

Fire at Lake Placid Tower Plaza

By **MELISSA MAIN**
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LAKE PLACID — Around 3 p.m. Thursday, a fire blazed through the walls and ceiling of Lake Placid Tower Building and spread to the eaves on the roof, according to Highlands County Public Safety Director Marc Bashoor.

“We know there were workers in the building, because they called in the fire,” he said. “The firefighters are cutting through the roof to get to the fire. Once the fire is out, we will investigate the cause.”

Fire engines lined up in front of the Tower Plaza and behind the building. Lake Placid Fire Department, Sun ‘N Lakes Fire Department, Placid Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, DeSoto City Fire Department, Lake Placid Fire Department, and Highlands County Fire Services, Emergency Medical Services and Public Safety responded to the scene.



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Highlands County Public Safety Director Marc Bashoor talks with a firefighter about the fire at Lake Placid Tower Plaza. Bashoor gathered information and coordinated the response to the fire.

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MARC VALERO/STAFF

The South Florida State College fall semester starts today with applied technology and vocational program classes followed by the remainder of the classes next week.

SFSC fall term begins today

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The South Florida State College fall term starts today with applied technology and vocational program classes and then kicks into full gear with the remainder of the classes beginning the week of Aug. 20

The college’s Welcome Back will occur on Monday and Tuesday with faculty, staff and administration greeting the majority of the student body on their first day

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Branham gazebo needs repairs Samaritan’s Touch asking for estimate, lumber, hands

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — In 2007, family and friends dedicated a gazebo and prayer garden to the memory of Janette L. Seamans Branham, a local attorney who helped others, but died tragically in 2005 from domestic violence.

Since then, the garden and gazebo have served as a sanctuary for clients of Samaritan’s Touch Care Center, a faith-based and free medical, dental and vision

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Candidates compare

Forum brings out agreement, differences

By **PHIL ATTINGER**
STAFF WRITER

Editor’s note: This is the first of several articles to follow the political forum held Wednesday night, Aug. 15.

SEBRING — Nine candidates squared off against their competition Wednesday night during the Highlands News-Sun political forum.

Another two spoke about their views without debate, while 50-60 visitors took in everyone’s answers. Just as often as not, opposing candidates said they agreed on some issues, or at least respected their opponent’s views.

Probably the best example was Bill Akins, R-Port Charlotte, and Bill Pollard, D-Avon Park, two of five hopefuls in respective primaries for U.S. House of Representatives, District 17.

Akins is running against state legislators Rep. Julio Gonzalez, R-Venice, and Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota. Pollard faces April Freeman, D-Cape Coral.

Akins said he would never vote to support abortion, non-traditional marriage nor tax increases. He’s a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, which he said “could be the First Amendment, because it’s the only document that gives citizens the authority to protect the others.”

Pollard said he supports changes in health care, including Medicaid for everyone; securing 100 percent of retirement benefits for everyone, setting the retirement age at 65, and improving wages for people in “so-called ‘good jobs’” who can’t afford to do more than pay bills, if they can do that.

The two said they had started talking to each other about issues during this campaign — something not common among candidates of opposing parties. While they themselves had not found much common ground, they found common goals of working with the other party for consensus — somewhat.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

Audrey Asciutto, D-Sebring, in center, gives opening remarks in the forum for Florida House of Representatives, District 55. Seated with her, from left, are her direct opposition in the primary — Nicholas Mrozowski, D-Okeechobee — and incumbent Cary Pigman, R-Avon Park. Their discussion took the longest of Wednesday night’s panels during the Highlands News-Sun political forum at Circle Theatre in Sebring.



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Wednesday night’s political forum audience gives rapt attention to candidates Jack Richie and Arlene Tuck, both Republicans and both running for Board of County Commission, District 4. Richie, incumbent, is running for a third term. Tuck, currently on the Lake Placid Town Council, is hoping to unseat him.

Pollard said he would have to reach out “across the aisle” in Congress, because that’s the only choice. If they don’t talk to each other, they won’t get anything done, he said. “Anyone elected to Congress needs

to be diplomatic,” Pollard said. “So many are dogmatic.” Akins said the left wing refuses to go along with anything the Republican

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Kellie Kelley launches second book

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Friends, family and fans gathered at Kelley's florist shop on Tuesday evening to celebrate Kellie Kelley's newest book, "Playing Dirty," with a signing party.

Last year, Kelley released her debut novel, "Sunday Dinners." The novel was wildly successful and Kelley began writing "Playing Dirty" immediately after the first book was released. The first novel focused on a Southern family whose inheritance depended on keeping the matriarch's traditional Sunday dinners.

In "Playing Dirty," new characters are added to the mix, made of the women from the High Springs Ladies Bridge Club. The book has something for everyone's reading taste — love, scandal and even murder. The characters will have readers turning the 458 pages quickly. Both books have excellent reviews on Amazon.

"Who would have thought that one book would turn into another," Kelley asked.

Maebelle Merriwether holds court in her community. A candidate seeking her endorsement knew it would be gold. However, the candidate soon learns that Merriwether is not one to be easily intimidated.



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Kellie Kelley is seen here signing her second book at her florist shop.

Instead, she raises her card-playing troop and they protect town innocents with their help. Lt. Price is back and has a new partner, Eddie Martin. Together they investigate a mystery.

"Playing Dirty" was finished in May," Kelley said. "I had surgery and that put off releasing the book until now. If anyone who read the first book enjoyed it, then they will like this book too.

"This is the second in a trilogy. I have already begun writing the third," she said.

Kelley explained she is learning as she goes along.

"I had Tina Pendarvis, Sharla Elliott and Gloria Lindsay edit the book," she said. "I saw too many mistakes in the first book.

That didn't make me happy. I also mention Lake Placid Police Chief James Fansler in the dedication because he helped me with the police questions. He read the first book and he thinks that he is 'Bo' in town."

"Bo" is the Southern gentleman in the books and is quite the ladies' man.

Stephanie Underwood bought a book and had it autographed by Kelley.

"I got this book because I read the first one and loved it," she said. "I gave it a five-star review on Amazon."

Kelley is a fourth-generation resident of Lake Placid. The Master Florist has been in business since she was 18 years old.

The book can be found on Amazon in Kindle form or physical copies or head to Kelley's shop at 173 E. Interlake Blvd. for an autographed copy.

Kelley is collecting recipes from Lake Placid residents to include in a cookbook collection. The working title is Lake Placid Cooks. Proceeds will go to the Lake Placid Police Department.



"Sunday Dinners" was the debut novel for Kellie Kelley and is still for sale.

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1. Greenland, the world's biggest island (Australia is classified as a continent), uses four time zones to administer its 836,109 square miles.

2. Russia, the world's largest country by area, covers 11 consecutive time zones — but since 2011 has only used nine.

3. The United States uses 11 — five on the North American mainland, the rest made up of island territories.

4. The quickest way to lose three-and-a-half hours — take a quick hop across the border from Afghanistan to China. The two nations share a 47-mile boundary but are three-and-a-half hours apart.

5. The International Date Line roughly follows the 180 degree

line of longitude, which splits the Pacific in two.

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AP creating new city website

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — The City of Avon Park will have a new website that will be going live shortly.

Highlands News-Sun asked City Manager June Fisher if the new website will include notices of the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board

meetings and feature a calendar so the public can easily find out when the city's meetings are being held?

"We don't always have CRAs on the website," she said. "We are transferring to the new website; the new website is going to be awesome. You are going to be able to see all the meetings on there. There will be a calendar on the

bottom of the page."

The city's current website has limited space and limited pages, Fisher said. The city is using the same company the county is using to develop its new website.

"They are doing an outstanding job; it is going to look nice," she said. It should be ready within the next month, according to Fisher.

Sebring man arrested on attempted murder charge

By **MELISSA MAIN**
STAFF WRITER



OWENS

SEBRING — A victim was shot in the back with a firearm, and when the victim turned to face his aggressor, the suspect said, "We ain't playing with you, we ain't playing with you," a recent arrest report states.

Marvin Chermaine Owens, 45, of 874 Shirley St., Sebring, was arrested Tuesday by Sebring Police Department.

Owens has been charged with attempted homicide, using a firearm while committing a felony and possession of a firearm by a felon, the affidavit states.

On July 11, the victim and his wife reportedly went to 418 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to borrow money from a friend, but a disagreement almost turned deadly, according to

authorities. After receiving the money from the friend, the victim saw an acquaintance — whose name is redacted from

the arrest report — at the scene. The two had a verbal and physical altercation and during the fight, the victim heard a "pow" and realized he had been shot in the back, but it was not by the person he had "started tussling" with, the report states.

The victim told authorities that when he turned to face his aggressor, the suspect, identified as Owens, had a gun in his hand and that Owens reportedly said, "We ain't playing with you, we ain't playing with you."

After the shooting, a witness heard an

unidentified person tell Owens to give him the gun so he could "finish this [expletive] off." According to the report, despite the offer to complete the kill, no further shots were fired, the witness said.

The victim described the weapon as a large chrome revolver, the report states.

Sebring Police took pictures of two apparent gunshot wounds, an entry and exit point on the lower right side of the victim's torso, which is consistent with the victim's statement of being shot, the report states.

The report does not explain the amount of time between the incident and the arrest.

Owens was previously found guilty of possession of cocaine, a felony charge in Highlands County, on June 7, 2017.

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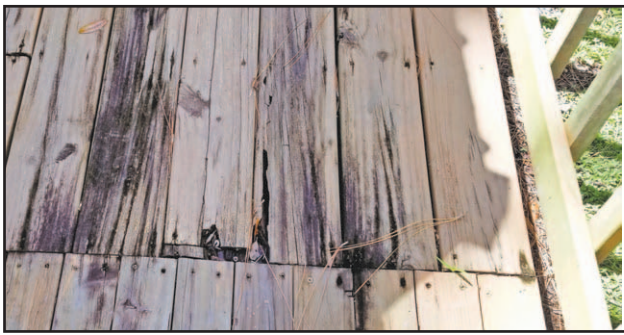
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Deck boards, such as these on the handicapped ramp, as well as on the walkway around Samaritan's Touch Care Center gazebo, show where weather has had its way with the decade-old wooden structure. Officials with the non-profit need the community's help in restoring it.

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clinic for uninsured and struggling families in Highlands County. Executive Director Priscilla Preece said their chaplain often meets there with clients, but the gazebo has recently fallen into disrepair.

In a Facebook post Thursday morning, Samaritan's Touch Care Center said the prayer garden gazebo is in desperate need of attention.

"We have not been able to receive a grant to fund the up keep (sic) for it, but we would really like to honor the family who donated it in memory of their daughter by getting it back in good condition," the post stated, "This is a cry for help from our community."

Preece said via phone Thursday that it's suffered from the ravages of weather.

Deck planks from around the outside and inside of the structure, as well as the handicapped ramp leading up to it, have rotted or warped, and need to be replaced.

Screens that would keep bugs from bothering those who shelter in the gazebo for some respite have also come off from heavy winds.

Even the ceiling fan in the structure has worn

out and needs to be replaced after more than 10 years.

"If we can just get it for the family, if nothing else, (we want to) get it back up to spec," Preece said.

For the non-profit, though, fixing it is not feasible, she said.

"We can't get grant funding to repair it," Preece said.

She knows she needs lumber, nails, paint, sealant, screens and helping hands, as well as someone who could come out and give an estimate of how much material, time and money it will take.

The gazebo is not large — it seats six, Preece said, but it's important for those who use it.

In addition, she'd love if someone could help restore landscaping around the gazebo, including repairing a broken sprinkler line, which is one reason the existing plants have dried up.

Those wanting to help can contact Preece or Community Engagement Specialist Abigail Doucet at 863-471-1870 Ext. 103 or at wecare@samaritanstouch.org.

People can also visit their facility at 3015 Herring Ave. in Sebring, off Memorial Drive, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or between 8 a.m. and noon on Friday.

LP Council to change ordinance language

Would make it easier for WaWa to enter town

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Town Council is considering different terminology to amend its ordinance regarding gas stations within town limits.

The current ordinance is outdated and was penned when gas stations sold, well, gas. The older service stations may have had a small store that sold oil and wipers but are not like the modern convenience/gas stations where customers can practically buy a week's worth of groceries, clothing and purchase a hot meal.

Highlands County Planning Supervisor Jodene Thayer brought the council several corrections, from typos and spelling errors, she found in the records and wanted to clean up the ordinances.

"The change in language on gas stations is totally a planning endeavor administered by Jodene," Town Administrator Phil Williams said. "She placed it on the agenda on Thursday. Planning staff are responsible for reviewing and recommending needed code changes. Jodene is very proactive regarding such changes. Staff has discussed changes to the ordinance when the last WaWa deal was considered. I assume she is still following through."

These new modern stations with bright lights, numerous gas pumps, a sandwich shop inside and multiple beverage selections, is what the town and Greater Lake Placid residents want, as locals have voiced their opinions to council

members personally on numerous occasions and on social media.

Thayer was given guidance by council on words to bring the ordinance into relevant, current terms. She told council members about the differences between the old stations and the new ones with all the amenities.

"The automobile service station that we've had in the regulations, just does not include all of that," Thayer said.

She passed out a paper with her suggestions on it and then read it for the council and audience.

"It reads, automobile service station: any building structure or land used for the dispensing, sale or offering for sale at retail of any automobile fuel, oils or accessories and maybe in connection with automobile servicing as distinguished from automotive repairs and the sale of other retail items and services to include food and restaurant service," Thayer read. "Which means we have a gas station, selling gasoline — they may do small service or not and they sell retail items.

"Retail sales can be either an item or a service. A retail item can be your toothpaste, it can be food stuffs, and service is your restaurant," Thayer said. "We want to clarify this. We don't want there to be any more question as to what it could be."

Thayer explained the need to define the ordinance further.

The other change in the ordinance concerning gas stations and convenience store is the 1,000 feet distance between the automobile stations on



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

A slight change in wording on an ordinance may make it easier for larger chain convenience-style gas companies to come into town.

the same block frontage. There is no definition for block frontage so Thayer felt the words should be changed to street front, which does have a current definition.

Town Attorney Bert J. Harris III suggested one definition to encompass the combined automobile stations and convenience store. Councilman Ray Royce wanted to make sure the automobile service and repair companies have a separate definition.

The current definition from the agenda packet

is street frontage: "All of the property abutting one side of street right of way between two intersecting streets, measured along the adjacent street right of way line in all directions."

On Wednesday Thayer said she had not made the changes to the ordinance as of yet. She said that she would make the suggested changes and bring it back to council in time for its Sept. 10 meeting. Then, council would either adopt the changes or send Thayer back to the drawing board.

First day shows slight school enrollment increase

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The first day student enrollment numbers show a slight overall increase for Highlands District Schools with fewer elementary students and more secondary students.

The first day grand total was 11,758, which is up 8 compared to the first day of school in 2017.

The elementary first day count dropped by 108 to 5,619 while the middle school enrollment increased by 33 to 2,654 and high school enrollment increased by 24 to 3,389.

The enrollment was up significantly at the Academy at Youth Care Lane, the district's alternative program for students with disciplinary issues. The academy had 14 students on the first day last year, but started this school year with 28



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Enrollment at Highlands County public schools was up slightly on the first day of school on Monday compared to the first day last year, according to data from the School Board of Highlands County.

students. Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations Mike Averyt said the

enrollment numbers are still being evaluated. "We went into a new system last year and didn't get real accurate

first day numbers so it is hard for us to compare first-day to first-day," he said. "We are waiting for the fifth-day numbers because then we will feel more confident about it."

"We think we are going to be right about where we thought we were going to be."

The district's draft budget for 2018-19 shows a projected decrease of seven students.

It appears that a change in the Student Progression Plan has affected the numbers at the high school level.

Ninth-graders, 10th-graders and 11th-graders need fewer credits and a lower grade point average this year to move up to the next grade

level this school year.

Many have difficulties with algebra I causing the the ninth-grade enrollment (including retentions) to be much higher than the 10th-grade enrollment.

On the first day of 2017, the district had 1,141 ninth-graders and 831 10th-graders.

But, the difference

between grade levels was much closer on the first day of school on Monday with 968 ninth-graders and 936 10th-graders.

At the elementary level, fifth-grade swelled to 1,021 students across the district making it the largest elementary grade. Last year's fourth-grade was the largest elementary grade with 983.

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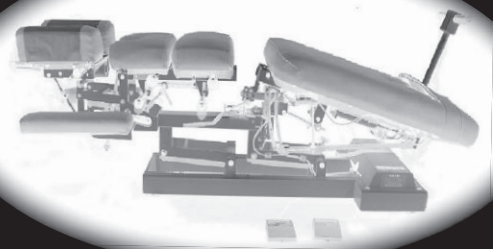
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ANOTHER VIEW

The first step is important

Following the horror and chaos of the shooting at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School, young people across the nation saw something they didn't expect. They saw survivors who looked like them — who could have been their high-school classmates — take control of a debate that was raging long before any of those protesters were born.

And they saw their peers joining the discussion — some echoing the Parkland shooting survivors' calls for stricter gun controls, others offering thoughtful rebuttals defending the Second Amendment. It was a modern children's crusade, and it clearly pierced the feelings of apathy, helplessness and insignificance that many young Americans feel.

The result was a surge in voter registration among young people. In Volusia County, 1,351 people under the age of 30 registered to vote in the two and half months after the Feb. 14 tragedy in Parkland — almost double the number that registered in the preceding two and a half months, The News-Journal's Cassidy Alexander reports. The shift was more subdued in Flagler County but Elections Supervisor Kaiti Lenhart says she's seen a substantial number of young new voters.

