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An opening reception for "Celebrating Our Communities: Chapter 3" was held Thursday at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center. The exhibit includes artifacts from Farmstead, Jasper, Manchester, Thach and Saragossa. /B1

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Moms behind bars now able to pump breastmilk

WETUMPKA, Ala. (AP) — Inmates at an Alabama women's prison are now able to pump breastmilk in lactation rooms for their babies who are outside the prison's walls. The nonprofit Alabama Prison Birth Project worked with Julia Tutwiler Prison to design lactation rooms and provide pumping equipment for the moms, Al.com reported.

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Hollywood comes to Oakman

Big budget film shoots at Old York

By JAMES PHILLIPS
Daily Mountain Eagle

OAKMAN — For a handful of days over the last two weeks, Old York, U.S.A., in Oakman has transformed into the old west for a major motion picture currently filming in Alabama.

"Hell on the Border" is an action-thriller set in the late 1800s. It is based on the true life of Bass Reeves, an illiterate former slave who became the first black deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi River. The film stars Ron Perlman, Frank Grillo and David Gyasi as Reeves. It is directed by Wes Miller.

Richard "Bull" Corry, owner of Old York and the adjacent Bull Pen restaurant, said several smaller productions have been shot at his location over the years, but this was the first large budget, feature-length film.

"They were going to be filming in the Birmingham area and found out about us on the Internet,"

Corry said. "Producers contacted me, and they felt like it was the perfect location for their movie. It was exciting for us, but I look at it as a way to showcase not only Old York and Oakman, but all of Walker County."

Corry said he was more excited about the film when he read the true story of Reeves to find out that he served as a lawman in the same Indian territory where Benjamin Franklin "B.F." Corry served as a prosecutor.

"B.F. was my great grandfather, and I'm sure they had to have crossed paths at some point between being a marshal and a prosecutor," Corry said.

The film has also shot at locations in downtown Bessemer as well as at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park in McCalla. Producer Henry Penzi said the time he has spent at Old York has been the most enjoyable of the shoot.

"This is a great location. It looks like an old



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

"Hell on the Border," an action-thriller based on the true story of a former slave who became the first black U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi River, has been filming in Oakman for the past two weeks. Old York and Bull Pen owner Bull Corry, at right, is an extra in the film.



Special to the Eagle

Corry and his family has made it even more special for us. I have made some new friends for life." Penzi is a producer and

actor who lives in Beverly Hills. He is also a talent manager who currently

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Read Alabama 2019 season begins Thursday

By NICOLE SMITH
Daily Mountain Eagle

The 26th season of Read Alabama! The Next Chapter will kick off this week to feature prominent Alabama authors.

Each year, Read Alabama hosts various authors and their published works at Beville State Community College in Jasper. This year's Read Alabama season is a bit different, as three authors have been selected to represent a particular month's theme.

To honor Black History Month, Selma native Sheyann Webb-Christburg will commence this year's Read Alabama season on Thursday. "Civil rights and voting rights activist, author, humanitarian and the recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal from former President Barack Obama are only a few of the words used to describe a woman of humble beginnings who has become an inspiration to the world," a press release from Beville State reads.

Webb-Christburg is the co-author of "Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days." The book was reportedly later made into a Disney movie that received an NAACP Image Award nomination.

Author Amy McDonald will visit Jasper on Thursday, March 7, to celebrate Women's History Month and share her book, "Determined to Survive: A Story of Survival and One Teacher's Passion to Bring That Story to Life." The historical work shares the life of Max Steinmetz, a Holocaust survivor who resides in Birmingham.

McDonald is a teacher at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham, and was the co-director of Honor Flight Birmingham, which she co-founded.

"From 2007-2012, Amy and other Honor Flight volunteers raised funds and took over 900 WWII veterans on 15 Honor Flights to Washington, D.C., to see their WWII Memorial," the BSCC press release states. "In 2014, Amy was accepted into the U.S. Holocaust Museum Teacher Fellowship Program. ... Amy is recognized as a Teacher Fellow of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum."



Sheyann Webb-Christburg



Amy McDonald



Julie Williams

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Daily Mountain Eagle - Jennifer Cohron

The new archery park at Walker County Lake includes an elevated shooting platform, above, that is accessible for individuals with physical disabilities as well as a known distance range for youth and adults.

Archery park to open Wednesday

By JENNIFER COHRON
Daily Mountain Eagle

Walker County's new archery park will open on Wednesday. A ribbon cutting is planned for 1 p.m. at Walker County Lake.

The archery park is housed on approximately two acres at the lake. It consists of a known distance range for youth and adult archers as well as an elevated shooting platform that is accessible for individuals with physical disabilities.

In the future, a walk-through experience will be available for special events only.

"We live in a football, baseball, basketball world, but we want to have opportunities for everyone to be physically active. Archery isn't gender specific or age specific. It doesn't matter how tall or strong you are; everyone can do it, and it's not very expensive," said Jenny Short, chair of Walker County Health Action Partnership (HAP)'s Livable Communities Priority Group.

There is no fee to use the park, though residents between the ages of 16 and 65 will be required to have a valid hunting, fishing or Wildlife Heritage license.

Targets are provided. Archers must bring their own bows and arrows.

"We maximized ownership and minimized cost. It was built by our community for our community."

Jenny Short, Walker County Health Action Partnership

The park will be open in conjunction with the Walker County Lake — daylight hours each day except Wednesday.

Construction of the park was spearheaded by HAP with cooperation from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, the Walker County Commission, the city of Jasper and the Archery Trade Association as well as numerous volunteers who donated their time, equipment or materials.

The Walker Area Community Foundation provided \$25,000 in funding for the project.

"We could not have done this without our community partners. We maximized ownership and minimized

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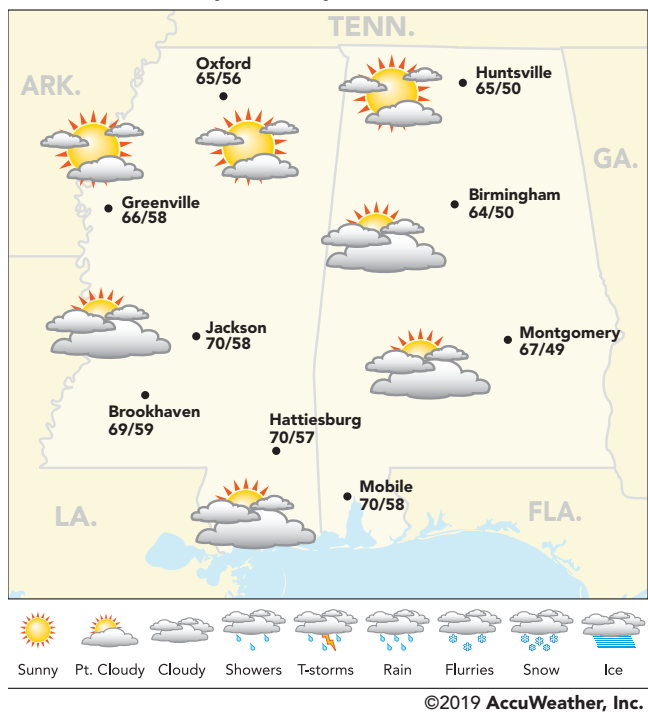
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DEATHS & FUNERALS

Janet Gasaway Powrzanos

Janet Gasaway Powrzanos, 70, of Jasper, entered into rest on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Powrzanos was born on April 11, 1948, in Pell City, Alabama. She attended Pell City High School and was a member of the Curry Civic Center Quilting Club. Janet had many hobbies and pastimes, including quilting, cooking, gardening, karaoke and sewing. She also loved going to the beach and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be at 5 p.m. Rev. Joshua Allison will officiate. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Birmingham. Rev. Chad Shaw will officiate.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jesse Stokes; father, Horace Gasaway; grandson, Christopher Paul Bullard; grandparents, Robert and Kate Gasaway; and son-in-law, David Jones.

Janet is survived by her loving husband of 22 years, Milta J. Powrzanos; daughters, Gina Allen and her husband, Gerald, Angie Jones, Donna Newman and her husband, Rob, Jennifer Shaw and Linda Lyons; brother, James Roy Gill and his wife, Sharion; sister, Linda Kay Isbell and her husband, Brent; and former son-in-law, Victor Howard. She was "Granny" or "Gran" to nine grandchildren, Adam Allen, Kala Wichmann, D.J. Jones, Brandon Howard, Justin Bullard, James "Lil James" Hardwick, Grey Lyons and Grant Lyons; and great-grandsons, Theo Milta Lyons and Dane Wichmann.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the extraordinary angels that took care of Janet, Barbara Smith, Diane Obrin and Wadena Obrin. Friends may sign the guestbook online at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Nichols Funeral Homes, Addison; (205) 486-2204



Shirley Nadine Cox

Shirley Nadine Cox, 82, of Dora, passed away on Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at Compassus Hospice in Irondale.

Services and burial will be private. Bell Funeral Home has been entrusted with these arrangements. *Bell Funeral Home, Sumiton; (205) 648-6611*

Wthia Marie Veal

Wthia Marie Veal, 80, of Nauvoo, passed away Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham.

Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, from noon to 2 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. After, burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Jasper.

Veal was preceded in death by her father, Jack E. Barker; mother, Ellen Inz Myers Barker; and son, James David Veal.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Wayne Veal; son, Michael Wayne Veal; sister, Faye Ganey; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; (205) 384-5571

Carl Whisenhunt

Carl Whisenhunt, 86, of Cordova, passed away Friday, February 1, 2019, at his residence.

Family will receive friends Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, from 1 until 2 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Friendship Cemetery in Cordova. David Byrd and Robert "Bunkie" Smith will officiate.

Whisenhunt was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Leitha Whisenhunt.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Bonnie Whisenhunt; children, Gary Whisenhunt (Carol) and Carla Waid (Darrell); grandchildren, Landon Waid (Ashley), Leathan Waid (Millie) and Andrew Whisenhunt; great-grandchildren, Garrett Grace Waid and Liam "Brother" Waid; brother-in-law, Glenn McLemore; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; (205) 384-5533

Virginia Democrat says Northam won't resign

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A Virginia Democrat who has spoken with Gov. Ralph Northam has told The Associated Press that the governor now does not believe he was in a racist picture in his 1984 medical yearbook and has no immediate plans to resign.

The official was not authorized to speak on the record to detail a private conversation. The official told the AP on Saturday that Northam plans to address the issue with the public in the afternoon.

Northam is calling Virginia Democrats to try and gain support. Nearly his entire political base has called for him to resign. Northam's 1984 yearbook page shows a picture of a person in blackface and another wearing a Ku Klux Klan hood next to different pictures of the governor.

After the picture went public Friday, Northam issued a statement saying he was "sorry for the decision I made to appear as I did in this photo."

But the Democrat who spoke to Northam said that after further reflection the governor said he has no memory of wearing either of the racist costumes and doesn't believe he is in the picture.

Northam's efforts do not appear to be successful so far. The Virginia Democratic Party issued a statement demanding Northam's immediate resignation. The Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, the state House Democratic Caucus and the state Senate Democratic Caucus all called on Northam to resign late Friday, along with several key progressive groups that have been some of the governor's closest political allies.

The yearbook images were first published Friday afternoon by the conservative news outlet Big League Politics. The Virginian-Pilot later obtained a copy from Eastern Virginia Medical School, which Northam attended. The photo shows two people looking at the camera — one in blackface wearing a hat,

bow tie and plaid pants; the other in a full Ku Klux Klan robe.

An Associated Press reporter saw the yearbook page and confirmed its authenticity at the medical school.

The president of Eastern Virginia Medical School apologized on behalf of the school for "past transgressions of your trust."

In a statement on the school's website, President Richard Homan said the photo "absolutely anti-theoretical" to the school's principles, morals, and values. He said he would convene a meeting of school leadership to address the issue.

Meanwhile, Northam - in his first apology, issued in a written statement Friday - called the costume he wore "clearly racist and offensive," but he didn't say which one he had worn.

He later issued a video statement saying he was "deeply sorry" but still committed to serving the "remainder of my term."

"I accept responsibility for my past actions and I am ready to do the hard work of regaining your trust," Northam said.

A small number of protesters stood outside the governor's mansion Saturday to demand his resignation. Northam's departure would mean current Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, a Democrat who is only the second African-American to win statewide office in Virginia, would be the next governor. Northam's term was set to end in 2022.

Black lawmakers said they met with Northam Friday evening, and said in a statement they appreciate his service.

"But given what was revealed today, it is clear that he can no longer effectively serve as governor," the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus said.

State Sen. Louise Lucas of Portsmouth, a close ally of Northam and longtime African-American lawmaker, said she told the governor Saturday that he should have denied he was in the photo immediately after it went public.

Set against a shaky global picture, US economy looks sturdy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy, well into its 10th year of growth, still has a spring in its step. And it's all the more visible when set against a tiring global picture.

A robust January jobs report on Friday showed that America's companies are, for now, brushing off an array of economic perils and still hiring at a brisk pace. The risks that for months had induced hand-wringing among economists about a possible looming recession appear to have had little effect on employers.

Overseas growth is stumbling, led by weakness in China, the world's second-largest economy. Europe is hamstrung by a recession in Italy and the potential for an unruly Brexit. A trade war between the U.S. and China and higher U.S. mortgage rates, partly engineered by the Federal Reserve, remain threats.

No matter. Employers added 304,000 jobs in January — the healthiest burst of hiring in nearly a year. The unemployment rate ticked up a notch to a still-low 4 percent. But that was mostly because thousands of furloughed federal workers were considered temporarily unemployed because of the partial government shutdown. That quirk should reverse itself this month.

The solid jobs report and a separate survey that showed Friday that U.S. factory growth picked up last month "stood in stark contrast with evidence of slower economic momentum in China and Europe," said Lydia Boussour, senior U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

So why is the United States doing so well? And will the sluggish global economy eventually depress U.S. exports and economic growth?

Trends that had looked alarming a month or two ago now appear benign, perhaps even supportive of growth. The stock market, having plunged 16 percent late last year, rose 8 percent in January, its best monthly performance since 2015.



AP Photo

In this Jan. 3, 2019, file photo an employment sign hangs from a wooden fence on the property of a McDonald's restaurant in Atlantic Highlands, N.J. On Friday, Feb. 1, the U.S. government issues the January jobs report, which will reveal the latest unemployment rate and number of jobs U.S. employers added.

Americans who are invested in stocks typically cut spending when market indexes fall steadily. That is now less likely to happen.

And suddenly the Fed under Chairman Jerome Powell looks like an economic ally. The central bank had raised its benchmark short-term interest rate four times last year — action that helped make mortgages and other consumer and business loans costlier. And in December, the Fed's policymakers said they envisioned raising rates twice more this year.

But this week, the Fed held its benchmark rate steady and sent its strongest signal to date that it saw no need to raise rates in the coming months — perhaps even for the rest of the year. Its message ignited a rally on Wall Street, which cheered the prospect of continued modest borrowing rates for the near future.

Other factors have helped give the U.S. economy an edge over most of its major rivals. Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said the Trump administration's tax cuts in late 2017 and a sharp increase in government spending last spring helped fuel growth.

"No other major economy in the world did what we did," Harris said.

"The stimulus did a very good job of covering up all the blemishes of the economy, including the risks of the trade war."

Vigorous U.S. hiring in the past few months partly represents a "lagged effect" from faster growth over the spring and summer, Harris said. Businesses that weren't able to quickly find and hire all the workers they wanted then have kept adding jobs in subsequent months.

The United States, with its huge domestic market, isn't as exposed to the vagaries of the global economy as some of its counterparts overseas are. China, for example, expanded last year at its slowest pace in three decades. That slowdown has, in turn, hit German manufacturers that sold much of their industrial machinery to China, and Italian automakers, whose auto exports to China have plunged.

Though earnings at some large U.S. multinationals, like the heavy equipment maker Caterpillar, have been weak, corporate profits have so far been holding up despite the global slowdown and trade rifts. Of the companies in the S&P 500 that have reported results for the fourth quarter of 2018, 71 percent delivered profit growth that topped Wall Street forecasts, though

some have cut expectations for 2019.

And China's downturn might not last. Megan Greene, chief economist at Manulife, said in a research note Friday that Beijing's efforts to stimulate growth appear to be having some effect.

Still, many economists, including Harris, think the U.S. economy will slow this year after expanding roughly 3 percent in 2018, the fastest pace in more than a decade. Harris forecasts that annual growth in the October-December quarter of 2018 will be just 2 percent.

He and other economists expect the impact of the tax cuts and extra government spending to fade and for the rate hikes the Fed has already imposed to hold back growth somewhat. Inevitably, too, a prolonged global slump would weaken the U.S. economy as well.

But exactly how the U.S. economy is faring is harder than usual to judge because many data reports, including the quarterly figures on growth, are still delayed from the 35-day government shutdown. The government hasn't yet said when it will release its first estimate of gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of the economy — for the final three months of 2018.

There are hints that the U.S. economy won't fare as well in the coming year as it did in 2018. Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton, noted that U.S. home and auto sales are declining, a sign that they might have peaked. If so, America's consumers may not be able to propel the economy as much as they have.

And businesses have cut back on their investments in buildings and large equipment, which suggests a reluctance to permanently expand their facilities.

"They're willing to add more people — that's good," Swonk said. But "right now they're not willing to pull the trigger and bet on building more capacity. That undermines your foundation for future growth."

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Detainee on hunger strike details force-feeding

(AP) — Nine men — up from six earlier this week — are being force-fed under court order in a detention center in El Paso, Texas, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said.

One of the hunger strikers, a 22-year-old man from Indiana who called The Associated Press on Friday, described how he is dragged from his cell three times a day and strapped down on a bed. He said a group of people force-feed him by pouring liquid into tubes pushed through his nose.

The man, who AP is identifying only by his last name Singh out of family concerns for his safety, stopped eating more than a month ago. In mid-January, ICE obtained court orders to begin non-consensual hydration and feeding, and so for weeks they've had nasal tubes inserted in their noses and IVs in their arms.

The AP first reported on the force-feeding Wednesday.

"They tie us on the force-feeding bed, and then they put a lot of liquid into the tubes, and the pressure is immense so we end up vomiting it out," said Singh. "We can't talk properly, and we can't breathe properly. The pipe is not an easy process, but they try to push it down our noses and throats."

Speaking through an interpreter, Singh said he has lost 50 pounds since he began his



AP Photo

This June 2018 file photo shows protesters walking along Montana Avenue outside the El Paso Processing Center, in El Paso, Texas. A hunger striker who is being force fed in an immigration detention center says three times a day he is being dragged out of his cell, and strapped to a table so that he can be force-fed through a nasal tube.

hunger strike. He said he is refusing food to protest guards' unfair treatment of him and other detainees from Punjab. He said they are being denied bond while detainees from other countries were allowed out.

In a statement, ICE said it fully respects the rights of all people to voice their opinion without interference.

