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Sebring man faces several charges

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — In two separate incidents, a Sebring man is accused of leaving his dog to die in a hot garage and impersonating a law enforcement officer, claiming he has high security clearance.

The animal cruelty allegations stemmed from the death of a dog last year, while the suspect was accused of impersonating a law enforcement officer this past week.



CLINE

Dale Henry Cline, 64, 235 Hickory Ridge Drive, Sebring, was arrested by the Highlands County Sheriff's Office on a warrant and charged with felony animal cruelty. On Jan. 31, he was charged with carrying a prohibited weapon, possession of a concealed handcuff key while in custody, impersonating a law enforcement officer and two counts of unlawful use of a police badge.

In relation to the animal cruelty case, the dog, a 2 1/2-year-old white bulldog named Alex, died shortly after it was discovered on June 20, 2017, according to

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House eyes tax help for ag industry

By JIM TURNER
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Hurricane Irma-battered agriculture industry, growing anxious as it awaits federal disaster relief, could land some help from the state House as part of a tax-cut package.

The House Ways & Means Committee, which is putting together a package, reviewed three measures Wednesday intended to help the industry, which sustained an estimated \$2.5 billion in damages from the deadly September hurricane.

Rep. Ben Albritton, a Wauchula Republican who owns a citrus grove, outlined a proposal that could offer one-time tax refunds on fencing and building materials for non-residential farm buildings. Also, a proposal would offer refunds on state and local taxes applied to fuel used to transport



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agriculture products from farms to processing and packaging facilities.

Another idea under consideration would value at salvage level machinery that has gone idle at citrus packing and processing facilities because of Hurricane Irma or because of citrus greening disease, which has ravaged the industry the past decade.

"If you have a packing house that is shut down, some of these packing houses would have employed 100 people, maybe more," Albritton said. "If you hope and pray like I do that we'll somehow, some way soon we're going to find the bottom of citrus production in the state and we'll turn it around and start growing again, those packing houses would have the opportunity be operational again. If they go in foreclosure and the bank owns them, what's the good for the property owner?"

While price tags have not been affixed to the proposals and growers maintain that a stalled federal disaster-aid

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Memorial Elementary first-grader Peyton Luck and her father, Edwin Luck, are all smiles after Edwin surprised Peyton during her lunch period on Thursday.

Daddy's home

First-grader surprised by dad's return from military deployment

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — Lunchtime was a big surprise for Memorial Elementary School first-grader Peyton Luck who was eating soup one moment and then hugging her father, who is in the military, the next.

When U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Edwin Luck walked into the cafeteria, Peyton shouted "Daddy" and father and daughter hugged each other and offered up some big smiles.

School staff members in the cafeteria applauded the happy reunion.

Between being stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota and a six-month deployment to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam to maintain B-1B Lancer Long-Range Strategic Bombers, Luck was away from home for nearly nine months.

"I was deployed to Guam in support of 'continuous bomber presence' in the Pacific,"



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Memorial Elementary first-grader Peyton Luck gives her dad, Edwin, a big hug.

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Highlands school enrollment/funding up

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Enrollment is up and continues to climb for the School Board of Highlands County, according to state data, which has led to an increase in state funding.

The calculations from the October student enrollment survey week were finally completed by mid-January with Highlands County showing increases while the neighboring counties of Glades, Hardee and Okeechobee have declining enrollment.

Highlands Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations Mike Averyt said this has been the latest he has received the information from an October survey, which is used for many calculations.

"We are up 128 students, which is good," he said. "It is generating about \$321,000 in net new revenue, which is good."

The actual student count, which is called FTE (full time equivalent), is 12,367.

Another official student count will be taken next week, which will finalize the state funding formula for school districts for the 2017-18 school year.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

The School Board of Highlands County's enrollment is up by 128 students according to state data from the October survey week.

Averyt said the February count will probably go up because of migrant students.

"I can see there is an increase already in enrollment so we are hoping it goes up even more, but we will wait and see after the February count," he said.

Part of the increase will come from Puerto Rican students, because they came after the October survey [following Hurricane Maria] and

"I can see there is an increase already in enrollment so we are hoping it goes up even more, but we will wait and see after the February count."

Mike Averyt,
Highlands Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations

would not have been part of the state's projections, Averyt said. The district has nearly 100 students

who have enrolled from Puerto Rico.

Data from the Florida

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National office, Sarasota Boys & Girls Club to help with local chapter

By JAY MEISEL
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From left: Bill Sadlo, president/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Neiman Chander of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Michael J. Doyle, vice president for advancement of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County.

running in Sebring under a temporary management agreement. In the long run, the Highlands County chapter will be run by Highlands County chapter members.

Representatives from the Sarasota and national organizations stressed that no one is taking over the Highlands County chapter on a permanent basis.

Sarasota's involvement

is at the request of the national organization, said Barbara Yong, executive vice president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County.

It's anticipated the organization will reopen temporarily at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Sebring.

Representatives of those organizations met with city officials and others in the community

to help get the organization back up and running. They were told the hurricane-damaged building won't be fully repaired until this summer.

During the next few months, they said, the Sarasota organization will assist in management functions, and the national organization will look at providing some or seeking grant funding to help the Highlands County chapter get back on its feet.

The aim is to help the organization recover from the hurricane, the loss of funding and the loss of a director.

"We are calling this the new beginning," said Michael J. Doyle, vice president for advancement for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota.

Yong said that although grants are available for the organization, "We really need community help."

Neiman Chander, a representative for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, said studies show that Boys & Girls Clubs reduce teen pregnancy in the community and help steer

young people in the right directions. Many former members of the organization have said they would likely no longer be alive if it were not for program, he said.

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2. According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.

3. The celebration of Groundhog Day began with the Germans,

Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states "For as the sun shines on Candlemas day, so far will the snow swirl in May..."

4. A groundhog's life span is normally 6 to 8 years. Phil receives a drink of a magical punch every summer during the Annual Groundhog Picnic, which gives him 7 more years of life — meaning Punxsutawney Phil is at least 131 years old!

5. Punxsutawney Phil weighs about 20 pounds and is 22 inches long.

Source: groundhog.org

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Civilian Becky Forbes was awarded the Non-Veteran of the Year award at the Highlands County Veterans Council Military Ball last weekend. A photo in Wednesday's Around Town section of the Highlands News-Sun had her incorrectly identified. We appreciate the opportunity to correct our error.

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the warrant.

The warrant doesn't say why it took more than six months to arrest Cline.

Deputies had arrived at the residence for the eviction of Cline and learned he had already left, the warrant said.

In the garage area, a deputy "noticed a white dog lying on his belly breathing hard with his tongue hanging out of his mouth. The tongue was almost black in color," the warrant said.

Deputies picked up the dog and placed it on a blanket in an air-conditioned portion of the garage, the warrant said. They turned a fan toward the dog and poured some water on the dog's tongue, the warrant said.

When Animal Services employees arrived, they took the dog to a truck, but it died shortly

afterwards, the warrant said.

Although a small amount of water and food was left for the dog, the temperature in the garage had exceeded 110 degrees and the animal had no chance of surviving, the warrant said.

An examination showed the dog died from a stroke, the warrant said.

Cline told deputies he left the dog in the garage because the house owner wouldn't allow it inside the dwelling.

"I (the deputy) asked Dale why he didn't put the dog into the air-conditioned portion of the garage," the warrant said. "Dale looked at me and said he was being evicted. I told him, regardless of that, why didn't you put the dog into the air-conditioned portion of the garage. Dale could not give me an answer."

Earlier this week, authorities say Cline claimed he is a

Homeland Security officer, according to an arrest report released Thursday.

Cline was arrested after authorities received a report that he was walking through his neighborhood putting fliers into mailboxes, a report said.

When a deputy encountered Cline, he was wearing several holsters and at least two un-concealed firearms, the report said.

He also was wearing an Immigration and Customs Enforcement badge, the report said. From prior contacts, the deputy investigating the call knew Cline is not a law enforcement officer, the report said.

The deputy arrested Cline, who told the deputy that "I (the deputy) was making a big mistake, he had top security clearance and was a member of Homeland Security," the report said.

OBITUARIES

William "Bill" A. Rogers

William "Bill" A. Rogers, 94, of Sebring, Florida, passed away peacefully into the presence of His Lord and Savior on Jan. 30, 2018. Bill was born on Aug. 25, 1923 in Toronto, Canada to William E. Rogers and Martha E. Bristow. He was raised in Toronto and served in the Canadian Navy during World War II. Shortly after being discharged from the Navy, Bill enrolled at the Toronto Bible College preparing to be a missionary.

In 1950, he departed for Sudan where he served for 14 years with SIM. It was here that he met his wife, Esther Siebert from Nebraska, and they were married in Doro, Sudan in 1953. In the mid 1960s, war broke out in Sudan and the family relocated to Somalia. In the late 1960s, the family relocated once again, to minister in the country of Ethiopia. Along the way, God blessed Bill and Esther with five children, Dan, Dave, Mimi, Mark, and Sharon.

In 1975, the family returned to the U.S. where Bill studied aviation

mechanics. Completing this training in 1977, the next assignment was Nigeria where Bill worked with SIMAIR in Jos. In 1986, Esther suffered a stroke necessitating a return to the United States. They made their home in Sebring, where Bill finished his career helping with maintenance at the SIM Retirement Village. In retirement, Bill continued in ministry, preaching at the county jail, and working as a volunteer chaplain at the Hardee Correctional Institute where he was recognized as the volunteer of the year in 2016.

Bill is preceded in death by his first wife, Esther, and is survived by his second wife, Norma; his sister, Jo; his five children; 27 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at the SIM Chapel, 900 Andes St., Sebring, Florida with visitation with the family preceding the service at 10:15 a.m. Memorials may be made to SIM, 4114 Nigeria St., Sebring, FL 33875. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001

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Michael A. Williams

Michael Allen Williams, 60, died on Jan. 27, 2018. He was born in Wauchula, Florida on Aug. 2, 1957. He is survived by his mother, Joyce Canterbury; daughters, Jacquelyn Farley, Tanya Williams, Jane Williams, Brandee Lake Tolliver, Brooke Williams and Bridgett Williams; sons, Michael Williams Jr., Brad Williams, Bryan Williams and Bruce Williams; 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and another grandchild due in June.

He worked as a farmer and a mechanic, before starting his own lawn care business in the Spring Lakes area. He was a loving, caring man of many skills, and was always ready to help his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by all those he touched.



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he said.

Luck was actually surprised a few days earlier by his wife, Loretta.

"He got home [to South Dakota] on Monday and he was not expecting to see anybody and that I would just pick him up at the Orlando airport," Loretta said. "But, I flew up there on Friday and surprised him."

She was trying to keep

the surprises separate so she couldn't tell Peyton, 7, nor her son, Brady, 4, why she was going out of town, Loretta said. She particularly had a tough time telling Brady she would be gone for a few days.

Loretta thought to herself, "I am never doing these double surprise things again; my mind was ready to just explode."

Prior to the reunion, Luck said he was "really excited" to see his kids again and has been

looking forward to this moment. He admitted how hard it was being away from his family.

"This time it was harder because it was so much longer," he said. Normally he would be away for six months at a time, but this time the separation was longer due to him being stationed in South Dakota while his kids attended school in Florida.

After some quality time with his family, Luck will be headed back to South Dakota in three weeks.

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Department of Education shows the Hardee County School District was funded based on 5,265, but its enrollment count was down 45 to 5,220.

The Okeechobee County School District was funded based on 6,523, but its student count was down by 151 to 6,372.

The Glades County

School District was funded based on 1,805, but its student count declined by 129 to 1,676.

Overall the state's

enrollment was down about 8,000 to 2.821 million, according to the October count.

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package will provide more relief, Albritton said after the committee meeting that the damage has affected farmers and others in the supply chain.

"In the shape that we're in right now, every penny matters," Albritton said.

The agriculture-relief proposals were among 78 recommendations rolled out of the House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness. The committee was created in the wake of Irma, a Category 4 storm that pounded the state Sept. 10 and 11 and left 84 people dead.

Adam Basford, director of state affairs for the Florida Farm Bureau, hopes the proposals will get further consideration.

"What we can do here at the state is help farmers stretch the dollars they can in recovery," Basford said. "They're not huge, life-altering impacts, but they do help farmers stretch the dollars they do have to spend to recover."

The state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs has estimated damages to the citrus industry at \$761 million, the nursery industry at \$624 million and the cattle industry at \$237.5 million. The sugar industry has been estimated at sustaining \$383 million in losses, while vegetable and non-citrus fruit growers suffered \$180 million in

damages.

Meanwhile, talk of federal relief as part of an \$81 billion disaster-relief package approved by the U.S. House on Dec. 21, has fallen by the wayside as Congress struggles to remain open amid battles over a short-term funding bill.

"Maybe they'll get through the politics of the day up there and look at the larger picture," Albritton said. "I'm still optimistic and hopeful that we'll be able to do something that is bipartisan out of D.C."

Gov. Rick Scott talked Wednesday by phone with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell regarding disaster relief, according to the governor's office.

The state House's overall tax-cut package is likely to meet or exceed \$180 million in tax and fee cuts proposed by Scott.

The committee previously heard proposals such as further reducing a business-lease tax, eliminating sales taxes on diapers and holding sales-tax "holidays" for small businesses after Thanksgiving and at the

start of the hurricane season.

Scott has requested cuts come by reducing driver-license fees and holding back-to-school and disaster-preparedness tax holidays.

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OUR VIEW

A step to our future

February is Black History Month, and while we understand the need to educate people and bring attention to important issues or worthy causes, we worry that there are so many “awareness” months that the real information and need for action get lost in the noise.

Until recently, most of recorded American history ignored the contributions and tribulations of our fellow citizens who are black. To create a special time devoted to fill that gap served a good purpose.

Black History Month has become a pro-forma event, with the same old stories trundled out, about the same small group of individuals. The glowing, feel-good tales of athletes, artists, scientists and statesmen, are useful as examples for younger students, but lack academic rigor or moral courage and fail to challenge pre-conceived ideas.

Too many school districts do not weave the black experience into American history on a daily basis, most likely because there is this special month. It makes ignoring the tough issues easier the rest of the year.

Where are the deeper discussions, for example? The examination of past choices regarding race in America — like the fact that Highlands County didn't begin to integrate its schools until 1969, and took several years to finish the process?

We hope we have evolved as a society to the point where American history can be taught holistically — weaving all the various threads into the tapestry that is our nation.

We need to understand why slavery, which betrayed our bedrock values right from the beginning, was allowed to stand and took so long to overcome. We need to study why George Washington ultimately freed his slaves, and Thomas Jefferson did not.

We need to study the warped logic that allowed for the Constitution to state that a slave — or “all other persons” — was only 3/5th of a man and that a constitutional amendment was needed to correct this “compromise.”

We need to learn about the kind of hatred that led to lynchings — just as we need to learn about the hate that excluded Jews from much of society, or why German, Irish and Italian immigrants, just to name three examples, were so vilified when they first arrived.

In a world where events across the globe do have a direct impact on us, we need to understand how the nations of the world relate to each other, as well as the historical background that created those complicated relationships.

All of us, for example, need to learn there are 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, 50 nations in Europe, 12 in South America and 32 in Asia — and no two are identical.

In other words, we need to learn more about our shared pasts and the world we live in than can be taught in any one month.

Just as Christians should think of Christ every day, not just at Christmas or Easter, we need to be thinking every day about how we've gotten to where we are. It is the only way we can find our way into the future.

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As is true in most central Florida towns, there is a way to know where you are, even with your eyes are closed ... by the aromas.

With my eyes shut, I know when I am by an orange grove during the blossom season. Have you ever stopped and just taken a deep breath of the orange blossom fragrance? It is intoxicating.

That these delicate flowers produce such an intense scent is amazing, and that the ending result is a fruit so juicy, so cherished around the world ... it makes me wonder, do we take it for granted? Do we drive by the perfectly coiffed groves on a daily basis and lose interest in this miracle of nature? Do we consider the bees that bring about the fruit and juice that we so enjoy? Do we realize the labor, endless hours of labor growing, protecting, inspecting, harvesting, cleaning and transporting



WHERE LIFE BLOOMS

Ladonna Rodriguez

this delectable fruit, or do we simply know that when we want an orange, it will be there? Do we realize that one bad weather season can spell disaster for a citrus grove? Many families are involved in and employed by our local citrus industry. That these generations continue the citrus growing industry is vital in many ways, not the least of which is tradition.

Passing down information gleaned through trial and error is truly a gift.

The knowledge they possess is enviable. Trust me I have tried to grow fruit trees, only one or two, in my sandy yard. What are these bugs? Why are the leaves yellow? The fruit is dropping! Obviously my talent lies in other areas.

Yet we have literally thousands of acres of prolific orange groves lining the roadways. There is a relaxing effect driving by the groves, one best enjoyed when not really looking at any one tree, but looking deep into the rows ... at the symmetry, the roundness of the trees, the plentiful orange dots visible from a distance, catching a glimpse of a random deer here and there enjoying dropped fruit, the ladders perched against the trees, and always, enjoying the fragrance.

From my childhood, groves were abundant, and one grew bored with the “sameness” of the landscape, but in

the last decade with the population growth in general across Florida, our cherished groves are disappearing, paving “paradise and putting up a parking lot.” It is true that we are in a constant state of change, that nothing lasts forever.

What I want to do is to challenge you to look, to smell, to touch, to absolutely taste, and to appreciate all that we have in our backyards while we have it. Oranges are a beautiful example of the natural abundance we have been blessed with in Sebring. Take a moment and appreciate it. One day you may have to recall what an orange tree looked like. Make it count now. Breathe it all in!

Ladonna Paedae Rodriguez is owner of Hobby Hill Florists in Sebring. Columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily that of the Highlands News-Sun.

YOUR VIEW

We need a Super Bowl surprise

Well, Super Bowl 52 is coming and I thought I would make an observation. That is, either Bill Belichick is the most brilliant football coach to ever walk on the field or the remaining 31 defensive coordinators in the league are the dumbest football coaches to walk on the field.

After the defeat of the Jaguars two weeks ago, Tom Brady racked up his 15th fourth-quarter win after being behind in the score. The Jaguars were ahead and everyone in the world knew that Brady was going to throw the ball downfield until the Patriots scored.

After 18 seasons and 10 Super Bowl appearances you would think the rest of the league could have figured this out. The league supposedly has parity in talent but apparently none of the other teams have pass rushers or defensive backs good enough to stop the Patriots.

Brady cannot win a game by himself. He needs 10 other men on the field. There are 11 men against them but the record shows that the defense must be looking at the cheerleaders on the side lines rather than watching Brady thread the needle with his arm.

I have never rooted for the Eagles, but I definitely want them to defeat the Patriots if for no other reason than to get a different name on the trophy.

Enjoy the game.

Hal Graves
Sebring

Women do have choices

This is in response to the letter in Highlands News-Sun regarding women for Planned Parenthood and organizing to vote for public officials who back a woman's right to choose.

On several occasions mothers and their unborn babies have been killed in auto accidents. Many times the person responsible for the accident was found guilty of the death of both the mother and the unborn baby.

Why do pro-choice people keep denying the unborn baby is not a person?

How can any caring human being condone a living helpless baby being cut to pieces and removed from the mother and dumped in the trash?

Our Constitution says we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our Supreme Court and pro-choice people haven't followed our forefathers' ideals.

Women do have choices. If they don't want children, they have the choice to not have sex. They have a choice to use contraception. They have a choice to keep the baby

or give it up to a loving couple. Don't tell me women don't have choices to prevent abortion.

People voting for politicians just because they are (pro-choice) meaning pro-abortion) are just as guilty of murder along with the doctors. This is extreme child abuse.

God help us.

George Knebel
Sebring

Month to celebrate rich history

For more than 90 years, Americans have seen the month of February as a time to remember the rich and diverse history of African Americans as we celebrate Black History Month. The achievements of African Americans touch every community and are found in every field of study, including science and technology. This is a time to remember the sacrifices and hard work of individuals who helped build a better and more tolerant life, both past, present and future, for all of us.

As we acknowledge the many African-American men and women who have helped the United States grow culturally, countless civil rights pioneers in Florida have been equally as important and should be reflected upon as agents of change in our own state.

The appointments of Justice Peggy Ann Quince, the first African American woman appointed to the Florida Supreme Court, and the late Leander Shaw, Jr., the first African American to become Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, both helped to pave the way for countless young black lawyers who might not have had the chance to practice law and reach all levels of the state's judiciary.

For the last six years, the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame has honored individual Floridians who made great sacrifices and helped foster equality for all in our state. These heroes, including last year's new inductees, Patricia Stephens Due, Dr. Arnett Elyus Girardeau, Sr. and Willie H. Williams, were recognized for their unyielding commitment to equality, diversity and human dignity.

Today's African Americans have much to celebrate and build upon as they honor those who have gone before them. Black History Month gives us the opportunity to recognize the many ways these individuals who have enriched Florida's communities, culture and history.

Commissioner Latanya Peterson

Vice Chair Florida Commission on Human Relations

52nd annual LP Country Fair this weekend

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Riotous colors, rocking music and really good food await visitors at the 52nd annual Arts and Crafts Country Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. More than 100 artists and crafters will be on hand to exhibit their art and greet guests at this free event at DeVane Park in the downtown area.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 with an invocation by Rev. Ray Cameron of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid, followed by a welcome from Mayor John Holbrook and a presentation of the colors and Pledge of Allegiance led by the Lake Placid High School Junior ROTC. LPHS will reach into its history and have alumni Jacky Fernandez sing the national anthem.

Chairwoman Vann Peeples is looking forward to the opening of the fair and seeing the fruits of labor of the volunteers' efforts pay off.

"We are looking forward to our opening ceremonies for the 52nd Lake Placid Arts and Crafts Country Fair on Saturday," Peeples said. "Dozens of volunteers have spent months preparing for this weekend. We are thankful to the Town of Lake Placid for the use of DeVane Park and Lake Placid Elementary School for the use of their facilities."

The works of art are as diverse as the mediums they are created from. Handmade crafts such as quilts and clothes are exhibited next to metal yard art. There is jewelry and leather goods; wine and fudge; watercolors, photography, oil paintings and more. Many artists have been showcasing their artwork at this fair for several years.

No one has an excuse



FILE PHOTO

Lake Placid Noon Rotarian Bruce Stratton fries one of the nearly 1,000 funnel cakes club members made and sold at the Country Fair last year.

"Dozens of volunteers have spent months preparing for this weekend..."

Chairwoman Vann Peeples

to go hungry at the fair. Food vendors will be serving up the best in fair fare at the west end of the park. The newest food vendor will be breaking a few "thou shalt nots" as volunteers from Placid Lakes Baptist Church fries up Oreos, candy bars and sundaes. "The Lake Placid Athletic Association is a returning food vendor with a new menu item — Chicago-style Italian sandwiches from a family recipe. There will be plenty of delicious food offered at the west end of DeVane Park, and all funds raised will be

used to benefit our local community," Peeples said.

Student and adult artists' works will be shown and judged at the Lake Placid Elementary School library and cafeteria. Complimentary shuttles will ferry fair-goers to LPE and Town Hall. Judging of the artwork and poetry at LPE will commence at 8:30 a.m. Fair visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite pieces in the People's Choice category.

Artists who win in their divisions will receive cash, ribbons and bragging rights. The adult ribbon award ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the gazebo in the center of DeVane Park. The awards for the children's divisions are at 2 p.m. Sunday at the gazebo.

The family-friendly entertainment and live music is just another reason to attend the fair.