Elections officials still don't know, however, how those newly registered voters will turn out in the 2018 midterms. A Pew Research analysis shows that by 2010, the numbers of eligible voters among younger generations — people born after 1965 — outstripped the population of Baby Boomers and their predecessors. But that younger cohort has never fully exercised its clout; in the 2014 midterms, "younger generations accounted for 53 percent of eligible voters but cast just 36 million votes — 21 million fewer" than Boomers and older voters, the report says. Younger voters participated more in the 2016 election, giving them a slight majority over older voters, but among the younger cohort, Gen X voters (who range as old as 52) outstripped Millennials (aged 20 to 37 this year).

Millennials could take control this year — if they turn out. Some indicators suggest they won't. But the state's youngest voters — those most likely to be moved to action by the Parkland shootings — have seen firsthand how a watershed event can ripple through the tiers of federal, state and local officials. They have seen mayors, county commissioners and state lawmakers stand with them at rallies across the state. And they have seen others make political hay from mocking the Stoneman Douglas students. This year, they watched the Florida Legislature scramble to bolster school security — at the expense of classroom funding.

If they were watching, and many were, these young voters were also being shown how decisions made at all levels of government could impact their own futures. Even before Parkland, young voters were keenly aware of the issues most important to them: Social and racial inequalities. Climate change and environmental decline. The push to create good jobs and strong communities to raise families of their own. Anger at the ever-growing burden of government debt — bills these young voters will someday have to pay.

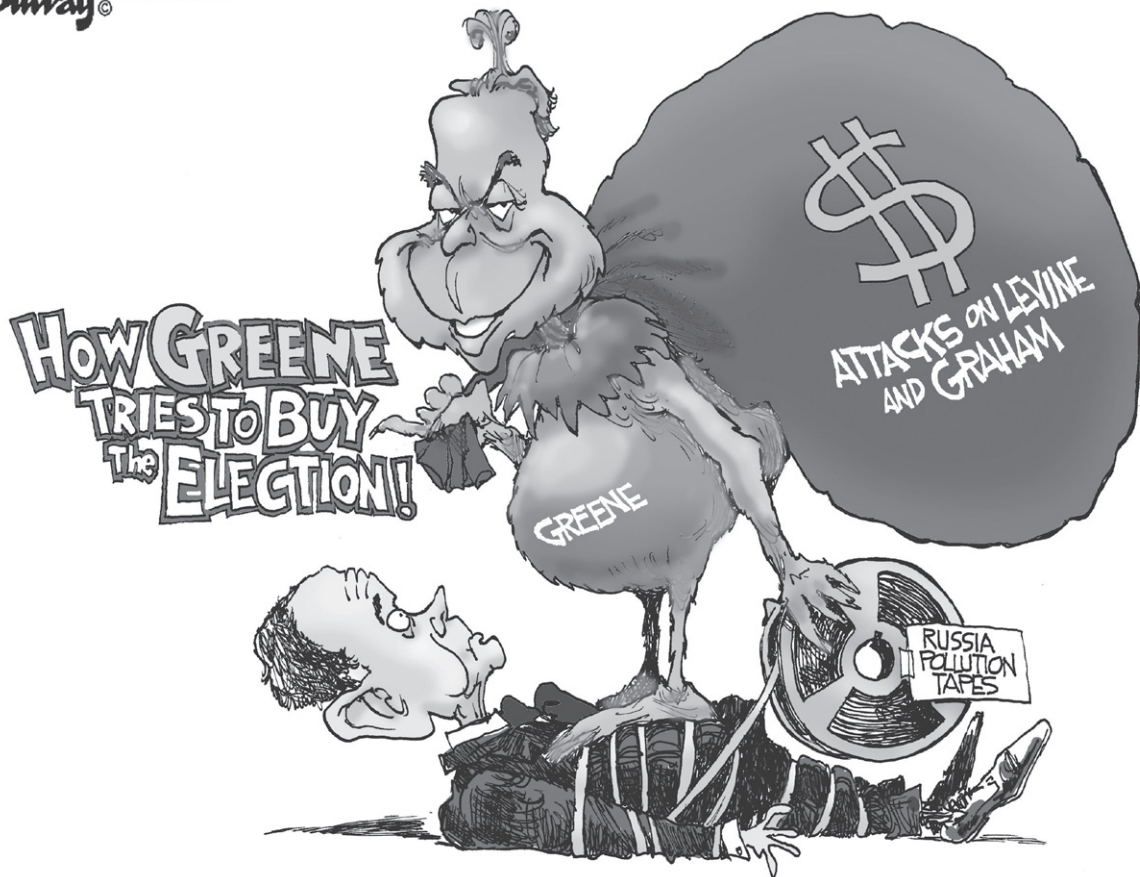
These are all issues that resonate up and down the ballot. If younger voters don't weigh in, they might have to live with consequences many find unacceptable.

In the post-Parkland activism, one moment stands out: 18-year-old Emma Gonzalez, in front of hundreds of thousands of people on the National Mall and a TV audience of millions, fighting back sobs as she stood silent for more than three harrowing minutes — and then exhorting the crowd to "fight for your lives before it's someone else's job." It was a rallying cry, and it was heard.

Young Americans take the first step when they register to vote. But the real fight is to show up — and raise their voice.

An editorial from the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

Bill Day FloridaPolitics.com



More of the downtown alphabet soup

The kids are back in school and you are ready for a much-needed diversion. What to do? Visit your downtown Sebring shops and professional offices. We are perusing the J, K, L, M, N, O and P associated entities this week, so let's begin with J for jewelers. My husband Hector and I own Sebring Jewelers, located right next to the florist. We offer everything including diamond engagement & wedding rings, fine jewelry, laser-welded jewelry repairs, battery replacements and jewelry appraisals. Jim's Auto Salvage has parts for everything "car and truck."

K, for Kahn Citrus Management, located on South Ridgewood Drive, is one of the earliest established businesses in Highlands County. Kitchen cabinets are



WHERE LIFE BLOOMS

Ladonna Rodriguez

available in downtown Sebring as well.

Lawyers are plentiful in downtown Sebring, including McClure & Lobo; Lon Crowe; Swaine & Harris; Steve Brown and more. Several of them have remodeled historic homes and transformed them into lovely offices. Laundry services are here as well. Griffin's Dry Cleaners & Feathers Dry Cleaners will make your clothes like new. Lawn care services can be found downtown. The Highlands County

Library is in the heart of Sebring, with a staff ready to enrich your reading experience.

Focusing on M ... marriage counselors. We have one right here on North Franklin Street, Gil Riordan. Next to his office is a massage therapist. Mental health services can also be found in our downtown. There are moving services close to The Circle. The Highlands Museum of the Arts is a destination from around the state, and yes, it is located in downtown Sebring.

Now on to N ... if you need a notary, many can be found locally. We have a nutritionist on East Center Street. The Palms of Sebring is our downtown nursing home.

O is for office supplies available at Advanced Tech Computers on W.

Center.

P for pest control. Yes, you can find that service here. Pharmacy: Gilbert Drugs. Physicians, plumbers, and pumps all can be found here as well.

I think my brain is beginning to spin with all the offerings in downtown Sebring, and I believe that you'll agree that we have great businesses and services here, and I hope you will make us among your frequent destinations. Next week, the final installment of "The ABCs Of Downtown Sebring". Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Whew.

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Intelligent Design is a thin disguise

Are educated people being discriminated against for being critics of "Darwinism" as Mike Lee suggests in his column of July 31? He suggests that the scientific community is biased and treats dissenters as "heretics." I am concerned about Lee's description of scientists who believe in evolution as "acolytes" of Charles Darwin. This echoes the view of creationists who keep trying to tell us that evolution is a religion, the Big Bang theory is a religion and so forth. These claims from creationists are dishonest. Scientists who believe in evolution are interpreting facts from the field, not passively following someone who died over a hundred years ago.

Lee wrote this column after returning from a conference at the CS Lewis Institute for Science and Culture, an arm of the Discovery Institute, which advocates Intelligent Design, among other causes. Does the Discovery Institute deserve the name Institute any more than the Tobacco Institute does? Its main purpose is to put out propaganda. Has one

GUEST COLUMN

Dale Gillis

good idea ever come out of the Intelligent Design movement? I can't remember any.

Intelligent Design looks like a thinly disguised creationism. Using that slogan, the Discovery Institute can say that they aren't creationists. Yet DI treats the notion of a 10,000-year-old earth as an open question. If dinosaurs lived less than 10,000 years ago, when did the last one die?

Christians believe that God has always existed. Why would Christians doubt that their God can maintain a project that takes millions of years? Do they think that God doesn't have enough patience? Do they think that His attention span isn't that long?

In my experience, creationists don't realize that species change was known before Charles Darwin proposed Natural Selection as a mechanism for evolution. Many plants and animals are extinct, the natural world has obviously changed,

and new species have emerged. The question is how.

Creationists love to talk about the Grand Canyon. They generally believe that it was created by floodwaters during Noah's deluge. Geologists find this absurd. The Grand Canyon contains 11 major strata, 11 layers. How could a single year-long flood lay down 11 distinct layers? It couldn't. Even the top layer, which is limestone, couldn't form in a year. Limestone can't be deposited that fast.

In the 1970s, creationists thought they had found strong evidence that humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time. Footprints which appeared human were found near dinosaur prints, in the same rock. These were known as the Glen Rose footprints, or the Paluxy River footprints, near the town of Glen Rose, Texas. The footprints were large, for a human, and the gait was odd but creationists brushed aside the problems. The large prints must have been made by giants like those in Genesis 6. Creationists released a

documentary film on the Glen Rose footprints in 1973. The footprints were widely discussed. I have seen a network television program on them.

By the late 1980s, most creationists had abandoned this claim. Further study showed that most of the "possibly human" prints had claw prints attached to them. Human-looking prints were shown to be dinosaur footprints under certain conditions of erosion.

Creationists and other critics of evolution haven't made progress in the last 50 years. Instead, they have retreated from things they once thought they could prove.

As one creationist told me, "This is what I believed when I was 5 years old and I'm not changing." To most of us, if you haven't learned something since you were 5 years old, you've got a problem.

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and handing out water, snacks, maps and some other surprises.

"The start of every academic year is exciting, but this year the momentum is exceptionally positive since enrollment is increasing and we were recognized as one of Florida's elite colleges having achieved our second year of gold status ranking," said Dr. Thomas Leitzel, president of South Florida State College.

Overall, South Florida State College has experienced a 5.1 percent increase in enrollment for the 2017-18 academic year.

The college anticipates a positive percentage of growth for fall term, said Melissa Kuehnle, Institutional Communications director.

"This fall, we have a new certificate program in Public Safety Communication to fill



MARC VALERO/STAFF

South Florida State College will welcome back its students Monday and Tuesday with water, snacks, maps and some surprises.

much-needed 9-1-1 dispatcher positions in our region, and our cybersecurity certificate is now fully online," she said. "We will also be expanding our nursing program with the donation from Florida Hospital and developing new programs surrounding our mobile welding lab that will be introduced during spring term."

The college has a new registrar, Jonathan Stern, who previously served as the associate registrar for Broward College.

Deborah Fuschetti, who

served as South Florida State College's registrar for 22 years, is retiring with her last day on Aug. 31.

"Dr. Fuschetti leaves a legacy of dedication and expertise and the entire SFSC family will miss her terribly," Kuehnle said.

The college's website shows some openings for full-time and part-time faculty and support staff.

"All key positions are filled, but we are always looking for adjunct professors to teach courses that we may develop over time," Kuehnle said.



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Fire engines line up in front of and behind Lake Placid Tower Plaza. Fire fighters had to use chain saws to cut through the roof to get to the fire in the ceiling.

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"Two extra factors made this fire more difficult," said Gloria Rybinski, public information officer for Highlands County. "There were multiple additions to the buildings throughout the years, and the temperature was 105 degrees. The crews had to stay hydrated to do their jobs."

Firefighters carried water to their fellows firefighter who were working on the roof. Bashoor and Highlands County EMS monitored the safety of the crew.



MELISSA MAIN/STAFF

Firefighters climbed onto the roof of the Lake Placid Tower Plaza to put out a fire.

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leadership has to offer, but agreed with his counterpart.

"Pollard's right. Something has got to change," Akins said.

Akins invoked the history of President Ronald Reagan and then-Speaker of the House Thomas Phillip "Tip" O'Neill Jr. Bitter enemies, they met in 1982 and hammered out the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, and Social Security reforms, both getting some of what they wanted.

Both Akins and Pollard said they have no plans to move to Washington, D.C., if elected. Both said they would take small apartments in the capital, keep their homes in Florida and remain available locally at Congress for constituents to confer with them.

"This is a huge district," Pollard said. "You have to be available for people."

In other races, County

Commissioner Jack Richie and Lake Placid Councilwoman Arlene Tuck squared off on opinions of how well the county is running. Richie seeks re-election for District 4. Tuck wants to replace him on the Board of County Commission. Questions touched on knowledge of the county budget, taxes, and assessments; safety on local roads and at H.L. Bishop Park; term limits; community/media relations, and personal transparency.

Charlene Edwards, incumbent, and challenger Isaac Durrance answered questions on how they'd serve students and parents representing School Board of Highlands County, District 1.

Questions focused on teacher retention and pay raises, teaching to the test or the subject, the graduation rate, Safe Schools mandates, community/media relations and personal transparency.

Candidates for Florida House of Representatives, District 55 — Audrey

Ann Ascitutto, D-Sebring; Nicholas Mrozowski, D-Okeechobee; and incumbent Cary Pigman, R-Avon Park — answered questions of how they would help local economic recovery and citrus growers, reduce flooding with better drainage, improve education and mental health care, regulate fossil fuel drilling/exploration, build community/media relations and practice personal transparency.

Also on the bill Wednesday were Alex "Lundy" Lundmark, D-Vero Beach, running for governor, and Catherine Price, D-Lake Wales, in the race for Florida Senate, District 26. None of their opponents were able to attend.

The Highlands News-Sun broadcast the entire three-and-a-half-hour forum via live-stream through its Facebook page. People who want to see the candidates' forum may visit "Highlands News-Sun" on Facebook and select "videos" on the left-hand column.

CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Newsday Crossword

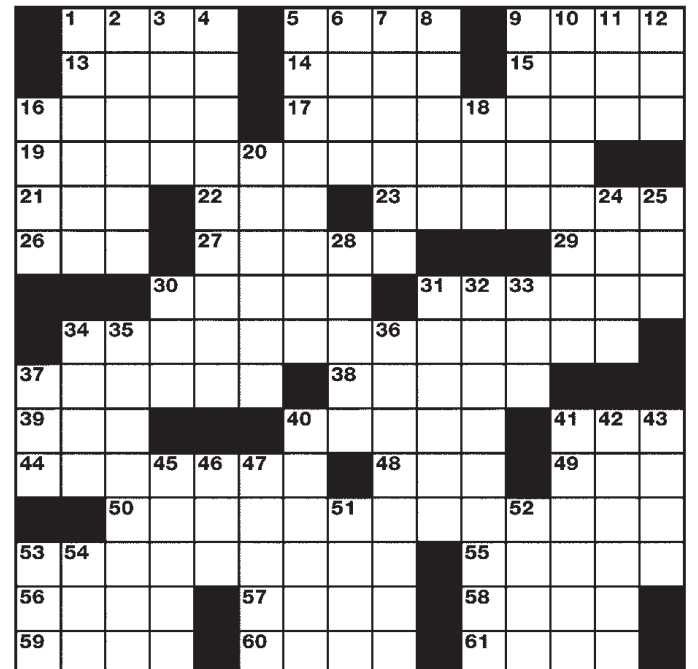
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ACROSS

- 1 Vague memory
- 5 Issuer of G's and R's
- 9 Ink cartridge color
- 13 Radar blip
- 14 Bulletin board material
- 15 Sleekly designed
- 16 Out of patience
- 17 It serves Seoul food
- 19 "... eye _"
- 21 British "bub"
- 22 Be off
- 23 Moved like penguins
- 26 Some AMA members
- 27 Passes (out)
- 29 Something to roll over
- 30 Noisy bike
- 31 Comics kid since the '50s
- 34 Eye-__
- 37 About three light-years
- 38 Ventricle outlet
- 39 True-crime writer Rule
- 40 What Simon calls Garfunkel
- 41 Intersection, for short
- 44 Unvarnished outlook
- 48 Delaware, in DC
- 49 Comprise
- 50 Eye _
- 53 Adjective for some algae
- 55 Skyscraper girder

- 56 Winter sports venue
 - 57 Ordered courses
 - 58 Usual
 - 59 Lunches in layers
 - 60 One with a JD
 - 61 Catches on to
- ### DOWN
- 1 Fortify
 - 2 LG products
 - 3 "No way"
 - 4 Ali ring tactic
 - 5 Gandalf of filmdom
 - 6 Golden bear of cartoons
 - 7 Hamlet fortune metaphor
 - 8 Cub Scout leader
 - 9 Worked with wicker
 - 10 Former foal
 - 11 NFL's Cardinals, on scoreboards
 - 12 "... iron bars a cage"
 - 16 Verne hero
 - 18 Say more
 - 20 *Ali*, for instance
 - 24 Celtic land
 - 25 Aachen article
 - 28 Guest of poetry
 - 30 USMC enforcers
 - 31 Reason out
 - 32 Thinking much of
 - 33 Actress Vardalos
 - 34 Glass in a lantern
 - 35 Embellish

- 36 As one in second childhood
- 37 The usual
- 40 Personal protector
- 41 Crowe, in *Les Misérables*
- 42 Clobbers
- 43 Contract's effective period
- 45 Hasn't
- 46 Harry's successor
- 47 Sister of Marge Simpson
- 51 Part of some potting soils
- 52 What philharmonics tune to
- 53 Eye, to Shelley
- 54 Nonexistent



