

Road to recovery shorter with support

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A head-on collision on Wednesday, March 14 has forever changed the lives of Stefanie Hendrick and Stacie Snipes. Both women were airlifted to Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center in critical condition.

Snipes is from Lithia, while Hendrick is a Sebring resident. Hendrick was commuting on U.S. 27 to work in Lake Wales at Roosevelt Academy when Snipes' vehicle crossed the concrete divider and caused a head-on collision. Hendrick's vehicle spun out of control and into a ditch after rolling once.

When Hendrick's friends heard about her condition, they wanted to help the mother of two in some way.

Hendrick has had multiple surgeries and blood transfusions already and will have several more before the ordeal is over with, according to her friend Rachel Hayes. Hayes and Hendrick have

been friends since their school days. According to Hayes, Hendrick broke both legs and an arm, her clavicle and her pelvis.

"She is recovering but the process will be long," Hayes said. "I am not sure when she will be out of the hospital; I was afraid to ask."

Knowing the road to recovery would be a slow one and that she would not be able to return to work right away, her friends decided to raise money for her.

"After hearing that her injuries were so severe, we didn't want her to worry about work or rent or any of those incidentals that she would not be able to pay while out of work," Hayes said.

The friends started a GoFundMe account, which includes a short synopsis on Hendrick's situation and a goal of \$10,000. As of press time Thursday, the fund had \$4,970; just under halfway to the goal. Those who are interested in giving can do so at gofundme.com/Stefanie-hendrick.



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From left: Blayne, Solon, Chris and Stefanie Hendrick. Stefanie Hendrick was involved in a head-on collision on March 14 and has since undergone multiple surgeries and blood transfusions. A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the family with medical costs.

By all accounts, Hendrick is a great mom and friend. Hayes said her hobbies were being a loving mom and friend.

"She loves life, her boys and being a baseball mom," Hayes said. "She has so many friends because her heart is so kind. Her biggest hobby was being a mom."

It is clear that Hendrick faces a long road to recovery,

but her friends will walk with her, easing the journey.

There is no word on the condition of Snipes. According to Florida Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Lt. Greg Bueno, there is also no word on charges in the accident. He stated in an email that he had no further updates on the case since the original accident report on March 14.



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Sick Sideways will compete in the Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup this weekend.

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Morgan now second over county

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — "Don't let it be said that we don't steal good people away from the Clerk of the Courts Office," Commission Chair Greg Harris said Tuesday.

Unanimously on Tuesday, the Highlands County Board of County Commission approved Highlands County Business Services Director Tasha Morgan's promotion to assistant county administrator, just 27 months after hiring her away from the Clerk of the Courts Bob Germaine.

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Courts Business Services director, met Harris' comment with a wry smile and asked if he wanted a comment to his quip.

"If looks could kill," Harris chuckled. Putting jokes aside, Kaszubowski joined in congratulations, as did Commission Vice Chair Jim Brooks, who commented proudly that all three of the top job candidates came from county government ranks. The other two, according to Public Information



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Citrus farmers still waiting for hurricane aid

By **JIM TURNER**
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Frustration is growing among Florida citrus farmers awaiting the distribution of \$2.36 billion in federal disaster-relief money for agriculture losses sustained in Hurricane Irma.

"We're still waiting, maybe not as patiently as we were to start with," Florida Citrus Commission Chairman G. Ellis Hunt said Wednesday.

President Donald Trump signed the disaster-relief package in February, five months after Hurricane Irma slammed into Florida. The approval came after months of lobbying by Florida officials.

"We've got to get this money," Hunt added Wednesday. "Growers are hanging by a thread, and it's going to make a difference for a lot of people whether they survive or not."

Florida's agriculture industry suffered an estimated \$2.5 billion in losses from Hurricane Irma, with the citrus industry — seeing record lows in production this growing season — accounting for \$761 million of the total.

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Speeding could cost a good chunk of change

By **JAY MEISEL**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — When in the past, Sebring Police Corp. Sean Beauford stopped a vehicle for speeding on a Sunday morning, the driver might tell him that he/she was trying to get to church on time.

Beauford doesn't buy that excuse.

"I think God will forgive you if you're a few minutes late to church," he said.

But that forgiveness doesn't necessarily apply to the government. Some drivers under those circumstances may end up tithing a lot of money to local and state government.

Drivers caught speeding and issued a citation could end up paying \$131 just for going 6 to 9 miles over the speed limit. For 20 miles over, the fine could be as high as \$281.

Running a red light costs \$264, parking in a handicap space will cost \$186 and failure to stop for a school bus can result in a \$166 fine.

Many of the drivers claim they simply didn't know they were violating the speed limit. That was the case on Thursday when one woman was stopped for going 42 miles per hour in an area on Lakeview Drive with a 35-mile-per-hour



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

Sebring Police Corp. Sean Beauford talks to a driver after stopping a vehicle going about 60 miles per hour in a 50-mile-per hour zone on U.S. 27.

restriction.

The woman said she didn't know the speed limit. But, Beauford noted a speed zone sign for 35 miles per hour just before she was pulled over.

In many cases, Beauford issues warnings rather than tickets. The purpose is not to

be punitive, but to convince people to follow the law, he said.

As to whether fines deter bad driving, Beauford said, "It depends on the person."

Some people will definitely re-evaluate their driving habits, he said.

But with some others, "if

you catch them doing 70 in a 50, two weeks later they'll be doing 75 in a 50," he said.

Lake Placid Police Chief James Fansler agreed that traffic fines have a mixed effect.

Some people thank

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Council approves sewer system purchase

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The Sebring City Council has added another community that will be served by the city's sewer system.

Council members approved buying the Hammock Mobile Estates sewer system for \$18,000. As a result of that purchase, the city will be serving more than 100 units in that community.

The system will be upgraded to prevent possible pollution, city officials said.

The council also approved accepting a bid from Excavation Point for \$121,721 to provide an interconnection between the city's sewer system and the Hammock Mobile Estates system.

During the past several years, the city has purchased several privately-owned sewer systems. City officials say increased revenue from adding to the customer basis recoups the cost of

Sebring City Council — How They Voted

	Lenard Carlisle	Mark Stewart	Charlie Lowrance	Scott Stanley	Tom Dettman
Approved Pay half of the cost of the Sebring Historical Society's purchase of new software.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approved Modify the setback requirements for Stone Ridge.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approved Supported efforts to boost solar energy and allow use of the Sebring Circle Park for launching an effort to create a solar energy co-op.	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Approved Purchase of Hammock Mobile Estates sewer system.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approved bid for work to interconnect Hammock Mobile Estates sewer system with the city's sewer system.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approved Second reading of an ordinance allowing people to rebuild boat docks to the original size, even if that size was non-conforming.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Approved Amending lien reduction language in code enforcement regulations.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

the purchase.

Council members also gave vocal support for the idea of efforts to increase use of clean solar energy, but declined to forge a partnership involving an organization creating a solar coop.

Councilman Thomas Dettman said he likes the idea of solar energy, but doesn't believe the city government has a role in it.

Councilman Scott Stanley cast the only no vote against the show of support.

He said that's not the job of the city.

The council also gave second-reading approval for an ordinance that allows people to rebuild boat docks to sizes they were before Hurricane Irma, even if that size did not comply with city regulations.

Flipped and flattened



COURTESY PHOTO

A semi loaded with produce overturned at 4 p.m. Tuesday at County Road 621 and Charlie Drive in Lake Placid. Driver Robert O'Donald Onley, 41, was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries, according to Lt. Greg Bueno with the Florida Highway Patrol.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sun 'N Lake residents are to be mindful of a road closure on Granada Blvd..

Road closure

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By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Two West Sebring volunteer firefighters got commendations Tuesday for their courage and professionalism, helping at a wreck that also involved them.

Joshua Young, 36, and Allison Slager,



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

From left, West Sebring Volunteer Fire Chief Scott Mann awards commendations to volunteer firefighters Joshua Young and Allison Slager for their valor and professionalism at the scene of a wreck Feb. 22 on State Road 66 in Hardee County.

both of Sebring, received U.S. Firefighter Commendation Bars to wear on their dress uniforms from West

Sebring Volunteer Fire Chief Scott Mann. Young also got a Valor Bar and

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3. Women can also have the suffixes Jr. or II, but it's not as common, most likely because women historically took a new last name when they got married, negating the Jr. or II distinction.

4. The daughter of fashion designer Carolina Herrera still goes by Carolina Jr., even though she has taken her husband's last name.

5. George Foreman has five sons named after himself. And since "Jr." isn't really a thing, George's sons are George Edward Foreman Jr., George III, George IV, George V, and George VI.

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FLORIDA REPORT

Scott signs bill aimed at ending trauma disputes

By JIM TURNER
NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott signed 38 bills into law on Wednesday, including a measure that supporters hope will end years of battling in the hospital industry about the approval of trauma centers.

The House and Senate voted unanimously this month to approve the trauma bill (HB 1165), which came after lengthy negotiations involving safety-net hospitals and the for-profit HCA hospital company.

Legal battles have repeatedly flared in recent years as HCA has moved forward with plans to open trauma centers at several of its hospitals, drawing opposition from hospitals with long-established trauma facilities. The Florida Department of Health, which approves trauma centers, has

been embroiled in the battles.

Under longstanding state law and regulations, Florida has had a statewide cap of 44 trauma centers, with facilities allocated to 19 “trauma service areas.” The system also has included different classifications of trauma centers based, in part, on levels of care they provide.

The bill would change the number of trauma-service areas from 19 to 18 and make clear that no service area could have more than a total of five Level I, Level II, Level II/pediatric, and stand-alone pediatric trauma centers. A trauma service area could not have more than one stand-alone pediatric trauma center.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, and Senate Health Policy Chairwoman Dana Young, R-Tampa, also includes establishing an 11-member Florida Trauma

System Advisory Council and putting into law a new “need formula” for the approval of trauma centers.

The bill also “grandfathers” in three HCA trauma centers: Kendall Regional Medical Center’s Level I trauma center, which allows it to operate a pediatric trauma center; Orange Park Medical Center’s Level II trauma center; and Aventura Hospital & Medical Center’s level II trauma center.

A fourth HCA facility, Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, would be prevented from moving ahead with a trauma center. Jackson South in Miami would have the ability to open a trauma facility.

Supporters of the longstanding limits on trauma centers have contended that the facilities are expensive to operate and require highly trained doctors and staff members. But HCA and its backers say opening more

trauma centers helps improve access to care for severely injured patients.

Scott has been steadily signing bills from the legislative session that ended March 11. His office released the list of 38 bills early Wednesday evening.

Other bills signed included:

- HB 1011, which requires homeowners’ insurance policies to make clear that they do not cover flood damage.
- HB 155, which designates Florida cracker cattle as the official state heritage cattle breed.
- HB 491, which increases the criminal fine for theft of a commercially farmed animal or a bee colony from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- HB 333, which exempts from the law enforcement basic-recruit training program people who served at least five years with U.S. military special-operations forces.

FLORIDA BRIEFS

Florida woman, 41, found dead in jail cell

SANFORD — A 41-year-old woman was found dead in her cell in a Florida jail.

Seminole County Sheriff’s officials tell news outlets that Sharon Lynn Sailey was unresponsive when deputies conducted routine inmate checks on Wednesday afternoon.

Medical staffers responded, but she was already dead.

An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

Officials said Sailey was arrested March 7 on a felony retail theft charge.

Florida high school requiring clear backpacks after shooting

PARKLAND — When Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School students return from spring break, they’ll be required by the local school district to use clear backpacks and wear identification badges at all times.

Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie told parents in a two-page letter about the security changes. It said the backpacks will be given to students at no cost when they return to school on April 2. He

also noted that metal detectors may soon be installed at the school in Parkland, Florida, where a teenager who carried an assault weapon in a large bag killed 17 people on Valentine’s Day.

Parents district-wide were told reinforced safety protocols will include expediting “single point entry” measures for visitors, locking all classroom doors and upgrading surveillance systems.

Florida man reunites with pet cat lost 14 years ago

FORT PIERCE — A Florida man has been

reunited with a cat he lost 14 years ago.

Treasure Coast Newspapers reports that Perry Martin of Fort Pierce said he had assumed his orange tabby named Thomas Jr., or “T2” for short, had died in traffic.

Martin moved in with a friend after Hurricane Jeanne clobbered the state in 2004. Just a few days after settling in, T2 escaped the home and did not return.

Martin had T2 implanted with a microchip in 2002. He never heard any news about his missing pet until a Martin County Animal Services officer called him March 9 to tell him T2 was in a shelter in Palm City.

Martin said he initially thought the call was “too crazy to believe.”

The pair reunited last week at the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast.

Former Florida State attorney guilty in underage sex sting

TALLAHASSEE — A former Florida State University attorney has been convicted of trying to meet underage girls on the internet for sex.

A U.S. Department of Justice news release says 71-year-old Dayton Cramer was convicted in Tallahassee federal court

Wednesday of attempted enticement of a minor. He faces up to life in prison at his June 5 sentencing.

The former FSU deputy general counsel was charged last February. Authorities say Cramer had responded to fake online ads in which investigators posed as a 14-year-old girl and also as the stepmother of a 13-year-old girl who was being offered for sex.

Authorities say Cramer discussed sexual activity with several undercover officers. He was arrested after going to meet what he thought was the 13-year-old girl’s stepmother to arrange a sexual encounter.

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OBITUARIES

G. Lane Bradford



He was born on May 20, 1945 to the late Lyman

G. Lane Bradford, 72, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at his home in Sebring, Florida. He was born on May 20, 1945 to the late Lyman

and Margaret (Bowers) Bradford in Miami, Florida. Lane moved to Sebring in 1993 from Miami, where he was a retired police captain for the City of Miami Police Department. Lane proudly served in the United States Army as a military police officer during the Vietnam War era. He and his wife Gwen attended the St. John United Methodist Church in Sebring. Lane was active in forming the Heartland

Riders Association and organized the "Run to the Heartland" event from 2004 until 2013. He enjoyed camping and traveling, especially to the Tennessee and Georgia mountains. He also enjoyed working in his yard, however his greatest love was his family. He is survived by his wife, Gwen Bradford of Sebring; his son, Todd Bradford, and daughter, Tara Jones, both of Davie, Florida;

his grandchildren, Xan and Caden Bradford and James Jones Jr. He is also survived by his brother, Gary Bradford of Sebring. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018 at St. John United Methodist Church, 33631 Grand Prix Drive, Sebring, Florida with the Rev. Ronald DeGenaro Jr. officiating. Interment will be held at Woodlawn Park North Cemetery in Miami prior to the service. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Thomas A. Hanson Jr.

Thomas Andrew Hanson Jr., 53, of Sebring, Florida passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018. He was born on May 2, 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a journalist, a professional caddy for the Sebring Elks Lodge 1529, an adjunct professor at FGCU and the managing sports editor of the Naples Daily News. Survivors include his mother, Judy Hanson, and father, Thomas Andrew Hanson Sr.; siblings, Robert (Jennifer) Hanson and child Kayla, Elizabeth (Joe) Jankowski

and children, Joey, Katie, Frankie and Robbie, Rebecca (Mike) Carpenter and children, Faith, Grace and Maggie; and Amanda (Dewayne) Mercer and children, Ray, Wayne, Larissa and TJ. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 222 S. Riverside Plaza, Ste 1500, Chicago, IL 60606. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Cooking Floridian with Chef Warren at AP Library

Special to Highlands News-Sun

AVON PARK — Award-winning cookbook author Chef Warren Caterson will be giving an entertaining and energetic presentation at 2 p.m. today at the Avon Park Library. This program is sure to inspire your inner chef while tickling your taste buds.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chef Warren Caterson.

Join Chef Warren as he shows you how to prepare quick and healthy meals using a variety of seafood, poultry and meat with locally grown fruits and vegetables. He will explain the various cultures that have contributed to Floridian cuisine and how it rivals the lauded Mediterranean cuisine for its health benefits and ease of preparation. He also shares creative ways to use fruit and spices to liven up run-of-the-mill entrées and healthy options for your next cookouts. Chef Warren will end

his presentation with a cooking demonstration, preparing a healthy entrée that anyone can replicate in his or her own home in less than 15 minutes. This event is sponsored

by the Friends of the Avon Park Library. The Avon Park Public Library is at 100 N. Museum Ave. For more information, call 863-452-3803 or visit the library's website at myhlc.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

March dance

SEBRING — Sebring Village will host a March Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. today at 4343 Schumacher Road in Sebring. Members \$4, non-members \$6. Music by Good Stuff. BYOB and snacks for your table. For more information or tickets, call Glenda Gray at 863-471-0760 or Walt D'Alessandris at 863-273-0875.

Democratic Women's Club to meet

SEBRING — The

Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County will hold its monthly meeting Saturday at DEC Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway, next to Ruby Tuesday. Special guest Meri Forte-Namuj. Meet and greet begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10 a.m. For more information, contact 863-385-0008 or 863-385-8601.

Pinochle tournament

SEBRING — The Sebring Recreation Club will host a Pinochle Tournament Saturday at 333 Pomegranate Ave. in Sebring. Doors open at noon and play begins at 1 p.m. Registration is \$3. Call Jim to reserve a seat at 219-689-8423.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE: The Southwest Florida Water Management District is proposing to amend the following rule(s):

40D-1.660 Publications, Forms and Agreements Incorporated by Reference

The purpose of this rulemaking is to incorporate the amended Environmental Resource Permit Applicant's Handbook Volume II by reference. The amendments to Volume II of the Handbook were necessary to provide minor corrections in citations and wording and to clarify certain provisions.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 44, No. 55, on March 20, 2018. A copy of the proposed rule can be viewed on the District's website at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/rules/proposed/>.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to provide comments on this rulemaking is asked to contact SWFWMD Human Resources Director, (352) 796-7211, ext. 4703; 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4703; or ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

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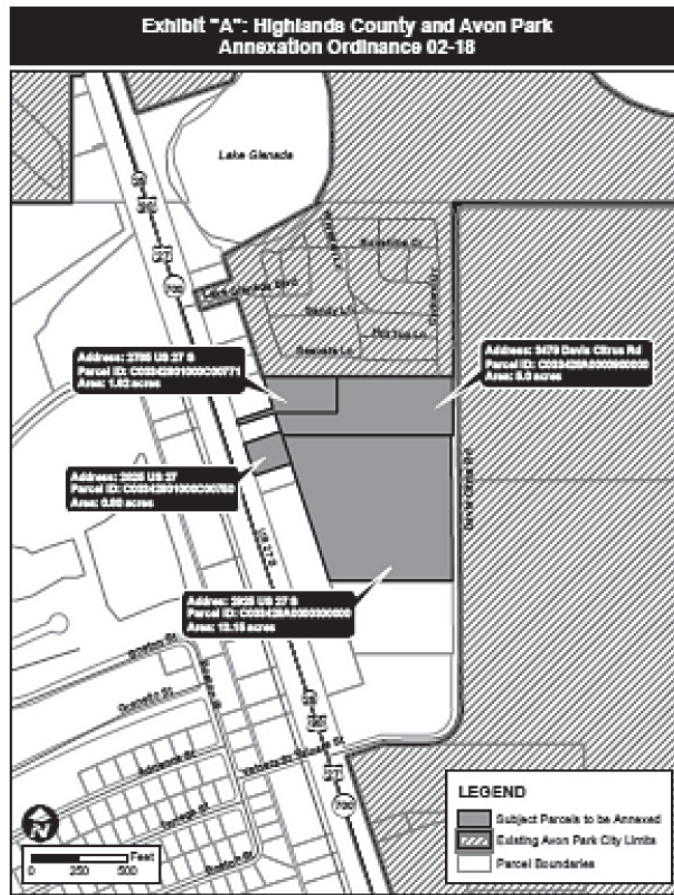
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULES AND TO OBTAIN A COPY IS: Adrienne E. Vining, SWFWMD, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759, (813) 985-7481, ext. 4657; email adrienne.vining@swfwmd.state.fl.us (OGC# 2014024).

NOTICE OF ANNEXATION THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA

The City of Avon Park will hold a Hearing on the following item March 26, 2018, at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible.

ORDINANCE 02-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 19.739 ACRES, BEING GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF US 27 S AND WEST OF DAVIS CITRUS ROAD; WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, WITH SUCH LAND BEING GENERALLY LOCATED AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHED MAP; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF COMPLIANCE WITH VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION STATUTES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



The Public Hearing will be held at the Avon Park City Council Chambers, 123 E. Pine Street, Avon Park, Florida. At the meeting, interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The hearing may be continued from time to time by the City Council.

Copies of the proposed ordinance, including a complete legal description by metes and bounds, are available for review at the Avon Park City Hall with the City Clerk at 110 East Main Street, Avon Park, Florida. City Hall is open between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may appear and be heard on this Ordinance at the Council Meeting by attending the meeting and completing the request form.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter discussed at the meeting/hearing, he will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, per F.S. 286.0105. Verbatim transcripts are not furnished by the City.

Any person with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk 48 hours in advance of the meeting at (863) 452-4405.



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OUR VIEW

The heat's not here yet

The temperatures in the evening and early morning hours are still cool enough for some to wear light sweaters, but as the day wears on, those temperatures are rising. It doesn't take long for an auto parked in the sun with the windows rolled up to quickly reach 100-plus degrees.

Wednesday, a Lake Placid Police Department officer issued the first court date this year to a pet owner for leaving a pet in their car. The temperature inside the car was 101 degrees in the middle of the afternoon.

Chief James Fansler on the agency's Facebook page urged motorists to take this issue seriously. "We will not hesitate to break glass if necessary. If we find your pet and/or child in distress and the door is locked, you will return to find broken glass and a date to meet the judge."

He went on to say, "Hopefully this is not the first of many, but rest assured, we are not afraid of the paperwork it takes to prosecute these cases."

Those are words that all of us should want to hear. One moment of forgetfulness can lead to a lifetime of regret when a child, or a pet, is left in a hot car. Sadly, Highlands County has not been immune to the deadly mistake.

Highlands has seen at least two incidents in the past 15 years — one involving a 2-year-old who had escaped his home and gotten into a hot car and the other a 1-year-old who was found in her car seat. According to reports, after almost 90 minutes inside an air-conditioned ambulance, her little body was still "too hot to touch."

In both case, there were charges and convictions of crimes ranging from child neglect resulting in great bodily harm to aggravated manslaughter.

University of South Florida professor of neuroscience David Diamond studied 50 cases of child death from hyperthermia as a result of being left in cars. His research showed that in each case "otherwise good parents experiencing a combination of sleep deprivation, stress, and change in routine had suffered a memory lapse" and as a result neglected to remove their child from the vehicle.

According to Jan Null, an meteorologist and professor at San Francisco State University, the correlation between the rise in these deaths and the 1990s move to put children in the back seat is striking.

"Up to that time, the average number of children dying of hyperthermia in the United States was about 11 a year," she told the Highlands News-Sun in an earlier report. The average number is now 36 deaths each year.

Null has made a career of studying weather and the consequences it often creates.

Few people understand how quickly a car can heat up, even on a moderate day.

According to one study, the temperature inside a vehicle can rise more than 40 degrees in the span of an hour, with 80 percent of that increase occurring during the first half hour. And researchers have found that cracking the windows did little to help.

It should go without saying that temperatures during Florida's hot and humid summers can soar in mere minutes.

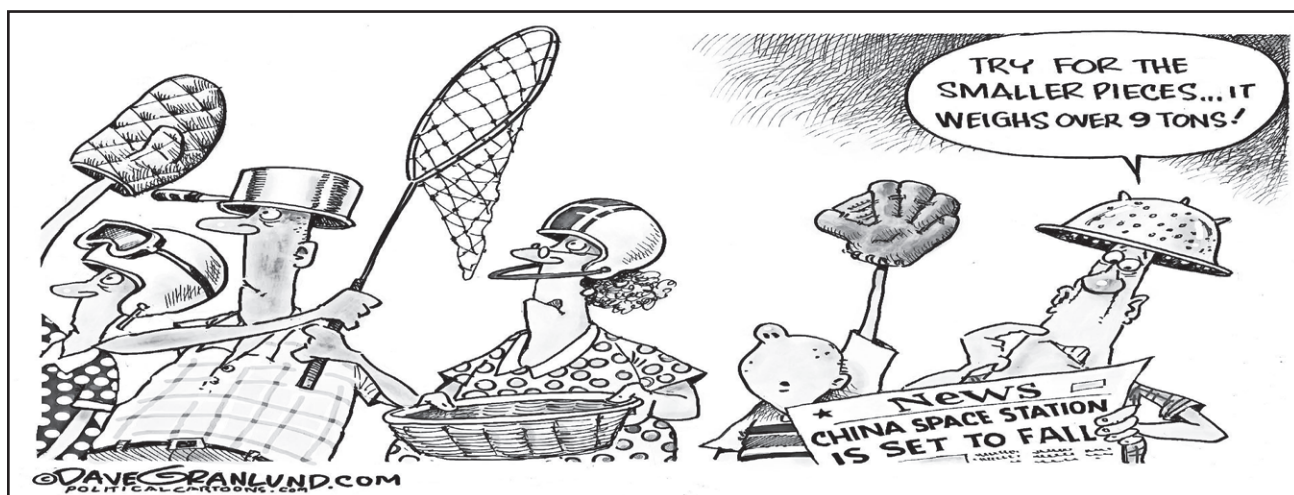
Children, often too young to escape a hot vehicle, are particularly vulnerable because their immature respiratory and circulatory systems do not manage heat as efficiently as adults. After a short time, their skin grows red and dry, the body becomes unable to produce sweat, and hyperthermia, or heat stroke, kills the child.

Florida law states that it is unlawful to leave a child age 6 or younger unattended in a vehicle for more than 15 minutes. Even 15 minutes in a locked, hot vehicle can be extremely uncomfortable for a child, or a pet.

It is sad that the Lake Placid Police Department has already had to deal with this type of situation. In this case it was a pet. We are glad that the outcome was nothing more than a court date being issued.

We are in our third month of the new year and the heat is not here yet.

We hope everyone in our county will take a few minutes before exiting their vehicles just in case. Check the back seat. Thirty minutes in Florida can change your life forever.



A comforting separation

At the risk of raising eyebrows or perhaps losing some of my audience, I would like to share something I experienced many years ago that affected my life and made me aware in ways that I had not previously been.

My home at the time had 18-foot high vaulted ceilings, so high that there was an unwanted echo in the room.

I was blessed to have a gracious masseuse who would lug her portable massage table to my home, set it up in the living room, and make it comfortable for me to be at home getting the aches and pains removed from my florist's body with her very strong hands. Stay with me, there is a point to this story that for now seems random.

For years Sarah blessed me with at-home massages. At about year eleven one evening, something happened.

Probably thirty or forty minutes into the massage I suddenly became aware that I was at the top of my 18' high ceilings, looking down at Sarah and



WHERE LIFE BLOOMS

Ladonna Rodriguez

at myself, watching her massage my back. Yes, you read that correctly. No, I was not sleeping. Before your turn the page to something less uncomfortable to read, let me assure you that this was real and I was so very aware that I was not in my body & that I was above it all.

I recall in the fleeting moment that this happened that I had no physical feelings or emotions. I was simply observing. I also realized that Sarah was not aware of my presence above.

As soon as I realized where my spirit was, I was transported immediately

back into my physical body. I guess it was a shock to the system. So...after Sarah finished releasing my muscle aches and my time was up, I pondered whether to tell her of what I had just experienced. I decided that it was something I needed to share, perhaps for validation, perhaps to confirm that I was still in charge of my faculties!

As I described to her what had happened, I expected for her to have the "deer in the headlights" look, to rush out the door and never return. To the contrary, she let me know that this had been relayed to her before by others.

As she explained, my body had reached a relaxed state where the consciousness had somehow separated itself. I was both relieved and then full of questions. How was this possible? Did I die for a moment? Is this what it is like after death? I don't recall her having answers, but the affirmation was greatly appreciated.

I consider this experience a gift, and it is frequently in my thoughts

. When I have lost loved ones it has come to mind, and has been somewhat reassuring to me with my "mustard seed of faith". I am going through this life with many questions, always searching. I believe that if we are honest with ourselves, we are all searching, some with more faith than others.

I know that there is something after this earthly life. I experienced a part of it for myself, and I will never be the same. I hope that by sharing my experience, perhaps it will comfort others with their burdens and questions.

What does the future hold? I think I have touched the periphery and I am grateful.

"My soul is from elsewhere I'm sure of that, and I intend to end up there." -Rumi

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YOUR VIEW

Position is supported by facts

I am compelled to respond to the angry Sebring couple's incessant rant on these pages to defend the tarnished legacy of their hero, Barack Hussein Obama. Their objective appears to be that we will believe the ir vitriolic spews, that we will forget how feckless Obama's administration truly was and that we will totally ignore his disturbing and obvious gun control position. Yes, he never did utter the words, "I will take your guns away," because that would have been overtly stupid and politically suicidal. But, on multiple occasions during his eight-year reign he clearly stated his intentions to enact gun control legislation, either "with Congress or without." (Remember the "pen and cell phone" threat?)

There were literally dozens of speeches and press conferences wherein he clearly preached gun control, seven of which are summarized here. Jan. 16, 2013: Barack Obama signed an Executive Order without Congress's support that listed his "23 steps" toward gun control. Feb. 12, 2013: He urged gun control legislation in a speech. April 3, 2013: He praised Colorado's newly passed gun control

laws and urged Congress to do the same. April 8, 2013: He preached for gun control and idiotically held the NRA responsible for gun violence. April 9, 2014: Obama used the Fort Hood massacre as a backdrop for demanding gun control and refused to acknowledge it as an Islamic terrorist attack. Instead, he demanded that the press refer to it as "workplace violence" and to the murderer as a "shooter." Remember? I do, like it was yesterday. Oct. 1, 2015: He admonished state legislators, governors and Congress to enact stricter gun control laws. June 12, 2016: used the Pulse tragedy to push for more gun control, while completely ignoring the fact that the perp was a militant Muslim.

As for the aforementioned couple's declaration that Obama is a Christian and not a Muslim, oh please. Once he quit attending Jeremiah Wright's racist congregation in Chicago — because it was politically damaging — he was never seen at any Christian church of any denomination for the remainder of his presidency.

He and his family always left Washington DC for taxpayer-paid vacations every Christmas and Easter so he would not have to participate in any Christian holiday

rituals. His hatred of Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu is extraordinarily well documented and legendary. One of his last official acts as president on Dec. 23, 2016 was to support the United Nations' Resolution 2334 that demanded that Israel forfeit land to the Palestinians and essentially rebuked Israel's right to exist. Some news sources — both foreign and domestic — claimed that Obama actually helped draft the resolution.

On Feb. 25, 2012, Obama gave — not lent — \$450 million of our taxpayer dollars to his friends in the Muslim Brotherhood. On Feb.

13, 2015 Obama praised Islam and said that "Christianity is the blame for terrible deeds in the name of Christ." Obama did absolutely nothing to stop ISIS for fear of irritating his fellow Muslims and yet Donald Trump was able to neutralize the animals in less than a year. Let's not forget Obama's Middle Eastern apology tour very shortly after he took office wherein he apologized for "American aggression" and bowed to a Saudi king.

When British Prime Minister David Cameron correctly called the Muslim Brotherhood a terrorist group, Obama rebuked him and called his statement "political

repression." Then, on Dec. 14, 2015, Obama invited the Muslim Brotherhood to a huge taxpayer funded gathering at the White House to discuss "anti-Muslim discrimination" and how to eradicate it with his Muslim advisor, Valerie Jarrett.

Obama pulled our financial support from Israel and instead offered it to HAMAS in its fight with the Israelis. Then, there was his statement that "the most beautiful sound in the world" is the Islamic call to worship that they blast over huge loudspeakers from Mosques throughout the U.S. Last, but not least, on page 261 of his self-aggrandizing tome, "The Audacity of Hope," Obama left no doubt where he stands when he assured Muslims that he "will stand with them should the political winds shift in an ugly direction."

Rather than offer mere opinions, childish Trump bashing or inane rhetoric copped from CNN or MSNBC, I have provided specific dates, names, places and events to support my positions.

For those who understand, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

Ron Carmony
Sebring

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HONOR

FROM PAGE 2

Slager got the Volunteer of the Year Bar, for the way they performed on the morning of Feb. 22, 2018, after being hit by a truck on State Road 66 on a return trip from Wauchula.

They had volunteered to make the trip to take a West Sebring fire engine to let Hardee Fire and Rescue firefighters use it in a funeral procession for the loss of one of their own.

"When they departed our station that morning, they didn't know what would happen a few hours later," said Mann at the Tuesday presentation at the Board of County Commission meeting.

After they dropped off the engine, Slager drove the brush truck back with Young as passenger. As they approached Sweetwater Road on SR 66, both of them noticed a small work van stopped at the intersection to turn left.

It was a Miller's Central Air Inc. 2016 Ford work van, driven by Omar Patino, 51, of Sebring, with his passenger, Gerald Ledezma, 31, of Lake Placid, according to Florida Highway Patrol reports.

"This is where things changed, and so did the meaning of life for both Josh and Allie," Mann said. "Josh yelled to Allie, 'Watch out. That big box truck isn't stopping behind the work truck.'"

The driver — Roman Pineda, 30, of Homestead — tried at the last minute to avoid a crash, but couldn't, rear-ending the work van, FHP reported. Mann said the van's wheels, turned left already, sent it directly into the path of the brush truck, in an almost head-on collision.

"Luckily, Josh told Allie, at the last second, 'Pull right,'" Mann said. "As she did, her training and experience came in."

She was able to make it an offset collision rather than a head-on crash, Mann said. Brush 11 went down a concrete drainage culvert, flipped end over end and rolled, and landed upside-down in the ditch.

"Once the dust settled, Josh was able to find the mic of the radio hanging from the 'ceiling' and called for help," Mann said. "I'll never forget hearing the call as long as I live."

Mann was at home having a new air-conditioning unit installed.

"I faintly heard on the radio, 'Brush 11, Dispatch. I need help. I'm upside down and I don't know where I am,'" Mann said. "My stomach



COURTESY PHOTO/WEST SEBRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brush 11 sits overturned in a ditch Feb. 22 on State Road 66. Volunteer firefighter Allison Slager, 26, was driving, with fellow firefighter Joshua Slager as her passenger.

sank."

Mann ran to his personal vehicle, and once dispatch pinged Young's location from his cell phone, took off along with Highlands County emergency responders.

Young had advised that Slager's arm was broken and drivers were trapped in multiple other vehicles. He also said there was a fire.

"I can tell you, Sheriff Blackman," Mann said to Sheriff Paul Blackman, in attendance at Tuesday's meeting, "my vehicle has a top-out speed. I reached it that day."

Mann arrived to find Hardee County Fire and Rescue attending to the work truck driver. It had taken them 30 minutes to remove him from the truck. They also attended to Slager and Young, and Mann said once he was sure they were OK, "I finally took a deep breath."

"The first thing Josh said to me: 'Chief, am I in trouble? Are you going to fire me?'" Mann said. "That was the last thing on my mind."

It wasn't until after the wreck that bystanders and other emergency workers told Mann how Young climbed out his window, assisted in cutting Slager from her seat belt, helped lower her down, put the fire out

on the truck and surrounding grass — with help of a bystander — then assessed the other vehicle occupants.

"All of this while he just, barely, made it out of the (brush) truck," Mann said.

FHP reported ambulances took Patino to Lakeland Regional Medical Center with serious injuries and Ledezma to Highlands Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. Pineda was uninjured.

Mann said Slager, her left arm still in a sling on Tuesday, has a tough road of recuperation ahead, having endured pain, surgeries and hospitals, and being unable to volunteer. Young's injuries were less extensive, Mann said: sprains and bruises.

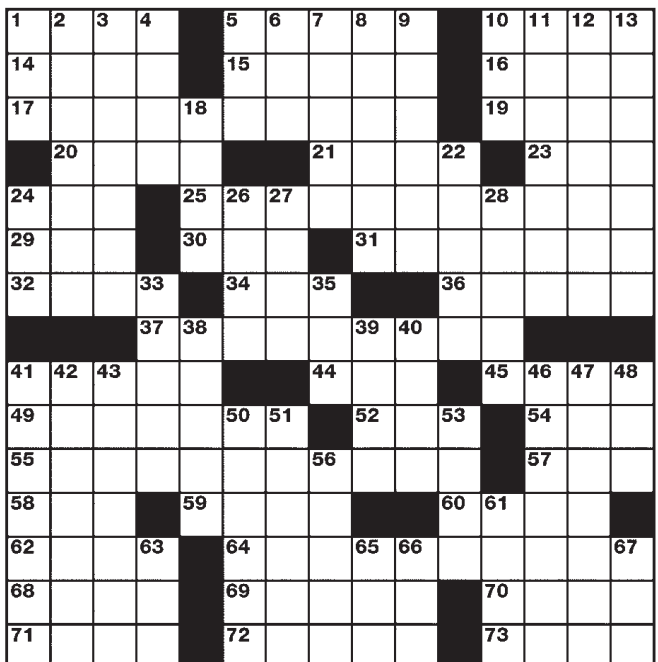
He also thanked Public Safety Director Scott Canaday, Fire Services Director Tim Eures, Public Information Officer Gloria Rybinski and a host of others who have helped with the paperwork to get the two treated since the wreck.

Defining valor as "great courage in the fear of danger," Mann then handed the awards to Slager and Young, while County Administrator Randy Vosburg also presented them with certificates of appreciation.

