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## Who was affected by the 35-day government shutdown?

By LANGSTON TAYLOR  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

For five weeks, as President Donald Trump's demand for border wall funding and Congress' refusal to pay for the wall led to the longest (partial) shutdown in U.S. history, hundreds of thousands of Americans went unpaid. But beyond the clearest cases of federal workers missing salary payments, the effects of the shutdown spread across the country, impacting all types of American life.

On Friday afternoon, Trump announced a deal had been reached to re-open the government for another three weeks. It's not clear what will happen after a new round of negotiations.

But so far, here are some of the biggest examples of what the 35-day stoppage wrought:

### Dec. 22

- 800,000 pending cases in immigration courts are slowed by reduced staff, including 60,800 in Florida. "They couldn't find a Spanish interpreter," a lawyer in Miami said.

- 1.65 million businesses can't check whether new hires are legal workers because E-Verify is down.

- 192,000 beer labels are waiting for approval, affecting craft breweries looking to sell new products.

### Jan. 8

- 1,150 affordable housing contracts had expired, NBC News reported, which could put homeowners at risk of eviction.

### Jan. 11

- 800,000 federal workers missed their first paycheck, according to the Washington Post.

- 68,000 vehicles are being recalled by Kia Motors without supervision from federal officials, the company announced in a memo.

### Jan. 15

- 50,000 Coast Guard members missed their first paycheck. 42,000 are working anyway, according to the Military Times. "It is aggravating that he is still expected to go

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## Sex offenders numbers rise

### Florida has 137 offenders per 100,000, report says

By LIZ HARDAWAY  
STAFF WRITER

Since 2005, the number of sexual predators and sex offenders living in Florida has grown by 53 percent.

This is according to the recently released Sex Offender Registration and Monitoring Triennial Review for 2018 created by the Office of Program Policy Analysis

and Government Accountability, which revealed only 28,000 of Florida's 73,000 registered sex offenders reside in the state.

Down the street, there are 234 sexual offenders and predators in Charlotte County. This number rises to 425 in Sarasota County.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, where a majority of the

report's information comes from, could not provide information from previous years in specific counties as the registry "represents one snapshot in time every moment" and is "updated on a 'real-time,' continuous basis," said Jessica Cary, spokesperson for FDLE.

However, the number



SHUTTERSTOCK PHOTO

The number of sexual predators and offenders living in Florida has increased by 1,703 since 2015, and by 8,101 since 2005.

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## Grove City on the edge of a 'Sahara'



SUN PHOTO BY SANDY MACYS

Scott Myers stands by property near his home that is being developed for housing. When the wind blows, it creates huge dust storms, which he says makes his home unlivable.

## Couple's lawsuit claims sand blows into home

By STEVE REILLY  
STAFF WRITER

GROVE CITY — Smith Street residents like Scot and Kathy Myers feel as if they live on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Three years ago, Canadian-owned Island Lake Estates cleared nearly 170 acres of land down to the sugar sand. It's just on the other side of a chain-link fence that separates the planned development from Scott Street

residences. On windy days, especially during the dry winter months, the sand blows easily over the fence, which is screened, and onto the properties and into the homes of Scott Street.

The Myerses boarded their windows, but fine sand still gets into their home. Scot collected two pounds of the sand he swept up from a 6-foot by 8-foot square portion of their

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SUN PHOTO BY STEVE REILLY

Scot Myers holds a plastic bag containing two pounds of sand that blew onto his lanai from the undeveloped Island Lake Estates in Grove City along Placida Road.

## Police volunteer crashes new patrol boat

### Florida Fish and Wildlife investigating New Year's Eve incident

By DANIEL SUTPHIN  
STAFF WRITER

The Punta Gorda Police Department is reviewing its policies after a 76-year-old volunteer crashed the department's new patrol boat on New Year's Eve.

Volunteer Thomas McAlear was operating the 21-foot-long marine vessel in Charlotte Harbor near Fishermen's Village around 9:40 p.m. when the boat collided with a marker pylon. McAlear was alone at the time, and department policy calls for volunteers to patrol in pairs, according to PGPD

Lt. Justin Davoult.

McAlear was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital after the accident with non-life-threatening injuries, the department stated. He is no longer a volunteer with the department, Davoult said.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is investigating the crash.

"We are very thankful that the volunteer operating the boat did not incur life-threatening injuries," wrote PGPD Chief Pam Davis in an email to the Sun. "The entire department is extremely disappointed about the



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE PUNTA GORDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The 21-foot-long marine vessel was purchased to replace a 13-year-old vessel that was falling apart. The new vessel is pictured here along with other police vehicles. Due to the newness of the vessel, PGPD did not have any other photos on file, according to Lt. Justin Davoult.

damage to our vessel and I want to personally apologize to our citizens that this unfortunate incident happened; it

has negatively impacted our marine program."

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# Murdock Applebee's closes

Corporate blames lack of millennials

By SUE WADE  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Anyone passing Murdock Circle lately can't help noticing its Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar is shuttered, its parking lot empty but for people circling slowly, checking its status.

The longtime Port Charlotte franchise abruptly ceased operations in mid-January, after descending to 86th on TripAdvisor's list of 159 Port Charlotte restaurants.

Posters on its storefront hint at "Lease Issues," but the closing could also be part of a broader trend.

The eatery joins the ranks of 145 Applebee's previously closed by parent corporation DineEquity in 2016-2017. In early 2018, the renamed Dine Brands Global announced the upcoming closure of 60 to 80 additional Applebee's.

In a 2017 investor conference call, Applebee's brand president John Cywinski pinned the blame on a demographic with less impact in central Port Charlotte — millennials.

"Over the past few years, the brand's set out to reposition or reinvent Applebee's as a modern bar and grill in overt pursuit of a more youthful and affluent demographic with a more independent or



SUN PHOTO BY SUE WADE

All signage is down at the Murdock Applebee's, except for posters referring customers to Kings Highway and North Port locations.

even sophisticated dining mindset, including a clear pendulum swing towards millennials," Cywinski said.

"In my perspective," he went on, "this pursuit led to decisions that created confusion among core guests, as Applebee's intentionally drifted from what I'll call its 'Middle

America' roots and its abundant value position. While we certainly hope to extend our reach, we can't alienate Boomers or Gen-Xers in the process."

Despite the Murdock pullback, Applebee's will keep its Kings Highway location open at 24467 Sandhill Blvd., as well as its North Port and

Venice stores.

Sandhill employee Andrew Heflin reported that his location attracts the sort of mixed demographic that Applebee's seems to value.

"And as the night goes

on, it gets younger," he said.

Heflin also noted that none of the Murdock staff went jobless. "We took on 17 of them, and the rest went to North Port or Venice."

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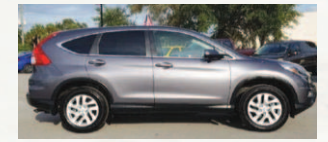
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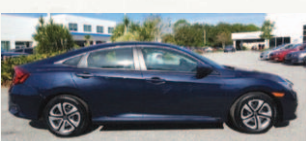
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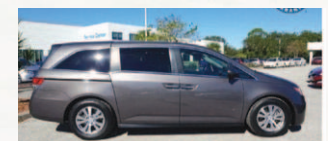
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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Jazz Society to present Peter and Will Anderson Trio

The Charlotte County Jazz Society will present the Peter and Will Anderson Trio at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 at William H Wakeman III Theater Cultural Center of Charlotte County, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., the identical twins are virtuoso performers on woodwind instruments and specialize in classic jazz. The Juilliard School graduates have performed with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, Village Vanguard Orchestra, Wycliffe Gordon, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Paquito D'Rivera, Wynton Marsalis and can be heard on the 2014 Grammy-winning soundtrack of HBO's Boardwalk Empire with Vince Giordano's Nighthawks.

Admission is FREE for CCJS members and \$20

for non-members. Tickets are available at the box office starting at 6:30 p.m. on concert night or in advance through the box office at 941-625-4175 Ext. 221. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Annual seminar announced

Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society will hold its 2019 Annual Seminar on Thursday, Jan. 31. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.; Seminar begins at 9 a.m. at 24 Twenty-One Event Center, 2421 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. Presenter will be Kenneth W. Heger, Ph.D. He is on the faculty of the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies, where he teaches Archives and Digital Curation and directs the digitization lab in the iSchool's Digital Curation Information Center. Cost is \$35 for SWFLGG members and \$55 for

non-members. For more information or to register visit [swflgg.org/upload/events/files/1543179551\\_Heger2019FinalSeminarFlyer.pdf](http://swflgg.org/upload/events/files/1543179551_Heger2019FinalSeminarFlyer.pdf).

### Pizza for a Purpose

Trippin' On Pizza and the Charlotte Community Foundation will present Pizza For A Purpose from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 9 at the Charlotte Community Foundation, 227 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. Enjoy Pizza, Painting and Philanthropy. Experience the new way of doing pizza, learn more about the Charlotte Community Foundation and enjoy some local artwork by Jay Winston which will be auctioned off to benefit the Charlotte Community Foundation.

### 'Kickin' it at the Kanal'

The American Legion

Post 110, 3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, will celebrate its 100 year anniversary with an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on March 2-3. A Ruck Walk, Chinese auction, duck boat rides, vendors, raffles and entertainment from Country Express, American Made, Gotta Luv It, Bullman & Cora and The Boogiemen. All proceeds benefit Final Salute, children and youth. For more information, call 941-629-7446.

### Women's Forum meeting planned

The Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum will hold its next meeting on Feb. 13, at the Punta Gorda Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. The meeting will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. (social time is 11:30-noon). Guest speaker will be The Honorable

Nancy Prafke, Mayor of Punta Gorda. Lunch is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. For reservations, email: [peacriverforum@gmail.com](mailto:peacriverforum@gmail.com) or call: 941-916-7224. Reservations must be made no later than Feb. 8.

### The Charlotte County Concert Band presents 'See the USA'

The Charlotte County Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Bob Miller, will present "See The USA" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. Tickets are available online at [www.charlottecountyconcertband.com](http://www.charlottecountyconcertband.com) or at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center the night of the performance.

### Wild Wednesdays

Join Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center,

10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda for great films and great company. During Wild Wednesdays, guests enjoy a nature-themed film followed by lively discussion led by a Master Naturalist. The next Wild Wednesday program is Feb. 6, showing Dolphins: Spy in the Pod. Due to popularity, there will be two showings 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Technology allows humans a glimpse into the world of wildlife that was previously inaccessible. Dolphins: Spy in the Pod uses remote-controlled robotic cameras — disguised as a dolphin, a tuna, and a squid! — to infiltrate pods of these marine mammals and capture never-before-filmed behavior. A real bottlenose dolphin is also equipped with tiny cameras on its back and sides, as it explores the ocean and records the adventures. For more information, call 941-575-5435.

## SAND

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screened lanai.

The Myerses' neighbor, Brian Oaks, said he and Lori Woods had to powerwash their home six times. They covered their windows with plastic to try to keep the sand out.

"You see dust clouds," Myers said. He and his wife have resorted to spending night in their camper. "They're just killing people."

The Myerses filed suit against Island Lake Estates in April 2018.

According to Charlotte County and court documents, the county approved 400 homes to be built on the Island Lake Estates in 2017. The suit alleges the developer clear-cut the land, bulldozing 7,329 trees with trunk diameters of at least 4 inches thick. The property remains bare, mostly sand with islands of weeds.

"The inhalation of the particulate matter with (the) fugitive dust causes respiratory illnesses, permanent lung damage,



SUN PHOTO BY STEVE REILLY

**Scott Myers and other Smith Street residents are inundated with blowing sand from what was supposed to be the 170-acre Island Lake Estates subdivision. The land was completely cleared of trees and other vegetation three years ago and little else has been done.**

and in some individuals, premature death," the suit contends. It also alleges Island Lake Estates hasn't sufficiently controlled the sand from blowing off its property.

### Charlotte response

Charlotte County hasn't been idle, but county employees haven't had much success addressing the issues.

"There have been several complaints about dust, and we are working on the issue," said Joanne

Vernon, a county engineer. Confirming what Smith Street residents said, Vernon added, "It has looked like a dust storm at times during the winter winds.

"Unfortunately, this has been an issue through the winter months for the past three years," she said. "I am working diligently with (county attorneys) to address this since it has been a continual issue where they keep going in and out of compliance."

The county has repeatedly issued a stop-work



SUN PHOTO BY SANDY MACY'S

**Scott Myers sweeps dirt that has accumulated on the lanai at his home in Grove City. The dirt and dust come from nearby land that was cleared for development a few years ago.**

order every time Island Lake Estates is out of compliance, