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— John Morgan



Bye, bye medical bud ban?

New Florida governor wants smokable medical marijuana prohibition to end

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON** and **MIKE SCHNEIDER**
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WINTER PARK, Fla. — Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis criticized the Legislature's implementation of a medical marijuana law and said Thursday that if they don't fix it quickly, he'll take matters into his own hands.

DeSantis wants a new law by mid-March that will end a ban on smokable medical marijuana and loosen limits on treatment center licenses, saying voters spoke clearly when they approved medical marijuana in 2016.

If the Legislature fails to act, DeSantis will drop challenges to lawsuits on both those issues, effectively letting

the courts resolve them instead of lawmakers. He said he would prefer not to do that.

"I want to have the elected representatives write the law in a way the people intended, so we'll give them a couple of weeks in session to address the smoking issue, and if they don't do it, we're going to dismiss the case and move on," DeSantis said.

He addressed the media in Winter Park, near Orlando, standing alongside personal injury lawyer John Morgan. Morgan led the effort to put the medical marijuana constitutional amendment on the 2016 ballot. It was approved by more than 71 percent of voters.

Morgan is also the person who sued the state over the smoking ban, publicizing it with the slogan, "No smoke is a joke."

The 2017 bill signed into law by then-Gov. Rick Scott legalized access to the drug in pill, oil, edible and vape form, but made it illegal to smoke.

"What's next is no smoke is no longer a joke. It's a victory for the people of Florida," Morgan said before the press conference. "Litigation should always be the last resort ... Negotiation should be the best resort. That's what we're going to do. We're going to step back a few inches, give them a chance to get it right and if they don't get it right, then they're going to get it another way."

A circuit court judge ruled in May that the smoking ban is unconstitutional, but Scott appealed

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'We don't want Naples here'

Englewood neighbors worry hotel will hurt community

By **BETSY CALVERT**
STAFF WRITER

A small crowd of neighbors are objecting to a proposed hotel in Englewood on State Road 776. They say it will bring crime and disruption to their piece of old Florida.

After hearing their arguments, a divided Planning and Zoning Advisory Board voted 3-2 Tuesday to recommend the project to the Charlotte County Commission. Commissioners will consider the rezoning on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

Property owner Kees Streuding is asking for the zone change from residential to commercial so he can build a 76-unit hotel on S.R. 776 and Strawberry Street. The lots that would be rezoned are on Burlington Avenue. The site is surrounded by many empty lots with single-family homes located

several lots away.

"These people are dumbfounded," said neighbor James DeGore. "Seventy to 60 percent of the neighborhood says, 'We don't want this.'"

Several neighbors described their peaceful neighborhood that they want to keep off the radar to developers.

"We don't want Naples here, and that's where we're getting to," DeGore said.

Neighbor Pat Coe said she believes having a hotel in the neighborhood will bring crime including drugs and prostitution, as she saw when she lived in Anaheim, California.

"It brought nothing but destruction to the neighborhood," she said of her experience in California.

Planning board member Paul Bigness voted against recommending the rezoning, saying he could see both sides of the case. Those sides are property rights for the owner who seeks to develop, he said, and the desire of residents to keep the feel of the neighborhood that they bought into.

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What happens to SNAP benefits next month?

Government shutdown to impact food stamps, pantries

By **ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH**
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Amy Stone spent part of a busy morning Thursday at the Englewood Farmers Market explaining to people how the government shutdown will impact their benefits.

It boils down to this: People who rely on federal SNAP funds to help them buy food should get a larger-than-usual allotment Sunday. But they should plan on making it last, since it's likely the last one they can count on until the partial government shutdown ends.

Stone is the SNAP manager at Englewood Farmer's Market, which sees many customers each week on market day.

Recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — formerly the Food Stamp Program and known as SNAP — have reusable plastic cards they can use to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at the market. Some go to the Farmers Market because the market will match their SNAP purchases up to \$40, meaning they can get \$80 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We are the third-highest Farmers Market for SNAP users in the state," said Lee Perron, Englewood Farmers Market manager.

But the future of the program is cloudy. SNAP recipients will get their February benefits early in an

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CHARLIE SAYS
"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

New hotel planned for I-75 and Kings Highway

Five groups listed as owners with locations including Long Island, Dallas and Palm Beach

By **BETSY CALVERT**
STAFF WRITER

Developers seeking a new hotel on Interstate 75 and Kings Highway passed the first hurdle this week.

The Planning and Zoning Advisory Board voted unanimously to

recommend a change to the zoning at the site to allow a 83-unit, name-brand hotel. The proposal must go before the Charlotte County Commission next. If approved, the developer would have to then present a site plan for the hotel.

Representing the owners, lawyer Geri Waksler said she did not know what brand hotel is planned, nor when it might be built.

This hotel site off Sandhill Boulevard would join other hotels at the same interstate intersection including Hampton

Inn and Holiday Inn Express Suites.

The 4-acre site is part of a 713-acre special zoning district in this commercial section of Kings Highway. The location is already approved for 13,446 square feet of commercial space, and requires county approval

to exchange that for 83 hotel rooms, county planner Ken Quillen told the board.

The site is currently empty and located in a section with an Applebee's Grill and Bar, a Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen and a Tire Kingdom under

construction, Quillen said.

Owners were listed as five separate groups with addresses in the area as well as in Long Island, New York; Palm Beach; and Dallas, Texas. The first owner is listed as Kings Holdings, LLC.

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Babies left alone in unlocked apartment

Police: Dad went to buy drugs, mom went to bar

By **ANNE EASKER**
STAFF WRITER

A Port Charlotte man was arrested after allegedly leaving his 1-year-old and 3-month-old children at home alone at 1 a.m., while he went out to obtain suboxone, a controlled substance.

Kenneth Jobst, 39, was stopped by members of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office on Jan. 12 at 1 a.m. in the parking lot of Knights Inn at 4100 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, according to an arrest affidavit.

While speaking with investigators, Jobst was on the phone with his wife, telling her to hurry home because he was worried about the kids. A CCSO corporal asked how old the kids

were that he was so concerned about. Jobst said they were 1-year-old and 3-month-old, and no one was at home with them, the affidavit stated.

The corporal then had a deputy go to Jobst's home on the 22200 block of Westchester Boulevard. His apartment is located on the second floor, with stairs right outside the front door, which was reportedly left unlocked. Both children were sleeping in their beds.

Deputies also spoke with Jobst's wife, who stated she left home around midnight because she wanted



JOBST

to sing karaoke but it would have been too loud at home, so she went to a bar. She was gone around half an hour before Jobst called telling her to come home, she said.

According to the arrest affidavit, she said she knew what her husband did was not right and agreed that she would not leave her kids home alone.

A Department of Children and Families case was opened and the children were taken into DCF custody.

On Wednesday, Jobst was charged with child neglect without great bodily harm and transported to the Charlotte County Jail. His bond was revoked on an unrelated DUI case.

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Former FEMA chief: Counties need to communicate about shelters

How to build more hurricane shelters is the next step to strengthen preparations

By **Warren Richardson**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

SARASOTA — Almost a year and a half after Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc on Florida, Sarasota County officials have completed more than 80 percent of the to-do items on their Irma after-action review.

During the County Commission meeting Tuesday, Emergency Management Director Rich Collins provided commissioners with an update on the after-action report prepared by Craig Fugate.

The county hired Fugate, the former Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator and former Florida Emergency

Management director, to review the county's response to the hurricane, and suggest changes to strengthen the county's preparations for future storms.

As of this past week, Collins told commissioners, county staff has completed 78 of the 93 to-do items contained in Fugate's final report.

Of the remaining 15 items, two are proving to be the most intractable and are related.

Noting the last-minute surge of Charlotte County residents who headed to Sarasota

County shelters, mostly Cranberry Elementary in North Port, Fugate recommended that the two counties enter an agreement whereby Charlotte would provide staff to assist in the management of Sarasota's shelters.

That agreement still remains in the discussion stage.

"We're still working with Charlotte," Collins told commissioners. "They don't feel that they have the staff to support that shelter operation."

The other issue, shelters, particularly in South County, is even more difficult.

Collins said he remains in discussions with Sarasota Memorial Hospital officials about potential shelter space for their new mid-county facility, and continues to review funding opportunities to harden other facilities which could then serve as shelters.

Collins said he expected to receive a draft interlocal agreement from the hospital this week for review.

He also said he and other county emergency staff would be touring

the Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter in Pasco County.

With this as a possible option to acquire future shelter space for county residents, Collins said he wants to talk with Pasco officials to gain insight on how they moved the facility through the state system.

Other county and city leaders will be talking about shelters today during the monthly Council of Governments meeting. A discussion on the topic was requested by the city of Venice.

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"We're still working with Charlotte ... They don't feel that they have the staff to support that shelter operation."

— Rich Collins, Sarasota County emergency management director

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

For the city of Venice, shelter space remains a huge issue.

During Irma, many city residents on the island of Venice took shelter at the Venice Community Center, although it was not an official county shelter. While differences of opinion still remain between city and county officials about the feasibility of the center as a shelter, Collins and other emergency officials remain steadfast that the center is not adequate due to potential flooding and the inability to access the island if the three bridges are damaged.

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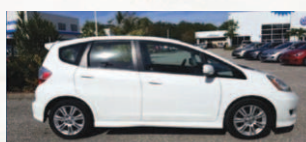
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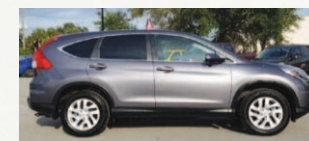
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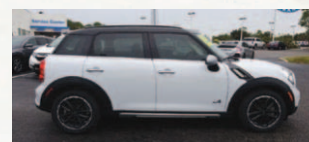
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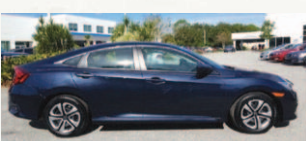
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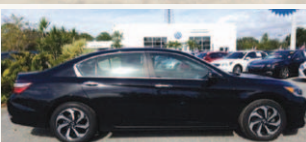
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AP PHOTO

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks during a press conference about medical marijuana at Kraft Azalea Park in Winter Park, Fla., Thursday. DeSantis criticized the Legislature's implementation of a medical marijuana law and said that if they don't fix it quickly, he'll take matters into his own hands. Listening from left, are John Morgan, Congressman Matt Gaetz, and Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez.

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the decision. DeSantis replaced fellow Republican Scott, who is now a U.S. senator, earlier this month.

DeSantis also said he wants the amended law to address licensing limits that are also subjects of lawsuits.

"They created a cartel, essentially," he said. "That is not good policy, so I'd like them to address that as well."

Florida's new Republican legislative leaders, Senate President Bill Galvano and House Speaker Jose Oliva, said they'll work with

DeSantis to amend the law. Galvano said in a news release that implementing the constitutional amendment "has been an ongoing problem mired in complex and protracted legal challenges."

"Governor DeSantis has indicated that he prefers a legislative solution rather than a judicial order to bring the issue of implementation of the amendment to a conclusion. A legislative solution has always been my preferred course of action, and we will certainly honor the Governor's request," Galvano said.

The annual legislative session begins March 5.

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Board member Kenneth Chandler also voted against recommending the project. Members Don McCormick, Michael Graveson and Stephen Vieira voted in favor.

Graveson said the old commercial lots, from 1959, are only 150 feet deep, and that's not enough for modern requirements of parking, storm water management and visual buffers.

"This is why the economic corridor has been put in the comprehensive plan, to be able to go one lot back," Graveson said.

Streuding's lawyer, Robert Berntsson, said Englewood needs more hotels that are not just on the beaches.

"People have relatives coming down that don't have

places to stay," he said.

Streuding wants to build the hotel on a square, empty site of 1.5 acres made up of six adjoining lots. Three of the lots are zoned commercial and along the major thoroughfare of S.R. 776 or South McCall Road. But the three lots behind the commercial lots are zoned multi-family residential.

The county's Community Development Department is recommending the zone change due to its alignment with the comprehensive plan. Part of the plan is the goal of reducing high density residential development in the county's high-risk coastal evacuation regions.

If approved, the owner would then have to submit a site plan with more detail for a hotel. That site plan would also require approval.

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allotment Sunday, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

However, if the government remains partially shut down, Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and Brandon Lipps, USDA's acting deputy under-secretary, don't know what will happen to SNAP users in March.

Government is at a stalemate over the border funding between President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress. During the shutdown, multiple funding packages have been approved in Congress, but all lacked the funding for a border wall.

"The president has been quite clear about what he expects to see in the appropriations package," Perdue told reporters Tuesday, referring to the border wall.

Meanwhile, the short-term bill approved in December only keeps SNAP and Women In Children — a program known as WIC that dispenses formula, cereal, peanut butter, free milk and cheese for children under age 5 — funded through February.

"We know this is a time of great uncertainty, and no doubt anxiety for people who rely on SNAP and are dealing with tough times," Lipps said.

Lipps said the federal government needs about \$4.8 billion to cover all food assistance programs through February. In March, the government could dip into the \$3 billion contingency fund to issue benefits for SNAP users. However, that wipes out the fund and doesn't fully cover nationwide monthly benefits if the partial federal government shutdown continues.

Without SNAP benefits, many local residents will be left without food or financial help with their grocery budgets to feed their children and, or themselves.

Help for federal employees

The shutdown also created a new group of people who aren't accustomed to needing help getting food on the table: federal workers. These employees without paychecks can't apply for food stamps because Department of Agriculture workers have also been furloughed and aren't at work to process SNAP

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Charlotte County:

- Jesus Loves You Ministry, 1734 Cedarwood St. in Murdock.
- Charlotte County Homeless Coalition can help with a pantry from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Wednesday, and community residents are permitted to shop once per month. They offer hot meals every evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. all year at 1476 Kenesaw St., Port Charlotte.

applications.

Many whose food stamps will run out by the middle of February may turn to pantries, food banks, churches and possibly even the homeless coalition for a weekly free meal.

Howard Goodrich, executive director of Englewood Helping Hand, said his organization isn't prepared for a huge influx of residents in need. With red tide hitting Englewood, Helping Hand saw an increase of food pantry users from about 280 a month to nearly 400. Now the pantry is open twice a month to help residents.

"We don't have a plan in place yet, but we will," Goodrich said. "We will turn to All Faiths Food Bank. We will ask for donations from the community. Our third option, which we really don't want to do, is to take from the funding we would give for rental and electric bill assistance. Food comes first. We know people need help with rent, but people need to feed their children. We will have to give less for rental assistance."

All Faiths Food Bank food distributions will continue. However, a long-term shutdown will also impact federal safety net food programs such as school breakfast and lunch.

"All Faiths Food Bank is preparing to respond and is confident the community will rally to support," said All Faiths representative Elodie McCartney Ward in a release to local pantries.

Another local food pantry, the Jubilee Center at St. David's Episcopal Church, expects Sarasota's All Faiths Food Banks to deliver fresh fruits and vegetables this weekend as part of the federal SNAP program.

After that, in light of partial shutdown, Jubilee Center administrator Ruth Hill and outreach manager Pat Knox are unsure if the mobile truck will come to Englewood. The center's food pantry helps 250 to 300 Englewood-area, working poor families and seniors with limited Social Security and other income.

This week, St. David's pantry usage is slow. Neither Hill nor Knox would speculate how many, if any, furloughed federal employees live in the area.

Hill, who had been a social worker in Ohio, questioned whether federal employees even realize what local services are available to them. Services, like the food pantry, are services federal government employees may never have thought they would need.

Florida has one of the highest numbers of SNAP retailers in the country. Across the state 16,176 retailers redeemed nearly \$4.8 billion in benefits last year, according to a Department of Agriculture fiscal report.

Sun staff writer Steve Reilly contributed to this article, which also included information from the Tampa Bay Times.

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Man airlifted after chainsaw accident

By **STEVE REILLY**
STAFF WRITER

PLACIDA — A 57-year-old man cut himself deeply with a chainsaw and had to be airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital Thursday. The Englewood Area

Fire Control District and Charlotte County EMS responded to a 911 call 10:19 a.m. Thursday to the Coral Creek Club on Gasparilla Road. The caller said the man had cut his lower leg with a chainsaw, reports stated. While not

life-threatening, the wound was deep enough for Charlotte EMS to have the man airlifted from the nearby Coral Creek Airport to the Lee Memorial trauma center for treatment. Charlotte County Fire/EMS spokesman

Todd Dunn said he trained as a volunteer with a chainsaw disaster response team. As part of the safety training, Dunn said, team members were required to wear protective chaps whenever they handled a chainsaw. Email: reilly@sun-herald.com

Purses disappear in 3 smash-and-grabs

Three vehicle burglaries were reported at Planet Fitness in Port Charlotte between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Suspects smashed windows and took a purse from two of the vehicles and a backpack from another, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported.

Detectives are actively investigating the cases, according to CCSO Spokesperson Katie Heck.



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POLICE BEAT

The information for Police Beat is gathered from police, sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, jail and fire records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction and guilt or innocence is determined by the court system.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

- Christina Marie Meder, 37, of Sarasota. Charge: grand theft of property more than \$300 but less than \$5,000. Bond: \$20,000.
- Cody Michael Pixley, 31, 6300 block of Jordan St., North Port. Charges: failure of defendant on bail to appear on misdemeanor and two underlying charges. Bond: \$15,000.
- Salvatore Anthony Brighina, 29, 3400 block of West Price Blvd., North Port. Charges: two counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Anthony Michael Turelli, 39, of Pocatella Ave., North Port. Charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$12,000.

- Gerald Hilaire, 63, of Miami. Charge: trespass failure to leave property upon order by owner. Bond: \$1,500.
- David Albert Smith, 39, 21000 block of Gertrude Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: out of county warrant. Bond: \$336.
- Timothy Jack Meehl, 29, 3300 block of Normandy Drive, Port Charlotte. Charge: failure to appear and underlying charge. Bond: \$5,000.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

- Daniel McGlynn, 53, 9100 block of Moss Drive, Englewood.

- Charge: hold for Charlotte County (original charge: violation of protection order against reporter for dating violence). Bond: \$10,000.
- Gregory Rhoades, 40, 900 block of Nectar Avenue, Venice. Charge: larceny third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.
- John Spencer, 48, 1500 block of Poinciana Road, Venice. Charge: larceny third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.
- Kimberly Stephenson, 36, 5800 block of Tyler Road, Venice. Charges: two counts of grand theft for less than \$5,000 but more than \$300. Bond: \$2,000.
- John Waller, 46, 3000 block

of Sikeston Avenue, North Port. Charge: contempt of court (original charges: resisting arrest and high speed chase to elude police). Bond: \$50,000.

The North Port Police Department reported the following arrest:

- Lindsay Burke, 31, 500 block of Kumquat Court, Sarasota. Charges: possession of a controlled substances without a prescription and possession or use of narcotics equipment. Bond: \$2,000.

The Venice Police Department reported the following arrest:

- Joseph Torres, 39, 500 block of Kumquat Court, Sarasota. Charge: trespassing. Bond: \$500.

— Compiled by Anne Easker and Alexandra Herrera

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Lions Club Pork Dinner

The Englewood Lions are hosting its annual Pork Loin Dinner from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Lions Club House, 4611 Placida Road, Englewood. Dinner will be marinated pork loin, mashed potatoes, German sauerkraut, corn pudding, applesauce, apple crisp and a beverage. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are \$11 by Jan. 15. Reservations suggested, call 698-7508. Take-outs are available, too. All proceeds benefit the local community.

Jewelry to the Rescue

Jewelry to the Rescue is set for 4-7 p.m. today at VFW Post 10178, 550 N. McCall Road, Englewood. Clean out your jewelry box and bring items you no longer want or wear to benefit veterans through the VFW and Auxiliary. Shop previously donated vintage, retro, fine fashion, antique, unique originals and one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. Entry is \$5 or a piece of costume jewelry donation at the door. Public Welcome 941-830-01118

Fabulous Hubcaps

Back by popular demand, the Fabulous Hubcaps will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Englewood Elks Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave. Hear the best classics

and see many of your favorite artists dressed in costume, delivering to you a dynamic show. Where else can you see Elvis, Little Richard, The Beach Boys, Tina Turner, Ray Charles, Frank Sinatra, The Platters, and many more artists. Tickets are on sale Jan. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday at the lodge. Cost is \$25 plus tax, with an optional dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. For information, call 941-474-1404.

Government Day

An expo-style Charlotte County Government Day event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the South Gulf Cove Pavilion, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., Port Charlotte. Representatives from Charlotte County government will answer questions and present information about the many programs and services available. Topics include parks and libraries, code compliance, MSBUs, health, driver license and vehicle registration, emergency management, mosquito control, and much more. The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Elaine Jones at 941.764.4933 or Elaine.Jones@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Toast to the Coast

The Lemon Bay

Conservancy will have its Toast to the Coast fundraiser from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at Lemon Bay Golf Club, 9600 Eagle Preserve Drive, Englewood. Tickets are \$100, and include cocktails, live music, tapas, raffles and auctions. For reservations, call 941830-8922, or visit www.lemonbayconservancy.com. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Conservancy.

Tennis Ball

The Suncoast Humane Society is planning its 11th annual Tennis Ball for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Boca Grande Club's Clubhouse. There will be entertainment and live and silent auctions that offer upscale items, including art, entertainment and travel packages. Last year's event raised nearly \$80,000 for Suncoast Humane Society's programs, services and the homeless animals they serve. Tickets are \$125 and include gourmet buffet-style dinner and beverages, and may be purchased at Suncoast Humane Society and the Boca Grande Club and at www.humane.org. The Tennis Ball serves to kick off the Boca Grande Club's six-week Professional Tennis Exhibition tournament. It will be held every Wednesday from Jan 30-March 6 at the club. There will be men's, women's and mixed doubles, featuring

top professional and collegiate players.

Quarter auction

Lemon Bay High School Project Graduation will have a Quarter Auction night Jan. 23 at American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the auction starts at 7 p.m. There will be lots of vendors, prizes and drawings. Bring quarters. All proceeds benefit LBHS Project Graduation, a nonprofit that holds an all-night party for all the high school's graduating seniors following commencement ceremonies.

Rotonda blood drive

The GFWC Rotonda West Woman's Club will sponsor a OneBlood Drive on the Big Red Bus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 24 in the parking lot of the Rotonda West Community Center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. January is National Blood Donor Month. Be a Life Saver and donate a pint of blood to help save up to three lives. You must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and bring identification. You will receive a free wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, iron count and cholesterol screening. Appointments are not required, but for faster service call 610-952-1333 to schedule.

OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE

Ronald Sons

Ronald Sons, 62, of Englewood, Fla., passed away on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery, & Crematory is handling arrangements. To send condolences, please visit www.charlotte-memorial.com.

Eleanor M. Campbell

Eleanor M. Campbell, 92, of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery, & Crematory is handling arrangements. To send condolences, please visit www.charlotte-memorial.com.

Elsie Elizabeth Wolfson

Elsie Elizabeth Wolfson, 91, of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

She was born Nov. 24, 1927, in Detroit, Mich., and retired as a dental assistant.

Elsie moved to Port Charlotte thirty five years ago from Detroit. She was happy, independent and a wonderful fun person to be around. We will miss your smile and your laughter. You will be greatly missed.

Elsie is survived by her son, Gary (Antoinette) Neubauer of Alpine, Texas; granddaughter, Sara (Rafal) Lizak of Nome, Alaska; grandson, Jeffrey Neubauer and great-granddaughter, Lilly Lizak and four nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chuck Wolfson.

Arrangements are with National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte, FL.

Charles "Chuck" Cunningham

Charles "Chuck" Cunningham, 81, of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away Jan. 15, 2019. He was born in Studley, Kansas, on Aug. 24, 1937, to Charles and Lella Cunningham.



Chuck grew up and went to school in Oakley, Kansas.

In May, 1955, he registered with the Navy. He was at Great Lakes Naval Academy and was then sent over seas to Hawaii (Hawaii was not a state at the time), where he served as a Corpsman stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay.

On Sept. 6, 1958, Chuck married Arlene Listak at Zion Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, Ill. They were married for 60 years.

Chuck had a dedicated work ethic. During his life he worked 5 different jobs starting with working in a bakery in Oakley, Kansas, when he was 9-years-old. Once he was married, he worked 3 jobs to help support his family. One with Wannamakers Home and Garden, another with Standard Gas Station, and the third and longest at 32 years, with Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital as their Chief Groundskeeper. Chuck also worked for Mid-America Federal in Clarendon Hills, Illinois, before retiring.

He was a recovered alcoholic, and he would drive a bus every Sunday

morning for the patients to take them to their AA breakfast meetings as a way of giving back to the community and help him to continue to recover.

Chuck loved the beach and riding his bicycle. He would stop and talk to people along his routes and make many new friends.

He is survived by son Steve (Sandy), son Mike (Shannon), daughter Cheryl (David), step-grandchildren Dawn Vest, Mathew Staton, and Cheryl Easton. Grandchildren Lauren VanderWerf (Drew), Zach Cunningham, Sarah Cunningham, Christopher Stock, Holly Stock, and great-grandchild Harper VanderWerf.

A memorial service will be held in June on the beach on Sanibel Island.

Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family your thoughts, memories and condolences.

ENGLEWOOD

William Emil "Bill" Marschall

William Emil "Bill" Marschall, 77, of Rotonda West, Fla., passed away on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Englewood, Fla.

Bill was born in Fond du Lac, Wisc., to Frieda and Helmuth Marschall on Aug. 2, 1941.

He worked as a marine mechanic for Mercury Marine for 43 years.

His hobbies included working on outboard motors, fishing, flying remote control planes and watching Clint Eastwood movies.

Bill is survived by his wife, Cibele Marschall; daughters, Nicole Pelc of Englewood, Renata Dias of Placida, Juliana LaChance of Venice and seven grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be private.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Tidewell Hospice.

Arrangements are by Lemon Bay Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Words of Comfort

If we celebrate the years behind us they become stepping-stones of strength and joy for the years ahead.
- Anonymous

May the fond memories of your loved ones and friends be a source of strength and happiness for now and the future years.
- Michael Dunn-Rankin

Words of Comfort

Moments of joy are proof that at the heart of darkness an unquenchable light shines.
- Ardis Whitman

Words of Comfort

When you look into the night sky and wonder, Where have they gone? Place your hands over your heart space and know they are right there.
-Lon Nungesser

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AP PHOTO

A phenomena that combined a supermoon, a blue moon and a lunar eclipse was visible in January 2018 in Charlotte, N.C, though only a partial eclipse was visible on the East Coast.

The 'Super Blood Moon' is coming

Where's the best place to see the lunar eclipse?

By **BRIANNA KWASNIK**
STAFF WRITER

If you want to catch a good view of Sunday night's total lunar eclipse, the Super Blood Moon, bring binoculars, head to Florida Southwestern Observatory.

What is the Super Blood Moon?

"This is being called a 'Super Blood Moon' simply for two reasons," said Brian Risley, from the SouthWest Florida Astronomical Society (SWFAS) "The full moon occurs near the closest approach to the earth by the moon in this orbit (Super) and during the eclipse, the moon will often get a dark red to dark grey appearance due to light getting to it going through the earth's atmosphere (Blood)."

What can you expect to see?

Different from the solar eclipse, which took place last year, the total eclipse was only visible for 70 miles, while people here in Florida only saw a partial eclipse, Tom Segur, director of the observatory said. With the lunar eclipse, anyone on the nighttime side of Earth will witness its totality, he added.

Segur will give a 20-minute presentation about lunar eclipses, and why we have them several times throughout the night, prior to the viewing.

"I saw an eclipse in 1989, where the moon during totality was so dark you couldn't find it," Segur said, adding it was due to the amount of dust and ash in the air from a volcano that occurred in the Pacific.

During Sunday's lunar eclipse, people can expect the moon to appear a reddish color, Segur said, because the light reflected from Earth's atmosphere filters out most of the light, besides the red, which shines onto the moon.

Where can you view the eclipse?

The FSW Punta Gorda Campus Moore Observatory will be open to the public from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to watch the moon go through the phases of the eclipse. Segur said using binoculars when observing the night sky will allow you to see surface features of the moon, including craters. SWFAS will have telescopes set up for visitors to use. Sunday night's viewing event is free and open to the public.

When will the eclipse begin and end?

The eclipse will begin at 10:34 p.m., with totality to occur at 11:41 p.m., and maximum eclipse at 12:21 a.m., before the total phase ends at 12:43 a.m. According to Risley, one does not need to look up at the moon for the entire eclipse, but can look up

every 10 to 15 minutes to see the change in phases.

What will the weather be like Sunday night/early Monday morning?

Segur said he will also have an eye on the weather report throughout the week.

"If it's raining Sunday night, it's finished. There's nothing to see," Segur said.

Dustin Norman, a forecaster from the National Weather Service of Tampa Bay, said that while there is still some uncertainty this far out, we're looking at mostly cloudy skies for Sunday night.

A cold front is expected to move through our area Sunday afternoon with evening showers and potentially a few thunderstorms, Norman said.

"It's not looking like the greatest chance for sky visibility," he added.

The low temperature for early Monday morning is expected to dip into the low 40s.

When will the next lunar eclipse occur?

The next total lunar eclipse won't be until May 26, 2021. Florida will only have a partial view of the partial phase. The next total lunar eclipse for Florida will occur May 2022.

For more information, visit fsw.edu/charlotte/observatory.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

Lecture series scheduled

A month-long series of lectures will highlight the Florida Gulf Coast University Herald Court Centre's commemoration of Black History Month. Beginning Monday, Feb. 4 and continuing through each Monday in the month, the lectures will span subjects both national and local. James Abraham, who earned a history degree from Oberlin College and has worked as a journalist and book publisher, will discuss the legacy of Frederick Douglass, black athletes and protests, the genesis of the Civil War, and race and class in

Southwest Florida.

The schedule includes:

Feb. 4: Frederick Douglass in the #Metoo Era

Feb. 11: The Black Activist-Athlete

Feb. 18: Slavery Caused the Civil War

Feb. 25: Race and Class in Southwest Florida

Each lecture, which will run from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., will include time for questions. Mr. Abraham will also provide a reading list for each lecture.

Admission for the four-series lecture is \$50. Individual cost per lecture is \$15. For more information, contact FGCU's Herald Court Centre at 941-505-0130.

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HNS – For many long time sufferers, their prayers may have finally been answered.

On December 20, 2018, President Trump (with the full backing of the House and Senate) signed the 2018 Farm Bill into legislation, allowing the release of newly approved Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil.

Now legal, Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil is helping soothe symptoms of joint pain, foot and leg discomfort, soreness, achiness and muscle discomfort – bringing relief to millions.

Research shows that Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil works by targeting receptor sites in your system with a therapeutic effect that brings welcome relief to your entire body

And because it's non-psychoactive it cannot get you high, so no prescription is necessary.

