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Navy SEAL Robert J. O'Neill who reportedly took out Osama bin Laden set for address

By RICK NORTON
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Robert J. O'Neill, the now retired U.S. Navy SEAL reported to be the trigger man who snuffed the life from 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden on May 2, 2011, will deliver the keynote address at the seventh annual Bradley Sunrise Sunset Gala scheduled for Aug. 13 at the Cleveland Country Club.

In the well-documented night raid by a 23-member Navy SEAL team, O'Neill was

positioned on point when a handful of soldiers from the Special Operations unit entered the third floor of the al-Qaida leader's house in Abbottabad, Pakistan. According to published accounts, O'Neill shot bin Laden twice in the forehead and fired a third shot into his head as the jihadist leader crumpled to the floor.

A detailed account of the Navy SEAL incursion into Pakistan, which ended with the seige of bin Laden's compound, was published in a Feb. 13, 2015, article in The Sunday Times, a British broadsheet

newspaper. Written by reporter Toby Harnden, the story originated from a face-to-face interview with the Navy SEAL after his retirement.

According to a Bradley Sunrise Rotary news release, O'Neill was a team leader with the Naval Special Warfare Development Group. During his years in Special Operations, the veteran soldier deployed more than a dozen times, and he held combat leadership roles in more than 400 combat missions in four different theaters of war.

"A highly-trained Navy SEAL, O'Neill led the military's most elite [commandos] and was involved in our nation's most important campaigns," the BSR media release stated.

Robert Anderson, longtime Bradley Sunrise Rotarian who serves as this year's gala chairman, called O'Neill an inspirational leader whose mantra for life is "Never quit."

Anderson pointed to the role of Special



Robert J. O'Neill

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Inside Today



Braves' streak comes to an end

The Atlanta Braves' six-game winning streak came to a close Wednesday with a loss to the Miami Marlins. The Tennessee Volunteers have placed five players on the Athlon preseason All-American team. Golfer Tiger Woods said he has no timetable to return to the PGA Tour. Leading up to tonight's draft, the NBA saw several major trades take place. See Sports, Pages 11-13.

State is in need of transparency

Just how transparent is the state of Tennessee with its economic development programs? In the eyes of Tennesseans, not very. For one person's perspective, the person who leads the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government, see the guest "Viewpoint" on Page 14 of today's edition.

Forecast



Today looks to be mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95 and heat index values as high as 100. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, with a low around 72. Friday calls for partly sunny skies and a 30 percent chance of rain, with a high near 93. Heat index values could again reach triple digits. Friday night should be partly cloudy, with a 30 percent chance of rain and a low around 73. Saturday calls for mostly sunny skies and a 30 percent chance of rain, with a high near 94.

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Around Town

Kylie Day having a very successful softball season ... Bhumi and Kimi Patel finally getting their names in the paper.



THIS BILLBOARD, which had been located on U.S. Highway 411 in Polk County, stirred much controversy in that area. It was removed from the site after many in the county voiced concerns about the sign. The photo is from congressional candidate Rick Tyler's website.

Billboards draw criticism

Congressional candidate Rick Tyler erects 2 signs critics condemn as 'overtly racist'

By ALLEN MINCEY
Banner Staff Writer

Two controversial billboards promoting a candidate for U.S. Congress have been removed following a groundswell of negative comments made by individuals in the candidate's district.

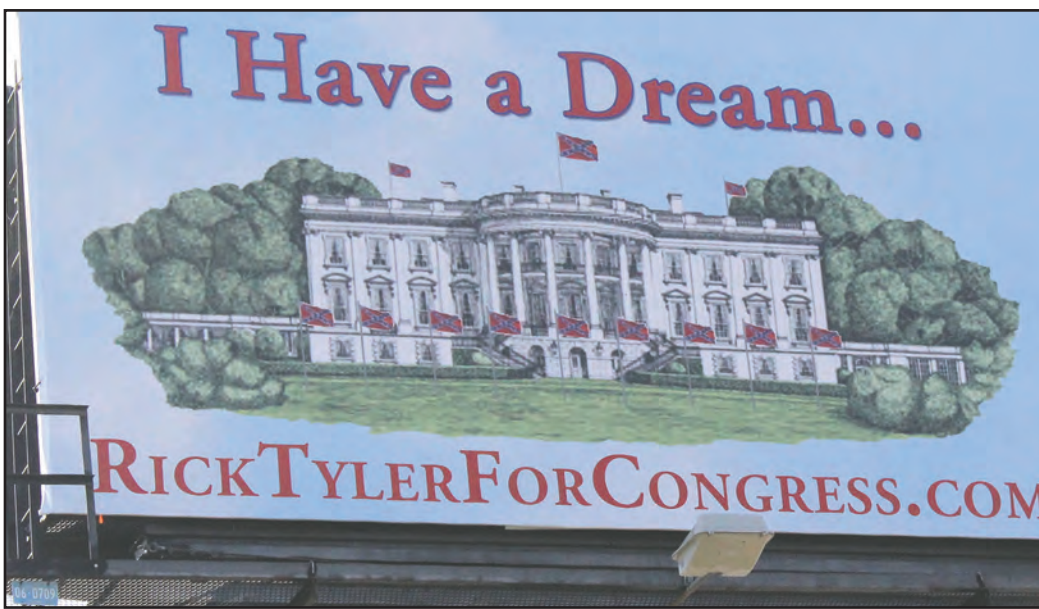
Rick Tyler, an independent candidate for the 3rd District U.S. House of Representatives seat, has been at the center of controversy over the two billboards — one of which had been on U.S. Highway 411 in Polk County, and the other on U.S Highway 64 in Bradley County.

The billboard in Polk County read "Make America White Again," while the billboard in Bradley County had an image of the White House surrounded by Confederate flags and has Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" quote included in the billboard.

Tyler said on his website "Rick Tyler for Congress" that he wishes to take the country back to a time portrayed in the 1950s and '60s, when "Ozzie and Harriett" and "Leave It To Beaver" were, he said, indicative of U.S. culture.

"The Make America White Again billboard advertisement will cut to the very core and marrow of what plagues us as a nation. As Anne Coulter so effectively elucidates in her book, Adios America, the overhaul of America's immigration law in

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PREVIOUSLY LOCATED on U.S. Highway 64, this billboard was removed Wednesday. The billboard with an image of Confederate flags surrounding the White House was promoting Independent 3rd District U.S. House of Representatives candidate Rick Tyler.

Banner photo, DONNA KAYLOR

'Sparkle' not mistreated, dog owner tells media

By ALLEN MINCEY
Banner Staff Writer

The dog in the middle of a controversy over reportedly being left outside in the heat without shade or water was presented to members of the media Wednesday.

Sparkle, a 1 year-old pit bull, was introduced Wednesday; apparently it was the first time that the dog was shown away from the owners' 15th Street home.

"Yes, she is a pit bull, but she is a lovable pit bull," said owner Timothy White. "She loves people."

White said he was appreciative of people being concerned about Sparkle, but also said their concerns were focused on just one photograph that was posted on Facebook.

"This was blown out of proportion. They painted this picture to make it look like we kept our dog out there 24/7 with no water and no food, and that is not so," White said. "People had their

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Banner photo, ALLEN MINCEY

TIMOTHY WHITE HOLDS his 1-year-old pit bull Sparkle while his wife, Valerie, looks on. The Whites have been criticized for leaving their dog outside in a cage in extremely hot weather with no water or shade. Timothy White denied the claims.

Jace Taylor funeral to begin at 2; procession route is published

Events planned at football field

By ALLEN MINCEY
Banner Staff Writer

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office and Cleveland Police Department are coordinating the funeral procession for high school student Jace Taylor for this afternoon.

The procession will begin at Clingan Ridge Baptist Church and continue to Lee Cemetery, beginning around 2 p.m.

The route will incorporate traveling through the campus of Bradley Central High School. The procession will pause briefly in front of the football field to commemorate his role on the Bradley Central Bears football team.

Assistant coach Todd Steverson and team chaplain Mickey Clark, both local pastors, will be leading the "celebration of life" for Taylor today at Clingan Ridge. Both men previously were reported to have stated in media accounts that Taylor's death was from a "freak accident," but both have denied making such a statement.

Each spoke to the Cleveland Daily Banner early this morning in separate conversations, and both denied using that terminology.

Clark said this morning this is not the time to discuss the cause of death, but rather to speak of the respect and love for Taylor from those who knew him.

Students from Bradley Central High School, in addition to residents from the Cleveland/Bradley County area are encouraged to gather in the football field's parking lot to pay their respect to the teenager, the organizers explained. There will be a series of events that will take place on the football field during the procession's intermission.

The procession will travel from Clingan Ridge Baptist Church on Georgetown Road to Lee Cemetery on South Lee Highway. Individuals should gather in the football field's parking lot at 2:30 p.m. Details of the procession route are as follows from Clingan Ridge Baptist Church:

- South on Georgetown Road
- Proceed straight onto Westside Drive
- Left on Harrison Pike
- Right onto Country Club Drive
- Enter campus from back entrance of Bradley Central High School
- Exit campus from front entrance of Bradley Central High School
- Turn right on South Lee Highway
- Arrive at Lee Cemetery.



Taylor



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Car quality improves even as new technology introduced

DETROIT (AP) — Despite adding sophisticated electronic safety features and touch screens that once were prone to glitches, most automakers improved their reliability scores this year in an annual survey of new-car buyers.

The latest survey by the J.D. Power consulting firm determined that quality improved for 21 of 33 auto brands in the survey. This year's scores improved 6 percent over 2015, double last year's increase and the biggest jump in seven years. And for the first time in 27 years, a brand for the masses led the pack as Kia edged out Porsche as the automaker with the fewest problems.

"It has become clear that automakers are listening to the customer, identifying pain points and are focused on continuous improvement," said Renee Stephens, vice president of U.S. auto quality at J.D. Power.

Touch screens, voice recognition and Bluetooth technology have long been bugaboos for automakers, and for years they have brought down scores in the surveys. But last year automakers turned a corner, and this year they improved even more, Stephens said. The improvement in part is due to people getting used to new technology, but automakers also are simplifying the devices, taking out screens that seemed cool but were hard for users to grasp, she said.

The study also found that U.S. nameplates collectively scored better than foreign-based competitors for just the second time in the survey's 30-year history. And for the first time since 2006, mainstream brands had fewer problems than more expensive premium brands.

The 2016 survey of more than 80,000 car buyers from February through May found that Korea's Kia had the fewest problems per 100 vehicles at 83. It was closely followed by Porsche at 84, Hyundai at 92, Toyota wit 93 and BMW with 94. The survey asked owners about problems in the first 90 days of ownership.

The worst-performing brands were smart, Fiat, Volvo, Land Rover and Mini, according to the survey.

The average score for all brands was 105, seven problems fewer than last year. The



AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File

THIS APRIL 1, 2015, file photo shows a wheel of the 2016 Kia Optima on display at the New York International Auto Show. Despite adding sophisticated electronic safety features and touch screens that once were prone to glitches, most automakers improved their reliability scores this year in an annual survey of new-car buyers. The 2016 survey of more than 80,000 car buyers from February through May found that Korea's Kia had the fewest problems per 100 vehicles at 83. It was closely followed by Porsche at 84, Hyundai at 92, Toyota wit 93 and BMW with 94.

Chrysler and Jeep brands, which for many years have been toward the bottom of the survey, showed the most improvement. Chrysler's problems fell from 143 to 114, boosting the brand from 31st place in 2015 to 20th this year. Jeep rose from 29th place to 18th, improving its problems per 100 vehicles from 141 to 113.

General Motors led all manufacturers with seven top finishers by segment, followed by Toyota with six.

GM's Chevrolet Spark led the city car segment, and the Buick Cascada convertible tied with the Scion tC for top sporty car. GM's Chevy Equinox and GMC Terrain tied for top compact SUV, and the Chevy Tahoe was the most reliable large SUV. Chevrolet's Silverado won in both the light duty and heavy duty large pickup categories.

The survey is the first major assessment of quality for 2016

vehicles, and it's closely watched by car shoppers. Consumer Reports magazine's influential quality study comes out in October and includes other years.

Among the findings from J.D. Power this year:

WINNERS AND LOSERS: Kia, which took top honors, had only 83 problems per 100 vehicles. Mercedes' smart minicar brand was last with 216 problems.

MOST IMPROVED: Chrysler and Jeep climbed 11 places each. Jeep finished 18th with 113 problems, while Chrysler finished 20th with 115 problems.

BIGGEST SLIDE: The Jaguar luxury brand plummeted 24 spots to 27th with 127 problems.

Stephens said that brands with the most revamped models tend to score lower, while those with older vehicles that were carried over into the new model year score higher.

OBITUARIES

To submit an obituary, have the funeral home or cremation society in charge of arrangements e-mail the information to obituaries@clevelandbanner.com and fax to 423-614-6529, attention Obits.

Burch Cross

Burch Cross, 63, of Benton, died this morning, Thursday, June 23, 2016, at the family residence.

Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Higgins Funeral Home.



Bonnie J. Hicks

Bonnie J. Hicks, 71, of Cleveland, died Wednesday, June 22, 2016, at a local hospital.

Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fike-Randolph & Son Funeral Home.



Donita S. Singleton

Donita Sue Singleton, 52, of Cleveland, died Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at a local health care facility.

She was employed by Cleveland Chair Company, Bradley Heath Care and Rehab and the Cleveland Daily Banner. She was of the Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles D. and Barbara Ann Stuman Keller.

Survivors include her daughter, Jessica Ann Singleton McCurry of Cleveland; sister, Regina Ann Collins of Cleveland; brother, Charles Keller; and three nieces and one nephew.

The service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2016, in the chapel of Fike-Randolph & Son Funeral Home with Pastor Josh Taylor officiating.

Interment will follow in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Her family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home prior to the service.



LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These state lotteries were drawn Wednesday:

Tennessee

Cash 3 Evening: 8-2-4, Lucky Sum: 14
 Cash 3 Midday: 3-6-3, Lucky Sum: 12
 Cash 3 Morning: 0-1-5
 Cash 4 Evening: 7-8-9-1, Lucky Sum: 25
 Cash 4 Midday: 0-0-8-7, Lucky Sum: 15
 Cash 4 Morning: 7-6-3-1
 Hot Lotto: 03-07-12-28-37, Hot Ball: 14
 Powerball: 14-40-42-43-52, Powerball: 17, Power Play: 3
 Tennessee Cash: 02-13-17-22-30, Bonus: 2

Georgia

5 Card Cash: KC-AC-JH-8C-6D
 All or Nothing Day: 01-02-03-04-05-06-09-10-14-19-21-24
 All or Nothing Evening: 04-05-07-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-21-24
 All or Nothing Morning: 04-05-06-09-11-13-15-16-17-20-21-23
 All or Nothing Night: 04-05-06-10-11-12-13-15-16-18-20-21
 Cash 3 Evening: 7-7-8
 Cash 3 Midday: 9-0-9
 Cash 4 Evening: 2-6-2-9
 Cash 4 Midday: 3-9-9-7
 Fantasy 5: 02-05-08-14-17
 Georgia FIVE Evening: 6-3-5-9-5
 Georgia FIVE Midday: 2-6-5-7-7
 Powerball: 14-40-42-43-52, Powerball: 17, Power Play: 3

IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Jim Cross, who is celebrating a birthday today ... Tony King, who turns 42 today ... Stephanie Gains, Denise Fava and Tiffany Lanning, all of whom turn 30 today ... Slade Marlow, who is celebrating his fifth birthday today...Mark and Kathy Bandy, who are celebrating their 37th anniversary.

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Big accreditor of for-profit colleges could lose authority

WASHINGTON (AP) — A vote by an advisory panel to the Education Department could set the nation's largest accreditor of for-profit colleges firmly on a path to closing its doors, potentially leaving hundreds of thousands of students at risk of losing access to federal financial aid.

The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, a group that oversees about 900 campuses, is under scrutiny for lax oversight of its schools. If the council is stripped of its federal recognition, those schools could lose their ability to participate in federal financial aid programs, such as student loans and Pell Grants.

The council's schools received \$4.7 billion in federal aid last year for its students.

At a meeting Thursday, an independent advisory committee to the Education Department will make a recommendation on whether to continue to recognize the council as an accrediting agency.

Last week, a staff recommendation from the department proposed withdrawing recognition of the council. "Its monitoring regime appears insufficient to deter widespread misconduct regarding placement, recruiting and admissions," the report said.

The council had allowed Corinthian Colleges, one of the largest chains of for-profit colleges, to continue to receive accreditation even as it was being investigated for fraud. Corinthian sold many of its campuses, closed others, and filed for bankruptcy protection last year.

Education Undersecretary Ted Mitchell says many accrediting agencies are working hard to evaluate the quality of colleges. But some are not, he said in prepared remarks to the advisory panel, called the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity.

"When we see schools provide extremely poor outcomes for students — or even commit fraud — while maintaining accreditation, that is a black mark on the entire field," said Mitchell. "The unfor-

tunate reality is that not all institutions have students' best interests at heart or are investing their resources in ways that maximize student success. Accreditors should be the failsafe in these instances."

The council has tried to take action against some of its schools, including California's Bristol University and ITT Tech, in recent months.

And on Wednesday, on the eve of the vote, the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools announced the formation of a "Blue Ribbon" advisory committee to conduct an in-depth review of its standards, practices, and accreditation processes.

ACICS Council Chair Lawrence Leak said in a statement that the independent members of the committee will "recommend changes to our organization that will put students first" by focusing on student achievement, including student retention rates, and job placement.

The advisory committee will make its recommendation after hearing from more than two dozen scheduled speakers. The recommendation will be forwarded to a senior official at the Education Department, chief of staff Emma Vadehra, who will then have 90 days to review and make her decision on whether to recognize the council. The council has 30 days to appeal to Education Secretary John B. King Jr. The decision also could be challenged in court.

If the department decides to withdraw recognition of the council, then the schools it has accredited will have 18 months to find a new accreditor for its programs.

Financial aid during that time would not be affected. Some students may be able to complete their certificates or degrees in that time. However, federal aid would cease after the 18-month deadline if affected schools don't get a new seal of approval from an accreditor. Students caught up in the mess also might be able to transfer their credits to new schools.

Applications for U.S. jobless aid fall, a sign of low layoffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer people sought U.S. unemployment benefits last week, the Labor Department said Thursday, evidence that employers are holding onto their staffs and may even step up hiring.

THE NUMBERS: Weekly applications dropped 18,000 to a seasonally adjusted 259,000, the lowest in two months. The less volatile four-week average declined to 267,000.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs and have remained below 300,000 for 68 straight weeks, the longest such streak since 1973.

Just 2.14 million Americans are receiving benefits, 4.6 percent lower than a year earlier.

THE TAKEAWAY: The data suggests that a recent slowdown in hiring will be temporary. Employers added just 38,000 jobs last month and an average of only 116,000 in the past three months. That's half of last year's pace.

The cutback came after economic growth slowed in the first quarter to an annual rate of 0.8 percent.

Still, the low level of applications

for unemployment benefits adds to recent evidence that hiring could pick back up in the coming months.

And recent research by economists at JPMorgan Chase has found that fewer applications are consistent with steady hiring over time. Not as many people seek benefits when it is easier to find work.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Homecoming will be held at Council Baptist Church, 1415 Upper River Road in Charleston, Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. Special music by Mallory Ledford. There will be a potluck lunch at noon.

A gospel singing and auction benefit will be held at Alpha and Omega Revival Center, 1820 Blythe Ave., on Saturday at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be Christian Gospel Heirs.



Robert Schwarz/NSF via AP

IN THIS PHOTO provided by the National Science Foundation, a small plane picks up a sick worker at the U.S. South Pole science station. Once the sick patient and the crew rest, they will then fly off Antarctica for medical attention that could not be provided on the remote continent.

South Pole rescue flight of 2 sick workers leaves Antarctica

WASHINGTON (AP) — A small plane with two sick U.S. workers left Antarctica on Wednesday in a daring rescue mission from a remote South Pole research station, officials said.

After making a stop for a few hours at a British station on the edge of Antarctica, the two workers flew to Chile, where they were expected to arrive for medical care Wednesday evening, said British Antarctic Survey spokeswoman Athena Dinar.

In a hectic two days of flying, the rescue team flew 3,000 miles roundtrip from the British station Rothera to pick up the workers at the U.S. Amundsen-Scott station at the South Pole. They arrived back at Rothera on Wednesday afternoon, said Peter West, spokesman for the National Science Foundation, which runs the U.S. station.

Then the two workers boarded a second Canadian-owned Twin Otter plane that took off for Punta Arenas in southern Chile, Dinar said. "It's all going according to plan,"

said Paul Seagrove, another spokesman for the British Antarctic Survey in London, which operates the country's research station.

At Rothera, the temperature was a balmy 27.5 degrees (minus 2.5 Celsius) Wednesday afternoon. That's toasty compared to the Amundsen-Scott research station at the South Pole where it was minus 75 (minus 60 Celsius) in the morning.

The National Science Foundation hasn't identified the sick workers or their conditions, citing medical privacy. They both work for contractor Lockheed Martin. It wasn't known until Wednesday whether the second ailing worker would also be evacuated.

Before they left, there were 48 people — 39 men and nine women — at the station for the winter.

Normally planes don't go to the polar outpost from February to October because of the dangers of flying in the pitch-dark and cold. The first day of winter in the Southern Hemisphere was

Monday — the sun will not rise at the South Pole till the first day of spring in September.

Steve Barnet, who works with a University of Wisconsin astronomy team at the polar station but is in the U.S. now, lauded the rescue crew.

"The courage of the pilots to make the flight in extremely harsh conditions is incredible and inspiring," Barnet wrote in an email.

The extreme cold affects a lot of things on planes, including fuel, which needs to be warmed before takeoff, batteries and hydraulics, according to West. The Twin Otter can fly in temperatures as low as minus 103 degrees (minus 75 degrees Celsius), he said.

"The air and Antarctica are unforgiving environments and punishes any slackness very hard," said Tim Stockings, operations director for the British Antarctic Survey. "If you are complacent it will bite you."

"Things can change very quickly down there" with ice from clouds, high winds and snow, he said.

House passes \$1.1B Zika bill over Democratic opposition

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has passed a \$1.1 billion House-Senate measure to combat the Zika virus, but the GOP-drafted measure is a nonstarter with Senate Democrats and the Obama White House.

The measure was unveiled late Wednesday and approved by the House early on Thursday morning by a 239-171 vote that broke along party lines.

The vote came after Democrats hijacked the House floor for virtually all of Wednesday and well into Thursday, protesting GOP inaction on gun legislation in the wake of the mass shooting in Orlando. GOP leaders called the vote abruptly, permitting no debate, and immediately adjourned the House through July 4.

The rapid turn of events of Zika ignited another round of the partisanship that has dogged the measure from the start and raised questions about whether lawmakers will manage to pass anything on Zika in the short time left

before exiting Washington in mid-July for the political conventions.

Now, the House-passed compromise measure advances to the Senate, where Democrats promise to filibuster it to death.

Thursday's measure splits the difference between earlier House and Senate-passed versions. It matches a bipartisan \$1.1 billion figure adopted by the Senate last month to combat the Zika virus, which can cause grave defects and can be transmitted by mosquitoes and sexual contact.