Newsday Crossword

IN SILENCE by Billie Truitt
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5 Equivocate
10 Bruins' school
14 Apropos of
15 Commendable quality
16 Shoot up
17 Valet accessory
19 Frozen princess
20 Upper extremity
21 Optical device
23 Flu.gov agency
24 Jargon ender
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5 Chicago Eight defendant
10 B.C. law enforcers
14 Big name in denim
15 Dental restoration
16 Cause of some bad apples?
17 Has to pay
18 Part of a script
19 Cyber phenomenon
20 Turned tail
22 Like some underbellies
23 Memphis-to-Atlanta dir.
24 Big fuss
25 With "the," what a boxer doesn't want to hit?
26 Pulse
28 High points
31 Latin I word
32 Prepared, as eggs for eggs Benedict
34 Votin' nay
35 Emulate Moses ... and what four black squares do in this puzzle
38 Like a breeze?
39 August birthstone
40 "How you doin'?"
41 Lost patience
42 "The Beauty Myth" author Wolf
46 Chip off the old block?
48 Annoyed exclamation
50 Greek god of the wild
51 Needed an eraser
52 Herbs and spices
55 Bill ___ Climate Lab: former exhibit at Oakland's Chabot Space & Science Center
56 Awaits decision
57 Brief refusal to "Are you hungry?"
58 Nineteenth Amendment campaigner

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By Samuel A. Donaldson 3/23/18

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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34 Movie role for Skippy
35 Speaker after John Boehner
36 Shoot for
37 Air Force pilot who became a pop star
38 True nature
41 "___ give you the shirt off his back?"
43 Morphine, e.g.
44 It's repeated a lot
45 Ready to go
47 Kevlar products
49 Mideast ruling family name
52 Rest area heavyweight
53 Cabinet dept.
54 Long and Vardalos
56 Winner's gathering

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Sebring Police Officer Brennan Davis checks on a driver's license status after making a traffic stop.

FINES

FROM PAGE 1

officers for stopping them, while others get very upset, he said. The National Motorists Association has questioned the impact on its web site. "Drivers who receive speeding citations are at increased risk of receiving subsequent speeding citations, suggesting that speeding citations have



Sebring Police Corp. Sean Beauford talks to a driver pulled over for speeding on Lakeview Drive. limited effects on the of the current traffic deterrence in the context enforcement system."

COUNTY

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Officer Gloria Rybinski, were Development Services Director Benjamin Dunn and Community Programs Director Chris Benson. "We have a tremendous amount of talent here in our midst," Harris said.

Commissioner Ron Handley said County Administrator Randy Vosburg struggled to decide, and he complimented everyone who made the final three.

"I hope everyone is on the same team going forward," Handley said.

Commissioner Don Elwell said he had spoken with the other candidates and also hoped they would continue forward.

"I think, through no help of our own, slowly but surely we have assembled an all-star team in this county. I've never been as enthusiastic about the future of this county as I am now," Elwell said. He also said the camaraderie with constitutional officers also appeared to be strong, despite the Clerk of the Courts having lost Morgan a little more than two

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years ago. With Business Services, Morgan oversaw all business services functions, including the Office of Management and Budget, Human Resources, Risk Management and Facilities Management. Her annual salary, as stated on her application, was \$97,162. Her final salary in 2015 with the Clerk of the

Courts was \$76,660. Morgan's new annual salary and benefits package will be \$106,879, within the budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year, according to Tuesday's commission agenda. Morgan took to her title right away, introducing herself on the record for a later agenda item as "assistant county administrator."

CITRUS

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The loss estimates were released in October by the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Since then, citrus losses have been estimated by state lawmakers to have stretched over the \$1 billion mark as the growing season progressed and as damage to trees from flooding has become more pronounced.

With losses at groves in parts of Southwest Florida reaching 70 percent to 90 percent from Irma, orange production across the state is forecast to be down 34.5 percent from a year ago, with grapefruit production off by 40 percent in the same time.

A request for comment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Mike Sparks, executive vice president of Florida Citrus Mutual, said "our frustration" is tied to getting the U.S. Department of Agriculture to release a draft on how or when the money will be distributed.

"It's been over six, seven months since the hurricane, coming up on eight, and we are still on hold," said Sparks, who was in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday. "We've just got to get something



FILE PHOTO

In this January 2017 file photo, citrus picker Daniel Gonzalez carries a bag full of oranges to a bucket in a grove near Moon Ranch Road. Florida's citrus growers grappled with Hurricane Irma's unprecedented damage in September last year along with years of difficult conditions and are awaiting federal aid.

out of USDA." Sparks noted he's been working with members of Florida's congressional delegation to speed the distribution of funding. Earlier this month, U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., took to the Senate floor to call out the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for "foot dragging" on the distribution of the overall \$90 billion disaster relief package.

Signed by Trump on Feb. 9, the relief package is aimed at recovery efforts from Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Harvey in Texas and other areas of the western Gulf Coast, Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and wildfires in California.

Nelson tweeted on March 6 that he was advised by U.S. Agriculture Secretary

Sonny Perdue that "help will arrive within weeks, not months."

State officials have submitted recommendations on how the federal money could be distributed, Sparks said.

Florida lawmakers approved some short-term patches for the agriculture industry as part of a roughly \$170 million tax package (HB 7087) approved March 11. The package awaits Gov. Rick Scott's signature.

The package includes tax breaks for such things as materials used to repair nonresidential farm buildings and fences and for citrus packing houses that had their businesses interrupted by Hurricane Irma or by the deadly disease citrus greening. Also, tax breaks were included for fuel used to transport agricultural products after Irma.

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LOCAL SPORTS

House makes first win memorable

The 75-year-old driver wins IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda

Special to Highlands News-Sun

To say Dave House's first career win in Friday's IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda was special would certainly be an understatement. In fact, the win – which came less than one week after his 75th birthday – may also have been historic.

It is believed that House's win in the MPC class makes him the oldest race winner in IMSA history. And even more remarkable, the win moves him into the MPC class lead in the series standings through two of six rounds, with the No. 86 ONE Motorsports driver also finishing sixth

at Daytona.

So how did House career get to this point? As you can imagine, it's remarkable.

House was a longtime executive at Silicon Valley high tech companies such as Bay Networks and Intel, where he spent 23 years of his career. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Brocade Networks, serves on many additional educational and non-profit boards, and is the owner of House Family Winery and Managing Partner of The Mountain Winery.

When he's not racing, House is an avid skier and yachtsman.

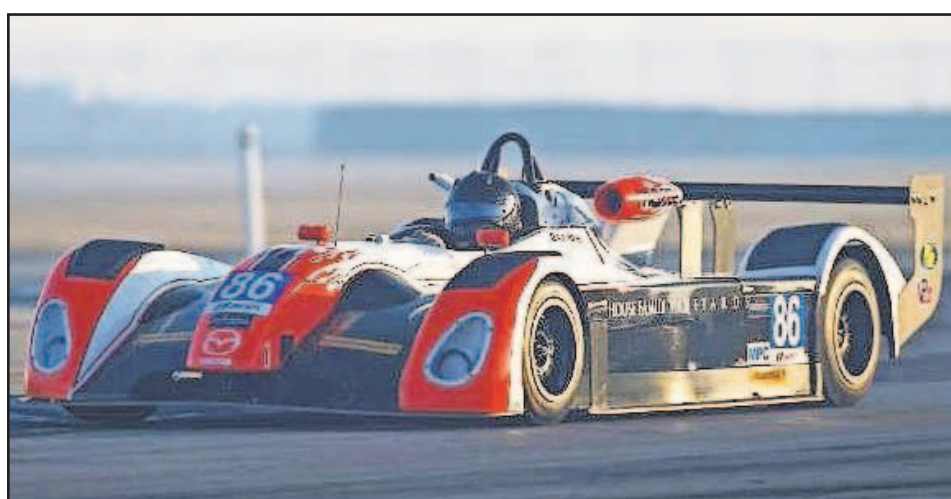
So, of course, running an hour and 45-minute IMSA race with no

co-driver at one of North America's most notoriously challenging road courses was no problem.

"I've run the 25 Hours of Sebring and I run it in a Radical," said House. "We run three-hour stints and I'm used to doing night stints for three hours, so an hour and 45-minute race I figured was not going to be that difficult, particularly in the daylight. I work out a lot and train so my trainer keeps me in good shape, and in spite of being the oldest guy on the track, I still came out on top."

Hardeman Breaks Through

Before the 2018 Porsche GT3 Cup



IMSA PHOTO

Dave House, who just turned 75, finished first in Friday's IMSA Prototype Challenge Presented by Mazda at Sebring International Raceway.

Challenge USA by Yokohama season started, one of the big targets for driver Will Hardeman was to win his first race

in the series.

The driver of the No. 19 Moorespeed Porsche 911 GT3 Cup had come close to winning a few

different times over the past three seasons, but missed out for

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MX-5 Cup season to start

Sebring's Sick Sideways team looks strong entering opener

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

The 2018 Battery Tender Global Mazda MX-5 Cup presented by BFGoodrich Tires season will kick off with a double-header event at the Circuit of the Americas this weekend. The race weekend is the first of six double-header events that will comprise the 2018 Global Mazda MX-5 Cup championship season and will be staged at the Formula 1-grade facility as part of the World Challenge weekend.

With an incredible \$200,000 prize from Mazda on offer for the championship-winning driver, a Mazda rookie award that has gone from \$50,000 to \$75,000 attracting a large roster of new rookie racers for 2018, an exciting new Challenger Class presented by Monticello Motor Club, and a large field of competitors for the COTA round, there are a lot of stories to follow. The 2018 championship kick-off marks the second season under the management of Andersen Promotions and with INDYCAR sanctioning for the Mazda-owned series.

The COTA entry list features 32 drivers, including eight rookies for the Texas event.

Selin Rollan, who emerged from the Mazda Road to 24 Shootout to capture the \$100,000 package from Mazda towards his 2018 Global Mazda MX-5 Cup



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

Sebring racers John Dean II, left, and Nathaniel Sparks on the podium at Sebring International Raceway.

program in the No. 87 Mazda Road to 24 Sick Sideways entry, will also be looking to turn support from Mazda into trophies starting this weekend.

"I've only experienced COTA in iRacing—I've been on it every night for the last three weeks!" said Rollan, who is taking a couple days away from his day job selling Mazdas at Classic Mazda in Orlando for the race weekend. "It is a tricky track, but I'm starting to get more comfortable on it. I am excited about the weekend. There were a lot of very fast guys at Spring Training and this field has some guys with a lot of seat time in these cars. I know it is going to be very close at the front but hopefully when we get to racing, that will be my time to shine."

Rollan will have some talented teammates to help him in his rookie season, including 2016 series champion and last year's series runner-up Nathaniel Sparks and team owner John Dean II, who captured the series title in 2015. After sitting out last season and the Spring Training



MAZDA MOTORSPORTS PHOTO

Sebring's John Dean II races his No. 16 Sick Sideways Racing Mazda at Road Atlanta on his way to victory in 2016. He is back behind the wheel for the 2018 season after sitting out last season.

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B.A.S.S. Conservation holds summit

Important topics for anglers discussed

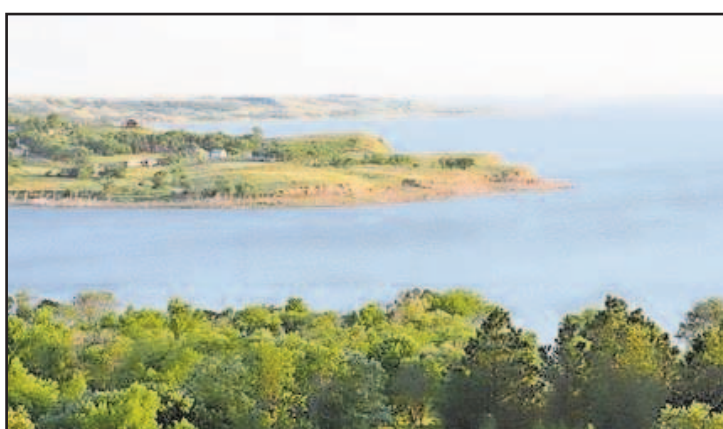
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Science and management practices provided the framework, but the art of communication, community and coalition building emerged as the priority as a nationwide gathering of state agency biologists and volunteer B.A.S.S. Conservation Directors kicked off in Greenville, S.C.

"A few months ago we looked at several things that got us to thinking about the future of bass management, where are we headed with

bass management in this country," said Gene Gilliland, B.A.S.S. Conservation director said of planning the gathering that takes place every other year at the Classic. "There is no better time or a better group to raise those issues with."

Research biologist Hal Schramm, recently retired from a long career with several states, most recently with U.S. Geological Survey at Mississippi State University, challenged the gathering of



COURTESY PHOTO

B.A.S.S. Conservation held a summit to discuss many topics that were important to anglers.

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From rice paddies to orange groves

BY EDWARD ENGLER

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Ken Elston grew up on a farm in upstate New York. Chores prevented him from playing sports in high school, but he was a fan of the New York Yankees and the "M&M Boys" Maris and Mantle. He enlisted in the army, went to the Vietnam with the 43rd Engineers, and was wounded by shrapnel and awarded the Purple Heart. He returned to the States, worked construction and later served as a NY state prison guard for 22 years. He now winters in Lake Placid and plays in its senior softball league.

But the memories of Vietnam lingered, and last year he made a return "tour of duty" with his son to visit places from the war years around Da Nang and the DMZ. Not knowing what to expect, he hired a tour guide and was pleased at the friendly reception he got from strangers he never knew. It touched him deeply when his guide told him "we do not like Russians or Chinese. We love Americans because you are free and everyone wants to be free." Words to remember.

On Monday, Ken's Seminole Tire team fell to Yates Insurance 17-16. Ron Kilburn's walk off hit plated Ed Engler with the winning run. Kilburn (double, triple), Engler and Paul Brand paced Yates with four hits apiece. Jeff Lindskoog (triple), Elston Hedges and Bob Fox had four hits each for The 'Noles, and "Rockin" Ron Wickman slugged two triples. Hedges made a spectacular diving catch that knocked him out, but he revived and stayed in the game.

Central Security defeated Wedgworth's 26-11. Bill Todd had four hits for The Securitymen, while Doug Jolman (triple) and Ross Anderson led a quintet of Central hitters with three each. Jim "Laser" Lauzon was the lone bright spot for Wedgworth's with three hits (two doubles).

Miller Air toppled Lake Placid Marine 18-12. Bill Scrase (double) had five hits for The Airmen and got support from Gary Steeves (two doubles) and Phil Lucas (doubles) with four hits each. Ron Hanisch (double) led the way for The Mariners with four hits.

Wednesday action witnessed Miller Air (16-5) take sole possession of first place with a 28-21 victory over Seminole Tire (7-14). Bill Scrase again had five hits with the quintet of Gary Steeves (double), Paul Marcellus (double, home run), Cliff Bluml (triple, home run), Brian Heaphy (two

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one reason or another. However, Moorespeed President David Moore had a feeling that 2018 could bring something different.

"I think this could be his year," said Moore in a February pre-season interview. During the same interview, Moore pointed out a change in Hardeman's approach coming into the season.

"He converted himself to left-foot braking back in January," Moore said. "I think he sees the benefit of it, he's adjusting to it, but I think it's another tool in his toolbox to help him challenge for the win. We'll take it one race at a time and see where it came out."

Where it came out in last week's season opener at Sebring International Raceway was with Hardeman standing atop the victory podium following the week's

second race on Friday morning. In Thursday's first race, Hardeman finished fourth and earned the Yokohama Hard Charger Award in the Platinum Cup class for most positions gained from start – he rolled off the grid from 12th – to finish.

Hardeman also came out of the first event of season second in Platinum Cup points, just four points behind leader Trenton Estep, 67-63, heading into next month's doubleheader at Barber Motorsports Park. But the victory was clearly the highlight of the weekend – and likely Hardeman's racing career to date.

"It is just this feeling of elation just washing over me," said the Texan in Sebring's Victory Lane. "It's incredible. I have worked so hard to get to this level of driving in this series. It's just so amazing. All the hard work we've been putting in, my team, my family, all the sacrifices, it's just



IMSA PHOTO

Zach Robichon swept the two Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama races at Sebring International Raceway.

that much sweeter that we get to do this now after all the work."

Robichon Wins Twice

Zach Robichon's sweep of the two Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Yokohama races at Sebring International Raceway last weekend proved a key lesson in racing: sometimes statistics like starting position and number of laps led don't matter so much. It's all about the final result.

And by the time Robichon claimed his second Porsche GT3 Cup Canada win in as many days in the No. 98 Mark Motors Racing Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, the Ottawa native hadn't even led one full lap around the 3.74-mile track. Maybe not even half a lap.

But he led when it mattered.

In Race 1, Robichon snuck past teammate Roman De Angelis in the No. 78 in Turn 16 on the last lap for the win. In Race 2, De Angelis

and Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge USA by Yokohama driver Trenton Estep tangled heading to the checkered flag, spinning in the final corner and allowing Robichon to sneak by for the victory.

Robichon now holds a 12-point advantage over Remo Ruscitti in second place.

"Two wins to start the year sounds like a dominating weekend," Robichon reflected. "Although that was far from the case for us, we were strong enough to capitalize on any opportunities that were presented. In both races we had the late race speed to win and that's exactly what happened."

"Lucky for us the points are given for the last lap and not all the laps before! Lady Luck was definitely on our side last week, but a lot of moves were made to be in that position."

After finishing runner-up in the 2017 Platinum Cup standings,

however, Robichon is well aware that the season has only just begun. With 10 additional 45-minute sprint races scheduled over the upcoming months, the name of the game will be consistency for the No. 98.

"It is still very early in the season, but we are in a strong position in the championship," said Robichon. "If this first weekend is anything to go by, we know there will be a ton of action to come and our job is to consistently finish near the front of the field to stay at the top. There is still lots of racing to come!"

The Ultra 94 Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada returns to track for two rounds of competition on May 18-20 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park as part of the track's annual Victoria Day Speedfest weekend. Tickets are on sale now at www.canadiantiremotorsportpark.com.

MAZDA

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test earlier this month, Dean is on the entry list for COTA in his familiar No. 16 Sick Sideways Racing car.

Others racing under the Sick Sideways banner this season are Ashton Harrison and fellow rookies Ryan Hall, Robert Noaker and Brooks Leal.

At the pre-season test at Barber Motorsports Park earlier this month Sick Sideways drivers had five of the fastest eight times in the final session of the two-day test

"The racing in Global Mazda MX-5 Cup is just incredible and represents the passion of Mazda so well — taking our products directly to the track," said John Doonan, Director of Mazda Motorsports. "We are thrilled to be opening our 2018 season this weekend and to be launching our new Challenger



MAZDA MOTORSPORTS PHOTO

Sick Sideways driver Nathaniel Sparks (8) leads a pack of cars. He and the rest of the Sick Sideways drivers open the 2018 Global Mazda MX-5 Cup season Saturday at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

Class at COTA. We are so proud of the opportunity that Mazda creates for our racers as well as the support that Long Road Racing provides this paddock. There has been a tremendous response from our paddock, which is full of serious competitors that also share a great camaraderie."

This weekend, Mazda will bring the excitement of the Battery Tender

Global MX-5 Cup presented by BFGoodrich Tires to fans around the world with a livestream of the season opening races at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

The broadcast for Saturday's Global MX-5 Cup race will begin at 3:25 p.m., while Sunday's will begin at 8:55 a.m. at on Mazda USA's YouTube Channel.

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doubles, home run), and John Kloet adding four hits each. For Seminole, The Four Hit Club included Ron Wickman (double), Elston Hedges (two doubles, home run), Chet Johnson and Jeff Lindskoog.

Many of the Miller players then cheered on the feisty Yates Insurance (12-9) squad as they won another walk off, 22-21, this time with Don Cunningham knocking in Ed Engler with the winning run and knocking Central Security (15-6) into second place. Engler, scoring his

second walk-off winning run of the week, quipped "he who bats last, bats best" in the postgame celebration. Cunningham (double) had six hits, Engler (two triples) and Jack Smith had five, and Ron Kilburn (two doubles, triple) had four for the victors. Jeff Stanley hit for the cycle for The Securitymen, owner Dana Hurlbut slugged a double and triple, and 87 year old manager Duran Quigg had three well placed hits.

Wedgworth's (9-12) upended Lake Placid Marine (4-17) 27-18. Norm Grubbs had six hits, including a grand slam, for Wedgworth's, and had plenty of support from Gallo

Gonzalez (triple), Don Dolbert and Ron Melia (double, triple) with five hits apiece. Outgoing league president Ron Hanisch finished off an impressive week with five hits (two doubles, triple), while Jim Radcliffe (double) and Jim Nicolet had four hits each for the Mariners. There are two games remaining in the regular season. For further league information, please visit lpssoftball.com



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more than 70 biologists, fisheries agency administrators and volunteer B.A.S.S. Nation Conservation directors from 35 states, New York to Washington, and California to Florida, to think about the future of bass management.

He set the stage for discussion by describing the sport fisheries sciences as relatively young science compared to other disciplines.

"We're still a little behind the curve," Schramm said.

Looking forward, anglers and resource managers will face growing issues, different ways of considering stocking programs, new ways to think about tackling (or living with) invasive species, degradation of reservoirs with more silting due to upriver development and, above all, water quality and habitat issues.

Schramm was only the first of the morning to float the idea that anglers of different stripes, as well as fisheries biologists and agencies, must bond together for greater effect.

"For some years I have thought we needed an organization like Ducks Unlimited, except for all fishing," he said. "We all go our own separate directions, trout anglers, salmon anglers, bass anglers," he said.

After noting B.A.S.S. has by far created the largest coalition of

anglers and industry interests and fisheries biologists, he said, "you are the point of the spear, the cone of the rocket."

Biologists and anglers in the room separated for a half-hour's conversation in random groups and reported back on their concerns. Issues by region and by state were indeed diverse, but had common themes in habitat issues, invasive species, and improving communication and coalition building.

One group leader noted, "we've got a bunch of organizations in one state who are doing everything, but not together... So how do you get them all together to where you have one voice, one message, one effort and one goal?"

Schramm said the group grasped his message. "I think they got it right. There is no one recipe for this and there are a lot of different issues and different regions and habitats. The point is times are changing and what are they going to do about it," he said. "You've got to look at what you've got, then figure out where to go, don't just do something because it's supposed to be the thing to do."

Pat Neu, executive director of the National Professional Anglers Association followed the theme of coalition building in his talk on "slowing the invasion but protecting access" where invasive species are an issue. Some fishing areas have been restricted or closed due to invasive species worries by well-meaning

but misguided groups, he said.

His experiences have heightened his belief that fishing needs better representation.

"This industry desperately needs an umbrella organization to bring all factions of the fishing world together," he said. "We are fractionalized. We have our voices within our community, but I think we need a national anglers alliance and I think we need it 10 years ago."

Connecting across a diverse and large country and engaging young people ready to get involved fell neatly into the last presentation of the morning, with Bob McAllister and Dave Wilson of McAlister Communication of Columbia, S.C.

In a lively discussion they offered tips on navigating in the "Social Media Age" with McAllister immediately offering his insight on the morning's discussions.

"The bottom line to what I just heard, and the scary part, is that anglers aren't organized. That's a major deal," he said. "In today's age there is only one way to do mass organization and that is through social media."

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Flying and learning about aviation can be fun and exciting.

Tomorrow's leaders

Where are we going to find the leaders of tomorrow? The answer is really quite simple, it is our youth. They are 25 percent of our population and 100 percent of our future.

It was 1982, and the kids were getting picked up by their parents at Mount Rainier National Park. I was the director of the a summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program where high school youth spent the summer in the park working on trails, restoring cabins, helping with the mission of the National Park Service. Most of their time each week was spent "Spiked Camped" in the back country living in tents in crews of 10 with two adult leaders. They would have 30 hours working on projects, and 10 hour having environmental education activities. Each youth received a small



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as everyone was leaving. With tears in her eyes, she said to me, "Thank you so much for what you did." I responded by asking what did I do? Her response was one of the most impactful things I heard, she said; "You trusted us!"

Going back to the first night, we put the success of the program in the hands of the youth. It was their program to make or break, and they came through with an outstanding summer program. I learned if you are going to expect



Students learn all about aviation in the EAA program.

responsibility from youth, you need to give them meaningful responsibility. It has been a philosophy of mine for my entire career in education and it has worked well. Have there been glitches from time to time, sure. But the way you respond to those issues is another teaching opportunity and a way to avoid an escalation of frustration.

EAA Chapter 1240 is launching a new leadership program with our youth. The EAA 1240 Youth Leader program will provide a venue for our youth involved with our AirCam build, on-line Aerospace Technology course, and other chapter activities to take on greater responsibility. They will have their own leadership team of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. The EAA 1240 Youth Leaders will also have a representative on the chapter Board of Directors.

The chapter will provide a budget for their projects and provide whatever support they need. Besides the ongoing AirCam build the youth will be developing an aviation exhibit at the Sebring Children's Museum. They will be repairing and upgrading the current display aircraft fuselage. One of the challenges will be making it sturdy enough to handle the rigors of a constant stream of elementary youth. An Abrams M-60 tank may not be able to withstand the impact of a steady

Christy one of our high school youth, and youth leaders, came up to me

LEADERS | 2

Golf cart races at Bonnett Lake

Special to Highlands News-Sun

Once again, it's NOT the 12 hours of Sebring...but we extended Race Week to include Bonnet Lake's Annual Golf Cart Races.

In its fifth year.....14 teams pledged their carts to race.

The 14 teams consisted of a pilot and a co-pilot.

he pilot is blindfolded and the co-pilot gives directions.....turn right..... Nooooooo..not THAT right.....go.....Go.... GO.....STOP!!! ok.....now turn left.....slow.....really... slow.

All the while, the co-pilot has a microphone so the

spectators could hear all the hilarious comments.

No trees were harmed this year although a kiddo pool endured a few wheel rubs.....the park bench sustained a sprained leg and the handicapped sign really did earn its name as it seemed to jump into the path of a couple of errant golf carts as they "sped" across the finish line.

The winners this year are 3rd place Lisa Hunt (co-pilot) and Bob Rasberry (pilot). 2nd place Penny Wilson (co-pilot) and Karen Nelson (pilot).

Winners were Merle Minor (co-pilot) and Mike Robalais (pilot).

All contestants gave it their all and we had many laughs.

Looking forward to next year's race.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bonnett Lake held its annual Golf Cart races.

A mountain, tigers and birds, oh my!

By DOROTHY HARRIS
CORRESPONDENT

When a scheduled birding trip was canceled, I was desperate for an outdoor day so I queried my spouse about joining me on a walkabout.

We started kicking around places to try and I recalled numerous Facebook postings highlighting great birding opportunities at a place called the Celery Fields. Uncertain of what or where it was, I went online and discovered it was a county park about two hours away on the Gulf Coast.

Located in Sarasota County, and originally used for growing celery crops in the early 1900s, this property now serves as a storm water treatment area to reduce flooding and improve water quality for the Roberts Bay North Watershed. Jointly managed by the Storm Water Division and Sarasota County Parks & Recreation, the Department of Transportation assists with management and maintenance.

Currently 444 acres, this cooperatively funded



DOROTHY HARRIS/CORRESPONDENT

Located in Sarasota County, Celery Fields storm water treatment site offers a great mix of passive recreation for all ages.

20-year project has converted historically drained and farmed land into a water management system of open water, wetland and upland habitat. As storm water runoff flows into this property, wetland ponds naturally filter nutrients allowing cleaner waters to enter Sarasota Bay.

This multi-use recreational property offers ample parking, picnic tables and restrooms drawing hikers, runners, birders and people who

were walking their dogs. Fishing is also allowed. The most unique feature however of this ecotourism and birding site is the 80-foot tall "mountain."

A huge pile of dirt removed during the construction of storm-water treatment facilities created Observation Hill. Reported by the Herald Tribune in 2010 as one of the highest points in Sarasota County, sprawling trails now snake up the not-too-hard-to-climb elevation,

providing stunning and refreshing bird's eye views of the site.

This small mountain — after all this is flat Florida — seemed to draw runners up and down the loping trails, offering a hill workout suitable for Boston. Several running websites listed three to four mile routes through the property, but all ages of visitors were seen walking easily on the packed dirt paths.

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Florida's transportation fueled growth

BY MELISSA MAIN
CORRESPONDENT

Swamp, scrub and savage lands made traveling in Florida during the 1800s difficult, especially without any transportation infrastructure. During the 1800s, Florida had the smallest population of any state in the southeast, but after building roads, railroads and airports, the state's population has exploded. Dr. Steve Knoll, a professor at UF and master lecturer with the Florida Humanities Speaker Series, explained the impact that building the transportation infrastructure in Florida had on its growth during his lecture at Highlands Hammock State Park on March 6

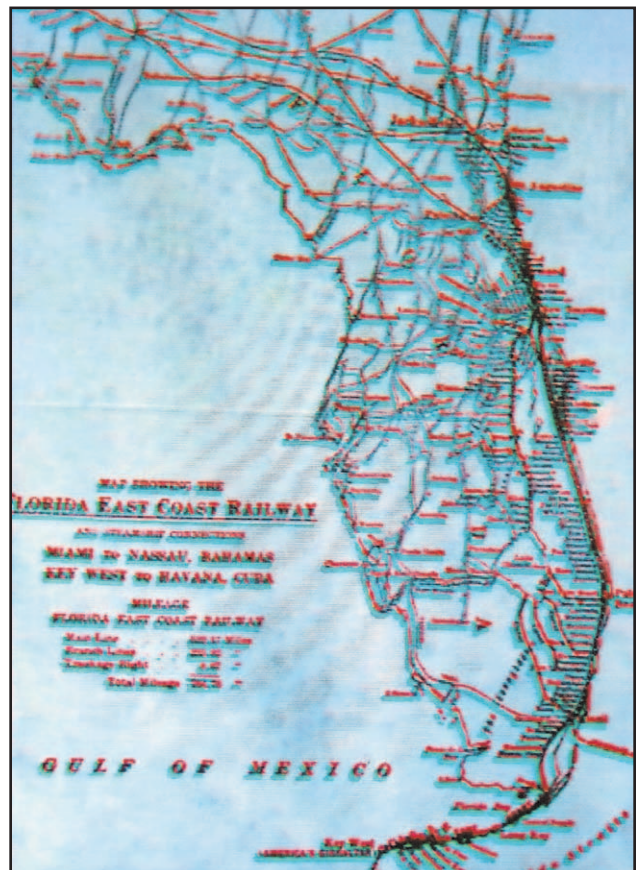
The Bellamy Road, the first major federal highway in Florida, connected St. Augustine to Pensacola. John Bellamy was contracted to build a significant portion of



Steve Knoll, history professor at University of Florida, gave an interesting and informative lecture about the history of Florida's transportation system.

the road, so it was named after him, even though most of the work was done by slaves. This first road was bumpy and a jolt to wagons, because the stumps in the road were not cut down as low as possible.

The next major transportation improvement was the building of the



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

This picture depicts the system of railroads that Henry Flagler built on the eastern coast of Florida. He also built hotels along the way.

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Recognize and avoid youth sports injuries

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Children benefit in various ways from their involvement in youth sports. Being part of a team fosters feelings of belonging, inspires collaborative play and strategy and can be an excellent form of exercise. Still, despite the benefits, parents often worry about the injury risk their children face on the playing fields.

Those fears are justified. A Safe Kids Worldwide survey of emergency room visits found that a young athlete visits a hospital emergency room for a sports-related injury more than a million times a year, or about every 25 seconds.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more than 2.6 million children 0 to 19 years old are treated in the emergency department each year for sports- and recreation-related injuries.

Some of the more

common injuries young children face have to do with the skeletal and muscular systems of the body. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons stresses that children's bones, muscles, tendons, and ligaments are still growing, making them more susceptible to injury.

Fortunately, with some education, many youth-sport injuries can be prevented.

Sprains are injuries to ligaments, or the bands of tough, fibrous tissue that connect two or more bones at a joint. Strains impact a muscle or a tendon, which connects muscles to bones.

Clinical research has linked acute sprains and sprains to improper warm-up before sports, fatigue and previous injuries. Preparticipation conditioning and stretching can help reduce the risk of injury.

Periostitis is commonly known as shin splints. This is an overuse injury that occurs in athletes who are engaged in

activities that involve rapid deceleration. Periostitis causes inflammation of the band of tissue that surrounds bones known as the periosteum, and typically affects people who repetitively jump, run or lift heavy weights.

To head off potential pain in the shins, young athletes can gradually build up their tolerance for physical activity. Supportive shoes or orthotic inserts may also help. Incorporating cross-training into a regimen also can work.

Swimmers, tennis players, pitchers, and quarterbacks may experience something called a repetitive use injury.

This is pain in an area of the body that is used over and over again.

Inflammation of muscles and tendons may appear, but repetitive use injuries also may result in stress fractures, which the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases defines as hairline fractures in



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bones that are subjected to repeated stress.

Rest between exercises can help alleviate these types of injuries. Ice, compression, elevation and immobilization may be used if pain is persistent.

Kids Health says growth plates are the areas of growing tissue near the ends of the long bones in the legs and arms in children and

adolescents. A growth plate produces new bone tissue. If the growth plate is injured, it cannot do its job properly.

That may contribute to deformed bones, shorter limbs or arthritis. Growth plate injuries most often result from falling or twisting.

While there's no surefire way to prevent growth plate injuries, getting proper and

immediate care after an injury can help prevent future problems. An orthopedic surgeon has the expertise to diagnose and treat these injuries.

Youth sports injuries are common but preventable.

Warming up, being in good physical shape and not overtaxing a growing body can help kids avoid pain and impairment.

HISTORY

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Florida Railroad, which connected Fernandina to Cedar Key. However, during the Civil War, large portions of the railroad system were destroyed, and Florida's transportation infrastructure was severely damaged. However, railroads were eventually rebuilt.

After the Civil War, steamboats became a major mode of transportation that carried supplies and encouraged tourism.

Boats carried tourists to places such as Silver Springs and ran from November until April, mimicking Florida's current travel season.

According to Knoll, by the 1890s, railroads began taking the place of steamships. Henry Flagler developed a railroad system along the eastern coast of Florida that also connected the Keys to the rest of Florida, and Henry Plant built a railroad system on the western coast. People from the northern states were encouraged to move to Florida, and trains were the major source of transportation. Sadly, not everyone who was transported to Florida by train wanted



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Carla Sherwin, from Highlands Hammock, planned the speaker series with the Florida Humanities Council. Dr. Steve Knoll, history professor from University of Florida, gave the final lecture in the series about the impact that building Florida's transportation infrastructure had on its growth.

to be here. Geronimo and other Apache warriors were captured and sent to Pensacola by train.

Trains were used widely until the 1950s. At that point, cars became more popular, because people were able to go wherever they wanted, whenever they wanted. They were no longer tied to the train's schedule. As a result of the automobile's popularity, railroad systems began deteriorating and many train stations became derelict.

Recently, however, towns have been transforming railroads into ecotourism by promoting "rails to trails."

The automobile continued to become more popular with the building major roadways such as the Dixie Highway, the Tamiami Trail and the interstate system. The interstate system started in the 1950s and was promoted as way to help the national defense. The military would be able to move convoys more

quickly. In a return to Florida's historical roots, high-speed rails have become more popular as people have become disillusioned with traffic jams. The Sunrail in Central Florida provides a traffic jam alternative complete with wifi, power outlets and spacious seating. Florida's future in transportation infrastructure may be a resurgence and refinement of the rail system from its past.

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stream of 4-6 year-olds. Why are we doing this? We have had an increasing number of youth getting involved with our chapter activities. What better way is there it engage the youth than giving them something to develop that they can call their own.

Other programs could include summer camp programs, running Young Eagle flights (they have already been doing that) and helping with the Young Aviator Zone (YAZ) at the US Sport Aviation Expo each January.

The leadership opportunities and learning opportunities are endless. We are also growing the future leaders of EAA Chapter 1240.

We expect to reintroduce the Aerospace Technology curriculum back in Lake Placid High School next school year. We will also continue the on-line Aerospace course

on-line for the Sebring and Avon Park High Schools.

The "lab hands-on" session for both Lake Placid and the other schools will continue to be at the EAA Chapter 1240 Aviation Development Center on selected Saturdays. These activities will include working on the AirCam build and other aircraft projects.

All the efforts to create options and opportunities would not have developed without the support and cooperation from our community. We are very grateful and blessed. It takes a village to raise a child and our village is doing well.

Our next event is our monthly EAA chapter meeting on April 5th, 6 PM at the EAA building through Gate 24. It will begin with a potluck social dinner followed by a chapter update and program.

The following Saturday, one week ahead of normal due to the Sun-N-Fun airshow in

Lakeland, will be our "ALL American Pancake Breakfast" from 10:30 a.m. We will also be conducting Young Eagle flights weather permitting.

We ask if you are going have a youngster age 8 to 17 fly as a Young Eagle, please contact us ahead

of time by e-mailing John Rousch at jhr@strato-mail.net. This will help us have enough pilots and aircraft available for the flights.

For more information about EAA Chapter 1240 programs, contact John Rousch by e-mail, call or text 863-273-0522.

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Dog ownership and the rewards of breeding

By **SUZANNE SIGMUND**
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Breeding dogs has been a passion for people through many centuries.

Part art, part science, part strategic planning and total devotion, breeding will show you all the best in the human-dog bond. It can be very exciting and challenging.

Breeding a litter should begin with knowledge. Responsible breeders devote time to learning as much as they can about their breed, about canine health and training, and about AKC rules.

How can you become an expert? Talk to Dr. Laura Van Horn!

Dr. Laura Van Horn of Sebring has been breeding dogs for the past 53 years. She started out in 1972 breeding Mastiffs and according to Dr. Van Horn, she had "Champion Barberella, the first Mastiff Champion in Florida" but most of her



Judge, Mrs. Mary Ann Alston

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Water-hyacinth's are being managed

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The water-hyacinth is a floating plant that has clusters of leaves with spongy stalks arising from a base of dark purple feathery roots. The leaf clusters are often linked by smooth horizontal stems (called stolons). Linked plants form dense rafts in the water and mud.

The plant has large spike of lavender-blue flowers, spongy, bulbous leaf stalks and large rounded glossy leaves.

