



## Classic ending

Pistons and Props come to an end.

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# Solar energy on county agenda

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners are set to hear a presentation today on how they might help local residents set up solar power purchasing cooperatives.

Audrey Ascitutto of Highlands County Solar Outreach will make the presentation at the beginning of the 9 a.m. meeting at 600 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring. In her presentation, as published with the county commission agenda, she states that

new power plant construction forces costly upgrades to the electrical grid and increase electrical users' rates. Instead, she suggests, residents could install rooftop solar panels. If they generate enough power with the panels, they can then sell the power back to the utility or even to neighboring homes.

In her presentation, Ascitutto said this would stabilize power bills, improve air and water quality — from no fuels being burned

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# Citrus Golf Trail featured on Traveling Golfer

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — This past month, golf enthusiasts who live in or just north of Highlands County, saw some familiar turf and greens on Traveling Golfer.

Casey Wohl Hartt, marketing consultant for the Highlands County Tourist Development Council (VisitSebring) said it came as a result of hosting a golf familiarization trip for several members of the sports media, including bloggers and others who produce personal perspectives on golf courses and the areas around them. Tony Leodora, host of the

show, was very impressed with the quality of local courses, their affordability, and the novelty of playing alongside lakes, wildlife and orange groves.

"He came to life in the fact that he can play golf in an orange grove," Hartt said. "That's iconic."

"You might be tempted to pick up a snack along the way," Leodora said in the opening of his video, holding up an orange.

By Florida law, of course, no one other than grove owners or workers are allowed to actually enter citrus groves or pick the fruit. Still, his video — available at

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# Reading for a cause



COURTESY PHOTO/BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor Manager Mia Faulk, in the foreground on the right, rings up a customer at the Highlands Regional Medical Center Scholastic Book Fair on Monday. Proceeds would help raise funds for a lending library for Big Brothers Big Sisters to read to their clients and their mentors.

# HRMC book fair helping Big Brothers Big Sisters

By PHIL ATTINGER  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — People looking to inspire young readers this Christmas can do so this week at Highlands Regional Medical Center's Scholastic Book Fair.

Proceeds of the sale, which will continue through noon Friday, will help supply books to fill a lending library at the Big Brothers Big Sisters office in Sebring. Shawn Beumel, community resource director for Big Brothers Big Sisters, said the event will sell books 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Thursday, 5-9 p.m. Thursday and again from 8 a.m. until noon Friday. The more books they sell, the greater percentage Scholastic Books will share with the organization.

The goal is at least \$3,000, Beumel said. That earns them 50 percent of the sales.

Anything between \$1,000 and \$3,000 will earn 40 percent, she said, and \$1,000 or less earns 30 percent.

Hospital personnel got first crack at racks of books for children on Monday, but the sale is open to all. Within the first three hours, they sold approximately \$500 in books and at least a dozen Spanish or bilingual books, said Beumel and Mia Faulk, mentor manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Melissa Martinez, who works in labor and delivery, took her lunch hour along with her husband, Highlands County Sheriff's Detective Jorge Martinez, to shop for books for their young ones.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Mariana Delgado, Highlands Regional Medical Center employee, looks at a stationery set in a pouched fashioned to look like a Converse All-Star sneaker. She was one of dozens of people at a book fair that opened Monday in the hospital's conference room, across from the cafeteria. It will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Thursday, from 5-9 p.m. Thursday and from 8 a.m. until noon Friday.

Likewise, Mariana Delgado of the hospital records department was also looking for books for her children, 4 and 2. The 4-year-old, a daughter, likes to draw freehand, but Delgado said she got joy just from looking through the sale stacks.

"I love it. It reminds me of the book fairs in elementary school," Delgado said. "I loved the posters, the pens and school supplies, and the books."

Beumel said a team from Lowe's

Home Improvement Warehouse has already installed a seven-level, wall-mounted set of shelves in a corner of their downtown Sebring office. She hopes they get more than enough books to fill the shelves.

"We hope to have them overstocked, so if a little (brother or sister) loves a certain book, they can keep it at home," Beumel said.

READING | 4

# Fire rips through LP triplex

## Victim sent to Tampa General

By KIM LEATHERMAN  
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — A fire tore through a triplex at 403 Hillside Ave. around 3:20 a.m. Monday. The fire started in the back unit that is to the west of the residence, Highlands County Emergency Management Coordinator Brett Hogan said.

The resident of the front or southeast unit woke up in

the wee hours of the morning to the heat and smoke from the neighboring unit.

"The occupant could feel the heat and smelled the smoke because they share a wall," Hogan said. "He went around outside and saw the fire and called 911."

Hogan said that the male occupant of the back unit was burned. The occupant has been identified as Joseph Levocz.

In a report, Highlands

County Sheriff's Deputy Herbert Braxton stated that upon his arrival, the rear of the residence and garage was engulfed with flames. He witnessed Levocz, who was burned, laying in the grass. Levocz was able to tell officials that he was the only one home. The report mentions another man at the scene named Daniel but no last name was given.



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

FIRE | 4 This picture is of the western unit where a fire began at 3:20 a.m. on Monday.



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# 'The Nutcracker' tonight at SFSC

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AVON PARK — The South Carolina Ballet returns to South Florida State College with the holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. today in the 1,460-seat Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts on the Highlands Campus.

The magical and spectacular story about a toy nutcracker that takes Clara into a world of fantasy and fun with a Sugar Plum Fairy, Mouse King and Mother Ginger. Tickets are \$29, \$34 and \$39. Children and students receive a 50 percent discount.

"This is a gorgeous production with a magic Christmas tree, toys that come to life and a joyous woodland snow scene," said Director of SFSC Cultural Programs Cindy Garren, "I've been very surprised by the number of Highlands County residents that have never seen a production of The Nutcracker and this will be their last chance since we will not bring The Nutcracker back for the next three years."

The Wildstein Center box office is open Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To phone the Wildstein



COURTESY PHOTO

The famous snow scene from "The Nutcracker."

Center Box Office call 863-784-7178. The theater is located on the Highlands Campus at 600 W. College Drive in Avon Park.

## Nutcracker cast list

### Mice

Bailey Toney (Mouse Captain)  
Emily Clogston  
Braelynn Hillman  
Peyton Luck  
Jocelyn Monday  
Makenna Smith  
Cecille Soler  
Emaleigh Street  
Carly Vega

### Cherub

Emaleigh Street  
Carly Vega  
Anika Bhandare  
Simra Challa  
Alyssa Coulter

Allison Lee  
Alyssa Rebmann  
Bailey Toney

## Land of Sweet Attendants

Natali Adams  
Annahir Ramkissoon  
Marleena Boothe  
Katiana Reyes  
Akilah Challa  
Raphaella Walker  
Mariah Darwin  
Zoe Lee

## Sugar Plum Fairy Attendant

Chelsea LeBlanc  
Chloe LeBlanc  
Brooke Moon  
McKenzie Pletcher  
Kaleigh Street

## Angels

Rachel Boyd  
Cassidy Edwards  
Taylor Leidel

Ava McCall  
Audrey Coulter  
Alexis DeLong  
Annandra Ramkissoon  
Tori Wilkins  
Emma Welch  
Haley Waltman  
Reagan Lenihan  
Trista Gilliard  
Paige Jahna  
Rowan Moulds

## Gum Drops

Trista Gilliard  
Brylee King  
Sofiya Balikowsky  
Aubrey Scheipsmeier  
Daveigh Belflower  
Sophia Shaffer

## Bon Bons

Leilani Aires  
Brooke Blackburn  
Nicole McGrath  
Gigi Morales  
Abigail O'Meara  
Isabella Piller  
Zoe Pletcher  
McKenna Sizemore  
Sarah Smith  
Rylee Spencer  
Nataleigh Street  
Jayli Suarez

## Gingerbreads

Whytni Adams  
Hailey Cabrera  
Keira Estes  
Sophia Heston  
Julia Hartt  
Kattie Marie Mannis  
Lauren Parker  
Rosie Schooley

## Cinnamon Twists

Rachel Boyd

Cassidy Edwards  
Taylor Leidel  
Ava McCall



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## POLICE BLOTTER

The following person was arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Nov. 28:

William Edward Warring, 40, Sebring, on charges of possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Nov. 29:

Chastity Ann Bowers, 46,

Sebring, on four charges of failure to appear.

Chelsea Allene Butler, 25, Frostproof, on a charge of larceny.  
Robert William Hull, 32, no address given, on two charges of failure to appear.

Vernon Ashby Jackson, 47, Avon Park, on a charge of failure to register as a career offender.

Larry Kenneth Jones, 46, Avon Park, on charges of drug possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and larceny.

The following people were arrested on felony charges and booked into the Highlands County jail on Nov. 30:

Miguel A. Garcia, 20, Avon Park, on a charge of property damage-criminal mischief.

Brandon Wesley Hyatt, 34, Sebring, on charges of larceny, dealing in stolen property and fraud.

Teriek Javon Jones, 20, Sebring, on a charge of property damage-criminal mischief.

Thomas Garrett Killmon, 26,

Arcadia, on a charge of failure to appear.

Angela Jean Morales, 47, Avon Park, on charges of larceny and fraud.  
Dontavia Shayaza Strange, 26, Avon Park, on a charge of larceny and three charges of probation violation.

## Police seek two in carjacking/armed robbery

By MARC VALERO  
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sebring Police are seeking two suspects after a man reported being carjacked and robbed at gunpoint.

Sebring Police Investigator Mike Hirsch said that a man was driving Saturday night on Grand Avenue (Washington Heights) when he was approached by a man with a handgun who entered the victim's car on the passenger side and told him to drive to Ellington Avenue.

A second male subject was picked up and they drove to the parking lot beside the Boys & Girls Club where the two subjects beat the victim and went through his pockets and took his money, Hirsch said. The victim fell out of the car and he was beaten again.

When the victim got up, the first subject stepped back and fired a shot, which struck the pavement and the two subjects drove off in the

victim's car.

The victim said he was "stunned" when he was approached by the first subject, Hirsch said.

Sebring Police were dispatched to the incident just before 9 p.m. Saturday.

The first suspect was described as a black male, about 5 foot, 9 inches, and about

140-150 pounds with short twists in his hair.

The second suspect was described as a black male who was taller and heavier than the first suspect.

The charges in connection with the incident would be armed carjacking, armed robbery, aggravated battery and aggravated assault.

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2. When The Nutcracker was first performed in Russia in 1892, critics were not impressed.

3. It wasn't until George Balanchine's production of the ballet in 1954 that the show began to gain

popularity. By the late 1960s, The Nutcracker established itself as the essential ballet of the holiday season.

4. The uniquely twinkling instrument you hear in "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" is a celesta, a relative of the piano.

5. Although Tchaikovsky's score for The Nutcracker is one of the best known pieces of his music, he did not feel it was his best work. The composer apparently felt that his earlier composition, the ballet Sleeping Beauty, was far superior.

Source: takelessons.com

## CORRECTION

A story on page A1 of the Monday, Dec. 4 edition of the Highlands News-Sun had incorrect days for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Seniors Versus Crime program. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





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## OBITUARIES

### Lorraine L. Polk

Lorraine Lightsey Polk, age 75, of Bereah, Florida, passed away Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. She was born Nov. 29, 1942 in Avon Park, Florida to Jack and Edith (Brewer) Lightsey. She worked as a secretary, was a member of the Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church, and has been a lifelong resident of this area.

She is survived by her sons, Howard Polk of Avon Park, Bobby Polk (Linda) of Haines City, and Glenn Polk of Daytona Beach; daughter, Rebecca Polk Acosta (Chris) of Sebring; sisters, Jo Barnes of Bereah and Sandra Streule (Kevin) of Sebring; brothers, Clifford Lightsey (Delcie) of Frostproof and Roger Lightsey of Bereah; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. R.L. Polk.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017 at Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church with the Revs. George Hall and Mike Adams officiating. Interment will follow in the Corinth Cemetery in Bereah. The family will receive friends at a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Avon Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Avon Park Lakes Baptist Church Building Fund.

Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 111 E. Circle St., Avon Park, FL 33825. Online condolences may be left at [www.stephensonnelsonfh.com](http://www.stephensonnelsonfh.com).

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## SOLAR

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to produce the power — and provide energy independence, which would allow people to invest their monthly power bills back into the economy in the form of other purchases.

Fifteen years ago, renewable energy proponents advised the Central Florida Regional Planning Council to look to solar generation and energy conservation as a means of helping

Florida meet its future energy needs. In her presentation, Ascitutto said Florida has had the highest residential solar growth in the U.S. — 110 percent in 2016 — and today's 21 million state residents are expected to increase almost 20 percent to 26 million by 2040.

At the last regular meeting, Commission Vice Chair Jim Brooks — a former member of the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment — said he's been approached by people who want to set

up such co-ops. He said new legislation allows people to set them up if the county passes a resolution agreeing to let them.

Commissioner Ron Handley, a construction contractor, said he had heard that add-ons such as solar panels would increase the price of homes.

"The last thing we need is to make construction costs higher," Handley said.

Handley said he also had heard banks would not finance such additions. Neither

he nor Brooks had yet seen Ascitutto's presentation.

Other items on today's action agenda include:

- An ordinance to make requested changes to Sun 'n Lake Special Improvement District Code Enforcement.

- A request by the Highlands County Health Facilities Authority and Senior Living Inc. to set up a bond issue through the county, which Senior Living would repay if there were any losses from the bonds.

Items on the consent agenda — approved

en masse without discussion — include a request from the Town of Lake Placid to waive landfill tipping fees for the Lake Placid Arts and Crafts Country Fair, acceptance of grants for the Children's Advocacy Center and its programs, a budget amendment to accept a COPS hiring program award for the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, and a waiver of \$800 in fees and insurance for the Leisure Lakes Homeowner's Association to rent H.L. Bishop Park.

## READING

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HRMC holds the status of a "community partner" with 10 or more employees serving as big brothers or big sisters, Beumel said. The hospital also is a presenting sponsor for Winterfest, which occurs the last Saturday of January.

Right now, Big Brothers Big Sisters has 70 kids matched with mentors, with another 30 on the waiting list, Faulk said. They get calls all the time from parents asking to have their children added to the list, but they don't want to grow the waiting list so much as focus on placing the kids on the list with good mentors.

The books they can buy from the book fair sales will help those who are placed have a better experience.

Anyone coming to the book fair need only show identification at the registration desk at the southeast entrance, then walk down the hall



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

**Melissa Martinez, who works in labor and delivery at Highlands Regional Medical Center, took her lunch hour along with her husband, Highlands County Sheriff's Detective Jorge Martinez, to shop for books for their young ones. They were among dozens who took part in the book sale that started Monday and runs the rest of this week at the hospital to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Highlands County.**

to the conference room across from the cafeteria.

Beumel warns people to arrive as early as

they can this week. She won't receive a "restock."

Whatever she has will be on the shelves.

## FIRE

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Levocz was unable to get up on his own, so Braxton and Daniel carried him across the street because of the growing fire. At the time of his report, the extent of Levocz's injuries were not known, though he was conscious and alert. The HCSO report states that Levocz was transported to Florida Hospital Lake Placid, but Hogan later explained he was eventually transported to Tampa General Hospital.

"He was transported by ground to Tampa General Hospital," Hogan said. "The fog was too heavy for a helicopter to take him by air transport."

The fire was able to spread because the common attic the building shared had no divisions.

"As soon as the fire hit the attic, it was able to spread quickly," Hogan said.

Evidence of the attic's intense heat and burning



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

**A fire that started in the back of this triplex was hot enough to tear through the common attic and out through the soffit from a Monday morning fire.**

was the buckling soffit and the warped and melted metal roof.

Response was quick from Highlands Park, Lake Placid and Placid Lakes volunteer fire departments. Highlands County EMTs were also available to assist and transport the victim.

Hogan said that the initial knock down took about 20 minutes and the salvage and overhaul portion took about an hour.

The cause of the fire is unknown and is being investigated by the State Fire Marshal's office.



**This image shows the south end of the triplex on 403 Hillside Ave. in Lake Placid. The fire sent the occupant with burns to Tampa General Hospital.**

## CITRUS

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[www.travelinggolfervideo.com](http://www.travelinggolfervideo.com) — focuses more on the course features of Pinecrest Golf Club, Sun 'N Lake Golf Club, Highlands Ridge North and South and River Greens Golf Course.

Leodora pointed out that players on Highlands Ridge North Course, built after a New Zealand course and populated with wildlife, would likely spot egrets, herons, sandhill cranes, and of course, alligators.

He also profiled local attractions at Sebring International Raceway, the three municipalities'

historic downtowns, Chicane's Restaurant at Inn on the Lakes, Cowpoke's Watering Hole, and Maxwell Groves citrus packing house. Later in the video, Leodora took a lap around the Raceway in a Corvette pace car.

"That was exhilarating," he said after getting out.

Hartt told Leodora on camera that Highlands

County, 60 minutes south of Orlando, is what Florida "used to be" with quaint and charming towns, all with specific traits.

On Wednesday, Hartt said Highlands County's affordable courses, coupled with unique scenery, wildlife and sights, are what writers really love. It gives them something new to show to people who've already played big courses on the coasts.

"People are always looking for the new place to play," Hartt said. "Avid golfers have played all the big ones. This is a place that most people in the golf world haven't heard of."

Hartt said she and

other tour guides only had a limited time with the golf media personalities when they visited last year. Still they already were getting publicity, she said, from people live blogging while on the trip.

"It's almost better than advertising because it's a third party providing the review," Hartt said. "And also, it's people who are influential in the golf world."

Publicity from that December trip is starting to trickle in now, she said, mainly because some magazines and blogs take months — in the case of Traveling Golfer, almost a year — to publish stories. Still, she looks forward to seeing the results.



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## OUR VIEW

### Florida could help employees save for retirement

Even people who might be called good money managers can find it difficult to save money. There are always things that take priority — like home improvements, a vacation, a new car.

Saving money for retirement, however, might be one of the most important things we can do. Social Security just doesn't cut it nowadays — and there is no guarantee Social Security will even be there for our youngest workers.

According to a New York Times article, nearly half of all Americans have little or no money set aside for retirement. The shortfall of money needed for the later years is almost \$7 trillion, the National Institute on Retirement Security says. That could lead to a serious drain on local governments as those people require more health, housing and other services.

The state of Oregon may have a solution.

As documented in the Times article, Oregon wants to help its residents approach their golden years in comfort — or at least with enough money to get by.

The state has debuted a plan that covers private sector workers who do not have access to a savings plan at their place of employment. Oregon will automatically deduct 5 percent, or less, of gross pay and put that money in privately run low-cost investment funds.