Newsday Crossword

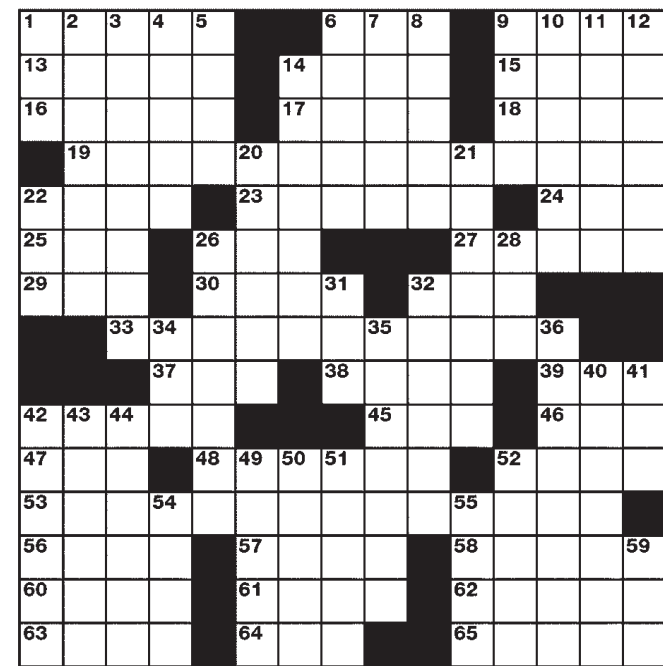
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ACROSS

- 1 They're not serious
- 6 With 14 Across, films like *Pretty Woman*
- 9 Opposite of "glossy"
- 13 Island near Naples
- 14 See 6 Across
- 15 Tiger's habitat
- 16 Lag behind
- 17 48 Across' first UN ambassador
- 18 Allowed to use
- 19 Big Apple icon
- 22 Stage assistance
- 23 Marco Polo's hometown
- 24 "Lords a-leaping" count
- 25 Only president with three VPs
- 26 Director Anderson
- 27 Recreational athletics
- 29 Series that had a *Cyber* spin-off
- 30 URL opener
- 32 Parts of a range: Abbr.
- 33 Carl Sagan book
- 37 Biomedical research agcy.
- 38 Lab work
- 39 Tolkien creature
- 42 Minutemen's school
- 45 Vision, in brand names
- 46 Disorganization metaphor
- 47 Wheel's edge
- 48 UN member since 1949
- 52 Impel
- 53 Artist's implements
- 56 River near the Leaning Tower

- 9 Picasso contemporary
- 10 Fully comfortable with
- 11 Stay (on)
- 12 Dormant
- 14 Heavenly sounding keyboard
- 20 Bellyacher
- 21 Clarify, perhaps
- 22 Refrigerant initials
- 26 Pre-admittance query
- 28 Tire-gauge notation
- 31 It's currently three hours behind DC
- 32 Capt. Kirk subordinate
- 34 Red Cross workers, for short

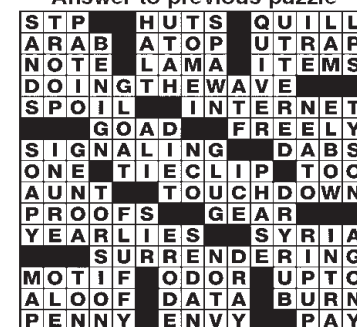
- 35 City northeast of Boston
- 36 Tribe encountered by Lewis and Clark
- 40 Botch
- 41 In place of
- 42 Polished in manner
- 43 Imitate accurately
- 44 Key with all white notes
- 49 Quiche serving
- 50 Second chances
- 51 Place to live
- 52 Perform really well
- 54 Family guys
- 55 What a plane might be called
- 59 Red Cross workers, for short



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Answer to previous puzzle



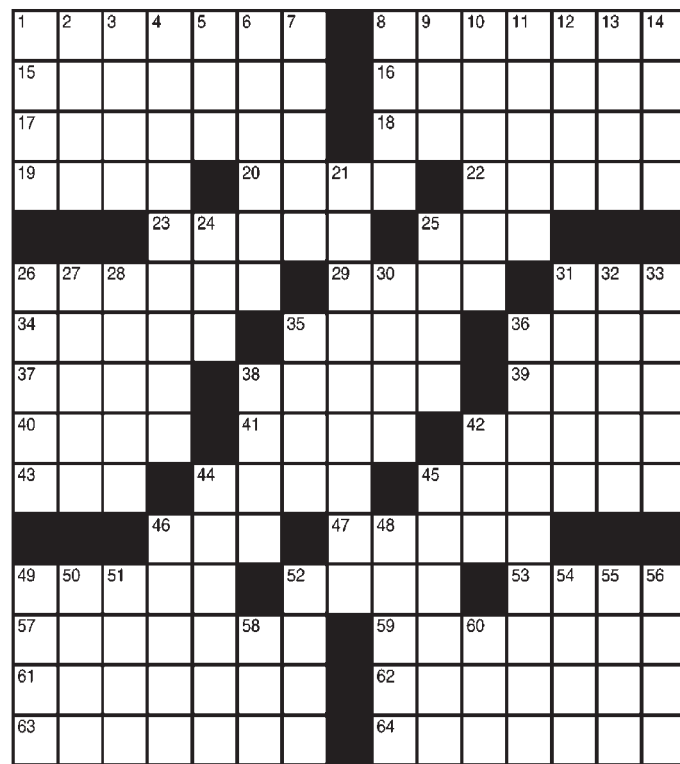
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 ___ Lake, village near Lake Placid
- 8 Skedaddles
- 15 Somewhat off
- 16 "Choose!"
- 17 Come through
- 18 Poker holding
- 19 A or O
- 20 Easy pace
- 22 Clipper trio
- 23 "Ninja Scroll" genre
- 25 Domain introduced in 2001
- 26 Rod Stewart's "___ May"
- 29 Shuttle site
- 31 Affirmative act
- 34 Outlying community
- 35 Tesla, e.g.
- 36 "Not a chance"
- 37 "Zorba the Greek" Oscar winner Kedrova
- 38 Bottom of a food chain?
- 39 Abruzzi bell town
- 40 Fertile soil
- 41 Picasso output
- 42 Mar. honoree
- 43 "r u kidding?!"
- 44 Team that pulls for you
- 45 Like an earworm
- 46 Peugeot's 208 or 308, e.g.
- 47 Tony winner Menzel of "Wicked"
- 49 Feature of many a Hawaiian restaurant
- 52 Cast off
- 53 Olympian queen
- 57 Lock-picking tool
- 59 Bar exhortation ... and a hint to how to answer five puzzle clues
- 61 Highest
- 62 Consoles
- 63 Bun seeds
- 64 Request at a bar



By Stu Ockman

2/2/18

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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DOWN

- 1 Actress Thompson
- 2 Doomed shepherd
- 3 Lrk
- 4 Tequila, triple sec and lime juice
- 5 Sweet Potato Awareness Mo.
- 6 Emperor relative
- 7 Jewel box item
- 8 Eight bits
- 9 "lck!"
- 10 Champagne and orange juice
- 11 Utah's state gem
- 12 Mmes. across the Pyrenees
- 13 Down but not out
- 14 Rocky hills
- 21 Bourbon, water, sugar and garnish
- 24 Bird's bill
- 25 Bonehead
- 26 ___ Yello
- 27 Assumed truth
- 28 Soviet labor camp
- 30 Oklahoma tribe
- 31 Sometimes offensive, briefly
- 32 Dr. Phil was her frequent guest before getting his own show
- 33 Eros or Eos
- 35 Real estate parcel
- 36 Whiskey, sweet vermouth and bitters

- 38 Dress style
- 42 ___ Salvador
- 44 White rum, sugar, lime juice, soda water and garnish
- 45 Pomelo relative
- 46 Beta follower
- 48 Playground comeback
- 49 Amphibious assault transports, for short
- 50 Botanical balm
- 51 Bites playfully
- 52 911 response gp.
- 54 Kitchen gadget brand
- 55 One with second thoughts
- 56 Abbey area
- 58 British author's conclusion?
- 60 Terre dans la mer

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LOCAL SPORTS

Collins, Bible at state meet

Local competitors stack up well with state's best weightlifters

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN
SPORTS STAFF

Sebring's Emily Bible and Avon Park's Earlnajah Collins will be representing their respective schools and Highlands County today in the FHSAA Class 1A state girls weightlifting meet at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach.

Collins enters the meet off a championship in

the Class 1A-Region meet, where she completely dominated the field, with a combined total of 265 pounds, which was 65 pounds more than the second-place finisher. Collins notched 135 pounds in the bench press and added 130 in the clean-and-jerk.

Collins is seeded No. 2 in the state meet, with just five pounds less than Katelyn Kirves, of River Ridge, who had a

combined total of 270 pounds in her regional meet.

Collins did notch 285 combined pounds on her way to winning the Class 1A-District 15 title, so a state title is a definite possibility.

Bible finished second at 119 pounds in the Class 1A-Region 8 meet with a combined total of 275 pounds. She had a bench press of 135 pounds and added 140 in the clean-and-jerk,

which had her 10 pounds less than regional champion Jessica Holguin-Reed, of Archbishop McCarthy, who tallied 285 total pounds.

Bible is seeded No. 5 at state, while Holguin-Reed is No. 2. Baker's Ryah Davis enters as the one to beat with a combined lift of 305 at regionals.

In the regional meet, Sebring's Johneishia

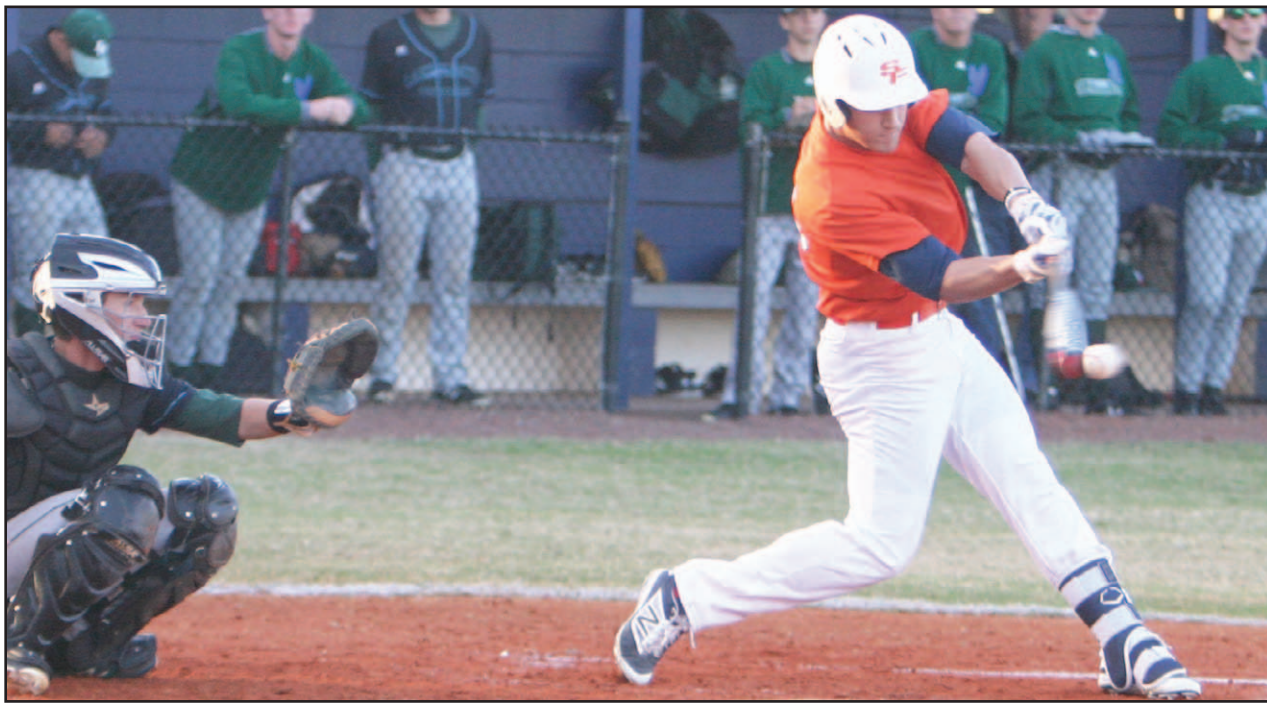
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HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

Avon Park's Earlnajah Collins finished first in the 110-pound weight class in regionals and is a definite contender for the title in today's Class 1A state meet.

Panthers edge Lakehawks



MARK PINSON/STAFF

South Florida State College sophomore Adam Mitchell puts the ball in play during Wednesday's game against Lake Sumter State College at Panther Field. The Panthers rallied to beat the Lakehawks by a score of 4-3 in their home opener.

South Florida rallies past Lake Sumter for victory in baseball home opener

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK - South Florida State College's Adam Mitchell came through with a two-out, two-run base hit in the bottom of the eighth inning to rally the Panthers to a thrilling 4-3 win over Lake Sumter State College in Wednesday's home opener.

The victory improved South Florida to 3-1 on the season.

"That's a good win for us," said veteran Panther head baseball coach Rick Hitt. "We got a big hit from Adam in the eighth and then our pitching and defense closed things out. It's always good to win at home because we have a great fan base and we really appreciate them coming out and supporting us on a chilly night."

The early innings were a pitchers duel as South Florida sophomore Riley

Degnan limited Lake Sumter to three hits in five scoreless innings. The left-hander struck out five batters using a variety of pitches.

"Riley had a quality start," said Hitt. "He mixed his pitches well and kept Lake Sumter off-balance. He did a good job and we went and got him in the sixth inning because of his pitch count."

Lake Sumter State College right-hander Xavier Rodriguez was just as tough as Degnan, as the Lakehawk freshman cruised through the first three innings before running into trouble in the bottom of the fourth.

South Florida's Pedro Castellano worked a one-out walk off of Rodriguez and Mitchell was hit by a pitch.

A perfectly executed double-steal put runners

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South Florida left-hander Riley Degnan tossed five scoreless innings in Wednesday's win over Lake Sumter State College.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Sebring High School Tennis Camp

The sixth annual Sebring High School Tennis camp for players 4 to 18 will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Country Club of Sebring's Thakkar Tennis Center between 9 a.m. and noon. The camp will be taught by Sebring High School players and members of the Highlands County Tennis Association. There is no entry fee, as the camp runs on donations only. Players will receive instruction, play games, have lunch and get a camp t-shirt. Call coach Janie Hollinger at 471-5513 for more information.

American Legion Post 25 golf tournament

American Legion Post 25 is holding a golf tournament at Golf Hammock on Saturday, Feb. 24, with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Sign-in begins at 7 a.m. The cost is \$60 per player and there will be two flights, as well as long drive for men and women and a putting contest. Drinks will be provided on the course and there is a dinner in the clubhouse. Entry is limited to the first 36 teams and you can sign-up at the American Legion Post 25 or at the Golf Hammock pro shop.

YMCA soccer sign-ups

The Highlands County YMCA Spring Soccer registration deadline for ages 3-15 ends Feb. 19. For questions call 382-9622.

Lakeview Christian golf tournament

Lakeview Christian School in Lake Placid will be hosting its second annual fundraiser golf tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8 a.m. at the Placid Lakes Country Club in Lake Placid. Dixon Golf is one of our sponsors and will be providing door prizes including an amateur endorsement, as well as conducting games on the golf course. Dixon is offering the opportunity to win a \$20,000 cash prize, qualify for a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, and win a new driver or watch. Lakeview is also offering hole-in-one contests with prizes of \$10,000, an iPad, a golf bag, or \$250 at the pro shop. In addition, golfers can win cash prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and straightest drive. There are door prizes including a television, Green Egg grill, a Yeti cooler, as well as other great items. Information and online registration can be found on our website at www.lakeviewchristian-school.org/events. Lakeview Christian School in Lake Placid will be hosting its second annual fundraiser golf tournament on Saturday, February 10th, at 8:00 a.m. at the Placid Lakes Country Club at 3601 Placid Lakes Blvd in Lake Placid. This golf tournament is our primary fundraiser for the school year and allows us to purchase new technology for the classrooms, provide scholarships, and keep tuition affordable for our families. Dixon Golf is one of our sponsors and will be providing door prizes including an amateur endorsement, as well as conducting games on the golf course. Dixon is offering the opportunity to win a \$20,000 cash prize, qualify for a trip to the Fiesta

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Rolex 24 in the rearview mirror

Grueling endurance race had exciting story lines

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

DAYTONA BEACH - This weekend's Rolex 24 At Daytona will be remembered for many reasons. A new distance record was established, a couple of championship-winning, two-car teams proved once again why they're among the best in the sport, the legendary Scott Pruett called it a career, and a

pair of active Formula 1 racers were among the many others who had a great time at Daytona International Speedway.

Here are a few take-aways from this year's race.

Action Express Racing

In the run up to what was one of the most highly anticipated Rolex 24s ever, a tremendous

amount of attention was given to vaunted "newcomers" to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship - namely Acura Team Penske, Mazda Team Joest, and the United Autosports team featuring two-time Formula 1 World Champion Fernando Alonso.

And while all have plenty of credentials to be worthy of the attention

they received, Action Express Racing proved once again in the Rolex 24 - and in the weeks leading up to the race - why it is worthy of consideration as one of the best racing teams in the world. At the Roar Before the Rolex 24 At Daytona three weeks ago, Felipe Nasr posted the fastest qualifying



MICHAEL L. LEVITT/LAT IMAGES

The drivers of the No. 5 Action Express Racing Cadillac DPi celebrate in victory lane after winning Saturday's Rolex 24.

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at second and third base with only one out. Bobby Aseere grounded out to shortstop to plate Castellano and Franco Camacho lined a two-out single to center field to put the Panthers on top by a score of 2-0.

South Florida went to its bullpen in the sixth inning with excellent results, but Lake Sumter broke through with three runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 3-2 lead.

The Lakehawks, with the lead, went to their relief pitchers who managed to retire the Panthers in the bottom of the inning.

South Florida left-hander Pierson Lewis set Lake Sumter down in order in the top of the eighth inning and the Panthers went to work in the bottom of the frame.

South Florida put runners at second and third base with two outs to bring Mitchell to the

plate. The right-hander came through in the clutch with a base hit to score both runners to give the Panthers a 4-3 lead.

South Florida brought in freshman Edwin Serrano in the top of the ninth inning and the hard-throwing right-hander was able to record the last three outs to seal the come-from-behind win for the Panthers.

“Pierson really solidified the game for us and got us to the ninth,” said Hitt. “Edwin came in and did a good job of closing things out.”

South Florida will be on the road for the next few games. The Panthers are at the College of Central Florida today, they play a doubleheader at Santa Fe on Saturday and wrap up a three-day road trip with a game at Lake Sumter on Sunday.

“We’re going to play four games in three days and we’re looking forward to the road trip,” Hitt said. “It’s early in the season and every game is a chance for us to get better.”



MARK PINSON/STAFF

South Florida State College's Pedro Castellano dives back safely to first base on a pickoff attempt during Wednesday's game against Lake Sumter State College.

ROLEX

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speed in the team's No. 31 Whelen Engineering Cadillac DPi-V.R, which earned prime pit and garage real estate for the

two-car program.

In all, the No. 5 machine shared by Albuquerque, Joao Barbosa and Christian Fittipaldi led an astounding 579 of the record 808 laps completed, including the final 293 consecutive laps. The No. 31 Caddy co-driven by Nasr, Eric Curran, Mike Conway and Stuart Middleton led a total of 66 laps. And, of course, they crossed the finish line 1-2, with the No. 5 team taking the victory.

How About Ganassi?

In the GT Le Mans

(GTLM) class, the race-winning No. 67 Ford GT co-driven by Richard Westbrook, Ryan Briscoe and Scott Dixon completed a total of 783 laps, as did their Ford Chip Ganassi Racing teammates, Joey Hand, Dirk Mueller and Sebastien Bourdais in the No. 66 Ford GT.

The No. 66 machine had two different stints where they led a triple-digit amount of laps.

The No. 67 led a total of 149 laps, including the final 76 en route to victory.

In all, the Ganassi Fords led a total of 774

laps – 98.8 percent – leaving just nine laps for others.

Roar Foreshadows Success

The inaugural qualifying session for Rolex 24 pit and garage selections that took place on Sunday, Jan. 7 at the Roar Before the Rolex 24 turned out to be a pretty strong indicator of success in the race itself, as the fastest Prototype and GTLM qualifiers finished second in the race behind their team cars.

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Rowe placed fourth at 129 pounds with a total of 230 pounds, while fellow Blue Streak Hannah Edwards placed third at 139 pounds with a combined lift of 240 pounds.

At 199 pounds, Sebring's Janaya Phillipps placed third with a combined lift of 250, Lake Placid's Melina Oxer was fourth with a total of 240 and Sebring's Kaylee Graham was fifth with a total of 235 pounds.

Today's Class 1A state meet begins at 11:30 a.m., while the Class 2A state meet will take place on Saturday.

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Bowl, and win a new driver or watch. Lakeview is also offering hole-in-one contests with prizes of \$10,000, an iPad, a golf bag, or \$250 at the pro shop. In addition, golfers can win cash prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and straightest drive. We have door

prizes including a television, Green Egg grill, a Yeti cooler, as well as other great items.

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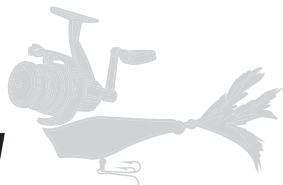
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The Upland Habitat program consists of highly skilled ecologists and botanists who analyze and monitor the ecological structure of FWC lands, develop and execute land restoration projects, and design research projects to guide land restoration. This program is critical

The Upland Habitat program consists of highly skilled research ecologists who evaluate the ecological structure of FWC lands and develop and execute complex land restoration projects.

One essential component of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute's (FWRI) mission to "protect, conserve, and manage Florida's fish and wildlife resources" is evaluating, monitoring and restoring Florida's natural upland habitat. This task falls to scientists with FWRI's Upland Habitat Research and



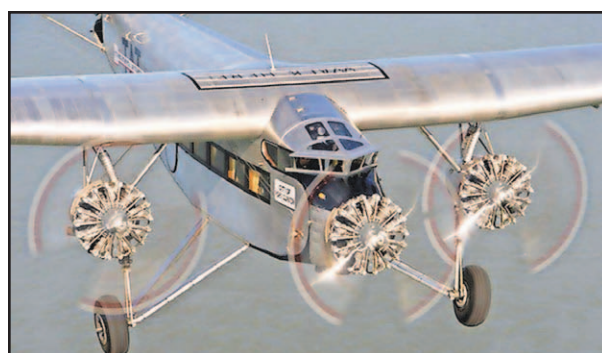
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Biologists evaluate vegetation at Okaloacoochee Slough WMA.

to preserve our state's beauty and resources as Florida's residents and regular tourists have seen a drastic change in

the state's natural areas. Exotic plant species replace Florida's native

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Ford Tri-motor airplane.

History of change



JOHN ROUSCH

Flightline

Step up and duck your head or else this 90-year-old bird will bite you. I'm in and climbing up hill to reach the front end and the right seat in the cockpit. It is my turn to take a turn flying this amazing machine that started commercial air travel as we know it.

The control panel does not look too different than most I have seen, but the control "yoke" or "stick" is not there, but rather a finely polished wooden wheel. It works the same way as other controls, pull back you go up, push forward you go down, turn left or right and the planes banks and makes a turn. It is just an elegant piece of woodworking. Not like today's metal and plastic.

Another difference is that not all the gauges are on the cockpit. Some are outside on the side of the engines. The cables connected to the rudder pedals and control wheel are routed outside the fuselage unlike plane designs that followed where the control cables are routed inside the body of the aircraft. It does make it easier to inspect the cables, but it is a unique design feature.



The inside of the Ford Tri-motor airplane.

The cross-wind was howling, and this was the last flight of the day. Todd the EAA pilot in command (PIC) took the Tri-motor off. After we got to a cruising altitude of 1,300 feet I took over as we circled Lake Jackson. Now the laws of physics made their presence known. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. The three engines were turning the propellers in the same direction. In modern multi-engine prop planes the propellers on each side turn in opposite directions evening out the "P" effect. In the Tri-motor with all three props turning one way, the plane wanted to go in the other direction. This required a major effort of applying right rudder, pushing firmly and keeping it there. Early pilots who flew the aircraft on a regular basis must have had legs, at least the right leg, like tree trunks.