Leaves formed in rosettes; petioles to 30cm (12 in) or more, spongy, usually inflated or bulbous, especially near the base; leaf blades roundish or broadly elliptic; glossy green to 15cm (6 in) wide.

Flowers have a single spike of several (8 to 15)

showy flowers above rosette, to 30cm (12 in) long. Flowers are lavender-blue with a yellow blotch, to 5cm (2 in) wide, somewhat 2-lipped; 6 petals, 6 stamens.

Its fruit is a 3-celled capsule with many minute, ribbed seeds; seeds form in submerged, withered flowers.

This native of South America is now considered a major weed species in more than 50 countries. The floating water-hyacinth was introduced into Florida in the 1880s and covered more than 120,000 acres of public lakes and navigable rivers by the early 1960s.

Since then, intensive management efforts coordinated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers have reduced water hyacinth to approximately 2,000 acres statewide.

Origin is from tropical Brazil, but it has become naturalized in many warm parts of the world: Central America, North America, Africa, India, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

A beautiful flower, but a major invasive weed species since the late 1890's because of its aggressive growth rate, water-hyacinth is illegal to possess in Florida without a special permit.

The growth rate of water-hyacinth is among the highest of any known plant. In Florida, water-hyacinth populations can double their size in as little as two weeks by sending off short runner stems that develop new plants (daughter plants). Water-hyacinth also has



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Water hyacinth plants must be managed to keep waterways clear for usage.

the ability to reproduce by seeds.

Water-hyacinth blocks waterways and limits boat traffic, recreation,

flood control and wildlife use. By producing a dense canopy at the water surface, this exotic pest plant shades out

native submersed plant species and can uproot native emergent species that are important to wildlife.

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breeding years, 1973 – 2014, were with German Pinschers.

“German Pinschers are the precursor to Dobermans and many other breeds” says Dr. Van Horn and she goes on to say, “it took the American Kennel Club (AKC) from 1992 until 2003 to recognize German Pinschers as an AKC breed.”

Dr. Van Horn's experience and knowledge over the years have brought her great rewards in the AKC show ring. She proudly says that “the first and only AKC Best in Show was selected in December 2017.”



Dr. Laura Van Horn.

The German Pinscher, named Luka, is still the only dog of its breed throughout the United States who has won

Best in Show.

Laura is an AKC Breeder and an AKC Breeder of Merit. She currently has six German Pinschers. Three of her “girls” are working to garner more Awards and GCH (Grand Champion) titles at AKC shows. Three of Laura's dogs (2 females and a male) are retired and will enjoy their remaining life with



COURTESY PHOTO

German Pinscher mother with 8 puppies.

Laura.

Raising puppies is a full-time job. “It takes time, money and love,” says Laura.

It is the breeder's responsibility to provide a safe, warm, dry place for the puppies and adequate food and water for

interested in getting a puppy. Laura said the mothers of the puppies have always been loving and have taken wonderful care of their babies. In fact, says Laura, “The mother of the puppies even follows the pup to the new owner(s) to inspect the new owner's vehicle.”

Laura's litters range from 2 to 10 puppies and she keeps them their first 12 weeks of life so that she can have their ears cropped, micro-chipped implanted and all shots done by her vet.

Dr. Van Horn shares her feelings of devotion by saying, “What is a Home without Love and Care that covers the DOG's and me! We take care of each other. The Dogs and I know

our moods and react accordingly. There is NO problem when German Pinschers or any dog breed is correctly trained. Care for you dog and what a delight you will enjoy.”

Dr. Van Horn is well known and respected by members of the Heartland Dog Club of Florida, Inc. Organized in 1976, she was the founder and first President of the club.

The Heartland Dog Club will continue its training program by offering obedience training on Thursday.

The class begins at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Sun N Lake Elementary School. For more information call 863-368-1781. See you there!

CELERY

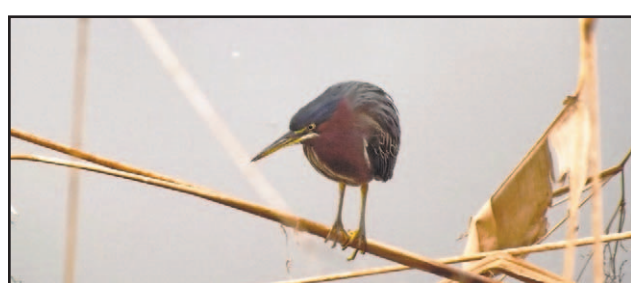
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Families played tag and children rolled and tumbled the grassy sides, falling away into sloping vistas while tree swallows darted in swooping arcs across the panoramic view.

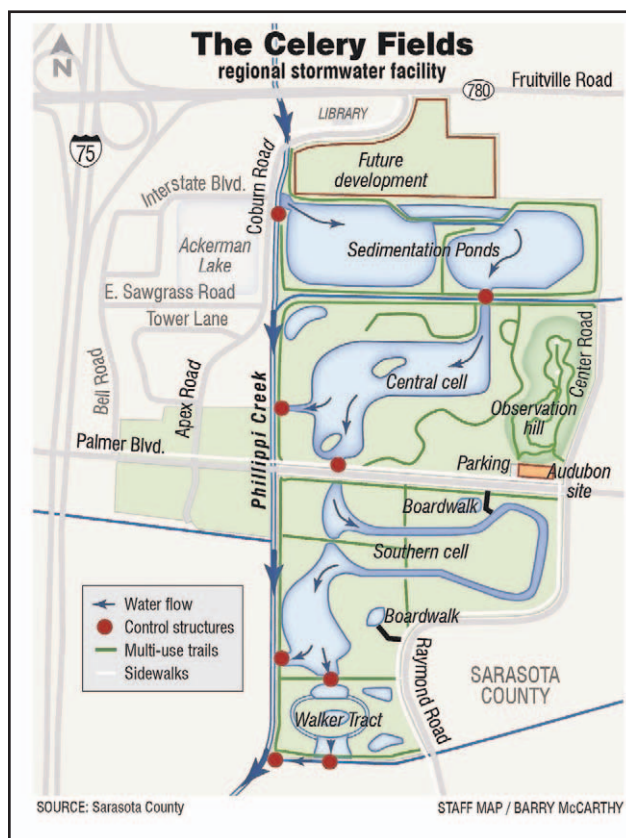
There are many reasons to visit Celery Fields, but with 220 species identified thus far, it's no wonder birders flock here. An added bonus is the Sarasota Audubon Society's nature center on site. The center offers an array of educational options along with a live-feed eagle cam showing chicks in the nest being fed by a returning adult.

Naturalists are also stationed on both of the site's boardwalks with spotting scopes and binoculars to offer identification assistance and education daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Nov. 1 through May 1. If you arrive too late to take advantage of their expertise, check the marker board for that morning's sightings.

On the day we visited, helicopters roared overhead, initially creating a great deal of distraction for us, but the birds didn't seem concerned. Thankfully these brief, on-going fly-overs ended a short time after our arrival and didn't restart until just before we left around supper time.



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Sarasota County map of Celery Fields site.

Even so, we viewed a pair of common ground doves just outside of the clean, modern restroom facilities.

Later, as we strolled up one of the more graduated trails, we delighted how this “mountain” afforded sweeping views of large wetland ponds where many species of wading birds and ducks could be seen. Notable species for our day included hundreds of Lesser scaups bobbing far below as tree swallows swarmed us like mosquitoes from our shared viewpoint.

Walking along the far side of Observation Hill, we were serenaded

by deep guttural roars emanating from the Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary nearby. A large-animal rescue founded in 1987 by Kay Rosaire, this nonprofit sanctuary provides a permanent home for dozens of exotic animals and serves to educate the public. Swinging our binoculars in the direction of the growls, we were greeted by the huge whiskered face of a tiger. Delighted by his lolling about, we scanned and located several more basking in the sun. A large camel could also be seen.

Coming down the hill, we moved across from the parking area to another section of property with an elevated boardwalk over an alligator flag pond. Here we were serenaded by a limpkin insistently following all who visited and enjoyed viewing purple gallinules playing hide and seek among the vegetation.



DOROTHY HARRIS/CORRESPONDENT

A bittern hides among the grasses along the boardwalk at Celery Fields.

My favorite sightings of the day were a pair of blue winged teals and an American bittern. This is a spot we will look forward to returning to again.

Want to go? Sarasota County's Celery Fields

Regional Stormwater Facility, 6893 Palmer Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240.

Hours: daily until midnight. Cost is free.

Consider dining at the Old Packinghouse Café—unique local eatery — recommended by many

of the birding groups and where we enjoyed a good meal (with vegan options) after our visit.

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Climate change in Florida

Rising temperatures and sea level will change entire ecosystems

By FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

Florida is home to an incredible diversity of native fish and wildlife including 386 species of birds, 86 species of mammals, 90 species of reptiles, 136 species of fish and 56 species of amphibians.

Rising temperatures and sea level will likely change the makeup of entire ecosystems, forcing wildlife to shift their ranges or adapt. Adaptation involves minimizing the impacts of climate change already set in motion.

Climate change is proceeding at a pace in which there will be unavoidable impacts to natural systems and fish and wildlife habitat. The effects of climate change are already being felt by wildlife and natural systems, and even with immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions those effects will continue for decades to come. Florida's natural resource managers are just coming to grips with what this means for the state's fish, wildlife and habitats.

Climate change effects include changing rainfall patterns, rising temperatures and sea level, changing ocean chemistry, more wildfires, stronger hurricanes and increased droughts. These and other effects are predicted to intensify in the coming decades

and significantly impact wildlife and ecosystems. Some uncertainty remains regarding exactly how these impacts will occur, but there is enough information now to begin planning and adapting to these changes.

To prepare for the anticipated impacts of climate change, the FWC has further incorporated climate change into Florida's Wildlife Action Plan (previously known as Florida's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy) using guidance provided by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in a document called "Voluntary Guidance for States to Incorporate Climate Change into State Wildlife Action Plans and other Management Plans."

The FWC has recently completed their "Guide to Climate Change Adaptation for Conservation" to provide resources to learn about modeled climate impacts to Florida, ecological consequences to species and habitats, vulnerability assessments and adaptation strategies. This document will be a living document with adaptation strategies being added as new strategies are developed.

The FWC partnered with Defenders of Wildlife and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to evaluate select species

using the NatureServe Climate Change Vulnerability Index (CCVI) and spatial simulation modeling. These assessments provided the FWC and partners with information on how the species may be affected by climate change and how much of their habitat they may lose to predicted sea-level rise. That information was then used to begin identifying adaptation strategies that could help reduce climate change impacts on Florida's wildlife. This research was summarized and compiled into a revised chapter in Florida's Wildlife Action Plan called "Florida Adapting to Climate Change." For complete details of the assessments, please see MIT's report "Considering Climate Change in Florida's Wildlife Action Planning: A Spatial Resilience Planning Approach" and Defenders of Wildlife's report "Integrating Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments Into Adaptation Planning."

Considering Climate Change in State Wildlife Action Planning, Florida (Report cover) Integrating Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments into Adaptation Planning (Report cover)

The purpose of this work is to help reduce the risk of adverse outcomes to Florida's wildlife communities.



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Bald Eagles are being affected by the climate change that is occurring.

This will be done by implementing adaption strategies that have been identified and increasing resilience of natural ecosystems to climate change stressors such as increased temperatures, sea level rise, decreased or increased seasonal rainfall and higher carbon dioxide levels.

Adaptation strategies may include:

Acquisition, protection and management of a statewide network of conserved lands and waters that will serve as buffers, corridors, and habitable areas necessary to make natural systems more resilient to the impacts of climate change

Restoration and rehabilitation of ecosystems that have been lost or compromised

Reduction of other non-climate pressures such as invasive species, pollution and habitat fragmentation that hinder the ability of species and ecosystems to withstand climatic events

New or improved management options such as maximizing stream flow, prescribed burning and other efforts to protect key ecosystem features.

To learn more about climate change adaptation, read the survey summary from Climate Change Adaptation

Across the Landscape: A survey of federal and state agencies, conservation organizations and academic institutions in the United States by authors Katie Theoharides, Gerald Barnhart and Patty Glick.

To help explain climate change adaptation, Nature.org spoke with Jonathan Hoekstra, The Nature Conservancy's director of emerging strategies, to get the details.

Visit the National Wildlife Federation's Climate-Smart Conservation section to learn more about adaptation and assessing species vulnerability.

Living in bear country

FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

Seeing a black bear is a thrilling and rewarding experience. The presence of bears is not necessarily a problem or a threat to your safety. But it is important to remember that bears are wild animals and deserve respect. If you are not careful, you could break the law and risk both your own safety and the bear's.

Follow the following advice closely to keep bears wild and your property secure.

Bears are driven by their need to eat and with a sense of smell that can detect odors over a mile away, problems arise when bears gain access to food sources such as pet foods, garbage, barbecue grills, bird seed or even livestock feed.

The calories a bear can consume by picking through one garbage can often surpasses what they can find in an entire day.

Bears are highly intelligent and adaptable, learning quickly to associate people with food. Black bears are normally too shy to risk contact with humans, but their powerful need to find food can overwhelm this fear.

As bears become "food-conditioned" (dependent on a food source) they are more likely to frequent residential areas and cause property damage to get these unnatural food sources.

Over time, they become "habituated", gradually losing their fear of humans and will return frequently to locations with accessible food.

It can take several



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Florida bears should not be fed at any time. Keep your garbage in a secure place and away from bears.

weeks after preventative methods have been implemented before a bear will understand that the food source is no longer available.

Once bears lose their natural fear of people, often due to access to food attractants, there is often little hope to make the bear wild again. These habituated and food conditioned bears are often killed, either by vehicle collisions, illegal shooting, or as a result of bear management actions to keep the community safe.

Unfortunately, relocating bears is often not

feasible. Areas large and remote enough to move bears where they won't encounter people are rare in Florida. Additionally, relocated bears typically leave the new area, either to return to their original home or to leave an area already occupied by other bears. Some bears will wander through unfamiliar areas and cross busy roads, creating a danger to the bear and to motorists.

Bears are naturally fearful of people - until we tempt them with easily accessible food.

The FWC is committed to ensuring the long-term

well-being of the black bear while addressing property damage and safety concerns of residents and visitors to Florida.

It is easy to live in harmony with bears and save their lives by simply securing the temptation of trash and other attractants. There are several ways to do this: Get volunteers to build a cad-dy Adobe PDF (or shed) to protect your garbage cans; secure your trash within a bear-resistant container Adobe PDF; put up an electric fence External Website around livestock or beeyards;

and any of these other successful options Adobe PDF.

You want to let the bear know it is not welcome in your yard, so from a safe location, scare it away by yelling, banging pots and pans, using an air horn, or anything else that makes a lot of noise.

The use of paintballs, bear spray, and sling shots are also allowed under FWC guidelines.

Once the bear leaves, take a look in your yard to ensure there is nothing that might be attracting the bear.

If you see a bear is eating something on your property, take note of what it is and secure it once the bear leaves.

To keep bears away, follow this advice: Secure household garbage in a shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.

Put household garbage out on morning of pickup rather than the night before.

Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters.

Protect gardens, beehives, compost and livestock with electric fencing.

Encourage your

homeowners association or local government to institute ordinances on keeping foods that attract wildlife secure.

Feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding.

Clean grills and store them in a locked, secure place.

Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant Adobe PDF.

Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground - bears love fruit!

Screened enclosures ARE NOT SECURE and WILL NOT keep bears out.

Remember - if your neighbors don't become BearWise, too, the bear can tear up their yard... before coming for yours.

It is illegal to intentionally place food or garbage out that attracts bears Adobe PDF and causes conflicts. Anything that attracts dogs, cats or raccoons will also attract bears!

If you see or suspect that someone is feeding or attracting bears, please call FWC on the Wildlife Alert Hotline - 888-404-3922 - or contact us online.

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Turn soil over early in the spring for the best results for your garden.

Preparing garden beds for spring

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Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

Soil Composition

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one's garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs, or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too

loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

Cultivation

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it's mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots.

The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil, about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing

with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

Nutrition

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

Preparing garden beds takes some effort initially, but can be well worth the work when plants flourish throughout the growing season.

Be smart about your vacation Save money on ski trips

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Skiing provides a great chance to enjoy the great outdoors at a time of year when such opportunities are often few and far between. As a result, ski trips can help combat cases of cabin fever that can settle in during winter months. Avid skiers and even novices often cannot wait for the season's first trip to the slopes to enjoy the fresh powder.

While an enjoyable recreational escape, people who love to ski would probably do it more often if skiing were more affordable. The following are four ways skiers can save some money when hitting the slopes this season.

Lift tickets and equipment rentals can be expensive. Lift tickets are typically valid only for the day of purchase, so such expenses can

quickly add up for skiers who want to spend several days on their favorite mountains. Before booking a trip, shop around for all-inclusive offerings that include rentals and lift tickets for the duration of the trip. Skiers who plan to spend several days on the mountain may find it more economical to purchase all-inclusive packages than to pay daily charges for lift tickets and equipment rentals.

If all-inclusive packages are impractical or too expensive, skiers can explore paying for equipment rentals and lift tickets in advance. Resorts may offer discounted rental and lift ticket prices to guests who purchase these items online in advance of their stays.

Skiing locally can save skiing enthusiasts substantial amounts of money while still allowing them to enjoy the slopes. By choosing

to visit local mountains, skiers can save on overnight lodging costs. And since resorts are close, skiers won't need to purchase potentially expensive flights. In addition, skiers with their own equipment can save on rentals by bringing their own skis. It's possible to do so when flying to a resort, but that can result in additional baggage and/or packaging fees.

Many resorts offer discounted rates on passes and activities to groups of a certain size. Look into the requirements for group discounts at local resorts, and then recruit friends and family to make the trip together.

Skiing is an enjoyable activity and a great way to avoid the cabin fever that can settle in as winter drags on. Skiers with tight budgets but a little creativity can spend much of the upcoming season traversing their favorite mountains.

Go green in your lawn and garden this spring

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Spring is a season of rejuvenation. As the cold days of winter drift away, spring blooms begin to sprout and grass regains its lush green look.

Green is certainly a color that's synonymous with spring. Gardening enthusiasts can find a way to make spring even more green by embracing several eco-friendly gardening practices as they bring their lawns and gardens back to life in the months to come.

Create a compost pile. Composting is an eco-friendly way to enrich lawns and gardens. Composting helps to conserve water because compost promotes moisture retention in soil, reducing homeowners need to water their lawns and gardens while also helping them to save money on their water

bills. Composting also helps homeowners avoid the need to use potentially harmful chemical fertilizers because compost is a natural, slow release fertilizer. In addition, according to Canada's Green Action Centre, compostable materials make up 40 percent of residential waste. So composting can dramatically reduce the amount of waste homeowners ultimately send to landfills.

Replace gas-powered mowers with reel lawn mowers. Reel mowers may seem like relics from simpler times, but today's reel mowers, while just as eco-friendly as their predecessors, are unlike those of yesteryear. According to the Planet Natural Research Center, an online resource for organic gardeners, gas-powered engines emit more than 10 times the hydrocarbons per amount of gas burned than auto engines. But reel mowers are fuel-free and less expensive than gas-powered mowers. Planet Natural also notes that reel mowers snip grass like scissors, leaving finer trimmings that can serve as nourishing, weed-detering mulch for yards.

Water at the right times of day. Homeowners who water their lawns and gardens at the right time of day can help the planet and reduce their energy bills. As spring gradually gives way to summer, temperatures typically rise. Watering during the

coolest times of the day means less water will be lost to evaporation, ensuring water-needy soil will get all it needs to help lawns and gardens thrive. Early morning watering before the sun reaches its midday peak and/or evening watering as the sun is setting are typically great times to water lawns and gardens, rather than when temperatures are at their hottest.

Use a rain barrel. Rain barrels provide another great way to conserve water while tending to lawns and gardens. Rain barrels collect and store rain water from roofs and downspouts, keeping water from washing into sewage systems where it can't be put to good use. Water collected in rain barrels can be used in various ways. Many homeowners can use water from rain barrels to water their lawns, gardens and houseplants, saving money on their water bills along the way.

Spring gardening season provides a great opportunity for lawn and garden enthusiasts to embrace a variety of eco-friendly practices that can save them money and protect the planet.

Pack well for a hike

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September may enjoy the title of National Wilderness Month, but any time of year is a good time to enjoy the great outdoors. One of the ways to immerse oneself in nature is to enjoy a day hike or overnight backpacking excursion.

Millions of people take to trails or create their own paths all across the world each and every year. Hiking is a great way to enjoy the beauty of nature, but it also has other benefits. The American Hiking Society notes that research has consistently shown that hiking as regular exercise can improve overall health and fitness. It also may lengthen and improve quality of life. Hiking as a form of low-impact walking can reduce risk for heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and anxiety.

Preparing for a hike involves packing accordingly for the trip. These items should be brought along on hiking trips to ensure such excursions are comfortable, safe and successful.

Water: Bring along water whether you're hiking in warm or cool temperatures. Water can be heavy, so some experienced hikers prefer to bring a filtration device or



purifying tablets so they can rely on natural water sources for their drinks.

Proper footwear: Trail shoes may be adequate for shorter hikes or when you are not carrying much gear. Otherwise, opt for sturdy hiking boots with plenty of sole and ankle support.

Nutrition: Bring along lightweight food to keep you well fed. Any number of situations, including difficult trails and getting lost, can prolong hiking trips. Nutritious snacks can help hikers maintain their energy levels.

Rain gear/extra clothing: Dressing in layers and having a change of clothes enables you to adjust your attire according to the weather conditions. Wear water-repellant materials that wick away

sweat.

Sun protection: Sun protection encompasses sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat.

Illumination: Pack a headlamp or flashlight, and don't forget the batteries. Light will help you navigate if you are out after sundown. Flashlights also can be used to signal others if you're lost.

Navigational tools: A compass and map will help keep you on course. Remember, cell phones may not work in remote areas.

Fire starter: A night spent in the wilderness may not be on the itinerary, but chemical fire starters, matches or even dryer lint can help start fires in emergency situations.

Multipurpose tool: A multipurpose tool can be used to cut items, open cans and much more.

First aid kit: Don't forget a pre-packaged first aid kit to treat minor or major injuries. Taking a first aid course is also helpful.

Toilet paper: When nature calls in nature, a roll of toilet paper can make things much easier.

Emergency shelter: Tarps, tents or even reflective blankets can be put to use if a day trip needs to be turned into an overnight stay.

Hiking is a fun way to enjoy the wilderness. Hikers must pack accordingly for every trip.

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FICTITIOUS NAME 12

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **CENTRAL FLORIDA BLOOMS** located at 4766 Myrtle Beach Drive, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33872, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, this 21st day of March, 2018.

Central Florida Berries LLC
 March 23, 2018

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of CFB located at 4766 Myrtle Beach Drive, in the County of Highlands, in the City of Sebring, Florida 33872, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Dated at Sebring, Florida, this 20th day of March, 2018.

Ana Maria Sanchez and Jose Sanchez
 March 23, 2018

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at **1:00 P.M. Saturday 31st March 2018** to the highest bidder.

Items held for Francklyn Romelus, chair, keyboard, tv, boxes & bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Ronald A. Jones, toilet, 2 weed eaters, chainsaw, stove, dishwasher, microwave, freezer, tires, ac units.

Items held for Tina R. Venning, frig, spare, shelf, boxes & bags of unknown contents.

Items held for Tom Chavey, chairs, table, lamp, bed frame, saws, drawers, picture, boxes of unknown contents.

March 16, 23, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: REDLINE TOWING & RECOVERY INC. OF SEBRING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell this vehicle on 04/09/2018, 9:00am at 1312 State Road 64 W, Avon Park, FL 33825, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. REDLINE TOWING & RECOVERY INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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 March 23, 2018

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 16000251GCAXMX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
 Plaintiff,
 VS.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHERS PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. KRISTA A/K/A DAVID KRISTA
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Summary Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on June 29, 2017 in Civil Case No. 16000251GCAXMX, of the Circuit Court of the TENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEE, AND ALL OTHERS PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. KRISTA A/K/A DAVID KRISTA; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; HIGHLANDS COUNTY; FRANCINE BELL; KIMBERLY ANN KRISTA; JOSHUA JOSEPH KRISTA; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UN-

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

KNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Robert Germaine will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Highlands Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on **May 1, 2018** at 11:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 12 AND LOT 13, BLOCK 55, PLACID LAKES, SECTION 6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 68, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on **February 19, 2018.**

CLERK OF THE COURT
 Robert Germaine
 By: /s/ Cyndi S. Dassinger Deputy Clerk

ALDRIDGE/PITE, LLP
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 1515 Congress Avenue
 Suite 200
 Delray Beach, FL 33445
 Telephone 844-470-8804
 Facsimile: 561-392-6965
 Primary Email:
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1092-8367B

March 23, 30, 2018

NOTICE OF SALE 30

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO. **282016CA000572XXXXXX**
MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.,
 Plaintiff,
 VS.
KEN SCHULTZ; MARY SCHULTZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated **February 26, 2018**, and entered in Case No. **282016CA000572XXXXXX** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **MTGLQ Investors, L.P.** is Plaintiff and **KEN SCHULTZ; MARY SCHULTZ; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED**, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse, 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870, 11:00 a.m. on **April 17, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 3, LAKE ISTOKPOGA PROPERTIES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 41, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Highlands County Courthouse. Telephone 863-386-6565 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Sebring, Florida, on **February 28, 2018.**

ROBERT W. GERMAINE
 As Clerk, Circuit Court
 By: /s/ **Cyndi S. Dassinger**
 As Deputy Clerk

1446-156982/MB
 March 23, 30, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 17000315GCAXMX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
ELLA M. GILBERT A/K/A ELLA GILBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLA M. GILBERT A/K/A ELLA GILBERT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment Foreclosure or Order

NOTICE OF SALE 30

dated **12/15/2017** entered in Civil Case No. **17000315GCAXMX** in Circuit Court of the Highlands Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, Civil Division, wherein **JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY**, Plaintiff and **ELLA M. GILBERT A/K/A ELLA GILBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELLA M. GILBERT A/K/A ELLA GILBERT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m. on **April 24, 2018** in the Highlands County Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOTS 23 AND 24, BLOCK 48, AVON PARK LAKES RED HILLS FARMS ADDITION UNIT C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 49 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 2910 West Hasbrouck Road, Avon Park, FL 33825

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator at (863)534-4686 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Highlands County, Florida
 By: /s/ Cyndi S. Dassinger DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
 JN17074-JMV

March 23, 30, 2018

WORKSHOPS 34

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County, Florida, will hold a School Board Workshop on April 10, 2018. The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Garland Boggus Board Room, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss/review budget issues. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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March 23, 2018

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How to find time for fitness

Make working out a priority for good health

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Many adults admit to having little or no time to exercise, and statistics support the notion that men and women simply aren't exercising enough.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only 21 percent of adults ages 18 and older met the physical activity guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening activity (Note: The World Health Organization recommends that healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 64 should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week or do at least 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity throughout the week, while also performing muscle-strengthening activities involving the major muscle groups at least two days per week.)

Commitments to work and family can make it hard to find time to visit the gym or exercise at home. But the benefits of regular exercise are so substantial that even the busiest adults should make concerted efforts to find time to exercise. The following are a handful of ways to do just that.

Embrace multitasking. Many professionals are adept at multi-tasking in the office, and those same skills can be applied when trying to find time for exercise. Instead of plopping down on the couch to watch television, bring a tablet to the gym or the basement and stream a favorite show while on the treadmill or the elliptical. When running errands around town, ride a bicycle or walk instead of driving.

Cut down on screen time. A 2016 report from The Nielsen Company revealed that the average adult in the United States spent more than 10 hours each day consuming media. That includes time spent using smartphones, tablets, personal computers, and other devices. By reducing that screen time by just one hour per day, adults can create enough free time to meet the WHO-recommended exercise requirements.

Make it a group effort. Involving others can make it easier for adults to find time to exercise. Instead of hosting work meetings in a conference room, take the meeting outside, walking around the office complex while discussing projects rather than sitting stationary around a conference table. At home, take the family along to the gym or go for nightly post-dinner walks around the neighborhood instead of retiring to the living room to watch television.

Redefine date night. Adults who can't find time for exercise during the week can redefine date night with their significant others.

Instead of patronizing a local restaurant on Friday or Saturday night, enroll in a fitness class together. Parents can still hire babysitters to look after their youngsters while they go burn calories instead of packing them on at local eateries.

Finding time to exercise can be difficult for busy adults. But those committed to getting healthier can find ways to do so even when their schedules are booked.

Simple ways to avoid injuries when working out

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A desire to live a healthy, active life compels many people to include exercise in their daily routines. Numerous studies have shown that regular workouts that include a combination of strength training and cardiovascular exercise can make bodies less susceptible to injury while reducing a person's risk for conditions such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

Exercising is most effective when it's part of a daily routine, but that routine can be derailed if men and women are not taking the appropriate measures to avoid injury while working out. While even professional athletes succumb to injury from time to time, there are steps everyone can take to avoid injury when working out.

Confirm your technique is the right one. Exercise science is continuously evolving, and that means workouts and fitness machines are evolving as well. When using a piece of equipment for the first time or altering a workout routine, men and women should consult with a gym employee or personal trainer to learn the correct technique. Incorrect technique can lead to minor and serious injuries because muscles are used in ways they are not intended to be used when exercises are performed properly. Research appropriate techniques, taking advantage of online video tutorials if you don't exercise at a gym, to ensure the exercises you want to perform are done properly. When beginning a new routine, ask a friend or gym employee to observe your workout and let you know if you are doing anything incorrectly.

How to maintain a saltwater aquarium

METRO CREATIVE

The intense colors and beauty of saltwater marine life compels many people to consider setting up saltwater aquariums in their homes or places of business.

Many people find maintaining aquariums to be a rewarding hobby that provides a way to relax and show one's appreciation for marine life. And while modern technology has revolutionized the way personal saltwater aquariums are kept, maintaining them can still be time-consuming and require consistent care so that delicate marine life can thrive. Saltwater fish are native to vast ocean environments, which can make it challenging to replicate the same conditions in a tank more so than with freshwater aquariums. But there are ways to maintain such environments and reap the rewards of such maintenance.

According to saltwater aquarium expert Timothy Hovanec, Ph.D., proprietor of Dr. Tim's Aquatics, putting off the work in a saltwater aquarium will cause fish to suffer and die sooner than procrastinating with regard to maintaining freshwater tanks. That's because saltwater environments in nature do not change much in terms of salt



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Saltwater aquariums are a lot of fun.

concentration, pH, temperature, or other chemical composition. Saltwater fish are less capable of adapting than freshwater fish, unless they can swim away to another environment that is more conducive. That isn't possible in a contained environment. That narrows the range of water chemicals in which saltwater fish can survive, further emphasizing the need for near-daily water checks and tank upkeep.

Larger Size

Saltwater aquariums are generally larger than freshwater ones in order to have the best chances at maintaining proper temperature and chemistry over time. Also, many saltwater fish tend to be larger than their freshwater cousins. Naturally, a larger aquarium comes with increased cost and upkeep, which may deter some people.

Expert Advice

It's a good idea to consult with a saltwater fish expert and read as much as possible on the subject prior to purchasing any equipment. The

For Dummies resource says that testing for saltwater aquariums is essential and fish-only or reef tanks may require different pH and chemical testing. An expert can also help prospective owners choose the right fish so that habitats will be successful.

Patience Needed

It can take weeks to months to properly set up saltwater aquariums. That's because, even after the hardware and mechanisms are in place, the aquarium needs to stabilize. Allow time for helpful bacteria growth and to ensure correct ammonia levels and salinity. Plants and natural coral can offer natural filtration in addition to mechanical filters.

Fish should be added gradually so they can acclimate to the environment and contribute to the overall balance in the aquarium.

Saltwater aquariums can be beautiful additions to homes. But such additions require daily care so they can remain healthy environments for marine life.



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The No. 90 Spirit of Daytona/TireRack.com Cadilla DPi-V.R races in the 12 Hours of Sebring on Saturday.

Scenes from 12 Hours of Sebring

Action and excitement at Sebring International Raceway

Staff Report

The 66th running of the 12 Hours of Sebring went off without a hitch on Saturday at Sebring International Raceway.

There was something for everyone on the track and off from the opening of the gates on Wednesday to the final

checked flag at the conclusion of the 12 Hours on Saturday night. Tequila Patron ESM took the checkered flag for the second time in the three years, with Porsche GT Team winning the GTLM class and Paul Miller Racing winning in GT Daytona.

Anticipation is

already building for the 2019 race, which will feature the return of the World Endurance Championship to Sebring and the inaugural running of the 1,500 miles of Sebring.

The IMSA WeatherTech Championship continues next month with a race in Long Beach, California.

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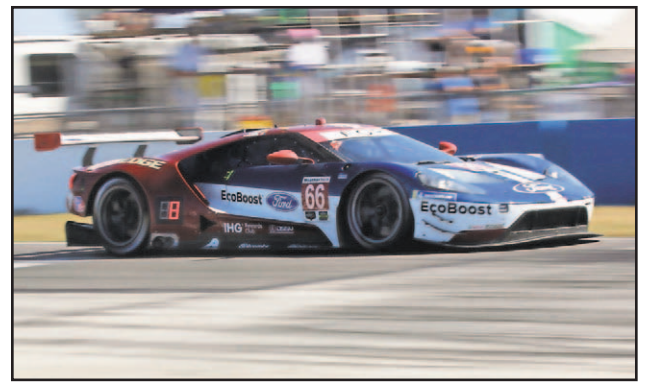
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Tequila Patron ESM driver Ryan Dalziel climbs into the car during driver change practice in the Sebring International Raceway paddock on Friday morning.



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The No. 11 Forge Motorsport Audi races during Friday's Alan Jay Automotive Network 120 Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge race at Sebring International Raceway.



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The No. 66 Ford GT races during Saturday's 12 Hours of Sebring.



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Sebring native Shawn "Puffy" Faust, left, and the Spirit of Daytona crew push the car to the technical inspection tent at Sebring International Raceway.



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Mazda Team Joest driver Tristan Nunez poses for a picture with Lake Placid's Megan Smith, as she explained how she has the world's coolest mother during the gridwalk Saturday morning before the start of the 12 Hours of Sebring.



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Former Major League Baseball pitcher CJ Wilson talks to the IMSA television crew about his GTD entry.



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The Tequila Patron ESM No. 22 car finished first overall in Saturday's 12 Hours of Sebring at Sebring International Raceway.



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Planes fly over Sebring International Raceway before the start of Saturday's race.



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A herd of the famous Sebring Cows roams the paddock during Friday's driver autograph session at Sebring International Raceway.



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The No. 54 CORE autosport Prototype races during Saturday's 12 Hours of Sebring.

INJURIES

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because their muscles are weak. Those muscles can be strengthened over time, but remain patient and stick to light weight during initial workouts so lack of balance does not lead to pain or injury. Take the same approach with aerobic exercise to prevent muscle strains and pulls. Increase weight and the intensity of cardiovascular exercises as muscles gradually strengthen and become accustomed to exercise.

Allow for adequate time to warm up. Failure to warm up is another

contributor to exercise-related injury. Before diving into a workout routine, spend between five and 10 minutes warming up your body with some low-intensity exercises. This increases blood flow to the muscles and makes them more elastic and pliable than cold muscles, thereby improving flexibility. Some low-intensity cardiovascular exercise on the stationary bike or treadmill can greatly reduce injury risk during the workout.

Vary workouts and exercise regularly. Varying workouts is a good idea because doing so can prevent repetitive-use injuries and prevent

overuse of muscles. Repetitive-use injuries such as shin splints and tendinitis require extended rest to heal, and that can derail your routine and nullify your progress. Vary workouts so you are not always working the same muscles, and don't mistake varying workouts for varying workout schedules.

Working out five days one week and one day the next increases your risk of injury.

Injuries sometimes happen when exercising. But veteran and novice fitness enthusiasts can employ a handful of simple strategies to greatly reduce their risk of injury while working out.

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Wall Street gets weak-kneed

The prospect of a full-blown trade war between the world's two biggest economies rattled investors Thursday, sending stocks to their biggest loss in six weeks. **See page 10**



AP PHOTO

In this Jan. 24 photo, Galena Park is hemmed in by heavy industry just east of downtown Houston along the ship channel.

Silent spills

Hurricane Harvey's toxic impact deeper than public told

By FRANK BAJAK and LISE OLSEN

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HOUSTON — More than a half-year after Hurricane Harvey flooded America's largest corridor of energy and petrochemical plants, records show the storm's environmental assault was more widespread and severe than authorities publicly acknowledged.

Piecing together county, state and federal records, The Associated Press and Houston Chronicle catalogued more than 100 Harvey-related toxic releases — on land, in water and air — in metropolitan Houston, America's fourth-largest city.

Most were never publicized. Only a few were investigated by federal regulators. State officials say they have investigated 89 incidents but have announced no enforcement actions.

Some 500 chemical plants, 10 refineries and more than 6,670 miles of intertwined oil, gas and chemical pipelines line the corridor. Nearly half a billion gallons of industrial wastewater mixed with storm water surged out of just one of these chemical plants.

The dozens of tons of chemicals unleashed — all self-reported by industry — include such proven carcinogens as benzene and vinyl chloride. Many affected plants are repeat environmental offenders.

Soil and water testing for contaminants by state and federal regulators was largely limited to Superfund toxic waste sites. Air sampling was more extensive, including flyovers, but officials released few details and repeatedly assured the public that post-Harvey air pollution posed no health threat.

The career civil servant who headed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regional office during Harvey, Samuel Coleman, now says those general assessments did not reflect local "hotspots" with potential risk to people.

The priority in the hurricane's immediate aftermath was "addressing any environmental harms as quickly as possible, as opposed to making announcements about what the problem was," Coleman said.

In hindsight, he said, it might not have been a bad idea to inform the public about the worst of "dozens of spills."

