

District budget woes prompt cutting media specialists

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Superintendent Brenda Longshore plans to cut the four remaining media specialists to help fund salary increases for teachers.



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A post on the Highlands Advanced Academic Parent Network Facebook page opposes the decision, citing a greater workload for the media center paraprofessionals and more responsibility for teachers to teach library and research skills.

The Highlands County School District had a media specialist at every school until cost cutting

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Crystal Lake residents upset over Phase III

Concerned over drainage, noise, security

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Jean Cooper describes her neighborhood of Crystal Lake Club in Avon Park as a “tranquil, gated 55-plus community.”

She said that will change in the next year as the longest border in the park — the back fence line along a grove — abuts a new four-lane highway.

Highlands County Road and Bridge crews have begun work in earnest to complete the four-lane highway by Dec. 31, 2019: A deadline set by the Florida Department of Transportation for the county to use \$3 million of funding allocated to the project.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

As of Sept 28, 2017, almost three weeks after Hurricane Irma, a pond at the back fence of Crystal Lake Club still had standing water, like much of the rest of the park. Residents addressed county commissioners this week, afraid that Sebring Parkway Phase III would compound the problem. County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. said, if anything, drainage work on the Parkway should prevent further flooding.

The total estimated cost is \$9.77 million, according to County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr., which includes all four lanes,

drainage improvements, a multi-use path along the 4.2-mile route and fencing on both sides.

The route passes by

both Crystal Lake Club, a manufactured home community, and Lake Denton Drive residents in site-built homes. Cooper told county commissioners at their Tuesday meeting that

while Lake Denton residents may be

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Crystal Lake Club residents wait to speak to county commissioners on Tuesday about concerns with Sebring Parkway Phase III.

Phase III waiting on FWC

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Road and Bridge Director Kyle Green and County Engineer Clinton ‘Gator’ Howerton Jr. find themselves waiting on tortoises, and state wildlife officials.



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Howerton has put in an application with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to have them double-check the county’s survey of gopher tortoise burrows in the right of way for the future Sebring Parkway Phase III. Once FWC signs off on the survey

A gopher tortoise ambles along through a residential-scrub interface between Golf Hammock and Highlands Hammock State Park.

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Panther injured in Highlands County gets new home at zoo

By **JAY MEISEL**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Walter the Florida panther is in a better place than it was when it was found in Highlands County about a year ago.

The panther was caught in a snare and ultimately had to have its right front paw amputated.

Now, the male Florida panther has a new permanent home at ZooTampa at Lowery Park.

The details about how Walter was discovered and who discovered him remain murky.

Melody Kilborn, a spokeswoman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is continuing to investigate the situation that led to the animal being injured.

Attempts to get information from the federal agency were unsuccessful.

Andrea Alava, communications director for ZooTampa, said in a press release that after the panther was found with its left foot caught in a snare in Highlands County, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission transported the animal to the zoo.

Then the panther received treatment for its injury at the zoo’s veterinarian hospital.

“Unable to save the rare big cat’s

veterinarians treated the injury and provided daily oversight to help Walter recover and learn to walk again,” Alava said. “Walter, whose name comes from a philanthropic donor supporting the zoo’s wildlife conservation efforts, cannot survive in the wild with three paws, so he will have a permanent home at ZooTampa.”

Walter was introduced this past week to his new environment, which was modified to make it more suitable for the injured animal, she said.

Initially, the panther would be kept in an indoor habitat, but will eventually join two other rescued panthers, she said. “Walter joins Lucy, who was found as an orphaned cub, and Micanopy, who was rescued last year,” she said.

The zoo has rescued 13 Florida panthers since 1988.

That this panther was found in Highlands County was unusual, but not unprecedented, Kilborn indicated.

Most Florida panthers are found south of Lake Okeechobee, but panthers have been detected in Highlands County since the 1980s, she said. They have also been found throughout Florida and as far north as Georgia, she said.

“Our evidence (verified sightings, cam-

era traps, tracks, road kills, etc.) suggests that there are far fewer panthers north of the Caloosahatchee River than to the south; perhaps fewer than 10 to 15 from Interstate 4 south to the Caloosahatchee. All known breeding occurs in south Florida,” Kilborn said.

So far no female panthers have been

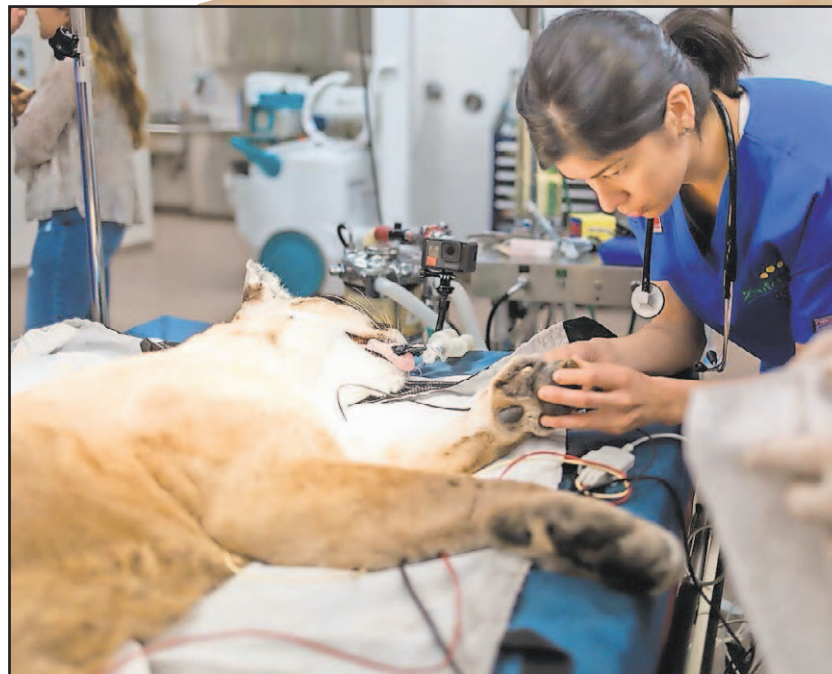
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Dr. Lauren Smith, a veterinarian at ZooTampa at Lowery Park, examines the paw of a Florida panther found injured in Highlands County.



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Fire on Highlands County borderline

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — As if on cue, an illegal burn got out of control on a farm on Wednesday afternoon, coming on the heels of Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's wildfire updates and warnings earlier in the day. The fire was spotted by the watchful eyes of a Florida Forestry Service pilot in a fixed-wing plane at Queen Bee Farms near Sun Pine Ridge Road off SR 70.

According to FFS Fire Mitigation Specialist Melissa Yunas, the grass wildfire destroyed at least one pick-up truck and several pieces of

agricultural equipment. There were no reported injuries, but the property owner was given a citation.

The fire started out as an illegal burn that got out of control. The fire spread to three acres and was suppressed with the help of Forestry services, Placid Lakes, Lorida and Sun N Lakes Volunteer Fire Departments.

The FFS pilot flies over the six different counties in the Okeechobee County District looking for illegal burns or wildfires. The counties in the Okeechobee District are Highlands, Glades, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie. Putnam reported on Wednesday that there

were currently 29 active wildfires in Florida, responsible for burning nearly 34,000 acres.

Not all fires are illegal; property owners are supposed to ask permission from the FFS to burn.

"The pilot is looking for illegal burns; people that are not adhering to the Florida Statutes and the burn restrictions set in place. There's a lot of people that ask to burn stuff and a lot of them we deny. When the pilot finds a fire, she calls in to the dispatch to find out if it is authorized or not. If it is not authorized, we send out firefighters and trucks."

The fire was spotted by air at 3:31 p.m. and was contained by 5:22 p.m.

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Source: sciencekids.co.nz

STEAM program comes to Soda Fest

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Fizz junkies at this weekend's Sebring Soda Festival may get to introduce their kids to some STEAM.

Children's Museum of the Highlands, which will run the event's Kids Zone, will have activities on hand all day — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — to teach youngsters about science, technology, engineering, the arts and math. The museum's STEAM program, with the addition of "A" for arts, will also have classes at 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Museum.

Activities at the Soda Fest will include building and operating small catapults, making Play-Doh shapes and building boats, to learn about buoyancy.

Museum Director Kelly Dressel said it was sponsored by the Mason G. Smoak Foundation, and is all part of making the best use of time and the available space the Museum has at Lakeshore Mall, while still working

to fix its original building and get moved back to downtown Sebring.

In addition to the STEAM program, the Museum will also unveil a new climb-on interactive exhibit, being installed in the Florida Industries/Agriculture section of the Museum. A wooden tractor, built by the woodworking club at Tanglewood, will stand near the entrance, big enough for young children to climb in and short enough for them to climb on.

Dressel said the four-wheel replica will have a bright green and yellow paint scheme, but no brand name.

When asked, she acknowledged it could be called a "John Doe" tractor.

Other exhibits in the agriculture section include hands-on fruit picking activities and even a chance to milk a mannequin cow, named "Milkshake."

Dressel said woodworkers will also build and install a sandbox-style play area, lined with

artificial turf, for children to pretend to build and run toy farms, complete with miniature equipment, buildings, animals and crops.

The Museum has been busy of late, Dressel said, with families driving in from as far as Hardee and Okeechobee counties.

"We're the only (exclusive for) kids center in Highlands County with air-conditioning," Dressel said.

Parents looking to bring their children can visit the Museum at Lakeshore Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays or Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Children must always be accompanied by a parent, guardian or caregiver 16 years or older.

Daily admission is \$5 per person, although Dressel also has annual family memberships — up to four people — for \$65 per year.

For details, call 863-451-5385, or visit the Kids Zone at the Soda Festival on Saturday at the Circle.

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The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking appeared in the Florida Administrative Register, Vol. 44, No. 65, on April 3, 2018. A copy of the proposed rule can be viewed on the District's website at <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/rules/proposed/>.

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documented north of the lake, the FWCC says on its web site.

FWCC officers cannot recall another panther being found in a snare, she said.

Most, according to the FWCC website, have died from being hit by a vehicle. The latest was a 3-year-old female panther killed by a vehicle on State Road 82 in Collier County on April 3.

The Florida panther is one of two non-domesticated cats found naturally in Florida. The other is the bobcat. The panther



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Dr. Lauren Smith and Ray Ball at ZooTampa Lowery Park examine an injured panther found in Highlands County.

is an endangered species.

Although human encounters with Florida panthers are rare, the FWCC advises if people see one, they should give it the space to escape. If confronted, people

should face the panther and act like an adversary, if necessary fighting the animal, the FWCC says.

People should not crouch nor turn away from the panther, the FWCC advises.

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and agrees the protected animals are where they are, the county can bring in the contracted consultant to move the animals to new spots.

So far, the field agent on the case hasn't come to verify the county survey. Until then, Green said, the county can't do site preparation work on those road sections.

"Do we have anyone else besides this one person that you could deal with, so when she's gone it doesn't just sit still?" Commissioner Ron Handley asked Tuesday. "They understand the urgency of our timetable, do they?"

Green said FWC officials do understand.

"And they don't care?" Handley asked.

"I'm not going to say they don't care," Green said, "cause I've got to deal with her, but I know that she knows the urgency. I've spoken with her many, many times, and she seems to be reasonable."

The problem, Green said, was that county work crews started preparation on parts of the roadbed before reaching out to FWC to make sure surveys were verified.

"So that's something we learned," Green said. "It's not a huge issue. We just need to get it rolling, and she knows how urgent it is."

Handley offered to call and remind the FWC field agent about the county's timeline.

The Florida Department of Transportation granted \$3 million to the project almost 10 years ago, and recently gave a final deadline of Dec. 31, 2019.

"We have deadlines, too," FDOT spokesman Zach Burch told the Highlands News-Sun on Wednesday.

In early January, Preferred Materials of Orlando — contractor on the job — sent a new estimate of \$12.3 million to finish a two-lane road. Howerton and Green estimated county crews could build four lanes for \$9.77 million, and build it at lower elevation, which

would save cost on materials and infrastructure.

The contractor and county mutually agreed to sever the contract in January, and the County Commission handed construction to county crews by a slim 3-2 vote during a special meeting the night of Feb. 20.

Commissioners Don Elwell and Jack Richie dissented.

A previous County Commission approved moving forward with the road — two lanes — in 2011, with an expected two-year construction schedule. The cost estimate then was just less than \$8 million.

Prior to the need to relocate gopher tortoises, the project was held up by sink mitigation. On Oct. 20, 2015, after spending \$12,000 per month for several months of delays, the county commission voted 4-1 to pay \$374,981 to Collany Mitigation LLC for 25.2 acres of credits to replace 12.6 acres of sand sink habitat.

Then board-chair Ron Handley dissented.

Longshore is trying to trim some positions and the four media specialists are on the list to be cut, but there has not been a formal decision on it.

"When I was speaking with Dr. Longshore, I had asked that she consider looking at the district office to see how we could make cuts there as well as within our schools," she said. "If we are asking our teachers to do more, we should ask our district personnel to do more as well."

School Board Member William "Bill" Brantley said the media specialists were spread so thin that many of the schools didn't realize what the media specialists were doing because they were there for such a limited time.

Having a media specialist at every school was

one thing, but they were cut back so much they really can't be effective for schools because they spend such limited time at each school.

The Facebook post said, "We used to have a media specialist, paraprofessional and computer resource teacher at each school and now all of these jobs and usually extra duties are piled on to one para who is expected to do all of these jobs for less pay than a Walmart employee."

"We are an economically challenged district, which means parents and families don't have the resources to have lots of books or electronic options in the home. We need to support our libraries, in my opinion, by keeping our media specialists."

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measures in 2011 reduced the number with just four remaining now to oversee media center/library services.

Deputy Superintendent Andrew Lethbridge said Thursday that Longshore is cutting the four remaining media specialists positions.

Salaries and benefits comprise more than 80 percent of the general fund budget and there have been several things that have hit the budget this school year, including a lawsuit settlement and increasing insurance costs.

For the School Board to be able to enhance salaries, the personnel allocations have to be very conservative, he said. If there are an overabundance of allocations, then there is not going to be any money available for salaries.

In recent years there has been very little new funding coming to public schools and often additional funding is earmarked such as for safety, Lethbridge said.

Three of the four media specialists are on continuing contracts and will likely be teaching in the school system, he said. One media specialist is in her first year and only has certification in media. She would have to take some tests toward certification to continue working in the district. Longshore's plans for personnel allocations will be presented at the upcoming School Board budget workshop at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Lethbridge said.

School Board Chair Jill Compton Twist said

Sebring Soda Festival this weekend

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SEBRING — The first ever Sebring Soda Festival is garnering a lot of local support and excitement with more than 30 sponsors and 40 non-profit organizations hosting tasting tents, as well as other businesses and organizations participating in various aspects of the event.

Highlands Regional Medical Center is the title sponsor, along with the following presenting sponsors: the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce, Visit Sebring/Highlands County Tourist Development Council (TDC) and the Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). "This endeavor was a community partnership from the beginning with the Chamber, TDC and CRA, as well as Sebring Soda & Ice Cream Works," said Liz Barber, CEO/president of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce. "We are thrilled to unveil months of hard work this weekend and celebrate good, old fashioned fun in historic downtown Sebring for both tourists and locals to attend while showcasing our area businesses and non-profit organizations."

Other local businesses and organizations that will be part of the festival include: Children's Museum of the Highlands, coordinating the Kid's Zone; Dance Unlimited, performing and leading the sock hop on Friday evening; Highlands Little Theatre, performances and character photo opportunities; Sebring Cruise, hosting the car show; Ridge Area Arc, designed and produced souvenir T-shirts that they will sell at the event; and Sugar Sand Distillery, providing the spirits for the Pop & Fizz Cocktail Party Saturday evening. In addition, three local hotels — Chateau Elan Hotel & Conference Center, Inn on the Lakes and Marriott Residence Inn Sebring — are offering discount codes to Soda Festival attendees, and several downtown restaurants have committed to extended hours, an outdoor presence, and 'grab and go' menus to accommodate festival goers.

Additional event

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The actual "main event" and soda tasting will take place on Saturday, and is free to attend during the day. Tasting Tickets, which will be required to taste the 200-plus sodas, are now available for pre-purchase at www.sebring sodafest.com/, as well as tickets to the Pop & Fizz Cocktail Tasting & Pairing Party for adults from 6-9 p.m. Saturday April 7.

Certain tastes, smells and sights bring us back to our childhood, and soda pop is often one of those tastes that brings along fond memories. Cooling off on a hot summer day with a root beer float, or a sharing a cola at the drug store fountain with friends, are the types of nostalgic moments you'll be transported back to at the Sebring Soda Festival. This new and exciting event is a unique opportunity to showcase the small town feel of the beautiful downtown Sebring area while promoting a family-friendly event that everyone can enjoy. With hundreds of craft sodas available for sampling (such as Ramblin' Butterscotch, Cicero Peach Cobbler, Mr. Q Cucumber and Mo's Mint Julep), along with a classic car show, live entertainment, art and craft vendors, pop-up retail storefronts, a variety of food options, kids zone, and more, we will bring back vintage fun for all ages.

The event will take place at 309 E. Circle Park. All event details, including information on tickets, vendor space, volunteers and sponsors, can be found at www.SebringSodaFest.com. For more information about visiting Sebring, check out www.VisitSebring.com.



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Tickets are now on sale online at Sebring Soda Festival. This festival will kick off today (Friday) with a Rockin' '50s Block Party from 5-8 p.m., which will be a free event featuring live music, games, fun competitions and more.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Your job, make things better

When the Florida Constitution Revision Commission set out a year ago to hear what the public wanted it to do, nobody said it better than Susan Bucher, a former state legislator who is Palm Beach County's supervisor of elections. "Your job," she said, "is not to unravel. Your job is to make our state better."

The commission wasn't up to the challenge. Service on the blue-ribbon panel is one of the rarest of opportunities and highest of honors. Every 20 years, 37 people are given the awesome power to shape Florida history by sending constitutional amendments directly to the ballot.

The voters will pass their judgments in November, but it's already clear this commission, compared to its predecessors of 20 and 40 years ago, let a great opportunity go to waste.

For a midterm grade, C-minus would be generous — and only because of the defeat of some of the worst ideas it was considering. Those included an assault on privacy pushed by the right-to-life movement, two measures to promote private school vouchers and a proposal to make it much more difficult to pass other constitutional amendments.

The commission took only three days two weeks ago to cull the 37 proposals its committees had approved and move 25 toward final action next month. Of those, only nine would truly make Florida better.

They include a six-year post-service ban on lobbying by elected officials, a prohibition on offshore oil drilling, an end to greyhound racing and a provision to open party primaries to all voters if the winner will have no general election opposition other than a write-in candidate.

Another measure, unsung but important, would abolish the legal presumption that courts and administrative law judges must defer to a state agency's interpretation of a law or a rule. The judges would get to draw their own conclusions.

Some other proposals might be appropriate as laws, but shouldn't be cluttering up the Constitution. This category includes the politically appealing "Marsy's Law," exported from California, which imposes a laundry list of victims' rights on police, prosecutors and courts. There's no evidence the Legislature was even asked to consider it before its lobbyists sought a constitutional amendment. Gov. Rick Scott is eager to have it on the ballot, along with his likely senatorial candidacy in November.

The commission's poor performance is reflected by a wealth of good ideas that failed to come up or move forward because of limited vision, political pressure or lobbyist influence.

They include:

- Standing for citizens to sue to protect the environment, which was sadly killed in committee.
- A nursing home patients' bill of rights, which would have mandated "a safe clean, comfortable and homelike environment" and forbidden nursing homes from asking patients to waive their right to a jury trial if they were injured.
- Independence for judicial nominating commissions, which have been degraded into political patronage committees.
- The top-two primary, which would have allowed the 2.4 million Florida voters who claim no party to vote in the primary election.
- A proposal to abolish the death penalty.
- Measures to establish an independent redistricting commission and require a judge's approval to try a child in criminal court.
- And confronted with the most urgent issue of our times — the assault weapons used to massacre 49 people at an Orlando nightclub and 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School — the commission covered behind its rules and refused to discuss a ban.

The commission's role, as seen by the authors of Florida's 1968 Constitution, was to rise above the partisanship and lobby-dominated politics inherent in the Legislature. It was to take a more statesmanlike view of Florida's ever-emerging problems and adjust the Constitution to accommodate them.

The flaw in the design is that partisan politicians appoint most of the commissioners: 15, including the chairman, by the governor; and nine each by the House speaker and Senate president. The chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court appoints three, who are usually the most independent. The attorney general is automatically



Treasure each moment of prom

Rites of passage from youth into adulthood take many forms. Learning to drive a car, getting a cellphone, and your own Facebook account serve as stepping stones to independence. Youth baseball graduates from proudly hitting the ball from a standing post, to hitting a homerun on a 70 mph fastball. Dance classes begin with rudimentary, free-for-all ballet recitals and progress to precisely choreographed routines. Sneakers are tossed for high heels. Hair styled the way mom likes it is replaced with pink or green, or no hair. All are forms of self expression and self discovery that help mold us into the adults we will choose to become.

Attending senior prom is a milestone rite of passage. Prom for Sebring High School is in April. This is more than a stepping stone into young adulthood, it is more like a boulder: dresses carefully selected after those seen on the television role models; sparkling "diamond" jewelry on fingers, wrists and necks. Young lads who may be nicked from inexperienced shaves will be decked out in the most current suits and tuxes, nervously awaiting the view of the



WHERE LIFE BLOOMS

Ladonna Rodriguez

special date to appear at the foot of the stairs so they can present a special flower to them.

Because I always love to infuse my columns with how they intertwine with my florist, I will share with you that these teens are very detailed when selecting their prom flowers. The corsage and boutonniere must match each other. Her dress is a blue shade of teal, not green. If the flowers are a light pink that would be much better than a hot pink, and it must have rhinestones and a pearl wristlet. Most of the time the young men are not quite as interested and will usually wear whatever their date chooses for them. Making their flowers perfect for them is our privilege.

They will dance the night away somewhat

clumsily, though they probably will think otherwise. They will search for conversation. More than likely they will attend as a group to avoid the unspoken insecurities that are prevalent at this age. It is interesting to think about the social intricacies involved with something such as prom: (Am I pretty? Is my dress pretty? Does he/she like me? Do I like them? I hope they don't see my acne.) The significance of the night may be lost on their youth.

Since I seem to bare my soul in this column, I will share my experience of my only prom, my senior prom.

I was very shy and probably what many considered a "late bloomer" (a kind way of saying that this girl didn't wear makeup, style her hair or want to talk about anything related to such). I never attended a dance with a date. In fact, I never had a date in high school, unless you consider my one pizza night with Tim Eures a date, but I think we were just friends.

Determined to attend my senior prom with a date, I courageously called someone that had caught my attention to ask him to go to prom with me.

His response: "who?" Undeterred, I tweaked his memory, and as he realized who I was I think he agreed to go with me out of kindness. So not only was this my first date, it was my first date to senior prom, and he drove a car. I think I almost passed out with nervousness. So, we attended the prom, making awkward conversation, dancing to "Color My World" by Chicago, corsage and boutonniere attached, and I even wore a little makeup.

Fast forward to the end of the date: an awkward kiss and a hasty goodnight. From that experience I gained three things: 1) I worked up the courage to ask someone on a date 2) I learned that makeup is not a bad thing and sometimes really necessary and 3) I took one more step towards adulthood.

Enjoy this prom, especially if it is your last. Treasure each moment. Welcome to the next stepping stone of your life.

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YOUR VIEW

Connections is a waste of time

An open letter to the Highlands County Commissioners.

I'm no fan of Waste Connections, (aka Wasted Connections,) the company awarded a contract to pick up garbage in Highlands County. I know nothing about the terms of the contract or what factors tipped the scales to this company. I do think the commissioners, doing due diligence, would have looked more carefully at doing business with a company that had just recently transferred from an American company and registered as a Canadian company in order to get a tax break.

Are the Request for Proposals and the resulting contract in the public record? How long do we have to put up with Waste Connections? Any options?

On Friday, March 30 I put my garbage roadside

as per the rules. I can't recall the exact time although it was early. I know the trucks hadn't been around because my neighbors' garbage cans were visibly overflowing. My cans were spaced according to the rules but the garbage was not picked up.

On Monday, the 2nd of April, I called WC and told them that it was not picked up. The young lady I spoke with (very nice lady) informed me that she had received a lot of similar calls from my area and that she would notify the operations manager. Are the calls recorded?

Nothing happened, so on Wednesday, April 4th, I called again. This time I got a well-trained stonewaller who told me that the "issue" was my fault and they had film from their truck cameras, time dated, to prove that my cans were not out in time. I tried to reason with her by saying that even if they were not out on time it would seem that my

Monday call should have avoided any problems.

I was wasting my time with this lady and this company. I was told I would have to wait till next Friday for a pickup. I asked her what I should do with another week's worth of garbage. No answer. I asked to review the time dated film. No answer.

What will it take to correct this situation? The public has no recourse except through the County Commission.

Jim Fitch
Sebring

National Donate Life Month

Would you spare three minutes of your time to save lives? That's all it takes — and more than 115,000 people in the United States, including approximately 5,800 Floridians, are counting on you to do just that. How? Register your

decision to become an organ and tissue donor.

April is Donate Life Month, and I encourage those who have not yet done so to visit Florida's organ, eye and tissue donor registry at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org, where you can find factual information about donation, and designate your donation wishes. You can also register when getting or renewing a driver license or ID card.