Todd told me we take off at 80, cruise at 80, and approach landing at 80. It was not hard to fly, but the controls were not as responsive as other planes I have flown. The B-17 was easier to fly. The Tri-motor went along its own way and you made peace with it, guiding it along where you wanted it to go. The winds picked up during our flight, and the cross-wind landing by Todd was text-book. He put the windward landing gear down first with the windward wing banking down, bleeding off airspeed and then dropping the other landing gear. He wrestled the plane all the way down to the runway in the cross-wind. He made a very impressive landing. Most in the back had no idea of the skill he just demonstrated. The next day, Friday, we cancelled all the flight after the first morning flight due to the strong winds. Saturday, with strong winds again, the Expo opened another runway that made it easier to fly. We flew over 120 people on Saturday.

So how does this "Tin Goose" compare to some of the modern aircraft of today? Ron Peeples, EAA Chapter 1240 member and Captain for Southwest Airlines shared his perspective; "I have so much respect for the pilots who flew these aircraft. They required rudder inputs, the simplicity of the gauges, flying without all the trim devices and auto-pilot systems we have today, those pilots were something else. Flying cross country by dead reckoning, at night, or in marginal weather conditions tool skill

Buzzing with native bees

Highlands County has plenty of pollinators

ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

While recent news stories report the decline of hives of European Honey Bees, *Apis mellifera*, residents of Highlands County can take some comfort in a rich diversity of local native bees. These bees come in many sizes, from big, rotund bumblebees to quarter-inch, slender, blue bees. Some species are specialists, like the bees found on the edges of red maple swamps in Highlands Hammock State Park, or the species that collect pollen only from flowers in the blueberry family. Other species, such as the shining green bees common in gardens, visit dozens of kinds of flowers just about anywhere, even along roadsides with traffic zooming by a few feet away.

Just how rich is the Highlands heritage of native bees? "Nobody knows exactly," admits Dr. Mark Deyrup, who studies pollinator insects at Archbold Biological Station. "There is little funding for studies of these important insects in southern Florida. I guess bee counting doesn't appeal to bean counters. We know there are at least 113 species of bees just at Archbold, so it would make sense for the entire County to have more than 113." A publication on

Archbold bees is available for free: search for "Bees of the Archbold Biological Station" on Google.

"This 32-page list of bees and flowers might be a great cure for insomnia," claims Deyrup, one of the authors. "There aren't even

photo will usually pop up."

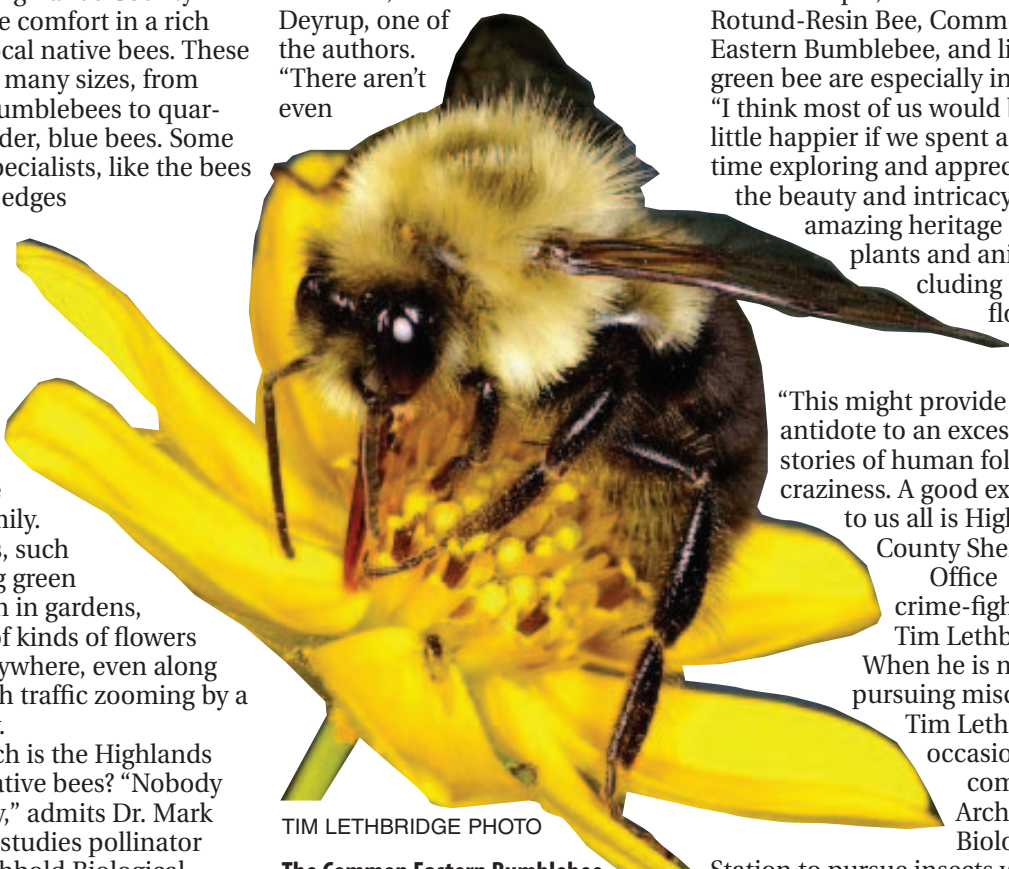
Many of our local bees are worth taking a few minutes to lookup online because they are strikingly handsome creatures.

For example, the Northern Rotund-Resin Bee, Common Eastern Bumblebee, and little green bee are especially intriguing. "I think most of us would be a little happier if we spent a bit more time exploring and appreciating the beauty and intricacy of our amazing heritage of local plants and animals, including bees and flowers," suggests Deyrup.

"This might provide some antidote to an excess of stories of human folly and craziness. A good example to us all is Highlands County Sheriff's Office crime-fighter Tim Lethbridge."

When he is not pursuing miscreants, Tim Lethbridge occasionally comes to Archbold Biological Station to pursue insects with his camera. His photos are scientifically valuable, and have been used in scientific presentations and papers.

For most people, however, the value of these images is in their revelation of the exquisite beauty of some of our common tiny wildlife.



TIM LETHBRIDGE PHOTO

The Common Eastern Bumblebee, *Bombus impatiens*, lives in colonies, usually underground. Highly adaptable, this species of bumblebee visits more than 50 kinds of flowers locally.

any pictures. If, however, one wants to see what one of these bees looks like, the name can be looked up on Google Images, and a

Striped Bass Stockings in the St. Johns River

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Florida was home to the southernmost native populations of the Atlantic strain striped bass. Natural reproduction of striped bass ceased in the St. Johns River by the early 1970s.

Striped bass stocking in the St. Johns River began in 1972. In 1981, further developments in hatchery rearing led to large scale production of the sunshine bass. In total, the FWC and USFWS have stocked over 20 million striped bass and nearly 10 million sunshine bass in the last 40 years.

Striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) are a popular

sport fish and naturally occur from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to the Louisiana Gulf Coast. Established stocked populations occur along the Pacific coast and many inland water bodies across the United States. Florida was home to the southernmost native populations of the Atlantic strain striped bass; however due to degradation of river habitat and water quality, natural reproduction ceased in the St. Johns River by the early 1970s

Striped bass are a cool-water fish and do not survive water temperatures above 80 degrees for extended periods. Warm waters



FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

A school of striped bass at Silver Glenn Springs. Striped bass seek refuge in these cool waters during the summer.

like the St. Johns produce small population numbers that rarely reach more than 20 lbs – a small size compared to

their northern cousins which may exceed 50 lbs. Landlocked by high

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ocean temperatures, they cannot survive in Florida's warm waters without the numerous springs found in the St. Johns River Basin which provide a cool water refuge during the summer months.

Beginning in the late 1960s, advancements in rearing techniques allowed for intensive culture of the striped bass in Florida. By this time, state and federal biologists believed that few striped bass were naturally reproducing in the St. Johns River

and began developing stocking plans to both restore the species and provide additional angling opportunities.

The first striped bass stocked into the St. Johns River occurred in 1972, and annual stockings continue. In the early years of the program, biologists did not keep clear records of the locations of collected brood fish. Most are thought to have been collected from the Nassau and St. Marys rivers, but fish from South Carolina and Chesapeake Bay were also used. Biologists believe that original native striped bass may have adapted to the slow currents typical of

the St. Johns River by producing more buoyant eggs, a trait missing from stocked fish from other areas. During years striped bass stocking did not occur, biologists found no fish from those year classes were present. This supported the theory that no natural reproduction was occurring in the river.

In 1981, further developments in hatchery rearing led to large scale production of the sunshine bass, a hybrid striped bass created using white bass females from Florida's panhandle and striped bass males from the St. Johns River. These fish exhibit "hybrid vigor",

making hardier fish with improved growth rates and able to withstand higher water temperatures. Generally, white bass females are easier to acquire for brood fish making it easier to get the number of fish needed to create a successful fishery. These fish supplemented the stockings of the Striped bass throughout the 1980s and 1990s in order to provide more fish for anglers.

As state priorities shifted to the conservation and management of other native species within the river, the sunshine bass stocking program was temporarily discontinued from 2000

through 2008. Decreasing numbers of striped bass brood fish during this same period also resulted in lower stocking success. Although striped bass remained a focus for restoration by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), who took over the Atlantic striped bass stocking program from the state in 2009, brood fish availability became less predictable. Environmental conditions such as flood and drought severely impacted the ability for the USFWS to collect brood fish from South Carolina. Due to angler demand, officials reintroduced sunshine bass stockings to increase angling

opportunities.

In total, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and USFWS have stocked over 20 million striped bass and nearly 10 million sunshine bass in the last 40 years. As part of a joint agreement in 2009 between the FWC and the USFWS, biologists with FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) at the DeLeon Springs Freshwater Fisheries Lab continue to monitor survival and angler catch data each summer. At accessible locations, fish utilizing the large springs as thermal refuges are counted.

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and courage. I enjoyed every minute of flying it, and most of all being at a lower altitude where I could see things on the ground. Fly up at 35,000 feet you don't see much of the ground detail. Flying the Tri-motor was one of the most enjoyable experiences I have ever had. Thank you EAA!"

Another perspective came from behind the cockpit as Ashley Tinker who served as a flight attendant for United Airlines on the state-of-the-art Boeing

Dreamliner. "It was interesting to have the whole plane pointing up on the takeoff roll, and as we gained speed and the tail came up, we smoothly lifted in the air. There wasn't the feeling of being pushed back in your seat from the thrust of the engines. The outside with all the exposed cables, gauges, and exposed engines was interesting. The cockpit had no security door and you could see everything that was going on. On modern airliners, there was always two people in the cockpit, so when one of the pilots stepped out, one of the flight attendants would step in. The difference of

the control panel of the Tri-motor compared to the Dreamliner is night and day as you would expect. The seating in the Tri-motor was very comfortable, and the safety briefing covered many of the same procedures. On the Tri-motor everyone had their phones out, talking to friends on the ground and taking pictures. No TSA issues on this plane. The interior finish was beautiful, as is the Dreamliner, but each reflects the time period of commercial flight. There was not much room for baggage, so back in the day flights were shorter and folks back then didn't feel they had to carry so much

extra baggage. On the tri-motor you pulled a curtain to block the sun, on the Dreamliner, the windows were touch-screen to various shades of darkness. The Tri-motor landing was the smoothest I had ever experienced. Kudos to the pilot!"

The smiles and positive comments were abundant as people left the aircraft. Thank you to EAA Oshkosh for bringing the Tri-motor to Sebring and the Expo. Thanks to Alan Jay Auto Network, WWOJ radio, EAA Oshkosh, and community sponsors who helped over 40 youth take a ride in "living history". And

thanks to the many Expo volunteers, EAA Chapter 1240 members, the staff of the Sebring Regional Airport and Volo Aviation that made the event so successful. Well done!

Coming up on February 8th is the EAA Chapter 1240 monthly meeting at 6 PM at the EAA hangar followed by the monthly breakfast on

Saturday February 10th, 8 to 10:30 AM, through Gate 24. If you want to join in the fun, learn more about aviation, and meet some nice people, come and join us. There is something for everyone. For more information, contact John Rousch at 863-273-0522 or jhr@stratemail.net

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Ponds are a boon for fishing

Florida Fish Wildlife

Fishing is one of the most popular recreational activities in Florida. The state has many small natural and manmade ponds that, if managed properly, can provide excellent fishing, waterfowl hunting and bird watching. Largemouth bass, bream (bluegill and redear sunfish) and channel catfish are raised in Florida fish ponds. Ponds can be managed intensively for high fish production while attracting wading birds, waterfowl and other wildlife species. Often, ponds are constructed or managed for a variety of uses such as swimming, residential development, drainage, irrigation, livestock watering and mining. Some of these uses can be incompatible with fish and wildlife pond management. Identifying conflicting uses must be a primary concern when developing a fish and wildlife management program.

If your goal is fish farming (aquaculture) and not recreational fishing, please contact the FWC's Bass Conservation Center or the Florida Department of Agricultural Services (FDACS), Division of Aquaculture and seek the advice of an aquaculture biologist.

Ecology

It is necessary to have an understanding of basic aquatic ecology to manage a pond properly. Ecology is the study of relationships living things have to each other and their environment. These relationships frequently operate at a complex level, where a change in one factor can influence many different organisms and their habitats in a variety of ways.

Algae are microscopic plants that use nutrients in combination with sunlight to produce food - a process called photosynthesis. Some algae are eaten by small, free-floating animals called zooplankton, located at the second level of the food pyramid. Organisms

in the top four levels generally consume other organisms in the levels shown immediately below them. A pond's ability to support a large number of organisms in the upper levels of the pyramid is dependent upon the strength of its food base as depicted by the lower levels.

In ponds, humans, otters, alligators and some wading birds are the top predators. Largemouth bass are the top fish consumers (predators) that feed on insect-eating fishes such as bream, shiners and minnows. Some ponds may support gizzard and/or threadfin shad populations. Both feed on plankton, and are important prey for bass. The objective for most ponds is to establish a simple predator-prey relationship using largemouth bass, bluegill and redear sunfish. Wildlife will use the pond and shoreline for watering, feeding and hiding from predators.

Algal production is limited in waters by the availability of nutrients, mainly nitrogen and phosphorus. Ponds with low nutrient concentrations are described as infertile and produce limited quantities of aquatic life. These waters are usually extremely clear and support a low number of fish.

Moderate nutrient levels result in fertile waters that possess the potential for significantly greater fish production than infertile waters. Sport fish can be more numerous in fertile ponds due to the abundance of available food organisms. Fertile waters usually appear green as a result of high algal concentrations.

Excessive fertility disrupts the food chain by channeling too much energy into algal production. During daylight periods, algae cells produce oxygen required for respiration by fish. When sunlight is not present (night or overcast skies), oxygen production by algae is reduced. Dense algal blooms will deplete dissolved oxygen (DO) during periods of



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limited sunlight, and fish kills may result. Fish kills caused by low DO levels are most common during warmer months when algal concentrations are highest and extended periods of calm weather reduce exchange of atmospheric oxygen at the pond's surface. Figure 2 shows a typical 24-hour DO cycle and during a 12-month period when fish kills are most prevalent.

Waterbodies can receive nutrients from many sources within a watershed. Many of these are the results of human activity (e.g. agricultural practices, lawn fertilizer and urban development), while others occur naturally (e.g. nutrient-rich soils, decaying vegetation). Therefore, some pond owners may have to eliminate or divert nutrient sources to prevent excessive fertility.

Stormwater retention ponds are mandatory in new residential and industrial developments in Florida. These areas are designed to collect street and yard drainage, often containing high concentrations of nutrients that would lead to excessive algal production if allowed to enter natural waters. Prospective homeowners should realize the water quality in many retention ponds is not conducive to sport fish production.

Consequently, fish and wildlife management potential may be limited.

Pond Design, Construction

The first step in determining a design is to consider the purposes for which the pond will be used. A pond built for drainage or watering livestock is not necessarily the best design for a fish pond. If the pond serves more than a single purpose, construction should reflect its primary purpose. Ponds used primarily for agricultural purposes such as water storage or watering animals should be designed to minimize adverse impacts that farming activities may have on water quality. Livestock access should be limited to a small area to reduce erosion and prevent high turbidity levels. Runoff from crop fields should be diverted with swales or berms to prevent excessive nutrient loading, siltation

and contamination by pesticides.

Information on planning, design and construction of ponds is available from the United States Department of Agriculture. Contact your local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) agent and ask for Agriculture Handbook Number 590 titled: Most ponds constructed in Florida consist of a hole excavated in fairly level ground and require minimal site maintenance. A second type is constructed where ground elevations vary significantly and requires an embankment to impound water. Safety concerns and maintenance requirements are described in Agriculture Handbook Number 590.

Your local NRCS agent can provide detailed pond construction information about site selection, soil permeability, whether a plastic

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Ocean acidification affects ecosystems

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Carbon dioxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can prove harmful to human beings. But many people may be unaware that carbon dioxide also has the potential to affect ocean environments. Carbon dioxide is added to the atmosphere whenever fossil fuels are burned. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Earth can handle naturally occurring carbon dioxide that enters the atmosphere and is stored and reduced in soil, through plants, trees and the ocean. However, the burning of fossil fuels adds carbon to the atmosphere faster

than natural processes can remove it, causing a number of problems. Excessive carbon dioxide levels contribute to the lowering of the pH levels of the seas all over the world. Carbon dioxide reacts with seawater to form carbonic acid. This makes seawater more acidic, and marine life is paying the price. It's hard to visualize the risk of ocean acidification because the effects are occurring underwater where they are not immediately realized. The Smithsonian's Ocean Portal offers that, in the past 200 years alone, ocean water has become 30 percent more acidic, faster than any known change in ocean chemistry in the last 50 million



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Ocean acidification can prevent coral from forming and actually dissolve existing calcification.

years. Although some ocean species are adept at finding ways to adapt to changing water conditions, ocean acidification is expected to have wide scale negative impacts on ocean ecosystems.

A chemical balance is required for many components of life, and even subtle changes can lead to problems with chemical communication, reproduction and growth. Acidification is making it difficult for

shelled animals to build new shells and homes. The acidity can even cause more hydrogen ions to form in the water, leading to existing shells dissolving as well. Shellfish are only the beginning, as many other marine animals rely on oysters, clams, plankton, sea urchins, and corals for food and habitats. As they begin to become less viable due to acidification, a trickle-down effect among other species occurs eventually impacting humans. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association says research suggests that ocean acidification could severely impact the ability of coral reefs to recover from disturbance. Other research

indicates that, by the end of this century, coral reefs may erode faster than they can be rebuilt, compromising the long-term viability of these ecosystems and perhaps affecting the estimated one million species that depend on coral reef habitats. Ocean acidification is a very real concern that can impact ecosystems, wildlife and food sources. By controlling the carbon dioxide that is released into the environment, people can do much to control the rate of decline in oceans all over the world. Ocean acidification can prevent coral from forming and actually dissolve existing calcification.

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plants, and agricultural operations and urban development replace natural areas. The Upland Habitat team works to reverse these trends by focusing on the Native Ground Cover Restoration (GCR) program and the Objective-Based Vegetation Monitoring (OBVM) program. The GCR program is designed to restore degraded habitat, pasture and agricultural lands to native ground cover. Once enhanced, this habitat can function more effectively and

provide food and shelter for Florida's wildlife. Most restoration efforts target historical native flatwoods. Prior to human alteration, many pasture lands were once flatwoods systems. The goal is to eliminate exotic ground cover and replace it with native ground cover typical of a flatwoods system. There are approximately 20 projects underway across the state, ranging from the Apalachicola River Wildlife Environmental Area (WEA) in the Panhandle, to the Okaloacoochee Slough Wildlife Management Area (WMA) located south of Lake Okeechobee in Hendry and Collier counties.

To restore habitats to their natural state, Upland Habitat scientists must completely remove exotic grasses by disking, or plowing, the ground with a tractor and applying multiple herbicide treatments. After removal treatments, scientists prep sites with mineral-rich soil and plant seeds of carefully chosen native plant species harvested from intact flatwoods communities. After planting, scientists monitor restoration sites for five years to track changes over time and evaluate whether restoration efforts were successful. Since the GCR project began in 2005, 50 percent of restoration projects have

successfully established a native ground cover that is self-sustaining over the long term. Scientists evaluate success by considering several factors, including how well the newly planted native vegetation grows, how successful they were in removing exotic vegetation and how well they prevented the encroachment of exotic bahiagrass at the edges of restored areas. To view this process step by step, take a look at the Restoring Upland Habitats External Website Flickr photo set. Through the OBVM program, scientists collect data essential to best manage, protect and restore the ecological

structure on WMAs and WEAs. Scientists evaluate, summarize and compare the structural condition of several habitat types to desired future conditions. Over time, they monitor how vegetation responds to management practices such as prescribed burning, roller-chopping and herbicide treatments. If the vegetative structure in a given WMA or WEA does not correspond to the vegetative structure that is most desirable, land managers can use OBVM data to adapt their land management strategies and, thus, more effectively restore these lands. In addition to GCR and OBVM, Upland Habitat

scientists are responsible for many other land restoration and land management projects, as well as for providing scientific counsel for land management decisions. Some additional Upland Habitat projects include: Control of Cabbage Palms (Sabal Palmetto) on Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area, a Sanibel Island Rice Rat Project ongoing research on habitat selection and use of the Sanibel Island rice rat, a research project on land management techniques for scrub habitat, and a research project monitoring isolated wetlands in support of Flatwoods Salamander habitat restoration.

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The wood stork is the only species of stork that breeds in the U.S. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the wood stork as threatened because of declines in its range and numbers. It is important to determine the location of wood stork nesting colonies so scientists can accurately gauge the current nesting population and its distribution. This will help them evaluate the status of the species in Florida. But FWC biologists cannot locate every wood stork nesting colony by themselves, especially small, isolated colonies and those on private lands.

That's why they rely on the public to report sightings of wood stork nesting colonies. We recommend remaining a minimum of 100 yards away from a wood stork colony and using binoculars for observation. Approaching a colony can cause the adults to abandon their nests, which can expose the eggs and baby birds to temperature stress, predators and falls from the nest.

In addition, if you see a banded wood stork (an individual with a plastic



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band or bands around one or both upper legs), we also ask that you report it.

It's important to note which leg and in which order (top to bottom) the bands are in. Some bands may have a unique code of letters and numbers which identify the individual stork.

If you can see this through binoculars, scope or camera lens we encourage you to write it down and send it to us (we also accept photos). A stork's color combination and/or unique

code help researchers to identify where the stork was banded, where it's been since, and how long it's been alive.

We do not recommend approaching storks closely or harassing them to get this information, so if a bird starts reacting to your presence (walking toward or away from you, raising its head to watch you, flapping wings, etc.) just back up and enjoy the birds!

To report a wood stork colony, please email the date of the sighting, the location of the colony, a

general habitat description and your contact information to FWC biologists at Storks@MyFWC.com.

Questions about the Wood Storks

Email your questions about wood stork behavior and conservation to Storks@MyFWC.com.

If you suspect a wildlife law violation, report it to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Reward Program at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or visit the Wildlife Alert Program Web page for more information.

POND

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liner is needed and locations for soil analysis. This information is essential in determining a pond's natural fertility, pH (acidity) and ability to retain water.

If possible, design your pond to allow near complete draining. The ability to dewater allows for fish population renovation, bottom improvement and vegetation management. Dewatering is accomplished easily in embankment ponds through a standpipe/spillway system, while a water pump can be used in excavated ponds.

Ponds designed primarily for fishing should incorporate as much shoreline as possible.

The amount of available shoreline can be increased by use of peninsulas and islands in construction. Such

construction increases the "edge effect," which results in concentration of sportfish, improves fishing success and provides more shoreline habitat for wildlife.

Ponds should be constructed with mostly steep slopes (20- to 30-degree grade) to a depth of 8 to 15 feet. Steep shorelines will naturally limit the growth of aquatic plants. A narrow band of vegetation benefits the pond by providing fish and wildlife habitat and preventing shoreline erosion. However, excessive plant growth can cause problems. Sodding or stabilizing the land adjacent to the pond immediately after construction also will reduce erosion. Digging ponds deeper than 15 feet does not increase fish production, and deep ponds can develop serious water quality problems if thermal stratification occurs.