Local officials say the state and federal government's response to Harvey has weakened efforts by the city of Houston and surrounding Harris County to build cases against the companies and force them to follow through on cleanups.

"The public will probably never know the extent of what happened to the environment after Harvey. But the individual companies of course know," said Rock Owens, supervising environmental attorney for Harris County, home to 4.7 million residents.

Regulators alerted the public to dangers from just two, well-publicized toxic disasters: the Arkema chemical plant northeast of Houston that exploded and burned for days, and a nearby dioxin-laden federal Superfund site whose protective cap was damaged by the raging San Jacinto River.

The chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Bryan Shaw, told a January legislative hearing he could not discuss those spills or possible sanctions while an after-action review is pending. The state says

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House OKs \$1.3 trillion budget bill, but Senate stalls

By LISA MASCARO and ALAN FRAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress was poised to pass a giant \$1.3 trillion spending bill that would end the budget battles for now, but not without risking another shutdown as conservatives objected to big outlays on Democratic priorities at a time when Republicans control the House, Senate and White House.

This would be the third federal shutdown this year, an outcome both parties want to avoid. But in crafting a sweeping deal that busts budget caps, they've stirred conservative opposition and set the contours for the next funding fight ahead of the midterm election.

The House easily approved the measure Thursday, 256-167, a bipartisan tally that underscored the popularity of the compromise, which funds the government through September. It beefs up military and domestic programs, delivering federal funds to every corner of the country.

But action stalled in the Senate, as conservatives ran the clock in protest. They can't stop the bill indefinitely. But without agreement, voting would spill into the weekend, past the midnight Friday deadline to fund the government.

"Shame, shame. A pox on both Houses — and parties," tweeted Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who spent the afternoon tweeting details found in the 2,200-page bill that was released the night before. "No one has read it. Congress is broken."

The omnibus spending bill was supposed to be an antidote to the stopgap measures Congress has been forced to pass — five in this fiscal year alone — to keep government temporarily running amid partisan fiscal disputes.

Leaders delivered on President Donald Trump's top priorities of boosting Pentagon coffers and starting work his promised border wall, while compromising with Democrats on funds for road building, child care development, fighting the opioid crisis and more.

But the result has been unimaginable to many Republicans after campaigning

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CEO of Bratz dolls maker leads bid to salvage hundreds of U.S. Toys R Us stores slated for closure

By JAMES F. PELTZ

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Toys R Us Inc. fell into bankruptcy after the once dominant toy retailer, saddled with a crippling debt load, failed to keep pace with consumers' shift to online spending.

Now, California toy mogul Isaac Larian believes he can help Toys R Us reclaim some of its former glory — and he's willing to bet money on it.

He said Thursday that he is leading an effort to save more than half the 735 domestic Toys R Us stores that are set to close under the retailer's liquidation plan.

"The toy business will suffer" without Toys R Us, Larian said. "I think as an

entrepreneur I can do better, and I like challenges."

Larian noted that when he brought Bratz dolls to market in 2001, "everybody told me it's foolish to take on Mattel and Barbie."

Bratz turned out to be a smash hit, but the stakes may be even higher this time around.

Larian is majority owner and chief executive of MGA Entertainment Inc., a privately held toy maker based in Van Nuys whose lineup also includes Little Tikes products.

If Toys R Us disappears, MGA would lose an outlet that accounts for 18 percent to 20 percent of its annual sales.

With a net worth estimated at \$1 billion by Forbes, Larian is leading

a group of investors who have personally pledged \$200 million and are trying to raise an additional \$800 million with a crowd-funding campaign.

The group created the hashtag #SaveToysRUs on social media and a website savetoysrus.com that directs consumers to a GoFundMe campaign that has a May 28 deadline.

"I'm very hopeful" about salvaging hundreds of the stores, Larian said. "I am more than 85 percent to 90 percent sure I can get (the buyout) funded."

Saving at least part of Toys R Us' operations not only would benefit Larian's company — which noted it was not financially involved in Larian's effort

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Trump orders huge tariffs on China, raises trade war worries

By KEN THOMAS and PAUL WISEMAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Primed for economic combat, President Donald Trump set in motion tariffs on as much as \$60 billion in Chinese imports to the U.S. on Thursday and accused the Chinese of high-tech thievery, picking a fight that could push the global heavyweights into a trade war.

China threatened retaliation, and Wall Street cringed, recording one of the biggest drops of Trump's presidency. But he declared the U.S. would emerge "much stronger, much richer."

It was the boldest example to date of Trump's "America first" agenda, the culmination of his longstanding view that weak U.S. trade policies



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump signs a presidential memorandum imposing tariffs and investment restrictions on China in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House on Thursday.

and enforcement have hollowed out the nation's workforce and ballooned the federal deficit. Two weeks ago, with fanfare, he announced major penalty tariffs on steel and aluminum imports that he said threatened national security.

However, even as

Trump was talking tough at the White House, his administration moved to soften the sting of the metal tariffs, telling Congress on Thursday that the European Union, Australia, South Korea and other nations would join

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WORLD/WEATHER

Israeli firm says it can turn garbage into bio-based plastic

By **ILAN BEN ZION**
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KIBBUTZ ZEELIM, Israel — Hawks, vultures and storks circle overhead as Christopher Sveen points at the heap of refuse rotting in the desert heat. “This is the mine of the future,” he beams. Sveen is chief sustainability officer at UBQ, an Israeli company that has patented a process to convert household trash, diverting waste from landfills into reusable bio-based plastic.

After five years of development, the company is bringing its operations online, with hopes of revolutionizing waste management and being a driver to make landfills obsolete. It remains to be seen, however, if the technology really works and is commercially viable.

UBQ operates a pilot plant and research facility on the edge of southern

Israel's Negev Desert, where it has developed its production line. “We take something that is not only not useful, but that creates a lot of damage to our planet, and we're able to turn it into the things we use every day,” said Albert Douer, UBQ's executive chairman. He said UBQ's material can be used as a substitute for conventional petrochemical plastics and wood, reducing oil consumption and deforestation.

UBQ has raised \$30 million from private investors, including Douer, who is also chief executive of Ajoer Darnel Group, an international plastics conglomerate.

Leading experts and scientists serve on its advisory board, including Nobel Prize chemist Roger Kornberg, Hebrew University biochemist Oded Shoseyov, author and entrepreneur John



AP PHOTO

In this March 13 photo, a tractor works in a landfilled near the UBQ factory in Kibbutz Zeelim. Israeli start-up UBQ says its innovative method to convert garbage into plastics, five years in the making, will revolutionize waste management worldwide and make landfills obsolete.

Elkington and Connie Hedegaard, a former European Commissioner for Climate Action.

The small plant can process one ton of municipal waste per hour, a relatively small amount that would not meet the needs of even a midsize city. But UBQ says that

while the remaining garbage — “banana peels, the chicken bones and the hamburger, the dirty plastics, the dirty cartons, the dirty papers” — is dried and milled into a powder.

The steely gray powder then enters a reaction chamber, where it is broken down and reconstituted as a bio-based plastic-like composite material. UBQ says its closely-guarded patented process produces no greenhouse gas emissions or residual waste byproducts, and uses little energy and no water.

According to the United Nations Environment Program, 5 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions are produced by decomposing organic material in landfills. Roughly half is methane, which over two decades is 86 times as potent for global warming as carbon dioxide,

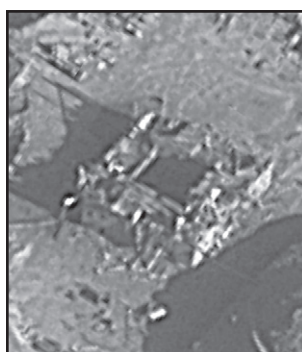
according to the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For every ton of material produced, UBQ says it prevents between three and 30 tons of CO2 from being created by keeping waste out of landfills and decomposing.

UBQ says its material can be used as an additive to conventional plastics. It says 10-15 percent is enough to make a plastic carbon-neutral by offsetting the generation of methane and carbon dioxide in landfills. It can be molded into bricks, beams, planters, cans, and construction materials. Unlike most plastics, UBQ says its material doesn't degrade when it's recycled.

The company says converting waste into marketable products is profitable, and likely to succeed in the long run without government subsidies.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS



AP PHOTO

This photo released by the Israel Defense Forces shows what was believed to be a nuclear reactor site that was destroyed by Israel, in the Deir el-Zour region, about 300 miles northwest of Damascus, Syria. The Israeli military confirmed Wednesday that it carried out the 2007 airstrike in Syria that destroyed what was believed to be a nuclear reactor.

Israeli military confirms it hit Syrian nuclear site in 2007

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The Israeli military has confirmed it carried out the 2007 airstrike in Syria that destroyed what was believed to be a nuclear reactor, lifting the veil of secrecy over one of its most daring and mysterious operations in recent memory.

Although Israel was widely believed to have been behind the Sept. 6, 2007, airstrike, it has never before commented publicly on it.

In a lengthy release, the military revealed that eight F-15 fighter jets carried out the top-secret

airstrikes against the facility in the Deir el-Zour region, destroying a site that had been in development for years and was scheduled to go into operation at the end of that year.

The military would not comment on its decision to go public on one of the country's closest held secrets.

Enigmatic Dead Sea Scroll makes rare show in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — A fragment of an enigmatic Dead Sea Scroll has gone on public display at Jerusalem's Israel Museum for the first time since its discovery 70 years ago.

The Genesis Apocryphon, the only copy of an ancient Jewish text elaborating stories from the Book of Genesis, is over 2,000 years old and was among the first seven scrolls found in the Judean Desert in 1947. The Associated Press previewed the exhibit Tuesday.

To protect the delicate parchment, the fragment is encased in a “smart glass” vitrine that minimizes exposure to light.

The Dead Sea Scrolls, a collection of 2,000-year-old Jewish religious texts found in caves near Qumran in the 1940s and 1950s, include the earliest known versions of the Bible and documents outlining the beliefs of a little-understood Jewish sect.

Rare monkey

A golden lion tamarin monkey holds its newly born baby at a zoo in Jerusalem, Thursday, March 22, 2018. Golden lion tamarins are among the rarest animals in the world, according to the World Wildlife Fund. It is listed as endangered according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.



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TODAY / TONIGHT SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny and pleasant. HIGH 76° LOW 47° 0% chance of rain. Clear and cool. LOW 47° 5% chance of rain.

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Mostly sunny and nice. 83° / 59° 0% chance of rain.

Mostly sunny and warm. 86° / 65° 0% chance of rain.

Mostly sunny and nice. 83° / 60° 5% chance of rain.

Pleasant with plenty of sunshine. 84° / 62° 10% chance of rain.

64° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

FLORIDA CITIES table with columns for City, Today, Sat. High/Low.

City	Today	Sat.
City	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Apalachicola	68 49 pc	72 64 s
Bradenton	72 51 s	76 62 s
Clearwater	70 54 s	75 63 s
Coral Springs	76 57 s	79 61 s
Daytona Beach	67 47 pc	75 53 s
Fort Lauderdale	75 62 s	77 66 s
Fort Myers	78 53 s	82 61 s
Gainesville	72 44 pc	79 53 s
Jacksonville	68 45 pc	77 54 pc
Key Largo	73 64 s	76 68 s
Key West	73 65 s	78 71 s
Lakeland	74 46 s	80 56 s
Melbourne	72 52 s	77 56 s
Miami	76 61 s	78 65 s
Naples	76 55 s	80 62 s
Ocala	71 42 pc	79 49 s
Okeechobee	73 47 s	78 56 s
Orlando	73 49 s	80 56 s
Panama City	68 53 pc	74 64 s
Pensacola	69 58 s	77 65 s
Pompano Beach	74 62 s	77 65 s
St. Augustine	63 48 pc	75 55 s
St. Petersburg	72 55 s	77 62 s
Sarasota	73 50 s	76 59 s
Tallahassee	72 43 pc	76 58 pc
Tampa	72 53 s	78 62 s
Vero Beach	72 52 s	77 54 s
West Palm Beach	73 58 s	77 60 s

PORT CHARLOTTE table with columns for Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

Category	Today	Sat.
High/Low	70°/52°	77°/58°
Normal High/Low	81°/58°	87°(2012)
Record High/Low	91°(2000)	39°(1986)
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00*	0.48*
Month to date	0.53*	2.69*
Normal month to date	2.37*	2.12*
Year to date	3.17*	7.37*
Normal year to date	6.60*	1.27*(1985)

MONTHLY RAINFALL table with columns for Month, 2018, 2017, Avg. Record/Year.

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28
Apr.	1.59	2.03	5.80
May	2.74	2.50	9.45
Jun.	14.79	8.92	23.99
Jul.	9.02	8.22	14.22
Aug.	13.12	8.01	15.60
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83
Year	3.17	60.36	50.74

VENICE table with columns for Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

Category	Today	Sat.
High/Low	64°/52°	77°/58°
Normal High/Low	87°(2012)	39°(1986)
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00*	0.48*
Month to date	0.53*	2.69*
Normal month to date	2.37*	2.12*
Year to date	3.17*	7.37*
Normal year to date	6.60*	1.27*(1985)

SEBRING table with columns for Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

Category	Today	Sat.
High/Low	66°/48°	77°/58°
Normal High/Low	87°(2012)	39°(1986)
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00*	0.48*
Month to date	0.53*	2.69*
Normal month to date	2.37*	2.12*
Year to date	3.17*	7.37*
Normal year to date	6.60*	1.27*(1985)

CONDITIONS TODAY UV Index and RealFeel Temperature Today.

Time	UV Index	RealFeel Temp
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	4	74
Noon	7	78
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	7	78
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4	78
10 p.m. - 12 a.m.	1	72

POLLEN INDEX table with columns for Pollen Type, Today, Sat.

Pollen Type	Today	Sat.
Trees	Low	Low
Grass	Low	Low
Weeds	Absent	Absent
Molds	Absent	Absent

AIR QUALITY INDEX table with columns for Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

Category	Today	Sat.
High/Low	42	42
Normal High/Low	150-200	150-200
Record High/Low	300	300
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00*	0.48*
Month to date	0.53*	2.69*
Normal month to date	2.37*	2.12*
Year to date	3.17*	7.37*
Normal year to date	6.60*	1.27*(1985)

AIR QUALITY INDEX table with columns for Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

Category	Today	Sat.
High/Low	42	42
Normal High/Low	150-200	150-200
Record High/Low	300	300
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00*	0.48*
Month to date	0.53*	2.69*
Normal month to date	2.37*	2.12*
Year to date	3.17*	7.37*
Normal year to date	6.60*	1.27*(1985)

THE NATION

U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday) High 87° at Fort Stockton, TX Low -5° at Ely, MN.

Table with columns for City, Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	72 43 pc	71 41 pc
Anchorage	32 20 s	35 19 pc
Atlanta	61 47 pc	72 59 c
Baltimore	46 25 pc	45 27 pc
Birmingham	67 52 c	73 61 pc
Boise	53 38 c	50 34 c
Boston	42 31 pc	42 32 pc
Buffalo	36 25 pc	35 23 pc
Burlington, VT	38 26 pc	35 24 pc
Charleston, WV	48 27 s	36 31 pc
Charlotte	59 39 pc	50 38 sh
Chicago	44 32 s	37 30 sh
Cincinnati	47 30 pc	36 28 sn
Cleveland	37 23 s	39 25 pc
Columbia, SC	65 43 pc	69 49 c
Columbus, OH	45 25 s	37 27 sn
Concord, NH	43 28 pc	42 28 c
Dallas	82 68 pc	89 67 pc
Denver	69 35 c	68 36 s
Des Moines	49 34 c	40 30 c
Detroit	44 25 s	43 25 pc
Duluth	36 21 pc	34 24 c
Fairbanks	29 5 s	23 6 s
Fargo	39 27 pc	37 30 sn
Hartford	45 31 pc	45 30 c
Helena	51 29 pc	43 24 c
Honolulu	82 72 r	80 70 t
Houston	81 68 pc	83 68 c
Indianapolis	49 31 c	33 26 sn

Table with columns for City, Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

City	Today	Sat.
Jackson, MS	77 58 pc	80 63 pc
Kansas City	63 48 t	51 34 c
Knoxville	51 40 c	58 48 r
Las Vegas	72 53 pc	69 49 s
Los Angeles	65 51 pc	62 49 pc
Louisville	50 37 c	45 35 r
Memphis	70 60 c	73 46 c
Milwaukee	40 31 pc	41 29 c
Minneapolis	43 28 c	42 28 sn
Montgomery	71 49 pc	80 64 pc
Nashville	54 47 c	69 44 t
New Orleans	76 62 pc	81 62 pc
New York City	45 31 pc	46 32 pc
Norfolk, VA	50 34 s	44 36 r
Oklahoma City	77 55 pc	76 49 pc
Omaha	54 37 r	45 31 c
Philadelphia	45 28 pc	46 30 pc
Phoenix	82 59 pc	81 53 pc
Pittsburgh	38 17 pc	39 20 pc
Portland, ME	41 30 pc	41 29 c
Portland, OR	48 36 r	52 34 c
Providence	46 32 pc	46 30 pc
Raleigh	56 32 pc	48 35 r
Salt Lake City	61 46 sh	55 40 c
St. Louis	51 42 c	53 35 r
San Antonio	85 65 pc	82 68 c
San Diego	65 55 pc	64 55 pc
San Francisco	59 48 pc	56 45 sh
Seattle	49 36 r	51 35 c
Washington, DC	47 31 pc	48 31 pc

WORLD CITIES table with columns for City, Today, Sat. High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, Precipitation.

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	48 37 c	51 37 c
Baghdad	89 64 s	93 69 pc
Beijing	68 41 c	72 43 s
Berlin	41 32 c	45 30 c
Buenos Aires	82 61 pc	79 47 pc
Cairo	99 63 pc	73 56 pc
Calgary	41 20 pc	35 16 c
Cancun	79 68 s	81 70 s
Dublin	50 35 r	50 33 pc
Edmonton	40 14 c	32 9 s
Halifax	37 30 c	37 28 c
Kiev	36 16 pc	37 21 s
London	55 43 r	51 37 c
Madrid	58 41 r	54 38 c
Mexico City	80 53 pc	82 53 pc
Montreal	38 24 c	35 25 pc
Ottawa	37 19 c	31 21 pc
Paris	44 41 r	54 41 c
Regina	31 23 sn	33 23 c
Rio de Janeiro	89 76 s	90 76 s
Rome	53 37 s	55 41 pc
St. John's	44 28 c	34 24 c
San Juan	86 74 sh	84 74 sh
Sydney	75 68 sh	81 70 pc
Tokyo	56 46 sh	58 48 pc
Toronto	38 20 pc	38 20 s
Vancouver	47 32 sh	47 33 pc
Winnipeg	39 24 pc	36 28 c

WEATHER TRIVIA™ Q: How long do the vertical rays of the sun stay in the Northern Hemisphere?

WEATHER HISTORY Record floods hit the Midwest on March 23, 1913, with major rainstorms adding to snowmelt.

FROM PAGE ONE

Toys R Us founder dies days after chain's announced shutdown

By **ALEXANDRA OLSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Charles P. Lazarus, the World War II veteran who founded Toys R Us six decades ago and transformed it into an iconic piece of Americana, died Thursday at age 94, a week after the chain announced it was going out of business.

Toys R Us confirmed Lazarus' death in a statement.

"There have been many sad moments for Toys R Us in recent weeks, and none more heartbreaking than today's news about the passing of our beloved founder, Charles Lazarus," the company said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family and loved ones."

Lazarus, who stepped down as CEO of Toys R Us in 1994, transformed the toy industry with a business model that became one of the first retail category killers — big stores that are so

devoted to one thing, and have such an impressive selection, that they drive smaller competitors out of business.

More recently, Toys R Us found itself unable to survive the trends of the digital age, namely competition from the likes of Amazon, discounters like Walmart and mobile games. No longer able to bear the weight of its heavy debt load, the company announced last week that it would close or sell its 735 stores across the country, including its Babies R Us stores.

But for decades, it was Toys R Us that drove trends in child's play, becoming a launchpad for what became some of the industry's hottest toys.

Lazarus, the son of a bicycle store owner, modeled his business after the self-service supermarkets that were becoming popular in the 1950s, stacking merchandise high to give shoppers the feeling it had an infinite

number of toys. The stores created a magical feeling for children roaming aisles filled with Barbies, bikes and other toys laid out in front of them.

The chain has its roots in Children's Bargain Town, the baby furniture store that Lazarus opened in 1948 in his hometown of Washington, D.C. He began selling toys after a couple of years when customers began asking for them, and he quickly concluded that, in the baby-boom years, toys were a more lucrative business than furniture.

He opened his first store dedicated to selling only toys in 1957, calling it Toys R Us with the "R" spelled backward to give the impression that a child wrote it. Shopping carts stood ready for customers to grab and fill up themselves, supermarket-style.

In 1965, Geoffrey the giraffe became the company's mascot, appearing in his first TV commercial in 1973. By



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 7, 1992, photo, President George H. Bush, left, listens to Toys R Us Chairman Charles Lazarus as he visits the toy chain's second store to open in Japan. Lazarus, the World War II veteran who founded Toy R Us, has died at age 94.

the 1980s and early '90s, Toys R Us dominated the toy-store business and its jingle, "I'm a Toys R Us kid" became an anthem for children across the country.

Geoffrey the giraffe soon started a family, with wife Gigi and a son and daughter. The giraffe family would make regular visits to the stores, parades and other events. Rosenberg

said the company cut down on such events after Lazarus left and struggled to find a model that could help it compete with the likes of Walmart, which offered a similar selection at lower prices, and later, Amazon.

Lazarus, who was born on Oct. 4, 1923, was inducted into the Toy Industry Association's Hall of Fame in 1990.

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— but also rival toy makers such as El Segundo-based Mattel Inc., Hasbro Inc. and several smaller toy manufacturers.

"People say that if there is no Toys R Us another retailer will pick up the slack. I don't think so because they don't have the room," Larian said.

Major retailers with large toy departments, such as Walmart and Target, carry about 3,000 fewer items on shelves

than Toys R Us stores, said Jim Silver, editor in chief of toy-review site TTPM.com.

Larian stressed that about 130,000 U.S. jobs are at risk, not only at Toys R Us but at suppliers, distribution centers, trucking companies and other firms tied to the retailer.

They include MGA's Little Tikes plant in Hudson, Ohio, which employs 1,200, because "40 percent of the products produced by that factory were sold to Toys R Us," Larian said.

The disclosure of Larian's plan, first

reported by the Associated Press, coincidentally came the same day that Toys R Us' founder, Charles Lazarus, died at age 94.

"I sold my first product to Toys R Us in 1979," Larian said. "The best memories of my three children when they were young was to go inside a Toys R Us."

The toy mogul also is leading an investor group that's making a separate attempt to acquire Toys R Us' Canadian operations along with about 200 of the chain's top-performing U.S. stores, MGA confirmed.

Toys R Us declined to comment on Larian's bids.

Larian's effort not only faces the hurdle of finding enough additional investors, it also would have to be cleared by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court overseeing Toys R Us' liquidation.

Assuming it raises the \$1-billion total for U.S. stores, Larian's group first would have to strike a deal with Toys R Us to acquire the stores and then submit that proposal to the court for approval, said Gregory Plotko, a bankruptcy partner in New York with the law

firm Richards Kibbe & Orbe.

The court also would hear any objections to the deal, and Larian's group and Toys R Us would have to persuade the chain's creditors "that what he's offering is a better alternative than a straight inventory liquidation," Plotko said.

After filing for bankruptcy protection last September, Toys R Us said last week that it planned to liquidate its U.S. business and close its 735 stores in the United States and Puerto Rico, including 87 in California.

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it has "a number of open investigations" but would not elaborate.

The limited extent of post-Harvey environmental testing by state and federal authorities was "unconscionable," said environmental sociologist Scott Frickel of Brown University, especially compared to two previous major Gulf Coast hurricanes.

After Hurricane Ike hit Texas in 2008, state regulators collected 85 soil samples. More than a dozen violations were identified and cleanups carried out, according to a state review.

And after Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters ravaged New Orleans in 2005, the EPA and Louisiana officials examined about 1,800 soil samples over 10 months, EPA records showed.

Reporters covered some

Harvey-environmental crises as they happened, such as AP's exclusive on the flooding of toxic waste sites and the Chronicle's Arkema warnings before fires broke out. But the sheer quantity of spills was impossible to document in real time — and information about some releases was delayed.

Academics have tried to fill in the gaps in environmental monitoring but say the paucity of data leaves local residents in

a state of limbo — not knowing what they may have been exposed to — and could hurt efforts to prepare for future violent weather events that climatologists predict.

Testing by academics — in waterways and on land — has shown evidence of likely Harvey-related contamination, they say. But scientists also believe the deluge — five feet of rain in some spots — had a scouring effect on top soil, meaning contaminants

likely migrated.

"That soil ended up somewhere," said Hanadi Rifai, who heads the University of Houston's environmental engineering program and has been studying pollution in the 50-mile-long Houston Ship Channel — the petrochemical industry's main artery — for more than two decades. "The net result on Galveston Bay is going to be nothing short of catastrophic."

BUDGET

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on spending restraints and balanced budgets. Along with the recent GOP tax cuts law, the bill that stood a foot tall at some lawmakers' desks ushers in the return of \$1 trillion deficits.

Trump only reluctantly backed the bill he would have to sign, according to Republican lawmakers and aides, who acknowledged the deal involved necessary trade-offs for the Democratic votes that were needed for passage despite their majority lock on Congress.

"Obviously he doesn't like this process — it's dangerous to put it up to the 11th hour like this," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., who speaks regularly to Trump. "The president, and our leadership, and the leadership in the House got together and said, Look, we don't like what the Democrats are doing, we got to fund the government."

White House legislative director Marc Short framed it as a compromise. "I can't sit here and tell you and your viewers that we love everything in the bill," he said on Fox. "But we think that we got many of our priorities funded."

Trying to smooth over differences, Republican

leaders focused on military increases that were once core to the party's brand as guardians of national security.

"Vote yes for our military. Vote yes for the safety and the security of this country," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., ahead of voting.

But even that remained a hard sell. In all, 90 Republicans, including many from the conservative House Freedom Caucus, voted against the bill.

It was a sign of the entrenched GOP divisions that have made Ryan's job governing the majority difficult. They will likely repeat on the next budget battle in fall.

Democrats faced their own divisions, particularly after failing to resolve the stalemate over shielding young Dreamer immigrants from deportation as Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has left it for the courts to decide.

Instead, Trump won \$1.6 billion to begin building and replacing segments of the wall along the border with Mexico. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus opposed the bill.

Also missing from the package was a renewal of federal insurance subsidies to curb premium costs on the Affordable Care Act exchanges.

TARIFFS

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Canada and Mexico in gaining an initial exemption. And that raised questions about whether his actions will match his rhetoric.

China isn't shrugging him off. "If somebody tries to impose a trade war on us ... we will certainly fight back and retaliate," said Cui Tiankai, Chinese ambassador to the U.S. "If people want to play tough, we will play tough with them and see who will last longer."

At home, investors on Wall Street showed their rising concern about retaliation and business-stifling cost increases for companies and consumers. The Dow Jones industrials plunged 724 points.

Trump himself, joined by supportive business executives, complained bitterly about the nation's trade deficit and accused China of stealing America's prized technology.

"Any way you look at it, it is the largest deficit of any country in the history of our world. It's out of control," Trump said of the U.S.-China imbalance. The U.S. reported a \$375 billion deficit with China last year, which Trump has blamed for the loss of American jobs and

closing of plants.

The president said the tariffs could cover "about \$60 billion" in trade with China, but senior White House officials said the U.S. Trade Representative had identified 1,300 product lines worth about \$50 billion as potential targets.

That list will include aerospace, information and communication technology, and machinery, according to a USTR fact sheet. But further details were scant.

The order signed by Trump directed the trade representative to publish a list of proposed tariffs for public comment within 15 days. Trump also asked Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to come up with a list of restrictions on Chinese investment and said the administration was preparing a case before the World Trade Organization.

Despite Trump's confident words, business groups and Republican lawmakers are worried his tariffs could undercut actions they have welcomed in his first year.

"The vast majority of our members are very concerned that these trade actions will at a minimum undermine the strong business confidence that has been created by the tax and regulatory process," said Josh Bolten, president

and CEO of the Business Roundtable. "And if it's taken to an extreme, it will reverse that progress."

Dozens of industry groups sent a letter last weekend to Trump warning that "the imposition of sweeping tariffs would trigger a chain reaction of negative consequences for the U.S. economy, provoking retaliation, stifling U.S. agriculture, goods, and services exports, and raising costs for businesses and consumers."

Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts, Republican chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, suggested lawmakers may need to consider what he called a "Trump Tariff Payment" to compensate farmers if their crops face retaliation. But some labor unions and Democrats said Trump was justified in delivering a swift blow to China after years of a lax response from the U.S.

"Chinese cheating has cost American jobs and I applaud the administration for standing firm in its commitment to crack down on China's continued violations," said Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio.

Thursday's announcement marked the end of a seven-month investigation into the hardball tactics China has used to challenge U.S. supremacy in technology.

ALMANAC

Today is **Friday, March 23**, the 82nd day of 2018. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **March 23, 1775**, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date

In **1806**, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In **1933**, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In **1956**, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In **1965**, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In **1983**, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles — an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In **1998**, "Titanic" tied an Academy Awards record by winning 11 Oscars, including best picture, director (James Cameron) and song ("My Heart Will Go On").

Today's birthdays

Movie director **Mark Rydell** is 89. International Motorsports Hall of Famer **Craig Breedlove** is 81. Singer-producer **Ric Ocasek** is 69. Secretary of State **Rex Tillerson** is 66. Singer **Chaka Khan** is 65. Actress **Amanda Plummer** is 61. Actor **Richard Grieco** is 53. Bandleader **Reggie Watts** (TV: "The Late Late Show With James Corden") is 46. Actress **Keri Russell** is 42. Gossip columnist-blogger **Perez Hilton** is 40.

Bible verse

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." — Revelation 14:13.

Both souls and service live forever. A man is followed by his works into eternity. Be sure you are working on something that counts. Only what's done for Christ will last.

ODD NEWS

TX authorities: At least 12 arrested for animal ritual

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in Texas have arrested at least a dozen people for animal cruelty after interrupting what they believe was ritual sacrifice.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that Bexar County sheriff's deputies found dead and dismembered animals in a San Antonio-area home Friday night after receiving calls that animals were being sacrificed.

Sgt. Elizabeth Gonzalez says that deputies saw more than a dozen people inside a garage where a woman was cutting up animal parts while another person was draining the blood of a chicken into a container.

Gonzalez says, "It appears that they were having some sort of unknown ritual."

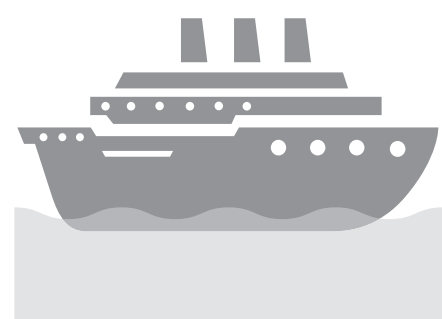
Deputies found additional mutilated animals in the residence, including goat heads and more chickens.

Gonzalez says between 12 and 14 people were arrested and will face misdemeanor charges of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Montgomery: Gun control proposals failed in the Legislature after most Republican committee members skipped out on a Wednesday debate on the bills, including one to raise the age to buy an AR-15 or similar rifle.



ALASKA Kodiak: The village of Larsen Bay, population 87, will have its first luxury cruise ship visit this summer. Mayor Alice Aga says that will allow residents to supplement their income while the Icicle Seafoods processing plant is closed.

ARIZONA Phoenix: Hundreds of educators jammed Capitol hearings rooms and marched around the Legislature on Wednesday to protest what they call dismal pay and conditions for their students.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Flu has killed 203 people in the state, officials say. The Department of Health, which began tracking the deaths in 2000, says the previous record was 110.

CALIFORNIA Half Moon Bay: A jury has awarded \$2.3 million to Greg Reynolds, a former major league pitcher who broke his pitching hand when he punched a man high on LSD who was breaking into his home.

COLORADO Longmont: City officials have approved tougher rules that will require landowners to obtain city permission before exterminating 25 or more prairie dogs.

CONNECTICUT Easton: A 21-year-old EMS volunteer faces voyeurism charges after allegedly taking inappropriate photos of patients in the ambulance. He is also suspected of hiding a camera inside a bathroom at the EMS building.

DELAWARE Wilmington: Hundreds of students protested the firing of Cindy Mann, principal of Padua Academy, and her attorney says they expect to file Equal Employment Opportunity Commission claims.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Two bodies were found Thursday morning after a house fire in the Mt. Rainier neighborhood. Assistant Fire Chief Alan C. Doubleday said "excessive storage conditions" hampered efforts to fight the blaze, WTOP radio reports.

FLORIDA St. Petersburg: Florida welcomed a record 116.5 million tourists last year, a 3.6% increase over 2016 even though Hurricane Irma slammed the state.

GEORGIA Savannah: City officials say they spent \$4,512 sprucing up City Hall for Vice President Pence's St. Patrick's Day visit.

HAWAII Kailua-Kona: Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources has drafted rules to regulate manta ray excursions, a multimillion-dollar industry in West Hawaii.

IDAHO Coeur d'Alene: Troy Schueller, the principal of Coeur d'Alene High School, died Wednesday after he was found at home with a gunshot wound that appeared to be self-inflicted.

ILLINOIS Chicago: Census data show that Cook County lost 20,000 residents in 2017 but kept its status as the USA's second-most-populous county, the *Chicago Tribune* reports.

INDIANA South Bend: City police officers will soon be equipped with body cameras, along with guidelines on the use of the devices.

IOWA Des Moines: The GOP-controlled state House has approved more than \$35 million in mid-year cuts to Iowa's \$7.2 billion budget.

KANSAS Topeka: Republican Secretary of State Kris Kobach picked former rival Wink Hartman on Wednesday to be his running mate in his campaign for governor.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: State lawmakers have voted to update laws against price gouging in times of emergencies.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards says he

HIGHLIGHT: MONTANA



Christina Nichter, pictured with her son Jayden, donated 128 gallons of breast milk to other mothers. AMANDA MCBROOM PHOTOGRAPHY

'Dairy Godmother' aids Montana moms in need

Kristen Inbody

Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune
USA TODAY NETWORK

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Christina Nichter's breast milk dried up with her first child.

That inspired her to donate surplus breast milk — eventually an astonishing 128 gallons — after her second baby arrived.

That's about 1,100 pounds, more than the weight of a grand piano.

"I still remember the first day giving Cooper formula," the Montana mom said of her firstborn son. "I cried hysterically."

Nichter told herself that his needs were still being met, that his belly was still full and that she had nothing to feel guilty about. Still, she didn't want another mother to experience the same stress when she had more than she needed the second time around.

She connected with the online breast milk-sharing network Human Milk 4 Human Babies.

Nichter also talked to the neonatal intensive care unit here and lactation consultants. She also became a donor through Mothers' Milk Bank of Montana, which also serves Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

Once she passed a health screening, the organization sent a cooler, which she filled with frozen milk and shipped back to Missou-

la, where the milk bank is located.

Mother's Milk Bank of Montana collects and screens milk donations, then pasteurizes and distributes the donor milk. The non-profit charges \$4 an ounce for the milk, which is distributed to hospital neonatal intensive care units and families in need, its website says.

Hospitalized premature babies who are fed human breast milk suffer fewer severe infections and bowel problems and have a reduction in the growth of bad bacteria, according to the medical journal *Paediatrics & Child Health*.

Breastfeeding also helps protect babies from diarrhea, respiratory and urinary tract infections, diabetes, leukemia and obesity, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Mother's milk is the Rosetta stone for all food," Bruce German, director of the University of California-Davis Foods for Health Institute, said in 2014.

A friend introduced Nichter to a mother in need outside of the milk bank. Soon Nichter was donating directly to mothers in Kalispell, Havre, Conrad, Choteau and Great Falls.

Nichter's story appeared on the Ellen Nation website. Then the *Today* show called.

"When my husband came home, I told him, 'I'm a celebrity.' He said, 'It's about time.'"

likely would sign a proposal banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy if state lawmakers pass it.

MAINE Augusta: Saying the \$70,000 salary is too low to attract the best talent, Republican Gov. Paul LePage wants to boost the salary for the next governor to \$150,000.

MARYLAND Rossville: A new need-based scholarship program would provide free tuition for eligible high school graduates at the Community College of Baltimore County.



MASSACHUSETTS Boston: Cranberries, the state's top agricultural food crop, could soon face a 25% tariff on exports to Europe, the Congressional Cranberry Caucus warns.

MICHIGAN Detroit: City police are trying to curb rising overtime costs. *The Detroit News* reports the city paid \$40 million in overtime during the 2017-18 fiscal year, up from \$28.3 million the previous year.

MINNESOTA St. Paul: A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed against Regions Hospital after staff accidentally discarded a woman's stillborn baby in dirty laundry instead of cremating the remains.

MISSISSIPPI Canton: Nissan Motor Co. will increase production of NV vans at its Mississippi plant, adding

a second shift in April.

MISSOURI Springfield: Patrick Briгаudin, 56, who authorities say was the kingpin of a methamphetamine drug ring in Springfield, has been sentenced to 30 years in federal prison.

MONTANA Great Falls: Pondera County Sheriff Carl Suta will resign by June 1 after reaching a plea agreement to settle misdemeanor domestic violence and official misconduct charges.

NEBRASKA Lincoln: A bill in the legislature would ease stringent licensing requirements for horse massage therapists. The state currently has none.

NEVADA Las Vegas: Joshua Andrew Balelo, the former cheer team coach at Spring Valley High School, has been arrested on felony child lewdness and abuse charges involving two female students.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: The state Senate on Wednesday rejected an attempt to allow local communities to ban guns in schools, with one Republican telling students in the gallery that they were afraid of death, not guns.