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CBD Hemp oil is an extract made from hemp, a commonly used term for strains of the cannabis sativa plant without psychoactive effects.

Clinical studies found that CBD hemp oil can provide relief from a wide variety of symptoms - soothing discomfort, and healthy living, improving mood and much more.

Thanks to this new legislation, known as the "2018 Farm Bill," hemp oil is now approved for use and has led to the creation of Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil.

Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil uses high-potency, lab tested, pharmaceutical-grade hemp oil made from organic hemp cultivated in the USA using Supercritical Co2 Extraction.

Resulting in the highest possible purity, without a psychoactive high, it's now legal in all 50 states and does not require a prescription.

Unlike other inferior "watered down" products, Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil's fast-acting tincture means you can start to feel a difference immediately, making it superior in every way.

WHAT IS CBD HEMP OIL?

Hemp oil contains the non-psychoactive compound called called cannabidiol (CBD), found in specific types of cannabis, and provides a variety of very important medicinal benefits.

Hemp Oil helps soothe symptoms associated with:

- Joint pain
- Foot and Leg discomfort
- Soreness
- Achiness
- Muscle discomfort

Plus, CBD Hemp Oil has been shown to help



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improve mood, appetite, sleep, and more. It also helps promote a boosted immune system.

Unlike other cannabinoids, the oil extracted from hemp provides consumers with the benefits of cannabis without the risk of getting high.

Since CBD hemp oil has no psychoactive effect, it is an excellent option for people seeking relief without risking impairment or experiencing the stigma of seeking a prescription.

And the hemp oil that's found in Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil is quickly becoming the focus of widespread medical and scientific research.

According to many researchers, hemp oil may contain the single most important cannabinoid ever discovered and possesses great potential when it comes to relief without the intoxicating effects of marijuana.

HOW IT WORKS

Your body is designed to thrive off cannabinoids.

In fact, there are areas of your body that are made specifically to interact with cannabinoids. They are called cannabinoid receptor sites.

This vast network of receptor sites makes up your body's endocannabinoid system and are found in the brain and various other organs throughout the body.

The cannabinoids found in SuperClinical CBD Hemp Oil work as an agonist and bind to these receptor sites creating a virtual balancing act where many beneficial effects are produced, providing much needed relief and improving mood, appetite, sleep, and more.

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And Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil's fast-acting tincture makes it superior in every way.

LEGAL ACROSS THE NATION

Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil cannot get you high and is now legal across the country.

Hemp and hemp-derived extracts are food-based products. They are not sold as drugs in the United States.

Indeed, CBD Hemp oil is legal in over 40 countries and consumed by millions of people around the world. And this number is rapidly rising as an increasing number of studies explore its many potential health benefits.

WHAT USERS ARE SAYING

But the most exciting reports come from people who use Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil every day.

For example Norman, 75, says, "Since getting older, I find just getting out of my chair is really tough. I tried Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil, and it worked. And now I am a true believer."

"It's really changed my life. Now I'm able to accomplish a lot of the things that I haven't been able to do in the last few years. I feel amazing!"

And Patti, 53, says "For as many years as I can remember, I've had social anxiety in large crowds. I decided to try Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil, and I have to tell you that it has helped calm my mind so I can relax and enjoy myself... I'm so much happier!"

HOW TO TRY SUPERCLINICAL CBD HEMP OIL

This is the official nationwide release of Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil in Florida. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to anyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

An Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This gives everyone an equal chance to try Super Clinical CBD Hemp Oil.

Starting at 7:00AM today, the discount offer will be available for 48 hours. All you have to do is call TOLL FREE at 1-800-257-5140. The company will do the rest.

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VIEWPOINT

OUR VIEW

Attention to environment is refreshing

If you went to sleep when Rick Scott was governor, and woke up in the past week, you may think you are in a Bizarro world. Or an alternate universe.

That's how much the rhetoric coming out of Tallahassee has changed when it comes to Florida's environment.

Ex-Gov. Scott was very much the denier of climate change. He cut funding for water projects and pretty much ignored the plight of Florida's environment — at least until just before the U.S. Senate election, which he won.

Freshly elected Gov. Ron DeSantis appears to be the direct opposite of Scott when it comes to Florida's water and environment. The early praise we heaped on DeSantis seems well-deserved as the news from Tallahassee is music to the ears of environmentalists who have preached for years about the dangers to our state waters, beaches and ecosystem.

Among the developments since DeSantis took office:

- Republican Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen has filed a bill to ban fracking — oil and gas-drilling — in the state. Her bill comes on the heels of a bill proposed in the Florida Senate by Sen. Linda Stewart that would also ban the controversial method of drilling.

When lawmakers arrive to begin their 2019 session on March 5, environmental groups and some legislators who attempted to pass such a bill in previous years should be elated. In the past, during Scott's eight years in office, an anti-fracking bill never made it to the House floor for a vote.

- Gov. DeSantis, just two days after being sworn in, asked for \$2.6 billion for policies to address the blue-green algae problem plaguing Lake Okeechobee.

- DeSantis has made it clear he expects sweeping changes in the oversight of Florida's water. Among those changes was a plan to increase water monitoring around the state and to form a task force to address the Okeechobee algae problem.

The algae got everyone's attention south of Interstate 4 when it spread to Florida's beaches and canals along the Gulf Coast — a blight on Florida's tourism industry and a problem that likely gave potential retirees cause for pause.

DeSantis also wants to clean up septic tanks and spend more money on green infrastructure.

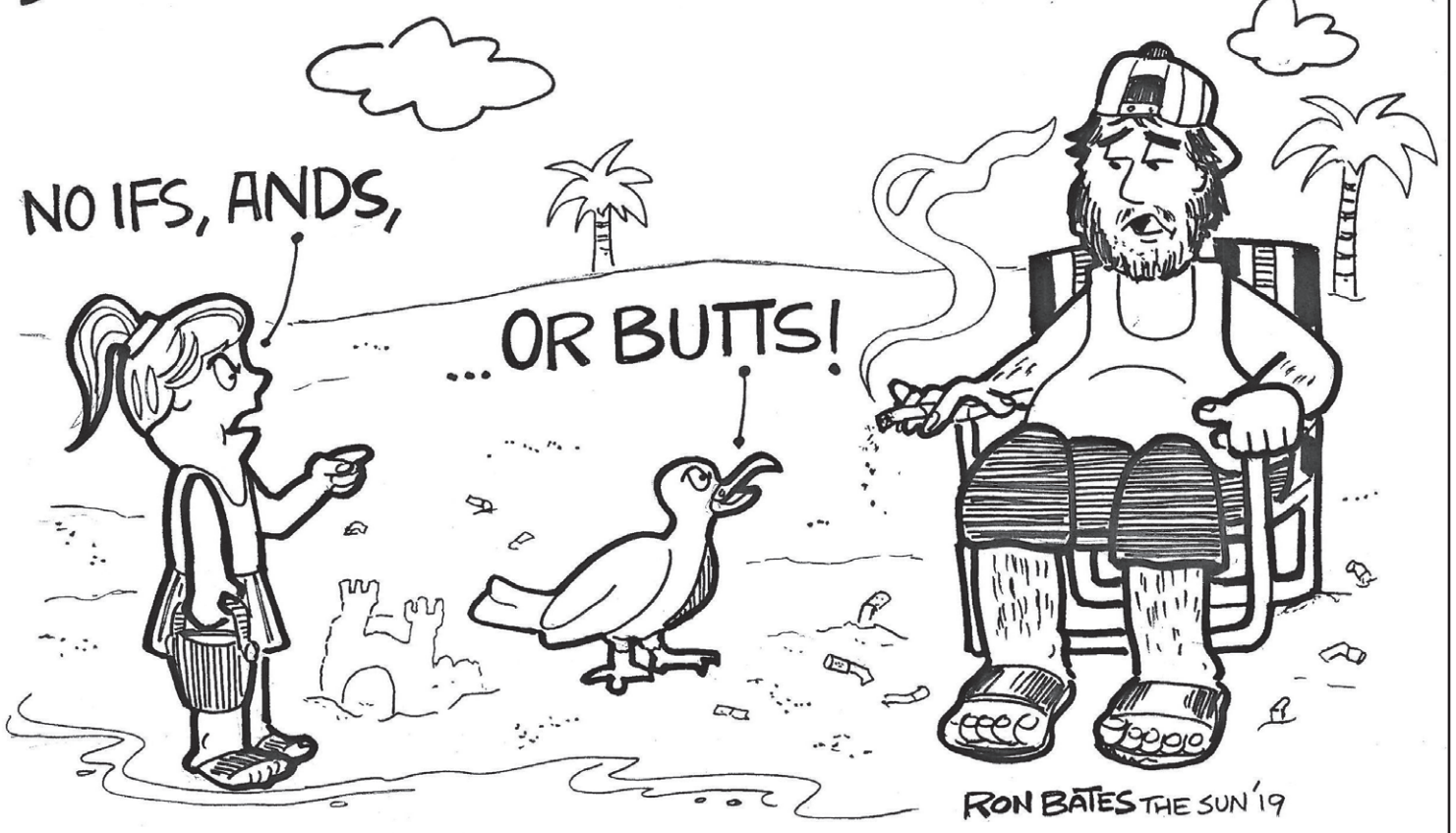
One of the main projects that is expected to give some relief to the Okeechobee problem is the 17,000-acre Everglades reservoir that will hold some of the summer runoff from the lake. The governor wants to speed up the time table for the reservoir and would work with federal officials to clean up the runoff.

"I'd like to see no discharges," DeSantis told the Tampa Bay Times. "We're working with the White House and as difficult as it is, working with the Army Corps (of Engineers) to mitigate that."

To put an exclamation point on his fervor for clean water, DeSantis appointed a chief science officer to help the state make sound decisions on preserving clean water. Would anyone who went to sleep when Scott was governor ever expect that to happen?

Right now this is all talk. But DeSantis seems sincere and he appears serious about cleaning up the waterways, lakes and beaches in Florida. He understands the importance of clean water to our economy.

STATE LEGISLATORS MAY BAN BEACH SMOKING —



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Red tide linked to warmer Gulf

Editor:

I reference the letter, "Warmist rhetoric is a sham," in the Jan. 11 paper.

The author references Dr. Nils-Axel Morner claiming the oceans' sea level is not rising. Morner is a widely discredited scientist on both sea level rise and on other theories that he has promoted including sub-surface evil rays that cause cancer and can be detected using dowsing sticks.

I draw readers attention to a serious paper in today's Journal of Science, "How fast are the oceans warming?"

The oceans are warming, and warmer water expands, causing sea level rise. Add to that more and intense storms, increases in rainfall, and coral reefs dying. The melting ice caps are also contributing to sea level rise. The ocean water temperatures are rising 40 percent faster than five years ago. The oceans absorb 93 percent of the man-made excess heat trapped in the atmosphere by greenhouse gas emissions (mainly carbon dioxide and methane)

Of immediate concern for those of us who read the *Sun* is that red tide is directly associated with a warming Gulf of Mexico. The algae that causes red tide thrives in warm water with lots of nutrients. Red tide episodes will start earlier in the spring, last longer into the fall and be more intense with climate change warming Gulf waters.

Kerrigan Clough
Manasota Key

Thanks to God for decent Canadians

Editor:

Thank you to one writer for setting the record straight on our Canadian visitors. But you left a few things out that I would like to share with the readers of Viewpoint.

Canadians in my neighborhood are the ones who walk around picking up the trash thrown from cars. They are the ones who always say "Hello" when I'm outside and they pass by walking. They are the ones who have the best-kept homes and landscapes and rarely, if ever, cause any problems for neighbors or law enforcement.

My wife's car stalled and refused to start at U.S. 41 and Midway. Locals drove by and cussed her, as she tried to push the car around the corner to a safe place and not impede traffic. She's 5 feet, 2 inches tall and 125 pounds. She could barely move the car. She kept trying despite constant honking and rude shout-outs. Someone finally stopped to help her push the car into a parking lot. Who was that considerate person? You guessed it, it was a Canadian gentleman, not a local.

My wife only needed a few seconds of help, too much to expect from those of you who think Canadians are a problem. Thank God there are people here from a country that still has an old-fashioned sense of kindness to those who need a helping hand in a dangerous situation. Something that we are obviously losing here in Florida.

I hope you never have to experience what my wife did. You may be shocked at those locals you really should be disheartened with.

Rod Ruthel
Port Charlotte

Santa's helpers are true heroes

Editor:

Congratulations and a huge thank you to Santa's Helpers for making this Christmas special for so many families and children.

They stepped up when the local Toys for Tots chapter could not fulfill their obligation to provide toys for the needy of Charlotte County.

A special thank you goes out to Candace Sidiropoulos Smith and her team, who made this season truly joyous for so many people, young and old. The Santa's Helpers team are the real heroes.

Hank Reposa
Port Charlotte

Less is better in sex assault story

Editor:

While enjoying my coffee and Cheerios this morning, I was amazed at the content of the article titled, "Four charged in sexual assault cases."

Was it really necessary to cite the specific details of the

alleged assault of the woman? I felt as if I was reading, "Fifty Shades of Grey." Of course, this may be helpful to some of the older citizens of our area who need to spice up their lives.

Lynne Oakley
Punta Gorda

Twin Isles CC deserves more credit

Editor:

Regarding your recent front-page article on this area's options for golf, I was surprised to see that one of the excellent local options, Twin Isles Country Club, was not mentioned except in a brief sidebar.

Twin Isles CC was the 2018 winner (again) of the Harbor Style magazine's "Harbor's Hottest Awards" for both first place, best golf course, and first place, best place for tennis. How could your journalist leave us off his "short list?"

Ed Bouton
Punta Gorda

After 20 years, no progress

Editor:

Climate science group-think formulates the conclusion, manipulates data to fit their conclusion, announces the world end, then smears critics calling for them not to be heard. An Internet search on "climate hoax" will show top climate scientists that don't agree with the current dogma.

There have been eight warm periods in the last 10,000 years since the last ice age. Over 400,000 years we've had four ice ages, coinciding with the Milankovitch Cycles. CO2 has risen and fallen after the temperature changes by 800 years. Over the past 160 million years, CO2 has fallen from 2500 ppm to a low of 180 ppm. If we had fallen below 150 ppm, all plant life would have starved and it would have been the end of life on earth. CO2 is essential to life and it absurd to call it a pollutant.

Human emissions contribute 5 percent of the carbon cycle. By far the most important greenhouse gas is water vapor. Observations of actual temperatures do not show any warming in the middle troposphere as the models predict. The models rely on feedback loops to magnify CO2 importance.

After throwing \$200 billion over the past 20 years we have made no progress. If Kyoto Protocols were met, it would be extremely costly with minimal impact.

This is all about controlling energy and transfer of wealth. It is time to quit clamoring for a carbon tax and use the money to take on real, tangible environmental issues.

Jim Crawley
Punta Gorda

This president is a flim-flammer

Editor:

When is the so-called "Trump base" going to wake up and face the truth?

Plainly put, Trump is a con man, a flim-flammer, a grifter. He cares not one wit for the "little guy." He lives a luxurious, self-indulgent life, without consequences. When asked Trump said he could not remember when he made a mistake; nor when he had the need to ask for forgiveness. He graded his first two years in office A-plus.

Trump has filed for bankruptcy at least six times. Trump has had at least 10 businesses fail outright.

For each bankruptcy, who took the hit? Not Trump. He walked away clean. It was the tradesmen who provided the labor, the suppliers who provided the materials and the small investors. They were lucky to get 10 cents on the dollar. Consider the maids, bellhops, cleaning crews, cooks and wait staff — the "little guys" who live paycheck to paycheck. Tough luck!

Now these same folks are bearing the burden of Trump's ("I'll proudly wear the mantle") government shutdown. "I can relate; I'm not worried; they'll adjust."

Trump University and the Trump Foundation were outright fraudulent schemes. The Trump Foundation was the Trump family personal "charity". Trump will not release his tax filings. He uses the dodge "my lawyers won't let me while I'm under audit". Since when does Trump listen to lawyers?

No Trumpist has addressed, justified, explained, rationalized his constant lying.

Don't you at least smell the whiff of rot in the air?

The noose is tightening.
John J. Marshall
Englewood

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Is (once) Great Britain into chaos leaping?

The poet Rupert Brooke voiced the exhilaration of those Britons who welcomed the war in 1914 as a chance to escape monotonous normality, “as swimmers into cleanness leaping.” They got four years mired in Flanders’ mud. In a 2016 referendum, Britons voted, 52 percent to 48 percent, for the exhilaration of emancipation from the European Union’s gray bureaucratic conformities. They thereby leapt into a quagmire of negotiations with an EU determined to make separation sufficiently painful to discourage other nations from considering it.

On Tuesday, Parliament emphatically rejected the terms of separation that Prime Minister Theresa May negotiated with the EU. So, there is no majority, in Parliament or the country, for anything other than, perhaps, a second referendum, which might be impossible to



Washington Post
George WILL

organize before the March 29 deadline for leaving the EU — although the EU might extend the deadline, hoping for a British reversal. Another democracy recently rethought something momentous. On Sept. 29, 2008, with the U.S. financial system nearing collapse, the House of Representatives voted 228 to 205 against the George W. Bush administration’s bailout plan. The Dow promptly plunged 7 percent (777 points off 11,143) and four days later the House reversed itself, 263 to 171.

Britain’s 2016 referendum came hard on the heels of the 2015 surge of asylum-seekers into Europe. Much more than the margin of Brexit victory probably

was provided by anxiety about Britain’s and Europe’s social cohesion. Since then, however, the immigration issue has cooled: Those identifying it as “the most important issue confronting Britain” plummeted from 48 percent in June 2016 to 17 percent in October 2018.

Of the four nations that comprise the U.K., Scotland and Northern Ireland voted Remain, Wales and England voted Leave. Many Remainers disparage many Leavers as “English nationalists.” Brexiters can cite a noble pedigree for their sentiments: Speaking in 1933 to the Royal Society of St. George, Winston Churchill said: “On this one night in the whole year we are allowed to use a forgotten, almost a forbidden word. We are allowed to mention the name of our own country, to speak of ourselves as ‘Englishmen.’” The EU has dangerously promoted the blunderbuss principle that nationalism — the

belief that one’s nation has uniquely admirable aspects — is always dangerous. This principle stigmatizes normal and often defensible judgments.

In 2016, many Brexiters had an aspiration with a glistening pedigree — Churchill’s vision of British greatness ensured by looking not across the English Channel but across the Atlantic to ever-closer relations with what Churchill called “the Great Republic.” This prospect lost luster when, 138 days after the referendum, that republic elected Donald Trump, whom many of Charles Darwin’s countrymen think evolution passed by.

Diminishment and loss of control have been recurring British anxieties since the nation emerged depleted from World War II. In the Brexit debate, references to Suez have rekindled painful memories of the 1956 British-French-Israeli invasion intended to reverse

Egypt’s nationalization of the Suez Canal. The invasion was halted by a furious President Eisenhower using the leverage of Britain’s financial weakness. Brexit is an attempt to revive national control and stature. It is subtracting from both.

Brexiters believe that the fact that leaving the EU has proven to be so difficult a prison break validates Euroskepticism. They ask: Britain, which has been in the EU since 1993, was self-governing since the Romans departed in 410, so how calamitous can Brexit be? Very, respond Remainers, with increasing plausibility as the prospect of a “hard Brexit” — divorce with no new U.K.-EU legal and commercial relationships in place — becomes more probable.

Economic globalization, with the increasing importance of just-in-time inventory management of complex supply chains, raises the stakes for Britain,

whose trade with the EU far exceeds its trade with either America or China. Steep tariffs and other controls could snap into place March 29, and The Wall Street Journal reports that officials at the Port of Dover “estimate that for every two minutes of delay trucks experience before embarking (on cross-Channel ferries), a 17-mile traffic backup will be created on the M20 highway heading to the port.”

May’s stolid pursuit of other people’s goal — in the referendum she voted Remain — has evoked the criticism that “stamina is not a strategy.” Actually, it might be: As the March 29 deadline for leaving the EU draws near, her agreement might seem marginally less unpalatable than, and the only alternative to, a hard Brexit, which could be “into chaos leaping.”

George Will’s email address is georgewill@washpost.com.

Team of science ambassadors makes difference

The Sarasota you love is changing. Residents arriving. Concern about red tide and water quality rising. Green space shrinking. A heavier lift for the low-income to make it in the new Sarasota.

You’re at a quality-of-life crossroads. The science of sustainability can’t choose your path for you, but it can help you make sense of your options. The University of Florida’s mission as your land-grant university is to deliver that science to your community.

A team of science ambassadors operates out of a satellite office in Twin Lakes Park on Clark Road, across the parking lot from a Baltimore Orioles training facility. The UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Sarasota County Extension team is unlike any of the other 66 offices in Florida.

Take for example, the state’s only Extension agent dedicated to waste



University of Florida
Jack PAYNE

reduction. Visitors leave more than money in Sarasota. Agent Randy Penn’s work helps to keep traveling fans lifting Sarasota’s economy without sinking the local environment.

The throngs of international visitors to rowing competitions at Nathan Benderson Park discard trash and half-eaten meals like anyone else. Penn organized composting volunteers that diverted 2,500 pounds of food waste from the trash to composting bins last year.

In the long term, Penn is working with the UF College of Health and Human Performance to develop an environmental

curriculum for the sports management master’s degree program to train future professionals how to make large sporting events into small polluters.

There are fewer homes being tented for termites in Sarasota because of the expertise of the state’s only local chemicals-in-the-environment agent. Carol Wyatt-Evens helped identify some of the first local cases of the Formosan subterranean termites.

Early detection leads to coordinated responses that so far have prevented the kind of swarming that in other cities can be seen from outer space. A pest control operator has relied on identifications from Wyatt-Evens to use an alternative to tenting on multiple homes.

Residents get “energy coaching” from Extension-trained volunteers who can help them save big money on their utility bills without spending big money to do so. Extension sustainability

outreach specialist Mary Bishop cited an instance of a resident struggling to pay a \$280 monthly power bill.

The problem? A broken thermostat that kept the home at an energy-chugging 60 degrees. Extension helped the resident get it repaired and recommended new air filters and energy-efficient bulbs. The coaches make house calls to low-income homes to share energy hacks, and they’ve partnered with a local utility for before-and-after monthly usage to see if the coaching is helping. Early results are positive.

At the county commission’s request, Sarasota County Extension helped coordinate a report on what is being done about red tide — and what could be done. Extension agents and volunteers have taught Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles to packed houses as well as to Plant Clinic visitors seeking to take personal

action. They are teaching landscaping professionals how to get the job done with fewer fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.

If these were easy issues, they would have been solved already. Fortunately Extension office has more Ph.D.s. than any other in Florida. They now put the creativity and passion they used in earning those degrees into addressing your community’s challenges.

Sarasota County Extension still runs classic programming, like 4-H and Master Gardeners, and a sustainable agriculture agent will work with local ranchers and farmers.

Extension leads by example, too. When it opened in 2006, the office was certified as the greenest building in the state at the time. To this day it funnels rainwater into a 28,000-gallon cistern that supplies the water to flush the building’s toilets. As one of the first buildings

to use this technology, it was obligated to post over the toilets a warning to all those Ph.D.s. not to drink the water. The Extension site also has solar panels and demonstrations of Florida-Friendly Landscaping and composting strategies.

So please call, email or visit. You can find out about upcoming events or ask questions by visiting Sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu or calling 941-861-5000.

The object is to help keep the things about Sarasota you love while making it possible for more people to enjoy it. And to put university science and outreach on sustainable living into the service of building a house-by-house ethic of keeping Sarasota clean and beautiful.

Jack Payne is the University of Florida’s senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources and leader of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Trump, Democrats: Cut a wall-for-Dreamers deal

Thursday brought Day 27 of the partial government shutdown, the longest such stoppage on record. Blame President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats for choosing stubbornness over compromise.

These shutdowns get more respect than they deserve — they’re mutual failures of governance. There have been 20 previous times since the mid-1970s when the president and Congress failed to reach a spending agreement, resulting in either furloughs or suspended paychecks for some federal workers.

That’s embarrassing. There’s no more fundamental responsibility of elected officials than keeping the lights on. And no more sacred duty of any employer than assuring payroll gets distributed on time. Government shutdowns exist in theory as a prod to budget negotiators because a deadline without an accompanying “or else” is useless. As the witching hour approaches and tensions rise, each side can claim to be maintaining

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a principled stance. But, come on. Once the deadline passes, the players should stop strutting and strike a deal.

You know the politics behind this shutdown: Trump wants a wall on the southern border to prevent immigrants from entering the United States without permission. He’s defined his presidency as a quest to build the wall, without ever holding to specifics about what it would look like. Yet he demands \$5.7 billion in wall financing or he’ll allow the government to stay partially shuttered. Democrats, newly in control of the House and

sensing Trump’s political weakness, refuse to budge on their stance that the wall is immoral.

OK, if a border barrier is immoral, what’s a shut-down? Unethical. There are 800,000 federal employees hit by the shutdown, about evenly divided between those at home without pay and those on the job but not receiving their paychecks. Among the employees reporting for duty each day but worried about paying the rent are air traffic controllers and airport security workers employed by the Transportation Security Administration. While those TSA employees are required to work, the absentee rate is rising, which has led to checkpoints being closed at

some airports. The strain is showing.

Neither Trump and congressional Republicans nor the Democrats look capable. Both sides have boxed themselves in. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is waiting out Trump, hoping he’ll crack. She doesn’t want to lose the first battle of her second tenure in leadership. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell isn’t trying to corral Republicans because he sees no proposal Trump would endorse. On Monday the president

turned down a suggestion to reopen the government for a three-week negotiating period. “I’m not looking to call a national emergency,” Trump said, repeating a draconian threat. “This is so simple you shouldn’t have to.”

He’s right. It shouldn’t be this hard. There are solutions to craft, including one we endorsed last week that would see money for Trump’s wall (or “border security,” if you’re a Democrat), in exchange for an agreement to maintain the Deferred Action for

Childhood Arrivals program for the thousands of young immigrants known as Dreamers.

If Trump, Pelosi and other Democratic leaders don’t like that compromise, they had better find another. Elected officials go to Washington to run the government. Right now, the lot of them look incompetent.

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Pat Knox and newly appointed Jubilee Center administrator Ruth Hill are ready to serve Englewood's neediest residents at the Jubilee Center pantry at St. David's Episcopal Church in Englewood.

New help for Englewood's homeless, needy

Jubilee Center welcomes Ruth Hill as administrator

By STEVE REILLY
STAFF WRITER

ENGLEWOOD — Ruth Hill wants to do what she can for the Jubilee Center and its food pantry.

The Jubilee Center at St. David's Episcopal Church regularly provides food and other assistance to 250 to 300 Englewood-area families, most of whom are lower-income working families and seniors on limited incomes, as well as the homeless.

Hill joins the Jubilee Center as its administrator and board member. Pat Knox, 82, who has been director of pantry operations for years at the Jubilee Center, will be the center's outreach manager and fundraiser. Knox also will coordinate the church's Just Neighbors group meetings, and other community activities.

"Of all the persons who have volunteered here, she has the best qualities," Knox said of Hill on Thursday. "First

JUBILEE CENTER HOURS

The Jubilee Center food pantry opens 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S Broadway, Englewood. For more information or to volunteer, visit its Facebook page or call 941-474-3140.

of all, she's outgoing and has a 'servant's heart.' She has all the attributes that are needed to work with people across the board."

Hill, 60, has lived in Englewood for five years. She's from Xenia, Ohio, near Dayton, where her professional experience as a social worker makes her well-suited for the Jubilee Center. She's always liked working with seniors and children.

Hill is troubled when seniors find themselves having to choose between buying their prescriptions and food.

Knox was one of the first people Hill met when she moved to Englewood. She felt the Jubilee Center would be a good place to start volunteering, Hill said. She's also serving on the board of the

Englewood Area Cancer Foundation.

Hill's duties include overseeing the day-to-day, running of the food pantry, the Backpack food project for Englewood Elementary School and coordinating the volunteers who donate their time and talents to the Centers mission. She'd like to attract more volunteers who are physically fit to lift cartons of canned foods and more.

"One of the things I will strive for is more networking in this community," Hill said. "There's a wealth of organizations and nonprofits here. We need to collaborate more to meet the needs in the community."

Hill said she's thankful for the donors who are vital to the Jubilee Center.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Jazz on the Harbor fundraiser

Jazz On The Harbor fund raiser will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 22, at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex 4500 Harbor Blvd. Port Charlotte. The Uptown Jazz Trio will entertain while enjoying an elegant buffet dinner and watch the sunset. There will be a silent auction and cork pull. Cash bar. Evening casual attire. Tickets are \$75 per person. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Guardian ad Litem Foundation, which supports the Guardian ad Litem program in Charlotte County ensuring that the abused and abandoned children of Charlotte County have a court appointed Guardian ad Litem. For tickets or more information, call 941-613-3233 or visit VoicesforKids.org.

Home Instead to host Pet Therapy Event

Home Instead Senior Care invites caregivers and their clients to come out on Saturday, and meet some local therapy dogs in training. The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Home Instead office, 520 E. Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Serving Charlotte

County 941-457-9090. Home Instead is a home-health agency serving Punta Gorda, Boca Grande, Englewood, Placida, Port Charlotte and Rotonda West.

First social of year for Italian Heritage Social Club

The Italian Heritage Social Club is having its first social of 2019 on from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 26 at 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. A new year dinner dance with a dinner choices of roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable or shrimp scampi with pasta \$15 for members or guests. Dance music by the Don and Jo show. Includes coffee, dessert, ice tea, b.y.o.b. For more information or to RSVP call 941-661-5176 or 941-661-4247.

Sons of Italy night of dinner and impersonations

The Sons of Italy, 3725 Easy Street, Port Charlotte, will feature Elvis Presley impersonations by Anthony Cimino, "Classic Gold" group of Anthony Cimino and Jerry Morinoat. The doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the show runs from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 16. A full dinner, deserts, dancing and entertainment all for \$17 per person. For more

information or tickets, call 941-764-9003.

Registration is open for March Golf Charity event

The fifth annual ARCHway Institute for Mental Health and Addictive Disorders Golf Scramble is set for March 9, at Twin Isles Country Club, 301 Madrid Blvd., Punta Gorda, starting with registration at 7 a.m. with an 8:15 a.m. shotgun scramble. Entry fee is \$100. The fee includes greens fees/cart and buffet lunch following scramble. For lunch and the silent auction only, cost is \$35. ARCHway is also hosting a Tennis Mixer beginning at 2 p.m. on March 8 at Twin Isles.

Half of the proceeds of this outing will benefit the CBHC (Charlotte Behavioral Health Care) in Charlotte County and the Sheriff's Addiction Recovery Initiative to be used to help an individual who is in need of financial help for recovery. Some monies will also go to help pay for someone's first month in a structured sober living facility in Florida. To register online for either or both events, go to www.thearchwayinstitute.org. For more information, contact Dan Stuckey at DStuckey57@hotmail.com for more information or 314-452-4982.