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Robert Wagner a 'person of interest'

Nearly four decades after his wife drowned, investigators are now calling 87-year-old actor Robert Wagner a "person of interest" in the death of Natalie Wood. *See page 12*



With Trump's approval



FBI Director Christopher Wray



Former FBI Director James Comey



Special counsel Robert Mueller III



Attorney General Jeff Sessions



Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats

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Memo will see light of day despite warnings

By **BRIAN BENNETT, LISA MASCARO and CHRIS MEGERIAN**
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is prepared to approve the release of a controversial Republican-drafted memo about secret government surveillance as soon as Friday, a step that would put him at odds with his top national security officials but could give him a new tool to undermine public confidence in the Russia investigation.

The White House might not seek any changes to the classified document, a senior administration official said Thursday, even though FBI Director Christopher A. Wray and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats have expressed concern about its contents.

"The president is OK with it," the official said. "I doubt there will be any redactions. It's in Congress' hands after that."

The FBI publicly warned Wednesday that it had "grave concerns" about the memo's accuracy, a highly unusual challenge to the White House.

Coats has privately expressed similar concerns to the White House, saying the release could set a troubling precedent for revealing classified information, according to another U.S. official.

Releasing the memo could put pressure on Wray, who was handpicked by Trump last spring to head the FBI, to respond or even step down. Trump fired Wray's predecessor, James B. Comey, and has publicly berated several other senior officials at the bureau and the Justice Department, including Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

In a sign of the growing friction between the FBI and the White House, the union representing rank-and-file FBI agents offered strong support Thursday for Wray, saying he stood "shoulder to shoulder with the men and women of the FBI as we work together to protect our country from criminal and national security threats."

The classified memo was prepared by aides to Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, which has been investigating

Russia's meddling in the 2016 election. Nunes has separately scrutinized claims of FBI surveillance abuses during the 2016 campaign.

The document apparently cites selective information from FBI interviews with confidential informants, classified material provided to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which meets in secret and must approve intelligence-related eavesdropping on U.S. citizens, and other highly sensitive material.

The memo reportedly claims that the decision to start surveillance of Carter Page, then a Trump campaign adviser with business interests in Russia, was based in part on information provided by Christopher Steele, a former British spy who was working for a U.S. firm collecting opposition research on Trump.

The subsequent counterintelligence collection on Page formed part of the broader criminal investigation, now led by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III, into possible ties between the Trump campaign

and Russian meddling in the election.

Republicans say the memo proves the FBI abused the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act process to undermine Trump's campaign and ultimately his presidency. Democrats on the committee say the cherry-picking of information from the FISA application shows Republicans deliberately sought to embarrass the FBI and discredit the Mueller probe.

The Republican majority on the committee agreed Monday to release the memo — but refused to allow the simultaneous release of a lengthy rebuttal document drafted by Democrats, widening the partisan clash.

Conservative commentators and lawmakers have amplified dark speculation that its contents are scandalous. Democrats who have read the document say it skews the facts to present a partisan indictment.

"This memo is part of the slow-motion purge designed to undermine Robert Mueller's investigation into the president and his allies," said Michael

Waldman, a former speechwriter for President Bill Clinton and president of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law. "It's yet another step on a slide into abuse of power."

Julian Zelizer, a Princeton University historian, said the clash differs from previous conflicts between the FBI and presidents, which largely revolved around policy.

"This is about an investigation into (Trump's) administration and him. It's not just tension with the FBI. This is about trying to undermine an investigation into the White House," Zelizer said.

The conflict has divided Republican lawmakers, who were attending a retreat at a resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., on Thursday and found themselves facing repeated questions about a classified memo many had not read, instead of their recent success pushing tax cuts through Congress.

Senate Republicans, who

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Tax bill beginning to deliver bigger paychecks to workers

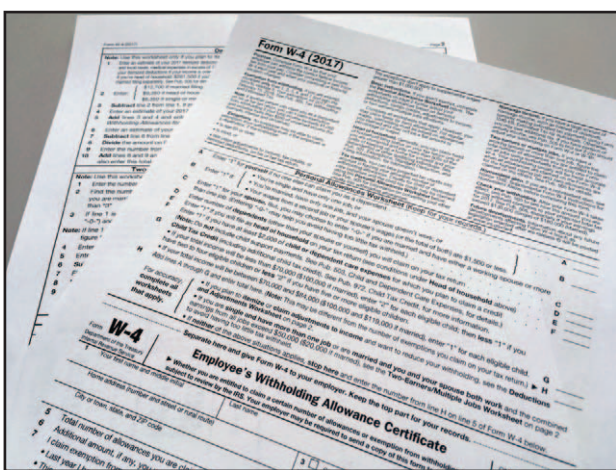
By **SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**
AP PERSONAL FINANCE WRITER

The contentious tax overhaul is beginning to deliver a change that many will welcome — bigger paychecks.

Workers are starting to see more take-home pay as employers implement the new withholding guidelines from the IRS, which dictate how much employers withhold from pay for federal taxes. Those whose checks have remained the same shouldn't fret — employers have until Feb. 15 to make the changes.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has estimated that the new rules will mean more take-home pay for about 90 percent of American workers.

How much extra cash? It depends on several



AP PHOTO

This photo shows an IRS W-4 form on Thursday in New York. Workers are starting to see more take-home pay as employers implement the new withholding guidelines from the IRS. How much extra cash depends on several factors, such as workers' income, how often they are paid and the number of withholdings allowances they claim on their IRS Form W-4 with their employer.

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with their employer. Those whose employers were quick to make the change welcomed the

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California prosecutors dropping, reducing pot convictions

By **PAUL ELIAS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — With pot now legal in California, prosecutors in San Francisco and San Diego are moving to erase thousands of marijuana convictions en masse, a step that could prove life-changing for some and could especially help minorities, who were more likely than whites to be arrested for such crimes.

"We want to address the wrongs that were caused by the failures of the war on drugs for many years in this country and begin to fix the harm that was done not only to the entire nation but specifically to communities of color," San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon said.

Advocates are calling on more counties to



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 1 photo, marijuana plants are for sale at Harborside marijuana dispensary in Oakland, California.

do the same. Gascon's office said Thursday that other California district attorneys have called San Francisco for advice on handling marijuana cases.

Gascon said he hopes to spark a trend in California.

"That's awesome. It's wonderful and appropriate," said Josh Freeman, a marijuana farmer who

recently had his felony conviction for selling small bags of weed at a reggae concert reduced to a misdemeanor.

Freeman can now obtain permits to grow marijuana legally, something he couldn't do with a felony record. He can also legally buy a gun and take up hunting again, he said.

In addition to being barred from owning guns, felons cannot vote and are disqualified from holding many professional licenses. Also, people with felony convictions often have difficulty finding work and housing.

Californians voted in November 2016 to legalize recreational marijuana and abolish a host of pot-related crimes. California is among eight states that allow adults

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News from across the USA

ALABAMA Prattville: A collapsed sign along Interstate 65 saying “Go To Church or the Devil Will Get You!” will be erected again, AL.com reports.

ALASKA Juneau: State education leaders have released recommendations for improving Alaska’s public school system to support “responsible and reflective learners.”

ARIZONA Tucson: Security has been tight this week for the American Gem Trade Association’s GemFair at the Tucson Convention Center.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: The Food and Drug Administration has axed a nicotine addiction study at a state lab after the deaths of four squirrel monkeys, *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reports.

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles: The historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum is being renamed United Airlines Memorial Coliseum. The change was announced at a ceremonial groundbreaking for a \$270 million renovation of the 95-year-old stadium.

COLORADO Durango: A report concludes that a 27-year-old man accidentally skied through a vulnerable gully, triggering a Jan. 21 avalanche that killed him, *The Durango Herald* reports.

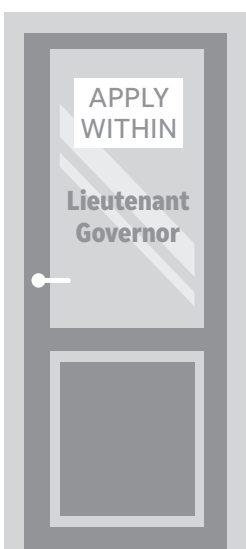
CONNECTICUT East Lyme: A jury awarded a man more than \$240,000 for injuries from a May 2016 fall as he left a former deli, *The Day* reports.

DELAWARE Hartly: A man who was held at gunpoint after breaking into a house says he was trying to get out of the rain, *The News Journal* reports.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: A suburban Washington fire battalion chief is resigning, saying the command isn’t serious about addressing gender-equity issues, WUSA-TV reports.

FLORIDA Tampa: Authorities say a Tampa-based ambulance company has agreed to pay about \$5.5 million to resolve allegations that it defrauded Medicare by billing for medically unnecessary trips.

GEORGIA Atlanta: Grady Memorial Hospital has set up a mobile unit to handle the influx of flu patients.



HAWAII Honolulu: The office of Hawaii lieutenant governor became a job with no takers this week with the resignation of Lt. Gov. Shan Tsutsui. House Speaker Scott Saiki and Senate President Ronald Kouchi said no thanks. Attorney General Doug Chin plans to run for Congress.

IDAHO Boise: The Idaho Conservation League says nearly two dozen water diversion projects in Sawtooth Valley are harming federally protected salmon, steelhead and bull trout.

ILLINOIS Chicago: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has extended its contract with Italian conductor Riccardo Muti through the 2022 season.

INDIANA Indianapolis: State lawmakers killed a bill to increase the legal age for buying tobacco products from 18 to 21.

IOWA Indianola: Warren County officials are seeking help from Indianola, Norwalk and Carlisle to pay for trailers to temporarily house inmates after its moldy and escape-prone jail closes Friday.

KANSAS Topeka: The Kansas House approved a bill to toughen penalties for some drunken driving cases, but also approved allowing restaurants to begin serving alcohol at 6 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: The state’s top public safety official says Kentucky will run out of prison space by May 2019, possibly forcing the early release of many nonviolent inmates.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: State Po-

HIGHLIGHT: TENNESSEE



Mayor Megan Barry talks to Sgt. Robert Forrest of her security staff during a basketball game last March. GEORGE WALKER IV/USA TODAY NETWORK

Mayor admits to affair with security officer

Joey Garrison, Nate Rau and Dave Boucher
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry said this week that she had an extramarital affair with a police officer in charge of her security detail.

In an interview with *The Tennessean*, the 54-year-old Democrat apologized “for the harm I’ve done to the people I love and the people who counted on me.”

She said the affair with police Sgt. Robert Forrest started in the spring or summer of 2016, months after she entered office the previous fall. Forrest submitted his retirement papers Jan. 17. His final day was Wednesday.

“We had an affair, and it was wrong, and we shouldn’t have done it,” Barry said. “He was part of my security detail, and as part of that responsibility, I should have gone to the (police) chief, and I should have said what was going on, and that was a mistake. People that we admire can also be flawed humans, and I’m flawed.”

Barry and Forrest are both married. Barry said the relationship was discovered during conversations between their spouses and private discussions.

Forrest, 58, was a regular presence with the mayor during public

events, travel and even trips abroad.

According to public records obtained by *The Tennessean*, thousands of taxpayer dollars covered Forrest’s travel with the mayor on city business.

Though several of the trips included other members of the mayor’s office, nine of the trips were taken by only Barry and Forrest, including a trip to Greece in September.

Barry told her staff about the affair Wednesday afternoon, then held a 16-minute news conference that evening, which several of the mayor’s aides and a handful of council members watched.

Barry addressed the news media standing on a stage alone without her husband, Bruce, in the room.

Barry said she no longer sees Forrest but declined to say when the relationship ended. “Yes, it’s over. Yes, it’s over,” Barry said.

During the interview, Barry said she won’t resign or take a leave of absence.

“This is a bad day, and there’s going to be more bad days, but this is not my worst day,” she said.

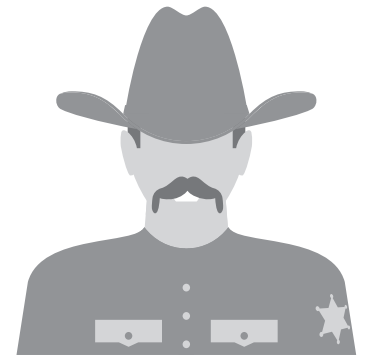
Barry became a national voice in the country’s opioid crisis last year after the death of her 22-year-old son, Max, who died from a mix of drugs that included opioids.

NEW YORK New York: Columbia University says it won’t bargain with graduate student teaching and research assistants who voted over a year ago to unionize.

NORTH CAROLINA Swan Quarter: Authorities say a man assaulted a state wildlife official and a cousin of Gov. Roy Cooper, threatened to crush their skulls and accused them of hunting in his duck blind.

NORTH DAKOTA Mandan: Five workers at the Youth Correctional Center received medical attention after being assaulted by juveniles over the weekend, but they weren’t seriously hurt.

OHIO Cincinnati: Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones says his handlebar mustache and 10-gallon hat may have helped him land a role in an upcoming biopic about serial killer Ted Bundy, WLWT-TV reports.



OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: More than half of the state is under a burn ban because of the threat of wildfires.

OREGON Astoria: The Coast Guard says a forgotten tank is the likely source of an oil sheen on the Columbia River.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg: The state Supreme Court will review a case challenging Philadelphia’s tax on soda and other sweetened drinks.

RHODE ISLAND Portsmouth: Police say a man with a knife in his backpack tried to force his way into his former high school’s gymnasium and then punched and kicked a teacher who blocked his path.

SOUTH CAROLINA Charleston: The Beaufort County town of Port Royal wants 5% of the nearly \$9 million that the State Ports Authority is receiving from the sale of the town’s port, *The Post and Courier* reports.

SOUTH DAKOTA Rapid City: A federal judge says the city violated a businessman’s constitutional rights in denying a permit to open Dick and Jane’s Naughty Spot, *The Argus Leader* reports.

TENNESSEE Nashville: A report found 538 exemptions to the state’s public records law that had only two exceptions when it was enacted in 1957.

TEXAS Galveston: Seeking new leads, police released a photo this week of a still-identified boy whose body washed ashore here three months ago. He was 3 to 4 years old.

UTAH Salt Lake City: In Mormon dominated Utah where alcohol is frowned upon, liquor sales keep climbing each year, setting a record again last year at \$428 million.

VERMONT Derby: The Derby Line Ambulance service has disbanded, *The Caledonian Record* reports. Officials cite financial issues.

VIRGINIA Gretna: Officials say a 7-year-old autistic boy’s death appears to be flu related, *The Danville Register & Bee* reports.

WASHINGTON Olympia: State officials say Cooke Aquaculture’s failure to clean nets holding farmed salmon led to a net pen failure that released thousands of non-native salmon into Puget Sound.

WEST VIRGINIA Huntington: Marshall University has been designated a Purple Heart University by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

WISCONSIN Milwaukee: An audit says the city health department has no record of conducting environmental investigations at more than 100 homes where children had elevated lead levels in their blood.

WYOMING Cheyenne: The Wyoming Supreme Court has rejected a challenge of how state officials are managing a \$300 million project to renovate the state Capitol complex. The suit contended that Gov. Matt Mead and legislative leaders violated the state constitution by issuing contracts without competitive bids.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.

lice revised a traffic enforcement program after WVUE-TV took undercover surveillance video that appears to show several troopers claiming hours they weren’t on the job.

MAINE Augusta: City officials reopened Front Street this week after closing it Jan. 13 due to ice jam floods from the Kennebec River, *The Kennebec Journal* reports.

MARYLAND Annapolis: State lawmakers want to change the Maryland constitution to require that money raised by casinos for education enhances school funding above the amount set by state formulas.

MASSACHUSETTS Chelmsford: An IRS investigation into LifeLinks, a nonprofit human services agency, uncovered \$286,000 in expenses linked to an embezzlement case, *The Lowell Sun* reports.



MICHIGAN Lansing: Gov. Rick Snyder wants to boost the state fee for taking waste to landfills and use the revenue to clean up contaminated sites and fund other environmental protection programs.

MINNESOTA Robbinsdale: A college student says he lost his seasonal job with his hometown over an online video that pokes fun at its shrinking cultural charm, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* reports.

MISSISSIPPI Jackson: The House

Rules Committee chairman says the Confederate emblem won’t be taken off the state flag this year because there’s no consensus on making a change. The rebel symbol has been on the Mississippi flag since 1894.

MISSOURI St. Louis: A study will look at the value and cost of an ultra-high-speed hyperloop system across Missouri that could move people from St. Louis to Kansas City in a half hour.

MONTANA Helena: Two advocacy groups that support abortion rights are challenging a state law that allows only doctors and doctor assistants to perform abortions.

NEBRASKA Melbeta: The state Game and Parks Commission is investigating the disposal of dozens of game bird carcasses that were tossed into a waterway.

NEVADA Reno: The Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority is looking into a convention center expansion, KRNVTV reports.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: State regulators started 12 days of deliberations this week on the Northern Pass project, a \$1.6 billion plan to bring hydropower from Canada to southern New England.

NEW JERSEY Atlantic City: Since 2014, five of this city’s 12 casinos have closed. But a turnaround may be coming as the shuttered Trump Taj Mahal begins interviewing job applicants to reopen this summer as a Hard Rock casino resort.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: Attorneys say Cibola County and several former staffers at the county’s now-shuttered jail have agreed to a \$5 million settlement in the death of an inmate who video and records show was repeatedly denied medical care after becoming violently ill.

STOCKS LISTING CHANGE - REQUESTS WELCOME!

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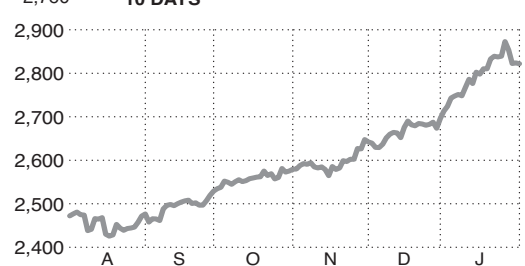
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Market summary table with columns: DOW (26,186.71 +37.32), NASDAQ (7,385.86 -25.62), S&P 500 (2,821.98 -1.83), 10-YR T-NOTE (2.79% +0.08), 30-YR T-BOND (3.02% +0.08), CRUDE OIL (\$65.80 +1.07), GOLD (\$1,344.30 +5.30), EURO (\$1,250.2 +0.092)

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

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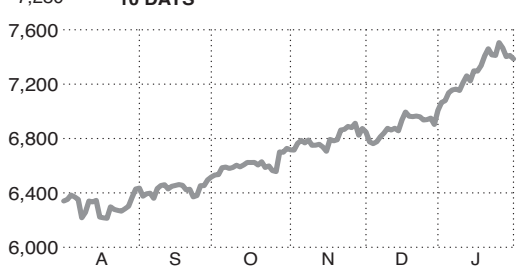


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Interestrates logo and text: Bond prices continued to tumble. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 2.79 percent from 2.71 percent.

Table of interest rates with columns: TREASURIES, LAST, 1YR, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Includes 3-month T-bill, 6-month T-bill, etc.

Foreign Exchange section with text: The dollar weakened further compared to the euro, Mexican peso and British pound, but got stronger compared to the Japanese yen.

Table of foreign exchange rates with columns: MAJORS, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, 1YR AGO. Includes USD per British Pound, Canadian Dollar, etc.

Commodities section with text: U.S. crude oil futures jumped 1.7 percent and wholesale gasoline prices also rose. Natural gas slumped 4.6 percent.

Table of commodity prices with columns: FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Includes Crude Oil (bbl), Ethanol (gal), etc.

Hiatal hernia should be addressed

DEAR DR. ROACH: Two months after having neck surgery under general anesthesia, I find that I have a partially collapsed lung. A CT scan showed "subsegmental atelectasis." It also showed that I have a hiatal hernia, and that my stomach is in my chest. What can I do about it? — Anon.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: "Atelectasis" (Greek for "imperfect extension") means that an area of the lung is not properly inflated, so it is not helping exchange gasses. This is a universal finding after surgery, where the normal breathing pattern is interrupted. We use a device called an incentive spirometer (one common model has three balls that can be lifted up with a deep inhalation) to help reinflate all the areas of the lung after surgery.

Two months is a long time after surgery to still have atelectasis. It sounds to me, in your case, that the lung can't completely inflate because your stomach is compressing part of it. The hole in the diaphragm (the muscle that separates the chest from the abdomen, and which is the primary muscle of breathing) where the esophagus passes through is called the diaphragmatic hiatus. In some people, that hole is large enough that part of the stomach can go through the diaphragmatic hiatus and into the chest. This is a hiatal hernia.

There's only so much room in the chest, so the stomach's presence there certainly will collapse part of the lung. The reason this may need to be corrected is not because of the lung — most people have tremendous lung reserves and will do fine without one or two lobes of the lung, or even an entire lung; rather, the stomach can bleed or twist inside the chest, and that's an emergency. You need to talk to your surgeon or regular doctor about the hiatal hernia.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on how brand and generic drugs regulate the amount of medicine in a tablet. Why do thyroid cancer patients need such careful control of their medicines? — A.P.

ANSWER: Thyroid cancer patients do need to be very careful. Most experts keep the thyroid level just at the very high end of the normal range, so that the TSH level stays low. TSH

stimulates the thyroid and may stimulate any remaining but dormant cancer cells. So, it's really important to watch this carefully, as a frankly high thyroid level increases the risk of heart rhythm disturbances, among other problems.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You wrote a column on urine having no medical benefit or purpose. When I was in boot camp for the military (1964), they collected our urine every morning in a large bag in a container. When we asked the purpose of this, they said it was used in medications. Any truth to this? If not, do you know the purpose of collecting the morning urine? — W.R.B.

ANSWER: You have me stumped. I know that in the 1940s, when penicillin was first available, it was much easier to purify the penicillin that was excreted unchanged in the urine than it was to extract it from the Penicillium mold. However, that was not an issue by 1964. I tried to look this up, but found nothing. I know a lot of veterans read this column, and I am curious if someone has an answer.

READERS: The arthritis booklet discusses rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus. Readers can order a copy by writing:
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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

Solution to 2/1/18

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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.