"ICE does not retaliate in any way against hunger strikers. ICE explains the negative health effects of not eating to

our detainees. For their health and safety, ICE closely monitors the food and water intake of those detainees identified as being on a hunger strike," the agency said.

The AP's reports on the force-feeding have garnered international headlines and angry responses from policymakers and human rights advocates.

U.S. Rep. Veronica Escobar, an El Paso Democrat, visited some of the men after

the initial reports, tweeting afterward that their situation is "unacceptable."

"El Paso and our country are better than this," she said.

Human Rights Watch published a dispatch Friday describing force-feeding as "cruel, inhuman and degrading."

Hunger strikes among immigrant detainees are uncommon, and court orders authorizing force-feeding are rare, said an ICE official, noting that once force-feeding is approved, detainees have in the past given up their hunger strikes.

Although the agency doesn't keep statistics on this, attorneys, advocates and ICE staffers who AP spoke with did not recall a situation at an immigration detention site where it has come to this.

Detainees, their attorneys and advocates have said that up to 30 men have been on hunger strikes over the last month. According to ICE, 10 detainees from India and Nicaragua who are being held at the El Paso detention site have refused nine consecutive meals — the immigration agency's benchmark for when to start calling refusal to eat a hunger strike.

Last week AP heard from Cubans in the facility who also said they were refusing food.

Another four detainees are on hunger strikes in the agency's Miami, Phoenix, San Diego

and San Francisco areas of responsibility, agency spokeswoman Leticia Zamarrripa said. She did not say whether they were being force-fed.

Singh said he came to the United States in August of last year along with his cousin, seeking to escape violence in his home state of Punjab in India. Court records show he was arrested for illegally entering the U.S. near El Paso and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor. His uncle, Amrit Singh, said that his asylum claim had been denied.

A volunteer who has visited the facility said that the men have been requesting pillows to elevate their heads when the liquid nutrition is administered through their noses because the material backs up and causes them pain.

Nathan Craig, a volunteer with the nonprofit group Advocate Visitors with Immigrants in Detention, told the AP that one of the men he spoke with has a thyroid condition and has not been receiving his medicine.

"Both of the men I spoke to personally have visible trouble walking, they are frail and they are receiving IV liquids, something like three times a day," Craig said after an earlier visit.

Singh said they're not getting the help they've requested.

Russia to pull plug on nuclear arms pact after US does same

MOSCOW (AP) — Following in the footsteps of the U.S., Russia will abandon a centerpiece nuclear arms treaty but will only deploy intermediate-range nuclear missiles if Washington does so, President Vladimir Putin said Saturday.

U.S. President Donald Trump accused Moscow on Friday of violating the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty with "impunity" by deploying banned missiles. Trump said in a statement that the U.S. will "move forward" with developing its own military response options to Russia's new land-based cruise missiles that could target Western Europe.

Moscow has strongly denied any breaches and accused Washington of making false accusations in order to justify its pullout.

The collapse of the INF Treaty has raised fears of a repeat of a Cold War showdown in the 1980s, when the U.S. and the Soviet Union both deployed intermediate-range missiles on the continent. Such weapons were seen as particularly destabilizing as they only take a few minutes to reach their targets, leaving no time for decision-makers and raising the likelihood of a global nuclear conflict over a false launch warning.

After the U.S. gave notice of its intention to withdraw from the treaty in six months, Putin said Russia would do the same. He ordered the development of new land-based intermediate-range weapons, but emphasized that Russia won't deploy them in the European part of the country or elsewhere unless the U.S. does so.

"We will respond quid pro quo," Putin said. "Our American partners have announced they were suspending their participation in the treaty, and we will do the same. They have announced they will conduct research and development, and we will act accordingly."

The U.S. has accused Russia of developing and deploying a cruise missile that violates provisions of the pact that ban production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (310 to 3,410 miles).

Trump's move also reflected his administration's view that the pact was an obstacle to efforts needed to counter intermediate-range missiles deployed by China, which isn't part of the treaty.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the treaty would terminate in six months unless Russia accepts U.S. demands that it verifiably destroy the cruise missiles that Washington claims are in violation. NATO allies have strongly backed Washington and urged Moscow to save the treaty by returning to compliance.

But Russia has categorically rejected the U.S. claims of violation, charging that the missile, which is part of the Iskander-M missile system, has a maximum range of 480 kilometers (298 miles). Russian officials claimed the U.S. assertions about the alleged breach of the pact by Moscow were intended to shift the blame for the pact's demise to Russia.

The Russian Defense Ministry on Saturday released a satellite image of what it described as

new production facilities at the U.S. missile maker Raytheon's plant in Tucson, Arizona, noting that their expansion began in 2017 as the Congress authorized spending for the development of intermediate-range missiles.

"The character and the timing of the works provide an irrefutable proof that the U.S. administration had decided to pull out of the INF treaty years before making unfounded claims of Russian violations," it said.

Putin has argued it makes no sense for Russia to deploy a ground-based cruise missile violating the treaty because it has such weapons on ships and aircraft, which aren't banned by the pact.

Speaking Saturday in a televised meeting with his foreign and defense ministers, Putin instructed the military to work on developing new land-based weapons that were previously forbidden by the INF treaty. Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to Putin that they would include a land-based version of the Kalibr ship-based cruise missile and a new hypersonic intermediate-range ballistic missile.

Putin emphasized that such new weapons won't be deployed unless the U.S. does so.

"Russia will not station intermediate-range weapons in Europe or other regions until similar U.S. weapons appear in those regions," he said.

The Russian leader said Moscow remains open to talks with Washington, but added it would be up to the U.S. to take the first step.

"Let's wait until our partners are mature enough to conduct an equal and substantive

dialogue on those issues," he said.

At the same time, Putin told his ministers that he would like to review the progress on building other prospective weapons that don't fall under the INF treaty, including the intercontinental Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle and the Poseidon underwater nuclear-powered drone.

He noted Shoigu's report that a key stage in testing of the Poseidon was completed several days ago. The drone is designed to carry a heavy nuclear weapon that could cause a devastating tsunami wave.

The Russian leader last year unveiled an array of new nuclear weapons, including the Avangard and the Poseidon, saying that they can't be intercepted.

Putin also noted during Saturday's meeting that he would like the military to prepare a response to the possible deployment of weapons in space.

The Pentagon's new strategy unveiled last month calls for a new array of space-based sensors and other high-tech systems to more quickly detect and shoot down incoming missiles.

Putin instructed the military to make sure the research and development works on new weapons don't swell military spending.

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Basketball



NC State sets record for fewest points

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — No. 23 North Carolina State was held to a stunningly low point total, beaten by No. 12 Virginia Tech 47-24 on Saturday in the Wolfpack's lowest-scoring output of the shot-clock era.

Kerry Blackshear had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Hokies (18-3, 7-2 ACC). Virginia Tech didn't put up huge numbers, shooting just 36 percent and making 7 of 21 3-pointers.

Then again, Virginia Tech didn't need much production against the cold-cold-cold-shooting Wolfpack (16-6, 4-5).

N.C. State made just 9 of 54 shots for the game (16.7 percent) that included a 2-for-28 showing from 3-point range.

Sports on TV

NFL

Super Bowl LIII

New England Patriots vs. L.A. Rams, 5:30 p.m., CBS

College Basketball

G'town at V'nova, 11 a.m., FS1

W. Forest at Clemson, 11 a.m., ESPNU

Minnesota at Purdue, 1:30 p.m., FS1

E. Carolina at UConn, 1 p.m., ESPNNews

Stanford at Cal, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Women's B-ball

Miss St. at Alabama, noon, SECN

Florida at Kentucky, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Tennessee at Vandy, 2 p.m., ESPN2

Georgia at Auburn, 2 p.m., SECN

Golf

PGA Tour: Waste Management, Phoenix Open, noon, GLF; 2 p.m., NBC

NBA

Thunder at Celtics, 1 p.m., ABC

SUPER BOWL LIII: PATRIOTS VS. RAMS

'We Not Me' epitomizes Rams

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — The tenets of Sean McVay's coaching philosophy are never far from sight at the Los Angeles Rams' training complex.

"We Not Me" is emblazoned everywhere from the Rams' playbooks to huge wall signs in the locker room. "The Standard Is the Standard" adorns T-shirts.

"Trust the Process" isn't a sarcastic joke in Thousand Oaks, as it became among basketball lovers in Philadelphia. It earnestly greets every player in large letters when they cross the Rams' facility for team meetings.



"I think what football really represents is there's something special about being part of something bigger than yourself," McVay said this week in Atlanta. "The star of the team is the team, however you want to say it. But words are words. You've got to really live it."

In just two years in charge, the 33-year-old McVay has utterly changed — or perhaps created — the identity of a franchise that had 13 consecutive non-winning seasons before his arrival.

Though they're years away from having the success necessary to finish it, the foundation is set for a culture that could someday emulate the best parts of the "Patriot Way," the unofficial name for coach Bill Belichick's ability to unite his franchise under his core principles.

On their way to the Super Bowl on Sunday, See RAMS, A5



AP Photo

Sean McVay has the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl in just his second year as head coach.

AUBURN 84, ALABAMA 63

Bama bash

Brown, Harper lead Tigers to rout of Tide

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

AUBURN — The Auburn Tigers fell from the Top 25, then started playing like they belonged again.

Bryce Brown scored 23 points, Jared Harper had 19 and Auburn beat rival Alabama 84-63 on Saturday night to punctuate a big week.

The Tigers (15-6, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) picked up their second straight lopsided win after dropping from the Top 25 for the first time this season.

"I kind of feel like that wasn't a bad thing," Brown said. "I feel like we got that chip back on our shoulder a little bit. It kind of was a wakeup call for us. It was just time to wake up and play ball again."

Once again, they did it with a 3-point barrage, this time making 13 of 22 from long range against the Crimson Tide (13-8, 4-4).

Auburn's two biggest stars accounted for half of the team's points.

Brown made five 3-pointers on just seven attempts and Harper added three, including one from the AU logo well beyond the arc in the first half. Harper also had five assists and Anfernee McLemore scored 10.

"That's the closest we've looked to the kind of Auburn basketball that I like to see," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said.

John Petty led Alabama with 18 points, with Kira Lewis Jr. adding 13. Donta Hall had eight points and 10 rebounds but Alabama committed 21 turnovers.

"They played an extremely great game tonight on both ends of the floor," Alabama coach Avery Johnson said. "They had more energy, they outthusted us. They just did a great job. We didn't have our best game. We got off to a decent start but they got us with their transition offense (and) obviously their 3-point shooting."

The Tide, which has lost four straight at Auburn Arena, mustered only a brief second-half challenge.



Auburn evens SEC record at 4-4 after 2nd straight win



Photo courtesy Auburn Athletics

Auburn's Malik Dunbar (4) shoots over Alabama's Herb Jones during the second half of their game at Auburn Arena on Saturday night. The Tigers won their second straight SEC game, beating the Tide 84-63.

PREP BASKETBALL

Season on the line for area teams

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

The road to the AHSAA state playoffs begins this week with area tournaments being held across the state.

In the Walker-Winston county area, only two schools — Curry and Oakman host area tournaments. Area tournament champions and second-place finishers advance to the sub-region round of the playoffs.

Curry hosts both the boys and girls Class 4A, Area 11 Tournaments with games starting on Tuesday and the

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Daily Mountain Eagle - Jeff Johnsey

Jasper's Maci Beaty runs the opening leg of the 4x400 relay at the State Indoor Track Meet at the Birmingham Crossplex Saturday.

STATE INDOOR TRACK MEET

Vikings finish strong at state

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

Jasper High School athletes wrapped up the State Indoor Track meet at the Birmingham Crossplex on Saturday.

Several members of the team finished the two-day event with top 10 finishes.

The Jasper girls team placed 11th in the Class 4A-5A field with 17 points.

Alex Oliver led the Lady Vikings with a sixth-place finish in the long jump. Jurni Cummings placed eighth in the 400-meter run and Maci Beaty was 15th in the 1600-meter run.

Also, the 4x400 relay team of Beaty, Traci Pettus, Makenna Lewis and Cummings placed 10th.

On the boys side, Hudson Yerby took home 10th place in the 400-meter run. Jasper's 4x800 relay team of Ryan Mobley, Dayton Talley, Yerby and Hudson Freeman also finished in 10th place.

Curry's Kayla Sargent finished 10th in the Class 4A-5A 60-meter hurdles.

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New Era show set for Jasper on Feb. 9

New Era Wrestling presents "Final Words" on Saturday, Feb. 9 at Swann Gymnasium, located at 1020 Kiker Lane in Jasper. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and bell time is 7:30. Call 205-435-3403 to reserve ringside seats. Kids 6 & under are free for general admission seating. Tickets are \$10 each. The card will include the Alabama debut of independent stars The Gym Nasty Boys as they battle Charles Zanders & 2 Fly Ty; "The Last Hero" Ace Haven with Amy Haven in his corner will defend the NEW Open Championship against the rapping wrestler "P-Dogg" Mike Posey and the team of "Serpent Dragon" Brandon Whatley and Julius "Maximus" Pryor challenging the NEW Tag Team Champions The Brawlers (Johnny Rage & Greg Dotson). Other wrestlers signed for the card include "Action" Mike Jackson, Cody Windham, Shane Noles, the debut of "The Millennial" Chance Riser and several more.

Oakman Youth Registration

The Town of Oakman Parks and Recreation Department is holding youth baseball and softball registration for ages 6-12 until Feb. 7. The cost is \$60 per child and those interested may sign up between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oakman Town Hall. For more information, call Oakman Town Hall at 622-3232.

Jasper Parks and Rec Registration

Jasper Parks and Recreation is having spring sports registration now until Feb 14. T-ball will be for ages 3-4 and baseball/softball will be for ages 5-12, spring basketball for ages 13-18 and youth soccer ages 8-14. Register online at jasper.recdesk.com or come to the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The registration fee is \$50 with sibling discounts and scholarships available. Coaches are also needed. Contact 205-385-7979 for more info.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Jones' late basket lifts Arkansas over No. 19 LSU, 90-89

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Mason Jones hit a driving floater off the glass with 22 seconds left and Arkansas beat No. 19 LSU 90-89 on Saturday night to hand the Tigers their first conference loss this season and first home loss in more than a year.

Daniel Gafford scored 23 points and Isaiah Joe added 18 points for the Razorbacks (13-8, 4-4 SEC), who squandered an 18-point, second-half lead before pulling out the win and halting LSU's streaks of 18 straight victories at home and 10 overall.

Naz Reid scored 19 and Javonte Smart 18 for LSU (17-4, 7-1).

No. 1 Tennessee gets 16th straight win, 93-76 against A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Grant Williams scored 22 points and No. 1 Tennessee set a school record with its 16th straight win, beating Texas A&M 93-76 on Saturday night.

The Volunteers (20-1, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) surpassed the 15-game streak they had from February 1915 to January 1917 and are off to their best start in conference play since also going 8-0 in 1981-82.

Rams

the Rams navigated a trying regular season at home, with a mass shooting and two wildfires all occurring near their training complex in Thousand Oaks, California.

According to players and coaches, that adversity and the franchise's response to it cemented the rightness of McVay's methods — and through it all, the Rams kept winning.

"Sean has implemented an unbelievable culture," Rams general manager Les Snead said. "We always say around here that we're not collecting talent. We're building a team,

and there's more to a team than just a skillset on a football field."

McVay never claimed to invent his motivational phrases, which mean exactly what an outsider would presume. "We Not Me" isn't Shakespeare, but the NFL isn't English lit class.

McVay's cutting-edge offensive acumen and coordinator Wade Phillips' defensive know-how are the pillars beneath this Super Bowl team, but the Rams believe McVay's commitment to simple, direct communication is another key component.

NFL

Chiefs' Mahomes takes MVP, top offensive player awards

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

ATLANTA — Patrick Mahomes' breathtaking breakthrough season earned him the NFL's Most Valuable Player award.

The Chiefs quarterback landed a pair of honors at NFL Honors on Saturday night, taking The Associated Press 2018 MVP and Offensive Player of the Year awards. In his second pro season, Mahomes led Kansas City to its first AFC title game since 1993 with some of the most creative and clutch plays the league has seen in years.

"I'm so humbled," he said. "This is just the beginning. We've got a long ways to go.

"It is an honor. It's a hard award to win. The next award I hope I can get is the Super Bowl."

Mahomes received 41 votes



Patrick Mahomes

from a nationwide panel of media members who regularly cover the league. New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees got the other nine.

With only one previous start, Mahomes entered the season as something of a curiosity in Kansas City after the Chiefs traded veteran Alex Smith to open up the job. It didn't take long to erase any doubts as Mahomes led the Chiefs to their first AFC title game since the 1993 season, throwing for 50 touchdowns, 5,097 yards and had a 113.8 QB rating, trailing only Brees. Mahomes' ingenuity — the guy can throw from all angles and make plays inside and outside the pocket — energized the Chiefs' fan base and excited fans across the league.

"The play is never dead. He can find new ways to get you the ball," Chiefs All-Pro tight end Travis Kelce said. "It may look like a screwball, a slider here or there, but it'll get to you eventually."

Mahomes is the sixth straight quarterback and 11th of the past 12 years to win MVP. No Kansas City player had won the award since the Chiefs joined the NFL in 1970.

Earlier, he was selected as the

top offensive player, beating Brees 30 votes to 16.

Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald, who will play in Sunday's Super Bowl against New England, took his second straight Defensive Player of the Year award.

Donald, the only unanimous All-Pro this season and the first Rams player selected for top defensive honor, joins Lawrence Taylor and J.J. Watt as players to win the award in back-to-back seasons. Donald led the NFL with 20½ sacks.

Chicago's Matt Nagy, in his first season with the Bears, was voted Coach of the Year.

Nagy has overseen the development of quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, who blossomed in his second pro season, and saw a defense befitting the "Monsters of the Midway" dominate opponents at times.

Colts quarterback Andrew Luck was chosen the Comeback Player of the Year, following a lost 2017 season to a shoulder injury with a sensational 2018 campaign.

Giants running back Saquon Barkley was the top offensive rookie, while the defensive rookie award went to Indianapolis linebacker Darius Leonard.

Prep

championship games set for Thursday.

The Curry girls start the day with a game against Cordova at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. Curry's boys play the final game of the day, taking on Cordova at 7:15 p.m.

On Thursday, the girls championship game is set for 5:30 p.m. with the boys championship game following at 7 p.m.

The Oakman boys host the Class 3A, Area 10 Tournament, also starting on Tuesday with the championship game set for Thursday.

In Tuesday's opening game, Carbon Hill faces Winfield at 5 p.m. Oakman plays Lamar County at 7 p.m.

The championship game is set for 6 p.m. Thursday.

Several area teams take to the court Monday.

Three area schools head to Mortimer Jordan, which hosts both the boys and girls Class 5A, Area 11 Tournaments starting on Monday.