The House was largely satisfied in their demand to pair the Zika funding with about \$750 million in offsetting cuts to spending, including \$543 million in unused funds from implementation of Obama's health care law and \$107 million in cuts to leftover Ebola funding.

But Democrats erupted in opposition, citing provisions that effectively blocked Planned Parenthood from delivering birth control services under a \$95 mil-

lion grant program and a watered-down version of a provision backed by the House that would ease rules on certain pesticide permit requirements for battling the mosquitoes that can spread Zika.

"This plan from Congressional Republicans is four months late and nearly a billion dollars short," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest. President Barack Obama requested \$1.9 billion four months ago to fight Zika. Republicans initially displayed little urgency to respond to the request, and forced the administration to devote more than \$500 million of unspent Ebola funding to fight Zika.

Democrats also opposed cutting unspent money to pay for the Zika measure, saying said it is wrong to require spending cuts to pay for a response to a public health crisis while not requiring them for past emergencies such as wildfires, floods and Ebola.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said

the offsetting spending cuts would "set a precedent that will hinder our ability to respond to the next public health crisis, natural disaster, or national security event."

But Republicans said that the cuts were in fact relatively innocuous. For instance, the \$543 million cut to "Obamacare" was to a pot of money aimed at helping territories set up health insurance exchanges under the law. None of them did so. And Democrats privately signaled they could live with the additional \$100 million-plus cut to overseas Ebola aid.

Democrats on the Appropriations Committee had engaged in talks about the offsetting cuts, but top Democrats like Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada adopted a harder line that ultimately prevailed. Reid and his top lieutenants issued statements blasting the GOP measure, and appear comfortable at the prospect of killing it.

What might happen if Senate Democrats are united behind a fil-

ibuster is uncertain. But time to pass the measure to provide money to battle the virus, which can be spread by mosquitoes common in much of the U.S., is slipping away as Congress is slated to recess for the party political conventions in mid-July.

The Zika funding was attached to an \$82 billion measure funding the Department of Veterans Affairs and military construction projects. That measure is among the most popular of the 12 annual appropriations bills, and Republicans held out hope that its popularity might break free enough Democrats for it to squeak through the Senate.

More than 2,200 cases of Zika infection have been reported in the U.S. and its territories, especially Puerto Rico—including more than 400 pregnant women at risk of babies with major deformities like microcephaly, a condition in which babies are born with smaller brains that might not have developed properly. Thus far, there

have been no cases of mosquito-borne Zika in the U.S., but public health officials fear isolated outbreaks, especially in the South.

The veterans funding portion of the measure also contains a modified provision to permit combat veterans whose wounds have left them unable to conceive children to seek in-vitro fertilization treatments. But it would not permit the use of donor eggs and sperm to help veterans with the most severe injuries to their sexual organs have children.

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THIS PHOTO SHOWS patches of dead and dying trees near Cressman, Calif. The U.S. Forest Service announced Wednesday that the number of trees in California's Sierra Nevada forests killed by drought and a bark beetle epidemic has dramatically increased since last year.

Feds: Drought kills 66 million trees in California's Sierra

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The number of trees in California's Sierra Nevada forests killed by drought, a bark beetle epidemic and warmer temperatures has dramatically increased since last year, raising fears they will fuel catastrophic wildfires and endanger people's lives, officials said Wednesday.

Since 2010, an estimated 66 million trees have died in a six-county region of the central and southern Sierra hardest hit by the epidemic, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Officials flying over the region captured images of dead patches that have turned a rust-colored red. The mortality from Tuolumne to Kern counties has increased by 65 percent since the last count announced in October, which found 40 million dead trees.

California is in the fifth year of a historic drought, which officials say has deprived trees of water, making them more vulnerable to attack from beetles.

Gov. Jerry Brown in October

declared an emergency, forming a task force charged with finding ways to remove the trees that threaten motorists and mountain communities.

These efforts have hit obstacles, slowing the tree removal as California enters a potentially explosive wildfire season.

Brown pushed for burning the trees at biomass plants to generate electricity, sending them to lumber mills or burning them in large incinerators, removing potential fuel for wildfires.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, who oversees the Forest Service, said disaster awaits if more money isn't invested in managing forests in California and across the country. He urged Congress to act.

"Tree die-offs of this magnitude are unprecedented and increase the risk of catastrophic wildfires that puts property and lives at risk," he said in a statement. "We must fund wildfire suppression like other natural disasters in the country."

The Forest Service has committed \$32 million to California's epidemic, and the state budgeted \$11 million for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to buy tree removal equipment and to grant local communities money for their own work.

So far, the Forest Service says it has cut down 77,000 trees that pose the greatest risk to people, along roads and near communities and campgrounds. Crews from CalFire and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. also are at work using chain saws and wood chippers to remove dangerous trees.

Kathryn Phillips, director of the Sierra Club California, said the die-off from drought should signal to policy makers the urgency of curbing pollution that contributes to climate change.

"This is a warning to all of us," she said. "We need to cut our air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions more. We're on the right path, but we need to accelerate our effort."

Obama administration decries judge's fracking ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration on Wednesday decried a ruling by a federal judge that blocks rules for hydraulic fracturing, saying the decision prevents regulators from using "21st-century standards" to ensure that oil and gas operations are conducted safely on public lands.

Jessica Kershaw, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said "modernized fracking requirements" imposed by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell reflect best industry practices and are aimed at ensuring adequate well control, preventing groundwater contamination and increasing transparency about the materials used in fracking.

Kershaw's comments came after a judge in Wyoming ruled late Tuesday that federal regulators lack authority to set rules for hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Scott Skavdahl deals another setback to the Obama administration's efforts to tighten how fossil fuels are mined.

Skavdahl said the Bureau of Land Management can't set the rules because Congress has not authorized it to do so. The judge, who was nominated by Obama

in 2011, wrote that the court's role is not to decide whether hydraulic fracturing is good or bad for the environment, but to interpret whether Congress has given the Department of Interior legal authority to regulate the practice.

"It has not," wrote Skavdahl, who last year blocked implementation of rules drafted by the agency.

The White House cast the ruling as a temporary setback while it awaits a decision from the Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, which is also reviewing the rule.

"We obviously believe that we've got a strong argument to make about the important role the federal government can play in ensuring that hydraulic fracturing that's done on public lands doesn't threaten the drinking water of people who live in the area. It's a pretty simple proposition," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. "We'll continue to make our case in the courts."

The states of Colorado, North Dakota, Utah and Wyoming oppose the rules involving hydraulic fracturing, which involves injecting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals

underground to increase production from oil and gas wells.

The Bureau of Land Management and a coalition of environmental groups say the rules are necessary to protect the environment. The bureau's rules would have required petroleum developers to disclose to regulators the ingredients in the chemical products they use to improve the results of hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking.

Neal Kirby, a spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said Tuesday he is pleased with Skavdahl's decision.

"BLM did not have the authority to issue its rule in the first place," Kirby said. "Today's decision demonstrates BLM's efforts are not needed and that states are — and have for over 60 years been — in the best position to safely regulate hydraulic fracturing."

Meanwhile, Rep. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., called the ruling a victory for states' rights.

"This rule undermined the careful and efficient regulation of fracturing that states have put in place, like the rules written by Wyoming," Lummis said.

Calif. wildfires stall, other blazes grow

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Major wildfires in Southern California were kept at bay amid cooler, more humid weather, while blazes elsewhere in the West saw big growth and potential danger.

Improved weather in the aftermath of a severe heat wave allowed firefighters to make progress against two fires in the steep San Gabriel Mountains 20 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

A fleet of helicopters and air tankers and other resources are helping fight the fires totaling about 7½ square miles.

Despite fears that stronger winds could make the fire resurgent and the challenges of tough terrain, containment was expanded from 10 to 15 percent by Wednesday evening.


Near the Mexican border, two residences and 11 outbuildings burned in a wildfire about 40 miles southeast of San Diego. About 200 structures were threatened by the blaze, which grew to just over 10 square miles and was 20 percent contained.

Elsewhere in the West, a forest fire near the Colorado-Wyoming line exploded in size and forced campers to evacuate.

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Exhibit combines Impressionist gardens and paintings

NEW YORK (AP) — Many American painters, inspired by French Impressionists at the turn of the 20th century, flocked from East Coast cities to sun-dappled garden havens in places like Appledore, Maine; Old Lyme, Connecticut; and Long Island's East End.

The gardens they sought, known as "grandmother's gardens," were utterly unlike the formal Victorian gardens of the time. These were homey, Colonial-era flower gardens, densely packed with bright and abundant blooms — red and orange poppies and enormous peonies in pastel pinks and purples set against backdrops of towering blue delphinium, digitalis with their tiny bell-shaped white and purple blooms, and yellow sunflowers. The delicate foreground might include violas, calendulas and violet sage.

Grandmother's gardens were designed so that no matter what season, something was always blossoming and bright, with blooms planted close to houses and porches to encourage lingering, touching, tinkering and inhaling.

"Impressionism: American Gardens on Canvas" is a multidisciplinary show at the New York Botanical Garden, in the Bronx, through Sept. 11. Along with flowers, it includes paintings — 20 Impressionist paintings inspired by such gardens. Most of the artworks will travel next to the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke, Virginia, where they will be on view from Feb. 17 to May 14, 2017.

Artists featured in the New York Botanical Garden's Rotunda gallery include William Merritt Chase, Childe Hassam and John Singer Sargent among others. Some of them gardened, and all were known for their skill at painting outdoors and for bold, painterly brushstrokes.

"The positive reception of Impressionism in the United States coincided with a burgeoning garden culture, and these interpretations of well-tended residential gardens resonated with American ideas of the good life," said guest curator Linda S. Ferber, a senior art



AP photo

historian at the New-York Historical Society. The paintings are easy on the eyes, she said: "Americans have always had a sweet spot for landscape, which carries many messages about national and cultural identity. Here, we can see how deeply enmeshed in the American psyche gardening was."

Impressionism was considered edgy in its day, which was the same era when the New York Botanical Garden, now celebrating its 125th anniversary, was founded, along with some of the East Coast's most famous parks, museums and gardens.

The paintings, gardens and optimistic, public-minded spirit of the time are captured in two books published to coincide with the show: "Impressionism: American Gardens on Canvas" (New York Botanical Garden, 2016), about the featured painters and paintings; and

"The New York Botanical Garden" (Abrams, 2016), about the garden's history. Preparing for the show involved training a dizzying array of flowers to bloom all at once for maximum impact. That took much of the past three years, numerous greenhouses and the garden's enormous team of experts, who grew and trained around 50,000 plants for the exhibit.

"In real life, you would never see all these flowers blooming at the same time. It's a living work of art, an ideal garden in perpetuity. So don't try this at home," said Todd A. Forrest, the garden's vice president for horticulture and living collections. "And many are flowering off-season, so don't expect to see them in the shop."

Once a week, whole sections of the garden are replaced, if needed, so the display contin-

ues to look perfect. "The result is that if you squint, you should be able to see a living Impressionist garden," Forrest said.

To put the grandmother's garden in context, much of the exhibit is nestled around a model porch, the type of architecture often included in the backdrop of American Impressionist paintings. "We invented an Impressionist garden from whole cloth — intimate, comfortable and colorful, so that walking through the doors it evokes the brilliance and boldness featured in so many Impressionist gardens," explained Forrest.

The exhibit is accompanied by a program of poetry, lectures, tours, music, dance and even an "1891 Ale House," offering snacks and drinks in keeping with the era.



Hints from Heloise

Fight the funky front-loader

Dear Heloise: Having a front-loading washing machine, I have battled the **FUNKY SMELL** that can plague them. I've found that when I add white vinegar to the fabric-softener cup (instead of fabric softener) to all my loads, the odor disappears.

After all my wash is complete, to prevent mold buildup, I put a clean washcloth under the rubber flap in the front part of the seal to absorb moisture. Leaving the door open overnight also is helpful. — Linda A., Sacramento, Calif.

Linda, this is an ongoing debate in my column! Readers either like their front-loaders, or they hate them! Your hints will help those who have problems with that funky smell. Vinegar to the rescue again. Love it! — Heloise

Long-distance love

Dear Heloise: During a recent family event, my long-distance sister wanted to contribute both food and flowers. Her unique solution was to send coupons for quick meals and postage stamps printed with gorgeous flowers. Perfect! — Phyllis B., Canandaigua, N.Y.

It's brilliant and caring. Flowers are lovely, but they last only so long. Thanks for sharing. — Heloise

Hair be gone

Dear Heloise: I'm an older woman, and I'm concerned about facial hair. Do you or your readers know of safe ways to get rid of unwanted facial hair? — Ruth N., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ruth, this is a problem for women of all ages. Let's look at some options:

1. Tweezing. This is the best solution if you have a few stray hairs.

2. Waxing. Waxing is good for larger areas of the face. A professional is your best bet. This lasts

the longest, just as it does on legs.

3. Trimming. Use a facial-hair trimmer (really just a female version of an electric shaver).

4. Shaving. Yes, women shave their faces, and there is nothing wrong with it! And no, the hair WILL NOT grow back coarser.

5. Bleaching. Lightens hair and makes it less noticeable.

I hope one of these options will help. — Heloise

Easy reach

Dear Heloise: I have a shelf in my closet, and I used to lose things at the back of the shelf. I bought a stepladder, leave it in the closet, and now I have easy access to that shelf, with no lost items. — Diane M., Morgan City, La.

See it and say it

Dear Heloise: When I see someone with an outdated sticker on his or her license plate, I make it a point to tell them. I even leave sticky notes on the car. It works. — Shirley U., Rushville, Ill.

The eyes have it

Dear Heloise: I've been a reader for years! I love your column. My hint is in regard to eye-glass cases: I store extension cords in them. — Beverly D., Mission Viejo, Calif.

I'm sure we all have lots of glasses cases lying about, cloth or hard-shell. Readers, what are your hints to reuse these little carrying cases? — Heloise

Send a money-saving or time-saving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com.

I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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First lady to promote education in Liberia, Morocco, Spain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Obama plans to promote her year-old global girls' education initiative during a late June trip to Liberia, Morocco and Spain.

The White House says the three-country trip is booked for

June 27 through July 1. The first lady will travel with daughters Malia and Sasha, and her mother, Marian Robinson.

Actresses Frieda Pinto and Meryl Streep are providing the celebrity quotient on the Africa

trips.

Mrs. Obama is scheduled to meet with girls and young women in Liberia at a Peace Corps training facility in Kakata and at a school in Unification Town.

In Morocco, she plans to par-

ticipate in a conversation in Marrakech with adolescent girls moderated by CNN.

In Spain, Mrs. Obama plans a speech in Madrid about her education initiative. She'll also meet with Queen Letizia.

Family sues Panera over peanut butter on daughter's sandwich

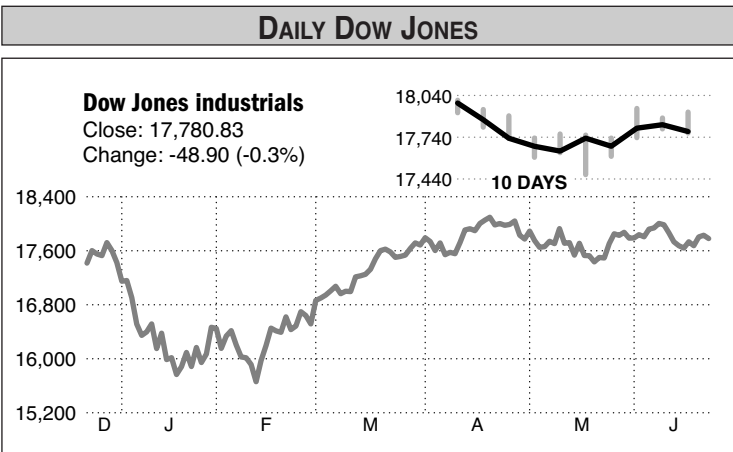
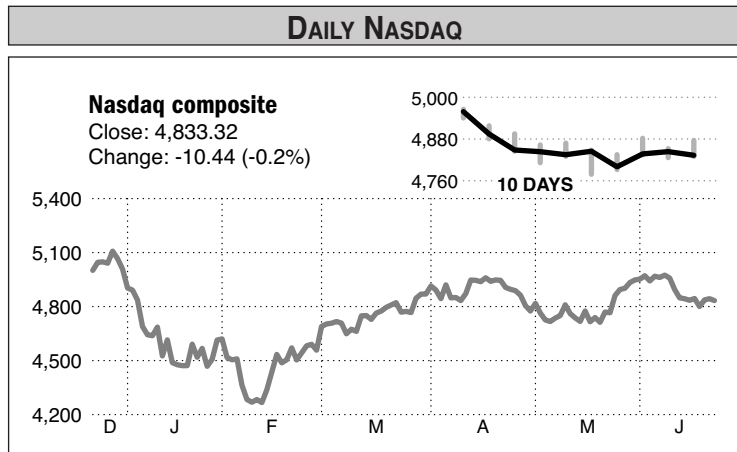
NATICK, Mass. (AP) — The parents of a 6-year-old Massachusetts girl with peanut allergies have sued a restaurant because she became extremely ill after eating a grilled cheese sandwich with peanut butter on it.

The lawsuit filed in Middlesex Superior Court against Panera

and a group of New England Panera franchises alleges negligence.

Natick (NAY-tihk) resident John Russo tells The Boston Globe (<http://bit.ly/1RVgTD2>) his daughter was hospitalized after eating the sandwich ordered online Jan. 28.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW



MONEY RATES

	Last	Pvs Wk
Prime Rate	3.50	3.50
Discount Rate	1.00	1.00
Federal Funds Rate	25-.50	25-.50
Treasuries		
5-year	1.20	1.10
10-year	1.69	1.57
30-year	2.50	2.41
Gold (troy oz., NY Merc spot)	\$1268.00	\$1285.80
Silver (troy oz., NY Merc spot)	\$17.305	\$17.489

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

CURRENCIES

	Day Ago	Pvs Day
Australia	1.3327	1.3386
Britain	1.4691	1.4663
Canada	1.2829	1.2800
Euro	.8844	.8883
Japan	104.47	104.76
Mexico	18.4926	18.6028
Switzerland	.9585	.9614

STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-Mo %Chg
18,188.81	15,370.33	Dow Industrials	17,780.83	-48.90	-0.27	+20.4	-1.03
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Transportation	7,600.20	-49.09	-0.64	+1.22	-8.54
686.92	539.96	Dow Utilities	680.74	-2.92	-0.43	+17.81	+22.39
11,170.82	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,473.06	-17.72	-0.17	+3.25	-5.36
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,833.32	-10.44	-0.22	-3.48	-5.64
947.85	809.57	S&P 100	920.82	-1.23	-0.13	+1.03	-0.80
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,085.45	-3.45	-0.17	+2.03	-1.10
1,551.28	1,215.14	S&P MidCap	1,491.21	-3.46	-0.23	+6.62	-2.81
22,537.15	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,574.95	-41.35	-0.19	+1.92	-3.36
1,296.00	943.09	Russell 2000	1,148.97	-4.90	-0.42	+1.15	-10.51

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	4.6	17	41.30	+23	+20.0	+3.0
AMD	...	...	...	5.02	-43	+74.9	-8.1
Apple Inc	2.28	2.4	11	95.55	-36	-9.2	+0.7
BB&T Cp	1.08	3.0	13	35.98	-0.1	-4.8	+0.8
BkofAm	20	1.5	10	13.61	-0.1	-19.1	+0.9
B IPVixST	...	...	...	15.07	+5.1	-25.0	-5.4
CocaCola	1.40	3.1	25	44.86	+27	+4.4	+3.7
CntyVHST	...	...	...	10.38	+16	-38.7	+5.9
CSVellVST	...	...	...	27.34	-1.0	+6.0	+2.1
CSVixSh rs	...	...	...	2.88	+18	-54.0	+2.8
DukeEngy	3.30	4.0	19	81.83	-17	+14.6	+5.2
Eaton	2.28	3.7	15	61.76	-0.9	+8.7	+1.0
FstHorizon	28	2.1	15	13.62	-0.6	-6.2	+2.0
FprtMcM	...	...	...	11.50	-11	+69.9	+1.7
GenElec	.92	3.0	39	30.78	-1.6	-1.2	-2.7
HomeDp	2.76	2.2	23	127.60	-1.4	-3.5	+0.7
iShJapan	.13	1.1	...	11.57	-20	-4.5	+2.3
iShEMkts	.84	2.5	...	33.94	-18	+5.4	+5.9
iS Eafe	1.70	3.0	...	57.12	-1.2	-2.7	+2.7
iSHR2K	1.73	1.5	...	114.63	-45	+1.8	+1.0
Krogers	.42	1.2	16	34.22	-2.5	-18.2	+1.3
Lowe's	1.40	1.8	22	78.35	+0.2	+3.0	+3.0
Microsoft	1.44	2.8	36	50.99	-2.0	-8.1	+0.7
NorfolkSo	2.36	2.7	15	86.05	+1.04	+1.7	+0.8
Olin	.80	3.3	32	24.31	+28	+40.0	+0.8
PaneraBrd	...	...	...	35	212.22	-1.34	+9.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	...	12.92	+8.5	-54.4	+0.8
QEP Res	.08	.4	...	18.19	-1.13	+35.7	+0.8
RegionsFn	.26	2.9	13	9.12	-0.5	-5.0	+0.8
S&P500ETF4.13	2.0	...	...	208.10	-34	+2.1	+0.8
Sciurus	1.88	2.8	17	67.97	-1.6	+5.4	+0.8
SouthCo	...	...	...	36	3.96	-0.3	-2.8
SPDR Fncl	.46	2.0	...	18	50.85	-0.5	+8.7
SunTrst	.96	2.3	11	41.69	+0.2	-2.7	+1.0
Target	2.40	3.5	12	68.86	+5.6	+5.2	+0.8
UtdCmBks	.28	1.5	16	19.05	-1.1	-2.3	+0.8
VanEGold	.12	.5	...	25.50	+5.7	+8.9	+0.8
VangEmg	1.10	3.2	...	34.63	+0.5	+5.9	+0.8
WalMart	2.00	2.8	16	71.75	+2.9	+1.7	+0.8
Whrpl	3.60	2.0	15	178.20	+1.02	+2.3	+0.8

MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Total Assets Obj (\$Mln)	NAV	4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load	Min Init
American Funds AmBalA m	MA 52,342	24.48	+1.9	+3.6/A	+10.0/A	5.75	250
American Funds CapIncBuA m	IH 70,868	58.48	+2.9	+0.3/A	+6.9/A	5.75	250
American Funds CplWldGrlA m	WS 52,128	43.91	+2.9	-5.8/C	+6.9/B	5.75	250
American Funds FnlWlA m	LB 45,863	51.82	+2.3	+1.1/A	+11.3/B	5.75	250
American Funds GrthAmA m	LG 73,403	41.52	+2.2	-1.8/A	+11.9/B	5.75	250
American Funds IncAmerA m	AL 72,772	21.04	+2.5	+1.8/A	+8.5/A	5.75	250
American Funds InvCoAmA m	LB 56,851	35.27	+2.9	+0.9/A	+11.8/B	5.75	250
American Funds NewPerspA m	WS 36,386	35.67	+2.0	-4.2/B	+8.5/A	5.75	250
American Funds WAMultInvA m	LV 50,823	39.80	+2.4	+2.4/A	+11.8/A	5.75	250
Dodge & Cox Income	CI 44,918	13.74	+1.1	+3.7/D	+3.8/B	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FB 54,313	36.16	+3.7	-18.5/E	+2.5/C	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox Stock	LV 55,614	161.32	+1.5	-6.7/D	+11.3/A	NL	2,500
Fidelity 500IdxPr	LB 55,064	73.86	+1.8	+0.4/A	+12.5/A	NL	10,000
Fidelity Contra	LG 76,886	96.89	+0.3	-2.4/B	+12.2/B	NL	2,500
Fidelity ContraK	LG 30,953	96.86	+0.4	-2.3/B	+12.3/A	NL	0
FrankTemp-Franklin IncomeA m	CA 44,436	2.18	+2.8	-3.6/E	+5.5/B	4.25	1,000
Harbor IntlStk	FB 36,711	60.45	+2.0	-12.7/D	+2.1/C	NL	50,000
T Rowe Price GrowthStk	LG 37,262	50.73	+0.3	-4.9/C	+13.1/A	NL	2,500
Vanguard 500Adml	LB 162,119	192.36	+1.8	+0.4/A	+12.5/A	NL	10,000
Vanguard DivGr	LB 29,620	23.16	+1.8	+4.7/A	+12.5/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard HlCrAdml	SH 37,644	85.88	+1.0	-8.0/A	+17.2/B	NL	50,000
Vanguard IntlStkIdxAdm	FB 40,945	24.31	+2.7	-10.3/B	+1.6/D	NL	10,000
Vanguard MultAdml	MI 45,488	14.52	+0.7	+6.4/B	+4.6/B		

Dems stage election-year sit-in on guns, GOP unmoved

WASHINGTON (AP) — A drained and dwindling group of Democrats, some draped in blankets and toting pillows, carried their remarkable House floor sit-in past daybreak Thursday, disrupting the business of Congress in the wake of the Orlando shooting rampage with demands for gun-control votes in an extraordinary scene of protest broadcast live to the world.