1. Financially secure N.Y. NFLer (1)



2. Mercilessly pan an L.A. NFLer (1)



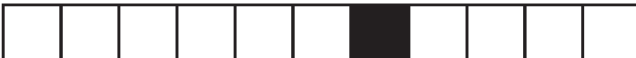
3. Show mercy to a Chicago NFLer (1)



4. Totally motionless Buffalo NFLer (1)



5. Exhalin'-with-relief Detroit NFLer (2)



6. Freshly beardless Baltimore NFLer (2)



7. Unusually handsome Minnesota NFLer (2)



ANSWERS
1. SET JET 2. SIAM RAM 3. SPARE BEAR 4. STILL BILL
5. SIGHNI LION 6. SHAVEN RAVEN 7. STRIKING VIKING

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Nightfall
- 5 Melanges
- 10 Metal fastener
- 14 Castaway's refuge
- 15 Insurance giant
- 16 Radius neighbor
- 17 Blissful spot
- 18 Turned toward
- 19 Rock's "cushion"
- 20 Amber
- 22 Flounder kin
- 24 Per
- 27 Ms. Redgrave
- 28 Place to dance
- 32 Monks' quarters
- 36 Suffix for press
- 37 Went with
- 39 Like pagodas
- 40 Ruby and Sandra
- 42 Soprano counterpart
- 44 Veer off-course
- 45 "Wayne's World" pal
- 47 Dangled a carrot
- 49 Tooth-puller's org.
- 50 Lamb specialty
- 51 Hushed
- 53 Full extent
- 56 "Auld Lang —"
- 57 Groom, maybe

DOWN

- 61 Dams' counterparts
- 65 Post-kindergarten
- 66 Princess topper
- 69 Beach scavenger
- 70 Dow uptick
- 71 Chain mail
- 72 Big Island port
- 73 Chirp
- 74 Move a fern
- 75 Hitch in plans
- 1 Eat "lite"
- 2 Meat approver, for short
- 3 Knocked off
- 4 Where boxers are boarded
- 5 LummoX
- 6 Open meadow
- 7 Hankering
- 8 Tatum or Ryan
- 9 With regret
- 10 Frostbite symptom
- 11 Slugger Moises
- 12 Part of MIT
- 13 Fraulein, to a laird
- 21 Unit of length
- 23 Machu Picchu founder
- 25 Blazer

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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- 54 Vow venue
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- 58 Jai —
- 59 Goatee spot
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- 62 Rack and —
- 63 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 64 Long tiring walk
- 67 Tigger's friend
- 68 Gallery display

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Interesting characters will fill your scene. The more you study them, the more fascinating they get. It helps that you seem to know just the question to unlock the good stories.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to wave your hands mysteriously, chant words or concoct recipes involving "eye of newt, wing of bat" to cast a spell over someone. You accomplish maximum enchantment just by being you.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometime in the future when you have urgent or exciting news to share,

you'll discover that your reach is outstanding, largely due to the work you do today, building casual goodwill.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Much will be accomplished in small increments. If you'd like to have more faith in life's process, note what the ocean did to the mountain — ground it into a soft, sandy beach. One wave at a time.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It is a commonly held belief in the current era that the life of a child should be as easy and magical as possible. In earlier times, many children were sent off to work at age 8. Your inner child feels like a factory worker today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). They may say that this is a laid-back, easygoing kind of commitment, but don't believe the lip service. There's a tacit expectation here.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's better to be overdressed than underdressed. But more importantly, it's better to be dressed like you than like someone else. Actually, you may enjoy rethinking the sartorial part of you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ideal would be a focused effort. Persistent efforts are good; consistent efforts, even better. But it's the fact you're making an effort at all that makes the biggest difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The late great George Burns suggested, "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." Your support system can take many forms.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When it's very easy to get to know someone, it's usually an indication of a well-developed outer layer of personality. It's always deeper than that, though, which you know and discover more about every day.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're disarming. Maybe it's because you do believe in the goodness of people. You know how to question someone's views without questioning their integrity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Casual conversation is a window. Small interactions deliver everything, especially to ones as sensitive and intuitive as you. Now the question is: How much do you want to know?
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 2). It's a year to be bold. Happiness will increase with the force of intention to do good work, to love more fully and to take on responsibilities. You can handle this! The money you spend to improve your surroundings and the way you operate inside them will pay you back in joy and also in dollars. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 1, 26 and 31.

BIBLE

"For it is written: As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." — Romans 14:11,12.

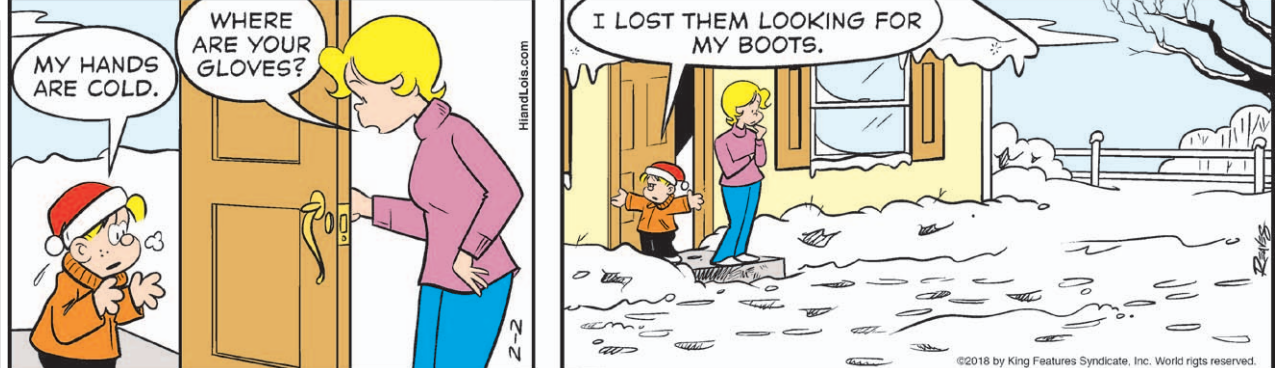
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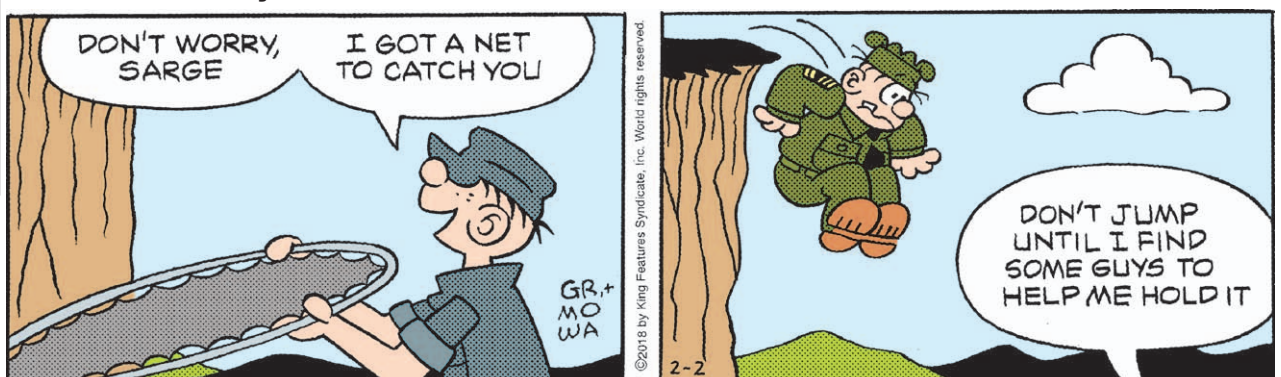
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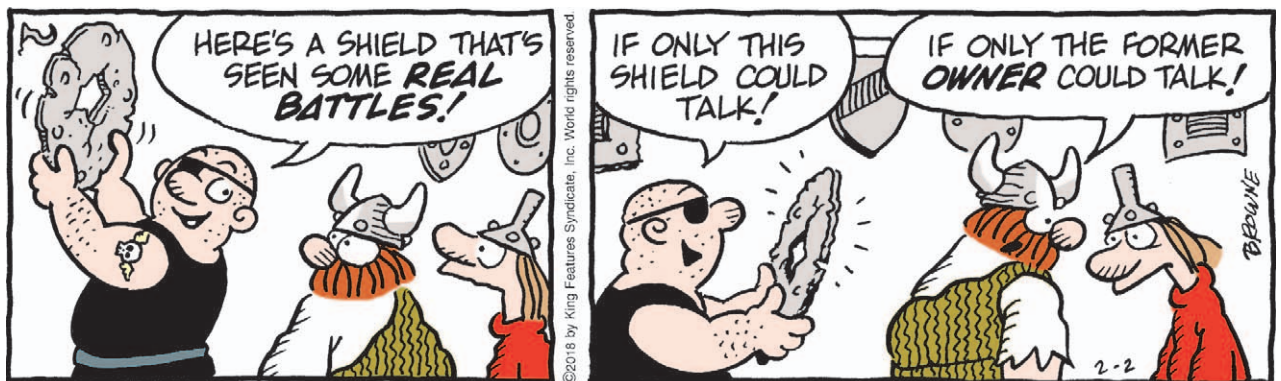
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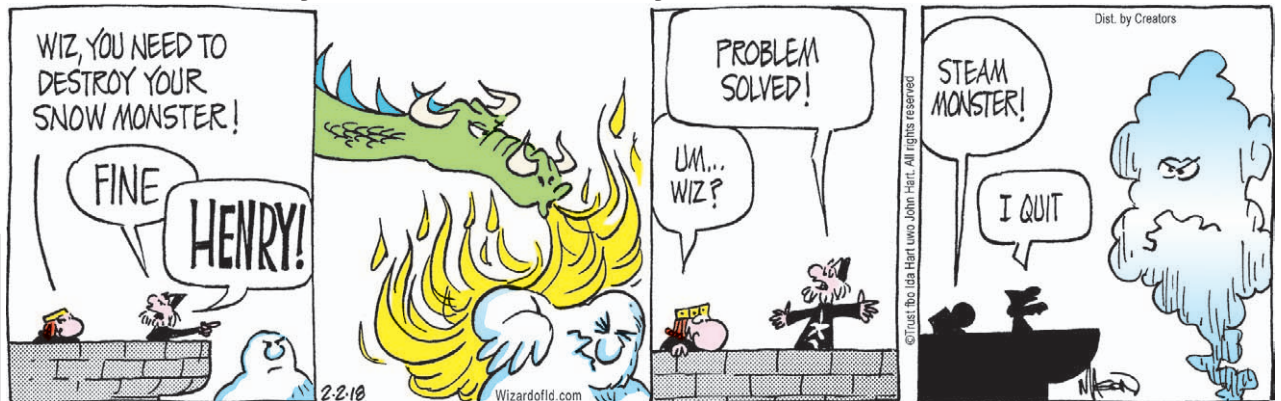
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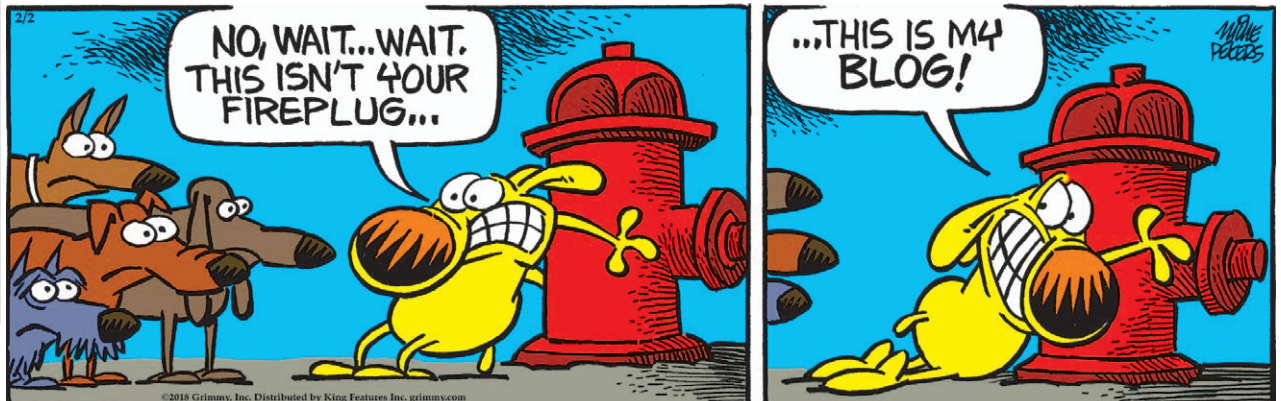
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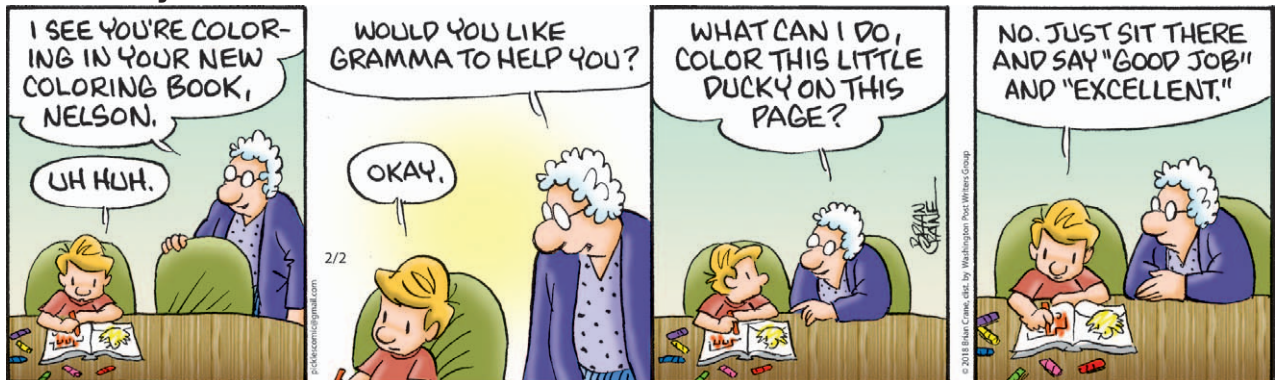
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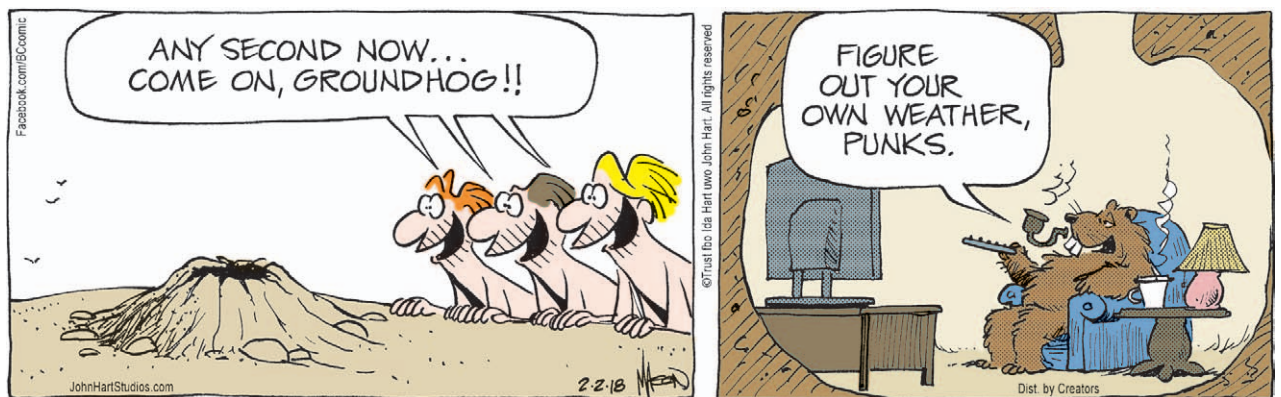
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PICKLES By Brian Crane



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Challenger

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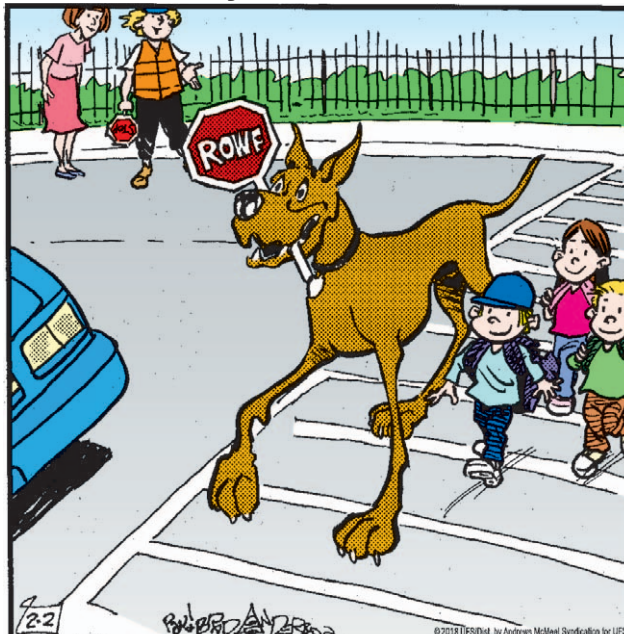
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN ANY CONTEST OF SPEED AND HOPING TO DO WELL, FLEETNESS COUNTS.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals S

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 AHWKACABGOHVLTRT
 SQODEEWGOHNLOKR
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Thursday's unlisted clue: **BILLS**
 Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Friday's unlisted clue hint: **Statements that Aren't True**

Groundhog Day	Hogfish	Quahog	Shogun
Hedgehog	Hogtie	Road hog	Wartog
Hog wild	Hogweed	Sandhog	Whole-hog
Hogback	Mahogany	Shogi	

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Pregnant worker fears reprisal from 'boys club' management

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I informed my bosses I was pregnant. Within a week, they were trying to fire me and blame it on other things at work that made no sense and hadn't been issues before. They made me sign a letter of reprimand in our first meeting about the "issues."



Dear Abby

I spoke with a co-worker who told me she had a similar experience when she announced her pregnancy. I work for a company with a "boys club" mentality, so I didn't try to speak to HR because I was afraid for my already threatened job.

A couple weeks later, I miscarried and everything at work went back to normal. I actually got a raise a month later. Last week, I learned I'm pregnant again. My husband and I are excited about it, but I'm scared to tell my bosses for fear I'll have a repeat of last time.

When should I tell them about my upcoming arrival? And is there anything I can do to protect my job? I have been looking for employment elsewhere, but haven't found anything yet. I need this job or else I would have already left it. — SCARED IN UTAH

DEAR SCARED: Pregnancy is a natural condition and you should not be punished for it. The first thing you should do is document everything that happened during your first pregnancy. Be sure to include what your co-worker told you happened to her, and how — after your miscarriage — all your problems at the office disappeared. Then schedule an appointment with an attorney to ask how you can protect yourself in the months to come.

DEAR ABBY: I have cheated, lied and more. I have made a lot of changes in my life for the better since then, but we all know I'm still a sinner. I have gained a lot of weight over the years, and I hear about it often from my husband and two boys, mostly my

sons. My boys are rude and disrespectful to me, and my husband says nothing. They make me feel ugly and worthless.

I know I haven't been the best wife or mother. I thought I was doing better, but I guess not. I'm tired of the name-calling and disrespect. I know I have made mistakes, but must I be put down all the time? One day I feel OK, the next I'm down again. Please help me. — FEELS UGLY IN TEXAS

DEAR FEELS UGLY: It appears that although your marriage is ongoing, your husband is still punishing you for your "sins" and has enlisted the help of your sons in doing it. I urge you to look into family counseling for all of you. The environment in which your boys are growing up is unhealthy because they are being encouraged to disrespect women. If it's allowed to continue, they will have relationships and marriages just like your own — ugly and contentious. If you won't seek counseling for yourself, please do it for them.

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The main turnoff?

Dear Heloise: When you are away from home for a period of time, it's a good idea to shut off the clothes washer's water faucets. I have experienced water leaks at the stem when you restore the water upon your return. This happens with older faucets that have been in the same position for a number of years. If it is handy to do so, turn the water off at the main, and this way, you take care of not only the washer, but the hot-water tank, dishwasher, ice maker and the rest of the water outlets in the house. Check with a plumber before turning off any water at the main source. — Richard G., Kerrville, Texas



Hints from Heloise

of your hand, then add your regular shampoo and apply to hair. Work up a lather from scalp to ends. Rinse well and use a good conditioner. Try it once a month or so, and no more hair spray buildup. — Sandy M., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Labeling photos

Dear Heloise: A while back, someone wrote about labeling old photos with the identity of the people or the place where the photo was taken. Use a pen that is OK for archival use and, preferably, write on paper that is with the photo. But you never should write on the back of a photograph, the information is not lost. No one should press hard on the back while writing, but many people don't have the time or interest to do more than label the photo. — Heloise

Baking soda tip

Dear Heloise: To remove product buildup on your hair, put a pinch of baking soda in the palm

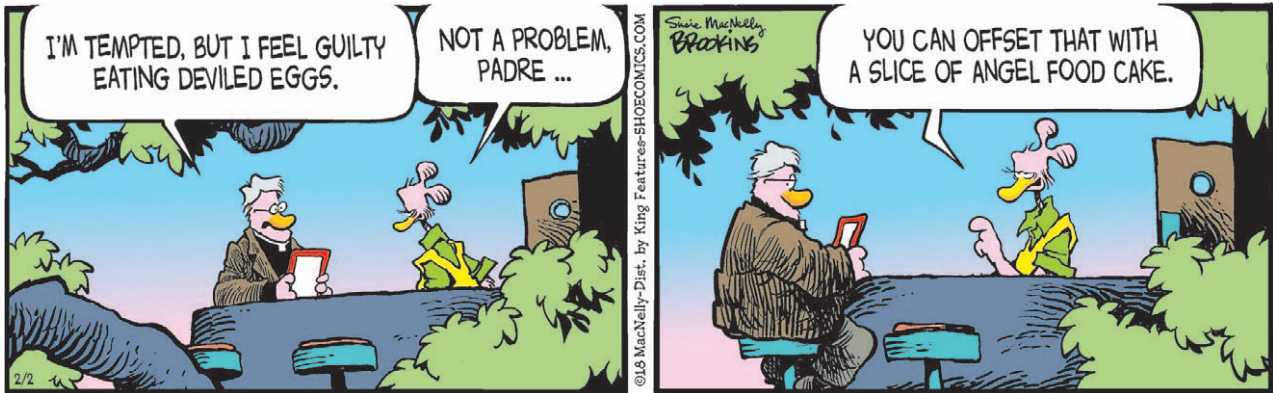
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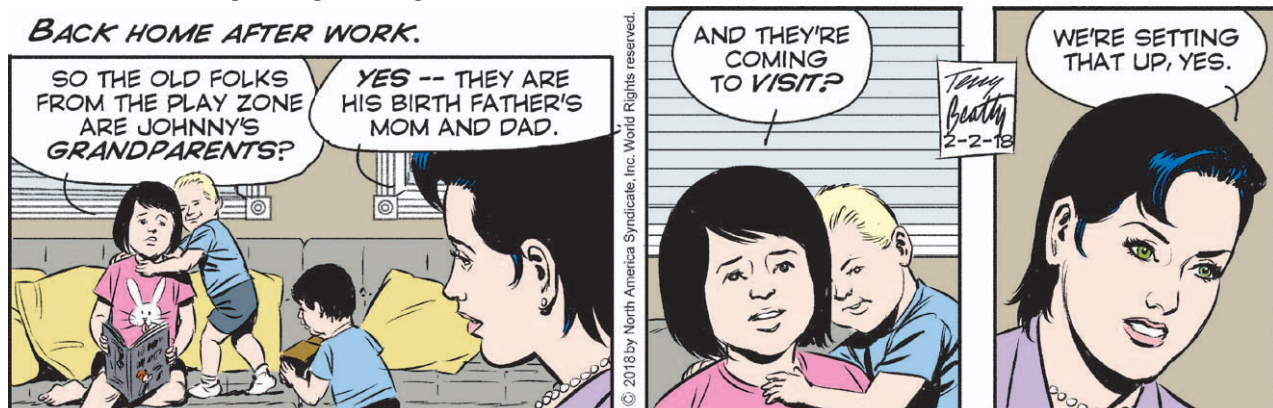
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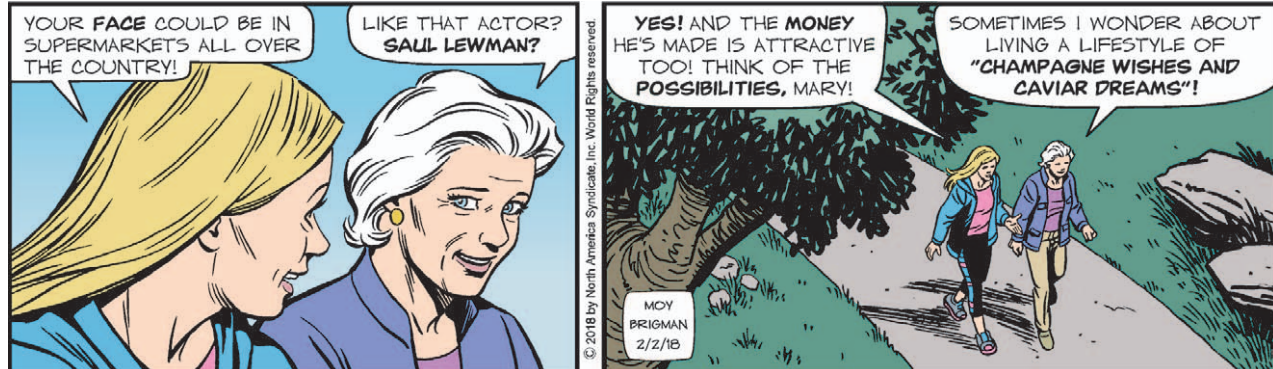
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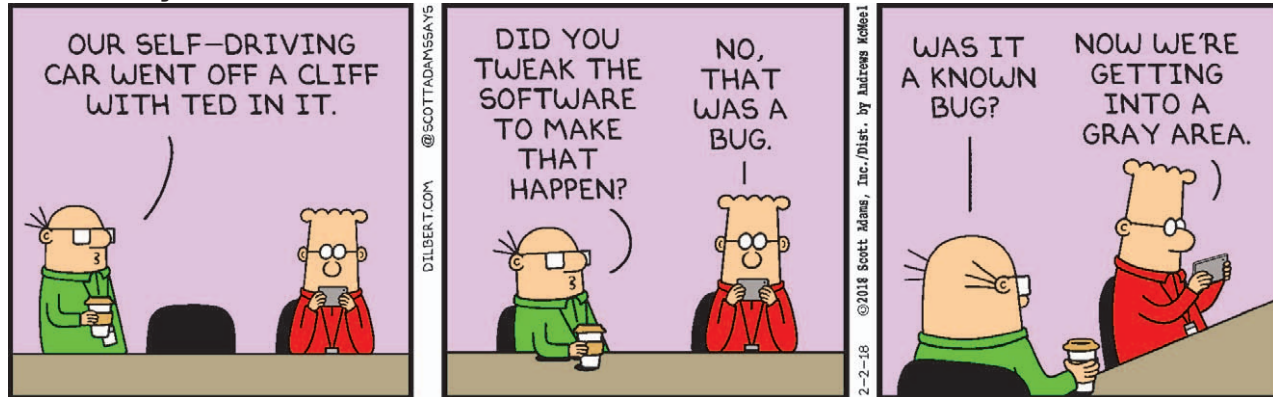
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Friday, February 2, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

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YOUR CHOICE

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ AK 5
♥ K Q 9 8 2
♦ 6 3
♣ K 4 3

WEST
♠ 10 9 2
♥ Void
♦ K Q 10 9 8 2
♣ J 10 9 5

EAST
♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ J
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ Q 7 6

SOUTH
♠ J 7 3
♥ A 10 7 6 5 4 3
♦ Void
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ 3♦ DBI 5♦
Pass Pass 6♥ All pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

What would you open as dealer with the South hand? We guess that if this question were put to a group of 100 bridge players, we'd get some support for pass, one heart, two hearts, three hearts, and four hearts. When this deal was played at a tournament in China, the South player in today's deal chose to open one heart. He then sat back and watched the show. We are not sure of

the meaning of North's double at his first turn. Most American experts, we think, would bid four diamonds to confirm a heart fit with sound values for game. He certainly showed a heart fit with sound values at his second turn.

