

Mortgage defaults waning



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People looking to get into a home may want to hurry, if they haven't already missed a chance to get in before the real estate market starts a new boom. Local home foreclosure rates have hit their lowest in at least four years, from 373 in 2015 to only 193 so far this year.

Clerk of the Courts: 'That's good'

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Clerk of the Courts Bob Germaine sees hundreds of cases pass through his office, but one type of case that's dropped in recent years is foreclosures. "It sure ain't nothing like it was, but that's good," Germaine said Wednesday, scanning over the lists of foreclosure cases filed over the last four fiscal years.

At the start of that period, ending September 2015, statewide reports were already trumpeting an eight-year low in home defaults.

If Highlands County offers any indication, that downward trend has continued.

Clerk of the Courts records show the Highlands real estate market started Fiscal Year 2014-15 with 359 foreclosure cases on the books.

The highest it got that year was December with 431 cases, but by the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, it had dropped to 373.

That record did not have a listing for number of foreclosures set for sale in any given month. Fiscal Year 2015-16 did, starting the year in October 2015 with 35 set for sale and 31 cases newly filed.

By the end of that fiscal

year, Highlands saw 332 foreclosure cases filed and 334 set for sale.

Last fiscal year — 2016-17 — the number of cases started to drop.

October 2016 saw 15 cases filed and 17 set for sale.

The highest number of cases filed was 37 in May 2018. The highest number of sales was 26 in June 2017.

By September 2017, as Hurricane Irma rolled through Highlands, "Hurricane Recession" seemed to be rolling out, with only 11 foreclosure cases filed and eight set for sale.

This fiscal year has seen the numbers come back up a little, but the overall trend is down.

October 2017 had 13 cases filed and five set for sale. The total, as of May 2018, was 124 filed, with an average of 16 per month, and 80 set for sale, with an average of 10 per month.

As of July 2018, the county has 38 cases set for sale, 37 with judgments — the amount to be paid for the property:

- Four below \$50,000.
- Seven between \$50,000-\$75,000.

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PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

These two homes, like many others for sale on Lakeview Drive in Sebring, shows the real estate market is alive and well, especially for sellers. A drop in home foreclosures means the seller of this house, and many like it, may expect to get a better price thanks to a low number of homes for sale.



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KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Leisure Lane in Holiday Acres in Venus is chronically wet.

Venus flooding causes problems for elders

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

VENUS — Residents of Holiday Acres watch the afternoon sky with trepidation as thunderstorms threaten from above their land and homes below.

At the end of June, flooding in the area around Leisure Lane and roads to the south made traversing that portion of the neighborhood impossible without a lifted vehicle. The water receded for a time, but are flooded again.

It is because of the impassible roads that Nu-Hope Elder Care Inc. had to put a hold on the services they provide to that area, said Ingra Gardner, executive director Nu-Hope provides help to elderly who age in place.

A client's caretaker voiced his concerns to Gardner and Nu-Hope. He wanted them to lobby on behalf of his loved one. When Gardner saw pictures of the flooded area, the

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CAC earns re-accreditation

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The Champion for Children Advocacy Center of Highlands County has received its re-accreditation from The National Children's Alliance.

Representatives from various organizations that work at the center gathered for a photo commemorating the recognition from the national organization.

Human Services & Children's Advocacy Center Manager Luzed L. Cruz said the members of the center's Multidisciplinary Team who were present for picture day included:

- Highlands County Board of County Commissioners - Children's Advocacy Center
- Highlands County Sheriff's Office (SVU & Victim Advocates)
- Department of Children & Families (DCF) - Child Protective Investigators (CPI)
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Serving Children &



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Representatives from organizations that work at the Champion for Children Advocacy Center of Highlands County gathered for a photo to celebrate its re-accreditation from The National Children's Alliance Board.

Reaching Families (SCARF)

- Champion for Children Foundation
- Peace River Center
- Children's Home Society
- Directions for Living

Those who were not present, but work with the center, are the State Attorney's Office, Lake Placid Police Department and Sebring Police Department.

According to the

Florida Network of CACs, a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) is a community-based, child-focused facility where children alleged to be victims of abuse or neglect are interviewed, receive medical exams, if necessary, therapy and other critical services in a non-threatening and child friendly environment.

A CAC brings together

an array of professionals to confer and conclude about investigations, treatment and prosecution of child abuse cases. The primary goal of a CAC is to minimize the level of trauma experienced by child victims, improve prosecutions and provide efficient and thorough provision of necessary services to the child victim and the child's family.



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Willie and Valerie Olds spoke to the Sebring City Council to get approval for their upcoming event, Hope for MLK Boulevard.

City Council tackles budget issues

By MELISSA MAIN
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — After a short City Council meeting on Tuesday, the council tackled budget issues at a workshop to prepare for the next fiscal year.

At the beginning of the meeting, council approved the consent agenda, which included approving the nomination of Liz Barber for the vacant seat in the Community Redevelopment Agency. Charlie Lowrance told the council, "Liz Barber will be a big asset to the CRA. She's a firecracker who will get things done."

Liz Barber is the president and CEO of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce. According to CRA Executive Director Kristie Vazquez, "Liz represents a multitude of businesses and knows what businesses are looking for. She throws events downtown and knows

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Man charged with sexual battery

Phone contained search for non-extradition nations

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Police have arrested a second man in a case of lewd acts on an 8-year-old boy. Alan Peter Zaloum, 48, of Sebring faces a charge of sexual battery by a person older than 18 on a victim under age 12. He was arrested Tuesday and is being held without bond in Highlands County Jail.



ZALOUM

Codefendant Daniel Paul Meekins of Sebring was arrested July 7. Meekins, 43, is charged with lewd and lascivious behavior by a person over 18 with a victim under 12, lewd and lascivious behavior by a person over 18 with a victim under 16 and showing obscene material to a minor. He is still in Highlands County Jail in lieu of \$400,000 bond. The men allegedly planned to flee the country. In addition to a statement from Zaloum, arrest reports allege a search history on his mobile phone, at 11 a.m. July 7, lists countries that don't extradite someone to the United State for

child sexual crimes. Reports said the web searches occurred before police contacted the two men about the case. Police discovered them at 2:30 p.m. July 7 behind their home, leading their belongings into a van. The case started 10:10 a.m. July 6, when the Sebring Police Department got word from Orange County of the victim's complaint. The boy allegedly told another adult how, every once in a while, Meekins and Zaloum would have had him undress and/or stand in the room while they had sex. Allegedly, they touched the boy's chest or had him touch himself. He also alleged these acts were recorded on a cellular phone. Sebring Police Chief Karl Hoglund said last week police were searching several digital devices. Det. Sgt. Jeff Reinhart on Wednesday did not confirm police found such videos.



MEEKINS

The case is still under investigation, he said, and there is the possibility of additional charges. The boy's full interview with Child Protective Services is redacted from reports. Sebring police were initially unable to contact either man at their home, but officers spotted a van behind the house at 2:30 p.m. July 7. Meekins allegedly refused to allow a search of the house. When questioned, reports said, he allegedly said the boy had lived with him for a few years. Allegedly, he said he showers with the boy because the boy fears the water, and allegedly also said he and Zaloum have showered together with the boy. When questioned, Zaloum allegedly told police he and Meekins have lived together since May 11, 2018, and are in an intimate relationship. However, he denied allowing the boy to be present when they had

sex, or ever touching him inappropriately. Allegedly, Zaloum also told police he and Meekins saw law enforcement vehicles at an Orange County home where the boy was staying, and spent that night in an Orlando hotel. Zaloum allegedly Meekins spoke of fleeing the country. Arrest reports state at 11 a.m. July 7, they purchased luggage from Walmart in Sebring, left a vehicle in the parking lot and went home. Zaloum allegedly told police the plan was to load the van, return to Walmart, switch vehicles and abandon the van, registered in Meekins' name. Meekins was arrested July 7. Zaloum, reports said, was arrested 10 days later, July 17. With the investigation still open, police are asking anyone with information to contact Reinhart at the Sebring Police Department at 307 N. Ridgewood Drive in Sebring or by calling 863-471-5108.

OBITUARIES

William H. Endicott

William Harrison (Harris) Endicott died Monday evening, July 16, 2018 at The Manor at Lake Jackson care center in Sebring. Born Oct. 2, 1937 in Babson Park, Florida to Willis O. and Annie Louise Endicott. A resident of Lake Placid for approximately 75 years, he was a building contractor and a citrus grower. From a young age, he had a grand love of nature and hunting with his beloved bird dogs. He was a work of art at the skill of turkey hunting. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Joan (Joanie) of 50 years. He is survived by his three brothers, Bob (Doris), Jack and Jerry (Cathy); three sisters, Doris Whitaker, Patsy Lewis (Earl) and Nancy Worley (Ray), all of Lake Placid. Arrangements are under the loving devotion of Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home. Lake Placid. 863-465-9997.

of Sebring, Florida passed away July 13, 2018 in Tampa, Florida. Barbara was born on Jan. 21, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to Ralph and Lillian Patton. Barbara married Dewey Harrison on July 18, 1976. She worked as a supervisor for a textile factory, for many years, along with being a wife and mother. Barbara was longtime an active member of the Southside Baptist Church of Sebring. Barbara is survived by her son, Ronald Lunsford of Michigan, and three grandsons, Landon, Matthew and Michael and wife Amanda. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 19 at Southside Baptist Church in Sebring with visitation for one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Avon Park following services. Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church in honor of Barbara. Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home of Wildwood.



Barbara A. Harrison

Barbara A. Harrison, 86,

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- Three above \$75,000 and under \$100,000.
 - Thirteen between \$100,000-\$200,000.
 - Four between \$200,000-\$300,000.
 - Two between \$300,00-\$400,000.
 - One between \$400,000-\$500,000.
 - Two between \$700,000-\$800,000.
 - One more than \$1 million — on Hawks Landing Drive in Sebring.
- At a recent economic development roundtable meeting with Cissy Proctor, head of the Florida Department of

Economic Opportunity, members of the Heartland Association of Realtors Inc. told other business and agriculture leaders that real estate availability, especially ready-to-use facilities like commercial property and homes, help in bringing new businesses and their employees to the county. Economic Development Director Taylor Benson urged people with property to lease or sell to get their inventory into the county's economic development site for business owners to peruse and consider moving to Highlands County. At this time, the DEO still has Highlands listed as one of 12 counties

struggling to recover from the Great Recession, nearly 10 years ago. Real estate sales and mortgage foreclosure rates, unfortunately, don't count as one of the factors affecting that status. The counties' struggles, Proctor said, involve high unemployment, minimal labor force growth, low labor force participation rate, wages below the state average, disabled rates above the state average, low population growth, few job opportunities, high rates of workforce commutes to other counties, poverty rates above state average, food stamp recipient rates above state average and low educational attainment.

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3. Following Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990, a new national South African flag was commissioned. The black, green and yellow were taken from the banner of Mandela's African National Congress, while the red, white and blue were taken from the old Flag of Transvaal. The Y shape is said the reference the convergence of cultures in the nation.
4. The German

association with the colors of black, red and yellow dates back as far as 1840, when the Frankfurt Parliament declared black-red-gold as the official colors of Germany. 5. Nigeria's green and

white striped flag was designed by a 23-year-old student, Michael Taiwo Akinkunmi, and was first officially used on Oct. 1, 1960. Source: allthatsinteresting.com

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OUR VIEW

Search and find

It's like a story that never ends.

Lake Placid Town Council is once again revisiting the need of a new Town Hall location, and yes, for those who are keeping track, the former church of Christ building on the north end of the town has again been mentioned as a possible site.

Town residents have voiced their concern about the location for nearly as many years as it's been suggested as a possibility, more than six years that we know of.

Until last year when the town annexed the building and its land into the town limits, residents voiced concern about the location and how it was not downtown. They said businesses would suffer if the town's business pulled out of town limits.

Others voiced their fears of safety concerns. The former church building, they said, comes with a very dangerous entrance off and on to U.S. 27. It requires a U-turn to enter the property if coming south on the highway and a U-turn after leaving the property for those who are going home in town or just continuing to travel south on the highway.

We are happy to say, this is not the only location that town officials are considering. Town Council directed staff on July 9 to start actively looking again for a new home, citing the need for expanded office space and more room for employees who are already in cramped quarters.

The current Town Hall was built in 1975 and has approximately 4,000 square feet. It includes Town Council Chambers as well as office space for about 10 staff members.

The direction given specifically told staff to look at buildings within the town limits that need renovation, new construction and the cost of adding another floor to the current Town Hall. Another suggestion is to demolish the current Town Hall and rebuild in the same location.

That may not be necessary though, and the town might not need to move to the highway.

As Councilman Ray Royce pointed out, there are two bank buildings within town limits that are or will soon be available. One is the former SunTrust Bank location at 611 E. Interlake Blvd. and the location where Bank of America is at 611 Dal Hall Blvd., which will be available when the bank vacates in December.

Yes, the two bank buildings also have property that borders US 27, but they are closer to the business district than some other locations that have been considered.

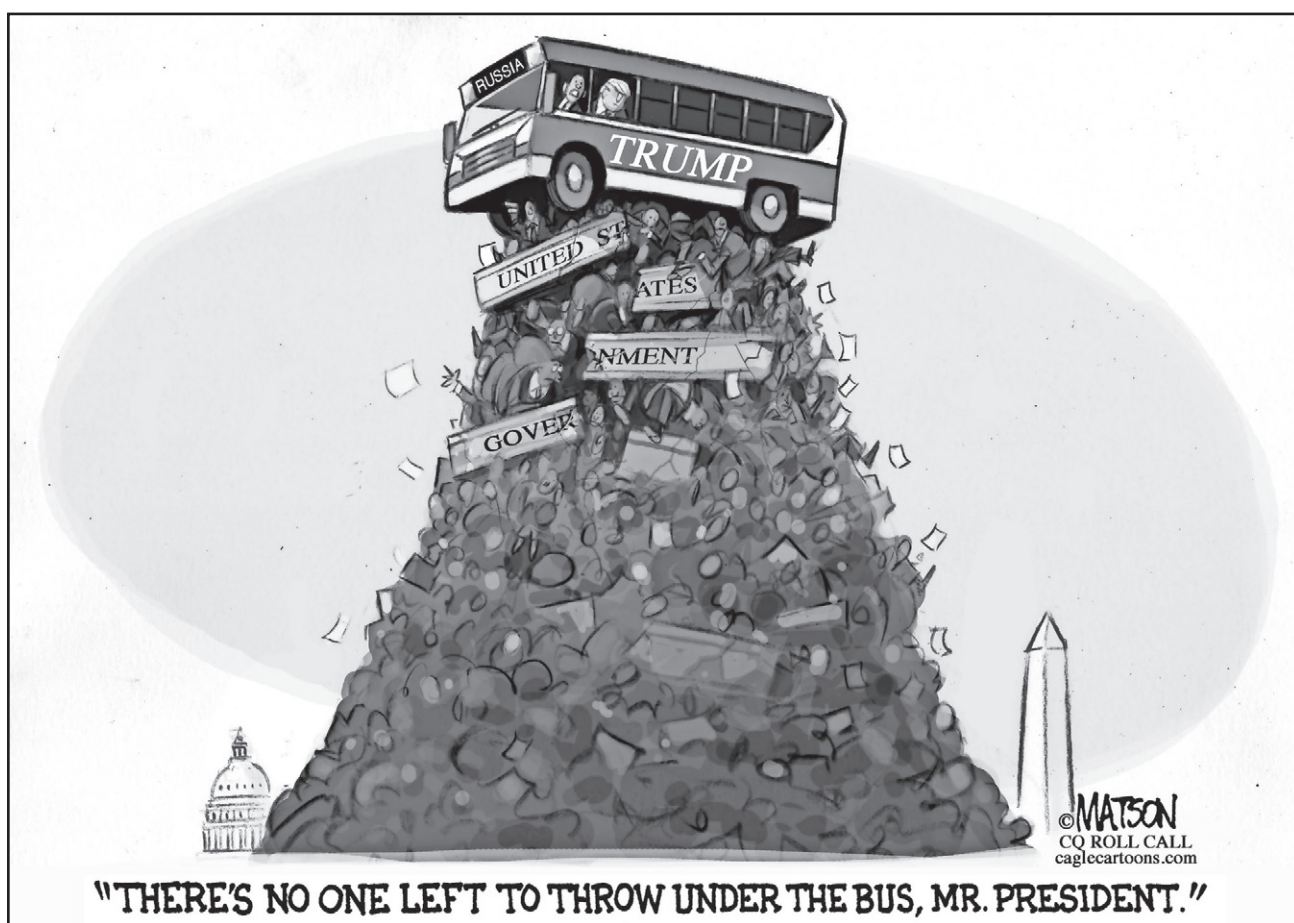
The folks doing the town's business do need a larger space to work from, the validity in that has never been questioned, even by the town's residents.

We're glad to see that the Town Council has given Town Administrator Phil Williams and Town Attorney Bert Harris III some direction on what they are looking for in the way of a new location.

Coming up with a solution to the space problem has not been for lack of trying. Aside from the former church building on U.S. 27, the town has also discussed in the past swapping buildings with the Lake Placid Memorial Library, and has considered the county's branch of the Health Department in Lake Placid.

Then, of course, there is the former church building, which Royce also pointed out July 9 has a price tag lower than when the town tried to buy it last.

We appreciate the fact that Royce came up with some other options when giving Harris and Williams direction to research some possible locations. The fact that they have been given the ability to enter "appropriately" into contracts with a disclosure period and talk to owners of possible sites tells us they may be serious this time.



"THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO THROW UNDER THE BUS, MR. PRESIDENT."

Just the gal I've been looking for

At first glance her photo reminded me of an old friend I hadn't seen in years. Her name was reminiscent of short pants I adored in middle school, further sparking my interest. She too was in search of someone and my intrigue soared. Might we be a match?

When searching for a literary agent, writers kiss the proverbial frog often. Of course, that's only if they are fortunate enough to catch the attention of the slippery critter in the first place. While I do fine as frog hair catching amphibians, landing a literary agent has proven to be much more elusive.

This gal however has worked at many of the publishing houses I've queried. It made me think of us chatting over lunch. "You've worked for Simon & Schuster? Wow, I've got a great form rejection letter from them." As a matter of fact, I believe I've queried several of



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Dorothy Harris

her former employers and have the dead letters to prove it. Who knew we'd have so much in common?

Her tips are those I readily take to heart too. She encourages writers to read a lot and write a lot. Bingo, I've got that down pat and have stacks of books in all genres at my entryway to prove it. Writing a lot is a done deal too, though my sixth, or is it seventh edit of my middle-grade story has languished. Honestly, I've

been waiting for a day where I can dismantle and shuffle the entire story line to make it really pop.

Now that I know she's looking to be surprised by a fantastic tale in my genre, I must plan a day to attack my manuscript with the passion and fervor she's expecting. It's amazing how the slightest hint of interest makes my heart beat wildly in hope that this could be the one I've been waiting on.

Landing an agent is truly the beginning of any author's life in the literary world. You need someone who will take your hand and promise to walk through thick and thin, right at your side in the years to come. In sickness over editing or a healthy bottom line, you will pledge your devotion to each other for a mere percentage of the profits and international movie rights. It's like a marriage in so many ways

and much like a marital covenant; one doesn't take it lightly.

Like that first spark of love, it promises to make me a giddy mess so I must spend quite a bit of time preparing my pitch. If I gush and swoon too soon, she might find me foolhardy and seek out another. Before I cast pride to the winds of faith, transmitting my heart and soul in text across the World Wide Web, I must have a strong synopsis and a solid manuscript.

When it lands in her inbox, I can only hope she will take a moment or two extra and find that authentic self she seeks represented in my storyline. May she yearn for a bit more and perhaps think to herself, this is the one. Then maybe, just maybe, she and I will break bread together in some hip New York eatery, remarking how we just knew the moment we first read about each other.

YOUR VIEW

More to be done to keep city beautiful

Sebring is a very nice place where citizens seem to care for their community. We have a solid pet waste clean up ordinance (with a \$250 fine for each violation). However, I would rather see this money spent on a new barbecue grill or yard landscaping than going into the city's coffers.

However, in my neighborhood we have noticed that most people let their pets roam into whatever yard they are in front of to do their business; they make no effort to clean it up. This obviously doesn't contribute to the continuing effort of our citizens to keep Sebring beautiful. It is unsanitary and shows a complete lack of consideration for our community.

It takes a very small effort and a small amount of time to take the proper course of action. Please show respect for yourself, your neighbors and your community. Come on

fellow dog lovers.

On a different subject, but one that is consistent with our efforts to keep Sebring clean and beautiful, it is distracting when we drive on U.S. 27 and see a proliferation of handwritten signs stuck in the ground and attached to trees, utility poles and street signs. They advertise everything from vitamins to real estate. While I understand the entrepreneurial spirit, it seems a shame to destroy the clean cut beauty of Sebring.

Perhaps a better option of getting the news of someone's product to the public could be achieved by utilizing newspaper classified ads, community bulletin boards or the internet. We should strive to present a better public image to the many people who pass through our wonderful town each day.

Michael Lathrem
Sebring

Wild horses

After watching President

Trump's rampages across Europe, trashing NATO and its members left and right, then outdoing himself in England, insulting Prime Minister Theresa May, who was acting as his gracious hostess, I was somehow reminded of wild horses, but what breed? A tough call, large, like the Lipizzans, the famous horses of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna? No. The wild mustang of the southwest, free and unruly, descendant from horses loosed by the Spanish Conquistadors? No.

I remained puzzled for a fair comparison. Then I watched him in Helsinki, on stage with Putin, dodging questions and nattering about Hillary's server. Then it came to me — a gelding.

Randy Ludacer
Lake Placid

Do opioid deaths rank higher in number?

In the July 10 issue

on the Viewpoints page, there was a picture with this information: "News item: opioid overdose deaths outnumber those caused by firearms." That information is interesting, but where are the facts to draw this conclusion?

I called and left a message for John Cole, The Times Tribune, Scranton, Pennsylvania, author of the picture, but he did not return my call. This is not good news for the anti-gun agenda. How many of these overdose deaths are youth/teenagers?

If this information is true, then the anti-gun advocates have a more serious thing to protest if they are really interested in saving lives. Or is it just a political agenda? As I have stated before, if lives were the real issue, they would vigorously protest abortion. Food for thought.

Frank Parker
Sebring

Editor's note: The picture mentioned was an editorial cartoon.

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LOCAL SPORTS

San Antonio eases past Sebring

Loss ends run for Sebring in AAA State Tournament

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING - The Sebring AAA Dixie Youth Baseball team was knocked out of the AAA State Tournament with a 6-0 loss to San Antonio on Tuesday at Max Long Recreational Complex.

Sebring battled from the start of the double-elimination tournament but came up a little

short of playing in the title game.

"We did not show them what we are capable of," said Sebring AAA Coach Joel Travers. "We are a lot better team than that but it just was not in the cards today. I am still super proud of the team but that is the way the cookie crumbles. It is what it is. We had too many errors and not enough hitting. Pitching

did well and they kept us in it. We could not put it together. I am super proud of them and we will be back next year."

In the bottom of the first inning, San Antonio came out swinging as PJ Reutimann drew a walk and Jayce Rollins hit a liner past third base and into left field for an RBI double. Andrew Blommel hit a grounder to second to plate Rollins for a 2-0

lead.

In the top of the second, Sebring's Hunter Stone hit a ball over the third baseman's glove for a double, but was left stranded on second base.

In the third inning, Sebring's Chase Vaughn clobbered the ball deep into the right-center field gap for a double but was left marooned on second base.



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

STATE | 6 Sebring players and coaches after Tuesday's Dixie Youth AAA State Tournament game against San Antonio.

Sebring blanks Okeechobee



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring's Jayden Garret scores as Okeechobee catcher Ziryn Flores attempts to make the tag during Tuesday's Dixie Youth Ozone State Tournament at Max Long Recreational Complex. Sebring is undefeated and one win from earning a berth in the Dixie Youth Ozone World Series.

Unbeaten Ozone team one win from state championship

By RUTH ANNE LAWSON
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING - Sebring defeated Okeechobee by a score of 20-0 in three innings in the Dixie Youth Ozone State Tournament on Tuesday at Max Long Recreational Complex.

Sebring blasted five home runs and went through four Okeechobee pitchers to remain undefeated in the six-team, double-elimination tournament.

Sebring played once-beaten Spring Hill American on Wednesday for the state championship. If Spring Hill American beat Sebring in the first game, another game would be necessary.

Results were not available at press time.

Sebring, which has solid defense and strong pitching, got their bats going in a big way in the rout of Okeechobee.

"It was impressive," said Sebring Ozone coach Will

Sebring. "Our bats came to life. Okeechobee was struggling with their pitching a little bit and our boys stayed in there and worked the pitchers. We jumped on them early and that makes a big difference. Our pitching was excellent and we threw one of our top pitchers Donovan Lusby so we could get a jump on them. We decided to pull him out after the first inning so we could save him for the championship game. We will have all of our pitchers for tomorrow's game. Austin Joiner has not been pitching much this tournament but I am real happy with the way he came in and shut them down."

Sebring jumped to an early lead with Beny Bikar and Clayton Evans in scoring position, Rhett Vaughn stepped to the plate and clobbered the ball over the left-center-field fence for a home run to put Sebring ahead 3-0.



Sebring's Brody Green (13) is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a home run in Tuesday's win over Okeechobee.

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Paul Miller Racing heads to Lime Rock

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Team owner Paul Miller goes back a long way with Lime Rock Park, which hosts the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT Le Mans (GTLM) and GT Daytona (GTD) classes in this Saturday's two-hour, 40-minute Northeast Grand Prix. It's also pretty close to home.

"Let me put it to you this way, it's two hours and about 15 minutes from where I'm standing at the moment in my Audi dealership," said Miller in a telephone interview Monday. "We have 700-something employees and we bought a block of tickets for our employees to go to the race. We gave them out on a first-come, first-served basis and they were gone in less than an hour. That probably should tell you something about the interest level in our race team."

Miller says he first raced at Lime Rock as a driver in the mid-1960s. During his driving career, he raced there and many other places through the mid-1980s with co-drivers such as his brother, Kenper, Ludwig Heimrath, Bob Akin and Brian Redman, and against competition like Hurley Haywood, George Follmer and Vasek Polak.

It was that stiff competition, in fact, that led Miller into the automobile dealership business. Paul Miller, Inc. now owns and operates 12 dealerships in New Jersey.

"We were getting spanked relatively regularly by the Porsches and one of the reasons I got into the car dealership business - I was actually in the newspaper business," Miller recalls. "I sent a letter into the distributor and learned that there was a dealership in bankruptcy in Parsippany, New Jersey."

"So, I got involved as a silent partner and my first order of business was to buy a (Porsche) 934 in 1976, which was an incredibly stupid business decision, but it was a lot of fun."

While fun, Miller realized shortly thereafter that he was better off joining established teams that had infrastructure in place. After doing that for a while, he eventually returned to fielding his own race cars.

"I got into my own 924 Turbo and I raced pretty much full time and was committed to the full series in '83, '84 and '85," he said. "We had wins

RACING | 6

LP Angels place 2nd in state



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The Lake Placid Angels X Play team poses with its second-place trophy from the state tournament on Monday.

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SPORTS STAFF

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Angels X Play team battled until the end, but it was West Pasco who came away with the state title, taking a 13-4 victory on Monday to claim the crown. West Pasco had forced Monday's game with a thrilling 11-8 victory on Sunday.

Lake Placid scored twice in the top of the

first inning, mounting a two-out rally when Aaryn King, Paige Person and Hannah Holmes each drew walks and Zoey Young followed with a two-run single.

West Pasco stormed back in the bottom of the first inning with nine runs to take a quick 9-2 advantage.

After a scoreless second inning, Lake Placid plated two more runs in the sweltering

heat, as Jillian Garduno walked and a hit batter put runner son first and second. Person delivered a two-run triple to pull Lake Placid within five, at 9-4.

Giselle Carpenter and Anndi Davis-Deutch drew walks in the top of the fourth inning, but Lake Placid was unable to bring either one home and West Pasco scored four times in the bottom of the fourth to put the game out of

reach.

Lake Placid coaches and parents told the players to keep their heads high, as they had an excellent season and gave a good accounting of themselves at state, representing Lake Placid with class and grace.

"You should all be proud of yourselves," coach David Weeks told the players after the game. "We're (coaches and parents) all proud of you."

RACE

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at Mosport in '84 and Lime Rock in '85. But unfortunately, my car was incredibly unreliable, so I guess that made a lifelong impression on me."

Reliability and consistency are key pillars to the success of Paul Miller Racing, which heads into this weekend's race atop the GTD point standings with co-drivers Bryan Sellers and Madison Snow sharing the No. 48 Lamborghini Huracán GT3. They're three points ahead of second-place Katherine Legge, who drives the No. 86 Meyer Shank Racing Acura NSX GT3.

"Part of what we're doing pretty well these days is building a car that actually finishes races an incredibly high percentage of the time without



IMSA PHOTO

Paul Miller Racing leads the GT Daytona class in the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship heading into Sunday's race at Lime Rock Park.

major glitches," Miller says.

"Pretty well" actually might be a bit modest. The team has finished fourth or better in every race this season, with a win in March's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Presented by Advance Auto Parts. In all, Sellers and Snow have finished on the podium in five of the season's six races.

Since the inception of the WeatherTech Championship in 2014

— when the team shifted to the GTD class after running the previous three seasons in the mostly factory-supported American Le Mans Series GT class — Paul Miller Racing finished second in the championship in 2014, and third in both 2015 and 2016.

Saturday's two-hour, 40-minute Northeast Grand Prix begins at 3 pm and will be televised on a delayed basis that afternoon starting at 4.

STATE

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San Antonio increased its lead in the bottom of the fourth. Koltyn Furtado and Rollins were in scoring position and Blommel knocked a grounder up the middle into centerfield driving home Furtado for an RBI single.

Rollins advanced to third and Tyson Lake singled to left field but was tagged out trying to stretch it into a double.

Blommel scored when Nolan Hartley bunted the ball to toward the pitcher

and the fielder's choice made it 5-0.

Sebring's Cole Travers pitched three innings and struck out three hitters and gave up only one walk. Aiden Bryant and Jonathan Gomez each went in to pitch for Sebring with both doing a fantastic job on the mound.

"We came out and played good but we got rocked hard," said Hunter Stone. "We did not play our best. I had fun playing in this tournament. My favorite part was hitting against Bartow and I got to pitch. Our team is pretty good and so are our coaches.

I have learned a lot from them and so did my teammates. I think I did pretty good this tournament and I had fun playing."

Bottom of the fifth and San Antonio tacked on an insurance run as Reutimann drew a walk, advanced to second base on a passed ball and scored on an infield error to make it 6-0.

Sebring was retired in its final at-bat to end the game and their tournament.

"We struggled today but I am super proud of the boys and we will be back next year," said coach Travers.



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring's Cole Travers attempts to tag San Antonio's AJ Baez during Tuesday's Dixie Youth AAA State Tournament at Max Long Recreational Complex.

OZONE

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George Sebring drew a walk and Jamaree Welch followed with a hit to left-centerfield to drive in Sebring. Dalton Todd was hit by a pitch, stole second, moved to third base on a ground out and raced home on a wild pitch to make it 5-0.

Okeechobee went down in order in the second inning and the Sebring offense went back to work.

Carter started the second inning off with a solo homer over the centerfield fence. Jayden Garrett used his speed to hit a double and Chase Sevigny lined an RBI double.

Austin Joiner sent a liner into left field driving home Sevigny, Joiner stole second and Bikar sent a hard grounder into the left-center field gap bringing home Joiner. Bikar showed off his speed when he stole second. Evans was hit by a pitch and Bikar and Evans advanced on a passed ball. Vaughn came

to the plate and belted the ball over the center-field fence for a three-run homer to give Sebring a commanding 12-0 lead.

"We had a good game," said Rhett Vaughn. "We were really hitting the ball today. It felt great to get two home runs in one game. I don't think I've done that before. Our team is great and so are our coaches. I have learned a lot from them. I am really excited to be in the championship game. Our goal is to win this tournament and represent Florida in the World Series."

Okeechobee made a pitching change and Sebring continued to expand their lead. Sebring drew another walk and Welch smashed the ball over the left-field fence for a two-run homer.

Todd was hit by a pitch and took second on a wild pitch. Lusby smacked a base hit to score Todd and Brody Green sent a drive over the left-field fence for a two-run homer to make it 17-0.

After another pitching change Sebring continued to overshadow

Okeechobee in the top of third. Todd drew a walk and Okeechobee changed their pitcher once again. Garrett and Carter each drew a walk to load the bases. Sevigny hit a sacrifice fly to center field driving home Todd.

Evans was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Garrett and Carter both scored on bases-loaded walks increasing Sebring's lead to an astonishing 20-0.


"We have been working these boys to get to this point and we knew we were going up against some pretty tough teams," said Coach Sebring. "Sebring has always been a team with a bulls-eye on them and we have done our best to prepare the boys. The boys are staying positive and looking forward to tomorrow. Going into the championship game and having to be beat twice is how we wanted it to be. We are real proud of them and they have worked hard. We hope we can pull this off tomorrow and go on to represent the state in the Dixie Ozone World Series."



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Sebring's Jamaree Welch (21) slides into second base as Okeechobee's Tucker Myers catches the ball during Tuesday's Dixie Youth Ozone State Tournament at Max Long Complex.

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Universal's 'Rock the Universe' going strong



CAPITOL CMG PHOTO

TobyMac is sporting a new look these days.

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With Disney World calling it quits on "Night of Joy" Universal's "Rock the Universe" is now the only game in town, as far as Christian music festivals in the Orlando area during the fall. This year looks to be as good as ever and guests can enjoy two nights of powerful music from today's

most popular Christian artists at Universal Studios Florida. Lift your hands and let your heart soar with amazing artists including Casting Crowns, Jesus Culture, TobyMac and For King & Country.

The tentative schedule has Jesus Culture, Lauren Daigle, Zach Williams, TobyMac, Red and Trip Lee performing Friday, with Casting

Crowns, For King & Country, Family Force 5, Brandon Heath, Andy Mineo and Ryan Stevenson taking the stage Saturday.

Plus, enjoy a moving Candlelighting Ceremony on Saturday and the FanZone presented by Coca-Cola where you can catch more live performances and electronic dance music spun

by Sarah Reeves and DJ PROMOTE. You'll also enjoy the park's most awesome rides and attractions. It's an unforgettable weekend of faith and fun.

"Rock the Universe" is a separately ticketed special event held on Sept. 7 and Sept. 8. Tickets will go on sale shortly for this event, which is always popular with area youth groups.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

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. July 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 more information, call 863-453-6858.

Summer Band finale

SEBRING — The Highlands County Summer Band will play its final two concerts of the season in area churches. Public is invited and the shows will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, at Union Church of Avon Park and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5, at Whispering Pines Baptist Church in Sebring.

Basics of backyard chickens

SEBRING — The UF/IFAS Extension office will host a "Basics of: Backyard Chickens" workshop from 4-5 p.m. today, July 19, 4509 George Blvd. in Sebring. Registration fee is \$10. To register, call 863-402-6540 or go online to eventbrite.com/e/backyard-chickens-tickets-45862633371.

Friday night jazz

SEBRING — The Broadway Lights Theatre Company invites you to the Tanglewood Community Clubhouse for Friday Night Jazz, 7 p.m. on Friday, July 20, at the Tanglewood Clubhouse across from Denny's. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$5 and tickets sold at the door. Free to all disabled vets. Bring your own beverage and snacks. The public is welcome to attend.

Christmas in July and member drive

SEBRING — The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 will have a membership drive open to the public and on two different stages. Friday, July 20 is Christmas in July, turkey dinner, Cowboy Jody and special guest. Dinner 5-6:30 p.m. Dance 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. For information, call 863-471-3557.

VFW roast turkey and dressing dinner

AVON PARK — The VFW Auxiliary Post 9853 will serve a roast turkey/dressing dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20 at VFW Post 9853, 75 N. Olivia Drive in Avon Park. Includes traditional sides and dessert. Cost is \$8. Carryout available until sold out. Smoke free dining room.

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Universal's Cinematic Celebration opens



UNIVERSAL STUDIOS ORLANDO PHOTO

Universal's Cinematic Celebration officially opened this week.

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Universal Orlando Resort's all-new nighttime lagoon show — Universal Orlando's Cinematic Celebration — officially opened at Universal Studios Florida. Guests now have a brand-new way to cap off their day in Universal Studios as they enjoy an "epic cinema under the stars" in the heart of the theme park.

The show seamlessly blends panoramic water screens accented by multi-layer water screens, pyrotechnics, lasers, projection mapping and more than 120 dancing fountains to transform the lagoon and surrounding buildings into a vivid celebration of beloved characters from Universal attractions and some of the world's biggest films. And guests will watch

it all come to life in an all-new dedicated viewing area designed specifically for the show.

Guests will witness moments from the Harry Potter film series conjured by way of spells, terrifying roars from Jurassic World dinosaurs, high-octane action from the Fast & Furious films, mischief by the Minions from Illumination's Despicable Me and more come to life each night in the heart of the Universal Studios lagoon.

Universal Orlando's Cinematic Celebration runs select nights this summer. Guests can now enjoy two spectacular nighttime shows during their visit to Universal Orlando Resort this summer — Universal Orlando's Cinematic Celebration in Universal

CELEBRATE | 5



For the first time ever, Universal Studios Hollywood, Universal Orlando Resort and Universal Studios Singapore are partnering with Netflix to bring "Stranger Things" to life at this year's "Halloween Horror Nights" events. Tickets are now on sale for the popular Halloween event.

HCA to offer beginner drawing classes

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AVON PARK — Heartland Cultural Alliance (HCA) is offering a Tuesday series of Beginning Drawing classes for ages 13 and up, by international award-winning artist, Beverly Marshall.

Classes will take place from 3-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14 and 21 at The

Peter Powell Roberts Museum of Art and Cultural Center, 310 W. Main St. in Avon Park.

The course of five, weekly, 90 minute classes teach different techniques in shading, the importance of light and dark areas, how to break down an image, control a pencil to achieve different levels of detail and contrast whether it be people or landscapes.

Cost for the five-week course, including supplies, is \$125. HCA members save 10 percent.

Marshall will also be teaching a beginning oil pastels for ages 13 and up, from 5-6:30 p.m. on the same days, immediately following the drawing classes.

In this five week beginners course of 90 minute classes students will learn basic techniques for drawing

with oil pastels. They will understand how to blend color on the page, build a landscape from the background to the forefront, layering, and to handle oil pastels. Students will create sunset and water scenes to take home as this course progresses.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Gaylin at 863-414-1578 or mothomas@embarqmail.com.



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Portrait drawing by Beverly Marshall.

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Greene joins Democratic debate for Florida governor

By **TERRY SPENCER** and **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MYERS, Fla. — The five Democratic candidates for Florida governor sped through a wealth of issues during a fast-moving debate Wednesday, but differences on the environment, education, guns, health care and standing up to President Donald Trump were few. The follow, in the order they were first introduced are some areas where each stood out from the others:

FORMER U.S. REP. GWEN GRAHAM: Graham, the daughter of former governor and U.S. senator Bob Graham, hit hard in her opening on her core issues — cleaning the environment, particularly the Everglades; improving schools and supporting teachers; abortion rights; and banning

the sale of military-style assault weapons like the one used to kill 17 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14. She also pointed out that she is the only candidate who has defeated a Republican, which she did when she won her congressional race in 2014. The Democrats, even though they have a slight lead in voter registration in Florida, have lost five straight gubernatorial elections.

“This is not a drill. If you are ready to end 20 years of Republican rule in our state capitol, I am ready to lead,” she said.

BUSINESSMAN CHRIS KING: King has made not taking sugar money a central theme of his campaign, and he criticized Graham for earlier accepting \$17,000. Environmentalists blame sugar growers for polluting the

Everglades and South Florida’s water supply. It was the only direct criticism one candidate aimed at another during the debate.

“Congresswoman Graham, I have to disagree with one thing you just said because it wasn’t true. You have taken money from the sugar industry. You took thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars,” he said. “And the eve of our first debate, you gave that money back. Because what we have to do as Democrats is we have to recognize that we have to change the future of Florida’s environment. We have to end toxic discharges once and for all.” The line drew loud applause from the crowd as southwest Florida is in the middle of an algae outbreak in its waterways.

Graham said she gave the money the Indian River Lagoon

Riverkeeper, “so I am really proud that the sugar money is being used to clean up the mess that they created.” That response fell flat.

TALLAHASSEE MAYOR ANDREW GILLUM: While each of the candidates criticized the sugar industry for contributing to pollution problems, Gillum was the only person to talk about providing for the future of the people who now rely on the industry.

“We’ve got to deal with the 50,000 citizens who are surrounding that industry, many of them communities of color, who are not being talked to about the kind of job industry that we’re going to usher into their area once we transform the agriculture use around it ... We’ve got to make sure that we give those people a new deal,” Gillum said.

BILLIONAIRE INVESTOR JEFF GREENE: Greene was the only candidate asked how to better fund public schools.

“When I am governor, not a penny of public school money will be spent on private schools or charter schools, which are all just schools without rules.”

He was also asked about legalizing recreational marijuana. He said he couldn’t commit until he sees if marijuana use among minors increases in states where it’s legal.

“Let’s see what’s happening in states like Colorado. If the consumption has increased among young people in places like this, I’d say let’s definitely decriminalize it, but don’t legalize it. If it hasn’t it, I say legalize it, regulate it, tax it and

DEBATE | 3

Trump walks back comments about threats from Russia, again

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that Russia is no longer targeting the United States, contradicting his top intelligence adviser’s warning days ago that “the lights are blinking red” about cyberattacks and reigniting bipartisan concerns over his recent embrace of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The president’s flat “no” came in response to a reporter’s question during a White House meeting with the Cabinet. Two hours later, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump was only saying “no” to answering any questions, yet the reporter and others refuted her.

“Is Russia still targeting the U.S.?” the reporter asked as a small media group was being ushered out of the room.

“No,” Trump responded, looking directly at the questioner. He went on to say, “We are doing very well, probably as well as anybody has ever done with Russia.”

The president’s apparent denial of an ongoing threat from Russia contradicted his chief intelligence adviser, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, who on Friday compared warning signs of cyberattacks by Russia to intelligence rumbblings before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

“The warning lights are blinking red again,” Coats said. “Today, the digital infrastructure that serves this country is literally under attack.”

TRUMP | 3



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump gestures while speaking during his meeting with members of his cabinet in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday.



AP PHOTO

Members of the rescued soccer team offer their respect after a press conference discussing their experience of being trapped in the cave in Chiang Rai, northern Thailand, Wednesday. The 12 boys and their soccer coach rescued after being trapped in a flooded cave in northern Thailand are recovering well and are eager to eat their favorite comfort foods and they are expected to go home soon.

Thai boys recount cave rescue: Voices in dark, then ‘hello’

By **TASSANEE VEJPONGSA** and **KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHIANG RAI, Thailand —

Trapped in the recesses of a flooded cave, the 12 boys and their soccer coach were trying to dig their way out when they heard voices in the darkness. Their coach quickly told everyone to be quiet.

“We weren’t sure if it was for real,” 14-year-old Adul Samon said. “So we stopped and listened. And it turned out to be true. I was shocked.”

That stunning moment when two British divers found the missing soccer team was recounted by the boys Wednesday at their first news conference since the rescue that riveted the world.

They all looked healthy as they walked out to applause from classmates and reporters in a hall

decked out as a miniature soccer field. Dressed in green, white and black uniforms emblazoned with a red wild boar — the nickname of their team — the boys briefly showed off their ball-handling skills before answering questions that were reviewed in advance.

The boys, aged 11-16, and their 25-year-old coach had come from the hospital where they have been recuperating for more than a week. They hugged their friends before taking seats up front with doctors and members of the Thai navy SEAL unit that rescued them from the Tham Luang cave after more than two weeks inside.

Each member of the Wild Boars stood and introduced himself by name and position. The SEALs also were introduced, but they used pseudonyms and wore baseball

caps and sunglasses to cloak their identities for security reasons.

In one poignant and emotional moment, a portrait was displayed of Saman Gunan, the former Thai navy SEAL diver who died in the rescue attempt, and the team members showed their gratitude and respect for him. One of the boys, Chanin Vibulrungruang, covered his eyes as if wiping away a tear.

Adul was the logical choice to tell how the British divers discovered them because it was he who had greeted the divers in English in the murky video on July 2 that was seen around the world.

The Wild Boars had entered the cave on June 23 for what was to be a relaxing excursion after soccer practice. But rain began, and water soon

RESCUE | 3

Government report accuses agency of inadequate recall monitoring

By **TOM KRISHER**
AP AUTO WRITER

DETROIT — An investigation has found that the U.S. government’s highway safety agency failed to act quickly on a consumer complaint, and that could have delayed recalls of dangerous Takata air

bag inflators.

A report by the Transportation Department’s Inspector General also found that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration process for monitoring car and truck recalls isn’t adequate. And the report released Wednesday says the agency isn’t verifying

recall completion rates reported by automakers or making sure manufacturers file proper documents.

“Overall, inadequate controls and processes for verifying and collecting manufacturer-reported information have hindered NHTSA’s ability to oversee safety recall

implementation,” the inspector general wrote.

The safety agency did not immediately comment. In the report, NHTSA partially agreed with some of the inspector general’s recommendations for improvement.

“This is further evidence that the federal auto safety regulator

isn’t doing enough to protect the public,” Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said in a statement Wednesday. Nelson, the ranking Democrat on a committee that oversees NHTSA, said the report is cause for the Senate not to confirm Deputy Administrator Heidi King as NHTSA’s leader.

EU fines Google a record \$5 billion over mobile practices

By **RYAN NAKASHIMA** and **RAF CASERT**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — European regulators came down hard on another U.S. tech giant Wednesday, fining Google a record \$5 billion for forcing cellphone makers that use the

company’s Android operating system to install Google search and browser apps.

The European Union said Google’s practices restrict competition and reduce choices for consumers.

While Google can easily afford the fine, the ruling could

undermine the company’s business model, which relies on giving away its operating system in return for opportunities to sell ads and other products.

Google immediately said it will appeal, arguing that its free operating system has led to lower-price phones and created

competition with its chief rival, Apple.

Android has “created more choice for everyone, not less,” Google CEO Sundar Pichai tweeted.

The fine, which caps a three-year investigation, is the biggest ever imposed on a company

by the EU for anticompetitive behavior.

It is likely to stoke tensions between Europe and the U.S., which regulates the tech industry with a lighter hand and has complained that the EU is singling out American companies for punishment.

Japan OKs 1st anti-smoking law, but seen as lax

By MARI YAMAGUCHI ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan on Wednesday approved its first national legislation banning smoking inside of public facilities, but the watered-down measure excludes many restaurants and bars and is seen as toothless. The legislation aims to lower secondhand smoking risks ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics amid international calls for a smoke-free Games. But ruling party lawmakers with strong ties to the tobacco and restaurant industries opted for a weakened version. The upper house approved and enacted the

bill into law Wednesday after it was approved earlier by the lower house. Last month, Tokyo separately enacted a stricter ordinance banning smoking at all eateries that have employees, to protect them from secondhand smoke. The ordinance will cover about 84 percent of Tokyo restaurants and bars. But the law still allows many exceptions and the Tokyo Games may not be fully smoke-free. Japan often has been called a smokers' paradise. Until now it has had no binding law controlling secondhand smoke and ranked among the least protected countries by the World Health



AP PHOTO In this Friday, May 9, 2014, file photo, people smoke at a designated area in Tokyo.

Organization. That has brought pressure from international Olympic officials. The new national law bans indoor smoking at schools, hospitals and government offices. Smoking will be allowed at existing small eateries, including those with less than 1,076 square feet of customer space, which includes more than half of Japanese establishments. Larger and new eateries must limit smoking to designated rooms.

Violators can face fines of up to 300,000 yen (\$2,700) for smokers and up to 500,000 yen (\$4,500) for facility managers. It will be implemented in phases through April 2020. The law allowing smoking at more than half of Japan's restaurants as exceptions is inadequate, said Hiroyasu Muramatsu, a doctor serving on Tokyo's anti-smoking committee. "The law is too lenient compared to international standards," he told Japan's NHK public television. "We need a full smoking ban." The health ministry's initial draft bill called for stricter measures but faced opposition from

lawmakers sympathetic to the restaurant industry. The government also was viewed as opposed to harsher measures because the former monopoly Japan Tobacco is still partly state-owned. In Japan, almost a fifth of adults still smoke. The rate for men in their 30s to 50s is nearly twice as high, according to a government survey last year. Most office workers now light up only in smoking rooms or outdoors, and cities are gradually imposing limits on outdoor smoking in public areas. But most restaurants and bars in Japan allow smoking, making them the most common public source of secondhand smoke.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

US pastor denied release in latest trial hearing in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish court on Wednesday again denied a request for the release from custody of an American pastor based in Turkey who is on trial on charges of aiding terror groups and engaging espionage. Andrew Craig Brunson, a 50-year-old evangelical pastor from Black Mountain, North Carolina, was arrested in the aftermath of a 2016 coup attempt for alleged links to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, as well as a network led by U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Turkey blames for the unrest. Brunson, who faces up to 35 years in prison for "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member" and "espionage," strongly denies the charges. Gulen has denied involvement in the coup attempt. At the end of the third hearing, the court inside a prison complex in the town of Aliaga in western Turkey rejected Brunson's lawyer's request

that he be freed pending the outcome of the trial. The case was adjourned until Oct. 12. Brunson's case has added to already strained Turkish-U.S. relations, with some U.S. politicians calling for sanctions against Turkey if Brunson is not released. U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted in Brunson's defense earlier in the year, saying: "They call him a Spy, but I am more a Spy than he is." Brunson's case was among issues Trump and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan discussed by telephone earlier this week.

Brazil reports at least 744 infected with measles

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazil's Health Ministry says at least 744 people have been infected with measles in a growing outbreak linked to cases imported from neighboring Venezuela. The total includes 67 indigenous Venezuelans and Brazilians. The indigenous rights group Survival international has warned that the outbreak could devastate isolated tribal groups that have little resistance to such diseases

and live on both sides of the Brazil-Venezuela border. Four people have died, including one indigenous child. The Health Ministry said Wednesday the majority of cases are in two Brazilian border states. All are linked to an outbreak in Venezuela, where health services have collapsed amid political turmoil.

3 suspected in Czech Republic of killing, trading in tigers

PRAGUE (AP) — Czech authorities have arrested three men suspected of killing critically endangered tigers and illegally trading in tiger products. Police say in a statement they discovered the body of a recently killed tiger, a large number of skins of big cats and the bodies of 20 other protected animals during the raids conducted with customs officials in Prague and other parts of the country on Monday. Wednesday's statement does not identify the men aged 35, 56 and 67. They are suspected of organizing the killing of at least three tigers and processing their

parts to make products used in traditional medicine in Asia and sold on the black market. If convicted, the men face up to five years in prison.

Dozens of wildfires rage in Sweden amid Nordic heat wave

HELSENKI (AP) — Sweden says it has mobilized all available resources to put out dozens of wildfires raging across the country. The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency said Wednesday that two Canadair CL-415 water-bombing planes on loan from Italy joined the firefighting efforts that included helicopters from Norway. Swedish public broadcaster SVT says an estimated 40 wildfires are burning mostly in Sweden, mostly in the central and western parts of the country, but also in the Arctic north. The Nordic region of Europe has experienced an intense heat wave in the past week. Temperatures reached over 32 degrees Celsius (90 F) throughout Finland, Norway and Sweden. The weather also has been dry.

UK extremist convicted of plotting to kill prime minister

LONDON (AP) — An extremist loyal to the Islamic State group has been found guilty of plotting to kill the British prime minister. Naa'imur Zakariyah Rahman was convicted Wednesday of planning to bomb the entry gates to the prime minister's residence and office at 10 Downing Street, kill the guards there and then attack Theresa May with a knife or gun. The 20-year-old, who is originally from the Birmingham area of England, was arrested in November after collecting a backpack he believed was stuffed with explosives. He thought he was getting it from Islamic State adherents, but had been talking to undercover police. Prosecutors said Rahman planned to be killed during the attack. A jury convicted him at the Old Bailey courthouse in London. He has not been sentenced yet.

Weather forecast for today through Tuesday, including high/low temperatures and chance of rain percentages.

Florida cities weather forecast map showing temperatures for various locations across the state.

AccuWeather.com forecast for Port Charlotte, Sebring, and Airport, including monthly rainfall and air quality index.

Florida cities weather forecast table listing temperatures for cities like Apalachicola, Bradenton, Clearwater, etc.

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature forecast for Florida, showing UV index levels and RealFeel temperatures.

Pollen Index and Air Quality Index forecast, including pollen levels and AQI readings.

Tides forecast for Punta Gorda, Englewood, Boca Grande, and El Jobean, listing high and low tide times.

Marine forecast for Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs, including wave heights and directions.

Sun and Moon schedule for July 19, including rise and set times for both celestial bodies.

Solar Table for August, providing times for minor and major solar eclipses.

Map of the United States showing weather systems, fronts, and precipitation patterns.

U.S. Extremes report listing the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the 48 contiguous states.

World Cities weather forecast table listing temperatures for cities like Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.

Weather history and trivia section, including a trivia question about ocean water temperature.

STOCKS LISTING CHANGE - REQUESTS WELCOME! Mutual funds listings will run on Saturdays.

The Sun Newspaper is tweaking the way stocks are listed in the daily paper. We will continue to run a wide range of stocks, but we're trying to eliminate stocks

our readers don't want. If you do not see your stock in the paper, please let us know and we will put it in the listings. Email the name of the company and the symbol to nlane@sun-herald.com, or call 941-206-1138. You can leave the stock name and symbol on voice mail. If you reach voice mail, please leave your contact information so your call can be returned.

Market indicators: DOW 25,199.29 +79.40, NASDAQ 7,854.44 -67, S&P 500 2,815.62 +6.07, 10-YR T-NOTE 2.87% +0.01, 30-YR T-BOND 2.99% +0.02, CRUDE OIL \$68.76 +68, GOLD \$1,226.30 +60, EURO \$1.1646 -0018

Money&Markets

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

Table of stock listings with columns: Tkr, Name, Last, Chg, NYSE, NASD, DCT, DDE, G-H, I-K, M-N, O. Includes various stock tickers and their price changes.



Stocks Recap table with columns: Vol. (in mil.), NYSE, NASD, DOW Trans., DOW Util., NYSE Comp., NASDAQ, S&P 500, S&P 400, Russell 2000, Toronto TSX.

Table with columns: HIGH, LOW, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, WK, MO, QTR, YTD. Lists various stock metrics.

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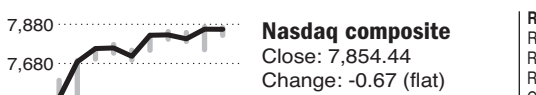


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Interestrates logo and text: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.87 percent Wednesday. Yields affect interest rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table with columns: TREASURIES, LAST, PVS, NET CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists Treasury yields and their changes.

Foreign Exchange section: The dollar held steady against most of its major rivals. It was virtually flat against the Japanese yen, and it inched higher against the euro and British pound.

Table with columns: MAJORS, LAST, CHG, %CHG, 1YR AGO. Lists major foreign exchange rates.

Commodities section: Crude oil rose for the third time in the last four days, while natural gas dipped. The price of gold inched higher, and copper climbed modestly.

Table with columns: FUELS, CLOSURE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Lists commodity prices and their changes.



'Reducible' is a very good thing when it comes to hernias

DEAR DR. ROACH: My son had an ultrasound the other day for a hernia. I have had six hernias. His results showed an inguinal hernia, 2.2 centimeters and "reducible." Will he need surgery? Can he wear a truss? What does "reducible" mean? Is this a risk for strangulation of the bowel? — B.E.

ANSWER: A hernia is a defect in the abdominal wall, through which an organ or part of one protrudes. We are all born with the potential for abdominal wall defects due to the way structures move during embryological development. The holes allow those structures to move. In the case of males, the testicle descends through the inguinal ring, which then normally closes. In your son's case, it didn't completely close, leaving a large enough defect for abdominal contents to come through. Hernias also can occur at the belly button or at sites of previous surgeries.

"Reducible" is a good thing when it comes to hernias. It means that the contents of the abdomen



Dr. Roach

can be pushed back into the abdomen (where they belong) with some gentle but firm pressure from the examiner's hand. If a hernia is not reducible — meaning, part of the abdominal contents has gone through the abdominal wall and are trapped outside — it is called "incarcerated." This is dangerous, because with swelling of the abdominal contents, the blood flow to the incarcerated contents can decrease, leading to tissue death. This is "strangulation" and is a surgical emergency.

Surgery is often done to prevent

these complications, even though the risk is low (less than 1 percent per year, on average) for inguinal hernias. People who have symptoms from hernias should undergo surgical repair. People with no symptoms may choose to have it repaired; however, others can elect "watchful waiting," but they need to know the warning signs of an incarceration: a nonreducible hernia and pain.

I seldom recommend a truss, because most people who need it for symptoms should be operated on, and people with no symptoms don't need it. They are useful in people who are at high risk for surgery.

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column on the risks of false positive mammograms generated much interest from readers. Many women wrote in to tell me how mammograms identified cancers, which were successfully treated. Others wrote to talk about how mammograms missed their cancer, leading to delays in treatment. Along with H.W.'s history, these stories indicate

the need for a careful discussion with every woman, beginning in her 40s, about the benefits and risks of mammograms. My previous column stated that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force said there isn't enough information to make a recommendation, but it does recommend an individualized discussion.

After this discussion, a woman should consider the anxiety a false positive may cause, the delay a false negative may cause, the possibility of unnecessarily treating a cancer that is destined never to cause problems (this is called "overdiagnosis," and there is intense controversy about how often it occurs) against the benefit of possibly finding and successfully treating a cancer that, if untreated, would have spread. No single decision is right for all women, especially in the age group of 40 to 50. Although a personalized decision is appropriate between 50 and 74, the Task Force recommends screening every other year in this age group.

Widow returns to dating pool, finds troubled water

DEAR ABBY: I was widowed seven years ago. When my husband died, I thought it was the end of my suffering. It had been a mentally and physically abusive marriage for 30 years. We were complete opposites and were always financially stressed.



Dear Abby

I have decided to start dating again. I want to meet someone and hopefully feel loved. I joined a dating website, but the men on it look disturbed and creepy. I have no friends, and I feel like I'm dying. I'm 57. Where are all the good men? I am at a loss.

My boss told me I should consider dating women since I have had no luck meeting men. She is pushing me into meeting her lesbian friend. Her friend was in an abusive marriage, and her husband is no longer in her life. Abby, I'm shocked that she would even suggest it.

I'm considering quitting my job because it's awkward being around my boss. Even though she has curbed her tongue, the fact still remains that my co-workers know she wanted to match me with a woman. I cringe working around her and want to crawl under a rock.

Please help. — Longing To Be Loved

DEAR LONGING:

It's time to join some different dating sites and enlarge your pool of dating prospects. However, when you do, keep in mind that your marital history may have negatively affected your judgment about men. "Dating" does not carry with it a guarantee of love. Your relationship with your husband should have shown you that.

That said, if I ever heard about creating a hostile work environment, what your boss did is a textbook example and should have been discussed with HR. "Joking" about an employee's sexuality is considered to be both discriminatory and a form of sexual harassment. Her behavior was beyond the pale, and you should start looking for another job.

Horseradish used for sauce

Dear Heloise: I use pickle relish and mayonnaise for an economical tartar sauce, and make cocktail sauce from ketchup and HORSERADISH. — Betty D., Faulkton, S.D.



Hints from Heloise

Betty, my mother, the original Heloise (1919-1977), would be thrilled with your thriftiness! A root vegetable, horseradish is rich, bitter and spicy. Its odor comes after it has been grated, primarily from the mustard oil inside.

Horseradish is used to make sauces and garnishes, and is served with roast beef and seafood. — Heloise

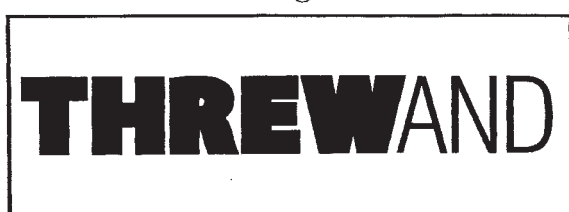
Dear Heloise: A recent TV report showed a

heaping mountain of non-disintegrating "flushable" premoistened wipes.

Instead of using three or more of these wipes per baby bottom, use toilet paper for all but the "final rinse" with a moist wipe. Dispose of the wipes in a paper bag. — Lilli G., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION: Through thick and thin

JUMBLE

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

ZAUZB

PRYEK

WERHDS

DAYALM

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: USHER GIANT OUTLAW PASTRY

Answer: Explaining the rules of arm wrestling is simple because it's — EASY TO GRASP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Let your readers know that we will be welcoming them on October 31.

HE ANNOUNCED WHEN MOUNT RUSHMORE WOULD BE COMPLETED TO GIVE PEOPLE A ---

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

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

3+	2÷	2-
1-		
2÷	1	12X
	4+	2

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CHALLENGING

3÷	1-	3÷
2-	2	5-
3-	2÷	4-
4	24X	13+
3÷	2	3÷
7+	2÷	4

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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.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

6X	4+	3-
2	3	1
3	4	2
1	2	4
3-	1	3
4	1	3

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 Middle Eastern rice dish (5)	_____
2 book for young students (6)	_____
3 "smiley" dog breed (7)	_____
4 seeds on a burger bun (6)	_____
5 balms (9)	_____
6 2nd largest Maryland city (9)	_____
7 ancient Greek concert venue (5)	_____

OD	PIL	RE	ME	ED
AME	FR	OY	CK	AD
ERI	ER	NTS	AF	NT
SAM	EON	OI	SES	ED

Wednesday's Answers: 1. PREMOLARS 2. STORMED 3. HAZELNUT 4. BAMA 5. LOPEZ 6. FIRESIDE 7. MERGED

Challenger

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

					7-19
	8				22
			2		27
					14
		2			12
					11
4					7
					19
					19
					19
					10

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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

3	2	2	2	9
1	3	1	2	7
1	2	1	3	7
4	4	4	7	19
9	11	8	14	14

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"The game ended when he caught the ball and buried it."

Cryptoquip

7-19

S J B S F X N Z P E C G U G Y G U
X C L G D S J G A E C Y G C S P Z P S G D
Z C S J G D G U Z F Z E X P
J Z G D B D A J N . J G ' P P G A E C L
S E C X C .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THING THAT'S FILLED WITH AN AWFUL LOT OF UNAPPETIZING ANSWERS IN A GRID: A GROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals S

SPORTS SLEUTH

LPGA TOUR CITIES

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

Wednesday's unlisted clue: TODAY

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

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: KUALA —, MALAYSIA

Adelaide	Incheon	Regina	Shoal Creek
Ann Arbor	Kildeer	Rogers	Singapore
Daly City	Naples	Shanghai	Taipei
Galloway	Oneida	Shiga	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can't help whom you're attracted to, and there are some difficult characters in your circle whom you love despite (or perhaps because of) their prickles. Put on emotional gloves. Protect yourself and you'll be fine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are lots of kinds of intelligence, and the one you possess will be fantastic for handling today's set of circumstances. Additionally, including others with complementary skills will really push things forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your popularity will grow. You're a captivating way of expressing yourself, especially with mundane information. You understand things on a deeper level, so you make them more interesting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It makes sense to go where the generosity, tenderness and kindness are flowing, and yet you may feel an allure toward excitement that promises none of those things. Should you really have to work that hard for love?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As you look into your curiosities, research your passions

and follow your whims, there will always be those who don't get it and think what you're doing is a waste of time. They are wrong. Ignore them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You long for congruity where there is dissonance. It's nobody's fault. You're on a different page of the soul. We all are on different pages of the soul. Fill yours out regardless. It will help the bigger story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your imagination is important to living your best life. Indulge it. Your days and nights will be enriched by the choice to do what it takes to cultivate an exciting inner world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The adage suggests that it's not what you know but who you know — although today it won't fit either way, so don't worry about it! Knowledge won't get you through in the way that feelings will, especially feelings of compassion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friendliness will be the sunshine for those who need it. There's an opportunity, and the odds are secretly and definitely in your favor, so take a risk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If love is to be a graceful dance, the steps have to be

learned. Study it; break it down; practice the moves. Repetition creates mastery. The beauty you create will be worth it, and besides, it's the mature thing to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something terribly lonely about spending too much time with people you can't seem to get close to. It can be, in fact, even more isolating than being alone, because at least when you're solo you connect with yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While scrolling through your feed, it may seem that everyone is having fun without you, but that's the lie everyone believes. Social media is primarily about perceptions and image. For the truth, see your friends in person.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19). Following your exceptional radar for all things good for you will lead to a healthy, happy year. The counterbalance will come in the form of a mischievous character, who adds some spice and temptation to your days when you need the excitement. An educational achievement will be an important marker in 2019. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 28, 40 and 18.

Thursday, July 19, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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GOOD CHOICE

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ J 9 5
 ♥ A J 9 8 4 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 10 7

WEST
 ♠ A Q 6 4 3
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ J 8 3 2

EAST
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ 10 6
 ♦ J 9 6 5 4 3
 ♣ K Q 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K 10 8
 ♥ K Q 7 3
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 9 6 4

The bidding:
SOUTH 1♣ 2NT
WEST Pass
NORTH 2♥ 3NT
EAST Pass All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♠

Today's deal is from the recent Vanderbilt Knockout Teams held in Philadelphia. North-South were John Hurd and Joel Wooldridge, respectively, from New York. Hurd-Wooldridge have an excellent record as a partnership over the last 10 to 20 years. They favor an aggressive style, as evidenced by South's decision to open the bidding on a hand that many, if not most,

would pass. Wooldridge made another unusual decision at his second turn. He had outstanding heart support, but a bare minimum hand. The hand would probably be even worse with an opening spade lead through his king, so Wooldridge chose to bid two no trump, rather than raise, to protect his king of spades. Hurd got with the program right away by raising no trump rather than rebidding his hearts. Wooldridge quickly claimed 10 tricks after the opening spade lead. "Would you have raised me with five-card support?" asked Hurd, tongue firmly in cheek.

In the replay, South passed as dealer and North-South reached the normal contract of four hearts, played by North. The opening spade lead saw the defense take the first two spade tricks and a spade ruff. The defense had a club trick still to come for down one.

Great bidding by Hurd-Wooldridge. This result helped their team to victory over one of the top teams in the country.

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BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



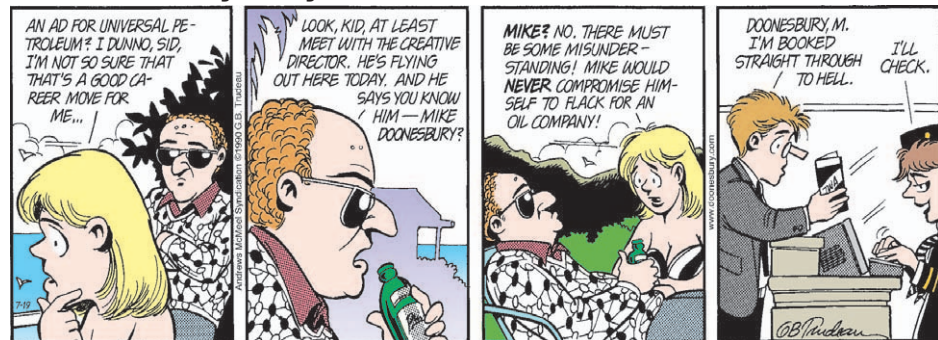
MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Advice columnist
 - Tree juices
 - Sat opposite
 - Give out sparingly
 - Water source
 - Fill with happiness
 - Oil producer
 - Water, in Tijuana
 - Noted fabulist
 - Many, many years
 - Of little consequence
 - Removes the stopper
 - Penn or Connery
 - Loft filler
 - Metal fastener
 - Gives approval
 - Foot lever
 - Tackle box item
 - Squashed circle
 - Khayyam
 - Zesty dip
 - Tightly bound bundle
 - Treadmill unit
 - Busy European airport
 - Gave medicine
 - Sch. org.
 - Small dogs
- DOWN**
- Farewell
 - Element no. 5
 - Opposite of "noir"
 - Longing
 - Elegant
 - Zeus' shield
 - Cushy job
 - Sharp blow
 - Suspected
 - Queen of the Misty Isles
 - Amorous men
 - Jacket style
 - Cabinet div.
 - River in Russia

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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NEED	HELEN	
AND	IRON	YACHTS
RAIN	MATER	LEON
APSE	EMILE	ARGO
BAHS	DEAF	DRAB

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- Port near Kyoto
 - Midwest airport
 - Raw cotton
 - Blushing
 - Garden green
 - Husky's haul
 - Grandeur
 - Give off light
 - Nobelist from Tibet (2 wds.)
 - Stringed instrument
 - Woodwinds
 - Noise
 - Good buy
 - Food storage place
 - Asserts
 - Glare protector
 - Pretended
 - Broke
 - Invisible swimmer (var.)
 - WXY buttons
 - Bird's crop
 - Time long past
 - Grate upon
 - Gung-ho about
 - Bullring yell

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 7/18/18

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

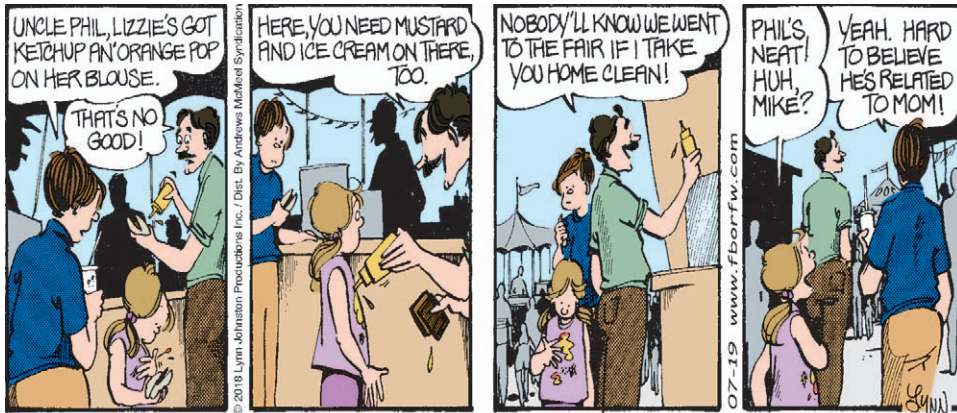
- "Not so fast, Obama VP Biden!" (1)
- Sliced-in-two "SNL" segment (1)
- Chap's elaborate prank (1)
- Lousy ventriloquist's prop (2)
- Faster-acting Anglican parish priest (2)
- Chicagoan The Rapper's furtive looks (2)
- Usually in a rigidly customary way (3)

ANSWERS
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 5. QUICKER VICAR 6. CHANGES GLANCES 7. NORMALLY FORMALITY

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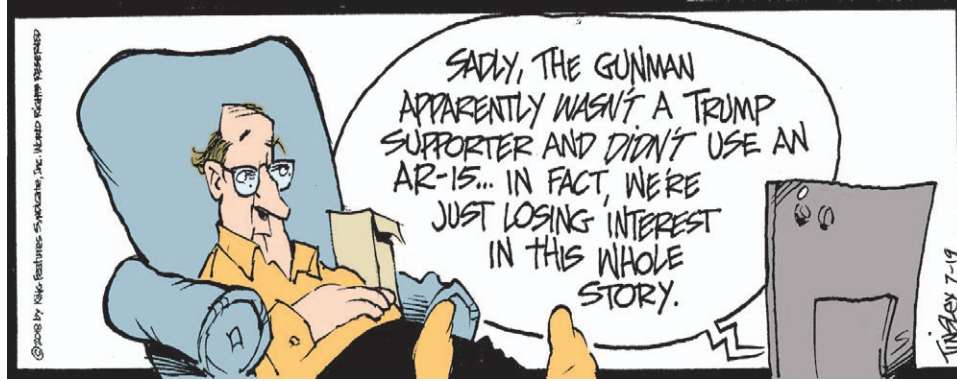
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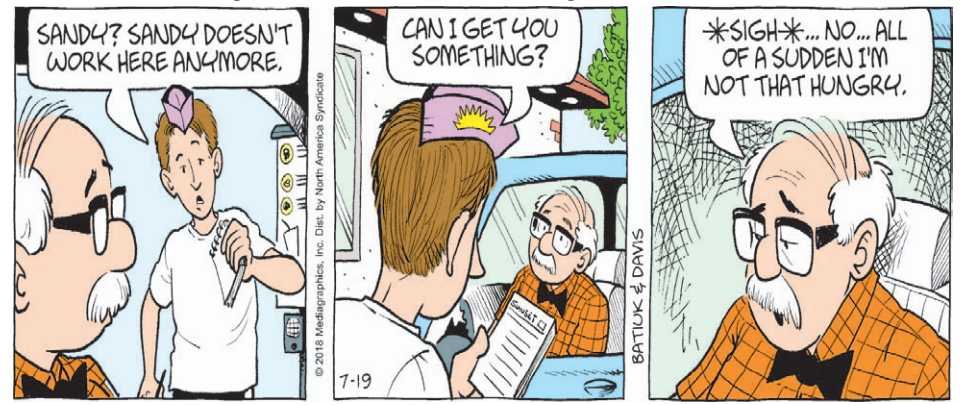
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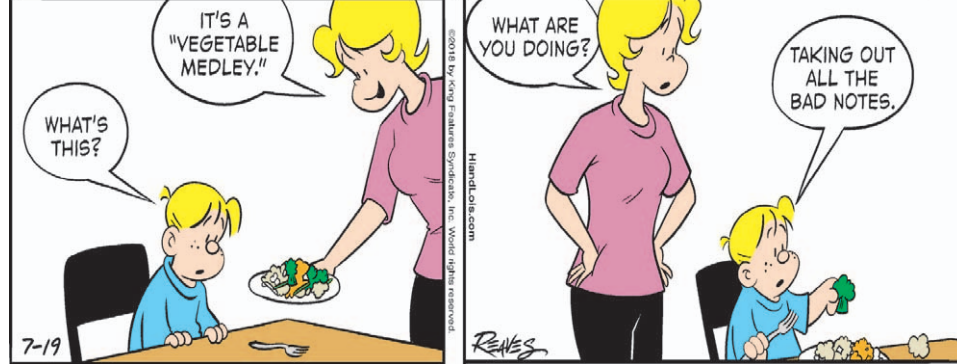
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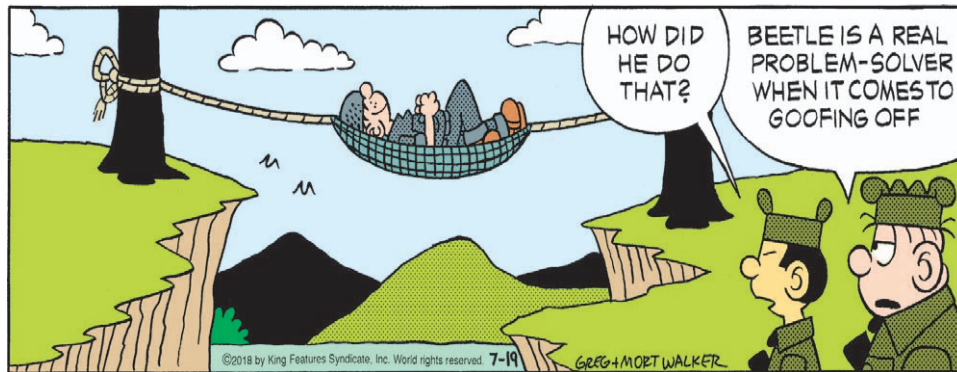
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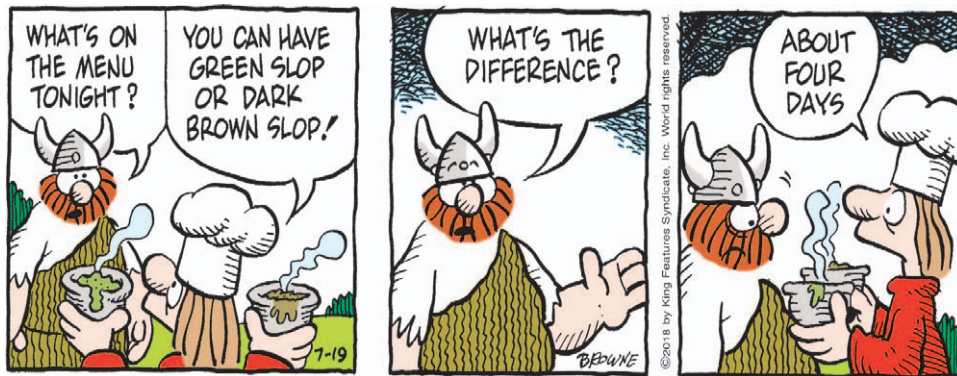
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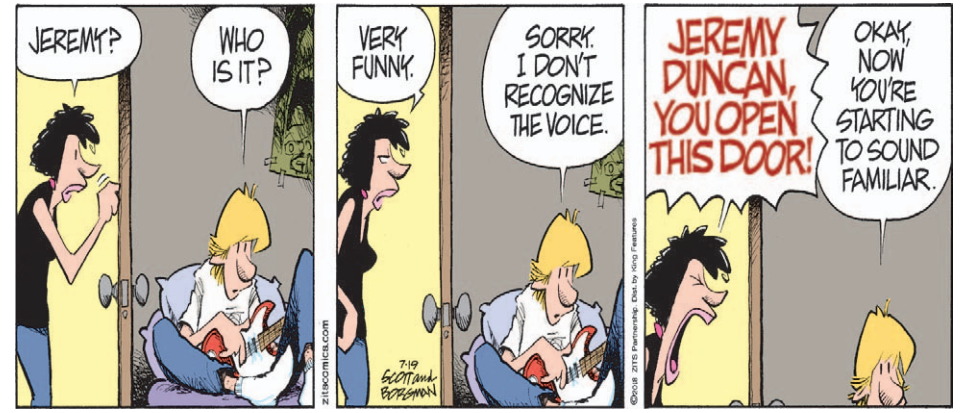
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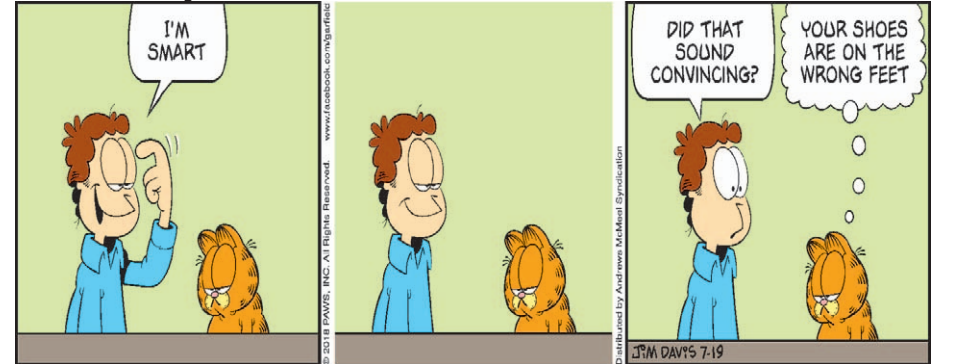
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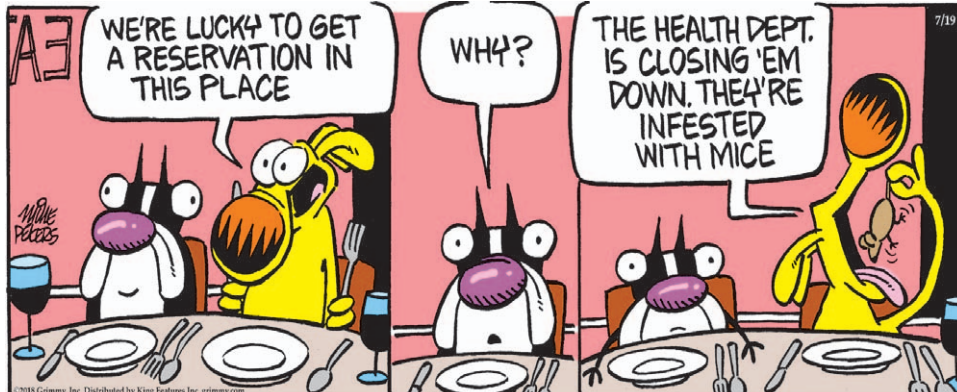
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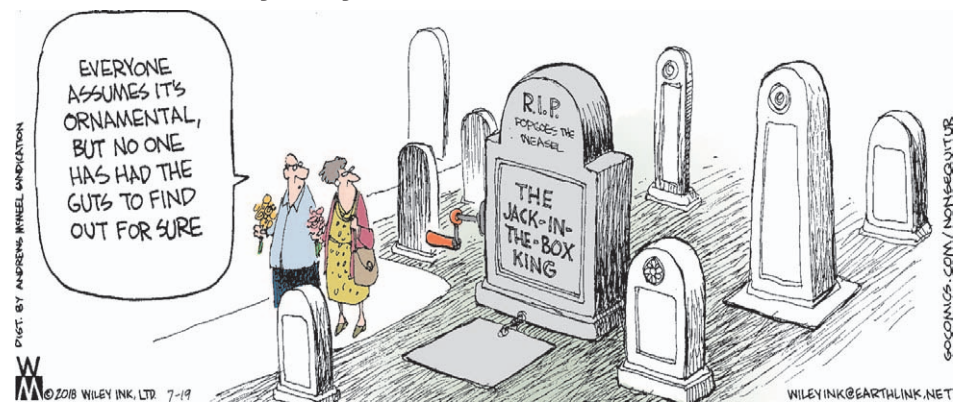
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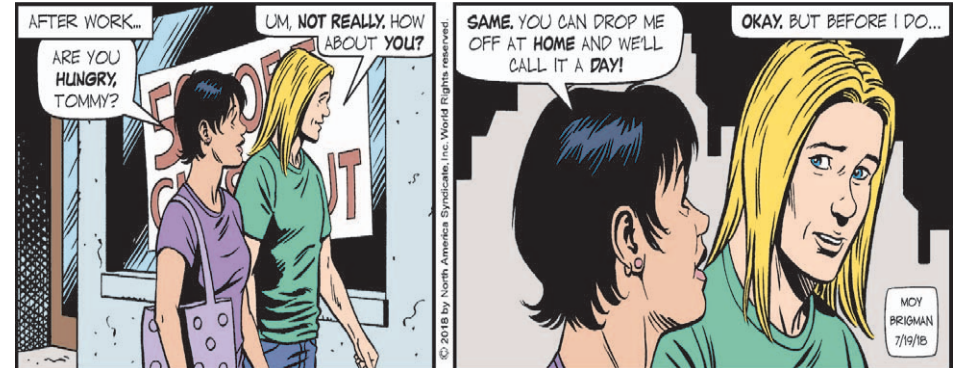
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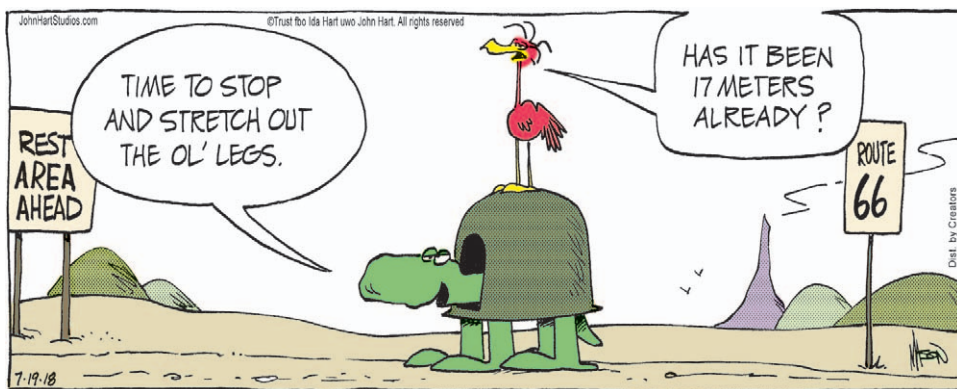
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Study links air pollution to drop in national park visitors

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Visitors appear to be steering clear of some U.S. national parks or cutting visits short because of pollution levels that are comparable to what's found in major cities, according to a study released Wednesday.

Researchers at Iowa State and Cornell universities looked at more than two decades of data on ozone pollution at 33 parks — from Shenandoah to Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon and Yosemite. They say visitor numbers dropped almost 2 percent when ozone levels went up even slightly and by at least 8 percent in months with three or more days of high ozone levels compared

with months with fewer days of high ozone.

Study co-author Ivan Rudik said air quality warnings issued by parks and other government agencies may be causing the visitation drop. That's consistent with previous research on so-called avoidance behavior in response to pollution alerts in other settings.

The study sought to control for seasonal variations and daily changes in the weather.

"Even though the national parks are supposed to be icons of a pristine landscape, quite a lot of people are being exposed to ozone levels that could be detrimental to their health," said Rudik, an assistant professor of economics at Cornell.

The study, published



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 11, 2012, photo, Sequoia National Park air resource specialist Annie Esperanza explains how ozone diminishes the view from Beetle Rock in Sequoia National Park, Calif.

in the journal *Science Advances*, comes as national parks have seen record numbers of visitors in recent years despite any concerns over pollution.

Ozone, the main ingredient in smog, is formed when small particles

of pollution from cars, power plants and industrial facilities react with sunlight. It limits visibility and can cause respiratory problems.

In parks, ozone is carried in on the wind and also caused by traffic and other

activities.

The National Park Service was reviewing the study but hasn't evaluated whether ozone and visitation are linked, spokesman Jeffrey Olson said. He said nine parks issue ozone alerts when warranted — Acadia, Great Smoky Mountains, Mammoth Cave, Pinnacles, Rocky Mountain, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, Shenandoah and Yosemite.

Virginia Tech economist Kevin Boyle, who has researched ozone in parks and was a peer reviewer for the study, said it provides "strong, suggestive evidence" that air pollution is changing people's behavior when planning a park visit. Boyle said follow-up research is needed to confirm the findings.

Ozone concentrations nationwide have generally fallen since the Clean Air Act was amended in 1990 to address the problem, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Yet amounts still regularly exceed national guidelines, and the researchers determined that many national parks have pollution levels similar to New York or Los Angeles.

A comparison of ozone in parks to levels in the 20 most populous U.S. cities showed they were "statistically indistinguishable," according to the study.

At Sequoia National Park, about 200 miles north of Los Angeles, there have been more bad ozone days than in the city in all but two years since 1996, the study said.

Clues to Confederate mystery: Sub's crew never dumped weight

By **JEFFREY COLLINS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Scientists studying the world's first submarine to sink an enemy ship said Wednesday that the doomed Confederate crew did not release an emergency mechanism that could have helped the vessel surface quickly.

The 1,000 pounds of what are called keel blocks would typically keep the H.L. Hunley upright, but also could be released with three levers, allowing the sub to surface quickly in an emergency, said archaeologist Michael Scafuri, who has worked on the submarine for 18 years.

Scientists who removed

the century of corrosion, silt and shells from the submarine found the levers all locked in their regular position, Scafuri said.

"It's more evidence there wasn't much of a panic on board," Scafuri said.

The Hunley and its eight crewmembers disappeared in February 1864 in Charleston Harbor shortly after signaling it had placed explosives on the hull of the Union ship the USS Housatonic.

Ever since the Hunley was raised from the ocean floor in 2000, scientists have worked to determine why the sub never returned to the surface. The keel blocks don't give a definitive answer, but do provide clues that either the crew didn't

think it needed to surface quickly or never realized they were in danger.

The crew moved the submarine through the ocean with a hand crank, and one theory is they were resting on the ocean floor 4 miles from shore waiting for the tide to turn to make their journey back to land easier and ran out of oxygen or got stuck.

But there are other theories such as the Housatonic explosion knocking out the Hunley's crew or a ship that sped to help save some of the crew on the Union ship clipping the Confederate sub and crippling it as it tried to dive.

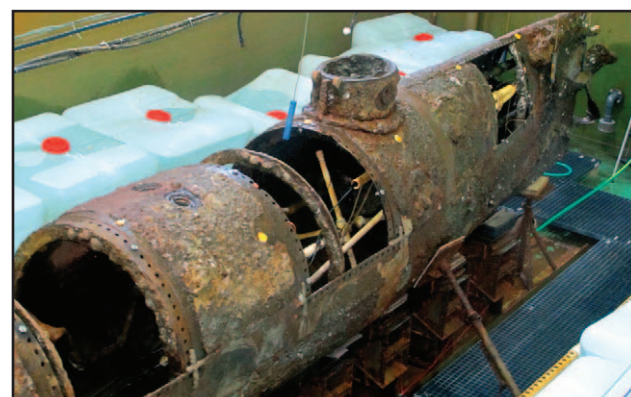
Those theories can't be ruled out — at least not yet and maybe never,

said Scafuri, who planned to work on the Hunley mystery for a year or two as a graduate student in 2000 and is now entering his 18th year helping conserve and study the submarine which is stored in chilled, fresh water in a 75,000-gallon tank in North Charleston.

"I would love to get to that point absolutely," Scafuri said when asked if he thinks scientists will ever know exactly what happened inside the sub, which was just 40 feet long and so small the men couldn't stand up straight as they turned the crankshaft.

"Can I promise that? No," Scafuri said.

The next step for



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 1, 2014, photo, the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sits in a conservation tank at a lab in North Charleston, S.C.

scientists is to remove more of the corrosion, slit and other material collected on the hull. Over 18 years, they have uncovered nearly a dozen

artifacts, reconstructed the faces of the crew members and gained more knowledge about the science behind the submarine, Scafuri said.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Trump mourns fallen Secret Service agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump paid their respects Wednesday to the family of a Secret Service agent who died in Scotland while supporting their overseas trip.

Special Agent Nole E. Remagen suffered a stroke Monday during Trump's trip to Belgium, England, Scotland and Finland. The 19-year veteran died in Scotland on Tuesday, surrounded by immediate family and Secret Service colleagues. His body was being returned to the U.S. on Wednesday.

Woman faces retrial on charges of suffocating husband

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — Bail has been set at \$1 million for a New Jersey woman facing a retrial on charges she killed her ailing husband by smothering him with a plastic bag and tried to kill her daughter the same way.

Jenny Tran was convicted of aggravated manslaughter and received a 50-year prison sentence. But a state appellate court overturned that conviction last month, citing trial-related errors.

Bergen County prosecutors say they will appeal to the state Supreme Court and are prepared for a retrial.

Authorities have said Tran was concerned about her finances after her husband had a stroke in November 2008. She allegedly told investigators that killing him would allow him to go to a better place, and she wanted to kill her children and herself for the same reasons.

Judge orders serial stowaway's release from jail

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago judge has ordered the release from jail of a woman dubbed a "serial stowaway" for repeatedly trying to sneak onto commercial jets without a ticket.

The Cook County State's Attorney office says Cook County Judge Maura Slattery-Boyle determined Wednesday that Marilyn Hartman is fit to stand trial and allowed her to be transferred to a private facility called "A Safe Haven." She also ordered Hartman to wear a GPS-equipped monitoring device and told her she must not come into contact with any airport, train station or bus station.

The ruling comes less than four months after the same judge determined that Hartman was unfit for trial.

Badly burned baby dies after reported kidnapping

NATCHITOCHEs, La. (AP) — A 6-month-old boy was found with serious burns more than an hour after his mother reported him kidnapped, and he later died. Now a Louisiana police department is investigating the mystery surrounding his disappearance and death.

Police in Natchitoches say the mother reported she was attacked Tuesday night by two people who banged on her door.

She said they sprayed her with a chemical when she opened the door.

A police news release says the woman said she fled the residence to escape the attackers. When she returned the baby was missing.

More than an hour later police received a call about a fire. The release doesn't

give details about the fire but says responding officers found the baby, badly burned.

The child died later at a hospital.

Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin launches spacecraft higher than ever

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rocket company shot a capsule higher into space Wednesday than it's ever done before.

The New Shepard rocket blasted off from West Texas on the company's latest test flight. Once the booster separated, the capsule's escape motor fired, lifting the spacecraft to an altitude of 389,846 feet. That's 74 miles.

It's part of a safety system intended to save lives once space tourists and others climb aboard for suborbital hops.

Wednesday's passenger was Mannequin Skywalker, an instrumented dummy in a blue flight suit that's flown before, plus science experiments.

The booster and capsule — both repeat fliers — landed successfully. It was the ninth test flight and lasted 11 minutes.

Blue Origin has yet to announce when it will start selling tickets or how much flights will cost. Launch commentator Ariane Cornell promised it would be soon. "It's coming," she said.

Bezos, founder and chief executive of Amazon, aims to send people and payloads into orbit from Cape Canaveral. Those missions will rely on the bigger, more powerful New Glenn rocket still under development.

He's named his rockets after NASA's original Mercury astronauts Alan Shepard, the first American in space, and John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth.

Man gives ride to stranger who turns out to be escapee

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The publisher of a weekly newspaper in south Mississippi says he unwittingly gave a car ride to a convicted murderer who had just escaped from a state prison near his home. Officials described the prisoner as "dangerous." He was recaptured days later.

Russell Turner of Greene County Herald said Tuesday that he went home around midday July 5 and a "winded and flustered" stranger was sitting on the steps outside his house, about 1.5 miles from South Mississippi Correctional Institution.

Turner said the apparently unarmed man was wearing green pants and a long-sleeved camouflage shirt — not prison garb. The man told him he had wrecked a motorcycle and needed a ride to the hospital where his wife was in labor.

"I knew something was off, but I clearly didn't know he was an escaped convict," Turner said.

Public notice had not yet been given about the escape, and the stories about the motorcycle wreck and a wife in labor turned out to be untrue.

Turner said he gave the man a ride to the hospital to get him away from the home.

After dropping him off, Turner spoke to local authorities and learned from an emergency management official that 47-year-old Michael E. Wilson, also known as "Pretty Boy Floyd," had escaped South Mississippi Correctional Institution.

Wilson was sentenced to two life sentences in September 2015 after being convicted of murder for killing two people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2014.

Trump-Kim statement overpromised on return of war remains

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a month after North Korea pledged to immediately return some American war dead, the promise is unfulfilled.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who traveled to Pyongyang this month to press the North Koreans further, said Wednesday the return could begin "in the next couple of weeks." But it could take months or years to positively identify the bones as those of specific American servicemen.

In a joint statement at their Singapore summit, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un committed to recovering the remains of prisoners of war and those missing in action decades after the Korean War — "including the immediate repatriation of those already identified."

That was more than a month ago, on June 12. Although Trump said eight days later that the repatriation had happened, it had not. It still has not. So, it was not "immediate," though the Stars and Stripes newspaper reported from South Korea on Tuesday that the North has agreed to transfer as many as 55 sets of remains next week. The Pentagon and the State Department declined to comment on any specifics promised by the North.

"We're making progress along the border to get the return of remains, a very important issue for those families," Pompeo said Wednesday at the White House. "I think in the next couple of weeks we'll have the first remains returned, that's the commitment, so

progress certainly being made there."

Likely also to prove untrue is the part of the Trump-Kim statement that said the North had war remains "already identified." It apparently has bones and perhaps associated personal effects, but history shows that any remains handed over by the North are likely to be difficult to identify. In recent days the State Department has changed that phrase to "already collected," suggesting it realized the remains have not been identified.

"There are no missing Americans who have been 'already identified' by the DPRK (North Korea) to be repatriated," says Paul Cole, who has researched POW-MIA issues from the Korean War for decades and served for four years as a scientific fellow at the Pentagon's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. He said this element of the Singapore statement "reflects a near total ignorance of the role of science" in accounting for war dead.

There is even some doubt that any remains turned over would be of Americans. Trump admitted as much in a CBS News interview July 14.

"You know, remains are complicated," he said. "Some of the remains, they don't even know if they are remains."

That's a big step back from his false assertion June 20 in Duluth, Minnesota: "We got back our great fallen heroes, the remains sent back today, already 200 got sent back."



WALKING TALL

Dwyane Wade and the Chinese apparel company Li-Ning announced that the three-time NBA champion has signed a lifetime contract with the brand. **Page 6**

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NFL: Bucs

Onetime Buc Darrelle Revis retiring

Associated Press

Revis Island is closed for business.

Darrelle Revis, a star cornerback with the New York Jets, a Super Bowl winner with their archrivals, the New England Patriots, and a onetime Buc, has retired.

Revis announced Wednesday on social media that he was ending an 11-season career that included four All-Pro selections.

"Today, I am closing a chapter in my life that I once dreamed of as a kid," Revis wrote.

"The game of football has opened doors for me I once thought were nearly impossible to get through. My passion to play the game at an elite level brought fun and excitement to the term 'shutdown corner' which was nearly on the verge of extinction.

"Covering some of the toughest assignments in league history was a challenge every Sunday, but also an honor ...

"Long Live Revis Island."

The proprietor of that place was a first-round draft pick (14th overall)

by the Jets in 2007 who made an instant impact as a coverage demon. Usually charged with handling an opponent's top receiver, Revis, now 33, often forced offenses to change their game plan to avoid him.

His skills even allowed Rex Ryan, a renowned defensive coordinator before joining the Jets as head coach, to try new schemes that befuddled the opposition.

"When I had him, obviously Darrelle was in the prime of his career, and there wasn't anybody close to him,"

Ryan said Wednesday. "Maybe Deion (Sanders) in his prime, but that would be the only guy.

"Darrelle could handle anybody. I don't care if it's Hall of Fame guys, he locked them down and covered them and it wasn't even close."

He had 29 career interceptions, returning three for touchdowns, including a 100-yarder against Miami. In 2009, Revis was beaten out by Charles Woodson for Defensive Player of the Year honors.



TIMES FILES (2013)

Darrelle Revis laughs on the field for pregame warmups before a game against the Carolina Panthers in 2013 at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte.

SEE REVIS, 3

MLB: Rays

OUT FOR 'SOME TIME'



MONICA HERNDON | TIMES

Catcher Wilson Ramos leads the Rays with 53 RBIs and all regulars with an .832 OPS and a .372 average with runners in scoring position.

Rays place Ramos on DL for potential extended absence

By MARC TOPKIN
Tampa Bay Times

ST. PETERSBURG — The Rays made the inevitable move Wednesday of placing catcher Wilson Ramos on the DL while still looking for a replacement.

Ramos strained his left hamstring Saturday in Minnesota, forcing him out of the All-Star Game. The Rays placed Ramos

on the 10-day DL backdated to Sunday, which makes him eligible to return Wednesday, but manager Kevin Cash said he was "going to miss some time."

That is expected to carry beyond the July 31 deadline for nonwaiver trades, by which Ramos seemed likely to deal and bring the Rays a decent return. The Nationals and Astros were among those reported to be

interested. Now the Rays' hopes may rest on Ramos being healthy before the Aug. 31 deadline to be postseason eligible if traded in a waiver deal.

Of more immediacy, the Rays need to find another catcher to pair with Jesus Sucre. The only internal option with major-league experience is Adam

SEE RAYS, 3

GOLF: British Open

The Open presents tough test with no clear answers

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — The eve of the British Open felt like cramming for a final exam, a multiple choice one with no obvious answers.

The wind that blows off the North Sea across the exposed links of Carnoustie has not been the primary concern during practice rounds. Players have a reasonable idea how far the ball travels in the air. They just don't know how far it goes on the ground.

"If you get it downwind and you hit that little flat draw and it gets running, it will go pretty much until it runs into something," Justin Thomas said.

That's not entirely true. Thomas hit a tee

shot on the third hole Wednesday afternoon that rolled across the humps in the fairway and kept right on rolling. It looked as though it would run into a bunker, or maybe even the handle of a rake leaning on the left edge of the bunker. It missed both and eventually came to a stop 232 yards away.

His club off the tee was an 8-iron.

Tiger Woods doesn't see many occasions to hit driver because of how far the ball is rolling across tight links grass that looks dead. It hasn't been this dry since Hoylake in 2006, when Woods hit only one driver all week and captured the Open for the third time. This might not be much different.

SEE GOLF, 3



AP PHOTO

Jordan Spieth, left, touches fists with Patrick Cantlay during a practice round Wednesday in Carnoustie, Scotland.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Hurricanes

Speaking frank-ly, Mark Richt declares Malik Rosier UM's starting quarterback

By JOEY KNIGHT
Tampa Bay Times

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — On National Hot Dog Day, of all days, Mark Richt again was in rare gastronomic form.

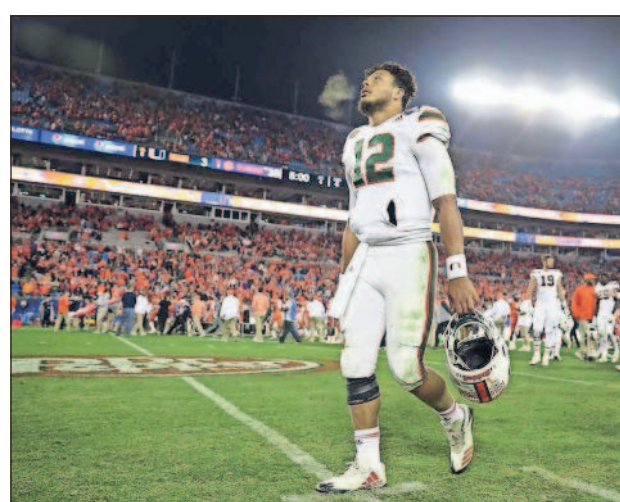
Miami's third-year coach, who captivated a media audience at last year's ACC Kickoff by diagramming how to eat a sandwich in 10 bites, volunteered his recipe Wednesday for a "Hot Dog Delight." It involves bread slices broiled in an oven and cooked franks sliced the long way, all covered in melted American cheese.

Topped off by and pork-and-beans. "However you get your beans ready, you hammer your hot dogs, cheese and bread with the beans," he said. "Then you take ketchup and you hammer it with ketchup, and then you take a fork and you... just devour it."

Mercifully, Richt digressed soon thereafter, from culinary tips to quarterbacks. Yet he remained...well...frank.

Redshirt senior Malik Rosier remains his starting quarterback, period.

SEE ROSIER, 3



MONICA HERNDON | TIMES

Miami quarterback Malik Rosier (12) leaves the field after losing the ACC Championship at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Gators

Mullen's old team will be better than his new one. That's a good thing

By MATT BAKER
Tampa Bay Times

ATLANTA — The difference between where the Gators are and where they could be showed up in back-to-back days behind a podium at the College Football Hall of Fame.

On Tuesday, first-year Florida coach Dan Mullen said the program he inherited has been inconsistent and unstable.

On Wednesday, first-year Mississippi State coach Joe Moorhead praised the groundwork

and individual pieces Mullen left behind.

"Part of our task as a staff is to elevate the program — which has a very solid foundation — from good to great," Moorhead said during SEC media days.

The Gators were a long way from great, or even good, during last year's 4-7 flop, and it's been years since their foundation was solid. That's why Urban Meyer called the program "broken" on his way out the door.

SEE MULLEN, 3

Florida Lottery
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PICK 2

July 18N	2-2
July 18D	3-0
July 17N	9-3
July 17D	6-7
July 16N	8-8
July 16D	5-3

PICK 3

July 18N	7-9-0
July 18D	8-7-3
July 17N	0-7-6
July 17D	3-0-3
July 16N	3-7-1
July 16D	9-1-2

PICK 4

July 18N	3-7-8-1
July 18D	0-1-6-0
July 17N	5-7-2-9
July 17D	7-2-4-3
July 16N	9-1-5-0
July 16D	5-4-8-4

PICK 5

July 18N	6-0-0-9-1
July 18D	1-1-6-0-5
July 17N	0-2-3-0-1
July 17D	7-2-3-6-4
July 16N	6-6-8-7-2
July 16D	7-9-2-3-9

D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

July 17	7-12-14-22-32
July 16	3-4-22-25-27
July 15	3-8-10-13-30

CASH FOR LIFE

July 16	17-18-45-46-55
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Cash Ball 1

PAYOFF FOR July 16

0.....	5-5 CB	\$1,000/Day
1.....	5-5	\$1,000/Week
3.....	4-5 CB	\$2,500
10.....	4-5	\$500

LUCKY MONEY

July 17	9-30-41-43
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Lucky Ball..... 1

PAYOFF FOR July 13

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1.....	4-of-4	\$4,619.50
27.....	3-of-4 LB.....	\$375.00
477.....	3-of-4	\$62.50

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$500,000

LOTTO

July 14.....	1-19-34-48-49-52
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PAYOFF FOR July 14

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17	5-digit winners	\$4,331.50
991...	4-digit winners	\$68.50

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$4 million

POWERBALL

July 14.....	22-41-42-49-67
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Powerball 11

PAYOFF FOR July 14

0.....	5-5 + PB ...	\$100 Million
0.....	5-5	\$1 Million
1.....	4-5 + PB	\$50,000
19...	4-5	\$100

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$110 Million

MEGA MILLIONS

July 17	40-41-61-66-67
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Mega Ball 12

PAYOFF FOR July 17

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1.....	5 of 5	\$1 Million
1..	4 of 5 + MB.....	\$10,000
31.....	4 of 5	\$500

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$422 Million

SPORTS ON TV

AUTO RACING
4:55 a.m. (Friday)
ESPN2 — Formula One, Emirates German Grand Prix, practice, at Hockenheim, Germany

CYCLING
6:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Tour de France, Stage 12, from Bourg-Saint-Maurice Les Arcs to Alpe d'Huez, France

EXTREME SPORTS
10 p.m.
ESPN — X Games Minneapolis 2018

GOLF
9:30 a.m.
GOLF — British Open, first round, at Carnoustie, Scotland

5 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, Barbasol Championship, first round, at Auburn, Ala.
1:30 a.m. (Friday)
GOLF — British Open, second round, at Carnoustie, Scotland

MLB BASEBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — St. Louis at Chicago Cubs

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
9 p.m.
NBCSN — Professional Fighters League, at Uniondale, N.Y.

WNBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — Washington at Dallas

NBA: Bulls

Parker looks to get career back on track with hometown Bulls

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jabari Parker recalled playing on the court with the Chicago Bulls' logo as a young child.

It was at the James Jordan Boys and Girls Club where his dad was a supervisor and not the nearby United Center. But it sure felt big time to him.

"It was like our United Center, that gym," he said.

Now, the United Center is his home arena.

Parker agreed Saturday to a \$40 million, two-year contract with the Bulls, hoping he can get his promising career back on track after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee two times in four seasons with the Milwaukee Bucks.

"No better way to live a dream as a kid than playing down the street from where I grew up — the James Jordan Boys and Girls Club," Parker said Wednesday.

The son of a former NBA player, Parker seemed destined for big things. He led Simeon Career Academy on Chicago's South Side to four state championships, graced the cover

of Sports Illustrated, and when he committed to Duke, the announcement was televised nationally. A year later, the Bucks drafted him with the No. 2 overall pick, thinking he would help lead them to prominence in the Eastern Conference. But it didn't quite work out that way.

Parker tore his ACL for the first time just 25 games into his rookie season. He was having his best year in 2016-17, averaging 20.1 point and 6.2 rebounds, when he tore the ACL again that February. Parker played in 31 games last year, averaging 12.6 points and 4.9 rebounds.

Now, instead of playing in a dynamic combo with Giannis Antetokounmpo and the rest of the Bucks, Parker will try to help a rebuilding team. The Bulls see a talented and versatile 23-year-old who could give them a big boost, assuming he stays healthy.

"We're looking at it as a great opportunity for our basketball team to improve, for Jabari to be a part of this," executive vice president of basketball operations John Paxson said.

MilB: Tarpons 10, Stone Crabs 3

Tarpons power past Crabs

Staff reports

A big first inning was all Tampa needed Wednesday night at the Charlotte Sports Park. The Tarpons defeated the Stone Crabs 10-3. Tampa managed to score seven runs in the first two innings against Charlotte. Stone Crabs starter Riley O'Brien lasted 1.2 innings,

allowing nine hits and surrendering seven runs. However, reliever Jose Disla managed to quiet the Tarpons' bats, pitching 4.1 scoreless innings, allowing only one hit and issuing a lone walk, while striking out four. A mild rally punctuated the Stone Crabs 6th inning as they scored all

three of their runs. Designated hitter Brendan McKay, just activated from the disabled list, singled sharply to right plating right fielder Jesus Sanchez. Left Fielder Miles Mastrobuoni's delivered a 2-RBI single, driving in Jermaine Palacios and Brendan McKay, with his liner to right. The FSL all-star was thrown

out at second as he attempted to stretch his hit into a double. The Tarpons added three runs in the 8th inning. Reliever Hunter Schryver pitched a scoreless 1.2 innings to finish the game. Kevin Padlo and Josh Lowe paced the Stone Crabs with two hits each.

MLB: Rays

MLB player poll: Rays and Marlins fans are 'the worst'

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

Rays fans and Tropicana Field are routinely ripped by media and out-of-town fans, and the usual defense is the critics don't really know what they're talking about. Well, now the major-league players have spoken. Or at least some of them. Rays fans shared top billing with the Marlins as "the worst" in the majors in a poll of about 240 players by The Athletic web site. (For what it's worth, next in line were Mets and Yankees fans.)



CHRIS URSO | TIMES

The dome of Tropicana Field is seen as Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Hunter Wood (61), right, walks with Tampa Bay Rays pitching coach Kyle Snyder (23) prior to the Tampa Bay Rays game against the Detroit Tigers Tuesday, July 10 in St. Petersburg.

major-league stadiums, calling it "an awful mistake of a ballpark," has now rated the neighborhoods around the stadiums. Last? You betcha, the Trop.

(Boston was tops.) Wrote the rankers: "Downtown St. Petersburg, with its waterfront parks and cute restaurants and bars, is quite nice. But Tropicana Field is more than a mile away

from that main drag and surrounded on three sides by parking lots and highways. That's OK — nobody wants to spend extra time looking at the ugliest ballpark in baseball anyway."

NBA: Trade

Done deal: Leonard traded to Raptors, DeRozan goes to Spurs

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 5 photo, San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard handles a ball before an NBA game against the Phoenix Suns in San Antonio.

The Kawhi Leonard saga in San Antonio is over. So is DeMar DeRozan's time in Toronto. An NBA summer blockbuster got pulled off Wednesday, with the Spurs sending Leonard to the Raptors as part of a four-player deal that has DeRozan heading to San Antonio. The Spurs also got center Jakob Poeltl and a 2019 protected first-round draft pick, while the Raptors acquired sharpshooter Danny Green. For Leonard and the Spurs, there's finally closure to a relationship that seemed fractured beyond repair and played out like a soap opera as the season went along. But in the end, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich — insisting that looking back at what happened would not be worth his time, and that Leonard was a good teammate throughout his tenure in San Antonio — simply said he hopes the move works out for everyone involved.

"Kawhi, obviously, worked very hard to become the player he is," Popovich said in San Antonio, a couple of hours after the trade became official when the teams got approval on the terms from the NBA. "Our staff worked very hard to help him get there. We wish him all the best as he moves on to Toronto. I think he's going to be great."

Leonard was the 2014 NBA Finals MVP and had been with the Spurs for seven seasons, averaging 16.3 points, though was limited to just nine games last season because of a leg injury. DeRozan has been in the league for nine years, all of them with Toronto, and is a career 19.7 point-per-game scorer. DeRozan has led the Raptors in scoring in each of the last five seasons. He was key to Toronto winning 59 games and securing the No. 1 seed for the Eastern Conference playoffs last season. But after getting swept in the second round by Cleveland, the Raptors decided massive changes were necessary — first the firing of coach of the year Dwane Casey, and now the trading of a perennial All-Star who once famously declared "I am Toronto."

DeRozan's initial reaction seemed to

be one of anger and frustration. "Ain't no loyalty in this game," DeRozan wrote in an Instagram story that appeared in the wee hours of Wednesday, around the time that ESPN and Yahoo Sports reported that the trade was approaching the imminent stage, several hours before it was finalized. "Sell you out quick for a little bit of nothing ..."

DeRozan did not specifically reference the trade in that post, but his message didn't exactly need translation. Raptors president Masai Ujiri has been traveling in Africa and was not immediately available for comment. Not only is the trade huge, it's potentially risky for both teams. Leonard hasn't played since January because of the somewhat mysterious right quadriceps injury — and the level of severity was something that even some of his now-former

teammates reportedly questioned last season while San Antonio was trying to qualify for the Western Conference playoffs. The Raptors clearly aren't worried about Leonard's status, and Popovich indicated Wednesday that Leonard has recovered sufficiently enough to play. During the 2016-17 season, he averaged a career-best 25.5 points and was third in the MVP voting. When healthy, there may be no better two-way player in the game. And that makes him worth the risk for Toronto. Leonard can be a free agent next summer. When he asked the Spurs for a trade weeks ago, it was made clear that he wants to play for the Los Angeles Lakers — a team that landed LeBron James earlier this month to lead their planned rebuild back into a contender. That means the Raptors are entering into this deal knowing that they could have given up a star like DeRozan for someone who might not be in Toronto for long. Popovich and Leonard met last month, but nothing the Spurs could say apparently changed Leonard's mind about wanting a trade. "Attempts were made to see what would be best, and in the end this trade appeared," Popovich said. "We felt that this was the way to go."

CYCLING: Tour de France

Constant action but same result at Tour de France: Sky domination

By **ANDREW DAMPF**
Associated Press

LA ROSIERE, France — If the idea behind a short but almost entirely mountainous stage in the Tour de France was to create constant action, Stage 11 on Wednesday went according to plan.

The end result, however, was the same as most recent Tours — domination from Team Sky.

British rider Geraint Thomas won the first summit finish of the race and claimed the yellow jersey on Wednesday while four-time champion Chris Froome moved up to second overall as Sky controlled numerous attacks.

“Amazing position for us,” said Froome, who trails Thomas, his teammate, by 1 minute, 25 seconds.

Thomas attacked on the last of four grueling climbs, powered past longtime breakaway leader Mikel Nieve in the final kilometer, and finished 20 seconds ahead of Tom Dumoulin.

Froome crossed third, just behind Dumoulin, who moved up to third overall, 1:44 behind.

The major question now may concern the dynamics between Thomas and Froome within Sky. Thomas has been one of Froome’s most loyal lieutenants for years and Sky labeled him a co-leader with Froome entering this year’s Tour.

“Obviously, Froomey is the leader,” Thomas said. “He has won six Grand Tours. For me it’s an unknown. Froomey knows how to win a three-week race. For me, whatever happens now it is a super successful Tour. Froomey still has our best chance now — there’s still more than half the race to go.

“It is an ideal scenario at the moment,” Thomas



AP PHOTO

Britain's Geraint Thomas celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the eleventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 108.5 kilometers (67.4 miles) with start in Albertville and finish in La Rosiere Espace San Bernardo, France.

added.

Froome is attempting to match the record of five Tour victories shared by Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

So will Thomas, wearing the yellow jersey, sacrifice himself for Froome on Thursday’s climb up legendary Alpe d’Huez?

“It depends on the situation and what is going on in the race. If I have to pull towards the end, then I will,” Thomas said. “We will see.”

The top five in the overall classification is rounded out by 2014 champion Vincenzo Nibali in fourth, 2:14 behind Thomas, and Primož Roglič in fifth, 2:23 back.

Dumoulin, the time trial world champion, is Sky’s closest challenger.

“He’s someone who can time-trial at the end of the Tour, too. We’re going to have to keep a close eye on him,” Froome said, looking ahead to the race’s only individual time trial in the penultimate stage.

Greg Van Avermaet, who had worn the yellow

jersey since his BMC squad won the team time trial in Stage 3, lost contact midway through the stage and finished far behind.

Sky calmly rode at its own pace and slowly caught a series of breakaway riders before Thomas kicked into action with 6 kilometers remaining.

“We were expecting attacks,” Thomas said. “When they go, it is never nice to see them all riding away but we had confidence in each other and we rode really well.”

Thomas, who is from Wales, required slightly less than 3 1/2 hours to complete the 108.5-kilometer (67-mile) route from 1992 Winter Olympics host city Albertville to La Rosiere Espace San Bernardo ski station.

It was his second career stage win at the Tour, having claimed the individual time trial that opened last year’s race. He wore the yellow jersey for four days last year — before dropping to second behind Froome — then crashed out on a descent in Stage 9.

“To wear the yellow jersey is always a massive

honor,” Thomas said. “To do it two years in a row is really nice.”

After going up the beyond-category ascents to Montee de Bisance and Col du Pre, plus the second-category Cormet de Roselend, the stage concluded with the unprecedented and lengthy 17.6-kilometer climb to La Rosiere — a ski resort linked to La Thuile in the Italian region of Valle d’Aosta.

With views of Mont Blanc atop Montee de Bisance, there was also a technical and tricky descent from Cormet de Roselend.

The first overall contender to attack was Alejandro Valverde up the Col du Pre. Dumoulin then escaped from the peloton with a downhill attack from Cormet de Roselend and joined up with Valverde on the final climb. While Valverde quickly dropped back, Dumoulin kept up his pace and was only surpassed by Thomas.

Sprinting stand-out Mark Cavendish, meanwhile, finished far behind and missed the time limit, ending his Tour.

NFL: Concussion Settlement



AP FILE PHOTO

A federal judge denied a request from the NFL to appoint a special investigator to look into what the league says is extensive fraudulent claims on the \$1 billion concussion settlement.

NFL concussion payout could jump by \$400M

By **CLAUDIA LAUER**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Lawyers representing former NFL players estimated Wednesday that payouts from the concussion settlement with the league will top \$1.4 billion, a \$400 million jump because of thousands more players filing claims.

The number of players who filed to be a part of the settlement is outpacing all previous estimates and could keep growing, the lawyers said in a federal court filing based on estimates from an actuary. The estimate accounts for players who have filed claims and those who have officially given notice that they intend to file claims.

The actuary said participation rates are 21 percent higher than estimated when the settlement was reached. As of July 16, 499 claims totaling more than \$485 million had been approved, according to the filing.

The massive increase in estimated payout came the same day a judge denied a request from the league to appoint a special investigator to look into what the league said are extensive fraudulent claims against the settlement fund.

Judge Anita Brody wrote in her federal court ruling that the league’s attorneys had demonstrated that there is “sufficient evidence of probable fraud to warrant serious concern.” But Brody said a special master and a claims administrator have effectively ferreted out those claims for now.

“The audit process is working effectively,” Brody wrote in her deferral ruling, saying if the claims administrator or special master notify the court an investigator is needed, “the Court will rule on the motion at that time.”

The league requested an investigator and cited in its May argument an independent study it said found more than 400 claims recommended for denial

based on evidence of fraud by attorneys, doctors and former players attempting to cheat the program. The league has said those attempts to scam the \$1 billion settlement fund have slowed down the awarding of valid claims.

The settlement, which took effect January 2017, resolved thousands of lawsuits that accused the NFL of hiding what it knew about the risks of repeated concussions.

It covers retired players who develop Lou Gehrig’s disease, dementia or other neurological problems believed to be caused by concussions suffered during their pro careers, with awards as high as \$5 million for the most serious cases.

Attorneys for the league had cited practices such as doctors seeing players for evaluation not in clinical settings, but in hotel rooms, law offices or other places. They also cited a doctor who said she spent seven to 12 hours evaluating each patient, but approved sometimes as many as eight patients a day.

A lawyer for several plaintiffs said Wednesday that he and others representing the players supported Brody’s decision.

“Since the NFL filed its motion more than three months ago, the claims process has continued to accelerate and the current audit process is working effectively,” said Chris Seeger, co-lead counsel for the retired players. “We will not allow a small number of potentially fraudulent claims to be used as an excuse by the NFL to deny payment to legitimately injured former players.”

In their May arguments, Seeger and other attorneys noted that the instances of fraudulent claims would be cut dramatically after the most recent rules for claims went into effect, including a list of approved physicians to determine eligibility.

Brody warned in her ruling that she expects the process to ensure valid claims are promptly paid.

OLYMPICS: IOC Meeting

IOC adds seven medal events to 2022 Beijing Winter Games program

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Planning for its next three Olympic Games on Wednesday, the IOC added seven medal events to the 2022 Beijing Winter Games, published a 2020 Tokyo Olympics schedule with no agreement on when to race swimming finals, and set a timetable to add new sports to the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The next Winter Olympics will now include: women’s monobob, Big Air freestyle skiing for men and women, plus mixed team events in short track speed skating, ski jumping, ski aerials and snowboardcross.

The addition of gold medals to a 109-event program was combined with a reduction in



AP PHOTO

International Olympic Committee, IOC, President Thomas Bach from Germany, speaks prior to the opening of the International Olympic Committee, IOC, executive board meeting, Wednesday in Lausanne, Switzerland.

how many athletes will compete.

In an attempt to cut organizing costs, amid recent failures of potential bidders in Europe for the 2026 Winter Games, there should be no additional venues required and 41 fewer athletes in

Beijing than the 2,933 competitors at the Pyeongchang Olympics last February.

IOC sports director Kit McConnell said changes for Beijing were “really sending a strong message about controlling the size of the Olympic

Winter Games.”

Sports losing athletes from their Olympic quota include 41 in skiing disciplines, 26 from skating, and 20 fewer in biathlon.

Women’s ice hockey will grow by two teams to become a 10-nation lineup instead, adding 46 athletes.

McConnell said an improved gender balance will see 45.4 percent female athletes in Beijing, rising from 41.1 percent in Pyeongchang.

A women’s Nordic combined event — mixing cross-country skiing and ski jumping — will not join the Olympic program because the overall quality of competition and variety of countries taking part was not “at a level appropriate to being included,” the IOC official said.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: FIBA World Cup

USA women’s team to hold exhibition in South Carolina

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The U.S. women’s national team will get ready for the FIBA Basketball World Cup with a training camp and exhibition game at Colonial Life Arena.

The Americans are led by South Carolina coach and three-time Olympic gold medalist Dawn Staley.

The women’s team will convene at South Carolina on Sept. 3 and hold an intra-squad scrimmage

at Colonial Life Arena on Sept. 5.

The team will go on to play exhibitions against Canada in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Sept. 8 and against Japan in Washington.

Staley was excited to

bring a game to her home fans. South Carolina has led the country in average attendance the past four seasons.

The FIBA World Cup takes place from Sept. 22-30 in the Canary Islands, Spain.

SOCCER: Tournament of Nations

USA takes veteran team to Tournament of Nations

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The top-ranked U.S. will bring a veteran group to the four-team Tournament of Nations, which begins next week with a match against Japan at Children’s Mercy Park in Kansas City.

U.S. coach Jill Ellis announced her training roster of 25 players Wednesday, all but three

of whom played for the national team this year. The newcomers are goalkeeper Adrianna Franch, forward Kaelia Ohai and defender Jaelene Hinkle, while defenders Casey Short and Emily Sonnett are back from injury.

The roster will be pared to 22 before the U.S. faces Japan on July 26. Brazil plays Australia the same day in the opener of round-robin tournament.

MLB: Trade

Source: Dodgers land Machado

Associated Press

The Los Angeles Dodgers have won the Manny Machado sweepstakes, garnering the prized All-Star shortstop from the Baltimore Orioles in a trade Wednesday night.

A person with knowledge of the deal confirmed the trade to The Associated Press. Another person with knowledge of the trade said the Orioles will receive five prospects: outfielder Yusiel Diaz, right-hander Dean Kremer, third baseman Rylan Bannon, righty Zach Pop and third baseman Breyvic Valera. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not yet been announced.

Machado, a power-hitter with extraordinary fielding skills, greatly improves the Dodgers' chances of reaching the World Series for a second consecutive year. He led Baltimore in batting average (.315), home runs (24) and RBIs (65).



AP PHOTO

Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado looks over his shoulder as he walks onto the field before the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, on Tuesday in Washington.

Machado is expected to be introduced in Milwaukee on Friday before the Dodgers open a series against the Brewers.

Machado's contract expires at the end of the season, and the last-place Orioles decided against negotiating an expensive, multi-year extension because they have too many holes as the team moves into a rebuilding mode.

Though only a summer rental, Machado was

coveted by a variety of contenders, including Philadelphia, Milwaukee, the Chicago Cubs and Arizona, currently a half-game behind the first-place Dodgers in the NL West.

Los Angeles gets a four-time AL All-Star with two Gold Gloves who has 129 homers over the last 3½ seasons. Machado was drafted third overall by the Orioles in 2010, made his big league debut in 2012 and spent his entire

major league career in Baltimore.

The Dodgers are filling a gaping hole at shortstop created by the loss of Corey Seager, who underwent Tommy John surgery in May.

And Machado moves from a cellar-dweller to a division-leading club in the middle of a pennant race. Not only that, but Machado likely gets to stay at shortstop, the position he manned this year after previously playing third base for Baltimore.

"I love playing short. I mean, I love it," Machado said last week. "I'm more excited playing shortstop than I've ever been. I'm more into the game. This is where I've always wanted to be, this is what brings the best player out of me."

The top acquisition for the Orioles in the deal is Diaz, a 21-year-old outfielder in Double-A. Diaz hit two home runs in the All-Star Futures Game last weekend. He's hitting .314 with a .905 OPS with six homers, 30 RBIs and 36 runs scored this season.

NBA: Heat



AP FILE PHOTO

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade talks with the media after practice at the American Airlines Arena in Miami.

Dwyane Wade signs 'lifetime' deal with Li-Ning

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade has a new contract — with his shoe company.

Wade and the Chinese apparel company Li-Ning announced that the three-time NBA champion has signed a lifetime contract with the brand, which he has represented since 2012. The finalizing of that deal coincided with Wade and the company revealing his latest shoe, the "Way of Wade 7," at an event in Beijing on Wednesday.

Wade appeared at the event with the company's CEO and namesake Li Ning, who is still revered in China for his gymnastics success.

"This was something I needed to do from the standpoint of building something," Wade told The Associated Press in a phone interview from China. "That's what I set out to do. This word we all talk about, legacy, I tried to set out to build a legacy for myself and my family. And after six years of that, it's cool to be here today."

Financial details of the contract were not revealed, though it's believed the total value to Wade could reach tens of millions of dollars.

Wade's relationship with Li-Ning began in

2012, after he previously was an endorser for Converse and Jordan Brand. In addition to the continued production of basketball and lifestyle apparel, the new deal calls for Wade to take "a greater role" in youth developmental camps and basketball clinics in China and other parts of the world over the coming years.

"Both sides see the benefits of it," Wade said. "We see the opportunity to do something special."

The question remains whether Wade will be wearing his newest sneakers on an NBA court again. He finished last season with the Miami Heat and there have been talks between him and the team about a return, but no decision has been made.

"When I get back from China, I'll focus on that," Wade said. "Right now, I'm focused on the game after basketball. Whatever happens in basketball, it happens. I've done everything that I can to this point to put myself that I'm in this position I am today, where I can do something that hasn't been done globally yet. The basketball will take care of itself. I'll sit down and figure that out once I get back from this tour at some point."

MLB: Brewers

MLB: Hader must take sensitivity training

By STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Josh Hader will be required to go through sensitivity training after years-old racist and homophobic tweets of his resurfaced during the All-Star Game, Major League Baseball said Wednesday.

MLB announced that the commissioner's office would require Hader to participate in diversity and inclusion initiatives in addition to the sensitivity training. In a statement, Brewers general manager David Stearns said the team would continue to work through the issue with Hader.

Several of Hader's tweets from 2011 and 2012 came to light Tuesday night while Hader was pitching in the All-Star Game. Hader learned of the situation when he left the game, apologized and took responsibility for the tweets, saying they did not reflect his values or the person he is now.

"During last night's game we became aware of Mr. Hader's



AP PHOTO

Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Josh Hader throws during the eighth inning at the Major League Baseball All-star Game on Tuesday in Washington.

unacceptable social media comments in years past and have since been in communication with the Brewers regarding our shared concerns," MLB said in a statement. "After the game, Mr. Hader took the necessary step of expressing remorse for his highly offensive and hurtful language, which fails to represent the values of our game and our expectations for all those who are a part of it."

The 24-year-old Hader said he did not "vividly" remember the tweets.

"Being 17 years old, you make stupid decisions and mistakes," Hader said Tuesday night. "I was in high school. We're still learning who we are in high school. You live and you learn. This mistake won't happen again."

Stearns said the Brewers were in contact with Hader, who is "fully aware of the severity of the situation related to his social media comments, regardless of the timeline of his posts."

"His comments are inexcusable, and he is taking full responsibility for the consequences of his actions," Stearns said.

"In no way do these sentiments reflect the views of the Brewers organization or our community."

Stearns said those who have come to know Hader feel the sentiments in the tweets do not represent his beliefs, calling him a good teammate and contributor to the Brewers in every way. Hader has a 1.50 ERA in 31 appearances and made the All-Star Game in just his second major league season.

Hader spoke with Brewers teammate Lorenzo Cain after the All-Star Game. Cain said he expects the team to accept Hader's present-day statements and move on.

"At the end of the day, you've got to give people a second chance," Cain said. "You've got to forgive people. For me, it's over and done with. He said it. It got out there. I'm moving on from it."

Hader, who grew up in Millersville, Maryland, outside the state capital of Annapolis, apologized when he spoke to reporters after the All-Star Game.

"There's no excuse for what was said," Hader said. "I'm deeply sorry for what I've said and what's been going on."

NFL: Bucs

Winston can set Bucs career passing records in 2018

By GREG AUMAN
Tampa Bay Times

Bucs veterans report for training camp one week from today, and we're continuing to look at what big records could fall for Tampa Bay in 2018.

It seems impossible, even given the lack of sustained quarterback success throughout the Bucs' 41-year history, but Jameis Winston, even with his three-game suspension, could set franchise career records for passing yards and touchdown passes this season, at age 24.

Vinny Testaverde holds the team passing yardage record, with 14,820 yards, while Josh Freeman has the touchdown pass record with ... 80. Both are the lowest career records for any NFL franchise, even though four franchises have joined the league since 1995. (More



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Bucs QB Jameis Winston, still only 24 years old, can set franchise career records for passing yards and touchdown passes this season.

on that in a minute).

So Winston needs just 12 touchdown passes to go from his current 69 (fifth all-time among Bucs QBs) through a logjam to Freeman's 80. He'll pass Trent Dilfer (70), Doug Williams (73) and Testaverde (77) but should catch Freeman by November if he continues

his statistical norms.

Yards? Winston is also fifth, but should be able to pass Williams, Dilfer and Freeman. He needs 3,185 yards to catch Testaverde — a 4,000-yard season, prorated to 13 games, would be 3,250 yards, so it could be a close call. Winston missed three games with injury last

year and still threw for 3,504.

This isn't just high-volume passing for Winston — he'll likely set the career completions record this season, but likely won't catch Testaverde's passing attempts mark until sometime next season. And as much as Winston is criticized for interceptions (44 in three seasons), he'll likely still be fifth on the Bucs' career interceptions list at the end of this season, barely halfway to Testaverde's record of 112.

So just how bad are the all-time Bucs passing records? Testaverde has 14,820 yards, and the only other NFL team without at least one 23,000-yard passer is the Raiders, whose record is 19,078 from Ken Stabler. Nine different teams have had a quarterback throw for 50,000-plus yards for them, all more than triple the Bucs' record total.

MLB: Rays

Promotion with Papa John's reinstated by Rays

By MARC TOPKIN
Tampa Bay Times

The Rays reinstated the discount pizza promotion with Papa John's based on actions taken by corporate officials after the ouster of founder John Schnatter following reports he used a racial slur.

The Rays had suspended the promotion, which offers half-price pizzas the day after they score six or more runs, Thursday following the initial reports.

In a statement Wednesday, the Rays said they "condemn" the remarks and explained the reversal:

"We support the recent actions taken by Papa John's corporate headquarters to remove John Schnatter from the company. Racism has no place in society, and we condemn Mr. Schnatter's remarks. Papa John's corporate team has committed to taking significant action steps to move beyond this incident, including a third-party audit of processes, policies and systems related to diversity and inclusion, supplier engagement and Papa John's culture; as well as establishing transparent goals and a communication process to monitor them that

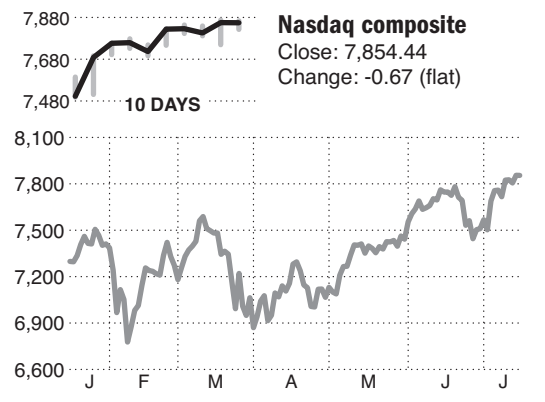
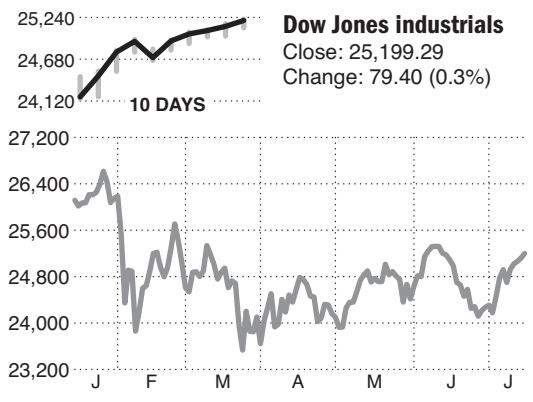
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"Since 2002, the Rays have had a positive, mutually beneficial partnership with local Papa John's owner-operators. We have worked collaboratively in our community and share a dedication to making a positive impact on our neighbors, including frequent donations of food to shared community partners, such as Feeding Tampa Bay, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House and CASA. With the commitment from the corporate office to initiate change, and our history of positive collaboration in mind, we welcome the opportunity to continue to work with the local owner-operators in Tampa Bay to bring exciting and valuable promotions to our fans, and to expand our combined community efforts."

The Rays weren't the only ones trying to distance themselves from Schnatter on Wednesday. Local Papa John's franchises released a statement, stressing that each store is independently owned and operated.

"We have been a part of the diverse Tampa Bay community since 1993. We respect and appreciate all our employees and customers equally."

For questions or comments, contact Chris Porter at 941-206-1134 or email porter@sun-herald.com



How to read the stock tables

Legend table for stock table columns: 1 Name, 2 Ticker Symbol, 3 Div, 4 Yield, 5 PE, 6 52-week High/Low, 7 Vol 1000s, 8 Last, 9 YTD %Chg. Example: XYZcorp XYZ 1.20 3.6 17 34.09 27.27 2780 33.72 +20.7

StocksRecap

Summary table for NYSE and NASD, including metrics like Vol. (in mil.), Pvs. Volume, and index performance.

Table showing 52-week High, Low, Close, Change, and % Change for various indices and sectors.

- 1 - Name of stock. 2 - Ticker Symbol company trades under. 3 - Dividend... 4 - Div. Yield... 5 - Price to earnings ratio... 6 - Range of closing prices in last year. 7 - Sales in thousands... 8 - Last trading price of the day. 9 - Percent change for the year.

NYSE

Main NYSE stock table (A-Z) with columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg.

Main NYSE stock table (A-Z) with columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg.

Main NYSE stock table (B-Z) with columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg.

STOCK GLOSSARY - bt - primary exchange listing BATS cld - issue has been called for redemption by company d - new intraday 52-week low g - dividends paid in Canadian funds, PE not shown h - Does not meet continued-listing standards if - late filing with SEC n - stock was a new issue in the last year - the 52-week high and low figures are calculated from their start date pf - preferred stock issue pr - preferences rs - stock has undergone a reverse stock split, decreasing outstanding shares by at least 50 percent within the past year rt - right to buy security at a specified price s - historical prices have been adjusted for a split or distribution of 20 percent or more in the last 12 months. wi - trades will be settled when the stock is issued wd - when distributed wt - warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock u - new intraday 52-week high un - unit, including more than one security v - Trading halted on primary market vt - company in bankruptcy, receivership or being reorganized under the bankruptcy law - this appears in front of the name DIVIDEND FOOTNOTES: a: Extra dividend(s) paid, but are not included; b: Annual rate plus stock dividend; c: Dividend from a liquidating company; e: Declared or paid preceding 12 months; f: Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i: Declared or paid after dividend or split; k: Declared or paid this year, an accumulative issue with dividends in arrears; r: Declared or paid in last 12 months plus stock dividend; m: Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p: Initial dividend, annual rate unknown; yield not shown. t: Paid in stock in preceding 12 months, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or ex-distribution date PE footnotes q - stock is a closed-end fund - no P/E ratio shown cc - P/E exceeds 99 dd - loss in last 12 months

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NYSE

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like BkNYM pIC, BkNova g, BankUtd, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like ChinRap n, ChinaSolr, ChinaTel, etc.

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Main table of NYSE stocks, columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like ADCP Mid, DCT IndTr, DDR Corp rs, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like DxEARear, Dir HltBr, Dir20yTrBr, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like ETracBDC, ETRMLPSt, ETRalerNG, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like EVFIRIP, EV LtrDur, EV MAMU, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like iPBtaLstsk, iPBtaPrM, iPXLR2K, etc.

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NYSE

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, 1000s, Last, %Chg, YTD. Includes entries like Maiden pfA, Maiden pfC, MaidenH pfD, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, 1000s, Last, %Chg, YTD. Includes entries like NewHome, NewIreland, NJ Rscs s, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, 1000s, Last, %Chg, YTD. Includes entries like L Brands, L-3 Tch, LCI Inds, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, 1000s, Last, %Chg, YTD. Includes entries like OGI Ptrs, OFG Bncp, OFG pfA, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, 1000s, Last, %Chg, YTD. Includes entries like M&T Bk, M&T Bk wt, M&TBk pfA, etc.

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P-Q

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like PBF Engy, PBF Logm, PCM Fund, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like RAIT pfA, RAIT pfB, RAIT pfC, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like SASP Gbl, SASP SE, SCANA, etc.

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NYSE

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Seaspn pE, Seaspn pF, Seaspn pD, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like TAL Educ s, TAPestry, TargaRes, etc.

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NYSE

Table of NYSE stock market data including columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, and YTD %Chg. Includes sub-sections for -V- and -W-.

Nasdaq

Table of Nasdaq stock market data including columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, and YTD %Chg.

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Nasdaq

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like AmtechSys, Amrix, AnalogDev, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like BkRkCap, BlackBox, BlinkCh, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like ChipMOS, ChiroMax, ChrchlID, etc.

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Nasdaq

Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like Docusign, DogaInt, DollarTree, etc.

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Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like EBAY, EDAP, EMCI, ENDR, ENDRW, etc.

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Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like F5T, FAT, FBW, FLIR, etc.

Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like FastMerch, FastMidll, FMidBc, etc.

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Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like GWilliFood, G1Thera, GCI, etc.

Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like GBXSupdiv, GIX Fintc, GIXCathol, etc.

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Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like H&E Eqp, HD Supply, HL Acq, etc.

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Table with columns: Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like I-AMCap, I-AMCap wt, I-AMCap rt, etc.

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Nasdaq

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like MatnPrv un, MPACU, MatnSvt un, MTRX, etc.

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Nasdaq

Table listing Nasdaq stocks with columns for Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes sub-sections P-Q, R, and S-T.

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Nasdaq

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like UFP Tch, UMB Fh, US Ecology, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like VictDevVol, VictEV, VictSCVOL, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like WFC Bcp n, WDFC, WMIH, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like VBI Vac n, VEON, VOXX Int, etc.

X-Y-Z

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like xG Tch wt rs, XGTI, XOMA, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes tickers like US AutoPnts, US Concrte, etc.

Money Market Funds

Large table with columns: Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield. Lists various money market funds like Cash Account Tr, Fidelity Money Marke, etc.

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Money Market Funds

Table of Money Market Funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, and Fund details. Includes various institutional and government funds.

Tax Exempt

Table of Tax Exempt funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, and Fund details.

Toronto stocks

Table of Toronto stocks with columns for Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, and Name details.

Treasury bonds

Table of Treasury bonds with columns for Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, and Rate details.

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

Mutual Funds

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and Name details.

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables

Here are the 4,300 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or net asset value (NAV), daily net change and weekly net change. Underlining highlights the funds ranked in the top 20% in each of the last 5 years:

Table explaining mutual fund abbreviations and symbols: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Includes definitions for fund objectives, fund types, and symbols.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

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

By Total Net Assets

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

By 4-Week Percent Return

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

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Continuation of the 'By Year-to-Date Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from Vala m to EqnGr m.

Mutual Funds

Main table of mutual funds with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Includes sub-sections like Arbitrage, Ariel, Aristote, Artisan, Ashmore, Auxier, Ave Maria, BBH, BMO, BNY Mellon, Baron, Baird, Barrett Associates, Bernstein, Berkshire, Bishop Street, BlackRock, Brevard, and American Funds.

Continuation of the 'By 4-Week Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from HYBdSvc b to HYBdK.

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Mutual Funds

Table containing mutual fund data with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rk, and Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rk. The table is divided into sections by fund category, such as Bond, Equity, and Money Market funds.

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Mutual Funds

Table with 33 columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and 16 fund names. Includes sub-sections for Fidelity Advisor, Fidelity Select, and Frost Funds.

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Mutual Funds

Table of mutual funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rk, and 3-yr Rtrn/Rk. The table is organized into multiple columns and includes various fund names like CorEqC, EuropeanGrC, InvGrnC, and many others.

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Table with 25 columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Contains various mutual fund listings and performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds such as HYMnBdl2, Polaris, Principal, Rydex, SEI, SSGA, Salient, Schroder, Schwab, and TCM.

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Table with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, and various fund categories including VALIC Co I, VALIC Co II, Value Line, VanEck, Vanguard, Victory, Westmark, Wescore, U.S. Global Investor, U.S. PACE, USA Mutuals, and Uncovered Manager.