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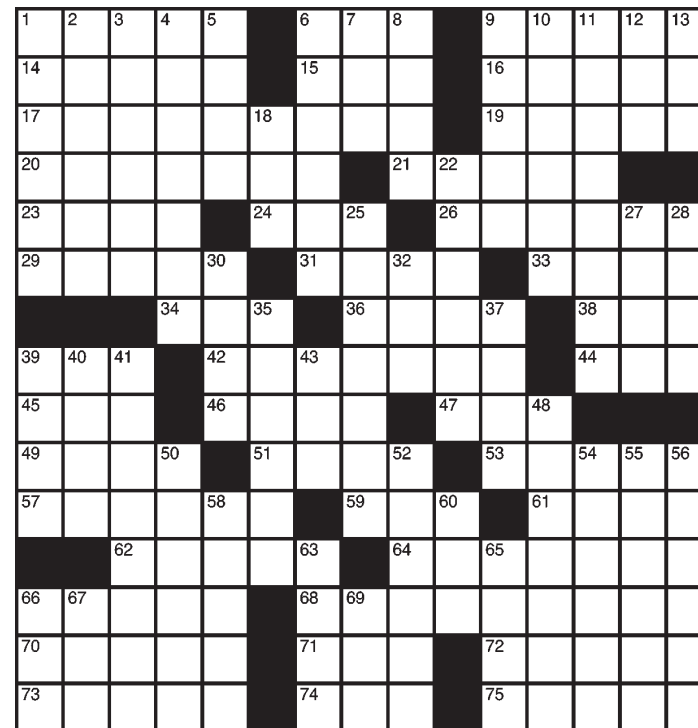
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Amendment dealing with states' rights
- 6 Hobby shop buy
- 9 Longtime Wall Street name
- 14 Spanish month
- 15 Draft pick
- 16 Outfielder Mike who finished first (twice) or second (three times) in 2012-2016 A.L. MVP voting
- 17 Alien reptile in "Avatar"?
- 19 Snake, e.g.
- 20 Racks up
- 21 Corpulent
- 23 Connecting point
- 24 "Bad Moon Rising" band, initially
- 26 First of a series
- 29 Small amount
- 31 Worked the soil
- 33 Shopper stopper?
- 34 TV schedule abbr.
- 36 Buttonhole, say
- 38 Affirmative action
- 39 Bit of horseplay
- 42 Pest that's gotten into the cheese?
- 44 Castilian kin
- 45 GP gp.
- 46 Mex. miss
- 47 Jr. and sr.
- 49 Brass component
- 51 Bit of swearing
- 53 Slate et al., for short
- 57 Merchant ship flotilla
- 59 Ring bearer
- 61 Baker
- 62 Sprite flavor
- 64 Spruce bit
- 66 North African site of a 1943 conference
- 68 Long-eared mascot of an L.A. newspaper?
- 70 Stun
- 71 "We've exceeded seating capacity" sign
- 72 Gauge



By Paul Coulter

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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DOWN

- 1 Letter?
- 2 Captivate
- 3 Area 51 locale
- 4 Cut into three equal parts
- 5 Keeps to oneself
- 6 Lawn gnomes, e.g.
- 7 Snapchat had one in Mar. 2017
- 8 Poi source
- 9 Antibiotic target
- 10 Crops up
- 11 Tiny insect that casts spells?
- 12 Peach, e.g.
- 13 Ruff, section
- 18 Old nuclear agcy.
- 22 __ harm
- 25 Promising
- 27 Wells race
- 28 Make over
- 30 Drops off
- 32 Brownie, in folklore
- 35 Dry gulch
- 37 Rubber in a boot?

- 39 __ Strip
- 40 "The Kite Runner" boy
- 41 One of a group of feline predators?
- 43 "Give __ rest!"
- 48 Overwhelm
- 50 Strong-arm
- 52 Mark of "NCIS"
- 54 Do the Wright thing?
- 55 Types
- 56 Nasty smiles
- 58 Idaho's __ Mountains
- 60 Fluke-to-be
- 63 Black-box analyzers: Abbr.
- 65 Camp Pendleton letters
- 66 K.C. hours
- 67 "Caught you!"
- 69 Rage

LOCAL SPORTS

Corvette revved up for VIR

Special to Highlands News-Sun

Right now, Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia are four points out of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT Le Mans (GTLM) class points lead.

With three races left on the 2018 schedule starting with this Sunday's two-hour, 40-minute Michelin GT Challenge at VIRginia International Raceway, it's officially "go time" in the championship. For Magnussen and Garcia, who co-drive the No. 3 Corvette Racing Chevrolet Corvette C7.R, their chief competition for the title has been the pair of entries from Ford Chip Ganassi Racing.

Richard Westbrook and Ryan Briscoe currently lead the GTLM standings on the heels of their third victory of the season in the No. 67 Ford GT earlier this month in the Continental Tire Road Race Showcase at Road America. Garcia and Magnussen are five points ahead of No. 66 Ford GT co-drivers Joey Hand and Dirk Mueller, who have won two of the last four GTLM races.

"It is so close in this championship," Magnussen said. "Every weekend, one car has the edge, but usually not a massive edge. That makes it tough. It makes it tough on the drivers, of course, but also on the teams to perform well in the pits, to pick the right strategy and make the right calls. That's what I love about GT racing. It's so close, you fight every lap of the race, and then when it's over, hopefully you've got something good to show off back home."

Lately, the ones in the GTLM class showing off most of the good stuff at home has been Ford Chip Ganassi Racing. The team has won the last four races. Garcia and Magnussen, meanwhile, haven't won yet this season in the No. 3 Corvette. In fact, they haven't won a race since last August.

That win came at VIR. They also won at VIR in 2016. You can bet they're pretty pumped to be going back there this weekend.

"To have a chance to go for the (VIR) hat trick is a fantastic opportunity," Magnussen said. "It's tough right now. In the championship, competition is really, really, really hard from Porsche and from Ford and BMW. If we can go there and get another win, that'd be absolutely fantastic."

"Yeah, it's a racetrack we definitely like," Garcia added. "All three, Corvette, Jan and I. Everything seems to be working really good, especially over the last few years."

While they haven't won yet this year, the No. 3 team continues to shine – as it did in 2017 – through consistent strong finishes. Last year, they finished every race inside the top five and had three wins. This year, they've finished fourth or better in seven of eight races and have finished on the podium in the last five events.

That's why they're only four points out of the lead. It's also why – while a third consecutive win at VIR would be nice – neither Garcia nor Magnussen are desperate to win.

"We need to do what we're doing at the moment and get as many points as possible," Magnussen says. "We need to be going for wins, for sure, but getting the points, that's the most important thing. We'll see. In the past, we've been good at VIR. We've been fast there every year, so hopefully we can go there with a shot of getting another win."

Garcia is looking forward to another run on the flowing, 3.27-mile circuit at VIR. It's one of a handful of circuits on the WeatherTech Championship schedule that drivers consider among their favorites. It's also the second and final race of the season featuring only the GTLM and GT Daytona (GTD) classes.

"It's very fun," Garcia said. "It's very challenging and very, very old school. I mean there are no escape roads. There is definitely just the

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Red Devils host Tigers

Avon Park takes on Clewiston in Kick Off Classic

By **JIM TAYLOR**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK – The lights will be shining brightly at Joe Franza Stadium tonight as the Avon Park Red Devils face the Clewiston Tigers in a preseason football game.

The Red Devils, with new Head Coach Jerry Hudnell, who came from Lake Placid, will be striving to make the playoffs for the fourth straight year, the last three under former Head Coach Wade Jackson.

Even though Avon Park has lost its entire backfield that has been the staple of the Red Devils for the past three years, Hudnell says they

still have a lot to work with, maybe just not as much as there was in the past.

"These guys out here now have been sitting behind them for the past three years," said Hudnell. "But we think we have some great replacements, not a lot of speed, but enough. I love the kids attitude, the attitudes here are just amazing, they are coming ready to play."

At the moment, four players are vying for the quarterback position and Hudnell noted that they are looking for consistency at the position.

At this time Tyrek Dunlap appears to be the leading contender for the position.



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

The Avon Park football team has lots of new faces who will line up for tonight's preseason game against Clewiston at Joe Franza Stadium.

"The problem won't be the be who they are throwing to quarterback throwing the ball," noted Hudnell, "it will

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Blue Streaks ready for action



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

Sebring quarterback TJ Williams leads the Blue Streaks against Martin County in tonight's Kick Off Classic at 7:30 at Firemen's Memorial Field.

Sebring hosts Martin County in Kick Off Classic

By **MARK PINSON**
STAFF WRITER

The Sebring football team is tired of practicing and hitting each other. The Blue Streaks get to hit for real tonight when they host Martin County in their Kick Off Classic at Firemen's Memorial Field.

"We're looking forward to playing Martin County," said veteran Sebring head coach LaVaar Scott. "We've had a good two weeks of practice and now it's time to go out and play some football. Martin County was solid last year and most of their skill position players are back. They also have a veteran offensive line and they have a kid who plays corner back and wide receiver who has committed to Michigan."



FILE PHOTO

The Sebring defense has the potential to be very good this season.

Sebring, which qualified for the Class

6A state playoffs last year and lost a number of talented players to graduation, has the potential to be good again this year. But the team will have to jell sooner rather than later.

"It will be good to play with officials because we could call a penalty on every play in practice," Scott said. "I want to see us follow our assignments, execute the plays properly and see if they're focused on playing the right way and taking care of business."

Senior TJ Williams takes over at quarterback for the graduated Brain Lane and senior Roger Yarde is one of several speedy tailbacks the Blue Streaks will use.

"TJ adds a running element to our

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Green Dragons take on Sharks

Lake Placid plays Oasis High in preseason game

By **RUTH ANNE LAWSON**
CORRESPONDENT

LAKE PLACID – The Lake Placid Green Dragons have been preparing for several weeks to face West Park Prep in their Kick Off Classic but due to a contract dispute the Dragons will face Oasis Sharks of Cape Coral instead.

The Dragons have been running drills, learning plays, and hitting each other to get ready for tonight's game. With new coach Andy Judah, new strategy and new uniforms Lake Placid will hit the field at 7 tonight against the Sharks.

"Luckily we were able to get Oasis," said Judah. "There was a contract thing with West Park Prep. When I asked to exchange films with them

they informed me they were not playing us. I do not know much about them, but I do know that last year was their first year. Looking at the film the team has improved. They have a different coach who is doing a good job up there. If we come out with the right attitude there is a very good chance that we will be successful if we come out ready to play. Friday I will be looking for my guys to know their positions and playing hard. The main thing is how we react under the light and with a crowd. I just want to see them playing hard and playing assignment football. You always want as few mistakes as possible. We



HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN FILE PHOTO

Lake Placid quarterback Cade Simmons leads the Green Dragons into tonight's preseason game against Oasis High School.

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and catching the ball.”
The main objective for the offense is to control the clock and the tempo.
“Get first downs. First downs equal touchdowns,” said Hudnell.
The first-year Red Devil head coach also stated that they were not changing anything on defense except for a few tweaks here and there.
“If it is not broke, do not fix it,” said Hudnell. “The heart of the defense is back. We have Jalen Turner at middle line-backer and he is one of the best I have ever seen. And we have Dah’Quan Braswell at defensive end and again one the best I



BY JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

The Avon Park football team replaced its entire backfield from last year, but the Red Devils have plenty of talent to keep winning.

have seen and we have a lot of role players around them, so I expect our defense to be awesome.”
Clewiston has been 5-5 for the past two years and the Tigers moved up to Class 5A last year.
A solid run team, they also have a receiver/

defensive end that will be going to Florida.
Winning or losing is not the main concern for Hudnell, “I just want them to compete, just compete.”
Kick off for tonight’s game is at 7:30 at Joe Franza Stadium.

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offense and he can throw the ball,” said Scott. “He will definitely be a problem for defenses. We’ve got a stable at running back with Devion Littles, Edrick Lockett and Roger. They all have the ability to score on any play.”
Scott isn’t sure how long his starters will stay in the preseason game against Martin County.
“Our goal is to get everybody in the game and see how things look, the Blue Streak coach said. “We don’t have the depth this year that we’ve had in the past so we have to be smart with how much each guy plays. I don’t have a set plan, but we do have to get the guys conditioned to be able to play four quarters of physical football.”
After tonight’s preseason contest, which kicks off at 7:30 p.m., Sebring will open the regular season on the road at Lehigh (Fort Myers) on Aug. 24.
Sebring is at Hardee on Aug 31 and the Blue



FILE PHOTO

Sebring’s Norris Taylor is one of a bevy of talented wide receivers the Blue Streaks will utilize this season.

Streaks will play their home opener against Bartow on Sept. 7.
“We hope a big crowd comes out to watch us,” Scott said. We won’t be back at home for a few weeks so we’re looking forward to playing in front of our fans.

We have a tough schedule against a lot of quality teams and we need to start the season out strong and not get behind the eight ball. We need to approach every game like it’s the last and be ready to go from the opening whistle.”

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were scrambling for six or seven hours trying to find a team to play. The last-minute prep will be more about tightening up what we do and fixing the little things. We want to see what Oasis does. They beat the team they played in the spring, but they did not have to do a whole lot.
I want to focus on us and for us to do what we do to the best of our ability. We are ready to hit someone in different colors. If these guys are not ready to do that then they are in the wrong sport. I think this game will be a good opportunity to get off on the right foot. Cannot wait to see what happens. I feel pretty



FILE PHOTO

The Lake Placid football team has been practicing for two weeks to prepare for tonight’s preseason game against Oasis High School.

good right now.”
The Dragons are up for the challenge with Cade Simmons at quarterback to spark the offense.
After tonight’s preseason game, Lake Placid

will go on the road for its season opener at Port St. Lucie on Aug. 24.
The Green Dragons first home game is Aug. 31 when they face the Moore Haven Terriers.

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racetrack, the white line and a lot of grass everywhere. The grass won’t save you. Every single mistake you do there, there is punishment.
“VIR is a place where you really need to be attacking all the time, but also knowing the slightest mistake can cost you a lot.”
That’s certainly how it played out last year. While Garcia and Magnussen were en route to winning the race, a late-race

incident between Mueller in the No. 66 Ford and Tommy Milner in the No. 4 Corvette dropped the No. 66 team from third to fifth in the final race standings, costing the team much needed championship points in the process.
You can bet that championship points will be top of mind this weekend. That’s why the No. 3 team is looking forward to returning to VIR this weekend.
“Definitely over the last few years, it’s been helping us; especially last year being able to

win the race,” Garcia said. “It really put is in a really good spot towards winning the overall championship at the end of the season. I hope this year it’s the same and it is a good race.”
The Michelin GT Challenge will start at 1 p.m. with live television coverage beginning on FS1 for the first hour before moving to FS2 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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Fall leaf viewing planning guide

By METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

Millions of people each year look forward to the magnificent colors on display in autumn. Fall offers irreplaceable views, whether you're atop a mountain ridge or thick in the folds of a forest. In addition, the crackle of leaves underfoot and the earthy smell of the soil tempts the senses even more.

Some advance planning can help make fall foliage trips that much more enjoyable and awe-inspiring.

Peak viewing times

Areas of the northern-most latitude will start to show color earlier than more southern areas. Generally speaking,

the leaf-viewing season begins in late September and runs through early November for much of North America.

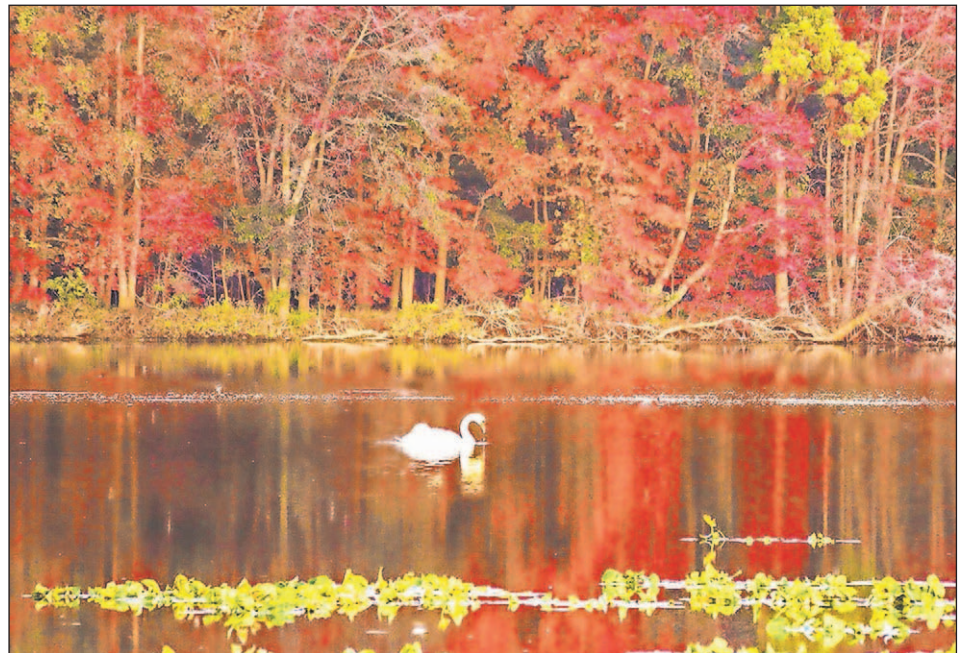
Peak times for viewing depend on areas of travel and time of year. For large swaths of Canada and the United States, plan trips for late-September to mid-October. The Weather Channel offers maps and charts at www.weather.com/maps/fall-foliage for the peak times for many areas of the U.S.

Pick your destination

Anywhere with deciduous trees provides the opportunity to witness blazing autumn color. During leaf-peeping season, travelers can go

coast to coast and see awesome vistas.

Some regions are particularly known for their leaf displays. New York's Catskill and Adirondack regions are prime spots for visitors in the autumn. Those who live further north will find that leaves in Vermont are such an attraction that routes are published indicating where to enjoy the best views. Further south, Central and Eastern Virginia peak in late October. And don't forget the shores of the Great Lakes, which are awash in reds, oranges and yellows by mid-September. The travel resource Frommer's offers more leaf-peeping



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FALL | 6B Make sure to plan your trip to see the most fall color.