The contract offered very little play, other than finding a singleton or doubleton queen of spades. Declarer did the best he could. He ruffed the opening diamond lead, led a low heart to dummy's king, and ruffed dummy's last diamond. South then cashed the ace of clubs and led a club to dummy's king, intending to play a third club. Should the defender who won this trick hold the queen of spades, he would have to lead away from it or yield a ruff-sluff.

His plan might have worked on this lie of the cards, but East smartly dropped the queen of clubs under the king. This enabled West to win the third club and lead a spade through dummy's ace-king. There was nothing for declarer to do to save his contract and he finished down one. Nice play by East!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

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

- sweet papier-mâché target (6)
- prepare, as tea (5)
- tongue, technically (6)
- undiplomatic (8)
- cause great wonder (5)
- Czech cybersecurity software (5)
- lack of visibility from snow (8)

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Thursday's Answers: 1. BATONS 2. DEFLATE 3. HORSEMEN 4. RECANTED 5. CHATTED 6. HAIRCUTS 7. DIMMER

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JUMBLE

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

SUHEO

COKOR

TEPTIE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



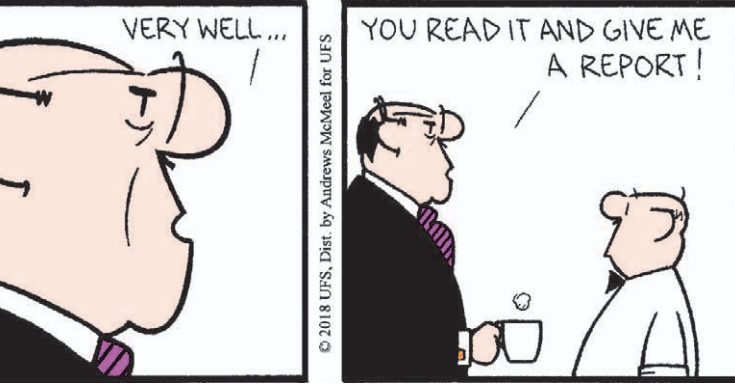
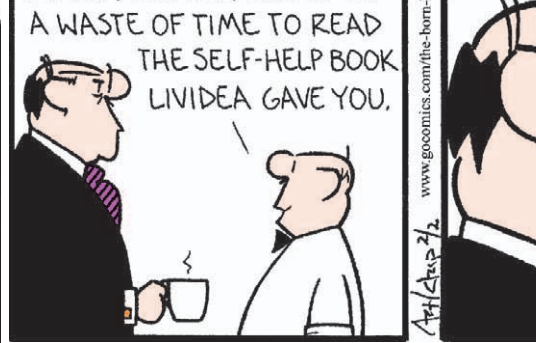
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Answers tomorrow

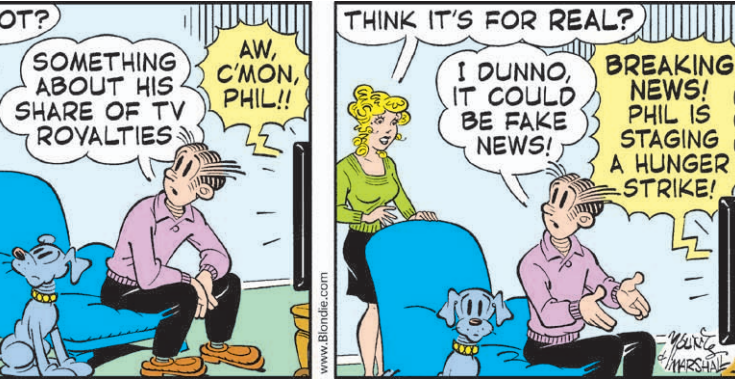
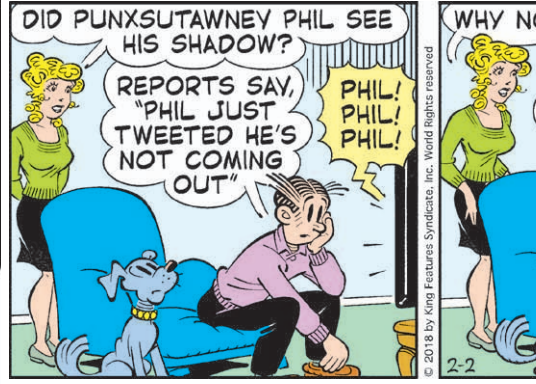
Yesterday's Jumbles: FAULT PORCH HYBRID NEEDLE
Answer: Mount Rushmore's supervisor was needed, so he prepared to — HEAD UP THERE

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

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BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



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EASY

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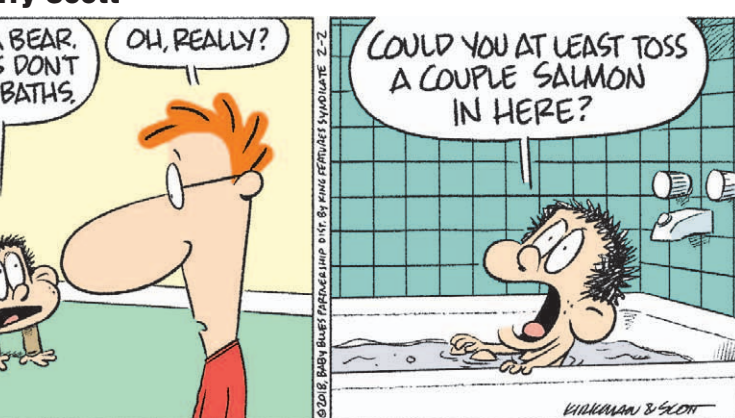
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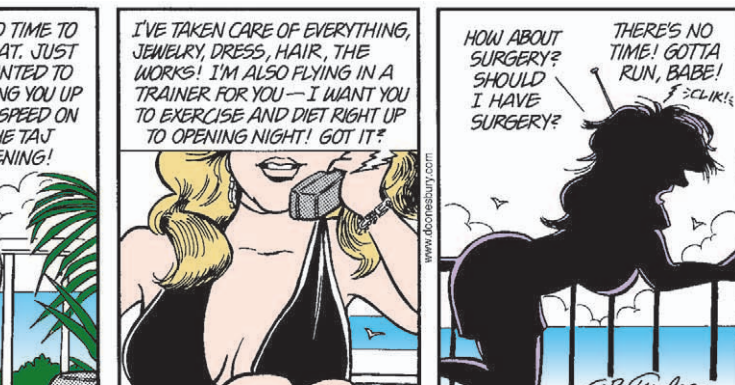
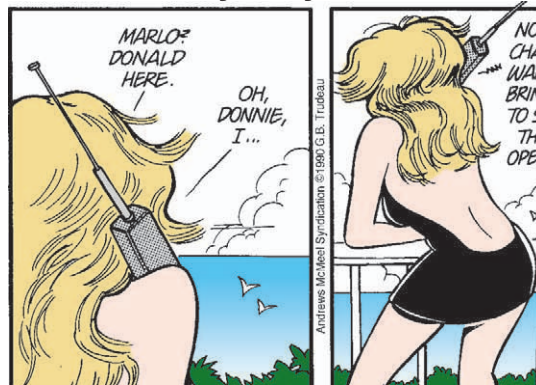
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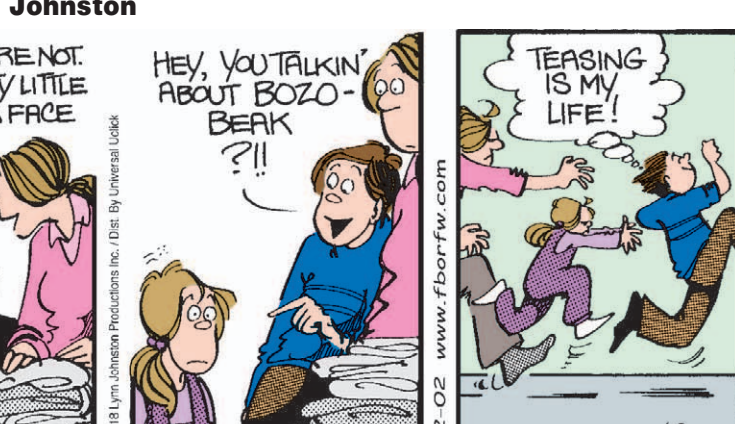
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston



NATION

Girl arrested in LA school middle shooting believed to be 12

By **AMANDA LEE MYERS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A girl believed to be 12 years old opened fire Thursday in a middle school classroom, critically wounding one classmate and injuring three others, authorities said.

Police arrested the girl and recovered a gun after the shooting that happened just before 9 a.m. at Salvador B. Castro Middle School near downtown, said Steve Zipperman, chief of the Los Angeles Unified School District police force. A possible motive was not identified as the investigation was in its early stages.

News footage showed a dark-haired girl in a sweatshirt being led from the school in handcuffs as anxious parents and family members gathered on a street corner, talking on their phones and awaiting word about their children.

Diego Salinas had just dropped his 12-year-old sister at the school and

was stunned when she called minutes later to say there had been a shooting.

“There were so many things crossing my mind,” said Salinas, who was still shaking hours later. “I wanted to cry. I wanted to scream. I wanted to run. I wanted to do so many things.”

Claudia Anzueto said her 12-year-old son was crying when he called her from a borrowed cellphone. He said he heard a gunshot in the next classroom and knew the suspect.

“Not safe, very insecure,” said Anzueto, who said there were no metal detectors at the school. “I fear for my son’s life. You know what I mean, you really hear about things like this in the news, and just to hear that something like that happened so close to home, it scared the life out of me.”

The district has a policy requiring every middle and high school campus to conduct daily random searches

by metal-detector wands at different hours of the school day for students in the sixth grade and up.

Student Melanie Valencia, 13, said the school did a random security search Thursday, but she’s never been searched.

“It’s crazy because I don’t know how she got the gun,” she said.

The most seriously injured victim, a 15-year-old boy shot in the head, was taken to Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center and remained in intensive care during the afternoon but was doing well.

“This child was extremely lucky,” said Dr. Aaron Strumwasser, a trauma surgeon. “The trajectory of the bullet did not hit any vital structures that were an immediate threat to life.”

A 15-year-old girl with a gunshot wound to the wrist was hospitalized in fair condition. An 11-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl were grazed and were treated and released from the



Los Angeles Police cordon off the Belmont High School in Los Angeles on Thursday. Two students were shot and wounded, one critically, inside a Los Angeles middle school classroom Thursday morning and police arrested a female student suspect, authorities said.

AP PHOTO

hospital. A 30-year-old woman who was treated after the shooting was not hospitalized and the nature of her injury was not immediately known. The school’s campus was placed on lockdown but most classes continued. The school has about 365 students in

grades 6-8 and almost all are Hispanic and many are from low-income families.

“We will attend to the needs of these students who witnessed this very carefully, with the understanding this is very traumatic,” Zipperman said. “We

have our school mental health folks that are here to support the needs of the students.”

At the end of the school day, children were escorted individually out of the school. Many were crying as they were embraced by emotional parents.

Robert Wagner a ‘person of interest’ in Natalie Wood death

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nearly four decades after his wife drowned, investigators are now calling 87-year-old actor Robert Wagner a “person of interest” in the death of Natalie Wood.

Since 1981, mystery and speculation has swirled around the death of the 43-year-old actress who had been nominated for three Academy Awards and appeared in the films “West Side Story” and “Rebel Without a Cause.”

She was on a yacht with Wagner, actor Christopher Walken and the boat

captain on Thanksgiving weekend of 1981. After a night of drinking, her body was found floating in the water off California’s Catalina Island.

Investigators initially ruled it an accident but reopened the case in 2011 to see whether Wagner or anyone else played a role after the boat’s captain said he heard the couple arguing the night of her disappearance. The coroner’s office amended Wood’s death certificate the next year to include “drowning and other undetermined factors.”

Los Angeles County sheriff’s Lt. John Corina



AP FILE PHOTO

In this April 23, 1972, file photo, actor Robert Wagner and his former wife, actress Natalie Wood, pose at the Dorchester Hotel in London, England. Investigators are now calling Wagner a “person of interest” in the 1981 death of his wife Natalie Wood.

told CBS News in an interview that aired Thursday that he doesn’t believe Wagner has told the whole story about what happened during the boat trip.

“As we’ve investigated the case over the last six

years, I think he’s more of a person of interest now,” Corina said. “I mean, we know now that he was the last person to be with Natalie before she disappeared.”

Asked whether he believed Wood was

murdered, Cornia said: “I think it’s suspicious enough to make us think that something happened.”

After the interview aired, a sheriff’s department spokeswoman, Nicole Nishida, played down the comments, saying there is nothing new with the case.

Investigators have said Wagner has not been interviewed since the probe was reopened. They said in 2013 that they had tried at least 10 times to interview him but he refused. Wagner has denied any involvement in his wife’s death and no

charges have been filed. His publicist, Alan Nierob, declined to comment Thursday.

Conflicting versions of what happened on the yacht have contributed to the mystery of her death. Wood, Wagner and Walken had all been drinking heavily in the hours before the actress disappeared.

Wagner wrote in a 2008 memoir that he and Walken argued that night. He wrote that Walken went to bed and he stayed up for a while, but when he went to bed, he noticed that his wife and a dinghy that had been attached to the yacht were missing.

Drought deepens in California

By **ELLEN KNICKMEYER**
and **RICH PEDRONCELLI**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILLIPS STATION, Calif. — California is rapidly plunging back into drought, with severe conditions now existing in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties — home to one-fourth of the state’s population, a national drought monitor said Thursday.

The weekly report released by the U.S. Drought Monitor, a project of government agencies and other partners, also shows 44 percent of the state is now considered to be in a moderate drought. It’s a dramatic jump from just last week, when the figure was 13 percent.

“It’s not nearly where we’d like to be,” Frank Gehrke, a state official, acknowledged after separately carrying out manual measurements of winter snowfall in the Sierra Nevada mountains, which supplies water to millions of Californians in a good, wet year.

Overall, the vital snowpack Thursday stood at less than a third of normal for the date.

California lifted a drought state of emergency less than a year ago, ending cutbacks that at the peak of the drought mandated 25 percent conservation by cities and towns, devastated generations of native salmon and other wildlife, made household wells run dry in the state’s middle, and compelled farmers to dig



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Dec. 14 photo, Los Angeles skyline is seen through burned trees after a brush fire erupted in the hills in Elysian Park in Los Angeles.

deep, costly wells.

A rainy winter last year in the state’s north finally snapped the worst of that drought.

The new figures from national drought monitors came amid growing concern among state officials about another dry winter. The dry spell is acute in Southern California. Los Angeles and some surrounding areas have received only one significant storm in nearly a year, and it triggered deadly mudslides. The region is now seeing record-setting heat.

The readings detailed Thursday show the drought has worsened to the severe category in 5 percent of the state. The last time even a small part of the state was rated in severe drought was last year.

However, Thursday’s figures were far better than those during the peak of the state’s epic dry spell, when 99.9 percent of California was in some

stage of drought, and nearly half in the highest category.

But the drought never really seemed to lift in some Southern California areas, Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at University of California, Los Angeles, noted this week.

In Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, the lack of rain and dry vegetation were perfect fuel for a December wildfire that grew to become the largest recorded in state history. When it finally rained, the scorched earth turned into mudslides that sent earth, water and boulders roaring through neighborhoods.

In California’s Central Valley, the nation’s richest agricultural producer, government officials had to install water systems during and after the five-year drought for small towns such as East Porterville after household wells ran dry.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Recording academy announces task force for gender balance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Recording Academy chief Neil Portnow says the organization is creating a task force to uncover unconscious biases and other barriers that impede women’s success in the music industry.

Thursday’s announcement comes days after Portnow claimed his comments on women needing to “step up” in the music industry were taken out of context.

Portnow says in Thursday’s statement that he now understands what his “poor choice of words” after Sunday’s Grammy Awards have caused. He says while his comments aren’t indicative of his beliefs, they do reflect real women’s experiences in the industry.

He says the issue of gender bias “needs to be addressed” in the music business and that the Recording Academy will put itself under a microscope and “tackle whatever truths are revealed.”

Google’s AI push comes with plenty of people problems

MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — Google CEO Sundar Pichai recently declared that artificial intelligence fueled by

powerful computers was more important to humanity than fire or electricity.

Yet the search giant increasingly has to deal with messy people problems. It has vowed to employ thousands of human checkers just to catch rogue YouTube posters, Russian bots and other purveyors of unsavory content.

And it’s on a buying spree to find office space for its burgeoning workforce in pricey Silicon Valley. Google is on a frantic real estate grab along the San Francisco peninsula, assembling millions of square feet of potential office space in and around its current home in Mountain View.

Apple, once again, has a bad case of the iPhone jitters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple is making more money than ever, but it doesn’t seem to be enough. Not with conspiracy theories swirling around Apple’s secret slowdown of older iPhones while a cloud of uncertainty looms over its high-priced iPhone X.

It’s a reality check for a company accustomed to an unflinchingly loyal customer base. Apple expected buyers to embrace the iPhone X as a revolutionary device worth its \$1,000 price.

But it appears many Apple fans aren’t impressed enough with the iPhone X to ante

up. Many are instead opting for other recently released models selling for \$200 to \$300 less.

And consumers disillusioned by the slowdown of older devices may be even less inclined to upgrade now. Apple is replacing old batteries for just \$29, which should obviate the slowing.

UAE gives Johns Hopkins \$50M for new stroke care institute

BALTIMORE (AP) — The United Arab Emirates says it’s making a \$50 million gift to Johns Hopkins University for a new institute for stroke research in Baltimore and in Abu Dhabi.

The UAE ambassador to the U.S., Yousef Al Otaiba, released a statement in partnership with Johns Hopkins on Thursday ahead of a planned announcement in New York. The statement says the Sheikh Khalifa Stroke Institute in Baltimore and Abu Dhabi will focus efforts by Johns Hopkins’ to develop new tools for stroke diagnosis, treatment and patient recovery.

Johns Hopkins Medicine CEO Paul Rothman says he’s grateful for the gift, saying it will help millions of people and have the added benefit of bringing down health care costs.

Johns Hopkins and the UAE have a partnership dating back decades, the statement noted.



'GRONK' CLEARED
Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski has been cleared from the concussion protocol and will play in Sunday's Super Bowl against the Philadelphia Eagles. **Page 4**

NFL: LABOR AGREEMENT

NFLPA boss: 'We prepare for war'



DeMaurice Smith, executive director of the NFL Players Association, speaks during a news conference at the NFL Super Bowl 52 on Thursday in Minneapolis.

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — DeMaurice Smith dismissed with one word a question about his union's labor deal with the NFL being extended.

Then he attacked. The executive director of the NFL Players Association quickly said "no" Thursday when asked about the current 10-year collective bargaining agreement beyond

the 2020 season.

Then Smith, re-elected last year, went on the offensive about the next CBA.

"We prepare for war," he said. "If we are able to get a collective bargaining agreement done, great. All of these men went through a unilateral war declared on players in 2010-11."

NFLPA President Eric Winston stressed there are many portions of the current contract they believe need changing, from health care issues to

the union's role in overall league decisions to, naturally, revenue splits.

"We want 99 percent of the revenues," Winston joked before adding the structure of rookies' contracts, health care and technical field issues as key elements for negotiations.

Ryan Wendell said workplace player safety would be an important topic, along with "more unfettered union access to the players."

Wendell also wants the players to have a "seat at

the table in how revenues are raised."

There remain three full seasons of NFL play before any potential work stoppages, be it a lockout or strike. On many issues, the union and owners have fought bitterly through the seven years of this agreement. It isn't likely to change, either.

"We have been preparing with the idea this will be another arduous process," Winston said.

SEE UNION, 3

NFL: BLACK HISTORY



Pittsburgh Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey (53) runs out to the field as he is introduced before the start of a game against the Patriots on Dec. 17 in Pittsburgh. NFL players who have protested this season have been in the minority, and protests waned as the season went on. Some players are focusing on ways of addressing injustice off the field.

AP PHOTOS

For players, racial profiling often personal

By **ERRIN HAINES WHACK** and **FRED GOODALL**
Associated Press

A son who saw a police officer hold a gun to his father's head. A husband whose wife was pulled over driving a Bentley.

These unsettling scenes are among the stories from some of the NFL's marquee players, multimillionaires sharing tales of racial profiling by law enforcement. It is a troubling concern for people of color that has been at the center of the protests begun in August 2016 by former

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

The protests have waned, but the ongoing issue for players — and the black communities they come from — has not.

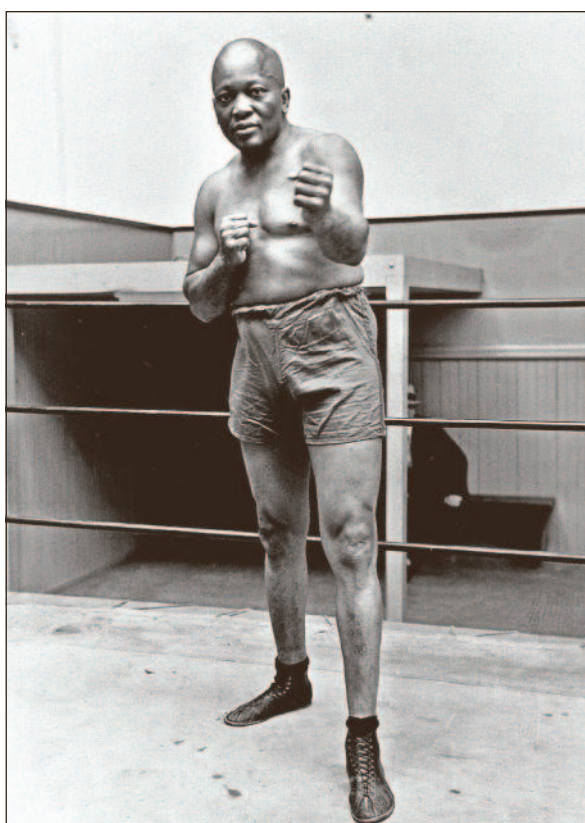
The Associated Press surveyed 56 of the 59 black players at last weekend's Pro Bowl game as part of its look at how African-American athletes have long used their sports platforms to effect social and political change. The AP asked the players whether they or someone they knew have ever experienced

racial profiling.