One organ donor can save the lives of eight people, and improve as many as 70 through tissue donation. All major religions support donation and there are no costs to the donor's family. To save lives as an organ and tissue donor, register today at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org, or say "yes" to donation when getting or renewing your driver license or state identification card at your local driver license office.

Betsy Edwards
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County Commissioner Don Elwell, gesturing at right, asks County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr., not shown, about finer details of Sebring Parkway Phase III drainage and fencing. From left, Commissioners Ron Handley, Jim Brooks and Greg Harris also asked for details as county road crews move under tight deadline to finish the road by Dec. 31, 2019.

UPSET

FROM PAGE 1

seeking legal action, she and her neighbors opted to address commissioners directly.

Their concerns are drainage, security and noise.

Drainage

Crystal Lake Club was hard-hit by Hurricane Irma, Cooper said: out of power for 11 days and homes either heavily damaged or removed. Many were flooded or surrounded by floodwaters.

Cooper said the elevation in the park is approximately 108 feet above sea level, but she saw that the roadway would be 116 feet.

“Water does not flow uphill,” Cooper said.

However, Howerton said the road elevation will not be 116 feet when completed. That was the elevation proposed by the former contractor, he said, and a point of dispute between the county and contractor that led to the county taking over the work.

He also said drainage improvements on the roadway will help run water away from the road and community. He personally stated the park would not see runoff from the road.

One of the problems for Crystal Lake drainage, Howerton said, was that 30-inch pipes designed to carry water east and out of the park toward Little Redwater Lake had gotten clogged.

Elevation is a problem for Crystal Lake, too, he said. Some areas of the park are actually

lower than adjacent Lake Denton. Still, he plans to clear the old pipes and install additional pipes to help water from the park to drain to Redwater Lake, which will be across the Parkway from Crystal Lake.

He promised to talk to Southwest Florida Water Management District about permission to put in those pipes.

Security

Cooper said residents saw survey stakes within 20 feet of their bedrooms and worry that the road itself will be that close.

If it's that close, she said, people using the multi-use path could be, too, and that's a security issue.

Howerton said those stakes mark the edge of the right-of-way and the road itself will be 55-60 feet away.

He plans for 4,000 linear feet of an approximate 4-foot-high fence. He plans for a cattle wire fence, which is \$2 per foot versus chain link which is \$10 per foot.

Right now, Crystal Lake Club's back fence is approximately 5-foot-high chain link. Any taller, Howerton said, such as 8-10 feet, will cost more because of taller posts.

Commission Vice Chair Jim Brooks asked if the back fence had been a security problem before, and Cooper said it had been, two summers ago.

Commissioner Don Elwell asked Howerton to look at taller fencing, and Howerton said he would price some options to present to the commission.

Noise

Commission Chair Greg Harris said the goal

of Sebring Parkway has been to get local traffic off U.S. 27. Cooper said noise levels on U.S. 27 sit regularly at 100 decibels, the unit of measure for sound intensity. Homes begin to get impacted at 60 decibels, she said.

Commissioners and Howerton said they didn't think the noise levels on the Parkway would be that bad, but Cooper argued that there'd have to be no traffic for that, and a wire fence doesn't meet the state standard for a noise barrier.

Harris argued, if FDOT had required the county to put in a noise barrier, the county would not have gotten a permit from the agency.

Zach Burch, FDOT spokesman, told the Highlands News-Sun on Wednesday the government agency does sound studies on all its new road corridors, and puts in noise barriers if needed and if feasible.

The cost threshold is \$42,000 per affected household. If the cost doesn't divide out that way, he said, FDOT can't afford to build one.

There would be advantage to a mobile home community, he said: Packed-in houses make for more affected homes along the road frontage.

However, Sebring Parkway Phase III, although partially funded by FDOT, is not an FDOT project, Burch said. It's a county project, and is subject to county standards.

Elwell plans to meet with the Crystal Lake Home Owners Association — a different entity than Cooper's group — next Wednesday to further answer questions about the Parkway.

EDITORIAL

FROM PAGE 5

a member, but Pam Bondi made the least of that opportunity, almost never attending committee hearings and showing up only for some of the full commission deliberations last week. She spoke against addressing assault weapons.

This commission has more work to do. It should reconsider some of its more questionable proposals, including:

• Proposal 11, which would require counties to elect all five constitutional officers: the sheriff, tax collector, circuit court clerk, property appraiser and supervisor of elections. It would repeal provisions of eight voter-approved county charters, including Broward's. This proposal, sponsored by a commissioner who's a circuit court clerk, is the worst assault on home rule since it was established in the 1968 Constitution.

• Proposal 43, which would limit school board members to two terms. This is another insult to home rule and the wisdom of local voters.

• Proposal 29, which would require employers to use the federal government's flawed system for verifying employment eligibility. This is pandering to the anti-immigrant movement. Even if it were good law, it doesn't belong in the Constitution.

• Proposal 44, which requires a supermajority vote for college and university boards to raise student fees, but not tuition. Granted, fee increases can be

subterfuges, but this seriously handcuffs those responsible for running the schools and is another instance of micromanaging that doesn't belong in a Constitution.

• Proposal 71, which exempts charter schools established by the state from supervision by local school boards, the agencies best suited to oversee them.

• Proposal 93, which would allow entire school districts to declare themselves “innovative” and exempt from most provisions of the state school code. The details, including what would qualify as a “high performing” district, would be left to the Legislature. Something so broadly experimental — and targeted toward charter schools — is better tried on a limited basis, not in the Constitution.

The commission's Style and Drafting Committee should consider whether some parts of the ethics proposal go too far and whether the oil drilling ban leaves an opening for pipelines from wells beyond the state's offshore jurisdiction.

The open primary proposal would stop candidates and party bosses from recruiting sham write-in candidates to keep their primaries closed, but it got only 21 votes last week, one short of the supermajority needed to make the November ballot.

The dog racing proposal, heavily lobbied, is in worse trouble with only 18 votes in favor and 14 against. If these fail, it would flatter the commission to grade its performance even D-minus.

An editorial from the Orlando Sun-Sentinel.

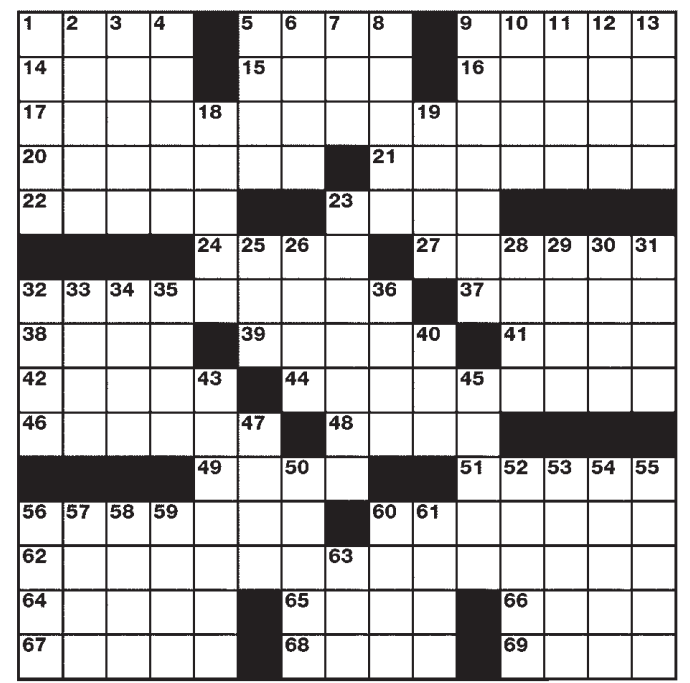
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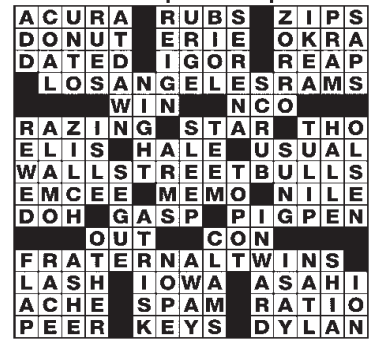
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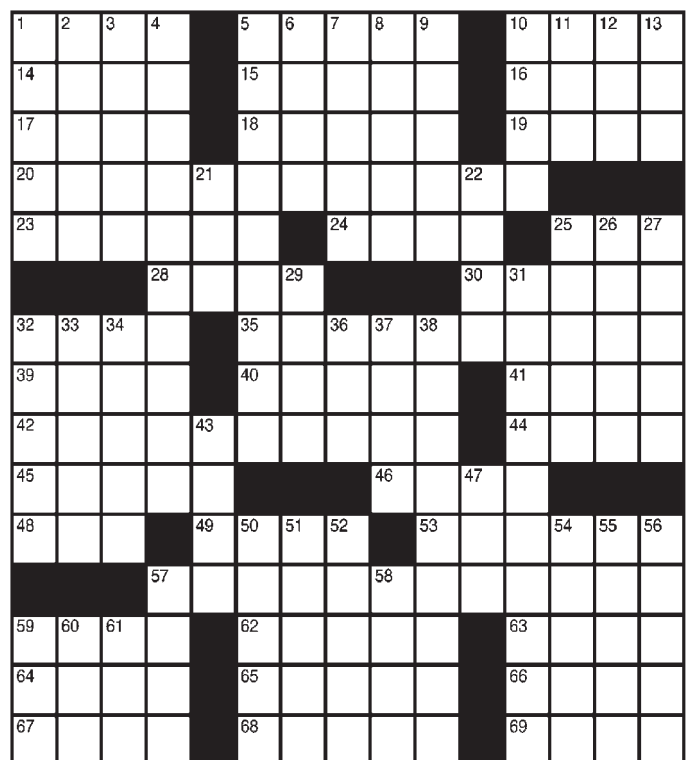
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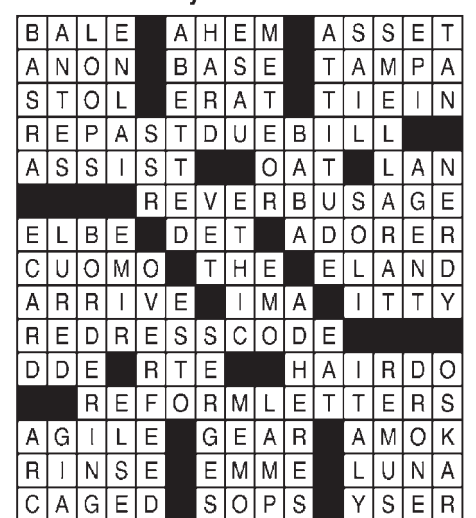
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LOCAL SPORTS

Mezza golf group starts it's summer links season

Special to Highlands News-Sun

The Monday Mezza golf group played at Golf Hammock CC using Pro-Am points. There were a total of 53 golfers.

The Monday group will return to Golf Hammock on April 9 for a 7:45 a.m. shotgun start. The Mezza Group also plays Harder Hall on Wednesday and Friday. The tee times are 9 and 8 a.m. respectively. Newcomers are welcome. April starts the new summer season. A great way to meet other golfers in your community!

In Group A, Rich Ramazetti Jr had a score of a plus three for first place. We had a three way tie for second place at plus one between Jim Gulick, Don Brewer and Les Campbell.

Group B had Roger Culberson win with an even score. Gary Fivecoat tried to sneak up on Roger but came up a little short with a minus one for second place.

Group C had Paul Doud and Mike LaJiness walked away with the win with a plus three for a tie.

In Group D, Mj Kloet played well for the win with a plus one. Ed Duncan came in second with a minus two.

Group E had Tito Fernandez and Bobby Culbert tie for first and second place with even scores in this group.

Group F saw Jim Hammond with a plus five for an easy first place. Second place went to Joe Hyzny with a plus two.

In Group G, Billy Parr had an excellent score of plus five to take the win. Bob Trier had plus one for the closet for the second place.

Group H had Dana Smith take first place with a plus three score. Gary Galle was close behind in second with a plus two.

Group I saw Jack Carlton in first place at plus three. Janet Regan was on his heels at plus one for second place.

Group J had Bob Morrison with a plus two for first place. Boots Callahan scored even for second place in this group.

Group K saw Greg Brewer run away with first at plus six. Bob Wimmers was in second place with plus four.

Group L had Jim Reed win with a plus six. Second place went to Ralf Pickering with a plus four.

Group M saw Ian Bell pull out the win with a plus five. Second place was Bill Young with a plus four.

For more information, call Joe Hyzny at 863-318-7960 or Julie Bohnert at 812-887-1267.

Seizing the opportunity



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Sebrings CJ Paul signed to play football at Chowan University on Wednesday. Front row, from left, R.D. Paul, Cortez Paul, father, CJ Paul, Delores Sims-Smith, mother, Clayton Smith. Back row, from left, coaches Koyal George, Mike Avirett, head coach LaVaar Scott, Sebring principal Kim Ervin, coaches Marvin Frazier, Peter Cox, athletic director Jasone DeWitt.

Sebring's CJ Paul to play football at Chowan University

By MARK PINSON
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING - Making the most of your opportunities is important to be as successful as possible in life.

For Sebring senior CJ Paul, the opportunity of a lifetime is in his hands.

Paul, a fast and talented linebacker, signed to play football at Chowan University on Wednesday.

"This is a great day," said Paul. "I'm proud of myself for graduating from high school and I want to thank my parents, grandparents and coaches for staying on top of me and always making sure I was doing the right things in school and on the field to help me make it to the next level."

Chowan University is located in Murfreesboro, N.C., and is a Division II school. Chowan University went 4-6 on the gridiron last season and Paul is hoping to be able to contribute to the Hawks football program as a freshman.

"I'm excited to be able to

play football in college and I'm looking forward to going up there and showing the coaching staff what I can do on the field," said Paul. "I'm going to have to work my tail off, learn the defense and make plays if I want to get in the lineup."

Paul, who had 65 tackles and was a force from his outside linebacker position

to help the Blue Streaks reach the Class 6A state playoffs, was selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Defensive Player of the Year.

His speed and quickness should serve him well at the collegiate level for the Hawks. "I'm happy for CJ," said Sebring head football coach LaVaar Scott.

"He had a solid season for us. When the kid's put in the work in the classroom, weightroom and on the field, there are opportunities for them. CJ did his due diligence and Chowan University had the best package and gives him an opportunity to get on the field as a freshman."

Chowan University is a member of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and competes against Virginia State, Bowie State, Virginia Union, Elizabeth City State, Lincoln Pa., Fayetteville State, St. Augustine's, Winston-Salem State, Johnson C. Smith University and Shaw University.

The conference is headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., and is governed by a Board of twelve Presidents and Chancellors representing institutions from Pennsylvania to North Carolina; comprised of both private and public colleges and universities with enrollments ranging from



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Racing on tap at Long Beach

BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix at iconic venue

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The 100-minute BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix at Long Beach reverts to a two-class race in 2018, featuring the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype and GT Le Mans (GTLM) classes.

The same two classes also were featured at Long Beach in 2014 and 2015. The Prototype Challenge class participated in 2016, while the GT Daytona (GTD) class raced in Long Beach last year.

The entry list for the BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix at Long Beach features 22 cars, with 14 Prototype entries and eight GT Le Mans (GTLM) machines.

Jordan and Ricky Taylor have won the past three consecutive BUBBA burger Sports Car Grands Prix at Long Beach, taking



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overall and Prototype wins in 2015, 2016 and 2017 (they also finished second in 2014). However, only one can repeat this year with Ricky Taylor's move to the No. 6 Acura Team Penske Acura ARX-05 DPi alongside Helio Castroneves. Will Ricky continue the streak and score a breakthrough win for Acura Team Penske in the process? Or, will Jordan and new No. 10

Konica Minolta Cadillac DPi co-driver Renger van der Zande continue the team's stranglehold at Long Beach.

While the Taylor brothers have dominated at Long Beach lately, three other sets of Prototype class co-drivers also own previous class victories at Long Beach. No. 2 Tequila Patrón DSM Nissan DPi

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The Easter Bunny made a surprise visit to the athletes preparing for the Special STARS Softball Classic. Athletes from Highlands and Hardee counties will be playing on five different teams on Saturday.

Athletes set for STARS Softball Classic

Special STARS compete in event on Saturday

Special to Highlands News-Sun

SEBRING - Special athletes have been preparing for the 19th annual Special STARS Softball Classic on Saturday at the

Highlands County Sports Complex.

There will be five teams with athletes from Highlands and Hardee counties in the tournament. Both counties will also have special athletes

competing in a skill level competition for those learning the fundamentals of the sport.

Playing action begins at 8 a.m. and will conclude

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750 to more than 8,000 students.

The CIAA is one of America's oldest athletic conferences; producing championships annually in Men's and Women's Cross Country; Volleyball;

Football; Men's and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track; Men's and Women's Basketball; Women's Bowling; Women's Tennis; Golf; and Softball.

Chowan is looking to improve its defense and Paul, at 5-11 and 230 pounds, is hoping his ability will help him play a part for the Hawks in

the fall. "They want me to play outside linebacker so I don't have to learn a new position," Paul said. "I need to work to put on some muscle and make sure I'm in shape when fall camp starts."

Seeing Paul sign to play football in college was very rewarding for his family.

"It's a proud day for our family," said father, Cortez Paul, who played football and basketball for Sebring. "He's my first one to go to college. His options were college or the military and I'm very happy for him."

"I'm so proud that CJ is going to college," said mother, Delores Sims-Smith. "I've been

supporting him through high school and I will continue through college. I'm sad and happy at the same time because CJ is my baby. He's been raised well and I feel like he's going to be very successful."

Paul is looking forward to earning a quality education from Chowan University, but has some

trepidation about moving so far from home.

"I want to be an athletic trainer," the Blue Streak athlete said. "I'm looking forward to the next step in my life but I'm going to miss my family. Leaving home is a part of growing up and I'm going to have to learn to adapt and overcome."

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teammates Ryan Dalziel and Scott Sharp both have won on the streets of Long Beach. Sharp took American Le Mans Series P2 class victories in 2008 and 2013, while Dalziel won in the ALMS Prototype Challenge (PC) class in 2012.

The No. 54 CORE auto-sport ORECA LMP2 with co-drivers Jon Bennett and Colin Braun own an ALMS PC class victory together in 2013. That victory was the third consecutive in the PC class for CORE autosport, which won in 2012 with Dalziel and his co-driver, Alex Popov, and in 2011 with Gunnar Jeannette and Ricardo Gonzalez.

The No. 99 JDC-Miller Motorsports ORECA LMP2 with co-drivers Stephen Simpson and Misha Goikhberg won the WeatherTech Championship PC class at Long Beach in 2016. Can they put the "Red Dragon" in Victory Lane for the first time since GAINSCO's return to IMSA?

Currently, the No. 31 Whelen Engineering Cadillac DPi squad of Eric Curran and relative newcomer Felipe Nasr, who is competing in his first full WeatherTech Championship season in 2018, stand atop the Prototype championship points table with 62 points, four more than the second-place pairing of Braun and Bennett. In third place is the No. 5 Mustang Sampling Cadillac DPi squad of Joao Barbosa and Filipe Albuquerque with 56 points, again



FILE PHOTO

Tequila Patrón ESM's No. 2 car won the 12 Hours of Sebring and is sixth in the prototype standings in the WeatherTech Championship Series heading to Long Beach.

demonstrating the strength of Action Express Racing, which has won three of the four WeatherTech Championship Prototype titles awarded since the series' inception in 2014.

Last year, the Patrón ESM team narrowly missed out on giving the Nissan DPi its first win at Long Beach as the No. 2 duo of Sharp and Dalziel came home in second place. With a full year's development now under their belts and three DPi victories – including last month's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts by No. 22 Nissan DPi co-drivers Pipo Derani and Johannes van Overbeek – can Patrón ESM make it two in a row?

Mazda Team Joest had a strong Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, with its No. 55 Mazda DPi contending for the victory into the race's final hour before an issue on the final pit stop.

Long Beach is as much of a "home game" as it gets for Mazda, with its North American operations headquartered in Irvine, California. Will Mazda finally get its long-awaited first WeatherTech Championship Prototype win on "home soil"?

For the second consecutive race, both Acura Team Penske Acura ARX-05 DPi cars were extremely competitive at Sebring, but issues removed both from contention. In addition to considerable IndyCar success on the streets of Long Beach (six total wins), the Penske team does own one previous sports car win at the Beach, the 2007 ALMS overall and P2 class victory with co-drivers Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas in the Porsche RS Spyder. Long Beach also is a home race for Acura (headquartered in Torrance, California) and Honda Performance Development (based in Santa Clarita, California).

Two of Acura Team Penske's drivers, Castroneves and Juan Pablo Montoya, have won IndyCar races previously on the streets of Long Beach. Montoya's victory came in 1999 as a rookie with Target Chip Ganassi Racing and was his first career IndyCar win. Castroneves, meanwhile, climbed the fences at Long Beach following his victory with Team Penske in 2001. Both drivers were inducted into the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach Walk of Fame on Thursday.

In each of the past

three years, a different manufacturer has taken the GTLM class victory in the BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix. BMW won in 2015 with Bill Auberlen and Dirk Werner, followed by Patrick Pilet and Nick Tandy winning for Porsche in 2016. Last year, Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner claimed the win in the No. 4 Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. Is it Ford's turn this year?

While it hasn't won in GTLM yet, Ford Chip Ganassi Racing is certainly no stranger to success in the BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix at Long Beach. Scott Pruett – who is this year's grand marshal for the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach – and Memo Rojas took the overall and Prototype class victory in the first WeatherTech Championship race in Long Beach in 2014 aboard the No. 01 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford-Riley DP. Pruett also won the only GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series race at Long Beach in 2006 for the Ganassi team in the No. 01 Lexus-Riley Daytona Prototype with co-driver Luis Diaz. The Ganassi team also has won six IndyCar races at Long Beach.

Eight of the 16 drivers

entered in the GTLM class at the BUBBA burger Sports Car Grand Prix have won previous IMSA races at Long Beach. Gavin is the winningest GTLM driver at the venue with four victories. His No. 4 Corvette co-driver, Milner, has two Long Beach wins.

No. 3 Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C7.R driver Jan Magnussen also has two Long Beach wins, as well as three class pole positions, the most of any driver in the field. Magnussen's co-driver, Antonio Garcia, has one Long Beach victory, which came in 2014.

No. 66 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT driver Dirk Mueller has two Long Beach victories of his own. His second victory at the venue came aboard a BMW in the 2011 American Le Mans Series GT race along with his current co-driver, Joey Hand. That 2011 victory was Hand's only one to date at Long Beach.

The other pair of Long Beach-winning drivers in GTLM each have one victory to their credit, and also are current co-drivers. No. 911 Porsche GT Team Porsche 911 RSR co-drivers Patrick Pilet and Nick Tandy won the GTLM class in 2016.

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with the championship games at 11 a.m.

There will be an opening ceremony at 7:45 a.m. The American flag will be presented before the national anthem is sung. The first pitch will be thrown out by representatives from the All-Stars sponsors such as Hendrix Lawn, J & J Angels, Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 and Highlands Sertoma Club.

The games are free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be available at the concession stand.

Trophies will be presented to the first, second and third place teams as well as individual trophies given to the players on the first place teams. Other special awards will be presented as well.

The teams consist of athletes with disabilities playing along with partners in the local community. They have been training for the past three weeks to play in this coed slow-pitch softball tourney.

Team sponsors are Lampe & Kiefer Hearing Aid Center, coached by Amy & Brad Torres; McIntyre's Mavericks (sponsored by Raymond & Becky McIntyre) coached by Jamie Bustamante; Coffee

News coached by Robert Hendrix; Germaine Surveying Inc. coached by Derek Aul; and Dee's Place coached by Tim Ritenour.

Florida Hospital Heartland Division is sponsoring the Skill Level team. They are coached by Angie Ruckman. These individuals have been practicing four different skills and will compete for medals. They will be tested on throwing, fielding, batting and running to a base.

Pepsi Beverages Company, Heacock Insurance Group and Thrivent Financial are lunch sponsors. The Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, who allows Special STARS to

use the fields at no cost, are in-kind donors.

Other tournament sponsors include Morris Funeral Chapel, Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home; Jim and Carol Phipps; Harbor Community Bank; 64 West Collision Repair Inc.; Jim and Toni Brooks; and Hardee Homes Inc.

There will be a Home Run Derby open to everyone. It will be \$5 for 12 balls or \$1 for 2 balls and the winner will get half of the money raised in their division while the other half goes to Special STARS.

Each batter selects their own pitcher. There will be four different levels – men, women, children (ages 12 and under) and special athletes.



Here is Another Memory Lane Photo with Our Lovely Grandkids Getting Older...But Not Too Old To Have Fun & Still Enjoy Easter!



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RAF Spitfire Mark IV.

The Wolf is at the door

The outcome was uncertain, it was a time of dark days, and the wolf was at the door. The "wolf" was just on the other side of the English Channel, looking at the white cliffs of Dover, having just marched through Europe like a hot knife through butter. The British had pulled off a miracle of saving most of their army with the evacuation at Dunkirk. The men came home, but all their equipment and ability to fight the German hoard was left behind.

All that stood between an impending German invasion of England was the Royal Air Force. The Spitfire Super Marine and the Republic P-47 fighters were the front line of defense. The German invasion depended upon wiping the Royal Air Force from the skies, so the troops could cross the channel without challenge.