FLIGHTLINE

John Rousch

Magic Monday

It was different and at the same time, all the same. I stood at the classroom door welcoming a new group of students to the new aviation/aerospace curriculum at Lake Placid High School. You could see the excitement mixed with the concern of what is going to happen and what this class requires.

Through an outside grant to cover my time, LPHS teacher Mike Halpern and I will be implementing the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) high school aviation/aerospace curriculum. There are over 37,100 high schools in the country and Lake Placid High School is 1 of 50 selected to have the curriculum. We are very proud to be selected.

The students were asked why they chose this class and what do they want to get from it? The responses varied from the obvious of wanting to be a pilot, fly military jets, be an airline pilot, an astronaut, even an aviation lawyer. The anticipation and desire is there, providing Mike and me the responsibility and opportunity to open their eyes to all the possibilities.

Our other two high schools, Sebring and Avon Park will not be left out of the Aviation/Aerospace initiative. I will be continuing the on-line course based on the curriculum I taught at LPHS since 1998. We have some students continuing from last year's on-line class and we will have room for new students.

A common thread between both programs and a critical part of the success of the programs are the lab "hands-on" sessions conducted at the EAA Chapter 1240 Aviation Development Center at the Sebring Regional Airport. Here students will be building an aircraft, the Lockwood AirCam, with astronaut Story Musgrave. The lab sessions are held on Saturdays once a month

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Who inherits the castle?

Dispersal in Birds

Important stage of young birds life

By Archbold Biological Station

Who inherits the castle? In medieval times, or in the Game of Thrones, it was always the eldest son. Daughters were often sent great distances to wed the sons of other dynasties. Younger sons had a tough decision to make – stay and serve their older brothers or venture forth trying to make their own fortune. It was a rigid system driven by a cold hard reality; there were far more children than there were castles. Most of the offspring had to leave their home.

Among birds, dispersal is also a necessity. Most birds are not known for extended parenting.... Often within days or weeks of fledging, young birds are on their own.



However, among a group of birds known as cooperative breeders, like Highlands County's own Florida Scrub-Jay, birds live in family groups and young often stay with their parents for one to several years. Their parents live and defend the same territory for their entire lives, sort of like a medieval castle, and one of their offspring may inherit that space. Researchers in Archbold Biological Station's Avian Ecology Program are interested in understanding the "rules" of dispersal in scrub-jays. Who stays and who goes.... and when. Why do some birds disperse close to home and others very far? Dr. Reed Bowman, Director of the Avian Ecology Program said "Dispersing birds connect populations. They can rescue a declining population or bring in fresh genes preventing inbreeding. With increasing habitat fragmentation and global climate change, understanding how, where and why organisms move among populations is critical to conservation."

Young Ha Suh is a Ph.D. candidate at

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JESSIE DICKSON

Florida-Scrub-Jays disperse from their home territory when about two-years old. Most settle close to home, but some can fly as far as 20-30 miles to find a suitable home.



ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

Ph.D. candidate Young Ha Suh and intern Meredith Heather band a nestling Florida Scrub-Jay, as part of the long-term research at Archbold Biological Station.

Give campus life a 'green' makeover

College students can be eco-friendly

By METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

College is full of challenges. While studying, socializing, joining clubs, and getting good grades are probably on college students priority lists, young people also can think about living green on campus.

Data from Nielsen points to millennials as being an eco-conscious generation. Millennials are willing to pay extra for sustainable offerings, and they tend to stick to brands that have established a reputation for environmental stewardship.

Even though college students may have packed schedules,

they can still manage to keep the planet in mind as they live and educate themselves. Here are just a few ways college students can live green in dorms and incorporate eco-friendly practices into their studies as well.

Live on campus. One green idea is to skip the commute to and from classes and reside right on campus in dormitories or nearby student housing. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, transportation is responsible for 13 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Living close to



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College students can be eco-friendly when they are attending school.

The various benefits of farm-to-table

By METRO CREATIVE SERVICES

Few things are more satisfying than biting into a fresh tomato right from the garden or seasoning a meal with herbs picked from a windowsill greenhouse. Restaurants recognize the value of such experiences, and more and more are relying on locally sourced products in their kitchens.

The farm-to-table movement is not new, but it has gained momentum as consumers become increasingly enamored with the flavor and environmental impact of locally sourced foods.

The National Restaurant Association found that farm-to-table food was one of its top 10 trends for 2015. Furthermore, the group says that one in five consumers are willing to pay more for local food, and 41 percent admit that locally sourced ingredients influence their decisions when choosing



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There are many benefits to farm-to-table eating.

where to dine.

Newcomers to the farm-to-table dining experience may not understand all the fuss surrounding this popular trend. The following are

some of the key benefits of farm-to-table.

Peak freshness and ripeness: Local produce ripens on the plant and can be harvested at the last possible minute

before it turns up on a plate. This helps ensure that it contains the highest amount of nutrients and flavor, according to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Food that has to travel further is often picked well before it is ready, ripening on the way to stores or other vendors.

Better for the environment: Food that needn't travel far before reaching diners' plates saves roughly 500 gallons of diesel fuel to haul produce a distance of 1,500 miles. This conserves fossil fuels and prevents harmful emissions from entering the atmosphere.

Supports neighboring farms: Supporting farm-to-table restaurants and other eateries keeps business local in two different ways. It not only benefits local restaurants, but it also directly supports neighboring farms, fisheries and other suppliers.

Accessibility to seasonal choices: Farm-to-table eating provides a wide variety of in-season foods. This can translate into tastier foods because they are grown and harvested

during their optimal growing season.

Reduces factory farming: According to O.info, the informational resource powered by Overstock.com, farm-to-table and local farming can reduce reliance on large, profit-driven corporations that may focus on maximum production over animal health and welfare. Local farms may be more inclined to treat their animals well and institute sustainable practices.

Learn about the community: A person might live in an area and never know that a local vineyard is in the vicinity or that a producer of straight-from-the-hive honey is nearby. Exploring farm-to-table resources can open people's eyes to local businesses doing great work in and around their communities.

Farm-to-table is a popular movement that people are embracing.

Productivity of Wood Storks in Florida

FWC continues with important project

By FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

The current Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) research project is entitled "Productivity of Wood Storks *Mycteria americana* in North and Central Florida." The primary participants are James A. Rodgers and Steve Schwikert working out of the Gainesville Wildlife Research Laboratory. Rodgers and Schwikert are assisted by numerous volunteers and cooperators working around the state.

One of the objectives of the Wood Stork Recovery Plan developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, identified productivity levels exceeding a minimum standard to ensure continued viability of the stork population in the United States. Specifically, knowledge of the number of fledged young per nest, or birds mature enough to leave the next, must be determined for a representative number of colonies during the same year for a minimum of three years. The reclassification from endangered to threatened could be accomplished when there are 6,000 nesting pairs and annual productivity is greater than 1.5 fledglings per nest calculated over a three-year average.

Thus, the primary goal of this study is to gather

productivity data for storks nesting in Florida in order to examine the variation and trends in fledging success within and among colonies and years. The project duration will include the breeding seasons from 2003 to 2009. The data on the reproductive success of the north and central Florida stork colonies will be compared with the storks in the southeastern United States by examining the effects of colony size and geographical location on breeding success within and among colonies and years. These data ultimately will be used to determine if the stork population in the United States meets recovery criteria for downlisting the species.

Study methods
Between 15 to 20 active wood stork colonies in north and central Florida are being monitored by FWC personnel for 3-5 continuous nesting seasons. These sites include both marine estuarine sites along the coast and interior freshwater sites. Concurrent studies are occurring in both Georgia and South Carolina.

Field research entails marking and monitoring nests from March to August. Either all nests (colonies less than #100 nests) or a sample of the nests (for example, 25-50 percent of nests

at larger colonies) are monitored on a biweekly schedule during the breeding season. The study is designed to monitor stork colonies with differences in nest numbers and densities, at interior freshwater and coastal marine-estuarine sites, and with latitudinal and longitudinal dispersal throughout Florida. Care is taken to reduce researcher's effects on the breeding storks and other species of colonial water birds by minimizing nest monitoring during pair-formation and early egg-laying periods. Colonies also are visited during the cooler morning and late afternoon and no visits occurred during inclement weather. The time spent at each nest is further minimized by use of two people to observe and record data and map nest distribution. After the nestlings are three to four-weeks old, they are counted from a distance with binoculars to avoid pre-fledging of nestlings.

2003 Breeding Season
The average fledging rate (number of large, fully feathered birds at-taining 7-8 weeks of age) of wood storks at 14 colonies in north and central Florida was 1.49 fledglings for each nest during the 2003 breeding season. For only successful nests (nests that fledged at least one stork), the average fledging rate was 2.15 fledglings per nest. About 70.8 percent of monitored nests fledged at least one

bird.

Significant differences existed among colonies in the average fledging rate, which ranged from 0.21 to 2.21 fledglings a nest. A cluster of colonies in Pasco and Hillsborough counties (Cypress Creek north of Tampa and in New Port Richey) in the west-central region and the Jacksonville Zoo colony, located north of Jacksonville in the northeast region, exhibited the greatest fledging rates. Colonies that exhibited low fledging

success appeared to be widely distributed in both north and central Florida. However, the two most northern and western colonies of Ochlockonee North and Chaires, found north of Tallahassee in Leon County, both exhibited below average fledging success.

Nest failures appeared to be evenly distributed during the breeding season among most colonies. However, there were three colonies that exhibited a sizable number of nest failures associated with

severe weather (wind speeds exceeding 20 mph and rainfall exceeding one inch per hour) during a short interval. Chaires (prior to May 13), Dee Dot south of Jacksonville (prior to May 23), and Croom in Hernando County (prior to June 17) all experienced a large number of nests that either were abandoned or collapsed as evidenced by unattended nests, fallen nest structures, or dead nestlings under the nest

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Cornell University working with Dr. Bowman on scrub-jay dispersal. Ms. Suh is using data on 636 Florida scrub-jays from Archbold's long-term study, where the age of each is known, as well as its birth site and where it finally settled to breed. Most birds settled close to home, but some traveled more than 10 miles. There are advantages to staying close to home, familiar territory with lots of relatives as neighbors, and costs to traveling far, and these costs and benefits have an effect. Birds that disperse short distances produce more offspring over their lives than those that go far. Males and females disperse at similar ages, but females tend to disperse farther than males. For both sexes,

younger birds disperse farther than those that delay dispersal. At least in females, this pattern seems to be driven by competition and a bird's position in the social hierarchy. Dominant females are more likely to delay dispersal and settle close to home, and this effect is stronger when more females are vying for breeding space. The same holds true for males, but the effect is weaker. Why are females more sensitive to competition? Ms. Suh said "Females have fewer options. They cannot inherit the territory, nor will Dad help them bud off a portion of their home territory for their own... both options that sons have."

Thus, if competition for space near home is high, females near the bottom of the social queue may opt to leave early and go farther, even

crossing gaps and moving to other populations, making the best of a bad situation".

Before dispersing, young birds make occasional explorations away from home, but usually returning to the safety of their family at night. On these forays they interact with potential competitors, sizing them up, and assessing potential breeding opportunities, and use this information to decide when and where to disperse. Archbold scientists have been tracking birds during these forays and are developing sophisticated networks of their social interactions – sort of the Facebook of birds. Dispersal is such an important stage in a scrub-jays life that they need as much information as possible to make the right decision. Not too unlike the princes and princesses of Westeros!

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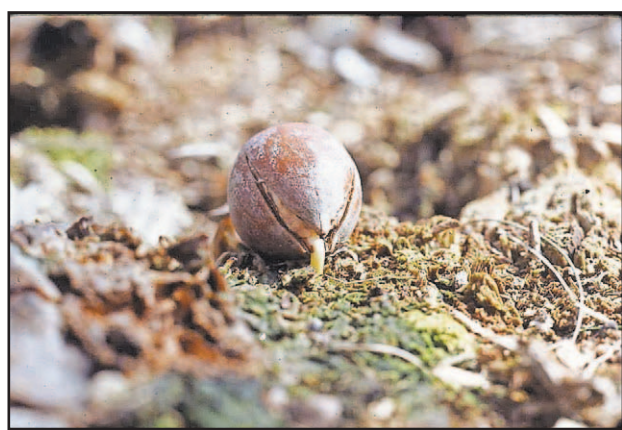
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and other sessions as time allows. Students must attend at least one session each month to accumulate the required lab hours for the course. This is where the real learning occurs. It is one thing to read about aircraft and how they are constructed, it is another thing to do it.

Education today for teachers and administrators is more challenging than ever; and I have seen much change over 48 years. Time and resources do not nearly meet the demands, and it seems it is one compromise after another to try and get it all done. Shop and drafting and design programs are expensive to maintain, and qualified instructors are scarce. It is easier to set up a computer and run a "virtual" program, but a virtual program will not provide you the sensation of torquing a nut and bolt, drilling a hole, or driving a rivet. It won't give you the skill of sketching and laying out a plan in the field working on a construction site or in a firefighting emergency.

The value of "hands-on, doing it" is not just my opinion, but reinforced by what I hear from business people and my



COURTESY PHOTO

From an acorn grows giant oak trees.

past students. Last week I received a wonderful phone call from a past student who wanted to say thanks for all he learned in shop and the aerospace program. Now a Captain in a fire department, he indicated the skills he learned with me in the "hands-on, do it" classes helped him move up in the ranks. While in a recent situation he needed to sketch the layout of a building, and then was asked how he learned to do that? Drafting class! Thanks Chuck for calling.

My greatest paycheck is when I meet or hear from my past students and discover what they have moved on to do. All of us who have been teaching for a while will have many stories and examples of what happened to the seeds we planted. Tomorrow, we get to

"plant" some more seeds at the orientation for the parents and students of both programs at the EAA Chapter 1240 Aviation Development Center at the Sebring Regional Airport, 9 AM. Enter through Gate 24. The orientation will cover the lab activities and other opportunities at the airport. Some of the returning students will be continuing to work on the AirCam. A cookout lunch will be provided for those students and adults wanting to stay and participate in the AirCam build.

As the students filed in on Monday, it was an opportunity to plant some new seeds and begin a new journey of excitement and exploration. An oak tree begins with an acorn, a career can begin with an idea and a "hands-on, do it" class.

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trees. The low fledging rate at Devils Creek in Pasco County was the result of an apparent abandonment of all but two of the nests by parent birds.

2004 Breeding Season
The average fledging rate of wood storks at 19 colonies in north and central Florida was 1.53 fledglings per nest during the 2004 breeding season. For only successful nests, the average fledging rate was 2.07 fledglings at each nest. About 71.3 percent of monitored nests fledged at least one bird.

An examination of the distribution of the number of fledglings per nest provided additional insight into the fledging success within each colony. Jacksonville Zoo and Chaires exhibited high fledging rates due to low numbers of complete nest failures and above higher numbers of two-fledgling and three-fledgling nests.

In contrast, Bird Island near Vero Beach, Lake Russell near Kissimmee, Little Gator Creek near Dade City, Matanzas Marsh near St. Augustine, and Pelican Island near Sebastian exhibited low fledging rates due to low numbers of two-fledgling

and three-fledgling nests and high numbers of complete nest failures.

Jacksonville Zoo again possessed the greatest fledging rate in 2004. While several colonies rebounded and exhibited higher fledging rates (Chaires, Devils Creek), other colonies (Little Gator, Lake Russell, Matanzas Marsh) exhibited lower productivity in 2004 compared to 2003. Several stork colonies exhibited noticeably fewer nests in 2004 compared to 2003. Pumpkin Hill north of Jacksonville had no nesting activity in 2004 compared to 2003, which had 120 nests. Colonies that possessed fewer nests in 2004 included Cypress Creek (175 nests in 2003; 59 in 2004), New Port Richey (225 nests in 2003; 178 in 2004), Lone Palm in Lakeland (175 nests in 2003; 82 in 2004), and Lake Rosalie near Lake Wales (125 nests in 2003; 46 in 2004).

2005 Breeding Season
The average fledging rate of wood storks at 22 colonies in north and central Florida during 2005 was 0.49 fledgling per nest. For only successful nests the average fledging rate was 1.88 fledglings for each nest. Only about 42.3 percent of monitored nests fledged at least one bird. Significant

differences in the mean fledging rate existed among colonies (range=0 to 2.40 fledglings a nest) during 2005. Colonies exhibiting higher fledging rates were concentrated in the northeast regions of the state (Jacksonville Zoo, Dee Dot, Pumpkin Hill) and northwest (Chaires, Ochlockonee North, Ochlockonee South). Whereas, colonies possessing lower fledging rates appeared to be evenly distributed across north and central Florida, three of four colonies monitored in the southeast region were at or below this index.

The 2005 nesting season followed an above average year of rainfall and hurricane activity. Storm damage to nesting trees may have precluded storks nesting at Devils Creek. Inclement weather resulted in the eventual collapse during the nesting season of a cypress tree and contributed in large part to the overall low productivity rate at Lake Rosalie. Rainfall did not directly affect the nesting failure at the marine estuarine site of Pelican Island. However, large amounts of rainfall are suspected to cause the over-dispersal of aquatic freshwater prey and result in non-breeding or abandonment of nesting by storks.

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'Queen of Soul' Aretha Franklin dies

By MESFIN FEKADU and HILLEL ITALIE

AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITERS

NEW YORK — Aretha Franklin, the undisputed "Queen of Soul" who sang with matchless style on such classics as "Think," "I Say a Little Prayer" and her signature song, "Respect," and stood as a cultural icon around the globe, has died from pancreatic cancer. She was 76.

Publicist Gwendolyn Quinn told The Associated Press through a family statement that Franklin died Thursday at 9:50 a.m. at her home in Detroit.

A professional singer and pianist by her late teens, a superstar by her mid-20s, Franklin had long ago settled any arguments over who was the greatest popular vocalist of her time. Her gifts, natural and acquired, were a multi-octave mezzo-soprano, gospel passion and training worthy of a preacher's daughter, taste sophisticated and eccentric, and the courage to channel private pain into liberating song.