Unyielding Republicans who

control the chamber branded the move a publicity stunt and summarily adjourned the chamber at around 3:15 a.m. EDT until after the Fourth of July. By 7:30 a.m. Thursday — 20 hours after the protest commenced — around a dozen Democrats remained, including Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, giving speeches that mixed victory declarations with vows to never back down in their drive to curb firearm violence.

“While the Americans don’t always expect us to win, they do expect us to fight,” said Rep. Al Green, D-Texas, as dawn broke and the few remaining lawmakers sat in a paper-cluttered chamber beneath empty visitor galleries. “We demonstrated to the American why we can’t get votes on common sense safety measures.”

When Republicans streamed to the exits hours earlier, Democrats remained on the

House floor, shouting “No bill no break!” and waving papers with the names of gun victims written in black. Rep. Maxine Waters of California said she was ready to stay “until Hell freezes over.”

With a crowd cheering them on from outside the Capitol and many more following the theatrics on social media, Democrats declared success in dramatizing the argument for action to stem gun violence.

“Just because they cut and run in the dark of night, just because they have left doesn’t mean we are taking no for an answer,” said Pelosi, D-Calif.

Republicans fiercely resisted the Democratic pressure, saying their colleagues had accomplished nothing other than disrupting the business of the House to score political points. House Speaker Paul Ryan called it “a publicity stunt.”

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who had participated in the civil rights sit-ins in the South in the 1960s, said Democrats had “crossed one bridge.” He added, “We have other bridges to cross.” He said Democrats “made a down payment on ending gun violence” in America.

At one point overnight, the two sides nearly came to blows after Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas approached the Democrats and yelled, “Radical Islam!” Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., started yelling back. The two came within inches of each other, both yelling, and were separated by colleagues.

Pressure had been building on both sides of the Capitol in the wake of the shooting rampage at a Florida gay nightclub earlier this month that killed 49 people and injured 53 others. The assailant also died in the incident. The mass shooting followed similar tragic incidents over the past years including the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

The agitation for action caused a Senate filibuster last week and led to the chaos on the House floor that lasted well into Thursday.

The spectacle captured the attention of a Washington gridlocked on guns despite the slaughter in Orlando. Senate Democrats undertook a nearly 15-hour filibuster last week in fighting for the same cause.

House Republicans used their prerogatives as the majority party to muscle through a partisan bill funding the Zika crisis with no time for debate, overruling Democrat’s objections and then moving to adjourn the House into next month as Democrats cried “Shame, Shame!”

Republicans shut off the cameras in the House gallery throughout most of the protest, but Democrats used their cell-phones to capture the action, and C-SPAN carried the feeds live in an unprecedented move.

Ryan, R-Wisc., said the bills pushed by Democrats, to expand background checks and keep people on the no-fly list from getting guns, would take away

people’s constitutional rights and deprive them of due process, and he noted similar legislation was already rejected in the Senate earlier in the week.

The protest began around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, unfolding on the House floor with little advance warning from the Democrats.

By evening, 168 House Democrats — out of 188 — and 34 Senate Democrats joined the protest, according to the House minority leader’s office.

Scattered around the House floor were signs reading “Disarm Hate.” A crowd of several hundred gun control advocates gathered outside the Capitol and cheered as Democrats addressed them.

The sit-in — in which Lewis played a leading role — had the look of a 1960s-style protest, as some lawmakers sat on the floor, others in their seats.

Republicans had staged a similar protest in 2008. Democrats controlling the House at the time turned off the cameras amid a GOP push for a vote to expand oil and gas drilling. Republicans occupied the floor, delivering speech after speech after Pelosi, then the House speaker, sent lawmakers bolting to their August recess. Pelosi at that time had ordered the cameras turned off.

C-SPAN, a cable and satellite network that provides continual coverage of House and Senate



THIS PHOTO provided by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore. shows Democrat members of Congress, including, from left, Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., Rep. Katherine Clark, D-Mass., and Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., participating in a sit-down protest seeking a vote on gun control measures, Wednesday on the floor of the House on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Yellen faces GOP criticism over weak economic growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen came under fire Wednesday from House Republicans who charged that the central bank’s policies to promote low interest rates have not boosted economic growth and have left financial markets confused about the Fed’s next moves.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, said that the Fed and the Obama administration have failed to produce the strong growth the country has needed over the past seven years in the wake of the 2007-2009 recession.

“What is clear and verifiable is that this weak economy doesn’t work for millions of working Americans,” Hensarling told Yellen. “The Fed has been the facilitator and accommodator of the administration’s disastrous national debt policy and has regrettably lent its shrinking credibility to advancing the administration’s social agenda.”

While Republicans on the committee joined in Hensarling’s criticism, Democrats defended Yellen. They noted that the unemployment rate has fallen from 10 percent to 4.7 percent, and 14 million jobs have been created despite modest overall growth.

Yellen said the Fed has used the tools it has available to keep interest rates low as a way to bolster job creation.

Testifying for a second day before Congress, Yellen reiterated that the Fed plans to be very cautious in raising interest rates. She said the economy faces a mixed picture, with growth restrained by lackluster investment spending but bolstered by a solid rebound in consumer spending.

Yellen said she was “very hopeful” that job growth, which



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FEDERAL RESERVE Chair Janet Yellen testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday before the House Financial Services Committee hearing on U.S. monetary policy.

slowed sharply in April and May, will rebound in coming months.

“There are some headwinds but we do have strengths. Consumer spending is particularly strong,” Yellen said. “I don’t want to send a message of pessimism about the economy and where we are going.”

The Fed left a key interest rate unchanged at a low level of 0.25 percent to 0.5 percent at its meeting last week. It was the fourth time it has passed up a chance to raise rates after nudging rates up by a quarter-point last December.

Hensarling and other Republicans used Yellen’s appearance to criticize the Fed’s current operations. Republicans in the House are pushing legislation that would require the central bank to adopt a formula using inflation and other measures to guide its decisions on interest rates.

Yellen has called such an

approach unworkable. She has also voiced objections to another GOP proposal that would give congressional auditors the chance to review Fed decisions on interest-rate policies, saying that would impinge on the political independence the Fed needs to conduct monetary policy.

But Hensarling said the current confusion in markets about the central bank’s next move underscored the need for reforms.

“The Fed’s so-called forward guidance continues to provide little or no guidance to the rest of us,” he told Yellen.

Other Republican lawmakers questioned whether it was overstepping its legal authority by paying interest on excess reserves that banks keep at the Fed that go beyond what Congress envisioned.

Yellen defended the Fed’s payments, saying the practice helped the Fed manage interest rate policies with the difference between the interest being paid and the Fed’s benchmark federal funds as “quite small.”

Some Republican lawmakers said they were concerned that the Fed could end up with losses on its massive bond holdings should interest rates start rising rapidly. The Fed expanded its balance sheet more than four-fold to \$4.5 trillion currently by buying government bonds as a way to push long-term interest rates lower.

Yellen called the risks it faced in holding ultra-safe Treasury bonds very low.

Other Republican lawmakers raised questions about whether the Fed should stress test its own balance sheet in the same way that it conducts annual stress tests on the nation’s largest banks. Yellen said the Fed had conducted such a test.

Gallup: 123,000 same-sex marriages since high court ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — A new Gallup survey estimates that 123,000 same-sex marriages have taken place across the U.S. in the year since the Supreme Court ruling that legalized such unions nationwide.

Gallup says the proportion of gay and lesbian cohabiting couples who are married has increased from 38 percent to 49


percent during the year. The results, released Wednesday, are based on tracking interviews conducted throughout 2015 and 2016.

By Gallup’s estimates, there are now about 491,000 same-sex marriages in the U.S., up from roughly 368,000 a year ago.

Gallup estimates that 3.9 percent of U.S. adults are lesbian,

gay, bisexual or transgender. Of these adults, 9.6 percent report being married to a same-sex spouse, up from 7.9 percent before the court decision on June 26, 2015, Gallup said.

There was a gender difference — 10.5 percent of the men and 8.8 percent of the women reported being part of a same-sex marriage.



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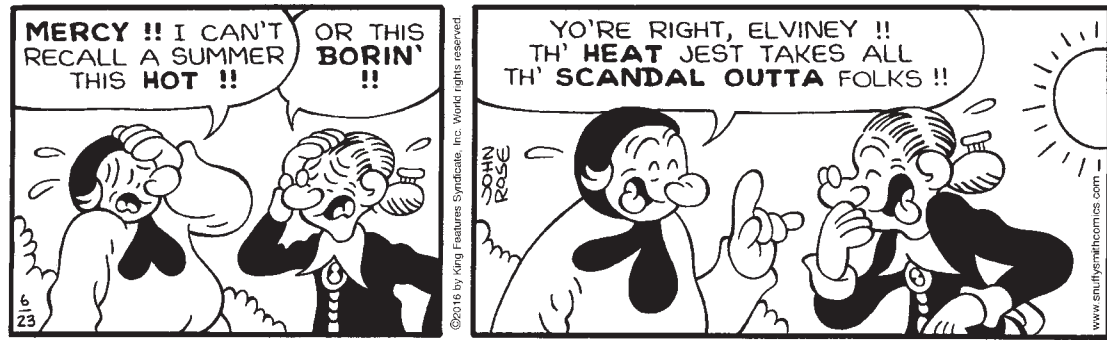
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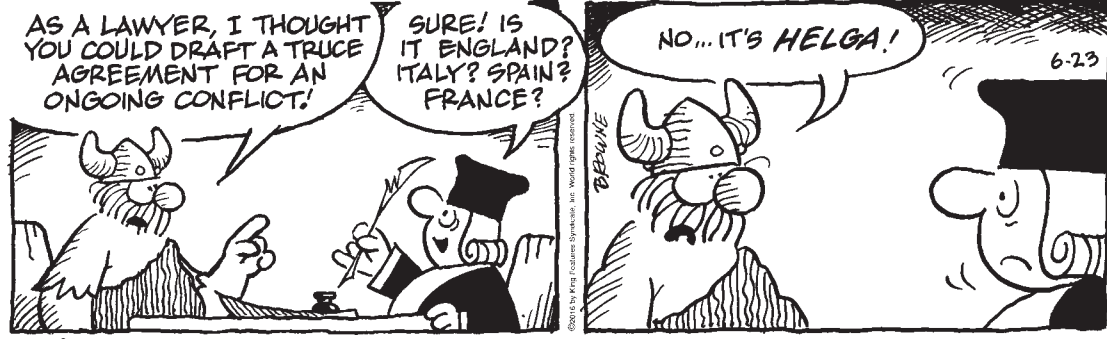
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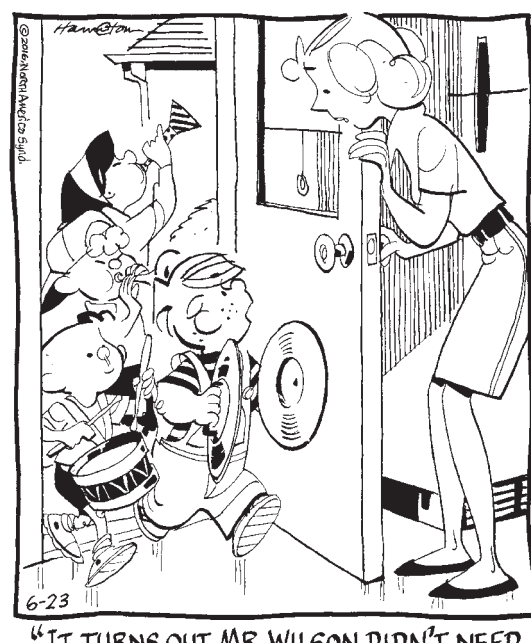
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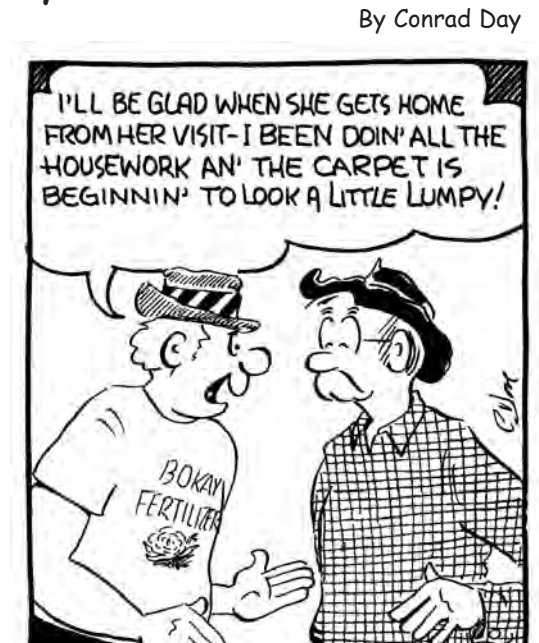
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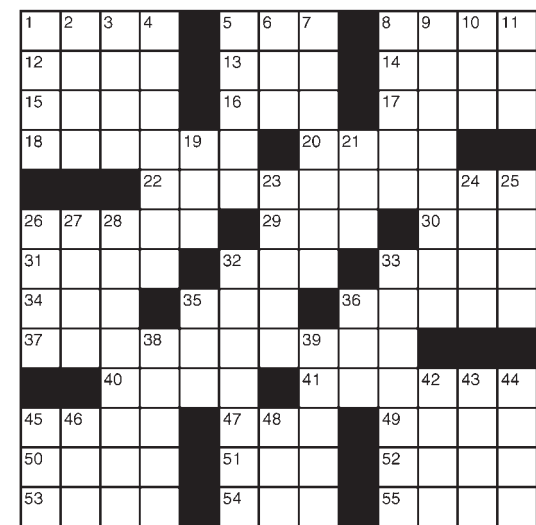
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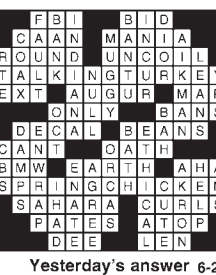
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By Eugene Sheffer

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 17 Greek vowel
 18 Go off track?
 20 Seniors' org.
 22 Intellectual exodus
 26 Trade-mark symbols
 29 "CSI" evidence
 30 — Victor
 31 Sleeping
 32 "A pox upon thee!"
 33 River to the Baltic
 34 Knightly address
- DOWN**
 1 Blend
 2 Sheltered
 3 Calendar span
 4 Crane of Sleepy Hollow
 5 Hand drums of India
 6 Here (Fr.)
 7 "Le Vase Bleu" painter
 8 Bake eggs
 9 Spotted cats
 10 Scrap venues
 11 Sheep's cry
- 19 Apr. check cashier
 21 Okla-homa city
 23 Figure of speech
 24 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
 25 Not even one
 26 Whip
 27 Theater award
 28 Bright flower
 32 Celebratory, as a mood
 33 Survive
 35 ACLU issues (Abbr.)
 36 Hosp. scan
 38 Film spoils
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 44 Russian denial
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 46 Salary
 48 Stimp'y's pal



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SPORTS GROUP'S UNIFORM OFFICIALLY INCLUDED A FANCY BROAD TIE, IT MIGHT BE THE TEAM ASCOT.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals I



ASTROLOGY

by Eugenia Last

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Minka Kelly, 36; Mindy Kaling, 37; Sherry Stringfield, 49; Jeff Beck, 72.

Happy Birthday: If something is bothering you, do something about it. It's sitting and waiting that will drive you crazy and make you angry and dissat-

isfied with your life. Make every decision count. Look for unusual ways to solve problems and to make the personal changes that will keep you looking and feeling your best. Your numbers are 7, 15, 19, 23, 31, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Join a group or an organization that can utilize your skills and services, and you will connect with the people who can introduce you to new prospects. Your intelligence, good values and insights will help you excel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Set doable goals and put your priorities in order. Don't give in to emotional threats. Stand up for your beliefs and do what you can to expand your awareness. Concentrate on personal gains, romance and improving your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A job you take on will turn out to be something you enjoy doing. You will be rewarded if you do a little extra. Start a conversation with someone you look up to, and a greater opportunity to do your own thing will arise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your charm coupled with your excellent memory will help you get your way. Try doing something that will separate you from the crowd. A personal change to the way you look or do things will encourage a romantic encounter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Practicality and common sense will be required when it comes to handling your personal finances. Don't feel the need to pay for others or let emotional purchases put a dent in your pocketbook. Keep busy helping others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan your actions carefully. It's what you do, not what you say, that will make a difference. A creative approach to an old idea will make others take notice. A personal relationship will improve with a little tender loving care and future plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Show off your talents and what you have to offer. Dig in and do your homework. Finding a new way to offer an old skill will put you ahead of any competition you face. Education will result in positive changes and new partnerships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make special plans with someone you love. Getting out or taking a mini trip will encourage you to resolve any pending issues that have been plaguing your relationship. Don't get angry when you should be passionate and understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be drawn to excitement and adventure. Be careful not to take part in something because of what someone else tells you. Do your research and kick off your plans with the desire to excel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Less talk and more action will lead to completion and success. Once you clear up your responsibilities, you can concentrate on love, romance and making special plans with the people you love the most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talks will help you bring about the changes you want to see happen at home or in your professional arena. Speaking up will encourage others to voice their opinions and help you reach your goals. Set the mood and you'll encourage others to follow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your ideas in to play. Surprise someone you love. Your actions will make a difference and encourage you to bring about positive changes to your relationships with others. Romance is highlighted.

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, imaginative and open-minded. You are assertive and charismatic.



Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

The art of discovery

South dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ Q 8 7 6
WEST
 ♠ 8 6 3 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 10 9 7 6 3
 ♣ 5 4 2
EAST
 ♠ 7
 ♥ A K Q J 10 9 4
 ♦ Q 5
 ♣ K 10 9
SOUTH
 ♠ A J 10 9 4
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ K 2
 ♣ A J 3

position:
North
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ Q 8 7
West
 ♦ 10 9 7 6 3
 ♣ 5 4
East
 ♥ A K Q J
 ♦ Q
 ♣ K 9
South
 ♠ 10
 ♥ 8 5 2
 ♦ 2
 ♣ A 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ 4 ♥
 Pass Pass 4 ♠
 Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

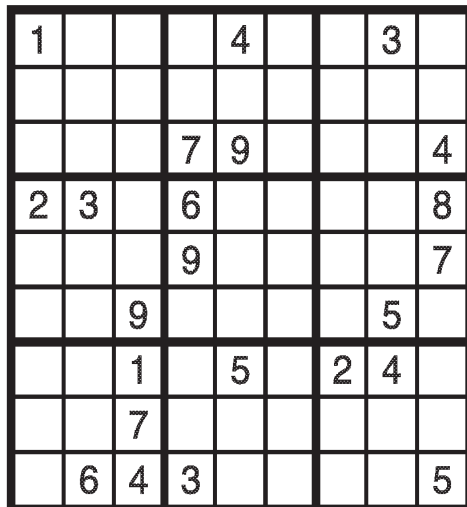
The art of discovery is one of the great pleasures of the game, and a player who does not avail himself of it is missing much more than he might be aware of.

Take this deal where West leads a diamond against South's four-spade contract. Declarer wins with the king, cashes the K-Q of trumps and leads a low club from dummy. After East plays the ten, South finesses the jack and draws West's remaining trumps with the A-J to produce this

If declarer now plays the ace of clubs, hoping that East held the K-10 doubleton originally, he goes down one. But before settling for this uncertain line of play, South should seek further information. He already knows from the bidding and West's failure to lead a heart that East started with seven hearts. He also knows that East had only one spade.
In order to learn how many clubs East started with, declarer leads a diamond to the ace and ruffs a diamond. When East discards the heart jack on this trick, his original distribution — 1-7-2-3 — is no longer a secret.
So declarer leads a heart, and East, after cashing the A-K-Q, must yield the last two tricks and the contract.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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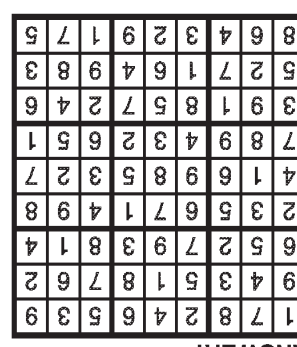


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ANSWER:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JUNE 23, 2016

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Thursday Best Bets

8 p.m. on (WTV) BattleBots
9 p.m. on (WFL) Beauty and the Beast
9:59 p.m. on (WDEF) Code Black
10 p.m. on (WRCB) Aquarius
10 p.m. on (USA) Queen of the South
Samantha Ponder of ESPN takes over hosting chores as a new season of this epic robot-fighting competition gets under way with "Robots Activate: The Qualifying Round Begins." Veteran sports broadcaster Chris Rose returns to offer play-by-play analysis, enhanced by former UFC fighter Kenny Florian's color commentary. Alison Haislip is the sideline reporter. Special effects artist Fon Davis, a former "BattleBots" competitor himself, returns as a judge.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JUNE 24, 2016

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Billboards

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the 1960's has placed us on an inevitable course of demise and destruction. Yes ... the cunning globalist/Marxist social engineers have succeeded in destroying that great bulwark against statist tyranny ... the white American super majority. Without its expedited restoration little hope remains for the nation as a whole."

He said the billboards are not meant to come across as racist, though many have classified them that way. Third District U.S. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, who is the incumbent in the congress-

sional seat Tyler will be running for, said in a news release the signs were in fact racist.

"I totally and unequivocally condemn the billboard and Mr. Tyler's message and will vigorously fight any form of racism in the 3rd District of Tennessee," Fleischmann's statement read.

The congressman was not the only one to say the billboard came across as racist.

"Due to recent statements and overtly racist billboards by the principal owner of the Whitewater Grill in Ocoee (Tyler) and himself a declared Independent candidate for Congress, the Kiwanis Club of Ocoee will never meet there

again," said Kiwanis Club President Chris Newton. "We are a civic club of inclusion and not exclusion, and find these statements repugnant. As a citizen of Polk County, I, Chris Newton will never personally be back to this establishment."

Newton, who served as a state representative for Polk County years ago, added, "We will be locating a new meeting venue in the coming days.

"As a former elected official and a native of Polk County, I hate to see our county being in the news for this type of publicity," he said. "We have so much more to offer to visitors and to our residents."

Sparkle

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opinion but we just had to sit back and not dwell on negativity, because we know that we take good care of our dog."

White said the posting was done by a neighbor who was concerned over Sparkle and wanted to let the public know about what he felt were dangerous conditions.

"I just wondered why he didn't post the positive picture when the dog is in my arms, like a baby," White said. "Why didn't he post that? It would show another picture."

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office was contacted about the situation. Public Relations Division Lt. James Bradford said the BCSO investigated the case and made several visits to the home to check on the condition of Sparkle.

"We have had multiple conversations about the dog, and our investigation said that the dog does come outside in the crate, but doesn't stay outside for an extended period of time," Bradford said. "It's really a house dog. The dog stays inside more than it stays outside."

He said the Sheriff's Office went to the home multiple times to check on the dog, "and everything is up to par. The dog is not malnourished, the dog had plenty of food and water and shelter."

White said the BCSO has been to the home "up to 10 times."

Ed Elkins of the local SPCA said Sparkle was presented Wednesday "in an air-conditioned" environment that did not reflect the conditions which prompted the original complaints.

Vanessa Curley, a concerned Chattanooga resident who she said has been involved in animal rescues, was not convinced by Sparkle's visit to the Sheriff's Office.

"They said that they contacted the SPCA, but that didn't happen," she said she was told. She also questioned the amount of times the Sheriff's Office said it visited the White home.

She said her concern was having safe conditions for the animal, or any other pet that is outside in extreme temperatures.

White said that while he understands the concerns for Sparkle are genuine, he was not necessarily pleased with the questions from the media that were directed toward his wife, Valerie. He did say that her reaction to their questions was harsh, and took the opportunity Wednesday to address that.

"I want to apologize on her reaction," he said. "She is not like that. She is not used to a crowd." Sparkle is at home with the Whites and their

other dog, and he said that she will continue to be allowed to be outside.

"She loves it outside," White said. "She often begs to go out of the house."

And, he said he expects the situation not to have any adverse effect on the dog.

"She is a people dog ... she loves people," he said.



SPARKLE SITS in her cage outside Timothy and Valerie White's home. The Whites' neighbor and others, including the SPCA, have expressed concerns over the dog's well-being.

Texas affirmative action plan survives Supreme Court review

WASHINGTON (AP) — The University of Texas admissions program that takes account of race has survived another round at the Supreme Court. The justices on Thursday upheld the Texas program by a 4-3 vote.

The university considers race among many factors in admitting the last quarter of incoming freshmen classes. Texas fills most of the freshman class by guaranteeing admission to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their Texas high school class.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion that the Texas plan complied with earlier court rulings allowing colleges to take account of race in pursuit of diversity on campus. "The university has thus met its burden of showing that the admissions policy it used ... was narrowly tailored," Kennedy wrote.

The court's three more conservative justices dissented.

The high court ruled in the case of Abigail Fisher, a white Texan who was denied admission to the university's flagship campus in Austin in 2008. Fisher claimed she was rejected while African-American applicants with lower

grades and test scores were admitted. The school said Fisher, who did not graduate in the top 10 percent of her high school class, would not have been admitted with or without race as a factor. But officials did conditionally offer to allow her to transfer in as a sophomore if she maintained a 3.2 grade point average at another public college in Texas.

Instead, Fisher went to Louisiana State University, from which she graduated in 2012, and pursued her lawsuit. Fisher was recruited for the suit by Edward Blum, an opponent of racial preferences who has been remarkably successful in persuading the Supreme Court to hear cases challenging the use of race in education and politics. Blum was behind a major challenge to the landmark Voting Rights Act that resulted in the court eviscerating a key provision of the law and he also led an unsuccessful challenge to states' widespread practice of counting all their residents, not just those eligible to vote, in drawing legislative districts.

Justices heard Fisher's case once before, and issued an incon-

clusive ruling in 2013 that sent her case back to a lower court and set the stage for Monday's decision.

In 2003, the justices reaffirmed the consideration of race in the quest for diversity on campus. Their decision then set a goal of doing away with such programs in 25 years.

Texas is unique in marrying the top 10 plan to a separate admissions review in which race is one of many factors considered. The university's current freshman class is 22 percent Hispanic and 4.5 percent African-American. White students make up less than half the school's freshmen.

Eight states prohibit the use of race in public college admissions: Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Washington.

Congressman seeks to block currency changes

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A Republican congressman is trying to block the Treasury from redesigning U.S. currency, a move that could prevent the government from replacing Andrew Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill with abolitionist Harriet Tubman.

Rep. Steve King of Iowa has offered an amendment to a spending bill barring the use of funds to redesign any Federal Reserve note or coin. It wasn't immediately clear why King opposed the redesign, and his office did not immediately respond to messages.

Under plans announced in April by Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson on the front of the \$20 bill. The abolitionist and former slave who was a leader of the Underground Railroad will become the first African-American featured on U.S. paper currency and the first woman on paper currency in a century.

Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president, will be moved to the back of the \$20 bill, which will also retain an image of the White House on the back.

Alexander Hamilton's portrait will remain on the front of the \$10 bill. The back, which now features the Treasury building in Washington, will be redesigned to commemorate a 1913 suffragette march and feature famous suffragette leaders including Susan B. Anthony.

Whitewater rafter dies from amoebic infection after N.C. trip

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An Ohio woman who went whitewater rafting in North Carolina has died of an infection after being exposed to an amoeba naturally present in warm fresh water.

North Carolina's Department of Health and Human Services said the U.S. Centers for Disease Control suspects *Naegleria fowleri* (nuh-GLEER'-ee-uh FOW'-lur-ee), a one-celled organism that can cause primary amoebic meningoencephalitis.

The organism does not cause illness if swallowed, but can be deadly if forced up the nose. The CDC said only 10 cases or so are reported each year, nearly all of them fatal.

Lauren Seitz of Westerville, Ohio, visited North Carolina with her church group. The 18-year-old's only known underwater exposure was thought to be when her raft overturned at the U.S. National Whitewater Center in Charlotte.

The center said in a statement that it gets its water from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Utilities Department and two wells located at the site, a system of concrete channels designed to imitate various classes of rapids.

The water is filtered and disinfected with chlorine as well as

ultraviolet radiation sufficient to "inactivate" the amoeba, a process the center described as 99.99 percent effective.

The center's water is not inspected by the county or state because the man-made system is not considered to be a public pool, said Dr. Marcus Plescia, Mecklenburg County's health director.

But the center "is as safe as any body of water. Any time you go into a lake or pond, there are things in the water that can cause illnesses," he said. "We're not going to close every lake and pond."

The center's spokesman, Eric Osterhus, said in an email that it was operating normally Wednesday and helping health investigators at the site.

Seitz was drum major of the marching band at Westerville South High School, The Columbus Dispatch reported. Band members and classmates honored her with a candlelight vigil Tuesday night. Her funeral is Saturday.

"This was an enormous loss for the band, but also to the Westerville community and family," band director John Laswell said in a Facebook post. "Lauren just graduated in May and was one of the most talented, humble and caring students I've ever taught."

SEAL

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Operations forces and how the faces and names of most of its combat warriors are never made public. But on a mission as high-profile as the bin Laden raid, it is accepted by military leaders — reluctantly or not — that accounts, and identities, could eventually be disclosed.

This became the case with O'Neill on Oct. 5, 2014, when he went public on his reported involvement with the successful mission code-named Operation Neptune Spear. Although O'Neill previously had been interviewed anonymously in an Esquire Magazine article in February 2013, he chose to go public in advance of a Fox News special called "The Man Who Killed Osama bin Laden."

O'Neill's disclosure wasn't the first among Navy SEAL team members involved in the Pakistan mission.

In 2012, Matt Bissonette — using the pseudonym "Mark Owen" — wrote a book called "No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama bin Laden." In the publication, Bissonette documented his apparent role in the raid. The author acknowledged firing his weapon at bin Laden after the fatal shots were fired by a SEAL identified only as "Point Man."

Each set of disclosures — by Bissonette and by O'Neill — was criticized by some fellow Navy SEALs, as well as commanding officers, who contended going public with this kind of information was a violation of an unwritten code among Special Operations forces. It is reportedly a code that focuses on team success and not individual recognition.

In the interview with The Sunday Times, O'Neill acknowledged the credo. In reporter Harnden's words, "[O'Neill] maintains that he was simply one of 23 SEALs on the bin Laden mission and deserves no more credit than any of his teammates, or the helicopter pilots who got them in and out of Pakistan, or the CIA officers such as [Maya] who located bin Laden. I never wanted it to be about me. It's about a much bigger team that

was able to do great things, and I was able to be a small part of that."

According to The Sunday Times article, O'Neill had never intended on going public with his identity. Harnden explained what happened.

"... That changed after [O'Neill] met 9/11 families at a ceremony in New York, where he presented the National September 11 Memorial and Museum with the shirt he had worn during the bin Laden raid," the Harnden piece reads. He went on to quote O'Neill, "Everyone in the room was crying. They couldn't hold the tears back. That was the first time I publicly told the story. I thought: if I can do it for these people, I can do it for more people."

In welcoming O'Neill to Cleveland, BSR's Anderson said the Special Operations fighter epitomizes the courage of these soldiers whose careers are spent in the shadows.

"With most of his career shrouded in a classified cloak, O'Neill was the man on the ground we have never heard of but know exists," Anderson said. "He was one of the quiet professionals performing the most difficult tasks in the most difficult circumstances, serving his remarkable career in the shadows and keeping America safe in the process."

Anderson added, "[O'Neill's] mantra is 'never quit,' and he believes this is the single most important factor in determining success. O'Neill reminds us that the servicemen doing the dirtiest work are often making the hardest sacrifices."

Since leaving active duty, O'Neill is a co-founder of "Your Grateful Nation," an organization that provides individualized transition support for Special Operations heroes and their families. The group provides executive-level mentoring, transition services and family stabilization support. O'Neill is also a contributor to Fox News.

At the local BSR gala, O'Neill will meet with members of the local news media at 5:15 p.m. before attending a private meet-and-greet with Silver, Gold,

Platinum and Diamond-level table sponsors. The Saturday evening gala will get underway at 6 p.m. with attendees being able to view all silent and live auction items while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres, Anderson explained.

"This year's auctions feature several lavish vacation packages, firearms, art work and jewelry," Anderson said. "A five-star dinner will be served at 7 p.m."

Anderson credited Larry Hill Ford and Southern Heritage Bank for its continued support of the gala since its inception. He said Choice MD returns as a second-year platinum-level sponsor.

"We're so blessed to have the long-standing support from Larry Hill Ford and Southern Heritage Bank," Anderson said. "This is the sixth consecutive year the local car dealership and bank have been high-level sponsors, and we definitely appreciate their commitment to our gala. We're also pleased to welcome back Choice MD as a platinum-level sponsor this year."

During the past year, BSR awarded more than \$83,000 to 24 local nonprofits from gala proceeds. The civic club's gala has attracted a plethora of keynote speakers, among them: Tom Glavine, a legendary MLB hall of famer who spent most of his years as a pitcher with the Atlanta Braves; Steve Spurrier, a former college football coach who spent much of his career with the University of Florida and University of South Carolina; and Bob Eubanks, a Hollywood celebrity whose fame came as host of the popular "Newlywed Game."

During the gala's six-year history, BSR has raised more than \$538,000. For more information about tickets and the event, call 423-432-0347, or visit www.bradleysunriserotary.com.

As a highly decorated combat veteran, O'Neill is now a name easily recognized with Special Operations and the clandestine bin Laden raid.

However, if the military man is wearing sleeves, the casual observer might never see what the soldier uses as a



"I never wanted it to be about me. It's about a much bigger team that was able to do great things, and I was able to be a small part of that."

— Robert J. O'Neill

reminder of a mission accomplished.

According to Harnden's news story, "[O'Neill's] arms are covered in elaborate tattoos, the left decorated with the words of President George W. Bush on the evening after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001: 'Freedom itself was attacked this morning by a faceless coward and freedom will be defended.'"

Harnden's article pointed out O'Neill got the tattoo "... to mark the demise of bin Laden, the man who ordered those attacks."

Since his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 2012, O'Neill has become a highly sought-after, well-traveled speaker.

"My life is on airplanes," O'Neill told The Sunday Times. "I travel five or six days a week. I do have a few spots where I have a roof and clothes there, but there's nothing in particular. Family stuff I don't even mention. I pay rent somewhere, but I don't consider it home."

The British newspaper also stressed where O'Neill speaks there is a discreet security presence.

"If they come for me now, it's going to be a fight," he told reporter Harnden. "I have stuff in the past and I'm prepared. If they get me, they get me. I'm not egging anyone on and I'm not afraid. But I am aware of everything."

According to a story published on www.militarytimes.com on Oct. 6, 2015,

a British member of the Islamic State posted information on how to find O'Neill. The extremist used a jihadi chat room and social media to distribute the information, according to the published report.

During his military career as a Navy SEAL, O'Neill also was reportedly involved in the mission to save Capt. Richard Phillips and the crew of the Maersk Alabama cargo ship that was hijacked by Somali pirates. Also, he was reported to be a part of the Operation Red Wings mission that rescued fellow SEAL Marcus Luttrell in Afghanistan.

Luttrell's undermanned mission came in June 2005 during an intense firefight against Taliban fighters. The rescue was documented in the movie, "The Lone Survivor."

The rescue mission against the Somali pirates was documented in the movie, "Captain Phillips." The hijacking took place in 2009.

In his military career, O'Neill ascended the chain of command to Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator. Among his 52 decorations were two Silver Stars, four Bronze Star Medals with Valor device, a Joint Service Commendation Medal with Valor device, three Presidential Unit citations, and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendations with Valor device.

Candidates avoid Medicare, Social Security finance woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's framework for economic security and health care in retirement is financially unsustainable, but you wouldn't know it from listening to the presidential candidates.

This week the Social Security and Medicare trustees warned of tough choices ahead to keep the two programs solvent over the long run. Together, Social Security and Medicare account for about 40 percent of federal spending, providing inflation-protected monthly checks and health insurance for tens of millions of seniors and disabled people. Working families benefit, too, when elders can live independently.

But the taxes supporting both programs can't keep pace with rising spending. Over time, Medicare and Social Security will rely more and more on accumulated reserves in their trust funds. Eventually there won't be enough to pay full benefits. Medicare's trust fund will run out in 2028, and Social Security's in 2034.

The candidates have said little to acknowledge the issue, although it's at the root of the government's budget problems. They may not be able to avoid it once in the White House. Health care costs, in particular, can be volatile. And liberals and conservatives agree it's important to act sooner rather than later, to avoid disruptions for retirees and workers.

Unusual for a Republican, Donald Trump has promised not to cut Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid, the health care program for low-income people. His campaign has suggested he'd revisit government benefit programs — known as entitlements — after his tax-cut plan boosts economic growth. But critics say the Trump plan would just pile up more debt, making it harder to deal with changes to big programs.

"I don't know where he's going to get the money," said economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin, president of the American Action Forum, a center-right think tank. "Maybe he's got it in the



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton

AP photo

Cayman Islands or something?"

Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee, has proposed expanding Social Security benefits for widows and family caregivers, as well as making upper-income earners pay more to support the program. She may have to go further, since liberals, including Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, are pressing for expanded benefits. President Barack Obama also wants to do more.

On Medicare, Clinton wants to give the government authority to negotiate drug prices but doesn't see a need for major restructuring. Advocates, meanwhile, want Medicare benefits expanded to include dental care, vision and hearing aids.

"Just when you thought we couldn't go any further on pandering, it turns out we have," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan group that advocates for reducing federal deficits. The election is perpetuating a myth that nothing needs to be done, she added.

The future of entitlement pro-

grams has been debated in presidential elections for decades, but this year seems different. Social Security has long been called the "third rail" of American politics because touching it can doom candidates. Now, Medicare looks to have taken on the aura of invulnerability as well.

Advocates for older people are not quite ready to celebrate.

"This isn't an election year like any other that we've seen," said Nancy LeaMond, a vice president of AARP, the seniors lobby. "The fact that it hasn't focused on issues, and it's more about personalities and nicknames, means that there hasn't been very much discussion in the press."

Ignoring the problems doesn't mean they get magically resolved.

Previous overhauls of Social Security and Medicare involved a combination of benefit cuts and tax increases. With Medicare, cuts to hospitals, insurers, doctors and other service providers also play a major role. But there's probably less room for provider cuts now because Obama's health care law and budget deals with Congress



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump

AP photo

already have reduced payments.

Social Security is the bigger program, but its fiscal problems may be easier to deal with. That's

because Medicare spending is driven not just by an aging population, but by unpredictable health care costs.

Social Security proposals in the mix include tax hikes and a somewhat stingier formula for annual cost-of-living increases. Medicare proposals include privatizing the program, with the government contributing a set amount for health insurance, as well as gradually increasing the eligibility age to 67, from 65 currently. Medicare tax increases aren't ruled out, either.

For now, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is the rare national political figure keeping the entitlements debate alive. But Ryan studiously avoids tax increases, which would have to be part of a deal to bring Democrats along.

Procrastination will only make the inevitable changes more wrenching, while starting now would allow for gradual adjustments.

"If you wait until the last minute, it is much harder to do structural reforms," said economist Doug Elmendorf, dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. "You don't want to change the rules for people while they are receiving benefits, or when they are about to start receiving benefits."

Emails: State Dept. scrambled over trouble on Clinton's server

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Department staffers wrestled for weeks in December 2010 over a serious technical problem that affected emails from then-Secretary Hillary Clinton's home email server, causing them to temporarily disable security features on the government's own systems, according to emails released Wednesday.

The emails were released under court order Wednesday to the conservative legal advocacy group Judicial Watch, which has sued the State Department over access to public records related to the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee's service as the nation's top diplomat between 2009 and 2013.

The emails, reviewed by The Associated Press, show that State Department technical staff disabled software on their systems intended to block phishing emails that could deliver dangerous viruses. They were trying urgently to resolve delivery problems with emails sent from Clinton's private server.

"This should trump all other activities," a senior technical official, Ken LaVolpe, told IT employees in a Dec. 17, 2010, email. Another senior State Department official, Thomas W. Lawrence, wrote days later in an email that deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin personally was asking for an update about the repairs. Abedin and Clinton, who both used Clinton's private server, had complained that emails each sent to State Department employees were not being reliably received.

After technical staffers turned off some security features, Lawrence cautioned in an email, "We view this as a Band-Aid and fear it's not 100 percent fully effective."

The AP initially reported Wednesday that the emails described security features being turned off on Clinton's own private server, but State Department spokesman John Kirby clarified hours later that the emails described "a series of troubleshooting measures to the department's system — not Secretary Clinton's system — to attempt to remedy the problem."

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sued the State Department over access to public records related to the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee's service as the nation's top diplomat between 2009 and 2013.

Clinton has repeatedly denied there is any evidence her private email server ever was breached. Her campaign did not immediately provide comment Wednesday.

Days after the technical crisis, on Jan. 9, 2011, a State Department IT staffer was forced to shut down Clinton's server because he believed "someone was trying to hack us." Later that day, he wrote, "We were attacked again so I shut (the server) down for a few min." It was one of several occasions when email access to Clinton's BlackBerry smartphone was disrupted because her private server was down, according to the documents.

The AP reported last year that in the early morning hours of Aug. 3, 2011, Clinton received infected emails, disguised as speeding tickets from New York. The emails instructed recipients to print the attached tickets. Opening an attachment would have allowed hackers to take over control of a victim's computer.

In a blistering audit released last month, the State Department's inspector general concluded that Clinton and her team ignored clear internal guidance that her email setup broke federal standards and could leave sensitive material vulnerable to hackers. Her aides twice brushed aside concerns, in one case telling technical staff "the matter was not to be discussed further," the report said.

The State Department has released more than 52,000 pages of Clinton's work-related emails, including some that have since been classified. Clinton has withheld thousands of additional emails, saying they were personal. The emails released Wednesday were not made available until after the inspector general's office published its report, and Judicial Watch asked a federal judge to force the State Department to turn them over.

The case is one of about three dozen lawsuits over access to records related to Clinton's time as secretary, including one filed by the AP. As part of its ongoing suit, lawyers from Judicial Watch

on Wednesday questioned Bryan Pagliano, a former IT staffer for Clinton who helped set up the server, under oath. According to the group, Pagliano repeatedly responded to questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, as he did last year before a congressional committee.

The FBI is also investigating whether Clinton's use of the private email server imperiled government secrets. It has recently interviewed Clinton's top aides, including former chief of staff Cheryl Mills and Abedin.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said in a speech Wednesday that Clinton's email server "was easily hacked by foreign governments." Trump cited no new evidence that hackers had successfully breached Clinton's server, but he said unspecified enemies of the United States were in possession of all her emails.

"So they probably now have a blackmail file over someone who wants to be President of the United States. This fact alone disqualifies her from the presidency," Trump said. "We can't hand over our government to someone whose deepest, darkest secrets may be in the hands of our enemies."

High court places limits on drunk driving test laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has placed new limits on state laws that make it a crime for motorists suspected of drunken driving to refuse alcohol tests.

Justices ruled Thursday that police need a search warrant before requiring drivers to take blood alcohol tests. But the court declined to require a warrant for breath tests, which it considers less intrusive.

The ruling came in three cases where drivers challenged so-called implied consent laws in Minnesota and North Dakota as violating the Constitution's ban on unreasonable search and seizure. State supreme courts in each state had upheld the laws.

Drivers in all 50 states can have their licenses revoked for refusing drunken driving tests.

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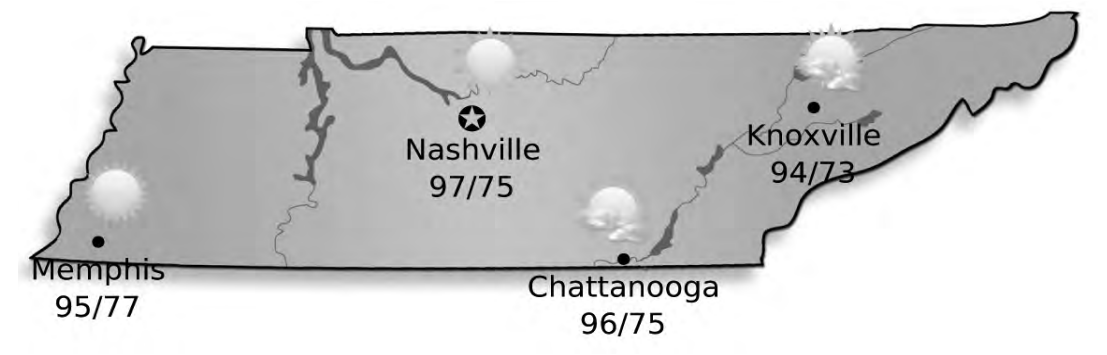
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Trustees: Tiny rise in Social Security benefits next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Social Security beneficiaries would get a tiny increase in monthly payments next year — less than \$2.50, about enough to buy a gallon of gas.

Meanwhile, Medicare is expected to go bankrupt sooner than expected — 12 years from now. And some beneficiaries could face higher monthly premiums next year.

The annual report from the trustees of the government's two bedrock retirement programs warned that politically gridlocked Washington needs to act sooner, rather than later, to shore up finances and avoid upending the lives of millions of retirees and their families.

Social Security's trust funds are expected to be depleted in 2034, unchanged from the trustees' projection a year ago. Medicare's trust fund for inpatient care will be exhausted in 2028, two years earlier than previously projected.

If Congress allows either fund to run dry, millions of Americans living on fixed incomes would face steep cuts in benefits.

"Lawmakers should address these financial challenges as soon as possible," said the trustees' report. "Taking action sooner rather than later will permit consideration of a broader range of solutions and provide more time to phase in changes so that the public has adequate time to prepare."

The projected 0.2 percent increase in Social Security payments would come a year after beneficiaries received no increase. By law, increases are based on a government measure of inflation, which has been low. The official 2017 cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, won't be determined until the fall.

Advocates complained that the government's measure of inflation — the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers — doesn't adequately reflect the prices that older Americans pay.

"Seniors continue to see their modest Social Security benefits eaten away by growing health care costs," said Max Richtman, who heads the National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare.

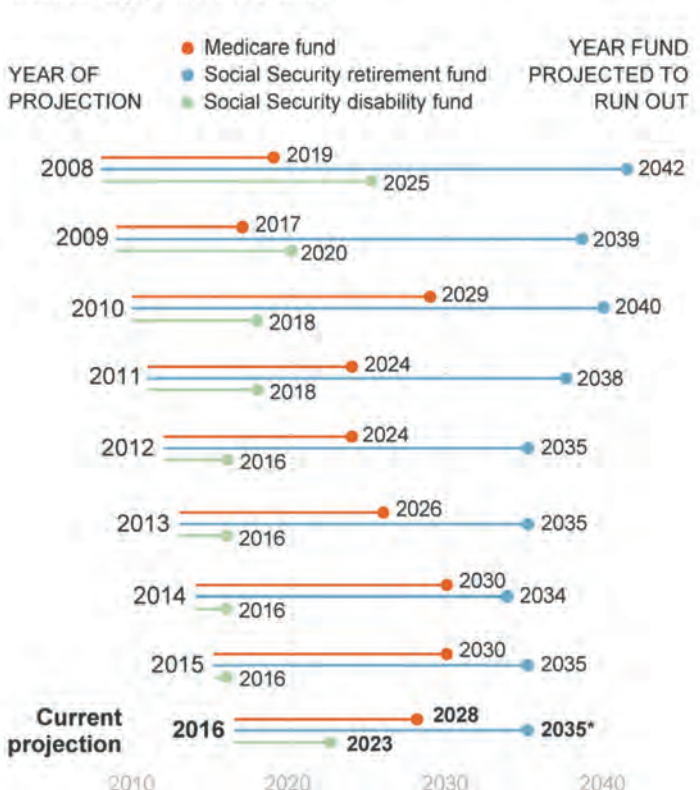
More than 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and surviving children receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is about \$1,232.

After Social Security's trust funds are depleted, the program would collect enough in payroll taxes to pay only 79 percent of benefits.

Medicare's problem is more immediate, and more complicated, because health care costs can change in unpredictable ways.

Tracking Social Security and Medicare

Each year, the federal government projects when trust funds for Social Security and Medicare are expected to run dry, after which the programs will only be able to pay out a fraction of promised benefits.



*If combined with Social Security disability, the fund would run dry in 2034.
SOURCE: Trustees of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds AP

Medicare provides health insurance for more than 55 million people, including seniors and disabled people. After its inpatient care trust fund runs dry in 2028, Medicare would only be able to pay 87 percent of projected costs.

Medicare's insolvency date has moved closer despite a recent stretch of slow growth in health care costs, with notable exceptions like prescription drugs. Experts who advise the trustees said the change of insolvency dates was mainly technical, due in part to lower-than-expected income from payroll taxes.

In more worrisome news, the trustees said that some Medicare beneficiaries may face sharply higher "Part B" monthly premiums for outpatient care next year. By law, increases in premiums for most Medicare recipients cannot exceed their increase in Social Security payments. So about 70 percent are "held harmless."

However, about 30 percent of beneficiaries are not covered by that safeguard.

Those who would feel the impact include new beneficiaries and people with higher incomes. The trustees project that the base monthly premium for this group will increase by about \$27, to \$149. Upper-income beneficiaries would pay considerably more.

Officials cautioned that projections for next year's premiums are highly uncertain. The final numbers will be released this fall.

Notably, the report carried an appendix amounting to a disclaimer about Medicare estimates: "The actual future costs for Medicare may exceed the projections shown in this report, possibly by substantial amounts," it said.

That's because some hospitals and nursing homes may not be able to make money under payment rates currently set for Medicare. If providers stop taking Medicare patients, Congress could be forced to raise payments.

Despite the long-term financial problems of Social Security, the Obama administration is calling for increased benefits. So are Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said benefits can be expanded even as lawmakers overhaul finances. The two goals are "not at all inconsistent," he said.

In addition to Lew, the Social Security and Medicare trustees are Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Labor Secretary Thomas Perez and acting Social Security Commissioner Carolyn Colvin. Two public trustee positions are vacant.

Census shows Asians remain fastest-growing racial group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Asians remain the fastest-growing racial group in the United States, according to new information from the Census Bureau.

The nation's Asian population grew at 3.4 percent between July 2014 and 2015, with migration responsible for the majority of the growth, government officials said Thursday. There are now 21 million Asians in the United States, with Hawaii as the nation's only majority Asian state.

Sam Garrow, a Census Department demographer, said Asians have been the fastest-growing race group since about 2000, and the main driving force is international migration. In 2013, China replaced Mexico as the top sending country for immigrants to the United States, officials said.

Other minority groups grew as well. The Hispanic population grew by 2.2 percent to 56.6 million, and New Mexico had the largest percentage of Hispanics in the country at 48 percent. The African-American population grew by 1.3 percent to 46.3 million, with Mississippi holding the nation's largest percentage at 38.3 percent. And the American Indian and Alaska native population grew 1.5 percent to a total of 6.6 million, with Alaska having the largest percent at 19.5 percent.

California has the largest number of most racial and ethnic groups, with more Hispanics, whites, Asians and American Indians than any other state. New York state has more blacks

than any other state, and Hawaii has the largest numeric population of Native Hawaiians than any other state.

The second fastest-growing racial group was those who claim two or more races, government officials said. The number of people who claimed two or more races grew 3.1 percent to 6.6 million. This group was also the youngest group of all racial or ethnic groups with a median age of 20 years old.

In fact, the most diverse generation is the nation's youngest. Census figures show that of those born since 2000, nearly half — or 49 percent — belong to a race or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white. In contrast, 44.5 percent of the millennials — born between 1982 and 2000 — did not classify themselves as non-Hispanic whites.

WHITES SHOWING SLOWEST GROWTH

The nation's white population is showing the slowest growth.

The census found that the white population, including those who chose white along with another race, grew only 0.5 percent between 2014 and 2015. There were more than 255 million people who said they were white or white in combination with something else. California had the largest number of these people at 29.8 million, but Vermont had the highest population of those described themselves as white or white along with another race or ethnicity at 96.6 percent.

The numbers change little for

those who say they are white alone. There are 198 million people who say they are white alone, an increase of 0.1 percent. California once again had the largest population at 14.9 million, but Maine had the largest percentage as its population at 93.6 percent.

SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IS THE OLDEST

The oldest place in the United States is Sumter County, Florida, where the majority of the population is at least 65 years old.

Almost 55 percent of Sumter County has reached retirement age, government figures showed, and the median age in the county was 66.6 years old.

Sumter County also contains one of the fastest-growing areas in the country. The Villages retirement community located northwest of Orlando was the nation's fastest-growing metro area with a 5.4 percent increase that raised the population to 114,000 residents. The attraction to areas like The Villages is part of the reason for the increase in population and age, said Jason Devine, assistant division chief for Population Estimates and Projections.

"As the nation's 65-and-older population grows, other counties with retirement communities like The Villages will get closer to this threshold," Devine said.

There was only one other county with a population of at least 1,000 close in age to Sumter County: Catron County, New Mexico. That county had a median age of 60.1 years.

TENNESSEE BRIEFS

Remains of Korean War vet returning to Tennessee

KNOXVILLE (AP) — The remains of a 20-year-old Army sergeant believed to have died more than 65 years ago during the Korean War are being returned to Tennessee for burial this week.

The Tennessee Department of Veterans Services said in a news release that Sgt. Bailey Keeton Jr. of Scott County was presumably killed Dec. 2, 1950, but his remains weren't identified until 2015. The remains were discovered in 2004.

The release said identification was made through DNA testing using family reference samples and evidence.

Keeton's remains are expected to arrive Thursday in Knoxville. Visitation will be Saturday in Oneida with a graveside service following.

Keeton is survived by his brothers, Ronald and Arnold Keeton, and sisters, Violet Davis and Doris Thompson.

Gov. Bill Haslam ordered flags at half-staff in Keeton's honor Saturday.

Police: 2 men found dead inside Memphis home after standoff

MEMPHIS (AP) — Two men are dead and a Memphis police officer has been slightly injured following an hours-long standoff.

Multiple media outlets report the incident took place at a Hickory Hill home on Tuesday evening.

Police were called to the residence after receiving a call from a woman saying her son had killed his brother. Police say minutes later, the suspect called 911 and admitted that he did kill his brother.

Police responded to the home, where authorities say the suspect shot at officers, striking the boot of 32-year-old Officer Jason Winburn. The bullet didn't penetrate his skin.

The suspect then barricaded himself inside the home.

Memphis police spokeswoman Sgt. Karen Rudolph says the suspect and his brother were both found dead after police entered

the home about three hours later.

Tennessee to offer National Guard Youth Challenge program

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee has been approved by the U.S. Department of Defense to offer a National Guard Youth Challenge program.

Youth Challenge is a residential program for young people aged 16-18 who have dropped out of school and have no criminal record. The voluntary program gives them the opportunity to obtain a high school equivalency diploma outside of a traditional school setting.

Cadets begin with a two-week acclimation period followed by a 20-week residence phase and one-year post-residence mentoring phase.

According to the governor's office, Tennessee's program will be called the "Volunteer Youth Challenge Academy."

Funding of \$5.7 million was included in Gov. Bill Haslam's 2016-17 budget. The state's investment is \$1.35 million with the remainder coming from federal funds. The first class should begin by mid-2017.

Report faults Tennessee for lack of diversity in courts

NASHVILLE (AP) — A new report faults Tennessee's court system for not adequately representing the diversity of the state's population.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy ranks Tennessee 45th out of 51 state court jurisdictions for gender and racial diversity. The report says that the state's judiciaries are 60 percent less diverse on average than the state population.

According to the report, white males make up 36 percent of the state population but account for 74 percent of judges.

While women make up 51 percent of the population, only 20 percent of judges in Tennessee are female. And the report says that minorities make up 26 percent of Tennessee's population, but just 9 percent of judges are

people of color.

West Tennessee frozen waffle plant to idle about 155 workers

MEMPHIS (AP) — Kellogg Co. plans to close less efficient production lines at its frozen waffle plant in Rossville, idling about 155 workers, but won't sacrifice output.

The Commercial Appeal reports Kellogg informed state and Rossville officials the jobs will be cut between this fall and the end of next year. The West Tennessee plant will still have about 250 workers.

Rossville Mayor Judy Watters said some small businesses may be affected by the job losses but that most employees come from outside Rossville.

Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development spokesman Chris Cannon said Kellogg hasn't filed an official notice of job reductions but has informed the state of plans to close some production lines.

Nashville chamber backs bold, costly regional transit plan

NASHVILLE (AP) — Nashville chamber officials are pushing for a bold, costly regional transit plan as a solution to Middle Tennessee's growing mass transportation problem.

The Tennessean reports the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce recommends in a report released Wednesday that "a starting point" for a future regional plan be one of three transit scenarios recently outlined by Metro Transit Authority.

The estimated \$5.4 billion system could take decades to build and consists of an array of options including light rails along Nashville's major corridors, commuter rails for surrounding counties, street cars and additional rapid and express bus routes.

MTA's board is expected to adopt a transit plan during the late summer. The chamber has outlined a goal of breaking ground on the first installment of a transit system by 2020.

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TENNESSEE KICK RETURN specialist Evan Berry is one of five Volunteers named to the Athlon Sports preseason All-American football team.

University of Tennessee photo

5 Vols named preseason All-American

From UTSPORTS.COM

KNOXVILLE — Highly regarded college football publication Athlon Sports announced its preseason All-American teams on Wednesday, naming five Tennessee football players across its first, third and fourth teams.

Tennessee's five representatives across the four squads ties them for the fourth most in the country and third in the SEC, trailing only Alabama (8) and LSU (6). The Vols have three first-team selections — tied with Florida State for the second most behind Alabama's four — one third-teamer and one fourth-team choice.

Junior Derek Barnett (defensive end) landed on the All-American first team defense. Additionally, the nation's top returning kick returners in junior Evan Berry (kickoff) and senior Cameron Sutton (punt) rounded out UT's first team selections as special teams picks. Senior Jalen Reeves-Maybin

(linebacker) was placed on the third team defense, and junior Jalen Hurd (running back) was a fourth team offensive selection.

Pass rusher Barnett and linebacker Reeves-Maybin represent the Vols on Athlon's defensive All-American teams. An All-SEC second team selection after ranking third in the conference in sacks (10.0) last season, Barnett will enter his junior season tied for eighth in career sacks at Tennessee with 20. He trails the great Reggie White, UT's all-time sacks leader, by only 12. Reeves-Maybin, one of the most consistent linebackers in the SEC, returns for his senior season after ranking seventh in the SEC in total tackles (105) and ninth in tackles per game (8.1) a year ago. The Clarksville, Tennessee, native has started in each of his last 26 games for Tennessee and was selected as a 2016 team captain

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Pacers, Jazz swap guards while Hawks get the No. 12 pick

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Pacers traded one Indianapolis native for another Wednesday, sending George Hill to Utah and acquiring Jeff Teague in a point guard swap that also includes Atlanta.

While the deal cannot be announced officially, Hill's agent, Bill Neff, confirmed the details.

Atlanta receives the No. 12 overall pick in Thursday night's draft.

In Teague, Indiana gets the true point guard it has long wanted while Hill adds defense and depth to a spot that could be in flux for the Jazz if point guard Dante Exum comes back slower than expected from a torn ACL that cost him the entire 2015-16 season.

Hill and Teague both have one year left on their current deals and each is scheduled to make \$8 million this season.

Hill was a fixture in the Pacers' starting lineup after being acquired from San Antonio in a draft-night deal in 2011. After starting nine games in his first season in Indiana, where he grew up and played college basketball, he started 270 games —

including 73 or more in three of the past four seasons, and had a scoring average in double figures during each of those four seasons.

He also was one of the team's better defenders and played a key role in helping the Pacers reach back-to-back Eastern Conference finals in 2013 and 2014. And when Paul George missed all but six games in 2014-15, Hill averaged 16.1 points, 5.1 assists and 4.2 rebounds, all career highs. The 30-year-old has career averages of 11.3 points, 3.3 assists and 3.2 rebounds in eight seasons.

All those traits should all help a Jazz team trying to make the playoffs for the first time since 2011-12.

"Nobody likes to be traded," Neff said. "But now that we've had a chance to talk, he realizes he's going to from a team that was willing to trade him to a team that wanted to trade for him."

What the Pacers were looking for was a point guard who could play at a faster pace in their small-ball transition.

Teague certainly fits the bill. Teague started 78 of 79 games last season and aver-

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ATLANTA BATTER ERICK AYBAR avoids a close pitch in the fifth inning Wednesday afternoon against the Miami Marlins, in Miami.

AP photo

Braves' 6-game winning streak comes to an end

MIAMI (AP) — Adam Conley walked off the mound for the final time in the eighth inning Wednesday with a string of zeroes behind him.

When he saw manager Don Mattingly applauding his performance from the dugout, Conley began to clap too.

Both had reason to cheer following the left-hander's longest outing yet. Conley pitched eight innings and the Miami Marlins broke the Atlanta Braves' six-game winning streak Wednesday with a 3-0 victory.

Conley (4-4) chose the right day to eat up a lot of innings, because three relievers in the Marlins' overtaxed bullpen were unavailable.

"I don't know if he realized it or not," Mattingly said. "If that's the case, I'll just tell all of them we need them to do that. But that was exactly what we needed. We honestly could use another one of

these tomorrow."

Conley's eight-inning outing was a career high in his 26th start, and the longest by a Miami starter this year.

"I'm just trying to be efficient and get as deep as I can," he said. "I haven't been very happy with coming out of the game with two out in the sixth."

Justin Bour hit a two-run homer for the Marlins. They defeated the last-place Braves for only the second time in eight meetings this year, and for the first time in five games in Miami.

"Any game you get a chance to win is absolutely important," Conley said, "but especially so for

us today, to save some of our bullpen and to win against a division team that has been having success against us."

Conley allowed four hits and one walk and threw 114 pitches

to earn his first victory since May 16. The left-hander gave up only one hit in his previous start, but wasn't involved in the decision.

"The kid was on today," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "We didn't have a lot of real good swings on him, and we never threatened a lot. He was using his fastball a lot, and we just had a hard time getting to him."

Conley was helped by two fine plays by shortstop Adeiny

Hechavarria, and by A.J. Ramos, who gave up a pair of two-out singles in the ninth but earned his 32nd consecutive save, including 23 this year.

The Braves totaled six hits and were shut out for the eighth time.

John Gant (1-2), making his third career start, gave up three runs in 5 2/3 innings. All of the runs against the right-hander scored in the second inning before he regrouped to retire 12 in a row.

The Marlins got their first look at Gant and his odd delivery — he high-steps once with his left leg before starting into his motion. They adjusted quickly, bunching five consecutive hits to begin the second inning.

Marcell Ozuna led off with a stand-up triple, Bour followed with a homer, and an RBI single by Jeff Mathis made it 3-0.

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LSU'S BEN SIMMONS and Duke's Brandon Ingram look to be the first two picks in tonight's NBA draft, leaving most of the drama around who will be the No. 3 pick.

AP photo

Tiger Woods progressing in rehab, still won't set timeline

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Tiger Woods can play soccer with kids and ride a bike but hasn't progressed far enough in his rehab to set a timeline on when he'll return to professional golf.

Woods, who hasn't played on the PGA Tour in 10 months after two back surgeries last year, isn't yet able to play 36 holes a day and practice how he'd like. Before getting back, he said he'd have to play several days to show his body can handle the workload.

"I need to get to where I can play 18 holes out here and go to the range for an hour and work on my game," Woods said Wednesday on the eve of the first round of his Quicken Loans National tournament. "That's what I used to do, that's one of the reasons why I think I've had some success — I was able to work on it during the week. Just not quite there yet."

The 40-year-old is battling soreness

day-to-day when he practices and said he needs to get into golf shape some more. He hasn't had any setbacks and hasn't lost distance on his drives, but the strain of playing on consecutive days is still a struggle.

Woods said he has pushed through injury rehabs before and vowed not to do it again. He missed nine months in 2008 and 2009 after surgery to repair the ACL in his left knee.

"Trying to do it correctly this time," he said. "I'm just playing it week-to-week and I keep getting better, I keep getting physically better. I just hope that everything clicks in and I can do it sooner rather than later."

Woods hasn't played since the Wyndham Championship in August. The 14-time major winner said it's especially tough to miss his own tournament, which he has hosted since 2007.

"I want to be out there," Woods said. "I

feel like I should be able to compete against these guys. I miss playing against these guys. I have to sit on the sidelines just like everybody else. I might get an inside-the-ropes pass, though."

The Quicken Loans National following the U.S. Open hurt the quality of the field that will tee off Thursday at Congressional Country Club. But Woods appreciates that Jim Furyk, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh are among those taking part, along with sixth-ranked Rickie Fowler.

"These guys could be resting and get ready for next week but they're here playing," Woods said. "It's neat to see these guys are veterans and they've gone through countless wars with us, they've been around for a long time and for them to come out here and play."

Watching the U.S. Open on Sunday, Woods criticized the USGA for how it handled a rules situation with eventual

champion Dustin Johnson. Officials told Johnson at the 12th hole they'd decide after his final round whether to penalize him for his actions on the fifth green, and he had to play the final seven holes not knowing what his score was or how far ahead he was of the rest of the field.

"It was awful because no one knew what was going on," Woods said. "It wasn't fair to Dustin, it wasn't fair to the other players who had a chance. It just wasn't fair to anyone."

Asked how he would've handled that situation, the three-time U.S. Open champion said: "I'm a little bit feistier than Dustin, so I think I would've probably said a few more things during the round."

Woods would like to get back into competition and won't rule out playing in any future event. That doesn't mean he'll be

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AP photo

TIGER WOODS said he hasn't progressed enough to set a timeline on when he will return to the PGA Tour, after two back surgeries and a 10-month layoff.

SCOREBOARD

ON AIR

Sports on TV

Thursday, June 23
COLLEGE BASEBALL
8 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Division I, College World Series, Game 10, Coastal Carolina vs. Texas Tech, at Omaha, Neb.

DIVING

7 p.m.

NBCSN — U.S. Olympic Trials, men's platform synchronized finals, at Indianapolis

GOLF

5:30 a.m.

GOLF — European PGA Tour, BMW International Open, first round, at Pulheim, Germany

GOLF

9:30 a.m.

GOLF — European PGA Tour, BMW International Open, first round, at Pulheim, Germany

GOLF

3:30 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour, Quicken Loans National, first round, at Bethesda, Md.

GYMNASTICS

8:30 p.m.

NBCSN — U.S. Olympic Trials, Men's trials, at St. Louis

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

12:30 p.m.

MLB — San Francisco at Pittsburgh OR Seattle at Detroit (1 p.m.)

3:30 p.m.

MLB — Chicago White Sox at Boston (joined in progress)

7 p.m.

MLB — Chicago Cubs at Miami OR N.Y. Mets at Atlanta

F5SE — N.Y. Mets at Atlanta

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

ESPN — 2016 NBA Draft, at Brooklyn, N.Y.

ON TAP

Thursday, June 23

SWIMMING

Aqua Tigers at Ooltewah, 5:30
Waterdogs at Red Bank, 6

BASKETBALL

2016 NBA Draft Order

Draft: First 23, Brooklyn, N.Y.