Newsday Crossword

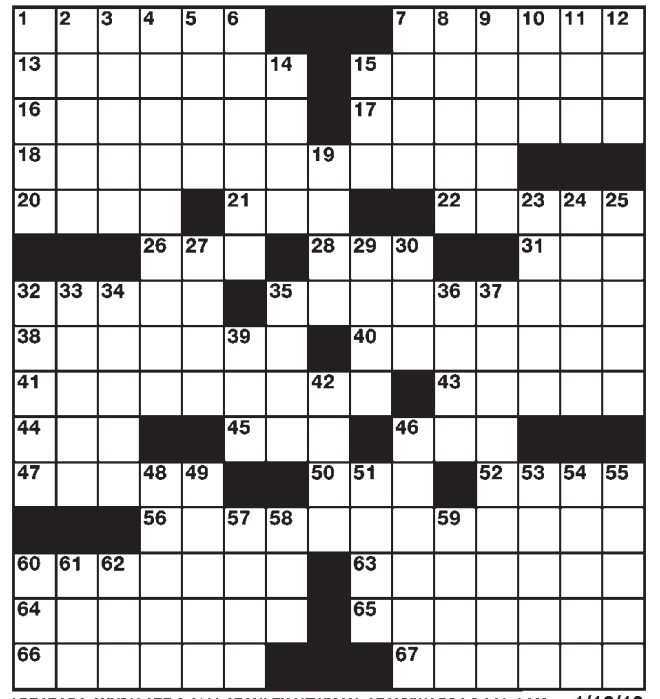
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ACROSS

- 1 Paltry
- 7 Johns of art
- 13 Refers indirectly
- 15 Common chicken breed
- 16 Forbidden by statute
- 17 Superfans
- 18 Sub propeller [named for Rudolf]
- 20 Already gone
- 21 Matinee hour
- 22 Conversation filler
- 26 Mention
- 28 Pause that refreshes
- 31 Typical questionnaire question
- 32 Thickens, as cream
- 35 Digital communication [named for Samuel]
- 38 Ocean before Clooney
- 40 Bounced, on some tables
- 41 Culture developer [named for Julius]
- 43 Financial victories
- 44 Back in the past
- 45 Taking time, in brand names
- 46 Dial-up pioneer
- 47 Landlocked high land
- 50 Unaffiliated, for short
- 52 Lauderdale neighbor
- 56 Speed-reading aid [named for Christian]

DOWN

- 1 Some hotel staff
- 2 Kimmy on . . . *Kimmy Schmidt*
- 3 Gates' former partner
- 4 Frequent sitcom billing
- 5 Fringe
- 6 Homes and lots
- 7 *Star Wars* protagonist
- 8 Great distress
- 9 Movie ogre
- 10 Master of the macabre
- 11 Stumble
- 12 ICU VIPs
- 14 Throng
- 15 Be behind
- 19 Finger wagger's chiding
- 23 Mom of Wynonna
- 24 Utah city
- 25 Dandelions, to many
- 27 Town near Turin
- 29 Keystone support
- 30 TV ad for a cause
- 32 DC-based channel
- 33 Loyal subject
- 34 Above all others
- 35 Flexible
- 55 Down
- 36 "Consequently . . ."
- 37 Transport on the Allegheny
- 39 GPS display
- 42 Agronomist's study
- 46 Skillful
- 48 Photoshop maker
- 49 Hotel area
- 51 Pair in a hockey game
- 53 Celebrator in verse
- 54 Societal stratum
- 55 Protective plating
- 57 Not at all vivid
- 58 What may come before K
- 59 Tolkien symbol
- 60 Something helpful
- 61 Fussing
- 62 Much of a mushroom



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Answer to previous puzzle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Figura de ____: Spanish skating move
- 5 Besides
- 9 Cut back a lot
- 14 It might not be proper
- 15 Secular
- 16 Edmonton athlete
- 17 Likely to B surprisingly difficult
- 20 ____ space
- 21 Spring bloom
- 22 ____-fa: set of musical syllables
- 23 One might Q Shamu
- 26 Cycle starter
- 27 Place to drive from
- 28 Not irr.
- 29 Affirmative reply
- 32 "The Aviator" (2004) Oscar nominee
- 34 Buffoons
- 37 "The fool ____ think he is wise ____": "As You Like It"
- 38 U can soak in one
- 41 Biblical hunter
- 43 It was originally called a "Biscuit"
- 44 They're mostly on the phone
- 48 Bygone predators
- 50 Long-legged runner
- 52 Bulldog booster
- 53 Component of a sweep, maybe
- 54 Something to C at Carnegie Hall
- 58 Downed
- 59 Downturn
- 60 Lenya of "From Russia With Love"
- 61 Possible reason Y lights get turned off
- 65 They're changed on the road
- 66 Sandwich staple
- 67 Frequently
- 68 French greeting
- 69 Reach
- 70 Out of ____

DOWN

- 1 College town WSW of Albany
- 2 Island resort near Cancún
- 3 Went like a runaway train
- 4 It's a start
- 5 Lord of the ring?
- 6 Brit's bud
- 7 Sub (for)
- 8 Earthy tone
- 9 Juniors, maybe
- 10 Razz
- 11 "My temper got the best of me"
- 12 Holiday candle holder
- 13 Heat at a meet, for short
- 18 LAX landings
- 19 Opposite of stuffy
- 24 Entire range
- 25 Shoshone Falls state
- 30 Academic address ending
- 31 Nagano noodle
- 33 "Iliad" warrior
- 35 Behind
- 36 Handle the wheel
- 39 Ont. neighbor

By Bruce Haight 1/18/19

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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40 Heavy reading? Pauley Pavilion

41 Coastal East African country Pac-12 team

42 Coastal West African country

45 In a small-minded way

46 Army outfit

47 Bit of obscurity?

48 Musical saw sounds

49 Bias

51 Fits one within another

56 Best

57 Frat letters

59 Guinness book adjective

62 French vineyard

63 Biological chain letters

64 Moving aid



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Area man inducted into Frozen Food Hall of Fame

By **ALEXANDRA HERRERA**
STAFF WRITER

WEST VILLAGES — When it comes to frozen food, Gary Spinazze was always a hot commodity.

Spinazze, 68, of IslandWalk, was recently inducted into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame.

The hall is part of the The National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association.

"It's humbling," he said. "It's a big industry and you take it for granted."

Spinazze, who enjoys Corvettes and golf, is also part of the Zerocrats group that represents those in the refrigerated and frozen foods industry.

The Frozen Food Hall of Fame began in 1990 but lacks, currently, a physical location. Still, leaders in the frozen and refrigerated food industry are honored annually.

Related to it are the Golden Penguins — awarded during National

Dairy Month in June. The Golden Penguins have a wide variety of categories, but honor the marketing efforts in frozen and refrigerated foods.

Before moving to West Villages, Spinazze was a Michigan resident.

Spinazze started working in supermarkets in the 1960s.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1972. Once he returned from Vietnam, he worked retail until 1986, when he moved to Chicago to work for Roundy's Supermarket.

During his time with Roundy's, Spinazze moved into marketing. He said he has run the gamut when it comes to working with foods.

Roundy's took Spinazze to Milwaukee, where he worked for 11 years before moving onto Rich Foods, which focuses on frozen and refrigerated foods.

While at Rich Foods, Spinazze was the vice president of marketing.

Spinazze later took a job at Nash Finch where he was vice president of national accounts and later vice president of grocery procurement.

He left Nash Finch to work for Spartan Foods in Michigan, but the company eventually merged with Nash Finch.

Spinazze has been honored for his time at Nash Finch, where he retired in 2013 as vice president of vendor relations.

"You go out into the sunset and don't expect much," he said about retirement.

After spending 40 years working with foods, he said the changes are unbelievable — from foil wrapped TV trays to being able to have a wide variety of healthy frozen options, as well as the use of computers to fill trays accurately.

For the future of foods? Spinazze hopes the innovation continues, that



IslandWalk residents Jack Viens, left and Gary Spinazze, both members of the Venice Florida Corvettes club, stand in front of Spinazze's 2012 Corvette Grand Sport, one of many 'Vettes on display during the car show.

frozen and refrigerated foods expand.

"More innovations and (healthier) alternatives," Spinazze said.

Spinazze serves as a board member for the order of Zerocrats and judges grocery competitions. He does plenty locally as well, he runs the Vettes for Vets event in the West Villages.

His work with veterans comes after volunteering for FISH or Food Industry Serving Heroes, which has been changed to Friends In Service of Heroes. After his own experiences

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Burlesque Hall of Fame — documents American burlesque from the 19th century until the mid 20th century. Now in Las Vegas, formerly known as "Exotic World" in its original California location.

Magic: The Gathering Hall of Fame is for the most successful players of Magic: The Gathering on its pro tour. It began in 2005 and its members are selected once a year at an annual convention. One potential inductee was banned after being suspended in 2010. That man has not been allowed back onto a ballot.

returning from Vietnam, he doesn't want others returning to have a negative experience or to

not be recognized. "I wanted to give back," Spinazze said. Email: aherrera@sun-herald.com

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Brookside educator remains off job

Teacher, coach, grabbed student day after Parkland massacre who was wearing hoodie

By **VICTORIA VILLANUEVA-MARQUEZ**
STAFF WRITER

SARASOTA — A teacher and coach at Brookside Middle School will remain on administrative leave after an alleged incident involving a physical altercation with a student.

On Feb. 15, John Russo allegedly grabbed a middle school student from behind, wrapping his hands around him and preventing him from leaving, according to a memo from the State's Attorney's Office.

The boy was on his way to the bus ramp at the end of the day when he was approached by Russo who asked him to remove his hoodie from his head.

Earlier that morning, a school broadcast, which aired in response to the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, explained the importance of students not covering their heads with hoodies.

The broadcast also said students would be disciplined for not complying with the rule, the memo states.

The alleged victim took off his hoodie and continued walking. Moments later, he put his hoodie back over his head, which prompted Russo to follow him and confront him.

The boy took off his hoodie again, turned around and continued walking away. It was then that Russo allegedly grabbed him, according to the memo.

School personnel responded to the incident and separated Russo from the alleged victim.

The incident was recorded on video.

Russo was not arrested, the memo states.

Russo was placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the school district, according to a news release from the Sarasota County School District.

Last spring, the district's investigation was placed on hold pending a criminal investigation by the Sarasota Police Department and the State's Attorney's Office.

On Dec. 19, 2018, the State's Attorney's Office dismissed the criminal case after receiving confirmation Russo underwent a six-hour Nonviolent Crisis Intervention training and

performed 24 hours of community service, per the release.

On Jan. 11, the district was notified by the State's Attorney's Office the criminal case was officially closed.

The State's Attorney's Office submitted the memo to the district, which concluded Russo's physical contact with the student victim was "unnecessary and inappropriate." It also detailed prior acts of violence against students.

In 2017, Russo allegedly grabbed a student's backpack, pushed the child and cornered him for not following his instructions, the memo said. In 2016, Russo allegedly threatened to punch a student in the face after she accidentally struck him with a basketball at a practice after school.

"While our criminal case is constrained by legal precedent, administrative proceedings by the school and school board are not constrained," the memo states.

After receiving the memo and additional evidence, the district decided to continue its investigation of Russo.

During the district's initial investigation, inconsistencies in prior disciplinary actions taken against Russo were discovered, per the release.

In addition to continuing its investigation, the district will review protocols for employee discipline "to ensure all employees are held accountable for their actions at all times and live up to the standards of being a Sarasota County Schools employee," according to the release.

Jennifer Compton, an attorney with Shumaker, Loop and Kendrick, will continue the investigation of Russo and the district's discipline protocols.

Compton will have full access to the district to discover the facts and make recommendations regarding these incidents, the release said.

Jeff Maultsby, chief operations officer and assistant superintendent with Sarasota County Schools, will work with Compton and serve as lead on the investigation.

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North Port progress visible and invisible

About 200 take part in annual meeting about city, chamber

By Tom Harmening
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — Progress that the city notched up in 2018 is both visible and invisible, city manager Peter Lear told a Chamber of Commerce audience Thursday.

Lear told about 200 members at the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce's 33rd annual meeting that North Port notched up some impressive gains over the past 12 months and has built momentum as 2019 begins.

"In 2018, for the first time, the city issued more than 10,000 building permits," he said. "That includes 60 business permits, so the pace is impressive."

For the first time, the city also reached out to international business leaders, with economic development visits from Chilean and Guatemalan business leaders.

In 2018, North Port also set a record for recycling of trash, Lear said.

"It's the citizens of North Port who can take credit for this statistic," he said. "We recycled an average of 654 tons of trash each month. By far, a record."

More visible to residents is the continuing work on the U.S. 41 commercial corridor.

"We are helping businesses clean up that corridor," he said. "New store fronts and



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Ed Davis was the 2019 inductee to the Business Advocate Hall of Fame. Davis was joined by past inductees former Sarasota County commissioners Christine Robinson and Gene Matthews and former North Port City Commissioner Fred Tower.

other improvements. That work continues this year. Residents will notice that."

Also visible is the hiring of 21 new firefighters as the city expands coverage to The West Villages area of the city. The new North Port Aquatic Center and improvements to existing parts are also noticeable, Lear noted.

The city-owned Warm Mineral Springs recorded 110,952 visitors in 2018, he added.

In summary, 2018 was a good year for the city, he said.

"We all worked together to achieve that. We should take pride in our achievements."

To the right: City Manager Pete Lear gave an update on the city's accomplishments in 2018 during the 33rd Annual State of the City Address.

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An Empty Net

I began the new year with an enjoyable kayaking adventure. I did some island hopping just inside the Gulf. As I pulled onshore of a small island I witnessed two young men wading in the shallows attempting to catch mullet



Rev. Jim STULTZ
COLUMNIST

with a cast net. I watched them for about an hour as cast after cast yielded no fish. With mullet jumping all around them they hauled their empty net to the shore and then proceeded to watch a YouTube video on their cell phone on how to properly throw a cast net. They walked back out in the shallows and tried and tried again with no luck. I was getting ready to leave and breathed a prayer for the two young men from Brazil that they would catch something. Just as soon as I prayed, they began screaming in delight. They had caught 3 mullet in their net. They thanked me for praying for them as they hauled their fish to shore.

My Brazilian friends remind me of another story from the Bible involving a fishing net. The disciples had fished all night and had caught nothing. However, Jesus called out to them from the shoreline to cast the net on the right side of the boat. As soon as they had done that, John records that they were not able to draw their net in because of the multitude of fish (John 21:6).

Perhaps you have had some devastating events in your life. Maybe a failed relationship, perhaps you lost your job, or a loved one died. Things haven't been going well for you and whatever you have tried seems to yield nothing. Perhaps you have even sought help from all the YouTube videos of this world and you are still standing alone holding an empty net. God knows all about our situation. He shouts to us over the sound of the waves to take His advice, to listen to His Word. He also encourages us to cast all our care upon Him as He cares for us deeply.

Are you standing in the water holding an empty net? Listen to Jesus. Cast your net in obedience to Him.

The Rev. Jim Stultz is pastor of Peace River Baptist Church in Punta Gorda. Email him at jimstultz@yahoo.com.



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Staff members from New Day Christian pose in matching polos.

'Finding people who are lost'

New year means more outreach by New Day Christian Church

By KAYLA GLEASON
SUN CORRESPONDENT

For New Day Christian Church, ringing in the new year means finding new ways to become part of the surrounding community and carrying on an extensive number of outreach programs.

"At New Day, we're all about bringing people to Jesus. We really think that's what's changing your life, is meeting and getting to know Jesus," said lead pastor Rusty Russell.

"Our job is not finished as long as there is

one more person we can reach with the gospel."

And with a prominent location on Peachland Boulevard in Port Charlotte and an upbeat, contemporary worship style, more and more people are choosing New Day to explore their faith.

Averaging a total of over 1,000 visitors from their three services, the church is now trying to find ways to better connect with all these people.

"Recently, we've been blessed with some space challenges. Our two later

services are filling up and new people typically don't want to come at eight in the morning," Russell said.

"I was talking to a young mom who had been looking for a church and she said she loved the service but I could tell she was a little intimidated by the size. We've realized that, in order for us to continue to grow, we have to let people know there's always room."

To do so, New Day will be adding a fourth service to their schedule starting Feb. 9 and



Pastor Rusty Russell leads a service.

running every Saturday night at 5 p.m.

The service will run exactly the same as the regular Sunday morning ones so people don't have to worry about

missing out or sacrificing a full-fledged service to find a time that's right for them.

"The services all run

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Council's Knight and Family of the Year Award



Knights of Columbus San Antonio Council Grand Knight John Corso, right, presented the council's Knight of the Year Award to Deputy Grand Knight Roger Angrisani at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club during the council's recent annual ball.



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Grand Knight John Corso center, presented the San Antonio Council Family of the Year Award to Al and Marilyn Cote at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club at the council's Annual Ball.

Meet the Preacher: Reverend Michael Lindsey, Pastor of Crosspoint Church Of The Nazarene

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• How did you get your start as a pastor?: "It began back in 1973 in my sophomore year in high school when I felt the call to become a pastor and decided to go to Bible College after graduating. After graduation I became a youth pastor in 1980 in Indiana. I served in other

churches in the Midwest and then in May of 2012 I came here to Englewood."

• What makes your church or congregation unique?: "We try to reach out to the area around us and our congregation has a heart for children and families. They embrace every family that comes to our church. On Wednesdays we have a free dinner at 5 p.m. and then at 6 p.m. we hold a service for kids and teens."

• What is the most challenging thing about what you do?: "It would have to be trying to meet the needs of today's culture

because its changed so much."

• What do you see for the future for your church?: "We have a school and we are currently looking for a new location to expand. The church is growing and we need more classroom space."

• What is a special upcoming event to look for at your church?: "We are having a concert on Wednesday at 6 p.m. after our free 5 p.m. dinner. The entertainment will be Randy and Marli Brown and they play all different kinds of music."

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To the right: Reverend Michael Lindsey the Pastor at Crosspoint Church Of The Nazarene in Englewood loves quoting scripture. "Trying to meet the need of todays culture can be a challenge so many things have changed," said Lindsey. Lindsey has been the active pastor since May of 2012 and loves the fact that they have to look to expand their Christian school soon. The church is located at 404 Green Street. For more information call 941-475-1034.



Plein Air artists have fun and friendly paint-out

On Monday, the Annual Punta Gorda Quickdraw was held in Punta Gorda. During the paint-out, Plein Air artists had just 3½ hours to set up their easels in the streets surrounding the Visual Arts Center and find the perfect setting to paint or draw picturesque Punta Gorda in a fun and friendly Plein Air paint-out.

A Collector's Preview and meet and greet with participating artists was held in the Main Gallery of the Visual Arts Center following the paint out. The 2019 Annual Punta Gorda Quickdraw is presented by the Visual Arts Center and the Peace River Painters Plein Air group. For more information on the group, visit www.peacriverpainters.com.



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Debra Barr-Smith paints as Dave Coutley and Debra's sister Jennifer Wilson look on.



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for about 70 minutes but it's not all just reading and preaching. Our worship pastor usually has about four singers and a band," Russell said.

"We use a lot of music. It's all more fun and contemporary — we have a band with drums, everything. We really want to teach people the Bible and think this is a good way to do it."

With not only the new worship time, but also a lively, entertaining service, they also hope to broaden their demographics — this includes adding to their already extensive children's program.

"We have about 200 kids from first to sixth grade and they have their own programming. During every service hour, they have their own classes to go to," said Russell.

"The first two hours are more like a traditional Sunday school but on Saturday and at our 11 a.m. service, they have the option to do Kid City."

According to the church's website, ndcchurch.com, the program is extremely interactive and typically involves games, activities and Biblical teachings geared specifically towards their age group.

"They get to learn about Jesus in a really fun environment. We want them to grow up knowing God, loving God and knowing that church is a peaceful place to be," Russell said.

The growth the church is experiencing is also driving members to continue and strengthen their community



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outreach programs already in place.

"We're going to continue our shower ministry where we partner with other churches in the area to open our doors one Sunday a month to host the homeless in our community," said Russell.

"We also partner with Liberty Elementary School because lots of kids there are on free or reduced lunch. We do a backpack drive and invite families to come get free school supplies and there are activities, bounce

houses. And it gives us the opportunity to connect with more people in the area."

But it does seem clear, no matter how many people New Day is already welcoming through their doors every weekend or reaching out to and serving, they will always make space for more.

"We're less concerned with our actual numbers as we are with finding people who are lost, aimless and in need and helping them get to know Jesus," Russell said.



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The praise band plays during a service.

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RELIGION NEWS BRIEFS

Winter concerts

Peace River Baptist Church, 478 Berry St., Punta Gorda, will feature the national group The Perrys. They will be at Peace River today for concerts at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Both concerts will feature a hymn sing 45 minutes before each concert. The last concert for January will be The Jim Brady Trio. This will also be their second trip to Peace River. This concert begins with a hymn sing at 6:15 p.m., followed by the group at 7 p.m. Jan. 25. A love offering will be received during each of these concerts. No tickets are required, seating is limited, doors open at 5:30 p.m. The afternoon concert the doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 941-637-6768 or visit www.PeaceRiverBaptistFL.org.

Kirkin 'O' The Tartan

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, invites the public for a special service at 11 a.m. Sunday to celebrate the Kirkin O' The Tartan. While this service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is truly a Scottish-American custom. The Kirkin O' The Tartan services as a remembrance of the liberties and religious freedom Scots fought to preserve, including their influence on freedoms shared by all Americans. For more information, contact the church office at 941-639-0001 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon, on Friday or by e-mail to office@bspconline.org.

KofC breakfast

Members of the community are invited to enjoy a full breakfast sponsored by the Ponce de Leon Council 8074 of the Knights of Columbus from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 211 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda. Fare includes

scrambled eggs, fluffy pancakes, sausage patty, biscuits and gravy, home fries, regular and decaf coffee, and orange juice. There are free seconds on pancakes. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under ten. All proceeds will be given to Catholic Charities.

Resale shop specials

St. Vincent de Paul's/ St. Max Resale Shop's 17753 Toledo Blade Blvd., Port Charlotte, specials this week are 20 percent off housewares department six on Friday. On Saturday, ladies tops are \$1, and 20 percent off ladies and men's long pants. Check out the dot specials throughout the shop ranging from 25 cents to \$3. Shop early for the best bargains. The shop is closed on Monday. Shop hours are Tuesday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All profits go to buy food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Grief Share

Edgewater United Methodist Church will have a one-night Grief Share session for those that have lost a spouse. It is set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the church, 19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte. For more information, call 941-625-8660.

Spaghetti dinner

Enjoy a dinner of spaghetti, meat balls, sausage, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a beverage from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 5265 Placida Road, Grove City. Cost is \$10 per person (children younger than 12 eat for free) and it's all you can eat. Proceeds go to the local charities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 7672. Tickets will be available for sale at the door.

Healing Hearts

The North Port

Community United Church of Christ, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, is supporting the formation of a new group called "Healing Hearts" for those who are lonely as a result of divorce or the passing of a spouse and would like to meet others. The group will meet monthly at The Olde World Restaurant, 14415 Tamiami Trail, North Port, for conversation and a meal at 5 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 24. For more information, call Erica at 941-423-3031 or Terry at the church office 941-426-5580.

Ministry fundraiser

Jesus Loves You Ministry will hold its fundraiser "I'd Rather Have Jesus" featuring Gospel doo-wop singer Santos, at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at First United Methodist Church, Bryant Life Center, 507 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Other Christian artists from SW Florida including Mary Barndt, Pastor Tim and Becca Davis, Amanda Evangelista and others. For more information, call 941-661-8117.

Rummage sale

Trinity Lutheran Church of Southwest Florida, 1379 McCall Road, Port Charlotte, will hold a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 25-26. For more information, call the office at 941-828-1910.

Re-Creation

Our Savior Lutheran Church of El JoBean will host a performance by Re-Creation from Port Trevorton, Pennsylvania, at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at the El Jobean Community Building, 14344 Jamison Way. There will be a free-will offering collected for the Re-Creation performance. This is the first of six monthly community concerts sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church. This first concert is special. The group has been in existence for almost 30 years and is also sponsored by the



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At 6:30 p.m. Jan. 30, the Englewood United Methodist Church Music Ministry Concert Series and Missions Committee present notable Nashville artists Dave and Daphne in the Sanctuary at 700 E. Dearborn St., to benefit missions here and abroad. This wholesome and dynamic duo's rich repertoire ranges from gospel to pop, classic country to Broadway, blues to jazz. Dave Salyer was Barbara Mandrell's lead guitarist for 10 years. Daphne Anderson can sing anything from Patsy Cline to Etta James. Be delighted by both while supporting humanitarian causes. The \$10 tickets are available online at www.Englewoodumc.net, at the church office weekdays, or at the door. Call 474-5588 during office hours.

Florida Elks Association. Re-Creation is an outstanding group of young men and women who donate their time for anywhere from one to three years to perform all over the country for no money except getting room and board. For more information, visit www.re-creationusa.org www.facebook.com/ReCreationUSA/

German service

The All-German language worship service will be held at the North Port Community United Church of Christ, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, at 3 p.m. Jan. 26. The Rev. Attila Szemesi officiates and Dr. Charles Wolfe provides the organ and piano accompaniment. A potluck supper will be held following the service to have conversation and fellowship with each other. For more information call 426-5580 or contact Pastor Attila at npcucc.pastor@frontier.com.

Bible study

New Hope Baptist Church, 2100 Englewood Road, will host Dr. Roy Saint on Jan. 26 and 27 for a Bible study titled "Living as Strangers in

a Secular World." The study is free and open to the public. Saturday we will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee and doughnuts. Lunch will be provided. It will conclude at 4:15 p.m. A workbook will be provided for all registered attendees. Sunday, Dr. Saint will conclude the study during our morning worship service at 11 a.m. A kickoff covered dish dinner will be held on Jan. 25 followed by a free concert by Forgiven at 7:30 p.m. The dinner and concert are also open to the public. For more information, or to register call 941-474-7647

Goldtones perform

The Goldtones Doo-Wop group will perform from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Holy Trinity Event Center, 24411 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte. Known for their tight street-corner harmonies, the Goldtones are reminiscent of those great oldies groups of the '50s, '60s and Motown. Tickets are \$17 and are available online at: brownpapertickets.com or call 800-838-3006. Tickets are also on sale in person at a \$2 discount at San Antonio Catholic

Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte.

Missions concert

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High tea, fashions

Community Presbyterian Church, 405 S. McCall Road, Englewood, will hold its annual High Tea and Fashion Show at noon Jan. 31, in the fellowship

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<p>ANGLICAN CATHOLIC Trinity Anglican Church 1928 Book of Common Prayer Worshipping at MacDonald Hall Sunday, 10am 2230 Hariet St., Port Charlotte For Info Contact Don Kieffer 941-235-8052 www.TrinityACC.org</p>	<p>BAPTIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PUNTA GORDA 459 Gill St., Punta Gorda 639-3857 www.fbcpuntagorda.org Rev. Bill Frank, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Services - 11:00 a.m. Team Kid Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. Prayer/Bible Study - 6:15 p.m. Nursery Provided</p>	<p>BAPTIST INDEPENDENT You are Invited to Berean Baptist Church www.BereanBaptistPortCharlotte.org 17377 Godwin Avenue (Located off Collingswood Blvd) Port Charlotte • 941-629-7053 Bible Study - 9:30 am Sun. Worship Service 10:30am & 6:00 pm Sunday School 9:30 am Wed. Evening Service - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>CHURCH OF CHRIST ENGLEWOOD EAST CHURCH OF CHRIST 9600 Gulfstream Blvd Englewood, FL 34224-9256 (941) 475-4973 Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Junior Church all ages 11 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Jim Chandler, Pastor www.engchurch.org</p>	<p>EPISCOPAL ST. NATHANIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 4200 Biscayne Dr, North Port 426-2520 Priest-In-Charge Rev. Andrea R. Hayden Sundays - Holy Eucharist 8:00 am Rite I 10:00 am Rite II ALL ARE WELCOME www.stnathaniel.org</p>	<p>LUTHERAN FAITH LCMS Punta Gorda "Welcome Home!" Contemporary Sat. 5:00 Traditional Sun. 9:30 Bible Study 9:10 941-639-6309 4005 Palm Drive 1/4 mile west of US41 on Rio Villa</p>
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<p>BAPTIST Eastside Baptist Church Pastor Mike Mowry 6220 Golf Course Blvd., Punta Gorda 639-1648 Sunday Worship 11am & 6pm Sunday School 9:45am "AWANA" Wednesday 6:00-7:45pm Wed. Discipleship & Prayer Service 6:45 pm Nursery & Children's program provided eastsidebaptist.com</p>	<p>BAPTIST SUNCOAST BAPTIST CHURCH 410 Warrington Blvd. Port Charlotte suncoastbaptistchurch.com 941-625-8550 Eric McConnell, Senior Pastor Sunday - 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Wednesday - 6:45 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Aftershock Youth Group & Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN MURDOCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH 17500 Elmwood Ave., Murdock 255-1858 Minister Mark Tyree Sunday Worship 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am Email: info@murdockcc.com Website: www.murdockcc.com</p>	<p>EPISCOPAL St. James Episcopal Church 1365 Viscaya Dr., Port Charlotte 627-4000 The Rev. Cesar Olivero Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Praise and Worship/Adult Bible Study www.stjamespcfl.org</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH WELS 941-766-9357 23456 Olean Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980 Corner of Kings Hwy. & Olean Bible Discovery Hour 9:30am Sunday Worship 10:30am Alan Gumm, Pastor Website: myctk.com</p>	<p>LUTHERAN LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL, ELCA 12475 Chancellor Blvd. (North Port Blvd. & Chancellor) North Port • 941-625-8090 Sunday Worship 10am www.LivingWatersLutheran.com</p>
<p>BAPTIST First Baptist Church Port Charlotte 20035 Quesada Ave. Jim McCarty, Pastor SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM WORSHIP - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM 12:30 - Hispanic Service Call for information on weekly activities and special events. 24-HOUR INFO LINE - 629-0444</p>	<p>BAPTIST - BIBLE VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH 1538 Nash Terrace Pt. Charlotte, FL 33953 (Located off Biscayne Dr.) (941) 220-8317 SalvationVictory.com Sunday 10am Wednesday 7pm Expository Bible Preaching & Teaching</p>	<p>To Place Your Ad In Our Worship Directory Please Call (941) 429-3110</p>			

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Jim Mazz performs at 7 p.m. March 2 at the North Port Performing Arts Center, along with comedian Gid Pool.



