rekindled memories of his dominance at Pebble Beach in the early 2000s.

Woods has struggled with his putting in recent years, and he said he was pleased with the way he putted this week.

"The greens were rolling really good, and I putted really well," Woods said. "I made a few putts, and it was just a good day all around."

The win was significant for Woods, who has struggled with back and swing injuries in recent years. It was his first major since 2008 and his first win since 2013.

"It means a lot to me," Woods said. "It's been a long time, but it means a lot to me and my family."

The win also marked the end of a long streak for Woods, who had not won a major since 2008. He had not won a tournament since 2013, and his ranking had slipped to No. 163 in the world at the beginning of the year.

The win came at a time when Woods is planning to play more in 2019, including the Masters and the PGA Championship.

"I'm playing a lot more," Woods said. "I'm just trying to get better, and this is a good start."
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SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PRO HOCKEY

NASCAR WEEKEND

GOLF
Sabatha wants to end career with victory parade

By MARK DOUTLER
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — CC Sabathia can envision his perfect ending to his big-league season.

“Right now I’m just focused on trying to win the championship and have a parade at the end of the year,” Sabathia said Saturday. “That would be a great way to top this thing off.”

The 38-year-old Sabathia agreed in early November in Minnesota to a one-year contract and will pitch for the last season.

Sabathia had a stent inserted after a blockage was found in his artery from his heart in December. He has been dealing with chronic right knee problems that required several operations.

“Takes time,” he said. “I’m just trying to get my life together. Get my family together and then we’ll be around them and be around them.”

When asked about his dad being home more, Son Carter replied, “I know it will be two times funnier in the house because you’re funny and have a sense of humor.”

Pitchers and catchers from the Pittsburgh Pirates are scheduled to lighten the load for Sabathia Feld for Sabathia’s farewell.

“Till I’m 80, 85. It’s priceless, it’s been a great ride.”

Sabathia has no interest in coaching or being a manager, but would like to return as a guest spring training instructor.

As part of his farewell season, Sabathia will be hosting kids from local Boys and Girls Clubs at the first game of the final road series in all AL cities. He will do that at the National League Park in San Francisco.

Blues 3, Avalanche 0

Jake Allen has been mostly a spectator during the stretch run for the Avalanche. He has played only once since the All-Star break due to injury.

On Saturday, Allen made 32 saves in his second start this month, as the Blues beat the Avalanche 3-0 at the Scottrade Center.

Allen has two shutouts this season and 18 overall. St. Louis has allowed a goal in 127 minutes.
The Bulldogs (23-3, 12-2) by two points, Keldon Johnson added 13 to lift Michigan over No. 13 BYU (20-6, 11-3 West Coast Conference) after the Bears (16-9, 7-5 Big 12), who won their ninth straight, overwhelmed the Panthers, making 11 of 12 free throws.

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The ball went to Wieskamp for the game's first triple-double in 13 years, finishing with 23 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, Torin Scott added 17 as Texas Tech cruised past the Cougars (20-6, 11-3 West Coast Conference) after the Bears (16-9, 7-5 Big 12), who won their ninth straight, overwhelmed the Panthers, making 11 of 12 free throws.

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Not when he paid his temporary caddie $5,000 while picking up the winner’s check of $1.296 million from a few months ago.

When Kuchar learned the caddie had delivered all that cash and was living well, he was grateful for the crumbs he was given.

“For a guy who makes $500 a day, a $5,000 week... he was grateful for the crumbs he was given,” Kuchar said.

He needed me to pick up the win every week, and that’s what I did. I was happy for the crumbs he was given,” Kuchar said.

How Babe got to Las Vegas

On Feb. 17, 1980, Albany, N.Y., had a temperature of 1.9°F (–16.4°C). That afternoon, the temperature dropped to an all-time record low of –26°F (-32.2°C). That evening, the temperature dropped to an all-time record low of –22°F (-28.9°C).

The solunar period schedule allows planning days with favorable conditions for fishing or hunting. The solunar period schedule is based on the theory that there is a high correlation between the rising and setting of the sun and moon and the occurrence of certain natural phenomena, such as tides, lunar eclipses, and solar eclipses.

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Dwyer of West Chester, Ohio, whose three loans.

Social Security checks, normally off limits to the grave. It’s difficult to erase education.

means it’s easy to borrow more than you can afford to pay back.

As college costs continue to spiral, don’t require thorough credit

PLUS loans, which can help parents pay for college, don’t require thorough credit

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New York can withstand Amazon’s exit could scare off tech companies from New York

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Californians consider insurance to help with wildfire costs

**By DON THOMPSON**

**The Associated Press**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California should get insurance to help cover taxpayers’ costs in bad wildfire seasons, a solution that could help stem losses as climate change contributes to more destructive flares, two state officials said Thursday.

The most populous state should follow the lead of Oregon, the World Bank and the Federal Emergency Management Agency after outspending its emergency fund in seven of the last 10 years, California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and Treasurer Fiona Ma said. California spent nearly $10 billion two years ago, about $4 billion more than was budgeted and by far the highest annual amount. It spent about $67 billion last year, as wildfires again swept through cities, suburbs and more rural areas.

California has experienced 11 of the top 20 most destructive fires in its history since 2007. The two statewide officeholders teamed with Democratic state Sen. Bill Dodd of Napa to propose that California lawmakers allow the governor, treasurer and insurance commissioner to negotiate insurance coverage with private providers instead of self-insuring.

“It works just like your home insurance, but for our entire state,” Lara told reporters. If the premiums, terms and coverage aren’t favorable, he said the state can walk away.

The calmly paid off Oregon, he said, where the state paid $61 million in premiums over nearly four years but recouped all benefits in 2018.

A fire last year became the nation’s deadliest in a century and leveled the Pine Ridge Elementary School, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, in Magalia, Calif. Newsom met with children, parents and local residents affected by last year’s Camp Fire and discussed the package of fire recovery and emergency funding bills he signed Wednesday.

“I’m starting the conversation on how California can better prepare and deal with the worst of climate change, Lara said. The state also is considering taking out bonds to pay for wildfire costs to lessen the growing effect on the budget, he said.

The state’s private insurance potentially could be used for other disasters like earthquakes and tsunamis, depending how it’s written, Dodd said. He represents the wine country area hit hard by wildfires two years ago.

The law firm representing the governor, treasurer and insurance commissioner said in a statement that taxpayers should not be put in the position of subsidizing insurance costs for residents who choose to live in dangerous areas.

“Let’s not parcel taxpayers at risk and it’s a way to spread the risk, it might make sense, but we’d have to see the details,” group president Jon Copul said.

Ma, the treasurer, said in a statement that insurance should make wildfires more predictable, help stabilize the budget and protect other spending needs.

She missed the news conference while flying back from Washington, D.C., where she had been testifying about allowing banks to service the legal marijuana industry.

"California considers insurance to help with wildfire costs"
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Board of Managers of the Highlands Sunlight Community Association, Inc., located at 13619 SE Hwy 70, Arcadia FL 34269, will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at 300 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and possibly take action on the following items:

- Fixtures, furniture, and equipment
- Control of interior common areas

Any person wishing to be a witness at the above meeting must file a request in writing with the Board of Managers at least 10 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

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HELP WANTED

Condominiums Friendly and enthusiastic Condo Manager to help coordinate a variety of activities, responsibilities, communications, and meetings. Must be able to multi-task and work under pressure in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to use Microsoft Office, Excel, and Outlook. Must have excellent communication skills. At least 3 years of experience in a leadership role in a hospitality setting. Position is full-time. We offer a competitive salary package. Send resume to info@cromancpa.com.

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HELP WANTED

Caretaker

Condo community in Arcadia is looking for a paid part-time caretaker. Must be responsible and trustworthy, able to work independently, and have a valid driver's license.

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Monroe County, Florida

HELP WANTED

Painters

A well-established custom home builder is seeking experienced, motivated painters to join our team. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and a clean driving record. Hourly pay range: $15 to $20 per hour. Full-time position. Send resume and references to info@cromancpa.com.

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Caretakers (Part-Time)

Condominium complex in Arcadia is seeking part-time caretakers to assist with various tasks around the community. Duties include maintaining the grounds, providing customer service to residents, and performing other maintenance tasks as needed. Must be physically able to lift 50 pounds. Position includes health insurance and vacation time.

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HELP WANTED

Kitchen Staff

Oaks at Avon is looking for full-time kitchen staff to work in our dining room. Responsibilities include setting tables, cleaning and maintaining the dining area, and assisting with food preparation. Must be able to work flexible hours. Apply in person at info@cromancpa.com.

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OAKS AT AVON

HELP WANTED

Nursing Assistant

We are seeking a full-time Nursing Assistant to provide personal care and assistance to residents at our senior living facility. Responsibilities include folding laundry, preparing meals, and assisting with daily living activities. Must have a high school diploma or GED and 1 year of experience in a long-term care facility. Hourly pay range: $11 to $13 per hour. Apply in person at info@cromancpa.com.

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Maintenance Worker

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Turn your trash into cash! Advertise your sale yard! Put Classifieds to Work for you
Find a Job! Buy a Home, Buy a Business!
Pathfinder was shifted to a build line in Kyushu, Japan, that has been assembling the QX80 luxury SUV and was built on the same production line as the Armada. In fact, the Armada for the U.S. market is the same model with different badging.

The new Armada’s exterior is much more refined than the first-generation model, with a large V-shaped grille and LED headlights. The body structure is more rigid, with a unibody design rather than the traditional ladder frame used in the first-generation Armada.

Inside, there is seating for up to eight passengers, and the cabin is quiet and comfortable. The standard features include climate control, navigation, a rearview camera, and a 13.5-inch infotainment display with a touchpad and voice recognition.

The engine is a 3.5-liter V6 with 295 horsepower and 262 lb-ft of torque, paired with a seven-speed automatic transmission. The fuel economy is rated at 13/18/15 for four-wheel-drive models, and 14/18/16 for rear-drive models. The engine is rated to tow up to 8,500 pounds.

The Armada comes in five trim levels: S, SV, SL, Platinum Reserve, and Platinum. The standard features include:

- 13.5-inch infotainment display
- Rearview camera
- Climate control
- Navigation

The Platinum Reserve ($62,690) is the top-of-the-line model and includes:

- Voice Recognition, Hands-Free Access
- Rearview camera
- Climate control
- Navigation

Also for 2019, the Armada will have a new multi-touch display, HD Radio, and a new adaptive cruise control system.

There are four trim levels for the 2019 QX80:

- QX80
- QX80 LUXE
- QX80 ESSENTIAL
- QX80 RESERVE

The QX80 comes standard with a V8 engine, 330 horsepower, and 365 lb-ft of torque. The QX80 LUXE adds a 13.5-inch display, HD Radio, and a rearview camera. The QX80 ESSENTIAL adds a voice recognition system. The QX80 RESERVE is the top-of-the-line model and includes:

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The Infiniti QX80 luxury SUV is competitive in its class, with features such as a multi-touch display, HD Radio, and a voice recognition system.
Lights. Headlights are LED Daytime Running low-beam headlights with rear privacy glass. Rearview monitor; side and control with rear controls; control and rear climate front automatic climate with pushbutton start. Knob; and keyless entry steering wheel and shifter coal color; leather-wrapped adjust; cloth seats in charcoal color. Nissan Connect services; (two are charge-only), touch screen, satellite and an eight-inch color system with navigation were heated front seats; features low-range gearing; all-mode four-wheel drive off-road-capable SUV, the only). Among other standard features on the vehicle were heated front seats; a 13-speaker Bose audio system with navigation and an eight-inch color touch screen, satellite and HD radio, four USB ports (two are charge-only), Bluetooth connectivity, and Nissan Connect services, 10-way power driver’s seat and eight-way power passenger seat, both with two-way power lumbar adjust; cloth seats in charcoal color; leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter knob and keyless entry with pushbutton start. There are also body-color front and rear bumpers; chrome trim on the grille, side-window moldings and door handles, privacy glass, dark-colored roof rails, and front and rear parking sensors. SV models have premium cloth seats, while leather is standard on the front seats. Platinum Reserve models have rear air conditioning vents, and rearview sensors, side air bags: Front seat-mounted, three-row seat, power tailgate, and trailer warning. Nissan says there was an increase of 20 percent in body stiffness, helping to enhance handling and ride comfort. Among other standard features on the vehicle were heated front seats; a 13-speaker Bose audio system with navigation and an eight-inch color touch screen, satellite and HD radio, four USB ports (two are charge-only), Bluetooth connectivity, and Nissan Connect services, 10-way power driver’s seat and eight-way power passenger seat, both with two-way power lumbar adjust; cloth seats in charcoal color; leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter knob and keyless entry with pushbutton start. There are also body-color front and rear bumpers; chrome trim on the grille, side-window moldings and door handles, privacy glass, dark-colored roof rails, and front and rear parking sensors. SV models have premium cloth seats, while leather is standard on the front seats. Rear air conditioning vents, and rearview sensors, side air bags: Front seat-mounted, three-row seat, power tailgate, and trailer warning. Nissan says there was an increase of 20 percent in body stiffness, helping to enhance handling and ride comfort.
The FAMILY CIRCUS

By Berke Breathed

It’s like a vacation for Mom, and Mommy only gets up to wash!

At last, Paulie can be stuck with the rest of the house!

He was stuck with an old, sick, bitter, woman...

Mommy?

Why? It’s only 11 A.M. then!

MORT WALKER’S

beetle bailey

What’s going on here? Why am I in a boys’ camp?

So you actually look up to him?

That’s because we respect him!

HAGAR the horrible

by DICK GRODDY

I’m going inside. I have an idea.

Throw all your valuables into the sack!

Was that part of the show?

HARLAND’S CHANCE

by John Hardy

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SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

The Mason says Cassandra Cat pressed her gloved hands into wet concrete. Cassandra insisted she was not guilty. She says the absence of cement on her gloves proves her innocence. Slylock Fox doesn’t trust the feline killer. What did he ask Cassandra to do that implored her guilt?

How to draw a Viking

Your Drawing

The first Mickey Mouse cartoon was released in...

- a) 1910
- b) 1918
- c) 1925
- d) 1934

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WE NOW GO TO A ...
LET'S HIT YA DRESSED.

DOES THIS WORK FOR YA?

NOW ABOUT THIS OUTFIT?

DO YA LIK THIS SUIT?

OR THIS 'UN?

NOW ABOUT THIS 'UN?

LIL, TAT'S A LOT MIGHTY PICKY!' (What we wear to church today)

HAHA!

LIL, TAT'S A LOT MIGHTY PICKY!' (What we wear to church today)

HE SAID TO 'LIL, GAL, I KNOW IT SI GONNA BE IN TH' CHURCH Sunday, ANYWAY. HE WANT TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION.

COULD WE RIDE IN YOUR CAR FOR A BIT?

HOW 'BOUT DAD?

WITH A FEW LITTLE BETTER FASHIONS, WE COULD BE IN THE BEST APPAREL.

YOU'RE RIGHT, Y'KNOW. THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING. (I LEFT THE NEWSSTAND)

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'COZ THOSE BULLDOZERS ARE COMIN'

SO WHAT'S THE Weather URN THE STORM?

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OUR REMS ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING!

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THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK

NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

MARVIN

by Tom Armstrong

Get it, Marv? Dack the giant killer! Can you call Steven Spielberg? Um... maybe Tomorrow... Charlie.