FIRST ROUND

- Philadelphia
- LA Lakers
- Boston (from Brooklyn)
- Phoenix
- Minnesota
- New Orleans
- Denver (from New York)
- Sacramento
- Toronto (from Denver via New York)
- Milwaukee
- Orlando
- Utah
- Phoenix (from Washington)
- Chicago
- Boston (from Houston)
- Boston (from Dallas)
- Memphis
- Detroit
- Denver (from Portland)
- Indiana
- Atlanta
- Charlotte
- Boston
- Philadelphia (from Miami via Cleveland)
- LA Clippers
- Philadelphia (from Oklahoma City via Denver and Cleveland)
- Toronto
- Phoenix (from Cleveland via Boston)
- San Antonio
- Golden State

SECOND ROUND

- Boston (from Philadelphia via Miami)
- LA Lakers
- LA Clippers (from Brooklyn)
- Phoenix
- Boston (from Minnesota via Phoenix)
- Milwaukee (from New Orleans via Sacramento)
- Houston (from New York via Sacramento and Portland)
- Milwaukee
- New Orleans (from Denver via Philadelphia)
- New Orleans (from Sacramento)
- Orlando
- Utah
- Houston
- Atlanta (from Washington)
- Boston (from Memphis via Dallas)
- Dallas
- Orlando (from Chicago)
- Chicago (from Portland via Cleveland)
- Detroit
- Indiana
- Denver (from Miami)
- Utah (from Boston via Memphis)
- San Antonio (from Charlotte via Oklahoma City)
- Atlanta
- Brooklyn (from LA Clippers)
- Denver (from Oklahoma City)
- San Antonio (from Toronto)
- Boston (from Cleveland)
- Sacramento (from San Antonio)
- Utah (from Golden State)

2016 NBA Draft Early Entries

Draft: June 23

Rosco Allen, Stanford, 6-9, junior
Tony Anderson, Southeast Missouri State, 6-9, freshman
Brandon Austin, Northwest Florida State, 6-6, sophomore
Wade Baldwin IV, Vanderbilt, 6-3, sophomore
Anthony "Cat" Barber, N.C. State, 6-2, junior
Malik Beasley, Florida State, 6-5, freshman
DeAndre Bembry, Saint Joseph's, 6-6, junior
Ben Bentil, Providence, 6-9, sophomore
Jaylen Brown, California, 6-4, freshman
Lamou Brown, Utah State-Eastern CC, 7-0, sophomore
Kareem Canty, Auburn, 6-0, junior
Robert Carter Jr., Maryland, 6-9, junior
Marquesse Chris, Washington, 6-9, freshman
Deonta Davis, Michigan State, 6-10, freshman
Chieck Diallo, Kansas, 6-5, freshman
Kris Dunn, Providence, 6-4, junior
Henry Ellison, Marquette, 6-11, freshman
Jay Felder, Oakland, 5-9, junior
Bryan Greene, Kansas, 6-7, junior
Daniel Hamilton, UConn, 6-7, sophomore
Cedric Happp Nouble, Virginia Union, 6-7, junior
Jordan Hare, Rhode Island, 6-4, freshman
Brandon Ingram, Duke, 6-9, freshman
Demetrius Jackson, Notre Dame, 6-11, junior
Julian Jacobs, Southern Cal, 6-11, junior
Stefan Jankovic, Hawaii, 6-4, junior
Anthony January, CS San Bernardino, 6-8, sophomore
DeAndre Jordan, Vanderbilt, 6-10, junior
Derrick Jones Jr., UNLV, 6-7, freshman
Nikola Jovanovic, Southern Cal, 6-11, junior
Skal Labissiere, Kentucky, 6-11, freshman
Jermaine Lawrence, Manhattan, 6-10, sophomore
Tom Maker, Orangeville Prep/Athlete Institute, 7-0, Post-graduate
Emanuel Malou, Yuba CC (Calif.), 6-9, sophomore
Patrick McCaw, UNLV, 6-7, sophomore
Zak McCaughlin, Gadsden State CC (Ala.), 6-9, freshman
Dejounte Murray, Washington, 6-5, freshman
Jamal Murray, Kentucky, 6-4, freshman
Mamoudou Ndiaye, UC Irvine, 7-6, junior
Chris Obekpa, St. John's, 6-10, junior
Gordon Oukonob, UNLV, 6-10, sophomore
Chinanu Onuaku, Louisville, 6-10, sophomore
Jakob Poeltl, Utah, 7-0, sophomore
Tim Quarterman, LSU, 6-6, junior
Jalen Reynolds, Xavier, 6-10, junior
Dion Richardson, Syracuse, 6-6, freshman
Domantas Sabonis, Gonzaga, 6-11, sophomore
Wayne Selden Jr., Kansas, 6-5, junior
Ingrid Sewa, Arizona Western CC, 6-9, sophomore
Pascal Siakam, New Mexico State, 6-9, sophomore
Ben Simmons, LSU, 6-10, sophomore
Diamond Stone, Maryland, 6-11, freshman
Isiah Thomas, Indiana, 6-7, junior
Tyler Ulis, Kentucky, 5-9, sophomore
Aaron Valdes, Hawaii, 6-5, junior
James Webb III, Boise State, 6-9, junior
Isaiah Whitehead, Seton Hall, 6-4, sophomore
Devin Williams, West Virginia, 6-9, junior
Troy Williams, Indiana, 6-7, junior
Stephen Zimmerman, UNLV, 7-0, freshman

International Players

Gracin Bakumanya, Antibes, France, 7-0
Dragan Bender, Maccabi Tel Aviv, Israel, 7-0
Isaia Cordiner, Denain, France, 6-5
Dario Corales, La Mans, France, 6-11
Juancho Hernandez, Estudiantes, Spain, 6-9
Furkan Korkmaz, Efes, Turkey, 6-7
Timoteo Luwawa, Mega Leks, Serbia, 6-7
Georgios Papagiannis, Panathinaikos, Greece, 7-2
Guerschon Yabusele, Rouen, France, 6-7
Zede Zagorac, Mega Leks, Serbia, 6-10
Zhou Qi, Xinjiang, China, 7-2
Ante Zizic, Cibona, Croatia, 6-11
Ivica Zubac, Mega Leks, Serbia, 7-0

BASEBALL

National League

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	30	583
New York	38	32	543
Miami	38	34	528
Philadelphia	30	43	411
Atlanta	24	47	338

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	23	671
St. Louis	38	33	535
Pittsburgh	34	38	472
Milwaukee	32	40	444
Cincinnati	28	44	389

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	41	27	630
Los Angeles	41	33	554
Colorado	34	37	479
Arizona	34	40	459
San Diego	30	43	411

Wednesday's Games

Miami 3, Atlanta 0

Championship Series

(Best-of-3)

Monday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 7

Tuesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 8

x-Wednesday, June 29: Pairings TBA, 8

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HOCKEY

NHL Postseason All-Stars Roster Teams

FIRST TEAM

Goaltender — Braden Holtby, Washington Capitals
Defensemen — Drew Doughty, Los Angeles Kings; Erik Karlsson, Ottawa Senators
Center — Sidney Crosby, Pittsburgh Penguins
Right Wing — Patrick Kane, Chicago Blackhawks
Left Wing — Jamie Benn, Dallas Stars

SECOND TEAM

Goaltender — Ben Bishop, Tampa Bay Lightning
Defensemen — Brent Burns, San Jose Sharks; Kris Letang, Pittsburgh Penguins
Center — Joe Thornton, San Jose Sharks
Right Wing — Vladimir Tarasenko, St. Louis Blues
Left Wing — Alex Ovechkin, Washington Capitals

SOCCER

Copa America Glance

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, June 16

At Seattle

United States 2, Ecuador 1

Friday, June 17

At East Rutherford, N.J.

Peru 0, Colombia 0, Colombia advanced 4-2 on penalty kicks

Saturday, June 18

At Foxborough, Mass.

Argentina 4, Venezuela 1

At Santa Clara, Calif.

Chile 7, Mexico 0

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, June 21

At Houston

Argentina 4, United States 0

Wednesday, June 22

At Chicago

Chile 2, Colombia 0

THIRD PLACE

Saturday, June 25

At Glendale, Ariz.

United States vs. Colombia, 8 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, June 26

At East Rutherford, N.J.

Argentina vs. Chile, 8 p.m.

Major League Soccer

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	7	4	5	26	27
New York	7	8	1	22	27
New York City FC	5	5	6	21	25
Montreal	5	4	5	20	22
Toronto FC	5	4	19	15	15
New England	4	4	7	19	21
D.C. United	4	6	5	17	14
Orlando City	3	3	8	17	25
Columbus	3	5	6	15	18
Chicago	2	7	5	11	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	2	5	32	19
FC Dallas	8	5	4	28	24
Real Salt Lake	8	4	3	27	27
Los Angeles	5	3	7	22	27
Sporting KC	6	8	3	21	16
Vancouver	7	7	3	21	18
San Jose	5	4	6	21	18
Portland	5	6	5	20	25
Seattle	5	8	1	16	13
Houston	3	7	5	14	20

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3

Real Salt Lake 2, New York 1

Colorado 0, Los Angeles 0, tie

Saturday, June 25

New York City FC at Seattle, 5 p.m.

New England at D.C. United, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

New York at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.

Sporting Kansas City at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Toronto FC at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.

Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.

Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Sunday, June 26

Houston at Portland, 6 p.m.

Friday, July 1

San Jose at Chicago, 8 p.m.

D.C. United at Real Salt Lake, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 2

New England at Montreal, 5:30 p.m.

Seattle at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Houston, 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 3

New York at New York City FC, 12 p.m.

Columbus at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m.

National Women's Soccer League

W L T Pts GF GA

Portland	5	0	5	20	14
Chicago	5	2	3	18	11
Washington	5	2	17	11	6
Western NY	5	4	0	15	13
Orlando	5	5	0	12	9
San Jose	3	3	3	12	8
Sky Blue FC	2	3	4	10	9
FC Kansas City	2	4	3	9	6
Houston	2	5	1	7	6
Boston	1	7	1	4	2

Wednesday's Games

Portland 2, Chicago 0

Thursday's Game

Houston at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Game

Boston at Western New York, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Sky Blue FC at Washington, 7 p.m.

Seattle at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Portland at Orlando, 5 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLAS — Recalled LHP Ashur Tolliver from Norfolk (IL). Placed RHP Brian Duensing on the 15-day DL.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Juan Minaya off waivers from Houston and assigned him to Charlotte (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Forrest Whitley on a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Tom Whelan on a one-year contract. Acquired LHP Wade LeBlanc from Toronto for cash or a player to be named.
TRANSFERRED LHP Charlie Furbush to the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Arto to Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Placed LHP Derek Holland on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 21. Recalled RHP Luke Jackson from Round Rock (PCL).

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated RHP Michael Lorenzen from the 60-day DL. Placed RHP Alfredo Simon on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 16. Reinstated INF Jordan Pacheco from the 15-day DL and sent him outright to Louisville (IL). Pacheco refused the outright assignment and elected to become a free agent.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Claimed RHP Layne Sorenson from the New York Yankees. Transferred RHP Chin-hui Tsao to the 60-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Logan Verrett from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned INF Ty Kelly to Las Vegas.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Lugo on a one-year contract. Signed Cole Stoebe, LHP Joel Romero and OF Josh Stephen on minor league contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Recalled LHP Kyle Lobstein from Indianapolis (IL). Optioned RHP Alfredo Boscan to Indianapolis.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Agreed to terms with OF Bryan Reynolds.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS — Acquired G Derrick Rose, G Justin Holiday and a 2017 second-round draft pick from Chicago for C Robin Lopez and G Jose Calderon and Jeanmar Gamble.

HOCKEY League

NHL — Announced the league will expand to Las Vegas for the 2017-18 season after awarding its 31st franchise to Bill Foley.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed D Alex Goligoski to a five-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Dennis Rasmussen on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS

Signed D Keith Ylstra.
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Former MVP Derrick Rose traded by Bulls to Knickerbockers

NEW YORK (AP) — Derrick Rose was once writing a great NBA story, the hometown kid leading the Chicago Bulls to their greatest heights since Michael Jordan.

Then injuries set in, and Rose may never again play at that dazzling level.

The player he is now could still be an upgrade for the New York Knicks.

The Knicks acquired Rose from the Bulls on Wednesday, hoping the former NBA MVP can be their answer at point guard.

New coach Jeff Hornacek said recently the Knicks needed a point guard and Rose was one of the NBA's best before multiple knee injuries slowed the former No. 1 pick's career. He played in 66 games last season, his most in five years, and averaged 16.4 points.

"This is an exciting day for New York and our fans," Hornacek said in a statement. "Derrick is one of the top point guards in the NBA who is playoff battle-tested. He adds a whole new dynamic to our roster and immediately elevates our backcourt."

New York sent center Robin Lopez and guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant to the Bulls in the deal. The Knicks also received guard Justin Holiday

and a 2017 second-round pick, and waived point guard Tony Wroten.

Rose, 27, struggled just to get on the court over the last four years, and the Bulls dealt him on the eve of the NBA draft with a year left on his contract.

"Derrick has meant a lot to this organization and to this city and to this team and has had to overcome a lot over the years with all the injuries to get back to the point he was," Bulls general manager Gar Forman said. "But in putting our plan together, we felt as a first step this really made sense for us."

After missing the playoffs in a disappointing first season under Fred Hoiberg, the Bulls decided to move on without the player they selected with the top pick in the 2008 draft.

It seemed a perfect fit when Rose carried Chicago to the top of the Eastern Conference in the 2010-11 regular season, earning MVP honors and leading the franchise to success it hadn't enjoyed since Jordan took the Bulls to their last of six titles in 1998 — when they were coached by current Knicks President of Basketball Operations Phil Jackson.

But Rose wrecked his knee for the first time in the playoffs the

following year and no longer has the speed that once made him one of the league's most dynamic young stars and a seemingly perennial All-Star, often now settling for unreliable jumpers when he once sped past whoever tried to stay in front of him.

Rose hasn't been back to the All-Star Game since 2012 and has often had trouble just playing in the real games. He sat out all of the 2012-13 season, made it back for 10 games in 2013-14 and appeared in a little more than half the Bulls' games in 2014-15.

"He has been through a lot with the injuries. You really have to admire how he continues to work and fight through everything that he's been through," Forman said. "In moving forward, we thought the players we were getting in this deal made sense in what we're trying to accomplish."

And he could be worth the risk for a Knicks team that has struggled to generate offense.

The veteran Calderon and Grant, a first-round pick last year, were on the roster of a team that started well but faltered badly in the second half on the way to a 32-50 season. The Knicks are expected to transition to a quicker attack under



AP photo

THE NEW YORK KNICKS are acquiring Derrick Rose (1) from the Chicago Bulls. The Knicks are sending center Robin Lopez and guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant to Chicago.

Hornacek than the triangle offense they ran under Derek Fisher and Kurt Rambis, and Rose is better suited for that than anyone the Knicks had.

Carmelo Anthony and Kristaps Porzingis will benefit if Rose can do it, though they could miss Lopez in a frontcourt that was the team's strength last season.

Lopez averaged 10.3 points and 7.3 rebounds while starting every game in his only season in New York after leaving Portland

for the Knicks last summer.

Rose has averaged 19.7 points and 6.2 assists in 406 career games. The last few years have been hard on him, as they have the Knicks, and maybe they can find success together.

"Derrick's going to have a very good year. We're all very confident of that. And we wish Derrick nothing but the best," Forman said. "I hope he has a terrific year, but at the end of the day we had to make a decision we felt was best for us moving forward."

Rising star Thiem, top U.S. man Isner skipping Olympic tennis

PARIS (AP) — Mike Bryan panicked a bit, understandably, when he received a phone call about the burglar alarm sounding at his home back in the U.S. while he was at the French Open.

"The first thing I thought about is: 'Where's the gold medal? I don't think my wife hid it in the sock drawer,'" half of the most successful doubles team in tennis history recounted with a laugh. "And it was still there. Thank God. If the house burned down, I'd probably try to save some pictures, but otherwise, the gold is the first thing you'd run for. Can't replace that."

For all of his duo's records — 16 Grand Slam doubles championships, more than 100 tournament titles, more than 435 weeks at No. 1 — there is nothing Bryan cherishes more than the gold medal he and twin brother Bob won at the 2012 London Olympics. Which is why he would never miss a chance for a medal, something six of the top 25 men

in the ATP singles rankings will do by sitting out the Rio de Janeiro Games.

"It's playing for your country. It's playing for the glory of the Olympics," Bryan said. "I'm a little surprised there are some big names skipping it."

He wasn't talking about two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry or Rory McIlroy, the four-time major golf champion who announced Wednesday that he wouldn't go to Rio because of concerns about the Zika virus.

No one of their level of stardom withdrew from the Olympic tennis event, but there is a growing group of absentees, including Dominic Thiem, a 19-year-old rising star from Austria who is ranked No. 8, reached his first major semifinal at Roland Garros this month, and beat Roger Federer on grass just last week. Also staying away: the top American man, John Isner, who is ranked 17th; Australia's two best players, No. 18 Nick Kyrgios

and No. 19 Bernard Tomic; No. 21 Feliciano Lopez of Spain; and No. 24 Kevin Anderson of South Africa.

"I would say (it's been) 70 to 80 percent, probably, negative feedback I have received. The other 20 percent ... recognized my feelings on it," said Isner, who competed at the 2012 Games. "I have been told (it's) 'unpatriotic.'"

Noting that the field isn't finalized, WTA CEO Steve Simon said Wednesday he is not aware of any female tennis players pulling out of Rio.

"We haven't heard it yet," Simon said. "To be open and honest, we could hear that from some players."

Isner wants tennis players to earn ranking points at the Olympics; indeed, he thought the points offered in London four years ago weren't enough. Novak Djokovic and others agreed.

But unlike at the past four Summer Games, players won't get boosts to their ranking in Rio,

the way they can at tournaments happening elsewhere at the same time (Isner, for example, will be in Atlanta).

"Players are independent contractors and they're free to set their own schedules," ATP Executive Chairman Chris Kermode said. "The ranking points are a valuable currency to us. It's sort of what the tour is about. And the Olympics does create some additional challenges for us in terms of scheduling."

Kermode said the ATP and the International Tennis Federation — which oversees the sport's participation at the Olympics — discussed whether to include points. "The overall consensus from both players and (ATP) tournaments was not to have points," Kermode said. "The ethos of the Olympics is about playing for your country. It's about playing for the gold medal."

The WTA's Simon echoed that sentiment.

ITF President David Haggerty

said he would be open to returning to a points system for the 2020 Olympics.

"I can argue it both ways," Haggerty said. "But I think the most important thing is that we really are open — and listening — to what the players want."

Other tennis-specific explanations for bypassing Brazil include the chance to collect appearance money at other events, and the difficult prospect of earning a medal when the field features the No. 1-ranked Djokovic, defending gold medalist Andy Murray, 17-time major champion Federer and, if he recovers from a left wrist injury, 2008 gold medalist Rafael Nadal.

To some in tennis, none of those considerations matter.

The Olympics are the Olympics, and they say there's no way they'd pass up a chance to go.

As 26th-ranked Jack Sock of the U.S. put it: "That's kind of (on) the bucket list when you're a kid."

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aged 15.7 points and 5.9 assists. In seven pro seasons, he's averaged 12.1 points, 5.2 assists, 2.2 rebounds and 1.2 steals.

At 28, he's younger and is just two years removed from his first All-Star selection.

"Clearly, the Pacers wanted to go faster and Jeff Teague is faster," Neff said. "But we think Utah is very much a team on the rise."

With the Hawks looking to move point guard Dennis Schroder into a more visible role and Teague using Twitter after the season to imply he wouldn't be back in Atlanta next season, the Hawks finally made the deal.

Simmons hopes to be top pick in NBA draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Simmons has the sneaker deal and the TV show, so off the court he already has the look of a star.

The only questions seem to be about what he can do on the floor.

Assuming the Philadelphia 76ers are satisfied, they will make Simmons the No. 1 pick Thursday night in the NBA draft.

He has been considered the choice for months, and there are plenty of reasons why. The 6-foot-10 forward's versatility is perfect for the modern NBA, and he has been getting advice about how to make himself even better from his favorite player, a certain champion named LeBron James.

Yet after an up-and-down season at LSU, Simmons arrived in New York on Wednesday with more scrutiny than usual for a player whose name is expected to be called first by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

"It was a roller coaster but I think everything that I went

through has helped mold me into the player that I am now," Simmons said. "But I think I'm ready."

He averaged 19.2 points, 11.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists, the only SEC player ever to finish in the top five in all three categories. But the Tigers were only 19-14, failing to make the NCAA Tournament, and with all his talent Simmons sometimes left the impressive that he could've — made should've — done more to lead his team.

"That's always going to happen when you're one of the best guys. They try to bring you down, but honestly it was a rough season," Simmons said. "We had guys that were hurt, were out, but it wasn't the perfect season that we wanted."

If critics want to put the blame on Simmons, LSU coach Johnny Jones thinks they're looking in the wrong place.

"People have spent a lot of time this past season trying to break his game down in a negative way, taking a lot of unnecessary shots at him," Jones said. "And I'm glad at the end of the day, his performance at LSU, his growth there, the decisions he made as he continued to grow as a basketball player, has put him in a situation where he's going to be the No. 1 player taken in the draft."

Simmons insists he doesn't actually know if he will go first, but Madison Ave. seems convinced. Simmons has already inked a sneaker deal with Nike and will be the feature of a Showtime documentary film called "ONE & DONE" that will debut in October, just before Simmons debuts in the NBA.

That could be in the uniform of the 76ers, who went 10-72 in their third straight dismal season. Simmons didn't work out for

Philadelphia until Tuesday but there was familiarity with him long ago, as 76ers coach Brett Brown coached Simmons' father in Australia. Simmons said Brown told him that someday he might play in the NBA.

And Simmons said he would be happy doing it for Brown, even though his delay in meeting with the 76ers created speculation that he hoped to scare Philadelphia from taking him so he would fall to second and get to play in Los Angeles for the Lakers. But Simmons said that was never true.

"Definitely not, just because I want to be the best player," he said. "There's only one No. 1 pick of the year."

Duke's Brandon Ingram is the other player mentioned for that spot and also worked out for the 76ers. But even with whatever questions there are about Simmons' skills — he took only three 3-pointers, making one — he grades higher in the eyes of many talent evaluators.

"He's incredibly productive. They just don't make guys like that very often that have that kind of size and skill level," ESPN analyst Jay Bilas said. "He's not perfect, he doesn't shoot it the way you would hope he would. In every other area he's the best in the draft."

That's how Simmons feels, and he believes he's already getting better. He's put on 20 pounds over the last three months, moving him into the low 240s and making him more ready to bang with NBA forwards.

When the jumper gets better and eventually so do the 76ers, there won't be any questions left to ask.

"This is what I've been waiting for honestly," Simmons said. "I'm willing to work hard and put in the time."

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"I missed too many spots in that second inning, and I paid for it," Gant said.

Braves RHP Tyrell Jenkins pitched around a single in a scoreless eighth in his major league debut.

"My heart was beating through my chest," Jenkins said. "It has been awhile since I've thrown, so I wanted to make sure I wasn't going to hurt anybody."

When a teammate tossed the ball into the stands without thinking at the end of the inning, the Braves dugout hollered to get it back, and a fan returned the souvenir.

Braves rookie OF Mallex Smith is expected to be sidelined eight to

10 weeks with a broken left thumb after being hit by a pitch from the Mets' Anthony Bastardo. Smith was placed on the disabled list retroactive to Monday, and OF Emilio Bonifacio was recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett.

UP NEXT

The Marlins begin a four-game series Thursday against the first-place Chicago Cubs, with LHP Wei-Yin Chen (4-2, 5.22) scheduled to face LHP Jon Lester (9-3, 2.06) in the opener. Miami went 3-3 against Chicago last year.

The Braves begin an 11-game homestand Thursday when RHP Matt Wisler (3-7, 4.23) starts against Mets RHP Matt Harvey (4-9, 4.76).

Vols

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by head coach Butch Jones at the DISH Orange & White Game in April.

Rounding out Tennessee's first team selections are the Vols' outstanding return duo in Berry and Sutton. Berry was the country's top kickoff returner in 2015, pacing the FBS with a 38.3 yards-per-return average to go along with three return touchdowns. For his efforts, Berry was named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Year and earned first team All-America honors from multiple publications. Similarly, Sutton led the country in punt returns at 18.7 yards per return and brought two punts back for scores.

Hurd was named to the fourth team one year after the running back helped the UT offense rack up 2,908 yards rushing during the 2015 season. Hurd, the Outback Bowl MVP, finished the season with 1,288 yards rushing

to become Tennessee's first-ever true sophomore to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark in a single season. He was fourth in the SEC in rushing last season and will enter his junior season with 2,291 yards to his name — just 891 yards behind Travis Henry for Tennessee's all-time career rushing mark.

Tennessee and Team 120 — previously tabbed with a No. 7 preseason ranking by Athlon Sports — opens the 2016 season on Thursday, Sept. 1 against Appalachian State.

Athlon Sports 2016 Preseason All-SEC Tennessee selections
OFFENSE
 Fourth Team
 RB Jalen Hurd
DEFENSE
 First Team
 DE Derek Barnett
 Third Team
 LB Jalen Reeves-Maybin
SPECIAL TEAMS
 First Team
 KR Evan Berry
 PR Cameron Sutton

Vegas gets NHL franchise

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The NHL is making a big bet on Las Vegas.

The league will expand to Las Vegas for the 2017-18 season after awarding its 31st franchise to billionaire businessman Bill Foley on Wednesday. Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the decision after the league's board of governors met on a 109-degree day and voted to put an ice hockey team in the Mojave Desert's gambling mecca.

Foley is expected to pay \$500 million to the NHL's other owners as an expansion fee. The new team will play in T-Mobile Arena, the \$375 million building that opened just off the Las Vegas Strip in April.

The NHL is expanding for the first time since 2000, when Minnesota and Columbus each paid \$80 million to join the league.

With nearly 2.2 million people in the last census, Las Vegas is the largest population center in the U.S. without a team in the major professional sports. Vegas was an economic boomtown in the previous decade, and the NHL is betting that its slowed growth hasn't curbed the city's appetite for sports and spectacles.

The NHL is also confident in the ownership group led by Foley, a financial services tycoon who mounted a strong bid for ownership along with minority partners Joe and Gavin Maloof, the former owners of the NBA's Sacramento Kings.

Foley's bid had the enormous advantage of an NHL-ready arena built with private funding and eager for a flagship tenant. Foley has already accepted more than 14,000 season ticket deposits and sold out all 44 suites in the 17,500-seat rink built by MGM Resorts International and Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the Los Angeles Kings.

Although ice doesn't last long in the desert, Las Vegas has had an appetite for hockey since the Kings and New York Rangers played a memorable outdoor exhibition game here in 1991. The IHL's Las Vegas Thunder sometimes drew more fans than UNLV's beloved basketball team at the Thomas and Mack Arena in the 1990s, and the Minnesota Wild's Jason Zucker leads a handful of locals who went on to hockey careers.

The endurance of that appetite will depend on Foley's ability to keep fans excited about the newest show in town, but the NHL seems confident it's getting in early to a growing market.

Sports leagues once rejected the city outright due to concerns about corruption from Vegas' massive sports betting economy, but the NHL and the NFL don't appear to share those worries now. Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis is interested in partnering with Vegas interests to build an enormous domed football stadium for his team.

A Quebec City bid also was considered earlier in the expansion process. Concerns about the small market, the Canadian dollar's fluctuation and the league's resulting geographical imbalance prompted the governors to go with Las Vegas alone.

Foley hasn't revealed a nickname or logo for his team, but an announcement could be made in the next few weeks. The choice could be the Black Knights, a name that has special meaning to Foley, a West Point graduate.

Woods

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ready for the British Open next month, only that he'll continue doing his "mundane" exercises and building up strength.

"I'm just playing it week to week and I keep getting better," Woods said. "I keep getting physically better. I just hope that everything clicks in and I can do it sooner rather than later."

Viewpoint

State transparency tasked on economic development

Just how transparent is the state of Tennessee with its economic development programs?

In the eyes of Tennesseans, not very.

A new poll by the “icitizen” software company and The Beacon Center of Tennessee measured opinions about the state’s economic development activities. The center favors stemming “corporate handouts” to specific companies in favor of lowering business taxes for everyone.

While the poll results show mixed opinions about favoring select companies with incentives, what’s indisputable is that Tennesseans largely think the state is not transparent about them.

A whopping 72 percent agreed with the statement: “State government is not transparent with the incentives it provides to corporations.”

That’s not a number to ignore. When people think government is done in secret, they tend to get suspicious of what government is doing. Considering the importance of a good economy to Tennessee’s well-being, could steps be taken to improve understanding of the state’s programs, and their effectiveness?

Occasionally, we see lawmakers question the amount of secrecy involved in giving taxpayer money to companies. In a Senate Finance Committee meeting in March, for example, lawmakers were asked to approve a \$30 million earmark for a company without knowing who it was, where it was or what the company would be doing.

State Finance Commissioner Larry Martin would only describe the project as “exciting.” State Sen. Bill Ketron, R-Murfreesboro, pushed back, noting past projects that fell flat. He said he was uncomfortable voting on the basis of state officials saying, “Trust me, it’s going to be good.”

Still, lawmakers approved the money.

The law allows state government to keep secret economic development packages until after the deal is signed. News reporters cannot use the Tennessee Public Records Act to find out a proposed financial package to a company — no matter how significant or large — and lawmakers are equally impotent.

However, that’s only one part of the transparency puzzle.

The other more important part is the ability of citizens and lawmakers to measure and understand the effectiveness of programs.

To its credit, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development has a website called Open ECD. On this website, you can look at lists of companies who have received grants and the amounts. You can also look at PDFs of reports submitted by companies on how many jobs have been created.

But the website, however well-intended, is woefully horrible in providing any information that allows people to understand how well the programs work.

For example, the PDFs of company reports on jobs do not have information about the grant amount, nor how many jobs were supposed to be cre-

ated.

The state has touted that it writes “clawback” provisions into contracts. But there is no information on the clawback provisions for each company’s grant, and no information about when or if the state has ever even used a clawback.

While some information about grants is publicly available, information about tax credits is not.

Because of rules protecting taxpayer information, the state Revenue Department which handles the credits cannot or will not reveal the value of the various credits used each year by businesses in Tennessee.

The executive director of the Fiscal Review Committee reported a key problem with this secrecy in a report in December: Lawmakers who propose legislation for new tax credits rely on committee staff to calculate estimates on how much the credits will cost in tax revenue. But the Fiscal Review Committee has no way to check whether its estimates are on target because the state revenue department will not give them any information about the use of the credits. Lawmakers have to make decisions about tax policy without any data.

This was also an issue when the Haslam administration refused to release a tax collection study that was used to support the rewrite of the tax code for business last year. A tax accountant sued on behalf of one of his clients to get the study, arguing essentially that the state’s interpretation of the public records exemption did not make sense, but he lost at the trial level and on appeal.

Meanwhile, Tennessee has not been eager to require companies to provide information related to job creation in exchange for giving them money.

The last legislation, passed in 2014, required recipients of FastTrack grants or loans to report annually to the Department of Economic and Community Development the number of net new jobs produced. But requirements that companies disclose whether the jobs are full-time, part-time or temporary, and by wage group, was stripped from the final bill.

It’s notable that the icitizen/Beacon poll gave us conflicting results on how Tennesseans feel about the state’s economic development initiatives.

Nearly 70 percent did not think government should give corporate handouts to select businesses. But 59 percent favored the statement, “It makes more sense for Tennessee to give more money to certain companies that show greater potential for job creation and growth.”

If it’s a little murky about what Tennesseans think is the right way for government to stimulate an economy, you might excuse them for the scarcity of information about the state’s programs to begin with.

On that, I think everyone has agreed.

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It is already a great summer of news for our Cleveland City Schools system

This has already proven to be a great beginning of summer for the Cleveland City Schools system.

For the fourth consecutive year, a Cleveland teacher is one of the nine finalists for Tennessee Teacher of the Year. The school system welcomed a new director. In addition to opening the new Raider arena, Cleveland High School welcomed a new athletic director. And there has been much more to celebrate.

Congratulations go to Siema Swartzel. Ms. Swartzel was selected by a panel of professional educators as the Southeast Region Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching music at Arnold Memorial Elementary School for six years. Ms. Swartzel has 33 years’ teaching experience. Among her accomplishments, she was recognized by Yale University as a Distinguished Music Educator in 2013 and was a quarterfinalist for The Grammy Music Educator Award in 2013-14.

Ms. Swartzel has created many fun music opportunities for Arnold kids, including the Arnold Trash Can Band per-



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cussion group that performs around the area.

We have many teachers like Ms. Swartzel in the city school system. Our teachers are dedicated to inspiring our kids to be the best they can be in many different fields.

Congratulations also to Russell Dyer, Ph.D. Starting July 1, he is the new director of Cleveland City Schools. Dr. Dyer comes to us from Collierville, where he was chief of staff of the city schools there.

He is an avid outdoorsman. We know he will enjoy the fact Cleveland is so close to the Cherokee National Forest, the Hiwassee and Ocoee rivers and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Welcome, Dr. Russell Dyer, to “The City With Spirit.”

It was a great pleasure to cut the ribbon that opened Raider Arena in time for the 2016 Cleveland High School graduation. The arena will be a focal point for the entire city for decades to come.

Since that ribbon-cutting celebration, the high school has added a new athletic director. David Turner comes to us from Copper Basin High School, where he had been principal since 2014. Welcome, David. And welcome Tony Williams, the new coach for girls basketball at CHS.

Congratulations also to Dr. Leneda Laing on becoming Cleveland Middle School principal on July 1.

Our city schools are among the reasons why our city is such a great place to live, work, start a business and raise a family. Obviously, a lot of people agree with me. So we are looking forward to the near future when we add a new elementary school to the system.

It’s truly a great time to be a Cleveland Blue Raider!



TODAY IN HISTORY

(AP) — Today is Thursday, June 23, the 175th day of 2016. There are 191 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History: On June 23, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration formally approved Enovid as the first oral contraceptive for sale in the U.S.

On this date: In 1314, during the First War of Scottish Independence, the two-day Battle of Bannockburn, resulting in victory for the forces of Robert the Bruce over the army of King Edward II, began near Stirling.

In 1757, forces of the East India Company led by Robert Clive won the Battle of Plassey, which effectively marked the beginning of British colonial rule in India.

In 1812, Britain, unaware that America had declared war against it five days earlier, rescinded its policy on neutral shipping, a major issue of contention between the two countries.

In 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt was nominated for a second term of office at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

FedEx posts \$70 million loss, gives tepid outlook

DALLAS (AP) — FedEx Corp. lost \$70 million in the latest quarter because of large pension and acquisition items, and the delivery giant gave a cautious outlook for the next 12 months.

The company’s fiscal fourth quarter results Tuesday still beat Wall Street expectations, as FedEx and other delivery companies continue to benefit as consumers do more shopping online.

The growth in e-commerce, however, has strained the networks of companies like FedEx and United Parcel Service Inc. To keep up, FedEx plans capital spending of \$5.1 billion in the fiscal year that just started. FedEx will use the money to expand its ground network and buy more aircraft.

FedEx said it expects earnings excluding one-time items in the new fiscal year to be between \$11.75 and \$12.25 per share. The midpoint of that range is less than the \$12.17 per share that analysts were expecting, according to a FactSet survey.

In the fiscal fourth quarter, the loss amounted to 26 cents per share and compared with a year-earlier loss of \$895 million, or \$3.16 per share. Results were

In 1931, aviators Wiley Post and Harold Gatty took off from New York on a round-the-world flight that lasted eight days and 15 hours.

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman’s veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, designed to limit the power of organized labor.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief justice of the United States by the man he was succeeding, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed using the CIA to obstruct the FBI’s Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon’s resignation in 1974.) President Nixon signed Title IX barring discrimination on the basis of sex for “any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air India Boeing 747 were killed when the plane crashed

into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland because of a bomb authorities believe was planted by Sikh separatists.

In 1996, former Greek prime minister Andreas Papandreou died at age 77.

Ten years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney denounced the revelation of an anti-terrorism program that tapped into an immense international database of confidential financial records. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta announced he was leaving the Bush administration. Television producer Aaron Spelling died in Los Angeles at age 83.

Five years ago: Republicans pulled out of debt-reduction talks led by Vice President Joe Biden, blaming Democrats for demanding tax increases as part of a deal rather than accepting more than \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicare and other government programs. “Columbo” actor Peter Falk died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 83. Composer Fred Steiner, 88, perhaps best known for his “Perry Mason” TV theme, died in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico.

One year ago: WikiLeaks published documents it said showed the U.S. National Security Agency had eavesdropped on the last three French presidents, releasing material which appeared to capture officials in Paris talking candidly about Greece’s economy, relations with Germany and, ironically, American espionage.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

At least 4 tornado touchdowns confirmed in northern Illinois

CHICAGO (AP) — At least four tornadoes touched down overnight in northern Illinois, causing damage and forcing thousands of soccer fans to seek shelter during the Copa America semifinal in Chicago.

The National Weather Service in Chicago says survey crews will on Thursday morning investigate damage along three separate supercell paths. The weather service says the number of confirmed tornadoes will likely increase.

Officials also plan to survey the damage by air.

The weather service said firefighters responded to reports of people trapped in a house in Seneca, about 70 miles southwest of Chicago. No injuries were reported. Minor injuries and damage to a gas station were reported in Pontiac, about 100 miles southwest of Chicago.

Strong storms forced a two-hour delay in the Copa America semifinal at Soldier Field.

1 body recovered as Coast Guard searches Gulf debris field

MIAMI (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard has recovered one body while searching a debris field believed to be part of a sailboat belonging to a Florida man and his three teenage children.

Coast Guard officials didn't identify the body found Wednesday afternoon some 33 miles off Florida's southwest coast.

Capt. Gregory Case earlier Wednesday identified the family as 45-year-old Ace Kimberly and his children, 13-year-old Roger, 15-year-old Donny and 17-year-old Rebecca. Officials say the family had been living on the sailboat for a year.

The family left Sarasota Sunday, heading to Fort Myers to have the boat repaired. Case says the last word from the family came later Sunday when Kimberly told his brother they were sailing in "6-foot seas and thunderstorms."

The search continues for the other three family members.

Atlanta police officer shoots, kills car burglary suspect

ATLANTA (AP) — Atlanta police say one of their officers shot and killed a man they say was trying to break into cars in the parking deck of an apartment complex.

Police say the shooting happened early Thursday in northeast Atlanta, when an off-duty officer spotted a person acting suspiciously in the parking area.

Atlanta police Maj. Adam Lee III tells WSB-TV that the off-duty officer called for backup and chased the man, who got into a vehicle.

Lee tells CBS 46 that one of the on-duty Atlanta officers called to the scene fired his gun and struck the suspect in the head, causing him to wreck his vehicle. He later died at a hospital.

Request to bar death option in trooper ambush case denied

MILFORD, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania judge has denied a pair of defense requests that sought to prevent prosecutors from seeking the death penalty against a man charged with fatally ambushing a state police trooper near a rural barracks.

Attorneys for Eric Frein (freen) had said the death penalty option was unconstitutional. A Pike County judge rejected the claims on Friday.

Frein is charged with fatally shooting Cpl. Bryon Dickson II and wounding another trooper in September 2014.

He led police on a tense 48-day manhunt before U.S. marshals caught him about 30 miles from the shooting scene. Frein has pleaded not guilty.

Court documents say Frein spoke of wanting to start a revolution in a letter to his parents and called Dickson's slaying an "assassination" during a police interview.

Inmates caught in Ohio following 'Shawshank' style escape

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Authorities say a pair of Indiana inmates climbed through a wall of their prison cell in an escape reminiscent of the one in the 1994 film, "The Shawshank Redemption" before being apprehended in Ohio four days later.

Indiana authorities say police in Dayton, Ohio, caught 39-year-old Chadwick Heath and 27-year-old Michael Roberts on Tuesday.

Before their escape Friday from the jail in Connersville, Indiana, Roberts was being held on burglary and theft charges and Heath on drug-dealing charges. WCPO-TV reports offi-

cial suspect the inmates spent weeks carving through stone wall to break out, then stole a truck.

Heath's mother is facing charges after authorities say she assisted the pair while they were on the lam.

Two inmates in upstate New York spent weeks on the run last summer after tunneling out of a prison there.

Louisiana sheriff calls deputy's death 'cold-blooded murder'

HARVEY, La. (AP) — A Louisiana sheriff says the shooting of one of his deputies was a "cold-blooded murder."

Sheriff Newell Normand told reporters late Wednesday how a suspect who was about to be searched by Detective David Michel suddenly flipped around and shot the officer.

As Michel was going down the sheriff said the shooter fired two more shots into the deputy's back.

Authorities later found and arrested 19-year-old Jerman Neveaux. He's being held on charges of first-degree murder and assault.

The sheriff says Neveaux was on probation and wasn't supposed to have a gun so he shot the officer.

Unruly plane passenger leads to emergency landing in Tucson

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Authorities say a Compass Airlines flight headed to Los Angeles had to make an emergency landing in Tucson after a passenger made a threat to the flight crew.

The plane landed at Tucson International Airport on Wednesday afternoon and was met by a group of law enforcement officers including the FBI, U.S. Border Patrol and airport police.

Tucson Airport Authority officials say a male passenger was taken off the plane and detained. Capt. Scott Bader of the Tucson Airport Authority Police Department told the Arizona Daily Star the man was turned over to the FBI.

The newspaper reported that the man was unruly on the flight and would not sit down.

They say 80 passengers were aboard the flight that originally took off from San Antonio, Texas.

They were taken off the plane, re-screened and then allowed to re-board the plane and continue to Los Angeles.

Man charged in hot-van death of 6-month-old daughter

MELISSA, Texas (AP) — A Dallas area man whose 6-month-old daughter died after she was left in a hot minivan parked outside the family home has been charged with manslaughter.

Michael Thedford is free on \$20,000 bond. Booking records list no attorney for the 33-year-old Melissa man.

According to an arrest affidavit obtained by KDFW-TV of Dallas-Fort Worth, Thedford said he dropped two other children off at day care about 9 a.m. Tuesday and had returned home to sleep. Only when he woke up three hours later did he find his youngest child stiff and "hot as a brick" in the minivan. He placed the child in the refrigerator with the door open before calling 911.

The National Weather Service says temperatures were in the low 90s but felt like the upper 90s.

1 of 2 remaining Doolittle Raiders dies in Montana

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — One of the last two surviving members of the Doolittle Raiders — who bombed Japan in an attack that stunned that nation and boosted U.S. morale — has died in Montana, his family said.

Retired Staff Sgt. David Jonathan Thatcher died Wednesday in a Missoula hospital. He was 94. He suffered a stroke on Sunday, Thatcher's son Jeff told the Missoulian newspaper.

Thatcher's death leaves Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole of Comfort, Texas, as the only living airman from among 80 who took off from an aircraft carrier on 16 B-25 bombers to target factory areas and military installations in Japan on April 18, 1942. Afterward, the planes headed for airfields in mainland China, realizing they would run out of fuel, according to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The mission lifted American spirits five months after Pearl Harbor was bombed and forced the Japanese to spend resources defending their home islands.

Thatcher was engineer-gunner aboard the plane nicknamed "The Ruptured Duck."

After the bombing, Thatcher's plane — running low on fuel —

crash landed in the ocean near China. The plane flipped over and all the crew members except for Thatcher were seriously injured. Thatcher was knocked out, but soon regained consciousness, gathered the rest of the crew, administered first aid and convinced some Chinese guerrillas to take the crew to safety in inland China.

Thatcher received a Silver Star for gallantry in action.

State Patrol: 5 killed in head-on crash west of Savannah

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Five people died early Wednesday in a head-on crash between two cars on Interstate 16 west of Savannah.

Investigators were trying to determine what caused a west-bound Ford Mustang to cross the median and smash into an oncoming Kia Soul in the east-bound lanes shortly before 6 a.m., just ahead of the morning rush of commuters heading to work in Savannah.

"We've still got a bunch of unanswered questions," said Sgt. 1st Class Chris Nease of the Georgia State Patrol. "We don't have anything standing out to us saying hey, this is why this happened."

The collision killed the Kia's driver, 66-year-old Judy Johnson Vincent, and her stepson, Ronnie Bruce White, 44. They left their home in rural Eden early Wednesday so Vincent could drive White 22 miles to Savannah, where he was to begin a new job with a roofer, said Donald Vincent, the woman's husband and White's father.

The collision also killed the Mustang's driver, identified as Aundrey Renar Douglas, 49, of Claxton, about 50 miles west of Savannah. Douglas' two passengers perished as well. The State Patrol identified them as Devon L. Mobley, 24, of Claxton and Willie James Braggs, 62, of neighboring Glennville.

Officials believe they've captured alligator that killed boy

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Florida wildlife officials believe they've captured the alligator that dragged a 2-year-old Nebraska boy into the Seven Seas Lagoon at Walt Disney World.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said in a news release Wednesday that it has suspended alligator trapping activities in the area. The release says officials have based their conclusions on expert analyses and observations by staff with extensive experience in investigating fatal alligator bites. A total of six alligators were removed.

Authorities say an alligator pulled Lane Graves into the water June 14, despite the frantic efforts of his father. Lane's body was recovered the next day. An autopsy showed the boy died from drowning and traumatic injuries.

Church bus crash driver convicted of traffic charges

GREENFIELD, Ind. (AP) — A church bus driver who allegedly used cocaine before a crash near Indianapolis that killed a 6-year-old boy and injured 11 other people has been found guilty of two traffic charges.

He was acquitted of reckless homicide.

Charles Goodman of Chicago faces a possible sentence of two to 12 years in prison when he's sentenced next month. A Hancock County, Indiana, jury found him guilty Tuesday of driving while intoxicated and with a suspended license.

The 54-year-old Goodman was driving a group from Gary's St. Jude Deliverance Center to a religious convention in Ohio last July 28 when the 15-passenger bus went out of control and overturned on Interstate 70.