NEW JERSEY Somers Point: Shore Medical Center has launched a \$100,000 fund drive to buy 10 new fetal monitors.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: Twelve percent of African American babies are born with low birth weight, compared with 8% for whites and 9% for Latinos, KUNM-FM reports. The rate for blacks has not improved in almost two decades.

NEW YORK Albany: A new poll shows Gov. Andrew Cuomo holding big leads over two potential Republican challengers and *Sex and the City* star Cynthia Nixon, a fellow

Democrat.

NORTH CAROLINA Belville: Officials have moved to ban alligator hunting inside town limits.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: Former U.S. Rep. Rick Berg has been elected chairman of the state Republican Party.

OHIO St. Clairsville: A prosecutor says Meredith Broome, 35, withdrew money from her stepfather's bank account to pay a man to kill him. Broome will be charged with complicity to murder.

OKLAHOMA Tulsa: An attorney for Deonte James Green, 16, who faces murder and rape charges, will request a competency hearing after an evaluation found his IQ to be 59.

OREGON The Dalles: State wildlife officials euthanized a cougar that was found inside a motel complex in the city's business district.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg: More than 300,000 teachers are receiving letters offering free credit monitoring after their personal information was released publicly last month due to a "human error," *The Morning Call* reports.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: Republican gubernatorial candidate Allan Fung has dropped his Providence campaign chairman over a 2015 domestic violence arrest. The charge was later dropped.

SOUTH CAROLINA Lexington: Sheriff's deputies say no one was seriously hurt when four vehicles were hit by rocks thrown from an Interstate 26 overpass.

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: The West Mall 7 Theater is seeking city permission to sell beer and wine to customers.

TENNESSEE Nashville: Jeff Teague, most recently president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee, is the Tennessee Democratic Party's new executive director.

TEXAS Wylie: A rare white tiger born at an exotic animal sanctuary near Dallas has been named Kylo Ren, after a villain in *Star Wars*.

UTAH Salt Lake City: Women in Utah will soon be able to get birth control directly from a pharmacist rather than visiting a doctor each time they want to obtain or renew a prescription.

VERMONT Montpelier: Some rural areas are likely to lose cellphone coverage and the ability to call 911 by mobile phone, perhaps as soon as Friday, because of provider Vanu CoverageCo's financial troubles.

VIRGINIA Richmond: The affluent suburbs of Northern Virginia are the healthiest communities in the state, and lower-income localities, especially in southern and western Virginia, have the most serious health problems, a study finds.

WASHINGTON Olympia: Gov. Jay Inslee has signed a measure protecting high school and college students' rights to publish and speak freely in school-sponsored media.



WEST VIRGINIA Huntington: A doctor says a couple's three newborn daughters are "exceedingly rare" because they are identical triplets.

WISCONSIN Madison: Republican Gov. Scott Walker wants to create 120 "Economic Opportunity Zones" in Wisconsin, a designation allowed under the new federal tax law designed to spur development.

WYOMING Cheyenne: This year's Wyoming State Fair is being shortened from eight days to four due to a drop in state financial support because of a downturn in the state's economy.

From staff and wire reports

STOCKS LISTING CHANGE - REQUESTS WELCOME!

The Sun Newspaper is tweaking the way stocks are listed in the daily paper. We will continue to run a wide range of stocks, but we're trying to eliminate stocks our readers don't want. If you do not see your stock in the paper, please let us know

and we will put it in the listings. Email the name of the company and the symbol to nlane@sun-herald.com, or call 941-206-1138. You can leave the stock name and symbol on voice mail. When requesting a stock, please include where you live so we can run the listing in the appropriate edition. If you reach voice mail, please leave your contact information so your call can be returned.

Market indicators table including DOW 23,957.89, NASDAQ 7,166.68, S&P 500 2,643.69, 10-YR T-NOTE 2.83%, 30-YR T-BOND 3.06%, CRUDE OIL \$64.30, GOLD \$1,326.60, EURO \$1.2307.

Money & Markets

Combined Stocks

From the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

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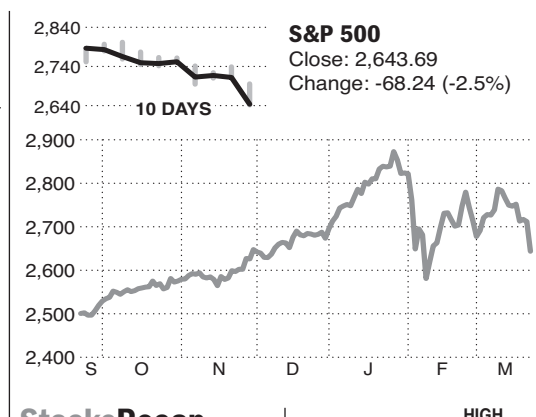
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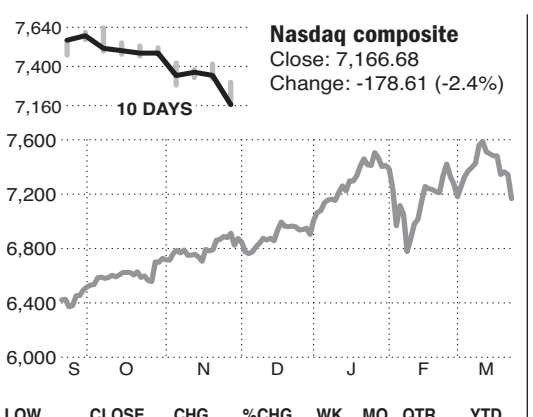


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Interestrates logo and text: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.83 percent Thursday. Yields affect interest rates on mortgages and other loans.

Table with columns LAST, PVS, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists bond yields and rates.

Foreign Exchange text: The dollar lost ground Thursday to the yen and Canadian dollar, but strengthened against the euro and British pound. The U.S. currency also rose versus the Swiss franc and Mexican peso.

Table with columns MAJORS, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists major foreign exchange rates.

Commodities text: The price of U.S. crude fell Thursday along with most other energy futures as markets worried about rising U.S.-China trade tensions. Gold rose, while silver and copper declined.

Table with columns FUELS, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists commodity prices.

Stock Footnotes: Stock Footnotes: old - issue has been called for redemption by company. d - New 52-week low. ec - Company formerly listed on the American Exchange's Emerging Company Market-Place. g - Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h - Does not meet continued-listing standards. ll - Following with SEC. n - New issue with a new issue in the last year. The 52-week high and low figures date only from the beginning of trading. pf - Preferred stock issue. pr - Preferred stock. pp - Holder owes installments of purchase price. r - Right to buy security at a specified price. rs - Stock has undergone a reverse stock split at least 50% within the past year. s - Stock has split at least 20 percent within the last year. v - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued. w - When distributed, w - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock. u - New 52-week high. un - Unit, including more than one security. vj - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law. Appears in front of the name. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most actively traded stocks of the day. Dividend Footnotes: a - Extra dividends were paid, but are not included. b - Annual rate plus stock. c - Liquidating dividend. e - Amount declared or paid in last 12 months. f - Current annual rate, which was increased by most recent dividend announcement. i - Sum of dividends paid after stock split, no regular rate. j - Sum of dividends paid this year. Most recent dividend was omitted or deferred. k - Declared or paid this year, a cumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m - Current annual rate, which was decreased by most recent dividend announcement. p - Initial dividend, annual rate not known. yield not shown. v - Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. w - Paid in stock, approximate cash value on P-E distribution date. PE Footnotes: g - Stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown. cc - P/E exceeds 99. dd - Loss in last 12 months. Mutual Fund Footnotes: b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. f - front load (sales fees). m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. NA - not available. p - previous day's net asset value. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. Source: Morningstar and the Associated Press.

Table with columns METALS, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists metal prices.

Table with columns AGRICULTURE, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists agricultural commodity prices.

Mutual Funds

Table listing various Mutual Funds with columns for Name, NAV, Chg %, and 5-yr %Rtn. Includes categories like Causeway, ClearBridge, Columbia, DFA, Fidelity, Fidelity Select, JPMorgan, Oak Associates, Old Westbury, Oppenheimer, PIMCO, and Rowe Price.

Stocks of Local Interest

Table of local interest stocks with columns for Name, Ticker, 52-WK Range, YTD %Chg, and Div. Includes companies like AVHomes Inc, Allegiant Travel Co, ArkBest Corp, Banc of America, Capital One Fnc, Carnival Corp, etc.

Friday Television

For sports on TV, please see page 2 of today's Sports section

PRIME TIME

Large grid showing TV programming for Friday, March 23, categorized by BROADCAST, NEWS, and PREMIUM. Columns include channel, time, and program titles. Includes shows like ABC7 News, The Tonight Show, Jeopardy!, and various news programs.

Today's Talk Shows

List of today's talk shows and their hosts. Includes ABC Good Morning America (Mark Hamill), NBC Today (Macy's), CBS LIVE with Kelly and Ryan (Ryan Sisanie), FOX Jerry Springer, NBC Today with Kathie Lee & Hoda, ABC The View, MYN The Doctors, CBS The Talk, IND Jerry Springer, NBC The Doctors, CW The Wendy Williams, NBC The Dr. Oz Show, MYN Maury, and NBC The Tonight Show.

Chiari malformations are congenital brain abnormalities

DEAR DR. ROACH: My older daughter has had headaches most of her life. When she was young, she thought it was normal.

Severe migraines started around 1995. Many doctors later, they came up with diagnosis of a Chiari malformation. She was on oxycodone, but now she is off addictive painkillers. She suffers for several days when there is a change in the weather. When she gets the headaches, she usually stays in her bedroom and wears sunglasses when she has to take the dogs out. The last one, a few days ago, lasted about three days.

What options does she have to relieve these debilitating headaches? — Anon.

ANSWER: Chiari malformations are congenital (she was born with it) abnormalities of the base of the brain, including the brainstem and cerebellum. They are more prevalent than previously believed, and with more people getting MRI scans, it is thought to be present in 0.1 percent to 0.5 percent of people. There are three



Dr. Roach

classic types of Chiari malformations, but the most likely in your daughter's case is Chiari malformation Type I, as the other two are rarer and are diagnosed at an early age. CM-1 normally is diagnosed in adolescence or young adulthood.

The symptoms of CM-1 are variable. Some people have no symptoms, but neck pain, headache and damage to various nerves are common.

It sounds to me as though her headaches remain a significant burden on her quality of life. I cannot say whether the Chiari

malformation is causing the headaches. Worsening of headache with coughing or sneezing tends to support the CM as the cause. A neurosurgeon with experience in treating Chiari malformations would be worth consulting, and repeat imaging may be necessary, as the condition can worsen or, rarely, improve over time.

If surgery isn't appropriate, I would recommend a pain-management specialist to help with the headaches. Given her history, opiate drugs are a bad choice.

I found much information about the disease and support groups at asap.org.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have blisters on my body that are filled with yellow fluid. I have been to a skin doctor and even got bloodwork done. The doctor recommended that I take prednisone. I was hoping you could recommend a different medication. The doctor's report said I have bullous pemphigoid. — R.M.

ANSWER: Bullous pemphigoid is an autoimmune disease,

where the body is attacked by its own immune system. It occurs most commonly in older adults. Symptoms often start with an itchy rash that may be indistinguishable from either eczema or hives. Most people will then develop large (1-3 cm, sometimes over an inch), tense blisters. These can be severely itchy.

Without treatment, the disease slowly progresses over years, greatly affecting quality of life and even can be life-threatening if the disease attacks the mouth and throat. However, prednisone is a rapidly effective and inexpensive drug, commonly used as a first-line treatment for people with severe or extensive disease. Some experts use high-potency steroid creams; however, these can be very expensive and hard to use over large areas of the body.

I want to remind readers that my primary goal is to educate people about both common and rare diseases. I don't act as a physician to readers: I can't, in absence of a thorough history, physical exam and review of the laboratory data.

Words fail in response to sister-in-law's miscarriage

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law, a mother of four, just had a miscarriage at five months. I have no idea what to say to her or my nieces and nephews.



Dear Abby

"Sorry" doesn't seem to suffice. Her 6-year-old was ecstatic about the new baby. The family is crushed. My husband (her brother) was in tears, and I didn't know what to say to him either.

I have never been able to easily express my emotions. In emotional situations I just go blank and my mind shuts down. Any advice? — With-out Words

DEAR WITHOUT WORDS: You don't have to be a poet, but you do have to say something. Because these are your in-laws, who presumably know you, I'm sure it would be appreciated if you simply said, "You know I have trouble expressing my emotions, but please know how sorry I am for your loss."

DEAR ABBY: I've always dreamed about getting a horse, so I saved up all the money I earned as a kid and finally bought one a year ago. I named her "Springtime," and I love her. She's great. But now I am ready to venture out into the world, and I'm forced to

make a decision. Do I give her to a loving home with people who have more time to spend with her, so I can go to college and move to a different state with my boyfriend, who has two years left in the Marine Corps?

Please give me some advice because, right now, I have no one else to help me with this decision, and it's a hard one. — Kelsea In New Hampshire

DEAR KELSEA: Start by asking around the "horse community" if someone would be interested in buying Springtime and can give her a good home. Also put the word out at the stable where you have been boarding her. Your veterinarian may also be able to offer you helpful suggestions.

However, if they can't help you, contact a horse rescue group to find a safe home for your horse. I wish you luck.

JUMBLE

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

M	P	I	R	C
○	○	○	○	○

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S	O	M	E	O
○	○	○	○	○

Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app.

R	R	A	A	T
○	○	○	○	○

S	U	L	B	E	H
○	○	○	○	○	○

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

○	○	○	○	○	○
○	○	○	○	○	○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's
Jumbles: TASTY NOVEL THRIFT WEEKLY
Answer: The tennis player hadn't lost a single game to her opponent and was — ALL SET TO WIN

KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

18X		3+	3-
	4		
2÷		36X	
3-			2

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CHALLENGING

24X	3+	3	1-
	30X	5-	2÷
3	2-	4	11+
3-		14+	2
	5-		8+

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RULES

① Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

② The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

③ Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

3	3-	2-	6X
3	4	2	1
2÷	2	1	4
4	7+	3	1
3+	1	2	3
1	2	3	4

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 unable to sit still (5)	_____
2 unselfish (6)	_____
3 system based on ability (11)	_____
4 leaving for the other side (9)	_____
5 tanned and tough (8)	_____
6 expressing the same idea (10)	_____
7 moving at a good clip (8)	_____

ANT	LEA	RIT	GIV	ACY
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RY	MOUS	ECT	OCR	ING
DEF	TTI	SY	ONY	ION

Thursday's Answers: 1. HANDBLOWN 2. SPANIARD 3. IVORIES 4. CHOKING 5. INATTENTIVE 6. GONG 7. ALLUDE

Challenger

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

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge
Time 7 Minutes
0 Seconds

Your Working
Time Minutes
Seconds

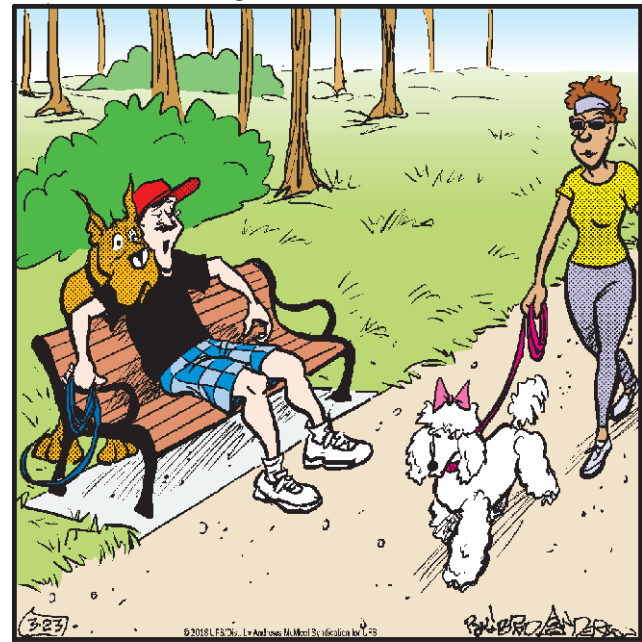
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

6	6	8	10	7
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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



Cryptoquip

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E C A B K A V L A S L X - B A S

K Z V V L O K R A L K E X B R L V H E Q

Q H K B F L L U . B R L S H D U H C L

K H E W " K H X W H Q F E B R D H O L . "

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SO AS TO UNDERSTAND FEELINGS OF REPUGNANCE, SEVERAL PEOPLE CONVENE AND DISCUSSED DISGUST.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

WORD SLEUTH

WORDS CONTAINING A BEE

J K I F D A X B X V T Q O M J

H F C A Y W E A B U T R P N L

J H F D B E W B E S Z X F E V

T K A E T S F E E B R Q R N O

M K S R E T A E F E E B I I I

H F O E D B B T A Z T Y S L W

V O B E A E T H L R Q L B E O

T N L B D B D O O W H C E E B

K I H L F D E V C A N E E B Z

X W I V U S R E P E E K E E B

R W Q O N T U N H C E E B M K

Thursday's unlisted clue: JONES

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: Popular Fermented Beverage

Beechnut	Beefsteak	Beeswax	Frisbee
Beechwood	Beekeeper	Beethoven	Seabee
Beefalo	Beeline	Beetle	Widebeest
Bee eater	Been	Beetroot	

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Take charge on your trip

Dear Heloise: I took your suggestion and not only carry my cell-phone in my carry-on bag during flights, but also my CELLPHONE CHARGER. We often have to rent a car, and it's important to have that charger with me to make certain I get calls from my boss when I travel. — Lisa F., Casselberry, Fla.



Hints from Heloise

baggage, but a Transportation Security Administration agent has the right to unwrap any gift to examine it closely, whether it's in carry-on luggage or in checked luggage.

You might be better off to ship it ahead of time or wrap it at your destination. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

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SOLUTION: www.facebook.com/dingbatsgames

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). While the boundaries you establish may simply be policy to you, there are some who will experience them as a personal affront. But as long as you're respectful, your boundaries won't be challenged.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The times are changing. You're dipping your foot into the new normal. It still scares some people, but that's why they need you to be strong. Do you. Get to know as many people as you can. And keep growing.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can enhance your life by changing something simple, such as your diet or something logistical. Take, for instance, the time you spend getting to and from places. There's a way to make the commute pleasurable or shorter.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). So you made a wrong turn back there. That's a rare thing, but it happens to everyone. Review the mistake or misperception, because you're about to get another chance — and this time you're likely to nail it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you can relate to the lives of others, saying so

won't help. The best way to support others is through careful, attentive listening. Make it all about the other person: No anecdote, advice or interjection will be necessary.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The work will only feel worthwhile to you if it's bringing you money, happiness or the chance to markedly improve yourself. If you can't readily see how the endeavor fits into one of those categories, bail.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While trials and tribulations are an inevitable part of the growth cycle, they shouldn't be the norm. Someone who always seems to be at the heart of drama has the potential to snarl you into his or her orbit. Resist.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It doesn't matter how many friends you have; you will still always be better off when you are also your own friend and champion. Also note: A person who cares deeply for you will not side with a person who doesn't.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may choose to forgive someone now — not because that person deserves mercy but because you no longer want to be mentally tied to a piece of history and therefore need to let it go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People seek your company and attention. The venue, dining and entertainment aspects don't matter all that much, so don't stress over such details.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love, peace, joy — you can have all of that. You'll have to give up other things, though. What do you think they are? For some it's a false belief, e.g., that love is about suffering or drama is better than happiness.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your internal voice may not make a peep detectible by microphones, but it can be deafeningly loud to you. It carries to far reaches of your internal universe. That's why it's so important to stay supportive when talking to yourself.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23). It's the wonderful matches that make this solar return sing — the people who get you, the jobs that reward you at a deeper level and the lifestyle that curls supportively and securely around the core of who you are. Your outstanding work in August will build up both your reputation and your bank account. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 28, 4, 14 and 7.

Friday, March 23, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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TALK OF THE TOURNAMENT

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH			
♠ Void			
♥ K 10 4 3 2			
♦ 6 5 4			
♣ K Q 9 5 4			
WEST		EAST	
♠ 6 5		♠ 10 8 7 3	
♥ 6		♥ A Q J 9 8 7 5	
♦ 9 8 7		♦ 3 2	
♣ J 10 8 7 6 3 2		♣ Void	
SOUTH			
♠ A K Q J 9 4 2			
♥ Void			
♦ A K Q J 10			
♣ A			

The bidding:
EAST 4♥ **SOUTH** 7♠ **WEST** Pass **NORTH** Pass
 Dbl All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

This is another deal from the Camrose Trophy series in Great Britain last year. It was the talk of the tournament. It would have caused a buzz at any tournament, or, for that matter, at any other bridge game you can think of.

The given auction was repeated many times during the competition. East's double was a Lightner double,

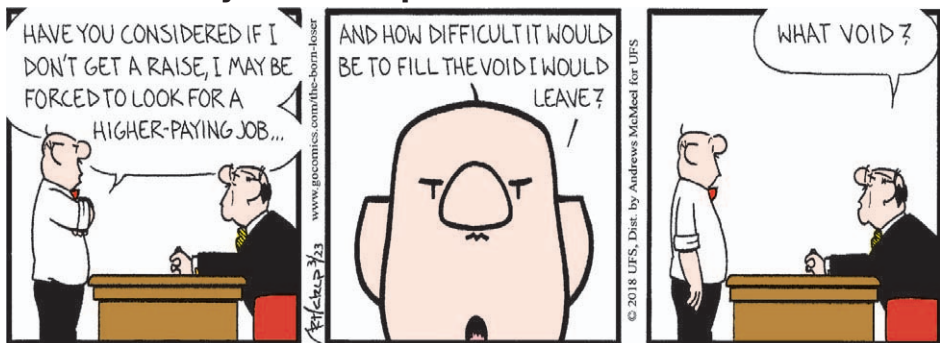
asking for an unusual lead, definitely not hearts. West easily found the jack of clubs lead to give East a ruff and defeat the contract.

There were many discussions as to the correct way to bid the South hand. These discussions were purely academic, as none of us is likely to ever see a hand this good again in our lifetimes. The idea was to get North to be declarer, if possible. The West hand was far less likely to be able to ruff the opening lead. Some thought the best approach was to start with a five-heart cuebid. North will occasionally bid six diamonds, and South could raise that to seven. Should North bid six clubs, wouldn't a six-heart continuation by South ask North to choose between spades and diamonds?

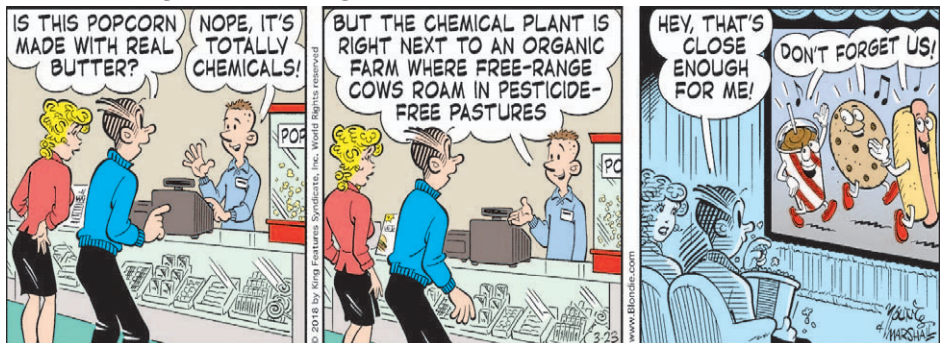
That was too rich for us. The idea we liked was for South to jump directly to seven hearts over four hearts! What could that possibly be except asking partner to bid seven spades. Interesting stuff.

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BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



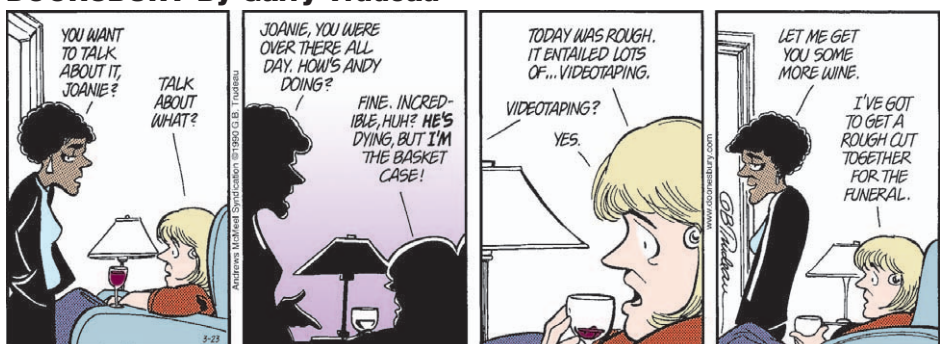
MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Move jauntily
 - 4 Hawthorne's town
 - 9 Mild expletive
 - 13 Role for Madonna
 - 14 Port near Kyoto
 - 15 Hunger for
 - 16 Jewelry box items
 - 18 Busy places
 - 19 Brought to bay
 - 20 Most expensive
 - 22 Huffs and puffs
 - 25 Lose leaves
 - 26 "Peachy keen"
 - 28 Tight situation
 - 32 Costly
 - 36 Overblown
 - 37 Do a takeoff
 - 38 Quart, plus
 - 40 "NOVA" subj.
 - 41 Like city lots
 - 44 Smoothest
 - 47 Shiny paint
 - 49 Lathen and Thompson
 - 50 S&L customer
 - 52 Used a nozzle
 - 56 Twisters
 - 60 Author — Ingalls Wilder
 - 61 Loaf
 - 62 Quibbler
 - 65 Gray rock
 - 66 Gather after harvest

- DOWN**
- 1 Inclinations
 - 2 Conspicuous
 - 3 Expectant dad, perhaps
 - 4 Drafter
 - 5 Red — beet
 - 6 Shellac resin
 - 7 Supplements
 - 8 Sail supports
 - 9 Wash-and-wear (hyph.)
 - 10 Utter deliriously
 - 11 Rds.
 - 12 Audition
 - 15 Chong's partner
 - 17 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 21 Codgers' queries
 - 23 Fasten permanently
 - 24 Zero follower
 - 27 Outlandish
 - 29 Domed recess
 - 30 Chest muscles
 - 31 Revise
 - 32 Enjoy the hammock
 - 33 Above
 - 34 Lucy Lawless role

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

P	A	R	E	A	H	E	M	C	U	B	A	N	
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- 35 Looks like
- 39 Gangplank
- 42 Stream forth
- 43 Series of ten
- 45 Miami team
- 46 Violinist — Stern
- 48 Digital watch readout
- 51 Ice grabbers
- 53 Jack London setting
- 54 Not slouching
- 55 "Star Wars" name
- 56 Recipe meas.
- 57 Busy European airport
- 58 Rise on the hind legs
- 59 Luxury fabric
- 63 Undershirt
- 64 Bear's foot

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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		4			6	2	8	

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 3/22/18

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6	3	1	9	2	5	7	4	8
4	7	8	6	3	1	9	2	5
2	5	9	8	7	4	1	3	6

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. Sherwood Forest Robin ought to (1)

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2. Powerful deep-toned bell (1)

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3. Crystalline army posts like Dix (1)

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4. Burial vault fell to one side (1)

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5. Tolerating small, pickled fish (2)

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6. Golf bag toters' rice fields (2)

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7. Lawsuit-proceeding alleviation (4)

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ANSWERS
 1. HOOD SHOULD 2. STRONG GONG 3. QUARTZ FORTS 4. CRYPT TIPPED
 5. BEARING HERRING 6. CADDIES PADDIES 7. LITIGATION MITIGATION

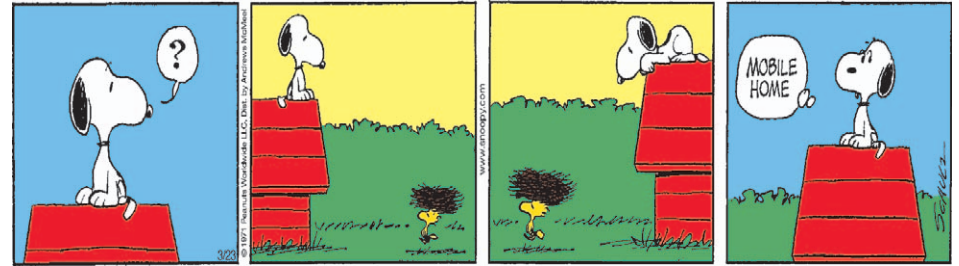
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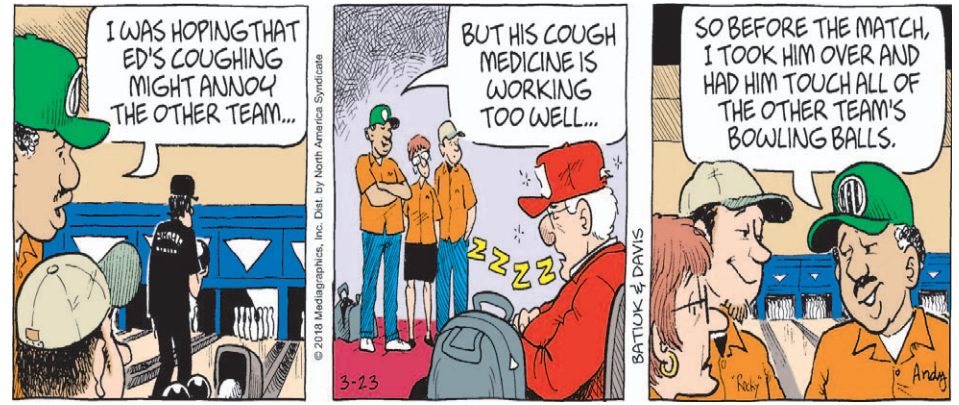
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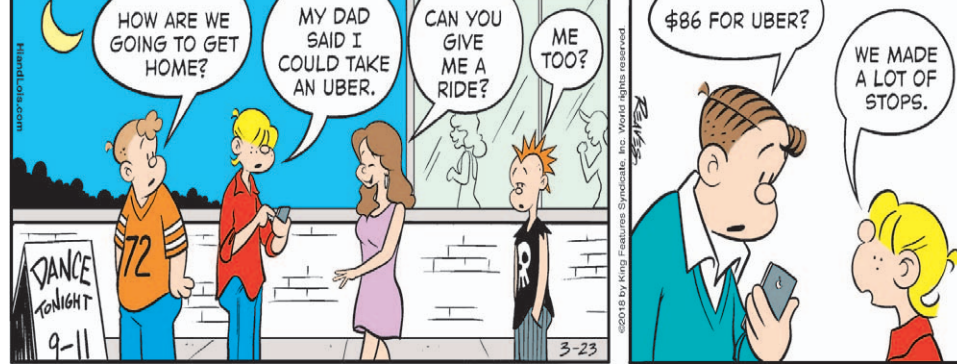
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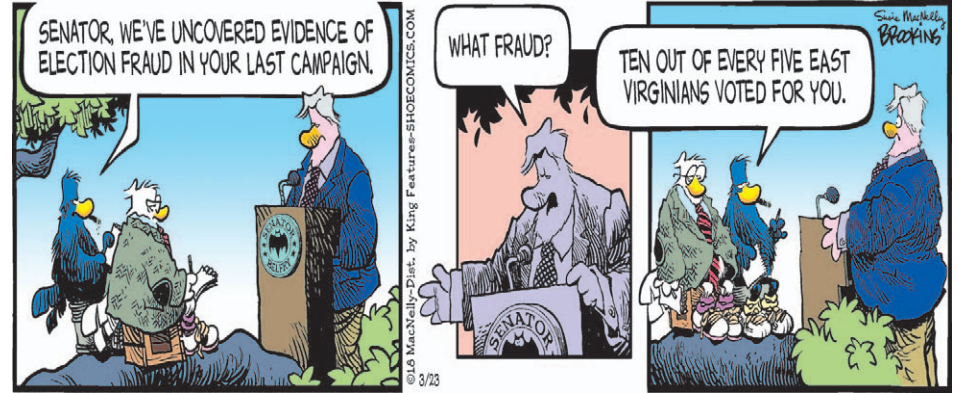
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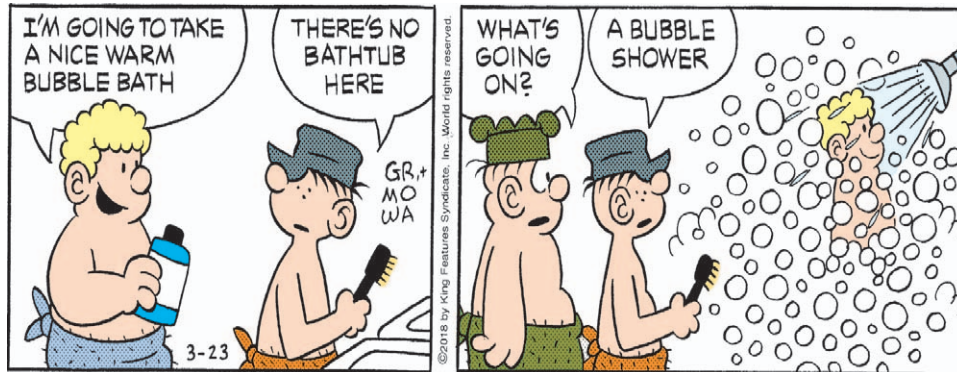
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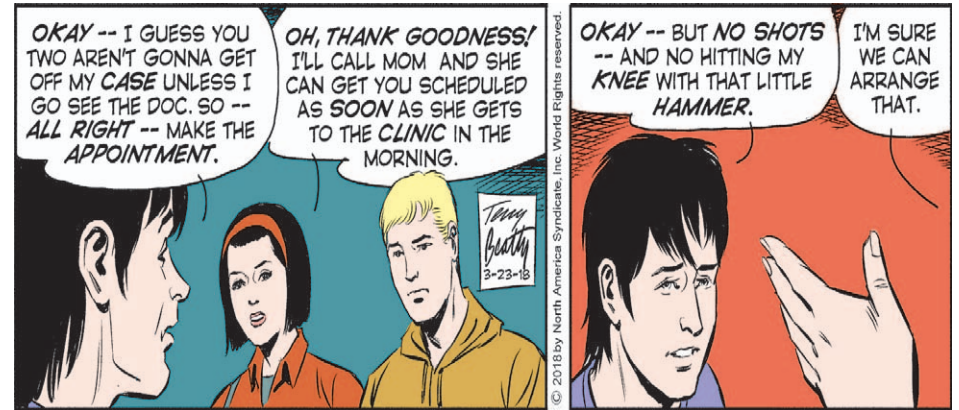
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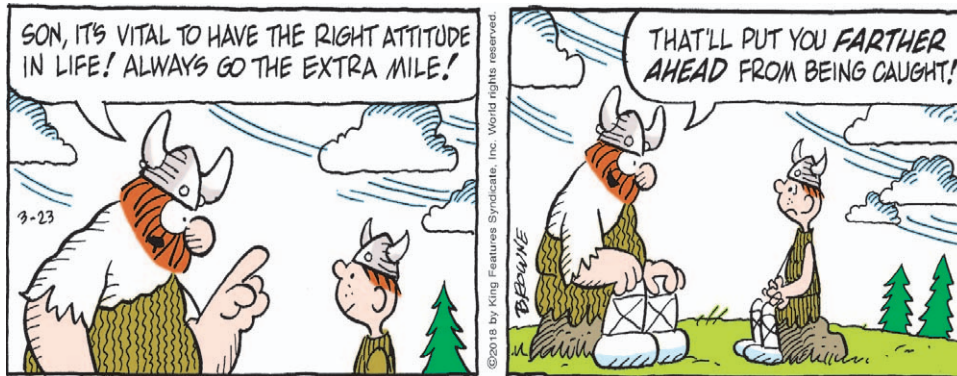
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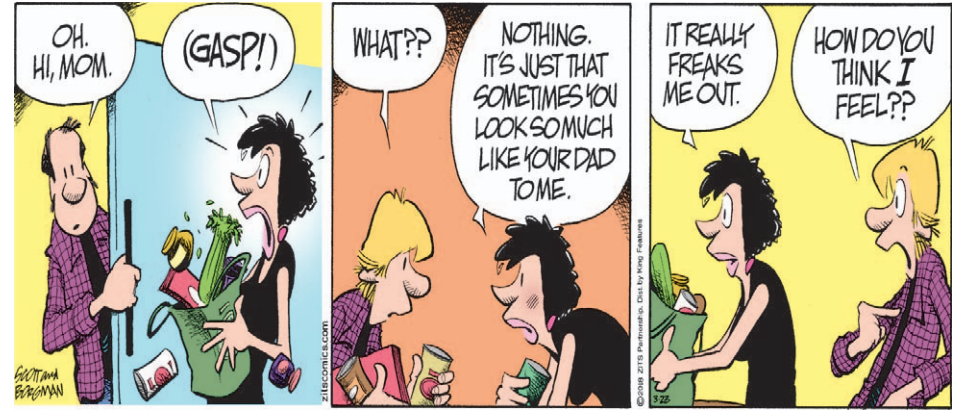
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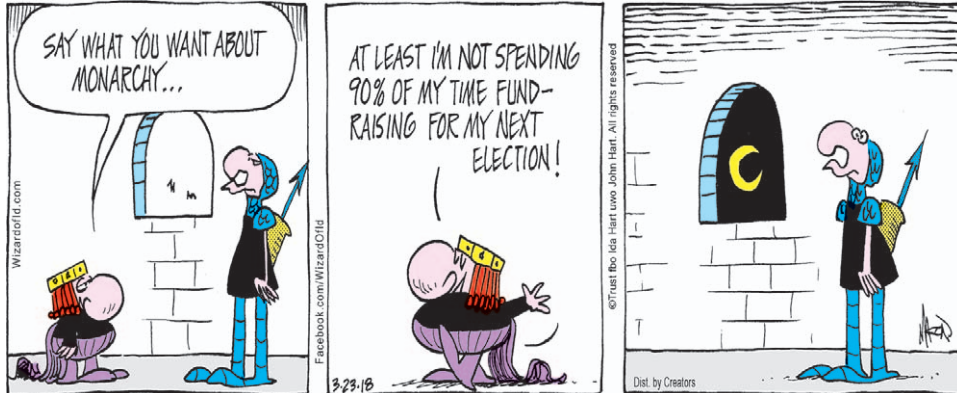
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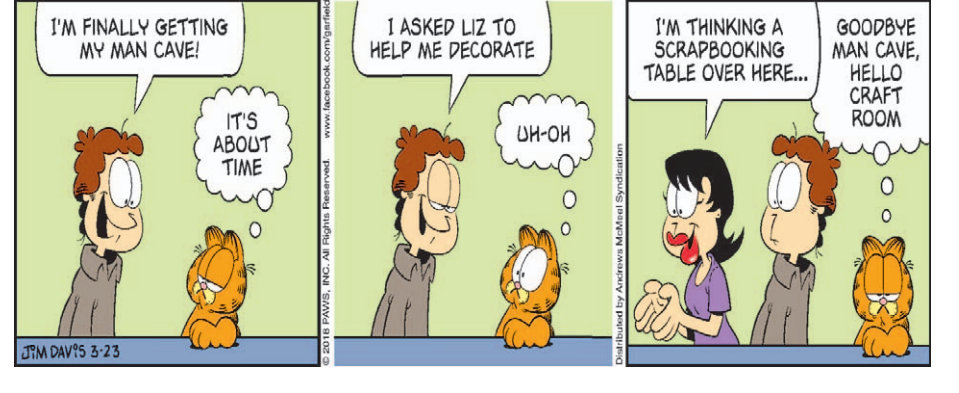
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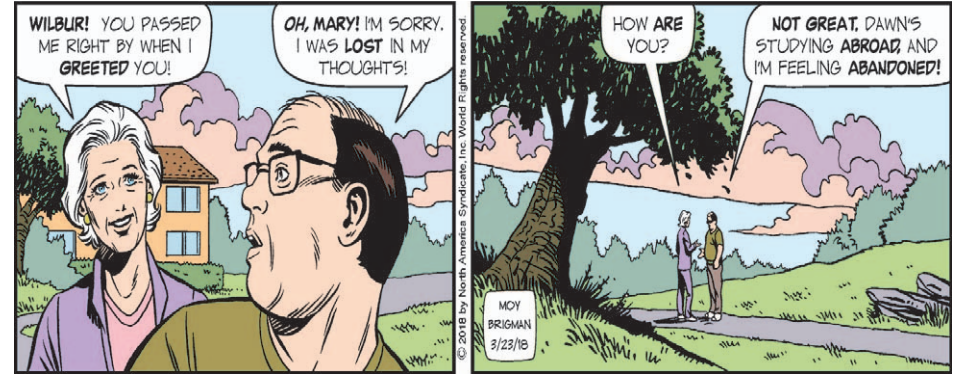
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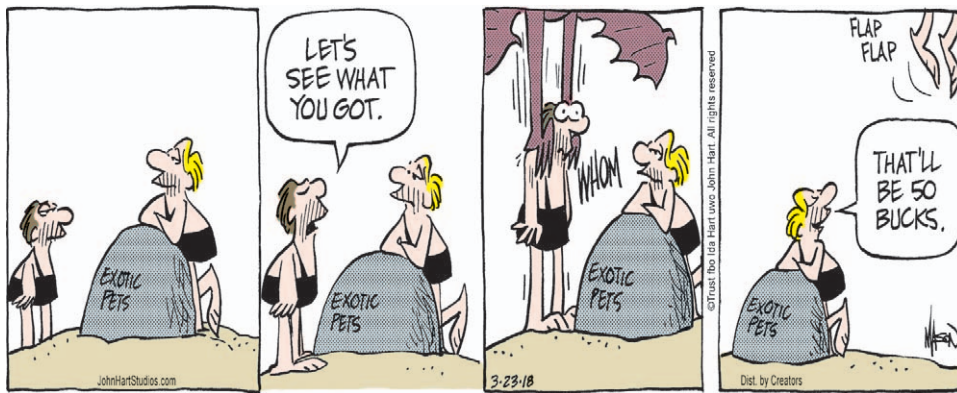
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NATION

Protest planned after police shooting of unarmed man

By SOPHIA BOLLAG
and DON THOMPSON
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Community members and activists gathered at Sacramento City Hall on Thursday to protest the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by police.

Black Lives Matter Sacramento organized the rally in honor of Stephon Clark, a 22-year-old who was shot Sunday night in his grandparents' backyard, where he was staying.

The two officers yelled that they thought he had a gun in the moments before they shot him, according to audio from body camera footage released Wednesday by Sacramento police. But Clark was only holding a cellphone.

Footage from body cameras and an overhead helicopter does not clearly depict what Clark was doing just before police opened fire. Officers did not find a gun at the scene, and independent experts said the recordings raise more questions than they answer.

The officers appeared to legitimately believe they were in danger, several experts said, and if so the shooting was likely legally justified.

One officer is heard "doing a mental inventory to make sure there's no holes in his body" because



AP PHOTO

In this March 20 photo, Sequita Thompson recounts the horror of seeing her grandson Stephon Clark dead in her backyard after he was shot by police in Sacramento, Calif. Relatives, activists and Sacramento officials are questioning why police shot at an unarmed black man 20 times, killing him, when he turned out to be holding only a cellphone in his grandparents' backyard.

the officers appear to think Clark may have shot at them and missed, said Peter Moskos, a former police officer and assistant professor in the Department of Law and Police Science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

But Geoffrey Alpert, a professor of criminology at the University of South Carolina and an expert on police use of force, said the officers may have a tough time explaining why they jumped to the conclusion that Clark had a gun.

"The officers are going to have an interesting time explaining why they perceived they were in fear of their lives," Alpert said. "It's going to be a stretch."

He also questioned why an arriving backup officer had the two original officers turn off the microphones on their body cameras, eliminating what he called "important evidence."

Sacramento police did not respond to requests for an explanation or whether muting the microphones violated department policy nor why the officers waited five minutes to help Clark once he was on the ground not moving.

In an ideal world, the two officers should have immediately provided first aid, said Eugene O'Donnell, a professor of police studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

"But that could be more the product of hope than reality," he said, with the officers still in shock and worried about their own safety.

The Sacramento Police Department said officers were responding to reports of a man seen breaking into at least three vehicles and later into a neighbor's home. The police said deputies in the helicopter saw Clark break a neighbor's sliding glass door before jumping a fence.

As a result, "their threat radar is really high," said Plumas County sheriff's deputy and special prosecutor Ed Obayashi, who trains officers and testifies in court on police use of force.

"They have to assume that their lives are in danger at that very second," he said.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg questioned police policies for providing medical aid after a police shooting, but said he can't second-guess the split-second decisions of the officers.

He praised Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn, the city's first black police chief, for releasing the videos and other information promptly. Hahn has promised transparency and to work for better community relations since he took over as head of the department last year.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

City of Atlanta computer network hit by attack of ransomware

ATLANTA (AP) — The city of Atlanta's computer network has been the victim of a ransomware cyberattack, city officials said Thursday.

City officials learned there was an outage affecting various internal and customer-facing applications at 5:40 a.m., Chief Operating Officer Richard Cox told reporters. The outage, which included the encryption of some city data, did not affect the public safety department, water department or Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, he said.

But some applications that people use to pay bills or access court information were affected. Cox said the investigation will determine whether any personal information has been compromised.

Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms urged city employees and the public to monitor their bank accounts and to take proactive steps to protect their personal data.

The city is working with federal agencies, including the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as private sector partners, to determine the cause of the outage and to fix the problem, Bottoms said. When asked if the city would pay a ransom to resolve the problem, Bottoms said the city would seek guidance from federal authorities on the best course of action.

The attack was discovered by the city's information security team, which noticed "something that looked peculiar" on the server and began investigating, acting Chief Information Officer Daphne Rackley said.

Judge blocks Trump lawyers in Trump-Panama hotel dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge in New York has given the owners of a formerly Trump-branded hotel in Panama a victory over the U.S. president's company.

U.S. District Judge Edgardo Ramos has blocked Trump International Hotels Management LLC from pursuing a conspiracy claim against the majority owner of the Bahia Grand Panama, a 70-story luxury high-rise that was once run by Trump. After a bitter dispute, the hotel's owners evicted Trump's management team and stripped his name from the hotel.

Ramos ruled after hearing two hours of oral arguments. His decision blocks the Trump Organization's \$9 million claim against majority owner Ithaca Capital, but allows the hotel owners' claims against Trump to go before the International Chamber of Commerce.

A lawyer for Trump's hotel business said he doesn't know if it will appeal.

Alabama voters to face Ten Commandments ballot proposal

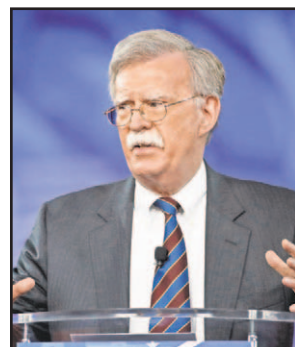
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama voters will face the choice of whether to allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed on state property such as at schools under a ballot proposal for the November election.

The Alabama House of

Representatives passed a constitutional amendment ballot provision 66-19 Thursday. It was previously okayed by the Senate and doesn't need the governor's signature.

If the proposal is passed by voters, the Ten Commandments would not automatically be displayed in public buildings. No state funds could be used to erect the laws, but individuals could use private money to display them.

Critics say the proposal violates the separation of church and state and would incite federal lawsuits that cost taxpayer money.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Feb. 24, 2017, file photo, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Oxon Hill, Md.

Trump replacing McMaster with Bolton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is replacing national security adviser H.R. McMaster with John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Trump tweets that McMaster has done "an outstanding job & will always remain my friend." He says Bolton will take over April 9.

Trump has repeatedly clashed with McMaster, a respected three-star general, and talk that McMaster would soon leave the administration had picked up in recent weeks.

His departure follows Trump's dramatic ouster of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson last week.

It also comes after someone at the White House leaked that Trump was urged in briefing documents not to congratulate Russian President Vladimir Putin about his recent re-election win. Trump did it anyway.

McMaster was brought in after Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, was dismissed.

Family awarded \$47 million in disfigurement case

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The parents of a girl who suffered permanent scarring as a newborn at a Pennsylvania hospital have been awarded \$47 million.

The Texas couple was visiting family in Johnstown when their daughter was born prematurely at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center in 2012.

Their attorneys say Dr. John Chan opted to treat swelling on the newborn's head by wrapping it with an elastic bandage, which he acknowledged is not standard in the U.S.

The child's head was left deformed and partially bald.

A judge decided the case in the parents' favor, ruling that no reasonable jury would find against them. That left the jury to determine the size of the payout on Thursday.

As US gets tough with China, Wall Street gets weak-kneed

By PAUL WISEMAN
and MARLEY JAY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The prospect of a full-blown trade war between the world's two biggest economies rattled investors Thursday, sending stocks to their biggest loss in six weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 700 points, as President Donald Trump announced plans to slap tariffs on Chinese imports. The Chinese government vowed to defend itself.

Investors worried that if the dispute escalated, China will counterpunch with restrictions of its own, hurting American exports of airplanes, construction equipment and other goods.

Many big U.S. companies have built complicated supply chains that stretch across the Pacific Ocean. A trade war could

disrupt the back-and-forth flow of parts, forcing factories to slow or halt production.

U.S. companies with substantial sales to China were clobbered in the crossfire Thursday.

Construction equipment maker Caterpillar lost 5.7 percent of its value — its worst loss since mid-2016. Aerospace company Boeing slid 5.2 percent. Chipmaker Micron Technology fell 3.5 percent.

Caterpillar gets about 5 percent of its revenue from China, Boeing 12 percent and Micron nearly 50 percent, according to the research firm FactSet.

The broader S&P 500 index lost 2.5 percent and is now down slightly for the year.

"We don't want a trade war ... but we are not afraid of it," said China's ambassador to the U.S., Cui Tiankai. "If somebody tries

to impose a trade war on us ... we will certainly fight back and retaliate. If people want to play tough, we will play tough with them and see who will last longer."

Trump said the U.S. would impose the tariffs, as well as restrict Chinese investment, to punish Beijing for stealing American technology. The action came two weeks after the president announced major tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, a move that unsettled markets already nervous about rising interest rates and the prospect of inflation.

Administration officials said Thursday they were targeting 1,300 Chinese product lines worth about \$50 billion a year in imports. Trump put the figure at \$60 billion, causing some confusion over the actual extent of the sanctions. The Office of the U.S. Trade

Representative has 15 days to publish a list of products subject to the tariffs. The administration said it would target imports from Chinese makers of machinery and aerospace and communications equipment.

The tariffs themselves are only equal to about 10 percent of China's annual goods imports to the United States.

But Trump's move raises longer-term uncertainty about the world's most important economic relationship.

"This is throwing down the gauntlet to the Chinese," Scott Kennedy, a China specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "The relationship on the commercial front has moved into new territory today from where it has been for the last 40 years ... We really don't know where this is going to go."

Hotel video shows Vegas gunman 'normal' before shooting

By KEN RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Hotel surveillance video from the days before the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, made public Thursday, shows the gunman as an unremarkable Las Vegas hotel guest and casino patron.

Footage provided by MGM Resorts International shows Stephen Paddock interacting with Mandalay Bay resort staff members, wheeling suitcases toward elevators and pulling his Dodge Caravan into the hotel valet.

It offers no outward sign that Paddock would carry out the Oct. 1 shooting that killed 58 people and injured hundreds at an outdoor concert on the Las Vegas Strip.

"Paddock gave no indication of what he planned to do and his interactions with staff and overall behavior were all normal," company spokeswoman Debra DeShong said in a statement.

"MGM and Mandalay



AP IMAGE

In this Sept. 25, 2017, security camera image released by MGM Resorts, Stephen Paddock is shown at the VIP counter checking into the Mandalay Bay hotel in Las Vegas.

Bay could not reasonably foresee that a long-time guest with no known history of threats or violence and behaving in a manner that appeared outwardly normal, would carry out such an inexplicably evil, violent and deadly act," she said.

Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo and Las Vegas police did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The 32 video clips, first obtained by The New

York Times, offer no motive for the 64-year-old Paddock opening fire with assault-style rifles from a 32nd-floor suite into a concert audience of 22,000 people.

They show Paddock checking in at the Mandalay Bay on Sept. 25, gambling at high-limit video poker several times, buying snacks, stepping into elevators, driving into the valet area and accompanying hotel employees wheeling carts

with his suitcases.

Videos suggest that employees had no indication what was in the suitcases.

Records show that over the course of several days traveling between the hotel and his home in Mesquite, Nevada, Paddock amassed an arsenal of 23 assault-style rifles and one handgun in his suite.

Lombardo released a preliminary report in January saying police and the FBI believe Paddock acted alone.

However, an Arizona man, Douglas Haig, is facing federal charges that he also illegally provided armor-piercing ammunition to Paddock. Haig maintains he legally sold tracer ammunition to Paddock weeks before the carnage.

Authorities have characterized Paddock as a gambler on a losing streak who was obsessed with cleanliness. They said he may have been bipolar and having difficulties with his live-in girlfriend, who was in the Philippines when the shooting occurred.



NFL: Bucs

Giants send JPP to Bucs for draft picks



AP PHOTO

New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul watches from the sideline, in Foxborough, Mass. A person familiar with the deal says the Giants have traded defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two draft picks.

By **TOM CANAVAN**
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sending two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul to Tampa Bay for two draft picks gives the New York Giants much-needed salary cap space for 2019 and allows the Buccaneers to continue rebuilding a line that had the fewest sacks in the NFL last season.

With the unexpected trade announced Thursday, the Giants take another step in their

rebuilding under new general manager Dave Gettleman and the Bucs upgraded their defense in a bid to end a decade-long playoff drought.

The Giants will get Tampa Bay's third-round pick (69th overall) in the draft in late April. The teams also will swap fourth-round picks, with the Bucs moving up to the 102nd pick and the Giants selecting 108th.

"Jason is an elite-level edge rusher who will make an immediate impact on our defense," Buccaneers general

manager Jason Licht said in a story posted on the team's website. "We are adding a two-time Pro Bowler who is passionate about the game and has established himself as one of the league's premier defensive ends."

Later in the day, the Giants announced they had terminated the contract of wide receiver and special teams player Dwayne Harris, who missed the final 11 games with a broken foot.

While the Pierre-Paul trade only clears up a couple of million dollars

in cap space this year, the benefit for the Giants — who were 3-13 last season — will be in 2019 when it sheds roughly \$18 million in cap space. That will be important with safety Landon Collins and receiver Odell Beckham Jr. both possibly looking for new contracts.

The effects will be more immediate for the Bucs, who were 5-11 last season and had 22 sacks.

Pierre-Paul, who had 8½ sacks last season and

SEE TRADE, 3

MLB: Managing games



AP PHOTO

Philadelphia Phillies manager Gabe Kapler has said he plans to flip-flop outfielders in the middle of an inning to put his best defensive player in position where the spray charts indicate a batter is most likely to hit the ball.

Making their pitch

Modern major league managers are salesmen as much as strategists

By **RONALD BLUM**
Associated Press

TAMPA — Running a major league team for the first time in four seasons, 60-year-old Ron Gardenhire thought about

all the data and video rammed into the microchip of his iPad, a slew of statistics his bosses hope transform defeats into triumphs.

Baseball wasn't like this four decades ago, when Gardy left college to begin his career as an infield prospect in the low Carolina League, down in Lynchburg, Virginia.

"If you're not changing,

you're probably not going to last," the new Detroit Tigers manager said. "There's so much information out there. You have to use it."

"I'm always going to be an old-school guy. I believe in prep and workouts and all that stuff and taking groundballs," he added. "But the game has

SEE MANAGERS, 4

TENNIS: Miami Open



AP PHOTO

Simona Halep, of Romania, returns to Oceane Dodin, of France, during the Miami Open tennis tournament, Thursday in Key Biscayne.

Top-ranked Halep wins tough 3-setter

By **SANDRA HARWITT**
Associated Press

KEY BISCAZYNE — Top-ranked Simona Halep of Romania struggled to post a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 second-round win over French lucky loser Oceane Dodin at the Miami Open on Thursday.

In the first career meeting between the players, Halep allowed the 98th-ranked Dodin to break her serve on six of seven opportunities she presented in the match, which lasted more than two hours.

Halep broke Dodin's serve for the seventh time at 4-4 in the third set before closing it out.

Halep played in her third career Grand Slam

final at the Australian Open in January, but has yet to secure a Grand Slam trophy.

Halep's best Miami Open was reaching the 2015 semifinals.

Also Thursday, former No. 1 Angelique Kerber of Germany advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Johanna Larsson of Sweden.

Kerber is 19-4 this year and has reached at least the quarterfinals of all five tournaments she's played.

Kerber, the 2016 Australian Open and U.S. Open champion, won her first tournament since that U.S. Open at Sydney in January. She also reached the Australian Open semifinals.

NHL: Lightning 7, Islanders 6

Miller, Point help Lightning hold off New York Islanders

By **VIN A. CHERWOOD**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — J.T. Miller scored twice, Brayden Point had a goal and two assists, and the high-scoring Tampa Bay Lightning held off the New York

Islanders 7-6 on Thursday night.

Anthony Cirelli, Mikhail Sergachev and Victor Hedman each added a goal and an assist, Tyler Johnson also scored, and

SEE LIGHTNING, 2

GOLF: Match Play

Spieth, Reed set for key showdown in Match Play

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed enjoy few things more than trying to beat each other, and that's when they are partners. The stakes are even higher in the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Win or go home. Spieth and Reed did their part Thursday by winning their matches for a second straight day to set up a showdown on the skirts of Hill Country in Texas. They play Friday to determine who wins the group and advances to the weekend of this World Golf

Championship.

Reed fired the first shot when asked what made Spieth a good opponent in match play.

"I don't know. My back still hurts from the last Ryder Cup," he said with a laugh, alluding to the way he carried Spieth in their partnership at Hazeltine to a 2-1-1 record in team play during a rare American victory.

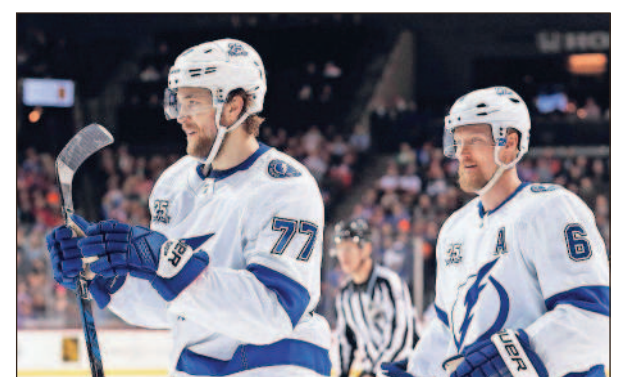
Spieth dodged trouble early against Li Haotong, who missed putts inside 8 feet on two of the opening three holes, won the second hole when Spieth hit into the hazard and thought he won the

SEE MATCH, 3



AP PHOTO

Jordan Spieth lines up his putt on the 16th hole during round-robin play at the Dell Technologies Match Play on Wednesday in Austin, Texas. He will face Patrick Reed for the right to move on.



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman (77) celebrates with teammates after scoring against the New York Islanders during the first period Thursday in New York.

Florida Lottery

www.flalottery.com

PICK 2

Mar. 22N 6-8
 Mar. 22D 1-9
 Mar. 21N 0-7
 Mar. 21D 0-7
 Mar. 20N 7-3
 Mar. 20D 9-2
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3

Mar. 22N 2-1-7
 Mar. 22D 3-4-4
 Mar. 21N 1-8-9
 Mar. 21D 9-6-1
 Mar. 20N 6-3-8
 Mar. 20D 9-7-2
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4

Mar. 22N 8-0-0-7
 Mar. 22D 7-7-6-9
 Mar. 21N 8-3-6-1
 Mar. 21D 9-3-3-9
 Mar. 20N 4-5-3-1
 Mar. 20D 2-1-8-1
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5

Mar. 22N 7-2-2-2-6
 Mar. 22D 8-7-1-9-4
 Mar. 21N 9-8-5-2-0
 Mar. 21D 8-1-2-5-6
 Mar. 20N 3-6-7-6-4
 Mar. 20D 3-8-7-6-3
 D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

Mar. 22 8-9-16-24-33
 Mar. 21 3-4-9-14-32
 Mar. 20 7-14-25-26-27

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 22
 1 5-digit winners \$204,362.23
 245 4-digit winners \$134.50
 8,802 3-digit winners \$10.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Mar. 22 2-8-15-40-41
 Cash Ball 4
 Mar. 19 3-26-30-51-53
 Cash Ball 4

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 22
 0 5-of-5 CB \$1,000/Day
 0 5-of-5 \$1,000/Week
 3 4-of-5 CB \$2,500
 10 4-of-5 \$500

LUCKY MONEY

Mar. 20 2-17-27-43
 Lucky Ball 9
 Mar. 16 18-19-30-41
 Lucky Ball 16

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 16
 0 4-of-4 LB \$500,000
 3 4-of-4 \$1,635.50
 29 3-of-4 LB \$369.50
 494 3-of-4 \$63.50

LOTTO

Mar. 21 2-6-8-22-35-52
 Mar. 17 5-23-24-34-36-41
 Mar. 14 11-16-21-27-30-31

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 21
 0 6-digit winners \$2 million
 13 5-digit winners \$4,840.50
 949 4-digit winners \$63.00

POWERBALL

Mar. 21 3-4-18-29-61
 Powerball 25
 Mar. 17 22-57-59-60-66
 Powerball 7

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 17
 0 5 of 5 + PB ...\$455 Million
 0 5 of 5\$1 million
 3 4 of 5 + PB\$50,000
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ESTIMATED JACKPOT
 \$40 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Mar. 20 14-38-51-64-7
 Mega Ball 9
 Mar. 16 1-13-26-33-52
 Mega Ball 11

PAYOFF FOR Mar. 16
 0 5 of 5 + MB ...\$345 Million
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ESTIMATED JACKPOT
 \$377 million

NBA: Roundup**76ers rout Magic for fifth straight win**

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Joel Embiid had 17 points and nine rebounds in just 20 minutes and the surging Philadelphia 76ers moved closer to a playoff berth with a 118-98 victory over the Orlando Magic on Thursday night.

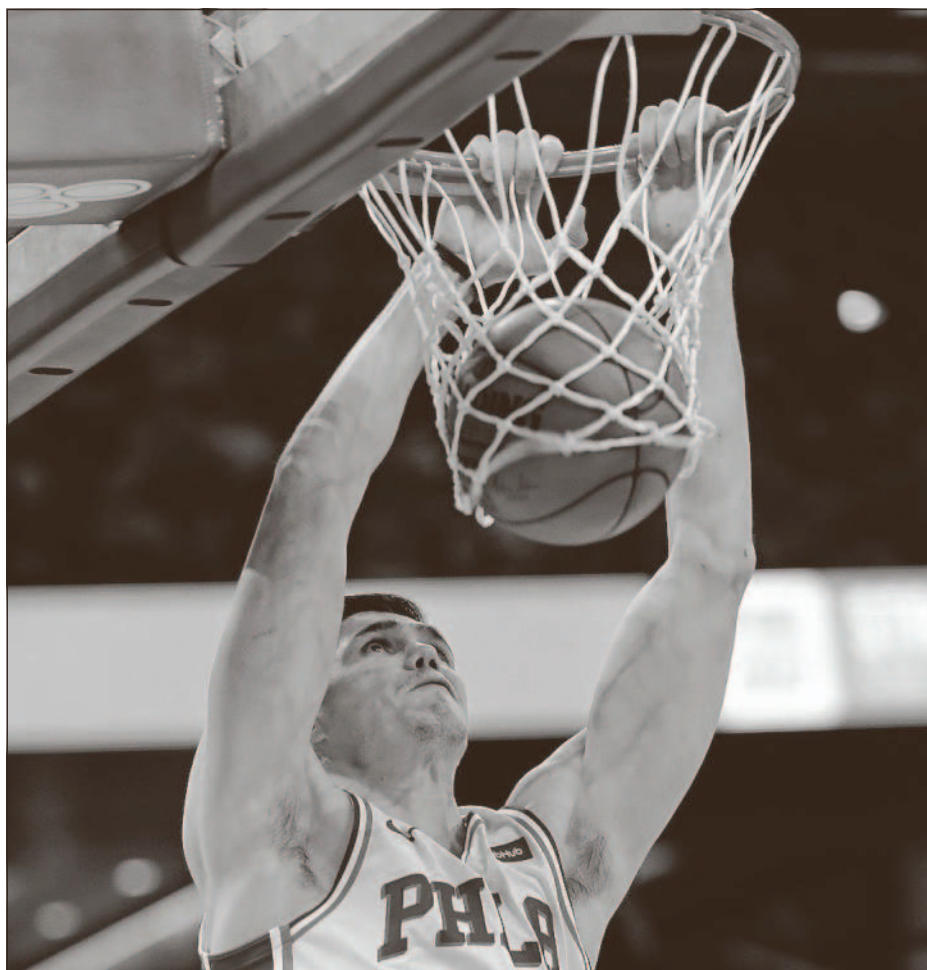
Ersan Ilyasova scored 18 points, leading six Philadelphia players in double figures as the 76ers (41-30) won their fifth straight and clinched their first non-losing season in six years. Robert Covington and Marco Belinelli added 15 points.

Rodney Purvis came off the bench to score 19 points for the Magic, who have lost eight of nine. Aaron Gordon, the only Orlando starter to score in double figures, had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Embiid and J.J. Redick combined for 10 points in a 12-0 run that left the 76ers with a 70-47 lead just before halftime.

The Magic's last lead was 14-12 after Nikola Vucevic made a 3-pointer midway through the first quarter. Belinelli scored on an inbound pass play to tie it, then hit a jump shot to put the 76ers ahead to stay. They led by double figures after the first 15 minutes and by 35 at one point.

The 76ers played the fourth quarter without any starters for the second straight night,



AP PHOTO

Philadelphia's Ersan Ilyasova dunks against the Orlando Magic during the first half Thursday in Orlando.

leaving Ben Simmons with six points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Simmons has nine triple-doubles. Only one player in NBA history has produced as many as 10 triple-doubles in his rookie season. Oscar Robertson had 26 triple-doubles in his rookie season of 1960-61.

HORNETS 140, GRIZZLIES 79: Kemba Walker scored 46 points and made 10 3-pointers, and the

Charlotte Hornets rolled to the most lopsided victory in franchise history by beating the Memphis Grizzlies 140-79 on Thursday night. Walker had the ninth 40-point game of his career as the Hornets easily overcame the absence of the suspended Dwight Howard. The All-Star guard hit 13 of 18 shots overall, including 10 of 14 on 3-pointers, and was 10 of 10 on free throws in 28 minutes.

He scored 17 points in the first quarter, 18 in

the second quarter and 11 in the third before he was replaced for the final time with 1:48 left in the period. It came one night after Howard's 32-point, 30-rebound performance that helped Charlotte rally from a 23-point deficit for a 111-105 victory at Brooklyn. But in the process, Howard was whistled for his 16th technical foul of the season, meaning he had to serve a one-game suspension on Thursday night.

NHL: Roundup**Capitals shut out Red Wings**

Associated Press

Philipp Grubauer made 39 saves for his third shutout of the season, and Brett Connolly scored the game's only goal on a third-period breakthrough to lift the Washington Capitals to a 1-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

The Capitals have won six of seven and lead Pittsburgh and Columbus by four points atop the Metropolitan Division as the regular season winds

down. Washington has turned increasingly to Grubauer of late after Braden Holtby struggled in February and at the beginning of March. Holtby wasn't available Thursday because of an injury coach Barry Trotz described as a tweak.

BLUE JACKETS 4, PANTHERS 0:

Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 33 shots for his fifth shutout of the season, Cam Atkinson had a goal and an assist, and Columbus beat Florida for its 10th straight victory. Sonny Milano, Seth Jones and

Thomas Vanek also scored. The Blue Jackets joined Philadelphia (1984-86) and Pittsburgh (2010-13) as the only teams with 10-game winning streaks in consecutive seasons.

HURRICANES 6, COYOTES 5:

Jeff Skinner scored his second goal with 1:58 left, and Carolina beat Arizona despite giving up a weird goal when the puck stuck in goalie Cam Ward's skate. Skinner added an assist, and Valentin Zykov scored two goals, the second tying it at 5 with 10:14 remaining.

SPORTS ON TV

(All times Eastern)
 Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

FRIDAY, MARCH 23**AUTO RACING**

1 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Camping World Truck Series, Alpha Energy Solutions 250, practice, at Martinsville, Va.
 3 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Camping World Truck Series, Alpha Energy Solutions 250, final practice, at Martinsville, Va.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7:07 p.m.
 CBS — NCAA Tournament, Midwest Regional, first semifinal, Clemson vs. Kansas, at Omaha, Neb.
 7:27 p.m.
 TBS — NCAA Tournament, East Regional, first semifinal, West Virginia vs. Villanova, at Boston
 9:37 p.m.
 CBS — NCAA Tournament, Midwest Regional, second semifinal, Syracuse vs. Duke, at Omaha, Neb.
 9:57 p.m.
 TBS — NCAA Tournament, East Regional, second semifinal, Texas Tech vs. Purdue, at Boston
COLLEGE HOCKEY
 3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, East Regional, first semifinal, Michigan Tech vs. Notre Dame, at

Bridgeport, Conn.

FIGURE SKATING

1:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — World Championships, Ice Dance Short Program, at Milan (same-day tape)
 3:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — World Championships, Ladies' Free Program, at Milan
GOLF
 10:30 a.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, second round, at Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
 2 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Day 3, at Austin, Texas
 8:30 p.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, Kia Classic, second round, at Carlsbad, Calif. (same-day tape)
 10:30 p.m.
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Rapiscan Systems Classic, first round, at Biloxi, Miss. (same-day tape)

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.
 ESPN — Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees, at Tampa, Fla.
 4 p.m.
 MLB — Cincinnati vs. Colorado, at Scottsdale, Ariz.
 9:30 p.m.
 MLB — Texas vs. San Diego, at Peoria, Ariz.
NBA BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 NBA — Denver at

Washington

10 p.m.
 NBA — Boston at Portland
SOCCER

10:25 p.m.
 FS1 — International friendly, Mexico vs. Iceland, at Santa Clara, Calif.

RUGBY

10 p.m.
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Bath vs. Exeter (same-day tape)

WINTER SPORTS

7 p.m.
 NBCSN — Curling, Women's World Championship: Round Robin, Canada vs. United States, at North Bay, Ontario

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament, Kansas City, Mo. Regional, first semifinal, NC State vs. Mississippi St.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Lexington, Ky. Regional, first semifinal, Oregon St. vs. Baylor
 8 p.m.
 CBSN — NCAA Division II Tournament, championship, Cent. Missouri vs. Ashland, at Sioux Falls, S.D.
 9:30 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament, Lexington, Ky. Regional, second semifinal, Stanford vs. Louisville
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Kansas City, Mo. Regional, second semifinal, UCLA vs. Texas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: UCONN Huskies**Rhode Island's Hurley to coach UConn team under inquiry**

By **PAT EATON-ROBB**
 Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Dan Hurley became a hot commodity after coaching Rhode Island to two straight NCAA Tournaments. On Thursday, he left for a bigger name in New England basketball.

Hurley jumped across state lines to join a UConn team that has won four NCAA titles in 20 years but is under NCAA investigation and just finished a second straight losing season. The Huskies fired coach Kevin Ollie this month.

"This program, which is part of one of the top public universities in the country, has a championship history and wonderful support from a passionate fan base," Hurley said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing this proud tradition."

Hurley was 113-82 in six seasons with the Rams, who went 26-8 this year before losing in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Duke. It was the second straight trip to the tournament for the Rams, who won their first regular-season Atlantic-10 championship.

"No other way to put



AP PHOTO

Rhode Island's head coach Dan Hurley takes questions during a news conference for an NCAA college basketball first round game in Pittsburgh. Hurley has agreed to become the head coach at the University of Connecticut. Hurley replaces Kevin Ollie, who was fired earlier this month.

it: Dan Hurley is on fire — the perfect coach for a storied program like UConn's," university President Susan Herbst told The Associated Press. "At a top public university, with four men's NCAA championships and eleven women's championships, we can get the best and we expect greatness."

The 45-year-old Hurley played at Seton Hall during its Big East rivalry with UConn in the 1990s. He is the son of Hall of Fame high school coach Bob Hurley Sr. and the

brother of Arizona State coach Bob Hurley.

The school said Hurley has agreed to a six-year deal and will receive a package worth \$2.75 million in the first season. The school said further details would be released during a Friday news conference.

The base salary would be much less, with the difference made up through perks such as speaking engagements and media appearances, a UConn official told the AP. The official, not authorized to discuss the deal, spoke on condition of anonymity.

LIGHTNING

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Braydon Coburn and Yanni Gourde each had two assists as the Lightning improved to 12-2-1 in their last 15 games.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 35 shots for his league-leading 42nd win, extending Tampa Bay's franchise record.

The Lightning extended their lead atop

the Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division to six points over idle Boston, which is 2-0 against Tampa Bay this season.

Anders Lee, Ryan Pullock and Anthony Beauvillier each scored twice for the Islanders, who lost for the 12th time in 14 games (2-8-4).

Jordan Eberle had three assists, and John Tavares and Josh Bailey

added two apiece. Christopher Gibson started and gave up six goals on 24 shots before being pulled with about 8½ minutes left in the second period.

Jaroslav Halak came on and finished with 11 saves.

The Lightning led 3-1 after one period and appeared to take control with four goals on 10 shots in the second to extend their lead to 7-3.

AUTO RACING: Australian GP

Hamilton: Race could be start of competitive season

By **JUSTIN BERGMAN**
Associated Press

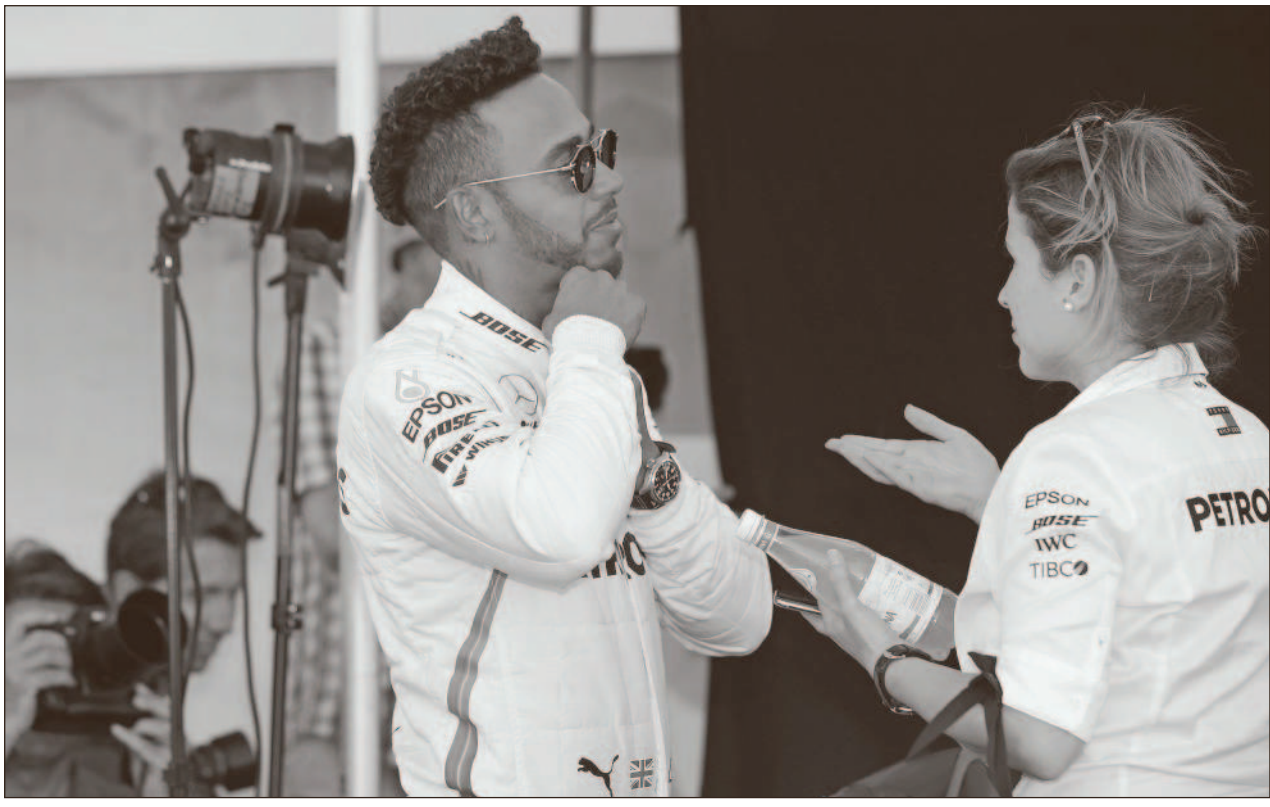
MELBOURNE, Australia — Lewis Hamilton won the Formula One driver's title in three of the last four years, but the Mercedes driver said Thursday on the eve of the season-opening Australian Grand Prix that he believes this year could be one of the most competitive yet in the sport.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who pushed the British driver hard last season, performed well in testing a few weeks ago in Spain, along with teammate Kimi Raikkonen.

And Hamilton said F1 fans will "be surprised just how competitive" Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo and Max Verstappen will be in Melbourne after putting a frustrating and inconsistent 2017 behind them.

"There's a lot of hype around our team," Hamilton said. "I'm excited to see how we all fare up when we get to practice."

For Mercedes, the



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, left, of Britain prepares to poses for a photo at the Australian Formula One Grand Prix in Melbourne, Thursday. The first race of the 2018 seasons is on Sunday.

AP PHOTO

hype at the start of each season is well-deserved: the team has dominated Formula One since 2014, winning four straight constructors' championships and 63 of 79 total races.

But Ferrari demonstrated it could challenge Mercedes for a good portion of last season — Vettel actually led Hamilton through 12 races before the Mercedes driver took the lead for good at

the Italian Grand Prix.

Vettel said although he still believes Hamilton is the favorite to win the title again this year, his team has reason to be confident.

"Our car is great. There's plenty to look

forward to," he said.

"Usually around this point, you don't know where the others are. That's why it's a bit pointless to come here and say you'll blow everyone away based on testing."

"I think we are in good shape. We could be in better shape, but it's always like that."

Hamilton and Vettel have something else to vie for this year — a chance to pull even with former Argentine driver Juan Manuel Fangio for second place on the all-time championship list.

Both drivers are tied with four titles, one short of Fangio's five. Michael Schumacher leads the list with seven titles.

But for both Hamilton and Vettel, this statistic isn't top of mind. At least not at this early point of the season.

"It's a long, long season," Hamilton said. "You don't really think about what could be, in the sense of matching others."

And don't count out Red Bull. After a disastrous 2017 that saw the team struggle with engine problems and Ricciardo and Verstappen fail to finish 13 races combined, Red Bull is coming into the new season with hopes of challenging for victories again.

IN BRIEF

NEW YORK

Howard suspended after technical in 30-30 game

Charlotte Hornets center Dwight Howard has been suspended for Thursday's game against Memphis after picking

up his 16th technical foul this season.

The NBA announced the penalty Thursday, noting that league rules require an automatic one-game suspension without pay for a player or coach who receives 16 technical fouls during a regular season.

After hitting that threshold, a player or coach will be suspended without pay automatically for another game for every two additional technical fouls received during that regular season. Howard picked up his most recent technical with 10:48 left

in Wednesday's 111-105 win against the Brooklyn Nets. That came as he finished with 32 points and a franchise-record 30 rebounds, becoming just the eighth player in league history with a 30-30 game.

Associated Press

NHL: Goalies

Goalies battle fatigue as NHL playoffs loom

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
Associated Press

Behind the mask is a mind filled with a web of a thousand thoughts, worries and a singular focus of what it takes to win a game.

Then the next game, then the one after that.

"There is no shut-off for a goaltender," retired goalie Brian Boucher said. "The mind doesn't shut off."

A starting NHL goaltender bears a burden unlike any position in hockey and few others in sports, and the resulting pressure builds up over the course of a season. By this time of

year, with the playoffs on the horizon, No. 1 goalies have grinded through almost six months of work and are battling fatigue that threatens to derail their team's hopes.

Andrei Vasilevskiy of Tampa Bay is going through it for the first time while Braden Holtby of the Washington Capitals is used to it by now. Goalies of all ages have no choice but to manage the physical and mental hurdles.

"It's one of those things that you've got find ways to make sure you're prepared and ready to play every game," Holtby said.

TRADE

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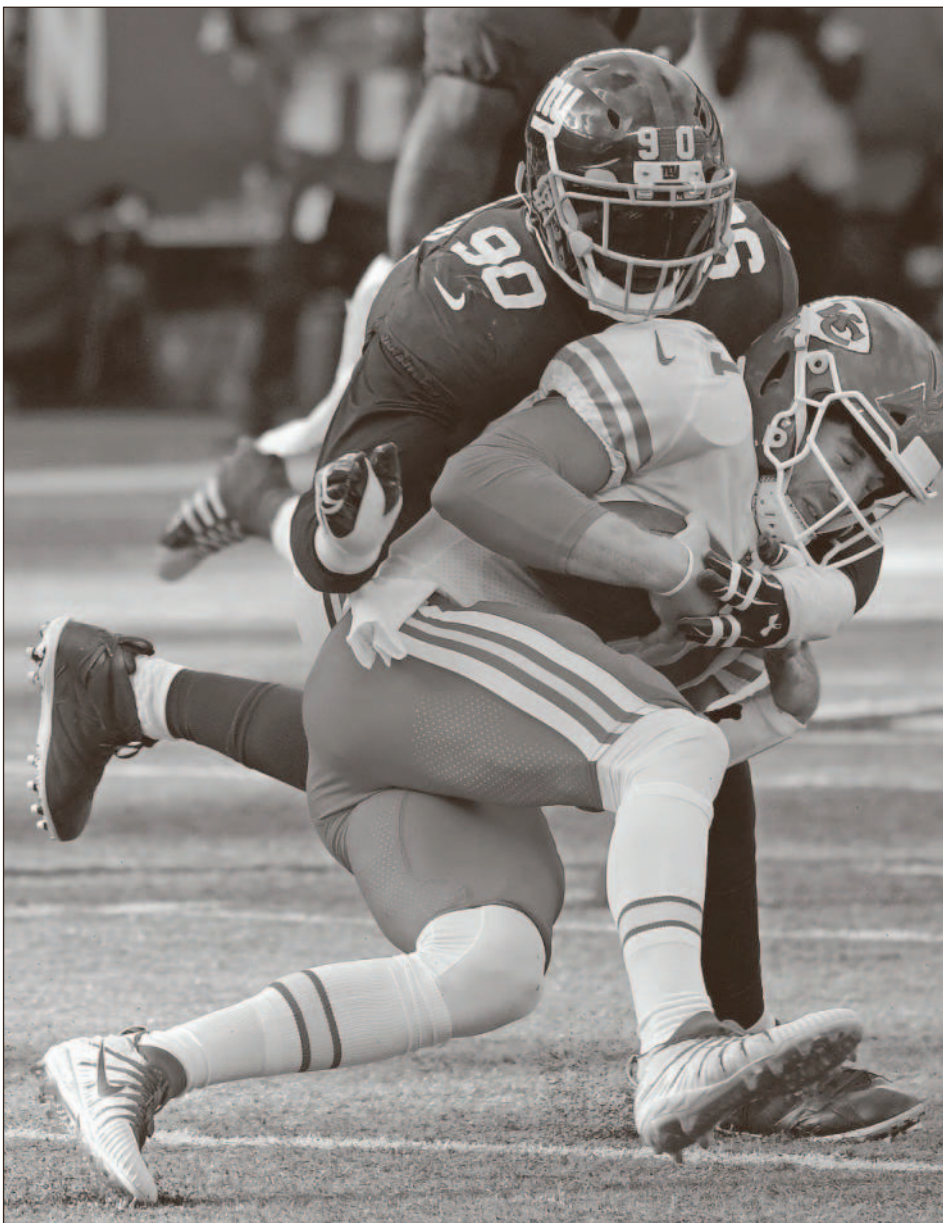
58½ since being drafted with the 15th pick overall in 2010, joins a team that recently signed two members of the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles, defensive end Vinny Curry and tackle Beau Allen. Former Bears tackle Mitch Unrein also was signed.

They join returning six-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Gerald McCoy on a Bucs' line that hasn't had a player finish with double-digit sacks since Simeon Rice in 2005.

Not only does Pierre-Paul give the Bucs a pass rusher, the 29-year-old is an every-down player who has overcome a fireworks accident in 2015 that severely damaged his right hand. He signed a \$62 million contract last year.

"We appreciate everything Jason has done for the Giants," Gettleman said. "He was a fine player for us."

Pierre-Paul had 68 tackles, 8½ sacks and two forced fumbles last season. He has played in 111 regular-season games with 85 starts, including all 16 games in 2017. He was selected to the Pro Bowl in 2011 and '12 and All Pro in 2011.



AP PHOTO

New York Giants defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul (90) sacks Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11). A person familiar with the deal says the Giants have traded defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two draft picks.

MATCH

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fourth hole until Spieth matched his birdie by chipping in from short of the green.

Spieth never trailed and pulled away with a savvy play on the par-4 13th over the water and into the wind. He hit driver well to the right toward the gallery, which gave him a clear look at the green without having to hit over any of the lake. His pitch-and-run settled a foot away for birdie and a 2-up lead, and Spieth closed him out, 4 and 2.

Right behind was Reed in his match against Charl Schwartzel, and the South African was 2 up at the turn until Reed won the next two holes to set up a tight finish. Schwartzel stayed 1 down when he missed a 5-foot par putt on the 17th. Needing a birdie on the 18th to halve, Schwartzel could only watch as Reed hit a wedge that nearly went in and stopped a few inches away.

Reed and Spieth are 7-2-2 as partners in the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup. They are 1-1 in PGA Tour playoffs, with Reed hitting through the greens to

short birdie range when he won the Wyndham Championship in 2013, and Spieth returning the favor in 2015 at Innisbrook by winning a playoff with a 30-foot putt.

They don't have much of a relationship except in team competitions, and even then it's unusual.

"Because we're so competitive with each other within our own pairing at the Ryder Cup, we want to outdo each other. That's what makes us successful," Spieth said. "Tiger says it's a phenomenon. It's not something that he's used to seeing in those team

events. Normally you're working together. But we want to beat each other every time. In alternate shot, if we don't win a hole, I want it to be his fault and he wants it to be my fault.

"We've almost played every single match we've been involved in together against each other," he said. "We just happen to be wearing the same colors."

Reed and Spieth have advanced out of group play just once, both in 2016 at Austin Country Club, and both lost fourth-round matches.

"He's not going to give you holes," Reed said.

"You have to go and play some good golf. And that's what it's going to do down to. Because I plan on not giving him any holes."

That isn't the only match between undefeated players this week.

Alex Noren of Sweden had another easy time, beating Thomas Pieters in 14 holes, and won for the sixth time in his last seven matches. He faces Tony Finau, who dispatched of Kevin Na to win his second straight match.

Defending champion Dustin Johnson will effectively play a practice round Friday.

A year after the world's No. 1 player couldn't be beaten, Johnson couldn't beat anybody. He lost to Bernd Wiesberger on Wednesday, and fell behind early in a 4-and-3 loss to Adam Hadwin on Thursday.

Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson still have life.

McIlroy had an easy time beating Jhonatan Vegas, while Brian Harman knocked out Peter Uihlein in the other match in their group. Harman will win the group if he beats McIlroy on Friday; McIlroy has to win to have any chance of making it to the weekend.



NCAA TOURNAMENT

SWEET SIXTEEN

A look at Thursday's Round of 16 games

Ramblin' men: Loyola Elite

South: Improbable run continues for Chicago club

Associated Press

ATLANTA — With Loyola-Chicago clinging to a one-point lead and only 6.3 seconds remaining, Marques Townes sank a 3-pointer from in front of the Ramblers' bench to continue their improbable NCAA Tournament run.

Townes scored 18 points, including the key 3-pointer, to lead Loyola to a 69-68 win over the Wolf Pack in Thursday night's NCAA South Regional semifinal.

The win leaves the No. 11th-seeded Ramblers one victory from a Final Four appearance.

Not bad for a program that hasn't been in the Sweet 16 in 33 years.

Townes charged down the court, pumping his fist, as Nevada called a timeout following the crucial 3-pointer. Caleb Martin answered with a 3 for Nevada, but this time the Wolf Pack couldn't extend their string of second-half comebacks in the tournament.

Loyola (31-5) awaits the winner of the Kansas State-Kentucky game in Saturday's regional final.



Loyola-Chicago guard Marques Townes celebrates victory after a regional semifinal against Nevada Thursday in Atlanta. The Ramblers won 69-68.

Martin led Nevada (29-8) with 21 points. Twin brother Cody Martin had 16. Jordan Carolina had 19. The Wolf Pack finally faced a deficit too big to overcome.

Loyola trailed by 12 points, at 20-8, midway through the first half but stormed back to lead 28-24 at halftime. Loyola

closed the half with a 20-4 run as Nevada didn't score in the final 7:55 before the break.

After leading a combined 4 minutes, 24 seconds of their first two NCAA Tournament wins, the Wolf Pack didn't trail in the opening 18 minutes of the first half. Even after leading 20-8 and

appearing to have established command, Nevada found a way to trail at halftime for the sixth straight game.

Following a 4-4 tie, Nevada took the lead with an 8-0 run that included a layup and two free throws by Jordan Caroline.

Loyola pushed the ball in the paint on almost every

possession. The Ramblers' first 10 points came on layups.

Freshman Cameron Krutwig, who at 6-foot-9, 260 pounds stood out as the biggest player for either team, had eight of Loyola's first 19 points but went to the bench with two fouls with 6:26 remaining in the half. He picked up his third foul midway through the second half.

Loyola's relentless attack on the basket continued as it stretched its lead, one layup at a time, in the second half.

Following a steal by Townes, Ben Richardson's layup gave the Ramblers their first double-digit lead at 36-26 and took their biggest lead at 40-28.

Nevada's experience in second-half comebacks paid off. After Loyola's layup by Clayton Custer gave the Ramblers their last 10-point lead at 57-47, the Wolf Pack charged back.

Cody Martin's basket started a 12-2 run, and his layup tied the game at 59-all with 4:06 remaining.

BIG PICTURE

Loyola: The Ramblers showed strong poise by sticking with their game

plan to attack the basket, even when the Wolf Pack collected five blocks in the first half. Loyola took a 46-34 advantage in points in the paint.

Nevada: The Wolf Pack couldn't keep pace with Loyola's inside attack. They made only 8 of 27 3-pointers.

FAMOUS FANS

Four members of Loyola's famous 1963 NCAA championship team had front-row seats: Jerry Harkness, Les Hunter, John Egan and Rich Rochelle. In the final minutes of the game, Harkness could be heard saying, "We need a stop. We just need a stop."

Also attending the game was Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, Loyola's 98-year-old team chaplain who has become a celebrity during the tournament.

UP NEXT

Loyola: The Ramblers will face the winner of Thursday night's Kansas State-Kentucky regional semifinal in Saturday's regional final.

Nevada: Despite losing four seniors, the Wolf Pack again will be a team to watch in the Mountain West.

Wolverines leave no doubt vs. Texas A&M

West: Michigan rolls to third Elite Eight in six years

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — This one was easy.

After reaching the NCAA Tournament's round of 16 with an improbable buzzer-beater, Michigan shot 62 percent from the floor and routed Texas A&M 99-72 in the West Region semifinals on Thursday night to reach the Elite Eight for the third time in six years.

The Wolverines (31-7) dominated from start to finish, hitting 14 3-pointers — 10 in the first half — and extending their winning streak to 12 games.

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman scored 24 points, Moe Wagner added 21 points and Charles Matthews had 18 points as third-seeded Michigan had five players in double figures.

The Wolverines were

good in the first half and even better in the second.

The rout was on by halftime with Michigan leading 52-28 after shooting 57 percent from the floor. In the second half, the Wolverines improved to 68 percent from the floor.

The Aggies (22-13) never made a run, going long stretches without a basket in the first half while Michigan was scoring on nearly every trip down the floor.

Tyler Davis led the seventh-seeded Aggies with 24 points.

Michigan won its second round game to reach the Sweet 16 on freshman Jordan Poole's long 3 in the closing seconds against Houston.

In this one, Michigan led by 29 points after an 8-0 run near the end of the first half.

The Wolverines averaged nine 3-pointers per game coming in, and exceeded that by the break.

Michigan held the



Michigan guard Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman (left) shoots against Texas A&M forward Robert Williams during the second half of an NCAA Tournament regional semifinal Thursday in Los Angeles.

Aggies to 12-of-32 shooting from the floor by double-teaming A&M and getting hands in shooters' faces. The

Wolverines had eight steals, led by Xavier Simpson with five.

The Aggies committed 10 turnovers — with five

by T.J. Starks — in the half.

They improved to 57 percent shooting in the second half, but it

didn't make any difference when the Aggies couldn't come close to reducing their deficit to single digits.

MANAGERS

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changed, and we've got a lot of information that's going to help us."

Gone are the days of John McGraw, Leo Durocher, Gene Mauch and Billy Martin, martinets who ran their fiefdoms largely by guts.

"Many of the managers were probably like the general type of personality," Boston Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski said. "They were

just very strict: It's my way. This is the way it is. Not all, but a lot of them. I don't think that this goes over with this generation the same way. Not only in baseball, but just with the overall population."

Today's manager is salesman as much as strategist, digesting behind-the-scenes dis-persuading dozens and accepting facts over faith. He must have a sweet smile as the franchise's face, sitting in front of a backdrop with sponsor

logos before and after 162 games a year — and hopefully more.

"The manager in today's world is an extension of the front office's philosophies and the front office's efforts and someone that you can collaborate and work with," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Gardenhire led Minnesota to six division titles from 2002-14 and was the lone veteran big league manager hired during the offseason.

Boston's Alex Cora, the

New York Mets' Mickey Callaway, the New York Yankees' Aaron Boone, Philadelphia's Gabe Kapler and Washington's Dave Martinez are all rookie skippers. Boone never held an on-field job since retiring as a player.

Fresh and friendly are in.

"The decisions still need to be made — when are you going to hit/run, when are you going to take out the pitcher, when are you going to bunt," Houston GM Jeff Luhnow said.

"The amount of

information available to managers is a multiple larger than it was five years ago, but it doesn't mean that managers necessarily do anything differently. They still have to look at what's going on, use the field, assess it, use their best judgment and make decisions," he said.

Managers are certainly free to choose their moves. But if they don't work out — or maybe even if they do — they're definitely going to hear about it from fans and the media.

GMs, too, usually debrief managers to learn reasoning.

"If you talk to Tony La Russa after a game, he'll tell you, 'Well I considered these four alternatives and I thought option B was the best option,'" Dombrowski said.

A decade or two ago, a manager would hear advice from coaches, a GM, an assistant GM and maybe a farm director. These days, the array of front-office titles is expanding like the universe.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA	All times Eastern	EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Toronto		53	19	736	—	
x-Boston		48	23	676	4½	
Philadelphia		41	30	577	11½	
New York		26	46	361	27	
Brooklyn		23	49	319	30	
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
Washington	40	31	.563	—		
Miami	39	33	.542	1½		
Charlotte	32	41	.438	9		
Atlanta	21	50	.296	19		
Orlando	21	51	.292	19½		
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
Cleveland	42	29	.592	—		
Indiana	41	31	.569	1½		
Milwaukee	37	34	.521	5		
Detroit	32	39	.451	10		
Chicago	24	47	.338	18		
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB		
Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
y-Houston	57	14	.803	—		
New Orleans	43	30	.589	15		
San Antonio	42	30	.583	15½		
Dallas	22	49	.310	35		
Memphis	19	53	.264	38½		
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
Portland	44	27	.620	—		
Oklahoma City	43	30	.589	2		
Minnesota	41	31	.569	3½		
Utah	40	31	.563	4		
Denver	39	33	.542	5½		
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB		
y-Golden State	53	18	.746	—		
L.A. Clippers	38	33	.535	15		
L.A. Lakers	31	40	.437	22		
Sacramento	23	49	.319	30½		
Phoenix	19	53	.264	34½		

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland 132, Toronto 129
 Philadelphia 119, Memphis 105
 Charlotte 111, Brooklyn 105
 Miami 119, New York 98
 Denver 135, Chicago 102
 L.A. Clippers 127, Milwaukee 120
 New Orleans 96, Indiana 92
 San Antonio 98, Washington 90
Thursday's Games
 Charlotte 140, Memphis 79
 Philadelphia 118, Orlando 98
 New Orleans 128, L.A. Lakers 125
 Detroit at Houston, late
 Utah at Dallas, late
 Atlanta at Sacramento, late
Today's Games
 Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
 Boston at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

HORNETS 140, GRIZZLIES 79
MEMPHIS (79)
 Martin 5-15 2-2 12, Green 2-7 0-0 5, Davis 2-5 0-0 4, Evans 7-11 1-4 16, Brooks 2-5 0-0 5, Johnson 1-4 0-2 2, Rabb 0-1 0-0 0, Chalmers 1-3 0-0 2, Weber 0-2 2-2 2, Simmons 1-5 4-4 6, McLemore 2-9 3-3 7, Selden 7-12 3-4 18. Totals 30-78 15-21 79.
CHARLOTTE (140)
 Kidd-Gilchrist 2-5 0-0 4, Williams 5-8 3-4 15, Hernangomez 5-11 0-1 10, Walker 13-18 10 46, Lamb 4-7 2-2 12, Bacon 6-14 3-3 15, Kaminsky 5-6 0-0 14, Mathiang 4-5 0-1 8, Paige 3-6 2-2 9, Monk 1-4 2-2 4, Stone 0-1 0-0 0, Graham 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 49-92 23-27 140.
MEMPHIS 14 28 15 22 — 79
CHARLOTTE 37 38 37 28 — 140
 3-Point Goals—Memphis 4-18 (Green 1-2, Evans 1-2, Brooks 1-3, Selden 1-3, Chalmers 0-2, McLemore 0-2, Simmons 0-2, Martin 0-2), Charlotte 19-40 (Walker 10-14, Kaminsky 4-4, Lamb 2-4, Williams 2-5, Paige 1-3, Hernangomez 0-1, Stone 0-1, Bacon 0-1, Monk 0-2, Graham 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 38 (Martin 8), Charlotte 53 (Hernangomez 12). Assists—Memphis 13 (Evans, Simmons 4), Charlotte 25 (Lamb 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 24, Charlotte 17. A—15,033 (19,077).

76ERS 118, MAGIC 98
PHILADELPHIA (118)
 Covington 5-12 2-2 15, Saric 3-7 3-4 10, Embiid 6-11 4-4 17, B.Simmmons 3-4 0-2 6, Redick 3-8 5-5 12, Holmes 3-5 0-0 7, Ilyasova 7-11 1-18, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, McConnell 2-5 0-0 4, Jackson 1-1 2-2 4, Belinelli 5-10 3-4 15, Korkmaz 1-5 0-0 3, Anderson 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 42-89 19-24 118.
ORLANDO (98)
 Hezonia 3-9 2-2 9, Gordon 4-15 1-1 10, Ucevica 3-11 0-0 7, Augustin 2-9 1-4 6, Iwundu 3-5 2-2 8, Speights 3-6 2-3 10, Bibbimo 5-7 3-6 13, Birch 2-3 0-0 4, Purvis 8-12 0-0 19, Mack 1-7 1-2 3, Artis 1-2 0-0 2, Afflalo 2-5 2-2 7. Totals 37-91 14-22 98.
PHILADELPHIA 32 38 25 23 — 118
ORLANDO 23 26 16 33 — 98
 3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 15-37 (Ilyasova 3-4, Covington 3-7, Belinelli 2-5, Holmes 1-1, Jackson 1-1, Saric 1-2, Anderson 1-2, Korkmaz 1-3, Embiid 1-4, Redick 1-5, McConnell 0-1, Johnson 0-2), Orlando 10-33 (Purvis 3-5, Speights 2-5, Ucevica 1-2, Augustin 1-4, Afflalo 1-4, Gordon 1-5, Hezonia 1-5, Iwundu 0-1, Mack 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 56 (B.Simmmons 11), Orlando 40 (Gordon 11). Assists—Philadelphia 30 (B.Simmmons 10), Orlando 26 (Mack 6). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 15, Orlando 19. Technicals—Orlando team. A—17,881 (18,846).

PELICANS 128, LAKERS 125
L.A. LAKERS (125)
 Kuzma 5-11 7-8 21, Randle 9-16 5-8 23, Lopez 9-12 4-5 23, Ball 2-15 1-2 6, Caldwell-Pope 9-15 2-2 28, Wear 2-5 0-0 6, Zubac 1-1 0-0 2, Thomas 6-12 2-2 15. Totals 43-87 21-27 125.
NEW ORLEANS (128)
 Moore 6-10 0-0 13, Davis 12-20 9-10 33, Okafor 1-3 0-0 2, Rondo 11-18 1-1 24, Holiday 12-16 1-3 26, Hill 1-3 0-0 3, Miller 3-6 0-0 7, Diallo 0-2 2-2 2, Mirocic 7-3 4-5, Liggins 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 5-10 2-2 13. Totals 52-95 18-22 128.
L.A. LAKERS 44 29 35 17 — 125
NEW ORLEANS 40 31 26 31 — 128
 3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 17-39 (Caldwell-Pope 8-11, Kuzma 4-6, Wear 2-4, Lopez 1-2, Thomas 1-4, Ball 1-12), New Orleans 6-24 (Moore 1-3, Rondo 1-3, Hill 1-3, Clark 1-3, Holiday 1-4, Miller 1-4, Mirocic 0-2, Davis 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 41 (Ball 13), New Orleans 42 (Davis 9). Assists—L.A. Lakers 19 (Ball 9), New Orleans 28 (Rondo 10). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 20, New Orleans 19. Technicals—Thomas. A—18,037 (16,867).

ODDS

PREGAME LINE	NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	Today	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	5	217	at Chicago			
Indiana	2½	218½	L.A. Clippers			
Washington	1½	219	Denver			
Minnesota	6½	222	at New York			
Cleveland	Off	Off	Phoenix			
Toronto	12	221½	Brooklyn			
at Oklahoma City	6½	215	Miami			
at San Antonio	3	193½	Utah			
at Portland	6½	203	Boston			
at Golden State	9½	221	Atlanta			

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Villanova	4½	West Virginia		
Purdue	2	Texas Tech		
Duke	11½	Syracuse		
Kansas	5	Clemson		

Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday
at Liberty	2½	Cent. Michigan
W. Kentucky	1	Utah
Penn St.	2½	Mississippi St.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE	Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE

Montreal -111 at Buffalo +101
 at Pittsburgh -193 New Jersey +178
 at Winnipeg Off Anaheim Off
 at St. Louis -290 Vancouver +260
 at Dallas Off Boston Off
 Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Options OF Ryan Cordell to Charlotte (IL), Reassigned OF Luis Robert, RHP Rob Scahill and RHP Chris Volstad to minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Options OF Greg Allen and RHP Ben Taylor to Columbus (IL), Reassigned RHP Alexi Ogando to minor league camp.
DETROIT TIGERS — Reassigned Cs Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Derek Norris; INFs Pete Kozma and Ronny Rodriguez, and OFs Jim Adduci and Chad Huffmant to minor league camp. Options LHPs Chad Bell and Blaine Hardy to Toledo (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Options RHPs Alan Benusnet and Tyler Duffey, OF Jake Cave to Rochester (IL), Reassigned 1B Brock Starks to minor league camp. Released OF Chris Hestey.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Options C Dustin Garneau to Nashville (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with C Curt Casali on a minor league contract.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Options Matt Koch to Reno (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Claimed off waivers 1B Kennys Vargas from the Twins, Options RHP Jackson Stephens and RHP Robert Stephenson to Louisville (IL), Reassigned RHP Dylan Floro, RHP Tanner Rainey, C Joe Hudson, IF/OF Rosell Herrera, OF Ben Revere and OF Mason Williams to minor league camp. Released LHP Oliver Pérez.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — granted INF Ryan Flaherty his unconditional release.
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released RHPs Jeff Walters and Kamakani Usui.
California League
STOCKTON PORTS — Promoted Taylor McCarthy to general manager.
Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed INF Audy Ciriaco.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 NBA — Suspended Charlotte C Dwight Howard one game for receiving his 16th technical foul of the 2017-18 season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed OL Daniel Munyer to a one-year contract. Claimed WR Cobi Hamilton off of waivers from the Houston Texans.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Re-signed DE Derrick Shelby to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BEARS — Re-signed LB John Timu to a one-year contract.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed WR Deonte Thompson to a one-year contract.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DE William Hayes to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed G Tom Compton.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Traded DE Jason Pierre-Paul and a 2018 fourth-round (No. 102) draft pick to Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a 2018 third- (No. 69) and fourth-round (No. 108) draft picks.
 Released WR/KR Dwayne Harris.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed T Breno Giacomini.
 Re-signed QB EJ Manuel.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed RB Mike Davis to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NHL — Fined St. Louis D Robert Bortuzzo \$3,091.40 for cross-checking Boston F Jordan Szwarz during a March 21 game.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Loaned D Sebastian Aho to Bridgeport (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned D Sergey Zborovskiy to the Hartford (ECHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled G Phoenix Copley from Hershey (AHL), Signed D Tobias Geisser to a three-year entry-level contract.
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Recalled Fs Jeff Kubiak and Yanick Turcotte from Worcester (ECHL). Loaned F Josh Holmstrom and D Patrick Cully to Worcester.
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Reassigned G Anthony Stolarz to Lehigh Valley (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MINNESOTA UNITED — Renewed the contract of D Francisco Calvo through 2020.

COLLEGES
COLORADO STATE — Named Niko Medved men's basketball coach.
CUMBERLAND — Named Scott Davidson women's assistant soccer coach.
EVANSVILLE — Named Walter McCarty men's basketball coach.
 FAU — Named Dusty May men's basketball coach and signed him to a five-year contract.
MIAMI — Announced sophomore G Bruce Brown Jr. declared for the NBA draft.
UCONN — Named Dan Hurley basketball coach.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA TOURNAMENT
 All times Eastern
EAST REGIONAL
At TD Garden, Boston
Regional Semifinals
Today
 Villanova (32-4) vs. West Virginia (26-10), 7:27 p.m.
 Purdue (30-6) vs. Texas Tech (26-9), 9:57 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday
 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL

At Philips Arena, Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
Thursday
 Loyola of Chicago 69, Nevada 68
 Kansas State (24-11) vs. Kentucky (26-10), late
Regional Championship
Saturday
 Loyola of Chicago (31-5) vs. Kansas State-Kentucky winner, TBA
LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 69, NEVADA 68
LOYOLA OF CHICAGO (31-5)
 Krutwig 4-6 0-0 8, Richardson 4-7 0-0 8, Custer 7-9 0-2 15, Townes 6-10 4-4 18, Ingram 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 6-11 2-2 15, Williamson 1-4 0-0 3, Skokna 0-2 0-0 0, Satterwhite 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-52 8-6 68.
NEVADA (29-8)
 Co.Martin 6-12 4-4 16, Ca.Martin 8-18 0-0 21, Cooke 1-3 0-0 2, Stephens 0-8 0-0 0, Caroline 5-9 7-8 19, Foster 0-0 0-0 0, Hall 4-8 2-2 10, Touley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-58 13-14 68.
 Halftime—Loyola of Chicago 28-24, 3-Point Goals—Loyola of Chicago 5-13 (Townes 2-2, Jackson 1-1, Custer 1-2, Williamson 1-3, Skokna 0-1, Ingram 0-1, Richardson 0-3), Nevada 7-26 (Ca.Martin 5-10, Caroline 2-3, Hall 0-1, Co.Martin 0-2, Cooke 0-2, Stephens 0-8). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Loyola of Chicago 27 (Krutwig 5), Nevada 24 (Co.Martin, Caroline 6). Assists—Loyola of Chicago 15 (Townes 5), Nevada 8 (Co.Martin 5). Total Fouls—Loyola of Chicago 13, Nevada 13.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

At CenturyLink Center Omaha, Neb.
Regional Semifinals
Today
 Kansas (29-7) vs. Clemson (25-9), 7:07 p.m.
 Duke (28-7) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 9:37 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday
 Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL

At STAPLES Center, Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
Thursday
 Michigan 99, Texas A&M 72
 Florida State (22-11) vs. Gonzaga (32-4), late
Regional Championship
Saturday
 Michigan (31-7) vs. Florida State-Gonzaga winner, TBA

MICHIGAN 99, TEXAS A&M 72
TEXAS A&M (22-13)
 Hogg 3-9 0-0 7, Williams 6-8 0-1 12, T.Davis 11-17 2-3 24, Starks 2-11 0-0 5, Gilder 5-11 0-0 10, Jasey 0-0 0-0 0, Trocha-Morelos 2-5 0-0 5,

Collins 0-1 0-0 0, Chandler 2-3 3-6 7, French 0-0 0-0 0, Flagg 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 32-67 5-10 72.
MICHIGAN (31-7)
 Wagner 8-12 2-2 21, Livers 1-4 0-0 2, Simpson 5-8 0-0 11, Abdur-Rahkman 9-16 2-2 24, Matthews 8-11 1-2 18, A.Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Baird 1-1 0-0 3, Teske 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Poole 1-1 2-2 5, Simmons 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 1-4 0-0 3, Robinson 4-5 0-0 10. Totals 39-63 7-8 99.
 Halftime—Michigan 52-28. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 3-15 (Trocha-Morelos 1-2, Starks 1-4, Hogg 1-5, Flagg 0-1, Collins 0-1, Gilder 0-2), Michigan 14-24 (Abdur-Rahkman 4-7, Wagner 3-3, Robinson 2-3, Poole 1-1, Baird 1-1, Simpson 1-2, Watson 1-3, Matthews 1-3, Livers 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 30 (T.Davis 8), Michigan 27 (Simpson, Abdur-Rahkman, Matthews 5). Assists—Texas A&M 13 (Hogg 5), Michigan 21 (Abdur-Rahkman 7). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 12, Michigan 15.

FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome, San Antonio
National Semifinals
March 31
 South champion vs. West champion
 East champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
April 2
 Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament
 All times Eastern
Quarterfinals
March 20
 Penn State 85, Marquette 80
 Mississippi State 79, Louisville 56
Wednesday
 Western Kentucky 92, Oklahoma State 84
 Utah 67, Saint Mary's 58, OT
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden, New York
Tuesday
 Western Kentucky (27-10) vs. Utah (22-11), 7 p.m.
 Penn State (24-13) vs. Mississippi State (25-11), 9:30 p.m.
Championship
March 29
 Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

All times Eastern
Semifinals
Wednesday
 North Texas 90, Jacksonville State 68
Thursday
 Campbell (18-15) at San Francisco (20-15), late
Championship Series (Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
Monday
 North Texas (18-17) vs. Campbell-San Francisco winner, TBA
March 28
 North Texas (18-17) vs. Campbell-San Francisco winner, TBA
March 30
 x-North Texas (18-17) vs. Campbell-San Francisco winner, TBA

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All times Eastern
Quarterfinals
Wednesday
 UNC 83, Austin Peay 81
 Northern Colorado 86, San Diego 75
Thursday
 Sam Houston 76, UTSA 69
Saturday
 Central Michigan (21-14) at Liberty (21-14), 2 p.m.
Semifinals
March 28
 Game 1, 7 p.m.
 Game 2, 9 p.m.
Championship
March 30
 Semifinal winners, TBA

FLYERS 4, RANGERS 3
N.Y. RANGERS 1 1 1 — 3
PHILADELPHIA 1 2 1 — 4
 First Period—1, Philadelphia, Konecny 21 (Giroux, MacDonald), 7:56 2, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 26 (Fast, Plonk), 13:53. Penalties—Weal, PHI, (hooking), 1:56.
 Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Voracek 19 (Sanheim, Giroux), 3:46 4, Philadelphia, Konecny 22 (Gudas, Giroux), 8:38 5, N.Y. Rangers, Fast 12 (Kreider, Sproull), 17:03. Penalties—Reed, PHI, (hooking), 3:31; Zibanejad, NYR, (roughing), 3:31; Staal, NYR, (tripping), 3:50; Hayes, NYR, (slashing), 11:06.
 Third Period—6, Philadelphia, Lindblom 2 (Patrick, MacDonald), 0:08 7, N.Y. Rangers, Fast 13 (O'Garra, Gilmore), 1:28. Penalties—Sanheim, PHI, (elbowing), 8:21.
 Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 8-15-13-36. Philadelphia 15-10-11-36.
 Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 2; Philadelphia 0 of 2.
 Goalties—N.Y. Rangers, Georgiev 3-3-1 (36 shots-32 saves), Philadelphia, Lyon 4-2-1 (36-33).
 A—19,584 (19,543), T—2,225.
 Referees—Wes McCauley, Graham Skillerter. Linesmen—Shane Hevey, Matt MacPherson.

NCAA DIV. I TOURNAMENT
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Semifinals
Thursday
 Ferris State (36-1) vs. West Texas A&M (32-3), late
 Queens (NC) (32-3) vs. Northern State (35-3), late
NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
 All times Eastern
ALBANY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday
At Albany, N.Y.
 South Carolina (28-6) vs. Buffalo (29-5), 11:30 a.m.
 UConn (34-0) vs. Duke (24-8), 2 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday
 Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday
At Spokane, Wash.
 Notre Dame (31-3) vs. Texas A&M (26-9), 4 p.m.
 Oregon (32-4) vs. Central Michigan (30-4), 6:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday
 Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Today
At Kansas City, Mo.
 N.C. State (26-8) vs. Mississippi State (34-1), 6:30 p.m.
 UCLA (26-7) vs. Texas (28-6), 9 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday
 Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

MLB: Rays preview

Revamped young Rays feel they have chance to be competitive

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The young Tampa Bay Rays feel they have a chance to be more competitive than an offseason of trimming salary might suggest. Proving it in the rugged AL East figures to be difficult, however manager Kevin Cash likes the idea that some people are already counting his team out.

"I think it's great," Cash said of the general reaction to a winter of change that's included the departure of Evan Longoria, the face of the franchise for nearly a decade.

"But the expectations are not any lower from my point of view, or the players, who have taken time to sit down and think about what's gone on," Cash added. "Yes, there have been subtractions, but there's also been some really good additions."

In addition to trading Longoria to the San Francisco Giants in December, the Rays lost pitcher Alex Cobb to free agency before unloading a second starting pitcher, Jake Odorizzi, and slugers Corey Dickerson and Steven Souza, Jr., during spring training.

Outside of acquiring veteran outfielder Denard Span in the Longoria trade, Tampa Bay will have little to show for the moves on the opening day roster.

General manager Erik Neander is confident, though, that a bevy of prospects added to a minor league system already teeming with talent will be vital to the resurgence of a club that made the playoffs four times in six seasons from 2008 to 2013.



Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash speaks to reporters before a spring training baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, in Fort Myers. The young Tampa Bay Rays feel they have a chance to be more competitive than an offseason of trimming salary might suggest.

Cash and Neander insist having an eye on the future doesn't mean the Rays can't be successful now.

Former All-Star outfielder Carlos Gomez was signed during spring training, third baseman Matt Duffy returns after missing all of 2017 while recovering from an Achilles injury, and first baseman/designated hitter C.J. Cron will be counted on to provide some power in the middle of the batting order.

"We have a young group, but we have a mature group that's capable of handling some of the difficult decisions that are made in baseball," said Cash, who is entering his fourth season as the Rays manager.

Centerfielder Kevin Kiermaier initially was critical of some of the offseason moves that appeared to sacrifice the present for the future.

The defensive whiz's stance has softened,

however, and he says he's focused on moving forward.

"It's definitely the youngest team, I think, I'll ever be a part of," said Kiermaier, who'll turn 28 on April 22. "But young guys can still play at a high level, especially with this youth movement going across the big leagues."

Some things to know about the Rays, who are trying to end a stretch of four consecutive losing records, three of them under Cash:

BEST CASE: A young pitching staff, led by All-Star Chris Archer and supported by an improved defense anchored by Kiermaier, performs up to expectations — helping the budget-minded Rays close the gap between themselves and AL East rivals Boston and New York, who both made the playoffs a year ago.

WORST CASE: A slow start could become the answer to a lingering question of whether the front office is finished retooling the roster. Archer, closer Alex

Colome and starter Nathan Eovaldi, who is resuming his career following Tommy John surgery, could be players attracting interest in potential trade deadline deals that garner prospects in return.

UNDER 30: The Rays enter the season with an impressive streak of 560 consecutive games started by a pitcher under the age of 30. With a projected four-man rotation of Archer, 29; Eovaldi, 28; Blake Snell, 25; and Jake Faria, 24, and several promising young starters in the minors, the streak figures to continue. Cash intends to use multiple relievers on floating "bullpen days" that replace a fifth starter.

FOUR IN A ROW: Archer will make his fourth consecutive opening day start, a franchise record. He also aiming for his fourth straight season with 200-plus innings pitched. And, after going 10-12 with a 4.07 ERA and 249 strikeouts in 2017, he's looking to stop a streak of three consecutive seasons with a losing record.

MLB: Marlins preview

Another uphill climb for Marlins as Jeter era begins

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — As the 25th anniversary of the Marlins' first game draws near, the franchise can look back on two World Series titles, a move into a new ballpark and eight seasons with prodigious slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

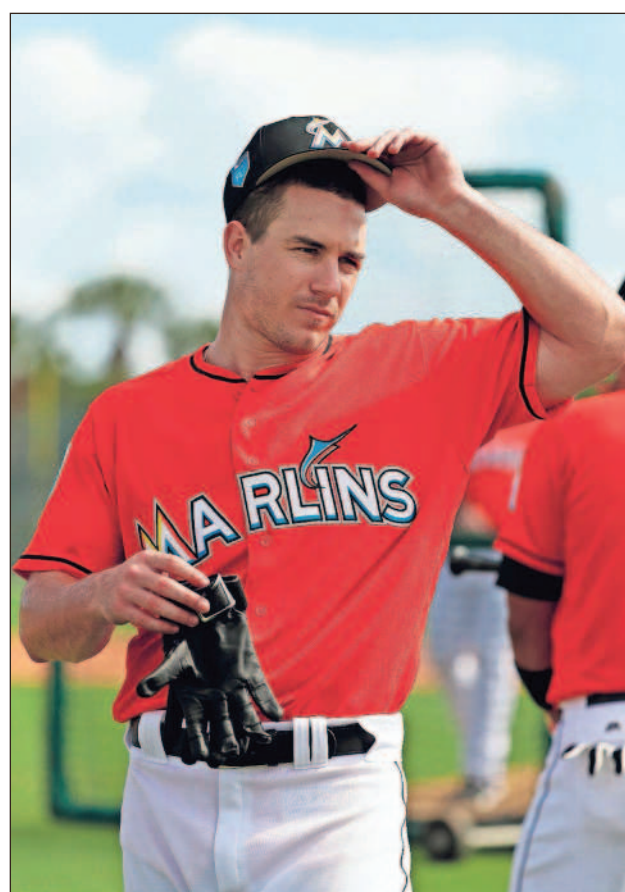
Yet in South Florida, the baseball team inspires either apathy or antipathy.

"It's a complicated history, right?" Derek Jeter says.

Yes, and even more so since Jeter's ownership group bought the downtrodden franchise in October. The former Yankees captain and new Marlins CEO traded away half the starting lineup, including Stanton, acquiring a passel of prospects to replenish the farm system and also reducing payroll to ensure a profit despite perennially awful attendance.

"This team hasn't been in the playoffs in 14 years," Jeter says. "That's the bottom line. And people weren't coming here. We need to fix that. People may disagree with some of the moves that we've made, but we're trying to fix something that has been broken."

With the franchise's latest reboot underway, here are things to know about the 2018 Marlins: **SHAKY ROTATION:** Miami had



Miami Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto prepares to step into the batting cage during spring training baseball practice in Jupiter.

54 quality starts last year, tied for the fewest in the majors, and the rotation is even more unsettled now. Spring training began with three spots open behind Jose Urena and Dan Straily, and manager Don Mattingly will try to plug the holes with a mix of prospects and journeymen.

Among those likely to get a shot are four pitchers with a combined career record of 35-65 — right-hander Jacob Turner (14-30), left-hander Justin Nicolino (10-13), right-hander Odri-samer Despaigne (11-21)

and right-hander Caleb Smith (0-1).

FARM SYSTEM: Though the roster is thin on talent, Marlins officials pledge they won't risk bringing prospects to the majors prematurely. "We want guys to be ready when they get to the big leagues," president of baseball operations Michael Hill said. "In the past we've rushed guys, pushed them to the big leagues to be productive players. We're going to give guys time to develop so that when they do get to Miami, they're

ready to step in."

Case in point: the organization's most promising young pitcher, 22-year-old right-hander Sandy Alcantara. He had a 3.95 ERA in four seasons in the St. Louis Cardinals' minor league system and pitched well in spring training, but was sent to Triple-A New Orleans to start the season. As a side benefit, keeping Alcantara in the minors until at least May will give the Marlins an extra year of contractual control.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT: The payroll is projected to be about \$85 million, a 27 percent reduction from last year's \$117 million, when Miami went 77-85. That includes \$13.5 million for third baseman Martin Prado, \$13 million for right-hander Edinson Volquez and \$10 million for left-hander Wei-Yin Chen, and because of injuries, their collective contribution could be nothing.

Prado, 34, played in only 37 games last year and begins this season on the disabled list. Chen made only five starts last year because of a balky elbow, and it's uncertain if or when he'll pitch again. Volquez is recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery, won't pitch this year and is no longer with the Marlins.

BEST CASE: Jeter says the success of his plan will depend on how many of the newly acquired youngsters succeed. The top new prospect is center fielder Lewis Brinson, who has 89 homers and 96 stolen bases in six minor league seasons.

MLB: Spring Training roundup



Milwaukee Brewers' Orlando Arcia tags out Kansas City Royals' Lucas Duda (21) on a steal attempt during the third inning of a spring training game Thursday in Phoenix.

AP PHOTO

AROUND THE GRAPEFRUIT AND CACTUS LEAGUES

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 3: C.J. Cron hit a two-run homer for Tampa Bay. Teoscar Hernandez hit his fourth home run for Toronto and Danny Espinosa went deep for the second time. Jaime Garcia gave up two runs and four hits in 4 2/3 innings. No. 3 starter Jacob Faria lowered his ERA to 7.43, yielding three runs, four hits and three walks in five innings.

MARLINS 15, ASTROS 7: Charlie Morton allowed nine runs, 11 hits and three walks in 3 1/3 innings. Peter Mooney had four hits, including a triple and a double, and Lewis Brinson had three hits, also including a triple and a double, and three RBIs.

ORIOLES 10, RED SOX 7: Manny Machado drove in a run with his sixth spring double and is batting .404. Chance Sisco hit a two-run homer, and Tim Beckham hit his fourth home. Boston's Hector Velazquez allowing four runs in 4 1/3 innings and Baltimore's Mike Wright Jr. surrendering seven runs — six earned — and 10 hits in 4 1/3 innings.

YANKEES 2, TWINS 1: Jordan Montgomery gave up one run and six hits in six innings. Phil Hughes lowered his ERA to 6.06, giving up one run and four hits in 4 2/3 innings.

CARDINALS 8, BRAVES 2:

Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run home run and added a sacrifice fly and Matt Carpenter had a two-run single for St. Louis. Cardinals starter Miles Mikolas allowed two runs in five innings.

BREWERS 1, ROYALS 0: Milwaukee said left-hander

Boone Logan will start the season on the disabled list after an MRI revealed a left triceps strain. Pitcher Wade Miley won't throw for two weeks because of a slight muscle tear in his left groin. Kansas City's Lucas Duda had two hits and is batting .429. Milwaukee ace Zach Davies allowed four hits in five shutout innings. Kansas City's Nathan Karns struck out seven in five innings.

PADRES 7, INDIANS 6: Andrew Miller gave up four runs and retired just two batters, raising his ERA to 8.44. Trevor Bauer allowed one run and three hits in six innings. Chase Headley and Wil Myers homered.

ROCKIES 4, ATHLETICS 2: Jonathan Lucroy went hitless in two at-bats and is 0 for 11 since signing with Oakland. Chris Iannetta hit his fourth home run and Charlie Blackmon went deep for the third time. Chad Bettis gave up two runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings.

RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 3		Toronto	
Tampa Bay	ab r hbi	ab r hbi	
M.Smith lf	5 1 2 0	Espinosa 2b	3 1 1 1
Rbrtson ss	4 1 2 1	C.Bggio 2b	1 0 0 0
C.Cron 1b	4 1 1 2	Dnlson dh	2 0 0 0
B.Miller dh	4 0 0 0	B.Jones pr	1 0 1 0
J.Field rf	3 1 2 0	R.Mrtin c	3 0 1 0
J.Windle 2b	4 1 1 1	D.L.Crz c	1 0 0 0
A.Moore c	4 0 0 0	S.Parce lf	3 1 1 0
Johnson cf	4 0 0 0	Ry.Noda rf	1 0 0 0
Ke.Wong 3b	1 1 0	Hrnnzdf rf	2 1 1 2
Clotte lf	1 0 0 0		
Al.Diaz ss	3 0 0 0		
N.Knight 3b	1 0 0 0		
Lbljan 1b	3 0 0 0		
Williams 1b	1 0 0 0		
R.Fields cf	3 0 0 0		
G.Ngoepe 3b	2 0 0 0		
Totals	36 5 9 4	Totals	31 3 5 3

Tampa Bay		Toronto	
IP	H	R	ER
Faria	5	4	3
Kittredge W, 2-12	2-31	0	0
Roe H, 3	1-3	0	0
Hall S, 1-1	1	0	0
Totals	4-23	4	2
Garcia	5	4	3
Ozuna	BS, 0-2	1-3	1-0
Tepera	BS, 0-11	1-3	2-1
Barnes L, 0-1	1	2	2
Breslow	2-3	0	0
Alburquerque	1	0	0
HP—by_Garcia (Robertson).			
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BASEBALL: Minor leagues

Minor leaguers set to lose minimum wage protection

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

Minor league baseball players who make as little as \$5,500 a season would be stripped of the protection of federal minimum wage laws under a provision in government spending legislation expected to be approved by Congress this week.

The "Save America's Pastime Act" is included on page 1,967 of the \$1.3 trillion spending bill and appears to pre-empt a lawsuit filed four years ago in U.S. District Court in San Francisco by three players alleging Major League Baseball and its teams violate the Fair Labor Standards Act and state minimum wage and overtime requirements for a work week they estimated at 50-to-60 hours.

The provision in the legislation would exempt "any employee employed to play baseball who is compensated pursuant to a contract that provides for a weekly salary for services performed

during the league's championship season (but not spring training or the offseason) at a rate that is not less than a weekly salary equal to the minimum wage ... for a workweek of 40 hours, irrespective of the number of hours the employee devotes to baseball related activities."

The House approved the spending bill Thursday and the legislation appears likely to be approved by the Senate and signed by President Donald Trump.

"Instead of going through the regular committee process where it has a hearing, all of this was done in secret and in a very rushed manner," Garrett Broshuis, the lawyer for the players, said Thursday. "It's emblematic of how things are getting done in Washington these days, where the people with a lot of money are able to flex their political muscle and make a lot of contributions and get things done in secret that benefit only them."

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52-week Vol YTD

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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 price 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

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk.

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables

Here are the 4,300 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or net asset value (NAV), daily net change and weekly net change. Underlining highlights the funds ranked in the top 20% in each of the last 5 years. Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Obj: The fund's objective group. Abbreviations listed below. NAV: Net asset value. Chg: Net change in price of NAV from previous day. Rtn: The fund's total return, or percent change in NAV for the time period shown, with dividends reinvested. If period longer than 1 year, return is annualized. Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same objective group; an A indicates fund performed in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent. Footnotes: e - Ex capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quotation. n - No front end load or contingent deferred sales load may apply. p - Fund assets are used to pay for r distribution costs; -12(b)(1) plan. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex cash dividend d. NA - not available. Fund Objectives: AL: Allocation - 70-85% Equity, AM: MultiAlternative, BL: Bank Loan, BM: Bear Market, CA: Allocation - 30-50% Equity, CC: Consumer Defense, CD: Consumer Cyclical, CH: China Region, CI: Intermediate-Term Bond, CL: Long-Term Bond, CR: Mutual Government, CS: Short-Term Bond, CV: Convertibles, DP: Diversified Pacific/Asia, EB: Emerging-Markets Bond, EE: Equity Energy, EI: India Equity, EM: Diversified Emerging Markets, ES: Europe Stock, FA: Foreign Small/Mid-Value, FB: Foreign Large-Blend, FF: Managed Futures, FG: Foreign Large-Growth, FO: Foreign Small/Mid-Blend, FR: Foreign Small/Mid-Growth, FF: Foreign Large-Value, FX: Foreign Currency, GI: Intermediate Government, GL: Long Government, GR: Global Real Estate, GS: Short Government, HM: High-Yield Muni, HY: High-Yield Bond, IB: World Bond, IC: Trading-Inverse Commodities, ID: Industrials, IE: Trading-Inverse Equity, IH: World Allocation, IP: Inflation-Protected Bond, IS: Trading-Miscellaneous, JS: Japan Stock, LB: Large Blend, LC: Trading-Leveraged Commodities, LE: Trading-Leveraged Equity, LG: Large Growth, LO: Long-Short Equity, LP: Energy Limited Partnership, LS: Latin America Stock, LV: Large Value, MA: Allocation - 50-70% Equity, MB: Mid-Cap Blend, MG: Mid-Cap Growth, MI: Muni National Intermediate, ML: Muni National Long, MQ: Miscellaneous Region, MR: Miscellaneous Sector, MS: Muni National Short, MU: MultiSector Bond, MV: Mid-Cap Value, MY: Muni New York Long, ND: Trading-Inverse Debt, NE: Market Neutral, NT: Nontraditional Bond, P, J: Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, RI: Target-Date Retirement, RR: Preferred Stock, SB: Small Blend, SC: Communications, SF: Financial, SG: Small Growth, SH: Health, SI: Muni Single State Intermediate, SL: Muni Single State Long, SN: Natural Resources, SP: Equity Precious Metals, SR: Real Estate, SS: Muni Single State Short, ST: Technology, SU: Utilities, SV: Small Value, TA: Target-Date 2000-2010, TD: Target-Date 2015, TE: Target-Date 2020, TG: Target-Date 2025, TH: Target-Date 2030, TI: Target-Date 2040, TJ: Target-Date 2045, TK: Target-Date 2045, TL: Target-Date 2055, TN: Target-Date 2050, TV: Corporate Bond, TV: Tactical Allocation, UB: Ultrashort Bond, VD: Trading-Leveraged Debt, VL: Stable Value, VO: Volatility, WS: World Stock, XM: Allocation - 85% Equity, XO: Infrastructure, XQ: Target-Date 2060+, XR: Option Writing, XS: Long-Short Credit, XP: Emerging-Markets Local-Currency Bond, XY: Allocation - 15-30% Equity. Data based on NAVs reported to Morningstar by 6 p.m. Eastern.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

Table: By Year-to-Date Percent Return. Columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Rows include ProFunds IntUltraSeclnV, Berkshire Foc d, Wells Fargo SpecizedTechA f, etc.

Table: By Total Net Assets. Columns: Name, Obj, Assets, Percent Return/Rank, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Rows include Vanguard 500IIdxAdmrl, Vanguard TlSMDxAdmrl, Vanguard InslIdxns, etc.

Table: By 4-Week Percent Return. Columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, Phone Number. Rows include Columbia StgCmsInfoA m, Columbia StgInfoC m, ST 1.00, etc.

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Mutual Funds

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ShrtTrmP	UB	9.86	...	+3	+1.9	MdCpSP400ldx	m	MB	20.62	-1	-1.1	+8.0/A	Royce	LowPricdStkSvc	m	SB	8.59	+2.9	+1.5	+4.2/E	EMStk d	EM	46.14	-2.0	+2.6	+12.1/A
ShrtTrmR b	UB	9.86	...	+2	+1.5	MdCpVaillIJ	m	MV	19.12	-1.1	-2.2	+4.3/E	MicroCpnlvnm d	SB	11.76	+2.3	+1.0	+3.3/E	Eqld500 d	MQ	16.76	-2.6	+7.2	+12.1/A		
ShrtTrmR f	BL	9.91	+3	+7	+3.1	MdCpVallIUS	m	MV	14.74	-1.1	-2.2	+5.0/D	Opnlvnm d	SV	13.44	-1	-1.0	+9.8/A	Eqld500 b	LQ	17.19	-2.1	-7.7	+9.9/A		
SrflnRtlns d	BL	9.91	+3	+8	+3.4	RtEstSecA m	SR	22.95	+1.9	+1.1	+4.9/C	PEMUnslnt m	SB	8.55	+1.3	+1.1	+7.9/B	EqldAdv b	LV	32.44	-2.8	-2.7	+7.9/B			
SkPsShrtlns	BM	8.27	-3	-1	-8.5	RtEstSecB m	SR	21.96	+1.9	+1.1	+4.9/C	Pnlvnm d	SV	10.66	+1.3	+1.3	+9.0/A	EqIncr b	LV	32.35	-2.8	-2.7	+7.9/B			
SkPSUSA m	LB	10.74	+5	+17	+10.3	RtEstSecJ m	SR	21.31	+1.9	+1.1	+4.9/C	PremInvnm d	MG	16.83	-8	-14	+10.5/A	EqIncr b	LV	32.27	-2.9	-2.8	+7.3/C			
SkPSUSAbrA m	LB	10.73	+6	+2.0	+10.8	SAMgBA m	MA	15.77	-9	-11	+4.9/C	Sm/MDcpPremSvc	m	MB	15.16	-14	-2.9	+8.4/A	ExtnStkdEqMktld	ES	20.30	-2.3	-1.9	+15.0/D		
SkPSUSAbR m	LB	9.79	+5	+1.9	+10.0	SAMgBC m	MA	15.51	-9	-13	+4.1/D	SmCpValSvc	m	SV	11.05	+2.4	+3	+3.0/E	EqldAdvEqMktld	EM	28.35	+4	+5	+7.7/B		
SkPSUSAbR m	LB	10.55	+7	+2.0	+10.9	SAMgCnsBA m	CA	12.09	-5	-12	+3.8/C	SmCpValSvc	m	SV	10.03	+3.4	+3.2	+7.0/D	EqldAdvEqMktld	EM	28.35	+4	+5	+7.7/B		
SkPSUSAbR m	LB	10.92	+6	+2.1	+11.3	SAMgCnsBA m	CA	12.09	-5	-12	+3.8/C	SmCpValSvc	m	SV	10.03	+3.4	+3.2	+7.0/D	EqldAdvEqMktld	EM	28.35	+4	+5	+7.7/B		
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MgdAlloRtI b	MA	12.80	-1.0	-.6	+61.1/A
RIEsttSec	SR	14.44	-2.0	-7.1	+19.1/A
RIEsttSecR b	SR	14.45	+2.0	-.7	+17.1/A
RIEsttSecRtl b	SR	14.33	-2.0	-7.2	+16.1/A
RIEsttSecRtr	SR	15.03	-2.0	-7.2	+16.1/A
SP500Idx	LB	29.40	-2.1	-.7	+10.1/A
SP200IdxRtr	LB	29.22	-2.1	-.7	+10.1/A
SciChEq	LB	19.16	-1.3	-.1	+9.3/B
SciChEqP b	LB	19.10	-1.3	-.2	+9.1/B
SciChEqRtl b	LB	17.21	-1.3	-.2	+9.0/B
SciChEqRtr	LB	19.45	-1.3	-.2	+9.0/B
ShrtTrmBdl	CS	10.24	+1.1	-.2	+14.1/B
ShrtTrmBdRtl b	CS	10.25	+1.1	-.2	+14.1/B
ShrtTrmBdRtr	CS	10.25	+1.1	-.2	+14.1/B
SmCpBndIdx	SB	21.46	+1.0	-.8	+8.6/B
SmCpBndIdxRtr	SB	21.54	+1.0	-.7	+8.3/B
SmCpEq	SG	19.16	+4.4	+.3	+9.2/B
SmCpEqP b	SG	19.05	+4.4	+.3	+9.1/C
SmCpEqRtl b	SG	18.49	+4.4	+.3	+8.9/C
SmCpEqRtr	SG	18.88	+4.4	+.3	+8.9/C
TEBdR b	MI	10.26	+3.1	-.1	+11.1/D
The Investment House					
InvMHouseGr	LG	33.40	-1.1	+2.4	+12.6/A
Third Avenue					
FoccdCrtdns d	HY	.48	...	-57.1	-36.0/E
RIEsttVallns d	GR	33.82	+1.1	-.5	+5.4/A
SmCpVallns d	SB	21.29	+1.9	+2.4	+8.1/B
Vallns d	WS	49.79	-.8	-.1	+5.3/D
Thompson					
Bd	CS	11.48	+3.3	+.8	+4.0/A
LgCp	LB	65.19	-2.9	-3.0	+7.3/D
Thornburg					
CALdtTrmMnA m	SS	13.50	-1.1	-.8	+4.0/C
CorGra m	LG	36.28	+1.3	+6.7	+8.2/E
InterMnA m	MI	13.88	+1.1	-1.2	+11.1/D
InterMnA m	MI	13.90	+1.1	-.3	+8.1/E
IntnlValA m	FB	23.91	-3.4	-2.4	+4.9/C
IntnlValC m	FB	21.17	-3.5	-2.6	+4.2/D
IntnlValI	FB	24.69	-3.4	-2.3	+5.3/B
InvMInclBldrA m	IH	21.04	-2.3	-3.3	+3.3/C
InvMInclBldrC m	IH	21.02	-2.4	-3.5	+2.6/D
LtdTrmInclC m	CS	13.24	+1.1	-.7	+14.1/B
LtdTrmInclC m	CS	13.22	+1.1	-.7	+12.1/B
LtdTrmIncl	CS	13.24	+1.1	-.7	+18.1/A
LtdTrmMnA m	MS	14.19	-.1	-.7	+6.1/C
LtdTrmMnC m	MS	14.17	-.1	-.7	+4.1/D
LtdTrmMnI	MS	14.17	-.1	-.5	+9.1/A
LtdTrmUSGvtA m	GS	12.78	+2.2	-.8	+1.1/C
NewMxclnterMnA m	SI	13.02	...	-.8	+7.1/D
ValA m	LB	66.79	-2.5	-1.1	+8.8/B
ValC m	LB	61.14	-2.6	-1.3	+8.0/C
Vall	LB	68.74	-2.5	-1.1	+9.3/B
Thrivent					
BallncPlusA m	CA	13.32	+4.4	+.4	+4.6
BallncPlusS	CA	13.30	+5.5	+.5	+5.0
DiversInclPlusA m	CA	7.38	+2.2	...	+4.1
HYA m	HY	4.75	-4.4	-1.1	+4.2
Inca m	TW	8.93	-2.2	-.7	+2.0
LgCpGrA m	LG	11.17	+1.8	+9.1	+12.0
LgCpStkA m	WS	27.68	+1.1	+2.1	+7.8/B
LgCpStkS	WS	27.92	+2.2	+2.1	+8.2
LgCpValA m	LV	22.62	-.8	-.3	+9.1
LgCpValS	LV	22.76	-.7	-.2	+9.5
LtdMatBdA m	CS	12.37	...	-3	+1.4
MidCpStkA m	MB	25.76	-.8	+1.8	+14.1
MidCpStkS	MB	29.03	+8.8	+1.9	+14.5
MnBdA m	ML	11.12	...	-1.5	+1.5
OpnlncPlusA m	MU	10.13	...	-7	+3.1
OpnlncPlusS	MU	10.13	...	-7	+3.1
SmCpStkA m	SG	22.07	+2.4	+2.3	+13.1
Timothy					
PlanSmCpValA m	SB	19.39	+8.8	-.3	+8.3/B
Tocqueville					
Defaield b	SV	22.38	-.9	-1.1	+2.9/E
Gold m	SP	34.17	-.8	-7.1	+2.7/E
IntnlVal b	FB	17.24	-2.6	-1.7	+7.1/A
Opp b	MG	28.49	+4.4	+11.7	+8.0/C
Tocqueville b	LB	35.35	-2.2	-3.5	+6.6/E
Torrey					
Torrey	LV	47.76	-2.7	-3.7	+6.9/C
Touchstone					
ActvBdA m	CI	10.15	+1.1	-2.2	+13.1/B
ActvBdY	CI	10.15	+2.2	-2.1	+16.1/B
BalancedA m	MA	21.23	-1.6	-1.3	+6.3/A
DynGlbAllcA m	IH	12.56	-1.0	...	+3.3/C
FlexIncA m	MU	10.80	-2.2	-1.3	+3.0/C
FlexIncC m	MU	10.65	-2.2	-1.4	+2.3/D
FlexIncY	MU	10.83	-2.2	-1.2	+3.3/C
FoccdY	LB	43.61	-1.8	+.5	+8.7/C
GrOppsns	LG	34.22	-1.1	+3.1	+7.2/E
HYV	HY	8.40	-1.3	-1.3	+3.2/D
IntnlEqA m	FR	18.52	-2.9	-.8	+5.6/B
IntnlSmCpG	FB	18.59	-2.3	-1.6	+6.2/E
LargeCpFocA m	LB	42.19	-2.2	-.3	+10.2/A
MergerAbrtgns	NE	10.46	-.9	-1.2	+2.0/B
MergerAbrtrG	NE	10.40	-.9	-1.2	+1.9/B
MidCpGrA m	MG	28.15	+1.5	+3.6	+8.1/C
MidCpGrC m	MG	18.34	+1.4	+3.5	+7.3/D
MidCpGrIns	MG	29.43	+1.5	+3.7	+8.4/C
MidCpGrY	MG	29.18	+1.5	+3.7	+8.4/C
MidCpValIns	MV	18.12	-2.5	-5.7	+7.2/B
MidCpY	MB	32.33	-2.8	-.6	+7.7/B
PmYldEqY	LV	9.33	-1.4	-1.0	+4.9/E
SdCptInlsGr	LG	23.07	+2.4	+12.1	+10.0/C
SdCptInlsGrA m	LG	15.46	+2.3	+11.9	+9.5/D
SdCptInlsGrC m	LG	14.18	+2.3	+11.7	+8.7/D
SdCptInlsGrI	LG	16.31	+2.4	+12.0	+9.8/C
SdCptInlsGrY b	LG	15.47	+2.3	+11.9	+9.5/D
SmCpGrY	SG	6.65	+2.0	+2.6	+2.0/E
SmCpIns	SB	14.94	-1.8	-.9	-.2/E
SmCpValA m	SV	25.68	-1.8	-4.1	+4.7/E
SmCpValOppsY	SB	18.90	+6.6	...	+3.1/E
SmallComA m	SB	15.00	-1.8	-.9	-.2/E
SmallCpA m	SG	5.25	+8.8	+.6	+8.5/C
SmallComC m	SG	3.07	+7.7	+.3	+7.7/D
SstbntlypcEqA m	WS	21.80	-2.5	-2.7	+5.1/D
SstbntlypcEqY	WS	22.52	-2.6	-2.6	+5.3/D
TlRetBdIns	CI	9.92	+4.4	-1.5	+13.1/B
UISHrtDrFIA	UB	9.25	...	+.1	+11.1/B
UISHrtDrFIM	UB	9.25	...	+.1	+13.1/B
UISHrtDrFRIZ b	UB	9.26	...	+.2	+11.1/B
Vallns	LV	9.65	-3.5	-3.7	+6.3/B
VallY	LV	9.68	-3.4	-3.7	+6.2/D
Towle					
DeepVal d	SV	17.15	-3.9	-8.5	+11.1/A
Transamerica					
AsAlCnsrvA m	CA	11.03	-.6	-.8	+3.6/C
AsAlCnsrvC m	CA	10.92	-.6	-1.0	+2.9/D
AsAlGrA m	XM	15.09	+1.1	+1.6	+7.1
AsAlGrC m	XM	14.63	+1.1	+1.4	+7.1
AsAlModA m	CA	11.98	-.9	-.7	+4.5/B
AsAlModC m	CA	11.95	-1.0	-1.0	+3.7/C
AsAlModGrA m	MA	13.30	-1.3	-.7	+5.7/B
AsAlModGrC m	MA	13.27	+1.5	-.9	+4.9/C
CptlGrA m	LG	26.19	+2.1	+11.7	+16.9/A
FlexIncA m	CI	9.04	-.5	-1.0	+2.4/C
HYBdA m	HY	9.12	-.5	-1.0	+4.2/C
MIMgdBalA m	MA	27.48	-1.4	-5.4	+8.1/B
SMPValA m	MV	26.90	...	-1.5	+8.3/A
Tributary Funds					
SmColns	SB	28.31	-5.5	-6.6	+9.0/A
Trust For Credit Uni					
UnsShrtDrTDC	GS	9.50	+1.1	-.6	+2.1/C
UnsUISHrdVtUC	UB	9.41	+1.1	-.1	+3.1/E
Tweedy, Browne					
GlbVal d	FV	27.86	-2.4	-2.2	+4.1/B
GlbVII(C)/UnHdg d	FV	15.59	-2.9	-.8	+4.8/B
Val	WS	23.14	-2.7	-3.0	+4.5/E
WldwHDVldV d	WS	10.17	-3.5	-1.5	+4.5/E
U.S. Global Investor					
GlbRes b	SN	6.03	-2.3	-1.0	+2.9/B
GoldPrctMts b	SP	7.24	+4.3	-9.0	+10.7/A
WldPreclMnral b	SP	4.35	+4.1	-7.2	+11.1/A
UBS					
GlbAllcA m	IH	12.17	-2.2	...	+3.8/C
GlbAllcC m	IH	11.86	-.3	-.2	+3.0/D
GlbAllcP	IH	12.43	-2.2	...	+4.1/B
USAllcA m	MA	49.42	+1.3	+1.1	+6.6
USAllcC m	MA	47.55	+1.2	+1.0	+5.8
USSmCpGrP	SG	21.10	+1.6	+6.4	+7.6/D
UBS PACE					
AllStrlnvmsP	AM	10.84	-.4	+.1	+.4
GlbFlInvmP x	IB	10.11	+7.9	...	+2.0/D
InterMFlInvmP x	CI	11.96	+3.3	-2.2	+9.1/D
IntlEMEqInlvP	EM	15.16	+5.5	+4.3	+7.0
IntlEqInlvmsP	FB	16.73	-2.0	-1.3	+5.6/B
LgCoGrEqInlvmsP	LG	26.40	-5.5	+3.3	+10.5/C
LgCoValEqInlvmsA m	LV	22.71	-2.6	-3.6	+6.9/C
LgCoValEqInlvmsP	LV	22.64	-2.5	-3.5	+7.2/C
MRModGrP x	MI	12.72	+2.4	-1.4	+1.1/D
MtBkScFlInvmP x	CI	14.43	+4.4	-2.0	+1.1/C
SMCoGrEqInlvmsP	SG	19.39	+2.2	+6.9	+7.5/D
SMCoValEqInlvmsP	SB	20.14	-1.1	-2.7	+6.6/C
StrFlInvmP x	CI	13.42	+2.2	-1.8	+1.7/A
USA Mutuals					
Vicelnv b	LB	31.91	-1.6	-1.2	+10.7/A
USAA					
AgnsGr	LG	45.00	-1.3	+2.8	+10.5/C
CABd	MC	10.91	+2.2	-1.0	+2.4/C
CptGr	WS	12.29	-2.6	-.8	+8.8/A
CmstrnEq	WS	15.35	-2.4	-1.6	+7.5/B
CmstrnMdyAgrs	MA	25.54	-1.0	-1.6	+3.4/E
CmstrnMkt	CA	14.75	-7.1	-1.5	+3.1/D
EM	EM	20.22	-2.5	+.5	+9.5/D
ExtendedMdtkdx	EM	19.11	+6.7	+.7	+7.4/B
FirstStartGr	AL	13.55	-1.5	-1.7	+4.3/D
Gr	LG	30.64	-2.3	+.4	+11.3/B
GrIncl	LB	24.85	-2.2	-1.3	+8.7/C
GrandTtr	CA	19.52	-.9	-1.2	+5.8/A
GvtSec	GI	9.55	+2.2	-1.3	+4.1/B
Hilnc d	HY	8.06	-.4	-.6	+4.3/B
Inc	CI	12.80	+1.1	-2.1	+2.1/B
InclStk	LV	19.34	-2.1	-3.1	+7.8/B
InterMTrmBd	TW	10.42	+1.1	-1.5	+2.4/B
Intl	FB	32.52	-3.3	-2.3	+5.8/B
NASDAQ100Idx	LG	18.72	-1.2	+4.6	+15.2/A
NYS100Idx	MN	11.74	+2.2	-1.0	+1.9/B
PrctMtsMnral	MA	13.27	+1.6	-6.5	+2.9/D
SP500IdxMdr	LB	37.72	-2.1	-.7	+9.9/A
SP500IdxRwd	LB	37.74	-2.1	-.7	+10.0/A
SciTech	ST	28.14	+2.8	+6.4	+15.0/D
ShrtTrmBd	CS	9.07	...	-.5	+1.4/B
SmCpStk	SB	17.56	+9.1	+.1	+5.8/D
TelEnterMTr	MI	13.10	+2.2	-1.3	+1.9/B
TEELngTrm	ML	13.20	+4.4	-1.0	+2.5/B
TEShrTrm	MS	10.41	-.1	-.1	+6.1/C
TgtRet2020	TH	12.67	-.9	-1.5	+4.4/C
TgtRet2030	TE	13.62	-1.4	-1.6	+4.4/C
TgtRet2040	TJ	14.01	-1.8	-1.7	+6.1/C
TgtRet2050	TN	14.21	-1.9	-1.7	+6.4/D
TgtRetIncl	RI	11.52	-.6	-1.5	+3.1/B
TgtRetStr	RA	8.32	-.4	-2.9	+2.9/E
UISHrtTrmBd	UB	9.92	+1.1	-.1	+9.1/C
Vall	SI	11.14	-.3	-1.3	+2.0/A
Vbl	SV	20.75	-3.3	-4.3	+5.7/D
WldGr	WS	31.46	-3.3	-2.6	+6.6/C

Mutual Funds

Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk
Undiscovered Manager					
BehavioralValA m	SV	66.19	-.9	-3.1	+9.4/A
BehavioralValC m	SV	62.37	-0.9	-3.3	+8.8/A
BehavioralValL	SV	67.79	-.8	-3.1	+9.8/A
VALIC Co I					
AstAllc	MA	11.39	-1.4	...	+5.2/C
CorEq	LB	22.43	-3.1	-2.3	+8.4/C
C					