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Paisley Craze is set to take the stage on Feb. 2 at the North Port Performing Arts Center as part of the annual Show of Shows that benefits North Port High School students through scholarships and other assistance to music and art at the school.

Show of Shows kicks off in North Port

STAFF REPORT

NORTH PORT — An annual set of shows with earnings slated to assist North Port High School students through music, art and scholarships begins this weekend.

The annual Show of Shows, put on by the Society of the North Port Performing Arts Center, begins at 7 p.m. Saturday with Voice of Legends concert by Eric Kearns.

Kearns puts on more than 200 shows a year where he performs as a variety of entertainers.

“(Kearns) growing repertoire

consists of more than 100 legendary singers and their greatest hit songs,” according to promotional material on the web page for the society, www.societynppac.com.

The shows continue at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 with Sarasota’s five-piece band Paisley Craze, which cover a variety of music from the 1960s. The band advertises that it performs songs from The Beatles to Young Rascals to Janis Joplin to the sounds of Motown.

The entertainment changes at 7 p.m. March 2 with comedian Gid Pool and Las Vegas entertainer Jim Mazz.

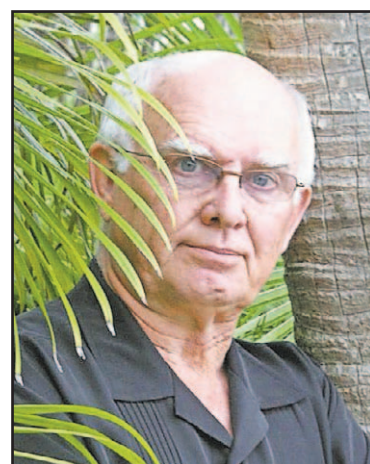
Pool is a North Port resident who is known worldwide for his comedy. Jim Mazz brings “a high energy and enthusiasm” as he performs songs “by a wide variety of performers from classic artists to today’s contemporary performers.”

A ticket to all three shows costs \$50. A single show ticket costs \$25 each.

Tickets are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the North Port Performing Arts Center box office, at North Port High School, 6400 West Price Blvd, North Port, or by calling 941-426-8479.



Eric Kearns performs at 7 p.m. Saturday night in North Port at its Show of Shows at North Port Performing Arts Center.



Comedian Gid Pool, who lives in North Port, is one of the revue’s featured performers.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Woman’s Club to hold annual rummage sale

The GFWC Woman’s Club of Port Charlotte, 20271 Tappan Zee Drive will hold its annual rummage sale on Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sale includes clothing, household items, electronics, jewelry, books and other items. Breakfast and lunch will be available on both days as well as home

baked goods prepared by Club members. All proceeds from this sale help fund the Club’s annual scholarships as well as charitable giving to many Charlotte County organizations. For more information, call 941-766-8855.

Everyday English Literacy Program

The Everyday English Literacy Program, a free program to improve English language skills for speakers of English as a

second language (ESL). The aim of this program is to improve participants English language skills so that they can get good jobs, help their children with homework, increase their ability to complete banking transactions, understand doctors’ prescriptions, and eventually be able to seek citizenship. A program session will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 14, at Port Charlotte Public Library, 2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, following an informal gathering of

the Everyday English Café. All those interested are encouraged to attend.

To volunteer as a coach or if you want to begin learning and practicing English, please contact: Hispanic American Citizens Council at cc.hispanicamericancouncil@gmail.com; 941-276-3747.

15th Annual Tennis with a Heart Tournament

Rev up your racquets for the return of the 15th

Annual Tennis with a Heart Tournament benefiting The Homeless Coalition and The Charlotte County Family YMCA. Bring a dish to share Friday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. for the Kick-Off Party at the Charlotte County Family YMCA located at 2905 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Enjoy mingling with sponsors and players, 50/50 raffle, chance auctions, cash bar and exhibition matches by local pros. Regular doubles tennis matches will be held all

weekend, Feb. 9 and Feb. 10. Registration is \$45 per player and includes continental breakfast and a commemorative t-shirt. Registration forms are located at The Charlotte County Family YMCA in Punta Gorda, Wrigley Tennis and The Homeless Coalition. Sponsorship Opportunities are also available for the event. For more information, contact Darcy Woods at events@cchomelesscoalition.org or 941-627-4313, Ext. 134.

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Trump grounds Pelosi



AP PHOTO

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday.

President denies House Speaker military plane to visit troops abroad

By CATHERINE LUCEY, MATTHEW LEE, ZEKE MILLER and LISA MASCARO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — She imperiled his State of the Union address. He denied her a plane to visit troops abroad. The shutdown battle between President Donald

Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is playing out as a surreal game of constitutional brinkmanship, with both flexing their political powers from opposite ends of Pennsylvania Avenue as the negotiations to end the monthlong partial government shutdown remain stalled.

In dramatic fashion, Trump issued a letter to Pelosi on Thursday, just before she and other lawmakers were set to depart on the previously undisclosed trip to Afghanistan and Brussels. Trump belittled the trip as a “public relations event” — even though he had just made a similar warzone

stop — and said it would be best if Pelosi remained in Washington to negotiate to reopen the government. “Obviously, if you would like to make your journey by flying commercial, that would certainly be your prerogative!”

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AP PHOTO

In this August 2018 photo, Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, addresses a gathering during a campaign event in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Was there collusion? Trump lawyer walks back earlier remarks

By ERIC TUCKER and JONATHAN LEMIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s lawyer Rudy Giuliani on Thursday walked back comments from the night before in which he maintained that he had “never said there was no collusion” between Russia and members of Trump’s 2016 White House campaign.

Giuliani issued a statement aimed at clarifying a Wednesday night CNN interview that appeared to leave open the possibility of improper contacts during the campaign, in light of court filings in the past year that have detailed ties between Trump aides and Russia.

“I represent only the president, not the campaign,” he told The Associated Press in an interview. “And I can only speak of what I

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Trump says US will develop space-based missile defense

By DEB RIECHMANN and LOLITA C. BALDOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Moving to protect the U.S. from advanced missile threats from China and Russia, President Donald Trump on Thursday laid out plans for a new array of space-based sensors and other high-tech systems designed to more quickly detect and defeat attacks.

Trump, in a speech at the Pentagon, declared that space is the new warfighting domain. And he vowed that the U.S. will develop an unrivaled missile defense system to protect against advanced hypersonic and cruise missile threats from competitors and adversaries.



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump speaks about American missile defense doctrine, Thursday, at the Pentagon.

“Our goal is simple: to ensure that we can detect and destroy any missile launched against the United States — anywhere, anytime, anyplace,” Trump said. “In a time of rapidly evolving threats, we must be certain that our defensive capabilities

are unrivaled and unmatched anywhere in the world.” Trump did not mention Russia, China or North Korea in his roughly 20-minute speech. But the Pentagon’s new strategy makes clear that its plan for a more aggressive space-based

missile defense system is aimed at protecting against existing threats from North Korea and Iran and countering advanced weapon systems being developed by Russia and China.

The new review is the first since 2010, and it concludes that to adequately protect America, the Pentagon must expand defense technologies in space and use those systems to more quickly detect, track and ultimately defeat incoming missiles.

Acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan, who also spoke, said the new hypersonic missiles being developed by nations such as Russia and China are harder to see, harder to track and harder to defeat.

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The sky is falling Asteroids are smacking Earth twice as often as before

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — Giant rocks from space are falling from the sky more than they used to, but don’t worry.

For the past 290 million years, large asteroids have been crashing into Earth more than twice as often as they did in the previous 700 million years, according to a new study in Thursday’s journal Science.

But no need to cast a wary glance up. Asteroids still only smack Earth on average every million or few million years, even with the increased crash rate. NASA’s list of potential big space rock crashes shows no pending major threats. The biggest known risk is a 4,200-foot wide

asteroid with a 99.988 percent chance that it will miss Earth when it whizzes very near here in 861 years.

Tell that to the dinosaurs. Most scientists think dinosaurs and a lot of other species went extinct after a huge space rock crashed into Central America about 65 million years ago.

“It’s just a game of probabilities,” said study lead author Sara Mazrouei, a University of Toronto planetary scientist. “These events are still rare and far between that I’m not too worried about it.”

Mazrouei and colleagues in the United Kingdom and United States compiled a list of impact craters on Earth and the moon that were larger than 12 miles wide and came up with the

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9 dead in car bombing at police academy in Colombia capital

By CESAR GARCIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOGOTA, Colombia — At least nine people were killed and dozens more injured in a car bombing at a heavily guarded police academy in Colombia's capital on Thursday, recalling the high-profile attacks seen during the bloodiest chapters of the country's drug-fueled guerrilla conflict.

The scene outside the General Santander police academy in southern Bogota was chaotic in the immediate aftermath of the midmorning attack, the biggest against a police or military facility in the capital in years.

Videos circulating on social media show panicked police officers carrying injured colleagues on stretchers along a road strewn with debris and body parts. In the distance, the skeletal steel remains of the truck

used in the attack can be seen still burning while approaching ambulances blare.

President Ivan Duque rushed back to the capital with his top military advisers from a visit to a western state to oversee the police investigation.

Chief Prosecutor Nestor Martinez said a man named Jose Aldemar Rojas driving a 1993 Nissan pick-up loaded with 175 pounds of pentolite carried out the attack. He said the car had its last official mechanical revision some six months ago in the eastern state of Arauca, along the border with Venezuela.

"This is an attack not only against the young, the security forces or the police. It's an attack against society," Duque said in a brief statement after surveying the blast scene. "This demented terrorist act will not go unpunished."

The police said at least

nine people were killed, while Bogota's health department said another 54 were injured. Among the dead were a Panamanian and an Ecuadorian national.

Rafael Trujillo said he was delivering a care package to his son Gerson, who entered the school just two days ago, when he was stopped in his tracks by the blast that destroyed windows in apartment buildings as far as four blocks away.

"I'm sad and very worried because I don't have any information about my son," said Trujillo, standing outside the facility, where police officers had set up a taped perimeter as forensic specialists surveyed the blast site.

Authorities were at a loss to explain how the vehicle slipped through a gate permanently protected by explosive-sniffing dogs, heavily-armed guards



AP PHOTO

Family members of victims of a bombing gather outside the entrance to the General Santander police academy where the bombing took place in Bogota, Colombia, on Thursday.

and security cameras. But there were unconfirmed reports based on leaked recordings of phone conversations of officers on the scene that the driver rammed past the

checkpoint as if carrying out a suicide attack — something unprecedented in decades of political violence in Colombia.

Health authorities in Bogota appealed for

residents to donate blood at one of four collection points in the capital to help treat those injured, the majority of whom were rushed to a police hospital.

Brexit talks by UK's May called a 'stunt' by opposition

By JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A weakened but defiant Prime Minister Theresa May met lawmakers from Britain's rival Brexit factions Thursday to try to forge a replacement for her rejected European Union exit plan.

But the country's main opposition leader branded the talks a "stunt," and May gave little sign she would make major changes to the divorce deal tossed out by Parliament this week. A new Brexit showdown between Parliament and government looked to be looming in the House of Commons before the end of the month.

"The really important question is, 'there's an open door, is there an open mind to a change?'" said Labour Party lawmaker Hilary Benn, who heads Parliament's Brexit committee and met with May on Thursday.

With Britain's Brexit process gridlocked, EU countries stepped



AP PHOTO

Britain's Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn speaks during a visit to Hastings, south east England, Thursday.

up preparations for a disorderly British exit on March 29. The nations were spending millions, hiring thousands of workers and issuing emergency decrees to cope with the possibility that Britain will leave the bloc without an agreement to smooth the way.

British lawmakers threw out May's Brexit deal Tuesday, a defeat that triggered a no-confidence vote in the government. May's minority Conservative administration narrowly survived

with backing from its Northern Irish ally, the Democratic Unionist Party.

A chastened May promised that she would hold talks "in a constructive spirit" with leaders of opposition parties and other lawmakers in a bid to find a way forward for Britain's EU exit.

The government confirmed that May will meet a Monday deadline to publish a Brexit "Plan B," and that lawmakers will have a full day to debate it — and, crucially, amend it — on Jan. 29.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Facebook shuts hundreds of Russia-linked pages, accounts

LONDON (AP) — Facebook said Thursday it removed hundreds of Russia-linked pages, groups and accounts that it says were part of two big disinformation operations targeting users outside the U.S.

The social media company said its latest effort to fight misinformation came after it found two networks "that engaged in coordinated inauthentic behavior" on Facebook and its Instagram service.

Facebook's head of cybersecurity policy, Nathaniel Gleicher, said in a blog post that one network operated in countries in Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltics, Central Asia and the Caucasus. The other focused on Ukraine.

"We didn't find any links between these operations, but they used similar tactics by creating networks of accounts to mislead others about who they were and what they were doing," Gleicher said.

Kenyan police say 11 arrested after deadly hotel attack

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyan authorities on Thursday arrested nine more people for their alleged involvement in the deadly extremist attack on a luxury hotel complex in Nairobi this week, bringing the total number of suspects detained to 11, police said.

The suspects, "are being questioned on their specific roles in the terrorist attack" at the DusitD2 complex on Tuesday, said a police officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter. Two people were taken into custody on Wednesday.

The attack took the lives of 20 civilians, one police officer and five attackers.

The Kenyan government said its quick reaction to the assault reflected improvements in its ability to respond to such brazen attacks on civilian targets. It was "much better handled" in comparison to the 2013 attack on the nearby Westgate Mall, said Joseph Mucheru, the information minister. Police took hours to respond to that attack and official information

was scarce or conflicting, leading to reforms.

American's brother says Russia delays consular prison visit

MOSCOW (AP) — The brother of an American being held in Moscow for alleged spying says a prison visit by U.S. Embassy staff has been postponed.

David Whelan expressed disappointment that Russian authorities didn't allow the visit scheduled for Thursday, but said he hoped it could be rescheduled soon and British diplomats also would be given access to his twin brother, Paul.

Paul Whelan lives in Michigan and holds citizenships from the U.S., Britain, Ireland and Canada. Russia promised to permit consular visits while he is imprisoned.

David Whelan says a Wednesday visit by Irish officials "was very helpful and gave us an opportunity to receive specific guidance from Paul."

He says the visits "will help ensure his continued health and well-being while the family continues to work with government officials to try to bring Paul home."

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Lawyer sought in alleged investment scheme caught in Florida

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Authorities say a lawyer who formerly worked in northern Indiana and was charged in December with scamming elderly investors has been arrested in Florida.

The FBI says 61-year-old Sven Eric Marshall was arrested Wednesday in Clearwater. He didn't respond to earlier civil legal proceedings.

Marshall, formerly of South Bend, earlier was ordered to repay more than \$2.5 million to clients. He is facing five counts of mail fraud. The U.S. attorney's office has said Marshall ran an elder abuse scam through an investment company named Trust & Advisory Services of Indiana Inc.

Prosecutors say that starting in 1998 Marshall recruited elderly investors and promised returns of about 4-8 percent annually, but the company's account was nearly empty by 2016. He allegedly stopped communicating with investors and closed his office.

Police: Ex-NFL player catches man outside daughter's window

WELLINGTON (AP) — Police say a former NFL player beat a man after catching him outside his 14-year-old daughter's window.

Former cornerback Tony Beckham told Palm Beach County

sheriff's officers he was walking to his car on Monday when he saw the man with his hands in his pants, which were down. His daughter had just gotten out of the shower and was dressing.

The Miami Herald reports Beckham chased after and tackled the man, who was bloodied and bruised when police arrived.

Geoffrey Cassidy told officers his car had broken down and he was waiting in the bushes for it to cool down. He refused to say where the vehicle was.

The 48-year-old was charged with lewd and lascivious exhibition. Beckham played for the Tennessee Titans and the Detroit Lions.

California ICE contractor accused in Florida child sex sting

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — A 35-year-old computer engineer working on contract for Immigration and Customs Enforcement is accused of trying to lure a Florida girl to California to fulfill a "daddy-daughter" sex fantasy.

The Palm Beach Post reports that Majid Dedihban exchanged phone calls and thousands of text messages with someone he thought was a teen-aged girl. It was a Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputy all along. Federal court records show Dedihban made contact with the deputy posing as the girl in December.

Dedihban was arrested in San Diego and has agreed to be brought to Florida to face

charges of attempted enticement of a minor and attempted transportation of a minor to engage in sexual activity. He's being held without bond. A lawyer isn't listed on records.

Deputy fired, 9 released from jail after false drug arrests

STUART (AP) — Officials say a Florida deputy has been fired, and nine people he arrested on drug charges have been released from jail.

Treasure Coast Newspapers reports that Martin County Sheriff Will Snyder announced Deputy Steven O'Leary's termination during a news conference Tuesday.

The sheriff didn't release any information about the nine people arrested. He said in three separate cases, O'Leary reported positive field tests for drugs, but those substances came back from laboratory testing lacking any narcotics.

O'Leary has made 80 drug-related arrests in the 11 months he worked for the sheriff's office. Snyder says detectives combed through all those reports to make sure there aren't any other discrepancies.

No charges were immediately filed against O'Leary. Snyder says a charge of official misconduct is possible.

Man guilty of fatal crash while fleeing police

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — A Florida man has been

convicted of causing a crash that killed a 5-year-old boy while fleeing police.

The Palm Beach Post reports that 23-year-old Lex Eugene was found guilty Wednesday of vehicular homicide and several other charges.

Prosecutors say a Boynton Beach police officer tried to stop Eugene in 2016 after spotting his speeding SUV. Eugene reportedly sped away when the officer approached. Eugene eventually lost control at an intersection and drove up on a sidewalk.

Authorities say the SUV hit Jayden Readon, who was walking to a nearby park with his family. The force of the crash sent the boy into the air. He ended up in a ditch about 20 feet away.

'Project Runway' works with human trafficking survivors

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A Florida-based company featured on the television show "Project Runway All Stars" is kicking off a new line of leather accessories as part of an effort to help survivors of human trafficking.

Contestants on the fashion design competition show worked with Jacksonville-based Rethreaded on Wednesday night's episode.

Designers were tasked with creating a look for modern-day air travel with upcycled materials provided by Southwest Airlines. Items included coffee cups, peanut packets, seat belts

and aircraft seat leather.

Episode winner Irina Shabayeva consulted the women of Rethreaded on the production of the new accessories, which will be sold on the company's website.

Rethreaded was started in 2012 to provide a safe and supportive environment for victims of trauma and exploitation. It gives career opportunities to women coming out of human trafficking.

Endangered leopard with liver failure dies at Florida zoo

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A critically endangered Amur leopard in declining health has died at a Florida zoo.

The Florida Times-Union reports the 18-year-old leopard named Makarii was euthanized Tuesday at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. Spokeswoman JJ Vitale says Makarii was suffering from kidney failure, a common cause of death for older cats. She says the zoo provided Makarii with supportive care for "as long as we could."

Makarii had three litters of cubs with his mate, 17-year-old Nicolai. Vitale says the zoo isn't planning to bring in another leopard as Amur leopards are solitary cats.

Amur leopards are native to Russia and China and have an average lifespan of 10 to 15 years in the wild. The World Wildlife Fund says they're critically endangered largely due to poaching.

US and North Korea to hold talks on 2nd Trump-Kim summit

By **MATTHEW LEE**
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — High-level talks aimed at finalizing a second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un are planned for this week in Washington, U.S. officials said Thursday.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is expected to meet former North Korean spy chief Kim Yong Chol at a Washington hotel on Friday. The meeting will likely be followed by a Kim visit to the White

House, where he could meet with Trump, according to two officials, who were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Neither the U.S. nor North Korea has announced any meetings, although Kim Yong Chol arrived earlier Thursday in Beijing, where he was booked on a flight to the U.S., South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported. A motorcade that included the North Korean ambassador's car and a Chinese car with a sign reading "state guest"

could be seen departing from a VIP area at the airport.

Trump has spoken several times of having a second summit with Kim early this year and has exchanged multiple letters with the North Korean despite little tangible progress on a vague denuclearization agreement reached at their first meeting in Singapore last June. Since then, several private analysts have published reports detailing continuing North Korean development of nuclear and missile technology.

At a conference of

U.S. diplomats at the State Department on Wednesday, Vice President Mike Pence acknowledged the lack of progress. He called the Trump-Kim dialogue "promising" but stressed that "we still await concrete steps by North Korea to dismantle the nuclear weapons that threaten our people and our allies in the region."

A planned meeting between Pompeo and Kim Yong Chol in New York last November was called off abruptly. U.S. officials said at the time that North Korea had

canceled the session.

A White House official, while not confirming plans for Friday's meeting, said "a lot of positive things" are happening related to North Korea's denuclearization. The official said Trump and Kim Jong Un had established a "good relationship" and that U.S.-North Korea conversations were continuing.

The official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the two sides were "working to make progress" on the denuclearization goal and that Trump "looks

forward to meeting Chairman Kim again at their second summit at a place and time yet to be determined."

The talks had stalled over North Korea's refusal to provide a detailed accounting of its nuclear and missile facilities that would be used by inspectors to verify any deal to dismantle them. The North has been demanding that the U.S. lift harsh sanctions and provide it with security guarantees before it takes any steps beyond its initial suspension of nuclear and missile tests.



AP PHOTO

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass, waves to the crowd during an organizing event at Curate event space in Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 5.

2020 Democrats face a choice: Fight Trump or ignore him?

By **ELANA SCHOR** and
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIoux CITY, Iowa — When Sen. Elizabeth Warren took the stage earlier this month at this city's ornate Orpheum Theatre, Tricia Currans-Sheehan posed a pointed question to the expected presidential contender.

"Why did you undergo the DNA testing and give Donald Trump more fodder to be a bully?" the Iowa college professor asked, referring to a genetic analysis the Massachusetts Democrat released last fall to rebut President Donald Trump's repeated jabs about her Native American ancestry.

Warren had a simple response: "I can't stop Donald Trump from doing what he's going to do." After another woman in the crowd retorted, "Yes, you can," Warren gently reiterated that "I can't stop him from hurling racial insults. I don't have the power to do that."

The scene demonstrates the challenge Warren, who has launched a presidential exploratory committee, and dozens of other White House hopefuls will face as the Democratic primary gets underway. They must decide how — and whether — to respond to Trump's pugnacious and insensitive attacks on his political opponents. If they punch back too hard, they could be accused of playing Trump's game. If they ignore him entirely, they risk appearing unprepared to take on a president who knows few boundaries.

Warren was tested again late Sunday when Trump seized on one of her social media videos to issue a tweet that made light of two massacres of Native Americans. South Dakota's two Republican senators distanced themselves from Trump's comment, which drew condemnation from Native American officials.

But Warren herself didn't immediately engage.

In an interview this week, Warren called the tweet "disgusting" for mocking "one of the darkest moments in American history," the deadly assault on hundreds of Native American women and children at Wounded Knee, South Dakota. Yet she also hinted at a bigger reason for not responding right away.

"He needs to focus on getting the government open, on doing his job," she said. "He hopes that he can draw attention elsewhere, but it's not working."

Others considering 2020 campaigns also indicate that, whenever possible, they plan to ignore Trump's personal needling and focus on issues.

"I don't want to waste my time on negativity" when voters "want to hear positive," Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey said in an interview in which he also commended Warren, his likely rival for the Democratic nomination.

"What's more important is what Sen. Warren is talking about, and she's putting great ideas out there," Booker said. "Why let anybody distract from the compelling things she's saying and how she's presenting herself?"

But Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, another potential 2020 candidate, suggested Democrats face a tricky challenge.

"You have to stand your ground" in response to Trump, she said in an interview, but also take care about "how you do it, because he wants you to go down in the rabbit hole. He wants to define the agenda every single day."

While "everyone makes their own decision" on replying to a Trump taunt, she added, "I think it is very important to put it in its place and, while you respond, you do not spend weeks talking about him. Because that is exactly what he wants."

Number of federal workers seeking jobless aid doubles

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
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WASHINGTON — The number of furloughed federal employees seeking unemployment benefits jumped in the first two weeks of the shutdown, topping 10,000 during the week of Jan. 5.

The Labor Department said Thursday that is double the number of federal workers who sought aid in the previous week. Typically fewer than a thousand former federal employees apply for jobless benefits each week.

Federal employees who aren't working during the partial government shutdown are eligible to claim unemployment aid, while those working without pay are not, the Labor Department has said. Yet even those sent home will have to repay the unemployment aid if they receive back pay once the shutdown ends.

The number of Americans overall who sought unemployment benefits last week declined 3,000 to 213,000, the government said. That figure doesn't include



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On Thursday, the Labor Department reported that double the number of federal employees who aren't working because of the partial government shutdown applied for unemployment benefits during the week of Jan. 5.

federal beneficiaries, who are tracked in a separate category. Applications by federal workers are reported with a one-week delay.

More furloughed federal workers could apply for unemployment benefits in the weeks ahead. The Labor Department will release data for the week ending Jan. 12, the third week of the shutdown, next week.

The shutdown that

began Dec. 22 caused roughly 420,000 federal employees to work without pay. Another 380,000 are not at work and not being paid. Those numbers have shifted a bit in recent days as the IRS and some other agencies have called more employees back to work.

Applications rose last week in states with a large number of federal contractors, many of whom are also working without

pay. In Washington D.C., unemployment claims rose to 2,158 from 1,190, while in Virginia they jumped to 5,966 from 3,497 and in Maryland to 4,949 from 4,467.

The overall data suggests the job market remains healthy, with few layoffs. Employers added a strong 312,000 jobs in December and the unemployment rate stood at a very low 3.9 percent.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Woman, testifying against El Chapo, details affair

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman who says she had an affair with the notorious Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin Guzman testified against him on Thursday at his U.S. trial.

Lucero Guadalupe Sánchez López, a former legislator in Guzman's home state of Sinaloa, told a New York City jury that the relationship mixed business with pleasure in a way that caused discomfort.

"Until this day, I'm confused because I thought we were in a romantic relationship," she said.

At another point, she said, "Sometimes I loved him and sometimes I didn't."

Sanchez, 29, said she became involved with the married Guzman in 2011. She said she would visit him at one of his many hideouts in Cabo San Lucas and communicate with him by text on mobile phones he gave her.

She said she also trafficked marijuana for him, with instructions to ready 882 pounds for each plane used to transport it from the countryside. He sought to purchase the marijuana on credit, but she refused because she was worried the growers would never get paid.

"I did not agree because it was unfair," she said.

Talks resume in effort to end strike by LA teachers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new round of contract negotiations started Thursday between Los Angeles school district officials and a teachers union as thousands of educators picketed in the rain.

The announcement that the two sides would sit down for the first time in nearly a week didn't indicate whether any new contract offers would be on the table.

Union officials tempered expectations.

"After 21 months of negotiations I think it would be an unrealistic expectation to say that this is going to be over after today because there are hard issues to work through," said Alex Caputo-Pearl, president of United Teachers Los Angeles.

Talks broke off Friday, sending tens of thousands of teachers onto the street. Thursday was the fourth day of the walkout.

Mayor Eric Garcetti had urged both sides to resume talks on Thursday at City Hall. The mayor does not have authority over the Los Angeles Unified School District but he has sought to help both sides reach an agreement.

Ex-CBS CEO Moonves to challenge severance denial

NEW YORK (AP) — Former CBS CEO Les Moonves is fighting the company's decision to deny his \$120 million severance package following his firing over sexual misconduct allegations.

Moonves is demanding binding arbitration proceedings to challenge the decision, CBS announced in a filing Thursday with the Securities Exchange Commission.

The company's board of directors denied Moonves his severance last month after concluding that he violated company policy and did not cooperate with an investigation into the sexual misconduct allegations.

Moonves, one of television's most influential figures, was ousted in September after allegations from women who said he subjected them to mistreatment including forced oral sex, groping and retaliation if they resisted.

The former CEO's legal team declined to comment Thursday. His lawyer, Andrew Levander, has previously said that Moonves cooperated fully with the investigation, which was conducted by two outside law firms. Moonves has also denied any allegations of non-consensual sex.

Gymboree begins winding down operations after 2nd bankruptcy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gymboree has filed for bankruptcy protection for a second time in as many years, but this time the children's clothing retailer will begin winding down operations for good. The San Francisco company said

late Wednesday that it will close all of its Gymboree and Crazy 8 stores and attempt to sell its Janie and Jack business, intellectual property and online business.

"The company has worked diligently in recent months to explore options for Gymboree Group and its brands, and we are saddened and highly disappointed that we must move ahead with a wind-down of the Gymboree and Crazy 8 businesses," CEO Shaz Kahng said in a prepared statement.

Gymboree, which began offering classes for mothers and their children in 1976, runs 380 Gymboree stores in the U.S. and Canada. When it first sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in June 2017, it ran 1,300 stores.

Judge acquits 3 Chicago officers of Laquan McDonald cover-up

CHICAGO (AP) — Three Chicago officers were acquitted Thursday of trying to cover up the 2014 shooting of a black teenager by a white officer who was seen pulling the trigger on the shocking dashcam video that showed Laquan McDonald getting hit with 16 bullets.

In rejecting the prosecution's entire case, Judge Domenica Stephenson seemed to accept many of the same defense arguments that were rejected by jurors who in October convicted officer Jason Van Dyke of second-degree murder and aggravated battery. He is scheduled to be sentenced Friday.

The judge said there was no indication that officers tried to hide evidence.

"The evidence shows just the opposite," she said. She singled out how they preserved the graphic video at the heart of the case.

McDonald's family immediately questioned how the two cases could produce such different decisions. His great uncle, the Rev. Marvin Hunter, told reporters that the verdict means "that if you are a police officer you can lie, cheat and steal."

"To say that these men are not guilty is to say that Jason Van Dyke is not guilty." He also said "it is a sad day for America."

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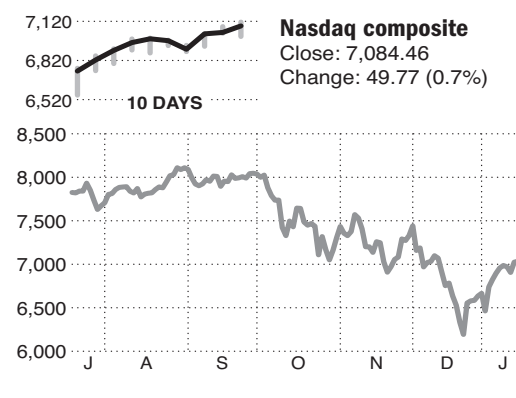
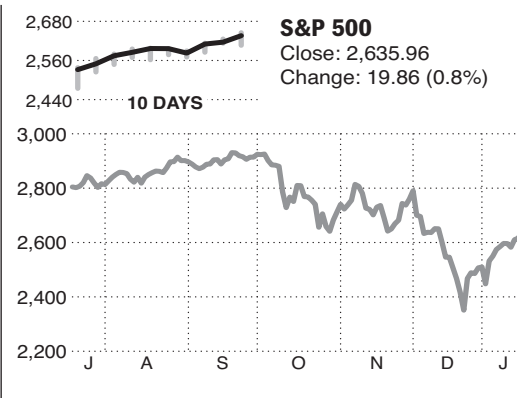
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Stocks climb on report US may pare back tariffs on China

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks climbed Thursday after the Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. officials could reduce the new tariffs on Chinese imports as part of trade negotiations between the two countries. It was the latest in a series of potentially conflicting updates on the trade dispute.