In a girls matchup, Dora plays Jasper at 5:30 p.m., followed by a boys game pitting Corner against Hayden at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Corner plays Hayden at 3 p.m. in a girls game and Jasper plays Dora at 4:30 p.m. in a boys game.

The championship games are set for 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The Class 3A, Area 10 girls tournament is set for Monday at Winfield with Oakman facing Carbon Hill in an elimination game at 5:30 p.m. The winner advances to the championship game, set for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

In Class 2A, the Sumiton Christian boys play in the Area 10 Tournament at Vincent. The Eagles play Altamont at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. A win would put the Sumiton Christian in Thursday's championship game set for 7 p.m.

The Sumiton Christian girls open the Area 10 Tournament at Altamont at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. The championship game

is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

In Class 1A, Meek plays Lynn in an elimination game at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Decatur Heritage in the 1A, Area 13 Tournament.

Also on Monday, Winston County and Addison meet in a girls game in the Class 2A, Area 13 Tournament at Red Bay. The teams play at 6 p.m. with the winner heading to Friday's championship game set for 6 p.m.

The Winston County boys take on Sulligent in the 2A, Area 13 Tournament at 6 p.m., also at Red Bay. Addison plays Red Bay at 7:30 p.m. The championship game is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

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Bash

Alabama cut a 20-point halftime deficit down to 11 midway through the half.

Then Harper hit a 3-pointer and drew the foul for a 4-point play and Malik Dunbar followed with a fast-break dunk to waylay the comeback attempt.

Auburn had separate runs of 21-2 and 17-0 in the first half. The Tigers took a 48-28 lead into the locker room.

"It's a tough building to play in," Petty said. "We had a bunch of defensive lapses, a bunch of defensive errors that can be fixed and will be fixed."

Auburn center Austin Wiley missed his fifth straight game with a lower right leg injury. He didn't

dress for the game.

BIG PICTURE

Alabama: Couldn't take advantage of Wiley's absence inside with Hall attempting only three shots and making all of them. Just 2-5 on the road this season.

Auburn: Made a case this week to get back into the Top 25 with this win and a 92-58 blowout of Missouri after launching 41 3-point attempts. Looked more like the team that spent six weeks in the Top 10.

AUBURN ARENA

Auburn filled up the arena with fans mostly wearing orange T-shirts, and Petty noticed. The Alabama guard says the Tigers have "some of the best fans probably in

the NCAA."

Added Harper: "The atmosphere was great tonight."

DEFENSIVE WEEK

Auburn allowed just an average of 60.5 points in the past two games after struggling defensively during the three-game skid.

"Just locking in every single possession on defense, that's what we have to do to be able to win," Harper said. "That's what we did last year to win the SEC championship so that's what we have to continue to do this year."

UP NEXT

Alabama hosts Georgia Wednesday night.

Auburn hosts Florida Tuesday night.

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EDITORIALS

After week of misses, can media coverage get any more biased?

Dishonest. Embarrassing. Appalling. These days, they all apply to the left-leaning mainstream media, which somehow just had its worst week yet.

First, there was the infamous BuzzFeed report, which accused President Trump of directing Michael Cohen to lie about a Trump Tower project in Russia. Their "report" was so blatantly wrong that a spokesman for special counsel Robert Mueller took the time to reject it outright, using the words "not accurate." This means a lot coming from a Mueller team that has been plagued by its own anti-Trump bias (most of the investigative team leans left).

Then, there was the media outrage over a MAGA hat-wearing teenager coming face to face with a Native American drummer at a pro-life rally. All too eager to paint the high schooler as "racist" and "hateful," the liberal media only bothered to get the whole story after it became untenable not to do so. Here's what actually happened: The drummer actually approached Nick Sandmann, the Trump supporter, and performed in front of him. All the while, Sandmann and his fellow Trump supporters were being harassed by the Black Hebrew Israelites, a radical group trying to drown out "Build the Wall" chants.

Instead of rushing to correct their initial reporting, the liberal media focused on another one of anti-Trump actress Alyssa Milano's ridiculous tweets, this time comparing MAGA hats to Ku Klux Klan hoods. In her words: "Without white boys being able to empathize with other people, humanity will continue to destroy itself."

The stupidity of her words are only trumped by the liberal media's allergic reaction to the truth—the full truth, and nothing but the truth. These, of course, are not the first examples of media bias. Let's not forget CNN's long list of retractions or news anchors melting down after President Trump was elected.

For years now, the liberal media has scrapped the notion of covering the Trump administration with any objectivity, choosing instead to vilify the president—and those who dare to agree with him. Even targeting high schoolers on ideological grounds is now fair game.

Rather than covering President Trump's policies—such as border security and pro-growth tax reform—on the merits, anti-Trump "journalists" decide to make politics all too personal. By supporting a border wall, you see, he must be a xenophobe. By opposing tax hikes, you see, he must be a puppet of the "one percent."

For the #Resistance, disagreeing with President Trump on public policy isn't enough; he must be portrayed as stupid or evil, or a little of both.

The numbers back it up: According to the Media Research Center, 92 percent of Trump coverage is negative. The liberal media has spent relatively no time covering the White House in a positive light, opting to overwhelm readers and viewers with Russia collusion stories and Mueller investigation "bombshells." A mere 0.7 percentage of media coverage has to do with the booming economy, even though it affects all of us—and positively, at that.

It's no wonder that the American people are losing trust in the free press. Based on recent polling, more than 70 percent of Americans believe "traditional major news sources report news they know to be fake, false, or purposely misleading." Yes, this means Democrats, Republicans, and independents recognize #FakeNews for what it is.

Until the liberal media recognizes it too, public trust in their "reporting" will continue to erode—and support for President Trump will only rise. That's good news for America, and bad news for media elites.

Ted Harvey is chairman of the Committee to Defend the President.

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Thoughts of snow bring warm memories

It was a cold March night when my mother woke me up from a deep sleep to tell me that



Be Our Guest

Laura Pitts

Uncle Bob was outside and wanted to build a snowman.

In 1993, as a mere five-year old, the word snow didn't resonate much with me. There hadn't been a snow event of substance up until that point in my life. I can vaguely remember my parents talking about the coming weather, but all that danced in my head was the thrill of making a snowman. I had never made a snowman before.

I couldn't tell you what time of the night it was — maybe ten o'clock, maybe later — when I hurried out of bed and waited impatiently as mom dressed me in anything warm she could find.

I bounced down our front porch's blue concrete steps and into a world of white that blanketed the front lawn. Uncle Bob, a longtime family friend, lived right up the road from us. When the snow

started to fall, he decided to walk down to our house and enjoy the snow with me. The former Vietnam veteran grew up across the road from my grandmother and my mom grew up knowing him too. Uncle Bob knew the love of snow was rooted deeply in the Tubbs' blood, but he didn't know how it would resonate to me.

Like mother and like grandmother, I was beyond excited to play in the snow. That night, under the stars on Main Street in Oakman, Uncle Bob and I rolled three of the biggest snowballs our little town has ever seen and created the biggest, plumpest snowman in the front yard.

Everything was white. Everything was cold. Snow fell for hours, covering up the tracks of my feet as I trotted all over the yard playing. Uncle Bob and I rolled snowballs and threw them at each other until we were chilled from the top of our noses to the bottom of our toes.

I was frozen when I came back inside. I'm not sure if I went back to sleep or if I filled up on hot chocolate, but whatever I did one thing was for sure — I celebrated the Blizzard of 1993 in style under the cloak of a dark night with one of the greatest men I've ever

had the privilege of knowing in my lifetime.

I've never forgotten that moment of running down those steps and seeing all of that snow. Or the sound of Uncle Bob's voice talking to me. Nor have I forgotten the following four days when I would watch and learn from Mom how to make snow cream — a cup of snow, a can of sweet and condensed milk and maraschino cherries on top. I've also never forgotten how much more time I spent playing in the snow with my dad and with Uncle Bob — who came back the next day just to see if the snowman was still standing.

Twenty-six years later since that Blizzard, you can always find the ingredients to snow cream in my house. You can always find a mismatched set of warm clothes that I pull out in the event of snow. And you can always bet that when the snow falls, I will watch it from my bedroom window in silence and think about how I felt as a little girl experiencing magic for the first time.

Some of us were disappointed when we woke up earlier this week and no snow had fallen on the ground. I admit that about three in the morning I jumped out of bed to see what the world looked

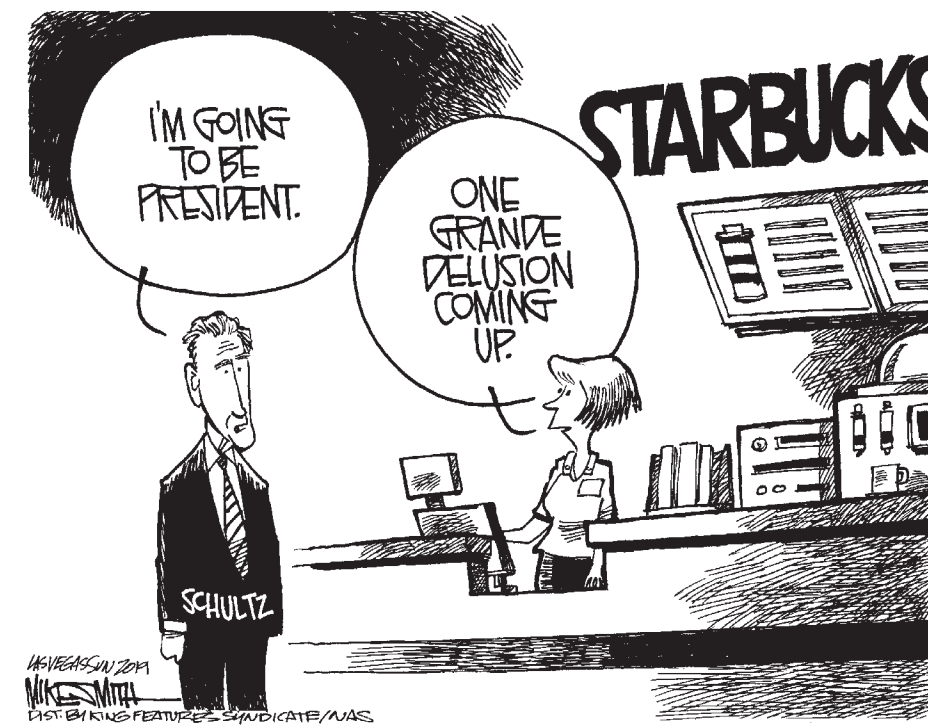
like outside. My snow cream bowls were empty and the ground was still brown. And Leonardo, well, he wasn't too happy about having to brave the bitter North Alabama cold for his morning potty break.

But still, even in that small tinge of snow disappointment, I was transported back to being five years old, my face splattered with ice, chapped lips forming with each laugh that busted out of my lips, my mom watching from the front door as I made a memory with someone that she too had made memories with as a little girl.

For a moment I could remember what it was like to eat snow cream with my grandmother and carry my very first kitten Milo around to see my snowman. I could remember being pulled in a clothes basket down the road by my dad and trekking my little legs all over the corner of my neighborhood with my parents in tow. I could also see that huge snowman coming to life as if he had never left at all.

Sometimes memories mean more than reality, because in that moment life is back to its purest place — a place of comfort, a place of peace, a place magic.

A place of home.



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Alabama's open meetings law prohibits secret or executive sessions to be held by any board, commission or court which performs any legislative or judicial function unless the character or good name of a man or woman is involved. Listed below is an updated schedule of regular meetings held by officials in Walker and Winston counties who make decisions that affect the daily lives of area citizens.

Watch page A1 for announcements concerning special or called meetings.

Alabama Surface Mining Commission ... second Thursday ... 10 a.m. ... Pinnacle Bank Building. 221-4130.

Arley Town Council ... first Monday ... 6 p.m. ... Town Hall. 387-0103.

Boldo Water Board ... second Thursday ... 8 a.m. ... Water Authority Office. 221-4964.

Carbon Hill City Council ... second and fourth Thursday ... 6 p.m. ... Carbon Hill Municipal Building. 924-9961.

Carbon Hill Utilities Board ... second Tuesday ... 6 p.m. ... Carbon Hill Utilities building. 924-9961.

Cordova City Council ... second and fourth Tuesday ... 6:30 p.m. ... City Hall. 483-9266.

Cordova Water & Gas Board ... second Tuesday

... 5:30 p.m. ... City Hall. 483-9235.

Curry Water Board ... third Tuesday... 4 p.m. ... Water Authority Office. 221-4216

Dora City Council ... second and fourth Thursday ... 6 p.m. ... City Hall. 648-3211.

Double Springs City Council ... second Monday ... 6 p.m. ... City Hall. 489-5447.

Jasper Board of Education ... fourth Monday ... 5 p.m. ... Main Office (Second Avenue). 384-6880.

Jasper City Council ... first and third Tuesday ... 10 a.m. ... City Hall. 221-2100.

Jasper City Civil Service Board ... second Tuesday ... 9:30 a.m. ... City Hall. 221-8505.

Jasper Housing Authority Board ... second Tuesday ... 9 a.m. ... Housing Authority Office. 384-4864.

Jasper Industrial Development Board ... fourth Tuesday ... 9 a.m. ... Jasper Civic Center board room. 221-2100.

Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board ... third Tuesday ... 6 p.m. ... JW-WSB office. 221-2141.

Kansas Town Council ... first Monday ... 6:30 p.m. ... Town Hall. 924-0072.

Lynn Town Council ... first Monday ... 6 p.m. ... Town Hall.

Nauvoo Town Council ... fourth Thursday (unless holiday then call)

... 6:30 p.m. ... Town Hall. 697-5890.

Oakman Town Council ... third Thursday (unless holiday then call) ... 6 p.m. ... Community Center. 622-3232.

Parrish Town Council ... second Monday ... 7 p.m. ... Town Hall. 686-9991.

Sipsey Town Council ... third Monday ... 6 p.m. ... Town Hall.

Sumiton City Council ... first and third Tuesday ... 9 a.m. ... Municipal Building. 648-3115.

Townley Water Board ... second Tuesday ... noon ... Water Department office. 924-8410

Walker County Board of Education ... second Thursday ... 4:30 p.m. ... Carl Elliott Building (Alabama Avenue). 387-0555.

Walker County Civil Service Board ... first Tuesday ... 5 p.m. ... second floor - Walker County Courthouse Annex.

Walker County Commission ... 1st & 3rd Monday ... 9:30 a.m. ... Commission Chambers/ Courthouse Annex. 384-7230.

Walker County Development Authority Board ... third Thursday ... 11:30 a.m. ... Jasper Civic Center board room. 302-0068.

Walker County E-911 Board ... every month ... third Thursday ... 6:00 p.m. ... Walker County E-911 Building.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2019. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1959, rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a small plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

On this date:

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)

In 1995, Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

Ten years ago: Eric Holder became the first black U.S. attorney general as he was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden.

Five years ago: U.S. stocks tumbled, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 320 points after reports of sluggish U.S. growth added to investor worries about the global economy. Former Vice President Walter Mondale's wife, Joan, died in St. Paul, Minnesota, at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Football Hall of Famer Bob Griese is 74. Actress Pamela Franklin is 69. Actor Nathan Lane is 63. Rock musician Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth) is 63. Actor Thomas Calabro is 60. Rock musician/author Lol Tolhurst (The Cure) is 60. Actor-director Keith Gordon is 58. Actress Michele Greene is 57. Country singer Matraca (muh-TRAY'-suh) Berg is 55. Actress Maura Tierney is 54. Actor Warwick Davis is 49. Actress Elisa Donovan is 48. Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee is 43. Actress Isla (EYE'-luh) Fisher is 43. Musician Grant Barry is 42. Singer-songwriter Jessica Harp is 37. Actor Brandon Micheal (cq) Hall is 26.

Thought for Today: "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, and riches take wings. Only one thing endures and that is character." — Horace Greeley, American newspaper editor (born this date in 1811, died in 1872).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The "What's Going On" Section will be featured each Wednesday and Sunday in the Daily Mountain Eagle, and on the Calendar at www.mountaineagle.com. Events are listed by calendar date and time as space allows, so guarantee when, or the number of days, an event will run. The deadline to place an event is no later than noon on Tuesday and Friday. Email information for What's Going On to Elane Jones at elane.jones@mountaineagle.com or call 205-221-2840, ext. 246.

SPECIAL NOTICES

• Are you interested in helping a child? Every day there are children who are placed into foster care who need good parents and a safe home. Would you like to be that parent? Benchmark Family Services can help you help a child. Benchmark Family Services is currently offering opportunities for you to learn exactly how you can offer a home to a child. These introductory meetings are completely free and you are under no obligation. Please contact us at 606-886-0163 in the Prestonsburg area or 606-435-1698 in the Hazard area to schedule a meeting. These meetings are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or you can call to schedule another time that suits your individual schedule.

• The 2019 Fire dues are due for the Pineywoods Volunteer Fire Department. Dues are \$35. Mail to 105 Pineywoods Sipsey Rd., Jasper, AL 35504.

• Opiates Anonymous meetings are held at the

Jasper Civic Center/Desperation Church Monday - Friday from noon to 1 p.m. and Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

• NarAnon family support group for family members dealing with a loved one with addiction to any substances meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Desperation Church.

• Breast Cancer Support Group of Walker County meets the second Thursday of the month in the Jasper City Library Community Room at 1:30 p.m. Cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers welcome. For more information, call Gretel Holston (401-7559) or Jan Price (221-2334).

• Free diabetes education classes take place every Friday from 9-10 a.m. Jan 18-Feb. 22 at the Walker County Health Department in Jasper. Compensation for gas to attend classes is offered. For more information, call 205-253-1559.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

• Cordova Princess of Hearts Pageant will take place Feb. 2. For entry information please call Laura Hiott at 205-902-2402, or email laura@hiottfinancial.com.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

• The Walker County Civil Service Board is changing its meeting time from the second Monday of the month to

the first Tuesday of the month, starting Tuesday, Feb. 5. The meeting time will remain 5 p.m., and the board will still be in the Walker County Commission chamber.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

A ribbon-cutting and grand opening for the Walker County Community Archery Park will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1 p.m. at Walker County Lake, at 4227 Walker County Lake Rd. in Jasper.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

• The Walker County Education Retirees will meet Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Jasper Civic Center. The program will be on black history.

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

• Walker County RSVP cordially invites you to attend their open house event Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in their office located at 1101 Viking Dr. They will be serving Louisiana Gumbo and Dirty Rice for RSVP volunteers and those interested in volunteering. They are also inviting those in the nonprofit community to find way to aid in their endeavors and how they can help.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

• Freedom Conference 2019 will be held at the Jasper Alabama Civic Center on Feb. 9. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the event will start at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be

catered for those who buy a ticket in advance (\$30). No lunch will be catered for tickets bought the day of the event (\$25). There will be door prizes, including a few guns. Any questions, call (205) 202-0486. Speakers: Kaitlin Bennett, Mark Keith Robertson, Lt. Gov. Wil Ainsworth, Erich Pratt with Gun Owners of Alabama, CJ Grisham with Open Carry Texas, and Attorney Champ Crocker.