The Battle of Britain was won in the air, keeping the "wolf" on the other side of the water. This provided time for the British to accumulate more materials and equipment, much from the United States, and continue to take the initiative in the battle to free Europe. The aerial defense and victory led Prime Minister Winston Churchill on August 20th, 1940 to make the famous quote; "Never in the field of human conflict was so

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Putting Florida on the map

Sunshine State a leader in environmental education

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Environmental Educators from eight southeastern states gather each year for a regional conference that is organized by a professional group from one of the participating states. At the meetings, educators sharpen their skills and share their ideas. This year the honor came to Florida for the first time. On March 16-18, the League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF) hosted the 6th Annual Southeastern Environmental Education

Alliance Conference at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg. The multi-day event drew over 225 educators from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Sharing the Master of Ceremonies role with LEEF's Past President and Conference Chair Barbara Stalbird, was Archbold Biological Station's Education Coordinator and current LEEF President Dustin Angell.

"Bringing all the



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MAP | 3 Archbold's Education Coordinator Dustin Angell (bottom left) with SEEA Leadership Team.

Benefits of water in landscapes

Water features can take landscapes to the next level

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Many homeowners aspire to make their homes appear as beautiful and welcoming as possible. Exterior renovations may be high on homeowners to-do lists, and landscaping is oftentimes a key component of those projects.

When planning gardens, homeowners may benefit by considering more than just flowers and shrubs while giving thought to other elements that can breathe vitality into their landscape designs. Water features can do just that, as such features provide more than just visual appeal.

Aesthetic appeal: Water elements stand out against the greenery and foliage and can be used to create focal points around the garden or yard. A single fountain can draw the eye, while a trickling stream or waterfall can deliver water to various spots in the landscape.

Soothing sound: Rain drops on a rooftop or waves lapping on a shoreline elicit feelings of harmony and relaxation. Water features can bring that gentle sound close to home, further enhancing the ambiance.

Brings texture: Water has its own unique and fluid texture that can provide stark contrast to blades of grass or the hard lines of architectural elements, such as pergolas or retaining walls. A pond or fountain can soften lines.

Enhance the natural ecosystem: Water features can attract wildlife to a property. Birds may visit to take a quick sip, and dragonflies are sure to dart and hover over the shimmering



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There are many benefits of water features in garden landscapes.

ripples. Inviting natural wildlife to the yard can add hours of entertainment by enjoying the animals and insects.

Remedy problem areas: Rather than fighting with the landscape, homeowners can adapt it. An area of the yard prone to soggy conditions or flooding can be transformed into a pond or waterfall to work with natural surroundings.

Foster a passion: Many people turn to water features so they can explore the hobby of nurturing an outdoor aquarium. Koi ponds are relatively easy to install and maintain, and the vibrant fish add visual appeal.

Add a personal touch: Water features are as unique as the homeowners who create them. To set landscaping apart from neighbors homes, homeowners

can add fountains, ponds or flowing water elements to their properties. Decorative water features also can be melded with pools and spas to help these manmade recreational areas seem like they were carved right out of the natural landscape.

Water features can take landscapes to the next level with sounds, texture, movement and beauty.

Coastal eco-systems crucial to Florida

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Coastal areas play an important role in both Florida's socio-economic well-being and that of its wildlife. Tourists and resident Floridians enjoy the coasts as recreational areas for swimming, surfing, bird watching, shell collecting, fishing and a variety of other uses.

Hotels, restaurants and beach vendors require an active tourist industry, which in turn fuels the local economy. Development along the coast has been profitable for individuals, companies and local and state governments. Protecting these economic interests has led to public works projects such as beach

nourishment, inlet dredging and shoreline hardening.

Many species are dependent upon coastal areas for all or part of their life cycle. Habitat loss and degradation due to recreational and commercial activities have led to declining wildlife populations and few remaining healthy natural areas. These natural areas are also sites that many coastal visitors enjoy for recreation.

Pressures on coastal resources have led to the declining populations of many species such as shorebirds, sea turtles, and beach mice.

An integrated approach that focuses on wildlife and habitat needs as well as



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The coastal eco-systems are very important to Florida.

socio-economic issues, and includes participation by partners and

input from stakeholders is needed to address in a balanced manner the

range of activities that impact coastal wildlife. The CWCI is an

FWC-led effort to develop this type of integrated approach.

Dog ownership – Service Dogs vs Therapy Dogs

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Many people use the terms “therapy dog” and “service dog” interchangeably, but there are major differences between the two.

What Is a Service Dog?

A service dog is specifically trained and helps disabled individuals perform tasks they cannot do for themselves. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) governs the use of service dogs in public places. A service dog will often wear a vest with the wording “please do not pet,” indicating that the dog is working. Persons with disabilities are permitted to take their service dogs into public places normally prohibited to dogs, such as on public transportation, in public buildings, stores, and restaurants. A service dog helps a person with a disability lead a more independent life.

In previous years, most people envisioned a service dog, often a German Shepherd, as a seeing eye dog. Today, a service dog can be of any breed and can be trained for various jobs such as, but not limited to, visual impairment, hearing impairment, mental disorders, such as post-traumatic stress disorder

(PTSD), seizures, mobility impairment, and diabetes. Service dogs can enhance a person's independence by helping with tasks such as pulling a wheelchair, opening doors, turning light switches on/off, picking up objects as small as a dime or possibly just being a loyal companion to help lower the stress level of its owner.

Jackie Sheridan-Moore, a Heartland Dog Club member, is currently training a service dog for Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). According to Jackie, “I received the dog when he was 2-months old and will be training him until he is nearly 2.” She teaches him about 20 commands which include heel, come, leave it, quiet, jump in car, under chair and several more. Her biggest training activity is to ensure that when he is turned in to advanced specialized training that he will be socialized and well-behaved in every possible situation. He will need to have manners in restaurants, movies, churches, meetings, stores and with other animals. Jackie has been training dogs for the past 15 years.

What is a Therapy Dog?

Therapy dogs do not have federally granted

legal access to the types of public areas afforded to service dogs. A therapy dog is there to be petted and provide comfort and affection to individuals at various places that request its visits. A therapy dog accompanies his/her owner and visits facilities such as hospitals, retirement homes, nursing homes, and schools. They might also visit people who have experienced a trauma in a disaster area. Therapy dogs even serve to help relieve stress with passengers at some airports and for college students taking finals at some universities. These dogs will often wear a vest or bandanna inscribed with the name of a therapy dog organization.

Mary Ellen Powrie of Sebring and a member of the Heartland Dog Club is the proud owner of Barney, a pure-bred Australian Shepherd. Mary Ellen says, “He goes straight to the elevator at the Palms to see one of his best buddies, Ann.”

He loves to visit people at the Palms and in the hospital and is never scared by wheel chairs or walkers. He just loves people.

Barney became a certified therapy dog in 2010 shortly after Mary Ellen adopted him. According to Mary Ellen, “Barney was found



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Jackie Sheridan-Moore with Lorne who is being trained to be a service dog.

sitting on Highway 66 across from a ranch owned by a friend.” The friend took him in, but he started herding her horses, so she asked Mary Ellen if she would like to have him. Mary Ellen fell in love as soon as she saw his cute little black face and his wagging tiny stump for

a tail. Mary Ellen says, “We started out with a basic obedience class and then started to make visits to long term care facilities. True therapy dogs are born, not made. They have to love people. Barney is known as Barney the Bear because of that face of his.” A short time later Barney

was tested and accepted as a certified therapy dog. He has made a lot of people very happy!

The Heartland Dog Club of Florida offers Trick Training on April 10th and Obedience Training on April 12th at the Sun N Lake Elementary School beginning at 6 p.m.

Avoid invasive plant species

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Intuition may suggest all plants that provide habitats for wildlife and produce oxygen for the atmosphere are good no matter where they are planted. However, non-native plant species that are introduced into areas across North America can pose significant threats to an ecosystem.

Foreign plants can wreak havoc on native plant species and agricultural industries. Scores of plants are

aggressively invading certain areas of the country. Invasive species are introduced largely due to human action, such as planting non-native plants. Plants also may be introduced through boating and fishing. Wind and rain may introduce non-native plants to a particular region, while some plants are introduced through animals.

The organization PlayCleanGo.org says that not all non-native plants are harmful and some can be beneficial. But non-native plants

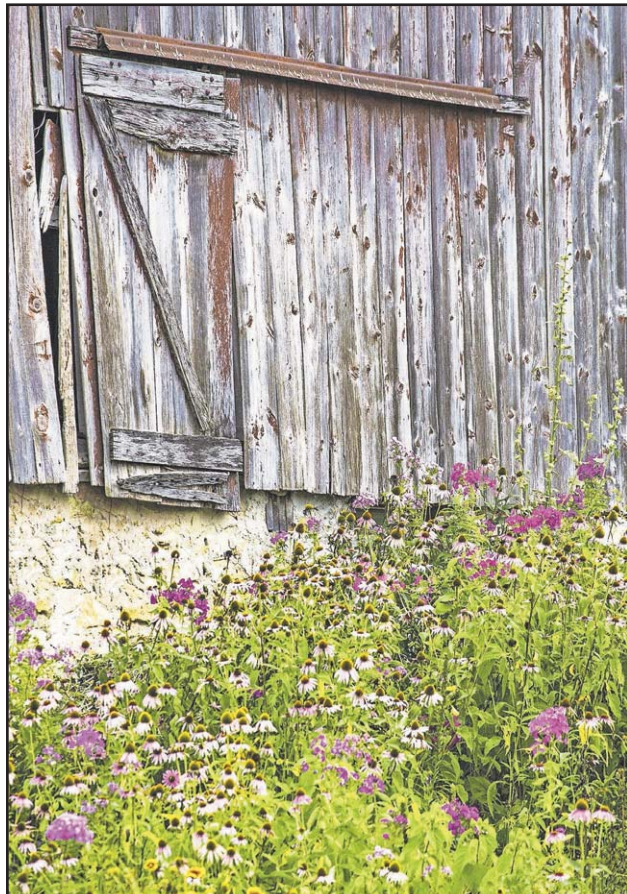
that take over and cause severe damage in areas outside of their normal range are considered to be invasive, and efforts must be made to keep invasives under control.

Gaining awareness of the pathways through which invasives spread can help people avoid

introducing invasive species. Some invasive plants are very attractive and they may be for sale at some garden centers, but such plants should be avoided for the benefit of local ecosystems. In addition, weeds and seeds can be hidden in potting mixes or lawn

and garden products and essentially sneak their way into regions where they do not belong.

Homeowners who learn to recognize invasive species can decrease their risk of introducing such plants to their properties. The following are some common invasive species: Garlic mustard, Mayweed, Norway maple, Yellow rocket, Australian pine, Oxeye daisy, Bermuda grass, Ground ivy, Chinese ivy, Cotton thistle, Purple loosestrife, Japanese honeysuckle, English ivy, Kudzu, Autumn olive and Paper mulberry.



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Invasive species are dangerous for the environment.

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much owed by so many to so few”.

In the following years of the war, England became the base that launched the aerial assault on the Third Reich of Germany. RAF Lancaster and U.S. Army Air Force B-17 bombers dropped thousands of tons of bombs day and night. They were escorted by Spitfires and P-47 Thunderbolts, and with the arrival of the P-51 Mustang, bombers were escorted and protected all the way from England to Berlin and back. It could not have happened without the heroism of the RAF and the battle of Britain.

The Royal Air Force was formally founded on April 1, 1918, with the merger of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. The service grew and became known for its extraordinary heroism during the Battle of Britain in the early days of World War II, as well as the development of many early fighter jets such as the Meteor and Vampire.

The RAF was the first service to use the Harrier jump jet after its development in the 1960s, with RAF aircraft and personnel still on active duty in many parts of the world today.

The Royal Air Force will be commemorated with historic aircraft, flyovers,

and special programming during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018. The RAF's 100th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the week.

“Legendary’ is perhaps the best way to describe the gathering of people and airplanes that will be part of the Royal Air Force centennial at Oshkosh this year,” said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. “From the World War I era, to the Battle of Britain and early jets, to today's modern military aircraft, the RAF has been an integral part of aviation history. We will fully celebrate that during the week at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.”

The aircraft on display on the showcase Boeing Plaza and flying during the air show will include an array of World War I and World War II aircraft, some of the early fighter jets and modern RAF aircraft.

The aircraft will include those in British markings as well as those from Commonwealth nations such as Canada.

I will be covering AirVenture “Oshkosh” for the Highlands News Sun as I did last July. With all the coverage of the RAF, I may come back with a British accent. My mother was a British “subject” or citizen, but that is another story for another time.

There is a fine chance you will be able to see some of the historic



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The RAF helped to win World War II.

WW II aircraft before AirVenture “Oshkosh” if you travel to Sun-N-Fun in Lakeland, April 10 – 15. If you are wanting to scratch the “aviation itch”, Sun-N-Fun is a great place to start.

Because of the Sun-N-Fun schedule, we have moved our monthly EAA Chapter 1240 pancake breakfast up one week to Saturday April 7th, 8 – 10:30 a.m. at our Aviation Development Center, through Gate 24 at the Sebring Regional Airport. Young Eagle flights for youth ages 8 to 17 will be

available for those who pre-register by e-mailing me at jhr@stratmail.net or text 863-273-0522 by 6 p.m. on Friday April 6th. This way we will be sure to have enough pilots and aircraft available for the Young Eagle flights. All flights are free and require a parent or guardian to register the youth.

For more information about EAA Chapter 1240 and related aviation programs, contact John Rousch at jhr@stratmail.net, call or text 863-273-0522.

Florida's cooperative conservation blueprint

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Florida's human population is expected to reach 25 million residents by the year 2035 (Bureau of Economic and Business Research 2010). If we continue to develop as we have in the past, the space needed to accommodate the expected growth through 2060 will equal an area larger than the state of Vermont – about 7 million acres. The loss of so much rural, agricultural and natural lands will have important consequences for fish and wildlife. More on the Wildlife 2060 report.

The Cooperative Conservation Blueprint (Blueprint) is a multi-partner strategic conservation process initiated in 2006 by the FWC as part of implementing Florida's State Wildlife Action Plan. The process has brought together landowners, businesses, governmental and conservation organizations to collectively build broad agreement on both voluntary and non-regulatory conservation

incentives along with a comprehensive vision of wildlife habitat and connectivity priorities to which existing and new incentive ideas can be applied. The goal is to conserve wildlife and maintain a sustainable economy and a wide range of agriculture and nature-based opportunities, as well as provide clean air and water for the benefit of all Floridians.

The Blueprint builds on the Critical Land and Waters Identification Project (CLIP). The CLIP is a fully integrated set of GIS data layers of priority statewide conservation areas, working landscapes and development areas. The CLIP uses science and the best statewide spatial data to identify Florida's critical environmental resources in a database that can be used as a decision-support tool for collaborative statewide and regional conservation and land-use planning.

Blueprint Regional Pilot

The Blueprint Regional Pilot was instituted in

2010 to focus application of incentives-based conservation landscape planning in south central and southwest Florida. The homogeneity of the landscape, high level of on-going conservation activities in the region and large tracts of open and working lands make this geographic area particularly useful for on the ground application of the Blueprint process. The Pilot was organized into two main initiatives that included a southwest Florida area corridor mapping effort and a northern Everglades focus on incentive development. Priority conservation areas throughout the region were identified using extensive ecological research and stakeholder involvement. The second initiative involved identification of existing incentives and investigation into new incentives and alternative funding strategies with the potential to protect priority lands.

Incentive-Based Conservation

Private landowners have been and continue



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Florida Panthers require large ranges with sparse human activity and serve as umbrella species for conservation of other species that benefit from improved habitat connectivity.

to be excellent stewards of Florida's landscapes. A core component of the Blueprint process is to focus on voluntary incentive-based conservation. Incentives should reward private landowners for conserving priority conservation land, and in doing so, make owning those lands an economic asset. Close coordination with state, regional and local

agencies with an interest in the incentive ideas is essential. The goal is to create a win-win for landowners, the public and the environment.

In addition to coordinating with existing incentive programs, new opportunities are being explored.

Working with the Gopher Tortoise Conservation Program and the Landowner

Assistance Program, the Blueprint initiated a new Payment for Ecosystems Services (PES) program that will compensate landowners for stewardship of habitat for this vital keystone species. The PES program proposes to work with landowners within lands that are priorities for regional connectivity and for gopher tortoises and their commensals.

Austin will inform the public on use of landscaping

Special to Highlands News-Sun

David Austin, the Residential Horticulture Agent from the University of Florida extension office of Highlands County will be presenting information on Florida Landscaping on May 5th, at the

Champion for Children Foundation's Garden of Joy located beside the Circle Theatre in historic downtown Sebring. Austin's presentation is part of the Garden of Joy Club's initial meeting, with coffee and social beginning at 8:30am and Austin's Florida Landscaping

presentation starting at 9am.

The Garden of Joy Club is forming to not only maintain the plants and beauty of the Garden of Joy, as well as to provide gardening education and social events for its members. The Garden of Joy was built and is dedicated in memory

of Sebring local Jimmy Polatty, who suffered a fatal heart attack at the young age of 23, and to all children who have left the earth too soon.

The Champion for Children Foundation hosts numerous community-strengthening and family-friendly entertainment events

within the Circle Theatre and Garden of Joy. Both venues are available for private and business event rentals as well. If you enjoy gardening and are interested in helping maintain the natural

beauty of downtown Sebring, please call Colleen or Jim Polatty at 863-386-4927 for more information regarding the Garden of Joy Club and the May 5th special event.

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southeastern states to Florida gave us a chance to show off some of the inspiring projects happening throughout our state, including in Highlands County. I was so proud when the keynote speaker mentioned Archbold twice in her talk," says Angell. Keynote speaker Lindsay Cross, Executive Director of the Florida Wildlife Corridor, gave a presentation that celebrated Florida's wildlands and stressed the importance of conservation allies, like Florida ranches and military lands, in providing habitat and safe passage for wildlife.

The work of Florida's universities was also highlighted during a half-day research symposium on the first day. The audience, mostly outdoor educators and K-12 teachers, were treated to presentations from the University of Florida, the University of South Florida, Northern Kentucky University, and North Carolina State University. Dr. Martha Monroe from University of Florida gave the research symposium keynote speech, which described recent research exploring which methods are best to teach about our changing climate.

Angell stresses the importance of the conference for LEEF, Florida's only statewide professional group for educators interested in teaching about environmental issues. "This conference came at the perfect time, because LEEF has been going through a growth spurt and renewal phase. Hosting this southeastern conference pushed LEEF forward on a number of projects, like updating our membership



ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

Keynote speaker Lindsay Cross at the SEEA-LEEF Conference.

software, creating a new logo and website, and making connections with other types of education groups throughout the state."

Archbold Biological Station has supported LEEF for over 25 years by encouraging Station education staff to participate and become board members. Angell is the first Archboldian to take on the role of LEEF President for the 200+ membership organization. "I'm part of an all-volunteer board. We have no staff, so when I took on the position of President, which is a three-year commitment,

I knew it was going to be a lot more work. I'm two years in and really love it. I feel so grateful to have the chance to support and connect with educators from across the state and even nationwide, through LEEF's affiliation with the North American Association for Environmental Education."

During the conference, Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance Executive Director Ashley Hoffman presented Angell with a gift for his leadership. She explains, "In order to advance our field, we need dedicated

individuals working toward the bigger picture—connecting their work to the greater network at the state, regional and national level. Dustin has taken LEEF to new heights with his leadership and vision for the organization, putting Florida on the map as a leader in the field of environmental education."

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The love of sports is something that transcends geographical boundaries and cultures. Hundreds of millions, if not billions, of people across the globe enjoy professional and amateur athletics. If only a small fraction of sports fans took steps to be more eco-friendly when watching their favorite teams, the impact could be dramatic.

In recognition of the need to make a more concerted effort to protect the planet, numerous sports teams have already taken steps to reduce their carbon footprints. When building the Barclays Center, which opened in 2012, the Brooklyn Nets of the National Basketball Association made sure that 56 percent of the total building materials were manufactured using recycled materials. Across the pond in England, Manchester United of the Premier League recycles rain water at Old Trafford, ultimately using that recycled water to irrigate the pitch.

Sports fans also can do their part to reduce their carbon footprints when enjoying their favorite sports and watching their favorite teams.

Take mass transit to the game. Many professional sports teams play in large cities with extensive mass transit systems. Such systems make it easy for fans to get to and from the game while also greatly reducing the

amount of emissions fans would otherwise produce if each fan drove to the game in their own vehicles. Even fans of teams in small cities no doubt have access to transit systems that can drop them off at or near the stadium, saving them the cost of fuel and parking while also reducing their fuel consumption and emissions.

Discard your trash. Perhaps the simplest way to be an eco-friendly sports fan is to make use of stadium recycling and trash bins. Rather than leaving your trash beneath your seat, where it can potentially blow away and contribute to pollution, discard items in the appropriate receptacles during the game and once again before leaving the stadium.

Use e-tickets instead of paper tickets. Many

stadiums now accept electronic tickets that can be scanned directly from fans smartphones. E-tickets reduce the need for paper tickets, which are both wasteful and often find their way into landfills when fans throw them away after returning home from the game.

Bring your own food. Many stadiums allow fans to bring their own meals into stadiums. This can save fans substantial amounts of money while also cutting back on the garbage they produce when buying meals, snacks and beverages from stadium concession stands.

Few may consider sports fandom very eco-friendly, but conscientious sports fans can employ various strategies to enjoy their favorite sports without negatively affecting the planet.

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Striped bass stocking going well

FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

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

Striped bass are a cool-water fish and do not survive water temperatures above 80 degrees for extended periods. Warm waters like the St. Johns produce small population numbers that rarely reach more than 20 lbs – a small size compared to their northern cousins which may exceed 50 lbs. Landlocked by high ocean temperatures, they cannot survive in Florida's warm waters without the numerous springs found in the St.

Johns River Basin which provide a cool water refuge during the summer months.

Beginning in the late 1960s, advancements in rearing techniques allowed for intensive culture of the striped bass in Florida. By this time, state and federal biologists believed that few striped bass were naturally reproducing in the St. Johns River and began developing stocking plans to both restore the species and provide additional angling opportunities.

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



FWC PHOTO

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

other areas. During years striped bass stocking did not occur, biologists found no fish from those year classes were present. This supported the theory that no natural reproduction was occurring in the river.

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

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

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

discontinued from 2000 through 2008. Decreasing numbers of striped bass brood fish during this same period also resulted in lower stocking success. Although striped bass remained a focus for restoration by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), who took over the Atlantic striped bass stocking program from the state in 2009, brood fish availability became less predictable.

Environmental conditions such as flood and drought severely impacted the ability for the USFWS to collect brood

fish from South Carolina. Due to angler demand, officials reintroduced sunshine bass stockings to increase angling opportunities.

Most stocked striped and sunshine bass are merely one to two inches long.

In total, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and USFWS have stocked over 20 million striped bass and nearly 10 million sunshine bass in the last 40 years.

As part of a joint agreement in 2009 between the FWC and the USFWS, biologists with FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) at the DeLeon Springs Freshwater Fisheries Lab continue to monitor survival and angler catch data each summer.

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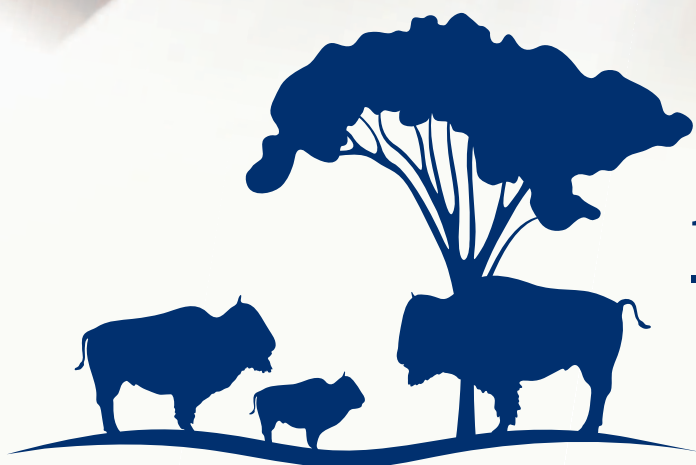
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YouTube shooter's bizarre videos key to motive

The woman who shot three people at YouTube's headquarters was prolific at producing videos and posting them online, many of them bizarre. *See page 10.*



Keeping an eye on the border



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Trump: 2,000-4,000 troops needed for Mexico border security

In this Jan. 19, 2007, photo, Staff Sgt. Kevin Black, 36, of Kenmore, N.Y., of the New York National Guard keeps an eye on a group of suspected illegal immigrants near the Arizona-Mexico border in Sasabe, Ariz.

By ANITA SNOW and CATHERINE LUCEY
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PHOENIX — President Donald Trump said Thursday that he wants to send 2,000 and 4,000 National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border to help federal officials fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking.

Trump's comments to reporters on Air Force One were his first estimate on guard levels he believes are needed for border protection. It would be a lower number of troops than the 6,400 National Guard members

that former President George Bush sent to the border between 2006 and 2008.

Trump said his administration is looking into the cost of sending the troops to the border and added "we'll probably keep them or a large portion of them until the wall is built."

Earlier Thursday, Ronald Vitiello, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's acting deputy commissioner, cautioned against a rushed deployment.

"We are going to do it as quickly as we can do it safely," Vitiello told Fox News Channel.

He said that guard members would be placed in jobs that do not require law enforcement work, an apparent reference to undertaking patrols and making arrests.

The National Guard in Texas expressed support, but said in a statement that deployment remained in "very early planning stages." The Republican governors of New Mexico and Arizona have also backed the deployment. It remained unclear Thursday how Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown would respond to Trump's call.