They're aiming to convince Chinese leaders to make deeper reforms. However, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer reportedly doesn't support the idea, and the proposals haven't been presented to President Donald Trump. Stocks wobbled earlier following reports late Wednesday that the U.S. might bring criminal charges against Chinese technology giant Huawei over allegations it stole trade secrets. However, China's government said the top trade envoys from both countries will meet in Washington at the end of this month, a possible sign of progress in negotiations.

Technology, industrial and health care companies made some of the largest gains, and makers of chemicals and other basic materials jumped. The S&P 500 index rose 19.86 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,635.96. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped as much as 267 points following the report about the potential tariff cuts. It finished with a gain of 162.94 points, or 0.7 percent, at 24,370.10. The Nasdaq composite added 49.77 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,084.46. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks climbed 12.55 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,467.25.

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Amount of research done annually is impressive, shared

DEAR DR. ROACH: Is medical research shared? It seems that after all these years of battling various types of diseases and maladies, more progress should've been made than has been done. I suspect that if medical research were fully shared and people pooled their knowledge, more progress could be made. Is it just that various entities don't want to share because each one wants to be the one to get the Nobel Prize for Medicine? — G.A.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: You would be shocked at the amount of research knowledge that is published every year on all aspects of clinical medicine and basic science. Back when I was in medical school, it was estimated that if a clinician or scientist read eight hours a day, five days a week, 52 weeks a year, just on his or her own field of expertise,

at the end of a year he or she would be eight years behind. I am sure it is much greater now. The problem isn't the lack of studies or lack of sharing. It is in sorting through the sheer amount published.

The quest for personal glory certainly is a part of what drives many scientists. However, I know a great many researchers, and most do so for the love of the science and out of a desire to further the field and to be part of the process

that leads to better understanding. Discoveries are (mostly) not made in isolation by a brilliant scientist — they are the result of patient, thorough, gradual work by many scientists across the globe.

Of course I wish progress came faster, but looking back on the medical knowledge when I started in the 1980s until now, the amount of progress has been staggering, and this has been reflected in progressively longer human lifespans, among other important measures.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Perhaps this is beyond the scope of medical science, but one sees many admonitions from health experts warning of the dangers of a "sedentary" life, yet back when I had a day job, it felt so good to "plop down in my easy chair" when I came home from work. I love to read, and do a lot of computer-

based activities, so I probably spend more time than I should on my rear end. How can something so bad feel so good? — B.D.

ANSWER: You will have to add me to the list of those advising against a sedentary lifestyle. I agree that it feels good to rest after a busy day, but that resting doesn't need to go on for hours. Further, the feeling you get after a vigorous workout is also good, and the sense of well-being, increased energy and better sleep that most regular exercisers get every day is even better.

Reading and computer-based activities can be fun, and I certainly spend my share doing them, but getting up periodically (my smartwatch warns me every hour) can help prevent the blood clots that can accompany prolonged sitting at the desk or in that easy chair.

Girlfriend is more distant, woman is suicidal, upset

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend and I have lived together off and on for three years.



Dear Abby

I suspect she has been seeing another woman. She has changed her dress style and even her cologne. When I confront her, begging her to tell me if she's been cheating, she laughs it off. We don't communicate well anymore, and she's sleeping in another room now.

We were going to be married.

I love her so much. If she doesn't come back to me, I've had thoughts of suicide. — Freaked Out & Clueless In California

DEAR FREAKED OUT: I know it's hard, but someone who acts the way she has isn't worth killing yourself over. It may be scary, but it's time for the two of you to separate. If you need emotional support, have friends with you when you tell her. And if you need more support than they can give, contact the nearest gay and lesbian center for counseling because they WILL be able to help you.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has gotten herself into more debt than she earns in a year. She finally confessed to

me that she can make only the minimum payments on her credit cards.

She has asked me for help, but she refuses to allow me to monitor her progress paying off her debts. I have refused to help her get out of the hole she has dug for herself unless I have access to her credit card statements. I no longer trust her to manage her spending. Am I wrong to feel this way? — Needs Access In Texas

DEAR NEEDS ACCESS: No, you are not wrong.

Some people shop for the "thrill"; others do it to cope with depression. I have mentioned an organization, Debtors Anonymous, in my column before. It's for individuals who are unable to control their spending. The website is debtorsanonymous.org, and you should look into it.

Baggage prices take flight

Dear Heloise: The cost of air travel keeps rising. Airlines have increased BAGGAGE FEES, which we understand is a profitable source of revenue for the airlines. We already pay for seat selection, snacks, drinks, blankets, pillows and Wi-Fi. Why are we being asked to pay more for baggage? — Alma and Ken W. in Los Angeles



Hints from Heloise

ANSWER: I read the suggestion from Linda W. about using foil and cooking spray in the pan when cooking meatloaf. Parchment paper works great, too! — Karen C., Riverside, Calif.

was not enough to offset the cost of fuel price increases.

— Heloise

WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION: Once bitten, twice shy

JUMBLE

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

DMTIS

O O O O

CNUHM

O O O O

DNRWIA

O O O O

NOCROB

O O O O O O O O

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"O O O O - O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O"

Yesterday's Jumbles: INKED GETUP TRUANT FLINCH
 Answer: It was time to get a new lawn mower because the one they had wasn't — CUTTING IT

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

We left our phones at home. We don't want to be disturbed. No one is going to bother you up here.

THE REMOTE BED AND BREAKFAST ALLOWED THE NEWLYWEDS TO BE ---

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

KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷	1-	4x		
		3		
3-		7+		
3	3-			

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CHALLENGING

16x		10+	2÷		2
	2		5-		11+
2-			5+		
5	5-	96x	1-		9+
3÷					
	3÷		5	2÷	

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RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

2÷	11+		
4	2	1	3
2	3x	3	4
1	3	4	2
1-			
3	4	2	1

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 having nighttime adventures (8)	_____
2 CNN anchor Poppy (6)	_____
3 part compared to the whole (10)	_____
4 flammable, natural gas (7)	_____
5 stepped hillside landscaping (8)	_____
6 core exercise (5)	_____
7 national poet (8)	_____

DRE	NE	PRO	NG	RT
LOW	ES	ATE	TER	LA
RAC	NK	ME	PO	HAR
ION	URE	AMI	PLA	THA

Thursday's Answers: 1. REFEREES 2. CLUSTER 3. BEARS 4. DISPARITY 5. ALLOW 6. SPOOKED 7. SHORTER

Challenger

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

Today's Challenge

Time	5 Minutes
	2 Seconds
1	20
1	20
11	13 8 5 7

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solution					1-17	22
1	1	1	1	1	4	
8	9	3	9	29		
3	9	8	9	29		
9	8	3	9	29		
21	27	15	28	27		

Yesterday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson

“Guess who’s ready for his evening walk.”

Cryptoquip

1-18

VSBR IGOFRX G JBYMTUB
 ZSPJ'Z IBZI IP WBEPUB G
 EPCPXR -ZRFMMFRX VPYBY,
 ZUBCCFRX EPTRIZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT COULD YOU CALL THE WOOD OF SOME DINING FURNITURE BEING EATEN BY TERMITES? TABLE FOOD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals L

WORD SLEUTH

PANCAKES AROUND THE WORLD

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

Thursday's unlisted clue: GIBSON

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: JOHNNY

Blini	Farinata	Harcha	Scallion
Crêpes	Galette	Murtabak	Serabi
Dutch baby	Gundel	Oladyi	Uttapam
Egg waffle	Guokui	Palatschinke	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When your truest desire is to assist, the first step is to get to know the person and understand what needs, wants, fears and beliefs are in play.

situations to know what you're likely to enjoy. You need a little enjoyment now so you may as well steer clear of anything that's not that.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The feeling behind a deal matters. People spend money emotionally. They react to the situation, go with what feels easy given the circumstance, taking on a "when in Rome" sort of attitude.

Friday, January 18, 2019

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
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A NICE DEFENSE

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH: ♠ Q 9 3, ♥ A 9 7 5, ♦ J 10 5, ♣ 10 6 2
WEST: ♠ J 6 5, ♥ 3, ♦ K 7 6 4, ♣ A J 7 4 3
EAST: ♠ 7 4 2, ♥ K 6 4 2, ♦ Q 9 8 2, ♣ 8 5
SOUTH: ♠ A K 10 8, ♥ Q J 10 8, ♦ A 3, ♣ K Q 9

trumps in the process, and cashed three spades tricks, discarding the 10 of clubs from dummy. This was the position:

NORTH: ♠ Void, ♥ Void, ♦ J 10 5, ♣ 6
WEST: ♠ Void, ♥ Void, ♦ K 7, ♣ A J
EAST: ♠ Void, ♥ Void, ♦ Q 9 8, ♣ 5
SOUTH: ♠ Void, ♥ Void, ♦ A 3, ♣ Q 9

The bidding: SOUTH 2NT, WEST Pass, NORTH 3♣, EAST Pass, SOUTH 3♥, WEST Pass, NORTH 4♥, EAST All pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

South promoted his hand slightly due to his tens and nines — a reasonable decision. North might well have raised to three no trump with his completely flat hand, but he used Stayman to reach a contract of four hearts.

The opening spade lead was won by declarer with the 10 and the queen of hearts was run to East's king. East shifted to the eight of clubs, and West did very well to duck South's king. Declarer now drew the outstanding trumps, exhausting all his own

South cashed his ace of diamonds and West smartly played the king under it. The defense was now able to take the last three tricks. Note the difference if West had won his ace of clubs earlier. Now if West unblocked his king of diamonds, South would cash the queen of clubs and exit with a diamond, building another trick there. Failing to unblock would see West get end-played with his king for a club lead. Nice defense!

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BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



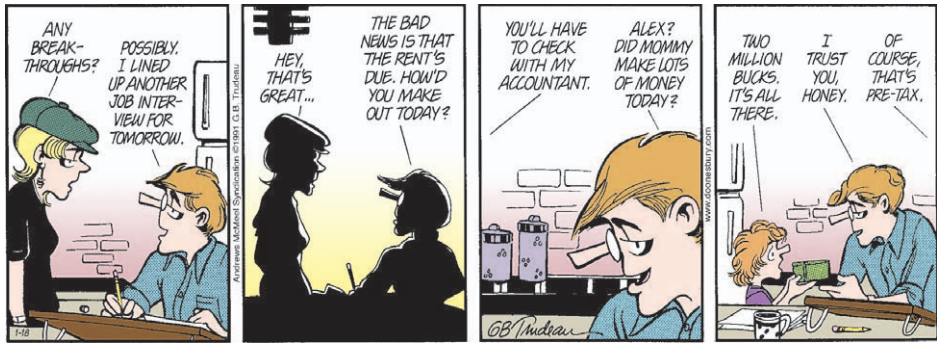
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BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS: 1 Move furtively, 6 Support, 11 Classified items, 14 Unconventional, 15 Peeves, 16 Gehrig or Costello, 17 German sub (hyp-), 18 Runs in neutral, 19 Overwhelm, 20 Retirees' income, 22 Ready to fight, 24 Hear a case, 25 Place to eavesdrop, 27 Spice rack item, 31 Deafening, 32 Verdi numbers, 33 Go hang-gilding, 34 More than a snack, 38 Fateful day, 39 Fruit pit, 40 Funny Bombeck, 41 Prowl, 42 Exasperates, 43 — and drabs, 44 Minute amounts, 46 Nightclubs, 47 Blooms (2 wds.), 50 Born as, 51 Party poopers, 52 Condors, 57 John — Passos, 58 Work by Homer, 61 Piano composition, 62 Night before, 63 Disloyal, 64 Home appliance, 65 Alert color, 66 Teams of oxen, 67 Wool givers, DOWN: 1 — d'etat, 2 Bumpkin, 3 Famed prep school, 4 Notable time periods, 5 Small sizes, 6 Salty, 7 Tosses out, 8 Omitting none, 9 Passing grade, 10 Makes an attempt, 11 Crockett's last stand, 12 Wooden rod, 13 Napped leather, 21 Website suffix, 23 Poets, 25 Zen riddles, 26 Ireland, 27 Catch red-handed

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED
CORKS RICO FANG
OMAHA ALEC ALOE
UNCAP VENT RIOT
PIER RESTAURANT
EARTHEN GRASSY
OOP SLOSH
IMBUE BWANA ORK
CRAM GRINS VICE
ESA SEINE MILAN
OUNCE ORO
CARTED TRILLED
UNATTACHED LEAVE
RIPE RUED INTEL
EMIR MEAD SCENT
DADS EDDY TEXTS

- 28 Language of Pakistan, 29 Stadium section, 30 Concealing, 31 Alcoves, 33 Sandal part, 35 Mr. Severeid, 36 Pulpit, 37 Edinburgh girl, 39 In — (as found), 43 Calorie counters, 45 Harden, 46 Math operator, 47 More weird, 48 Leave no doubt, 49 Cut some slack, 50 Rubens subjects, 52 Bud holder, 53 Rocky Mountain state, 54 Old Norse poem, 55 Margin, 56 Filter in, 59 Tai language, 60 Type

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in. Rating: SILVER. Solution to 1/17/19.

9x9 Sudoku solution grid.

WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

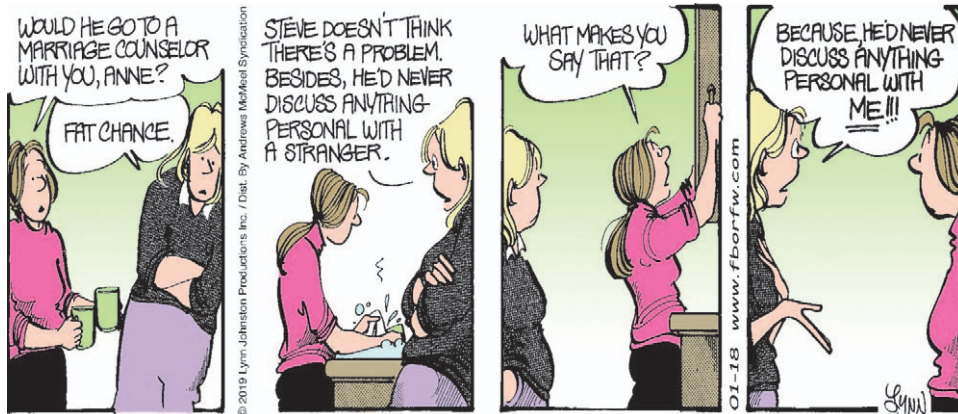
- 1. Emerald City cut-flowers holder (1)
2. Position a cut-flowers holder (1)
3. Selected not these but the others (1)
4. Mortal Butch Cassidy player Paul (2)
5. Roast beef chain's slim Mattel dolls (2)
6. U.S. Capitol column stuffer (2)
7. Austrian capital natives' showy flowers (3)

ANSWERS: 1. OZ VASE 2. PLACE VASE 3. CHOSE THOSE 4. HUMAN NEWMAN 5. ARBYS BARBIES 6. PILLAR FILLER 7. VIENNESE PEONIES

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares.

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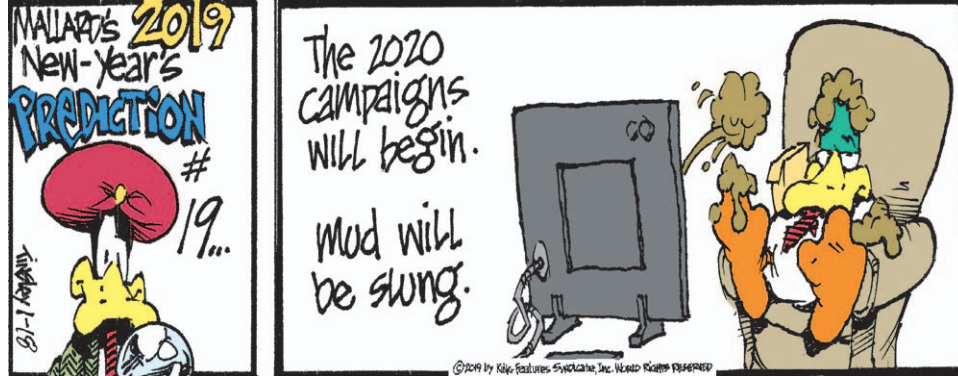
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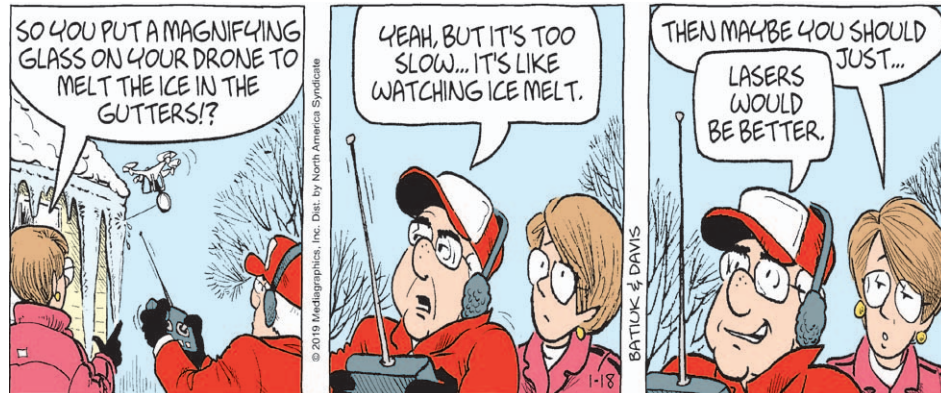
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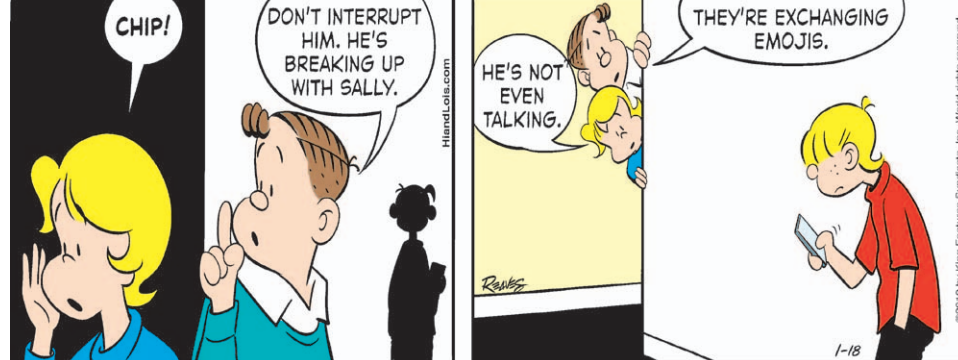
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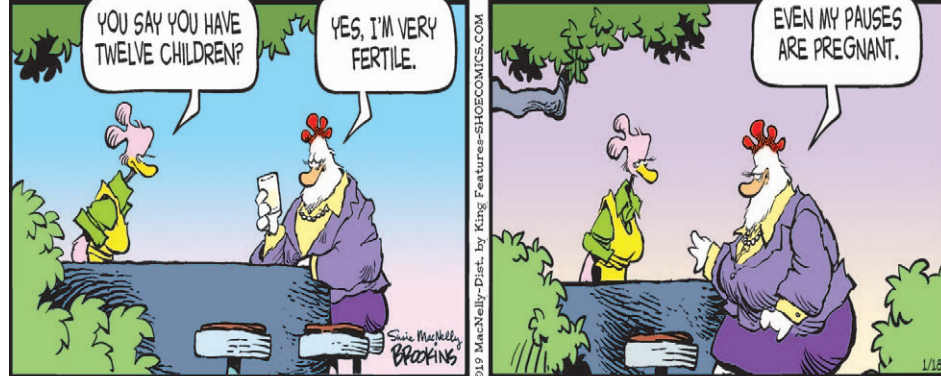
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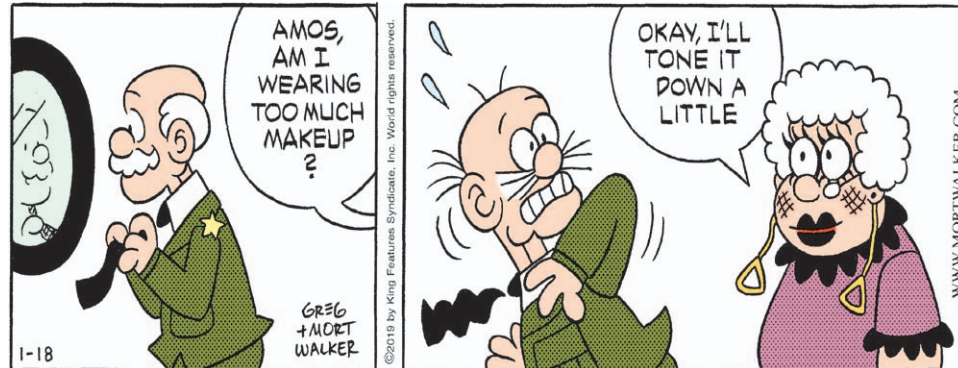
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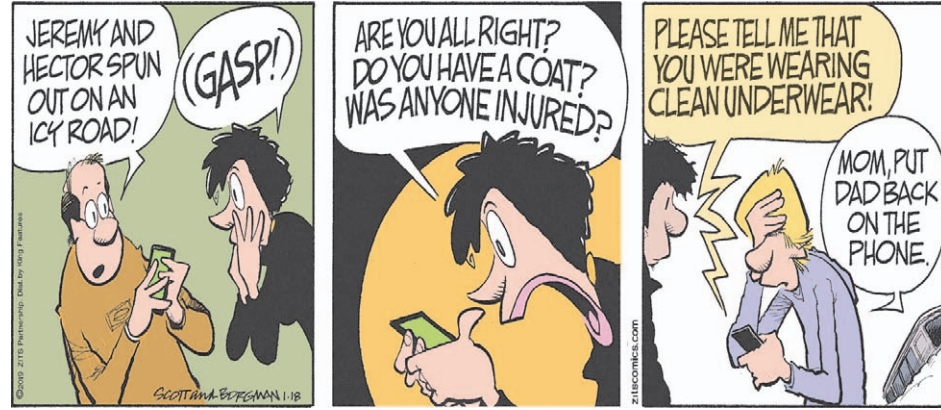
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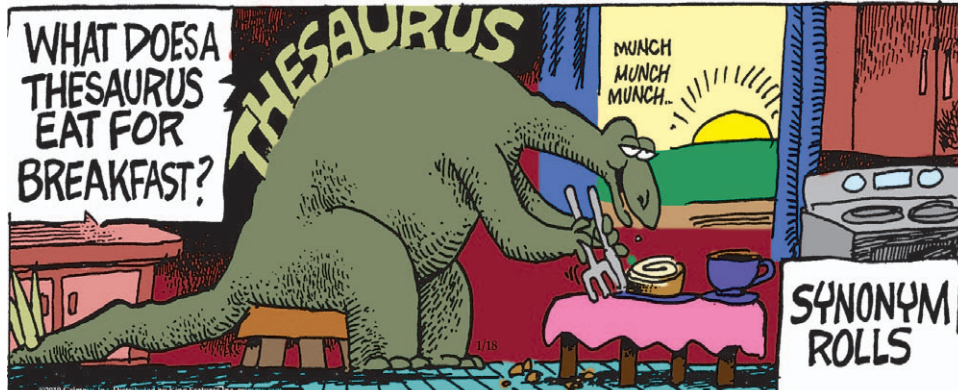
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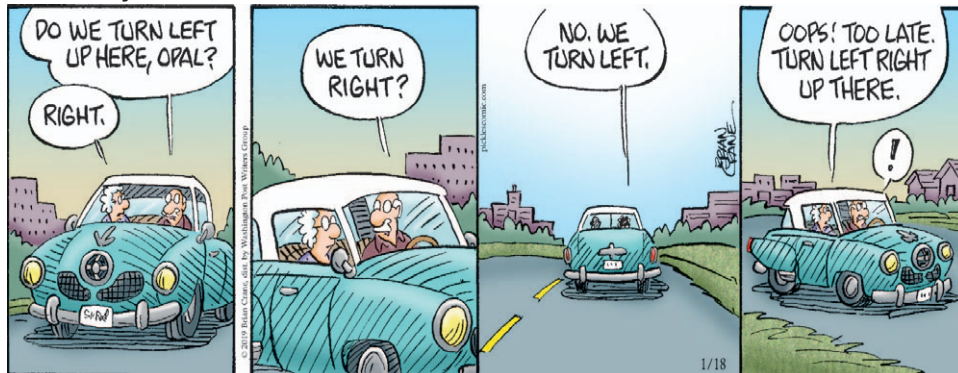
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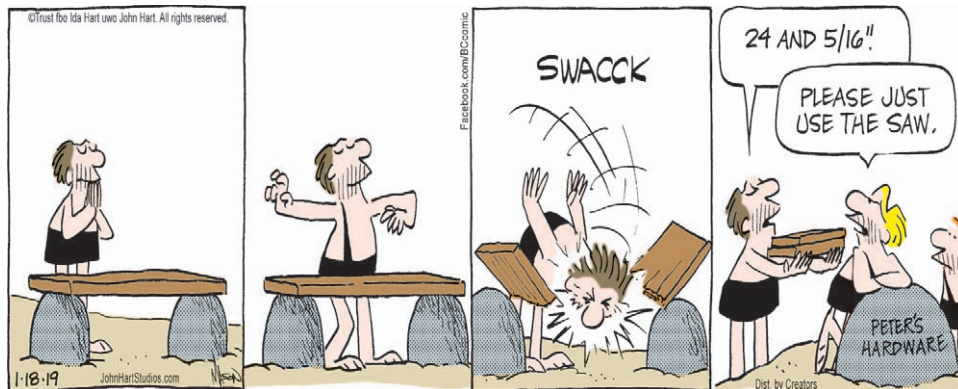
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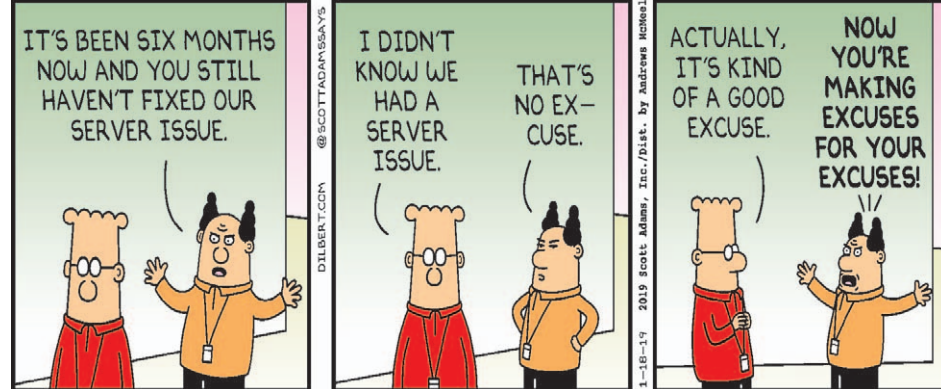
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DILBERT By Scott Adams



Cohen says he rigged online polls for Trump in 2014, 2015

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's estranged former lawyer acknowledged Thursday that he paid a technology company to rig Trump's standing in two online polls before the presidential campaign.

Michael Cohen tweeted that "what I did was at the direction of and for the sole benefit of" Trump.

"I truly regret my blind loyalty to a man who doesn't deserve it," he added.

Cohen was responding to an article in *The Wall Street Journal* that said Cohen stiffed the owner of the technology company out of tens of thousands of dollars he promised for work that included using a computer script to enter fake votes for Trump in a 2014 CNBC poll asking people to identify top business leaders and a 2015 poll of potential presidential candidates.

The company owner, John Gauger, told the newspaper that Cohen promised him \$50,000



AP PHOTO

Michael Cohen, former lawyer to President Donald Trump, leaves his apartment building in New York on Dec. 7.

for the work but instead gave him a blue Walmart bag stuffed with between \$12,000 and \$13,000 in cash, plus a boxing glove Cohen claimed had been worn by a Brazilian mixed-martial arts fighter.

Cohen disputed he paid cash, telling the *Journal* that "all monies paid to Mr. Gauger were by check."

Federal prosecutors referred to a payment to Gauger's company — though not by name — when Cohen was charged last summer with violating campaign-finance laws

by arranging hush-money payments to two women who claim they had extramarital affairs with Trump.

They said in a charging document that Cohen had been reimbursed by the Trump Organization for payments to the women, plus \$50,000 for "tech services" that he requested in a handwritten note.

Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, told *The Associated Press* that the president "had no knowledge" of any effort to manipulate polling data on his behalf.

Trump weighs dramatic tightening of US embargo on Cuba

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**
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HAVANA — The Trump administration is weighing what could become the most serious tightening of the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba in more than two decades — a move that could unleash a flurry of lawsuits against foreign companies that have invested on the island.

A 1996 law known as the Helms-Burton Act give Americans the right to sue companies profiting from properties confiscated by Cuba's government after its 1959 socialist revolution. That potentially could allow hundreds of lawsuits against corporations around the world, from Spanish companies that run Cuban hotels to Chinese and Turkish firms renovating Cuban ports.

But every U.S. president since Bill Clinton has

suspended the key clause, known as Title III, because of its potential to alienate U.S. allies and complicate any future American detente with Cuba.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday appeared to open the possibility that the U.S. government might allow that clause to take effect. He said the administration was suspending Title III again, but only for a month and a half instead of the six-month suspension that has been constantly renewed since 1996.

Pompeo said the administration was conducting a careful review of Title III "in light of the national interests of the United States and efforts to expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba and include factors such as the Cuban regime's brutal oppression of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

ALMANAC

Today is **Friday, Jan. 18**, the 18th day of 2019. There are 347 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Jan. 18, 1957**, a trio of B-52's completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight by jet planes, landing at March Air Force Base in California after more than 45 hours aloft.

On this date

In **1778**, English navigator Captain James Cook reached the present-day Hawaiian Islands, which he named the "Sandwich Islands."

In **1911**, the first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely brought his Curtiss biplane in for a safe landing on the deck of the armored cruiser USS *Pennsylvania* in San Francisco Harbor.

In **1919**, the Paris Peace Conference, held to negotiate peace treaties ending the First World War, opened in Versailles (vehr-SY'), France.

In **1936**, Nobel Prize-winning author Rudyard Kipling, 70, died in London.