The Greenfield Daily Reporter reports that experts testified that trace amounts of cocaine were found in Goodman's blood.

Arkansas woman dies in Okla. recreating Mormon trek

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Arkansas woman has died in Oklahoma while helping lead teenagers in a re-enactment of the westward journey of Mormons to Utah.

A spokeswoman for the Rogers, Arkansas, Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints says 29-year-old Meaghan Lee Querry Blair of Rogers died Monday of what appeared to be heat stroke.

Deborah Neria told reporters that Blair became ill Monday near the end of a 7-mile hike near Tulsa. She was taken to a Tulsa hospital where she died. A phone call to the Rogers office rang unanswered Wednesday.

Ex-Speaker Hastert enters prison — now Inmate No. 47991-424

CHICAGO (AP) — Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert wheeled himself into a federal prison in Minnesota on Wednesday to serve his 15-month sentence in a hush-money case involving revelations that he sexually abused at least four boys while a high school wrestling coach in Illinois.

The 74-year-old Republican — one of the highest-ranking U.S. politicians to ever go to prison — arrived around noon at the facility in Rochester where he will be known as Inmate No. 47991-424.

Hastert, who began using a wheelchair after falling ill last year, wore a black shirt and camouflage pants as he wheeled himself into the complex between razor-wire fencing. The only person accompanying him was a woman, who followed him carrying crutches, a plastic bag and a small brown box.

Jolene Burdge, the sister of one Hastert victim, said in a phone interview later Wednesday that she never fully believed until Hastert went in that someone as powerful as him would end up behind bars for what he did.

When sentenced in April in Chicago, Hastert was branded "a serial child molester" by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Durkin — and Burdge also spoke. Turning to Hastert in court, she described how she was among the first to broach his abuse of kids, telling him, "I hope I have been your worst nightmare."

Her brother, Stephen Reinbold, died of AIDS in 1995. She said Wednesday that Hastert's imprisonment brings her some closure.

"This whole ordeal is sad," Burdge said. "But when you abuse children, you need to suffer the consequences — no matter who you are."

Hastert was never charged with child abuse because the statutes of limitation blocked prosecutors from filing charges dating back to when Hastert coached at Yorkville High School, from 1965 to 1981. Instead, Hastert was charged with violating banking laws for trying to pay \$3.5 million in hush money to one victim referred to in court papers only as "Individual A."

One former wrestler testified



Andrew Link/Rochester Post-Bulletin via AP

FORMER SPEAKER of the House Dennis Hastert, right, reports to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., on Wednesday to serve a 15-month sentence.

during Hastert's sentencing, saying he was abused when he was in the school locker room.

"I looked up to coach Hastert," said 53-year-old Scott Cross, who also is the brother of a state Republican leader. "I was devastated. I felt very alone."

The Illinois congressman-turned-high-paid lobbyist must serve at least 85 percent of his sentence, or just over a year.

The nation's longest-serving GOP House speaker — who for eight years was second in the line to the presidency — was subject to the same protocol as other new inmates, which typically includes

a full-body strip search. Inmates also trade their street clothes for prison garb.

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Markets, bookies put money on Britons remaining in EU

LONDON (AP) — Financial markets and bookmakers put their money on Britain's voting to remain a part of the European Union on Thursday in a historic referendum that threatens to undermine the experiment in continental unity launched in the aftermath of World War II.

More than 46 million people were registered to vote in the referendum, which asks: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" The heated campaign saw the nation take stock of its place in the modern world and question the direction it wanted to take in the future.

"This is, I'd say, the most important day in the past 20 years, at least for the U.K., and the economic consequences of a vote out are huge," said investment banker Hasan Naqvi outside a London polling station. "Leave" campaigners claim that only a British exit can restore power to Parliament and control immigration. The "remain" campaign led by Prime Minister David Cameron argues that Britain is safer and richer inside the 28-nation EU.

Financial markets have been volatile ahead of the vote, with opinion polls suggesting a tight race, but the pound surged Thursday amid market optimism that uncertainty over the vote would end with a vote to stay.

The pound, which experts say would face a sharp drop in case of an EU exit, rose to its highest level this year, to around \$1.4900. Britain's benchmark stock index was up 1.2 percent, adding to big gains so far this week. Other European stock markets were up almost 2 percent.

The bookies also clearly saw momentum to "remain." The betting market Betfair said the probability that the country will stay stands at 86 percent, with a British exit, or Brexit, given just a 14 percent chance. William Hill revised the chances of a "leave"



AP photo
BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER DAVID CAMERON and his wife, Samantha, smile as they leave after voting in the EU referendum in London today. Polls opened in Britain Thursday for a referendum on whether the country should quit the European Union bloc of which it has been a member for 43 years.

vote down from 25 percent to just under 17 percent.

Also buoying the markets was an opinion poll conducted by the Ipsos MORI firm for the Evening Standard newspaper which suggested the "remain" camp winning by a narrow margin.

"It's perfectly possible that England will vote to leave but London as the capital city, and Scotland and Northern Ireland will all vote to remain and outweigh ultimately the view of the English as a whole," said Ben Page, the chief executive officer of the market research firm.

Turnout is considered critical in the vote, as polling suggested there were a number of undecided voters. A large turnout will favor the "remain" campaign as those who waver at the end tend to go for the status quo. Those favoring "leave" also tend to be more committed.

"It's all about turnout and those soft 'remainers' staying at home," U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage said outside his home after collecting the newspapers.

"I do think we are in with a very strong chance, I do genuinely," he said.

It was raining heavily in some parts of the country, which could reduce turnout and there were

anecdotal reports of voters being unable to get to the polls.

Downpours and flooding swamped parts of London and southeastern Britain. London's Fire Brigade received hundreds of calls of weather-related incidents early Thursday, including some reports of flooding and lightning strikes.

Weather forecasters quipped that voters in the southeast would need umbrellas and possibly rubber boots in order to cast ballots. Prime Minister David Cameron ignored questions about the weather as he and his wife, Samantha, cast their votes in London.

"I think it's very important to vote in such a big decision," said voter Belinda Byrne in Teddington, southwest London. "It's going to have a huge impact on the country."

The slaying of pro-Europe lawmaker Jo Cox in the final week before the vote may also prove a factor in the outcome. While the motive is unclear, the rare killing of a politician cast a shadow over a divisive campaign unusually heated even by Britain's boisterous standards.

Her husband, Brendan Cox, told a crowd of some 9,000 people gathered in Trafalgar Square on the eve of the vote that his

wife had died because of her beliefs.

"Jo's killing was political," he said. "It was an act of terror designed to advance an agenda of hatred toward others. What a beautiful irony it is that an act designed to advance hatred has instead generated such an outpouring of love."

Only hours before her death, the "leave" campaign had rolled out a poster showing hundreds of non-white migrants making their way across Europe, alongside the words "BREAKING POINT." Critics labeled the poster racist; Farage apologized that it was "used by those who wish us harm," but insisted he couldn't "apologize for the truth."

The reach of the EU into every aspect of life has made the issues at stake far more complex than in a general election — and far more heated. Unlike in an election where the results can be reversed in the next term, the vote is final.

There is a small chance, though, that Parliament could choose not to implement the decision. But such a move would be politically difficult — as any politician would find it tough and likely a career-ending move to go against the express will of the people.

Work harder, North Korea orders citizens — but does it help?

WONSAN, North Korea (AP) — The bright red slogans hang from buses, government buildings and even some restaurants and gas stations, urging North Koreans to work harder to make the country's 200-day "speed campaign" a success. "Have you carried out the plan for today?" one poster asks.

It's the second such drive this year, and while outside economists doubt their effectiveness, they reflect leader Kim Jong Un's desire to energize the country's sputtering economy. That goal is fettered by international sanctions against Kim's other main priority, his nuclear program, increasing the pressure on North Koreans to dig themselves out of economic stagnation.

In a collectivist society, slacking off isn't taken lightly. Least of all now.

"If you look out the window, you won't see anyone just walking around," said Chang Sun Ho, the manager of a small shoe factory in Wonsan, a port city on North Korea's east coast. "Everyone is working."

The history of North Korea's speed campaigns, which were also common in the former Soviet bloc countries and in China, is almost as old as the country itself.

The nation's founder, Kim Il Sung, called a major one named after a mythical winged horse that could fly 1,000 "li" (about 400 kilometers) to rebuild the country after the 1950-53

Korean War. The current drive has been dubbed the "Mallima" campaign — suggesting a winged horse that is 10 times faster.

Loading on more work for a national political objective might cause a lot of grumbling or even strikes elsewhere. But in a country where patriotism is strong, perseverance a hallowed virtue and toeing the official line a key survival strategy, you won't hear anyone complaining here — at least not publicly.

North Korean officials allowed Associated Press reporters to tour and conduct interviews at the shoe factory, which offers a window into how such campaigns actually play out on the ground.

With 220 workers, it produces about 700 pairs of shoes a day — the central government tells them how many produce. The shoes are distributed to department stores and other places around the country. The factory does not export any of its products, which officials say are made strictly with domestically produced materials and locally made machinery, in keeping with the government philosophy of "self-reliance."

Manager Chang said the factory met its annual production goal several weeks ago, though it is still June.

Kim Jong Un himself visited the factory in November. At his direction, it is now focused on making lighter, better quality shoes and providing a wider vari-

ety to make North Korea's shoe production "world class."

"The marshal has said he has adopted this factory as if it were his own," Chang said, referring to Kim Jong Un by his most commonly used title. "So it is like we are working for our father. That's all the motivation we need."

Just to be sure, however, an official from the Ministry of Light Industry has been dispatched from Pyongyang to monitor and supervise its operations for the entire 200-day period.

Factory officials said they have not hired any extra hands to boost production, and that they don't need to resort to monetary rewards or firing threats. The workers get their basic necessities from the government but can receive monthly bonuses if the factory sells more shoes than its government-set target.

Peer pressure is also clearly a strong part of the mix.

Workers are divided up into sections and smaller work groups, whose collective output is posted in large bar graphs around their workplaces for all to see. Manager Chang said that if a worker is not making the grade, he or she is paired up with a more productive partner. He said no one wants to be labeled as lazy because, with the standing of their whole group at stake, they could end up being officially regarded as a problem to the whole factory "family."

He did not comment on what might happen beyond possible social ostracism.

Outside economists say speed campaigns focus more on short-term bumps in production and overtly political goals of the reinforcing ideological principles of the primacy of loyalty and group action than the kind of sustainable and meaningful long-term growth the North's centrally controlled economy really needs.

They also suggest the North's economy is hamstrung by its continued push to develop nuclear weapons and the missiles needed to deploy them against targets in the United States or other hostile nations. They say that because of international sanctions, North Korea's chances of real improvement in its domestic economy are slim at best.

Kim appears to disagree.

This is the second speed campaign his leadership has called this year.

The first, which lasted 70 days, ended just before the May party congress. The current campaign, which will continue until Oct. 10, began almost as soon as the congress was over. The party congress was the first in 36 years and further cemented the young leader's stature as the country's



AP photo
IN THIS WEDNESDAY PHOTO, Kang Jong Jin, a 28-year old former soldier who attaches soles onto shoes at a factory in Wonsan, North Korea, poses for a photograph.

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45. Vacation Rentals
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OFFICE/ RETAIL Space Available, short and long term lease. Several locations, priced from \$300 up. Call Jones Properties 423-472-4000 www.jonesproperties.biz.

49. Apartments For Rent
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

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49. Apartments For Rent

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2 BEDROOM behind Ace Hardware on Peerless Road. Ground level, walk to shopping. Stove, refrigerator, water furnished. For information, call between 9am-6pm. No pets/ smoking. 423-479-5570.

2 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath, fresh paint. \$600 month. \$500 deposit. No pets. No smoking. 543 20th Street, NW. 423-618-2738.

2 BEDROOM, 2.5 bath townhome on Fletcher Road with fireplace, 1,300 square feet, \$850 monthly, \$400 deposit. 423-709-8825.

3466 HEDGE Drive NE, Cleveland. Duplex \$625 monthly, \$425 deposit. Newly remodeled. Washer/ dryer hookup. 2 bedroom, 2 full baths. No smoking, no pets. 423-421-9655.

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CLEVELAND SUMMIT Apartments Rent is based on income for persons 62 or older, handicapped or disabled. We have immediate openings. Equal Housing Opportunity 44 Inman Street 479-3005

COMING SOON (Ready 2nd week in July): Frontage Road Apartments \$525 2 bedroom/ 1.5 bath. Centenary Place \$625. 1 bedroom/ 1 bath. Contact Jones Properties 423-472-4000. www.jonesproperties.biz.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 full baths, Townhome, 1,400 square feet. Master bedroom suite, walkin closet, separate laundry room. 2 units available. (\$795/ month; \$775/ month) No tobacco products, no animals. 678-357-7771.

WE HAVE duplexes & townhouses available. BARRIS PROPERTIES 423-478-3050.

50. Mobile Homes For Rent
COLLEGETOWN MOBILE ESTATES: Two bedrooms nice and clean. 472-6555.

52. Sleeping Rooms
\$149 PLUS tax weekly special, 1 person with ad, HBO/ ESPN. 423-728-4551.

BREEZEWAYEXTENDEDSTAY.COM WEEKLY rate paid in advance, averages \$46.43 nightly plus tax. 423-584-6505.

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53. Houses For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath cabin located on Reynolds Bridge Road, Ocoee. \$750 monthly, plus deposit. 706-266-7844.

655 8TH Street, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$550 monthly, \$550 deposit. BURRIS PROPERTIES 478-3050.

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NICE, CLEAN house. 3 bedroom, 2 full bathroom, living room, dining room, large bonus room, 2,000+ square feet, very nice neighborhood, close to elementary schools. \$1,200 per month. Contact 423-421-5774.

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56. Houses For Sale

FURNISHED 3 bedroom 2 bath house on Tennessee River. 423-715-6549.

REMODELED HOME, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, basement. Owner/ Agent financing. STONY BROOKS REALTY 423-479-4514.

72. Cars For Sale

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves

How long does the Kyle Busch slump last?

GODSPEAK: It's about to be replaced with a Kyle Busch winning streak.

KEN'S CALL: Four straight finishes of 30th or worse? It either ends soon or he'll remember how to explode on those around him.

Tony Stewart was 7th at Michigan. Good sign?

GODSPEAK: "Smoke" is the only driver I see stopping Kyle Busch at Sonoma.

KEN'S CALL: Of course it was a good sign, but he needs more, and soon.

Any chance of a surprise winner at Sonoma?

GODSPEAK: Tony Stewart is my top pick for a surprise. Keep an eye on Michael McDowell.

KEN'S CALL: I'm sticking with my Chase Elliott pick. Remember, his dad's first win was at a road course.

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SPRINT CUP POINTS

1. Kevin Harvick	526
2. Kurt Busch	496
3. Brad Keselowski	480
4. Carl Edwards	472
5. Joey Logano	455
6. Chase Elliott	453
7. Jimmie Johnson	441
8. Martin Truex Jr.	433
9. Kyle Busch	417
10. Matt Kenseth	409
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	383
12. Austin Dillon	381
13. Denny Hamlin	380
14. Jamie McMurray	374
15. Ryan Newman	369
16. Ryan Blaney	364
17. Kasey Kahne	353
18. Trevor Bayne	345
19. AJ Allmendinger	337
19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	337
21. Kyle Larson	326
22. Paul Menard	289
23. Clint Bowyer	270
24. Greg Biffle	267
25. Danica Patrick	265
26. Aric Almirola	264
27. Brandon Cassill	237
28. Casey Mears	221
29. David Ragan	208
30. Brian Scott	197

3 THINGS WE LEARNED IN THE OFF WEEK

1. Less is more

NASCAR is mulling less downforce for its 2017 Cup Series aero package. It tested a less-downforce setup at Michigan, with mixed results. Dale Earnhardt Jr. said, "I think we talk about packages too much." Of course, he had just been in an aero-related crash.

2. Jeff's name floated

There is a report floating around that Jeff Gordon is being considered as Kelly Ripa's partner on the popular morning show "Live." According to TVLine.com, Gordon is on the "short list" of candidates. He has been a guest co-host nine times and appeared on "Saturday Night Live" once.

3. Real standings

NASCAR This Week runs the top-30 points standings every week, but the real standings (based on wins) has Kyle Busch at the top followed by Brad Keselowski, Carl Edwards and Jimmie Johnson. Rookie Ryan Blaney is on the Chase cutline line, 16th in championship points.

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



Kelly Ripa, left, and Michael Strahan arrive at the Oscars in March. Jeff Gordon is reportedly on the short list to replace Strahan and become Ripa's TV partner. AP/DAN STEINBERG

3 THINGS TO WATCH

1. IndyKez

Nobody expects Brad Keselowski to abandon his ride in the No. 2 Team Penske Ford in the NASCAR Cup Series, but the 32-year-old driver took a test drive in an IndyCar Series car at Road America, located in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. It was an offer "Kez" could not refuse. The 2012 Cup Series champion called it a chance to "dip his toes" in the water. "It was a heck of an opportunity," he said.

2. Fox hole

Sunday's Toyota Save Mart 350 will be the last NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race broadcast by Fox Sports this year. Fox will pass the broadcasting baton to NBC Sports beginning with the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR SONOMA

WINNER: Kyle Busch
REST OF TOP 5: Carl Edwards, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Dale Earnhardt Jr.
FIRST ONE OUT: Regan Smith

DARK HORSE: Tony Stewart
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: This ignites a Busch mini winning streak that reaches into mid-July.



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Brad Keselowski doesn't plan to leave his boys at the No. 2 Team Penske Ford team to make the jump into IndyCar Series racing any time soon. GETTY IMAGES/CHRIS TROTMAN

on July 2. Sunday's race is on Fox Sports 1 and will mark the last time in 2016 you will hear Darrell Waltrip shout, "Boogity, boogity, boogity! Let's go racing!"

3. Multiple winners

Sonoma Raceway has produced a bevy of different race winners in the past decade. Since 2005, only Kyle

Busch has won the race twice. He scored a win there in 2008 and returns as the defending race champion. Other drivers to win at Sonoma include Tony Stewart, Jeff Gordon, Juan Pablo Montoya, Kasey Kahne, Jimmie Johnson, Kurt Busch, Clint Bowyer, Martin Truex Jr. and Carl Edwards.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions... and maybe a few actual answers

Kelly and Jeff?

There's a little buzz going around that Jeff Gordon could be among the candidates to replace Michael Strahan as Kelly Ripa's permanent co-host on the syndicated "Live With Kelly and (whomever)" show. You know, the seat made famous by Regis Philbin. It would be a great gig in one way — Jeff could practically walk to work from his Manhattan apartment. But five mornings a week? Year-round? Compared with just four-plus months of weekend duties with Fox, that sounds too much like work.

What's Kez thinking?

One never knows. Most likely, Brad Keselowski was just trying to scratch a mild itch last week when he turned some laps in an IndyCar at Road America in Wisconsin. He has access to such a test session due to his Roger Penske employment. He seemed to enjoy it, but he might not like it as much on an oval at 220 mph when surrounded by competitors but very little sheet metal.

Will it be eight straight?

If my Chase Elliott pick comes through, yes. The past seven Cup races have seen seven different winners. It might be good to spread the champagne around, but without someone acting dominant, it makes it tough to plant a guy up front in our weekly top-10 rankings.

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FEUD OF THE WEEK



Blaney



Stenhouse

RYAN BLANEY VS. RICKY STENHOUSE JR.: Stenhouse cut in front of Blaney at Michigan, and the aerodynamic effect caused Blaney's No. 21 Ford to crash heavily into the outside wall.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Blame the new aero package. Blaney did at Michigan. "(Stenhouse) came across my nose super-fast; it completely took all the traction off my car; I slid all the way to the fence," he said.

WHAT'S ON TAP?

SPRINT CUP: Toyota Save Mart 350
SITE: Sonoma Raceway (10-turn, 1.99-mile road course)
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 2:15 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m., green flag at 3:20 p.m.)

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS: Drivin' for Linemen 200
SITE: Gateway Motorsports Park (1.25-mile oval)
TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11:30 a.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 5:45 p.m.), race (8:30 p.m.)

KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

KEVIN HARVICK Leading in points, so why not? 1	KURT BUSCH Will finish third at Sonoma 2	CHASE ELLIOTT Mr. Hunch sticking with him winning Sonoma 3	JOEY LOGANO Will gladly take a top-10 this week 4	BRAD KESELOWSKI Stick with your fenders 5	CARL EDWARDS Didn't cut his teeth on road courses 6	MATT KENSETH Might enjoy a mild table wine 7	MARTIN TRUEX JR. 19th, 12th since Charlotte win 8	JIMMIE JOHNSON Almost like a home game this week 9	KYLE BUSCH Did he dump the slump during off week? 10
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2016 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Feb. 13: Sprint Unlimited at Daytona (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 21: Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 28: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Jimmie Johnson)
March 6: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Brad Keselowski)
March 13: Good Sam 500k at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)
March 20: Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Jimmie Johnson)
April 3: STP 500 at Martinsville (Kyle Busch)
April 9: Duck Commander 500 at Texas (Kyle Busch)
April 17: Food City 500 at Bristol (Carl Edwards)
April 24: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Carl Edwards)
May 1: Geico 500 at Talladega (Brad Keselowski)
May 7: GoBowling.com 400 at Kansas (Kyle Busch)
May 15: Dover 400, 1 p.m. (Matt Kenseth)
May 21: Sprint All-Star Race at Charlotte (Joey Logano)
May 29: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Martin Truex)
June 6: Axalta 400 at Pocono (Kurt Busch)
June 12: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Joey Logano)
June 26: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma, 3 p.m., FS1

July 2: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona, 7:45 p.m., NBC
July 9: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky, 7:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
July 17: New Hampshire 301, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN
July 24: Crown Royal 400 at Indianapolis, 3 p.m., NBCSN
July 31: Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN
Aug. 7: Cheez-It 355 at Watkins Glen, 2:30 p.m., USA
Aug. 20: Night Race at Bristol, 8 p.m., NBCSN
Aug. 28: Pure Michigan 400, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Sept. 4: Southern 500 at Darlington, 6 p.m., NBC
Sept. 10: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN
Sept. 18: Chicago 400, 2:30 p.m., NBCSN
Sept. 25: New England 300 at New Hampshire, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Oct. 2: AAA 400 at Dover, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Oct. 8: Bank of America 500 at Charlotte, 7 p.m., NBC
Oct. 16: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas, 2:15 p.m., NBC

Oct. 23: Alabama 500 at Talladega, 2 p.m., NBCSN
Oct. 30: Goody's 500 at Martinsville, 1 p.m., NBCSN
Nov. 6: AAA 500 at Texas, 2 p.m., NBC
Nov. 13: Can-Am 500k at Phoenix, 2:30 p.m., NBC
Nov. 20: Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami, 2:30 p.m., NBC

DID YOU KNOW?

A glance at this year's schedule, compared with last year's and, eventually, next year's schedules, will show the high turnover rate in corporate sponsorship for auto races. So it was worth the trumpeting this week when the PR folks at Sonoma spread the word that Save Mart Supermarkets will celebrate 25 years as sponsor of the annual road-course race in California's wine country. Ernie Irvan won the first Save Mart-sponsored race in 1992.



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