• (Ham Radio) Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will meet at 8 a.m. Saturday Feb. 9t, at the American Red Cross building at 1101 Viking Dr. in Jasper. At 9 a.m. they will be administering test for all license classes. Anyone interested in getting their amateur radio license, or needs information about ham radio and emergency communions can call Jimmie (NR4G) at 205-527-4602.

FEB. 13-14

• The Carbon Hill Women's Club will have a fundraiser Feb. 13-14 to provide Valentine items, such as balloons, flowers and sweets, to purchase locally on Front Street at Judy Hurst's Junkin' Store. The anticipated hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Anyone wanting more information can call Hurst at 205-275-0363.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

• The annual Valentine's Luncheon will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Feb. 14 from 11-1:30. \$12 tickets may be purchased from a church member or at the door. There will also be a bake sale, local vendors and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Food Bank.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

• Jasper Rotary Club will be hosting their Ninth Annual Trivia Night on Friday, Feb. 22, at the Jasper Civic Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and questions will begin at 7 p.m. They invite teams to come early enough to "theme" decorate their table (not required). Bring your own snacks, dinner, beverages, etc. to make the evening more fun for your team. You can also wear costumes. First and second place winners will be announced at the half-time break. First place wins a prize. Registration is \$25 for a single member or \$200 for an eight-member team. Please, no more than eight per table. For more information, please contact Kevin Callahan at 205-385-0100 or email kcallahan926@gmail.com. For a registration form on-line, visit www.jasperrotary.blogspot.com.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

• Jasper Main Street will hold an appreciation

meet and greet reception for state, county and city elected officials on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 5-7 p.m. at Los Reyes Grill in downtown Jasper.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

• A first-ever reunion for any man or woman that was a member of the Alabama National Guard in Double Springs, and who served at either armories or at both, will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. at the Double Springs Municipal Building. The meal will be catered by preordering plates for \$7 each, with the cut-off date for ordering on March 19. Those with a loved one who has passed is urged to come as well and bring a photo of their family member. To order a plate, send money to any of the following names and addresses: Rita Tidwell, 215 Co. Rd. 3076 Double Springs, AL 35553 (205-272-0702); Brenda Pruitt, 389, Co. Rd. 91, Double Springs, AL 35553; or Gail Pruitt, 640, Co. Rd. 91, Double Springs, AL 35553.

History-shaping Supreme Court cases on display at Auburn

AUBURN (AP) — To celebrate Alabama's bicentennial, Auburn University political sciences Professor Steve Brown installed an exhibit showcasing eight landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases establishing civil rights and liberties.

"The exhibit is about great Supreme Court cases that originated in Alabama and had an impact on all American lives," Brown said. "When I first came to Auburn in 1998 to teach at Auburn, I was surprised by all these landmark cases from the state, and the bicentennial this year gave me the opportunity to capitalize on that and inform other Alabamians of these cases."

AN EXHIBIT FOR ALL AGES

All residents are welcome to visit the first floor of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library on the university campus to learn about these pivotal cases in state and federal history, and the exhibit has interactive elements to engage younger audiences as well. "It's been designed to be user-friendly to all ages," Brown said. "It has information on the panels, and it has an iPad kiosk where people can learn some additional information. You can hear oral arguments; it has learning games and stuff like that at almost every panel. We would love to have people come by and check it out."

The library will be open for the public to visit with 24-hour access starting on Sunday at 1 p.m. and ending Thursday, Feb. 7, when the exhibition ends.

"We're the inaugural location for this exhibit, and it's going to travel around the state," librarian Liza Weisbrod said. "It's open to the public and our students. We are happy to have anyone

come in that's interested in learning about it. People will learn about their fundamental rights and some Alabama history about how the state played an important role in these decisions."

CRUCIAL CASES

Brown highlighted cases in the exhibit including the creation of the U.S. Constitution in 1787 to ensure citizens' civil rights were protected. The last panel ends with the 1973 Frontiero v. Richardson Supreme Court case questioning laws and regulations on the basis of gender discrimination, Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg's first case.

"There's a case, New York Times v. Sullivan, that we talk about," Brown said. "Because of that time when that decision in Alabama and many other states, if you published something that wasn't accurate and critical of public officials, then they can sue in court. That squashed a lot of opinion and investigative reporting because if you got it wrong, you would be paying out of your pocket."

Brown mentioned his fascination with the Supreme Court ruling allowing citizens to have a critical opinion of an official without financial repercussions. Within the exhibit, the panel will share informative details emphasizing the modern relevancy of the ruling.

"I like that case in the current environment because there has been a tremendous erosion of civil dialogue as we talk about civic affairs," Brown said. "You can't talk about politics or political parties without everybody getting upset and angry about it, but the fact that we can criticize Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump means that that freedom is still there."

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More studies expected for Jasper parking lot

By ED HOWELL
Daily Mountain Eagle

The Jasper City Council heard Friday at a work session that problems have resulted from the paving of the Fourth Avenue parking lot up the street from City Hall.

The council informally agreed to allow geological tests and designs. Public Works Director and City Engineer Joe Matthews said the tests would cost \$4,000, saying the work was needed before good prices on possible solutions could be obtained.

Matthews said a number of those suggestions have already come from the contractor. He suggested avoiding one idea for making it green space, as parking is needed downtown.

He noted a smooth tar and gravel surface is another suggestion. If the tar and gravel holds does not give problems for a year, the city could pave. A concrete parking lot was also another suggestion, although it was not clear that would work.

Matthews said the contractor is looking on the tar and gravel and the concrete suggestions, but suggesting first to perform geotechnical work and then come back and decide between the ideas.

In other action, the council:

- Heard Mayor David O'Mary praised the Walker County Humane and Adoption Center for its assistance to the city in the recent distemper outbreak, saving the city a large amount of money in testing. O'Mary proposed the council give \$2,500 from its General Fund to the shelter, which he would match with another \$2,500 from discretionary funds. The county shelter spends \$3,000 a month for spay and neuter operational costs, he said. Councilman Gary Cowen said the county shelter likely saved the city that much in costs during the outbreak.
- Agreed informally to allow O'Mary to loan out two older dump trucks to

the town of Parrish for two days.

- Heard Stephen Blankenship of McGehee Engineers in Jasper give a report on the upcoming Phase III of the city's paving project, presenting maps. A total of 25 roads have been proposed under a \$1.25 million budget. A number of Phase II roads still have to be done, Blankenship said. Airport Road is included in a project with the Alabama Department of Transportation, but another section has been added in Phase III to take the project up to Airview Circle. The topic is expected to be added to Tuesday's council meeting.

The council also noted in some of the road work there is a moratorium on putting back in any speed breakers in the city. Councilman Sonny Posey, a former mayor, indicated many of those breakers had been a mistake to install. "I wouldn't want to see a one go back in," he said. Councilwoman Jennifer Williams said some love them and some hate them, but that a recommendation came "from a higher level" to put in the moratorium as they caused issues.

Matthews also said the area of the old fountain on 18th Street, which is now a circle, will be milled down and paved over.

- Heard a suggestion from Smith that the city join the National League of Cities, which the mayor and council appeared very receptive to based on past experience. Officials said a number of municipalities smaller than Jasper, including some in Alabama, were already members and are able to network with officials and obtain useful information. The cost to join is \$1,500.

- Heard from Police Chief J.C. Poe that trash pickup had not been performed as much of late due to various factors, including weather, illness and available inmates, but that situation is changing and more litter pickup is expected soon.



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Stephen Blankenship of McGehee Engineers in Jasper gives the Jasper City Council a report Friday on the upcoming Phase III of the city's paving project.

Read

From A1

Read Alabama 2019 will conclude with a storytelling program on Thursday, April 4, with author Julie Williams. She has two published history books, "A Rare Titanic Family" and "Wings of Opportunity."

"A Rare Titanic Family" details the story of her great-uncle, a Titanic survivor, while "Wings of Opportunity" is about the Wright Brothers' time in Alabama teaching the first civilian flying school.

According to BSCC's press release, "Her storytelling presentation is about her book, 'Three Not-So-Ordinary Joes: A Plantation Newspaperman, A Printer's Devil, an English Wit, and the Founding of Southern Literature.'"

In year's past, Read Alabama was a late afternoon program, but each Read Alabama session will begin at 12:15 p.m. this year on Bevell State's Jasper campus. Authors will speak in Mathews Lecture Hall of the Wade Math and Science Building. A reception will be held at noon before each session.

The program is free to the public.

Authors typically have their books for sale and sign copies before and after the program.

"Bevell State Community College is proud to be a part of the Read

Alabama program," Beth Roberts, director of student services for Bevell State's Jasper campus, said. "I am looking forward to a great year with Read Alabama! The Next Chapter. The committee made some changes with this year's program to make it easier for our Bevell students to attend, and I am looking forward to a big turnout."

She continued, "This program offers a great opportunity for the Jasper community to experience Alabama authors as they share their stories. I am so thankful for all the community support for this program."

February's Read Alabama session is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Walker County; March's session is sponsored by Jasper Main Street and the Walker County Arts Alliance; and the Walker College Foundation and Literacy Council of Walker County are sponsors for April's session.

"Our organization continues to support this program because of the rich cultural experience it provides free to the public of our area," Tana Collins, president of the Walker County Arts Alliance, said. "This year's lineup of authors is a wonderful opportunity to explore some of the literary artists of Alabama."

Chandra Rice, coordinator for the Literacy Council of Walker County, said Read Alabama holds very special memories from her youth. "I am proud to have been a part of Read Alabama for 24 years. I attended as a teenager in high school, and I've been blessed to become a sponsor through the Literacy Council," Rice said. "It's important to me to support programs that encourage and recognize the significance of literature, and the Literacy Council is committed to continuing to advocate for such programs."

Walker County Community Foundation's Executive Director Holly Trawick has been involved with Read Alabama for a number of years, and she's excited to see the tradition continue with a new organizational structure.

"For over 25 years, Read Alabama has introduced notable authors to Walker County audiences. This program has provided our community with a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to outstanding writers and their imaginations," she said. "The Walker College Foundation is a proud sponsor of this great program, and we look forward to another exciting season."

Read Alabama is also sponsored by Alabama Power Company.

Archery

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cost. It was built by our community for our community," Short said.

For example, site prep was started by the late Tyler McClendon, co-owner of TerraPro LLC.

The elevated shooting platform — the first of its kind in the state — was designed by McGehee Engineering.

Two area Boy Scouts, Jaylan Banks and Mason Woodman, chose to do their Eagle Scout project at the archery park. Woodman, working with students from the Walker County Center of Technology, built metal frames to hold targets, and Banks led a group of fellow Scouts in the construction of the elevated shooting platform.

The archery park is part of the master plan for Walker County Lake completed in 2015.

The idea was suggested both because of the county's reputation as being a hunting and fishing community and because of the introduction of archery in several area schools.

"It had been talked about in other parts of the community, but it had never really found a home. It just made sense for it to be at the lake," said Elyse Peters, HAP's health partnerships specialist for community impact.

Programming such as archery tournaments will be handled by the Jasper Parks and Recreation Department. The Jasper City Council voted in February 2018 to annex property that includes the lake, which continues to be operated by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

represents New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski and has represented Hollywood stars such as Pamela Anderson in the past.

"We've all enjoyed our time here (in Oakman)," Penzi said. "The hospitality we've been shown here has been incredible."

Penzi even hinted that he would like to return to film other projects at Old York.

"It's a great place, and I'm surprised we are the first major film to be here," he added.

Tommy Fell, location coordinator for the Alabama Film Office, said Old York and other areas of Walker County have been on the radar for film projects in the past, but this was the first bigger budget film to come to the area.

"There is a lot happening in the Birmingham area right now as far as film production goes, and once they get to Birmingham, they start exploring the nearby areas for places that would fit what they are looking for," Fell



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

Richard "Bull" Corry, owner of Old York and the Bull Pen, poses with Frank Grillo, one of the stars of "Hell on the Border."

said. "We have had some big projects in the past look at Jasper and the area around there, but it just wasn't the right fit for them. From my understanding, this shoot has been a positive for everyone involved, so that is a good thing and could mean more films will

come to the area in the future."

Fell said he knows other projects are already looking at Old York.

"There are a couple of other things in the works that I can't give any specifics about, but I don't expect this to be the last project to film there or at

other places in Walker County," he said. "There are some great locations in that area that can double for many other parts of the country."

Corry confirmed that another production company was holding a test shoot on his property while "Hell on the Border" was being filmed there.

"We have had some discussions with another group, and that movie has some really recognizable names, but I can't say much about it because they haven't decided if they are going to film here or not," Corry said.

By the time filming wrapped in Oakman in the early morning hours on Wednesday, Corry even found himself in the film.

"They needed an extra for a scene that Ron Perlman was filming," Corry said. "They sent me to wardrobe. They called the director and asked what they could do to make me fit the part any better. They just handed me a hat."

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No-show Snow- mageddon

Last Sunday, the weather app on my phone chirped while I sipped my coffee. When I read the alert aloud, it said we were under a winter-storm advisory for Tuesday. Jilda was giddy. She loves snow. I enjoy it more now that I don't have a job that requires me to drive into work. Soon, we were making snow-day plans.

Stepping out to the shed, I checked the generator. We don't normally lose power when it snows, but if the weatherman is wrong, we could have ice or freezing rain. That's a different story. The generator was good to go, but I put a reminder on my phone to fill the gas can and get a few extra quarts of oil.

After morning chores, we headed out to Walmart. We don't eat much loaf bread, and we had plenty of milk in the fridge, so we avoided those aisles as if someone over there had the swine flu. We did make sure we had what we needed to make snow ice cream. We paid the tab and headed for home.

That evening, I scanned Facebook to catch up on the news. Since I've blocked, deleted, or hid most of the people that post political crap, my timeline causes me much less stress these days. One of my friends shared a weather map. It used loaves of bread to show how bad the snow would be in various areas of the state. It looked like the snowfall predicted for Empire would require two loaves of bread. I howled when I saw that graphic.

My great nephew Jordan would be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday. He loves snow more than we do and he was cranked that the governor had declared a snow day on his birthday.

Sometime after midnight, I heard rain begin to rattle our metal roof gently. That sound is better than a sleeping tonic for me.

The next day, my eyes popped open at first light. Scrambling out of bed, I hustled to the garden door to get the scoop. There was no scoop.

Stepping onto the deck, I walked over to the banister. There was a trace of snow. It looked more like someone with bad dandruff stood out there and scratched their head.

I dreaded breaking the news to Jilda, but when I turned to go inside, she was standing behind me. She said, "Well SHOOT!" (Except what she said, could not be printed in a family paper.)

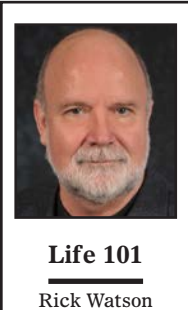
Pulling the phone from my pocket, I snapped a picture of the pitiful snowfall.

After pouring our coffee, we sat on the couch in front of the fireplace and stewed.

Logging onto Facebook, I posted the snow picture and MARKED US SAFE from the snow-mageddon 2019.

I saw where the local weather folk were taking a beating on social media over the miscall. Here's the thing - I'd much rather have them err on the side of caution in this situation. If they predict snow and they're wrong, the kids and parents get a snow day. If they say it's not going to snow and it does, people could end up getting hurt.

The Weather-folk must



Life 101
Rick Watson

Celebrating Our Communities



Daily Mountain Eagle photos - Jennifer Cohron



An opening reception for "Celebrating Our Communities: Chapter 3" was held Thursday at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center. The exhibit includes artifacts from Farmstead, Jasper, Manchester, Thach and Saragossa. Examples include a model of the Drummond Company dragline Ol Tobe II, a throw from the Saragossa Fire Department, a model of the Walker County Courthouse (1908-1932), and a syrup pitcher from Uncle Mort's. The exhibit will remain open through June 14.

Church changes

The long, wooden outdoor tables that were used for "dinner on the grounds" at rural church buildings on special occasions have now been replaced by swanky air conditioned fellowship halls, and KFC does the rooster killing and cooking. Marbles are no longer shot on the outside grounds, as my father was doing when he met my mother outside a church building, but in many church buildings a state of the arts gym offers a place to play almost any indoor sport.



Be Our Guest
Wheeler Pounds

If transportation is needed to attend services, a church van or bus will provide a ride. A long walk to and from church services would surely have an adverse effect on attendance in today's age.

Whereas fresh cut flowers adorned the graves being decorated in church cemeteries when I was young, artificial flowers have largely taken their place. Backhoes and machines now do the work of digging a grave, replacing picks and shovels which were once used.

Funerals that once were conducted in church buildings are now generally held in funeral parlors, and graveside services are less common. Cremation continues to increase in popularity with a memorial service, if any, conducted to remember the deceased.

The plights of small country churches are very different than the ones in a metropolitan area. Many have closed their doors and the building torn down or converted into community halls or businesses.

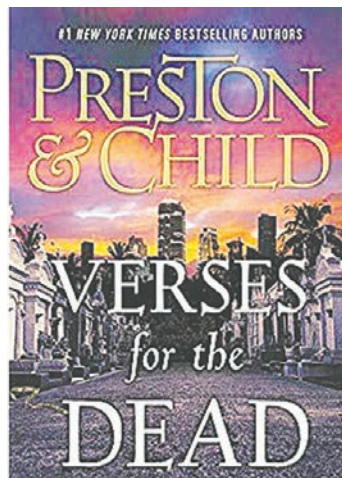
With many others, their cemeteries are the threads that keep their doors open. There are some that have never attended regular church services anywhere except the home church in which they were raised, with attached cemeteries in which the family has been buried for generations. These congregants will continue to attend

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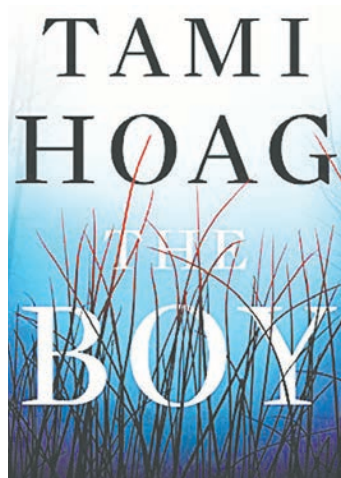
More Than Words, a monthly book feature, appears in Lifestyles the first Sunday of the month. Questions or comments may be e-mailed to lifestyles@mountaineagle.com.

Staff members at the Carl Elliott Regional Library System have selected these titles for the enjoyment of local readers.



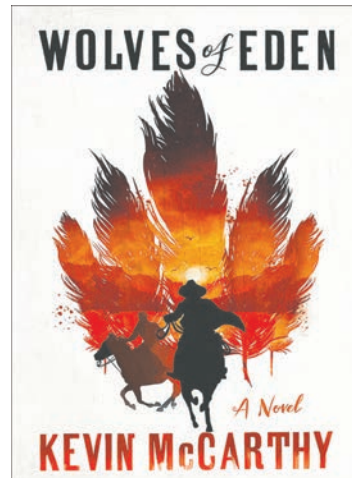
Verses for the Dead
By Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child

Pendergast and Coldmoon chase a sadistic killer who cuts out the hearts of his victims and places them to be found in local graveyards. The only connection is the graves all belong to females who have committed suicide.



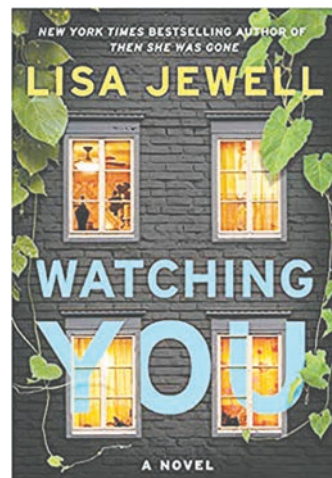
The Boy
By Tami Hoag

A seven-year-old boy is brutally murdered. With his twelve-year-old female babysitter missing, detectives must determine if a child killer is on the loose or if the girl is involved in the sadistic crime.



Wolves of Eden
By Kevin McCarthy

Historical details and an up-close look at Army life in the post-Civil War territory of the Dakotas shine in this fictional account of four men and their varied forms of resilience.



Watching You
By Lisa Jewell

Nothing is what it seems in the upscale English village of Melville. A murder has occurred and the residents are just as concerned with keeping their secrets hidden as they are unearthing the identity of the killer.

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Ask A Lawyer



Bob Bryan

Local attorneys, Pat Nelson, Bob Bryan and Gina Cross of Nelson Bryan and Cross, sponsor this weekly column.

As spring break approaches, Alabama State Troopers want to remind parents about teen driving laws. The law went into effect in 2010, but accidents prove drivers are overlooking the restrictions and lives are being lost.

The state's Graduated Driver License law puts limits on when and how 16- and 17-year-old drivers can get behind the wheel.

Under the law:

- A 16- to 17-year-old Alabama driver with a graduated license may NOT:
1. Have more than ONE non-family passenger other than the parent, guardian or supervising licensed driver at least 21 years of age.
 2. Operate a vehicle between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 am, unless:
 - a. accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 - b. accompanied by a licensee 21 years of age or older with parental consent.
 - c. going to or from their place of work.
 - d. going to or from a school-sponsored event.
 - e. going to or from a religious-sponsored event.
 - f. driving due to a medical, fire, or law enforcement emergency.
 - g. driving to or from hunting/fishing activities in possession of required licenses.
 3. Drive while operating any non-essential handheld communication device.
- Violations will result in an extension of the graduated license period and/or suspension of the license.

"When they give that child the keys to a vehicle, they are giving them a tool," ALEA Cpl. Jess Thornton said of parents. "But they may be giving them a weapon as well."

Authorities are pleading with parents to help them enforce this law. Under the GDL, 16-year-olds can only have one non-family member in the car, can't drive between midnight and 6 a.m., unless certain circumstances apply, and cannot have access to a handheld device or cell phone.

"They cannot have a phone in their possession while they are driving," Thornton said. "There's no talking, no texting -- anything that takes their focus away from driving."

If a 16-year-old is in violation, they will get six additional months under Stage 2 and an additional ticket could suspend the license for 60 days. Chilton and Autauga County District Attorney Randall Houston says that's not enough. "I don't even think it constitutes a slap on the wrist," Houston said. "Teenagers want that freedom, but if they stand the chance of losing that freedom, because they are in violation of these laws, maybe they will stop."

Houston helped draft the Deputy Hart Act, which would increase the penalty for violating the GDL and even penalize parents for not enforcing it. It's named after a deputy killed by a teenage driver in violation.

"We are trying to combat 16-year-olds who think they are invincible, and parents who are not aware," Houston said. "These laws are on the book for a good reason, we need parents to help us enforce these rules."

Thornton reminds parents the law is not intended to push penalties or fines, but keep the most vulnerable, accident-prone drivers safe.

"Driving is not a right, it's a privilege," Thornton said. "Ultimately parents can be held responsible for the decisions that they make by letting those teenagers lose and letting them do whatever they want to behind the wheel of a vehicle."

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Name: Samantha Kreutz
Parents: John and Julie Kreutz
School: Lupton Jr. High
Hobbies: Read, write and play sports.
Activities: President of the Lupton Jr. High School National Jr. Beta Club. Plays basketball, volleyball and shoots

archery for Lupton Jr. High.

Clubs: Lupton's Drama Club, Quiz Bowl, and G.A.T.E.S. program. Also a leader of their student-led Christian programs.

Future plans: Samantha plans to go to college to study business or neurological science.

What's the Greenprint? Ask Beyonce

NEW YORK (AP) — So, what's all that Greenprint stuff on Beyonce's Instagram feed?

Bey stirred up the beehive Thursday when she advocated plant-based living in a rare social media endorsement. It helped that she also announced to her 123 million followers a sweepstakes for lifetime concert tickets to her shows or those of hubby Jay-Z after she asked the question: "What is your Greenprint?"

Well, "The Greenprint" is the title of a new book by the superstar couple's personal trainer, Marco Borges, a plant-based guru who has also worked with Jennifer Lopez, Shakira, Pharrell, Diddy and Ryan Seacrest. The title refers to the impact on the planet that one can make by going plant-based.

Borges, a Miami-based exercise physiologist and father of four, first got Bey going with "The 22-Day Revolution" on the same subject. She wrote the foreword for that book in 2015. She and Jay-Z penned the introduction for the new book, out in time for the New

Year's resolution season from the imprint Harmony Books.

We went to Borges himself to explain his approach to health, life and saving the planet after 25 years in the business:

AP: That's some pretty good buzz Beyonce just gave you for your book.

Borges: Yeah, it's really an amazing time right now. I have to pinch myself, honestly. I'm living a dream. It's absolutely magical. She's only done a link-in-bio once before. The first time was when she told people she was going to go vegan 44 days for Coachella. People there are going insane there. We're getting emails, DMs, text messages saying, 'Oh my god, I never thought I could do this. I need some help.'

AP: What got you started on plant-based life?

Borges: I wasn't born and raised on a plant-based diet. Growing up I wanted to be a doctor but I found myself in pre-med realizing that medicine was far too reactive, that we needed a more proactive approach to wellness. I decided to

practice wellness through exercise and nutrition. As I immersed myself in all the science, the data and the clinical trials, I realized that if you were looking for optimum wellness, improved performance and your best chance of survival, you had to move toward a plant-based diet. I've been living plant-based ever since and it's been 14, 15 years now.

AP: How does your approach stand out in the cacophony over veganism and plant-based nutrition?

Borges: We have to meet people where they are. You can't expect for every single person to want to adopt a plant-based lifestyle day one. The truth is it doesn't have to be all in from the start. The Greenprint is plant-based living defined by you, whether it's one plant-based meal a day, two or three. Or just simply meatless Mondays.

AP: How do you help people ensure that they won't fail?

Borges: We've designed a step-by-step approach. It's not a one size fits all. It's customizable.

Ball gowns galore: London's V&A Museum stages new Dior show

LONDON (AP) — After the smashing success of its Alexander McQueen show, London's V&A Museum is looking to draw big crowds with another major fashion exhibition — this time focusing on Christian Dior.

Billed as the largest and most comprehensive museum display ever staged in Britain on the revered French fashion house, the V&A exhibit traces the influence of Dior over seven decades and showcases dozens of spectacular couture gowns.

First to greet visitors at the exhibit, which opens Saturday, is a sculpted cream-and-black jacket and skirt outfit from 1947 that features a dramatically nipped-in 19-inch waist offset with full, pleated skirts. The romantic, exaggerated hourglass silhouette is now recognized as Dior's famous "New Look," a redefinition of the feminine shape that defied the boxy styles of the postwar years and immediately made its mark in fashion history.

"The influence of Christian Dior's innovative and experimental design was all-pervasive and helped to define an era," curator Oriole Cullen said.

There's much here to dazzle, especially in the exhibition finale, "The Ballroom," which celebrates the designer's love for extravagant evening wear with aplomb. Dozens of handmade gowns in sumptuous silks, feathers and crystals are displayed in a mirrored room with lighting that simulates sparkling con-

stellations and showers of gold dust.

"A ballgown is your dream, and it must make you a dream," Dior, a fan of lavish 18th-century court dress, once said.

The exhibition is based on a 2017 Dior show in Paris, but was expanded with a section devoted to Dior's fascination with British royalty and aristocracy. Among the highlights: a voluminous tulle gown designed for Princess Margaret for her 21st birthday celebrations in 1951 and which she wore for her official birthday portrait.

The stylish royal remained a Dior client for many years. The designer died in 1957.

Visitors get to see over 500 objects, including over 200 couture garments, and follow the House of Dior as it evolved under various artistic directors, from the wildly eccentric designs of John Galliano to the feminist vision of present-day director Maria Grazia Chiuri, the first woman to helm the brand.

Cullen, the curator, mused about Christian Dior's unlikely beginnings in fashion as the son of a man in the fertilizer business. His parents didn't want him to be in trade, and had aspirations for him to train as a diplomat — but it wasn't to be.

"There he was in his 30s with no money, no profession and needing to train again. It's really interesting how he decided to become a fashion illustrator — and that's how he came to fashion," she said.

Rick From B1

have taken the criticism in stride, I saw where someone posted, "If you still want a Blizzard, Dairy Queen opens at 10 a.m."

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14-year-old's FaceTime bug discovery could rattle Apple

(AP) — At the heart of Apple's shocking FaceTime bug, which allowed just about anyone to turn an iPhone into a live microphone, stands a 14-year-old boy who stumbled upon the eavesdropping flaw more than a week before Apple took action.

"The thing that surprised me the most was that this glitch happened in the first place," said Grant Thompson, a high school freshman in Tucson, Arizona. "I'm only 14 and I found it by accident, instead of the people at Apple that get paid to find glitches."

Not only that, but Grant and his mom said they spent a week unsuccessfully trying to get Apple to do something about the bug in its FaceTime group-chatting feature. The bug allowed callers to activate another person's microphone remotely even before the person has accepted or rejected the call.

"It took nine days for us to get a response," he said. "My mom contacted them almost every single day through email, calling, faxing." Of the fax, he jokes, "I'm not even sure what that is. It's probably older than I am."

This eavesdropping scare is over now that Apple has disabled group chats, but the problem could dog the company for much longer. New York state officials have opened a consumer rights investigation. Others are raising questions about how long it took Apple to address the bug.

In a statement Friday, Apple thanked the Thompsons as it announced that it has identified a fix and will release it next week. FaceTime group chatting will resume then.



AP Photo

Grant Thompson and his mother, Michele, look at an iPhone in the family's kitchen in Tucson, Ariz., on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019. The 14-year-old stumbled upon a bug in the iPhone's FaceTime group-chatting feature on Jan. 19 while calling his friends to play a video game. With the bug, a FaceTime group-chat user calling another iPhone, iPad or Mac computer could hear audio, even if the receiver did not accept the call.

Grant, a straight-A student who plays basketball, does community volunteering and enjoys the video game "Fortnite," was calling friends to play the game on a Saturday night, Jan. 19, when he discovered the flaw.

"If a 14-year-old kid discovered it, I wonder how many other people discovered it," said Chris Wysopal, chief technology officer with the security firm Veracode.

Apple hasn't said whether it has records that could answer that question.

Friday's statement said Apple's engineers worked quickly

once it got the details needed to reproduce the bug.

Although Apple didn't acknowledge a delay, the company said it was "committed to improving the process by which we receive and escalate these reports, in order to get them to the right people as fast as possible."

The company — at first widely praised for its swift response — could come under increased scrutiny as regulators seek to learn more about the vulnerability.

New York Attorney General Letitia James and Gov. Andrew

Cuomo said Wednesday that they're investigating "Apple's failure to warn consumers about the FaceTime bug and slow response to addressing the issue."

They said the bug jeopardized the privacy of New York consumers. James said her office's review will include a "thorough investigation into Apple's response."

Last October, Apple introduced the 32-person video conferencing feature for iPhones, iPads and Macs. With the bug, a FaceTime group-chat user calling another Apple device could hear audio — even if the receiver didn't accept the call. The bug was triggered when callers turned a regular FaceTime call into a group chat, making FaceTime think the receiver had accepted the chat.

In Grant's case, he had just gotten his Xbox ready and called to invite a friend, Nathan, to play "Fortnite" with him online.

"You can swipe up and add another person, so I added another friend of mine, Diego, to see if he also wanted to play," he said. "But as soon as I added Diego, it forced Nathan to respond."

They were shocked at first, then tried to repeat the bug and it happened every time, he said. His mother, Michele Thompson, said she started trying to reach Apple the next day.

"They could have tested it within two minutes, realized it was true and brought it up the chain at Apple," said Thompson, who works as an attorney. "There needs to be a better process for the average citizen to report things like this. And a timelier response."

She eventually reached someone who advised that she could register as a software developer to submit the bug. Such reports can sometimes lead to "bug bounties" so that those who discover a flaw can get a financial reward. The family hoped Grant could receive such an award, or at least some credit, for his discovery.

"Every day he would ask me, 'Did we hear from Apple yet?'" she said.

The family tried reaching Apple through multiple channels. They left comments on Twitter, one of them directed to CEO Tim Cook, and uploaded a video to walk Apple engineers through the problem. But it wasn't until a tech blog reported the flaw earlier this week — leading many people to experiment with the spying bug themselves — that Apple took the unusual measure of temporarily shutting down the group-chat feature.

Apple has declined to say when it learned about the problem. The company also wouldn't say if it has logs that could show if anyone took advantage of the bug before it became publicly known this week. The company reached out to the Thompson family on Tuesday offering to give some public credit for their efforts, according to an email Michele Thompson shared with The Associated Press.

"It would be cool to just have Apple say thanks to me," Grant Thompson said before Friday's announcement from Apple. "And of course, the bug bounty, that would be pretty awesome to get, but as long as we got rid of this pretty groundbreaking bug, and Apple said thank you, that would be pretty cool."

The Old Man and the Play: Friend keeps word to Hemingway

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — When the 1958 film adaptation of "The Old Man and the Sea" hit theaters, Ernest Hemingway happened to be in New York City to watch the World Series and invited his close friend A.E. Hotchner to go see the movie with him.

"About 12 or 13 minutes after we sat down, he turns to me and says, 'Ready to go?'" Hotchner said in a recent interview at his Connecticut home. The 101-year-old author and playwright recalls them walking out and taking off down the sidewalk, Hemingway ranting the whole time that the star Spencer Tracy was totally miscast, that he looked like a fat, rich actor trying to play a fisherman.

"He said, 'You know, you write a book that you really like and then they do something like that to it, and it's like pissing in your father's beer,'" Hotchner said. (Hemingway reserved this particular turn of phrase for a handful of hated adaptations of his work, he said.)

Later that night, sitting at Toots Shor's restaurant — a hangout frequented by Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Gleason and Marilyn Monroe — Hemingway urged Hotchner to do his own adaptation someday. Hotchner said he promised he would try.

More than 60 years later, Hotchner has kept his word. His stage adaptation of "The Old Man and the Sea," a brief novel published in 1952 and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, premieres at the newly renovated Point Park University's Pittsburgh Playhouse on Feb. 1.

"It wasn't until I became an old man myself that I really got to a version that could transport itself beyond the book," he said.

Hotchner should be the perfect candidate to take the novel to the stage: he fished with Hemingway in Cuba, went to bullfights with him in Spain, hunted with him in Idaho and wrote the 1966 best-selling biography "Papa Hemingway."

He also helped edit Hemingway's bullfighting classic "The Dangerous Summer." He often served as his agent and adapted several stories for television, including "The Snows of Kiliman-

jaro," "The Killers" and "The Battler," which led to his first meeting with Paul Newman. (The two became best friends and neighbors and started the "Newman's Own" food company together. But that's another story.)

"Somehow that pledge to him haunted me, because he died not too long after that. For years I would think about 'The Old Man and the Sea.' But I never could think in my head how you could take this very personal book, because the old man is really Hemingway himself, which is really a literary work," he said. "How do you bring that to life on the stage?"

He tried maybe 10 times over the years to adapt it, starting drafts only to scrap them, until his latest effort.

To help reel the project in, he enlisted his son Tim Hotchner to collaborate on it and help transform his draft into what will run in Pittsburgh through Feb. 17.

"I've lived with Hemingway's ghost for my whole life and there was something very profound about this story, even though it's very simple," said Tim Hotchner, 47, a documentary filmmaker and writer. "And to have a 101-year-old father who's still going out for his marlin, and hopefully coming back with better results, there are a lot of themes that really resonate."

Tim Hotchner also saw

the project as a way to re-examine the work with a modern lens: to look at what it means to be a man in the world and to look at the environment.

To make "The Old Man and the Sea" accessible on stage, the Hotchners crafted a kaleidoscope of the tale, and mined the text for a new approach. The boy has a bigger role, and Hemingway himself is a character, as is a cellist who evokes the moods of the play throughout.

It stars Tony Award-winning actor Anthony Crivello as Santiago, the aging fisherman, David Cabot as Hemingway and Gabriel Florentino as the boy, Manolin. Cellist Simon Cummings will perform original music for the show. The play is being directed by Ronald Allan-Lindblom.

Getting the draft to the stage happened unusually fast, as a result of a collaboration with New York City-based RWS Entertainment Group.

The Hotchners' agent passed along the script to Joe Christopher, who heads up RWS's theatrical division, who took it with him on vacation in June.

"I don't know if it was because I literally read it while I was lying on the beach, but I could viscerally see the show working," he said. He told RWS CEO Ryan Stana it would be the chance of a lifetime to work with someone who had been side-by-side with Hem-

ingway.

The Pittsburgh Playhouse was looking for a new work to launch its first season in its renovated theater and Stana, an alumna of Point Park University, floated the idea to the school.

"In less than 24 hours, they were in," he said.

The production is unique in that students at Point Park University are working on the show alongside professionals in all aspects from set

design to ticket sales. It's something Stana sees as a circular moment — youth helping bring to life the work of a centenarian playwright.

The entire show was put together in six months.

At 101, A.E. Hotchner is sharp, funny and surprisingly energetic. During a four-hour interview at his home, he needed only a 10-minute break to get a glass of water. Last year, his

Depression-era detective novel "The Amazing Adventures of Aaron Broom" was published and he's still writing daily. His routine: breakfast, write, lunch, write, nightly news, dinner, gin and tonic, and maybe a movie.

