

What's happening at Magnolia Retirement Home?

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Roach infestation; black mold; leaking roofs; staffing shortages; unclean rooms; poor nutritional programs; over-charging residents and claims of intimidation and elder abuse of residents and more are the allegations lodged against Magnolia Retirement Home at 149 Magnolia Ave.

Highlands News-Sun was made aware of these complaints against the facility, which houses nearly 40 live-in residents, by both former employees and residents. One had to ask; could the complaints have been revenge from disgruntled employees?

Two former employees were willing to go "on record." After initial interviews, Stephanie Taylor and Candace Gonzales were able to provide the paper with the names of the local and state agencies they reported the abuse and neglect to. Both women reported the problems while they still worked at the facility. They left a paper trail to add validity to their complaints.

Taylor said she was fired the day after the state agency, Agency for Health Care Administration, came to interview her, the residents and the Magnolia Retirement Home Administrator Dennis Domisiw about her concerns.



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TOP: This tin of roaches was photographed at Magnolia Retirement Home on April 12, 2018 by an inspector. **ABOVE:** Mold and dirt have taken over this room and are causing a portion of the drywall to collapse.

She said Domisiw told her she "wasn't a good fit."

Complaints were lodged with Highlands County Code Enforcement as well as the Florida Department of Health and with City of Sebring fire inspectors.

AHCA's website provides data on each retirement home, which is classified as assisted living. Over the past year, Magnolia Retirement Home has, by far, the most number of complaints for assisted living facilities in

Highlands County listed on the website.

The most recent complaints noted on Department of Health reports state that on June 25 officials found food stored on the floor, unclean conditions and odors, leaks in ceilings, an exit door was corroding and a wall collapsing, noticeable mold both by sight and smell, dim lighting, and cockroach and ant infestations. The inspector flagged the report in red ink "Unsatisfactory." The re-inspection date was July 9.

The results of that inspection were unsatisfactory, despite some improvements. The inspector noted roof repairs need to be completed as soon as possible. The report indicated an August deadline for the repairs. Another re-inspection will be done on Aug. 17.

Taylor and Gonzales said Domisiw would threaten to evict and embarrass residents on a regular basis.

"I remember when one gentlemen complained about the food," Taylor said. "Dennis became belligerent and threatened to throw him out. The man has no family to help him if he did get kicked out."

Both women said they used their own money to buy food and items for residents. Taylor said Domisiw charges

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School Board candidates donate to their campaigns

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — As vice chair of the School Board of Highlands County, Charlene Edwards would likely move up to chairman in November when the board has its annual reorganization.

But, in her bid for a second four-year term in the District 1 seat, Edwards is facing a challenger, Isaac Durrance, who resigned recently as an assistant principal with the district for more time with his family and the family business.

Recently updated campaign finance data from the Highlands County Supervisor of Elections shows both candidates have made hefty donations to themselves.

Having prefiled last year, Edwards made a \$200 cash donation to her campaign on Oct. 30, but upped her coffers after Durrance prefiled with a June 1 check for \$2,300.

The current monetary contributions to her campaign total \$2,500 and in-kind donations total \$32.

Durrance's monetary contributions total \$7,775 and in-kind donations total \$646.84.

He got his campaign funding started with a May 21 check for \$3,500 then provided a loan of \$2,000 on July 3 and an in-kind donation of \$219.69

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Saving the last waltz

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The future was uncertain for the Lake Placid Ballroom dancers until a meeting was held Saturday evening that saved the fate of the club.

It was a bitter-sweet evening as the club was saved but goodbyes were said. The original founders of the club, Larry and Susie Lee, are moving. They founded the organization in 2011 and who would take it over was up in the air. Their beloved club will now be in the hands of several people, in the form of a steering committee.

Several dancers who were concerned about their club met before the regular Saturday night dance; potentially the last dance of the club unless someone stepped up. A steering committee was formed and some changes were made to the way membership works.

"There will not be one person in charge but everyone will be involved,"

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KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Magnolia Retirement Home, at 149 Magnolia Ave. in Sebring, has nearly 40 residents.

Batman's a crime fighter but bats are insect fighters

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Just like Batman fights crime as a super hero, bats fight the onslaught of insects by feasting on pesky critters.

The National Wildlife Health Center stated, "Consumption of insects by bats saves farmers billions of dollars in pest control services annually."

Instead of adding more pesticides to the yard, the US Fish and Wildlife Service encourages

people to put up a bat house. After all, "A single bat can eat up to 3,000 insects in a night," US FWS states.

Dead and dying trees also provide homes for bats, so homeowners should leave them alone, unless they pose a safety hazard.

According to Michelle Dent, from Archbold Biological Station, while the staff was counting trees with red-cockaded woodpeckers, one of Archbold's staff, Greg Thompson, found the



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The evening bat, *Nycticeius humeralis*, is also found in Highlands County.

roost, or home, of a Florida bonneted bat. It

was living in the cavity of a tree that had once been

the home of a red-cockaded woodpecker. The roost was also confirmed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. More roosts have been discovered through acoustic monitoring.

The Florida bonneted bat is a federally-endangered species. Most of its home range is in southern counties; it has been rare to find the bat this far north. Habitat is needed to protect this species, which was listed as a critically-endangered

species in 2013, with only a few hundred remaining, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

People often unknowingly kill or damage bats when they trim their palm trees; trimming trees can also destroy their roosts.

Bats live in trees or caves, and they have a positive impact on many plants. Bats, as well as bees, pollinate a wide range of plants and

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Sun 'n Lake opens dog park today

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Dog owners in Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District now have a place to run their dogs.

The long-awaited and somewhat controversial dog park on Edgewater Drive opens today in a ceremony from 10 a.m. to noon. District officials have invited residents to come out to the area across the lake from the Sun 'n Lake Golf Club clubhouse for light refreshments, pet photos, "Doggie Bags" and a chance to meet other neighborhood pets.

The Sun 'n Lake Communicator, the district newsletter, describes the facility as an "off-leash park that allows dogs to exercise and play together."

Rules are posted at the park itself, the newsletter states, "for the safety of all two- and four-legged

friends." Community Services Director Ariel Starling said that the park is not exclusive to district residents but is instead meant to be an enhancement for the entire Highlands County community.

Dogs are required to have up-to-date vaccinations and there cannot be more than three dogs per person. Handlers need to be 16 or older, Starling said.

A flyer for today's event asks people to only bring three dogs per handler, but it does not indicate if that is the rule for today

or for the park, in general. Meanwhile, Starling has asked, via the newsletter, for any park users to send in photos of their dogs enjoying the park, to either astarling@snldistrict.org or tag "@SNLDistrict" on social media.

Their pet may get featured on the district Facebook page, the newsletter states.

District budget documents from the Aug. 25, 2017, meeting listed the dog park as a \$20,000 capital improvement project. Signed resolutions show supervisors adopted a tentative budget on Sept. 8, 2017,

and approved it on Sept. 22, the second regular meeting of the month.

District budgets must have final approval on or before Oct. 1, the start of their fiscal year. Most budget discussions are done over the summer.

Brian Snowball said he and his wife first found out about the September

approval after the Jan. 5 meeting.

Agnes Snowball said, to be fair, they didn't pay close attention to district meeting agenda items, and found this item mixed in with a list of unrelated items.

A neighbor in the building next to them saw it in the newspaper and

told her.

On Jan. 5, 2018, the board awarded construction to Brooker Fence Company Inc. for \$15,650, which included 6-foot-high black vinyl fencing. In addition, the district hired Affordable Sidewalks for \$3,410 to extend nearby walkways to the park.



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5. The Moon has only been walked on by 12 people; all American males. The first man to set foot on the Moon in 1969 was Neil Armstrong on the Apollo 11 mission, while the last man to walk on the Moon in 1972 was Gene Cernan on the Apollo 17 mission.

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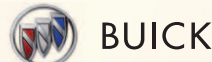
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Local man charged with choking, kidnapping

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — After a family member called for a welfare check on a female, deputies found the female had been allegedly held against her will and battered. The victim stated she had been held against her will and had been choked, according to an arrest report.

Sonny Ray Holland, 38, of Highlands County,

was charged with felony battery by strangulation and kidnapping-false imprisonment.

On Sunday, a family member was concerned about a female who was known to associate with Holland. The family member was concerned because she had not heard from the female in over a month and Holland was known to be violent, according to reports. When deputies arrived

at Holland's residence, they made contact with the female, the report indicates. The female stated she had been held at the residence against her will for three weeks and that Holland had not allowed her to have a cell phone to communicate with her family and friends, the report stated.

The victim asked Holland if she could leave the residence, and according to reports, he

said, "The only way you're going to leave is in a body bag."

The victim continued to ask to leave the residence, and this caused an argument. During the argument, the victim

stated Holland grabbed her neck with both hands and began to choke her, according to the report.

As the victim began to black out, she said, "Baby," and Holland released her, the arrest report stated.

When she was released, she fell to her knees, causing bruises.

According to the arrest report, the victim said Holland knew she was 13 weeks pregnant with his baby.

Couple's fight at motel draws 911 calls

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Blood-curdling screams Sunday evening coming from the area of Sunset Beach Hotel turned out to be nothing, of a sort.

Sebring police report it was just a heated argument.

Just before 7:45 p.m. Sunday, 911 dispatchers started receiving calls about loud, continuous and unintelligible

vocalizations coming from the area of Waverly Apartments and Sunset Beach Motel, across Lakeview Drive from Southgate Publix Plaza.

It sounded to some witnesses like a woman in distress or being hurt.

Sebring Police Chief Karl Hoglund said it was actually "two people involved in a non-physical altercation" — an argument that had escalated into a shouting match.

Hoglund said the

woman was not hurt. She had just had enough of her male companion and had resorted to screaming at the top of her lungs.

His officers investigated the incident and, Hoglund said, the man reported that the woman "won't stop screaming."

Officers were familiar with the couple, Hoglund said, and talked with them about not disturbing the peace any further.

No charges were filed, Hoglund said.

Second person dies as result of Glades crash

STAFF REPORT

GLADES COUNTY — A second person has died as the result of a two-vehicle crash Tuesday, July 3 in Glades County.

Florida Highway Patrol reported July 4 the death of Raquel Lynn Wright, 40, of Orlando, the driver of one of the two vehicles involved in the crash.

The second vehicle involved was carrying a family of four — Raymond Eugene Hendry Jr., 32, of Palmdale was driving; his passengers included

Brook Marie Hendry, 32, and two children, Tucker Hendry, 11 and Allen Hendry, 12, all of whom were transported to two different hospitals in either critical or serious condition.

FHP reported Sunday that Tucker Hendry succumbed to his injuries on July 6.

According to FHP reports, at about 3:15 p.m. on July 3, Wright was driving a 2013 BMW X5 southbound on State Road 29 approaching State Road 78. For unknown reasons,

the SUV crossed over into the northbound lane and rotated clockwise.

Raymond Hendry Jr. was driving a 1992 Ford F-350 in the northbound lane of SR 29, north of SR 78.

As the SUV began to rotate, the Ford F-350 collided with the passenger side of the SUV.

Both vehicles came to a final rest facing east on the east grass shoulder of SR 29.

FHP said no charges will be filed in the crash.

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OUR VIEW

Let's play ball!

Highlands County will be abuzz this weekend, especially in the town of Lake Placid and the city of Sebring.

For the first time in three years, Youth Baseball of Sebring Inc. will host the 2018 Florida Dixie Youth T-ball, AAA and Ozone state baseball tournaments, starting Saturday. The fun begins Friday, however, with a banquet and skills competition.

In Lake Placid, Dixie state softball for age groups ranging from 7 to 18 begins Friday. Thirty-six teams have qualified to play, but the town is expecting 28 teams to show.

Folks, that's a lot of players and their families who are going to be here this weekend.

For the county to host these types of tournaments is nothing new. Dixie Youth Baseball likes to rotate venues from year to year.

For two tournaments to take place here in the same weekend is a treat.

According to Lindsey Lynch, with Youth Baseball of Sebring, the last time the Dixie Youth Baseball tournament came to Highlands County, there were 16 teams with their coaches, siblings and grandparents. Together, they racked up 200 room-nights, which is a notable boost to Highlands County for a summer month.

A room-night is defined as the total number of rooms rented and other lodging multiplied by how many nights they were booked for that event. What it boils down to is more money being collected for the county's bed tax, which ultimately will mean more money for the county to promote tourism opportunities here.

Aside from the benefits being collected through the taxes, the events going on this weekend in Highlands County helps shine an additional light on the county's enthusiasm for sports. Just last month, triathletes from all over the state embarked on the county for the 13th Heartland Triathlon.

It takes scores of volunteers to prepare for and put on a single sports event. But with a number of tournaments going on this weekend, it highlights the fact that a vision of a better community is shared by many in the county.

This is a time for everyone who has a love for the sport to come out and volunteer to cook in the concession stands or cleanup after the games are over and the last hoorah is yelled.

It's those efforts that make this county a good place to live and sends a message that rings clearer than any dollar spent on marketing or promotion. Without that hard work, there would be no organized play, no state tournaments played here ... or anywhere for that matter.

The hard work by the volunteers and the players from the host teams help give the county as a whole a sense of humble pride, accomplishment and escape.

Yes, it will be hot and there may be rain. It's summertime in Florida, but don't let any of that quell the fun.

Hide any worries you have under the bleachers. The tournaments help bring families out of their houses and into the light, strengthening the mind and body. Whether you know a child playing in one of the tournaments or not, who can resist a good ole' baseball (or softball) game.

Grab the sunscreen, your sunglasses and your lawnchair if the bleachers aren't suitable for you, and come out to the Max Long Ball Fields in Sebring or Lake June Ball Fields in Lake Placid.

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The right people are in place

OK, I hope I am not boring you by now. I am going to attempt to end this thing tonight, but as it goes, space is always an issue in my business. So let's see, I think I was trying to focus on what Dr. [Thomas] Shimshak was trying to tell me after recovering; most of it was fuzzy, but I promise you I became wide awake when I heard Dr. Shimshak say something about a widowmaker and then him ending with "you won't be seeing me anymore." I honestly thought I had passed away there and was still on the operating table. I opened my eyes wider and Dr. Shimshak could see I was confused and he started again telling me the procedure and what he had done. He told me about the widow-maker and how serious it was.

The following is a definition of the widowmaker: "The anterior interventricular branch of left coronary artery, (also left anterior descending artery (LAD), or anterior descending branch) is a branch of the left coronary artery. Occlusion of this artery is often called the widow-maker infarction due to a high death risk."

You try to figure all that



MY IMPRESSION
Tim Smolarick

out after waking up from a heart procedure!

Dr. Shimshak told me in his opinion if I had waited another 20 minutes to get to the hospital I would probably be speaking to angels instead of him. That got my attention! He went on to say he did a total of three stents and I should be feeling better in a couple of days, and he was turning my care over to some other doctors as he did not handle the recovery side of the thing.

I don't know how it is for the doctors, but once a doctor saves your life, you kind of develop a bond that will never be changed. The good doctor saved my life, told me he did so in a very detailed description and to him, it was routine ... the guy does this every day. To me, it was the second scariest

thing to ever happen to me in my life. We all know kid issues are the first.

Now you know I feel that the men and women who handle the heart issues over at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center are the greatest bunch of people in that business. I have also got to tell you about life on floor 3.

The third floor people hand the cardiac recovery and in their field are just as good as the heart unit. Those men and women took care of me like I was family. They talked me through every concern, told me exactly what they were going to do when they came in and checked on me so many times I was tired for them. I can't recall having to push the button and wait ever.

I was supposed to leave after two or three days. I will tell you, on day two there is a surprise when they decide to remove the 18-inch guide thing from you veins. Not the 12-inch guide thing, but the 18-inch guide thing inside your vein. All I am going to say on that is I would just as soon leave it in there. After the removal, you can't move for like eight hours. What a pain that was!

However, the staff was

right there with me and never once wavered in taking care of me. I was truly blessed to have such a great group of people taking care of me. I am starting to see a pattern here, whomever is in charge of putting people to work at this hospital knows their stuff; everyone of them are top notch. My hats off to all of the employees at Florida Hospital Heartland Medical Center and from the bottom of my heart (pardon the pun), I say thank you. Truly, you folks are lifesavers.

It honestly took me a while to write about it, as it happened in April and then a lesser version in May. I wrote this simply to create awareness and to beg you to watch for the signs, no matter how subtle they are. The Cardiac Team at the hospital can help you, but you have to give them a fighting chance. Know the signs, and if you only have one sign, go get it checked out. The life you save may be your own.

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Confusing facts and opinions

"The Pew Research Center quiz was harder than I expected."

"Ah, yes, you speak of the recently released survey in which Pew quizzed 5,035 adult Americans to determine their ability to distinguish between factual information and opinion statements in the news."

"That's right. The Pew website lets anyone take a quiz featuring 10 statements, five that are true-or-false factual statements and five that are opinion statements. Pew told me to ignore whether or not a statement is accurate and also to ignore whether or not I agree with it. I follow the news and figured I'd ace the quiz, but I didn't."

"Let's take a look at the quiz. Pew's first statement says, 'Abortion should be legal in most cases.' Did you classify that as a fact or an opinion?"

"I classified it as an opinion and got it right. This is a contentious issue, but the statement is still an opinion."

"Pew's second statement said, 'Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally have some rights under the Constitution.' How did you classify that one?"



COLUMNIST
Tom Purcell

"It's factual. Look, it's true that undocumented immigrants don't have the full rights of a U.S. citizen, but, according to the ACLU, our Constitution does afford them some rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, privacy and others. I struggled with Pew's next statement, however."

"That 'Democracy is the greatest form of government?'"

"Yes. I classified it as a fact, because I strongly believe that democracy - in our case a representative republic - is the greatest, but the statement is, in truth, an opinion."

"It's not always easy to separate one's strong beliefs and opinions from facts. Pew found that each

participant was more likely to classify both factual and opinion statements as factual when the statements validated his or her personal politics or beliefs."

"That's probably why Pew chose 10 statements that may get people fired up, depending on their political points of view. Such as this one that's still driving conspiracy nuts crazy: 'President Barack Obama was born in the United States.' I correctly classified that as a fact."

"Which others did you get right?"

"It's a fact that 'Health care costs per person in the U.S. are the highest in the developed world,' that 'Spending on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid make up the largest portion of the U.S. federal budget,' and that 'ISIS lost a significant portion of its territory in Iraq and Syria in 2017.'"

"Which opinions did you classify correctly?"

"It's an opinion, not a fact, that 'Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally are a very big problem for the country today,' and that 'A \$15 federal minimum wage is essential to the health of the U.S. Economy.'"

"That leaves us with one more statement: 'Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient.'"

"Even though I know that statement is an opinion, I couldn't resist classifying it as a fact!"

"You did better than most. Pew reports that only 26 percent of the adults surveyed correctly identified all five factual statements as factual, and just 35 percent identified all five opinion statements as opinion."

"That's worrisome."

"To be sure. Our republic depends on a well-informed populace to remain strong. If the majority of our people can't differentiate between fact and opinion — or fact and fiction, for that matter — they can be easily misled. That doesn't bode well for our future."

Tom Purcell, author of "Misadventures of a 1970's Childhood," a humorous memoir available at amazon.com, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist. Send comments to Tom at Tom@TomPurcell.com.

BATS

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crops. Bats also pollinate plants, making them even more valuable to farmers. For this reason, bats are often considered "keystone species," or species whose survival helps other species to survive, according to Batcon.org.

"Over 500 plant species rely on bats to pollinate their flowers, including species of mango, banana, cocoa, guava and agave," Bats.org.uk states.

Bat droppings, or guano, can be used as a fertilizer on plants, crops and lawns. It contains nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

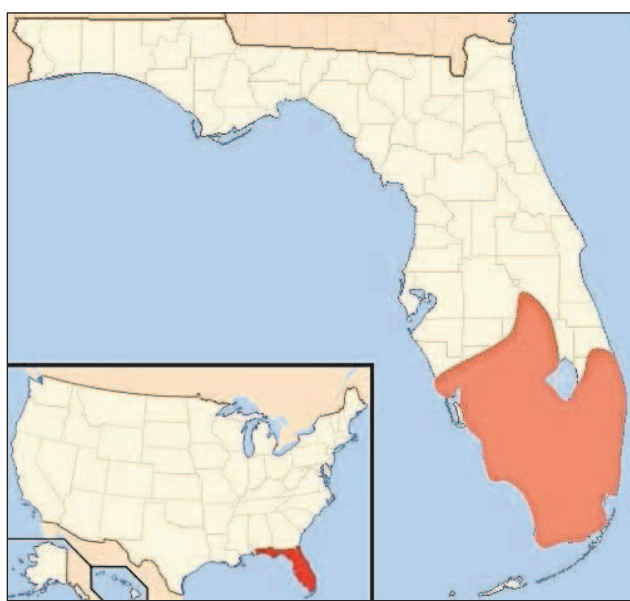
Bats benefit people and other plant and animal species, and as they are considered a protected species, it is illegal to kill or trap them, according to the Florida Bat Conservancy. In addition, people can not remove bats from a home or business between Aug. 15 and April 15, when bats are raising their young.

When it comes to dealing with bats in a home, people should check buildings and make sure there are no holes larger than a half-inch wide. These holes should be sealed outside of the time period when bats are rearing their young.

People should also avoid disturbing bats when they are hibernating in winter. When bats wake up, they may become active and expend vital energy reserves. According to the US FWS, this can lead to starvation.

Some people do not seem to mind bat deaths, because they believe incorrect information, such as rabies is common among bats. However, the FBC states rabies is rare in bats. Although the risk is rare, people should avoid touching or handling bats.

The good news for people is bats provide many benefits and seldom carry rabies, but the bad news for bats is they are dying at an alarming



WIKIPEDIA

The Florida bonneted bat is normally only found in southern counties, but this federally-endangered species was found at the Avon Park Air Force Range.

Range map based on Bailey, A. M., Ober, H. K., Sovie, A. R., & McCleery, R. A. (2017). Impact of land use and climate on the distribution of the endangered Florida bonneted bat. *Journal of Mammalogy*, 98(6), 1586-1593.



WIKIPEDIA

This Florida bonneted bat pup does not have teeth yet. Florida bonneted bats are classified as a federal endangered species, and a roost was found in a tree cavity at Avon Park Air Force Range.

rate due to white-nose syndrome.

According to the US FWS, "White-nose syndrome is considered one of the worst wildlife diseases in modern times having killed millions of bats across North America."

In some areas where bats congregate to hibernate, this fungus has caused 90-100 percent declines in the bat population, according to the Florida FWC.

"As of early 2015, WNS has not been detected in Florida's caves, nor has the fungus associated

with the disease," FWC's website states.

This fungus could spread to Florida, and cave explorers should take precautionary measures to keep the disease from spreading to the state.

To prevent the spread of the fungus, cave explorers should not wear the same clothes or shoes in Florida caves they have worn when exploring caves in other states. In addition, recreational cavers should disinfect their gear if it was worn in caves outside of Florida.

OBITUARIES

Ross L. Canright
Ross Lee Canright, 82, of Avon Park, Florida passed away Saturday, June 30, 2018. He was born Sept. 16, 1935 in Akron, Ohio to Harry and Anne (Punda) Canright and came to this area from Miami in 1972, living first in Sebring and later in Avon Park.

Mr. Canright was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Avon Park, Masonic Lodge #17 and F&AM in Wauchula, Egypt Temple Shrine Club, Highlands Shrine Club and Eastern Star Chapter #126 in Sebring.

He is survived by his wife, Linda J. Canright; daughter, Lisa Canright; sons, Michael, Donald and Eric Canright; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Murphy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Highlands Shrine Club in Sebring at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2018 with Pastor Juan Unda officiating. Masonic Rites will be given by Masonic Lodge #17. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital, c/o Highlands Shrine Club, P. O. Box 229, Sebring, FL 33871.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dowden Funeral Home, 2605 Bayview St., Sebring, FL 33870. 863-385-1546.

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Newsday Crossword

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Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Gung-ho
5 Community gym site: Abbr.
9 Oil-bearing rock
14 Like an owl, supposedly
15 ___ Grey tea
16 Wholesale quantities
17 Car-wheel connector
18 On the summit of
19 Beginning stage
20 Remark to a waiter
23 Go in
24 *Mad Men* network
25 Atlas page
28 Very funny people
32 Tiny rock
34 Eisenhower nickname
37 Pulsations
39 "___ well that ends well"
40 TV show interrupter
44 Opera solo
45 Auction bid
46 Timid
47 Feel sorry about
50 Foul-smelling
52 Cob of corn
53 Sheep sound
55 Flat-bottomed boat
59 Very close
64 Place for a home barbecue
66 In ___ straits (needing help)
67 Online diary
68 Tiny bit of paint
69 At any time
70 Poor, as an excuse

DOWN

1 Up and about
2 Female fox
3 Bit of land in the ocean
4 More profound
5 Slangy assent
6 Spouse
7 Gator's cousin
8 ___-Bits (letter-shaped cereal)
9 Candle bracket
10 ___ in there (persist)
11 Puts together
12 Director Ang or Spike

13 Indiana's winter hrs.
21 Big family
22 Band's sound-boosting box
26 Muslim Almighty
27 Annoying
29 Anthem contraction
30 Mexican food
31 Unable to bend
33 Pub
34 Words of concern
35 Divided Asian nation
36 Moved to another country
38 ___ and sound (out of danger)
41 Scratch up

42 ___ down (disappoint)
43 Illegal incentive payment
48 Novels saved on tablets
49 Letter after sigma
51 Work at something casually
54 Peru's mountains
56 Four-person footrace
57 Garden statuette
58 Outer limits
60 Sushi stuffing
61 Star soprano
62 Difficult journey
63 Roll call response
64 Rank below cpl.
65 Pub beverage

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Look for a third crossword in the Sun Classified section.

Answer to previous puzzle

LAURA ABHOR WAY
OFFER BRACE ACE
PROVE BARTLETT
SOSO SEND I MEAN
LLOYD EVERSO
LEAVES ELDER
OASIS KNIT GASH
GRINS ABE DELHI
SNAG BTUS ENTER
DRIER DECODE
CANOOD GRIMY
DROOL AGED EDGY
RETRIEVAL EXILE
ONE EVITA SIMON
MAD FEDEX STEWS

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

1 Teensy
5 Box for tea leaves
10 Japanese box lunch
15 Tree with an oil-rich seed
16 Streamlined
17 Frank ___ Wright
18 "Long time no see" follower
20 Old enough
21 "Lady and the ___"
22 Traffic signals
24 Possesses
25 Stage of grief
26 Smartens (up)
28 Manhattan liquor
29 Full of activity
34 "Ben-Hur" extras
37 "Now it's clear"
38 Sonogram subject
39 Sticks (out)
42 Had a nice chitchat
44 ___ out a living
45 Ahead
47 Not for kids, filmwise
49 One whose wages come from wagers
50 Slugger Hank
51 Feel crummy
54 Rum-flavored cakes
56 River mouth formation
58 Far from friendly
60 Steep headlands
64 With deleted scenes included
65 Passover staple
67 Likely to goof
69 Dam that created Lake Nasser
70 Simoleons
71 Cookie cooker
72 Pork cuts
73 Goad
74 Twitter headquarters?

DOWN

1 Beaty/Hoffman box office flop
2 Sticky
3 Water treatment plant input
4 "I did good!"

5 Fort Collins sch.
6 Actress Jessica
7 One in the headlights?
8 Critter on XING signs
9 Informal "See what I mean?"
10 Come into one's own
11 Pixie
12 Craft for six puzzle answers
13 Rapper whose name sounds like a big cat
14 Poems of praise
19 "A Wrinkle in Time" (2018) actress
23 Electrically connected with
27 Plant family
30 "So what?!"
31 Can. neighbor
32 Ref, slangily
33 Last critter in an ABC book
35 TV's "Science Guy"
36 Lawn starter
37 Honshu port
39 Chore
40 "One card left" game warning

41 12-Down queuing pattern depicted by six puzzle answers
43 Corn unit
46 Science fair awards
48 Ultimately become
51 Book
52 58-Down default music program
53 Under the surface

42 "So I was wrong!"
57 Defunct scandal-plagued company
58 Apple computer
59 Toll lane choice
61 Throat trouble
62 Kissable fairy-tale critter
63 Unaccompanied
66 Ray gun sound
68 Legged it

By Andrew Linzer 7/11/18

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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HOME

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residents for toiletries and food, even when it is donated.

Taylor also said the facility is unclean and the administrator "does just enough before inspections not to get shut down."

In a report on April 27, inspector Michael Barry with the Health Department did another re-inspection from previous complaints. In the comments section, he wrote about the cleanliness, "Things are much better, but work still in process. We will return on May 25."

By May 25, the inspector used more red ink to mark the report "Unsatisfactory."

In between the Health Department visits, on May 8, AHCA did an inspection where it found:

- Vacancies due to roach infestation.
- The administrator failed to "maintain the minimum required direct care staffing hours



COURTESY PHOTO/DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Holes in doors could let vermin into Magnolia Retirement Home. This picture was taken by an inspector from the DOH on April 4, 2018.

for the census of 32 residents."

- Units with no hot water.
- Rooms with "sunken ceilings, black mold-like substance on walls and ceilings."

The annual Fire Inspection Report from the City of Sebring by

Fire Chief Robert Border showed the need for improvement:

- "Install GFCI outlets in bathrooms within 6 feet of water source."
- All rooms must have smoke detectors.

Gonzales and Taylor have both remarked on the fire alarm system not

working.

Border gave an update in a subsequent phone call. He said technically Magnolia Retirement Home failed the inspection and "when they do not have any violations, they will pass."

Border said the GFCI outlets have

been installed and that Domisiw told him the rooms that did not have detectors in them were vacant because of water damage from a roof leak and that there was no power to the rooms. Border ordered them [smoke detectors] to be re-installed as soon as the roof was fixed.

The current property owners of 149 Magnolia Ave. are Manuel M. and Priscilla C. Domisiw, who have been the licensee/owner since Oct. 13, 1994, according to AHCA records. The total assessed value of the property per the Highlands County Property Appraiser's Office is \$1,033,062. In May 1996, the property was transferred via a warranty deed in the amount of \$840,000, according to the Property Appraiser's website.

Magnolia Retirement Home Inc. is licensed through Sept. 29, 2018.

The facility has a capacity of 57 beds

with approximately 37 residents, where the number of residents slightly fluctuated at the time of the Department of Health's inspections census.

Domisiw did not answer phone calls and was not on site at the facility when comments were sought.

To find information on health care facilities, visit ahca.myflorida.com.

CAMPAIGN

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on July 2.

With few exceptions, since 2004 the school board candidate who was at the top in campaign donations won the election.

District 1 includes the Avon Park area schools: Avon Elementary, Avon Park Middle, Avon Park High, and Park Elementary School, which is shared with District 2.

WALTZ

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Susie Lee said. "We are a family and they will run it when I am gone."

Susie Lee said she was impressed with the turnout for the meeting and subsequent dance. Each monthly dance is themed and Saturday's was a patriotic one. The Lees are selling their home and may not be here for the Aug. 18 dance.

The steering committee will be comprised of Jim and Pat Mancuso, Shirley Hall, Shirley Armstrong, Dave and Olive Johnson, and Bob

and Carol Smart.

"I am very confident in them," Susie Lee said. "There were so many people who were interested in keeping Lake Placid Ballroom alive and moving. All they have to do is show love for each other and they will get it back."

The Lees had never opened a dance club before the LPBD and were fairly new to the area before they went out on a limb and formed the club. She admits they were both nervous but they did it anyway.

She offered the committee a piece of advice. "Don't be afraid like we were," she said. "Do

what you love and it's never work. I will always be your consultant and plan to keep close tabs on everything from my perch in upstate New York."

The Mancusos know they are looking at a big undertaking but know as a steering committee, they will have lots of people around them to help.

"We will miss Susie's enthusiasm and friendship," Jim Mancuso said. "We hope to continue the legacy that the Lees started. Their 'work' is very important and adds so much to the quality of life of those who live in Highlands County."

Those who do not have a dance partner need not worry at LPBD. They will find partners for everyone. Dancers of all ages are welcome.

The 6:30 p.m. dance on Saturday, Aug. 18 will be themed "True Blue." Break out the blue threads and bring a loyal partner or friend and dance the night away. Entertainer Buddy Canova will play several instruments and sing to entertain guests. The dance will be held at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge, behind Save-a-lot.

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“Challenging.” “Fun.” “Scenic.” “Supporting a great cause.” These are some of the descriptions of the Dr. Tom McDonald Caladium Festival 5k race.

The race honors the memory of a local, internationally ranked, runner who had the vision to begin this race as a part of the Caladium Festival, and once again have a 5k event in Lake Placid. Starting time for the 2018 race is 7 a.m. Saturday, July 28.

Runners meet at First Presbyterian Church 117 N. Oak Ave, Lake Placid. Registration forms are available at both the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce and (FPC)



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

The Dr. Tom McDonald Caladium Festival 5K is set for Saturday, July 28 in Lake Placid.

First Presbyterian Church offices. They may also be downloaded from their websites www.lpfla.com or www.fpclp.com.

Entry fee for the race

is \$20.00 thru Friday, July 20st, and \$30.00 from July 21nd, to race day. Forms may be turned into the church office at 118 N Oak Ave. or may be

mailed to P.O. Box 326, Lake Placid, FL, 33862.

Awards for the race acknowledge first place overall for men and women, as well as first place Master's division (40+) male and female and Grandmasters Champion (60+) Male and female.

Custom medals for 1st-3rd place in each 5-year age division, male and female, will also be awarded. Those wishing to participate as walkers are certainly welcome as well! Runners need to check in by 6:45 a.m.

The race is sponsored by the Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association and benefits Samaritan's Touch Care Center. STCC provides

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Great fishing during a super new moon

The Freshwater Fishing Forecast for the second half of the second week of July gives anglers the super new moon on Friday and a consistent rainy season forecast. All fishing factors considered, with solar energy levels topping out over the next three days, all species of fish will be feeding at the highest rating during one of the three daytime prime periods.

The moon enters the new phase on Friday while arriving at the closest orbit point from earth—orbital perigee. Therefore Thursday through Saturday anglers can expect excellent midday fishing and very good fishing results during the sunset and sunrise periods, with the morning period being the least productive of the



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Dave Douglass

three periods.

So even though there is very little wind and high heat forecasted for the remainder of the week, enduring the midday hours will pay off and in my opinion, is worth the sweat and extra sun blocker.

Water temperatures are

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Fun in football fundamentals

Great turnout for H.O.P.E. Heartland Football Camp

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING – The 9th Annual Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation Heartland Football Camp was a huge success. Over 100 players showed up for the free camp on Saturday. The players, who ranged from grades four through twelve, took to the Blue Streaks practice field where they ran drills, went through different stations, and were taught by coaches who have all played college football. During their break for lunch a motivational speaker came to talk to the players.

The memorial camp was named for Mary Toney who was a community activist and the first African-American woman on the City Council. Mary Toney was also the grandmother of Sebring High School's football coach Lavaar Scott. H.O.P.E. stands for Help Other People Elevate.

“We want these kids to get better and have fun,” said coach Scott. “We are giving them a day where they have something to do football oriented. They are getting speed and agility training, fundamental training, and they are being coached up by the best for free. The speed and agility focus on the kids



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring High School head football coach LaVaar Scott, center, talks to players during Saturday's 9th Annual Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation Heartland Football Camp.

being able to redirect, stop and go, and how fast they can change direction. We are going to do positional drills. We are going to have the older guys doing offense and the younger guys doing defense. We will flip it after lunch so everyone gets a chance to do both offense and defense. This is our ninth year and it is free. They all get a ticket and they have an opportunity to win a gift card from Footlocker, Marshall's, Macy's, and few other great places. We try to give them something and they get a lot of perks just for coming out.”

“This camp is amazing,” said 12-year-old Leonard Frame. “I appreciate everyone that put this together for us. I am thankful for everyone that has helped me because I really needed it. I play wide receiver and outside lineman. I have learned a lot of stuff. This is my first year at this camp and I love it. My favorite part is the outside linebacker station. The coaching here is amazing, they are great.”

The motivational speaker was Pastor Anthony Williams. Pastor Williams is Coach Scott's uncle and he spoke to

the players about their greatness. He had the players say out loud “I am great!”. That no matter they do, whether it is make a bad play, get a low score on a test, or make a bad decision in life, that they are great.

“I have been working here for the last seven years with coach Scott,” said Desoto High Coach Darrel Nicklow. “It has been a pleasure and joy. Coming from Desoto county we have competed against each other and have known each other a long time. I love being out here for the kids. I do a football camp as well so being out here

for the kids is the most important part. Just being around the kids and see them try to grow and become the person they are trying to become. We are trying to teach them comradery, teamwork, discipline and you take that with you wherever you go. I know I am not their coaches but I try to give them something that I know and that I learned.”

“This is fun, it is hot, but we are getting in the work for next season,” said Sebring's JC

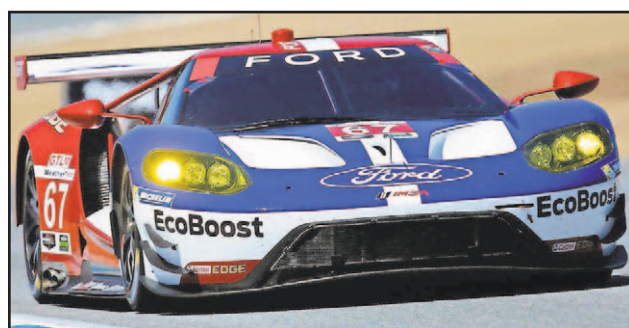
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Kasey Hawthorne runs with the ball in a drill during Saturday's free Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation Heartland Football Camp.

Chip Ganassi Racing earns GTLM victory

Timely pit stop helps No. 67 car win in Canada



FILE PHOTO

Chip Gannasi Racing's No. 67 car finished first in the GT Le Mans class in Sunday's IMSA event at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Special to Highlands News-Sun

BOWMANVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA – Some IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship races are won on the track and some are won in the pits.

During Sunday's Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), it was a case of

the latter for the winning No. 67 Ford Chip Ganassi Racing Ford GT of Ryan Briscoe and Richard Westbrook in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.

After starting second – one week after collecting the pole position at Watkins Glen International – the No. 67 paced itself throughout the first half of the race, as each of the four manufacturers in the class

took their turns atop the leaderboard.

With less than an hour remaining, Westbrook took the reins from starting co-driver Briscoe and ran second behind the No. 3 Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C7.R of Antonio Garcia. Garcia then ducked into the pits as the class was set to cycle through another round of stops and Westbrook cycled into

the lead.

Drama quickly began to unfold as the No. 6 Acura Team Penske Acura DPi of Juan Pablo Montoya lost a tire on track, bringing out a full-course caution.

Aware of the situation, the No. 67 Ford dove into the pits immediately before the caution was called and completed its stop as the safety car exited pit lane.

RACE

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free comprehensive primary and specialized health care to medically underserved patients whose income is at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty

guidelines and who have no health insurance of any kind. These services are offered free of charge as part of the ongoing healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

STCC, Sebring has been providing life saving services since May of 2007. The ministry of STCC has been saving

lives and enriching the health of hundreds of patients in Highlands County.

Samaritan's Touch is primarily dependent on volunteer physicians to offer these services. There is a prescription assistance program for their medications. Controlling blood

pressure and diabetes are two of the primary offerings that make a huge difference in a person's health, while doing so as cost-efficiently as possible. There are opportunities for volunteers with or without medical experience, and applications to volunteer

are also available at the Care Center. A number of local churches and businesses have provided wonderful support for the Dr. Tom McDonald Caladium Festival 5k over the years. Funds for this year's event are greatly needed as we are actively

treating patients. New sponsors are welcome to join in the support of the race and Samaritan's Touch Care Center. For more information on sponsorship, please call 465-2742. Please note: No sign ups after 6:30 a.m. on race day.

CAMP

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Crenshaw. "The coaches out here are good and they know a lot. I have learned a lot from them. My favorite part has been the wide receiver drill because I learned something new. I learned how to stack somebody. I know a lot of people out here and most of my team is out here. This is a good opportunity for everyone to come together, have fun and play football."

The players were put through several drills that included running, passing, hitting, and the fundamentals of football. The players worked on speed, agility, footwork, turning, redirecting, looking for the opponent, catching, throwing, and much more.

"This is my fourth year helping Coach Scott," said Gregory Bell. "I am not a coach for a school



Twelve-year-old Leonard Frame, right, runs through a drill during Saturday's Heartland Football Camp.

but I own a business called Next Phase Athletics where I do speed and agility training. We are based in Polk county but we do come to Highlands County. I love the family atmosphere out here. Coach Scott makes everything fun for the kids but at the same time they all come ready to work. I love seeing them get better with a smile on their face and they are not complaining and things like that.

Not being too hard on them and making them actually work. With this camp every year we want to see them get better, teach them somethings that they can take back with, they can work these drills and get better and just keep progressing."

The Mary Toney H.O.P.E Foundation Heartland Football Camp is an annual event that takes place every summer. The camp is free to all the players.

FISH

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above the ideal feeding temperature range of 70-82 degrees on the surface.

For this reason today's low surface temp of 86 degrees will cause dissolved oxygen rates to decline at the

surface—top two foot of depth. Therefore fish will adjust deeper to locate adequate oxygen. Depths of 6-12 feet have been where the quality fish have been more concentrated.

Best Fishing Days: Thursday through Saturday with Thursday and Friday mornings forecasted to have the greatest atmospheric

pressure rise of the next four days.

Major Fishing Period: Today the moon overhead period occurs at 12:03 p.m. and solar noon at 1:31 p.m. and the pressure plot of the past three days has produced a spike period starting at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. therefore, there will be a 9-10 rating from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Does Erik Jones win again this year?

GODSPEAK: Of course he will win again this year. He knows the path to Victory Lane now. Maybe two more wins.

KEN'S CALL: Normally, you should never fall in love with first-time winners at a plate race, but he was seventh and sixth the previous two weeks. So ... never mind, I still say no.

Will Ricky Stenhouse Jr. recover?

GODSPEAK: Last year Stenhouse was aggressive and won two plate races. This time he was overaggressive. He'll be OK after he gets all those apology notes in the mail.

KEN'S CALL: He was already down as he entered Daytona. He needs a Pick-Me-Up Bouquet, and soon, or he's at a career crossroads.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

BRAD KESELOWSKI VS. WILLIAM BYRON: Keselowski had a head of steam and was going to blow past Byron, but Byron made a late block in Turn 3, which ignited a 20-car crash on Lap 54.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: While others pointed the finger at Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Keselowski said it was Byron's fault. "We'll go to Talladega and wreck everybody that throws a bad block like that," he said.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR KENTUCKY

WINNER: Denny Hamlin
REST OF TOP 5: Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott

FIRST ONE OUT: Alex Bowman

DARK HORSE: Jimmie Johnson

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Hamlin responds to what Joe Gibbs said Saturday. "(Denny) knows we need to win races for FedEx. We need to get that done," Gibbs said.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The plates are off, the gloves are off, the microphones are on.

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



DAYTONA

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED



Just another day at the office for NASCAR at Daytona. [NEWS-JOURNAL/NIGEL COOK]

1. Into the grinder

Restrictor-plate racing at Daytona has turned into a demolition derby. It has gone from "if" it happens to "when" it happens. "Sometimes you're in the half of the field that finishes; sometimes you're in half of the field that doesn't finish it," Joey Logano said after climbing from his wreck.

2. New faces

There is one interesting thing about Daytona and Talladega races. Fans get to see fresh faces at the front of the field. Erik Jones scored his first Cup win, and other top-five

finishers included AJ Allmendinger, Kasey Kahne and Chris Buescher. "Top three was a good day," Allmendinger said.

3. Out of bounds

Thanks to Justin Haley's exploits in Daytona's Xfinity Series race, the Cup drivers stayed away from the out-of-bounds line. Haley got the checkered flag, but was penalized for dipping below the yellow line and was denied the win by NASCAR. He was scored 18th. Ouch!

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Horses, bourbon

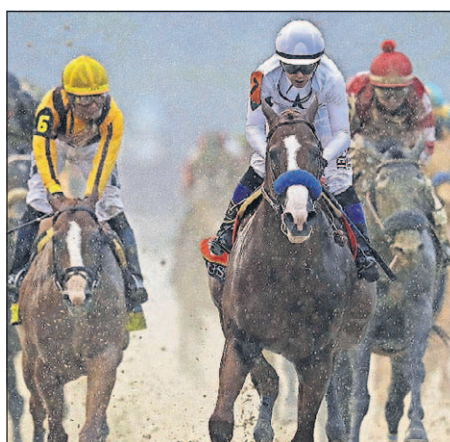
Kentucky is synonymous with horse racing (Kentucky Derby), bourbon (Jim Beam, Wild Turkey) and college basketball (Kentucky, Louisville), but has little to do with racing. Kentucky Speedway was built in Sparta, which is an hour south from Cincinnati, and hosted its first Cup Series race in 2011. Brad Keselowski and Kyle Busch have combined for five wins in seven Cup races there.

2. Chevy, young guns

Both Chevrolet and young drivers fared well at Daytona. Chevrolet had seven cars crowded into the top-10 finishers in the Coke Zero Sugar 400, while 22-year-old Erik Jones, wheeling a Toyota, won the race. Both were solid developments for each camp. Chevy scored only one win in the first half of the 2018 Cup Series season, but is beginning to show more life as teams figure out the new Camaro body.

3. Slide job!

Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s debut as a racing announcer was a hit at Chicagoland Speedway with his "Slide job! Slide job!" hollering



When you think Bluegrass State and racing, the Kentucky Derby springs to mind, not motorsports at Kentucky Speedway. [AP/DARRON CUMMINGS]

on the last lap of that race. Earnhardt was quick to say before the race at Daytona not to look for more catchphrases. "We are going to have different on-track action every week, and I'm going to hopefully have a genuine reaction to it," he said. "Whatever happens, happens."

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

On the Erik Jones bandwagon?

On, but not because of this past Saturday night at Daytona. Surely, we've all learned by now that plate-race success doesn't translate to more legitimate tests of team and driver. We're high on Erik literally because of his track record. Remember, last year as "little brother" to Martin Truex Jr. at Furniture Row, in the final six races of the regular season he put together finishes of 8th, 10th, 3rd, 2nd, 5th and 6th. Only after that, as Truex's No. 78 and the championship run became the team's major focus, Erik's results slipped. And there's been enough decent weeks this year to maintain that warranted promise.

So, more wins for him this year?

It's very, very possible, but he's probably a year away from being a weekly threat to win races. Front-pack presence on a near-weekly basis is the current goal, you'd think, and likely attainable.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	749
2. Kevin Harvick	692
3. Martin Truex Jr.	629
4. Joey Logano	618
5. Brad Keselowski	596
6. Clint Bowyer	594
7. Kurt Busch	566
8. Kyle Larson	544
9. Denny Hamlin	538
10. Aric Almirola	503
11. Ryan Blaney	496
12. Jimmie Johnson	461
13. Erik Jones	448
14. Chase Elliott	444
15. Alex Bowman	426
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	407
17. Paul Menard	371
18. Austin Dillon	347
19. Ryan Newman	332
20. Daniel Suarez	318

WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: Quaker State 400
SITE: Kentucky Speedway (1.5-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, noon and 2 p.m.), qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, coverage begins at 6 p.m.; green flag, 7:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Alsco 300
SITE: Kentucky Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 5 p.m.), race (NBC Sports Network, 8 p.m.)

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: Buckle Up In Your Truck 225
SITE: Kentucky Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Thursday, race (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.)

2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

- Feb. 11:** Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski)
- Feb. 15:** Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott)
- Feb. 18:** Daytona 500 (Austin Dillon)
- Feb. 25:** Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Kevin Harvick)
- March 4:** Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick)
- March 11:** Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)
- March 18:** Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Martin Truex Jr.)
- March 26:** STP 500 at Martinsville (Clint Bowyer)
- April 8:** O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Kyle Busch)
- April 15:** Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch)
- April 21:** Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch)

- April 29:** Geico 500 at Talladega (Joey Logano)
- May 6:** AAA 400 at Dover (Kevin Harvick)
- May 12:** Go Bowling 400 at Kansas (Kevin Harvick)
- May 19:** All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)
- May 27:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Kyle Busch)
- June 3:** Pocono 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
- June 10:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Clint Bowyer)
- June 24:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin Truex Jr.)
- July 1:** Chicago 400 at Chicagoland (Kyle Busch)
- July 7:** Coke Zero 400 at Daytona (Erik Jones)
- July 14:** Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
- July 22:** New Hampshire 301
- July 29:** Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono

- Aug. 5:** 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen
- Aug. 12:** Pure Michigan 400
- Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol
- Sept. 2:** Southern 500 at Darlington
- Sept. 9:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis
- Sept. 16:** Las Vegas 400
- Sept. 22:** Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
- Sept. 30:** Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course
- Oct. 7:** Delaware 400 at Dover
- Oct. 14:** Alabama 500 at Talladega
- Oct. 21:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
- Oct. 28:** First Data 500 at Martinsville
- Nov. 4:** Texas 500
- Nov. 11:** Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix
- Nov. 18:** Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

KYLE BUSCH No changes here after plate races	KEVIN HARVICK Middle name is Michael	MARTIN TRUEX JR. Mr. Hunch likes him at Kentucky	CLINT BOWYER Feels at home in Kentucky boondocks	BRAD KESELOWSKI Has added William Byron to his list	KYLE LARSON Avoided runner-up finish at Daytona	KURT BUSCH Turns 40 in a few weeks	JOEY LOGANO Turns 40 in 2030	ERIK JONES Makes Logano look old	ARIC ALMIROLA Points-racing to playoff spot
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

'Little Slices' hits the road

Exhibit moves from SFSC to Lake Wales Museum

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

LAKE WALES — The Lake Wales Museum will host a new exhibit, "Little Slices of Heaven on US 27," through Aug. 11. Featuring old Florida tourist destinations along the state's interior US Highway 27, this exhibit is a road trip down

memory lane. Following the development of US 27 in 1926, which runs from Miami to Fort Wayne, Indiana, it was designated the Claude Pepper Memorial Highway by the State of Florida, who was a long-time



A can of Moon Soup.

US Senator and congressman. US 27 was the state's principal highway for travelers to and from Florida. US Highway 27 is now one of the country's oldest, historic highways.

"US Highway 27 is the backbone of Florida's interior, and its history is intertwined with Polk County and the old-Florida tourism industry of the mid-twentieth century," said Bartholomew Delcamp, curator of the Lake Wales Museum. The "Little Slices of Heaven on US 27" exhibit will highlight the

unique tourist attractions which developed over the 20th century in Florida spanning 500 miles throughout the middle of the state from Tallahassee to Miami. Tourists and travelers made their way along the highway, stopping at funky attractions, animal



JIM ERVIN/CORRESPONDENT

An old sign for Cypress Gardens.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Ask-a-lawyer clinic

SEBRING — Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. will hold a free ask-a-lawyer clinic for low income individuals from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at the Sebring Public Library, 319 W. Center Ave. To be screened for eligibility and secure a consultation, call Sheena Robinson at 863-688-7376 ext. 3018 by Tuesday, July 10.

Princess Day at Extreme Dance Studio

SEBRING — Extreme Dance Studio will have their 2018 Princess Summer Day Camp from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at Extreme Dance Studio, 253 US Hwy 27 N. in Sebring (same plaza as Five Guys). Cost is \$65 and is for ages 3-6. Lunch and snacks provided. For more information, call 863-386-5425.

Barbershop Music Appreciation Day

SEBRING - Sweet Adelines International Heart of Highland Show Chorus will participate in Barbershop Music Appreciation Day this Friday, July 13 at Lakeshore Mall Food Court. Mass sing begins at 4 p.m. Public is welcome.

Pancake breakfast

SEBRING — Sebring Hills Association will put on a pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 200 Lark Ave. in Sebring. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. All you can eat \$6. Members \$5. Breakfast is the second Saturday every month. For information, call 863-382-1554.

Summer Youth program

AVON PARK — Resurrection Lutheran Church will host its Summer Youth Program for grades 1-5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27, at the church on the corner of Main Street and Memorial Drive in Avon Park. Lunch and snacks provided. Program is free but space is limited so register early. To register or for information, call 863-453-6858.

Vet Jam Summer Fest

SEBRING — Vet Jam Summer Fest will take place from noon till 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #2259, 11675 US 98 in Sebring. Opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Live music, raffles, 50/50, food and car show. Free admission. Open to the public. For information, call 863-440-1554.

NARFE meeting

SEBRING — The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Chapter 0288 of Highlands County will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, at Homer's Restaurant, 1000 Sebring Parkway. This is lunch only. Regular monthly and Executive meetings will resume in September. For information, please call President Laura Pletcher at 540-226-8754 or Mary Ellen Colvin at 863-735-1099.

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New location a hit for HCA artist reception



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

Guests at the HCA artist's reception.

BY SHARON WEATHERHEAD CORRESPONDENT

The Heartland Cultural Alliance (HCA) held their monthly Artist Reception at the Peter Powell Roberts Museum of Art in Avon Park. This is a venue change for the popular event that is usually held at their Sebring Airport Gallery. The Airport Gallery will be closed for the remainder of 2018 due to the roof being replaced.

"We've had a great turnout today," said Norma Evans, gallery coordinator. "We've got 2018 already booked with artists for the rest of the year. This will be a rotating art exhibit."

The museum was filled with people when the exhibit and reception opened at noon. Soft guitar music was provided by local musician Kenny Summers.



Beverly Marshall (local artist) and Gayle Leavitt (HCA).

Refreshments were served and a raffle was held for a Peter Powell Roberts print.

This month's featured artist was Andres Lopez whose works were shown at

the airport last month. He is being showcased this month as his exhibit was cut short in June due to the work at the airport.

Lopez, who is originally

from Cuba, came here in the early 1990s. He has a studio in Miami where most of his art is created. Lopez likes

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'Dreamers and Doers' coming to HLT

BY SHARON WEATHERHEAD CORRESPONDENT

Highlands Little Theatre is presenting a special performance called 'Dreamers and Doers' on July 20, 21 and 22. Friday and Saturday performances are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's performance is at 2:30 p.m. The show will be held in the Drs. Thakkar Pavilion.

'Broadway's Dreamers and Doers' is described as "a musical revue of energizing, inspiring and uplifting songs from the Great White Way." This is a great idea for an evening out.

Four of HLT's talented vocalists will take the stage including Marcus Conerly,



SHARON WEATHERHEAD/CORRESPONDENT

DREAMERS | 9 Marcus Conerly, here playing Harold Hill, is directing 'Dreamers and Doers.'



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We asked our Facebook and Instagram followers to submit their fishing photos. Because we had such an overwhelming response, this will now be a monthly feature. Follow us on Instagram @highlandsnewssun



7.9 pound bass caught in Gulf Hammock.



David Potter caught this large tilapia in the rim canal on Lake Okeechobee.



Ken Gillie shows off his catch from Lake Istokpoga.

WHAT A CATCH!



Sebring locals Zack Marine, Alex Marine, Liam Griffin, Shelby Marine, and Elijah Griffin with their weekend catches of mahi-mahi and tuna in Summerland Key.



Rose Allison shows off her catch.



Peyton and Blair Turner show off their catch.



Madison Yeazel shows off her catch.



Gunner Sala showing his catch of the day. Photo submitted by proud grandmother Elaine Sala.



Peyton Turner shows off her catch.



Travis Turner shows off his catch.



Wesley Cobb shows off his catch.

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Artist Shannon Cummings next to some of her work at MOFAC.

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shows, natural springs, citrus grove stands, famous restaurants, hotels and other quirky destinations. The exhibit is a visual road-trip through bygone Florida with photos, videos, memorabilia, artifacts and art on loan by Florida artists and area historical museums.

"It's quirky, fun and what Florida summers are all about — hopping in the car for the day and finding little roadside treasures along the way," says Jennifer D'hollander, director of the museum.

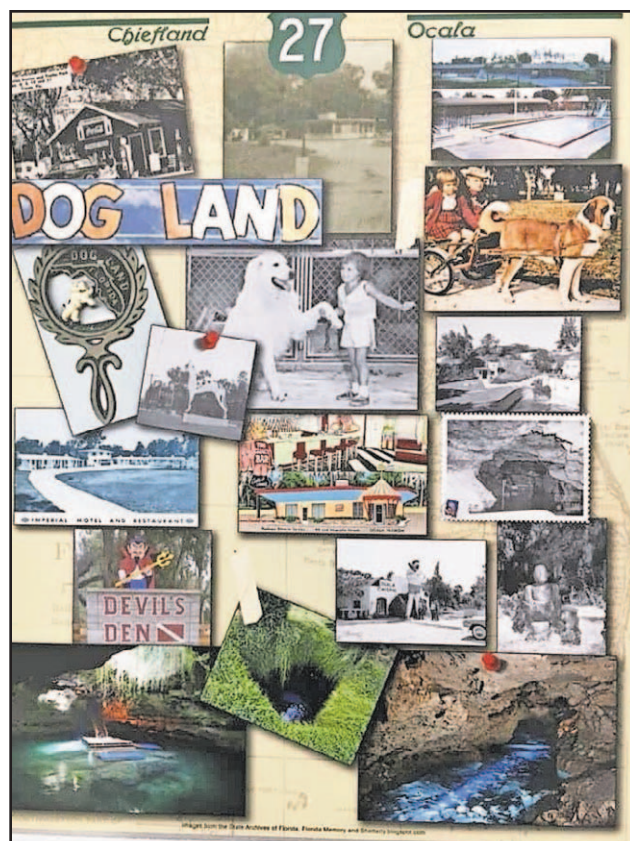
The exhibit is produced by the South Florida State College Museum of Florida Art and Culture, where the debuted last month.

It is now traveling throughout the state of Florida and the Lake Wales Museum is the first stop.

The exhibit is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Highlands County TDC.

The Lake Wales Museum features historical exhibits, train cars, educational programs and group tours, and is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission is free. Parking is free and the first floor is accessible for persons with disabilities, wheelchairs and strollers. For more information contact the Lake Wales Museum, 325 S Scenic Highway, Lake Wales, Florida 33853; 863-676-1759 or visit www.city-of-lakewales.com/439/Depot-Museum.



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DREAMERS

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Dawn Horne-Smith, Isaac Hernandez and Olivia Gallo. They will be singing both modern and classic



Olivia Gallo, left; here with Benton Hughes and Jan Sepulveda, will be appearing in 'Dreamers and Doers.'

favorites what will leave you energized and refreshed with a song in your heart.

"I decided on the theme of Dreamers and Doers because I wanted to do something positive," said Conerly, who is directing the performance. "I figured we had enough negativity that is fed to us every day and I wanted to be able to share a show of positive Broadway songs that

would send the audience out with a smile on their faces."

The four featured vocalists are also experienced actors on the main stage of HLT.

"Every song we have chosen follows the theme of positivity. We have chosen a mix of songs that range from brand new musicals to classics and everywhere in between. I think people will not be

disappointed with the show we have for them."

The next HLT performance on the main stage will be the fabulous "Mary Poppins" which runs from Aug. 17th through Sept. 9.

According to their website, "Everyone's favorite nanny takes the stage in this musical adventure! Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on

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to create small works in 'plen aire' (meaning outside in the open air) and then create a larger oil in his studio. Sometimes he works from photographs as well.

His works often tell a story of their own and Lopez likes to share his inspirations with visitors browsing the gallery.

'Guardians of the Road' is a work that was inspired here locally. "I was traveling on US 27 towards Lake Placid and saw the beautiful trees by the road. It was like a countryside and decided I wanted to paint it. I came back from Miami and set up my plen aire studio and painted for 2-3 hours. I took the small canvas home and transferred the picture to a large canvas (24-by-36 oil on linen). These beautiful trees are the guardians of the road."

Hurricane Irma hit many areas of Florida hard with Lopez's home city of Miami included. "I was at Coconut Grove Marina and looking for a boat in the water to paint. I could not find

one after the hurricane came through. I was walking back to my car and saw this boat out of water and had to paint it." This work is called 'Boat Plen Air'.

Another of his works called 'Owl' was inspired by a trip to the Naples Zoo about 10-15 years ago. "The owl caught my attention. He was inside a hole looking at me and I was looking at him through a camera. He was squinting with one eye watching me too. I loved the shadows and the features. I painted the picture at home from my photo."

Lopez painted '1st Morning Prayer' and 'Last Prayer', a set of paintings from a Mission in California. The morning prayer is bright and alive with life. The last prayer represents the end of the day with the mission falling into ruins from time passed.

"We are so happy that during today's event we sold over \$2,200 worth of art work and collected over \$200 from the raffle. This is such a great turnout from our community," said Fred Leavitt, HCA president.

The artist reception is generally held the

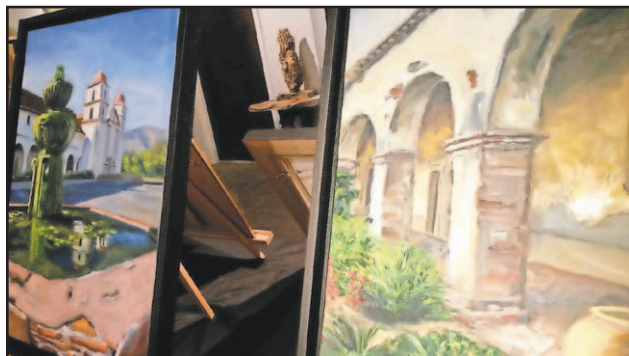


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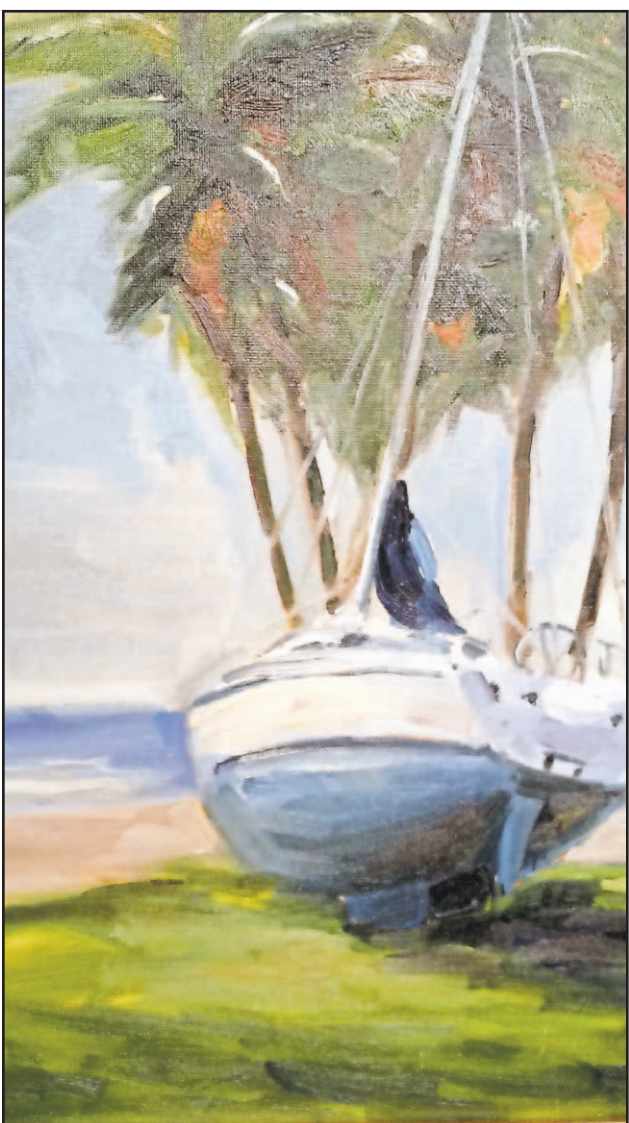
Artist Andres Lopez with 'Guardians of the Road.'

first Saturday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. Please check their website, www.heartland-culturalalliance.org, for more information on the event and the featured artist.

The works of Lopez will be on exhibit through July. The gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The paintings '1st Morning Prayer' and 'Last Prayer.'



The Andres Lopez painting 'Boat Plen Air.'

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Tesla announces deal for Shanghai factory

Electric car producer Tesla will build its first factory outside the United States in Shanghai, becoming the first wholly foreign-owned automaker in China. *See page 2*



Trump in EU: Says Putin 'easiest' of his meetings

By **JILL COLVIN** and **JONATHAN LEMIRE**
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BRUSSELS — With Europe's wary eyes upon him, President Donald Trump launched a weeklong trip there on Tuesday with harsh criticism for NATO allies and predicted the "easiest" leg of his journey would be his scheduled sit-down with Russian President

Vladimir Putin. As he departed the White House for a four-nation European tour, Trump did little to reassure allies fretting over the risk of damage he could do to the 69-year-old trans-Atlantic mutual defense pact and his potential embrace of Putin during a summit in Helsinki. Trump said Tuesday he "can't say right now" if

Putin is a friend or foe, but called him a "competitor." The U.S. intelligence community has concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to boost Trump's candidacy, and warns of further attempts at interference both in the 2018 midterms and in European elections. Trump arrived in Brussels on the eve of the NATO summit after repeated attacks on the

pact. He told reporters in Washington before leaving that "Frankly it helps them a lot more than it helps us" and then later tweeted from Air Force One that he may demand reimbursements from the European member nations. Trump has been pressing NATO countries to fulfill their goal of spending that 2 percent of their gross domestic products on defense by

2024. During his presidential campaign, he suggested he might only come to the defense of NATO nations that fulfilled their obligation. And a year ago, during his first visit to its Belgium headquarters, Trump initially declined to explicitly support the organization's defense agreement. Trump, who landed in Belgium during the middle of the soccer-mad

nation's World Cup semifinals match, will later head to London, where Prime Minister Theresa May's government is in turmoil over her plans for exiting the European Union. European Council President Donald Tusk said on Tuesday in a message to Trump that "it is always worth knowing who is your strategic

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Reunited immigrant children scooped up into parents' arms

By **ELLIOT SPAGAT** and **MIKE HOUSEHOLDER**
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SAN DIEGO — Lugging little backpacks, smiling immigrant children were scooped up into their parents' arms Tuesday as the Trump administration scrambled to meet a court-ordered deadline to reunite dozens of youngsters forcibly separated from their families at the border.

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, two boys and a girl who had been in temporary foster care were reunited with their Honduran fathers at a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement center about three months after they were split up.

The three fathers were "just holding them and hugging them and telling them that everything was fine and that they were never going to be separated again," said immigration lawyer Abril Valdes.

One of the fathers, Ever Reyes Mejia, walked out of the ICE center carrying his beaming son and the boy's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles backpack. The boy was secured in a booster seat, and father and son were driven away. Lawyers said the fathers were too distraught to speak to the news media.

The Justice Department said more than 50 children under age 5 could be back in the arms of their parents



AP PHOTO

Ever Reyes Mejia, of Honduras, carries his son to a vehicle after being reunited and released by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Tuesday. Two boys and a girl who had been in temporary foster care in Grand Rapids were reunited with their Honduran fathers after they were separated at the U.S.-Mexico border about three months ago.

by the deadline at the end of the day.

It was the largest single effort to date to undo the effects of President Donald Trump's zero-tolerance policy of separating families who try to slip across the Mexican border into the U.S.

Authorities gave few details on where the reunions would be held, and many were expected to take place in private.

In Grand Rapids, the children were "absolutely thrilled to be with their parents again. It's all confusing to them why there's so many people here and why there's so many strangers here, but they know that they're safe," Valdes said outside the ICE

offices.

Government attorneys, meanwhile, told a federal judge in San Diego that the Trump administration would not meet the deadline for 20 other children under 5 because it needed more time to track down parents who have already been deported or released into the U.S.

Asked about the missed deadline, the president said: "Well, I have a solution. Tell people not to come to our country illegally. That's the solution."

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt, whose organization filed the lawsuit that forced the administration's hand, said he was "both thrilled and

disappointed" with the government's work on the deadline.

"Things have taken a real step forward," Gelernt said.

The administration faces a second, bigger deadline — July 26 — to reunite perhaps 2,000 or so older children who were also separated from their families at the border in the past few months.

On Tuesday morning, staff members at a nonprofit organization that has been housing many of the youngest children "made sure every backpack was full and every child got a hug and a goodbye," Southwest Key CEO Juan

REUNITED | 8

Emotions high as Kavanaugh begins fight for confirmation

By **LISA MASCARO**
AP CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — Conservative Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh plunged into his confirmation battle Tuesday, meeting face-to-face with Senate leaders in what promises to be an intense debate over abortion rights, presidential power and other legal disputes that could reshape the court and roil this fall's elections.

Kavanaugh is a favorite of the GOP legal establishment, and his arrival as President Donald Trump's nominee was greeted on Capitol Hill with praise from Republicans and skepticism from Democrats. There were also pledges of open minds by key senators whose votes will most likely determine the outcome.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky called Kavanaugh "one of the most thoughtful jurists" in the country but warned of an onslaught of "fear mongering" from liberal groups trying to derail the nomination. He said it was clear that many Democrats "didn't care who the nominee was at all. Whoever President Trump put up they were opposed to."

Chuck Schumer, the Senate's Democratic leader, said his party's lawmakers did indeed care who the nominee



KAVANAUGH

was — and what his views were on such thorny issues as abortion and Trump himself.

Trump "did exactly what he said he would do on the campaign trail — nominate someone who will overturn women's reproductive rights," the New York senator said.

He also argued that the president chose the man he thought would best protect him from the investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller into Russian interference in the 2016 election. Kavanaugh has written about a need to free the executive branch from intrusive criminal investigations.

"Not only did Mr. Kavanaugh say that a president should not be subpoenaed, he said a president shouldn't be investigated," Schumer said.

The confirmation marathon is expected to drag on for months, and no date has yet been set for hearings. GOP leaders, with a slim majority in the Senate, are anxious to have Kavanaugh in place

EMOTIONS | 8

American workers' willingness to quit hits 17-year high

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The proportion of American workers that quit their jobs in May reached the highest level in 17 years, a sign that more people are confident they can find a new job, likely at higher pay.

Businesses also advertised fewer jobs in May than the previous month, but the tally of open positions outnumbered the ranks of the unemployed for only the second time in the past two decades, the Labor Department said Tuesday.

The figures reflect a strong job market driven

by optimistic employers seeking to expand their workforces. Last week's jobs report showed that businesses hired workers at a healthy pace and the unemployment rate remained very low, at 4 percent.

The percentage of workers quitting their jobs reached 2.4 percent

in May, the highest level since April 2001. More quits are a sign of a strong job market because workers typically leave jobs for a new one that pays more. Workers who switch jobs see larger raises than those who stay in the same position, government data shows.

There were 6.64 million

available jobs in May, down 3 percent from April's figure of 6.84 million, which was the most in the nearly two decades that records have been kept. At the same time, there were just 6 million unemployed people in May.

Nick Bunker, an economist at the job-listing

website Indeed, calculates that there are now just 0.91 unemployed workers for each available job, also the lowest on record.

The need to compete for such a small pool of workers should force companies to raise pay

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M. marinum bacteria exposure happens by way of water

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column about "flesh-eating bacteria." Is it in any way related to Mycobacterium marinum?

My son is having multiple surgeries due to this, which was finally and correctly diagnosed after many weeks. It came on slowly over months, and has caused his hand to swell up greatly. He remembered that he did get a cut on his hand while fixing a home water line that was in soil. He was told that it is rare, but it occurs all over this country. There is a creek near us, and recently a local newspaper announced that there was a "life-threatening" bacteria discovered in that creek, which empties into a local waterway. His treatment was intravenous continuously for over a week, and now three strong antibiotics to be taken for at least a year. Meanwhile, he continues with some surgery. — N.F.

ANSWER: Mycobacterium marinum is a bacteria species closely related to tuberculosis. It is not related to the type of "flesh-



Dr. Roach

eating" bacteria you read about periodically in the newspaper; those are group A streptococcus, which grows very rapidly (people can go from appearing well to being dead in hours) and needs immediate identification and surgery to treat; M. marinum grows slowly. It is uniquely related to water exposure, especially from fish tanks. However, it has been reported after exposure to oysters and fish spines, and occasionally in swimming pools.

Treatment for M. marinum usually includes two or more antibiotics taken for months. Your son's

infection is worse than I have heard of, requiring surgery and antibiotics lasting over a year.

I looked up your local creek: It is contaminated by fecal bacteria, not by M. marinum.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I had prostate cancer, treated with freezing. I have not had an erection since, despite trying Viagra and injections. Nothing has worked in two years. My doctor said it might last six months to a year. Could there be something wrong with me medically, and what can be done to fix my problem? — W.K.E.

ANSWER: Even when performed by the best doctors, there is a risk of permanent erectile dysfunction with any kind of prostate cancer treatment. This is true even with cryotherapy for prostate cancer; the risk of losing sexual function still is significant.

Given a lack of effect with medications, you should talk to your urologist about a vacuum device or a penile prosthesis.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 93-year-old retired nurse. I

have a problem with "second time around menopause." Some nights I wake up warm and need to cool the room with a fan. I had a total hysterectomy many years ago. The nurse in my health office said it is hormonal, but said I am too old to take hormones. Do you have any remedies? — S.H.S.

ANSWER: I hate to disagree with your nurse, but I am not as sure about what is causing your new set of hot flashes. It would be unusual for menopausal symptoms to recur after such a long time, so you should consider other potential causes. Thyroid disease, being in a room that's too warm, weight gain and anxiety are common causes. Food sensitivities are an unusual cause, but given how intermittent your symptoms are, it might be worth keeping track of your diet to see if that correlates with the hot flashes at night. Low blood sugar at night can cause similar symptoms, as can rare tumors that secrete substances that make you flush. You need an evaluation before you decide on a remedy.

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

- makes a picture (5)
- 17th-century poet Richard (8)
- infestation solution (10)
- one who gives counsel (7)
- adds strength to (10)
- vitamin K-assisted action (8)
- disencumbers (4)

SOLUTIONS

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Tuesday's Answers: 1. CHARGERS 2. DEADLY 3. POKEY 4. CANNOLI 5. CUISINART 6. CASTANET 7. HOMES 7/11

Wife of perfect husband cheats without remorse

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful husband of 11 years and three children. "Carl" is attentive, caring and always puts the needs of our family first. You could say he is everyone's dream husband.

Long story short, I cheated on him while I was on vacation. It started as innocent flirtation, but then it went further. When "Brad" kissed me, I knew it wasn't going to stop there. Afterward, I not only didn't feel guilty, I did it again. I have been quietly communicating with Brad and sent him revealing photos and a graphic video of myself. He loved it, and we plan to meet again soon.

Please help me understand why I am cheating on such a wonderful husband. Shouldn't I feel guilty? What can I do to stop this before it gets out of control and Carl finds out? — Don't Feel Guilty

DEAR DON'T FEEL GUILTY: I have a flash for you. This fling is already out of control. While the excitement may have gone out of your marriage, I guarantee that when Carl gets wind of this — start the countdown now — you'll have an abundance of it.



Dear Abby

If you really value your marriage, start devoting as much energy to working on it as you have been directing toward Brad.

DEAR ABBY: I have a concern I suspect is shared by others. Keeping a journal has been shown to be of significant psychological benefit, but I do not want my thoughts and concerns read by others after my death. I realize I'll be dead and gone, but the possibility of it happening inhibits me from recording my thoughts and feelings. Thanks for any insights you and/or your readers can offer. — Private In Virginia

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I figured, why not take a chair and put it on top of the horse? I want one for my horse! Wow! How did you think of this?

THE INVENTOR OF THE SADDLE HAD THE ---

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

Print your answer here: ○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: SOUPY PRONG SNAZZY KITTEN
 Answer: When he failed the driving portion of his driver's test, he was in a — NO PASSING ZONE

Craving bootlegger beans

Dear Heloise: Just the thought of your recipe for BOOTLEGGERS BEANS makes my mouth water.

I lost that recipe in our last move to a new house. Would you please reprint it for me? — Nora Y., Troy, Mich.



Hints from Heloise

Fry the bacon in a medium pan over medium-high heat until almost crisp. Add the onion and continue frying until the onion starts to brown. Pour off almost all of the grease and add the remaining ingredients. Stir to mix well, cover and simmer until heated through. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

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

ZLOTY

SOLUTION: A lot of money

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RULES

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

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

"If you weren't home when Marmaduke was barking, you can download his podcast."

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: UPON ENCOUNTERING A GROUP OF IGUANAS THAT HAD ALL DOZED OFF, I CRIED "SLEEPING LIZARDS!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals L

WORD SLEUTH • DEEP

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Tuesday's unlisted clue: PARSLEY

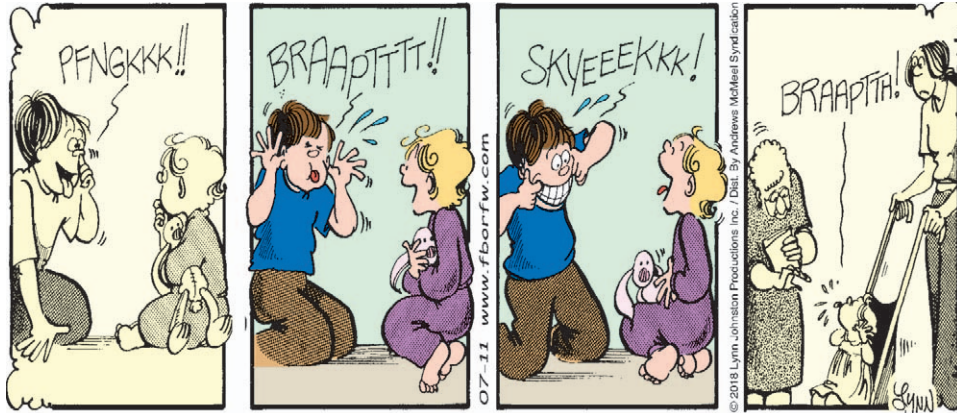
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: **Below the Mason-Dixon Line**

-dish	Breath	Freeze	Water
-fried	Discount	Fryer	Water
-rooted	Down	Pockets	Well
-seated	Feeling	Purple	

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston



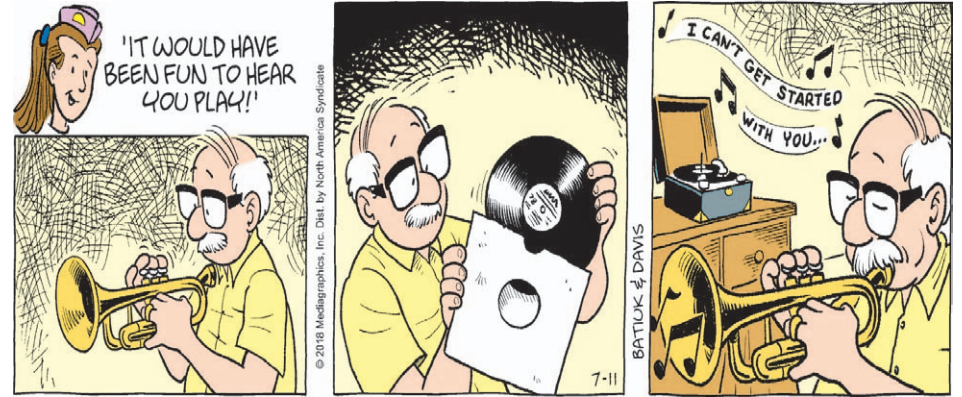
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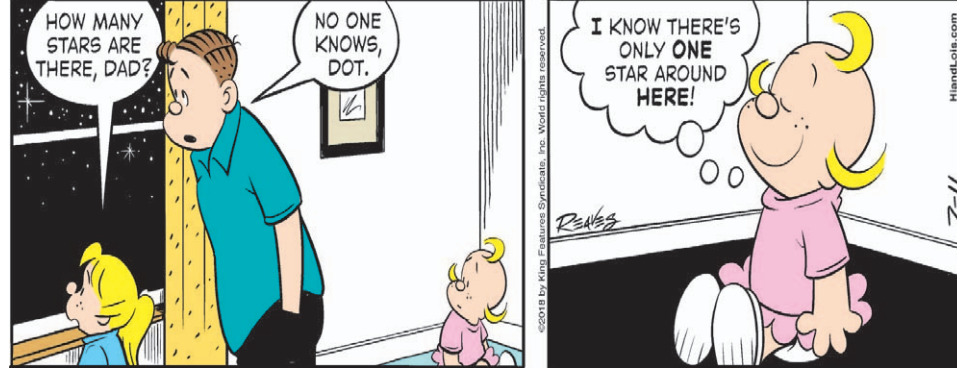
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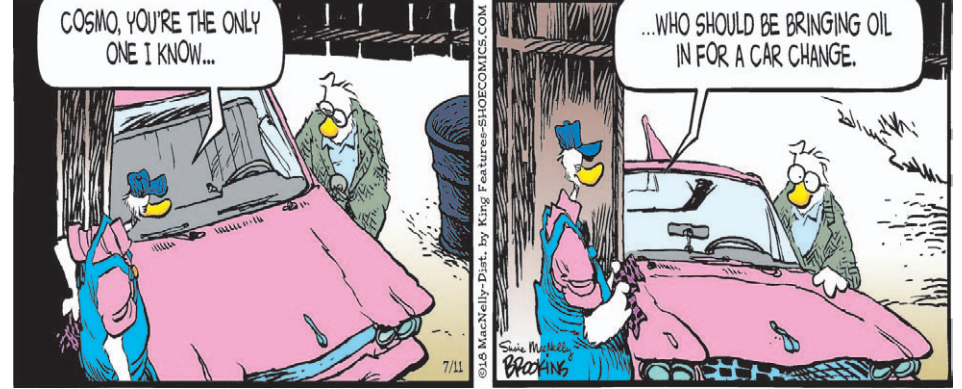
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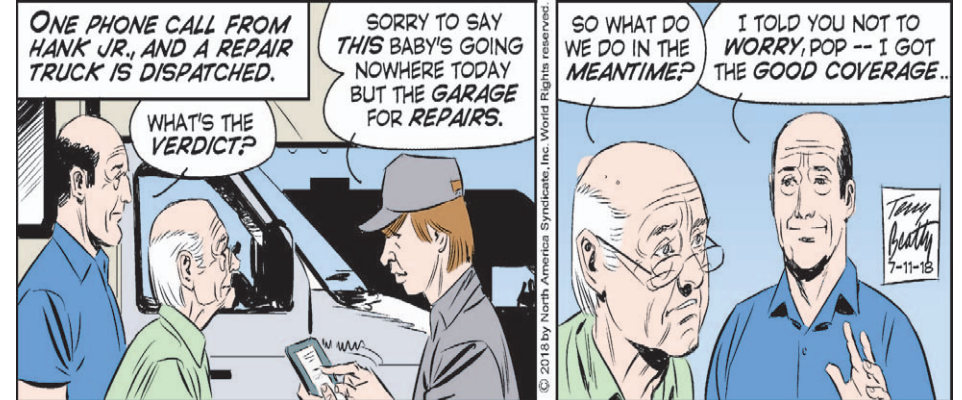
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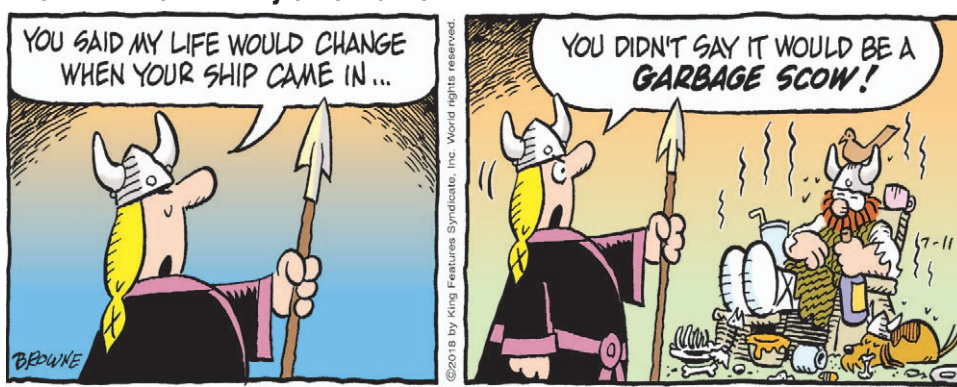
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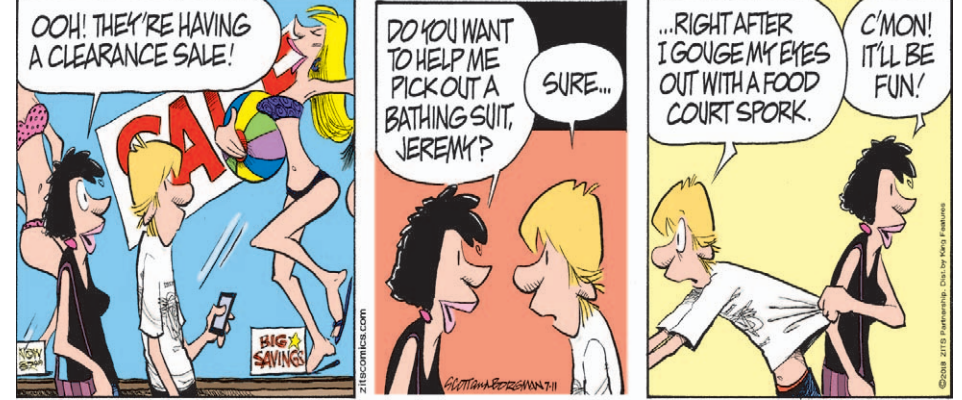
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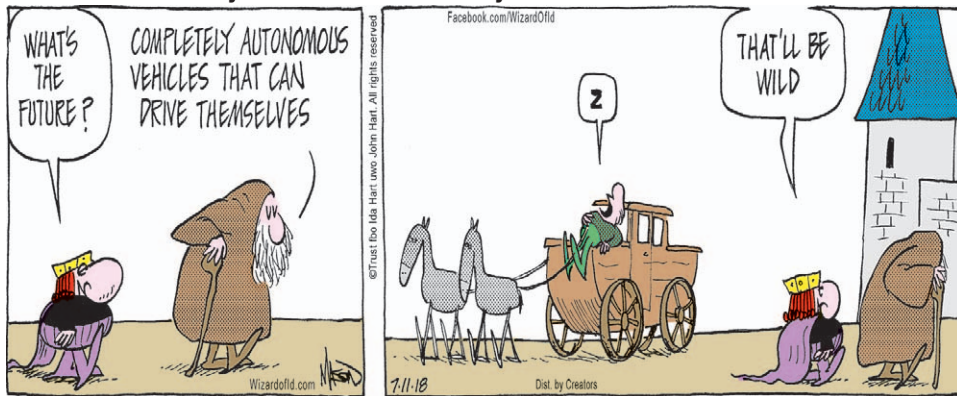
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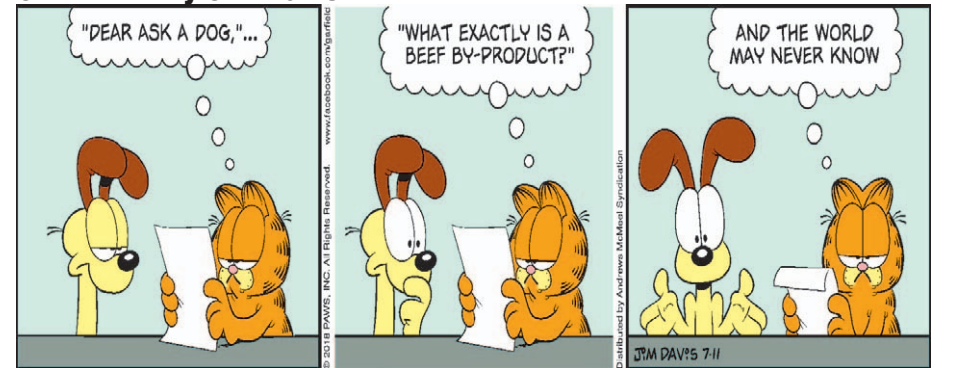
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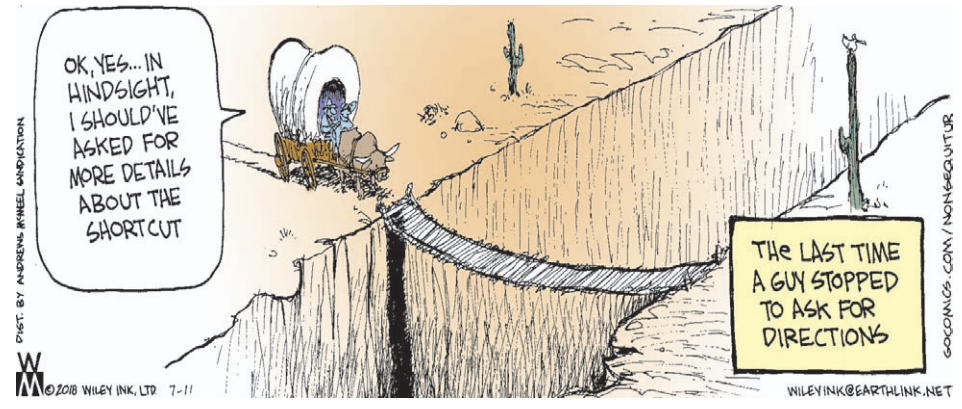
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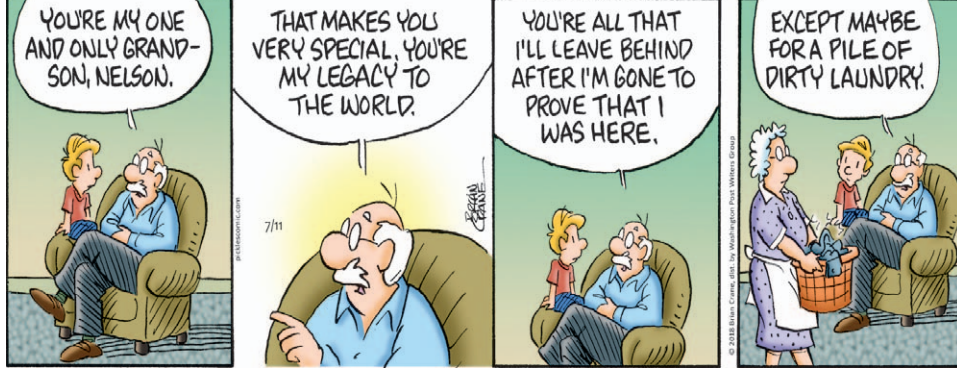
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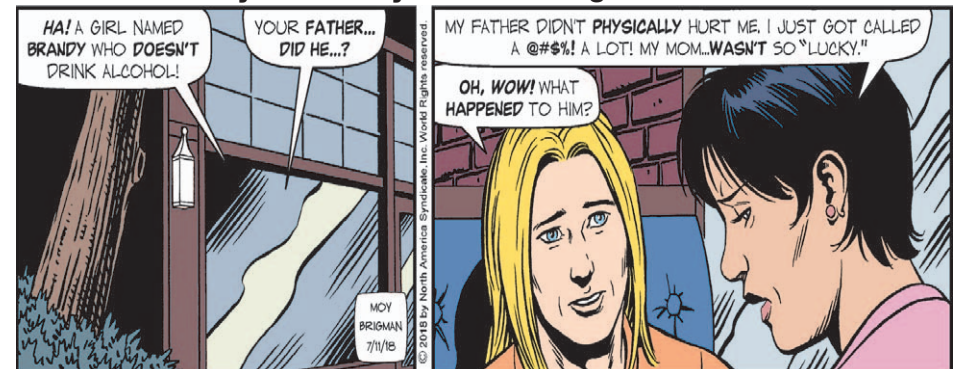
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RIVALS NOW TEAMMATES
Lance Stephenson accepts LeBron James' call to team up for the Lakers. **Page 2**

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NHL: Lightning

Bolts lock up Kucherov with eight-year deal

By GREG AUMAN
Tampa Bay Times

CLEARWATER — Nikita Kucherov could have waited a year, allowing the demand for a top young NHL scorer to escalate as he hit restricted free agency next summer.

But when the Lightning made him an offer to become the highest-paid player in the team's history, to keep another key part of the team's

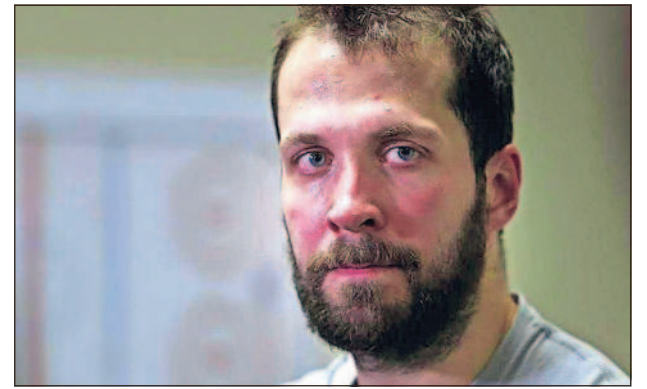
young nucleus locked up longterm, he didn't hesitate. He signed an eight-year extension worth \$9.5 million a year, starting with the 2019-20 season.

"Why wait?" asked the 25-year-old, who led the team in scoring (39 goals, 61 assists) and ranked third in the NHL last season, earning All-Star honors. "It's been unbelievable. I didn't think twice when I had a chance to sign it."

Tampa Bay has reached the Eastern Conference final three times in four years, and general manager Steve Yzerman made it a priority to keep his top talents this offseason. Leaders and top players like Steven Stamkos, Victor Hedman, Ryan McDonagh, J.T. Miller and Tyler Johnson are now all locked up through at least 2022-23, giving them another five years together.

"We want to keep as many good players as we can," Yzerman said. "We'd like to keep everybody. Unfortunately, at some point, you cannot keep everybody. We're trying to be as competitive as possible in trying to manage the salary cap. ... At some point, we're going to have to make some decisions that are strictly cap-related."

SEE LIGHTNING, 3



DIRK SHADD | TIMES

Still sweating from a morning workout in Clearwater, Nikita Kucherov said Monday that he didn't hesitate to sign an eight-year, \$76-million extension with the Lightning.

WORLD CUP: France 1, Belgium 0

Vive la France



AP PHOTO

France's Antoine Griezmann celebrates at the end of the semifinal match between France and Belgium at the 2018 World Cup Tuesday in the St. Petersburg Stadium in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Les Bleus advance to World Cup final

By STEVE DOUGLAS
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — They're young, they're brash and they're collectively worth a billion dollars. The one thing missing for this French squad is an international title.

Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba and France are about to get that chance.

Les Bleus are headed to the World Cup final.

Samuel Umtiti clinched a 1-0 win over Belgium — and earned the approval of watching French President Emmanuel Macron in the VIP seats at St. Petersburg Stadium — by scoring on a header off a corner kick in the 51st minute on Tuesday.

SEE FRANCE, 3



AP PHOTO

People celebrate on the Champs Elysees avenue, with the Arc de Triomphe in background, Tuesday in Paris.

MLB: Rays

Rays reveal Ybor City stadium details

By MARC TOPKIN
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — The Rays on Tuesday unveiled the team's plans for an Ybor City stadium: It will have see-through sliding glass walls, a fixed translucent roof, an artificial turf playing field and will be integrated into the historic Latin neighborhood with an evolving design.

"It will provide a ballpark experience like no other," Rays executive Melanie Lenz.

The estimated cost of the stadium and surrounding infrastructure is \$892 million. The stadium itself is projected to cost \$809 million, and the roof will cost about \$240 million of that.

As for arguably the biggest question of who will pay for what, team president Brian Auld said: "We don't have those answers yet."

Principal owner Stuart Sternberg talked about the "ingenuity" involved in the design and seating concepts which include picnic, patio, table and fountain seating areas among others.

The stadium will seat 28,216 and, with standing areas, could hold 30,842. That would give it the smallest

attendance capacity of any Major League Baseball venue. Tropicana Field's current capacity is 31,042.

Stadium design officials said the idea of having the sliding walls is to "let the outside in and the inside out."

Sternberg stressed that the stadium, which covers about 900,000 square feet, will be available for use year-round and "will be of, by and for the people of Tampa Bay."

How would that work? There's been discussions of closing part of an adjacent street to create pre- and post-game festival areas. Food and beverage outlets there could operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week, year-round at the stadium.

The field itself could also be opened to kids to play on during the off-season, the concourses could be opened to the public and the flexible-design areas could make be made available for meetings and other events.

Urban planners at the presentation touted a series of transportation options, including the nearby Amtrak train line, to facilitate access and egress.

SEE RAYS, 3



COURTESY OF TAMPA BAY RAYS

The Tampa Bay Rays unveiled their new Tampa stadium on Tuesday.

SOCCER: Cristiano Ronaldo

Ronaldo leaving Real Madrid to join Juventus

Associated Press

Cristiano Ronaldo is leaving Real Madrid to join Italian club Juventus in a move expected to benefit the Portugal forward's tax return.

Juventus said Tuesday it paid 112 million euros (\$131.5 million) for Ronaldo, who signed a four-year deal with the Serie A champions.

The move brings an end to a hugely successful nine-year spell in Spain, and takes him further

away from a tax fraud case that may end up costing the Portugal forward more than \$20 million in fines.

"These years with Real Madrid and in this city of Madrid have been possibly the happiest of my life," Ronaldo wrote in an open letter. "My only feeling is of an enormous gratitude for this club, for these fans and for this city. I can only thank them all for the love and affection I have received."

SEE RONALDO, 3



AP FILE PHOTO

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates with the trophy after winning the Champions League Final match between Real Madrid and Liverpool at the Olimpiyskiy Stadium in Kiev, Ukraine.

WORLD CUP: England vs. Croatia

England ready to face music of soccer history

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Gareth Southgate and England are ready to face the music.

No other soccer nation dwells on decades of failure quite like the English. Southgate was so demoralized by his penalty kick failure in Germany in the 1996 European Championship semi-finals, he avoided The

Lightning Seeds "Three Lions," the team's official song when it hosted the tournament.

Now the song, with its repeated chorus of "football's coming home," is a staple again, No. 5 this week on YouTube UK's top music videos chart with more than 2 million views on the day of England's last match.

SEE ENGLAND, 3

TENNIS: Wimbledon

Serena reaches Wimbledon semifinals

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

LONDON — There are moments in which nothing at all seems different about Serena Williams, moments such as when she unleashed a 109 mph service winner to even her Wimbledon quarterfinal at a set apiece, leaned forward and yelled, loudly as can be, “Cooome oon!”

Or when, about 10 minutes later, she stretched for a lunging backhand winner to break at love and take control of the third set, then raised a fist, figuring a berth in her 11th semifinal at the All England Club was close at hand.

And after Williams came up with a comeback to beat



AP PHOTO

Serena Williams celebrates winning her women's singles quarterfinals match against Italy's Camila Giorgi, at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on Tuesday in London.

52nd-ranked Camila Giorgi of Italy 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday, she headed off Centre Court with her right index finger aloft. Yes, no matter what the rankings or seedings say,

no matter how long she was away, Williams still looks capable of playing like someone who's No. 1, just about 10 months after having a baby. “Everything right now is a little bit of a surprise.

To be here. To be in the semifinals. I mean, I always say I plan on it, I would like to be there, have these goals,” Williams said. “But when it actually happens, it still is, like, ‘Wow, this is really happening.’”

So what if she's still getting her game in gear? So what if Giorgi wouldn't seem to miss while moving out to that early lead?

Williams never was worried about losing.

“It's weird. Sometimes I feel, ‘Man, I'm in trouble.’ Sometimes I feel, ‘I can fight.’ For whatever reason, today I was so calm,” said 36-year-old American, who has been wearing compression leggings as a precaution after a blood-clot scare following her daughter's

birth. “Even when I was down the first set, I thought, ‘Well, she's playing great. I'm doing a lot of the right things.’”

Asked whether that might represent a new way of looking at things, Williams smiled.

“No. Just to be clear, that was just today. I mean, I'm hoping this is, like, a new thing,” she said. “Honestly, I highly doubt it.”

Next up for Williams as she tries to earn her eighth title at the All England Club and 24th Grand Slam trophy overall will be a match Thursday against No. 13 seed Julia Goerges of Germany, a 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 winner against No. 20 Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands.

“It's pretty unreal for

me,” said Goerges, who reached her first major semifinal at a tournament where she exited in the first round each of the past five years.

The other semifinal is No. 11 seed Angelique Kerber of Germany vs. No. 12 Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia.

Kerber is a former No. 1 who owns two Grand Slam titles and was the runner-up to Williams at Wimbledon two years ago. Ostapenko won last year's French Open.

Kerber needed seven match points to close out No. 14 Daria Kasatkina of Russia 6-3, 7-5 at Centre Court, while Ostapenko defeated 2014 Australian Open runner-up Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 7-5, 6-4 at a windy No. 1 Court.

CYCLING: Tour de France

Gaviria beats Sagan again to claim second Tour win on Stage 4

By JOSEPH WILSON
Associated Press

SARZEAU, France — Fernando Gaviria and Peter Sagan have turned the first four days of the Tour de France into an enthralling duel of rising star versus world champion.

And Tour newcomer Gaviria is winning so far.

Gaviria edged Sagan at the finish line to claim Stage 4 on Tuesday and take his second stage win in his first participation at cycling's greatest race.

The 23-year-old Colombian had already bettered Sagan in a sprint to take the opening stage, amid rising expectations since his four stage victories at last year's Giro d'Italia.

Sagan hit back by winning Stage 2 in an uphill sprint after Gaviria had fallen in a group pileup on the final corner.

Tuesday's flat leg with



AP PHOTO

Colombia's Fernando Gaviria, right, crosses the finish line Tuesday to win the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 121 miles with start in La Baule and finish in Sarzeau, France. Slovakia's Peter Sagan, left, finished second and Germany's Andre Greipel, center, third.

its four-kilometer finish — the longest straightaway to conclude a leg on this Tour — was perfect terrain for the budding rivals to break the tie.

After Quick-Step hunted down the breakaway to set up Gaviria, he powered ahead of the pack with handlebars swinging and crossed

just inches ahead of Sagan and Andre Greipel in a close third.

Sagan was closing fast and seemed to be on pace to overtake him just when Gaviria hit the line.

“He is faster than me,” said Sagan, the three-time defending world champion who excels in finishes on slight ascents.

“We will see. Maybe I will wait for some mistake (to beat him). And maybe we will see the next days on the climbs. Every stage is different, every sprint is different.”

Gaviria finished the 121-mile leg from La Baule to Sarzeau that started and finished on the Atlantic coast in 4 hours, 25 minutes, 1 second.

“It was a very difficult sprint, but we knew how to pull it off,” Gaviria said. “We didn't receive any help from the other teams to bring the breakaway back, but at the end my team deserves this victory and we can go to the hotel very happy with what we achieved.”

Defending champion Chris Froome of Sky, who remained 55 seconds back due to his fall in Stage 1, finished safely in the pack with leader Greg Van Avermaet.

GAMBLING: New Jersey

Hard Rock, Bet365 plan sports betting in New Jersey

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Hard Rock has signed a deal with a British online gambling company to offer sports betting as soon as the arrangement is approved by New Jersey gambling regulators.

The global hospitality and gambling company owned by Florida's Seminole Indian tribe has signed a deal with Bet365 to offer sports betting at its new casino on the Atlantic City Boardwalk.

Neither company has announced the deal, but its existence was revealed in correspondence from the state Division of Gaming Enforcement.

According to a June 25 letter from division Director David Rebeck, made public on Monday, Hard Rock and Bet365 signed a deal on June 19 to offer sports betting. Rebeck approved only part of the agreement — a section called Article 3 — and has yet to act on the full request.

The division has not yet responded to a request made Monday by The Associated Press to make the document public; it typically gives companies 24 hours to

ask that portions of their filings be blacked out before being released. The agency then assesses those requests and releases what it determines can be made public under state law.

Hard Rock and Bet365 did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment Tuesday.

Currently, only three New Jersey entities offer sports betting: The Borgata and Ocean Resort casinos in Atlantic City, and Monmouth Park racetrack in Oceanport, near the Jersey shore.

But that club is about to expand. On Saturday, the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford will bring sports betting practically to the doorstep of New York City; the track is about 6 miles from Manhattan. And Hard Rock would be the fifth to offer it, if its request is approved soon.

At the June 28 opening of its Atlantic City casino, Hard Rock CEO Jim Allen said the company is pursuing sports betting, but had no announcement to make at the time. The deal with Bet365 had already been signed nine days earlier, although it had yet to be approved by state regulators.

WORLD CUP: France

Superb defense has France on the cusp of title

By JEROME PUGMIRE
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — France's defense made the difference — on both sides of the field.

Goalkeeper Hugo Lloris kept out the shots and defender Samuel Umtiti scored the winning goal from a corner.

It was France's backline, not its slick attackers, that carried the team to the World Cup final with a 1-0 victory over Belgium on Tuesday.

“This is why football is magical, it gives everyone emotions. It's tough not to give into euphoria, but it's a fantastic moment,” Lloris said. “We feared them on set pieces, but in the end it was us scoring from one.”

France coach Didier Deschamps fell into Umtiti's arms after the final whistle. His superbly drilled defense, led by Raphael Varane, neutralized Belgium's much-hyped attack to record a fourth shutout in six games so far.

“They have so many

athletic players, to have resisted in defense is very good. We had to defend very deep sometimes,” Deschamps said. “We came up against a very good Belgium side which controlled the game more than us. But we also hurt them.”

Umtiti danced in front of the France fans, while center back partner Varane walked over to them and pumped his clenched fist. Varane was injured when France lost the European Championship final two years ago, and he looks determined to

make up for it.

The spotlight has been on 19-year-old sensation Kylian Mbappe in Russia, whose electric pace and skill lit up the tournament. But for the second consecutive knockout game, a defender managed to score when Mbappe couldn't.

Against Uruguay last Friday, it was Varane's header that gave France the lead in a 2-0 win. A few days later, it was Umtiti rising to head home a corner from the right in the 51st minute.

“Enormously proud,” Umtiti said. “We worked really hard together, and it's me that scored but we all delivered a big game.”

Umtiti showed superb timing to leap above Belgium midfielder Maroune Fellaini — the tallest non-goalscorer on either side — and power a header past Thibaut Courtois.

“When you're not particularly tall you need determination and the will to get in front of the opponent,” Umtiti said. “The set piece was really well taken as well, and that helped me beat someone as good as Fellaini in the air.”

France won its only World Cup 20 years ago, thanks to a commanding goalkeeper — Fabien Barthez — protected by a rock-solid defense which also chipped in with goals.

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