All said yes. "You can probably ask any black man out here and the answer is yes," said Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Malik Jackson. "It's not like this is just starting today or a new thing. It's gone on for a long time. I think African-American men have been (victims) of racial profiling for a long time, by either the things they wear or just by the color of their skin."

In protesting, Kaepernick and others attempted to highlight

SEE PROFILING, 3



Boxer Jack Johnson, the first black world heavyweight champion, poses in New York City in 1932. Black athletes have been finding a way to fight for social change for more than 100 years, from Jack Johnson, to Muhammad Ali to Kaepernick.



While Illinois Athletic Commission listened, heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali speaks Feb. 25, 1966, in Chicago. Ali had criticized his imminent army draft.



Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Malik Jackson speaks with reporters after practice in Jacksonville on Jan. 18.

OLYMPICS: GYMNASTICS

Coach who sent gymnasts to doctor blasted

By **DAVID EGGERT**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, Mich. — The young athletes who confronted Larry Nassar about molesting them at an elite Michigan gymnastics club saved some of their harshest words for a person who was not in the courtroom: an Olympic coach who for years sent teenage girls to see the now-disgraced doctor.

John Geddert operated the Twistars club, where Nassar offered treatments on Monday nights. His victims complained that the coach created an ultra-competitive atmosphere, was indifferent to injuries and rarely offered gymnasts any choice to see a different doctor.

"Coaching by fear, intimidation and shame and explicit favoritism was the norm," recalled Annie Labrie. She said it was "no surprise" that Nassar was able to continue his practices as long as he did. "We were conditioned for years to obey at all costs."

Nassar was in court Wednesday for his third and final sentencing hearing, this time for the abuse that happened at Twistars. The nearly 30 victims who gave statements included women familiar with the club's environment. One also alleged that Geddert was aware in the late 1990s that Nassar had performed an "inappropriate procedure" on her when she was 16.

SEE DOCTOR, 6

MLB: PITCH CLOCK

MLB would drop 2018 pitch clock if players agree to phase-in

By **BETH HARRIS**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Major League Baseball has offered to ditch its proposal for a pitch clock this year and also would go without one in 2019

if the average time of a nine-inning game drops to at least 2 hours, 55 minutes this season.

Speaking after a quarterly owners meeting ended Thursday, baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said owners

authorized him to implement management's proposal from last off-season, which calls for a 20-second pitch clock this year, if an agreement cannot be reached with the players' association.

SEE MLB, 6

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: FLORIDA STATE

Mayes sparks Wolfpack to upset of Florida State

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Akela Mayes scored eight of her 18 points in the final five minutes as North Carolina State beat No. 10 Florida State

65-56 on Thursday night.

Kiara Leslie added 16 points for the Wolfpack (18-5, 7-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their sixth consecutive game.

Maize was helped off the court after twisting her right ankle early in the third quarter, but she returned and scored in the lane to break a

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Jan. 31D.....	8-3
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Jan. 30D.....	8-0

D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3

Feb. 1N.....	3-3-8
Feb. 1D.....	0-9-6
Jan. 31N.....	2-6-6
Jan. 31D.....	4-4-5
Jan. 30N.....	5-7-0
Jan. 30D.....	5-5-3

D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4

Feb. 1N.....	6-6-6-2
Feb. 1D.....	0-2-8-1
Jan. 31N.....	0-6-5-0
Jan. 31D.....	7-8-5-7
Jan. 30N.....	4-1-6-7
Jan. 30D.....	2-3-1-6

D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5

Feb. 1N.....	8-5-6-2-7
Feb. 1D.....	9-3-2-3-0
Jan. 31N.....	2-5-5-6-2
Jan. 31D.....	2-9-5-0-6
Jan. 30N.....	7-3-7-2-2
Jan. 30D.....	3-3-2-8-5

D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

Feb. 1.....	9-28-12-25-20
Jan. 31.....	6-13-14-20-26
Jan. 30.....	3-6-11-12-35

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 31
3.....5-digit winners \$75,050.17
304...4-digit winners \$119.00
9,622...3-digit winners \$10.50

CASH FOR LIFE

Feb. 1.....	10-20-21-25-52
Cash Ball.....	1
Jan. 29.....	6-11-14-16-52
Cash Ball.....	1

SPORTS ON TV

Friday, Feb. 2

BOXING
10 p.m.
SHO — Ronald Ellis vs. Junior Younan, for the vacant USBA super middle-weight title, at Sloan, Iowa

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
CBSSN — W. Michigan at Buffalo
ESPN2 — Rhode Island at VCU
ESPNU — Quinnipiac at Iona
9 p.m.
ESPNU — Ill.-Chicago at Oakland
FS1 — Utah at Colorado

CRICKET
Noon
NBCSN — Big Bash League, semifinal, Adelaide vs. Melbourne Renegades

LUCKY MONEY

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 1

0.....5-of-5 CB.....	\$1,000/Day
0.....5-of-5.....	\$1,000/Week
6.....4-of-5 CB.....	\$2,500
17.....4-of-5.....	\$500

LOTTO

Jan. 30.....	17-25-34-43
Lucky Ball.....	1
Jan. 26.....	32-34-36-43
Lucky Ball.....	16

POWERBALL

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 31

0...6-digit winners	\$7 million
18...5-digit winners	\$4,884.50
802...4-digit winners	\$83,000

MEGA MILLIONS

Jan. 31.....	4-7-14-46-59
Powerball.....	22
Jan. 27.....	17-21-26-47-54
Powerball.....	7

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 27

0....5 of 5 + PB...	\$112 Million
0....5 of 5.....	\$1 million
0.....4 of 5 + PB.....	\$50,000
33....4 of 5.....	\$100

ESTIMATED JACKPOT
\$127 million

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 29

0....5 of 5 + MB....	\$89 Million
0....5 of 5.....	\$1 Million
2....4 of 5 + MB.....	\$10,000
8....4 of 5.....	\$500

ESTIMATED JACKPOT
\$104 million

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 29

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NHL: ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

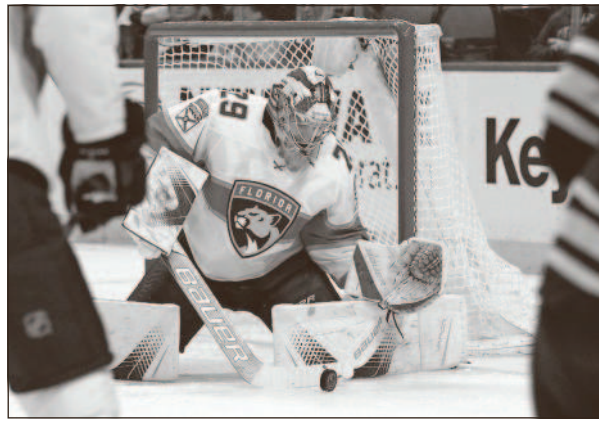
Harri Sateri stopped the final 19 shots he faced and 30 overall, and Keith Yandle had a goal and two assists in leading Florida over Buffalo.

Mike Matheson, Denis Malgin and Colton Sceviour also scored for the Panthers, who won consecutive games for the first time since winning five in a row from Dec. 19-30. Sateri, a 28-year-old NHL rookie, also won his second career game with starter Roberto Luongo and backup James Reimer both sidelined with lower body injuries.

Sceviour's goal scored with 2:24 left sealed the victory as he was allowed to drive up the left wing and backhand in a shot that beat Chad Johnson on the short side.

Ryan O'Reilly and Zengus Girgensons scored for a Sabres team that continues to struggle at home.

Devils 4, Flyers 3: Nico Hischier scored on a deflection with 1:27 to play and the New Jersey Devils rallied to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 on Thursday night. Damon Severson scored with 9:00 left to tie it, and Hischier's first goal in 11 games gave New Jersey its second straight win and spoiled goaltender Alex Lyon's first NHL start. Kyle Palmieri and Drew Stafford also scored for the Devils, who have won



AP PHOTO

Florida Panthers goalie Harri Sateri (29) makes a save during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday in Buffalo, N.Y.

only four times in 14 games (4-7-3) since Dec. 29. Keith Kinkaid made 22 saves. Claude Giroux, Wayne Simmonds and Shayne Gostisbehere scored for the Flyers, who were looking for their third win over the Devils in less than a month. Lyon made 18 saves a night after making his NHL debut in relief of Michal Neuvirth, and Philadelphia lost its second in as many nights. **SENATORS 2, DUCKS 1, OT:** Erik Karlsson scored 32 seconds into overtime to lift Ottawa over Anaheim and snap a six-game skid. Karlsson one-timed a pass from Matt Duchene on a power play, beating Ryan Miller with a shot inside the near post. Bobby Ryan scored early in the third period for Ottawa, and Mike Condon stopped 30 shots. Ryan Kesler tied it with 54 seconds left in regulation after Anaheim pulled Miller

for an extra attacker. Miller made 30 saves, but Anaheim ended a three-game winning streak. **HURRICANES 2, CANADIENS 0:** Cam Ward stopped 27 shots in his second shutout of the season, and Carolina beat Montreal. Brett Pesce and Brock McGinn scored to help the Hurricanes win their third straight, sweep the season series from Montreal and keep themselves in the thick of the Eastern Conference playoff race. Carolina entered two points out of a playoff spot. McGinn made it a two-goal game with 5:09 remaining, taking a smooth pass from Justin Williams and slipping the puck past Price. **BRUINS 3, BLUES 1:** Tuukka Rask made 32 saves and extended his personal point streak to 19 games lifting Boston over St. Louis. Rask is now 17-0-2 in his last 19 starts and the Bruins improved to 15-1-4 in their

last 20 games overall. David Krejci, Patrice Bergeron and David Backes scored for Boston. In a game featuring two of the top three teams in goals against average, the goalies were the story as Jake Allen made 22 of his 43 saves in the second period — including a spectacular glove stop of Krejci. Rask matched Allen by robbing Jaden Schwartz 1:45 into the third period with a glove save of his own. With the goalie pulled, Schwartz gave the Bruins a scare when he extended his scoring streak to five games and cut the lead to 2-1 with 1:32 remaining. Backes scored an empty-netter with 1 second left to end it. **MAPLE LEAFS 4, RANGERS 0:** Curtis McElhinney stopped 25 shots to give Toronto its second straight shutout, a win against New York. James van Riemsdyk, Patrick Marleau, Zach Hyman and Justin Holl scored to help the Maple Leafs get their fourth straight win and a sweep of the teams' three-game season series. McElhinney was barely tested in his seventh career shutout and second of the season. The Maple Leafs extended their shutout streak to 142 minutes, 17 seconds. Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist was pulled early in the second period after giving up four goals on 13 shots. Ondrej Pavelec came on and stopped all 19 shots he faced. New York, shut out for just the second time this season, has lost eight of its last 12.

NBA: ROUNDUP

The Associated Press

Blake Griffin had 24 points and 10 rebounds in his debut for Detroit, and the Pistons edged the Memphis Grizzlies 104-102 on Thursday night.

Griffin was impressive throughout his first game for the Pistons since they traded for him earlier this week. His teammates looked uncertain at times, but Detroit was able to outlast a Memphis team that is without Tyreke Evans and Mike Conley. Anthony Tolliver's

3-pointer with under two minutes remaining gave Detroit a 101-100 lead, and the score stayed that way until the final seconds. Marc Gasol attempted to drive on Griffin but missed his shot, and a wild scramble led to a jump ball between Tolliver and Dillon Brooks with 10.4 seconds left. The Pistons controlled that tip, with Reggie Bullock running the ball down in the corner. Tolliver gave Detroit a three-point lead with a pair of free throws, and then

purposely fouled Wayne Selden with 2.6 seconds remaining. Selden made the first free throw and the second went in even though he was trying to miss and give his team a chance at an offensive rebound. A free throw by Bullock closed out the scoring. **WIZARDS 122, RAPTORS 119:** Bradley Beal scored 25 of his 27 points in the second half, leading Washington to the victory. The Wizards had eight players score in double figures in their third straight win without All-Star John

Wall, who had surgery on his left knee on Wednesday. Otto Porter Jr. had 16 points and 11 rebounds in his first double-double since early December, and Markieff Morris scored 15 points — including five straight in a stretch that gave Washington the lead for good. Kyle Lowry scored 17 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for Toronto, but missed two late free throws. DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Raptors, who lost for the first time in eight regular-season trips to Washington.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: ROUNDUP

Brunson leads Villanova to rout of Creighton

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mikal Bridges scored 21 points and Jalen Brunson had 19 to lead No. 1 Villanova to its eighth straight win, 98-78 over Creighton on Thursday night. The Wildcats (21-1, 8-1 Big East) tied a program record with 19 3-pointers and provided a nice diversion for a city consumed with the Philadelphia Eagles and the Super Bowl. Yes, the best team in college basketball plays across the street from the NFC champs. It just takes a lot to notice around town this week. Creighton (17-6, 7-4)

became the latest team to learn the hard way just talented the Wildcats are and how they can win in almost any possible. Omari Spellman hit four 3s and scored 14 points, Brunson made 4 of 5 3s and Bridges, Eric Paschall and Donte DiVincenzo each made three. Marcus Foster led the Bluejays with 20 points. **TEMPLE 81, No. 16 WICHITA STATE 79, OT:** Obi Enechi-onyia hit two free throws with 18.1 seconds left in overtime, and Temple beat Wichita State. Quinton Rose scored 19 points for the Owls (12-10, 4-6 American Athletic Conference), and Josh Brown had 15. Shizz Alston

Jr. shook off a poor shooting performance to score 12 points, including the tying bucket at the end of regulation. Enechi-onyia was fouled after grabbing an offensive rebound. Markis McDuffie then missed a 3 at the other end, and the rebound caromed into the backcourt as time expired and Temple fans stormed the floor. The Owls earned another big win alongside upsets of Clemson and Auburn early in the season. Shaquille Morris had 24 points and nine rebounds and Austin Reaves added 20 points for the Shockers (17-5, 7-3), who have dropped three of five.



Temple's Josh Brown, right, drives to the basket against Wichita State's Austin Reaves, on Thursday in Philadelphia. Temple won 81-79 in overtime.

AP PHOTO

BASKETBALL
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47-47 tie with 4:14 to play in the game. Maize added another basket and four consecutive free throws to help N.C. State build a 58-50

lead with 1:53 remaining. Kaila Ealey scored 14 points and Chelsea Nelson had 11 for the Wolfpack. Imani Wright scored 13 points to lead Florida State (18-4, 6-3), which lost for the second game in a row.

Nausia Woolfolk and Shakayla Thomas added 10 points each for the Seminoles. **BIG PICTURE** Florida State: The Seminoles haven't been the same since they knocked off undefeated Louisville

on Jan. 21. Florida State was routed at home by Notre Dame 100-69 on Sunday and has failed to make more than one-third of its shots in back-to-back games. N.C. State: The Wolfpack stayed red hot and showed that they are

worthy of a spot in the Top 25. N.C. State played excellent defense against the ACC's highest scoring team, holding the Seminoles to 33-percent shooting from the floor. **UP NEXT** Florida State looks

to get back on track at Pittsburgh on Sunday, capping a stretch of four road trips in five games. N.C. State hosts Boston College on Sunday, continuing a stretch in which it will play at home four times in five games.

NBA: BULLS-PELICANS TRADE

Pelicans acquire Mirotic from Bulls for 3 players and pick

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans acquired forward Nikola Mirotic and a second-round draft pick from the Chicago Bulls for center Omer Asik, guards Jameer Nelson and Tony Allen, and a first-round pick.

The trade, announced by both teams late Thursday afternoon, comes less than a week after New Orleans lost All-Star DeMarcus Cousins for the season because of a left Achilles tear — and with the Pelicans still in the playoff picture.

Mirotic has averaged 16.8 points and 6.4 rebounds since missing the first 23 games this season because of two broken bones in his face

stemming from a fight in practice with Bobby Portis. The altercation soured Mirotic on playing for Chicago, and the Bulls were looking to accommodate his request to be traded.

“Niko’s representatives were consistent over the last several months that they wanted him moved,” said John Paxson, the Bulls’ executive vice president of basketball operations. “They never backed off of that stance one bit.”

Nelson has averaged 5.1 points and 3.6 assists in 43 games for New Orleans. Allen averaged 4.7 points before a broken leg sidelined him for 22 games. He returned to the active roster this week but did not play in Tuesday night’s loss to Sacramento. Asik has



Chicago Bulls forward Nikola Mirotic, left, defends against Portland Trail Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu (8) on Jan. 1 in Chicago.

AP PHOTO

averaged 1.3 points and 2.6 rebounds in 14 games this season.

Paxson said acquiring another first-round draft choice fits the plan of retooling the roster that was put in motion when Chicago traded Jimmy

Butler to Minnesota.

“The draft asset that we acquired in this deal was far and away the best that we got. It’s just consistent with the direction, the plan that talked about,” Paxson said. “As we mapped

out what Niko would be looking for financially, especially, that wasn’t part of our timeline. We now have a situation where we’re invested in these young guys. Our focus remains on the growth and development of them.”

New Orleans had been seeking to unload the 7-foot Asik, who has struggled with his health and has been unable to return to his form from earlier in his career since the Pelicans signed him to a five-year, \$58 million contract that would expire after next season if a team option is not picked up.

Mirotic is due \$12.5 million next season, but that becomes easier for the Pelicans to absorb now that Asik is off their books. He was due about \$12 million next season.

Still, financial flexibility remains important for New Orleans. Cousins enters free agency this offseason, and the Pelicans hope to re-sign him.

The Pelicans won seven of the last eight games that Cousins played alongside fellow All-Star starter Anthony Davis.

Two of those victories came against teams with the second- and third-best records in the NBA — the Houston Rockets and Boston Celtics. Since Cousins’ injury, New Orleans has dropped two straight.

New Orleans plays next at Oklahoma City on Friday night.

As part of Thursday’s trade, Chicago will have the right to swap its 2021 second-round pick with New Orleans’ own 2021 second-round pick.

PROFILING

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the killings of unarmed black men by police, an issue brought into the national spotlight by Black Lives Matter activists after the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014. But the message was quickly overtaken by fans offended by the players’ decision to kneel during the anthem.

“That was the main thing with the protests, to bring awareness so people know what’s going on,” said Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey. “That’s the first step to trying to fix the situation.”

NFL players who have protested this season have been in the minority, and protests waned as the season went on. Some players are focusing on ways of addressing injustice off the field.

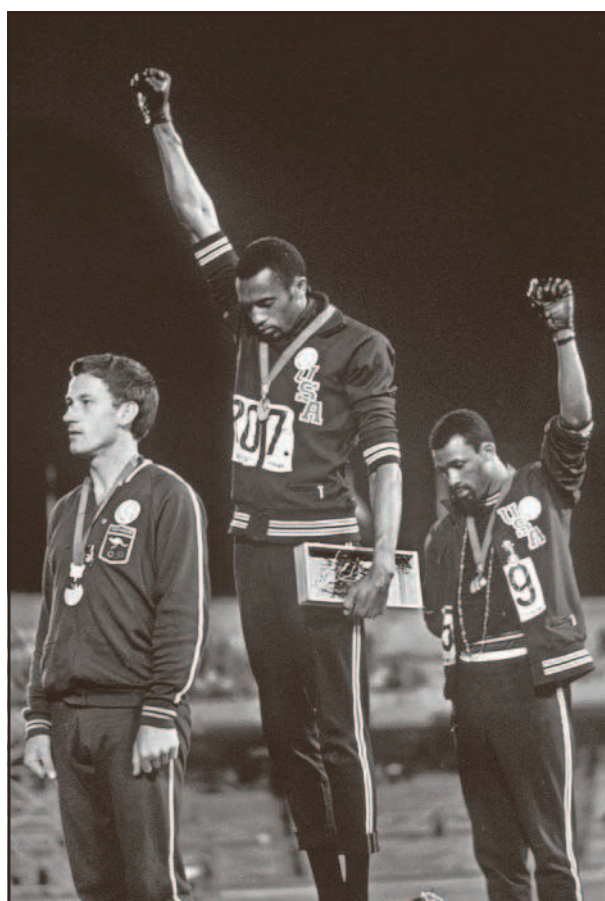
“If it affects that many people by taking a knee, just stand up, it’s that simple,” said Pittsburgh Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey. “Taking a knee during the anthem, in my opinion, changes nothing. Giving back to the community, being around the kids and people in poverty, I respect that.”

For many players, the issue is not one of patriotism, but rather it is personal.

“At the end of the day, we’re not trying to disrespect nobody,” said Jaguars cornerback A.J. Bouye. “No matter what happens, I feel like somebody is not going to be happy, but we have a lot of respect for our country and respect for the game.”

Bouye was among the players who recounted firsthand experience with racial profiling.

“My dad, when I was growing up ... gun to his head and everything,” Bouye said. “That’s why it hits close to me. We know that there are issues going on, and maybe some people don’t want to bring



AP PHOTO

Extending gloved hands skyward in racial protest, U.S. athletes Tommie Smith, center, and John Carlos stare downward during the playing of national anthem after Smith received the gold and Carlos the bronze for the 200 meter run at the Summer Olympic Games on Oct. 16, 1968, in Mexico City.

awareness to them, but we’ll find a way.”

Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Gerald McCoy said he, his father and his wife have all been victims of racial profiling — even after he became a successful athlete.

“It happened to my wife in the past couple of years,” said McCoy, who was drafted in 2010. “She got pulled over. She was driving a Bentley. Nice neighborhood, and they pulled her over. All her stuff was right and they just didn’t have any reason. It just wasn’t right.”

Black athletes have been finding a way to fight for social change for more than 100 years, from Jack Johnson to Muhammad Ali to Kaepernick.

Their fights have come at great personal expense, from alienation by fellow Americans to incarceration to the loss of their careers.

NFL players faced backlash of their own in 2017.

During the season, President Donald Trump referred to the players as “sons of bitches” and suggested they be fired. And Trump again condemned the protests in his State of the Union address on Tuesday night, juxtaposing the campaign against the patriotic efforts of a white child who has planted thousands of American flags on the graves of veterans.

A recent AP-NORC poll showed most Americans think refusing to stand for the national anthem is disrespectful to the country, the military and the American flag. Most African-Americans polled were more likely to approve of the players’ protests. Only 4 in 10 Americans polled saw refusing to stand for the flag as an act of patriotism.

GOLF: PHOENIX OPEN

Haas shoots 64 to take lead

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bill Haas’ 9-iron landed to the right of the pin and spun left, settling 3 feet away from a birdie on the par-3 16th in the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

“I just tried to play the hole like I would any other hole, even though it’s not like any other hole,” Haas said about the stadium hole that was packed with 20,000 fans on the warm Thursday afternoon.

Haas shot a 7-under 64 at TPC Scottsdale to take a two-stroke lead. The birdie on 16 capped a five-hole stretch he played in 5 under, with birdies on Nos. 12 and 13 and a 20-footer for eagle on the par-5 15th.

“Once you get a cushion like that, you can free your swing up a little bit,” Haas said.

The 16th, playing 151 yards to a front pin, tripped up Rickie Fowler and Justin Thomas.

Fowler bogeyed it in a 66 that left him tied with Billy Horschel, Bryson DeChambeau, Chris Kirk and Chesson Hadley. Thomas made a double bogey in a 68.

Fowler hit short into the right bunker and two-putted from 30 feet. The fans let him hear it, too — at 9:30 a.m. with only the general-admission sections full.