As for "The Old Man and the Sea," he's satisfied with having finally followed through on a half-century-old promise to his friend, and he's pleased with how it turned out.

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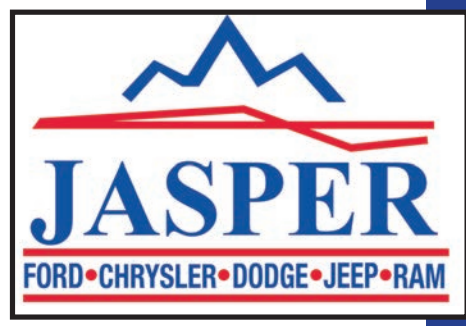
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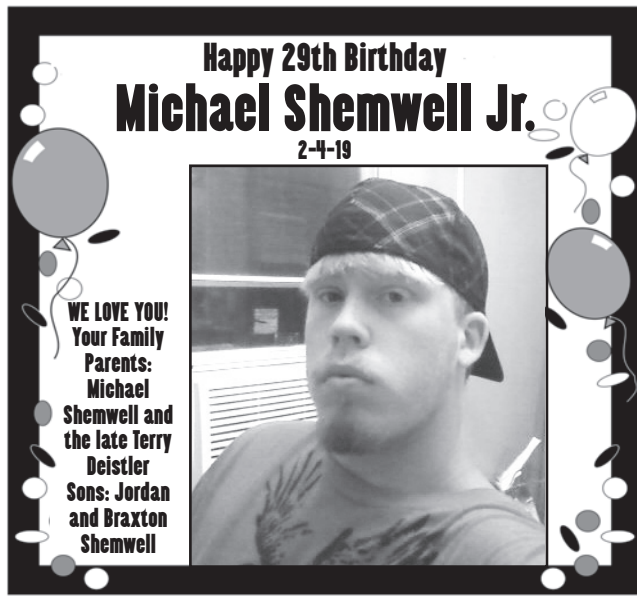
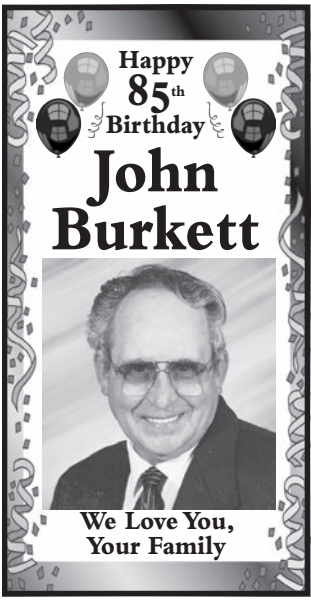
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In this April 17, 2018 file photo, a man walks beside Canada's embassy in Havana, Cuba. Canada announced Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019, it is removing up to half of the Canadians at its embassy in Cuba after another diplomat was found to have fallen mysteriously ill. Canada has confirmed 14 cases of mysterious health problems since early 2017.

Canada reducing Canadian staff at Cuba embassy by half

TORONTO (AP) — Canada announced Wednesday it is removing up to half of the Canadians at its embassy in Cuba after another diplomat fell mysteriously ill.

Canada has confirmed 14 cases of unexplained health problems since early 2017. Twenty-six workers at the U.S. Embassy in Cuba have also been affected, suffering a range of symptoms and diagnoses including mild traumatic brain injury, also known as concussion.

Josefina Vidal, Cuba's ambassador in Canada, issued a statement saying her government considered the move "incomprehensible," but "Cuba remains committed to keeping the good state of bilateral relations."

Global Affairs Canada said in a statement Wednesday that tests confirmed a 14th case.

Canada said in November it was considering all options regarding its embassy in Cuba after a 13th case was confirmed. Canada is going from about 16 positions for Canadian staff at the Havana embassy to up to eight.

Canada ordered the families of diplomatic staff in Cuba to return home last April. The 14 Canadians affected includes diplomats and some of their family members. A senior Canadian government official said in a briefing for journalists that the latest case involves a diplomat who arrived in the summer and reported symptoms on Dec. 29. The official said recent confirmed cases demonstrate that these incidents are still ongoing.

Canada will continue to have an ambassador in Havana and officials said full consular services will be available to Canadians. But officials said other programs may be adjusted in the coming weeks and diplomatic staff from outside Cuba might assist.

Cuba is a favorite tourist destination for Canadians and the Canadian

government said there is no evidence of any related ailments among Canadian travelers.

A senior Canadian government official said in the briefing that Cuba has been cooperating from the beginning and said Cuban officials are as frustrated as Canadian officials. One official said Canadian relations with Cuba are very strong. Canadian government officials provided a briefing on the latest developments on condition of anonymity.

Cuba has adamantly denied any involvement in the health problem.

Vidal, the Cuban ambassador, said reducing the embassy staff would "not help find answers to the health symptoms reported by Canadian diplomats." She said the reduction also would help "those who in the United States use this issue to attack and denigrate Cuba."

The mysterious case has sent U.S.-Cuba relations plummeting from what had been a high point when the two countries, estranged for a half century, restored full diplomatic ties under President Barack Obama in 2015.

The U.S. withdrew most of its non-essential diplomatic staff in September 2017 but Canada did not.

Kimberly Breier, the current U.S. assistant secretary of state for the region, noted the latest confirmed Canadian injury in a tweet.

"Our thoughts are with all those affected from Canada and the U.S. We demand the Cuban government fulfill its obligation to protect foreign diplomats & their families," Breier tweeted.

A Canadian official said government officials are working closely with U.S. officials. The U.S. has not said what caused the incidents, although initial speculation centered on some type of sonic attack. The Canadian official said they have no information to indicate a cause or what might or who might be behind it.

"A Daddy's Love for His Daughter" "Jennifer Craven Knowles"

Feb. 3, 1973-Dec. 10, 2013



Today, Sunday, the Lord's Day, Feb. 3, 2019, marks 46 years since Jennifer our precious daughter, was born into this world. Our first blessing of two, our second a son named Matthew.

Our first glimpse was a joy unspeakable; our words were overshadowed by an emotion, un-experienced before which only the Lord could have held in reserve for this moment in time. Until now, our love for her was one of anticipation, but at last our expectations were lost in sight. The words of Solomon in Psalms 127:3 was now a reality, "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward". But Solomon wasn't finished, for he wrote later in Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has also set eternity in their hearts", the desire to search and know.

With these biblical facts before us, coupled with our love and affection for Jennifer, incumbent on us was an awesome responsibility, not only for her physical wellbeing, but also for her spiritual welfare. With God's entrustment, He left parental guidelines, which are set forth in His word, the Bible. "For the Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works", Psalms 145:17, and what God has provided is for man's betterment.

In the days of her innocents, Jennifer was being guided in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, as His plan directed, Eph. 6:4, she learned to, "obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" Eph. 6:1.

As her knowledge matured, she learned in time that the state of innocence would end, when the knowledge of right and wrong was understood, one would then be held accountable before God for his thoughts, words and deeds. With the discernment of right and wrong, Jennifer came in humble obedience to the Lord's will, which necessitated belief, repentance, confession and baptism for the remission of sins. It was a great joy for both her mother and me, to see our daughter obey the gospel of Christ, and also very special, that she requested her dad, to baptize her.

Looking back over the years with Jennifer, I do so, with no sense of regret. I believe that both she and her mother, Beverly having past from this life in Christ, with the living hope of 1 Pet. 1:3, are now being comforted in the bosom of Abraham Luke 16:22, 25, awaiting the Lord's return.

Three blessings left behind by Jennifer among many, was husband Robert and sons, Will and Jake. Jennifer's wonderful legacy will remain, as a daughter, as a wife, as a mother, as a friend, as a nurse, as a counselor and among the young at the McArthur Heights Church of Christ, as their Bible class teacher extraordinary.

Sweet Sis, you'll always be daddy's baby. My love for you and mother will never end, for love is eternal! Daddy

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Opposition leader rejects mediation offers

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido said Friday he has turned down offers from the presidents of Mexico and Uruguay to negotiate with embattled Nicolas Maduro, a day before nationwide street protests called to escalate pressure on the socialist leader to step down.

In a letter to both presidents, Guaido urged them to back Venezuela's struggle, saying to remain neutral aligns them with Maduro.

"At this historical moment that our country is going through, to be neutral is to be on the side of the regime that has condemned hundreds of thousands of human beings to misery, hunger and exile — including death," he said.

Guaido declared himself interim president last week before tens of thousands of cheering supporters and vowed to topple Maduro's administration, which he labeled a "dictatorship." His claim to the presidency is backed by the United States and some two dozen other nations.

The opposition's priority is to end Maduro's grip on power and usher in a transition by holding democratic elections, Guaido said in the letter to Uruguayan President Tabare Vazquez and Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

The United States also rejects offers from Mexico, Uruguay and the Vatican to mediate a dialogue.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser John Bolton

tweeted Thursday that Maduro and his top advisers should retire to "a nice beach somewhere far away from Venezuela." Bolton's talk turned tougher Friday in an interview with conservative radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt in which he warned that it could be a beach area more like Guantanamo.

A defiant Maduro remains dug in, blaming the White House for openly backing what he calls a coup to remove him from power and exploit his country's vast oil wealth. He retains support from powerful allies, including Russia and China, but is growing increasingly isolated as more nations back Guaido.

Maduro on Friday continued a show of strength as commander-in-chief that has seen him crisscross Venezuela to oversee military exercises in recent days as he vows to defend his socialist government no matter the cost.

"We're in a historic battle," Maduro told several hundred troops standing in formation around armored vehicles. "We're facing the greatest political, diplomatic and economic aggression that Venezuela has confronted in 200 years."

The military's top leadership is backing Maduro, though analysts warn that rank-and-file troops frustrated by their country's economic and humanitarian crisis may not share that unwavering loyalty.

Venezuela's opposition has called on supporters to flood the streets again Saturday in nationwide

protests against Maduro, the second such mass action this week. Guaido led a peaceful demonstration Wednesday with residents stepping out of their homes and workplaces for two hours. Last week, street protests turned violent in days of unrest that killed nearly three dozen people in clashes with government security forces.

Maduro's socialist government is asking its supporters to mount their own demonstration, urging them to show their support Saturday on the 20th anniversary of Venezuela's Bolivarian revolution launched by the late President Hugo Chavez.

Meanwhile, a prominent opposition lawmaker called on a group of European Union and Latin American countries to support Maduro's ouster — without negotiations.

An "international contact group" announced Thursday by the E.U.'s top diplomat, Federica Mogherini, "should help to cease the usurpation of power by Maduro and establish a transitional government until new elections," said Francisco Sucre, who heads the international committee of the opposition-led National Assembly.

"There is no possible discussion here. Maduro has to leave," Sucre told The Associated Press in Madrid, where he is wrapping up a three-day European tour to enlist support for Guaido.

The European Parliament has called on the EU's member states to recognize Guaido as interim president.

SUMITON TEACHERS MEET FOR LUNCH



Daily Mountain Eagle - Rick Watson

Several former as well as some current teachers and staff of Sumiton Middle School met for a monthly retiree luncheon at the school on Friday, Jan. 18. Shown are: seated left to right; Wanda Landis, Deb Ellis, Pat Morris, Ilene Black, Martha Reed, Melissa Landrum, and Lillian Treadwell. Standing from left to right are Teryl Ragsdale, Ashliegh Lockhard, Rodney Williams, Trish Key, Lee Ann Headrick, Chris Stephenson, Billie Sue Moon, Glenn Braden, Gloria Panter, Brian Sides, Heather Washington, Carolyn McDonald, Deb Phillips, and Leigh Ann Sellers.

When marketing flops: Super Bowl ads that backfired

NEW YORK (AP) — Advertisers that spend millions of dollars on the Super Bowl are trying to avoid what the Ram truck company did with a Martin Luther King speech or what Groupon did spoofing promos for charities.

Though such messages can get attention, it's the wrong kind of attention. Groupon got buzz all right, but most of it was negative.

Here's a look at Super Bowl ads that flopped, despite months of planning and great expense.

2018: RAM PROMOTES VOLUNTEERISM

Last year, a Ram truck ad showed people doing service-oriented tasks set against audio of King urging people to be "great" by serving the greater good. The ad was supposed to highlight the volunteer program Ram Nation.

Instead, viewers and ad experts criticized it for forging too tenuous a connection with the civil rights hero. On Twitter, many people felt that the use of King's speech was merely exploiting emotions to sell trucks.

Fiat Chrysler, which owns Ram, said it worked closely with the King estate on the ad. It has stayed mum on whether it's advertising during this year's game.

2013: VOLKSWAGEN'S "GET HAPPY"

Volkswagen's ad for Passat depicts a white American so happy with a Passat that he starts speaking in a Jamaican accent, much to the consternation of his co-workers. The company said it was trying to stress the optimistic nature of VW users and chose the Jamaican ad for showcasing that message in a fun-

ny, easy-to-understand manner.

Volkswagen released the ad ahead of the Super Bowl, only to run into criticism. Some people said it bordered on racism because it portrayed the Jamaican accent as a caricature.

The furor was eventually quelled, however, by Jamaicans themselves, and the ad did run during the Super Bowl.

2013: GODADDY "PERFECT MATCH"

Web hosting service GoDaddy has made a name for itself during the Super Bowl with crass commercials starting in 2005, but its 2013 ad outdid itself in the taste department.

The ad showed supermodel Bar Rafaeli making out with a bespectacled nerdy man in a very tight, extended close-up. While the ad succeeded in grabbing attention, some dubbed it "gross." The company — and Super Bowl advertisers in general — toned down ads after that. For the past several years, GoDaddy hasn't advertised during the Super Bowl at all.

2011: Groupon's PSEUDO PSAs

Deal site Groupon

wanted to make a humorous debut as a Super Bowl advertiser but ended up striking the wrong tone. Groupon ran three ads that made fun of public service announcements. In one, Timothy Hutton says "the people in Tibet are in trouble, their culture is in jeopardy," as pictures of Tibet are shown on the screen. The punchline? It turns out he was talking about a fish curry deal Groupon was offering. Other ads poked fun at charities for saving the whales and the Brazilian rain forest.

Groupon was actually trying to raise money for the charities the ads were spoofing, but the ads didn't make that clear.

The ads sparked widespread negative reaction on Twitter and Facebook. According to research firm Alterian, which produced a "Buzz Bowl" score of online activity, Groupon was among the five most-discussed advertisers online. But the buzz was twice as negative as it was positive.

Groupon returned to the Super Bowl last year with an ad starring Tiffany Haddish but is sitting out this year.

Starbucks faces tricky time as ex-CEO mulls presidential run

DETROIT (AP) — For Starbucks, former CEO Howard Schultz is a hero — and a headache.

Schultz spent more than 30 years at Starbucks, growing a handful of coffee shops into a global brand. But now as the billionaire mulls running for president as an independent, the company will have to tread carefully.

Some Democrats fear Schultz could tip the 2020 election to President Donald Trump by splitting their vote. But he could also turn off conservatives who will be reminded of his support for gay marriage or his 2017 pledge to hire 10,000 refugees.

"I wouldn't be panicked if I was Starbucks. But it's not ideal. You're muddying up the water," said Americus Reed, a marketing professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

Schultz served at the company's helm from 1986 to 2000 and again from 2008 to 2017. He stepped down from his role as executive chairman in June and still owns Starbucks shares.

His public consideration of a presidential run has already cost Starbucks some customers. Aruna D'Souza, a writer from Williamstown, Massachusetts, was a regular until Schultz made his announcement. She said the company will no longer get her business because of his "pro-billionaire, anti-worker Republican talking points." She's buying a new espresso maker instead.

But others like Jacob Wilentz, a student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville who goes to Starbucks almost every day, are able to sepa-



AP Photo

In this Monday, Jan. 28, 2019, file photo former Starbucks CEO and Chairman Howard Schultz looks out at the audience during a book promotion tour in New York. Schultz spent more than 30 years at Starbucks, growing a handful of coffee shops into a much-admired global brand. But now, as the billionaire mulls running for president as an independent, Starbucks will have to tread carefully.

rate the man from the business.

"I'm very grateful for Starbucks, but that would not necessarily influence me to vote for the CEO," he said.

For now, Starbucks' cheerful Facebook and Twitter feeds are focused on promoting the company's latest latte concoction. But it shared with media a letter CEO Kevin Johnson sent to employees this week after Schultz's announcement.

"Howard has moved forward to the next chapter of his life, where he has expressed an interest in public service, and potentially public office. Whatever he decides, it is my personal belief that Howard will continue to make a positive impact on the lives he touches, and I wish him well," Johnson

wrote.

Employees may be asked if they support Schultz's candidacy, Johnson said, but he reminded them to respect the diverse opinions of Starbucks' customers.

"As a company, we don't get involved in national political campaigns," he said.

Starbucks has nonetheless been the target of political pushback. Conservatives have slammed the company for matching employees' donations to Planned Parenthood. And liberal groups such as the Center for American Progress say they will organize a boycott if Schultz runs.

The impact of a boycott could be limited, judging from the ones that have been staged against the company in the past.

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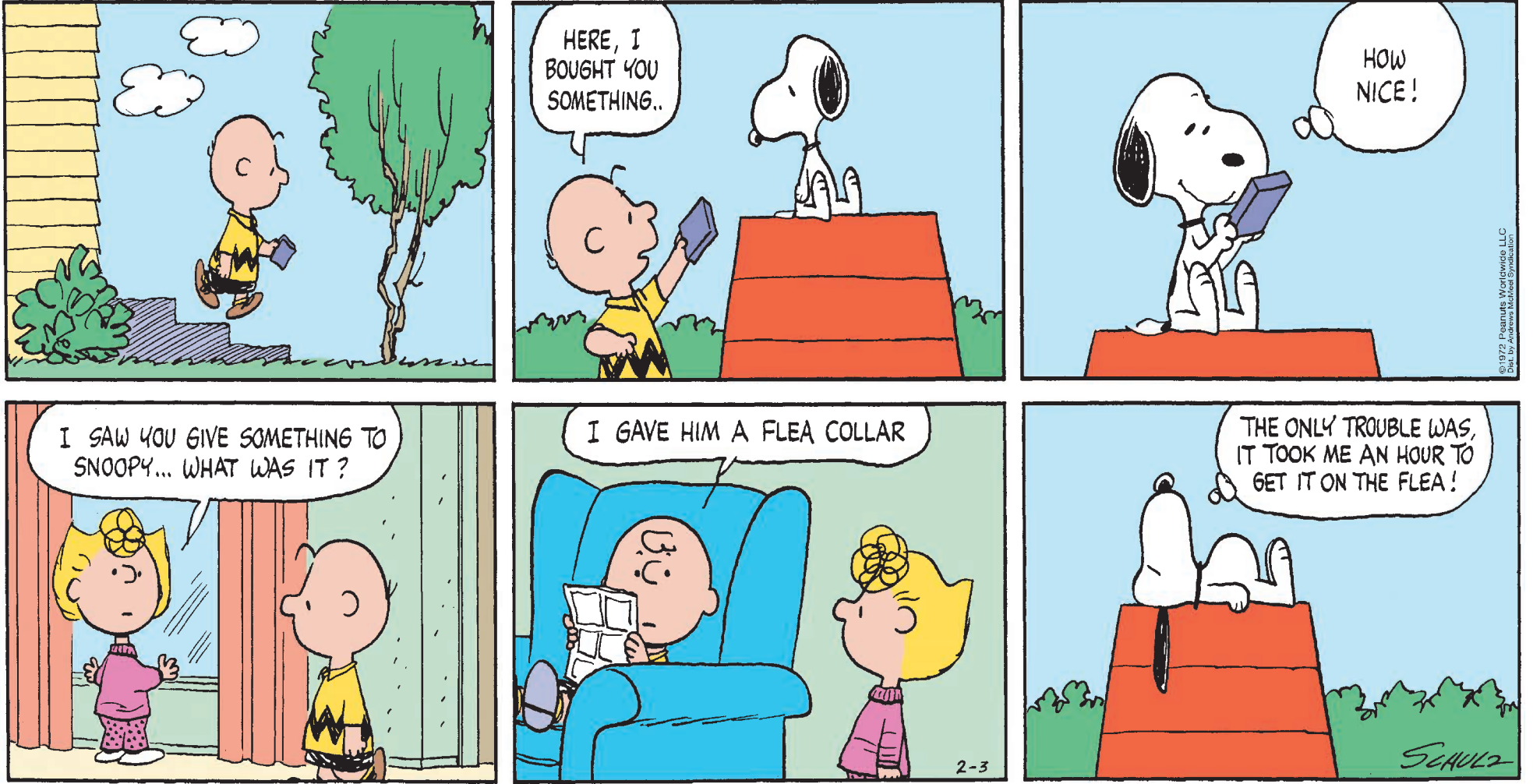
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

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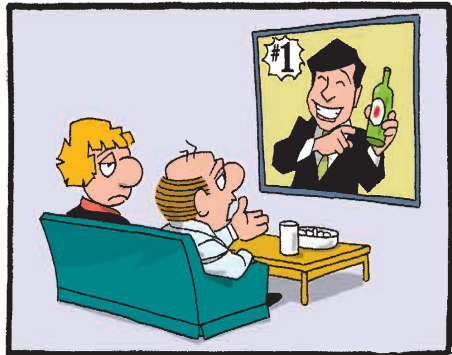
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT



"I'M ACTUALLY NOSTALGIC FOR THE TIMES HE BURIED HIMSELF BEHIND THE NEWSPAPER."



"WHO DO THEY THINK THEY'RE KIDDING? ALL BEER IS GOOD!"

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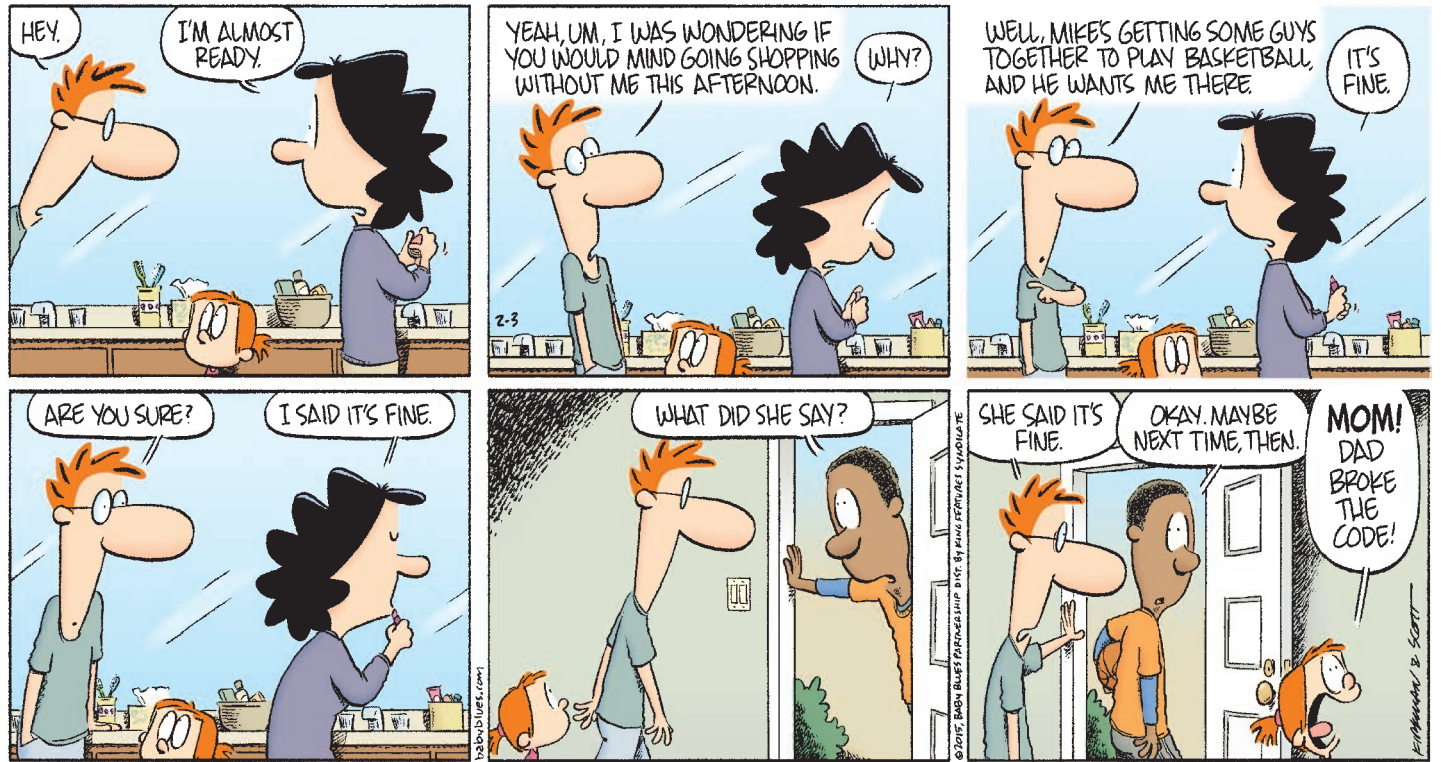


"OKAY... MAYBE IT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE CONSOLIDATED ALL OUR DEBTS."

HOEST & REINER 2-3

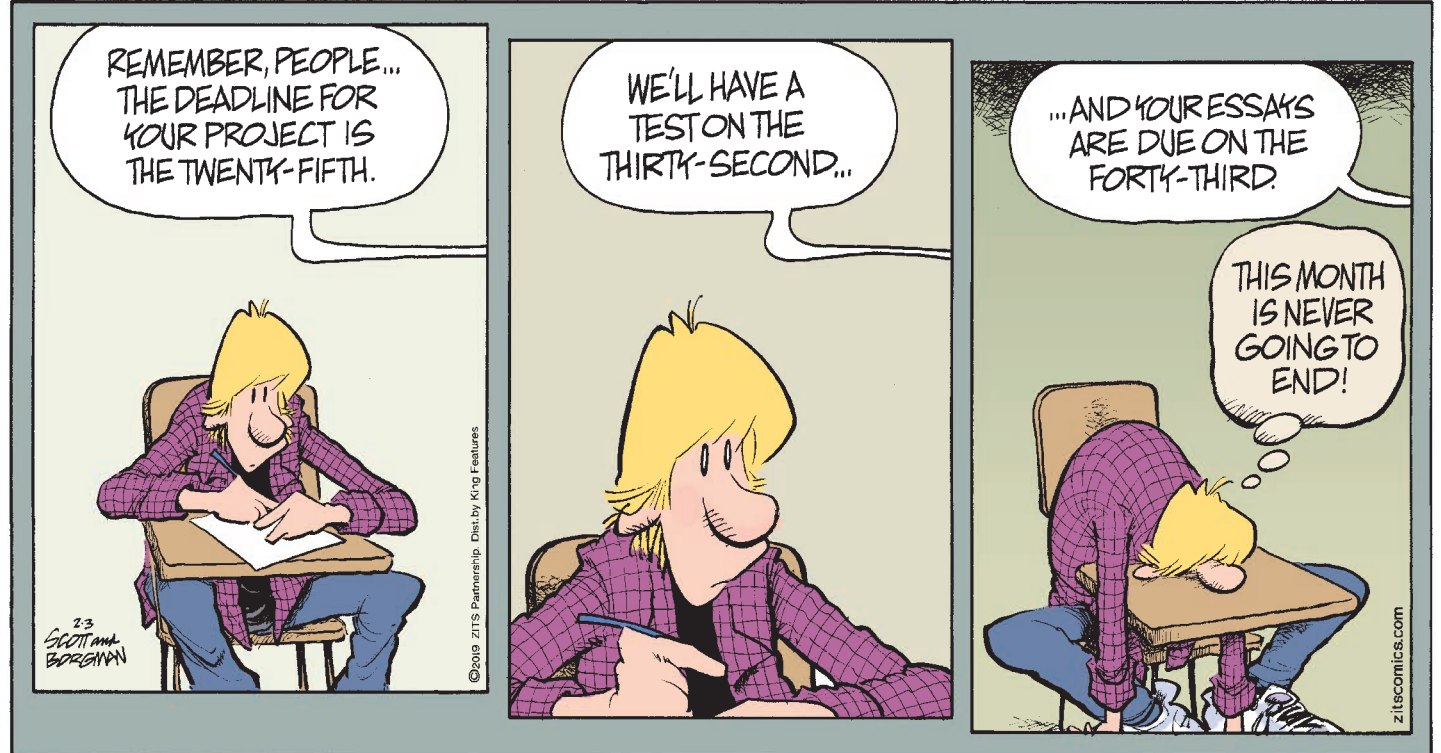


"IT'S AN IPA WITH A SINGLE MALT... I CALL IT HOPSCOTCH."



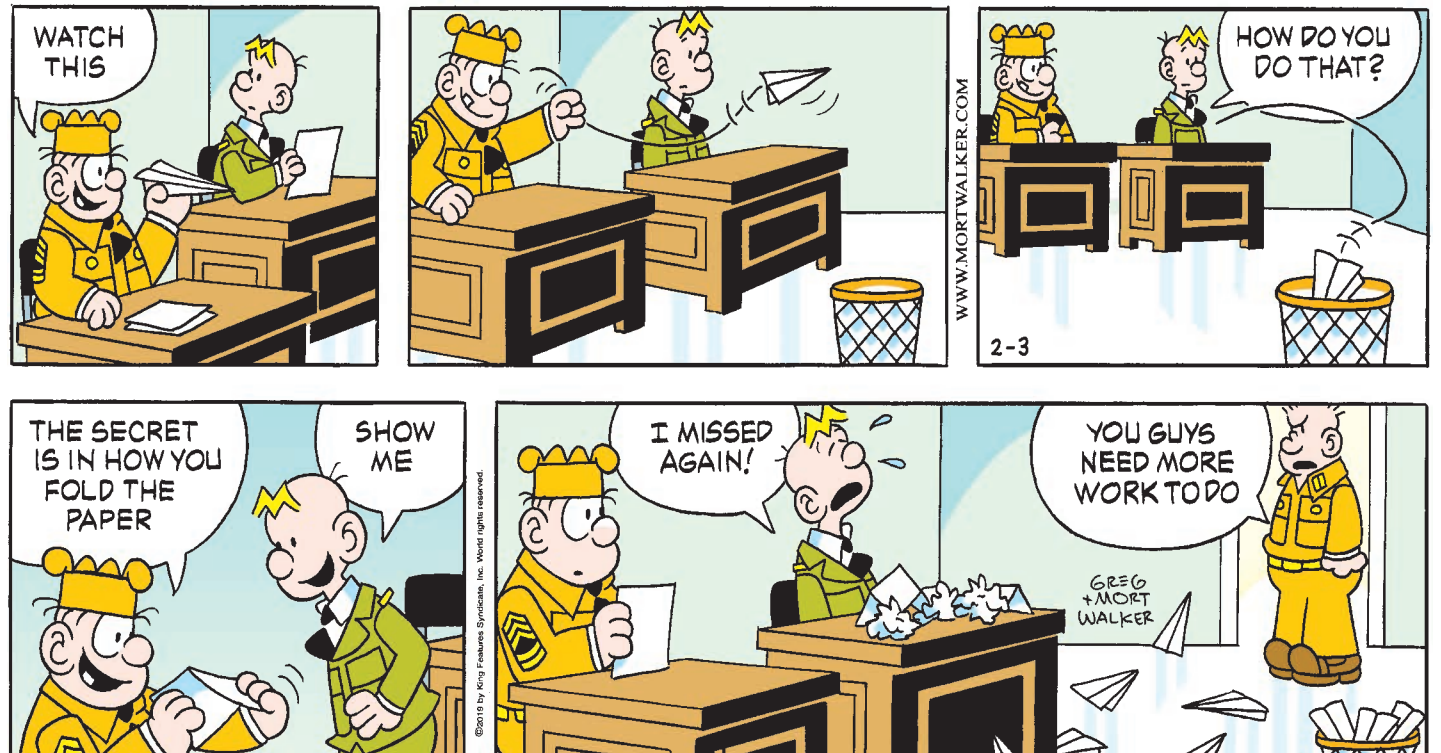
ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN



BEETLE BAILEY

BY MORT, GREG & BRIAN WALKER



TAKE IT FROM THE TINKERSONS

By BILL BETTNY

Do you have any homework?

Nope.

How come Tweetie always had homework when she was in your grade?

I don't know.

I don't.

BETTNY 2-3

MARVIN

BY TOM ARMSTRONG

I RECENTLY WENT THROUGH THE TODDLER RITE OF PASSAGE... I TURNED TWO!

BY BIL KEANE

Little Billy's letting Daddy watch the big game in peace today, so he took pen in hand and drew up his own page of definitions.

What's the Meaning of This?

By Billy (age 7)

HISS
Belongs to Him

HEARSE
Not Hiss

DARES
Hiss and Hearse

DODDER
Dare Little Girl

ARSON
Dare Dodders' Brother

MY BECOMING TWO RADICALLY CHANGES THE FAMILY CHAIN OF COMMAND!

CURTIS

BY RAY BILLINGSLEY

MY MOM AND DAD ARE NO LONGER IN CHARGE! THEY HAVE TO DO WHAT I SAY NOW!

"BECAUSE YOU'RE SUCH A VALUED CUSTOMER, WE'RE OFFERING YOU A HIGHER CREDIT LIMIT." CONGRATS, DAD!!

I'D RATHER FLOSS MY TEETH WITH A BICYCLE CHAIN

CREDIT CARDS ARE ISSUED BY BANKS, AND THEIR BUSINESS IS TO MAKE MONEY

I'M THE CAPTAIN OF MY OWN DESTINY!!

I'D RATHER USE PAINT THINNER AS PASTA SAUCE

WHAT THEY'RE OFFERING IS A WAY TO GET DEEPER IN DEBT

THEY MAKE MONEY FROM THE HIGH INTEREST COSTS

I'D RATHER KISS A CHICKEN ON THE LIPS

WOW.

SO, HOW'S THAT WORKING OUT FOR YOU?

Wanna go to the beach?

SURE.

WE GOT A GOOD SPOT.

...AND MAKING IT NEW AGAIN.

HUH?

DID YOU SEE THAT SHADOW JUST NOW?

IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION.

SOAWK OZAK

MY IMAGINATION IS EXCEPTIONAL.

MY PARENTS ARE STILL IN DENIAL

Dennis the Menace

NEW TO YOU

I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU MEAN, MOM!

REALLY?

YEAH!

EXCEPT I FOUND MR. WILSON NEXT DOOR...

...NOT IN A FLEA MARKET.

BARNEY GOOGLE and SUNS EMB YITH

BY JOHN ROSE

WHAT'CHA GOT THAR, PAW?

A BODACIOUS FRAMED COPY OF TH' SMIF FAMBLY MOTTO !!

CAN'T SOMEONE ELSE DO THAT?

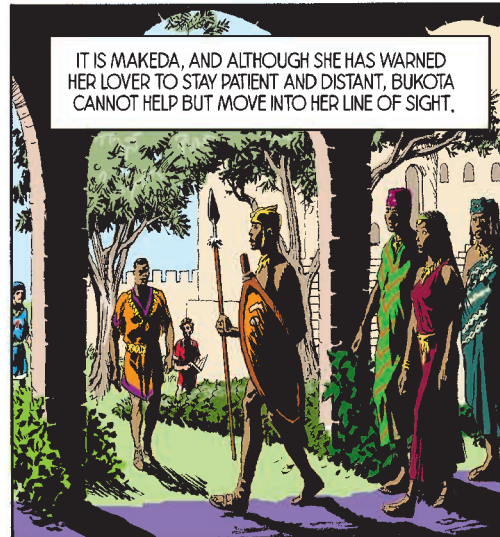
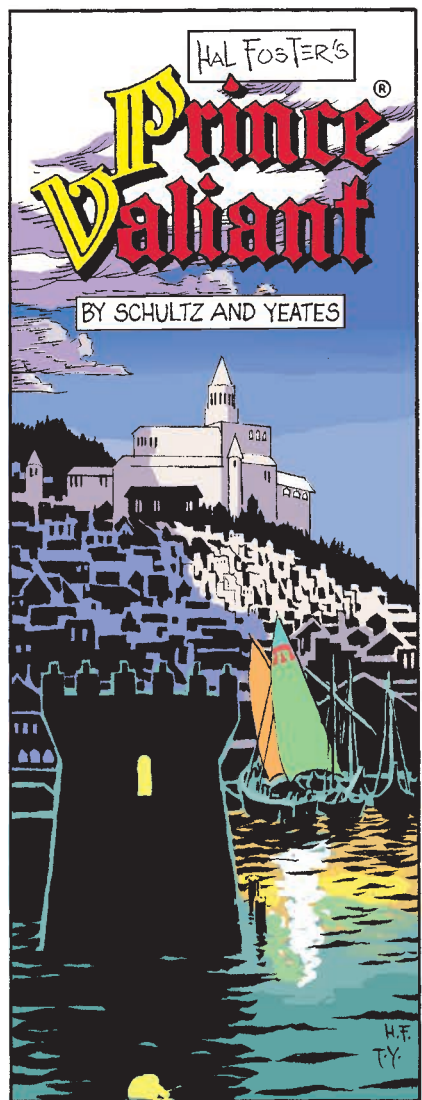
CHOP, CHOP, JUGHAID--THAT WOODBOX AIN'T GONNA FILL ITSELF !!

GIT A-HAULIN', JUGHAID--THAT BATHTUB AIN'T GONNA FILL ITSELF !!