In Washington, Marine Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie

told reporters at the Pentagon that it has not yet been determined how many, if any, of the troops participating in the border security operation will be armed.

With troops in all states, the National Guard has been called on by past presidents and governors to help secure U.S. borders, and the Texas contingent said it had "firsthand knowledge of the mission and operating area" that will allow it to move seamlessly into the new role.

Trump ordered the deployment because "we are at a

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AP: Record number of women file to run for US House seats

By GEOFF MULVIHILL and MAUREEN LINKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — The number of women running for the U.S. House of Representatives set a record Thursday, the vast majority of them Democrats motivated by angst over President Donald Trump and policies of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Their ranks will continue to grow, with candidate filing deadlines still to come in more than half the states.

In many places, women are running for congressional seats that have never had a female representative.

"It's about time," said Kara Eastman of Nebraska, one of two Democrats vying to challenge a GOP incumbent in a district centered in Omaha.

A surge of women into this year's midterm elections had been expected since the Women's March demonstrations nationwide just after Trump's inauguration in January 2017. Numbers analyzed by The Associated Press show that momentum is continuing.

After Virginia released its candidate list Thursday, a total of 309 women from the two major parties have filed candidacy papers to run for the House. That tops the previous record of 298 in 2012.

The AP analyzed data going back to 1992 from the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University and did its own review of candidate information released by the states.

While just over half the nation's population is female, four out of every five members of the U.S. House are men. The women's candidacies won't necessarily change that. They still have to survive party primaries and win the general election, often against an incumbent with name recognition and a large reservoir of

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Facebook: Most users may have had public data 'scraped'

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK — Facebook's acknowledgement that most of its 2.2 billion members have probably had their personal data scraped by "malicious actors" is the latest example of the social network's failure to protect its users' data.

Not to mention its seeming

inability to even identify the problem until the company was already embroiled in scandal.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg told reporters Wednesday that Facebook is shutting down a feature that let people search for Facebook users by phone number or email address. Although that was useful for people who wanted to find others on Facebook, it turns out that

unscrupulous types also figured out years ago that they could use it to identify individuals and collect data off their profiles.

The scrapers were at it long enough, Zuckerberg said, that "at some point during the last several years, someone has probably accessed your public information in this way."

The only way to be safe would have been for users

to deliberately turn off that search feature several years ago. Facebook had it turned on by default.

"I think Facebook has not been clear enough with how to use its privacy settings," said Jamie Winterton, director of strategy for Arizona State University's Global Security Initiative. "That, to me, was the failure."

The breach was a stunning admission for a company already reeling from allegations that the political data-mining firm Cambridge Analytica inappropriately accessed data on as many as 87 million Facebook users to influence elections.

Over the past few weeks, the scandal has mushroomed into

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Air Force names Thunderbirds pilot killed in Nevada crash

By KEN RITTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — A U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds pilot who died in the crash of a military jet during a training flight in Nevada was a former civilian flight instructor and banner tow pilot from Valencia, California, officials said Thursday.

Maj. Stephen Del Bagno, 34, was killed Wednesday when his F-16 Fighting Falcon known as Thunderbird 4 crashed in the vast Nevada Test and Training Range north

of Nellis Air Force Base outside Las Vegas.

His Thunderbirds biography said Del Bagno was also a corporate pilot and skywriter who graduated in 2005 from Utah Valley State University and was commissioned two years later from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

He was in his first season with the Thunderbirds flight demonstration team, after serving with the 58th Fighter Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida as an F-35A stealth jet evaluation pilot.

His biography credited him with more than 3,500 total flight hours in more than 30 different aircraft — the equivalent of more than 87 work weeks of 40 hours each.

In a statement, Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, commander of the Air Force 57th Wing at Nellis, called Del Bagno an integral part of the flight team and said his loss was mourned by the military, family and friends.

A Thunderbirds spokeswoman, Sgt. Stephanie Englar at Nellis, said plans were being made for a

memorial but a date had not been selected.

The Air Force said an investigation of the crash was underway and Thunderbirds participation at an air show this weekend at March Air Reserve Base in California had been cancelled.

Officials have not said how the crash will affect the rest of the 2018 Thunderbirds demonstration season.

The incident was the third U.S. military aircraft crash this week. A Marine

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In this June 18, 2010, photo, the U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds practice a maneuver during a rehearsal in preparation for a weekend air show, in Oklahoma City.

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WORLD/WEATHER

Lagging decades behind on autism care, France plays catch-up

By SYLVIE CORBET
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROUEN, France — When Gaspard Bigand was 3 years old, his pre-school teachers labeled him “different.” But his parents got zero advice from the French education or health care systems, and it took two years for him to be diagnosed with autism. The family’s challenges were only beginning, in a country where only 20 percent of children with autism go to school. Despite France’s lauded public health care system, it’s shockingly behind the curve on providing basic education and therapy for people with autism. Seeking to change that, French President Emmanuel Macron announced a long-awaited, 340-million-euro autism plan Thursday. The plan includes a push for earlier diagnosis, help for families, teacher training and research to

better understand autism, a neurodevelopmental disorder marked by repetitive behaviors and impairment in verbal communication and social interaction. Yet families and associations say the plan is unlikely to take the giant steps needed to catch France up with the United States, Canada, and other European countries. Public awareness in France is surprisingly low, with some parents telling their children to avoid autistic peers. Many adults on the autism spectrum remain undiagnosed. French families who can afford it go to neighboring Belgium or across the Atlantic to get better treatment and care. “You can’t imagine the level of suffering and anger of the families,” said Daniele Langlois, president of the association Autisme France. Langlois listed outdated therapy practices, lack of trained medical staff and teachers,



French President Emmanuel Macron talks to a baby as he visits the Rouen hospital, Normandy, on Thursday. Macron is unveiling a long-awaited autism plan for a country that is shockingly behind the curve on providing basic education and care for people on the autism spectrum.

and an obstacle course to gain access to school, care and employment. Macron says his plan can change that. “You will save enormous amounts of money if you manage to register a young child of 2 years old very early in a program that will enable him to be kept in school normally,” he said. That’s been essential for families like Gaspard’s, living in a small Normandy town and struggling with what his mother Anne-Claire calls the “monstrous” costs and bureaucratic hurdles of getting him care. As a toddler, he didn’t reach out his arms, didn’t speak and plugged his ears to block out the world

around him, his mother said. She quit her job to care for him, her third son. After a protracted diagnosis process, reading the word “autism” on a letter was painful to Gaspard’s parents. “At no point did we feel reassured. We are reassuring ourselves because we see how he’s growing and we are trying to tell ourselves we’re doing everything so that he’s comfortable,” Anne-Claire Bigand told The Associated Press. They are among the lucky ones. Now Gaspard is in his first year of primary school, where “there are by chance great teachers who do everything to include Gaspard ... Although they have a lack of training and a lack of information, they are very much involved,” his mother said. He was reading well ahead of his peers, so teachers allow him to spend time in a reading corner while others are still learning the basics, or get up when he has trouble concentrating — things unthinkable in most French classrooms. The Bigand family finally found a neuropsychologist able to propose them solutions for daily life, just one month ago. “This takes much time, this is expensive. It’s clear not all families can do it,” Bigand said. Wearing a blue ribbon promoting autism awareness, Macron and his wife Brigitte visited a hospital unit in the Normandy city of Rouen and later a day care center that accepts children with autism — an exception in France. In January, France’s Court of Auditors estimated that, statistically, about 700,000 people live with autism in France. But the number of adults identified as being on the autism spectrum is only 75,000, despite an improvement in early diagnosis in recent years, the Court wrote.

Sumo in uproar as women first responders ordered out of ring

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — The head of Japan’s sumo association has apologized over an incident in which women first responders were asked to get out of the ring as they attempted to revive an official who collapsed. In sumo’s tradition, the ring is considered sacred and women are prohibited from entering. That posed a problem Wednesday when Ryozo Tatami, the 67-year-old mayor of Maizuru in northern Kyoto, collapsed during a ring-top speech.

Two women, apparently medical experts, rushed in and started performing first aid as several male sumo officials surrounding the mayor looked on. When two more women rose to the ring trying to join the first aid effort, announcements demanded the women get out of the ring. “Ladies, please get off the ring,” a sumo referee said, determinedly. “Only gentlemen go up.” Footage posted on social media triggered outrage, with many criticizing sumo officials and saying they were choosing tradition over life.

Sumo chief Nobuyoshi Hakkaku called the announcement inappropriate and apologized late Wednesday, while thanking the women for working to save the mayor. In a statement, Hakkaku said the announcement was made by an official who panicked after seeing the women in the ring, but never touched on the divisive tradition. “It was an inappropriate response in a life-threatening situation,” Hakkaku said. The mayor, who had an acute cerebral hemorrhage, survived and was in

stable condition Thursday after receiving emergency surgery at a hospital, city officials said. The footage posted on YouTube was shown on major Japanese networks and other media as the news topped headlines Thursday. “Of course it is important to protect tradition, but the way it excludes women perhaps is out of step with the times, and that’s how I feel as a woman,” said Yurika Mita, a newscaster on a Fuji Television Network talk show. “Without the women’s effort, the life of one person might have



In this Nov. 11, 2017, photo, a Shinto ceremony is held to pray for the safety of sumo wrestlers before the start of the Kyushu Grand Sumo tournament in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan.

been lost.” Sumo’s male-only tradition has raised controversy for decades, with even top women politicians barred from honoring winners in the ring.

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71° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Sat.
Apalachicola	75 67 s	75 53 t
Bradenton	84 68 s	80 68 t
Clearwater	83 68 s	79 67 sh
Coral Springs	84 71 pc	89 71 sh
Daytona Beach	80 64 pc	85 65 s
Fort Lauderdale	82 73 s	86 72 pc
Fort Myers	89 67 s	87 69 s
Gainesville	85 62 s	79 56 pc
Jacksonville	79 63 s	79 53 c
Key Largo	81 73 s	83 72 s
Key West	83 75 s	84 75 s
Lakeland	86 64 s	83 64 t
Melbourne	82 65 pc	89 65 pc
Miami	83 73 pc	87 72 sh
Naples	86 68 s	85 69 pc
Ocala	85 61 s	81 58 pc
Okeechobee	83 63 s	86 65 s
Orlando	85 64 s	86 66 t
Panama City	76 67 s	73 51 t
Pensacola	76 66 pc	72 49 r
Pompano Beach	82 73 sh	86 71 t
St. Augustine	77 65 s	80 59 s
St. Petersburg	86 66 s	82 68 sh
Sarasota	84 63 s	81 67 t
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Vero Beach	82 65 s	89 65 sh
West Palm Beach	82 68 pc	86 67 sh

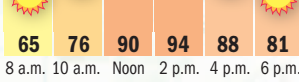
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Clearwater	83 68 s	79 67 sh
Coral Springs	84 71 pc	89 71 sh
Daytona Beach	80 64 pc	85 65 s
Fort Lauderdale	82 73 s	86 72 pc
Fort Myers	89 67 s	87 69 s
Gainesville	85 62 s	79 56 pc
Jacksonville	79 63 s	79 53 c
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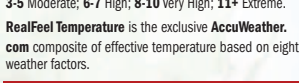
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TIDES

Location	High	Low
Punta Gorda	9:41a	2:33a
Englewood	8:18a	12:49a
Boca Grande	3:39p	—
El Jobean	10:13a	3:02a
Venice	6:33a	9:19a

MARINE

Location	Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	SE	6-12	1-2	Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	ESE	7-14	1-3	Light

SUN AND MOON

Day	Rise	Set
The Sun	7:14 a.m.	7:48 p.m.
The Moon	12:45 a.m.	11:42 a.m.

SOLAR TABLE

Day	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	11:25a	5:13a	11:49p	5:37p
Sat.	12:16p	6:04a	—	6:28p
Sun.	12:40a	6:52a	1:04p	7:16p

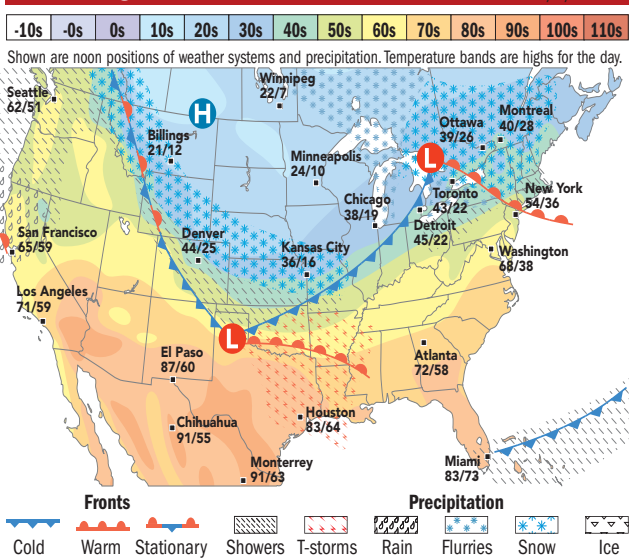
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Anchorage	40 32 s	42 29 s
Atlanta	72 58 pc	62 38 r
Baltimore	65 39 pc	39 26 r
Billings	21 12 sn	30 27 c
Birmingham	74 53 pc	58 34 r
Boise	62 52 c	63 45 sh
Boston	47 37 sn	40 30 sn
Buffalo	41 24 sn	33 24 pc
Burlington, VT	42 31 sn	42 22 pc
Charleston, WV	62 31 pc	42 22 sn
Charlotte	73 56 pc	60 36 r
Chicago	38 19 pc	37 22 s
Cincinnati	54 28 pc	44 23 sn
Cleveland	49 26 c	35 26 pc
Columbia, SC	79 58 pc	72 36 t
Columbus, OH	53 28 c	43 24 pc
Concord, NH	42 32 sn	45 24 c
Dallas	83 39 t	56 44 pc
Denver	44 25 c	61 38 c
Des Moines	30 15 c	29 25 pc
Detroit	45 22 c	40 22 pc
Duluth	24 12 pc	30 10 pc
Fairbanks	39 14 s	36 17 s
Fargo	19 7 pc	27 15 s
Hartford	49 34 sn	39 25 sn
Helena	34 21 sn	45 32 c
Honolulu	80 73 sh	80 72 c
Houston	83 64 t	66 54 r
Indianapolis	48 25 pc	41 23 pc

City	Today	Sat.
Jackson, MS	76 47 t	56 39 sh
Kansas City	36 16 sn	40 28 s
Knoxville	64 45 t	48 31 r
Las Vegas	87 67 pc	89 60 c
Los Angeles	71 59 pc	69 56 c
Louisville	60 30 pc	47 27 sn
Memphis	62 37 t	50 34 pc
Milwaukee	35 19 pc	35 21 s
Minneapolis	24 10 pc	30 15 s
Montgomery	78 59 pc	66 40 r
Nashville	61 35 t	49 31 r
New Orleans	80 67 sh	71 55 r
New York City	54 36 c	41 30 sn
Norfolk, VA	72 54 pc	56 37 r
Oklahoma City	56 26 r	50 33 pc
Omaha	28 14 sn	40 28 s
Philadelphia	62 36 pc	39 28 sn
Phoenix	91 69 pc	94 73 c
Pittsburgh	51 26 sh	38 23 sn
Portland, ME	41 34 sn	40 26 pc
Portland, OR	65 53 r	56 48 r
Providence	49 36 pc	40 30 sn
Raleigh	72 55 pc	63 32 r
Salt Lake City	63 52 sh	66 46 r
St. Louis	46 24 sn	41 28 pc
San Antonio	87 53 c	63 52 c
San Diego	67 60 pc	69 58 pc
San Francisco	65 59 r	65 53 sh
Seattle	62 51 r	56 47 r
Washington, DC	68 38 c	40 29 sn

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	58 45 pc	67 48 pc
Baghdad	48 31 c	85 61 s
Beijing	49 63 c	52 36 s
Berlin	53 39 pc	65 46 s
Buenos Aires	68 58 r	77 59 pc
Cairo	84 63 s	85 61 s
Calgary	16 10 sn	21 15 sn
Cancun	84 73 pc	87 73 pc
Dublin	51 43 r	55 40 sh
Edmonton	14 0 c	20 10 pc
Halifax	39 32 pc	43 32 r
Helsinki	64 39 sh	54 36 s
London	60 49 t	57 47 sh
Madrid	67 48 t	56 44 r
Mexico City	75 53 pc	79 53 pc
Montreal	40 28 sn	39 21 pc
Ottawa	39 26 sn	35 17 c
Paris	66 51 s	64 52 t
Regina	15 -5 s	25 15 s
Rio de Janeiro	85 75 t	85 74 sh
Rome	69 47 c	67 50 s
St. John's	32 22 c	44 28 sn
San Juan	85 74 pc	86 75 pc
Sydney	80 69 s	82 67 s
Tokyo	70 64 pc	67 49 pc
Toronto	43 22 sn	36 20 c
Vancouver	57 46 c	55 44 r
Winnipeg	22 7 pc	28 11 pc

WEATHER (W):

s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r-rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, f=fog.

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crisis point” with illegal immigration, Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen of the Department of Homeland Security said.

“We’d like to stop it before the numbers get even bigger,” she said.

Nielsen said guard members would provide support to border officials, “help look at the technology, the surveillance, in some cases we’ll ask for some fleet mechanics” and free up agents trained in law enforcement for other duties.

Arrests along the U.S. border with Mexico jumped to 50,308 in March, a 37 percent increase from February, and more than triple the same period last year. Border arrests rose 10 of the last 11 months after falling in

April 2017 to the lowest since the Department of Homeland Security was created in 2003.

But Republican Mayor Dee Margo of El Paso, Texas, told NPR’s Morning Edition Thursday he was not convinced extra forces are needed for his border city, which he called “the safest” in the United States.

“We already have a fence that was established during the Bush administration that runs through the city,” he said.

Instead of more troops, Margo said “what I would love to see is a better understanding of what truly goes on the border.”

In Mexico, the country’s politicians put aside differences to condemn Trump’s deployment decision. Mexico’s Senate passed a resolution Wednesday calling for the suspension of cooperation on illegal immigration

and drug trafficking in retaliation.

U.S. presidents have deployed the military or the National Guard to help the Border Patrol in the past.

In 1997, camouflage-clad U.S. Marines ordered to patrol the border for drugs in West Texas shot and killed 18-year-old Esequiel Hernandez Jr. while he was herding his family’s goats near the tiny village of Redford, Texas, along the border.

That shooting sparked anger in the region and ended the President Bill Clinton-era military presence along the international line.

After Sept. 11, Bush sent unarmed National Guard units to the border to support federal agents.

Bush sent troops back from June 2006 to July 2008, with guard members performing support duties aimed at freeing

up federal agents from routine non-enforcement tasks so they could focus on border security.

They improved lighting at border crossings, extended existing fencing along the international boundary, built roads, monitored remote cameras, operated communications equipment and sat in mobile observation towers watching for people sneaking into the U.S.

Their presence was especially felt in Palomas, Mexico, a smuggling hub south of the village of Columbus, New Mexico, where the increased presence and equipment was credited with easing illegal northbound immigrant travel.

In 2010, President Barack Obama deployed National Guard troops to the border over fear of increasing drug-trafficking violence.

Those troops worked on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and training, and support efforts to block drug trafficking.

They temporarily supplemented Border Patrol agents until Homeland Security could recruit and train additional officers and agents to work on the border. While some were armed for their own self-defense, they were not authorized to make arrests.

During the last two border deployments, the guard’s supporting role was criticized by some people who thought they should be more involved in enforcement.

There are now more than 20,000 Border Patrol agents along the U.S.-Mexico boundary, and a number of other federal agencies also have a presence.

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campaign cash.

Even with the record numbers, women are still outnumbered by male candidates. But experts say the sheer number of women running combined with so many House seats open due to retirements or resignations provides one of the best opportunities for women to make real gains in terms of representation and a change in priorities.

Many of the female candidates have focused their campaign messages on health care, education, early childhood development, family leave and workplace equality.

Eastman said she was motivated by Republican attempts to cut health coverage for low-income people and rollbacks of environmental protections.

She decided to run after her mother, who has since died, was diagnosed with cancer for the fifth time and saw her prescription drug prices soar even though she was covered by Medicare.

“It’s a great thing for me to show my 16-year-old daughter,” Eastman, who runs a children’s health care nonprofit, said of her candidacy.

Mikie Sherrill spent years in the Navy flying helicopters before leaving the military for a career as a federal prosecutor. For her first foray into politics, she chose this year to challenge Republican Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, a powerful lawmaker who serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and was first elected in 1994.

Frelinghuysen has since announced his retirement, creating a bigger opening for Sherrill.

“After a lifetime of service and taking numerous oaths to support and defend the Constitution, when I saw that our democracy seemed to be under attack, I felt called upon to serve again and felt a responsibility to serve my country again,” Sherrill said.

She is a leading contender in the Democratic primary and could be part of a wave of women running in Republican-leaning

districts. In Indiana, for example, women are running in each of the state’s nine congressional districts — only two of which are currently represented by Democrats.

Not all the women running are Democrats.

Tiffany Shedd, one of four Republicans in a primary for the chance to unseat Democratic Rep. Tom O’Halloran in a rural Arizona district, said she entered the race after she told her husband the district needed someone better. He responded that he knew an ideal candidate — a “coward” who wouldn’t run.

When she realized he meant her, she took up the challenge.

Shedd said she’s glad to see so many women running, even if most of them are on the other side of the aisle.

“I hope that we eventually live in a world where there’s no articles written about that because it’s no longer a thing,” she said.

A previous surge of women running for Congress came in 1992, in the wake of Anita Hill’s testimony alleging sexual harassment by



AP PHOTO

In a Wednesday, March 14, photo, Kara Eastman speaks at a fundraiser for her campaign at the Omaha Design Center, in Omaha, Neb. Eastman is one of two Democrats vying to challenge a Republican incumbent in a district centered in Omaha.

Clarence Thomas, who was then a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Senate committee weighing his nomination was all-male. That year was labeled the “Year of the Woman” because women were elected to the U.S. House and Senate in record numbers.

In recent years, the number of women in Congress has held steady in large part because the number of women running hasn’t increased substantially from year to year. Currently, there are 83

women in the U.S. House, out of 435 seats.

Campaigns for the House aren’t the only ones drawing high interest from female candidates this year.

Forty women are running so far in governors’ races, a total that already surpassed the previous record of 34 in 1994. And 29 women are on ballots for U.S. Senate races, a number that will grow as filing deadlines approach in more states. The record number of female Senate candidates is 40, set in 2016.

FACEBOOK

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investigations across continents, including a probe by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Zuckerberg himself will be questioned by Congress for the first time on Tuesday.

“The FTC looked the other way for years when consumer groups told them Facebook was violating its 2011 deal to better protect its users. But now the Cambridge Analytica scandal has awoken the FTC from its long digital privacy slumber,” said Jeffrey Chester, executive director for the Washington-based privacy nonprofit Center for Digital Democracy.

Neither Zuckerberg nor his company has identified those who carried out the data scraping. Outside experts believe they could have been identity thieves, scam artists or shady data brokers assembling marketing profiles.

Zuckerberg said the company detected the problem in a data-privacy audit started after the Cambridge Analytica disclosures, but didn’t say why the company hadn’t noticed it — or fixed it — earlier.

Facebook did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday on when it discovered the data scraping.

In his call with reporters Wednesday, Zuckerberg said the company had tried “rate limiting” the searches. This restricted how many searches someone can conduct at one time from a particular IP address, a numeric designation that identifies a device’s location on the internet. But Zuckerberg said the scrapers circumvented that defense by cycling through multiple IP addresses.

The scraped information was limited to what a user had already chosen to make public — which, depending on a person’s privacy settings, could be a lot — as well as what Facebook requires people to share. That includes full name, profile picture and listings of school or workplace networks. But hackers and scam artists could then use that information — and combine it with other data in circulation — to pull hoaxes on people, plant malware on their computers or commit other mischief.

Having access to such a massive amount of data



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg meets with a group of entrepreneurs and innovators during a round-table discussion at Cortex Innovation Community technology hub in St. Louis.

could also pose national security risks, Winterton said.

A foreign entity could conceivably use such information to influence elections or stir up discord — exactly what Russia is alleged to have done, using Facebook and other social media, in the 2016 presidential elections.

Privacy advocates have long been critical of Facebook’s penchant for pushing people to share more and more information, often through pro-sharing default options.

While the company offers detailed privacy controls — users can turn off ad targeting, for example, or face recognition, and post updates that no one else sees — many people never change their settings, and often don’t even know how to.

The company has tried to simplify its settings multiple times over the years, most recently this week.

Winterton said that for individual Facebook users, worrying about this data scraping won’t do much good — after all, the data

is already out there. But she said it might be a good time to “reflect on what we are sharing and how we are sharing it and whether we need to.”

“Just because someone asks us information, it doesn’t mean we have to give it to them if we are not comfortable,” she said.

She added that while she no longer has a Facebook account, when she did she put her birth year as 1912 and her hometown as Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Neither is true.

AIR FORCE

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helicopter crashed during a training mission in Southern California,

killing four crew members, and a Marine Harrier jet crashed at an airport in the East African nation of Djibouti. The pilot in that case ejected.

The Air Force formed the Thunderbirds in 1953.

Its worst accident was the 1982 “Diamond Crash” that killed four pilots when their planes went down near what is now Creech Air Force Base northwest of Las Vegas. A malfunction in the leader’s

plane led him and the three others to crash in the diamond formation straight into the desert.