In **1943**, during World War II, Jewish insurgents in the Warsaw Ghetto launched their initial armed resistance against Nazi troops, who eventually succeeded in crushing the rebellion. The Soviets announced they'd broken through the long Nazi siege of Leningrad (it was another year before the siege was fully lifted). A U.S. ban on the sale of pre-sliced bread — aimed at reducing bakeries' demand for metal replacement parts — went into effect.

In **1967**, Albert DeSalvo, who claimed to be the "Boston Strangler," was convicted of armed robbery, assault and sex offenses. (Sentenced to life, DeSalvo was killed in prison in 1973.)

In **1975**, the situation comedy "The Jeffersons," a spin-off from "All in the Family," premiered on CBS-TV.

In **1993**, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was observed in all 50 states for the first time.

In **2001**, President Bill Clinton, in a farewell from the Oval Office, told the nation that America had "done well" during his presidency, with record-breaking prosperity and a cleaner environment.

In **2005**, the world's largest commercial jet, the Airbus A380 "superjumbo" capable of flying up to 800 passengers, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

GROUNDS

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concluded Trump, who had been smarting since Pelosi, the day before, called on him to postpone his Jan. 29 State of the Union address due to the shutdown.

Denying military aircraft to a senior lawmaker — let alone the speaker, who is second in line to the White House, traveling to a combat region — is very rare. Lawmakers were caught off guard. A

bus to ferry the legislators to their departure idled outside the Capitol on Thursday afternoon.

The political tit-for-tat between Trump and Pelosi laid bare how the government-wide crisis has devolved into an intensely pointed clash between two leaders both determined to prevail. It took place as hundreds of thousands of federal workers go without pay and Washington's routine protocols — a president's speech to Congress, a lawmaker's official

trip — became collateral damage.

Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill said the speaker planned to travel to Afghanistan and Brussels to thank service members and obtain briefings on national security and intelligence "from those on the front lines." He noted Trump had traveled to Iraq during the shutdown and said a Republican-led congressional trip also had taken place.

Trump's move was the latest example of his extraordinary willingness

to tether U.S. government resources to his political needs. He has publicly urged the Justice Department to investigate political opponents and threatened to cut disaster aid to Puerto Rico amid a spat with the island territory's leaders.

Some Republicans expressed frustration. Sen. Lindsey Graham tweeted, "One sophomore response does not deserve another." He called Pelosi's State of the Union move "very irresponsible and blatantly political"

but said Trump's reaction was "also inappropriate."

While there were few signs of progress Thursday, Vice President Mike Pence and senior adviser Jared Kushner dashed to the Capitol late in the day for a meeting with Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. And the State Department instructed all U.S. diplomats in Washington and elsewhere to return to work next week with pay, saying it had found money for their salaries at least temporarily.

COLLUSION

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know, and that is that I have no knowledge that anyone on the campaign illegally colluded with Russia. But I can only speak definitively about the president, as he is my client."

In a separate statement Thursday, he said that "there was no collusion by President Trump in any way, shape or form" and that he had "no knowledge of any collusion by any of the thousands of people who worked on the campaign."

That was an apparent reversal from the

television appearance in which he said, "I never said there was no collusion between the campaign or between people in the campaign." He had previously denied any collusion.

It was not clear whether Giuliani in the television interview was reflecting a new position or talking

point from the Trump legal team or was making a strategic attempt to get ahead of potentially damaging findings from special counsel Robert Mueller, who has been investigating potential coordination between Russia and the president's campaign.

Either way, the

comment reflected a stark turnaround from long-standing denials by the White House and Trump advisers of improper collusion, and it underscored how the president's lawyers have adapted their message and defenses as additional revelations have emerged.

DEFENSE

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To address that, the U.S. is looking at putting a layer of sensors in space to more quickly detect enemy missiles when they are launched. The U.S. sees space as a critical area for advanced, next-generation capabilities to stay ahead

of the threats.

The administration also plans to study the idea of basing interceptors in space, so the U.S. can strike incoming enemy missiles during the first minutes of flight when the booster engines are still burning.

Russia and China have made clear their efforts to develop the high-tech programs.

Russian President Vladimir Putin unveiled new strategic weapons he claims can't be intercepted. One is a hypersonic glide vehicle, which could fly 20 times faster than the speed of sound and make sharp maneuvers to avoid being detected by missile defense systems.

Missile defense officials on Thursday declined

to provide any budget estimates or timelines for the programs.

Michael Griffin, the defense undersecretary for research and engineering, told Pentagon reporters that developing a new layered network of sensors in space is key to being able to detect a fast-moving hypersonic missile in its early, more

vulnerable stages. The Pentagon, he said, will study the issue to determine how many would be needed, and at what orbit they would fly. He said the program is affordable and some funding for that would be in the budget that will be proposed for 2020. The system could be operational in the late 2020s.

ASTEROIDS

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dates of them. It takes a space rock that's half a mile wide to create holes that big.

The team counted 29 craters that were no older than 290 million years and nine between 291 million years and 650 million years old.

But we can see relatively few big craters on Earth because the planet is more than 70 percent ocean and past glaciers smoothed out some

holes, said University of Toronto planetary scientist Rebecca Ghent, a study co-author.

Extrapolating for what can't be seen brings the total to about 260 space crashes on Earth in the last 290 million years. Adding in other factors, the science team determined that the current space crash rate is 2.6 times more than the previous 700 million years.

Craters older than 650 million years are mostly wiped off on Earth by glacial forces so the scientists used impact craters on the nearby

moon as a stand-in for holes between 650 million and 1 billion years old. The moon is a good guide for estimating Earth crashes, because it is close enough to be in the same bombardment path and its craters last longer.

AP PHOTO

This 1968 photo made available by NASA shows the large moon crater Godenius, foreground, approximately 40 statute miles in diameter, and three clustered craters Magelhaens, Magelhaens A, and Colombo A, during the Apollo 8 mission.



Bible verse

"Enter ye in at the strait gate for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." — **Matt 7:13, 14.**

Heaven is no walk in or pushover. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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Martell joining Hurricanes

Former Ohio State quarterback announces he's transferred to Miami after former Georgia quarterback Justin Fields goes to Ohio State. See the full story on page 6.

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■ MLB

Tampa Bay Rays spring training tickets on sale

By **JACOB HOAG**
STAFF WRITER

In a month's time, a wave of fans will flock to Charlotte County for an early glimpse of the Tampa Bay Rays.

With pitchers and catcher reporting to the Charlotte Sports Complex on Feb. 13 and the full squad following on the 18th, spring training is right around the corner.

If you're wanting to scoop up some tickets, which go on sale today at 10 a.m., here's what you need to know:

What ticket options do you have?

There are plenty of

packages for fans to utilize to secure a spot in the stadium ranging from single-game tickets to season ticket options.

A season ticket package secures a seat for all 17 scheduled home games. Additional perks include discounted ticket pricing with savings over mini-packs and single game tickets, the opportunity for discounted parking and merchandise offers, a season ticket holder gift and access to season ticket holder exclusive events.

Season ticket packages range from \$298 for reserved

baseline to \$462 for field box seats.

The Rays also offer three- and six-game bundles that start at \$44 and \$90 respectively.

To purchase tickets, fans can go to raysbaseball.com, call 888-FAN-RAYS or e-mail springtraining@raysbaseball.com with any questions.

What are the top games?

- The Rays kick off spring training Feb. 22 with a game against the Philadelphia Phillies at 1:05 p.m.
- Aaron Judge and the New York Yankees come to town on Feb. 24 for their lone game at Charlotte

Sports Park. The game has a 1:05 p.m. first pitch.

• The reigning World Series champion Boston Red Sox will head to Charlotte County on Feb. 27 and March 10. Both games start at 1:05 p.m.

• The USF Bulls head down I-75 to get a taste of pro talent on March 5 with a 6:05 p.m. matchup.

• The Rays will host the Detroit Tigers at Tropicana Field on March 26.

• The Rays will host the Atlanta Braves on March 27 just three days after Atlanta opens its new facility in North Port.

What kind of promotions will they have?

- Feb. 22: Opening day and DJ Kitty mascot head for first 1,000 fans
- Feb. 24: Dan Johnson bobblehead day for first 1,000 fans
- March 2: Rays tote bag for first 1,000 fans
- March 9: Rays sun shade for first 1,000 fans
- March 10: Kevin Kiermaier lunch box for first 500 kids under 14
- March 16: DJ Kitty for first 500 kids under 14

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■ BOYS BASKETBALL: Port Charlotte 57, Charlotte 48

Pirates defend home floor

Port Charlotte stays unbeaten, wraps up top district seed against Tarpons

By **VINNIE PORTELL**
STAFF WRITER

When the Port Charlotte and Charlotte basketball teams met for their final regular season matchup on Thursday night, each team knew what was at stake.

With the Pirates undefeated and the Tarpons already down a game in the series, Charlotte (12-5, 7-2) needed a win in front of a standing-room-only crowd to keep itself alive in the race for the No. 1 seed in 7A District-10.

Though it was neck-and-neck for much of the night, the Pirates leaned on what they've become known for — a swarming and relentless defense that allowed them to pull away for a 57-48 win at Pirate's Cove and lock up the top overall district seed.

"That's what we practice every day," Port Charlotte coach Kip Rhoten said of his team's defense. "If anybody wants to come watch us practice for about two hours and see what we do, they'll



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

PIRATES | 3 Port Charlotte's Tyler Perry (23) scores between Charlotte defenders Tre Carroll (left) and Tyrik Gainer (right). Perry scored eight points for the Pirates.

■ BUCS

Stars aligned for Arians

New Tampa Bay coach wavered before coming out of retirement to coach again

By **FRANK PASTOR**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

Bruce Arians realized he missed coaching as early as the production meeting before the Browns-Steelers season opener, his first as an analyst for CBS Sports.

He missed the players, and he longed for the locker room.

The feeling grew stronger as the 2018 season progressed.

"By week 8, I was at practice," Arians tells Arizona Republic sports columnist Kent Somers in a video interview on azcentral.com. "A defensive back messed up and I went to correct him, and I went, 'Whoops, this isn't my team.'"

Arians, who seemed to close a 40-plus-year coaching career — including 25 in the NFL — when he retired as head coach of the Cardinals in January 2018, wasn't sure a job would open that he would want. He said no to a couple. And then the Bucs called.

"The stars just kind of aligned," Arians says.

He knew the Glazer family and had worked with general manager Jason Licht in Arizona. Tampa was closer to his daughter and grandson, in Alabama. And his entire Cardinals coaching staff was available.

"It was like, 'You're supposed to do this,'" Arians says. "It was like a sign. 'You have to do this.'"

Among the former assistants who will re-join Arians in Tampa is offensive coordinator Byron Leftwich. Arians will turn over play-calling duties to the former Bucs, Jaguars, Steelers and Falcons quarterback.

Arians says he will be on the headset but has trained Leftwich and assistant head coach/run game coordinator Harold Goodwin to call plays and has complete trust in them.

"I always said I would never hand it over if I had to look over somebody's shoulder and second-guess them," Arians says, "and I know I don't have to second-guess."

He's also creating opportunities.

Looking back at Arians' time with the Cardinals, Somers says, it could be difficult for an assistant coach to be considered for a head-coaching job because Arians called the plays.

That's missing the point, Arians says.

"You're not hiring an offensive coordinator; you're hiring a leader of men," he says. "I'm looking at all of the hires this year, and guys are going to be calling plays for the first time and be a head coach."

"There's only one (Rams head coach) Sean McVay. Let's get that (out of the way). I love Sean, and I really respect Sean, but there's only one Sean. To think you're going to get another Sean McVay, it's one in a million. Hire a leader of men."

■ LIGHTNING

ESPN: Tampa Bay near-unanimous pick to capture Stanley Cup

By **FRANK PASTOR**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

The Lightning were favored to win the Stanley Cup before the 2018-19 season began.

And as we approach the all-star break, the team has done nothing to dispel that notion, racing to the top of the league's overall standings with an eye-popping 74 points — nine more than any other team and 15 more than its closest pursuer in the Eastern Conference.

Taking the opportunity to refresh its picks for which teams will advance to the Cup final, ESPN's team of hockey writers is nearly unanimous in choosing the Lightning to advance out of the East.

Senior writer Greg Wyshynski believes the Lightning will beat the

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TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTO

Lightning defenseman Erik Cernak takes a shot against the Sabres in November. With the league's best record, many experts see the Lightning winning the Stanley Cup.

■ **GIRLS SOCCER: Lemon Bay 12, Booker 0**

Milantoni scores one of her own in laughter



SUN PHOTO BY TIM KERN

Zoe Melo (9) was one of eight different players to score for the Lady Mantas against Booker on Thursday. Lemon Bay won the game 12-0.

By **JOHN VITTAS**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

ENGLEWOOD — Alaina Milantoni waited all night before her time finally came. With Lemon Bay (12-5-2) leading Booker (0-11-1) 8-0 on senior night, the talented Manta Rays kept funneling the ball to Milantoni and the rest of the senior class. Milantoni remained unselfish, setting up her fellow seniors while picking up a pair of assists early in the first half.

But with the game just minutes away from ending due to the mercy rule, Milantoni finally called her own number. She corralled the ball to the left of the six-yard box, eluded the defender before cranking a shot underneath the Tornados' keeper. It was her first goal of the season, and the third Lemon Bay goal she helped facilitate in the team's 12-0 win Thursday.

"I saw it coming across the box and I saw an opportunity and I shot," Milantoni said. "I was looking forward to it the whole night. I was just happy the entire time, seeing all my teammates work together and see all the seniors get goals."

Lemon Bay out-shot an injury-ravaged Booker team 41-0, scoring four times in the first

ten minutes to set a one-sided tone.

"It was exciting to watch them play tonight because they all were real hungry to get that goal that maybe they didn't get during the season," Lemon Bay head coach Katie Cook said. "Alaina was great on the outside feeding balls in. She scored her goal and was a team player and helped other people get what they needed."

The Mantas peppered Booker goalkeeper DeAsia Ige all night. While Ige came up with 12 saves, the Lemon Bay barrage was too much. The game was called at halftime with Manta Rays far exceeding the mercy rule in a 12-0 victory, their largest of the season.

"The best part about games like this is seeing them to-gether on the field, supporting each other and helping them achieve goals that maybe they didn't accomplish earlier," Cook said. "They all looked to help each other do that during this game."

Eight different Manta Rays scored a goal Thursday. The team made sure that every senior finished the regular season with at least one goal, including Milantoni.

"A common thread (amongst this senior class) has been support and encouragement," said

Cook. "They have been such leaders academically because they are so good at prioritizing and getting stuff done."

While Thursday's effort was all about the seniors, Cook and the Manta Rays will rely heavily on young captain Lauren Ragazzone when they begin their playoff push next week. Ragazzone finished with a hat trick Thursday, completing her remarkable sophomore campaign with a team-high 27 goals. Ragazzone, whose parents graduated from Lemon Bay and now coach the junior varsity team, will look to lead the Manta Rays to their first district championship since 1996.

The Lady Mantas will open the postseason at home against Island Coast at 7 p.m. next Thursday. Until then, Cook will bring her team's focus back to the fundamentals.

"We always focus on basics," said Cook. "Everything in our program is about doing the little things cleanly — trapping a cross to your body, making sure you play the ball on the ground, moving off the ball. We feel like if we can do that cleanly, the other stuff will come. With this team, we have a chance to win a district championship."

■ **PREP ROUNDUP**

Tarpons soccer, North Port hoops score victories

SOCCER
Charlotte 4, Lemon Bay 0
The Charlotte High School boys team got a shutout victory over the Mantas to move to 5-8-2 on the year.

Senior Kaden Howell kicked off the scoring with a goal in the 12th minute off the assist from Austin Keefe. Junior Juan Munoz followed up with a goal just before halftime, assisted by junior Jacob Santiago.

Leading 2-0 in the second

half, the Tarpons added some insurance with a goal from freshman Tyler Amaral in the 45th minute, assisted by Howell. The final goal was scored by Keefe, assisted by Amaral.

"There was a lot of unselfish play tonight," Charlotte coach Greg Winkler said.

Lakewood Ranch 3, North Port 1
The Bobcats fell in their final road game of the regular

season. Jeremiah Bogdanets scored North Port's lone goal. District play starts next week.

BASKETBALL
North Port 57, Ida Baker 45
Eric Baker scored 16 first-quarter points and finished with a game-high 26 to lead the Bobcats to a victory over Ida Baker on Thursday.

The Bobcats (8-8) jumped out to a 19-7 lead in the opening quarter, but allowed 32 points defensively in the

second and third quarters.

"We got sloppy offensively and let up defensively, which allowed them to score 32 points combined in the 2nd and 3rd quarter," North Port coach Ryan Power said. "Then we made a defensive adjustment heading into the 4th that held them to 2 points in the first 7 minutes of the quarter."

Baker added 11 rebounds. Jeremy Morales finished second in scoring with 11 points and

Mitch Tosi added 10.

Imagine School 54, Sarasota Christian 25
Some new players played big roles for the Lady Sharks (10-6) in Thursday's win.

Makayla Rassbach was called up from JV and scored 16 points with six rebounds and six steals. Karessa Christie scored 10 points with 11 rebounds and Kaedyn Stolfus added eight points and eight rebounds.

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understand why."

Each team took turns trading the lead in front of a packed and booming gym until the fourth quarter. Forcing several missed shots and a slew of fouls, Port Charlotte (17-0, 10-0) built its final lead off the play of Shemar Fleurissant and Alex Romero down the stretch.

Combined, the two scored 16 points in the final quarter as the Tarpons' fouls caught up with them.

For Fleurissant, who finished the game with a game-high 21 points and three steals, the win was another step in what has been a senior season to remember.

"I had a hard time junior year," Fleurissant said of sitting out most of last year with a leg injury.

"I wasn't really the person I was. This game I was who I am, and this is how I can play. It really felt good."

Fleurissant was just one of several Pirates defenders who gave the Tarpons little to work with all night long.

Though Charlotte guard Makai Reaves drilled four 3-pointers in the first half and Tyrik Gainer added two more before halftime, the Tarpons didn't

continue to shoot from deep in the second half.

"They do a really good job of helping on defense," Charlotte coach Tom Massolio said of the Pirates.

"You've got to be able to make a couple shots from the perimeter against them. After the first quarter, we got away from that. We've gotta make more."

"If you come down the court and one-two pass against this team, you might as well let them take the ball the other way."

The Tarpons would make two more 3-pointers over the final two quarters as they found little luck inside the arc.

Ahmad Johnson was one of the few Tarpons to find success in the second half, scoring eight of his 11 points, but it wasn't enough. When it came down to it, Charlotte's inability to get to the free-throw line and create offense when it mattered most allowed the Pirates to seize control.

But even with two losses to Port Charlotte and the No. 1 seed in the district in the Pirates' hands, this might not be the last time these two teams match up — with the district tournament roughly a month away.

"It's a fine line every game," Massolio said.

"A possession here and there. It can be anything — a lot of things. I've been in this for a long time. It's always one

thing here or there.

"But I think this may not be the last time we see them. I don't want to jinx anybody and we've gotta play hard. We thought we'd be there last year and look what happened to us. We've got four more weeks to get better, and hopefully it's a better outcome next time if we get another chance at them."

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Charlotte 15 9 9 15 — 48
PC (57) — Shemar Fleurissant 21, Alex Romero 10, Brandon Gainey 10, Tyler Perry 8, Colby Schmutz 4, Rondell Adderly 2, Logan Rogers 2.

CH (48) — Makai Reaves 14, Ahmad Johnson 11, Tyrik Gainer 10, Tre Carroll 5, Faustin Phanor 4, Kenny Scribner 4.



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Charlotte's Kenny Scribner is defended by Port Charlotte's Logan Rogers.

PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY

- **Basketball**
Venice boys at Sarasota, 7:30 p.m.
Lemon Bay boys at Cape Coral, 7 p.m.
Lemon Bay — girls vs. Cape Coral, 7 p.m.
Port Charlotte girls at North Port, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte boys host Wally Keller Classic vs. Lehigh, 7:20 p.m.
- **Soccer**
Venice boys at Riverdale Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
Venice girls at Riverdale, 5:30 p.m.
Lemon Bay girls at Saint Stephen's, 7 p.m.
Port Charlotte boys vs. DeSoto County, 7 p.m.
Port Charlotte girls at DeSoto County, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte boys vs. Booker, 5 p.m.
Charlotte girls home vs. Booker, 7 p.m.

■ **PREP BASKETBALL**

Tournament to feature many of the nation's best

By **BEN BAUGH**
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a tournament of renown featuring many of the nation's best players.

The Wally Keller Classic starts today at Charlotte High School and will showcase some of the finest basketball players from central and south Florida.

In addition to host Charlotte, Lemon Bay, North Port and Venice will be among the area schools competing in the prestigious tournament.

Among those who will be playing the Wally Keller include 5-Star point guard, Tre Mann

from The Villages Charter School, who has committed to the University of Florida; Barry University commit Toru Dean, South Miami; Malachai Wideman, Riverview Sarasota; Johnny Williams, IV, Sarasota Booker and Josh Marte, Osceola.

The tournament was named for the Charlotte High School Hall of Famer, Wally Keller, who would later go onto to serve as the school's basketball coach and athletic director, a man whose character and impact still resonate powerfully through the community. The sports complex where the

tournament is being held bears Keller's name. More than 15 McDonald's All-Americans and 14 players who've been selected in the NBA draft have participated in the tournament.

"It's amazing to me how much this has grown in just a short amount of time," said Tom Massolio, Charlotte boys basketball coach. "The number of NBA kids who have played in this year in the 12 years up to this is unreal. Teams are calling who want to play."

The tournament has evolved from its nascent stages, where it was held only on a Saturday, having now expanded to two

days.

All five major scouting services will be attendance at the tournament on Friday and Saturday, a first in the tournament's history. There will also be several college coaches in attendance Friday night.

"It's a great opportunity for all of the kids who are playing in the tournament, who are going to be seen by these scouts," said Massolio. "That was the whole purpose of the tournament to make basketball something that kids in this area and around the state can come to, to be seen and recognized. I think that's where were at now.

It's unbelievable."

The tournament's depth and quality has featured 11 state champions over the years, including three in 2018, adding to the gravitas of the event itself.

The tournament starts today at 4 p.m., with a junior varsity matchup featuring Charlotte vs. Lehigh. The first varsity game gets underway at 5:40 p.m. with Oldsamar Christian vs. Miami Norland; Charlotte takes on Lehigh at 7:20 and the evening finishes at 9 p.m. with Sarasota Booker taking on Kissimmee Osceola.

Saturday's game will be held in adjacent gymnasiums.

■ NBA ROUNDUP

Walker, Hornets return home, beat Kings

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kemba Walker scored 23 points, surpassing 11,000 for his career, and the Charlotte Hornets defeated the Sacramento Kings 114-95 on Thursday night.

Miles Bridges and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist each had 15 points and Willy Hernangomez added 11 points and 16 rebounds off the bench for the Hornets. Charlotte's reserves outscored Sacramento's 60-44.

The Hornets entered the game looking to make up ground in the Eastern Conference after a 2-4 West Coast trip, which included a 104-97 loss at Sacramento on Saturday.

After a slow start, Charlotte scored 43 points in the second quarter to take control and never trailed again, leading by as many as 20 early in the fourth quarter.

Walker, who is third in All-Star voting at guard in the Eastern Conference, has scored 87 points in his last three games.

Philadelphia 120, Indiana 96

INDIANAPOLIS — Joel Embiid had 22 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists

Thursday night to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to their seventh win in nine games, a 120-96 blowout of the Indiana Pacers.

Jimmy Butler added 27 points, eight assists and five boards as Philadelphia shot 53 percent and finished with 38 assists, the most by an Indiana opponent this season.

In a matchup of two of the top teams in the Eastern Conference, the 76ers improved to 2-1 in the four-game season series. The road team has won all three games.

Washington 101, N.Y. Knicks 100

LONDON — Allonzo Trier was called for goaltending on a layup attempt by Thomas Bryant with 0.4 seconds remaining, giving the Washington Wizards a 101-100 victory over the New York Knicks at The O2 Arena on Thursday night.

Bradley Beal scored 26 points and had nine rebounds and Otto Porter Jr. had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards, who outscored the Knicks 24-11 in the fourth quarter.

Emmanuel Mudiay scored 25 points and



AP PHOTO

Charlotte Hornets' Willy Hernangomez gestures after making a 3-point basket against the Sacramento Kings.

Luke Kornet finished with 16 points, including 12 in the first quarter, for the Knicks, who lost their fifth consecutive game. New York was making its

third appearance in the NBA's annual London game, while Washington was there for the first time.

Noah Vonleh gave the

Knicks the 100-99 edge with a one-handed finish over Bryant with 33.7 seconds remaining, and a 3-pointer by Beal rimmed out. Kevin Knox tried to

run down the clock, but his off-balance 3-point attempt missed the rim and led to a shot-clock violation with 3.3 seconds remaining.

■ NBA: Miami Heat

Walters fined for expletive-laden comments

BIRMINGHAM, Michigan (AP) — The Miami Heat have fined Dion Walters an undisclosed amount for his expletive-laden comments about playing time earlier this week.

Walters made the comments to reporters from two South Florida newspapers after Miami's lopsided loss in Milwaukee on Tuesday night. The Heat were off Wednesday and announced the fine Thursday.

"We fined him and we addressed it as a team," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Walters has played in five games this season, all as a reserve. He missed just over a full year while recovering from surgery to repair a long-problematic ankle, and has repeatedly said that being patient throughout the process is a challenge for him.

"Look, this is going to be very difficult for Dion," Spoelstra said. "I have empathy for everything he's gone through in the

last year to get back to where he is right now. But this is not about him. This is only about the team and it's about winning."

Walters appeared in 76 games in his first two seasons with the Heat, starting 73 of those. He's averaged 16.1 points for Miami as a starter, 7.0 points for the Heat as a reserve. And he's trying to get minutes now with Miami having a slew of wings already in the rotation, including Dwyane Wade, Josh Richardson, Rodney McGruder and Tyler Johnson.

Even Wayne Ellington, who set a Heat franchise record for 3-pointers made in a season a year ago, has fallen out of the rotation this year in large part because of Miami's depth at the wing.

Spoelstra said no one is going to volunteer their minutes for Walters.

"We value him. We need him," Spoelstra said. "It won't be on his terms. It'll be on the team's terms."

■ WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Balanced effort leads Louisville in rout of Virginia

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Asia Durr scored 20 points in 23 minutes as No. 4 Louisville routed Virginia 91-43 on Thursday night.

The Cardinals (16-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) shot a season-best 57 percent from the field. They broke the game open with a 24-3 run to start the second quarter. Durr scored the final five points of the burst as her 3-pointer gave Louisville a 39-17 lead with 2:20 left in the half.

That dominance carried over to the second half where the Cardinals used a 19-2 third quarter run to ensure there would be no comeback by the Cavaliers (7-11, 1-4).

The Cavaliers were led by Dominique Toussaint's nine points.

No. 7 Mississippi State 89, No. 15 South Carolina 74

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Teaira McCowan had one of the best nights of her career, finishing with 26 points and 24 rebounds to lead Mississippi State past South Carolina.

Mississippi State (17-1, 5-0) beat the Gamecocks for just the second time in 14 tries dating back to 2011. It was a tight

game for most of the night, but the Bulldogs never trailed in the fourth quarter, largely thanks to McCowan's dominant game in the post.

The 6-foot-7 All-American earned her 54th career double-double with one of her best performances. She had 12 offensive rebounds and shot 9 of 15 from the field. She matched South Carolina in rebounding all by herself, 24-24.

South Carolina (12-5, 4-1) was led by Te'a Cooper's 27 points.

No. 17 Michigan State 77, No. 9 Maryland 60

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Jenna Allen scored 16 points and Nia Clouden added 15 to lift Michigan State to a victory over Maryland.

The Spartans (13-4, 3-3 Big Ten) led almost throughout, racing out to a 20-4 advantage in the first quarter. Maryland (15-2, 4-2) closed to within three at halftime, but Michigan State took control again in the third in this matchup between the highest-ranked Big Ten teams in this week's AP Top 25.

It was the second victory



AP PHOTO

Virginia guard/forward Jocelyn Willoughby (13) drives past Louisville guard Asia Durr.

over a top-10 team for the Spartans this season. They beat No. 3 Oregon on Dec. 9.

Brianna Fraser led Maryland with 22 points.

No. 12 Syracuse 82, Pittsburgh 50

PITTSBURGH — Digna Strautmene scored 22 points, nine in the pivotal third quarter, and Syracuse won its ninth straight, beating Pittsburgh.

Maeva Djaldi-Tabdi added 16 points and Tiana Mangakahia 14, also nine in the third quarter, as the Orange (15-2, 4-0 ACC)

outscored the Panthers 28-8 to break the game open.

Mangakahia had five points in an 8-0 surge early in the third quarter that pushed the lead to 48-35 and then Strautmene had six in a 14-0 run. By the end of the quarter, when Syracuse was 7 of 15 from the field with 3 3-pointers and 11 of 12 from the line, a six-point lead became swelled to a 66-40 lead.

The Panthers (9-9, 0-4), who have lost four straight, made six field goals and shot 21 percent in the second half. Cassidy Walsh had three 3s and 13 points.

■ NHL ROUNDUP

Maple Leafs top NHL-leading Lightning in Tampa

By MARK DITTLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA (AP) — Mitchell Marner scored a go-ahead goal late in the second period, Nazem Kadri and Patrick Marleau each had a goal and an assist, and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the NHL-leading Tampa Bay Lightning 4-2 on Thursday night.

Frederik Andersen stopped 36 shots and Zach Hyman added an empty-netter for the Maple Leafs, who had lost five of seven.

Tampa Bay got goals from Brayden Point and Victor Hedman, and Andrei Vasilevskiy made 27 saves. Nikita Kucherov,

the NHL points leader with 76, had an assist after two straight games without a point.

The Lightning have a 14-point lead in the Atlantic Division over Toronto. Tampa Bay's nine-game home winning streak ended.

Toronto took a 3-2 lead with 5:11 left in the second when Andreas Johnsson made a nifty backhand pass from behind the net to John Tavares, who sent the puck through the crease to a wide-open Marner.

Marner reached 60 points in 46 team games, tied for fourth-fastest in Maple Leafs history. Only Lorne Carr (39 games, 1943-44), Darryl Sittler

(40, 1977-78) and Doug Gilmour (41, 1992-93) did it quicker.

Tavares finished with two assists.

The Maple Leafs lost the first meeting between the teams this season 4-1 on Dec. 13 despite outshooting Tampa Bay 49-21 and hitting the post or crossbar four times during the opening 30 minutes.

N.Y. Rangers 4, Chicago 3

NEWYORK — Chris Kreider had a goal and an assist, Henrik Lundqvist moved into a tie for sixth place on the NHL's career wins list and the New York Rangers beat the Chicago

Blackhawks 4-3 Thursday night.