The designers of the plan — based on the ideas of 2017 Nobel Prize for economics winner Richard M. Thaler — recognized that Oregon has about 1 million workers whose employers do not offer a retirement plan of any kind. Most employers opted out of those types of amenities for employees saying they were too expensive or time-consuming to set up.

OregonSaves is the name of the plan and in its initial offering, 11 businesses signed up. They were not industrial giants but mom and pops that included a hair salon, a liquor store and a chocolate maker.

A large majority of employees at those businesses signed up for the plan. One called it "the easiest, simplest way to have some savings."

Oregon has tried to cover all the bases with the program. That includes avoiding any worries about state-run pensions by only being a conduit for the funds. Savers can choose among investment options — preserving capital, growth and savings for a target date. And, they can withdraw their money without a penalty.

Other states have already shown interest, or announced plans to copy the program — including California, Illinois and Maryland.

Sarah Mysiewicz, senior legislative representative for AARP, says states are more willing to take on the job of helping their residents save for retirement because the federal government is unwilling to do so. She likened the savings programs being considered to the same type states used to sponsor college savings plans for families.

The reality is that "people are 15 times more likely to save, and save more, with payroll deductions," said Tobias Read, Oregon's state treasurer and chairman of the Oregon Retirement Savings Board.

Most of us can relate to that.

Perhaps Florida will follow Oregon's lead. We can think of no other state, with our low wages and large retirement population, better situated for such a program.

— Sun Newspapers



## The most important skill

In my readings this week, I came across two statements I thought we'd spend a little time discussing this week. The first statement is from Stephen Covey's book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" (yes, I'm still reading it). The statement is, "Communication is the most important skill in life." The second statement we're going to talk about is directly related, "Words have a long shelf life."

Almost immediately, anyone who hears the latter statement will nod in agreement and more than likely recall an example. Human nature being what it is, I would almost be willing to bet the house that the majority of females think of a negative comment. The males, on the other hand, who can't remember what they had for lunch, will recall something positive and encouraging.

Teenagers aren't too different. I've learned, though, from decades of teaching and coaching teenagers for several



NEVER A DULL MOMENT

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decades, that when it comes to these kinds of issues, boys and girls are vastly different. A young lady could come to school with a new haircut, for example, get 20 compliments and one ambiguous look she perceives to be negative, and all she'll remember is the look. A boy, on the other hand, doesn't pay any attention to what anyone says. All it takes for him is a glance in the mirror and he's convinced he looks good.

Let me ask, do you agree communication is the most important skill in life? Covey defends his claim

by saying that we spend the majority of our waking hours communicating. He explains there are four basic types — reading, writing, speaking, and listening. He then challenges the reader to think of all the hours spent daily doing at least one of these. He makes a pretty good case.

Of the four types of communication, I'd like to briefly focus on listening. It's been my experience that most people listen, not really to understand, but with the intent to reply. While you're talking, they're getting ready to talk. They have already run your words through their life experiences and will often respond first with, "Oh, I know exactly how you feel." You have friends like that, too, don't you?

I hope that you have a friend, too, who genuinely listens to you. As Covey says, one who listens to you with the intent to genuinely understand. When you are talking with them, they make you feel as though you are the most important person

in the world. They focus their full attention on you and don't allow anything to distract them — not their phone, their watch, anything or anyone else. Don't you want to be that person for your family and friends? I do.

As far as words having a long shelf life, I couldn't agree more. I'm sure we can all remember people who have spoken positive, encouraging, life-giving words to us. We can also remember those who have spoken negative, demeaning, life-sucking words to us. And, I am certain some of those incidents go back a few years, confirming the "long shelf life."

Let's briefly take a look in the mirror. Take a few moments and try to recall the words you've spoken today. Did your words resemble a fountain of blessing or a pool of poison? Which will they be tomorrow?

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## AT&T, CNN merger doesn't worry me like Sinclair

Last year, I expressed serious reservations about the proposed AT&T-Time Warner merger. I argued, at the time, that allowing this merger will have important implications for a free press and American democracy for many years to come.

I reasoned that by approving the merger, more media concentration would follow and the liberal media would gain an even bigger foothold on what Americans see and hear on television.

I still believe that is true, but over the last 12 months, many more concerning deals have been announced and Donald Trump's own FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, has all but eliminated the last remaining regulatory hurdles protecting us from a liberal media monopoly.

Donald Trump had campaigned against this "concentration of media power."

Today, the Department of Justice is the only federal agency left protecting conservative viewpoints.

So while I still believe the AT&T-Time Warner merger has some serious concerns, I am now more troubled by what may happen to CNN and Time Warner if AT&T fails to buy them.

AT&T over the years has proven itself as a fair-minded company. It is not known as liberal. It's CEO, Randall Stephenson, is national president of the Boy Scouts.

There is talk that if AT&T



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either divests itself of CNN to make a deal possible, or drops the deal altogether, CNN could end up in the hands of Disney, CBS or another liberal media group. What's from stopping George Soros from buying them?

I am also concerned the Justice Department's relentless pursuit of AT&T is allowing other mergers to perhaps sail through — deals that will most certainly be calamitous for conservatives and the Republican party.

Take, for example, the proposed merger of Sinclair Broadcasting with Tribune Media.

This merger, announced roughly six months after the AT&T deal, attempts to combine two giant television broadcasters.

If consummated, this deal would give Sinclair control over 233 stations reaching 72 percent of all U.S. households under the control of one company.

Sinclair leans conservative, and that looks good at first.

But the approval of the Sinclair deal will permit ABC, CBS and NBC to gobble up all those little TV stations in red states and even in swing states. Instead of local, independent owners delivering the local news, the big networks like NBC will control and dictate it from New York.

Back in the 1980s my father's FCC limited television broadcasters to owning just 12 stations reaching only 25 percent of the national television market.

My dad completely understood the danger posed by the big liberal networks.

Frankly, President Trump won because my dad imposed that TV ownership cap. One of the reasons that Sinclair became a big player in local news is that my dad created the ownership cap to prevent NBC, ABC and CBS from owning all the local television stations around the country.

If President Trump allows this runaway consolidation in TV, liberal media networks like ABC, NBC and CBS will soon control both the national and local information flow into our homes.

Interesting, the approval of the AT&T will not add at all to AT&T's media power. It currently owns little media. If its gets control of outlets like CNN, this may turn out to be a good thing for President Trump and

the American people.

But the real danger facing us now is the Sinclair Tribune deal.

It will not only lead to a massive concentration of power, but give TV networks incredible leverage over smaller, independent stations, advertisers and cable operators — reducing competition and forcing consumer prices up.

You don't need to be an economist to know if three companies own 80 percent of the gas stations in your town, you are going to pay a higher price.

I would encourage the Justice Department to look at ways to approve the AT&T with protections for viewers and consumers.

At the same time it should focus on the transaction that really matters and take steps to stop the massive consolidation that is set to be ignited by the Sinclair deal.

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# Americans can bake hamburger buns!

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid at Chicago's Cloverhill Bakery that netted 800 illegal alien employees can be looked at two ways. First, management at the bakery, which makes McDonald's Corp. hamburger buns and baked goods for other fast-food chains, claims the ICE action put the company in turmoil, "presenting a lot of challenges, as you can imagine," said Chief Executive Officer Kevin Toland. But, the second and encouraging perspective from unemployed Americans is that ICE has suddenly created 800 job opportunities.

In a typically tedious and disingenuous post-immigration enforcement cover-up, Cloverhill said it had no idea illegal aliens worked at the company. After all, a job-placement agency, conveniently unnamed, provided the employees. Don't point fingers at Cloverhill management!

Zurich-based Aryzta AG owns Cloverhill, and a representative said that it now faces pressure to - heaven forbid - raise wages to attract staff. Employers who hire aliens argue that Americans can't be found or are unwilling to do the work that illegal immigrants will eagerly perform. But like the statement that Cloverhill had no idea its workers didn't have legal employment authorization documents, the suggestion that Americans can't be found insults a third grader's intelligence.

Let's get serious. Chicago jobs are at a premium. In June, the Chicago Tribune wrote that local job creation is subpar when compared to the national average, and that the seeming improvement in the unemployment rate from last year's 5.4 percent to May's 4.1 percent is likely attributable to "an exodus of workers." By extension, those Chicago workers detached from Chicago's labor force might be candidates to work at



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Cloverhill, assuming they'd be offered a decent wage.

Unquestionably, salary is the most important variable. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2016 bakers' median wage was \$25,090 annually with the lowest 10 percent earning less than \$18,640. Presumably, the illegal aliens fell into the lowest earning category. Try to make it in Chicago, or anywhere for that matter, on wages that hover around the poverty line.

Although media coverage has focused on the manufacturing disruption the ICE action caused, the harsh reality is that Cloverhill is one of thousands of exploitative U.S. employers that seek out cheap labor. When caught, they yell foul, and then blame everyone except themselves. As one ICE official said, "These people are basically used as slave labor."

Cheap immigrant labor's ready availability squeezes out Americans. Paul Krugman, immigration

expansionist, New York Times columnist and Nobel Prize-winning economist, agrees. In an op-ed, Krugman wrote that because of labor supply and demand, immigration reduces the wages of domestic workers who compete with immigrants. The large increases in low-skill workers inevitably mean a decline in wages.

Other companies that employ illegal aliens should view Cloverhill as a warning that ICE could be knocking on their doors soon. Hiring illegal immigrants is a crime with possible fines, property forfeiture and/or imprisonment to follow. An internal ICE memo showed that the agency plans to carry out more vigorous enforcement at food service worksites. Tom Homan, acting ICE director, promised to prosecute illegal immigrant employers, and then detain and remove illegal aliens. Homan: "That's our job."

The historic solution to filling vacant jobs is paying Americans higher wages, not as Cloverhill and others do, hiring illegal alien slave laborers.

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## Newsday Crossword

OVER YOUR HEAD by Billie Truitt  
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**ACROSS**

- Wild hog
- Performed a dramatic role
- Sit (down) heavily
- Well-qualified
- Durable pants fabric
- Fury
- It's above the attic
- Typical New Delhi worshiper
- Night-flying birds
- Minor obsession
- Prefix meaning "recent"
- Boy king of Egypt
- Mannerism
- Small sample of soup
- "Is that too much \_\_\_?"
- Sports officials, for short
- Three-color housecat
- \_\_\_ Beta Kappa
- On very short notice
- Opposite of post-
- How dishes are often sold
- Droop, as flowers
- More achy
- 47 Altitudes: Abbr.
- In an inept way
- 24-hr. cash dispenser
- Source of acorns
- Achievement to be proud of
- Weak, as an excuse
- Like skim milk, as on labels

**DOWN**

- Unkind remark
- Woodwind instrument
- Moisturizer ingredient
- Give a shiny new surface to
- Sound of a sneeze
- Place for a goatee
- Fork prong
- Brings to a close
- Be uncertain about
- "On the double!"
- Grassy front yard
- Stare at
- Nuisance
- Take-home pay
- Needing to reorder
- Golf course hazards
- Fashionably nostalgic
- Later on
- Wife of Abraham
- "You defeated me"
- Plumbing conduits
- Rose garden insect
- Fully intends to
- Young pet that purrs
- LP successors
- Foldaway bed
- Astronauts' final destination
- Roused from sleep
- Casual restaurant
- Scrooge's cry
- High-IQ club
- River mammal
- Ran away
- Roof overhang
- Prayer conclusion
- Uses oars
- "\_\_\_ ain't broke . . ."
- Back of the neck
- Manage somehow
- 59 Hertz competitor
- Fill one's suitcase

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Look for a third crossword in *The News Wire* section.

Answer to previous puzzle

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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Place that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- Spanish red wine
- Office fill-in
- Yours, in Tours
- Sign up, in Sussex
- Jai \_\_\_
- The Volunteer St.
- Putting the squeeze on
- \*Company that maintains network messages
- Bygone Toyotas
- Lets up
- '60s United Nations secretary general
- \*Apple music player
- Beauty at a ball
- Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
- Crime family leader
- \*Springsteen's ensemble
- "Mazel \_\_\_!"
- Take a chance
- Soft leather
- "My stars!"
- Counterbalance
- Instruments for Yo-Yo Ma
- Traveled like Huck Finn
- \*Willa Cather novel set in Nebraska
- Arms-around-knees swimming pool jump
- Gillette brand
- Curved molding
- Written reminders
- Worker finishing an éclair
- Invasive plant
- Terse summons from the boss
- Bird that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ Tuesday: Mardi Gras
- Chowed down
- Potter pal Weasley
- Necessary nutrients
- Meal
- Cross inscription
- Baseball analyst Hershiser
- Kid around
- "Not to mention ..."
- Kilt pattern
- Inventor Whitney
- Superhero suffix
- Animal that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across
- Employed
- Painter ...douard
- Long sandwich
- Versatile vehicle, for short
- Soil acidity measure
- Most mournful
- Eclectic musician Brian
- Prince, to a king
- Grenoble's river
- Liver spread
- Heavenly body
- Drop of sadness
- Old cereal box no.
- To the same extent

By Kurt Krauss 12/5/17

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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39 Informal "No more talk"

40 Twitch

41 Poetic tribute

44 Low grade

45 Itinerary approx.

47 Copied genetically

48 Fat-reducing procedure, briefly

49 Words ending a threat

53 Quaint lodgings

54 Bassoon kin

55 Basketball Hall of Famer Archibald

56 Grade sch. level

57 Animal that can precede the starts of 20-, 30-, 36-, 46- and 52-Across

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Flying Lizard wins 25 Hours

### Sebring Sick Sideways entries have solid showing in endurance race

By GREG MANSFIELD  
NASA

The Toyo Tires/Flying Lizard Motorsports team took its third consecutive overall win in the NASA 25 Hours of Thunderhill presented by Hawk

Performance on Sunday, marking only the second time in the endurance race's 15-year history that a team has won three overalls in a row.

The Audi R8LMS took the overall lead just after sunrise Sunday and

never looked back as the team's main competition, a pair of Ginetta G57 prototypes, dropped out late in the endurance race because of mechanical issues.

"It's still fun to win them," said driver Darren

Law, who has helped drive the team to victory the past three years. "We literally didn't touch any other car. There's not a mark on it and we didn't have anything go wrong.

LIZARD | 8



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The No. 6 Sick Sideways Mazda competes in the NASA 25 Hours of Thunderhill on Saturday.

## Classic 12 Hours winds up



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Claude Malette races in his 90 Lola T91/90 at Sebring International Raceway.

## Close finishes highlight final day of racing

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The Second Annual HSR Classic 12 Hour at Sebring came to a thrilling and competitive conclusion Sunday with four victorious Run Group champions presented with custom-made HSR Classic 12 Hour-edition B.R.M. Chronographes watches after conquering both the competition and grueling 3.74-mile Sebring International Raceway road course.

A tribute race to the timeless Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, which will be run for the 66th time this March, the Classic 12 Hour format featured each of the four Run Groups taking to the track four different times over the course of the last two days.

Saturday's schedule included the first three 42-minute rounds for each Group — appropriately within the span of a 12-hour period — while the fourth and final races Sunday determined the overall winners.

After trailing a pair of

Lolas across the finish line in Saturday's opening race, British co-drivers Andrew Beaumont and Nigel Greensall took the lead in their 1966 No. 96 McLaren M1B in Round 2 and went on to score the Group A victory.

Round 1 winner Toni Seiler finished second in his 1969 No. 7 Lola T70 while his teammate, Beat Eggiman, crossed the line just seconds later for third place in his 1969 No. 27 Lola T165. Both Lolas joined the McLaren in completing a total of 66 laps in the four Group A rounds.

Group B provided the weekend's most thrilling finish, with a last-lap pass in the fourth and final round by Kevin Wheeler in the Team Mean/KMW Motorsports Chevron B23/36 just enough to squeeze out a 3.025-second margin of victory. The win was the third-straight "HSR Classics" victory for the John Harrold-owned Chevron that he and his co-drivers raced to the Group B win in last

month's HSR Classic 24 at Daytona and the inaugural Classic 12 Hour last year.

For this year's Classic 12 Hour, Harrold left the driving to his son, Ryan Harrold, and Wheeler — his winning co-drivers from Daytona — and watched from the pits as one of the biggest battles of the season unfolded.

After winning the opening pair of Group B rounds, Alfrid Heger went into the fourth and final race with a 12-second lead over the Chevron in the 1976 No. 5 Porsche 935/K1. Heger took the white flag eight seconds ahead of Wheeler only to spin in Turn 10 on the final lap when the brakes started to fade on his Porsche. Wheeler slipped by for the lead and the win as Heger, who quickly recovered from the spin, came up just second shorts in holding on for the victory.

Showing incredible sportsmanship and class despite the late turn of events, Heger graciously accepted second-place

honors. The top-two Group B finishers covered 72 combined laps in their four races while Todd Treffert finished third overall in Group B in his Speedconcepts 1974 No. 141 Porsche 911 IROC.

Group C remained a tight all-Prototype contest to the finish, with Juan Gonzalez and Butch Leitzinger claiming the victory in the same 2007 No. 18 Pescarolo Judd LMP1 that won at last month's HSR Classic 24 at Daytona and the inaugural Classic 12 Hour last year. Now owned by Gonzalez, the Pescarolo tussled with the Hudson Histories 2010 No. 33 Coyote Corvette Daytona Prototype of John Reisman and Eric Curran throughout the race.

Reisman — who won Group C Round 2 — and Curran finished second, just one lap behind the Pescarolo's event-high 80 laps completed.

Third place went to the debuting 2014 No. 13 Rebellion Toyota LMP1 that was solo-driven by

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## Shuffleboard tournament in Avon Park

### Juanita Harlow National Mixed Doubles underway

BY STAN MCCORMACK  
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

In December of 2004, during a National Shuffleboard Tournament at the Shuffleboard Courts on 109 East Main Street, Avon Park, Juanita Harlow with partner Don Rood, placed first in the inaugural US National Amateur Mixed Doubles.

In the year 2000, Juanita had demonstrated that she was a competent shuffler by competing in the Central District Masters. In the year 2001, Juanita had her hip replaced. She contracted an infection while in the hospital and between 2001 and 2004, Juanita had six operations and 3 hips!

For a six-month period, Juanita had no hip at all and during this period she relied on a walker. She explained to me that when you have no hip, your foot will not move without a conscious message from your brain, that is you must tell your foot to move.

During this period of convalescence, Juanita often explained that "We must be powerful, not pitiful; and we must get better, not bitter!"

The spirit and attitude expressed by these phrases, coupled with a strong belief in God helped Juanita during what can only be described as a period of hell.

To the delight of those who knew her, we were pleased and somewhat surprised when we became aware that she had chosen to compete in the very first US National Mixed Doubles Tournament in 2004.

We were even more surprised and more pleased when Juanita with partner Don Rood finished in First Place.

Placing first in normal situations creates a good deal of emotion; placing first given the personal hardship, the personal hell experienced by Juanita, leading up to this tournament, created emotion like those present had never experienced.

A coveted one-time National Pin is presented to the first-place finishers for US National Tournaments. As soon as the results were announced, Juanita with quiet confidence and joy in her heart, asked a friend to "Pin this on me right now!"

As the Pin was being attached, the entire audience stood and erupted with applause as they saluted this act of courage by Juanita!

Juanita will not be with us at the 13th anniversary of her act of courage, but she will be remembered during the Opening Ceremonies.

Avon Park President Tom Clayton will share with us the Wonderful Story of Juanita. Juanita has become an inspiration to the Shuffleboard World. The US National Shuffleboard Association has approved the renaming of the tournament to the

JUANITA | 8

## Chris Lane gets things figured out

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In the last three tournaments I finally got over the hump. I knew something was wrong, but I didn't know what. I figured some things out and ended my year with a 10th place finish, a 45th place finish and a 55th place finish, not in that order. I won't say that's great, but it was a heck of a lot better than what I

had been doing earlier in the year.

What exactly happened and how I fixed it isn't important. What is important is that I took positive action to fix a problem. Problems rarely fix themselves. You have to admit they exist and then do something about them.

Fishing with bad line is an example of what I'm talking about. If your line is bad and it keeps

breaking, you can retie all you want or strip a few yards off the spool and then retie but that won't do a thing. Your line will still break. You have to replace it all, or you're wasting your time.

Despite my horrible season — the worst of my career — I got a raise from several of my sponsors and only lost money from one or two. On one level that's pretty amazing, but on another level

it isn't. I've always tried to deal with my sponsors the way I want them to deal with me. I do more than the minimum my contracts require, and I never blame them or my equipment and tackle for my problems.

If I do have an issue with something I'm using, I talk to them about it in a quiet, confidential and professional manner. You'll never hear about



GARRICK DIXON PHOTO

Chris Lane had a tough 2017 season but the professional angler is looking for a big year in 2018.

LANE | 8

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### NU-HOPE clay shoot rescheduled

Due to Hurricane Irma recovery efforts, the Tommy Todd Memorial/NU-HOPE Clay Shoot, originally scheduled for Sept. 23, will now be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 at Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start

at 9:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$125 per shooter and includes a grilled sausage breakfast and a great BBQ chicken and smoked brisket lunch. Awards will be given to the highest individual, female, youth and team scores. Each team may have up to four shooters. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. This year, in honor of

all who have served in law enforcement, a discount will be provided to active or retired law enforcement participants. There will also be a special competition among the law enforcement teams to determine the best shooting team. To register, please contact Laurie Murphy at 863-382-2134 or via email at MurphyL@nuhope.org.

### After School Tennis Program

The After School Tennis Program is underway at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring. The classes are for tennis players aged 4 to 18 and are taught by USPTA Certified Tennis Professional Horace Watkis, formerly part of Chicago's famous Mid-Town

Tennis Club Pro Staff and Head Pro at Frenchman's Cover in Port Antonio, Jamaica. Tiny Tots (ages 4 to 6) meet on Tuesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$37, while Future Champs (ages 6 to 12) meet 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and players can choose which day of the week they would like to attend.

The Pre-Tournament Academy meets on Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60, while High School Team Level meets on Thursday between 4 and 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60. For more information contact Watkis at horacewatkis@hotmail.com or 863-414-2164 or 386-4282.



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 768 Radical SR3/RXS races at Sebring International Raceway on its way to winning the Class D championship.

## LIZARD

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It was perfect." More than 50 teams participated in the famed endurance race that tested drivers' resolve against machine and fatigue. Much of the race is run in darkness, further challenging the field of amateur and professional drivers.

In addition to the overall champion, there were seven class winners crowned Sunday. RK Motorsports/TC Design brought home the class championship in a 19-car-deep and competitive E0 class, while Trim-Tex Racing captured the E1 title. Just two laps separated Trim-Tex Racing and second-place class finisher Team MooreWood Racing.

Sebring's Sick Sideways Racing team had a pair of entries in the E1 class and were able to overcome some obstacles to post solid finishes.

KD Motorsports captured back-to-back 25 Hours of Thunderhill victories in E2 as the team dealt with a host of issues with the racecar. The team was dealing with issues on the 1989 BMW 325is, from brakes

to the transmission. "We lost every gear but fourth," said team owner Kevin Doyle. "We had oil pressure issues. We were down to our backing plates on the rear brakes, so it was metal on metal on the back. We were getting everything we could."

The team turned its fastest lap of 2:06.045 during the middle of the night, which crew chief David Stenner credits his drivers.

"How we won the race was down to incredibly fast laps at night," said Stenner, who beat second-place finisher RDR by five laps.

Team RAMotorsports40 had a Mazda Miata stuck in fourth gear, but the drivers made the most of it to get the E3 class win at 25 Hours of Thunderhill. Even with the transmission problem, the trio of drivers were able to beat second-place finisher CorkSport Performance by 22 laps.

"Likely something is going to break on the car before the end of the race," said driver David Biggar. "It's just how you manage it and then how you get through the rest of the race with that, and I think we did a great job."

Tires/Flying Lizard Motorsports' strong performance left the rest of the teams in ES class chasing the Audi R8 LMS and second place. Calvert Dynamics with its Porsche GT3 took home second and Prototype Development Group was third.

Crowd Strike/One Motorsports won its first 25 Hours of Thunderhill in the ESR class.

The lone car in the GT Challenge class, Toyo Tires/Flying Lizard Motorsports team had a water-line failure, but got it fixed and was able to get the car out in time to grab the checkered flag. The Porsche Cayman ended up 24th overall.

"It was obviously a little disappointing the other teams dropped out, and I do believe that next year is going to be a pretty big group, because obviously anything Toyo does, they do it right," said team manager Thomas Blam. "So, we were happy to run the tires. We had a phenomenal run for the first 20 hours, and at one point we were sixth overall, which I think is pretty remarkable for a DOT tire. We're hoping to be back next year and hoping to bring a couple of more cars with us."

## LANE

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it in the press or see me lose my temper in a video. I'd like to think they know that and respect it.

You see, sponsor and angler relationships should be longterm. As my career proves, painfully, no matter how high you're flying today there will be a time when fate brings you down. I had several years when things went my way one

tournament after another. A guy couldn't have asked for anything more. But then...

I fished the 2013 Bassmaster Classic as the reigning Bassmaster Classic champion and didn't get a bite the first day. Think about that. It wasn't that I didn't catch one, or that my fish were small. That would have been bad enough. It was that I didn't even get a bite. And then, of course, there was this season.

But during the good times I didn't hold up my

sponsors for every dollar they had in the bank. I dealt with them reasonably and so, when things went the other way, they remembered that and treated me the same way.

It's a strange thing, sometimes. Some people will talk about their professional life and then their personal life. I don't see the difference. As far as I'm concerned they are one and the same.

I'm thinking 2018 won't be a repeat of 2017. I'm ready to go!

## JUANITA

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"Juanita Harlow National Mixed Doubles" in honor of Juanita.

This quote by the immediate Past President of the US NSA, Sandi Quinn says it best: "God bless this lady for her faith and spunk, and what an inspiration she has been to all of us."

The tournament runs through today and there is no charge to watch this event.

COURTESY PHOTO

Juanita Harlow kept her spirit despite some physical problems and was an inspiration to anyone who knew her.



## CLASSIC

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Claude Malette to a solid podium result, joining the No. 33 team in completing 79 laps.

Home to more modern sports cars and prototypes, Group D quickly became a close battle between Radical sports racers and Porsche 997 GT3 Cup cars. Rich Thomas won the first three rounds in his Wisko Racing No. 738 Radical SR3/RXS, but the 2010 No. 097 Autometrics

Porsche of Mac McGehee and Cory Friedman, and the similar 2012 No. 99 Porsche of Cody Ellsworth and Bruce Ellsworth, pressured to the finish.

Friedman crossed the finish line first in the fourth and final round but Thomas, who took the flag just a few car lengths behind the No. 097, had enough of an overall gap to seal the Group D crown. The Ellsworths finished a close third in Group D, with the trio of top finishers all completing 72 laps.

In addition to the Classic 12 Hour, this weekend featured the Sebring Historics, which brought the 2017 full-season HSR Championships to a close. The schedule included an expanded line-up of three WeatherTech Sprint races, and one young driver in particular made the most of it. Four-time and reigning Trans Am Champion Ernie Francis Jr. swept all three WeatherTech Group 9 sprints in the Red Bull 2006 No. 50 Audi R12-DTM Touring Car.



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The No. 7 Sick Sideways Mazda races in the 25 Hours of Thunderhill on Saturday.

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## ROYAL ENGAGEMENT



AP PHOTO/EDDIE MULHOLLAND

Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle pose for the media in the grounds of Kensington Palace in London, Monday Nov. 27. It was announced Monday that Prince Harry, fifth in line for the British throne, will marry American actress Meghan Markle in the spring, confirming months of rumors.

### Speculation rising about royal title for Meghan Markle

By GREGORY KATZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — With a royal wedding in the works, speculation is rising about the title that will be bestowed on Meghan Markle when she marries Prince Harry in the spring.

Will the American actress be a British princess? The answer is: sort of.

Markle's future noble ranking partly depends on what titles Queen Elizabeth II gives her and Harry on their May wedding day.

Markle, 36, will not formally be known as Princess Meghan because she is not of royal birth. However, she will become Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Wales when she marries Harry, whose proper first

name is Henry.

The speculation is that the queen will make Harry a duke, like his brother William, and Markle a duchess when they wed at Windsor Castle. In that case, Markle would properly be known as a duchess, not a princess.

"It's wrong to call a royal duchess 'princess' unless she's already a princess," royal historian Hugo Vickers said. "But they can do what they like. I'm sure the press will call her Princess Meghan. I just hope they don't abbreviate it to Princess Megs."

Many royal observers think the queen will make the newlyweds the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, one of the few remaining "dukedoms" that is available.

In that case, Markle would become Her Royal Highness the Duchess of

Sussex.

That is similar to what happened to Kate Middleton when she married Prince William in 2011. The queen made the couple the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

The situation can become quite confusing, in part because Britain's scrappy tabloid press helps shape how people are known.

Harry's mother, Diana, was widely known as Princess Diana, but that was never her formal title. She was the Princess of Wales by virtue of her eventually unsuccessful marriage to Charles, the Prince of Wales.

When Diana died in a Paris car crash in 1997, Prime Minister Tony Blair told a grieving nation she had

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### Meghan Markle has advocated for women since the age of 11

By EDITH M. LEDERER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Meghan Markle became an advocate for women when she was an 11-year-old elementary school student, and achieving gender equality remains a driving force for the fiancée of

Britain's Prince Harry and self-described "feminist."

Since 2014, the American actress has helped put a global spotlight on the need for equality between women and men as an "Advocate for Political Participation and Leadership" for the women's agency of the United Nations.

In her role for UN Women, Markle spent time at the World Bank and with the team of then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton learning more about the issue. She also visited Rwanda, which has the highest percentage of women in parliament and where she also met with female refugees.

UN Women said in a statement after Monday's announcement of Markle's engagement to Queen Elizabeth II's grandson that it "trusts and hopes that in her new and important public role she will continue to use her visibility and voice to support the advancement of gender equality."

Markle spoke about her accidental road to becoming an advocate at a star-studded celebration in March 2015 for the 20th anniversary of the Beijing women's conference that adopted a roadmap to achieve equality for women, which is the framework for UN Women's activities.

Her opening words drew loud applause and cheers: "I am proud to be a woman and a feminist."

Markle recalled that around the time of the 1995 Beijing conference

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AP FILE PHOTO/ EVAN AGOSTINI

In this March 17, 2016 file photo, actress Meghan Markle participates in AOL's BUILD Speaker Series to discuss her role on the television show, 'Suits,' in New York. Palace officials announced Nov. 27, that Britain's Prince Harry is engaged to Meghan Markle, confirming months of rumors that the couple was close to tying the knot.



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### At 76, Oregon woman still winning basketball championships

By KAYLEE TORNAY  
MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, Ore. — Patricia Ferguson's success on the basketball court can't be chalked up to the fact that everyone believed in her abilities.

The person who inspired her to first step on a basketball court at 11 years old was a boy outside of a gym in Detroit who told her that she couldn't play with him and his friends because she was a girl.

"So I told that little boy, I said, 'You listen. I'm gonna come back here next year and I'm taking your place,'" Ferguson says.

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In this Nov. 15, photo, Patricia Ferguson, 76, shows off her Michigan Spirit uniform and medals won playing basketball at her home in Medford, Ore.

# Selena Gomez honors Francia Raisa for life-saving transplant

By NICOLE EVATT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Selena Gomez received top honors Thursday at the annual Billboard Women in Music event, but the singer felt the recognition may have been misplaced.

"To be honest, I think Francia should be getting this award because she saved my life," a tearful Gomez said of actress Francia Raisa, who donated her kidney to Gomez earlier this year.

Raisa presented the woman of the year award to Gomez, who had a transplant due to her struggle with lupus.

"Specifically this year, I would like to thank my amazing team and my family because they stuck with me through some really hard times. And I got to do a lot this year, even though I had

a couple of other things to do," Gomez told the crowd at the Hollywood gala.

The event, which honors female trailblazers in music, also paid tribute to Solange Knowles, Kelly Clarkson and Camila Cabello.

"I've never felt as proud to be a woman in the industry than I do today," Gomez said while adding how crucial it is that voices "are being heard for the first time."

The wave of sexual harassment allegations rocking the entertainment industry was touched on throughout the evening.

"This year we have all witnessed the power of speaking up to share our truths," said host Ciara while kicking off the evening. "Let's all remember how important it is that we use our voice so that the next generation's



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Selena Gomez accepts the woman of the year award at the Billboard Women in Music event at the Ray Dolby Ballroom on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, in Los Angeles. Looking on from left are presents Elle Fanning and Francia Raisa.

path has less resistance, less hate, less sexism, less body shaming, and let it be said loud and clear — less harassment."

Earlier Thursday music mogul Russell Simmons stepped down from the companies he founded after a second allegation

of sexual misconduct was leveled against him.

Atlantic Records executive Julie Greenwald called the music industry "a male-dominated sport."

"Now it's time to change the industry for the better," said Greenwald, who was named executive of the year. "It's all right here in how we support each other and how we're committed to providing young women with a safer environment, free from harassment and discrimination."

Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran presented the award to Greenwald, calling her "a warrior and a tank."

Clarkson received the powerhouse award and told the crowd that she's tired of seeing women pitted against one another.

"Accept the fact that

there is room for everyone," she said. "Once women start really respecting each other as women and artists and all of that, then men will."

Taraji P. Henson presented the icon award to Mary J. Blige. The Grammy-winning legend said her path to success has not been easy.

"I'm a fighter and I'm here and I'm gonna keep fighting for every woman everywhere," said Blige. "I'm out there fighting for you."

Cabello was honored as a breakthrough artist. The former Fifth Harmony member performed her sultry single "Havana," which hit No. 1 on Billboard's pop songs charts this week.

Online: www.billboard.com/women-in-music. Follow Nicole Evatt on Twitter at twitter.com/NicoleEvatt

## First baby from a uterus transplant in the US born in Dallas

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

The first birth as a result of a womb transplant in the United States has occurred in Texas, a milestone for the U.S. but one achieved several years ago in Sweden.

A woman who had been born without a uterus gave birth to the baby at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Hospital spokesman Craig Civale confirmed Friday that the birth had taken place, but said no other details are available. The hospital did not identify the woman, citing her privacy.

Baylor has had a study underway for several years to enroll up to 10 women for uterus transplants. In October 2016, the hospital said four women had received transplants but that three

of the wombs had to be removed because of poor blood flow.

The hospital would give no further information on how many transplants have been performed since then. But Time magazine, which first reported the U.S. baby's birth, says eight have been done in all, and that another woman is currently pregnant as a result.

A news conference was scheduled Monday to discuss the Dallas baby's birth.

A doctor in Sweden, Mats Brannstrom, is the first in the world to deliver a baby as a result of a uterus transplant. As of last year, he had delivered five babies from women with donated wombs.

There have been at least 16 uterus transplants worldwide,

including one in Cleveland from a deceased donor that had to be removed because of complications. Last month, Penn Medicine in Philadelphia announced that it also would start offering womb transplants.

Womb donors can be dead or alive, and the Baylor study aims to use some of both. The first four cases involved "altruistic" donors — unrelated and unknown to the recipients. The ones done in Sweden were from live donors, mostly from the recipients' mother or a sister.

Doctors hope that womb transplants will enable as many as several thousand women born without a uterus to bear children. To be eligible for the Baylor study, women must be 20 to 35 years old and have healthy, normal ovaries.

They will first have in vitro fertilization to retrieve and fertilize their eggs and produce embryos that can be frozen until they are ready to attempt pregnancy.

After the uterus transplant, the embryos can be thawed and implanted, at least a year after the transplant to make sure the womb is working well. A baby resulting from a uterine transplant would be delivered by cesarean section. The wombs are not intended to be permanent. Having one means a woman must take powerful drugs to prevent organ rejection, and the drugs pose long-term health risks, so the uterus would be removed after one or two successful pregnancies.

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine issued a statement Friday calling



COURTESY PHOTO/BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER VIA AP

In this undated photo provided by Baylor University Medical Center the first baby born as a result of a womb transplant in the United States lies in the neonatal unit at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

the Dallas birth "another important milestone in the history of reproductive medicine."

For women born without a functioning uterus, "transplantation represents the only way they can carry a

pregnancy," the statement said. The group is convening experts to develop guidelines for programs that want to offer this service.

Marilynn Marchione can be followed at @MMarchioneAP

## The Young Gma's Guide to Parenting blog debuts

### A blog on everything parenting

SPECIAL TO THE HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

A new blog by parenting freelance writer Kimberly Blaker, The Young Gma's Guide to Parenting, has just debuted. Blaker explains, "It's a blog on everything parenting, from family fun and educational activities to health, safety, and the difficult issues parents contend with."

Blaker has been writing for the past 18 years. Her syndicated parenting articles have appeared in more than 200 print and digital parenting and lifestyle magazines.

What makes Blaker's blog unique from all the other mommy blogs, she says, is "it's written by a young gma (grandma). I bring to it my experience and insight from having already raised two kids."

But Blaker brings to it so much more.

"I'm not like a lot of older parents (grandparents) who think everything of their generation was the best, right, or only way to do things when it comes to parenting," explains Blaker. "Yes, many things have remained the same. Plus we did a lot of things

right. Still, times change. Information changes. And with those changes come changes in the issues parents face in an advancing society not to mention parenting methods."

Because of this perspective, Blaker does

not write solely from her experience. As an award-winning research writer, she also researches every topic she writes about to ensure the advice she's offering is sound and relevant to today's parents.

Another unique aspect

of The Young Gma's Guide to Parenting is that it will also appeal to the 2.7 million American grandparents who are currently raising their grandkids. Not to mention, it will be helpful to the countless other grandparents who

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Blaker will add three to five new blog posts each week to build a massive resource parents can easily turn to for answers. Whether it's best ways to handle

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# WINNING

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She did. But even after proving her talent to the boys playing outside of the Kronk gym, Ferguson still was frequently passed over in favor of the taller boys. A decade and a half later, a recruiter for the U.S. women's national team told her the only advantage another qualifier had over her was measurable not in skill, but in the 5 inches taller she stood. And again, Ferguson was passed over.

"I will never forget that day," she says.

Today, the 76-year-old Medford resident is one of the best basketball players in her age group — and she brings home the medals to prove it.

Ferguson recently returned with gold at the end of October from the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah, unofficially considered the "Olympics for seniors."

More than 2,700 athletes competed this year from across the globe. Ferguson, with two other Michigan Spirits teammates, won the women's three-on-three tournament. Because the older categories didn't attract enough competitors to form actual draws, the Spirits ended up competing two age groups lower — facing women 10 to 15 years their junior.

"We beat 'em anyway," Ferguson says as she flashes the new gold medal.

She's somewhat reluctant to display her uniform or the vast array of her medals that occupy three different spots inside the house, but she gives in to the prodding of her roommate Heidi Ansell.

Ansell doesn't hesitate to bring up Ferguson's accomplishments. The women have known each other for more than 30 years. They met in the '70s when Ferguson was coaching

women's basketball at Clarion State College (now Clarion University of Pennsylvania), a time both women would describe as a stressful period.

"She wasn't meant to be a teacher or coach," Ansell, a retired nurse, says of her roommate and former partner of eight years. "She's meant to be a participant."

Ferguson says she prefers to inspire people by doing rather than teaching.

"I'm hoping it will entice people to do some of the things I've done so they can enjoy life more," she says about her own story.

She still remembers the name of the high school counselor who told her during her senior year she was not a candidate for college. She went into the Army instead.

Beginning in 1959, Ferguson was stationed at Presidio base in San Francisco. She honed her skills playing basketball against players from other bases, so that by the time she was ready to leave the Army in 1965, she was eligible to apply for basketball scholarships and had connections to help her get one. She entered West Chester State College (now West Chester University) later that year.

She played under legendary college coach Carol Eckman, in whose name the premier leadership award for women's basketball coaches is given.

Ferguson graduated in 1969, the year West Chester College not only hosted the first intercollegiate women's basketball national championships, but won it, too — going undefeated for the

season. This was before women had opportunities to play professionally, however; the first attempt at a professional women's basketball league wouldn't come for another nine years.

Ferguson went into law enforcement, completing the Los Angeles Sheriff's Academy training. After that was a stint working for Fed-Ex, where she worked until her retirement.

She joined Ansell, with whom she had remained close after their romantic relationship had ended, in Jacksonville. She built her house to make accommodations for her younger brother, who planned to live with her. Within a few months, however, he had moved out and then Ansell came to fill the extra room in his place.

"We're each other's chosen family," Ansell says of her friend. Occasionally, Ansell will accompany Ferguson to a competition for support.

Ferguson says her competition days are far from over. Despite almost 2,400 miles between her and her current teammates on the Michigan Spirits, she says it takes only a few days of practicing with them to get "acclimated."

The team has a qualifying tournament for the next national championships in April. Ferguson works out twice a week with a trainer, walks daily and watches her diet. She's looking for another win.

"I'm talking to people all the time who say, 'How can you do that?'" Ferguson says. "And I say, you just make up in your mind that that's what you're going to do and you do it."

# LEANNE

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with some very definite goals.

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**Anyone who eats roughly 2,000 calories per day should strive to consume between two to three cups of vegetables.**

dashboard or pretend the nearly flat tire doesn't need air if we want to get anywhere.

Yet we do that with ourselves — eating whatever (even though that isn't the fuel we require), neglecting the flashing lights on our personal dashboards (achy joints, weight out of control, blemishes, bloating and more) and running on absolute fumes till we drop.

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*Leanne Ely is a NYT bestselling author and the creator of <http://SavingDinner.com>, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.*



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# How to update your wardrobe without overhauling your entire closet

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Fun floral prints, pops of color and luxury materials are all making appearances in footwear, accessories and ready-to-wear items this fall. Fashion lovers will have the freedom to update their wardrobe by selecting a few key pieces — without feeling the need to overhaul their entire closets.

Nichole Duck, buyer for shoe retailer Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse, is sharing her list of top essentials to update outfits, ensuring they are on-trend and ready for the transition to cooler weather.

• **Ultra-Feminine Blouses:** Women's blouses containing classic feminine touches are fresh, fun and flirty this season, with updated features such as oversized ruffles, bell sleeves

and pretty one-shouldered styles.

Try an off-the-shoulder top with a favorite pair of frayed vintage jeans and neutral over-the-knee boots. Sky-high boots are on-trend in a big way.

• **Navy as a Neutral:** While shades of black and tan are still a much-needed staple in every woman's closet for the fall season, other popular colors are boldly challenging the traditional neutral color palette.

Brown and navy have always been a popular color combination. To add some warmth on cool autumn days, consider a pair of camel colored boots with a slim profile to accentuate a navy pencil skirt or shirt dress.

• **Versatile Prints and Embellishments:** A fresh flower arrangement may not first come to mind when we think of the

leaves changing colors. However, this season's apparel offerings are virtually overflowing with pretty floral patterns and designs that are so lovely and unexpected, they may inspire us all to host fabulous autumn garden parties.

Other embellishments, such as lace, embroidery and iridescent accents that sparkle and shine, even during daytime, will be evident in finishing details to enhance any outfit for a variety of occasions. Try a pair of perforated cut out booties with a stacked heel to complete the look.

• **Velvet Crush:** Designs cut from this rich fabric will be seen in a variety of gorgeous jewel tones. The decadent material can be infused with other popular fall items, like pleated gold skirts, sheer materials and such footwear as a pair of effortlessly chic mules

with a hint of sparkle.

• **Booties' Big Moment:** While more casual-inspired footwear is definitely still on trend, Duck says it's time to make room in the closet for more booties, especially as they feature an endless variety in

features. Think lace-up detail or perforated patterns -- heel heights and toe shape.

For more ideas on how to venture into the fall season in style, visit offbroadwayshoes.com. They have styles to accommodate a range

of fashionistas -- from top designers and name brands.

No matter which trends fit your personal style, you can make fall fashion simple by updating your entire wardrobe with just a few new pieces for the season.



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she was in school in Los Angeles watching television and saw a commercial for a dishwashing liquid with the tagline: "Women all over America are fighting greasy pots and pans."

"Two boys from my class said, 'Yeah. That's where women belong — in the kitchen,'" she said.

"I remember feeling shocked and angry and also just feeling so hurt. It just wasn't right, and something needed to be done," Markle said.

When she went home, she told her dad, who encouraged her to write letters.

"My 11-year-old self worked out that if I really wanted someone to hear, well then I should write a letter to the first lady. So off I went scribbling away to our first lady at the time, Hillary Clinton," Markle said.

She also wrote to her main news source, Linda Ellerbee, who hosted a kids news program, as well as to "powerhouse attorney" Gloria Allred and to the manufacturer of the dishwashing soap.

To her surprise, she said, after a few weeks she received letters of encouragement from Clinton, Allred and Ellerbee, who even sent a camera crew to her house to cover the story.

"It was roughly a month later when the soap manufacturer, Proctor and Gamble, changed the commercial for their Ivory Clear Dishwashing Liquid ... from 'Women all over America are fighting greasy pots and pans' to 'People all over America ...,'" Markle said.

"It was at that moment that I realized the magnitude of my



AP FILE PHOTO/MATT SAYLES

**In this Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 file photo, Meghan Markle arrives at USA Network and The Moth's 'A More Perfect Union: Stories of Prejudice and Power' Characters Unite storytelling event in West Hollywood, Calif.. Palace officials announced Monday Nov. 27, Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are engaged, and will marry in the spring.**

actions," she said. "At the age of 11, I had created my small level of impact by standing up for equality."

Markle said that for her, equality means that Rwandan President Paul Kagame is equal to the little girl in the refugee camp who dreams of being president and the U.N. secretary-general is equal to the U.N. intern who dreams of shaking his hand.

And "it means that a wife is equal to her husband, a sister to her brother — not better, not worse. They are equal," she said.

UN Women has set 2030 "as the expiration date for gender inequality," Markle said, but even though

women comprise more than half the world's population, their voices still go unheard "at the highest levels of decision-making."

Markle called for programs to mobilize girls and women "to see their value as leaders" and for support to ensure they have seats at the top table. And when those seats aren't available, "then they need to create their own table," she said to loud applause.

Markle also said Rwanda's Kagame, who has championed women in parliament, should be a role model, "just as we need more men like my father, who championed my 11-year-old self to stand up for what is right."

# ROYAL

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been "the people's princess," an unofficial designation that struck a chord.

"We always talk of Princess Diana, but that was never her title," Majesty magazine Managing Editor Joe

Little said.

Little said Markle would "technically" remain a princess by marriage — even if she becomes a duchess — because Harry will still be a prince.

"But in everyday use, it won't be part of her title," he said.

That could change if the queen decides at some point to upgrade

Markle's title — and Kate's title for that matter — and officially make the two commoners "Princess Meghan" and "Princess Catherine."

"We won't have a Princess Meghan unless they decide it's the 21st century and they can change the rules," said Little. "But given that the queen is a traditionalist, I think that's unlikely."

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**Ex-US Rep gets 5-year prison sentence**

Former U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown was sentenced Monday to five years in prison for fraud and other crimes related to a purported charity for poor students that she used as a personal slush fund. *See page 5*



## Pizza party in space



NASA VIA AP

### Astronauts make, fling, float, eat pizzas on space station

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The first-ever pizza party in space is getting sky-high reviews.

Astronauts at the International Space Station posted pictures and a video over the weekend of their small, made-from-scratch pizza pies. The fixings flew up last month on a commercial supply ship, and the crew wasted little time pulling out the flatbread, tomato sauce, cheese, pepperoni, olives, olive oil, anchovy paste and pesto.

After making their own individual-size pizzas, the six astronauts tossed and twirled them like floating Frisbees, before heating and devouring them.

Commander Randy

Bresnik called the pizzas “flying saucers of the edible kind.” The crew, he said in a tweet, “had a blast channeling our inner chef by building tasty pizzas for movie night.”

“The IPDS (Intergalactic Pizza Devouring Squad) says 12 thumbs up!” Bresnik added.

NASA’s space station manager, Kirk Shireman, took pity on Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli’s pizza craving and, in mid-November, shipped up all the ingredients on an Orbital ATK capsule. Nespoli, in orbit since July, declared the pizza “unexpectedly delicious.”

Nespoli has just over a week before returning to true Italian cuisine. He will land in Kazakhstan on Dec. 14, along with Bresnik and a Russian.

In this Nov. 18 photo provided by NASA, from left, American Mark Vande Hei, Russian Sergei Ryazanskiy, Italian Paolo Nespoli, American Joe Acaba and American Randy Bresnik display the results of their made-from-scratch pizzas at the International Space Station. The fixings flew up in November on a commercial supply ship.

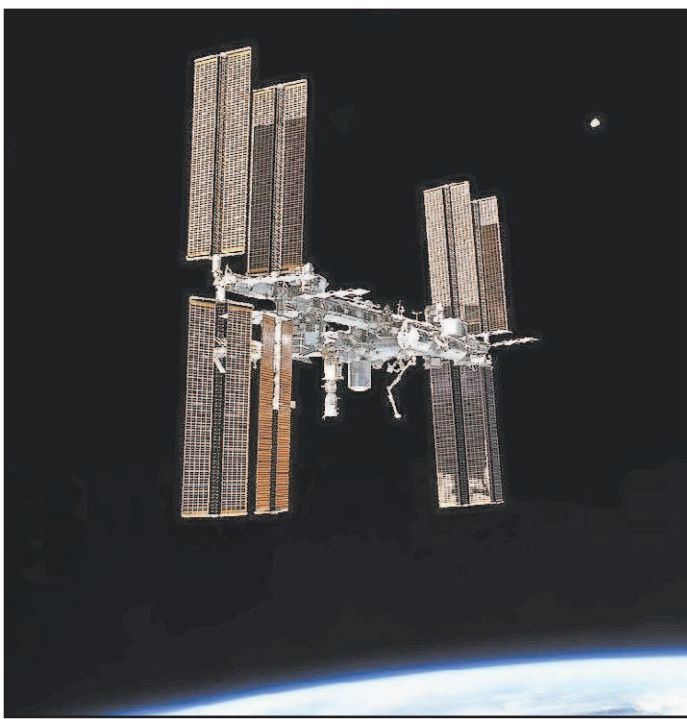


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The International Space Station



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Former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn leaves federal court in Washington, Friday, Dec. 1. Flynn pleaded guilty Friday to making false statements to the FBI, the first Trump White House official to make a guilty plea so far in a wide-ranging investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller.

### Trump’s tweet raises obstruction specter, worries allies

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and ERIC TUCKER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The shifting explanations for why President Donald Trump fired national security adviser Michael Flynn have revived questions about whether the president may have obstructed an ongoing investigation of potential contacts between his campaign and Russia.

Pressure on the administration has mounted since Flynn last week pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his conversations with the Russian ambassador, with prosecutors revealing that he is now cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation. And a muddled White House response, including a problematic presidential tweet, has left some Trump confidants worried that the president is not being well-served by his legal team and believing his lawyers have painted a too-rosy picture of the president’s potential plight.

The president’s aides and legal advisers have scrambled for 48 hours to explain a presidential tweet that raised the specter of obstruction. It read: “I had to fire General Flynn because he lied to the Vice

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## Lawmakers work to reconcile dueling House, Senate tax bills

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER and MARCY GORDON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Significant differences separate the massive tax packages passed by the House and Senate on estate taxes, health care and a prized deduction for home mortgage interest, though Republican leaders are confident none is

insurmountable.

Republicans are trying to pass the biggest rewrite of the tax system in more than 30 years.

“We’re looking forward to getting a final bill to the president’s desk, soon,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Monday.

Both versions would cut taxes by about \$1.5 trillion over

the next decade while adding billions to the deficit. But they take different approaches.

“I don’t see anything here that is a deal-killer,” said Jon Traub, a former staff director for House Ways and Means Republicans who is now at Deloitte Tax. “Having come this far, I don’t know why they wouldn’t be able to finish.”

The Senate bill passed by

a thin 51-49 margin, so any changes in that measure will have to be negotiated with the senators who care about that issue, said Marc Gerson, a former tax counsel for Ways and Means and now chair of the law firm Miller & Chevalier.

“Overall, I think that the Senate bill is kind of the base text,” Gerson said.

The differences and how

each issue is likely to play out:

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The House bill condenses current seven brackets to four: 12 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent and 39.6 percent. The Senate measure retains seven brackets but changes them and reduces the top bracket from 39.6 percent to

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## Trump heartily endorses Moore as GOP comes to grips with him

By **JILL COLVIN and STEVE PEOPLES**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump gave embattled GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore a vigorous formal endorsement Monday, looking past allegations of sexual misconduct with Alabama teenagers as Republican leaders in Washington, once appalled by Moore’s candidacy, began to come to grips with the ever-clearer possibility of his victory.

Buoyed by the taste of his

own success in Congress as the Republican tax bill inches closer to passage, Trump telephoned Moore to offer encouragement as well as support and also argued in a pair of tweets that Moore’s vote was badly needed to push the president’s policies forward.

In addition, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who was initially among several national Republicans to urge Moore to drop out of the race, said Sunday it was up to Alabama voters to decide whether the former state Supreme

Court chief justice should be elected.

Weeks ago, when accusations of sexual misconduct with teenagers first surfaced, Trump’s spokesman had said the president believed Moore would “do the right thing and step aside” if the allegations were true.

Top Republicans vowed to expel him from the Senate if he won his Dec. 12 special election. And, publicly and privately, GOP leaders described the allegations against Moore as credible



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In this Monday, Sept. 25, file photo, former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore speaks at a rally, in Fairhope, Alabama.

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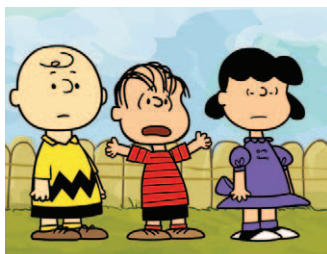
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Shares of CVS Health and Aetna fell after announcement of its \$69 billion deal for the pharmacy company to acquire the health insurer. *See page 3.*

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**The message in Pyongyang’s propaganda**



Kim. Nuclear. War. Nothing sums up the message embedded in North Korea’s propaganda better than those three words. *See page 12.*

# STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

**ALABAMA Opelika:** Police say human remains found last year along a creek bank behind a trailer park are those of a man missing since 2004, *The Opelika-Auburn News* reports.

**ALASKA Ketchikan:** State troopers say a drug dog sniffed out methamphetamine that was welded in a shipment of heavy equipment.

**ARIZONA Phoenix:** The road to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park closes Tuesday for the winter.

**ARKANSAS DeWitt:** A preliminary NTSB report says several bird carcasses were found in the wreckage of a medical helicopter that crashed last month, killing all 3 people aboard.

**CALIFORNIA Guadalupe:** Archaeologists working in sand dunes on the coast dug up an intact plaster sphinx that was part of an Egyptian movie set built more than 90 years ago for Cecil B. DeMille's epic *The Ten Commandments*, KEYT-TV reports.



**COLORADO Aspen:** Visitation to the Maroon Bells Scenic Area has risen by almost 40% in the past two years, *The Aspen Daily News* reports.

**CONNECTICUT Windsor Locks:** Bradley International Airport is giving stressed travelers a chance to hug a therapy dog without cost during the holiday season. The dogs are there two days a week, WVIT-TV reports.

**DELAWARE Millsboro:** The Mountaire Farms poultry firm will provide bottled water to residents near its Milford processing plant after elevated nitrate levels were found in wells.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** Authorities say a suburban Washington man is charged with raping another man while impersonating a police officer.

**FLORIDA Key West:** Residents of the Florida Keys doused hurricane flags in rum and burned them last week to mark the end of the difficult 2017 Atlantic hurricane season.

**GEORGIA Atlanta:** State lawmakers may replace touch-screen voting devices that were adopted 15 years ago. They've been criticized because they don't produce a paper trail.

**HAWAII Honolulu:** A three-month pilot program lets Lyft and Uber pick up passengers at Honolulu's Daniel K. Inouye International Airport.

**IDAHO Boise:** A former assistant supervisor at Home Depot's Nampa store has sued the company, alleging sex and pregnancy discrimination.

**ILLINOIS Effingham:** Conservation police are seeking tips after someone illegally dumped up to 10 deer carcasses over a bridge and into a creek, *The Effingham Daily News* reports.

**INDIANA Dyer:** Authorities say a man and a dog died after their vehicle was struck by an Amtrak train, *The (Northwest Indiana) Times* reports. Another dog survived the crash.

**IOWA Ames:** Campus police arrested an Iowa State philosophy and religious studies lecturer who they say smelled of alcohol in his classroom, *The Des Moines Register* reports.

**KANSAS Topeka:** A federal judge is considering whether to block the state from enforcing a law barring Kansas contractors from participating in boycotts against Israel.

**KENTUCKY Lexington:** Officials will keep the city's rainbow-colored crosswalks while asking why federal officials say the gesture honoring the LGBTQ community is a safety hazard, *The Lexington Herald-Leader* reports.



## HIGHLIGHT: MICHIGAN



The large irruption of snowy owls is due in part to a swelling of the lemming population in Canada. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Migrating snowy owls blanket parts of state

**Keith Matheny**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

DETROIT – It's December, and the snow is flying in the Upper Peninsula and other parts of Michigan. It's also landing, feeding and getting its photo taken.

A large flock of migrating snowy owls, known as an irruption, has made its way into Michigan, with numbers unlike anything seen in some parts of the state in recent years.

"They're all over here," said Todd Keough, sales manager at Getz's Department Store in Marquette.

An employee filmed a snowy owl hanging out by the sidewalk in downtown Marquette, just outside the store, on Wednesday, and the Facebook post of the video has others in the region posting photos of their close encounters with the birds.

Unlike most owls, which are active and hunting at night, snowy owls work the day shift, too. The light doesn't bother them because at their summer home, in the Arctic regions in Canada's and Alaska's far north, the sun shines 24 hours a day.

"There was a major breeding event in northern Canada this year," said Scott Weidensaul, co-

director of the non-profit Project SNOWstorm, which uses scientific research to better understand the owls and also works with the public to conserve them.

That success was driven by a peak in the population cycle of snowy owls' favorite food in their northern home, lemmings, a small rodent found on the tundra, he said. Every four years, on average, the lemming population swells, making snowy owl breeding and survival of young more prosperous. And then comes an irruption into places like Michigan, he said.

Snowy owls are rather odd migrants. They'll stay a full Michigan winter if they feel there is sufficient food around, with no interest in heading farther south where things might be easier. Unlike, say, a robin, they don't want to be where it's warm. But sometimes they will be. This year's irruption includes snowy owls seen as far south as North Carolina, Weidensaul said.

A snowy owl banded at an airport in Michigan a couple of years ago was next trapped by a researcher in North Dakota while migrating, and given a radio transmitter, he said. The bird went back up to the Arctic for the summer, then spent last winter in the western Canadian province of Saskatchewan, he said.

darted through two Enterprise Middle School hallways as students were arriving for classes. The deer eventually ran out to the woods.

**MISSOURI Clayton:** Eleven St. Louis County officers assigned to the light rail system were reprimanded for loitering or covering security cameras in MetroLink security offices.

**MONTANA Missoula:** University of Montana researchers say a proposal to more than double the cost of the seven-day pass for national parks could cause economic harm to communities within 60 miles of Yellowstone National Park.

**NEBRASKA Lincoln:** The state ACLU says some counties are profiting from exorbitant fees for phone calls made by jail inmates. A report finds that county jail inmates pay \$7 to \$19 for a 15-minute call that costs only \$1.50 in a state prison.

**NEVADA Las Vegas:** Firefighters say a homeless man rescued a 3-year-old girl and 10-month-old boy from their burning apartment Friday.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE Somersworth:** Police say a former substitute teacher encouraged middle school students to smoke pot and gave one student a vaping device.

**NEW JERSEY Toms River:** The former Ocean County Sheriff's Department's canine unit commander pleaded guilty to theft and official misconduct in misappropriating cocaine meant to train dogs.

**NEW MEXICO Albuquerque:** Farmer Steve McFall will seek the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan in the largely Democratic district.

**LOUISIANA Woodworth:** Police say two adults were found sprawled on the floor unconscious in a house filled with oven smoke after an 11-year-old called 911, the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk* reports. Two other children also were in the house.

**MAINE Portland:** Scallop fishing is underway for another season with a harvest limit for most Maine fishermen of up to 15 gallons of shucked scallops a day. But at Cobscook Bay, the limit is 10 gallons.

**MARYLAND Greenbelt:** Federal prosecutors say an urgent care center physician was indicted on charges of prescribing more than 3,000 amphetamine pills to four people over a period of 3½ years.

**MASSACHUSETTS Methuen:** A 10-year-old boy was arrested after police say he shot a BB gun at two school buses full of children, *The Boston Herald* reports. The pellets shattered multiple windows, but no injuries were reported.

**MICHIGAN Chelsea:** University of Michigan paleontologists have discovered 40 additional mammoth bones during a second excavation at a farm, *The Ann Arbor News* reports.

**MINNESOTA St. Paul:** A tabby named Max has been playing a game of cat and mouse with the Macalester College library. Max sneaks in when people open the door and runs around the bookshelves, *The Star Tribune* reports.

**MISSISSIPPI Enterprise:** A deer

**NEW YORK Quogue:** Scientists are installing man-made oyster reefs on Long Island in an effort to restore the area's ecosystem, *Newsday* reports.

**NORTH CAROLINA Greensboro:** Cone Denim will hold a job fair Wednesday for about 200 workers who will lose their jobs when the White Oak plant closes at the end of the year, *The Greensboro News & Record* reports.

**NORTH DAKOTA Minot:** Miss America Cara Mund will be grand marshal of the State Fair Parade on July 21.

**OHIO Delaware:** Police are searching for suspects who broke more than 20 windows at a domestic violence shelter under construction.

**OKLAHOMA Stillwater:** Oklahoma State University will soon serve alcohol venue-wide during athletic events, *The Stillwater News Press* reports. The school has previously sold alcohol only in suites.

**OREGON Springfield:** A 2-month-old puppy stranded on a McKenzie River island for about a week was rescued, *The Register-Guard* reports.

**PENNSYLVANIA Upper Darby:** Police are seeking a man wearing a jacket with a NASA logo after threatening messages were left outside a mosque.

**RHODE ISLAND Providence:** City firefighters have approved a proposed \$5.9 million settlement on disputed overtime payments.

**SOUTH CAROLINA St. Phillips Island:** Media magnate Ted Turner has pledged to sell the island to help the severely eroding Hunting Island State Park, *The Post and Courier* reports.

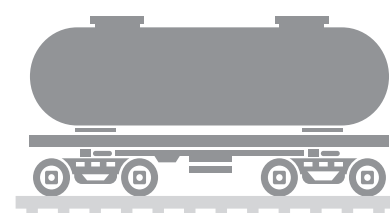
**SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls:** The company behind a controversial wind farm project in Lincoln County has ended its easements with 122 property owners, *The Argus Leader* reports.

**TENNESSEE Springfield:** Authorities say a bus transporting about 30 workers from their jobs at area businesses overheated and caught fire, injuring 11 of those aboard.

**TEXAS Farmers Branch:** Officials in this Dallas suburb repealed a 2006 ordinance that made English the city's official language.

**UTAH St. George:** Two orphaned black bear cubs found without mothers were released into the wild last week, just in time to start hibernating for the winter, KSL-TV reports.

**VERMONT Bennington:** Some residents and state lawmakers are concerned that propane-filled tanker cars parked on railroad tracks could pose a danger to residential areas.



**VIRGINIA Norfolk:** Navy officials say a ruptured pipe at the Little Creek base spilled about 60,000 gallons of sewage into the surrounding harbor, *The Virginian-Pilot* reports. Officials say the discharge didn't pose a significant public health risk.

**WASHINGTON Snohomish:** Five years after helping build a school in Kenya, Isabelle Strehle, 17, a senior at Snohomish High School, is pulling together funding for a new library. She's also hoping to collect 500 books to fill the shelves.

**WEST VIRGINIA Charleston:** Five federal inmates were sentenced to more prison time, from three months to six months, for drug smuggling, *The Charleston Gazette-Mail* reports.

**WISCONSIN Kenosha:** A woman who was warned by health officials not to make meals for the homeless in her home was invited to cook in the Bourbon Legends bar kitchen just two blocks away, WTMJ-TV reports.

**WYOMING Laramie:** The average ACT score for graduating Wyoming high school seniors rose between 2016 and 2017, from 20 to 20.2.  
*Compiled from staff, wire reports.*

# NATION

## Man charged in connection with Mariah Woods' death

By CAMILA MOLINA  
THE NEWS & OBSERVER  
(RALEIGH, N.C.)

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — The man charged in connection with the death of 3-year-old Mariah Kay Woods, whose remains were found over the weekend, had his first appearance in court Monday morning.

Earl Kimrey, 32, was arrested Friday and charged with concealing a death, obstruction of justice, second-degree burglary, felony larceny and possession of stolen property, according to arrest records.

Kimrey appeared in District Court on Monday morning to be read his rights and the charges. He is being held in the Onslow County Detention Center under a \$1.01 million bond.

Kimrey is the boyfriend of Mariah's mother, Kristy Woods, and was living with

the two when the toddler was reported missing.

In a news release sent Saturday evening, an FBI spokeswoman said Mariah's remains had been found in Shelter Creek along Shaw Highway in Pender County, North Carolina.

Officials did not say what led them to arrest Kimrey, or what evidence suggested that Mariah was no longer alive.

The Fayetteville Police Department dive team discovered the remains, which were sent to the state medical examiner for positive confirmation.

Mariah was presumed dead based on evidence gathered throughout the weeklong investigation into her disappearance, according to the Onslow County Sheriff's Office.

At a news conference on Saturday, FBI officials called the search for Mariah "a homicide



PHOTO PROVIDED

The body of three-year-old Mariah Kay Woods was discovered over the weekend.

investigation."

"I'm very saddened to report to you that we have recovered what we believe are the remains of little Mariah Wood," Sheriff Hans J. Miller said. "We were all hoping for a better outcome."

State arrest records show that Kimrey had previously been charged with larceny, assault, and drunk and disorderly conduct.

An arrest warrant

released Saturday morning accused Kimrey of "removing Mariah Woods' body from the scene of her death" and alleged that he "did conceal Mariah Woods death and body, knowing that Mariah Woods died from unnatural causes. The defendant acted with deceit and intent to defraud." The warrant also said Kimrey "secretly disposed of the dead child's body."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Mexican man acquitted in slaying wants gun conviction tossed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lawyers for a Mexican man who was acquitted in the shooting death of a young San Francisco woman that sparked a national immigration debate said Monday they will ask a judge to toss his gun possession conviction.

Lawyers for Jose Ines Garcia Zarate say they will argue that he didn't know he had a gun in his hand until it fired.

Garcia Zarate has said he found an object wrapped in a T-shirt under a bench on a pier that turned out to be gun and accidentally fired when he picked it up.

His lawyers say that doesn't constitute possession of a weapon. They intend to seek the dismissal after a sentencing hearing set for Dec. 14.

A jury acquitted Garcia Zarate last week of murder, involuntary manslaughter and assault with a deadly weapon in the 2015 shooting death of Kate Steinle.

Garcia Zarate had been deported five times before he was arrested a few hours after the shooting. The San Francisco sheriff's department also released Garcia Zarate several weeks before the shooting despite a federal immigration request to detain him.

The weapon

possession count carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison. Garcia Zarate has been in jail since July 1, 2015.

Immigration authorities said they will deport Garcia Zarate after he serves his sentence.

### Trump undercuts Obama, Clinton legacies in wilderness protections

LOS ANGELES — President Donald Trump's removal of federal protections from huge portions of two national monuments in southern Utah on Monday threatens to undercut the wilderness-conservation legacies of his Democratic predecessors Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Whether Trump has the legal authority to withdraw 1.1 million acres of land from Bears Ears National Monument and 800,000 acres from nearby Grand Staircase-Escalante will soon be tested in court.

Supporters of the monuments, which cover vast stretches of Utah's scenic red-rock country, are preparing lawsuits to block Trump from shrinking them.

But Trump's drive to open wilderness to oil, gas, coal and mineral extraction, among other things, is already one of his most significant environmental legacies, along with his wholesale scrapping of Obama policies to address climate change.

## CVS, Aetna shares fall after acquisition deal

By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Shares of CVS Health and Aetna fell Monday morning after Sunday's announcement of its \$69 billion deal for pharmacy company CVS to acquire health insurer Aetna.

CVS shares were down 4.9 percent at \$71.45 in early trading. Shares of Aetna were down 0.5 percent at \$180.40 after an early morning jump.

The deal would combine the 9,700 drugstores and more than 1,000 walk-in health clinics operated by

Woonsocket, R.I.-based CVS with Hartford, Conn.-based Aetna's 22 million medical members. It's the latest example of the increasing consolidation of the health care industry and, in CVS's case, a way to help fend off the potential threat posed by Amazon.com, which is looking to move into the pharmaceuticals business.

CVS CEO Larry Merlo described the deal as a "natural evolution" of the two companies and said CVS and Aetna have been "close partners" for most of the past decade, since

CVS signed a strategic agreement to provide pharmacy benefits to Aetna members.

"Through our integrated health care management and delivery platform, we will be able to better coordinate care, eliminate waste and unnecessary spending and drive efficiencies throughout the entire health care system," he said in a call with analysts Monday morning.

Merlo said the combined company would be better equipped to go after more government business in Medicare and Medicaid.

Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini later expanded on Merlo's comments, saying the deal could help patients navigate the system and lower out-of-pocket costs.

"I think really people are confused," he said. "They're wandering through the system, multiple doctors, multiple medications."

The deal still needs approval from federal antitrust regulators. This year, Aetna dropped a \$34 billion bid for rival insurer Humana after a federal judge blocked the deal on antitrust grounds.

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STATE/STOCKS

Ex-US Rep Brown gets 5-year prison sentence in fraud case

By JASON DEAREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Former U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, once a powerful Florida Democrat, was sentenced Monday to five years in prison for fraud and other crimes related to a purported charity for poor students that she used as a personal slush fund.

Brown, 71, listened stoically in a Jacksonville courtroom as U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Corrigan read her sentence. She was ordered to turn herself in to prison authorities in January. Her attorney said she plans to appeal the sentence.

Brown, who in 1992 became one of the first three African-Americans

elected to Congress from Florida since Reconstruction, was convicted by a federal jury in May on 18 of the 22 charges against her, which included fraud and lying on her tax returns and congressional financial disclosures.

Corrigan alluded to Brown's long history of public service before handing down the sentence, which could have been as long as nine years. The judge also cited her history of overcoming obstacles as a black woman in the South as she built a trailblazing career.

However, Corrigan said Brown succumbed to "entitlement and greed" in siphoning money from the One Door for Education Foundation for

personal use. Prosecutors said the pattern of fraud by Brown and her top aide included using hundreds of thousands of dollars from the foundation for lavish parties, trips and shopping excursions.

"It is a sad day for everyone. It is a sad day for this community," Corrigan said. "I was impressed with all the outpouring of support for you and it's a tribute to you and the work you've done ... and that makes it more tragic and sad."

Brown represented a Florida district that included Jacksonville during her nearly 25-year career.

The judge said Brown used her high profile to lure donors to fundraisers, abusing her power,

and was unrepentant when faced with evidence that contradicted her claims of innocence.

"The rules, she decided, did not apply to her," Corrigan said.

Brown's former chief of staff, Elias "Ronnie" Simmons, and One Door's executive director Carla Wiley accepted plea deals and testified against Brown. They were also sentenced Monday. Simmons was given four years in prison, followed by three years of probation, and Wiley received a one-year, nine-month sentence followed by three years of probation. They too were ordered to report for prison in January.

Federal prosecutors said the three used One Door to bring in more



Former congresswoman Corrine Brown walks into Federal Court accompanied by pastor Rudolph McKissick, Sr. Brown appeared in Federal Court to be sentenced on fraud charges.

than \$800,000 between 2012 and 2016, through donations and events including a high-profile golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass. The

Virginia-based One Door gave out only one scholarship — for \$1,200, to an unidentified person in Florida, according to court documents.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Florida Gov. Scott pick resigns after misconduct allegation

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — A high-level appointee by Florida Gov. Rick Scott is resigning from his post after being accused of sexual misconduct by a Republican state senator.

Ritch Workman told Scott's office on Monday he was resigning from the Public Service Commission. Workman resigned moments after Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto publicly said that Workman touched her inappropriately and made inappropriate comments in 2016.

Workman, a former state legislator, had been picked by Scott for the PSC in September. He was due to start his job in

January. Workman's position was subject to Senate confirmation. Senate President Joe Negron said as a result of the allegations against Workman that he would not be confirmed.

Benacquisto had a meeting with Scott back in early November. Scott's office would not comment on what was discussed during the meeting.

Interpreter delivered confusion at Florida news conference

TAMPA (AP) — Hearing impaired people tuning in to a news conference about the arrest of a suspected serial killer in Florida got a message of

gibberish as they watched an American Sign Language interpreter.

Tampa Police Department spokeswoman Janelle McGregor tells the Tampa Bay Times officials are conducting a review because they didn't request an interpreter for the Nov. 28 news conference.

Police Chief Brian Dugan announced the arrest of 24-year-old Howell Donaldson III that day.

Rachelle Settambino, who teaches sign language at the University of South Florida, says interpreter Derlyn Roberts signed the following: "Fifty-one hours ago, zero 12 22 (indecipherable) murder three minutes in 14 weeks ago in old (indecipherable) murder four five 55,000 plea 10 arrest murder bush (indecipherable)

three age 24."

The next day, a new interpreter was at the news conference.

Did 'Do Not Resuscitate' tattoo reflect patient's true wish?

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — An unconscious patient in an emergency room at a Miami hospital posed a vexing ethical dilemma for doctors. The 70-year-old man's blood pressure was dropping and he wasn't breathing well, but a tattoo across his chest read "Do Not Resuscitate."

Doctors at Jackson Memorial Hospital weren't sure if the tattoo truly reflected the man's wishes. Dr. Gregory Holt, a University of Miami assistant professor who

worked on the case this summer, said doctors kept the man alive while referring the matter to an ethics team.

Holt, who helped write a case study published last week in The New England Journal of Medicine, said the ethics team eventually decided the tattoo reflected the man's wishes. He had underlined the word "not" and added a signature. The man later died without intervention.

Lawyer: Coach arrested in NY with teen to return to Florida

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The lawyer for a 27-year-old soccer coach accused of running away with a teenage girl says his client wants to return to Florida as soon as possible to

face charges.

Rian Rodriguez was taken into custody in suburban Syracuse on Friday night on a Florida charge of interference with child custody. He had a court hearing Monday to determine if he'd be extradited.

Officials say the 17-year-old girl sneaked out of her home in Fort White, Florida, on Nov. 25. Her parents flew to Syracuse to get her Saturday. Police say Rodriguez had spent childhood vacations in the area.

Officials at Fort White High School suspended Rodriguez.

Attorney Charles Keller says Rodriguez has consented to return to Florida. He's being held in jail until Florida authorities pick him up.

Mutual Funds

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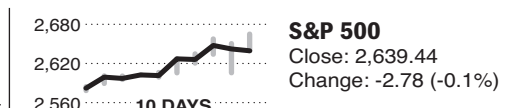
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Combined Stocks From the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

Large table of stock listings with columns for Div, Name, Last, and Chg. Includes various stock symbols and their price changes.



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Interestrates logo and text: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged at 2.37 percent on Monday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

TREASURIES table with columns for YEST, PVS, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Includes 3-month T-bill, 6-month T-bill, etc.

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

# GOREN BRIDGE

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## SUIT PREFERENCE

Both vulnerable, East deals

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q 8 6  
 ♥ Q J 7 4 3  
 ♦ 6 4  
 ♣ 8 5 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ 10 2  
 ♥ A 10 9 2  
 ♦ J 7 2  
 ♣ J 6 4 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ 9 4 3  
 ♥ 5  
 ♦ A K 9 5 3  
 ♣ A K Q 9

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K J 7 5  
 ♥ K 8 6  
 ♦ Q 10 8  
 ♣ 10 7

The bidding:  
 EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
 1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♣  
 All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♦

We have often featured deals with "suit-preference" signals. They are traditionally considered the third most important defensive signal, behind "attitude" signals and "count" signals. There are a growing number of experts, however, who think that suit-preference signals might be the most important of all.

You might think that East-West were too timid in not competing to at

least three clubs. They would have had an easy time in that contract. However, when you can defend as well as this East-West pair, such timid bidding is quickly forgotten. This deal took place in a duplicate pair game, where a score of plus 200 is called the "magic number". That score will best any other score on a part-score deal.

The opening diamond lead went to East's king, and East continued with the ace of diamonds. West played the jack of diamonds under the ace as a suit-preference signal for hearts. Hearts was the higher-ranking of the two remaining suits, excluding diamonds and the trump suit. Before switching to his heart, East made the excellent play of the queen of clubs, showing off his strong holding in that suit.

East led the five of hearts to West's ace, and West carefully returned the two of hearts as a suit preference signal for clubs. East got the signal loud and clear. East ruffed the heart and under-led his ace-king of clubs to West's jack. Another heart ruff meant down two and the magic number for East-West!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or e-mails sent to [tcaeditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaeditors@tribpub.com))

# 7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

## CLUES SOLUTIONS

- 1 important enough to report (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 pyramid-shaped Alp (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 major grocery chain (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Anna Sewell's horse, Black (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Western wear decoration (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 bridal follower (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 British Atlantic island (7) \_\_\_\_\_

TR	MA	NEW	ORN	RT
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Monday's Answers: 1. SPORES 2. CANDID 3. GRIZZLED 4. MINIATURIST 5. PINEAPPLE 6. SQUATCHING 7. SUNDRRESS 12/5

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# Safe money

**Dear Readers:** Are your bank accounts insured? Yes, they are. They are insured through the FDIC. What is the FDIC? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. ([www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov)) was established in 1933, during the Great Depression. It will protect your bank accounts if your bank were to fail.



Hints from Heloise

If you are a member of a credit union, your money is insured by the National Credit Union Administration ([www.ncua.gov](http://www.ncua.gov)), whose guidelines are similar. Once you open an account, you are covered.

Some investment products sold through financial institutions are not insured, such as mutual funds and life insurance policies.

Also, the FDIC and the NCUA don't protect you against fraud on your account. But if there's a check written against your account that wasn't written by you, or if there's other fraud on your account, your bank or credit union should fully reimburse you.

The law says banks and credit unions have to give you provisional credit within 10 days, but most banks will give you the credit right away. Check with your bank or credit union for more information. — Heloise

## Phone finder

**Dear Heloise:** Here's how I prevent losing my phone:

I never place anything over my phone — no newspaper, mail, purse or blanket.

I put a brightly colored case on my phone, because many car interiors, furniture and purse interiors are

black, and trying to see a black phone can be difficult.

I love your column! — Estelle in Cleveland

## Upside down

**Dear Heloise:** After I open a package of baby wipes or hand wipes and pull one out, I turn the whole plastic package of them upside down, flat, so the "opening" is on the bottom.

This seals out air and ensures that the next one you pull out will be clean, moist and ready to use. I rarely waste any this way. — Heidi M., Kerrville, Texas

This works for the pouches of wipes; leakage can occur if you turn a jar of wipes upside down. Thank you, Heidi! — Heloise

## Window-cleaning spray to the rescue!

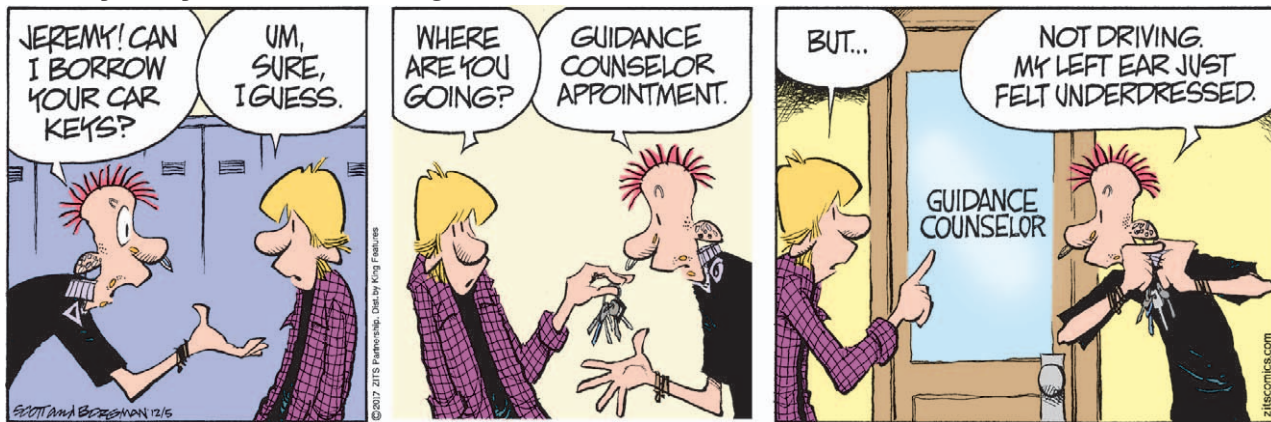
**Dear Heloise:** My husband had open-heart surgery, and the hospital staff could not get his wedding ring off. They used a common window cleaner to spray his finger, and the ring came right off. It also worked to get rings to slide over my arthritic knuckles.

I always enjoy reading your column in The Washington Post. — Kathy S., via email

## REX MORGAN By Terry Beatty



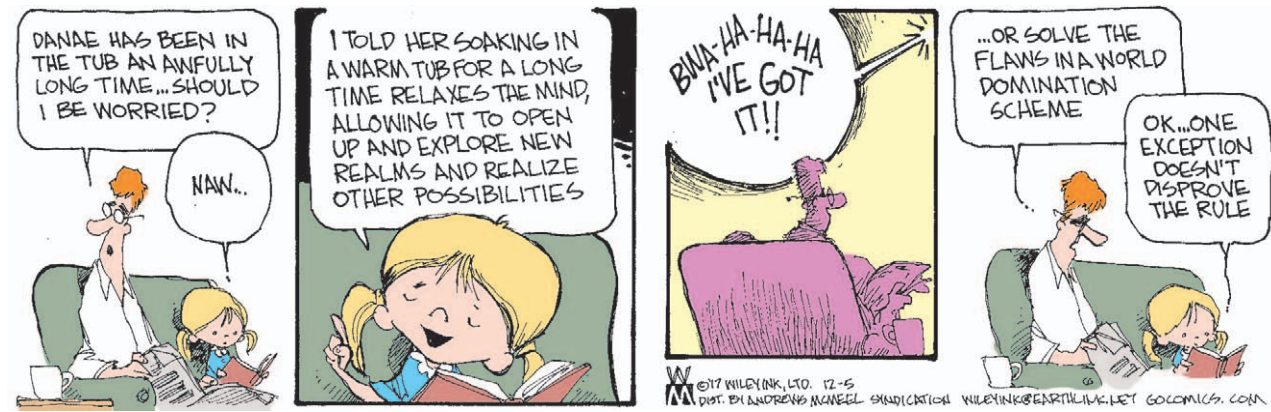
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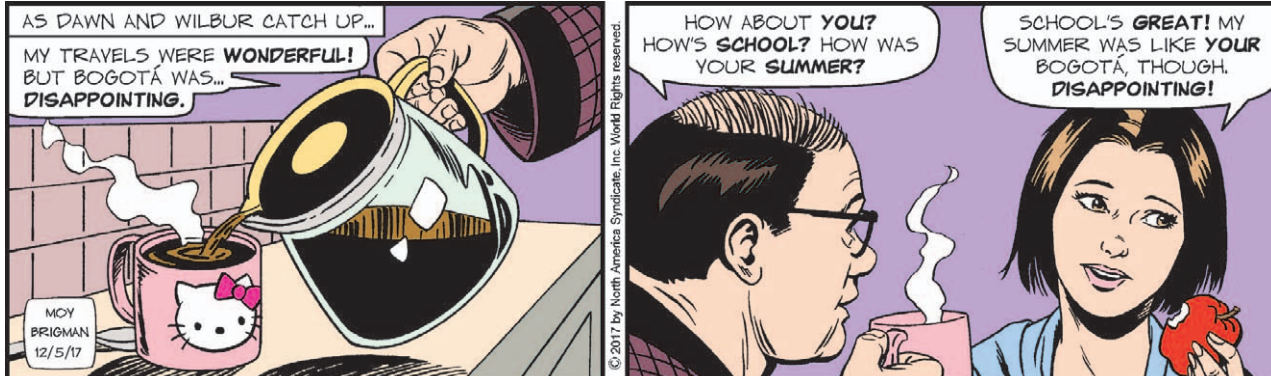
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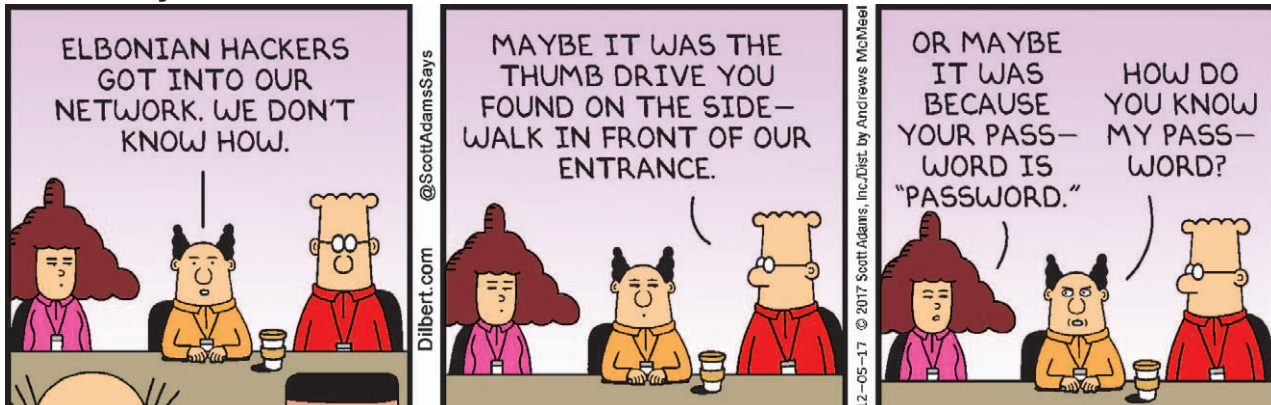
## NON SEQUITUR By Wiley



## MARY WORTH By Karen Moy and June



## DILBERT By Scott Adams



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# TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Partly closed
  - 5 Uplift
  - 10 Feels under par
  - 14 3-D shape
  - 15 Meeting's location
  - 16 Oak or maple
  - 17 La femme
  - 18 Wide awake
  - 19 Bathe
  - 20 Poor grades
  - 21 Used a copier
  - 23 False reason
  - 25 Net surfers
  - 26 Shelley offering
  - 27 Little bit
  - 29 Yard protector
  - 33 Fossil-fuel source (2 wds.)
  - 38 Yodeler's answer
  - 39 Slight degree of coloration
  - 41 Dismounted
  - 42 Emphasized print
  - 44 Biathlon weapon
  - 45 Diving bird
  - 46 DDE's party
  - 48 Finish-line markers
  - 52 Evening gowns
  - 56 Remodeling
  - 59 Clean a counter
  - 61 Odds and ends, briefly

- DOWN**
- 1 Did extremely well
  - 2 Minty quaff
  - 3 Better trained
  - 4 "Touched by an Angel" actress Della
  - 5 Weaseled out of
  - 6 Posh
  - 7 Clueless
  - 8 Roll tightly
  - 9 Bigfoot cousin
  - 10 Book of maps
  - 11 Really ticked
  - 12 Crowbar
  - 13 Garden starters
  - 22 Takes a knife to
  - 24 Sock part
  - 27 Lively dance
  - 28 Bullfight cheer
  - 29 Calendar abbr.
  - 30 Italian writer

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

S	T	A	N	D	Y	A	W	N	S	A	C	S		
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- 31 Calgary Flames' org.
- 32 Food fish
- 33 1300 hours
- 34 Yes, in Kyoto
- 35 Chatty alien
- 36 — Abner, of the comics
- 37 Monsieur's summer
- 39 Frat letter
- 40 Gross!
- 43 Rapid
- 44 LP speed
- 46 Tickle
- 47 Crabby
- 48 Fills a pipe
- 49 Leave-taking
- 50 Outmoded
- 51 Orlando attraction
- 52 Good buys
- 53 Not in a fog
- 54 Ceiling
- 55 Serving utensil
- 57 Commotions
- 58 Prefix for "trillion"
- 60 Como — used?

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Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at [QuillDriverBooks.com](http://QuillDriverBooks.com)

## JUMBLE

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

VONEY

USEQT

MUTUNA

EGDELP

Ans. here:  -  (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELUDE DERBY BRIGHT FILTHY Answer: When the storm knocked out power to the school, the students were — "DE-LIGHTED"

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

NASHVILLE  
I've been married four years now, and it's getting pretty serious.

Nate's always been there for me.

He's so nice!

THE COMEDIAN WAS WELL-RESPECTED. EVERYONE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A---

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

### BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

WELL, I THINK...

WHOA!

HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION...

WHEN YOU KEEP BUTTING IN!

### BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall

IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING ON FACEBOOK...WHICH EMOJI DO YOU USE?

SAD?

I USE MAD!

HOW 'BOUT TONGUE OUT?

HOW 'BOUT A BROKEN HEART?

OR WEEPY?!

OR CONFUSED?!

TOUGH DAY, HONEY?

NAH, I JUST SPENT A LOT OF TIME RESOLVING EMOTIONAL DRAMA

### MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell

LICK LICK LICK LICK LICK

HMMMM...

I COULD USE A LITTLE SALT.

## KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷	2-		9+
	4	6x	
2-			
	2÷		1

WORKSPACE:

CHALLENGING

11+	3÷		80x
4	36x		5-
2÷	1-	3	
	6x	1-	3-
15x	4	1-	
2	1-		3-

**RULES**

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

2÷	12x	3	2÷
1	4	3	2
2	3	1	4
3	2	4	1
4	1	2	3

### BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

BEHOLD! LILAC, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND DESIRABLE FIGURINE IN THE PURPLE UNICORN SERIES!

MINE!

I GUESS YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE DESIRABLE PART.

MOM!

### DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET MARK TO TELL ME ABOUT HIS NEW LADY FRIEND, DEAR...

YOU KNOW, THE GIRL I SAW YOU TALK WITH IN FRONT OF MEL'S...

THAT WASN'T MARK'S GIRL-FRIEND. SHE'S MINE.

WHAT?

ER...HE'S KIDDING! YOU KNOW DAD, MOM—HE'S A KIDDER!

OH, MY GOD...

NICE, DAD! WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST DROP A PIANO ON HER?

LOOK, I'M TIRED OF SNEAKING AROUND EVERY HOT NEW RESTAURANT IN TOWN!

### FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston

HEY, WHATCHA READING?!

NOTHING.

AAHH—IT'S A NOTE FROM MARTHA—RIGHT? TAKE A HIKE, GORDON.

TOUCHY! TOUCHY!! SHE'S A BUMMER, MAN—YOU'RE NOT GONNA MAKE UP WITH HER, ARE YOU?

TAKE OFF YOUR HATS, GUYS... ANOTHER INNOCENT MALE HAS BEEN LURED TO HIS DOOM!



# Woman is ready to hang up on constantly calling husband

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I argue more than I'd like. I am pretty easygoing and passive; he likes his feelings to be known. Over time I have become worn down, and my patience has worn thin.



Dear Abby

We are starting to rebound from what I call "the year from hell." His drinking and poor choices nearly put us on the street, and I was ready to walk. Things are starting to get better, but what we can't seem to agree on is communication during the day.

when I'm busy or give him a time certain when I will call him back, he beeps in before I have the chance.

I am now at the end of my rope. With all that I have dealt with, worked through and put up with, this is something I will not compromise on.

I feel it's more than sufficient to talk on my way in to work, maybe

check in around lunch, then on the way home. He feels that because I don't feel the need to call or talk that much that I don't love him. I can't stand listening to the dead air or breathing because there is nothing to talk about. Am I being petty for letting this be the thing that will break us? — TALKS TOO MUCH IN TEXAS

**DEAR TALKS TOO MUCH:**

If you want to save your marriage after everything you have been through, make the time for marriage counseling. What may destroy your marriage isn't your husband's talking; it's his neediness, insecurity and insensitivity.

Frankly, what you have described strikes me as

controlling rather than loving behavior. After the struggles you have described, you have already proven your love for him. Being at his beck and call during the workday should not be an additional requirement.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister-in-law is extremely allergic to cats. We have six cats, but live 1,000 miles away from her. When her 8-year-old son comes to visit, he has a Ziploc bag full of clean clothes that he puts on before he goes home. The clothes he wore here are sealed up at the end of his trip to be washed.

I'm OK with this. But I need some advice for an upcoming big family holiday gathering. We have

all been courteously asked to wash our clothes before coming, to vacuum our vehicles and to limit our contact with cats before arriving. Am I wrong to feel like it's her problem, not ours? — WHOSE PROBLEM IS IT

**DEAR WHOSE PROBLEM:**

Yes, you are wrong. When a family member has a health problem that can be triggered by the others, it becomes everyone's problem. If the steps needed to keep her safe are too much for you, you should stay home.

**DEAR ABBY:** Is it cheating to proofread your college-aged child's final before he/she turns it in? — WONDERING IN ORANGE, CALIF.

**DEAR WONDERING:** To read it? No. To correct it, yes.

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## Challenger

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

					12-5
			7		26
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

7	8	7	3	8
2	1	1	1	5
1	3	6	5	15
1	5	7	4	17
5	17	21	13	12

## Cryptoquip

12-5

IEVP T MVFYTXP TPMXVPY  
 FNATP EXWYNFXTPLXLP'Y  
 SXUV YN YTSU AJME TY TSS,  
 ITW YTMXYJW YTMXYJFP?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFFLUENT PERSON WHO OWNS A HUGE COLLECTION OF DECORATIVE GARDEN SHELTERS: A PAVILION-AIRE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals W

## MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



## WORD SLEUTH • PERENNIAL HERBS

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

Monday's unlisted clue: BOBCAT

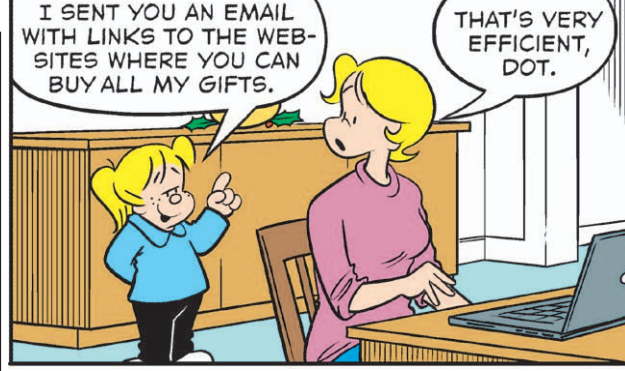
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: USED TO FLAVOR BEER

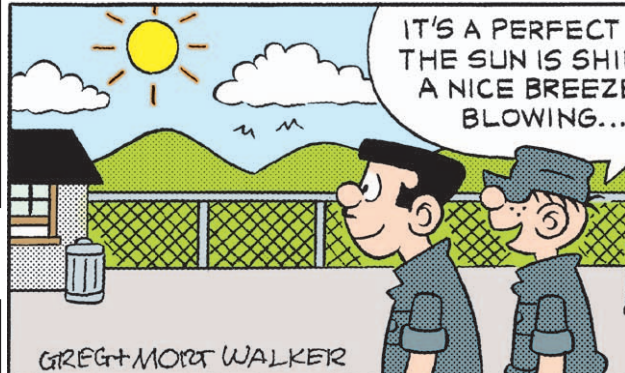
Catnip	Ferula	Lavender	Sage
Chives	Garlic	Mint	Thyme
Curry plant	Ginger	Oregano	Yarrow
Fennel	Horseradish	Rosemary	

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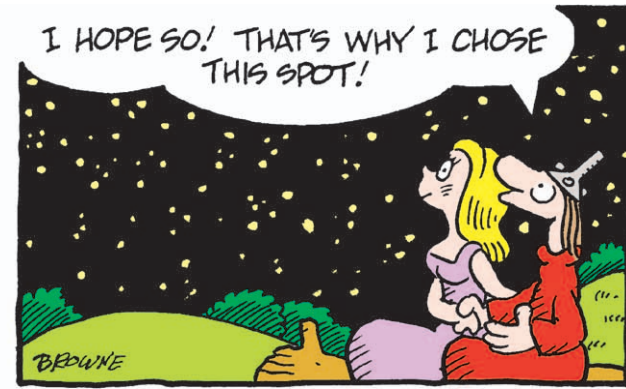
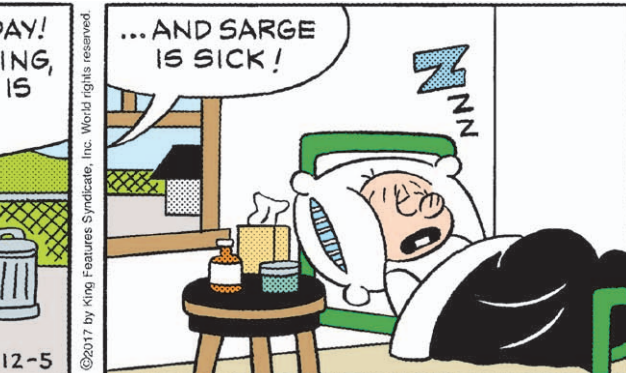
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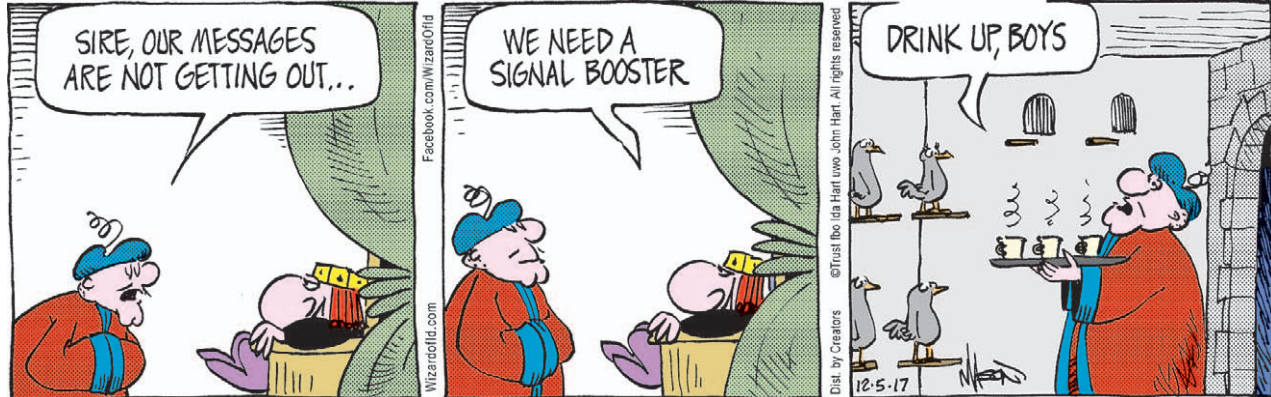
## BETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Chris Browne



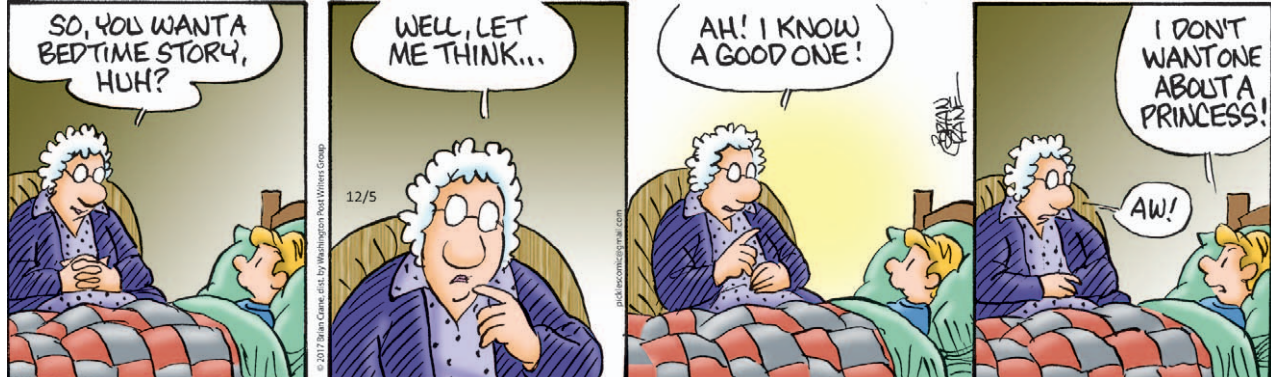
## THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters



## PICKLES By Brian Crane



## B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



# Is it possible that yoga routine lowered PSA levels?

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Five years ago, I added five to six minutes of easy yoga, mostly sitting exercises, to my daily exercise routine. My PSA has gone down to the 0.9-1.1 range, from 4.3. This is for someone who has had two prostate biopsies through the years. My doctor now says that the odds of me having prostate cancer are about 1,500 to 1. A few others who have started doing the exercises also have seen their PSA number drop. — B.C.L.



**Dr. Roach**

go to a doctor? He takes no medicines, is 78 years old and is active. — H.W.W.

**ANSWER:** A big difference between the systolic and diastolic numbers is called a “wide pulse pressure” and is commonly the result of stiff blood vessels. When the blood vessels get stiff, often due to calcium in the vessel wall, the normal amount of blood released by the heart causes a higher-than-expected systolic pressure. Since your husband’s pulse rate is slow, the blood has a longer time to flow into the smaller blood vessels, lowering the pressure more than expected.

A wide pulse pressure does mean a higher risk of developing heart attack or stroke, so I recommend he visit a doctor. Even though his systolic blood pressure is not very high, he still might benefit from treatment.

The other reason to visit a doctor is that there is a less-common cause of a wide pulse pressure, and that is called “aortic insufficiency.” In this case, the aortic valve, which separates the left ventricle from the great blood vessels of the body, leaks. This allows blood to flow backward into the heart, causing a rapid drop in pressure in the blood vessels. But it also makes the heart work extra hard to pump out again the blood that leaked in. Repair of the valve may be necessary. This condition usually can be diagnosed by a careful exam, confirmed by an echocardiogram.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or request an order form of available health newsletters at 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Health newsletters may be ordered from www.rbmamall.com.*

**ANSWER:** I have two important comments about your story. The most significant is that there is pretty strong evidence that regular exercise, especially regular vigorous exercise (one study looked at men with at least three hours of vigorous exercise per week), decreases the risk of prostate cancer. The magnitude of the effect varies depending on the study, from 31 percent to almost 70 percent. However, the effect you have seen in your PSA result is much better than usual: In a study on exercisers versus non-exercisers, the PSA dropped by 4 percent in the exercise group (who had other lifestyle interventions as well), compared with an increase of 6 percent in the control group.

However, exercising right before getting your PSA drawn can lead to a spurious elevation in the result. This just has to do with the activity releasing premade PSA: Sexual activity can do this as well.

I’m also concerned that your doctor may have overstated the case somewhat. For men (average age of 65) with a low PSA, the rate of cancer is roughly 1 per 500 men per year. It’s certainly lower than those with high PSA, but it’s still possible to develop prostate cancer with a low PSA.

I am a big believer in the many beneficial effects of exercise, and reducing cancer risk is one more reason to exercise. Unfortunately, cancer still can happen, even to people who do everything possible to reduce risk.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband’s blood pressure shows a big difference between his systolic and diastolic readings, such as 141/49 and 155/43. His pulse is in the 40s or 50s. Is this OK, or should he

## JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: **SILVER**

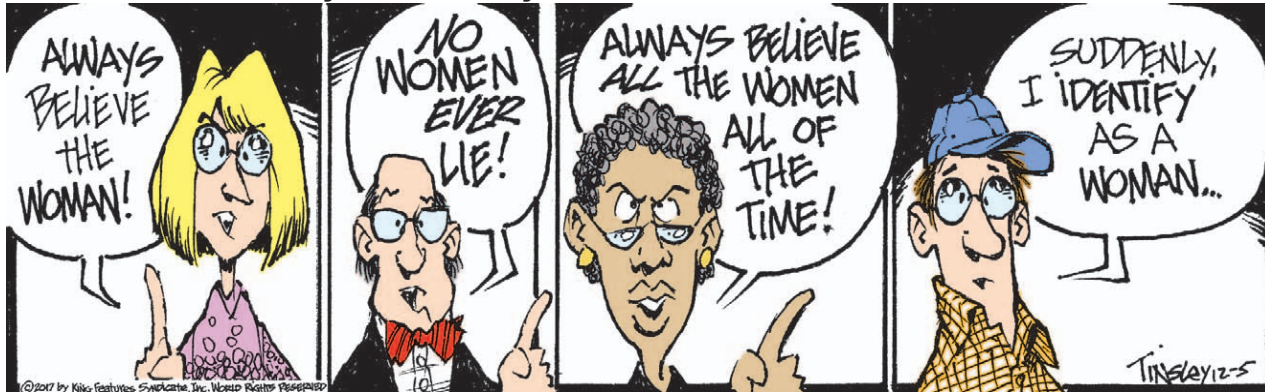
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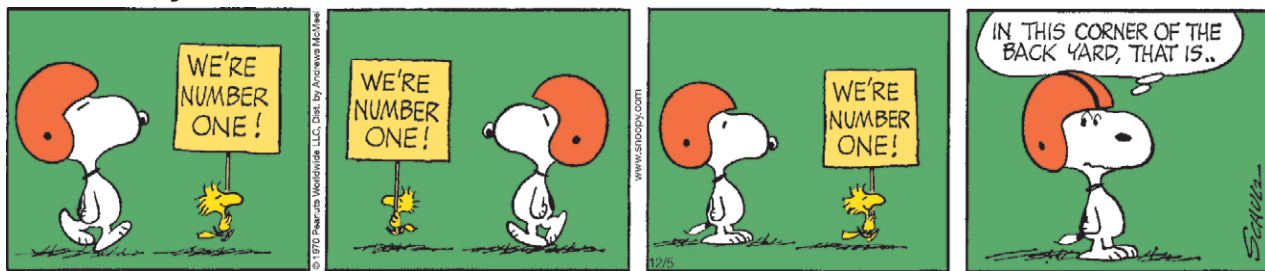
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## MALLARD FILLMORE By Bruce Tinsley



## PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



## CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers



## SHOE By Gary Brookins & Susie



# WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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1. Boldly challenge Brontë’s Jane (1)

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2. Goose “Glee” star Jane (1)

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3. Hurl unknown placeholder name Jane (1)

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4. “Remain, British Queen Lady Jane” (1)

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5. Absolutely sure “SNL” Conehead Jane (2)

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6. “Emma” author Jane icin’ a cake (2)

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7. Toon mother-in-space Jane’s cowboy hats (2)

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ANSWERS  
1. DARE EYRE 2. PINCH LYNCH 3. THROW DOE 4. STAY GREY  
5. CERTAIN CURTIN 6. AUSTEN FROSTIN 7. JETSONS STETSONS

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## BIBLE

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever;” — Hebrews 13:8.

Nothing has changed! Put this great truth up against the greatest trial you are facing and let Him solve it. O God, in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit, send many miracles in the lives of each of us today. Amen.

## HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you can manage to delay the usual knee-jerk verdicts that humans love to form in the first 10 seconds of another’s presentation, you’ll set off a series of sweet events, all made possible by your act of listening.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Make sure you’re on the same track with the other person; that way, you’ll avoid the problems that come with making assumptions. Tonight you’ll get the chance to show the team that you play fair.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). With most things you tackle today, the result will be better if you delay

the payoff for as long as possible. It will work in everything from relaying information to governing your own willpower.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There’s so much you could say on matters, but since you’re all too aware of the short attention spans that most people have, you’ll aim your words toward a particular destination and leave out anything that doesn’t fit the bill.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You’ll come across those who’ve yet to discover their own depths. Maybe they are afraid or haven’t had any reason to dig deep. Or maybe they’ve lacked role models. Regardless, the relationship can only go as deep as the shallowest person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To suspect that you’re the underdog isn’t exactly an uplifting feeling, although you can take heart in the fact that everyone loves an underdog. Go forward in full faith that you have a chance at victory.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Humans love to assign reasons for things that happen, to bridge the gaps of logic and close every case. The trouble is that what follows is often praise or blame. And sometimes there really is no definitive “responsible party.”

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No one ever influenced the world by being the same as everyone in it. But if you don’t seem at least somewhat like the others,

they’ll mistrust you. Group acceptance will be required. Start with what you all have in common.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It’s as if you were designed for adventure. When the others are afraid to go first, your trailblazing nature takes over. March forward and the others will follow.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It’s fun to be in unfamiliar places when you have a guide. But today there probably won’t be a clear model, and you’ll have to make due by observing the people around you who seem to know what they’re doing.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like a nice neighborhood that wants to preserve the peace, your life could use a few speed bumps — constructs you’ve

put in place specifically to slow yourself down, thus preventing accidents.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The scenario is fresh, and you’re still deciding who you want to be. Consider what each role requires. For instance, winners take chances. Heroes take risks to help others.

**TODAY’S BIRTHDAY** (Dec. 5). Your cosmic gift is one of determined and exclusive focus on the things that are going to make your life better. You’ll be freeing yourself of an anchor of sorts over the next three months. In March, family works together and all are lifted. In 2018 you’ll take pleasure in the sale of something that helps people. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 10, 23, 40 and 11.

Tuesday Television

VEN-VENICE E-N-ENGLEWOOD SAR-SARASOTA PC-PORT CHARLOTTE ARC-ARCADIA SPG-SOUTH PUNTA GORDA

Main television schedule table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30) and rows for various channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, PBS, CW, MYN, IND, ION, A&E, AMC, APL, BBCAM, BET, BRAVO, COM, DISC, E!, FOOD, FREE, FX, GSN, HALL, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, OWN, QVC, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, TRUTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN, CNBC, CNN, CSPAN, FNC, MSN, SNN, ESPN, ESPN2, FS1, FSN, FSSUN, GOLF, NBCSN, DISN, ENC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, MAX2, SHO, TMC). Each entry includes program name and a brief description.

Today's Sports

- 2:30 p.m. FS1 UEFA Champions League Soccer Sporting CP at Barcelona. (L)
FSSUN UEFA Champions League Soccer Atlético Madrid at Chelsea. (L)
7 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Jimmy V Classic Villanova Wildcats vs Gonzaga Bulldogs. (L)
ESPN2 College Basketball Texas Longhorns at VCU Rams from Siegel Center. (L)
FS1 College Basketball Vermont Catamounts at Marquette Golden Eagles. (L)
FSN College Basketball Boston University Terriers at Miami Hurricanes. (L)
7:30 p.m. FSSUN NHL Hockey New York Islanders at Tampa Bay Lightning. (L)
8 p.m. USA WWE SmackDown from Valley View Casino Center in San Diego. (L)
9 p.m. ESPN College Basketball Jimmy V Classic Syracuse Orange vs Connecticut Huskies. (L)
ESPN2 College Basketball Texas A&M Aggies at Arizona Wildcats. (L)
FS1 College Basketball Utah Utes at Butler Bulldogs. (L)
FSN College Basketball SMU Mustangs at TCU Horned Frogs. (L)
4:30 a.m. GOLF Ladies European Tour Golf Omega Dubai Ladies Masters: Round 1. (L)

Today's Talk Shows

- 7:00 a.m. ABC Good Morning America Actor James Franco; singer and songwriter Seal performs. (N)
7:00 a.m. NBC Today Actors Matt Smith and Claire Foy; "River of Time" author Naomi Judd. (N)
8:00 a.m. IND The Steve Wilkos Show A man wants to find out if his wife is sleeping with his brother.
9:00 a.m. CBS LIVE with Kelly and Ryan James Franco; Lily James; Brett Young. (N)
9:00 a.m. FOX Jerry Springer Aliyah wants to end her four year relationship with a man named Raykwon.
9:00 a.m. NBC Megyn Kelly TODAY "River of Time" author Naomi Judd; "Holiday Books." (N)
10:00 a.m. CW Rachael Ray Floyd Cardoz prepares a winter chicken dish; sweet-and-smoky sausage casserole. (N)
10:00 a.m. NBC Today with Kathie Lee & Hoda Actor Milo Gibson; "Just Getting Started" star Rene Russo. (N)
11:00 a.m. ABC The View "The Political View" with Corey Lewandowski; comic Keegan-Michael Key. (N)
11:00 a.m. MYN The Doctors A mother says CBD cannabis oil saved daughter's life and stopped cancer growth. (N)
1:00 p.m. ABC The Chew "Confidential Tour" stars Maksim and Val Chmerkovskiy make a dessert. (N)
2:00 p.m. CBS The Talk Ana Gasteyer; "Top Talker" with Keltie Knight; Hilary Duff co-hosts. (N)
3:00 p.m. NBC The Dr. Oz Show Doctor accused of using highly-sought treatment as leverage for sex by 17 women. (N)
5:00 p.m. CW Dr. Phil Woman who claims she has multiple personalities wants to live a functional life. (N)
11:35 p.m. NBC The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Comic and actress Kate McKinnon; comic Patton Oswalt; musical guest Wiz Khalifa. (N)

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New York Giants make two major in-season moves, firing coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese. **Page 3**

## NFL: Jaguars

# Fake punts becoming common for Jags

By **MARK LONG**  
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars do a few things really well. They lead the NFL in rushing, defense and sacks.

They also might be the best at faking punts.

The Jaguars (8-4) have turned three fakes into touchdowns this season, including one to bolster a stalled opening drive in a 30-10 victory against

Indianapolis on Sunday. That kind of success surely will be something Seattle (8-4) will have to prepare for heading into Sunday's game at Ever-Bank Field.

Doug Marrone acknowledged Monday that he has become much more comfortable in his second stint as a head coach and is willing to take more risks.

"When I first started coaching, probably a little bit conservative,"

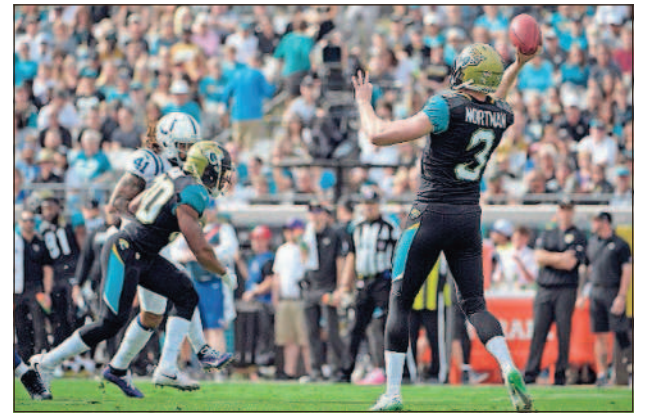
Marrone said. "I was not that way when I was an assistant coach. I was like, 'Yeah, let's run a double-reverse pass.'

"When I became a head coach, then it was like, 'OK, listen, let's make sure we keep this game out there for the players and let's not change the momentum or anything of that nature. I just think the more I'm doing it ... like anything else, I expect them to be able to make a play. The only

difference is you only have one down to do it. There's not a next down for those plays."

The tricky Jaguars have been perfect so far.

Against the Colts, punter Brad Nortman took the snap on a fourth-and-7 play in the first quarter and found tight end James O'Shaughnessy wide open over the middle for a 29-yard gain.



AP PHOTO

Jacksonville Jaguars punter Brad Nortman (3) throws a pass on a fake punt against the Indianapolis Colts on Dec. 3 in Jacksonville.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Fisher gets \$75M deal at Texas A&M



AP PHOTO

Jimbo Fisher speaks as he is introduced as Texas A&M's new head football coach, in Kyle Field's Hall of Champions Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 in College Station, Texas. Jimbo Fisher says the opportunity to coach Texas A&Ms was one he simply couldn't pass up. Fisher was lured away from Florida State, where he won a national championship in 2013, with a 10-year, \$75 million contract at Texas A&M. (Dave McDermand/College Station Eagle via AP)

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jimbo Fisher wasn't wearing a white hat when he arrived at Texas A&M on Monday, no signs of a swashbuckling, down-home savior for program desperate to

compete with the best in the Southeastern Conference.

But the West Virginia native made sure to profess his love of all things country when he was introduced as the new coach at an event that started with the school's signature greeting of "howdy,"

and ended with him being given a pair of custom, A&M-embroidered Lucchese cowboy boots.

"I'm a tobacco chewer and I wear my boots and I shoot my guns and I throw my fishing rod," he said before lamenting that he probably shouldn't

admit all that. "And I grew up on horses."

That spiel is sure to ingratiate him with Aggies fans for now. But in order to stay in their good graces he'll be expected to bring this school its first national title since 1939.

"Gone are the days

when we settle for a good football team," said John Sharp, the chancellor of the Texas A&M system. "We expect to compete soon for championships."

The Aggies signed Fisher to a 10-year, \$75 million contract to lure

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## NFL: Dolphins

# Win vs. Denver bodes well for future

By **STEVEN WINE**  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins left tackle Laremy Tunsil has been dispelling doubts lately, one block at a time.

Tunsil looks less like a bust and more like the first-round pick he was in 2016, which is one reason for the Dolphins' recent offensive surge.

"He has been playing better," coach Adam Gase said Monday. "His practice habits have gotten better every week, and you can really see what we have talent-wise."

The Dolphins' best game yet bodes well for 2018, even if it's not enough to save this season. Tunsil was among a handful of young players whose stock soared Sunday in a 35-9 thrashing of Denver.

Playoff prospects remain bleak for Miami (5-7), but running back Kenyan Drake, cornerback Xavien Howard and defensive tackle Jordan Phillips had breakout performances, increasing the likelihood they'll be part of the team's future.

Tunsil helped pave the way for 367 yards — not eye-popping, but an improvement for a unit that ranked as the NFL's worst for much of the season. Miami's three highest yardage totals have come in the past

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## MLB

# AP source: Ohtani cuts to five West Coast teams, Cubs, Rangers

By **JAKE SEINER**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Japanese pitcher and outfielder Shohei Ohtani has cut the field of major league teams he is considering to five clubs on the West Coast plus the Chicago Cubs and Texas



Japan's starter Shohei Ohtani pitches against South Korea Nov. 19, 2015, at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo. AP PHOTO

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## OLYMPICS

# IOC weighs Russian Olympic ban, risks provoking Putin

By **GRAHAM DUNBAR**  
Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Russia could be banned from competing at the Pyeongchang Olympics, a prospect that President Vladimir Putin has already warned would be humiliating for his country.

The decision will come on Tuesday when the International Olympic Committee executive board meets in Lausanne, less than nine weeks before the games open on Feb. 9 in South Korea.

The 14-member board, which includes two Americans, has received a so-far confidential

report from an IOC-appointed panel. That panel was asked to assess if Russian state agencies did organize the doping program used at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

IOC President Thomas Bach, a German lawyer long seen as an ally of

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## NFL



AP PHOTO

Minnesota Vikings outside linebacker Anthony Barr (55) tackles Atlanta Falcons tight end Austin Hooper (81) on Sunday in Atlanta.

## Dominant 'D' coming through for Vikings

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**  
Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings had just taken the lead with a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter at Atlanta, a still-uncomfortable five-point edge on a Falcons team with a potent offense and a loud home-field advantage.

Once again, the game was left in good hands with a defense that has made squelching quality opponents a season-long habit.

The Vikings got the ball back in 101 seconds.

"This group of guys, we don't really care who we play or when we play or where we play," linebacker Eric Kendricks said.

"We just all play together, and we all come out with a chip on our shoulder. We fight, regardless, no matter what's happening, whether we're down or up."

Following the go-ahead score by the Vikings, the Falcons started with a short run by Tevin Coleman.

Quarterback and 2016 NFL MVP Matt Ryan was pressured up the middle by Linval Joseph and threw

incomplete over the middle at the feet of Coleman.

Then on third-and-7, Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen got a jump off the ball that was so quick he might have been offside. With no penalty flag thrown on the play, Griffen pushed the pocket toward Ryan while Danielle Hunter and Brian Robison made it collapse on the other side. Wisely stepping forward into a clearing, Ryan took off running.

In a zone coverage on wide receiver Justin Hardy as he crossed the field, Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr passed Hardy off to safety Harrison Smith and pivoted toward Ryan.

With Kendricks closing in behind Barr in case of a change in direction, Ryan tried to stutter-step his way past the fourth-year standout. Barr lowered his body as he came close, executing a perfect form tackle with both arms to drop Ryan hard on the turf for a 1-yard gain.

The Falcons had to punt from their 27.

"When we needed a stop, we stopped 'em," said cornerback Xavier Rhodes, who took the lead

in limiting Julio Jones to two receptions for 24 yards on six targets after the two-time All-Pro racked up 253 yards and two touchdowns the previous week.

The Vikings (10-2), who lead the league with a third-down conversion yield of slightly more than 27 percent, allowed the high-flying Falcons to convert only one of 10 third downs in the 14-9 victory on Sunday.

The Falcons were 27 for 41 in those situations over their previous three games, in which they totaled 95 points.

"They're disciplined. They play sound defense," Falcons running back Devonta Freeman said. "They're going to be where they need to be."

The Vikings proved to be so impenetrable that, on fourth-and-4 at the 27-yard line with 5:04 remaining, Falcons coach Dan Quinn elected for another field goal rather than try to extend the drive for a go-ahead touchdown. Matt Bryant's attempt sailed wide left, giving possession back to the Vikings that they didn't relinquish.

## Reeling Giants fire McAdoo, GM Reese after 10th loss

By **TOM CANAVAN**  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Believing the team was spiraling out of control, the New York Giants went out of character by making two major in-season moves, firing coach Ben McAdoo and general manager Jerry Reese.

With the team reeling at 2-10 in a season where most felt it was capable of challenging for a Super Bowl, co-owners John Mara and Steve Tisch reached the decision Monday morning. It came less than a day after the Giants lost in Oakland, with quarterback Eli Manning benched and the offensively inept team performing poorly again.

"We agreed that wholesale changes to this organization needed to be made to get us back to the team we expect it to be," Mara said at a hastily called news conference. "We also agreed it was pointless to wait any longer to make these changes."

Defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo will



AP PHOTO

New York Giants head coach Ben McAdoo walks on the sideline during the first half of an NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland, Calif., on Sunday.

take over as interim coach for the final four games. He coached the St. Louis Rams from 2009-11.

Mara did not know whether Manning will return as the starter this weekend against Dallas, saying the decision will be made by Spagnuolo. In a radio interview on WFAN, Manning said he told Spagnuolo that he wants to start the last four games.

"I want to be out there and help us go win these four games," Manning

said. "I hope I'm out there on Sunday."

Mara said neither McAdoo nor Reese was surprised by the decision, saying they were both professionals. He said his meeting with Reese was more emotional because the two had worked together since 1994.

"I don't think there was any one final straw," Mara said. "I just think that where we are as a franchise right now, you know, we're 2-10."



AP PHOTOS

Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake (32) runs for a touchdown against the Denver Broncos on Sunday in Miami Gardens.

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five games, and Tunsil is one reason.

"I've seen a different look in his eye as far as the light bulb going off and him understanding things as a whole," Gase said.

Drake, a third-round pick in 2016, ran for 120 yards on 23 carries, both easily career highs, and caught three passes for 21 yards. He was tested with a heavy workload for the first time as a successor to Jay Ajayi, who was traded by Miami at the deadline.

"I think one time in high school I ran the ball like 25 times," Drake said. "But other than that, I don't think I've ever run the ball that much in my life."

He's averaging 4.9 yards per carry this season, compared with Ajayi's 3.4 for Miami.

"It was good to get Drake going a little bit," Gase said. "He had the safety one on one unblocked a couple of times, and made him miss and created some explosive plays."

Howard, a second-round pick last year, had the first two interceptions of his career and returned one 30 yards for a touchdown. He also had five passes defended, and helped hold the Broncos' two starting wideouts to four catches for 38



Dolphins strong safety Jordan Lucas (21) congratulates cornerback Xavien Howard (25) after Howard intercepted a pass and ran it for a touchdown against the Broncos.

yards.

"It's good to see him be aggressive and play confident," Gase said.

Phillips, inconsistent since being drafted in the second round in 2015, led a dominant defensive effort with his first sack of the season, two quarterback hurries and two tackles for a loss.

"I'm just learning the game," Phillips said. "The first two years it was all new to me pretty much. I'm finally starting to get comfortable."

The comfort level of

Phillips and the other young Dolphins will be tested anew next Monday night, when their progress can be gauged against AFC East leader New England. The Patriots beat Miami 35-17 on Nov. 26.

**NOTES:** C Mike Pouncey (hamstring) and CB Cordrea Tankersley (shoulder and ankle) weren't seriously hurt, Gase said. G Jermon Bushrod (foot) might return this week, but the availability of RB Damien Williams (shoulder) is less likely.

## Hernandez lawyers want to keep daughter's lawsuit separate

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Lawyers for the estate of late NFL star Aaron Hernandez are trying to prevent a \$20 million lawsuit against the National Football League from being merged with a wider class-action suit addressing former NFL players' head injuries.

The Boston Herald

reports that the NFL and co-defendants are asking a federal judge to temporarily stay proceedings in Hernandez's case, which was filed in state court on behalf of his 5-year-old daughter.

The defendants say there's nothing unique about Hernandez daughter's case to warrant a separate trial.

The child's lawyers

want her case tried in a state court, arguing their claim is for loss of parental consortium.

Hernandez was posthumously diagnosed with chronic traumatic encephalopathy (ehn-sehf-uh-LAH'-puh-thee) after taking his own life in prison in April, where he was serving a life sentence for a 2013 murder.

punt formations, took a direct snap on a fourth-and-7 play against the Chargers, juke one defender, made another miss and then zigzagged his way for a 56-yard touchdown in the first quarter. Jacksonville won 20-17 in overtime.

In Week 3, Grant punctuated a 44-7 win against the Ravens with a fake punt on the final play of the third quarter. Grant took a direct snap and ran 58 yards before getting tackled inside the 10-yard line. Leonard Fournette scored on the next play.

Marrone and players credit veteran special teams coordinator Joe DeCamillis for finding opponents' vulnerabilities each week and not being afraid to exploit them.

"Joe D is one of those guys who has stuff up his sleeve and is going to call it," Lewis said. "We understand that. He is going to be aggressive, and we have to do our job as a special teams unit to make sure we convert."

Having the league's top defense surely puts Marrone's mind at ease, too.

If the Jaguars fail to convert, they still feel confident the defense will hold.

"It's a combination of just the risk factor: When you want to take it, when you don't," Marrone said. "I know one thing you don't want to do: You don't want to force something that's not there. That's in any aspect, whether it be offense, defense or special teams."

## JAGUARS

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The Jaguars scored five plays later, with Blake Bortles connecting with Marqise Lee for a 4-yard score.

"It was one of those things we have been working on for two weeks and we finally called it," tight end Marcedes Lewis said. "It was at the perfect time. It gave us a spark and kept things going."

Corey Grant converted two other fake punts earlier this season, one against Baltimore in London in September and another against the Los Angeles Chargers last month. Both came in victories.

Grant, the up-man in











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Treasury bonds

Treasury bonds table with columns: Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, and multiple columns for various bond maturities and yields.

FOOTNOTE: Rate-The annual interest rate the Treasury bond provides to investors. Date-The month and year the bond will expire. Bid-The price investors will pay for the bond. Ask-The price at which investors will sell. A bond price is expressed as a percentage of its original purchase cost of \$1,000. The whole numbers and the decimals which represent 32nds of a point must be converted to dollars and cents; for example, 103.18 equals \$1,035.63. Chg-The change between the preceding day's final bid price and the final bid price from the day before. Yld-The annual percentage return to the investor, based on the bond's current price, if the bond is held until it matures. K-Taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens. n-Treasury note. p-Treasury note; taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens.

Mutual Funds

Mutual Funds section containing a table of fund names, NAV, and returns, followed by a 'How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables' guide and a list of fund objectives.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by year-to-date percent return.

By Total Net Assets

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Total Assets, Percent Return/Rank, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by total net assets.

By 4-Week Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by 4-week percent return.

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Continuation of the 'By Year-to-Date Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from W/ithApprStrAdv to EmKtsInv.

Mutual Funds

Main table of mutual funds with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds including categories like Arbitrage, Ariel, Artisan, Ashmore, Axiom, BNY Mellon, Baird, Baron, Berkshire, Bernstein, Berwyn, Bishop Street, BlackRock, Bogle Investment, Boston Partners, Boston Trust, Bragg Capital, Brandes, Bridges, Bridgeway, Bright Rock, Broadview, Brookfield, Brown Advisory, Bruce, Buffalo, CG Capital, Calamos, Carmel, Carmel & Orkin, Calvert, and others.

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Mutual Funds

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk, and 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk. Funds are organized into categories such as Fairholme Funds, Federated, Dodge & Cox, Dominion, Doubleline, and various regional and industry funds.





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Mutual Funds

Main table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk.

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Mutual Funds

Table with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and multiple columns of fund names and their corresponding performance metrics.