The team’s last crash was in June 2016, when an F-16 went down after performing a flyover with

then-President Barack Obama in attendance at an Air Force Academy graduation ceremony in Colorado. The pilot ejected and was unhurt. An equipment malfunction was blamed.

ALMANAC

Today is Friday, April 6, the 96th day of 2018. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **April 6, 1968**, 41 people were killed by two consecutive natural gas explosions at a sporting goods store in downtown Richmond, Indiana.

On this date

In **1830**, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by Joseph Smith in Fayette, New York.

In **1896**, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In **1909**, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

In **1917**, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

In **1965**, the United States launched Intelsat I, also known as the “Early Bird” communications satellite, into geosynchronous orbit.

Today’s birthdays

Nobel Prize-winning scientist **James D. Watson** is 90. Composer-conductor **Andre Previn** is 89. Actor **Billy Dee Williams** is 81. Actor **Roy Thinnes** is 80. Movie director **Barry Levinson** is 76. Actor **John Ratzenberger** is 71. Actress **Patrika Darbo** is 70. Actress **Marilu Henner** is 66. Olympic bronze medal figure skater **Janet Lynn** is 65. Actor **Michael Rooker** is 63. Former U.S. Rep. **Michele Bachmann**, R-Minn., is 62. Rock musician **Warren Haynes** is 58. Rock singer-musician **Frank Black** is 53. Actress **Ari Meyers** is 49. Actor **Paul Rudd** is 49. Actor-producer **Jason Harvey** is 46. Rock musician **Markku Lappalainen** is 45. Actor **Zach Braff** is 43. Actor **Joel Garland** is 43. Actress **Candace Cameron Bure** is 42. Jazz and rhythm-and-blues musician **Robert Glasper** is 40. Actress **Eliza Coupe** is 37. Actor **Bret Harrison** is 36. Actor **Charlie McDermott** is 28.

Bible verse

“He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.” — Ecclesiastes 5:10.

Material prosperity, no matter how much, can’t satisfy the hunger of a human heart. Only Jesus can satisfy your soul.

ODD NEWS

Police investigate reports of ‘zombie’ raccoons

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Police are investigating reports of “zombie-like” raccoons in northeast Ohio.

WKBN-TV reports Youngstown police have received more than a dozen calls in the past three weeks about raccoons acting strangely in the daytime.

Photographer Robert Coggeshall says he was playing with his dogs outside his home last week when one such raccoon approached them. Coggeshall says the animal would stand on its hind legs, show its teeth and fall over backward.

The raccoon Coggeshall saw and 14 others police responded to were euthanized.

The state Department of Natural Resources says the animals were likely suffering from distemper, not rabies. The viral disease causes coughing, tremors and seizures and leads raccoons to lose their fear of humans.

Authorities are asking residents to report raccoons behaving unusually to their local police station.

BUSINESS/STOCKS

Dimon sees risk to global economy in US trade war with China

By HUGH SON BLOOMBERG NEWS

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase & Co. Chief Executive Officer Jamie Dimon said the U.S. has legitimate grievances with China on trade, but that "anything that starts to resemble a trade war" will pour risk and uncertainty into the global economic system.

As tensions escalate between the nations, set off by U.S. President Donald Trump's move to levy tariffs on Chinese goods, Dimon laid out his prescription for solving the debacle in a letter to shareholders Thursday. The U.S. should set a specific timeline for talks, explain what it hopes to achieve, and stay engaged with both China and allies to avoid the worst outcomes, he said. Resolution of "serious trade issues" would be good for the U.S. and the rest of the world, Dimon wrote.

"We should acknowledge many of the legitimate complaints around trade," Dimon said. "Tariffs and non-tariff barriers to trade are often not fair; intellectual property is frequently stolen; and the rights to invest in and own companies in some countries, in many cases, are not equal."

The dispute with China has roiled markets. Dimon, chair of the Business Roundtable, said last month that while there are serious issues with China trade, he opposes the tariffs because "it opens a whole Pandora's box of additional problems" including the possibility of



IMAGE PROVIDED

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damage to U.S. growth and investment.

Read more: Trump, Xi wait to see who blinks first as trade fight heats up

While Dimon has clashed with Trump on issues including trade and immigration, he has supported some of Trump's other initiatives, including the corporate tax cut that passed in December and his stance on regulations. In his letter, the CEO said that it may be a natural reaction in a time of upheaval "to build walls," but the U.S. needs to stay engaged with the international community more than ever.

Dimon also addressed risks in financial markets, such as the possibility that the Federal Reserve might have to raise interest rates faster than expected. As long as increases are tied to a strengthening economy and inflation is contained, the central bank's moves may not be painful, he said.

Yet "many people underestimate the possibility of higher inflation and wages, which means they might

be underestimating the chance that the Federal Reserve may have to raise rates faster than we all think," Dimon said. "While in the past, interest rates have been lower and for longer than people expected, they may go higher and faster than people expect."

Dimon said that the massive growth in passive investments also makes him worry about the impact of widespread liquidations. Still, the financial system is less leveraged than in the 2008 crisis and consumers have more disposable income, he said.

To support workers, Dimon said the U.S. should expand the earned-income tax credit, get a handle on surging health-care costs and help people learn new skills. If technology, long a benefit to humanity, begins to affect jobs faster than the economy can adjust, "the best protection is continual workforce training, education and re-education, supplemented by income assistance and relocation," he said.

Rate of craft breweries closing grows again

By BRIAN FELDT ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS — For the fifth-straight year, the number of new American craft breweries reached new heights. So, too, did the number of craft breweries that closed, sparking concern with analysts that craft may have peaked with consumers.

Bart Watson, chief economist for the Brewers Association, which published its annual small and independent growth statistics at the end of March, said the trend isn't too worrisome.

"I think it's a natural function of a maturing industry," said Bart Watson, chief economist for the Brewers Association, which released its annual small and independent brewers growth statistics recently. "The era of when no one

closed is the anomaly. In any other market, the idea that every business can be successful is not sustainable in the long run. I think we're moving toward a more mature market where I'd expect to see a larger percentage of closures, particularly when there are more breweries each year."

According to the Brewers Association data, 997 new craft breweries opened last year while 165 closed (or nearly 3 percent of all breweries that were in operation). That's compared to 826 openings and 97 closings (or about 2 percent of all operating breweries) in 2016.

Year-over-year, craft beer volume grew 5 percent to 25.4 million barrels while craft retail sales grew 8 percent to \$26 billion.

Missouri craft brewers, many of which are

located in the St. Louis region, produced nearly 370,000 barrels of beer in 2016, the latest data available from the Brewers Association on a state-by-state basis.

Watson said increased competition for distribution channels gave craft brewers with broad distribution strategies with pressure.

Locally, several craft brewery officials, including those with Schlafly and 4 Hands, have said they plan on focusing more on the St. Louis market as opposed to expanding into new geographic territories.

Many St. Louis craft brewers are grappling with how to compete amid a growth boom, both locally and nationally. Many brewers are expanding facilities to increase production or introducing new beers to appeal to consumers.

Virgin Galactic conducts rocket-powered test

By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA LOS ANGELES TIMES

Space tourism firm Virgin Galactic conducted the first rocket-powered flight test of its new SpaceShipTwo Thursday in Mojave since a 2014 fatal accident.

The Mojave company has conducted a series of glide tests but had not fired up the spaceship's rocket-powered motor. The spaceship, dubbed VSS Unity by the late British physicist Stephen Hawking during a 2016 ceremony, has now undergone 12 total flight tests.

Thursday's successful test is a milestone for Virgin Galactic's testing program and puts the company one step closer

toward its goal of ferrying tourists into suborbital space for a price tag of \$250,000. Four years ago, a previous version of SpaceShipTwo broke apart in midair during a powered test flight, killing one of two pilots.

The National Transportation Safety Board found that the failure was caused by premature deployment of a feather system designed to help the space plane re-enter Earth's atmosphere. The agency later faulted that spaceship's builder, Scaled Composites, saying the design should have protected against human error.

Since then, Virgin Galactic has moved spaceplane building duties

in-house and VSS Unity was built by the Spaceship Co., which operates at the Mojave Air & Space Port. Around 8 a.m., the company tweeted that mother ship VMS Eve and the attached VSS Unity had taken off. About an hour after liftoff, Virgin Galactic tweeted that VSS Unity separated cleanly from the larger plane and that its two pilots later propelled the spaceship upward by igniting its rocket motor for a "planned partial duration burn."

The spaceship landed around 9:15 a.m. Minutes later, Branson tweeted that the company was "back on track." "Space feels tantalizingly close now," he added.

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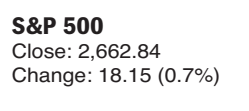
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STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Gardendale: The Gardendale City Board of Education, as of Feb. 28, had spent more than \$1.7 million on legal fees since 2015.

ALASKA Anchorage: An 18-year-old was barred from the Eagle River High School prom after social media posts about a gun and the dance.

ARIZONA Phoenix: Gov. Doug Ducey has signed legislation allowing a parent to use embryos created during a marriage even if their divorced spouse doesn't want a child.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Counties are struggling to contain buffalo gnats, which are killing livestock and deer.

CALIFORNIA San Diego: A Navy sailor charged with trying to kill his wife with thallium has pleaded not guilty.

COLORADO Grand Junction: Authorities say someone claimed they started a recent out-of-control blaze while working on a lawn mower tire.

CONNECTICUT Hartford: Former Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, a Democrat, has announced she's running for governor.

DELAWARE Brandywine Hundred: An app designed to get CPR-trained citizens to emergency scenes is credited with helping to save its first life.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Teachers at Anacostia High School walked out Wednesday, saying the cafeteria was flooded and no toilets were working.

FLORIDA Altamonte Springs: Police say a woman sprayed gasoline on her ex-boyfriend and set him on fire during an Easter dinner.

GEORGIA Newnan: A woman and her boyfriend were charged with second-degree murder after police say they put her 3-month-old baby face-down on a plush pillow and he suffocated.

HAWAII Honolulu: The house made famous in the "Magnum P.I." TV series is in disrepair and will be demolished, *Hawaii News Now* reports.

IDAHO Boise: Boise Gun Co. Inc. has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

ILLINOIS Carterville: Four tornadoes hit southern Illinois during a round of storms Tuesday, the National Weather Service says.

INDIANA Terre Haute: A man who prosecutors say planned a burglary that led to the 2016 beating death of radio personality Matt Luecking has been given 50 years in prison.

IOWA Des Moines: The Board of Regents has proposed raising tuition by 3.5% on average at public universities, but students in some majors could pay more.

KANSAS Wichita: Kansas recorded its lowest number of abortions in 30 years, the *Wichita Eagle* reports.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: A man's lawsuit over Kentucky's refusal to issue him an "IM GOD" license plate can go forward, a federal judge says.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: The House approved a bill that would bar public schools from penalizing students over unpaid lunch debts.

MAINE Portland: Stephen King's foundation will give a \$50,000 grant to Portland elementary schools.

MARYLAND Annapolis: A ban on bump stocks has cleared the Maryland General Assembly.

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: Navy Capt. Thomas Hudner Jr., a Medal of Honor recipient, will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He died in November at 93.

MICHIGAN Farmington: A restaurant owner is salvaging a 128-year-old barn by moving it to a historic park for preservation.

MINNESOTA Minneapolis: A snowstorm Tuesday was blamed for 420 crashes, including 32 with injuries.

MISSISSIPPI Aberdeen: Bradbury Logistics & Services, which makes steel building components, says it wants to open a 150-job factory in northeast Mississippi.

MISSOURI Jefferson City: House members backed a proposal to cut the income tax rate for businesses

and most Missouri residents to 5%.

MONTANA Helena: Former Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau has been named superintendent of Seattle Public Schools.

NEBRASKA Beatrice: A man who robbed a bank so that he could receive medical treatment in prison has been sentenced to probation.

NEVADA Las Vegas: Sixteen candidates are vying for the U.S. House seat being vacated by Democratic Rep. Ruben Kihuen.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham: James Dean Jr. is the new president of the University of New Hampshire.

NEW JERSEY Jersey City: An ongoing stretch of bad weather has delayed progress on a bridge repair project, transportation officials said.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: The National Institute of Flamenco has broken ground on a new site. A 2013 fire destroyed its former home.

NEW YORK Theresa: High winds collapsed a sugar shack Wednesday, killing a 36-year-old man who was making maple syrup.

NORTH CAROLINA Charlotte: The city entered a bid to host the 2020 Republican National Convention.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: The board of a high school where a hazing allegation led to charges against five boys has accepted the resignation of the school superintendent.

OHIO Cincinnati: The City Council has laid the groundwork to investigate city manager Harry Black, who is accused of bullying employees and retaliating against critics.

OKLAHOMA Tulsa: A second tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is suing large pharmacies and makers and distributors of opioids for their roles in an overdose epidemic.

OREGON Bend: A defense attorney who walked out on his client during a court hearing has been replaced.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg: Penn

National Gaming will put a mini-casino in the Reading area after being the only bidder for a license.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: State police were paid \$5.6 million for overtime and road details from July 2016 to June 2017, WPRO-AM reports.

SOUTH CAROLINA Lancaster: John Howard, who was elected mayor after his predecessor's death two years ago, has died of lung cancer at 67.

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: Work to expand the baggage claim area and resurface Sioux Falls Regional Airport's main runway will begin soon.

TENNESSEE Nashville: The city renamed a portion of a downtown street for Martin Luther King Jr.

TEXAS Austin: The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome, a disease deadly to hibernating bats, has been found in central Texas.

UTAH Sandy: A missing man with autism who was considered endangered has been found safe.

VERMONT Montpelier: Lawmakers are considering legislation that would soften criminal penalties for the possession of heroin and other drugs.

VIRGINIA Richmond: Gov. Ralph Northam has signed legislation raising the threshold for felony thefts from \$200 to \$500.

WASHINGTON Walla Walla: A 17-year-old boy has pleaded guilty to breaking a window at College Place High School and attacking the principal with a spear.

WEST VIRGINIA Hazelton: An inmate was killed in a fight at the penitentiary in Hazelton, prompting questions about whether staffing was adequate.

WISCONSIN Egg Harbor: The Alpine Resort and Golf Course, which the same family has owned for 95 years, is on the market for \$15 million.

WYOMING Laramie: The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees does not plan to release the details of President Laurie Nichols' evaluation.

From staff and wire reports

Friday Television

For sports on TV, please see page 2 of today's Sports section

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Today's Talk Shows

- 7:00 a.m. **ABC Good Morning America** Actor Ed Helms; chef Michael Symon; singer Tinashe. (N)
- 7:00 a.m. **NBC Today** "Today Food"; "Better Basics." (N)
- 8:00 a.m. **IND The Steve Wilkos Show** A woman doesn't believe that her boyfriend abused her kids. (N)
- 9:00 a.m. **CBS LIVE with Kelly and Ryan** John Krasinski; Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi. (N)
- 9:00 a.m. **FOX Jerry Springer** In a special edition, Jerry takes a look back at family bonds getting broken. (N)
- 9:00 a.m. **NBC Megyn Kelly TODAY** Cyndi Lauper, Harvey Fierstein and Wayne Brady talk about "Kinky Boots." (N)
- 10:00 a.m. **CW Rachael Ray** Rachael welcomes Ty Pennington, Genevieve Gorder, Paige Davis and Doug Wilson. (N)
- 10:00 a.m. **NBC Today with Kathie Lee & Hoda** Kathie Lee and Hoda's 10-year anniversary. (N)
- 11:00 a.m. **FOX The Steve Wilkos Show** A wife believes that her husband may have stolen money from her daughter. (N)
- 1:00 p.m. **ABC The Chew** Giada De Laurentiis makes an Italian dish; Julian Lennon talks to the co-hosts. (N)
- 1:00 p.m. **IND The Steve Wilkos Show** A wife believes that her husband may have stolen money from her daughter. (N)
- 2:00 p.m. **CBS The Talk** Vivica A. Fox talks about her book; Toni Trucks; Rebecca Romijn guest co-hosts. (N)
- 2:00 p.m. **IND Jerry Springer** In a special edition, Jerry takes a look back at family bonds getting broken. (N)
- 3:00 p.m. **ABC Rachael Ray** Rachael welcomes Ty Pennington, Genevieve Gorder, Paige Davis and Doug Wilson. (N)
- 3:00 p.m. **CW The Wendy Williams Show** Mark Anthony Bailey discusses the cookbook "Cooking in Boxers with Chef Bailey." (N)
- 4:00 p.m. **IND Steve Singer** Ledisi; actress Christine Lakin; love expert Diann Valentine. (N)
- 5:00 p.m. **CW Dr. Phil** Three sisters say mother is violent alcoholic who has assaulted them many times. (N)

Trimethylamine is responsible for lingering 'fishy smell'

DEAR DR. ROACH: I love fish and chips. I eat them once a month. I have tuna and other fish throughout the month as well. Quite often, the fishy odors linger for days until all remnants have left my body. Is there anything I can do to counteract the smell? I feel that others can tell when I have eaten fish. The odor comes from my mouth, my urine and my feces. — J.C.A.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: Fish, particularly deep-saltwater fish, contain a substance called trimethylamine oxide. After fish die, it is converted by bacteria and enzymes in the fish to trimethylamine, which is largely responsible for the "fishy" odor; it gets stronger over time. Trimethylamine in humans is excreted through sweat in addition to urine and feces. People have different amounts of the enzyme that breaks down TMA so there's a variance in the effect of fishy breath and sweat after consuming fish. Few people lack the enzyme entirely. TMA can be washed off of fish, and also can be broken down by

acid, such as in lemons. Rinsing fish before cooking or using lemon during or after cooking will lessen the odor effect on you.

Other foods also may cause an evident odor in the sweat and urine. Cruciferous vegetables like broccoli and asparagus can change the odor of urine and sweat, as can garlic, onions and some spices. Alcohol, especially in excess, can be picked up by people with sharp noses. Men who ate no meat for two weeks were found to have a "more pleasant" body odor than those who did.

DEAR DR. ROACH: A friend told me she was given a bowel regimen for a minimally invasive procedure. She said that she didn't have to drink any solution the night before, and her doctor and nurse practitioner never discussed the issue. Can you tell us what a "bowel regimen" is? — K.C.H.

ANSWER: A regimen is simply a prescribed treatment. In the context of an upcoming procedure like a colonoscopy, a bowel regimen means using medication to evacuate the colon.

The colon needs to be empty so the examiner can see the lining of the wall.

The most common bowel regimens are nonabsorbable large molecules in a solution that has a salt balance similar to that of the body. These pass through the colon fast enough to wash away all the contents of the colon, preferably without affecting the salt levels of the blood, which must be kept tightly regulated. These can be low volume (2 liters) or high volume

(4 liters). They are effective, but don't taste particularly pleasant (drinking them cold or with flavoring agents can help). In practical terms, this means a fair amount of diarrhea.

If your friend didn't drink a solution, she probably had sodium phosphate tablets. These are not recommended for people over 65; those who have heart or kidney problems; or people who take diuretics, some heart medicines or anti-inflammatories. They also can damage the lining of the intestines. Given all of the concerns with this preparation, I seldom see it used.

READERS: The booklet on constipation explains this common disorder and its treatments. Readers can order a copy by writing:

Dr. Roach
Book No. 504
628 Virginia Dr.
Orlando, FL 32803

Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

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 an act of trickery (7)	_____
2 Beat and Lost, for example (11)	_____
3 one who ditches school (7)	_____
4 anti-aircraft fire (4)	_____
5 arrange elements of a set (5)	_____
6 fights (6)	_____
7 comments angrily online (6)	_____

SLE	AK	ATI	HT	SK
NER	SC	ES	ORD	FL
ER	PS	ER	ONS	GE
IPP	AM	IG	RA	FL

Thursday's Answers: 1. PEELED 2. FLOUTED 3. GEAR 4. PARACHUTES 5. FRIZZLED 6. VALLEYS 7. REASONS 4/6

Father's habit of returning food proves embarrassing

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 30s and moved out of my parents' home 10 years ago. Last week I decided to visit them, and we went out to eat. Dad has a habit of sending his food back to the kitchen — "My steak isn't cooked enough," or "My food is cold. Could you warm it up?"



Dear Abby

Dad has done this my whole life and he's in his 60s. It's embarrassing for me and Mom, and it frustrates the cooks and waitstaff. Is there a polite way of telling him to stop this behavior? — Embarrassed In The Northeast

DEAR EMBARRASSED: If your father isn't satisfied with his food, he has a right to ask that it be served to his liking, and most restaurants will gladly comply. We are not responsible for the actions of other people, and because of that, you should not feel embarrassed about something over which you have no control.

DEAR ABBY: Last year for my birthday, my husband asked me what I wanted for a gift. I told him I would like flowers once a month for one year. He's been pretty good about it. But I complained about the

way I receive them, which is, when we are driving home in our truck (we work together) and it's nearing the end of the month, he'll pull into the parking lot at the grocery store, run in, come back and hand them to me. He always picks out a beautiful bunch, but my complaint was that it's never a "surprise." What say you and your readers? — Grateful In California

DEAR GRATEFUL: Your mistake was in not clearly specifying that what you wanted was a bouquet in a vase from a florist. However, because you also told your husband you wanted flowers once a month, I fail to see how they would in any way be a "surprise." He has been giving you what you asked for, and you shouldn't look at gift husband in the mouth. I'm not going to name call, but shame on you.

A calming lavender lullaby

Dear Heloise: Many people swear by LAVENDER OIL to help them sleep. When I'm having a mild bout of insomnia, I like to put some lavender oil on a couple of cotton balls, then place the lavender-scented cotton balls inside my pillowcase. I can smell the scent of old English lavender and sleep like a baby. — Gina R., Medford, Ore.



Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: One sure way to kill broad-leaf weeds is to place a shot of vinegar where the dandelion plant was. Be careful not to splash other plants. This works on Bermuda grass between cracks and crevices. — Louisa F., Wausau, Wis.

Dear Heloise: After a cold or flu, it's always wise to make sure to disinfect items we've handled, such as a computer mouse, toothbrush handles, door handles, etc. It's so easy to pass on germs that could be killed with disinfecting wipes or cleaners. — Cathy P., Claymont, Del.

JUMBLE

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

GYANT

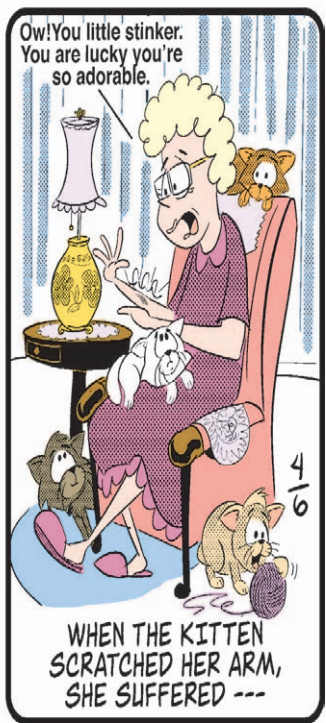
CANTE

TIRRYA

COYCUP

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.

Ans. here: "O - OOOOO" OOOOO

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IGLOO THANK TRIPLE CANVAS
Answer: The preparation put into stabbing Dracula in his heart was — PAINSTAKING

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2-	2÷		12x
	1-		
2	7+		2÷
7+		1	

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CHALLENGING

3	5-		1-	20x
1-		2		5-
1-		2-	5-	
3÷				10+
5-	11+			2÷
	5	5+		

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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

2-	8x	1	2
1	7+	3	3-
4	2÷	3	2
2	1	1-	3

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MARMADUKE



"Stop finishing my sentences for me!"

Cryptoquip

4-6

S J L Q W X G N D J R T
K Q D O P K W O Q W R O X T
S J F M C T W T C G J P R T R R T B
N K W D P J O W R M X J M T C C T B
P G J O X R : X J N - F O Q K O .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF AN UNDERWATER WARSHIP'S CREW KEEPS A DOG THAT IS BARKING, I'D DESCRIBE IT AS A SUB WOOFER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals R

WORD SLEUTH — INSURANCE

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

Thursday's unlisted clue: HAWKS
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: COMBUSTION OR BURNING

Accident	Disability	Homeowners	No-fault
Automobile	Group	Key person	Social
Crop	Hazard	Liability	Term
Cyber	Health	Life	

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

MONEY BIRTH

SOLUTION Cash on delivery

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Situations are not stressful in their own right. It is our assessment and interpretation that drives the stress levels we experience. Thought of the day: There is always another interpretation.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The bigger picture will not be served if you change the rules for every individual request. Stick to the rules and the structures today. If you make an exception for one person, then you'll have to make it for all people.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sacrifice is always the necessary trade for things of value — no sacrifice, no value. Instant gratification isn't free. It will be paid for eventually. Oddly enough, those who get used to sacrifice begin to actually enjoy it.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Human beings behave irrationally. This is the rule, not the exception. A lot of time and energy get wasted complaining about irrational things other humans do. Conserve your energy by expecting surprising problems.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll come up with a plan. They won't all like it. Some,

in fact, would rally against it if they knew what it was. So, it's a good thing they don't. Keep it like that for a while.
VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you set out on the journey ill-prepared and unsure, you'll definitely be beginning the way most beginners do. This absolutely is the magic (and fun!) of being a beginner — inadequate means and imperfect odds of success.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you find yourself arguing with the basic tenants of society — the way people dress, talk or drive — it's a sign that you're due for some "me time," resting, breathing and stretching in more than just physical ways.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who know exactly what they want, and they are very likely to get it. Though what happens after that may be that they want something else. After all, states of satisfaction can only last so long.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll hear from an old friend. You might be surprised by different people's trajectories, and they might be surprised about yours. Surprise can be life affirming. There is always more to know.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "Would you?" is a very different question from "will you?" And while you'll gather some interesting information from the "would you?" question, all that matters in the end is the "will you?" question.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One behavior will not suit all outcomes. For instance, what you do to create trust is different from what you do to elicit desire. Decide on what you want to accomplish.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When people are doing a certain thing to fit in with the environment and you don't feel compelled to do the same thing, consider the very fun, adventurous possibility that you might be better suited to a different environment.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 6). The solar return has so many gifts for you — a new way of thinking, a better place to work and a chance to make a difference in the world. Family bands together for a common cause. Your investment in another person will prove to be the best way to learn and grow. Your curiosity will lead to a beautiful alliance. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 40, 22, 11 and 9.

Friday, April 6, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
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KEY INFERENCE

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
 ♠ Q 10 2
 ♥ Q 5
 ♦ A J 9 8 6
 ♣ 9 8 4

WEST
 ♠ A 8 7 6
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ 7 5
 ♣ J 6 5 2

EAST
 ♠ J 3
 ♥ 8
 ♦ K Q 10 4
 ♣ A K Q 10 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K 9 5 4
 ♥ A K J 7 6 4 3
 ♦ 3 2
 ♣ Void

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
 1♣ 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♦

Today's deal was played in the finals of the Life Master Pairs some years ago. South was Florida expert Larry Cohen.

We have no idea why West chose to lead a diamond rather than a club. The lead of a worthless doubleton in an unbid suit is usually a poor choice. It cost nothing directly here, but it led to an inference for Cohen that allowed him to make an overtrick — precious in a pairs competition.

Cohen, quite pleased with his dummy, won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and drew trumps in three rounds, noting East's singleton. 10 tricks were assured, and finding the jack of spades would lead to a great score. Should the spades be splitting 3-3, it was a pure guess as to who held the jack. A 4-2 split, however, and Cohen would want to play the hand with the doubleton spade for the jack in order to pick up the suit for three tricks. Cohen led a diamond at this point hoping to learn more about the hand. When West followed with the five and East won with the 10, it seemed pretty clear that East has started with four diamonds. This meant that he was likely to have started with at least five clubs for his opening bid, and therefore no more than three spades — perhaps fewer.

Cohen ruffed the ace of clubs shift and led a low spade to dummy's queen. When a low spade from dummy fetched the jack from East, Cohen claimed his overtrick. Nicely played!

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

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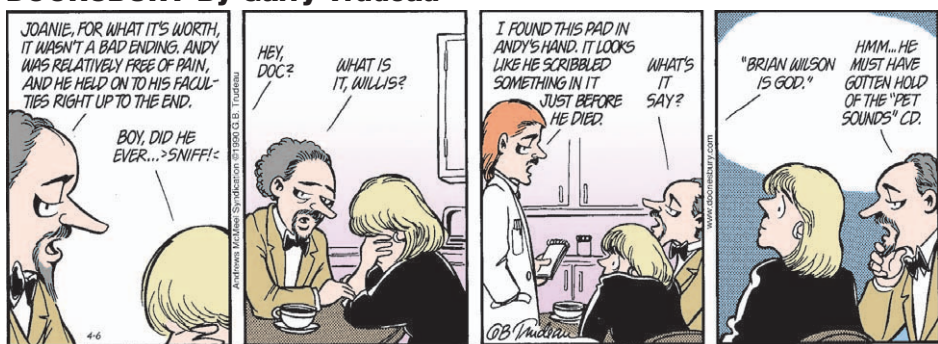
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DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Mock at
- 5 Hull filler
- 10 Santa —, Calif.
- 14 Brickell of pop
- 15 Festoon
- 16 Black, to donne
- 17 Rhett's hangout
- 18 Ike's missus
- 19 Pamplona runner
- 20 Reek
- 22 "In a beautiful — boat ..."
- 24 — Hartley bill
- 27 Cut and run
- 28 Conservative hue (2 wds.)
- 32 Reindeer herders
- 36 Pamplona shout
- 37 Khartoum's land
- 39 Piece of tape
- 40 Superboy's girlfriend
- 42 Petty officer
- 44 Go it alone
- 45 Peaceful pause
- 47 Enter all over
- 49 — Zedong
- 50 Nail-groomer
- 51 Desist (2 wds.)
- 53 Moons or eyes
- 56 Remnant
- 57 Gym equipment
- 61 Not pickled
- 65 Others, in Latin

DOWN

- 1 Hot tub features
- 2 Imported cheese
- 3 Gael republic
- 4 Acreage
- 5 Engine part
- 6 Oklahoma town
- 7 Frisk about
- 8 Deep distress
- 9 Cager Shaq
- 10 Hideaways
- 11 Reed instrument
- 12 Piqued
- 13 Familiar auth.
- 21 Big black dogs
- 23 Congeals
- 25 Entch
- 26 Henry VIII's house
- 28 "Lorenzo's Oil" star
- 29 It may be false
- 30 Olympics locale
- 31 Atelier item
- 33 TV teaser

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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

- 46 Bronte governess
- 48 Montand of the movies
- 52 "Me" devotee
- 54 Wild party
- 55 Pizza order
- 57 Gala occasion
- 58 Shampoo additive
- 59 Fissure
- 60 Laurel or Kenton
- 62 Pig in the wild
- 63 Vulcan's forge
- 64 Coarse file
- 67 —Magnon
- 68 Feminine pronoun

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).

	2	3		6				7
5			9		3	1		
	8			4				2
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				3				
3	4				9	6		
	6			5				4
		5	3		4			6
4				1		8	9	

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 4/5/18

1	9	8	2	7	3	5	4	6
5	2	4	9	1	6	3	7	8
7	6	3	8	4	5	9	1	2
2	5	7	3	9	1	6	8	4
9	3	1	6	8	4	2	5	7
8	4	6	7	5	2	1	3	9
6	8	2	1	3	7	4	9	5
4	1	9	5	6	8	7	2	3
3	7	5	4	2	9	8	6	1

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. Gallup survey intended aim (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

2. Unable-to-move panel vehicle (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

3. Singer Britney squints (at) (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. Soak a seat in a park (1)

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5. Ski lodge's dances in tutus (2)

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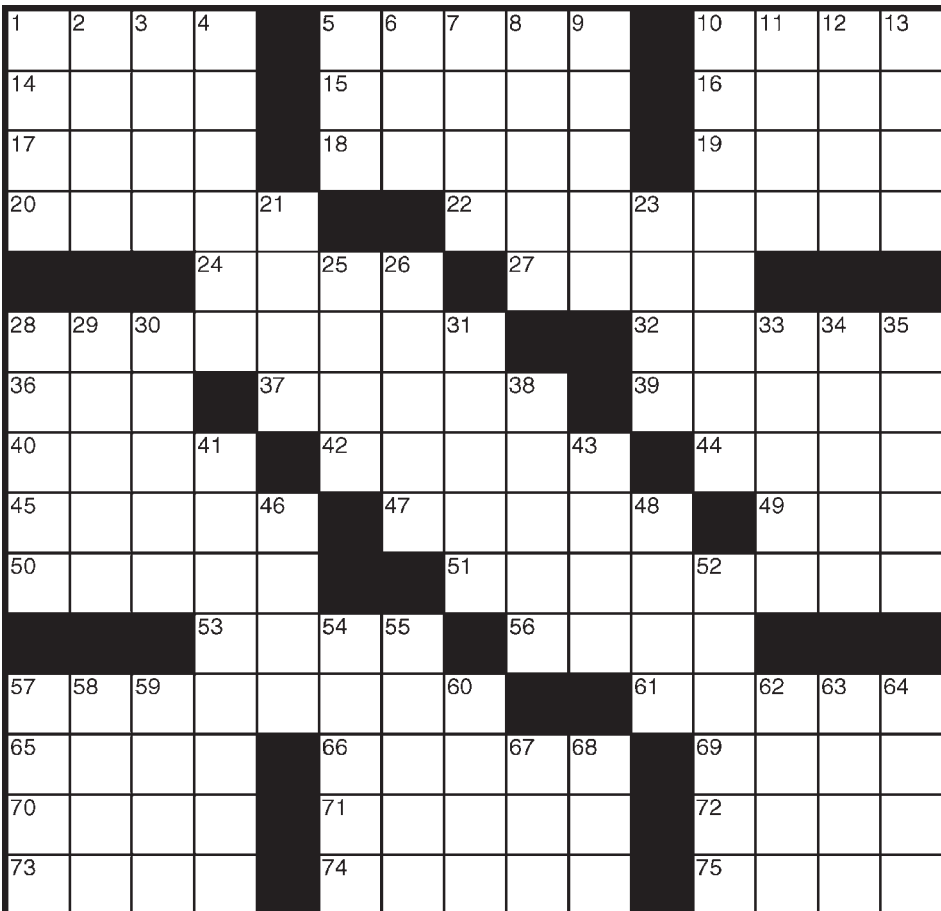
6. Putting an end to adding NaCl (2)

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7. Debt collector's text fixers (3)

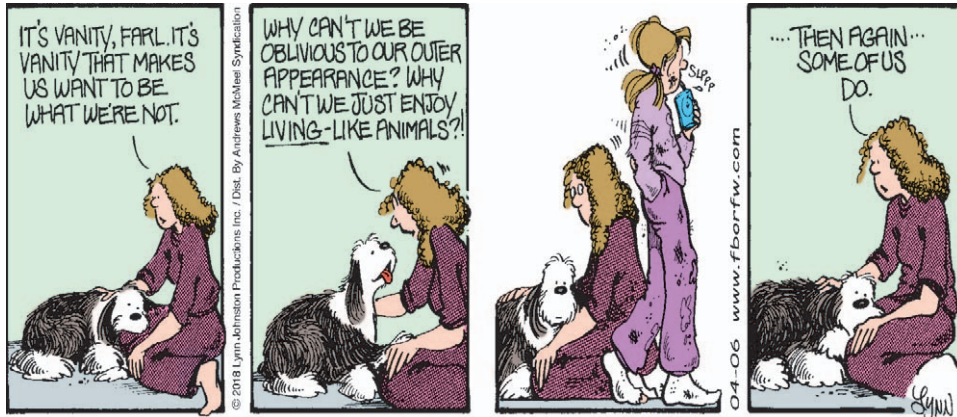
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ANSWERS
 1. POLL GOAL 2. STUCK TRUCK 3. SPEARS PEERS 4. DRENCH BENCH
 5. CHALET'S BAILETS 6. HALTING SALTING 7. CREDITORS EDITORS



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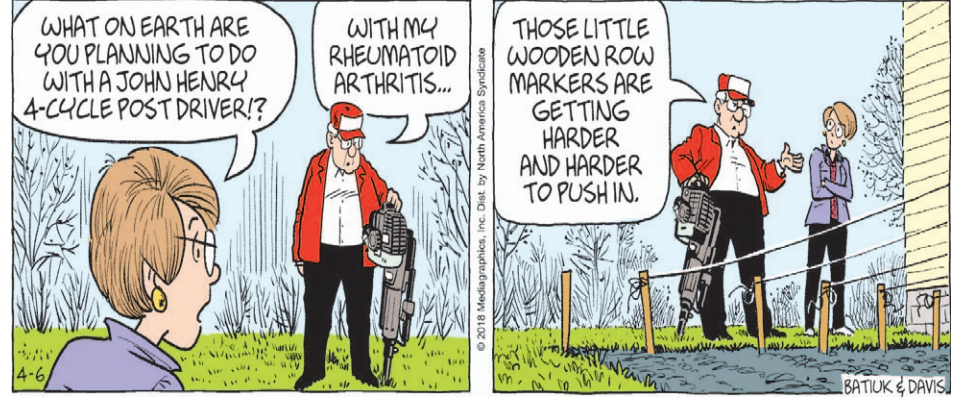
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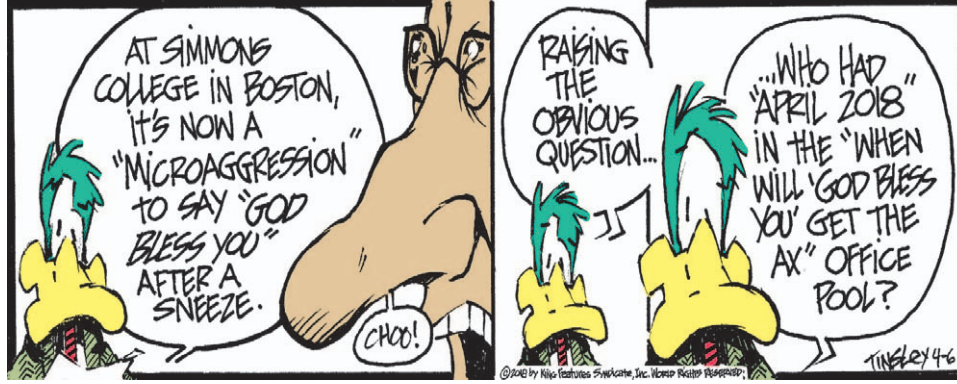
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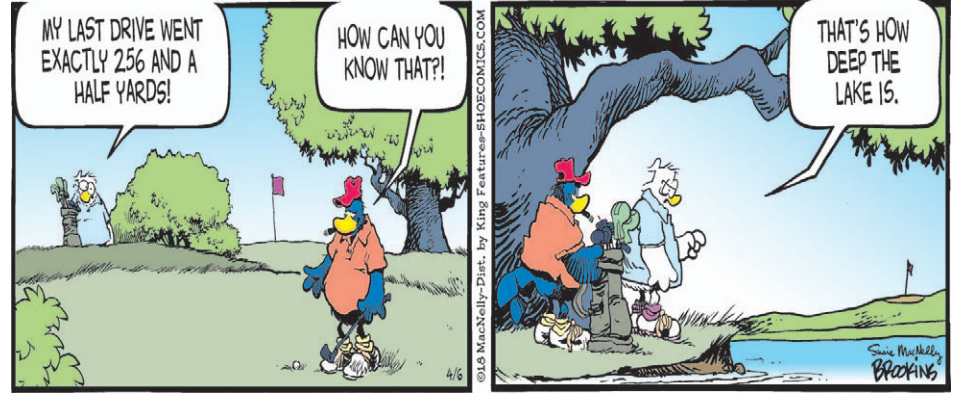
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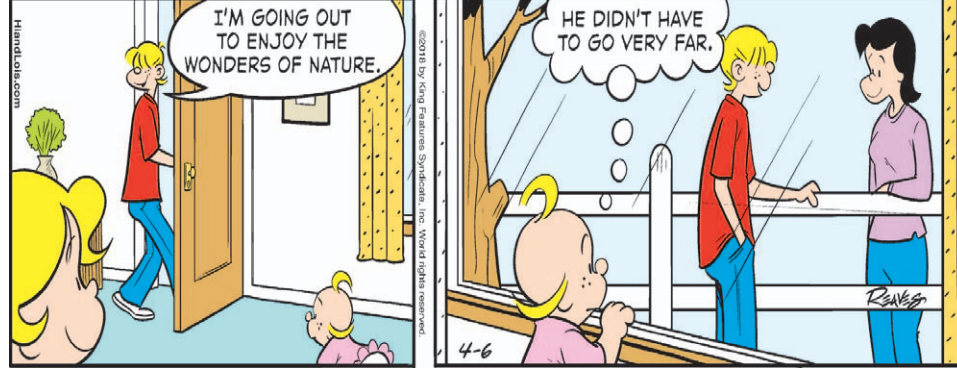
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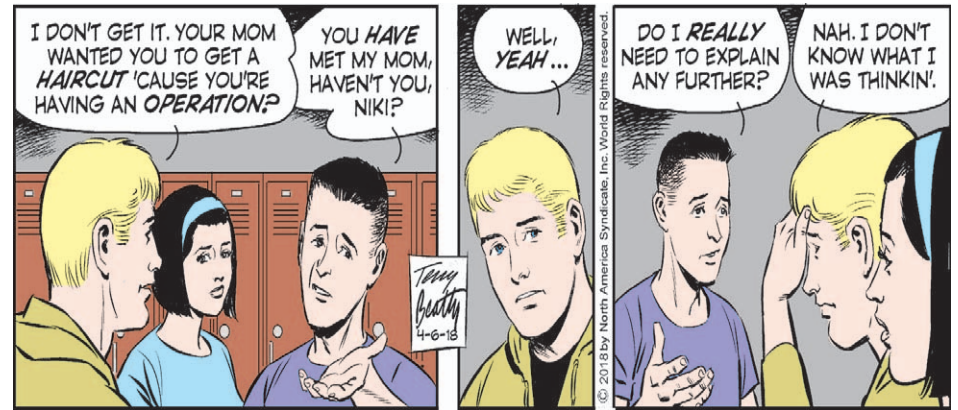
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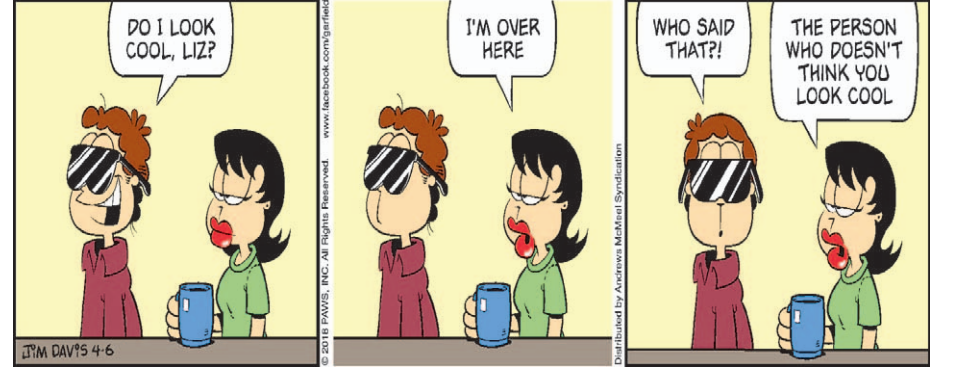
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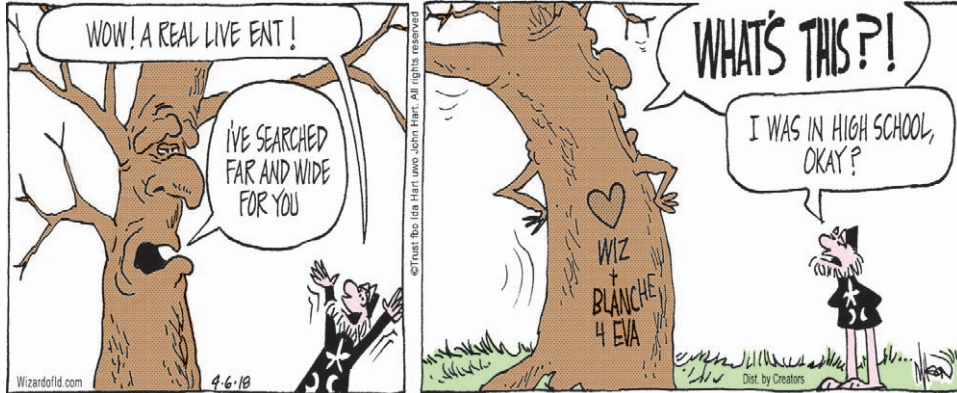
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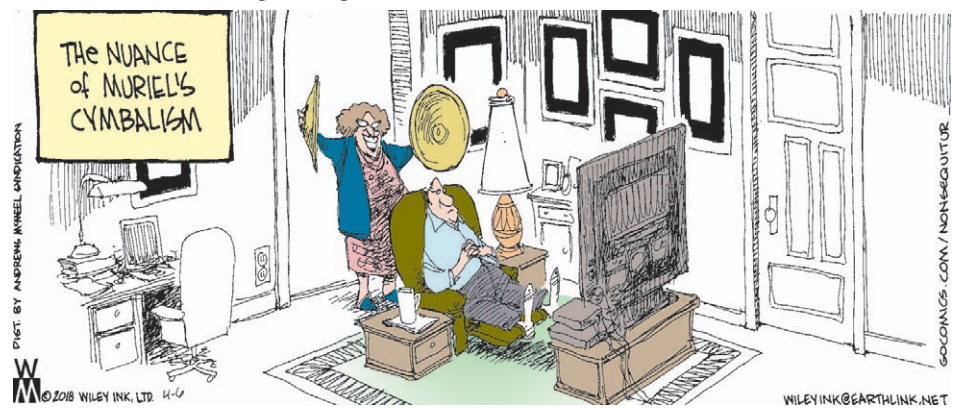
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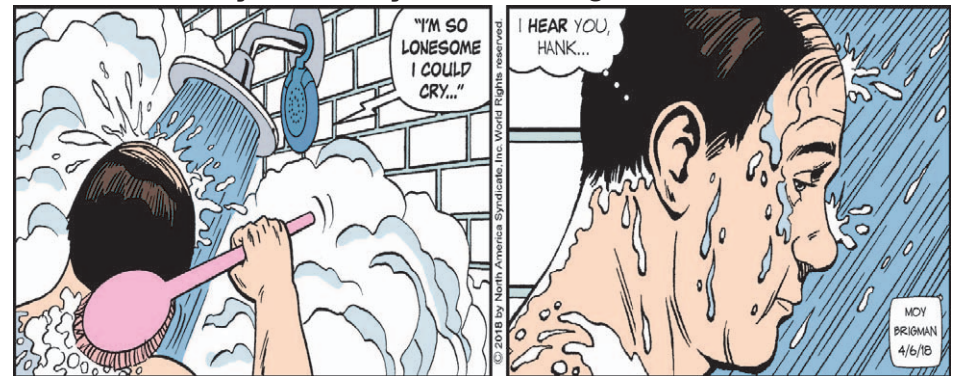
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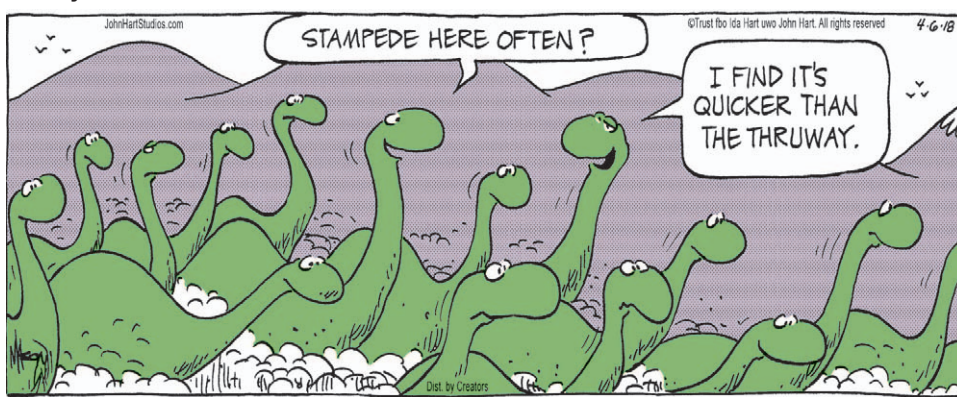
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NATION

As Trump mulls a pullout, IS attempts to re-emerge in Syria

By SARAH EL DEEB
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MANBIJ, Syria — Even as President Donald Trump mulls a U.S. pullout from Syria, insisting that the Islamic State group is “almost completely defeated,” the extremist group is showing signs of a revival.

Despite being kicked out of the main towns they once occupied near the Iraqi border, the militants have regrouped elsewhere and revised their tactics, recently mounting a brazen attack on a border city in eastern Syria and expanding their footprint inside the Syrian capital itself.

Talk of a U.S. troop withdrawal has alarmed the United States’ main ally in Syria, the Kurds, who fought alongside the Americans to roll back the Islamic State group. They fear not only an IS resurgence, but also that without U.S. troops in the country, Turkey, Russia and Iran will fill

the void and wrest control of northern and eastern Syria.

The White House said Wednesday that the U.S. military mission against IS in Syria is coming to a “rapid end,” but offered no timetable for the withdrawal of the 2,000 U.S. troops other than to say they will leave just as soon as the last remaining IS fighters can be vanquished.

Trump, however, has signaled to his advisers that ideally, he wants all troops out within six months, according to three U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren’t authorized to discuss what transpired in a meeting with the president.

Developments on the ground, however, suggest it will be difficult, if not impossible, to completely snuff out the group before then.

“Daesh is not over,” said the commander of the U.S.-backed Manbij Military Council, the joint

Kurdish-Arab body administering this strategic northern Syrian town.

“Daesh still has cells present in all areas and every now and then there are problems in areas where the cells are still operating,” said the commander, who spoke on condition he be identified only by his nom de guerre, Mohammed Abu Adel, in line with regulations, and referred to IS by its Arabic acronym.

Speaking to the Associated Press on Wednesday, he said the U.S. statements about a pullout were a cause for “concern on the street level” but that Kurdish officials were receiving reassurances from U.S. generals on the ground that American troops were staying.

Last week, an explosion killed two coalition personnel, an American and a Briton, during an operation to capture a known IS member in Manbij, where U.S. troops maintain a large presence. It was the first such blast to hit the

U.S.-led coalition since it deployed in the town months after the U.S.-backed forces liberated it from IS in 2016 following fierce battles that lasted nearly three months.

Since then, the town has served as a model of stabilization, but officials are now expressing concern about IS attempting to re-emerge.