HOP TO IT, JUGHAID--THAT BED AIN'T GONNA MAKE ITSELF !!

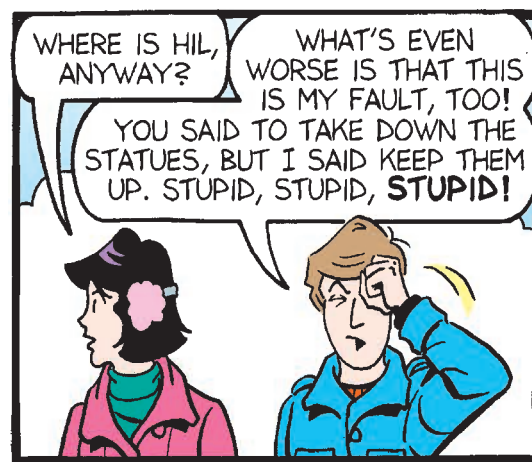
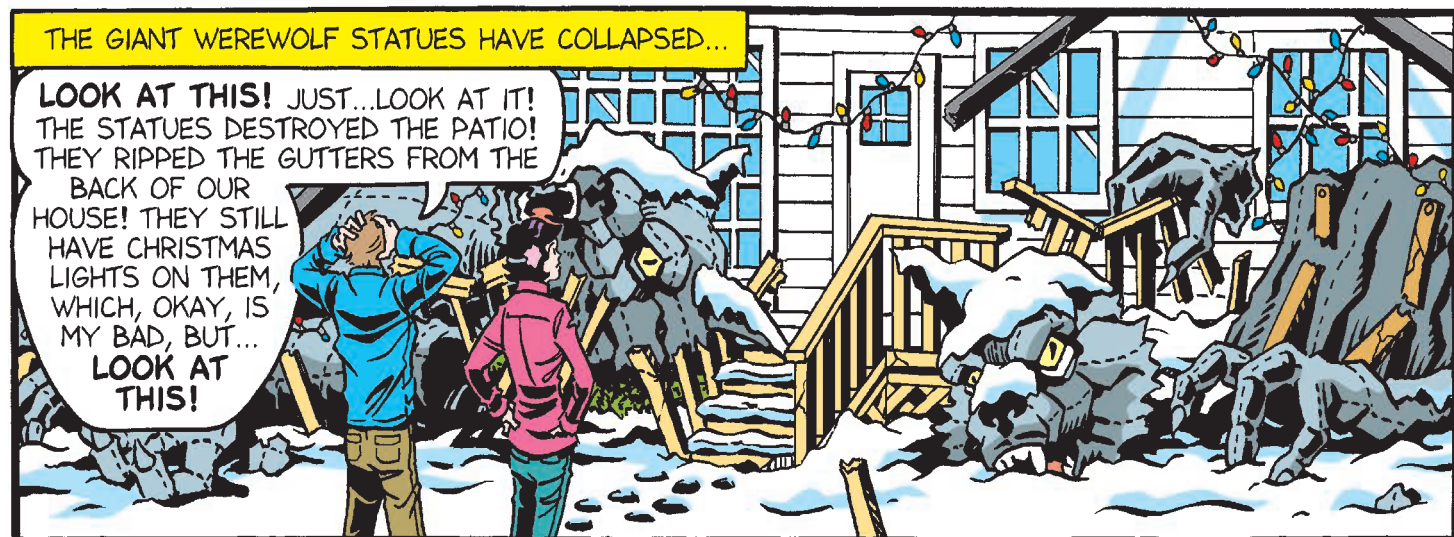
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MAN !! I HAVE GOT T'GIT BUSY A FEW THINGS !!

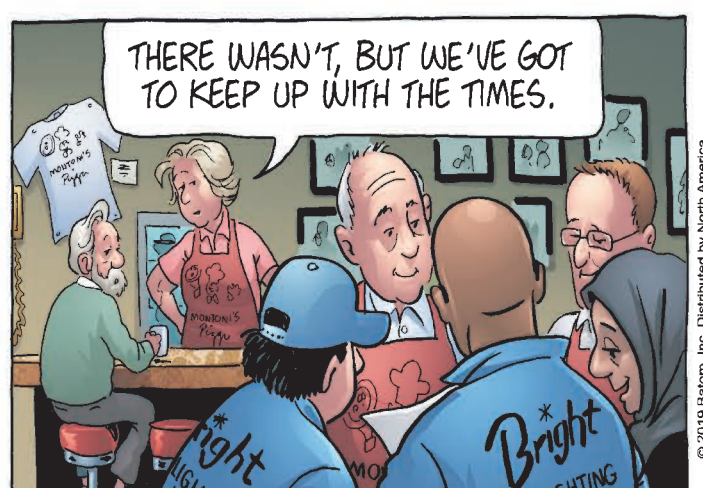
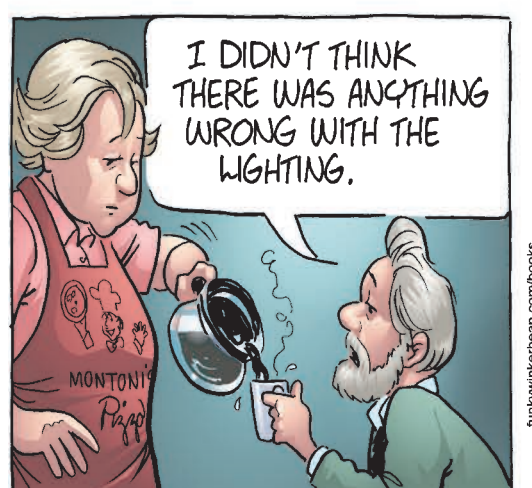
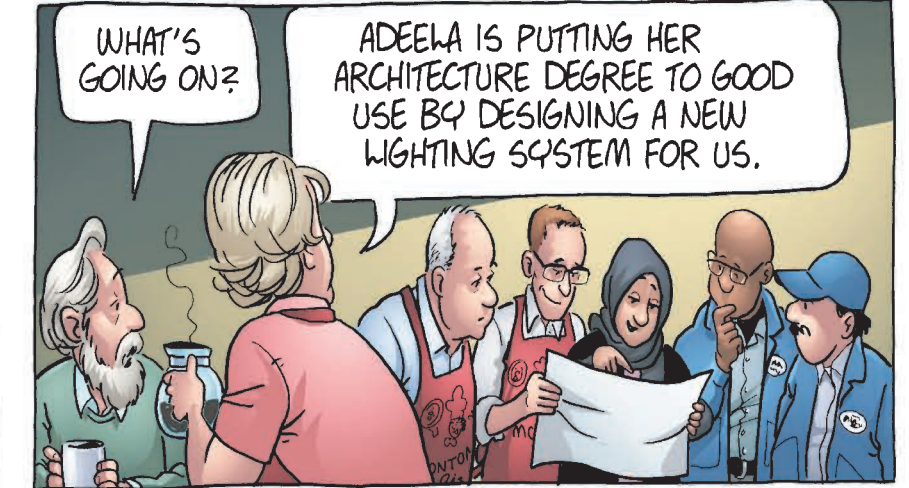
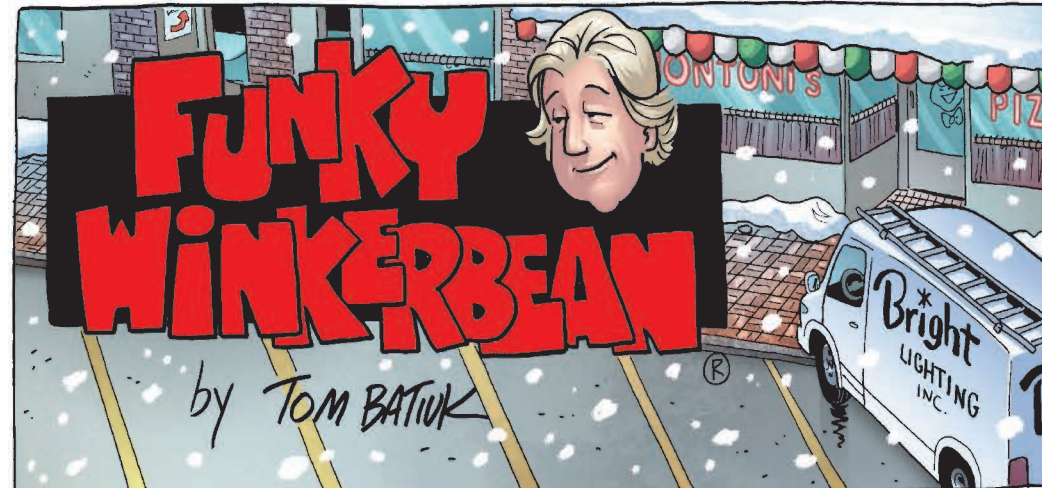
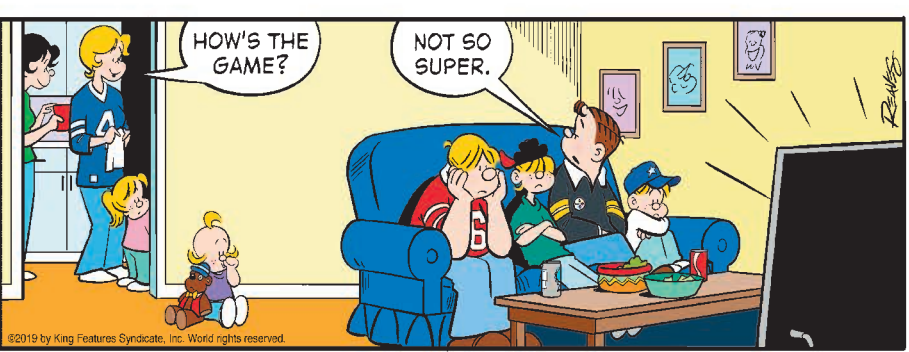
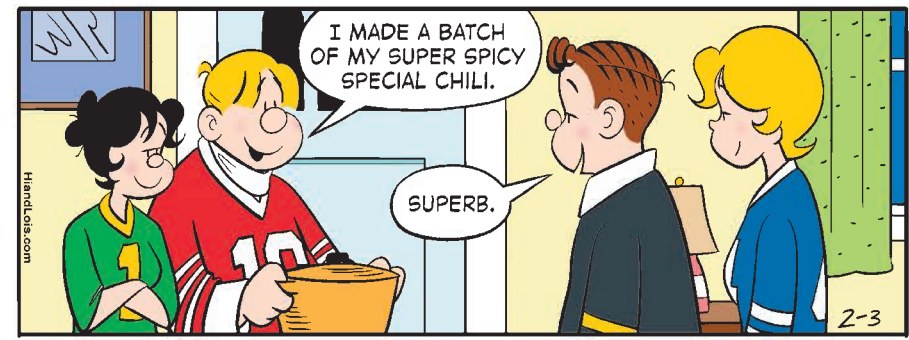


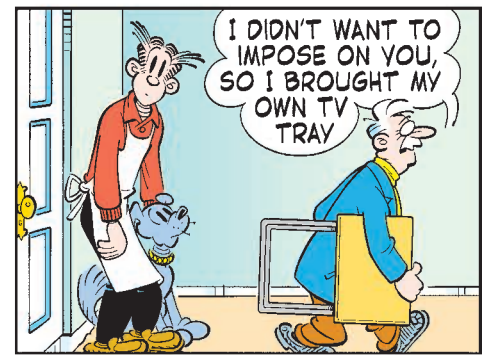
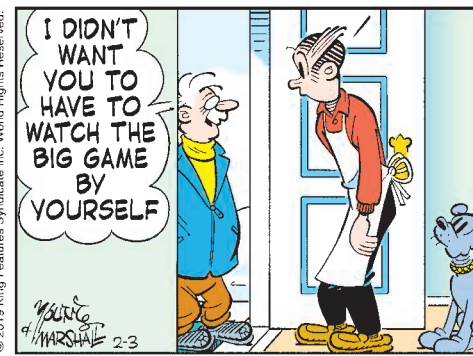
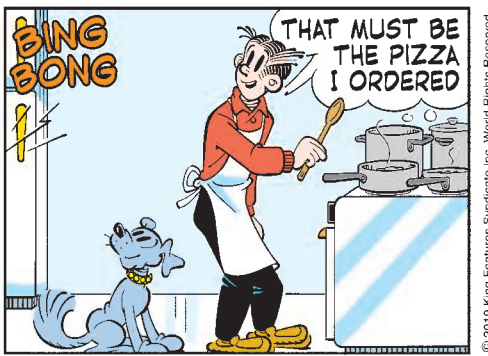
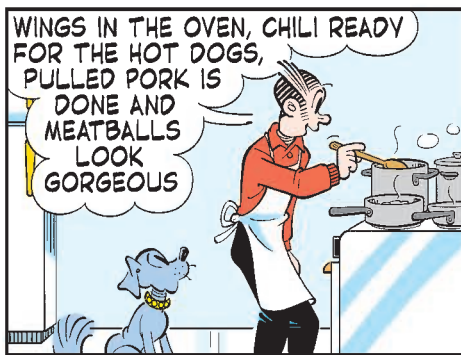
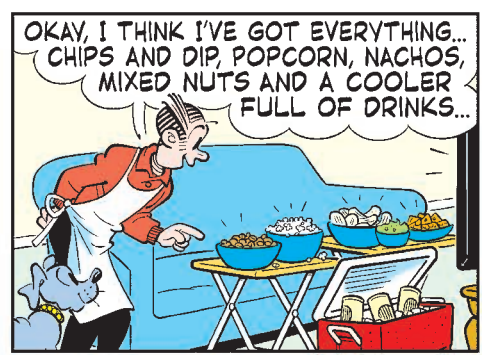
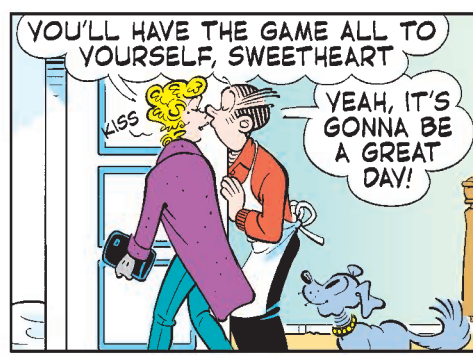
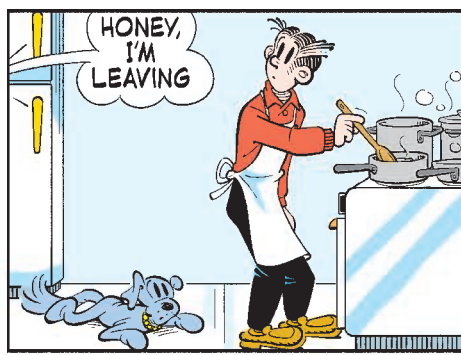
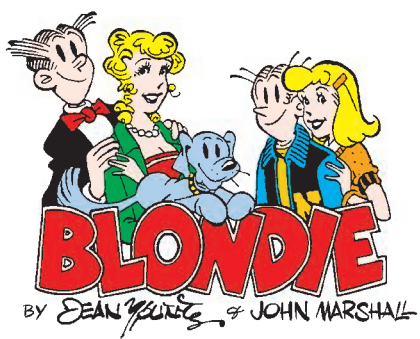
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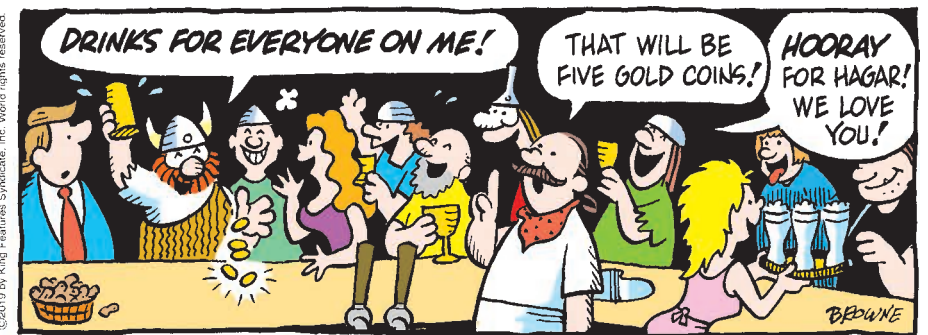
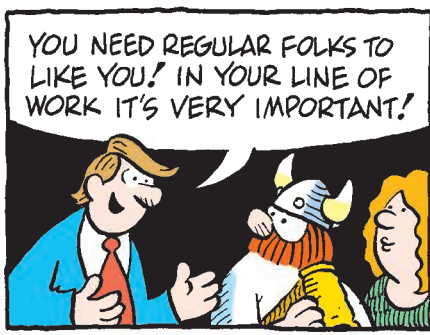


Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER





HAGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

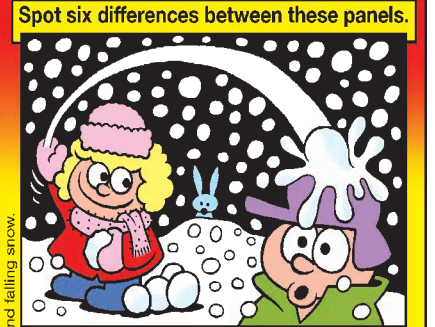


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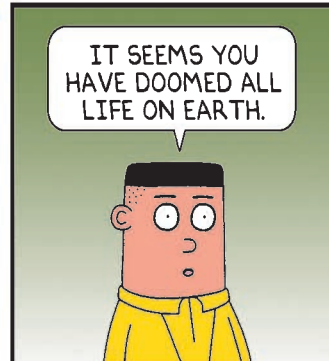
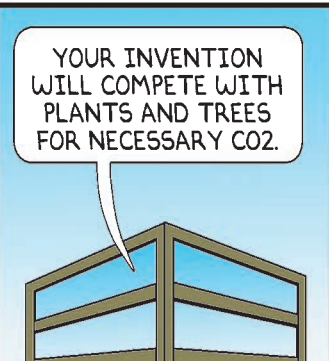
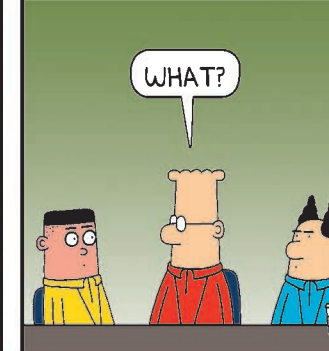
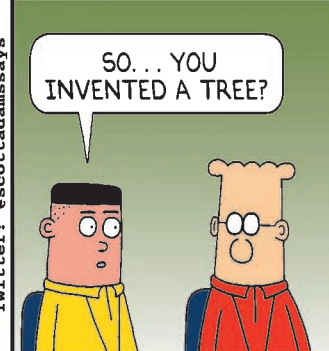
Which tree produces acorns?
a) Maple
b) Oak
c) Beech
d) Elm
e) Birch
f) Juniper

Answer -- (b)



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