Mats Zuccarello, Filip Chytil and Mika Zibanejad also scored to help New York win for the third time in four games after a five-game skid. Lundqvist stopped 24 shots to tie Terry Sawchuk with 445 wins.

Brandon Saad, Alex DeBrincat and Dominik Kahun scored for Chicago, which has lost five straight (0-3-2) and seven of eight. Collin Delia, making his eighth start of the season, finished with 29 saves.

Boston 5, St. Louis 2

BOSTON — Chris Wagner scored the

go-ahead goal 5:27 into the third period, Tuukka Rask tied a Boston record with his 252nd career win and the Bruins beat the St. Louis Blues 5-2 on Thursday night.

Rask made 28 saves and matched the franchise mark set by Cecil "Tiny" Thompson, who was 252-153 with 63 ties. Rask, the 2014 Vezina Trophy winner as the NHL's top goalie, is 252-145-56 in 474 games with Boston.

Torey Krug, David Backes, Brad Marchand and Sean Kuraly also scored for the Bruins, who had lost three of four (1-2-1) after a season-high five-game winning streak.

N.Y. Islanders 4, New Jersey 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Anders Lee scored twice in the Islanders' three-goal first period, helping New York to its ninth win in 11 games with a 4-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Thursday night.

Michael Dal Colle notched his first NHL goal and Jordan Eberle also scored. Nick Leddy had two assists and Robin Lehner made 16 saves to improve to 10-1-0 in his last 11 appearances.

Andy Greene scored the Devils' lone goal in their 20th defeat on the road this season.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hurricanes pick up QB Martell from Ohio State

Transfer will need a waiver from NCAA or may have to sit out a season

DANIA BEACH (AP) — Tate Martell greeted a few well-wishers in the airport after arriving in South Florida, then stopped to pick up a coffee and a sandwich.

The baristas, noticing the crowd around him, asked his name.

If Martell gets his way, they'll know his name — and his game — soon enough.

The former Ohio State quarterback is in the final stages of enrolling at Miami, arriving with four pieces of luggage on Thursday afternoon after flying in from Columbus to his new home. The plan is for him to complete his academic registration process no later than Friday, and start taking classes there right away.

"It was pretty wild and pretty quick," Martell told The Associated

Press, speaking of the whirlwind that saw him leave the Buckeyes for the Hurricanes. "But it was something I needed to get done, obviously, in a short time. And with school starting I had to get it done fast."

Martell announced his plans to transfer to Miami early Wednesday. He redshirted as a true freshman at Ohio State in 2017, and completed 23 of 28 passes in six appearances as Dwayne Haskins' backup for the Buckeyes this past season. Improving the production at quarterback is a top priority for Miami and new coach Manny Diaz this season. As a team, Miami passed for only 2,175 yards in 13 games this past season.

Martell's transfer out of Ohio State came less than two weeks after former Georgia quarterback

Justin Fields announced that he would be joining the Buckeyes. After arriving in South Florida, Martell said he's only looking forward to what awaits at Miami.

"I'm just happy to be where I'm at now, focused on going and competing down here and doing my thing," Martell said Thursday.

The next question will be how soon he gets on the field for the Hurricanes.

Martell is not leaving Ohio State as a graduate transfer, and he'll need more than one semester to graduate from Miami. That means he'll likely have to apply for a waiver from the NCAA — which is possible.

Otherwise, as a transfer without a degree, he may have to sit out a season under NCAA rules.

Martell was a five-star

recruit out of Bishop Gorman High in Las Vegas, where he went 43-0 as a starter. The move to Miami will reunite Martell with two of his Bishop Gorman teammates — Brevin Jordan is a starting tight end for the Hurricanes, and safety Bubba Bolden is transferring in from USC.

The ties to Miami run deeper than just through Jordan and Bolden, Martell said.

"I know a bunch of guys on the team through recruiting and camps and high school and staying in touch," Martell said.

"That was a big part of this for me, my relationships with the guys. And obviously my teammates, one that's here and one that will be here. So I'm excited for sure."



AP PHOTO

Former Ohio State QB Tate Martell has transferred to Miami after former Georgia QB Justin Fields joined the Buckeyes.

■ BROADCASTING

Costas leaves longtime home at NBC Sports

Veteran sportscaster emceed station's Olympics coverage 11 times, will stay at MLB Network



AP PHOTO

NBC sportscaster Bob Costas, who joined the network in 1979 and has covered most major sporting events, has left NBC's sporting division. He will continue working for the MLB Network.

By LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Bob Costas, who stepped down as NBC's prime-time Olympics host two years ago, has left the network's sports division altogether.

NBC Sports said Wednesday that Costas parted ways with his longtime employer, providing no further details.

Sandy Montag, Costas' manager, said it was handled smoothly.

"Everything in this transition was planned and done (by) mutual agreement," Montag said in an emailed statement. He said Costas had a "great partnership" with executives including Dick Ebersol and Mark Lazarus, the current NBC Broadcasting & Sports chairman.

Costas, 66, served as the emcee for NBC's Olympics 11 times starting in 1992. In early 2017, he stepped aside for network newcomer Mike Tirico, formerly with ESPN.

When the switch was announced in early 2017, Costas said he had decided

on his own that the time was right for a change. He said then he wanted to do long-form programming and commentary on special events, likening his new role to what former NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw does for the network.

On Tuesday, Costas told the New York Post of his decision to leave NBC Sports, saying his departure was settled "quietly and happily for all concerned."

In August 2018, the paper reported that he was no longer satisfied with his role at NBC and a contract that limited his participation in other projects.

Costas, who joined NBC Sports in 1979, has covered baseball, football and basketball and horse racing as well as served as the face and voice of the Olympics.

He plans to continue working on the MLB Network and is interested in doing an interview show focusing on sports and news, the Post said.

"In addition to MLB Network, Bob certainly has a next chapter in his career and we look forward to developing those possibilities," Montag said.

■ GOLF

Mickelson ties career-low 12-under at La Quinta

Lefty opens up Desert Classic with best score since Phoenix Open six years ago

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson still feels as young as ever. He still plays that way, too.

Mickelson began his 27th full season as a pro Thursday by flirting with one of the few feats he hasn't accomplished — golf's magic number. The 48-year-old left-hander still shot a 12-under 60 in the Desert Classic, tying his career-low score he last shot in the Phoenix Open six years ago. It was the most under par he has been in any of the 2,077 rounds he has played on the PGA Tour.

"It was a kind of a lucky day for me in the sense that I did not feel sharp heading in," Mickelson said. "I haven't really had the intense practice sessions that I would like, but I felt like all parts were OK and it just clicked. Some days you have those days where it just clicked. And the bad shots that I hit, I got away with. I was able to kind of not have the big score."

Needing to play the final two holes in 2 under to shoot 59 on the foggy, rainy day at La Quinta Country Club, Mickelson missed a 15-foot birdie try on the par-4 17th before holing a 9-footer for birdie on the par-4 18th.

The Desert Classic is the only PGA Tour event to yield two

sub-60 rounds. David Duval had a 59 at PGA West's Palmer Course when he won in 1999. Adam Hadwin shot 59 at La Quinta in 2017.

"I was aware of it," Mickelson said. "I was giving it all I had and I had a good chance. On 17, I hit a nice tee shot in a good spot to kind of hook a sand wedge into that back right pin for me. And I hit a good shot, I had 18 feet though, I should have hit that closer, but still had a good chance to make the putt. Made a good birdie on 18. That's not an easy hole for me, that shot the way it sits along the water."

Mickelson had a three-stroke lead over Adam Long, the 31-year-old PGA Tour rookie who finished off a 63 in the dark on PGA West's Nicklaus Tournament Course.

The fog-delayed round was Mickelson's first on tour since early October and the first in competition since beating Tiger Woods in Las Vegas in November in a made-for-TV event.

"I knew it wasn't far off, but it didn't feel like I was ready to go," Mickelson said. "I just felt like I needed to be careful. I felt I played a little bit more conservative."

Lefty birdied the first two holes and played the back-to-back par 5s in 3 under with a birdie on No. 5 and a 5-foot

eagle putt on No. 6. He added a birdie on the par-4 ninth for a front-nine 30, and birdied the par-4 10th, par-5 11th, par-5 13th and par-4 14th, holing a chip from in front of the 14th green.

"That was an interesting shot because I could have easily lost one and I ended up picking one up," he said.

He then ran in a 5-footer for birdie on the par-4 16th.

The tournament winner in 2002 and 2004, Mickelson will play the Nicklaus Course on Friday and PGA West's adjacent Stadium Course — also the site of the final round — on Saturday. He won the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship last year for his 43rd PGA Tour title and first since the 2013 British Open.

Long eagled the par-5 fourth and had seven birdies — five in a row from Nos. 9-13 — in an eight-hole stretch.

"I just kept hitting it pretty close and making some good rolls and they were going in," Long said. "I just kept feeding off it and tried to keep the pedal down."

Australia's Curtis Luck was third at 64.

Hadwin was at 65 with Trey Mullinax, Wyndham Clark and Martin Laird. HDefending champion Jon Rahm shot a 66 at La Quinta. He's fighting a lingering flu bug.



AP PHOTO

Phil Mickelson hits from the fairway on the fifth hole during the Desert Classic golf tournament at La Quinta Country Club in California, on Thursday. Mickelson shot 12-under 60, tying the lowest mark in a round for his career.

■ AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Patriots must overcome recent road woes

Brady, New England 3-5 away from Gillette Stadium this season, 2-3 in AFC title games

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**
AP SPORTS WRITER

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots are going on the road again in the playoffs, a place that hasn't always been kind to them during the Tom Brady era.

New England was unbeatable at home this season, going 8-0 during the regular season and rolling past the Los Angeles Chargers in the divisional round.

Playing outside of Massachusetts has provided different outcomes. Brady is 8-4 in AFC championship games with a 6-1 record at home. But he's just 2-3 on the road in the conference title game, with both wins coming at Pittsburgh during 2001 and 2004 seasons. New England was 3-5 in games away from Gillette Stadium during the 2018 regular season.

The Patriots enter Sunday's AFC title game at Kansas City trying to become the first team since the 1990s Bills to reach the Super Bowl after losing it the previous season. They haven't won a road playoff game since beating the Chargers

24-21 in the divisional round of the 2006 season.

The Patriots lost to the Colts on the road in the 2006 AFC title game and twice at Denver — in the AFC championship game during the 2013 season and again in the 2015 AFC title game. New England has played the rest of its 22 playoff games since 2006 at home or a neutral field in the Super Bowl.

"It's tough to beat the No. 1 seed on the road. That's the reality, just like we're tough to beat at home when we're the No. 1 seed," Brady said this week. "It takes a lot. It takes a lot of good football. It takes a great complementary game. All three phases have to be on point. We're going against a team that scores a lot of points."

They will also have to deal with what could be the coldest temperature for a game in Arrowhead Stadium history. An arctic blast is forecast for Kansas City.

Patriots linebacker Dont'a Hightower said his focus will be on trying to contain the NFL's top scoring offense and not the

thermometer.

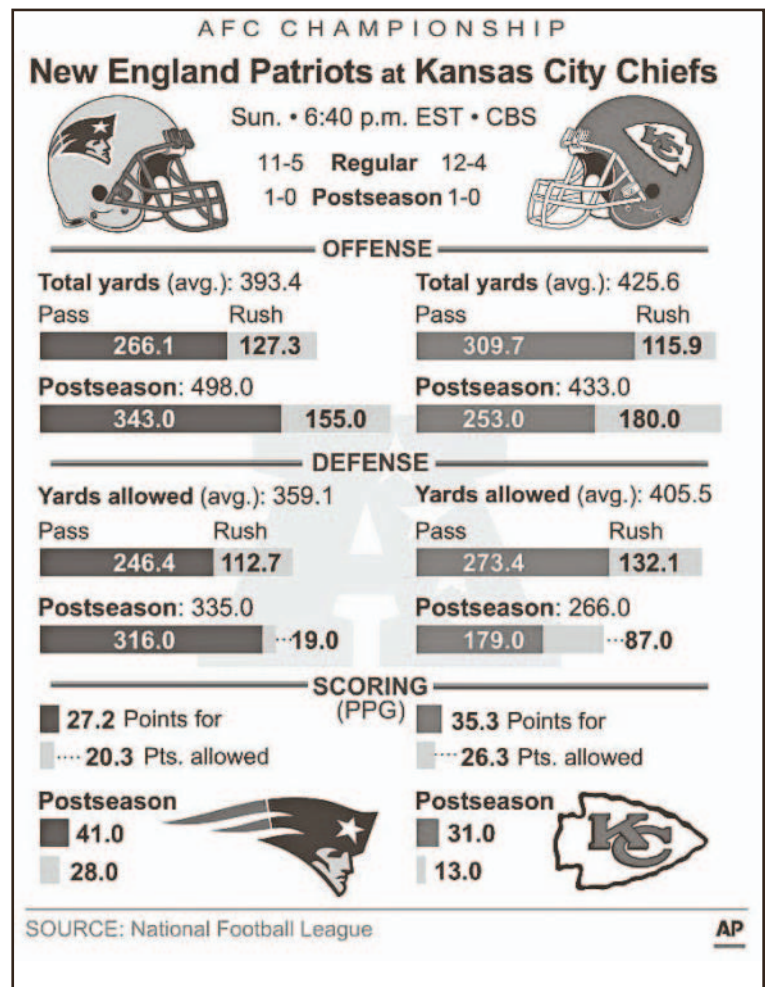
"It's definitely one of the hardest places to play. But, at the end of the day, it just comes down to executing. It comes down to football and executing plays," Hightower said. "They're a high-powered offense and they're real good on defense, so obviously defensively, we're going to have to eliminate big plays."

The Patriots opened the week as a three-point underdog, the first time in 68 games, including playoffs, that Brady didn't enter a week as the favorite.

The previous time Brady wasn't the favorite was on Sept. 20, 2015, at Buffalo. The Pats were two-point underdogs that day and won the game 40-32.

It's why Chiefs coach Andy Reid is expecting Brady and the Patriots' best effort on Sunday.

"They're a heck of a team, so I don't get caught up in all that," Reid said. "You're talking about a dynasty, if there is such a thing, in the National Football League. They've been that." You're talking about a head coach that I think the world of him, I think he's a great coach.



■ NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Peters, Payton downplay gumbo beef

Saints coach said Rams cornerback was targeted in last game, which led to feud

By **GREG BEACHAM**
AP SPORTS WRITER

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Marcus Peters stood at a podium Wednesday and spoke about his respect for Sean Payton and the New Orleans Saints. He insisted his feisty comments about the coach two months ago had been misinterpreted and blown out of proportion by controversy-hungry fans and media.

And then his coach popped up in the back of the room. "Let me get some of that soup!" Sean McVay yelled.

One way or another, gumbo will be served at the NFC championship game.

As the Saints and the Los Angeles Rams began their preparation for Sunday's showdown, Peters and Payton downplayed the importance of what occurred during and after the teams' first meeting at the Superdome this season. The cornerback and the coach expressed a warm mutual regard and no hard feelings from November.

"We're trying to play a game," Peters said Wednesday. "We ain't trying to talk about no gumbo. We can talk about all that stuff afterward."

Still, here's the backstory on the Creole kerfuffle, for those with an appetite:

New Orleans beat the Rams 45-35, with Drew Brees shredding Los Angeles' secondary for 346 yards and four TDs while handing the Rams their first loss of the season. In particular, receiver Michael Thomas appeared to dominate his matchup with Peters, who acknowledges he had a poor game.

Afterward, Payton acknowledged the Saints had targeted Peters because they liked the matchup with Thomas — a bold statement to make about



AP PHOTO

Los Angeles Rams cornerback Marcus Peters breaks up a pass intended for New Orleans Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas in the first half, in New Orleans, last November. The Saints won the game 45-35. The Rams' volatile cornerback promised to have "a nice little bowl of gumbo" with New Orleans coach Sean Payton after Peters felt disrespected by his comments.

a former Pro Bowl cornerback. That drew the attention of Peters, who responded sharply back home in the Rams' locker room.

"Tell Sean Payton, keep talking that (stuff)," Peters said at the time. "We're going to see him soon. You feel me? Yeah. 'Cause I like what he was saying on the sideline, too. Tell him he can keep talking that (stuff), and I hope he sees me soon. You feel me? Then we're going to have a good little, nice little bowl of gumbo together."

Peters is a personable athlete and an aggressive competitor. He is also an interesting character who isn't afraid to let people know it — and

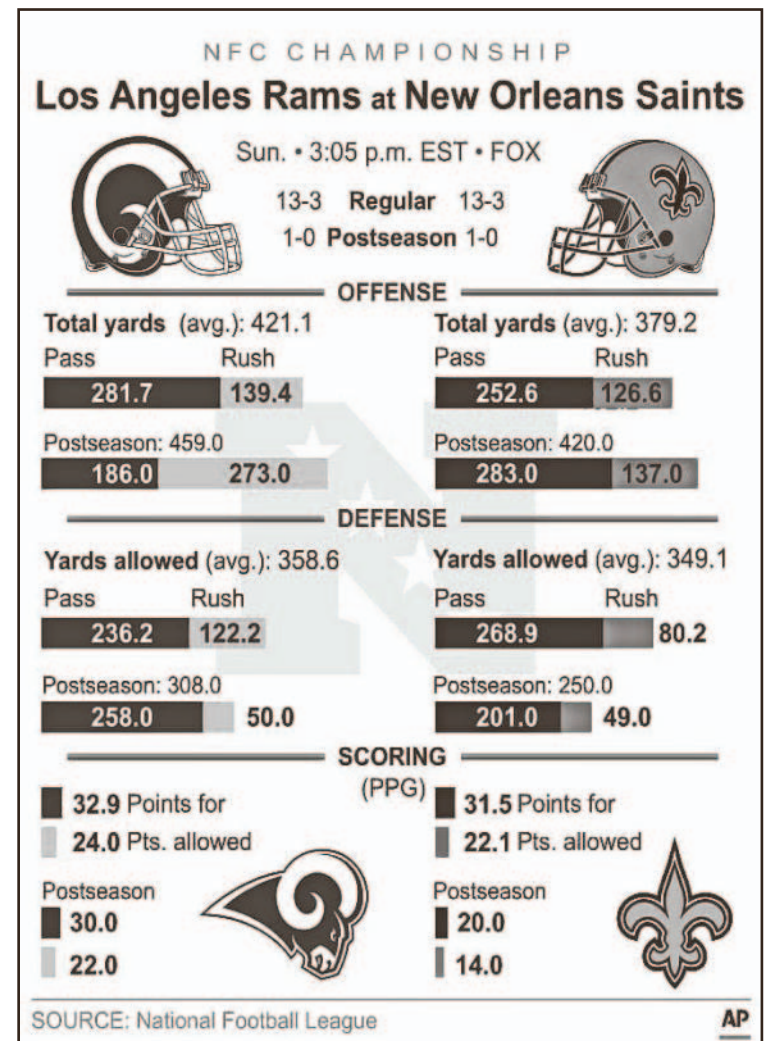
that's something of a rarity in the frequently buttoned-up, corporate world of professional football.

Peters says his comments weren't meant "to be disrespectful or anything like that. I was (ticked) off. I didn't have the game that I wanted to have."

Before McVay made light of the situation with his shout, he put it in perspective.

"I think it was all in good fun," McVay said. "I think there's a competitiveness that exists. There's a lot of dialogue that goes back and forth when you have relationships or you have history with people."

Payton also was asked about



the interplay, but the veteran coach only repeated his respect for the Rams and their volatile cornerback.

"I'm a huge Marcus Peters fan," Payton said. "A lot of it was friendly banter, but he's a tremendous player, a real talented player with dangerous ball skills. He's someone that you have to know where he's at all times."

The gumbo date might not happen, but what occurred in the teams' first meeting should have reverberations into the playoff rematch, where fellow star cornerback Aqib Talib will be back alongside Peters after missing the first meeting with an injury.

Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore thinks Peters should be much more concerned about Thomas than Payton — and Peters undoubtedly agrees.

"He still has to guard Mike at the end of the day," Lattimore said. "You can do all the talking you want, but you still have to go out there and guard him. The last time, (Thomas) went for 211 (yards). You still have to go out there and get the job done, no matter how much you talk. That's no dis to him or nothing like that. That's just with anybody. I like Marcus Peters' game, but you still have to go out there and play. That's why I don't really talk too much."

LIGHTNING

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Sharks in the final.

"Tampa is demonstrably the best team in the NHL, with a plus-58 goal differential and incomparable depth," he writes. "They were built to win this season, and so far their foundation is sturdy."

NHL reporter Emily Kaplan is sticking with her preseason pick of the Jets over the

Lightning. Just because she isn't sold on the Lightning this season doesn't mean she doesn't see a Cup in their future.

"I fear Tampa Bay is entering the old Washington Capitals territory," she writes. "An uber-talented team with incredible regular-season dominance that won't win the Cup ... until we least expect them to do so."

Hockey analytics writer Dimitri Filipovic picks the Lightning and Predators to advance. No ESPN writer is

more effusive in their praise of Tampa Bay.

"The Lightning are clearly the class of the NHL at the moment. They'll surely slow down at some point if only out of sheer pity for the rest of the league, but for now they're on pace to finish the season with a truly absurd 130 points and plus-100 goal differential.

They have four offensive lines that can come at you in waves and beat you, an absolutely lethal power play and possibly the most prolific

young goalie in the game in Andrei Vasilevskiy.

"Oh, and Nikita Kucherov is currently in the midst of the type of season that we've only ever really seen in video games and bygone eras, having ripped off 63 points in his past 35 games since the start of November. Because they have no real identifiable weakness, they have to be the pick right now."

Only ESPN the Magazine researcher Sachin Chandan is pessimistic about the

Lightning's chances.

"As dominant as Tampa Bay has been, their biggest obstacle could be getting a dangerous matchup against an experienced Pittsburgh Penguins or Boston Bruins team in the first round, followed by a brutal matchup with the Toronto Maple Leafs in the second round," he writes.

"To me, this opens up a chance for the Capitals to get to another Final, and I see Nashville coming out of the West."

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City	Today		Sat.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Apalachicola	68	60	pc	68 46 t
Bradenton	73	55	pc	76 61 pc
Clearwater	71	57	s	74 60 pc
Coral Springs	79	64	s	80 68 pc
Daytona Beach	71	55	pc	78 60 pc
Fort Lauderdale	78	66	pc	79 69 pc
Fort Myers	78	57	s	79 66 pc
Gainesville	73	50	pc	77 56 pc
Jacksonville	72	53	pc	76 56 pc
Key Largo	76	69	pc	77 70 pc
Key West	77	69	pc	79 72 s
Lakeland	75	54	s	79 58 pc
Melbourne	75	56	s	79 63 pc
Miami	79	66	pc	79 70 pc
Naples	77	59	s	79 68 pc
Ocala	73	50	pc	78 58 pc
Okeechobee	77	54	pc	79 60 pc
Orlando	74	56	s	80 63 pc
Panama City	69	61	sh	70 45 pc
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Pompano Beach	78	65	pc	80 69 pc
St. Augustine	68	55	pc	74 58 pc
St. Petersburg	72	57	s	76 61 pc
Sarasota	74	55	pc	77 63 pc
Tallahassee	71	53	r	71 47 t
Tampa	74	57	pc	77 62 pc
Vero Beach	76	56	pc	79 62 pc
West Palm Beach	78	61	s	79 66 pc

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POLLEN INDEX
 Pollen Index readings as of Thursday

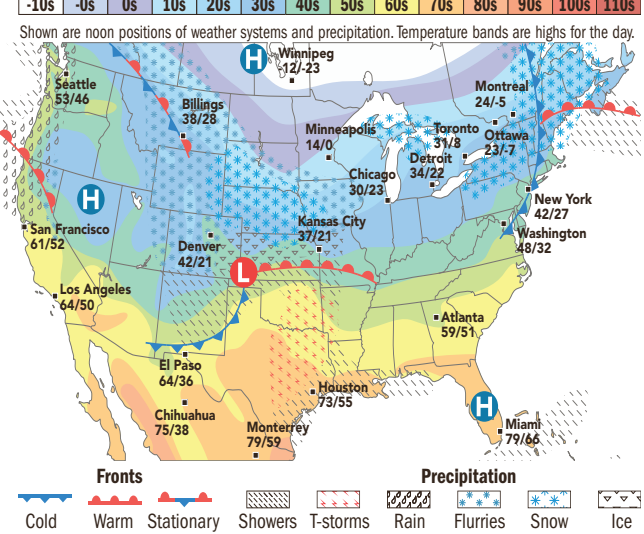
Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX
 Air Quality Index readings as of Thursday

0-50 Good; 51-100 Moderate; 101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200 Unhealthy; 201-300 Very Unhealthy; 301-500 Hazardous

Main pollutant: Particulates
 Source: ssgov.net

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U.S. Extremes

City	Today		Sat.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albuquerque	47	26	sh	47 29 pc
Anchorage	20	12	pc	16 6 pc
Atlanta	59	51	pc	65 37 pc
Baltimore	45	28	pc	39 34 sn
Birmingham	61	55	c	66 31 t
Boise	48	38	c	48 40 r
Boston	41	21	sn	27 22 pc
Buffalo	32	13	sf	17 11 sn
Burlington, VT	33	0	sn	5 0 c
Charleston, WV	42	34	c	50 29 r
Charlotte	59	47	s	59 52 r
Chicago	30	23	sn	26 10 sn
Cincinnati	38	35	c	37 17 r
Cleveland	34	24	c	28 19 sn
Columbia, SC	63	50	c	69 53 pc
Columbus, OH	37	29	c	33 19 sn
Concord, NH	34	12	sn	19 10 pc
Dallas	68	35	t	45 28 r
Denver	42	21	sn	47 30 pc
Des Moines	26	14	sn	16 -5 sn
Detroit	34	22	c	23 12 sn
Duluth	4	-13	pc	-3 -12 s
Fairbanks	-6	-20	s	-13 -30 pc
Fargo	0	-15	pc	0 -7 s
Hartford	38	22	sn	28 20 c
Helena	39	24	sn	44 30 pc
Honolulu	80	69	c	83 69 s
Houston	73	55	sh	56 32 r
Indianapolis	35	34	c	35 8 r

WORLD CITIES

City	Today		Sat.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	41	28	pc	37 26 pc
Baghdad	53	32	s	55 35 s
Beijing	44	21	c	40 21 c
Berlin	35	26	pc	34 25 pc
Buenos Aires	74	59	c	76 63 s
Cairo	63	46	s	65 49 pc
Calgary	19	8	sn	38 22 pc
Cancun	81	70	s	82 68 s
Dublin	47	37	r	45 38 sh
Edmonton	7	1	sn	13 10 sn
Halifax	32	26	sf	27 5 c
Hanoi	39	23	pc	30 14 pc
London	43	39	c	42 36 sh
Madrid	48	28	pc	44 35 sh
Mexico City	70	45	pc	71 45 pc
Montreal	24	-5	sn	1 -6 pc
Ottawa	23	-7	sn	0 -9 pc
Paris	40	30	pc	40 36 sh
Regina	-1	-6	pc	2 -3 sn
Rio de Janeiro	91	79	s	93 79 s
Rome	57	41	sh	55 40 sh
St. John's	22	20	pc	36 11 sn
San Juan	83	70	sh	82 72 pc
Sydney	92	76	s	81 71 t
Tokyo	51	39	s	51 39 s
Toronto	31	8	c	13 0 sn
Vancouver	49	43	sh	50 38 sh
Winnipeg	-12	-23	s	-9 -23 s

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Thursday

Temperatures
 High/Low 74°/40°
 Normal High/Low 75°/51°
 Record High 85° (1987)
 Record Low 33° (1992)

Precipitation (in inches)
 24 hours through 2 p.m. Thu. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.22"
 Normal month to date 1.38"
 Year to date 0.22"
 Normal year to date 1.38"
 Record 0.72" (2016)

SEBRING

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Temperatures
 High/Low 74°/42°

Precipitation (in inches)
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	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	78/57	sun	none
Punta Gorda	77/53	sun	none
Sarasota	74/55	part cldy	none

■ **MLB**

Ottavino, Yankees agree to \$27M, 3-year deal

Right-handed reliever leaves Rockies, adds more potency to a stacked bullpen

By RONALD BLUM
 AP BASEBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — While shying away from high-priced free agents Bryce Harper and Manny Machado, the New York Yankees are boosting their bullpen.

Reliever Adam Ottavino and the Yankees agreed to a \$27 million, three-year contract.

Ottavino is a 33-year-old New Yorker who went to Berkeley Carroll High School in Brooklyn and Northeastern University. He wore No. 0 with Colorado, a number not likely to be assigned by the tradition-bound Yankees.

He had a career-high 112 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings last year for the Colorado Rockies, going 6-4 with a 2.43 ERA in 75 relief appearances. The right-hander reduced his fastball percentage, relying primarily on sliders and sinkers.

Taken 30th overall by St. Louis in the 2006 amateur draft, Ottavino made his big league debut with the Cardinals in 2010 and was claimed by Colorado off waivers in April 2012. He had Tommy John surgery in May 2016 and returned to the Rockies for the start of the 2017 season.

Ottavino will join right-hander Dellin Betances and

left-hander Zach Britton as the primary setup men for closer Aroldis Chapman, part of a bullpen that includes right-handers Chad Green and Jonathan Holder and left-hander Tommy Kahnle. He is the second free agent to leave the Rockies for the Yankees this offseason, following infielder DJ LeMahieu. Former Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki also signed with New York.

Ottavino's deal increases the Yankees' projected luxury tax payroll to \$222 million, well over the \$206 million threshold for the 20 percent tax. New York would pay an additional 12 percent surtax on the portion above \$226 million.

New York is among three teams projected to pay tax this year, along with the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs. The Yankees' offseason moves included acquiring left-hander James Paxton from the Seattle Mariners, adding LeMahieu for \$24 million over two years and re-signing Britton (\$39 million for three years), left-hander J.A. Happ (\$34 million for two years), left-hander CC Sabathia (\$8 million for one year) and outfielder Brett Gardner (\$7.5 million for one year).



AP PHOTO

The New York Yankees have signed former Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Adam Ottavino to a \$27 million, three-year contract. Ottavino joins a deep bullpen that already includes Aroldis Chapman, Zach Britton, Tommy Kahnle, Chad Green and Jonathan Holder. A 33-year-old native New Yorker, Ottavino had a career-high 112 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings with the Rockies last year.

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Stitching together a sisterhood



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Call it the Sisterhood of the Stitch. We're not talking nurses — far from it. We're talking about the bond that has been created among the women who frequent the Craftin' Cow, a hobbyist emporium nestled in the south of Punta Gorda.