The U.S.-backed forces — a mix of Kurdish and Arab fighters known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF — routed IS militants from almost all the territory the extremists controlled in northern Syria, including the group’s de facto capital of Raqqa, in October. In November, a coalition of Iranian, Iraqi, Syrian and Russian forces secured the militant’s last urban stronghold, Boukamal, in eastern Syria on the border with Iraq.

That seemed to herald victory over the militants. The various sides then turned their attention to pursuing their own interests in the



AP PHOTO

In this Wednesday photo, a U.S. soldier sits on an armored vehicle at a newly installed position, near the tense front line between the U.S.-backed Syrian Manbij Military Council and the Turkish-backed fighters, in Manbij, north Syria.

disintegrated country.

The IS militants kept a sliver of territory along the Euphrates River near Boukamal, and some nebulous zones of control in the desert of eastern Syria and on the border with Iraq — but nothing that seemed beyond containment.

But in a surprise attack, the militants stormed Boukamal on Monday, triggering heavy fighting before Iranian-backed

Shiite militias beat them out, according to a war monitoring group and Syrian opposition activists with connections to the region. Approximately 400 Islamic State fighters crossed the Euphrates River and ambushed the town, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group, killed 11 pro-government fighters in clashes, and losing five of their own.

Inside a White House in tumult, John Kelly’s clout dwindles

By JONATHAN LEMIRE
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — When President Donald Trump made a congratulatory phone call to Russian leader Vladimir Putin, White House chief of staff John Kelly wasn’t on the line.

When Trump tapped John Bolton to be his next national security adviser, Kelly wasn’t in the room.

And when Trump spent a Mar-a-Lago weekend stewing over immigration and trade, Kelly wasn’t in sight.

Kelly, once empowered to bring order to a turbulent West Wing, has receded from view,

his clout diminished, his word less trusted by staff and his guidance less tolerated by an increasingly go-it-alone-president.

Emboldened in his job, Trump has rebelled against Kelly’s restrictions and mused about doing away with the chief of staff post entirely. It’s all leading White House staffers and Trump allies to believe that Kelly is working on borrowed time.

In recent weeks, Trump has governed at breakneck pace, ousting aides and issuing surprise policy announcements on Twitter, recreating the helter-skelter feel of his first months in office. Kelly’s allies maintain that

his retreat is strategic. They suggest that the belief that Kelly was Trump’s savior was an overstated idea all along and that the chief of staff is now content to loosen the reins and allow an increasingly comfortable president to govern from his gut.

But those close to the president say Trump has increasingly expressed fatigue at Kelly’s attempts to shackle him and say that while Trump is not ready to fire Kelly, he has begun gradually freezing out his top aide.

Trump recently told one confidant that he was “tired of being told no” by Kelly and has instead chosen to simply not tell

Kelly things at all, according to a person who was not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

In Trump’s West Wing, once the rumors begin that an aide’s exit is forthcoming, the “stink” on that staffer never leaves, according to one of the nearly dozen of White House aides, former administration officials and outside advisers who spoke to The Associated Press under the same conditions.

As Kelly’s public profile and behind-the-scenes influence has faded, speculation has risen that chaos could return. “It’s not tenable for

Kelly to remain in this position so weakened,” said Chris Whipple, author of “Gatekeepers,” a history of modern White House chiefs of staff. “More than any of his predecessors, Donald Trump needs an empowered chief of staff to tell him what he does not want to hear. Trump wants to run the White House like the 26th floor of Trump Tower and it’s simply not going to work.”

Kelly was once a fixture at the president’s side, but Trump has now cut him out of a number of important decisions.

For months, Kelly made it a practice to listen in to many of the president’s calls, particularly with

world leaders. While he is still on the line for some of those conversations, Kelly was not part of the call Trump made to Putin last month from the White House residence, during which Trump ignored advisers’ advice against congratulating the Russian president on his re-election.

Though Kelly had agitated for the removal of outgoing national security adviser H.R. McMaster, he counseled Trump against hiring Bolton, a neo-conservative media commentator. Trump did it anyway, offering the job to Bolton in a one-on-one meeting in the Oval Office and telling his chief of staff about it later.

YouTube shooter’s bizarre videos key to suspected motive

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

MENIFEE, Calif. — The woman who shot three people at YouTube’s headquarters was prolific at producing videos and posting them online, many of them bizarre, such as a clip in which she removes a revealing purple dress to expose fake, strapped-on breasts with the message “Don’t Trust Your Eyes.”

In others, Nasim Aghdam exercises, promotes animal rights and explains the vegan diet, often in elaborate costumes or carrying a rabbit.

The videos have become central to the motive authorities have settled on for the shooting: Aghdam’s anger with the policies of YouTube — the world’s biggest online video website.

Nasim Aghdam, an Iranian native who was

in her late 30s, posted the videos under the online name Nasime Sabz, and a website in that name decried YouTube’s policies, saying the company was trying to “suppress” content creators.

“Youtube filtered my channels to keep them from getting views!” one of the messages said. “There is no equal growth opportunity on YOUTUBE or any other video sharing site, your channel will grow if they want to!!!!”

People who post on YouTube can receive money from advertisements that accompany their videos, but the company “de-monetizes” some channels for reasons including inappropriate material or having fewer than 1,000 subscribers.

YouTube had no comment about any actions related to Aghdam’s videos.

Aghdam also ran a Farsi-language public channel on the messaging

app Telegram, which had 6,000 followers, featuring content unlikely to resonate with Iranians. She was virtually unknown in a country where about 40 million people use the app.

One video was a tutorial on buttocks massage, and another featured a song praising Bahaism, a religion that originated in Iran but is heavily suppressed by the Islamic Republic.

People in Iran expressed pity and shock that Aghdam would shoot others in a country that allows more social media freedoms. State TV briefly reported the shooting based on international reports.

Hossein Naderi, a 23-year-old art student in Tehran, questioned why Aghdam chose to live in America, adding: “I wish I was there to use YouTube freely.”

Kimia Shobeiri, 18, suggested the shooting was a

ploy to get attention.

“She was insane and just wanted to make herself famous,” she said. “With this act she damaged the reputation of Iranians.”

Police who found Aghdam sleeping in her car early Tuesday in the city of Mountain View about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from YouTube headquarters said she was calm and said nothing about being angry with YouTube or having any plans to harm others or herself.

“It was a very normal conversation. There was nothing in her behavior that suggested anything unusual,” Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel said.

Later that day, Aghdam went to a gun range before walking through a parking garage into a courtyard at YouTube’s campus south of San Francisco, where she opened fire with a handgun and wounded three



PHOTO PROVIDED

Nasim Aghdam in one of her on-line videos.

people, police said. She then killed herself.

Two women wounded in the shooting were released Wednesday from a San Francisco

hospital. The third victim, a 36-year-old man initially classified by hospital officials in critical condition, had his condition upgraded to fair on Thursday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hawaii legalizes medically assisted suicide

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii Gov. David Ige has signed a bill legalizing medically assisted suicide.

Ige signed the bill Thursday, making Hawaii the sixth liberal-leaning state plus Washington, D.C., to legalize the practice.

Ige said the measure

gives full control to terminally ill patients. He says everyone knows their loved ones will eventually die, but they don’t need to suffer.

The law allows doctors to fulfill requests from terminally ill patients for prescription medication that will allow them to die. The legislation includes safeguards intended to prevent abuse.

The other states that allow medically assisted suicide are California, Colorado, Oregon, Vermont and Washington state.

Montana doesn’t have a specific law on the books, but the state Supreme Court ruled in 2009 that doctors could use a patient’s request for life-ending medication as a defense against criminal charges.

ACLU asks judge to stop indefinite detention of immigrants

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union and an organization whose lawyers represent immigrants are asking a judge to stop the indefinite detention of some immigrants.

The ACLU and the Brooklyn Defender

Services on Thursday asked to bring class-action status to a lawsuit filed on behalf of one detained immigrant.

The organizations say immigrant detainees are being denied hearings because of a February change in federal policy.

They asked a Manhattan federal judge to declare that members of the

designate class must receive a hearing before an immigration judge within six months. The immigration judge would then decide whether the individual is a flight risk or a danger to the community before deciding whether freedom is appropriate while the case proceeds.

The Justice Department did not immediately comment.



OPENING DAY

Charlotte Stone Crabs opened their 2018 regular season on Thursday. **Page 2**

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GOLF: The Masters

Spieth creates early thrills

By DAVID LEE
The Augusta Chronicle

INSIDE

Sergio Garcia posted a 13 on the 15th hole at Augusta. **Page 6**

The rollercoaster ride of Tony Finau's 24 hours and a second-nine charge by Jordan Spieth gave patrons plenty to soak in on the first day of the Masters Tournament.

After entering Thursday morning simply aiming to get to the No. 1 tee, Finau enters the second round in contention, occasional slight limp included.

Meanwhile, Spieth hit a late spurt that offered flashbacks to his 2015 Masters victory and

gives him a two-stroke lead at 6-under after the first round at Augusta National Golf Club.

Finau was cleared to play in his first Masters after an MRI revealed no broken bones in his left ankle, just a dislocation, after celebrating an ace during Wednesday's Par-3 Contest. He followed up by shooting 4-under-par 68 to sit two strokes back of Spieth.

"It's been pretty crazy," Finau said. "To be in this position I'm at now, when I woke up this morning, it's nothing short of a miracle if you ask me. I could barely put pressure on it, barely walk on it."

Finau carded six birdies to match the best first round in a Masters debut in the past 15 years. He said his tape-wrapped ankle felt better as the round progressed despite some compensation in his swing, and he was simply grateful to get to play.

"I was more than ecstatic to be walking to

the first tee," he said.

Spieth hit the second nine at 2-under on the heels of an eagle on No. 8. He reeled off three consecutive birdies between 13 and 15 before scrambling for bogey at 18 to post 66.

"We build plans for the year to peak at certain times, and I believe that not just at Augusta but the major championships going back a number of years, I've played really well," Spieth said.

Matt Kuchar joined Finau at 4-under for a positive start to his 12th

SEE MASTERS, 6



[NIGEL COOK/THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE]

Jordan Spieth after a birdie on the 16th hole during the first round of the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club, Thursday in Augusta, Georgia.

MLB: Rays



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos, left, watches as Rays manager Kevin Cash, center, takes the ball from Rays starting pitcher Blake Snell in the fourth inning of a game against the New York Yankees on Wednesday in New York.

Rays' steady relief

Tampa Bay goes unconventional route, uses bullpen in place of No. 4 starter

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Tampa Bay Rays have an ambidextrous No. 4

starting pitcher: Mr. TBD. His repertoire changes from outing to outing, along with his age and name. With an 0-1 record this season, he takes the

mound Thursday at Boston and goes again Sunday.

Rejecting baseball tradition, the Rays plan to regularly use relievers on short notice to combine for a turn in their starting rotation.

"I think we would all agree

SEE RELIEF, 3

Red Sox rally to beat Rays in 12 innings

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Hanley Ramirez blooped a bases-loaded fly ball over the drawn-in outfield in right to break a 12th-inning tie and the Boston Red Sox, who rallied from a two-run deficit in the ninth, beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 to win their home opener at Fenway Park on Thursday.

It was the sixth straight victory for Boston and new manager Alex Cora, and the sixth loss in a row for the Rays. Tampa Bay topped the Red Sox on opening day last week, and the teams have gone in opposite directions since then.

Bobby Poyner (1-0) pitched two innings, striking out three for his first major league win. Andrew Kittredge (0-2) took the loss, throwing a pair of scoreless innings before running into trouble in the 12th.

Jackie Bradley Jr. led off with a double, then took third on sacrifice bunt. Kittredge intentionally walked Mookie Betts and then, after he took second, walked Andrew Benintendi on to load the bases. With one out and the outfield in, Ramirez looped one to right off Ryan Yarbrough that one-hopped the wall to score the game-winner.

SEE RAYS, 2



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Rays' Brad Miller flips his bat after striking out during the eleventh inning against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston Thursday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: South Florida

Bulls brimming with receivers in Year 2 of Charlie Strong era

By JOEY KNIGHT
Tampa Bay Times

A handful of receivers, and receivers coach Charlie Williams, were made available to reporters after Thursday's USF practice, affording us a chance to do a deep dive into the position.

We needn't dive warily either. There's plenty of depth at this spot. So much so, coaches felt comfortable switching Chris Barr and DeVontres Dukes to defense earlier this spring.

• We know you've



(JOEY KNIGHT | TIMES)

SEE BULLS, 3 USF senior receiver Ryeshene Bronson missed the entire 2017 season with a torn right rotator cuff.

NHL: Lightning

Win vs. Bruins was the template the Lightning want to follow

By ROGER MOONEY
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — The way the Lightning fore-checked. The way it moved the puck out of the defensive zone. The way it did not turn the puck over. The way it forced turnovers. The way it limited scoring chances. The way it created scoring chances.

If you built a template for how the Lightning should play in the postseason, it would look like Tuesday's win against the Bruins.

"That's what we've been trying to get across the last couple of months, so it as good



(DIRK SHADD, | TIMES)

Creating traffic in front of the net was just one of the many things the Lightning did right Tuesday vs. the Bruins.

to see it," Lightning associate coach Rick Bowness said. "It came at the right time. Now it's important that we continue that style of

play going into next week."

All the defensive work in practice, all the

SEE LIGHTNING, 3

Florida Lottery
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PICK 2

Apr. 5N6-4
Apr. 5D8-4
Apr. 4N1-2
Apr. 4D0-9
Apr. 3N4-8
Apr. 3D6-8
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3

Apr. 5N 6-9-6
Apr. 5D 0-4-7
Apr. 4N 0-0-7
Apr. 4D 5-7-7
Apr. 3N 7-3-2
Apr. 3D 1-1-2
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4

Apr. 5N 1-1-9-9
Apr. 5D 7-4-0-9
Apr. 4N 2-5-4-3
Apr. 4D 4-7-6-7
Apr. 3N 0-9-6-5
Apr. 3D 9-2-9-0
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5

Apr. 5N 8-6-2-6-3
Apr. 5D 9-0-5-3-8
Apr. 4N 1-5-4-5-4
Apr. 4D 1-3-2-2-7
Apr. 3N 3-3-3-4-8
Apr. 3D 4-2-6-6-7
D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

Apr. 5 7-17-19-22-27
Apr. 4 14-16-20-22-30
Apr. 3 7-11-15-26-31

PAYOFF FOR Apr. 5
2 5-digit winners \$103,573.71
394 4-digit winners \$84.50
11,318 3-digit winners \$8.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Apr. 2 7-12-21-24-40
Cash Ball 2
Mar. 29 34-35-36-46-58-1
Cash Ball 1

SPORTS ON TV

(All times Eastern)
Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

AUTO RACING
1 p.m.
FS1 - NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, practice, at Fort Worth, Texas
2 p.m.
FS1 - NASCAR, Xfinity Series, My Bariatric Solutions 300, practice, at Fort Worth, Texas
4 p.m.
FS1 - NASCAR, Xfinity Series, My Bariatric Solutions 300, final practice, at Fort Worth, Texas
5:30 p.m.
FS1 - NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, qualifying, at Fort Worth, Texas
8 p.m.
NBCSN - IndyCar, Desert Diamond West Valley Casino Phoenix Grand Prix, qualifying, at Avondale, Ariz.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN2 - 2018 College Basketball Awards, at Los Angeles
DRAG RACING
7 p.m.
FS1 - NHRA, Denso Spark

RAYS

After David Price pitched seven shutout innings for the second straight outing, Carson Smith gave up Matt Duffy's two-run homer in the eighth. The Red Sox tied it off Tampa Bay closer Alex Colome. After Ramirez singled in one run to make it 2-1, J.D. Martinez grounded into a double play and then Xander Bogaerts doubled over the outstretched glove of left fielder Mallex Smith against the Green Monster to tie it. Rafael Devers was intentionally walked, and Eduardo Nunez reached on an infield single to load the bases before Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a grounder toward

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PAYOFF FOR Apr. 2
0 5-of-5 CB \$1,000/Day
0 5-of-5 \$1,000/Week
4 4-of-5 CB \$2,500
24 4-of-5 \$500

LUCKY MONEY

Apr. 3 3-6-36-41
Lucky Ball 3
Mar. 30 1-8-26-44
Lucky Ball 13

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PAYOFF FOR Apr. 3
0 4-of-4 LB \$1.4 million
3 4-of-4 \$2,067.00
42 3-of-4 LB \$323.50
646 3-of-4 \$61.50

LOTTO

Apr. 4 1-5-11-12-25-48
Mar. 31 5-12-20-22-39-46
Mar. 28 6-9-16-29-33-52

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PAYOFF FOR Apr. 4
1 6-digit winners \$45 million
25 5-digit winners \$2,959.50
1,612 4-digit winners \$38.00

POWERBALL

Apr. 4 8-24-42-54-64
Powerball 24
Mar. 31 8-24-52-55-61
Powerball 21

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PAYOFF FOR Apr. 4
0 5 of 5 + PB \$60 Million
0 5 of 5 \$1 million
1 4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
16 4 of 5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$74 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Apr. 3 04-29-39-42-62
Mega Ball 14
Mar. 30 11-28-31-46-59
Mega Ball 1

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PAYOFF FOR Apr. 3
0 5 of 5 + MB \$40 Million
0 5 of 5 \$1 Million
0 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
22 4 of 5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$45 million

Plugs Four-Wide Nationals, qualifying, at Las Vegas

GOLF
3 p.m.
ESPN - The Masters, second round, at Augusta, Ga.
11:35 p.m.
CBS - The Masters, high-lights, second round, at Augusta, Ga.

MLB BASEBALL
4 p.m.
MLB - Regional coverage, Kansas City at Cleveland
OR Atlanta at Colorado
7 p.m.
MLB - Regional coverage, Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
OR Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
NBA - Cleveland at Philadelphia
10:30 p.m.
NBA - Minnesota at L.A. Lakers

NHL HOCKEY
10 p.m.
NBCSN - Dallas at Anaheim
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.
FS2 - Bundesliga, Hannover vs. Werder Bremen
RUGBY
6 p.m.
NBCSN - English Premiership, Sale vs. Wasps (same-day tape)

second. Opting not to step on second for the force out, second baseman Daniel Robertson threw to first and beat Bradley by a split-second; after a challenge by Cora - with the crowd cheering the replays on the scoreboard - the call stood. Price allowed three hits and three walks while striking out five. Red Sox starters are 4-0 with an 0.83 ERA so far this season. Yonny Chirinos, making his first career start as the Rays used a "bullpen day" to fill in for a depleted rotation, pitched five scoreless innings, allowing three hits and striking out four. Three relievers pitched a scoreless inning apiece, turning a three-hit shutout over to Colome.

MILB: Miracle 4, Stone Crabs 3

Stone Crabs fall short

By BRYAN LEVINE Sports Writer

FORT MYERS - Two innings decided Thursday's season-opener between the Charlotte Stone Crabs and Fort Myers Miracle.

The Miracle outscored the Stone Crabs 4-3 in the fourth and fifth innings for the game's only runs and final score.

The Stone Crabs had no issues against major-leaguer Phill Hughes, who is rehabbing an oblique injury. The Minnesota Twins right-hander was tagged for eight hits in his five innings of work, which allowed Charlotte to grab three runs.

Twice the Stone Crabs took the lead in the middle portion of the game. First was in the fourth inning when big brother Nate Lowe hit an RBI double off the left field wall to plate

baby brother Josh Lowe and give his team a 1-0 advantage.

Charlotte took a 3-2 lead in the fifth inning when Robbie Teneorwicz's two-run double scored David Olmedo-Barrera and Josh Lowe.

Stone Crabs starting pitcher Brock Burke cruised through the first three innings before hit bumps in the road in the fourth and fifth innings.

Burke allowed five hits - three doubles - and walked a batter while allowing two runs in each the fourth and fifth innings. Back-to-back RBI doubles from Aaron Whitfield and Mitchell Kranson tied the game and then gave the Miracle a 4-3 lead in the fifth.

All three top prospects on the Stone Crabs had themselves pretty good games. No. 7 Lucius Fox was 2-for-5 with a double. No. 11 Josh Lowe went 2-for-5

with a stolen base and two runs scored. No. 4 Jesus Sanchez had a single in his final out of the night.

The Stone Crabs managed to put the tying run in scoring position with nobody out, but were unable to push the run across.

Adrian Navas tossed a pair of scoreless innings in relief of Burke. He allowed just one hit and had two strikeouts.

Hughes finished his likely lone rehab outing before rejoining the Twins with there runs allowed on eight hits over five innings of work. He threw just 65 pitches and had five strikeouts.

New Stone Crabs manager Reinaldo Ruiz is currently on suspension dating back from last season when he was with Bowling Green. Coach German Melendez served as the manager last night.

Contact Bryan Levine at blevine@sun-herald.com.

MIRACLE 4, STONE CRABS 3
Charlotte AB R H BI BB SO Avg.
Fox SS 5 0 2 0 0 2 .400
J. Lowe CF 5 2 2 0 0 1 .400
Tenerowicz DH 4 0 1 2 0 2 .250
N. Lowe 1B 4 0 2 1 0 1 .500
Padlo 3B 3 0 1 0 1 1 .333
Sanchez RF 4 0 1 0 0 1 .250
Olmedo-Barrera LF 4 1 2 0 0 1 .500
Gray 2B 3 0 0 0 1 0 .000
Fort Myers AB R H BI BB SO Avg.
Whitefield CF 4 1 1 0 0 1 .250
Kranson DH 4 1 2 2 0 0 .500
Hamilton C 4 1 2 0 1 0 .500
Diaz 1B 4 0 1 2 0 2 .250
Davis RF 3 0 1 0 1 0 .333
Blankenhorn 3B 4 0 1 0 0 2 .250
Kerrigan LF 3 0 0 0 1 1 .000
Molina 2B 3 0 1 0 1 1 .333
Lopez SS 3 1 0 0 0 1 .201

Charlotte 000 120 000 -3 12 0
Fort Myers 000 220 00X -4 9 1
2B: Fox (1), Pinto (1), N. Lowe (1), Tenerowicz (1); Blankenhorn (1), Diaz (1), Whitefield (1), Kranson (1); HR: Pujols (7); RB: N. Lowe (1), Tenerowicz 2 (2); Diaz 2 (2), Whitfield (1), Kranson (1); LOB: Charlotte 5; Fort Myers 8. RISP: Charlotte 2-for-15, Fort Myers 3-for-9. SB: J. Lowe (1).

PITCHING
Charlotte IP H R ER BB SO HR ERA
Burke (L, 0-1) 5.0 6 4 4 2 5 0 7.20
Navas 2.0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0.00
Bayer 1.0 2 0 0 0 0 2 0.00
Fort Myers IP H R ER BB SO HR ERA
Hughes (W, 1-0) 5.0 8 3 3 1 5 0 5.40
Navas (H, 1) 3.0 3 0 0 1 4 0 0.00
Poppen (S, 1) 1.0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0.00
Umpires: HP: Brandon Mooney, 1B: Lorenz Evans, Time: 2:29. Att: 2,248.

COLLEGE HOCKEY: Frozen Four

Minnesota Duluth beats Ohio State in semis

By JESS MYERS Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Louie Roehl and Jared Thomas scored in the first 3:04 and Minnesota Duluth held off Ohio State 2-1 on Thursday night to reach the NCAA championship game for the second straight year.



AP PHOTO

Minnesota-Duluth's Peter Krieger (25) tries to get the puck in the net against Ohio State goalie Tommy Nappier (37) during the first period of a semifinal in the NCAA men's Frozen Four hockey tournament Thursday.

Hunter Shepard made 19 saves for the Bulldogs (24-16-3), allowing only Tanner Laczynski's power-play goal in the third period. Sean Romeo stopped shots for the Buckeyes (26-10-5). The Bulldogs will face Michigan or Notre Dame on Saturday night. Duluth lost 3-2 to Denver in the title game last season in Chicago. The Bulldogs needed

less than two minutes to ignite the heavily partisan crowd, with freshman defenseman Roehl scoring his third career goal after a cross-ice pass from

Matt Anderson. Roehl is one of five freshmen playing defense for the Bulldogs. Just 1:11 seconds later, they made it 2-0 when Thomas got behind the

NBA: Roundup

Pacers sweep season series vs. Warriors

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Bojan Bogdanovic had 28 points, Victor Oladipo scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half and the playoff-bound Indiana Pacers beat the Golden State Warriors 126-106 on Thursday night. The Pacers have won six of seven, including twice against the short-handed defending NBA champions. It's their first season sweep over the Warriors since 2011-12.

Kevin Durant had 27 points, five rebounds and seven assists, but Golden State's three-game winning streak ended. Klay Thompson had 16 points before being shut out in the second half.

The Warriors were swept by an Eastern Conference team for the first time since Charlotte did it in 2013-14. Neither game was all that close in the end. After rallying from a double-digit deficit and pulling away for an 11-point victory last week, the Pacers led for the final 33:46 and by double digits the entire second half Thursday. Sure, they took advantage of a lineup missing Stephen Curry, but Indiana was impressive. The Pacers took an

18-11 lead in the first quarter and started pulling away after Lance Stephenson erased a 30-28 deficit with a 3-pointer with 9:46 left in the second quarter. Bogdanovic's layup gave Indiana a 52-42 lead with 4:25 left, and after building a 62-51 halftime lead, Indiana extended the margin to 22 during the third. Golden State started the fourth on a 10-0 run, cutting the deficit to 10, but Indiana answered with seven straight to make it 104-87.

NETS 119, BUCKS 111: Allen Crabbe scored 25 points and hit two 3-pointers in the closing minutes of a tight game, and the Brooklyn Nets shot 48 percent from behind the arc to beat the Milwaukee Bucks. The sharpshooting Nets were 19 of 39 from 3-point range, dealing a blow to the Bucks' hopes of moving up from the eighth seed in the Eastern Conference playoff race. Crabbe was clutch by hitting two of his five 3s over the final three minutes, the second coming with 1:18 left to give the Nets a six-point lead that sent Bucks fans to the exits. This isn't the way the Bucks wanted to play a night after clinching its third postseason berth in four years thanks to Detroit's loss to Philadelphia.

NHL: Roundup

Predators edge Capitals to clinch top seed in West

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Craig Smith scored twice and Ryan Johansen had the go-ahead goal late in the third period to help the Nashville Predators beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 Thursday night to clinch first place in the Central Division and the top seed in the Western Conference. Even though it'll be Pekka Rinne in net for the Predators when they open the playoffs next week, backup Juuse Saros stopped 28 of the 31 shots and captain Roman Josi scored on the power play to give them their first division title in 19 seasons of existence.

PENGUINS 5, BLUE JACKETS 4, OT: Phil Kessel scored 1:06 into overtime and the Pittsburgh Penguins earned a victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets, who still clinched a playoff spot for the second consecutive season. Columbus entered the game needing one point in the standings and earned that when it forced the overtime.

FLYERS 4, HURRICANES 3: Jakub Voracek scored with 5:45 left in the third period to lift the playoff-chasing Philadelphia

Flyers over the Carolina Hurricanes. CANADIENS 4, RED WINGS 3: Nicolas Deslauriers' second goal put the Montreal Canadiens ahead late in the second period and they held on to beat the Detroit Red Wings. The Original Six teams are out of the playoff race, finishing up the season playing only for pride.

DEVILS 2, MAPLE LEAFS 1: The New Jersey Devils are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2012. Patrick Maroon set up second-period goals by Pavel Zacha and Miles Wood and the Devils ended a five-year post-season drought with a victory over the Toronto Maple Leaf. Keith Kinkaid, the mainstay in goal since the end of January, made 31 saves as the Devils won their fourth straight and extended their points streak to eight games (7-0-1).

ISLANDERS 2, RANGERS 1: Thomas Hickey and Anthony Beauvillier scored 2:32 apart in the second period and the New York Islanders kept up their recent mastery of the Rangers with a victory over their crosstown rivals. Jaroslav Halak stopped 34 shots as the Islanders won for the 11th time in the past 12 meetings with the Rangers.

MMA: Ultimate Fighting

Nurmagomedov vs. Holloway in title fight

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Khabib Nurmagomedov put out the call to his fans in papakhas that were crammed inside an indie rock club like they were in a mosh pit buzzing for an encore.

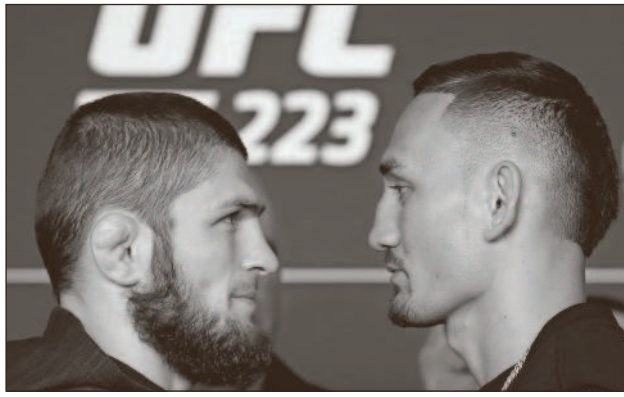
“Hey, I want to ask you guys, what time is it,” Nurmagomedov said.

“Khabib Time!”

The fans then chanted for a sustained period, “Khabib! Khabib! Khabib!”

Nurmagomedov was a clear fan favorite.

But the native Russian is hoping to leave New



AP PHOTO

Khabib Nurmagomedov, left, poses for photographers with UFC featherweight champion Max Holloway, during UFC223's media day at the Barclays Center in New York.

York with more than his papakha — a hat that looks like a powdered wig native to his homeland in Dagestan — on his

head and the winner of a popularity contest.

After 25 straight MMA victories, including nine in UFC, Nurmagomedov

(25-0) has escaped the injuries and a slew of canceled bouts that plagued chunks of his career to get a title fight in the main event of UFC 223 at Barclays Center on Saturday night.

Check the card's promotional video that played on an endless loop at the music hall and challenger Tony Ferguson is still in the highlight reel. Ferguson's freak knee injury knocked him out of action and nearly derailed the main event of the card.

But Max Holloway (19-3) stepped up on six days' notice for what

might be a better bout on Saturday.

Holloway vs. Nurmagomedov. Streak vs. Streak. And this time, for the undisputed light-weight championship.

“I respect him,” Nurmagomedov said. “But it's going to be a long night.”

Holloway, winner of 12 straight UFC fights, earned some respect from UFC fans for accepting the fight on short notice. Holloway already reigns as UFC's 145-pound champion and could become the rare two-division champ should he win the 155-belt.

“Everybody keeps talking about six days' notice,” Holloway said. “He's taking a short-notice fight against me. How are you going to get ready in six days against me?”

Holloway said he accepted the bout because he was still training and becoming a two-division champ would stamp him among UFC's greatest fighters. Holloway hasn't lost since August 2013, a unanimous decision to Conor McGregor.

Almost every topic in UFC these days somehow comes back to McGregor.

BULLS

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heard this before, but senior Stanley Clerveaux — one of the Bulls' most snake-bitten players — appears poised for a breakthrough.

Clerveaux (three career receptions) tore his left labrum shortly after his arrival from North Miami High in 2014, then tore his left ACL on the artificial-turf practice field in the '15 preseason. He was recently granted a sixth year by the NCAA, giving him two more seasons of eligibility.

He's currently carrying 225 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame, roughly 50 more than when he arrived at USF.

“This spring he's starving, he's hungry,” teammate Darnell Salomon said.

“Stanley's been the leader, he's been catching the ball, running good routes,” Williams said. “He put one on the ground the other day that he knows he should've caught in the scrimmage, but he's in Year 2 in the offense and he's having fun.”

• Don't look for senior Ryeshene Bronson, still recovering from a torn right rotator cuff in the 2016 preseason, to take any live reps at next weekend's spring game, though he's dying to.

“I'm gonna play in the spring game, I'm gonna play,” he said. “I miss the game so much, I've got to get out there and feel it.”

Bronson, who totaled 30 receptions and three touchdowns his first three seasons before missing all of 2017, has been confined to a red non-contact jersey all spring. He has added 15 pounds — from 193 to 208 — since the injury, hoping to convert it to more muscle upon being cleared to do more in the weight room.

“I think he's still a ways off,” Williams said. “He's feeling better about himself because he's taking hits. We're trying not to tackle him to the ground, but he's learning how to take hits again because that was pretty vicious when he got hurt last year. But the thing about it is, he's moving in the right direction.”

• Speaking of that “vicious” hit, inflicted by former DB Deatrick Nichols on a Bronson jet sweep, the 6-3 Fort Myers native said he harbors no ill will.

“I still to this day feel like he didn't mean to hurt me,” Bronson said. “I couldn't slow down and ... he protected himself as well. I don't blame him. You're in shoulder pads, it's football. Stuff happens.”

• Even with a logjam of veterans on the depth

chart, several youngsters appear to be making a push for serious playing time. Among them are 6-2 redshirt freshman Randall St. Felix and 5-10 sophomore Jernard Phillips.

Felix reportedly hauled in a pass of roughly 25 yards on a back-shoulder throw from Brett Kean in Thursday's practice portion that was closed.

“Every ball that's in the air, he believes it's gonna be his, and he's won the 50-50 balls more so than he's lost that battle,” Williams said. “He just keeps on coming every day, and we love that out of him.”

Phillips, meantime, might lead all receivers in catches at this stage of spring, Clerveaux said.

“He's a small guy but he's got a big heart,” Bronson said. “I call him a lion. He's the king of my jungle; I love Jernard.”

• At this point, many receivers appear interchangeable at the slot and wideout spots. Even Clerveaux was running some slot Thursday.

“For the guys that were with us last year, you can see it's coming,” Williams said. “We're gonna be able to mix and match these guys, play 'em inside and outside, and as long as we keep 'em healthy it's gonna be fun to watch 'em compete.”

ODDS AND ENDS: All three kickers — walk-ons Jake Vivonetto and Marco Salani and scholarship P Trent Schneider — converted Thursday from 43 yards during a brief special teams portion closed to the media, USF sports-information officials said. ... LB Antonio Grier, an early enrollee, didn't suit up and had his left arm in a sling. Coach Charlie Strong could address Grier's injury Saturday. ...

In the quarterback derby, Kean had two red-zone TD passes, while Chris Oladokun had the day's niftiest scramble, dashing to the edge and juking a linebacker for a significant gain upfield. ... Fourth-year junior Billy Atterbury, the starter at right guard in the final 10 games last season, continued working at right tackle Thursday. Redshirt freshman Demetris Harris was at right guard. ... Some post-whistle skirmishes in the final scrimmage session resulted in a team tongue-lashing from Strong at the end of practice.

AUDIBLE: “They're doing a terrific job, both of 'em. They're slinging that ball. Right now it's tough. I don't how the coaching staff's gonna make a decision 'cause that's a tough battle right now. I'd hate to be in that room to have to make that call, make that decision, but they're both doing real good right now.” — Clerveaux on the QB competition

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: ACC

Championship staying in Charlotte through '30

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Atlantic Coast Conference is making Charlotte, North Carolina the long-term home for its football championship game, keeping it in the Queen City through 2030.

“Charlotte remains at the center of our footprint,” Commissioner John Swofford said Thursday at a news conference, during which he cited the fact that eight of the league's schools are within 300 miles of the city as among the reasons the conference wanted to keep the game here.

Solid attendance figures were also a major consideration in the decision for the 10-year contract extension that allows the Charlotte Sports Foundation to continue hosting the game.

The conference championship has been played at Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL's



AP PHOTO

Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford announces a 10-year contract extension with the Charlotte Sports Foundation to continue hosting the ACC Football Championship game Thursday in Charlotte during a news conference in Charlotte, N.C.

Carolina Panthers, seven of the past eight seasons — and four of those were sellouts. That includes last year's championship game when 74,372 fans watched No. 1 Clemson defeat No. 7 Miami 38-3.

“Charlotte has been an outstanding partner for the ACC and has shown continued commitment to help the growth of this game,” Swofford said. “... This game has truly found a home in

Charlotte.”

The contract extension comes in the midst of uncertainty over the future of the Panthers ownership — as well as the future of the stadium.

Panthers owner Jerry Richardson announced in December he was selling the team amid reports of sexual and racial remarks made in the workplace. The NFL is continuing to

investigate the matter while Richardson evaluates bids to buy the team he brought to the Carolinas as an expansion franchise in 1993.

A new owner could be announced as soon as next month at the NFL owners meetings in Atlanta.

The Panthers are only tethered to Bank of America Stadium through the 2019 season, so the new ownership group could decide to build a new stadium or even relocate the team — although the latter would seem to be a longshot considering the strong NFL fan base in Charlotte.

“That is addressed in the arrangement in terms of the opportunity to discuss and potentially play in that new stadium,” Swofford said. “We would probably need to sit down with the new ownership and see what that might entail. But we would fully expect to be able to successfully do that.”

RELIEF

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that it's challenging for young pitchers to come and expect the seven innings, 105, 110 pitches, out of every start for them,” manager Kevin Cash said. “So if we shorten the workload and if we've got an abundance of those guys that are capable of doing that, in theory we believe, I

believe, that we can get more out of those guys.”

Chris Archer heads a staff that includes Blake Snell and Jake Faria. Nathan Eovaldi was to be the fourth starter before reinjuring his pitching elbow, and the Rays developed the bullpen plan knowing they didn't need a fifth starter very often early in the season because they were scheduled for seven off days in the first six weeks.

Tampa Bay has struggled, losing five straight since an opening-day win.

With the Rays down to three starters, the abnormal arrangement attracted even more scrutiny.

“The game is changing, evolving. You've got to be open to it,” Seattle manager Scott Servais said. “Other clubs are looking at six-man rotations.”

Cash waits until the

end of the previous day's game to announce which reliever will open, wanting to gauge usage first. After he makes his decision, he calls or texts the next day's opposing manager as a courtesy.

Andrew Kittredge started last Saturday against Boston, lasting 57 pitches and 3.1 innings. He allowed two runs, one earned, and took the loss in a 3-2 defeat.

LIGHTNING

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yelling from Bowness and coach Jon Cooper when the drills went awry, all the harping on the little things were meant to weed out the bad habits that seeped into the Lightning's game.

It held on to the puck too long, which increases the chance of a turnover. It made the extra pass and maybe another one after that, which allowed scoring chances to evaporate. Instead of forcing its opponent to scramble to defend the Lightning's speed and skill, it was slowing itself down, doing the other team's defensive work for them.

On Tuesday, all that went away, and the result was a 4-0 win against the Bruins, a team the Lightning is chasing for the top spot in the conference standings.

“We played a better 200-foot game,” Bowness said. “There wasn't nearly as many

goals. That was not an issue against the Bruins, because everyone followed the game plan.

“I think that was a pretty complete game for us from top to bottom,” Girardi said. “Everyone was pulling in the same direction. Nobody going off on their own page. Everyone playing together for 60 an you see what we can do.”

“We did what we wanted to do,” forward Tyler Johnson said. “That's how we have to play in the playoffs to succeed.”

The Lightning begin a season-ending back-to-back Friday night against the Sabres and Saturday at Carolina — two teams not going to the playoffs. Its post-season seeding depends as much on how it plays in those games as it does on how the Bruins fare in their remaining two.

But Girardi said the Lightning has to play against the Sabres and Hurricanes the same way it did against the Bruins.

“It doesn't matter where they are in the

standings. We need to play the same way against everyone,” Girardi said. “I think that's where we get into trouble the last month or two, getting up for the big games, then letting down in the other ones.”

“We're up and down. We're not playing the same way the whole time. As long as we can follow that effort up from Boston, we're going in the right direction, for sure.”

Slap shots: Bowness said the status of C Steven Stamkos (lower body) has not changed. He is still listed as day-to-day, which means he might play in one of the two remaining regular-season games or he might rest until the playoffs begin next week ... Bowness said decisions on whether to rest other key players during the final two games will be based on what the Bruins did Thursday against the Panthers.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Villanova

Philly cheers champs with parade

By KRISTEN DE GROOT
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PHILADELPHIA — Thousands of fans lined up in downtown Philadelphia to celebrate another sports championship with a parade, this time for Villanova University's Wildcats.

The winners of the men's basketball tournament rode double-decker buses along Market Street, the heart of the business district, ending at City Hall for a rally. They threw T-shirts into the cheering sea of blue and white and lifted the trophy aloft as confetti fluttered in the air.

"We do this so much in Philadelphia now I thought you guys would be tired of parades," coach Jay Wright joked to the crowd, referencing the Eagles first-ever Super Bowl win just two months earlier.

The Wildcats' romp through the NCAA Tournament ended Monday with a 79-62 victory over Michigan. It's their second national title in three seasons.

Kris Jenkins, who hit



Fans cheer during a parade celebrating the Villanova's NCAA men's college basketball championship, Thursday, in Philadelphia. Villanova defeated Michigan on Monday for the title.

AP PHOTO

the game-winning shot for the 2016 championship team, was in a convertible in the parade caravan, and gave high-fives to thrilled fans along the route.

The recent Super Bowl win wasn't lost on fans, many of whom layered their Villanova gear with a bit of Eagles swag. Several talked about how meaningful it was to have a series of champs in the city.

"Not much winning has been done in Philadelphia, at least in my lifetime, so it's good to see," said

Mike McGovern, a Villanova alum who graduated in 1998. He works in an office building along the parade route and was cheering the team with his dad and three young children.

Cynthia Hindman, 70, uses a walker but that didn't stop her from taking the 1½-hour trip from suburban Kennett Square to the city to watch the parade. She thinks it's "terrific" that the Philadelphia area has had two championships so close together.

"I think it makes Philly

look good," she said.

Villanova's suburban campus was closed and all classes were canceled so fans at the Roman Catholic university could take part.

The crowds were thin early in the morning as snow flurries sporadically fell and temperatures hovered in the high 30s, but the sidewalks filled with blue as the weather warmed.

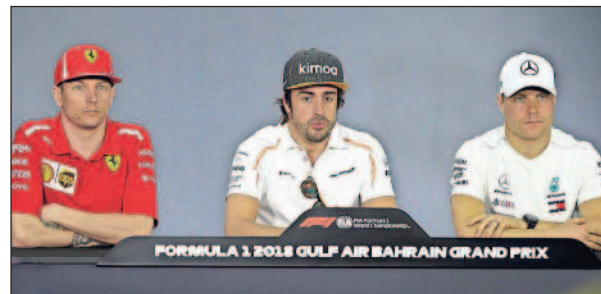
About 10 minutes before the parade set off, blue skies appeared and temperatures were in the low 40s.

At the rally, players like guard Donte DiVincenzo and national Player of the Year Jalen Brunson kept remarks short and sweet, trying to tamp down excited laughter while thanking the fans.

Junior guard Phil Booth told the crowd he had one thing to tell them, seemingly getting serious for a moment.

"From the bottom of my heart," he said solemnly before quickly bursting into a grin and yelling: "Go cats! Go cats!"

F1 RACING: Bahrain Grand Prix



AP PHOTO

From left, Ferrari driver Kimi Raikkonen of Finland, is flanked by McLaren driver Fernando Alonso of Spain and Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas of Finland answer reporter questions during a press conference, at the Formula One Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir, Bahrain Thursday.

Dominant Mercedes has a point to prove

By JEROME PUGMIRE
Associated Press

SAKHIR, Bahrain — Usually so impressive, Mercedes is in the uncommon position of having a point to prove at the Bahrain Grand Prix this weekend.

World champion Lewis Hamilton must overcome the frustration of being denied victory at the season-opening Australian GP by his own team's careless computer error. Teammate Valtteri Bottas has to compete far better if he's to live up to his own preseason talk.

Bottas spoke confidently of being good enough to challenge for the title, rather than playing the role of ideal No. 2 to Hamilton.

He did little to back that up in Australia two weeks ago, finishing eighth. A clumsy error in qualifying led to a crash and a further grid penalty for a gearbox change. But it was his lack of speed which was really alarming. He was unable to overtake Nico Hulkenberg, who finished seventh in a considerably slower Renault.

"It was a bad weekend, that's it," Bottas said somewhat dismissively on Thursday. "There's no point in gathering pressure from one mistake."

Although the Finn insists he has

"processed" out the negativity from his Melbourne mishap, it was hardly the way to impress his bosses.

He can ill afford further slips, considering his contract expires at the end of the season. Mercedes will decide at some point this year whether to keep him. He won three races last year and will probably need to do better to prevent Mercedes choosing someone else.

Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo is available next season and has been publicly weighing up his options.

Mercedes is also reportedly considering a move for Force India driver Esteban Ocon, who is tipped for a bright future. Mercedes, meanwhile, also needs to do some fine-tuning.

The team blamed a computer bug from an offline software tool for the timing error which cost Hamilton victory in Melbourne, where he was in control of the race but suddenly found himself behind Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel coming out of the pit lane.

The incident occurred after a virtual safety car was deployed. Mercedes misjudged the time gap to Vettel when he came into the pits and Hamilton stayed out at a slower speed, enabling Vettel to pull ahead and win.

GOLF: The Masters

A 13 on 15? Just another day at Masters for Garcia

By TIM DAHLBERG
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — This time, Sergio Garcia offered no excuses.

Blame this one on the golf gods?

Not a chance. Even they couldn't possibly be this cruel.

One moment Garcia was fighting to get back to even par and in contention at the Masters. The next he was writing a double-digit number on his scorecard that effectively ended any chance he had of defending his Masters title.

Even for the mercurial Spaniard, this was uncharted territory.

"It's the first time in my career where I make a 13 without missing a shot," Garcia said. "Simple as that."

Well, not exactly. If it were that simple, Garcia might have a lot more prized possessions in his display case than the green jacket he won in a memorable back nine charge last year that included an eagle on the par-5 15th hole.

He won't get another this year after an implosion on the very same hole that someday might have its own special spot in Masters lore.

Unfortunately for Garcia, for all the wrong reasons.

Five straight shots into the water. Four of them from less than 100 yards with a sand wedge in his hand.

And, finally, a one-putt from 10 feet for a 13 on No. 15 that sent golf writers scurrying to the internet to find out what to call it.

For the record, it was an



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Sergio Garcia reacts to his tee shot on No. 4, where he made his first bogey of the day.

octuple bogey.

Also for the record, it was the highest score posted by any player ever on the hole that played second easiest for the field, and part of an 81 that was the highest score ever shot by a defending champion in the opening round of the Masters.

"I felt like I hit a lot of good shots and unfortunately the ball just didn't want to stop," Garcia said. "I don't know, you know, it's one of those things. So it's just

unfortunate, but that's what it is."

Give Garcia credit for at least trying to explain the unexplainable. But that's Garcia, a walking contradiction over the years who once blamed the golf gods for stealing a British Open title from him.

He's rarely shied away from answering questions, and seems to try his best to answer them honestly. For years the biggest question was why he couldn't win a major, something his

win last year here finally put to rest.

Compared to that, this answer was relatively simple.

"I felt like the ball was going to stop and unfortunately for whatever reason it didn't want to," Garcia said.

Good enough, though perhaps not quite as memorable as the response of his idol, the late Seve Ballesteros, when asked how he four-putted at the 1986 Masters.

60s and tied for ninth.

The round wasn't as low this time, but Hoffman put together five birdies, including on three par-5s and the tough 14th hole.

"You can't win the tournament — I've proven that — after the first round, and I just want to give myself a chance on Saturday and Sunday like I have in the past, and I promise you I'll perform a little better this time around," Hoffman said. "I've learned a lot and I can't wait to get an opportunity and do it

again."

Rory McIlroy is playing for the career Grand Slam and started strong at 3-under, joined by Patrick Reed, Adam Hadwin, Haotong Li, Henrik Stenson and Rafael Cabrera-Bello.

Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler and Zach Johnson are among a group at 2-under.

Four-time champion Tiger Woods struggled on the par-5s and opened with 1-over 73. In his first Masters start since 2015, Woods didn't birdie any

of Augusta National's par-5 holes.

Meanwhile, a big name made waves in the first round for a more ominous reason.

Defending champion Sergio Garcia put five balls in the water on No. 15 for 8-over-par 13 on the hole, derailing his tournament just as it began. Garcia, who carded eagle the last time he played the hole en route to the 2017 Masters victory, was 2-over entering 15 and ended his day 9-over.

MASTERS

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Masters after tying for fourth last year.

A contingent at 3-under included a player with experience near the top of an early Masters leaderboard. Charley Hoffman shot 69 to sit three back of the lead.

Hoffman made early waves last year with a first-round 65 before finishing in a tie for 22nd. He opened the 2015 Masters with two rounds in the

NBA: Celtics

Celtics' Irving needs knee surgery, out for playoffs

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics have spent most of the season adjusting on the fly. Now they will have to go through the playoffs without Kyrie Irving.

The star point guard will need surgery on his left knee and is done for season. On Thursday, the team put his recovery time at four to five months. Irving hasn't played since March 11 and says he won't dwell on what might have been.

"The hardest thing to do sometimes is accept the uncontrollable things life throws at you," he wrote in an Instagram

post. "It's simply a test of your perseverance and will, to be present, even in the wake of what's going on."

In the upcoming surgery, two screws will be removed. They were implanted after Irving's patellar fracture during the 2015 NBA Finals.

Irving recently developed an infection at the site of the screws, and now they must be taken out. Following his original procedure last month, the team had said the knee was structurally sound and the kneecap healed, but the wire had been putting pressure on the knee. This is Irving's first season in Boston after he demanded to be traded from Cleveland.

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Main table containing Nasdaq stock listings with columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg, and similar metrics for various companies.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like P&F Inds, PAM, PB Bncp, etc.

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Money Market Funds

Large table with columns: Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield. Lists various money market funds like CapResFdp, Cash Account Tr, etc.

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Toronto stocks

Table with columns: Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks such as AHCResources, AdvOil Gas, AgnicoEgg, and various financial institutions.

Treasury bonds

Table with columns: Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld. Lists various Treasury bonds and notes with their respective rates and yields.

Mutual Funds

Section titled 'How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables' containing a table of mutual funds (AAM, AB, AAMkTRIRet1 b, etc.) and detailed explanatory text about fund objectives, ratings, and performance metrics.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

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

By Total Net Assets

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

By 4-Week Percent Return

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

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Mutual Funds

Main table listing mutual funds with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Includes sub-sections like AC Alternatives, AMF, AMG, AQR, Absolute Strategies, Acadian, Access, AdvisorOne, Advisory Research, Aegis, Akre, Al Frank, Alger, American Beacon, Amana, American Century, Absolute Strategies, Acadian, Access, AdvisorOne, Advisory Research, Aegis, Akre, Al Frank, Alger, American Beacon, Amana, American Century.

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Mutual Funds

Table containing 30 columns of mutual fund data including Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund categories such as Growth & Income, Bond, Equity, and Specialty Funds.

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