She recorded hundreds of tracks and had dozens of hits over the span of a half century, including 20 that reached No. 1 on the R&B charts. But her reputation was defined by an extraordinary run of top 10 smashes in the late 1960s, from the morning-after bliss of "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," to the wisecracking "Chain of Fools" to her unstoppable call for "Respect."

The music industry couldn't honor her enough.



AP FILE PHOTO

ARETHA | 8 In this July 5, 1989, photo, Aretha Franklin performs at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

Former security leaders blast Trump for yanking clearance

By JILL COLVIN and CATHERINE LUCEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Former U.S. security officials issued scathing rebukes to President Donald Trump on Thursday, admonishing him for yanking a top former spy chief's security clearance in what they cast as an act of political vengeance. Trump said he'd had to do "something" about the "rigged" federal probe of Russian election interference.

Trump's admission that his extraordinary act of retribution against a former high-ranking official was tied to his frustration about the Russia probe underscored his willingness to use his executive power to fight back against an investigation he sees as a threat to his presidency. Legal experts said the dispute may add to the evidence being reviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller.

In an opinion piece in The New York Times, former CIA Director John Brennan said Trump decision, announced Wednesday, to deny him access to classified information was a desperate attempt to end Mueller's investigation. Brennan, who served under President Barack Obama and has become a vocal Trump critic, called Trump's claims that he did not collude with Russia "hogwash."

The only question remaining is whether the collusion amounts to a "constituted criminally liable conspiracy," Brennan wrote.

Later Thursday, the retired Navy admiral who oversaw the raid that killed Osama bin Laden called Trump's moves "McCarthy-era tactics." Writing in The Washington Post, William H. McRaven said he would "consider it an honor" if Trump would revoke his clearance, as well.

"Through your actions, you have embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation," McRaven wrote.

Trump on Wednesday openly tied his decision to strip Brennan of his clearance — and threaten nearly a dozen other former and current officials — to the ongoing investigation into Russian election meddling and possible collusion with his campaign. In an interview with The Wall Street Journal,

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Vatican in 'shame and sorrow' over abuses in Pennsylvania

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican expressed "shame and sorrow" Thursday over a scathing Pennsylvania grand jury report about clergy who raped and molested children in six dioceses in that state, calling the abuse "criminally and morally reprehensible" and says Pope Francis wants to eradicate "this tragic horror."

In a written statement using uncharacteristically strong language for the Holy See even in matters like the long-running abuse scandals staining the U.S. church, Vatican spokesman Greg Burke sought to assure victims that "the pope is on their side."

Pope Francis himself wasn't quoted in the statement, and there was no mention of demands in the United States among some Roman Catholics for the resignation of Cardinal

Donald Wuerl, the archbishop of Washington.

The grand jury report made public this week accused the cardinal of helping to protect some molester priests while he was bishop of the Pennsylvania city of Pittsburgh. Wuerl has defended his actions in Pittsburgh while apologizing for the damage inflicted on victims.

Burke said the incidents of abuse graphically documented in the report were "betrayals of trust that robbed survivors of their dignity and their faith."

"The church must learn hard lessons from its past, and there should be accountability for both abusers and those who permitted abuse to occur," he said.

Victims and their advocates for decades have lamented that top Catholic churchmen repeatedly put the reputation



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Oct. 20, 2010, photo, Pope Francis, left, talks with Papal Foundation Chairman Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., during a meeting with members of the Papal Foundation at the Vatican. On Tuesday, a Pennsylvania grand jury accused Cardinal Wuerl of helping to protect abusive priests when he was Pittsburgh's bishop.

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Trump's veterans parade until delayed at least 2019

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department said Thursday that the Veterans Day military parade ordered up by President Donald Trump won't happen in 2018.

Col. Rob Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, said the military and the White House "have now agreed to explore opportunities in 2019."

The announcement came several hours after The Associated Press reported that the parade would cost about \$92 million, according to U.S. officials citing preliminary estimates more than three times the price first suggested by the White House.

According to the officials, roughly \$50 million would cover Pentagon costs for aircraft, equipment, personnel and other support for the November parade in Washington. The remainder would be borne by other agencies and largely involve security costs. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss early planning estimates that have not yet been finalized or released publicly.

Officials said the plans had not yet been approved by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

The parade's cost has become a politically charged issue, particularly after the Pentagon canceled a major military exercise planned for August with South Korea, in the wake of Trump's summit

with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Trump said the drills were provocative and that dumping them would save the U.S. "a tremendous amount of money." The Pentagon later said the Korea drills would have cost \$14 million.

Lt. Col. Jamie Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said earlier Thursday that Defense Department planning for the parade "continues and final details are still being developed. Any cost estimates are pre-decisional."

The parade was expected to include troops from all five armed services — the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. It also was expected to involve a number of military aircraft flyovers.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 20, 2017, photo, military units participate in the inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House in Washington.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Manafort jury ends first day of deliberations with questions

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The jury in the fraud trial of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort ended its first day of deliberations with a series of questions to the judge, including a request to "redefine" reasonable doubt.

The questions came after roughly seven hours of deliberation, delivered in a handwritten note to U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III. Ellis read the questions aloud to lawyers for both sides as well as Manafort before he called the jury in to give his answers.

Along with the question on reasonable doubt, the jury asked about the list of exhibits, rules for reporting foreign bank accounts and the definition of "shelf companies," a term used during the trial to describe some of the foreign companies used by Manafort.

Ellis told the jurors they need to rely on their collective memory of the evidence to answer most

questions. As for reasonable doubt, he described it as "a doubt based on reason" and told jurors it does not require proof "beyond all doubt."

The jury concluded deliberations around 5:30 p.m. after receiving Ellis' answers. Deliberations will resume Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Google clarifies it tracks users who pause location history

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google has changed a help page that erroneously described how its "Location History" setting works, clarifying for users that it still tracks their location even if they turn the setting off.

The change comes days after an Associated Press investigation revealed that several Google apps and websites store user location even if users have turned off Location History.

The page now states: "This setting does not affect other location services on your device" and acknowledges that "some location data may be saved as part of your activity on other

services, like Search and Maps."

Previously, the page had stated that "with Location History off, the places you go are no longer stored."

Recording: Omarosa offered \$15,000 a month to be 'positive'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Omarosa Manigault Newman on Thursday released another secret audio recording that she says proves President Donald Trump wanted to silence her after firing her from the White House.

In the recording played on MSNBC, Trump's daughter-in-law Lara Trump offers Manigault Newman a job earning \$15,000 a month. The job wouldn't require her to report to any particular office or have a specific set of duties, other than to speak positively on Trump's behalf as part of his re-election campaign.

Lara Trump, married to Eric Trump, can be heard on the tape noting a New York Times report that suggested Manigault Newman had inside information

that could be damaging to Trump.

"It sounds a little like, obviously, that there are some things you've got in the back pocket to pull out," Lara Trump said. "Clearly, if you come on board the campaign, like, we can't have, we got to ..."

Manigault Newman interjects: "Oh, God, no." "Everything, everybody, positive, right?" Lara Trump asks.

The secret recording is one of several Manigault Newman released this week to back up her claims in her new book, "Unhinged."

In a written response Thursday, Lara Trump said her entire family was concerned for Manigault Newman after she was fired "because we had no idea about the basis for her dismissal," but "we still wanted her on our team because we cared so much about her personally."

Lara Trump says that's why she reached out and offered Manigault Newman a job on the re-election campaign "before we knew anything about the gross violations of ethics and integrity during her White House tenure."

Stocks march higher on growing hopes for China trade talks

By **MARLEY JAY**
AP MARKETS WRITER

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks jumped Thursday as China and the U.S. said they will hold their first trade discussions in months, a potential sign of progress toward ending their trade war.

China will send a trade envoy to Washington later this month in a new attempt to end the trade dispute before it causes major damage to the global economy. The two sides haven't talked since early June. Energy and metals prices and shares of industrial companies turned higher.

Walmart soared after reporting its strongest growth in sales in more than a decade. Other companies that make and sell basic necessities also rose.

Jason Draho, the head of asset allocation for UBS, said investors are eager for the two countries to start making progress and resolve their differences. He added that China may be changing course because its economy has slowed.

"The data we've seen from China recently has showed slowing growth," he said. "It's possible they decided 'OK, we need to take a different approach' and come to the table offering a little more."

The S&P 500 index climbed 22.32 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,840.69. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 396.32 points, or 1.6 percent, to 25,558.73 as Walmart and Boeing made big gains. The Nasdaq composite rose 32.41 points, or 0.4 percent, to 7,806.52.

Florida Gov. invested in company linked to high speed rail

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who killed a major publically-financed high speed rail project in his first year in office, has invested with his wife in a fund that has links to a private company building a new high speed rail line.

The Miami Herald reported Thursday that new financial disclosures show Scott and his wife have invested in a credit fund run by the parent company of All Aboard Florida. All Aboard Florida is building the Brightline line

from Miami to Orlando, but recently expressed interest in extending it to Tampa.

Scott in 2011 rejected \$2.4 billion the federal government offered the state to build a high speed rail line to Tampa. He said the project championed by President Barack Obama was too risky and predicted the state would wind up subsidizing the project because ridership and revenue projections were "overly optimistic."

Scott, however, has said he supports All

Aboard Florida's plans to construct a line to Tampa and called it an "exciting opportunity."

Scott, who is leaving office due to term limits, is now running for U.S. Senate. He was required last month to submit a detailed financial disclosure that showed his family is much richer than Scott has been reporting to state authorities. That disclosure also revealed for the first time the holdings of Ann Scott.

The Herald pointed out that both Scott and his wife invested in a fund run by Fortress

Investment Group, which is the parent company of the rail company that operates Brightline. Brightline is already running trains between West Palm Beach and Miami. The Scotts' investment in Fortress Secured Lending Fund — the credit and lending division — produced at least \$150,000 in income last year.

Lauren Schenone, a spokeswoman for Scott, said the investment with Fortress is unrelated to All Aboard Florida.

"Both the governor's and the first lady's

investments are in an unrelated debt-financing fund," Schenone said. "As such, the success or failure of All Aboard Florida or any rail project within the State of Florida will have no effect on this investment."

Schenone has also said Gov. Scott's own investments are in a blind trust that he does not control and he does not discuss his wife's investments.

A Democratic-aligned group that opposes Scott's candidacy sharply criticized the Scott investment.

"Rick Scott killed high

speed rail in 2011 to help his special interest allies profit — and to pad his own wallet," said American Bridge spokesman Joshua Karrp. "This is the very definition of conflict of interest and corruption."

Scott has said he backs All Aboard Florida because it is a privately-funded project with no risk to taxpayers. A review of documents by The Associated Press in 2014, however, showed that some of Scott's top aides and agency heads assisted the development of the train.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Nearly 800,000 voters have already cast ballots in Florida

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Nearly 800,000 Florida voters have already cast ballots in the state's crucial primary election.

The Florida Division of Elections website says that so far more than 739,000 voters have mailed in their ballots. More than 38,000 people have voted at early voting polling places.

Eighteen counties started early voting Monday, but the remaining counties in the state will begin early voting in the next three days.

Florida's primary is Aug. 28.

The top races are the gubernatorial primaries. Former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, Tallahassee

Mayor Andrew Gillum and businessmen Jeff Greene and Chris King are the Democratic candidates. Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis are the Republicans. There are also Cabinet primaries.

High school student flees random search, prompting lockdown

ORLANDO (AP) — A Florida high school student fled when selected for random metal detector search, prompting officials to place the school on a temporary lockdown.

Orlando police spokeswoman Sara Au tells news outlets that officers quickly found the University High School student Thursday morning and "nothing was found that would

compromise the safety and security of students."

The lockdown was issued at 7:55 a.m. and quickly switched to a lock out — which meant classes resumed and no one was allowed in or out of the school grounds. It was lifted at 9:24 a.m.

The Orange County school district is using metal detector wands for random checks on students. It's one of many new policies in effect across Florida following the massacre of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

School workers donate sick days to help Florida teacher

PALM BEACH GARDENS (AP) — A Florida teacher who burned through his sick days fighting colon cancer last spring was

forced to plan chemo treatments around his class schedule for the fall semester.

That was until some 60 teachers and employees of the Palm Beach County School system stepped up when world history teacher Robert Goodman issued a plea on Facebook. They donated enough days on his behalf that he won't have to return to Palm Beach Gardens High School until January.

The Palm Beach Post reports Goodman is overwhelmed by the response.

Kindergarten teacher Dawn McKeich doesn't know Goodman but said she's paying forward the kindness fellow teachers showed when her kidneys failed. She missed more than a month of school and teachers formed a meal train for her family.

Lost exams found; students won't have to retake tests

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — About 200 high school students briefly thought they may have to retake tests after learning that the United Parcel Service lost a box containing college credit exams they took last spring.

But the Palm Beach Post reports UPS alerted officials on Thursday that the missing box has been found and is being sent to the University of Cambridge in England to be scored.

Santaluces High School Principal Tameka Robinson broke the news about the missing exams to students and their parents on Tuesday.

Students who took the exams were enrolled in International History and some General Paper courses commonly taken

by students in ninth and tenth grades.

Snorkeler dies after being found in water off Dry Tortugas

KEY WEST (AP) — Authorities say a 49-year-old man has died after being found unresponsive in the water off the Dry Tortugas.

Monroe County Sheriff spokesman Adam Linhardt said in an email that Michael Ray Stephens of Panama City, Florida, was airlifted to the Lower Keys Medical Center on Stock Island on Wednesday.

Linhardt says Stephens had been snorkeling on Wednesday afternoon when a couple found him face down in the water. They brought him to the moat wall where Dry Tortugas National Park officials began performing CPR.

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Surrogacy at an advanced age comes with increased risk

DEAR DR. ROACH:

Would you please comment on common or uncommon issues that might be expected in a pregnancy at age 57? I am overall very healthy, with no issues other than slightly elevated LDL. I have not gone through menopause. I had four full-term pregnancies, the last at age 35 (after which I had my tubes tied), and no miscarriages. I asked my doctor two years ago if I would have an issue being a surrogate and was told there was no reason I couldn't be, but my current physician told me that it can be very dangerous at my age. I am concerned that the practice is just covering itself against any liability. I realize that this is my decision alone and I would not hold my doctors accountable, but I'd also like the real truth regarding any potential issues I would be likely to encounter. — M.V.

ANSWER: I admire your willingness to consider being a surrogate. However, the risks of pregnancy in a 57-year-old woman are significant.



Dr. Roach

A study from the U.K. from 2016 quantified the risks pretty thoroughly; however, of the 233 women studied, only two of them were older than 57, so your risks are probably higher than the average risk for an older mother in the study (which was defined here as 48 years or older at the date of delivery).

Before I go over the risks, let me point out that one major risk for older mothers, Down syndrome, may not apply, since the ovum (egg) you would be carrying would come from another woman and it

is her age that determines the risk for the fetus. Older mothers also are more likely to carry twins.

Compared with younger mothers, older mothers have a higher risk for: high blood pressure during pregnancy (15 percent vs. 5 percent); pre-eclampsia, also called toxemia (6 percent vs. 2 percent); diabetes during pregnancy (18 percent vs. 4 percent); hemorrhage after delivery (26 percent vs. 15 percent); Caesarean section (78 percent vs. 33 percent); preterm delivery (22 percent vs. 8 percent); and admission of the baby to the intensive care unit (3 percent vs. less than 1 percent). Miscarriage rate (after 11 weeks) in women over 55 is estimated to be about 10 percent, compared with 1 percent in younger women. Maternal death is much more likely for older women than younger; however, that risk is small, less than 2 per 1,000 in a separate Swedish study of mothers over 45.

Overall, these risks are not small. You should think through your risks before making a decision. I'm

disappointed in the lack of advice you received.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Are net carbs a thing? I understand low impact on blood sugar, but not measuring net carbs. — H.C.

ANSWER: The "net carbs" number is normally calculated by taking the grams of total carbohydrates and subtracting the grams of fiber and sugar alcohols. It's an attempt to look at the effect on blood sugar, and it has modest informational benefit. It can be misleading, because some sugar alcohols (ending in "-ol," like maltitol and xylitol) do increase blood sugar somewhat, though not as much as sugars (which end in "-ose," like glucose and sucrose).

I don't recommend using the term "net carbs." I think it's more important to look at ingredients. Avoid large amounts of added sugar and starches. Make sure carbohydrates you take in come from vegetables, fruits, legumes and whole grains. These are the foundations of a healthy diet, and you don't need to count numbers.

Woman's sweetheart still can't win dad's approval

DEAR ABBY: I'm dating my grammar school and high school sweetheart, "Gary." We've known each other since I was 6. (I'm 33 now.) In high school we dated for nine months and were in love, but he told lies to my dad, so Dad ordered him to stay away.



Dear Abby

Now, 16 years later, after being only friends all this time, we finally both became single and got back together.

Gary is and always has been the love of my life, as I am his. He would do anything for me.

He says he wants to marry me and have kids, and he's never said that to any other woman.

Since we broke up at 16, Gary has done some bad things (drugs, prison). Because of it, my dad hates him.

Dad was finally getting used to Gary being back in my life until a few months ago, when Gary crashed my car after relapsing. Gary is getting me a new car and trying to get my dad to like him, but Dad is stubborn. I know he's just worried about me.

I want to bring Gary to my parents' to visit because enough time has gone by

since the accident. Is there any way to get my dad used to him? — Torn In New Jersey

DEAR TORN: I think the chances of your father "getting used" to his beloved daughter being married to a convicted felon and drug user who can't quite kick the habit are somewhere between a snowflake and hell.

Gary may have been the love of your life since childhood, but if you plan to marry him, it's important you get a glimpse of what you may be in for.

There are self-help groups for the friends and family of addicts. Join one of them. (Visit Nar-Anon.org to find the nearest meeting.) If you do, you will meet other individuals who are involved with people who have a drug addiction and learn about the challenges that will face both of you.

Proof of your prescriptions

Dear Heloise: Please remember that when carrying PRESCRIPTION DRUGS while traveling, you must be able to produce a valid prescription for each of them. This can spare your readers a lot of grief if they find themselves in a situation where they have to prove they have them legitimately. — Ken T., via email



Hints from Heloise

pose a security or safety risk, so always have a copy of the prescription for these items as well. — Heloise

Dear Heloise: Want to give your friends a nice treat? When you serve tea, give them a cinnamon stick to stir their tea. It tastes better and adds a nice aroma. — Shirley B., Biloxi, Miss.

WHATZIT?

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

LINER RESIURC FRIGATE RETHGIERF DESTROYER

SOLUTION: Ships that pass in the night

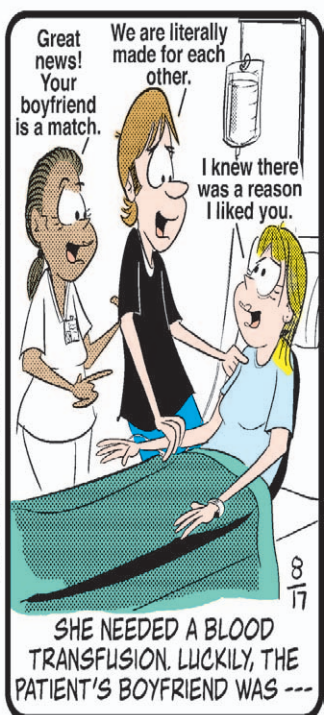
JUMBLE

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

Jumble puzzle grid with words MHEET, LLSYY, PLUTIP, and JURNIE. Includes copyright information for Tribune Content Agency, LLC.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Answers tomorrow: Yesterday's Jumbles: STAFF INKED RESUME RELENT Answer: After upgrading to lodging with two bedrooms, they would have — "SUITE" DREAMS

KEN KEN THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

KenKen puzzle grid with clues: 12x, 3+, 3, 4, 8x, 1-, 4+, 2÷.

KenKen puzzle grid with clues: 120x, 3+, 2÷, 2÷, 11+, 40x, 3, 18x, 3+, 3, 3÷, 11+, 1-, 2÷, 4, 3, 30x, 1-.

KenKen rules section explaining cage operations and previous answers for puzzles.

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: 1 steep Alpine gorge (7), 2 letting off the clutch (8), 3 making a wordy little joke (7), 4 like a clique (8), 5 earliest known (10), 6 points out opposites (9), 7 harbor-protecting pier (5). SOLUTIONS: grid with words COU, ISH, NG, IR, NN, AGI, NAL, TY, ABOR, STS, IGI, TRA, CLA, PU, ENG, ING, JET, LO, CON, NN.

Thursday's Answers: 1. DECORATE 2. WARRENS 3. UNDENIABLY 4. NOVELTY 5. VALISE 6. SIDEBURNS 7. IDLES

Challenger

Challenger puzzle grid with directions and a scoring table for Today's Challenge and Yesterday's Challenger.

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"We're not doing best out of 17. You lost fair and square."

Cryptoquip

Cryptoquip puzzle with clue: Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE TAKING YOU SO LONG WITH SETTING UP THOSE BILLIARD BALLS? GET RACKING! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals C

WORD SLEUTH • LARGEST STATES BY AREA

Word Sleuth puzzle grid with a highlighted word: CALIFORNIA

- Thursday's unlisted clue: BISCUITS. Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: HOME OF THE CORN HUSKERS. List of states: Alaska, Texas, California, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, Michigan, Minnesota, Utah, Idaho, Kansas.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Can I talk to you?" has devolved into being a question that people dread. Why? Maybe because talk itself has devolved. The art of conversation is not entirely lost, though, as you'll prove today.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). New adults want to be taken seriously, whereas those who have been adults for a while aren't so concerned. This social truth will be behind the events that unfold today.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's said that you can never go back, and that's true, to a great extent. You'll physically put yourself out there today, but it won't be the same, so you won't really be back; rather, you'll get current in your thinking about the past.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Theoretically, you want to do what's expected of you, and yet you also see that it's sure to lead to no fun at all. Take risks. Bonds are created over weird mistakes.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today presents a super productive groove. It all starts with

a pep talk. Get in the mirror and psych yourself up. It will help you attract the thing of your focus, so focus on what you want, not what you don't.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your head and heart are in the right place. Take action. You can't lose, though you might meet with a delayed reward. No worries with that, either. The rewards will be delayed just enough to make them sweet for you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An interesting benefactor will come into your mix. You'll grow from getting to know this person one on one. Things will definitely progress once you break away from a group setting.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is power in a person's vision of you. Those who can see you for who you really are — and project an image of a future that you think would be a good fit for you — are giving you a priceless gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've found something to enjoy about each age you've been so far, though some have been more challenging than others. Be kind to yourself as you make adjustments to accommodate human progression.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). They want you to fulfill a role you are not well-suited for. You know yourself better. Trust that. Also, trust the universe. Your best opportunities might be strange ones indeed.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do you have a psychic gift? Yes. Yes, you do. Who have you shared it with? "No one" is a perfectly acceptable answer. Better to be private about this than to risk revealing yourself to those who would throw shade.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17). The solar return opens with a mutual-admiration society. As luck would have it, you'll be surrounded by people who appreciate your kind of beauty, intelligence and truth. Your effort in relationships will pay off. Travel for love. The extra care you put into this year's holidays will be especially well-received. Taurus and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 28 and 31.

Friday, August 17, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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DEVIOUS DEFENSE

North-South vulnerable, South deals

Hand distribution for Goren Bridge: NORTH (♠ J 5 4, ♣ 9, ♢ K Q J 7 3 2, ♣ K Q 2), WEST (♠ 10 7, ♣ K Q 10 7 6 4, ♢ A 8 5, ♣ J 4), EAST (♠ K 9 8 3, ♣ A J 8 2, ♢ 10 6 4, ♣ 8 3), SOUTH (♠ A Q 6 2, ♣ 5 3, ♢ 9, ♣ A 10 9 7 6 5).

The bidding: SOUTH 1♣, WEST Pass, NORTH 2♦, EAST 3♥*, *Pre-emptive

Opening lead: King of ♥

Today's deal features one of the world's best pairs. East and West, respectively, were Chip Martel and Lew Stansby, from the San Francisco area. They are former World Open Pairs champions. Martel's pre-emptive bid was about a king heavier than normal. With an opening bid on his left and a two-level response on

his right, he knew that his partner had limited high-card points. Martel's bid had ramifications in the play.

Stansby continued with a second heart at trick two, ruffed in dummy. Declarer led dummy's king of diamonds to Stansby's ace and Stansby continued with another diamond. South shed a spade as dummy won the queen. Declarer now cashed dummy's jack of diamonds and discarded another spade. The king of clubs came next, as Stansby smoothly followed with the jack!

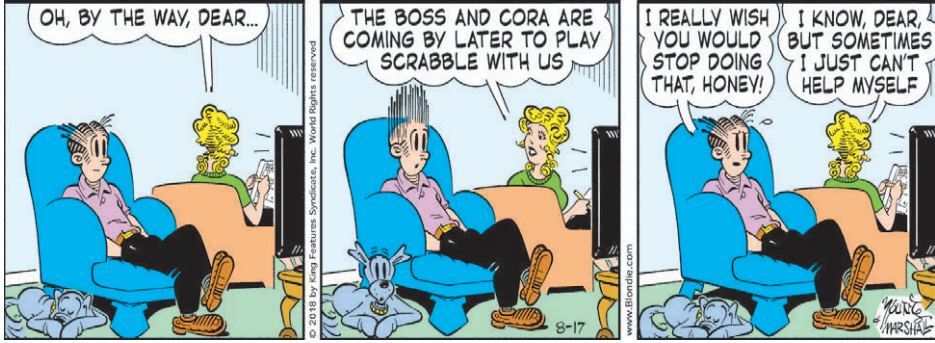
Declarer was at the crossroads. Should the trumps split 2-2, he could just draw the outstanding trumps with dummy's queen and discard his queen of spades on a diamond. He could also take the spade finesse, but West rated to have the king after East's pre-emptive bid. Should the jack of clubs be an honest card, he could simply continue with a good diamond. He could overruff East and return to dummy with the queen of clubs, drawing the last trump, and discard his spade on a diamond.

He chose to lead another diamond. Martel was careful not to ruff the diamond or it would have exposed the position. South confidently discarded his queen of spades and was pained when Stansby ruffed this for the setting trick. Nice defense!

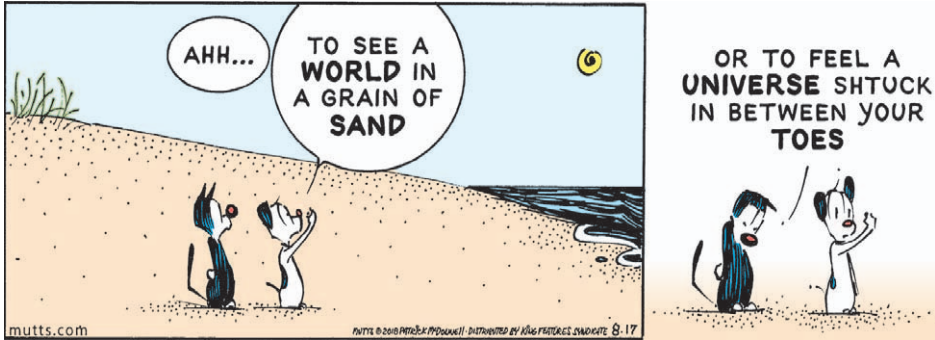
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BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



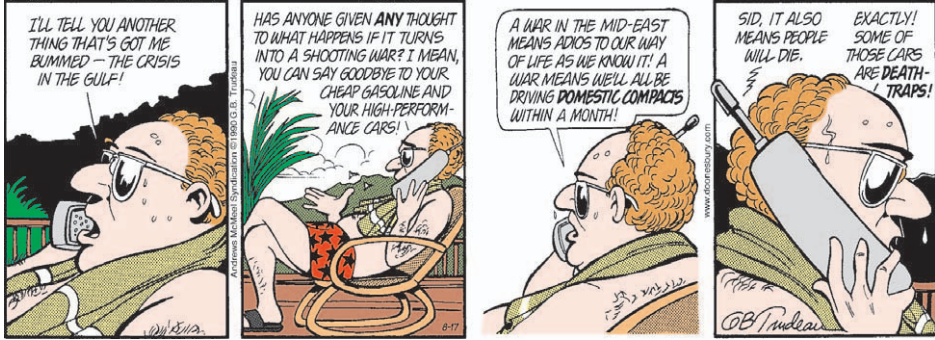
MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
1 Appear
5 Enthusiasts
10 Kilt sporter
14 Church part
15 House of snow
16 Furry red Muppet
17 Gyro shell
18 Girl from Guadalajara
19 Fallon's predecessor
20 Barely enough
22 Wax
24 Per capita
26 Strauss of denim
27 Tiredly
30 Nightclubs
34 Stale
35 Windowsill
38 Rough cabin
39 Wow!
40 Steer
42 Buzzing insect
43 Period
46 Tequila plant
48 Attorney's field of expertise
49 Composts
51 Soundproofs
53 Unwanted email
55 Begrudge
56 Like a fez
60 Leaseholder
64 Motorcar

- 65 Convenient excuse
67 Bing Crosby tune
68 Gator kin
69 Changed address
70 Stable parent
71 Bird of prey
72 Witless
73 Resistance units
DOWN
1 Exhausts
2 Larger-than-life
3 Is, to Pedro
4 More nasty
5 Pedaled
6 Gross!
7 Turn pancakes
8 The "f" in f-stop
9 Flew upward
10 Caring only for oneself
11 Music notation
12 Former Atlanta arena
13 Tweety or Sylvester
21 Opossum's gripper
23 Car rental name
25 Serpent
Hercules fought
27 Sweet-talked
28 Marry in haste

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED
F I D O E L S E R S V P
A H E A D M O A N O T I S
D O W R Y P I C A L O P S
S P Y E N I D M A L L E T
P I E R D E N S E R
A G I N G A R E A C O D E
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32 Bounding main
33 Misrepresents
36 Brief engagement
37 Avoid
41 Dusk, to a poet
44 Priest's attire
45 Publicity
47 Icicle site
50 Garlic-flavored sausage
52 Forceful person
54 Cantaloupe
56 RPM dial
57 Mysterious
58 Load cargo
59 Met celeb
61 Bombay nanny
62 Standard
63 Three, in Toledo
66 Vereen or Kingsley

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).

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU grid with Rating: SILVER and Solution to 8/16/18. Solution grid: 3 9 1 7 5 8 6 4 2, 4 7 6 9 3 2 5 8 1, 5 2 8 1 4 6 3 7 9, 7 4 5 8 2 3 9 1 6, 9 6 2 4 7 1 8 3 5, 8 1 3 6 9 5 7 2 4, 1 5 7 2 8 9 4 6 3, 2 3 4 5 6 7 1 9 8, 6 8 9 3 1 4 2 5 7.

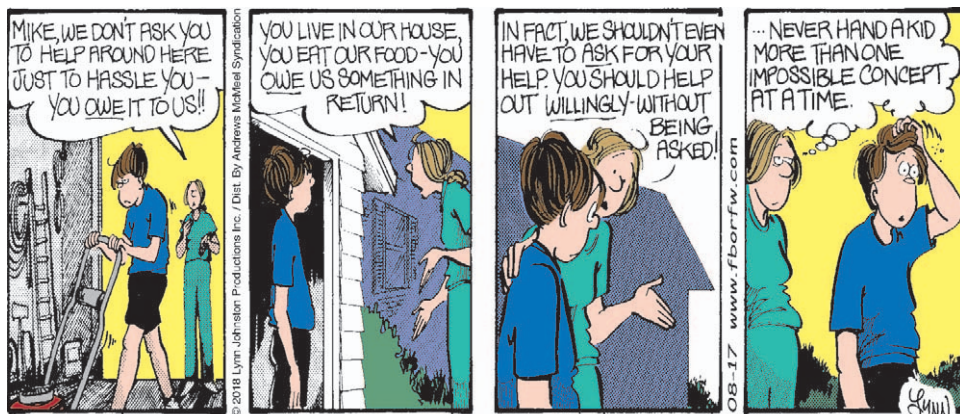
WORDY GURDY

WORDY GURDY BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
1. Sick tumbler after Jack in rhyme (1)
2. Scotch adhesive abrasion (1)
3. Conceited Huck Finn creator Mark (1)
4. SpaceX CEO Elon's corn coverings (1)
5. Courtroom hammer's journeys (2)
6. Board game jumping piece destroyer (2)
7. Flashy success's random nasty cracks (2)
ANSWERS: 1. ILL JILT, 2. TAPE SCRAPE, 3. VAIN TWAIN, 4. MUSKS HUSKS, 5. GAVELS TRAVELS, 6. CHECKER WRECKER, 7. HOTSHOTS POTSHOTS.
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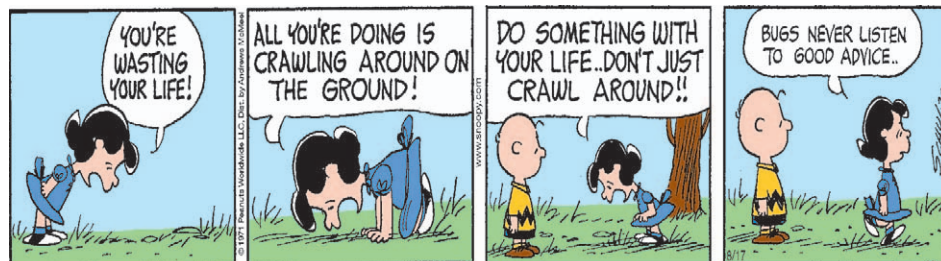
Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-73.

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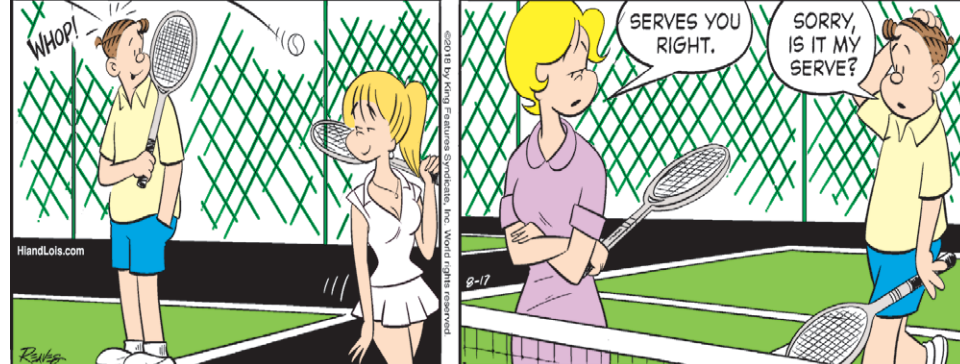
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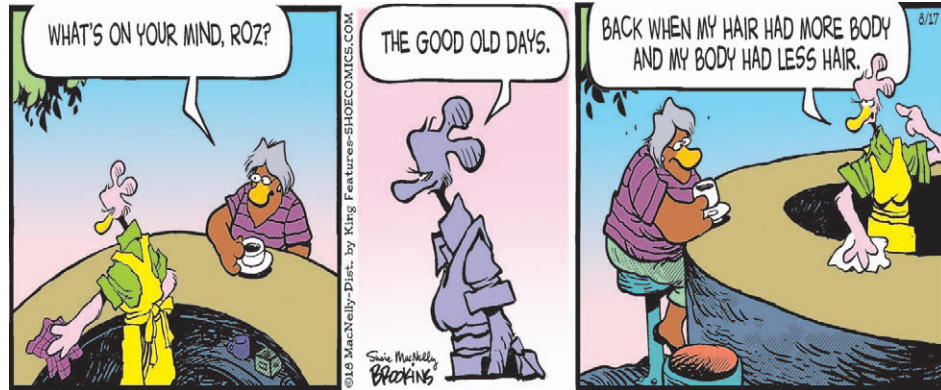
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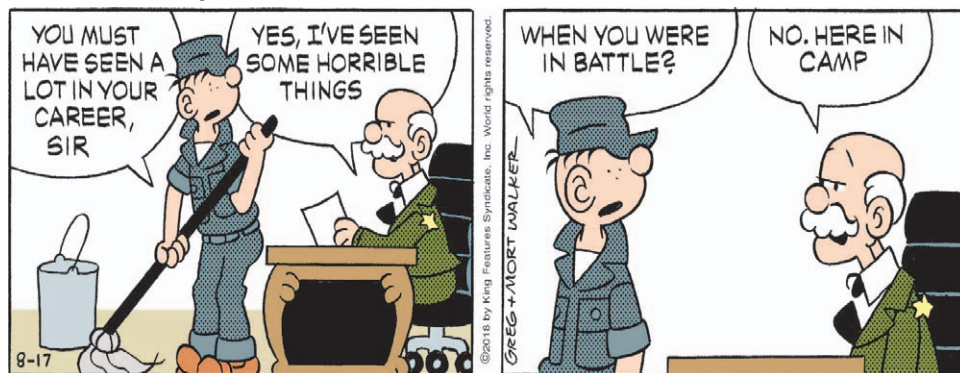
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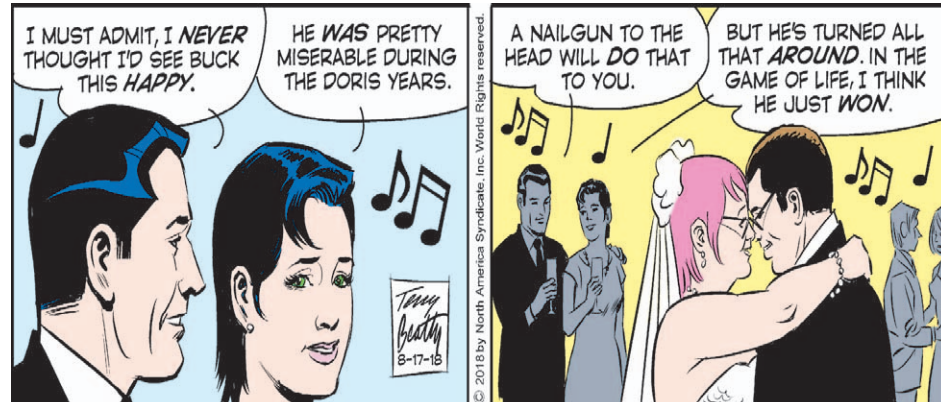
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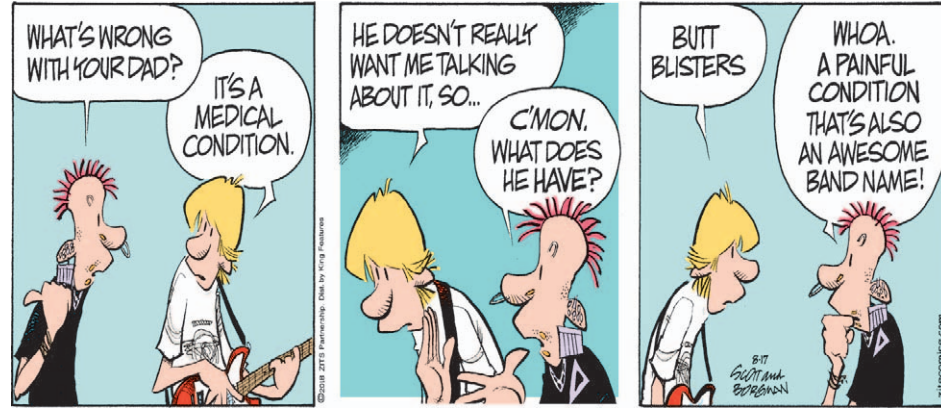
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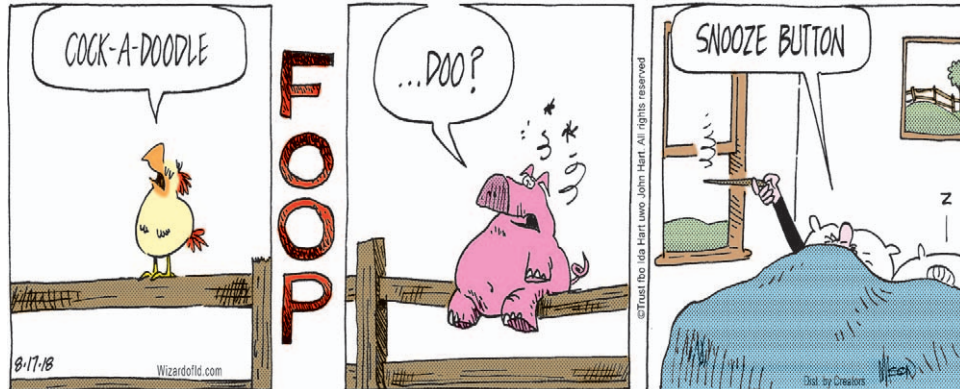
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ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



GARFIELD By Jim Davis



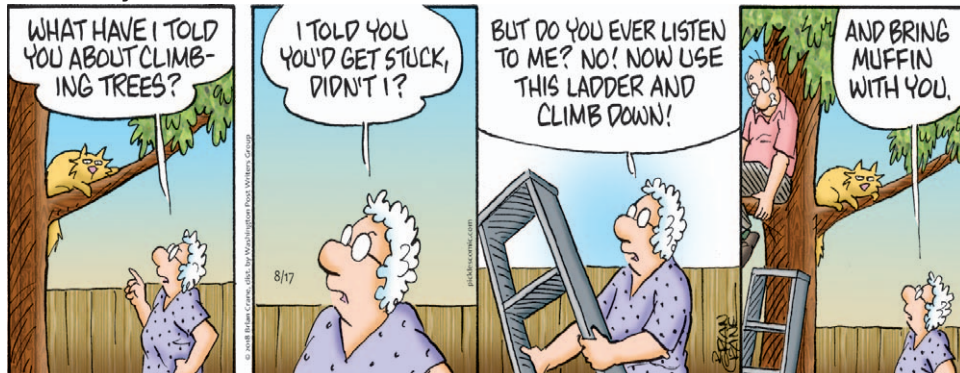
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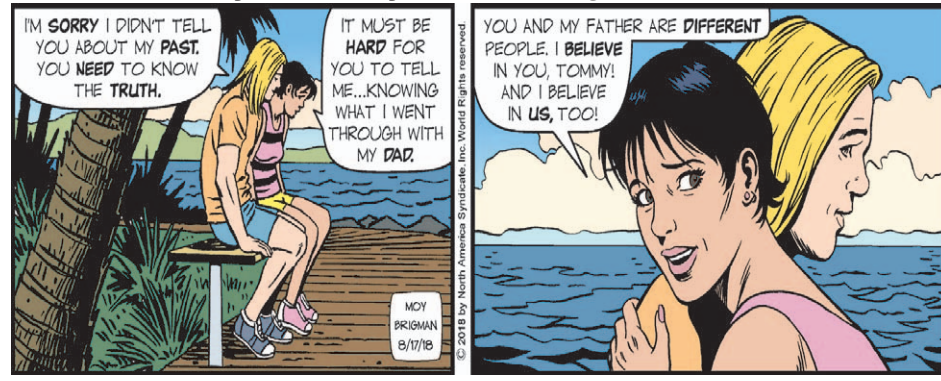
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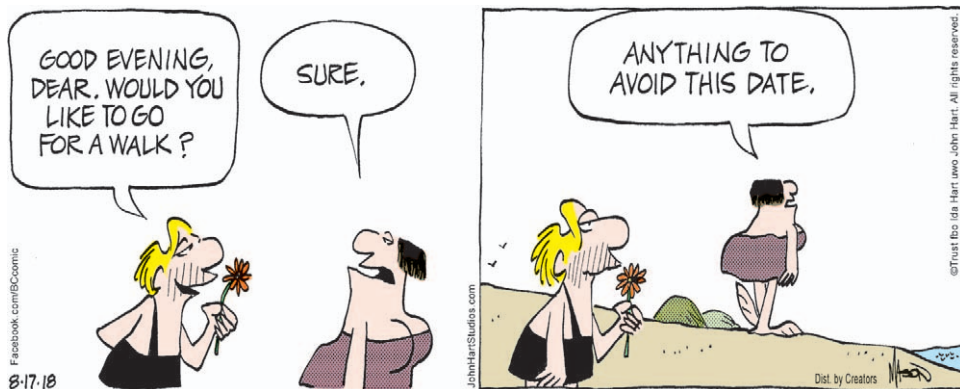
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Florida promises to reimburse motorists for toll troubles

By **GARY FINEOUT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — After a major malfunction of the state's main toll road billing system, Florida said it would begin reimbursing motorists who were charged bank fees as a result of all the problems.

Motorists across the state have been confounded this summer by problems with SunPass, which allows motorists to be charged electronically for using toll roads. Millions of toll transactions got delayed as a result of a billing system upgrade. When the transactions finally

began to show up, some customers incurred bank overdraft fees as a result.

Department of Transportation Secretary Mike Dew said Thursday that the state planned to bill Conduent State and Local Solutions, the company that managed the upgrade, for the bank fees.

"Today, SunPass deployed an overdraft claims process to make our customers whole," Dew said in a statement. "We will not let Conduent off the hook and the bill for reimbursements will be sent directly to Conduent. SunPass customer service representatives are trained and

ready to receive calls from customers who may have been impacted."

Despite reported problems in other states, Florida hired Conduent in 2015 to handle its toll system transactions. According to the Tampa Bay Times, the initial contract was worth \$287 million but has changed so it is now worth \$343 million.

Gov. Rick Scott has come under fire for the problems, especially after it was reported he attended a fundraiser in Texas this year where one of the hosts was a major shareholder of the company. Dew announced earlier this

week that at Scott's direction the state would fine Conduent nearly \$800,000 for damages as a result of the problems with the billing system. Scott's chief inspector general is also launching an investigation.

The Florida Transportation Commission, which is supposed to act as a watchdog of the state's transportation department, is demanding answers as well. During a conference call on Thursday, commission member Ken Wright said he wanted to know why Conduent was ever hired.

"It absolutely boggles my mind," said Wright,

who was appointed by Scott. "Somebody ought to step forward to explain how that went down."

Commissioners agreed that DOT officials need to give a presentation on the problems with the tolling system and why Conduent was selected over vendors competing for the contract.

DOT officials said that motorists seeking reimbursements must show bank records that show that their SunPass account was automatically charged and the resulting overdraft fees. The fees must have been taken out between June 11 and Aug. 17.

US officials: Ex-ISIS fighter entered country as refugee

By **DON THOMPSON**
and **JULIE WATSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — An Iraqi man accused of killing for the Islamic State entered the U.S. as a refugee after claiming to be a victim of terrorism, in a case drawing attention amid the Trump administration's criticism of the resettlement program's vetting process.

Omar Abdulsattar Ameen, 45, was arrested in California on Wednesday and will be extradited to Iraq under a treaty with that nation, U.S. officials said. He made his first appearance in federal court in Sacramento after

his arrest at an apartment building in the state capital.

Ameen left Iraq and fled in 2012 to Turkey, where he applied to be accepted as a refugee to the U.S., according to court documents.

He was granted that status in June 2014. That same month, prosecutors say he returned to Iraq, where he killed a police officer in the town of Rawah after it fell to the Islamic State. Five months later, Ameen traveled to the United States to be resettled as a refugee.

Ameen was arrested by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force based on a warrant issued in May by

an Iraqi federal court in Baghdad. Ameen could face execution for the "organized killing by an armed group," according to Iraqi documents filed in U.S. federal court.

Benjamin Galloway, one of Ameen's public defenders, said he had just 10 minutes to meet with his client prior to his initial court appearance, and attorneys hadn't decided whether to contest that Ameen is the man wanted by Iraqi authorities.

Ameen did not disclose his membership in two terrorist groups when he later applied for a green card in the United States, officials said.

The Trump

administration has sharply criticized the Obama-era resettlement program for not doing enough to keep out terrorists.

The State Department said additional checks have since been implemented.

"The U.S. government identified and implemented additional security screening procedures to enable departments and agencies to more thoroughly review refugee applicants to identify potential threats to public safety and national security, with additional vetting for certain nationals of certain high-risk countries," the State Department said in a statement.

Seamus Hughes, of George Washington University's Program on Extremism, said most ISIS cases in the United States have involved U.S.-born citizens and that the case should be considered rare but illustrates holes in the system.

"There was clearly a number of tripwires that didn't go off in this vetting process," he said.

According to resettlement agencies in the United States, the U.S. vetting process is one of the world's toughest that has allowed in 3 million refugees since 1975 with not one arrested for carrying out a lethal terror attack on U.S. soil.

ARETHA

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Franklin won 18 Grammy awards. In 1987, she became the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Fellow singers bowed to her eminence and political and civic leaders treated her as a peer. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was a longtime friend, and she sang at the dedication of King's memorial, in 2011. She performed at the inaugurations of Presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, and at the funeral for civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks. Clinton gave Franklin the National Medal of Arts. President George W. Bush awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 2005.

Franklin's best-known appearance with a president was



AP FILE PHOTO

In this April 19, 2017, photo, Aretha Franklin performs at the world premiere of "Clive Davis: The Soundtrack of Our Lives" at Radio City Music Hall, during the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

in January 2009, when she sang "My Country 'tis of Thee" at Barack Obama's inauguration. She wore a gray felt hat with a huge, Swarovski

rhinestone-bordered bow that became an Internet sensation and even had its own website.

Franklin endured the exhausting grind of

celebrity and personal troubles dating back to childhood. She was married from 1961 to 1969 to her manager, Ted White, and their battles

are widely believed to have inspired her performances on several songs, including "Sweet Sweet Baby" Since You've Been Gone," "Think" and her heartbreaking ballad of despair, "Ain't No Way." The mother of two sons by age 16 (she later had two more), she was often in turmoil as she struggled with her weight, family problems and financial predicaments. Her best known producer, Jerry Wexler, nicknamed her "Our Lady of Mysterious Sorrows."

In a 2004 interview with the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, Franklin was asked whether she sensed in the '60s that she was helping change popular music.

"Somewhat, certainly with 'Respect,' that was a battle cry for freedom and many people of many ethnicities took pride in that word," she answered. "It was meaningful to all of us."

TRUMP

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Trump again called the probe a "rigged witch hunt" and said "these people led it!"

"So I think it's something that had to be done," he said.

The president's comments were a swift departure from the official explanation given by the White House earlier Wednesday that cited the "the risks" posed by Brennan's alleged "erratic conduct and behavior." It marked the latest example of the president contradicting a story his aides had put forward to explain his motivations.

Attorneys said the revocation appeared to be within the president's authority. But they noted the power play also could

be used to reinforce a case alleging obstruction of justice, following the president's firing of former FBI Director James Comey and his repeated tweets calling for the investigation to end.

Patrick Cotter, a former assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York and a longtime white-collar defense attorney, said that while a prosecutor could argue that Trump's targeting of clearances was intended as a warning that "if you contribute to, participate in, support the Russia probe and I find out about it, I'm going to punish you," it is likely not obstruction in itself.

But, he said the move would be a "powerful piece of evidence" for prosecutors as part of a pattern to demonstrate an intent to use

presidential power in connection with the probe.

Renato Mariotti, a former federal prosecutor agreed.

"What it shows is that the president is fixated on the Russia investigation, he's angry about it, and he wants to do everything he can to discourage or slow down the investigation," he said.

Special Counsel Mueller and his team have been looking at Trump's public statements and tweets as they investigate whether the president could be guilty of obstruction.

"I don't think it advances the criminal obstruction case, but I think it's factually relevant," said Mark Zaid, a national security attorney. "I think it shows the state of mind and intent to interfere or impede any



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump listens as he attends a cabinet meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Thursday.

unfavorable discussion of his potential connection to Russia."

Former CIA directors and other top national security officials are typically allowed to keep their clearances, at least for some period. But Trump said Wednesday he is reviewing the clearances

of several other former top intelligence and law enforcement officials, including former FBI Director Comey and current senior Justice Department official Bruce Ohr. All are critics of the president or are people who Trump appears to believe are against him.

VATICAN

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of the church ahead of obligations to protect children from harm from pedophile priests.

In a sign that Pope

Francis wants to end that pervasive mind set among church hierarchy, including bishops and cardinals, he recently accepted the resignation from cardinal's rank of former Washington archbishop Theodore McCarrick amid allegations

that the American prelate had engaged in sexual misconduct.

Resignations by cardinals are extremely rare, and McCarrick's was the first time a prelate lost his cardinal's rank in a sexual abuse scandal.

Burke said Francis "understands well how much these crimes can shake the faith and the spirit of believers and reiterates the call to make every effort to create a safe environment for minors and vulnerable adults in the church and in

all of society."

Speaking about Francis, Burke said: "Those who have suffered are his priority, and the church wants to listen to them to root out this tragic horror that destroys the lives of the innocent."

ALMANAC

Today is **Friday, Aug. 17**, the 229th day of 2018. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **August 17, 1943**, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

On this date

In **1915**, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

In **1942**, during World War II, U.S. 8th Air Force bombers attacked German forces in Rouen, France. U.S. Marines raided a Japanese seaplane base on Makin Island.

In **1969**, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In **1987**, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

In **1996**, the Reform Party announced Ross Perot had been selected to be its first-ever presidential nominee, opting for the third-party's founder over challenger Richard Lamm.

In **1999**, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

Today's birthdays

Author V.S. Naipaul is 86. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 77. Actor Robert DeNiro is 75. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 72. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 71. Actor-screenwriter-producer Julian Fellowes is 69. Actor Robert Joy is 67. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 66. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 63. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 60. Author Jonathan Franzen is 59. Actor Sean Penn is 58. Jazz musician Everett Harp is 57. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 56. Singer Maria McKee is 54. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 53. Actor David Conrad is 51. Actress Helen McCrory is 50. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 49. College Basketball Hall of Famer and retired NBA All-Star Christian Laettner is 49. Actor Bryton James is 32. Actor Brady Corbet is 30.

Bible verse

"Is anything too hard for the Lord? ..." — **Genesis 18:14.**

God's specialty is doing what seems impossible. In faith give God the answer, to the above question, that he is looking for and then look for the miracle you need.

ODD NEWS

University honors students who found love in elevator in '72

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's Temple University is honoring a 45-year relationship sparked in a campus elevator.

Sharyn Rubin and Eric Schlesinger briefly met on move-in day on Sept. 6, 1972, while she was moving in and he was operating a dorm building elevator. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports Rubin formally introduced herself a few days later at a college mixer, walking up to Schlesinger and saying, "Hi, Mr. Elevator Man."

The quote is now affixed to the elevator, which will be named for Shari Rubin Schlesinger on Friday.

She died last year from colon cancer. She and her Elevator Man had been married for more than 42 years.

Eric Schlesinger says meeting his future wife in the elevator was "the most important thing" that happened to him at Temple.



MANZIEL PLACED IN CONCUSSION PROTOCOL
But medication might be causing symptoms. **Page 2**

NFL: Preseason

Taylor vs. Mayfield and other spicy subplots



AP PHOTO
Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield walks over to sign autographs after practice during NFL football training camp Tuesday in Berea, Ohio.

By The Associated Press

Cleveland has no quarterback competition. The Browns have made it clear that the starting job is Tyrod Taylor's, but that hasn't quieted the buzz around Baker Mayfield, who had a dazzling preseason debut last week.

The No. 1 overall pick will follow Taylor on Friday night and play up to two quarters against Buffalo in his first game action in front of

Cleveland fans hoping he can lead them to a brighter future — just not yet.

Browns coach Hue Jackson is adamant about Mayfield learning behind Taylor and said the Heisman Trophy winner is going along with the plan.

"Baker wants to play — we all know that — but I think Baker also understands that when his time comes, the organization and myself will make the best decision when

that is, and he gets that," Jackson said. "Right now, Tyrod is our starting quarterback."

Taylor, who went 5 for 5 in two series in last week's win over the Giants, will get a chance to play against his former team. He said part of his drive this season comes from the Bills trading him in March despite him helping end their 17-year playoff drought last year.

"Definitely, how I think it ended there, it's motivation for this year,"

Taylor said. "Not necessarily for this game, but this year."

Meanwhile, Bills coach Sean McDermott won't say who's starting for his team, but the expectation is AJ McCarron will get his turn after Nathan Peterman started in the preseason opener against Carolina last week. What's intriguing is when Josh Allen, the No. 7 overall pick, will enter the game.

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GOLF: Wyndham



AP PHOTOS
Brandt Snedeker reacts after making a birdie putt on the ninth hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., on Thursday. Snedeker shot a 59 in the first round.

Olympic gymnasts: we were abused

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

BOSTON — Madison Kocian and Kyla Ross watched the women they won Olympic gold with step forward one by one over the last 18 months to detail their abuse at the hands of disgraced former USA Gymnastics national team doctor Larry Nassar.

The more their Olympic teammates talked, the more Kocian and Ross began to examine their own interactions with Nassar. Over time they realized their experience mirrored those of hundreds of other women who were abused by Nassar under the guise of treatment. They realized they hadn't been spared but instead were victims, too.

It took months for them to process and even longer to go public.

Yet they're doing it now — months after Nassar was sentenced to an effective life sentence after being convicted of federal child pornography and state sexual abuse charges — to both help themselves heal and to send a message to victims of sexual abuse everywhere that there is no timetable on coming to grips with the trauma and it's never too late to speak up and say "hey, me too."

"Everyone copes in their own way," said Ross, a member of the "Fierce Five" that stormed to gold at the 2012 Olympics.

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'Really cool feeling'



Brandt Snedeker watches his tee shot on the 11th hole during the first round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, N.C., on Thursday.

Brandt Snedeker shoots 59 at Wyndham

By The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Brandt Snedeker predicted low scores at the Wyndham Championship — but not this low.

Snedeker shot an 11-under 59 on Thursday, falling one shot shy of matching the PGA Tour record.

He made a 20-foot putt on his final hole to become the 10th player in tour history to break 60. Jim Furyk set the record with a 58 in the final round of the Travelers Championship in 2016.

"I better be smiling," Snedeker said. "I don't do this every day."

This is the third consecutive year the PGA Tour has had a sub-60 round. Snedeker is the first to shoot 59 since Adam Hadwin

in the third round of the 2017 Careerbuilder Challenge.

Snedeker — who said a day earlier that the tournament would turn into a "birdie-fest" — began his round at par-70 Sedgefield Country Club with a bogey at No. 10, and he took off from there. He played the front nine in 27, including an eagle 2 on the par-4 sixth hole when he holed out from 176 yards.

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MLB: RAYS

Rays win first series at Yankee Stadium since '14

By Marc Topkin
Tampa Bay Times

NEW YORK — Once they got done exhaling, the Rays had reason to celebrate Thursday.

In hanging on for a 3-1 win and taking two of the three games, they won their first series at Yankee Stadium since the middle of the 2014 season.

Twelve times since they came, they played

and they lost more than they won, a streak of futility unmatched by any team since this version of the stadium opened in 2009. Only one current Rays player, Kevin Kiermaier, and one coach, Stan Boroski, are still around from the three-game sweep by the Joe Maddon-managed team on June 30-July 2, 2014.

As you'd expect, Thursday's win didn't

come easy.

The Rays took a 2-0 lead in the first off Masahiro Tanaka, but failed to add on due to several mistakes on the bases before tacking on one in the eighth.

They got five strong innings from Blake Snell, then mixed and matched five relievers to get through the final four frames.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: USF FOOTBALL JOURNAL

Competition raging at WR

By Joey Knight
Tampa Bay Times

Sixteen days before USF's season opener, most of the Bulls' starting lineup is coming into view. But at least two significant spots on the depth chart — the guys throwing and those catching — remain a blur.

Mildly overshadowed by the quarterback derby is a wideout competition featuring no fewer than a half-dozen serious contenders for two starting spots.

Senior Tyre McCants has the slot position nailed down, and fourth-year junior Mitch Wilcox will start at tight end once he returns to action (more on that later). But out wide, second-year receivers coach Charlie Williams must choose from among an assortment of rangy and/or fleet options.

The candidates include fifth-year guys Stanley Clerveaux and Ryeshene Bronson, junior Darnell Salomon, sophomore DeVontres Dukes,

redshirt freshman Randall St. Felix and even rookie Zion Roland of Admiral Farragut. Sophomore Jer-nard Phillips, listed at slot on the depth chart, also could join the rotation.

As the team's second-leading returning receiver (behind McCants), Salomon (32 catches, 512 yards, five TDs) appears the front-runner for one spot. The other might be won by St. Felix, who seemingly delivers at least one splash play a day.

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NFL: Bears

Trubisky getting on same page with TE, WRs

By **PAT GRAHAM**
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Matt Nagy read off the numbers almost like the winning lottery ticket: 12-80-10.

The Chicago Bears coach is hoping the offense can strike it rich this season with the additions of receiver Allen Robinson (No. 12) and tight end Trey Burton (No. 8), to pair with young quarterback Mitchell Trubisky (No. 10).

Throughout camp, the trio has steadily honed their chemistry. That was evident Thursday when the team had a joint practice against the Denver Broncos.

“The one thing I’ve really seen is 12 and 80, both their timing is starting to click with 10,” said Nagy, whose team faces the Broncos on Saturday in a preseason contest.

Robinson is rounding back into form after tearing his ACL in the opener last season while with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He

signed a three-year, \$42 million free agent deal with the Bears to become Trubisky’s top target.

Then there’s Burton, a member of the Philadelphia Eagles last season who may be best remembered for throwing a 1-yard TD pass to quarterback Nick Foles during a Super Bowl win over New England.

Burton rattled off numerous reasons why he signed with Chicago — the offense, the coach, the city and of course No. 10.

“A young quarterback who everybody says nothing but great things about,” Burton said.

The second-overall pick in 2017, Trubisky threw for 2,193 yards, seven TDs and seven interceptions his rookie season. With Nagy running the show, the Bears figure to take more shots down the field.

That’s extremely enticing to Trubisky, whose team ranked at the bottom of the league in yards passing per game in 2017.



Chicago Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, left, looks to pass the ball after taking a snap from center Cody Whitehair as they take part in drills during a joint NFL football training camp session with the Denver Broncos Thursday at Broncos' headquarters in Englewood, Colo.

“We’re going to keep being aggressive,” Trubisky said. “The key is to be consistent with them, hit them. It really stretches the field, and it opens up the run game,

opens up the intermediate throws as well. We’re going to continue to be aggressive, which I love.”

Asked what he does best on the field,

Trubisky didn’t blink: “That’s too generic.”

He quickly pondered. “What do I think I do best? I don’t know. I love football,” he responded. “I love coming out here

with my teammates and doing the best I possibly can. I wouldn’t say there’s really one (way) how I would categorize my game. I want to continue to get better every day and try to be great.”

Maybe a little surprising is how fast Trubisky has gotten in sync with Robinson and Burton.

“It speaks to the type of guys they are, their knowledge of the game and their work ethic, as well as mine,” Trubisky said. “We’ve been getting on the same page, repping over and over again and really developing that trust and chemistry on and off the field so I know where they’re going to be. They do a good job getting open. We’ve really been clicking.”

Robinson is slated to see some action for the Bears on Saturday. Trubisky and the first-team offense gained minus-1 yards on eight plays last week at Cincinnati.

Obviously, Nagy wants to see more.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Missouri

Missouri hoping to build off Lock’s return

By The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — When former Missouri offensive coordinator Josh Heupel left to become the head coach at Central Florida last year, it meant that Tigers quarterback Drew Lock would play his senior season with a third offensive coordinator in four years.

“I was like, wow, this is going to be another huge transition,” Lock said.

Even with the coaching change, Lock decided in April to return to Missouri — where he is considered nothing short of a Heisman Trophy hopeful entering this season for a Tigers team that expects to build on a strong finish from a year ago.

Lock threw for a Southeastern Conference-record 44 touchdowns last season, and he is a regular on seemingly every pre-season award list for quarterbacks this year.

The senior will lead an offense that scored 40 or more points in each of its last six regular-season games in 2017, helping the Tigers rebound from a 1-5 start to finish 7-6.

It’s an offense now led by former Tennessee coach and Dallas Cowboys Derek Dooley, who has never worked as an offensive coordinator.

Missouri also has a new defensive coordinator after DeMontie Cross was fired after two games a year ago.



Missouri quarterback Drew Lock, right, smiles as he runs past head coach Barry Odom on Aug. 3 during an NCAA college football practice in Columbia, Mo.

Tigers coach Barry Odom stayed in-house for his new defensive coordinator, former safeties and secondary coach Ryan Walters. Walters coached with Odom at Memphis and will go into his fourth year at Missouri.

He rounds out a fresh coaching staff that Odom seems to appreciate more than his previous crews.

“The staff harmony is better than it’s been since I’ve been here,” Odom said. “I like their approach. The good thing is they’re not a bunch of yes guys. I open it up to conversation, and I want them to talk to me.”

GOOD COMPANY

Lock will also be joined by many familiar faces on offense, including all five offensive line starters and running backs Damarea Crockett and Larry Rountree III. Crockett averaged six yards per carry before a shoulder

injury ended his season in Week 6, and Rountree rushed for 703 yards and six touchdowns on 126 carries last season. Lock’s options in the passing game include deep threat Emanuel Hall and speedy Jonathon Johnson, who combined for 1,541 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2017.

TOUCHDOWN TARGET

Lock can also rely on breakout tight end Albert Okwuegbunam, who led FBS tight ends with 11 touchdowns last year. Okwuegbunam was a red-shirt freshman last season and exploded when he got his chance to perform.

“He’s the total package,” tight ends coach Joe Jon Finley said about Okwuegbunam. “You don’t get a lot of tight ends in the league that like to block and are good at it and can still go run routes and make catches.”

a solid offensive line. On defense, the Wolverines seem to be stacked from front to back with play-makers such as Rashan Gary and Devin Bush among the unit’s nine returning starters.

“We want to be the No. 1 defense in the nation and lead all categories,” Gary said.

The Wolverines, though, may be hard pressed to match or surpass the 10-win seasons Harbaugh had in his first two years because of a difficult

schedule. They took a step back last season, going 8-5, with losses to rivals Ohio State and Michigan State that dropped Harbaugh to 1-5 in those games.

Harbaugh seems to have toned down his off-field talk a little, too — perhaps because it’s time for him and his players to win.

“There’s been a lot more of that, collectively as a team just kind of keeping low and keeping our heads down,” tight end Zach Gentry said. “We all know we have a good amount of

potential we have to fill.”

It won’t take long to find out what he has to work with this season because Michigan kicks off the season in dramatic fashion under the lights Sept. 1 at Notre Dame.

PLAYING PATTERSON

Harbaugh insists Patterson is simply one of four quarterbacks competing to take the first snap along with Brandon Peters, Dylan McCaffrey and Joe Milton. No one is buying that. Patterson is expected

indefinitely for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

But when LSU’s burley, Cajun coach addresses his players with his distinctive raspy voice, he makes it clear he doesn’t want them dwelling on doubters, telling them instead to “block out the noise.”

“I try to get them to focus on the task at hand and put all that stuff aside,” Orgeron explained earlier this month.

It sounds like the Tigers have taken that to heart.

“I’m off of social media right now,” defensive lineman Breiden Fehoko said. “To me, it hasn’t really set in to try to prove people wrong. It’s more so to prove us right. To prove what we can do.”

Fehoko, a junior, transferred to LSU from Texas Tech and will play his first snaps for the Tigers when they travel to Dallas to meet the Hurricanes on Sept. 2.

Some other things to know about LSU this season:

QB COMPETITION

The 6-foot-4 Burrow has maturity and experience on his side as he competes against 6-5 Brennan. Burrow was a highly regarded recruit in Ohio. But after a redshirt year with the Buckeyes in 2015, he could not beat out J.T. Barrett for the starting job the past two seasons. He appeared 10 games for Ohio State, completing 29 of 39 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns.

Brennan attempted 24 passes last season, throwing two interceptions and one touchdown pass. But Brennan was one of Orgeron’s prized 2017 recruits.

“We’re going to let the process happen throughout camp,” Orgeron said of the competition between his QBs. “I’m not going to tip my hand.”

And what if both get hurt? Next up are walk-ons Andre Sale and Jordan Loving.

“Those guys will have to start to get ready for backup in case an emergency would happen, but we feel good about the two quarterbacks that we have,” Orgeron said.

CATCHING ON

The most accomplished receiver on the squad is junior transfer Jonathan Giles, who still has to prove his success at Texas Tech in 2016 — 1,158 yards and 13 TDs receiving — translates in the SEC. The Tigers also have high hopes for a pair of true freshmen, Ja’Marr Chase and Terrace Marshall. Sophomore Justin Jefferson has impressed coaches enough to take first-team snaps in the Tigers’ initial intrasquad scrimmage of fall camp.

The Tigers also expect junior Derrick Dillon to contribute in the slot. Despite the receiver corps’ relative lack of experience, Giles calls that position a strength and predicts LSU will throw more than in the recent past.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Michigan

Harbaugh may have his best team at Michigan so far

By **LARRY LAGE**
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Jim Harbaugh is in his fourth year at Michigan, where he has had time to assemble perhaps his best team.

Former Mississippi star Shea Patterson gives Harbaugh the quarterback he has been looking for since coming back to his alma mater. Patterson will have experienced running backs behind him, talent at receiver and potentially

insisted. “None of them have dropped off so the rage is on.”

Is planning to play more than one quarterback in a game possible?

“I don’t like to tell what our plans would be,” Harbaugh said. “There’s no real reason to do that. So, we avoid it.”

Even though the players won’t acknowledge Patterson is the team’s No. 1 quarterback, they all to rave about his ability to throw, run and lead.

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Nasdaq

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

Money Market Funds

Table of Money Market Funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield.

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Money Market Funds

Table of Money Market Funds with columns for Fund, Avg Maturity, Avg Yield, and Fund details. Includes categories like Tax Exempt and various government bond funds.

Toronto stocks

Table of Toronto stocks with columns for Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, and Fund details. Lists various public companies and their stock performance.

Treasury bonds

Table of Treasury bonds with columns for Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, and Fund details. Shows various Treasury bond offerings and their yields.

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

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables. Includes a table of mutual funds and detailed instructions on interpreting fund names, objectives, and performance metrics.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

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

By Total Net Assets

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Total Assets, Percent Return/Rank, Pct Load, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by total net assets.

By 4-Week Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, Phone Number, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by 4-week percent return.

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Main table of Mutual Funds with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds across multiple categories.

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Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk. Lists various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds like QI5m-CpEqInstl, QI5m-CpEqPre b, QI5m-CpEqRet, etc.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds under categories like Undiscovered Manager, VALIC Co I, VALIC Co II, VanEck, Vanguard, Tocqueville, Torrey, Touchstone, Transamerica, Tweedy, Brown, U.S. Global Investor, UBS, UBS PACE, USA Mutuals, USAA, and various industry funds.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds including Rsl2000Grldxlns, Rsl2000Vldxlns, Rsl3000Vldxlns, etc.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds including ASAllcC m, ASALtdTrmTFFA f, CATTFA f, etc.