“I may be somewhat of a fan favorite, but they weren’t holding back,” Fowler said. “I was a little disappointed in some of the stuff that was said.”

Coming off three straight birdies to tie for the lead, Thomas hit a wedge in the front left bunker, blasted across

the green and three-putted from the fringe.

“I just barely caught it heavy, but I thought it was at least going to cover the front, and there was just no sand in the bunker,” Thomas said.

He bogeyed the par-4 17th after chipping into the fairway, and then was angered when a woman screamed while Jordan Spieth was teeing off on 18.

“That girl just yelled right in Jordan’s downswing,” Thomas said. “There’s just no place for that. You saw it with Tiger (Woods) last week. I get it, late in the day, at a place like Phoenix, I’m sure they’re a couple in.”

Spieth hit a 325-yard drive into the fairway and finished with a par for a 72.

While Fowler lost a stroke on 16, he had an eagle and two birdies on the other three holes in the chaotic closing stretch.

“Some good and bad all around,” Fowler said.

Fowler eagled the 15th, hitting a 5-wood 232 yards to 2 feet. He drove the green and two-putted for birdie on the 17th and holed a 30-foot chip on the par-4 18th. On his second nine, he made a 43-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fourth and a 14-footer on the par-4 eighth.

Haas also finished on the front nine, making birdies on Nos. 2 and 4.

“I kind of hit a bad putt on 2, but it hit the back of the cup and went in,” Haas said. “One of those days where I could have easily three-putted that if it had run by, but it went in and saved two shots there, basically. Hopefully, it will be one of those weeks.”

Haas won the first and

the last of his six PGA Tour titles in the desert, taking the La Quinta event in California in 2010 and 2015.

“I like playing in the desert,” Haas said. “I love the turf. I love the grass.”

Fowler wore a pin on his hat with a picture of Griffin Connell, the area boy who died Jan. 23 at age 7. Connell was born with a rare airway disorder.

“Just kind of humbles you, grounds you a bit, and makes you realize that there’s a lot bigger things than just playing golf,” Fowler said.

Former Arizona State star Jon Rahm was at 67 in a group that included Bubba Watson.

The winner two weeks ago in La Quinta, Rahm eagled the par-5 third on his second nine.

“I don’t think I missed a single shot after that eagle,” Rahm said.

Playing directly behind Fowler’s group, Rahm and fellow former Arizona State player Phil Mickelson each birdied the 16th for the loudest roars on the hole in the morning — other than the helicopter that buzzed the stands just before playing partner Xander Schauffele hit.

Mickelson got a good bounce to set up a 5-footer, with the fans chanting “Phil! Phil!” “He’s Phil, he can actually argue he tried to do that,” Rahm said. Wearing a “Rahmbo” headband, Rahm made a 12-footer.

The 47-year-old Mickelson had a 70 in his record-tying 29th start in the tournament he won in 1996, 2005 and 2013. Mickelson’s brother, Tim, coached Rahm at Arizona State and was his agent.

UNION

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One area the union is adamant about wanting to change is Commissioner Roger Goodell’s role in handing out player discipline. The players gave up any alteration in that area in 2011 in exchange for other concessions from the league.

They’ve regretted it ever since, and also take issue with the system of fines handed out by the NFL.

“The fine system and guys are labeled as repeat offenders,” annoys Thomas Davis,

the 2014 Walter Payton Award winner as NFL Man of the Year.

The Carolina linebacker was suspended for one game this season for what was determined an egregious hit on Packers receiver Davante Adams late this season.

“They group and categorize everyone in the same box. It shouldn’t be that way.”

Winston insisted an 18-game schedule, which the league pushed for before the current CBA, remains as nonsensical as it did in 2011.

Smith virtually ducked answering queries about Colin Kaepernick, the former 49ers

quarterback whose kneeling during the national anthem beginning in 2016 sparked the 2017 player protests about social injustice. Kaepernick was not on any roster this season and has filed a grievance against the NFL that the union is supporting.

But Giants linebacker Mark Herzlich, who missed the season while injured, said Kaepernick had an effect on his peers.

“I don’t think that made people more fearful” of repercussions from management, Herzlich said of the demonstrations during the anthem.

“It empowered more people to join a movement they really felt was right. I think the bravery of these men to really show what they feel and say, this is about unity. We’re not going against the country or the flag, but we’re about wanting equality.”

Winston praised the players for their willingness to speak up when a teammate or opponent appeared to be hurt, particularly concussed.

“I’ve seen many guys say something to a coach or the medical staff: ‘Get this guy checked out,’” Winston said. “It’s a great thing to see.

“There’s a big education

piece to this, but there’s always an undercurrent of, ‘I’ve got to stick it out for my team.’ To which I say, ‘You’re not that good a player when you are concussed. You could cost your team a win.’”

Eagles defensive end Chris Long was awarded the Whizzer White Community MVP by the union. The NFLPA gives the award to a player “for his profound dedication to positively impacting his team city, and communities across the country, in the spirit of the former Supreme Court justice.”

Long donated six of his game checks this season

to funding a scholarship program at St. Anne’s-Belfield School, where he attended high school in Charlottesville, Virginia.

He then donated his last 10 game checks to programs that support educational equality in the three cities where he’s played so far: Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis. Through the “Pledge 10 for Tomorrow” campaign, he was able to match his own charitable contribution by raising another \$1.3 million in donations.

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NFL

Super Bowl winners mostly lack star RBs

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — The Tom Brady-Bill Belichick dynasty actually lacks something: a 100-yard rusher in the Super Bowl for the New England Patriots.

Perhaps that's the best way to explain why it's been a decade since a title game winner reached a mark often reserved for Super Bowl MVPs. It also illustrates how the game has changed since Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith and Terrell Davis were carrying the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos to championships.

Sunday's Super Bowl between the Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles will be the 20th since the last time a running back was the MVP: Davis.

"I think gone are probably the days of the one running back that carries the ball 35 times," Philadelphia defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz said. "People use running backs in a lot of different roles and they use running backs, I don't want to say by committee, but by specialty."

That's a pretty good way to describe both these teams, who have combined for just three 100-yard rushing games all season.

Jay Ajayi, the heralded midseason acquisition by the Eagles in a trade, doesn't have the one for Philadelphia. It belongs to LeGarrette Blount, who led the Patriots with just 31 yards last year when New England threw almost non-stop in the second half while rallying from 25 points down to beat Atlanta.

The most recent Super Bowl winner with a 100-yard rusher was Indianapolis with Dominic Rhodes in 2007, which incidentally included a 100-yard game for Chicago's Thomas Jones.

The last 100-yard rusher in the Super Bowl was Seattle's Marshawn Lynch against the Patriots three years ago, when the Seahawks infamously threw an interception at the goal line instead of giving the ball to their bruising runner for the potential winning touchdown.

"There was a period of time where the running back position was



Philadelphia Eagles' Jay Ajayi (36) carries the ball Jan. 13 against the Atlanta Falcons in Philadelphia.

AP PHOTO

being — quote, unquote — devalued in some way," said Ajayi, who had two 100-yard games for Miami before the trade and is averaging 59 yards in nine games, including the playoffs, with the Eagles.

"As of recent, if you look across the league, especially on our team, the running game is essential," Ajayi said. "For me personally, I take pride in showcasing

how the position can be a game-changer in every game."

The Eagles finished third in rushing during the regular season and had a pair of 200-yard games. They have restored a three-back rotation despite the season-ending injury to Darren Sproles. Ajayi and Blount get help from third-down back Corey Clement.

"I think the teams that have an opportunity to go

to the postseason, they do have the ability to run the football," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "You have to stay patient and diligent there. That's something we've been able to do all season long. It's something we stay committed to."

Dion Lewis had both of New England's 100-yard games and averaged almost 5 yards per carry. He also had three receiving touchdowns to go with

six rushing scores. James White and Rex Burkhead also had three receiving TDs apiece.

"There's no position group that's going to touch the ball more than the running back except for the quarterback," offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels said.

"Whether you hand it to them, throw it to them, screen it to them, spread them about, throw to them outside the backfield, they're going to have the ball in space because they're the best runners on your team. We've always believed in that."

The closest thing to a 100-yard Super Bowl rusher for the Patriots under Brady and Belichick was in their first trip. Antowain Smith had 92 yards when New England beat St. Louis in 2002.

"Game's different than the way it was when I first got in the league," said Lewis, a seventh-year pro. "I think as a running back, you've just got to be more versatile, be able to do a lot of things so you can get the ball in your hands as much as possible."

Gronkowski cleared to play after concussion

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski has been cleared from the concussion protocol and will play in Sunday's Super Bowl against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Gronkowski participated fully in practice on Thursday. Defensive lineman Deatrich Wise also practiced after being cleared from the concussion protocol. Malcolm Butler (illness) and Brandon King (knee) also participated in the workout.

Gronk said he is "ready to roll" and has no limitations. He had been sidelined since taking a helmet-to-helmet hit from Jacksonville's Barry Church in the first half of New England's AFC championship game

win.

The All-Pro tight end missed last year's Super Bowl win over Atlanta after undergoing back surgery.

Gronkowski said he believes that the team doctors were just using the bye week to be as cautious with the injury as possible.

"We knew the whole time I was gonna be good to go," he said. "I was progressing really good throughout the week. We just knew I'd be ready and we've been practicing like we always do."

Gronkowski led the team in receiving during the regular season with 69 catches for 1,084 yards and eight touchdowns.

His return gives quarterback Tom Brady another key option against an Eagles defense

that finished the regular season ranked fourth in the NFL in defense.

Philadelphia is giving up 229 yards per game through the air in the playoffs. New England comes in averaging 318 yards passing during the postseason.

"He's a dynamic player. He means a ton to our offense. He really has since he got to our team. It's always great when he's out there," Brady said.

"I've played with him a long time, I've thrown him a lot of footballs. He knows exactly what to do, he knows where to expect the ball, when to expect it. He's just a tremendous player for our team."

In addition to Gronk's return to practice, the Patriots also got a visit from former defensive lineman Vince Wilfork,



New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) warms up during a practice Thursday in Minneapolis. The Patriots are scheduled to face the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl 52 on Sunday.

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Steelers' Shazier released from hospital

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Injured Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier is going home.

Shazier was released from the hospital on Thursday, nearly two months after suffering a spinal injury in a victory over Cincinnati. The Pro Bowler underwent spine stabilization on Dec. 6 and while he was able to travel a bit, including visiting team practices and making appearances at Heinz Field for games, he returned to the hospital each evening.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center says Shazier will transition to an outpatient therapy program.

The 25-year-old Shazier posted a picture on Instagram of him standing alongside Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger shortly after his discharge was announced. Shazier has his left arm draped over Roethlisberger's shoulders and his right hand on something for support. Shazier thanked everyone from family to teammates to doctors to fans for their support and said he will "continue to work hard and push and find a way back."

"I want everyone to know that I'm moving on to the next step of the process," Shazier wrote.

Shazier has not disclosed the exact nature of his injury. He used a wheelchair as transport while attending team events following his surgery.

NOTES: The Steelers signed punter Jordan Berry to a one-year contract extension for the 2018 season on Thursday. Berry, 26, could have become a restricted free agent in March.

Text from Jenkins helped Pats' Rowe after trade from Eagles

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

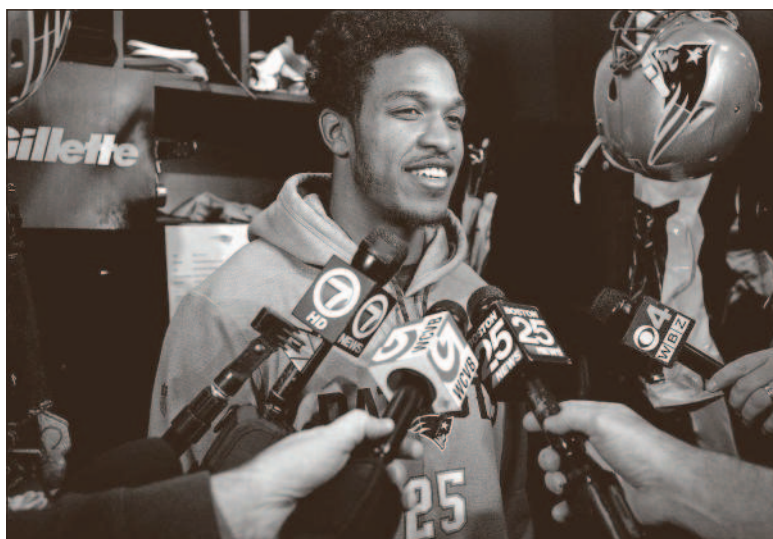
BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Eric Rowe was in a daze after being told he was being traded from Philadelphia to New England in September of 2016, wondering why the team that drafted in the second round a year earlier no longer wanted him.

The safety says he was blindsided by the deal to the Patriots, who sent the Eagles a fourth-round draft pick.

One message of support he received stood out. It was a text from Eagles veteran safety Malcolm Jenkins, who had taken a young Rowe under his wing.

"I remember he texted me the day I got traded just telling me that everything happens for a reason," Rowe recalled. "Whatever you do, just keep working, because you're going to be great one day."

Two seasons later, Jenkins and Rowe will be on opposite sidelines



New England Patriots cornerback Eric Rowe takes questions from reporters Jan. 24.

AP PHOTO

with a championship at stake.

Jenkins said it was a no-brainer to try to mentor Rowe when he was the Eagles.

"He played a lot as a rookie, snaped some significant snaps. But once he got traded I wanted to send him a text encouraging him," Jenkins said. "Sometimes this business will move you around and then teams will get rid of you and doubt you. But at the end of the day don't let it change what you think

about yourself. You're gonna be a great player."

Rowe said the words from a "phenomenal leader" like Jenkins helped him focus following the trade.

"I knew it was just the business of the NFL," Rowe said. "I'm like, 'OK, I need to take advantage of this opportunity, because you don't get a lot of opportunities to play for the Patriots.'"

In the season-plus that Rowe has been gone from Philadelphia, he's

become yet another young defender who as developed into an asset in the Patriots' system.

Including the playoffs, he has appeared in 22 games for New England, totaling 49 tackles and two interceptions.

Rowe has primarily been used as an extra defensive back in passing situations and could draw the responsibility as the last line of defense against the Eagles receivers.

With linebacker

OLYMPICS: SKIING

Some elite skiers say 'No, thanks' to new Olympic team event

By ANDREW DAMPF and HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

One might assume skiers would be excited by the prospect of another chance to win a gold medal at the Pyeongchang Olympics thanks to the addition of a team event to the Alpine schedule.

A new race? More medals on offer? Who wouldn't be enticed by that?

Think again. Some of the sport's top stars sound rather blase, if not completely dismissive, about the whole thing as they prepare for next week's start of the Winter Games.

"Definitely, the priority is on individual events," said Ted Ligety, an American who won golds at the 2006 and 2014 Games. "An Olympic medal is an Olympic medal, but I don't think a team event is within even one-eighth of the meaning

of an individual medal."

Here's a quick summary of how the team event will work: There will be 16 participating countries, set up in an NCAA basketball tournament-style bracket. Each squad will have four members, two men and two women (plus one of each gender as a reserve).

In each nation vs. nation matchup, there will be four 1-on-1 parallel runs lasting about 20-25 seconds through giant slalom-type gates on the bottom portion of a slalom course.

The skiers can punch the gates out of the way as they head down the mountain on their side-by-side courses — a rather different endeavor than the solo trips down a piste that they, and fans, are used to.

Each race victory is worth one point; if neither entrant makes it to the finish line during a given heat, the winner will be whoever made it farther



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin, right, and Slovakia's Petra Vlhova compete during the final run of a women's World Cup parallel slalom ski race Dec. 20 in Courchevel, France.

AP PHOTO

before falling or missing a gate. If the score ends up at 2-all, the tiebreaker will be the lower combined time of each team's fastest man and fastest woman.

"Doing a team event at

the end of the Games, I think, 'Why not? Let's do it,'" said the head of the U.S. men's team, Sasha Rearick. "It's an opportunity for different nations to step up."

Many of the elite athletes themselves are less enthusiastic about it.

Slalom standout Marcel Hirscher of Austria, the owner of six consecutive World Cup overall titles

but zero Olympic golds, probably won't take part — unless he makes a late decision to enter because he isn't pleased with how he fares in his individual races.

Henrik Kristoffersen of Norway, meanwhile, isn't the least bit interested.

"It might be a really cool event for TV and spectators ... but I still like the traditional stuff," Kristoffersen, a slalom bronze medalist four years ago, said after a recent World Cup individual parallel race. "I still like what I grew up watching."

The woman who could end up being the biggest star of the entire Alpine program in South Korea, 2014 slalom gold medalist Mikaela Shiffrin of the U.S., described the chances that she'll be in the starting gate on Feb. 24 for the end-of-the-Olympics team event this way: "Not so much."

NBA: MIAMI HEAT

Heat's Goran Dragic selected as All-Star replacement

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Goran Dragic was planning a vacation for All-Star weekend. He's happily changing those plans.

The Miami Heat guard was selected Thursday by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver as an injury replacement for the Feb. 18 All-Star Game in Los Angeles. Dragic will replace Cleveland forward Kevin Love, who broke his left hand.

Dragic will play for

Team LeBron, the squad drafted by LeBron James. Dragic leads the Heat with averages of 17 points and 4.8 assists per game this season, and will be Miami's lone representative in the All-Star Game.

Teammates mobbed him when they got the word on Thursday.

"All the credit goes to them, too," said Dragic, whose long-awaited first All-Star nod came in his 10th NBA season. "Without them, this would not be possible. They put me in the right spots so I can

be my best and I'm really grateful and thankful for that."

Silver made the pick diplomatically: Dragic was next in line, based on the number of voting points he received from NBA head coaches among Eastern Conference players not already selected as reserves or as an injury replacement.

Miami is currently fourth in the Eastern Conference, and since the midpoint of last season has gone 56-30 when Dragic plays.

"Hopefully this shows that it's a byproduct

of winning and being recognized for winning," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said in Philadelphia, where the team was practicing. "Goran, we feel, is an All-Star. We're just thrilled that he got recognized by the other coaches."

Dragic is the eighth player to be selected to the All-Star Game as a member of the Heat, joining Alonzo Mourning, Tim Hardaway, Anthony Mason, Shaquille O'Neal, Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh and James.



AP PHOTO

Miami Heat's Goran Dragic (7), from Slovenia, drives past Cleveland Cavaliers' Dwyane Wade (9) Jan. 31 in Cleveland.

MLB

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Management has proposed a deal that would phase in new rules over the next three seasons

"We remain 100 percent committed to the idea that we need to make changes to address pace of game and that the best way to address pace of game for us, for the players and most importantly for our fans is to get an agreement with the players," Manfred said. "There is a strong sentiment among ownership that we need to do something about pace of play this year."

Manfred thought he was close to a deal during the offseason but union head Tony Clark told him players rejected the proposal and said "he didn't think he was in a position to make any agreement on the topic."

MLB listened to player's public comments and at a Jan. 23 meeting attended by Manfred,

deputy commissioner Dan Halem and Clark, MLB proposed no clock this year as part of a three-year plan, Manfred said. There would be a pitch clock in 2019 if the average time of a nine-inning game is higher than 2:55 this year, Manfred said. A person familiar with the plan told The Associated Press the proposal called for an 18-second timer and only with no runners on base, and ball-strike penalties would not start until May 1. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because those details were not announced.

MLB proposed if the average time of a nine-inning game in 2019 is 2:50 or higher, a 20-second pitch clock with runners on base would be added for 2020, the person said. MLB did not set a specific deadline for the union to reach an agreement.

The average time of a nine-inning game was a record 3:05 last year and has not been at 2:55 or

below since 2011 and at 2:50 or under since 2006.

Talks began after the 2016 but Manfred said just one meeting that included players was held during the 2017 season, last August in Washington, D.C. He said the next 10 days are important in negotiations but has not set a specific deadline for a deal. Players start reporting to spring training Feb. 14 and big league exhibition games begin Feb. 23.

"They are well aware that we have a calendar that is ticking," Manfred said. "We're waiting for some sort of response as to our last suggestion."

The union acknowledges pace of play is an issue but has resisted a pitch clock, which has been used at Triple-A and Double-A for three seasons.

"They think it could be addressed without a pitch clock," Manfred said. "I don't see it as something that needs to be the source of great contentiousness between us and the players."

DOCTOR

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The victim said she told her mother in 1998 that Nassar had sexually assaulted her during an appointment at the Michigan State University sports medicine clinic. Her mother talked to Geddert, and the two agreed that Nassar would not treat her daughter in private appointments again, according to the accuser, whose anonymous statement was read in court by a prosecutor.

"Why did John continue to refer his athletes to Larry knowing full well his treatments?" asked the woman, who expressed guilt for not calling the police for another 18 years, after she read a 2016 Indianapolis Star story in which two former gymnasts, including an Olympic medalist, alleged that Nassar had sexually abused them.

After the conversation between Geddert and her mother, she remembered, Geddert was "upset" and "mad."

"This was what I had to do so I didn't have to see Larry alone again," she said.

The 60-year-old Geddert has been suspended by USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body, and has announced his retirement. He transferred ownership of the gym — which bills itself as the top-ranked club for women's competitive gymnastics — to his wife, Kathryn. He previously was head coach of another club, Great Lakes Gymnastics, for a dozen years.

The Associated Press left a message seeking comment with his lawyer. In court filings related to lawsuits, Geddert has said he was unaware of Nassar's

crimes.

Bailey Lorencen, a former gymnast whose statement was read in court Wednesday and who confronted Nassar at a similar hearing last week, singled out Geddert for his inaction. "There is no excuse for you not knowing what is happening in your gym," she said.

The woman who alleged that Geddert was aware of concerns about Nassar long ago said she spoke with him in 2016, after the allegations against Nassar exploded into public view.

"In our conversation, though it was brief and though he denied knowing about my assault, he went on to tell me that was Larry did was a medical treatment, and I needed to do my research," she said.

Nassar's two prison sentences — 60 years for child pornography and 40 to 175 years for abusing young women and girls at the university and his home — have cast Twistars and Geddert in particular in a negative light.

Women and girls describe Geddert as abusive and dismissive of injuries. Nassar, by contrast, tried to curry favor with gymnasts by giving them Olympic pins and other gifts.

Makayla Thrush, who trained at the club from ages 7 to 17, said she developed an eating disorder because of Geddert and accused him of becoming so angry that he threw her on top of a low bar, ruptured the lymph nodes in her neck, gave her a black eye and tore the muscles in her stomach, ending her career.

"I have been dealing with many mixed emotions the past few weeks, some of it having to deal with the enablers of the abusers trying to get

out of their screw-up," she said. "There isn't one bone in my body that doesn't hate John Geddert for everything he has done to me in my career."

Lindsey Lemke, who was a gymnast at Michigan State and Twistars, said Geddert deserves "to sit behind bars right next to Larry."

Last month, ESPN reported that Geddert was accused in two separate incidents of physically assaulting a parent who also was a coach at Twistars and assaulting a gymnast. He did not face charges.

In Michigan, it is a misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in jail and a \$500 fine for certain professionals to fail to report suspected child abuse. Legislators are considering whether to add coaches to the list of mandatory reporters, which includes medical professionals and therapists.

A spokeswoman for Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette declined to say if Twistars or Geddert is under investigation.

Geddert's national profile rose while training Jordyn Wieber, the 2011 world all-around champion and a member of the "Fierce Five" that won a team gold at the 2012 Olympics in London, with Geddert as head coach.

Nassar accompanied the team to London, and six-time Olympic medalist Aly Raisman said recently that he abused her there. Wieber said she also was assaulted by Nassar but did not mention Geddert or Twistars in her statement.

Nassar's sentencing hearing was scheduled to resume Friday, with more victims expected to speak. The proceedings will probably extend into next week.



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- W -

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Money Markets

Table listing Money Markets data including Fund, Assets, Avg Comp, and various market metrics.

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Toronto stocks

Toronto stocks table with columns: Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, and multiple columns for various stock tickers and their performance metrics.

Treasury bonds

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

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

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