Craftin' Cow offers space for a crafter to follow her heart. Paint? Unfold the easel. Make greeting cards by hand? Get out the pretty paper and pull up a chair. For \$10, you get to cut, glue, stitch and sew to your heart's content. Susan Peters, the owner, will even teach you how to sew and let you use a machine. For a monthly fee, you get your own spot — with light and power — in the back room of the 3,600-square-foot facility. She has spots available.

But the Craftin' Cow is not all glue guns and Cricuts and patterns. It's more than the sum of it's the hobbies it nurtures. It's the women who go there on a regular basis and have formed a kind of sorority. They might not share the same craft, but they share the same desire to create, and they keep each other company while they do it. Tools are provided along with the camaraderie.

"The concept of this is, 'Oh, you want to do some crafts, but you want to be around people?' Come here and do them," Peters said. "You do any craft you want to do. We're not limited to one craft. You don't have to buy a bunch of stuff. We just don't do pottery or stained glass."

There's even yoga on Thursday evenings taught by



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Some of Cindy Glitch's craft work. 'My art is in my head,' she laughs.

Gill Ward, who also teaches at the Yoga Sanctuary in Punta Gorda. That, too, is for anyone who wants to come.

Peters says the place is man-friendly, but this is definitely a girls club. Let's face it, real men don't bead.

She has been operating her "crafting lounge," as its Facebook page describes it, for eight years. It's at 29291 Tribune Blvd., and it is way out of the way of everything, an oasis on the dark desert highway that is 41 south of Tucker's Grade.

The location, Peters says, isn't important. The women who frequent Craftin' Cow don't need directions. Peters says she has over 500 in her Facebook group. Women come and go, so it's hard to estimate

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Susan Peters has owned Craftin' Cow for eight years. 'I don't need foot traffic,' she says. 'I'm word-of-mouth.'



Cindy Glitch has started her own crafting business and teaches what she has learned to other craft enthusiasts.

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SUNSET CELEBRATION



Warmth and support to Peace River Wildlife Center

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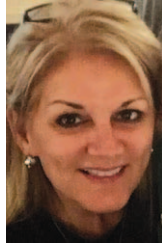


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Open house highlights artists

Stocking up on bread, wine and toilet paper

Well, it is back to business. New grand baby, Arya Rose is doing well and her big brother Asher is adjusting...nicely. I was able to enjoy about 7 inches of snow (which shuts down the entire state of Virginia and the District of Columbia) and empties the entire tri-state area shelves of bread, milk and toilet paper. So back to sunshine, seasonable temperatures and decisions, decisions, decisions. This weekend there are so many things going on that it will be hard to choose where to start. Let me give you some ideas: wake up early tomorrow morning and head straight to the Sullivan Street Arts and Crafts show, the place to



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be every year at this time. After looking at all the arts and crafts and saying to yourself "I can do that" head on over to Laishley Park and show your support at Pride Fest. The entertainment line-up never fails. You will find me there in the afternoon grabbing something to eat at one of the fabulous

food truck vendors and waiting to see the one and only Steven Andrade as Cher. Nothing quite like it. If Bluegrass is your thing head on over to Harbor Heights Park, 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda to hear Bear Hill Bluegrass Band who is scheduled to perform at 2 p.m. After a great afternoon you are probably planning for your day for tomorrow. Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, will be the place to be for a special service at 11 a.m. to celebrate "The Kirkin 'O' Tartan." While this service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is truly a Scottish-American custom. The Kirkin

"o" Tartan serves as a remembrance of the liberties and religious freedom Scotts fought to preserve, including their influence on freedoms shared by all Americans. And finally to round out your weekend, support the Charlotte Chorale at its Benefit Concert for 2019 featuring the critically acclaimed band Phil Dirt and the Dozers. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. I am tired just thinking about the weekend because somewhere in between all these great events I have to stock up on bread, wine and toilet paper. I am not a milk drinker.

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HAPPENINGS ON THE HARBOR

■ TODAY

"Advice for Your Device", from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St. Free program. Need help to set up with the Cloud Library, Hoopla, Freegal, RBDigital Magazines or Pronunciator? Reservations required: 941-833-5460. PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Yoga Tots Storytime, from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St. Free program for children ages 12-36 months. Bring your toddler, towels or yoga mat to stretch your mind and muscles with a story and fun yoga poses. 941-833-5460 or PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cass Cay parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Road, Punta Gorda.

Haunted History of Punta Gorda Walking Tours, are set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays through March 31. Cost is \$29 for adults; \$19 for minors. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Meet at the free parking garage on Herald Court, wear walking shoes and bring a camera. For reservations: swfloridawalkingtours.com/haunted-history-tours/.

■ SATURDAY

Punta Gorda Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. thru April and 8 a.m. to noon May thru Sept., corner of Olympia Avenue and Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. Call 941-391-4856 or email jerry@puntagordafarmers-market.com.

American Legion Post 103 Outdoor Market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-626-2567.

Bicycle ride departs at 8:30 a.m. from Acme Bicycle Shop, 615 Cross St., Suite 1116, Punta Gorda. All riders welcome. Helmet required. Details: 941-639-2263.

Story Time at Copperfish Books, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 103 W. Marion Ave., Punta

Gorda. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Game Day, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St., Free. Come alone or with the family to play games and puzzles. Materials provided or bring your own. 941-833-5460 or PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine offers a tasting of chocolates, along with premier wines and craft beers from around the world, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 941-626-2008.

Sullivan Street Arts & Craft Fair, running the length of Sullivan from the Event Center to Virginia, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

■ SUNDAY

Open Air Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at History Park, 501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda.

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■ MONDAY

Live music with John Reno, from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. at Hurricane Charley's, 300 W. Retta Esplanade.

■ TUESDAY

The Charlotte County Woodcarvers/Sculptors, invite the public to come see what they do from 8 a.m. to noon at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Details: Chuck at 941-875-9244.

FGCU Foreign Film Series — " from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at FGCU's Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Court, Suite 211, Punta Gorda. The fee is \$5. Call 941-505-0130.

Charity Bingo, at American Legion Auxiliary Unit 103, 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday through March 19. The facility is non-smoking and the bingo is open to the public. For more information, call 941-639-6337 or just come by and play.

■ WEDNESDAY

Balance through Qi-gong, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at PGICA, 2001 Shreve St. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 407-923-8310.

A Punta Gorda Food Tour, runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through April in the Punta Gorda Historic District. The three-hour walking tour takes participants to five food stops and offers an insider's perspective plus local specialties and history lessons. Cost is \$59 and tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, visit swfloridawalkingtours.com/food-and-pub-tours/, or email: tourguides@swfloridawalkingtours.com.

The Charlotte County Master Gardeners, are available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

Animal Welfare League Pets of the Week

The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County is at 3519 Drance St., Port Charlotte. All animals are microchipped, spayed or neutered and are current with their shots prior to adoption, including rabies. The shelter is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. To view some of the adoptable pets, visit www.awlshelter.org.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Callie is a 7-year-old, tortoise shell mix. She is declawed in the front, likes to be high on her perch and loves head and neck scratches.



Baker is a 10-year-old, medium mixed breed and is looking for an owner with a laid back lifestyle. He is very calm and good with other dogs. He is housebroken and great on a leash.

Wednesdays at the Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St., to answer questions on gardening. For more information, call 941-833-5460 or PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Swing Class, offered by USA Dance Chapter 6049 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays during January at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. The class covers lead/follow, timing, technique and basics patterns. \$10 USA members, \$12 non-members; class packages are available. For more information, call 614-439-8545.

USA Dance Chapter 6049 offers an adult group class, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays through March 6 at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St. This is a Ballroom Dance Team, Cha Cha intermediate/ advanced class that teaches

Latin and ballroom routines. For more information, call 614-439-8545.

■ THURSDAY

Meet Luna the Screech Owl from Peace River Wildlife Center, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade.

Punta Gorda Pub Tour, runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Thursday through April. The walking tour takes participants through the historic downtown district to five local pubs. Cost is \$59. Meet at the Herald Court parking garage. For more information, visit swfloridawalkingtours.com/food-and-pub-tours/ or email: tourguides@swfloridawalkingtours.com.



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast proudly announces their 2017-2018 Big Brother & Big Sister of the Year

Provided by GINA TAYLOR

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It is with great pleasure to announce Mrs. Cheryl Maymon of Punta Gorda and Mr. Cliff Smith of Ft. Myers have been selected as the 2017-2018 Big Brother & Big Sister of the Year. Cheryl is the Owner of CAM Realty of Southwest Florida and Cliff is President of the United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades and Okeechobee counties. It is a thrill and honor to have Cheryl and Cliff represent the organization as the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year.

"I began my journey with Big Brothers and Big Sisters to give back to the youth of our community and I learned quickly that the community has given back to me with the sense of reward and fulfillment that I get every time I get the privilege of spending time with my Little Sister. In the two years I have been her Big Sister, I have seen her passion for learning

grow. She is such a special young lady who has enriched my life so much. I encourage everyone to find your way to volunteer and make a difference in this world," states Cheryl.

Cliff is matched with two Littles who happen to be brothers. They were initially matched because they share a common love for the sport of basketball. Cliff is now coaching their basketball team at the local YMCA, where they can be seen on a regular basis. "Being a Big has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I originally signed up to be a mentor and share my life experiences with a child. I wanted to make a positive impact and help someone experience things in life they might not have had otherwise. Little did I know my life would change just as much as theirs. Being a Big makes me leave work on time to go play and coach basketball, spend time learning Algebra again and helping both of my "Littles" to reach their goals in life. Being a Big has

changed my life maybe even more than theirs. I'm forever grateful," states Cliff.

For over 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has been matching youth in meaningful, enduring, professionally supported mentoring relationships with adult volunteers who defend their potential and help them achieve their biggest possible futures. Big Brothers Big Sisters' evidence-based approach is designed to create positive youth outcomes, including educational success, avoidance of risky behaviors, higher aspirations, greater confidence, and improved relationships.

This past year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast has served over 1,800 youth across a 10 county footprint. Learn how to get involved at bbbssun.org.



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Big Sister of the Year Cheryl Maymon enjoys spending time with her Little Sister Kaicendra Anderson.

STITCHING

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daily use, she says, but she believes about 300 women are actively involved.

Specific groups will come in to use the facility. For instance, card crafters from Bradenton will come by to work. "They make cards all day long," Peters said.

"You're either coming here or you're not," she continued, "I'm word-of-mouth. I don't need foot traffic."

So, it's not centrally located but still it thrives. Cindy Glitch, who creates home décor using transfers and the Cricut machine – two distinct crafts -- is one of the reasons. She pays \$85 a month to rent space in the enormous back room.

She started 10 years ago from scratch.

"I saw something on TV about crafting and scrapbooking. I said, 'Oh, that sounds like fun,' she recalled. "And then through connections I met Susan,

and she started this place, and I started coming."

Glitch has progressed to serving as a consultant to Chalk Couture, a home craft design firm, and has her own business, Cindy's Custom Creations.

One of Cindy's signs carries this message: "Life is short. Buy the shoes."

"Live life in flip-flops," says another.

So, her specialty is Inspirational messages.

"My art is in my head," she said, laughing.

Cindy teaches. So, does Susan. Part of the charm of Craftin' Cow is how skills are handed down from the accomplished to the novice. No one, the women say, is territorial about her art.

"I'm taking something my grandmother taught me when I was about 9 years old," Peters said of the pleasure she derives from holding sewing classes. "One of the girls wanted to take a class but had never used a sewing

machine. I said, 'Don't worry. I have plenty of machines for everybody to use.'

"She used a sewing machine her first time to make her first bag, and she was grinning from ear to ear. The next time,

she made a bag with a zipper in it."

Showing one another how it's done and the old-fashioned camaraderie that it helps create form a nurturing environment that invites return, the women say.

"The thing is, you got somebody who's sitting at home and her girlfriend brings her up here," Peters said. "And then she gets around people who do the same thing she does. She starts coming out more."

"The first four years I came, I didn't

get anything done; I was always talking," Cindy nodded.

The social aspect, Peters says, is a big part of the draw.

"You can't sit here and not get talked to," Peters said.

Ah, the true art offered at the Craftin' Cow comes to light.

The Craftin' Cow has a Facebook page, or all 941-505-0155 for more information,

Cindy can be contacted at CindyGlitch@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT: Cards for the Troops, a new event for 2019 at the Craftin' Cow

WHERE: 29291 Tribune Blvd., Punta Gorda

WHEN: Noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 2, March 3, April 20, May 11, June 15

COST: Free

DETAILS: Christmas cards will be made to send to the troops. Each will include a handwritten message to brighten the holidays for active duty men and women who are away from home during this time. Card making supplies will be provided. Bring your own adhesives.

PRIZES: Free pass to Craftin' Cow is one carrot

EXPERIENCE: None required

GOAL: 2,000 or more cards

INFORMATION: Susan Saulsbery, 239-560-6286

Art Education at the Visual Arts Center

NEW 4-week Classes begin the week of February 4 at the Visual Arts Center! Selections for all levels, from beginner to advanced. For a full class schedule and to register, visit visualartcenter.org.

ART APPRECIATION & HISTORY

Art Appreciation with Rosalie Mack - Starts 2/6

Lunch & Learn with Baila Miller

Feb 1st: The Importance of Abstract Art

Mar 15th: The Ballets Russes: Nijinsky, Stravinsky, etc.

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Beginner's Intro to Art - Starts 2/9

Getting Started in Pastels - Starts 2/4

All Media Studio with Rosalie Mack - Starts 2/5

Develop Your Drawing Skills - Starts 2/5

Watercolor Basics - Starts 2/5

Intro to Charcoal Drawing - Starts 2/5

Color Pencil - Starts 2/6

Basket Weaving - Starts 2/7

Polymer Clay - Starts 2/7

Mixed Media - Starts 2/8

For the More Experienced Artist...

Oil Painting - Starts 2/8

Drawing & Painting Florida in Color - Starts 2/4

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Sunset celebration serves as meet and greet for PRWC



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The Peace River Wildlife Center, 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda, held a sunset celebration on Friday, Jan. 11. During the sunset celebrations, the public can meet and greet the resident animals, mingle with neighbors, and watch the sun set over the Charlotte Harbor. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. For more information or how you can volunteer or donate, call 941-637-3830.



HERALD PHOTOS BY SANDY MACYS

Bill Kimbar, a volunteer for 6 years with the Peace River Wildlife Center, holds up 4-year-old barred owl. The owl has a broken wing. Kimbar and many others gathered for a fundraiser at the facility in Punta Gorda Friday evening.



Bald eagles Captain Arthur, left, and Bilfred pose for a photo.



Visitors gather in the background as a poster sits in the foreground with what will be a completed financial goal.



Veterinarian Cara Brown feeds brown pelicans during feeding time.



Eastern screech owl and Luna, an albino screech sit on their handles gloved hands.



Visitors and staff meet and greet at the Peace River Wildlife Center for its monthly sunset celebration.



At left: Ursula, a crested caracara sits on her perch inside the cage.



As visitors gather in the background, a red shoulder hawk sits on a perch.



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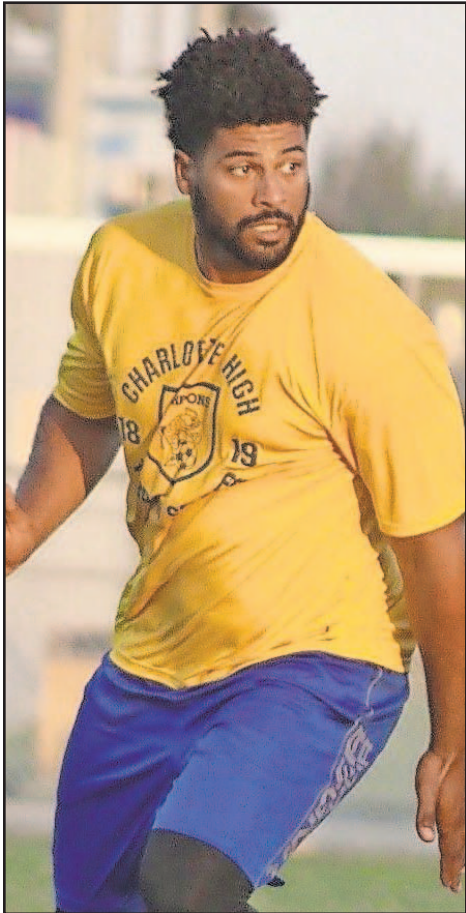


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The Charlotte Alumni team gets together before the game.



Charlotte High School varsity girls soccer coach Amanda Carr dribbles the ball away from their goal.



Charlotte boys JV soccer coach Daniel Kachmar eyes the defense as he dribbles the ball up field.



The Port Charlotte alumni team prepare for their match with Charlotte.



Organizers Kelly Larsen and Justin Yamashita put together alumni from Charlotte and Port Charlotte for a soccer game to help raise money for both school programs. The annual game has been played for at least 12 years.

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Artists and instructors featured at open house



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On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda, featured a host of artists and instructors during an open house in art media from pottery, painting, jewelry making and more. The Visual Arts Center is a place which gives artist a platform for selling their work. Located at the facility is a gift shop and an art supply store.



HERALD PHOTOS BY SANDY MACYS

Murray and Shirley Bauman of Punta Gorda check out some of the art in the hallway.



Water color artist Jim Beech demonstrates his technique as he creates a painting. Jim an instructor who teaches classes at the Visual Arts Center.



Nancy Van Tassell demonstrates her technique of creating with woven wire.



Pottery maker Howard Hartke demonstrates his technique of spinning clay into a bowl.



Water color artist and instructor Don Melander demonstrates his technique.



Acrylic artist and instructor Marki Raposa, right shows her technique to Harry Mueller and Terry Dudley of Port Charlotte as they are reflected in a mirror above them.

Becky Schantz, left, works on an epoxy sculpture as Susan Shore looks on. Also part of the display was art created with CD recycling.



FROM OUR ARCHIVES

1979 outlook

Excerpts from the Daily Herald-News from Jan. 18, through Jan. 24, 1979

Forecasting the county's 1979 economic outlook: that will be the topic of a Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce membership coffee meeting Monday at the Civic Center in Punta Gorda. Featured speakers will be Richard E. Oliver, president of the Port Charlotte Bank and Trust; Donald Witter, president of First Federal Savings and Loan; and O. E. Phillips, district manager of Florida Power and Light, and the Chamber's president.

'79 Economy View OK

Generally the economic outlook for Charlotte County in 1979 is for "another good year." That was the consensus from three local business executives this morning at the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce coffee meeting in the Civic Center. "Locally, 1979 should be a better year than most of us experiences in 1978", according to Don Witter. O.J. Phillips noted tht "The 1974 recession did have national effect in 1975. Now we are having the best year." Dick Oliver commented that "the ability of people up North to sell their homes is a positive sign. Those people are now able to buy property in Florida."



Today is the day '911' phones ring

The new emergency phone number, "911" went into effect at midnight yesterday. Some of the Charlotte County night owls called the number around 3 a.m. "just to see if it is working," at both the Sheriff's office and the City Police department. "Everything is working fine so far," according to a spokes person for the Sheriff's office, stressing that the number is for emergency ONLY.

Credits are due

One of the best ideas we have heard in several months was the adoption by the Charlotte County School Board. The Board wisely approved giving Armed Service

Veterans credits for their "hard-knocks" experience. Freedom is not free and they put their lives on the line, so we all could live and mostly live in peace.

Norman Rockwell dies

Stockbrdge, Mass. Norman Rockwell died at his home Wednesday. His hundreds of homey paintings depicted the fabric of American life like no other artist. He drew 317 covers for Saturday Evening Post. Rockwell, 84, had been in failing health for the past two years. His personal physician, Dr. Franklin Oceddek said: "Norman Rockwell was very much like his paintings: a delightful, great, cheery personality." Critics have called him: "The Lawrence Welk of Painting", and America's Rembrandt.



Janine Smith 40 years ago

Janine Smith writes about Punta Gorda's historic past. Contact her at jainehs1@comcast.net.

New Officers

The Charlotte County United Way announced its new officers yesterday. They includee President J.W. Wilkinsen, Vice President Jeff Ruttenber, Treasurer Tom Murphy, Secretary Penny Penner and Harry Higgins.

Pageant winners

Sheila Joe Kittle was crowned Miss Charlotte County during Pageant ceremonies at the Civic Center in Punta Gorda. First runner-up was Therese Siciliano and second runner-up Susan Custer.

Up in films

What is up in films? Comedies like "Grease" and "Animal House" — as well as science-fiction epics — like "Close Encounters" and "Star Wars" — were 1978's most popular films. This is according to domestic rental figures tallied by Variety. A few others were "Jaws 2", "Heaven Can Wait", "Hooper" and "Pink Panther". If someone could just come up with a science-fiction comedy.....

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The trip was wonderful, but it was the coming home that most excited Cesar Navarro.

The Port Charlotte resident, who retired in 1991 as a master sergeant after a 23-year Army career, was greeted at the airport in Fort Myers by people cheering and carrying signs, offering hugs and thank-yous.

It was the return of the 2018 Southwest Florida Honor Flight, and it was late at night. But there they were, lined up to welcome their veterans home.

"It was so different from when I came back from Vietnam and people spit on us and didn't support us at all," Navarro recalled. "What I experienced last year brought a tear to my eye."

He was so impressed by the entire experience – the whirlwind tour of the monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C., the care he was given by flight organizers, and that memorable return home – that he joined the Honor Flight committee to help with this year's flight.

The Southwest Florida Honor Flight takes veterans who might not otherwise get there to Washington, D.C., for a

day of viewing the monuments and memorials. The veterans, who go free, are accompanied by guardians who pay their own way — \$550 each.

"I just loved it," said Navarro, 69. "First of all, my biggest experience was just to be around other veterans and how well-organized the event was. I didn't think there was any way we would see all that we did."

"It impressed me."
The flight this year is scheduled to take off from Fort Myers on May 4 and return the same day.

But the committee Navarro is part of finds it necessary to do some emergency fundraising to secure an American Airlines charter for the event. It must absorb a 55 percent increase in the cost of the charter, from \$63,000 last year to \$98,800 this year.

The committee has \$58,000 in the bank, says Ginni Fay, its president and the admissions nurse at the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Home in Port Charlotte. The nonprofit organization must raise the money through private donations. It is not supported by any federal, state or county government agencies.

Fay said the committee explored other charters, but options were few.

Southwest Airlines was asking \$108,000 for a plane smaller than the 186-seat aircraft available through American, she said.

The Honor Flight used to transport its veterans on commercial flights. But that practice ended two years ago when airlines balked at mixing groups with regular passengers. In addition, Southwest Airlines, on which the Honor Flight used to book its veterans commercially, stopped direct flights from Fort Myers to Washington.

Committee members said they could not take, say, 50 World War II veterans, some of whom are hardly ambulatory, to Atlanta, change planes, and then continue to Washington. The return trip would have been the same.

The flight for May has already been booked and a 10 percent deposit paid.

"If we don't make it, if we don't have enough money to pay for the plane, we forfeit" \$9,980, Fay said. "It's terrible."

The local Honor Flight must be built from scratch each time before it can get off the ground. Money is raised, and a flight goes up. The flight returns, and fundraising starts anew.

There are more than 30 veterans organizations in the community that help raise money, and while the committee

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Honor Flight fundraiser dinner dance
WHEN: 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 2
WHERE: Eagles club, 23111 Harborview, Charlotte Harbor
COST: \$20 a ticket
INFORMATION: 941-468-0551

is turning to them for aid, it is also busy scheduling fundraisers and seeking corporate sponsorship, which has been elusive thus far.

"I've already sent out 40 letters to corporations to see if we can get any help," Fay said.

A benefit dinner dance sponsored by the Eagles club in Charlotte Harbor has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Feb. 2. Tickets are \$20. The club is at 23111 Harborview Road. Call 941-468-0551 for information.

The committee is working on scheduling other fundraisers.

Last year, a total of 148 made the trip, the 23rd in Charlotte County since it began in 2007. A total of 60 veterans, including 27 Vietnam veterans, have registered for the 2019 flight so far. Fay said the committee will have no trouble filling the flight.

"There's a Lot of good people out there doing fundraisers for these flights," Navarro said. "A lot of work is being done to try to raise this money."

For more information, go to www.pchonorflight.org.

Local NEWS BRIEFS

Space still available for Honor Flight 2019

The Sole Purpose of Honor Flights is straightforward and pure spirited: To transport our Veterans to Washington, DC, to be honored at their memorial.

On May 4, SWFL Honor Flight will again honor our veterans by transporting them, and a guardian, to Washington D.C. to visit numerous monuments, including the WWII Memorial and The Changing of the Guard in Arlington Cemetery. There is still space available for additional veterans and guardians. Although the cost of this year's trip is nearly \$95,000, the veteran pays nothing for this wonderful trip. Guardians pay their own way, at \$550. Donations are always appreciated. Honor Flight receives no corporate or government sponsorship. Our funding comes primarily from individuals who recognize the great accomplishments and sacrifices of Veterans and want them to see their memorial before it's too late.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, and donations are tax-deductible. If you would like more information about this topic, call Ginni Fay 941-315-0131, or email: ginnif@aol.com or Liz Barton at 941-628-1298, or email: goddessofvets@gmail.com.

The Charlotte County Concert Band presents 'If Not for Music'

The Charlotte County Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Miller, will present "If Not for Music" at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. At this concert hear some of the most exciting and descriptive pieces by internationally renowned composers and arrangers. Tickets are available online at www.charlottecountyconcertband.com or at the door the night of the concert.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community breakfast

The Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture of Charlotte County announces its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 19 at Punta Gorda Middle School,

1001 Education Way. The speaker this year is award winning author, Canter Brown Jr., Ph.D, frequently referred to as one of Florida's most prolific historians. This year, awards honoring local persons who have contributed to the Museum's mission as well as to the community at-large will be given to Lorah Steiner, retired Director of Charlotte County Tourism, and Roy and Eunice Wiley, local educators, artists, and community activists.

Once again, Charlotte County student winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest will be given prizes and the first place winners will read their essays to the Breakfast audience.

Tickets can be either purchased in advance on the Museum's website (blanchardhousemuseum.org) or in person at the Museum, 406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Punta Gorda. Advanced ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children (under 12). Tickets bought at the door: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. For more information, call 941-575-7518.

Charlotte County Pride Fest

The 2019 Charlotte County Pride Fest will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Jan. 19 at Lashley Park, 100 Nesbit St., Punta Gorda. Special entertainment by Steven Andrade as Cher and Spike Van Dyke. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 941-204-3505 or visit www.charlottecountypridefl.org.

Bluegrass Saturday scheduled

Bear Hill Bluegrass Band is scheduled to perform at the next Bluegrass Saturday at 2 p.m. on Jan. 19 at Harbor Heights Park, 27420 Voyageur Drive, Punta Gorda. Monthly Bluegrass Saturday concerts showcase local and regional Bluegrass bands. A \$5 donation is requested along with one canned-good for the local food bank. Bluegrass Saturday takes place outdoors in a tree shaded area. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Kirkin 'O' Tartan

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, invites the public for a special service at 11 a.m. on Jan. 20 to celebrate "The Kirkin 'O' Tartan."

While this service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is truly a Scottish-American custom. The Kirkin "o" Tartan services as a remembrance of the liberties and religious freedom Scots fought to preserve, including their influence on freedoms shared by all Americans.

For more information, contact the church office at 941-639-0001 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon, on Friday or by e-mail to office@bspconline.org.

Charlotte Chorale benefit concert planned

The Charlotte Chorale announced its Benefit Concert for 2019 will be all about that Old Time Rock and Roll featuring the critically acclaimed band Phil Dirt and the Dozers. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. on Jan. 20 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. Concert tickets can be purchased by calling 941-204-0033. As a reminder the Benefit Concert is not a part of The Charlotte Chorale's 2018-19 season concert series and tickets must be purchased separately.

Afternoon tea with 'Julia Child'

The Presbyterian Women of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, will host a presentation by Marie Ludvig "A Look at the Life and Times of Julia Child" at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 20. After the program enjoy a formal British-style tea in fellowship hall. Waiters will serve, finger sandwiches, scones and clotted cream, and elegant desserts.

Tickets are available Sundays at the church, or by calling the church office during regular business hours, for a donation of \$20. Proceeds support 14 Presbyterian Women mission programs. For more information contact the church office at 639-0001 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon, on Friday or by e-mail to office@bspconline.org.

'Let's Get Splashed'

Marki Raposa will host "Let's Get Splashed!" wine and painting party at 6 p.m. on Jan. 23 at the Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. Cost

is \$40 and includes supplies, wine and snacks. Register at visualartcenter.org or call 941-639-8810.

Fourth Friday free movie offered

This month's Fourth Friday Free Movie presented by Women Against Racism & Discrimination is the all-time, 1957, courtroom classic, 12 Angry Men. Taking place mainly in the jury chamber, 12 white, male jurors must judge the fate of a Puerto Rican youth charged with stabbing his father to death. During deliberations, each juror is forced to come face to face with own individual morality, character, preconceived opinions and biases.

Free and open to all, the program starts at 1 p.m., Jan. 25, at FGCU's Renaissance Academy at 117 Herald Court, Punta Gorda. Light snacks will be provided. Everyone is invited to remain after the movie for comments and discussion.

'Feelin' Alright' tribute to 50th anniversary of Woodstock

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association will present a new tribute/variety show, "Feelin' Alright," a tribute to the 50th Anniversary Of Woodstock featuring Pat Surface and American Pie (Donna Surface, Bill Marsh, and Butch Schmidt), at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26, at the PGICA, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. Tickets are \$20 per person. Purchase tickets online at www.pgica.org or call 941-637-1655 or stop by PGICA. All concerts and cabarets offered by the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association are open to the general public.

Chili challenge scheduled

8th Annual Charlotte Harbor Chili Challenge, Beer, & Blues Fest will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 26 at Lashley Park, Punta Gorda. Up to 20 chili teams will set up their chili cooking booths in Lashley Park in an effort to persuade the judges and the general public that their chili is the best. The Beer Tasting Tent will feature over 50 different craft beers from Micro-Breweries around the country. Visit www.PuntaGordaChiliFest.com or call 941-637-5953.

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FOOTNOTE: Rate-The annual interest rate the Treasury bond provides to investors. Date-The month and year the bond will expire. Bid-The price investors will pay for the bond. Ask-The price at which investors will sell. A bond price is expressed as a percentage of its original purchase cost of \$1,000.

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How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables

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

Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Obj: The fund's objective group. Abbreviations listed below. NAV: Net asset value. Chg: Net change in price of NAV from previous day. Rtn: The fund's total return, or percent change in NAV for the time period shown, with dividends reinvested. If period longer than 1 year, return is annualized. Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same objective group; an A indicates fund performed in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

Table listing Top 20 Mutual Funds by Year-to-Date Percent Return. Columns: Name, Obj, NAV, YTD, Phone Number.

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Viking

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Mutual Funds

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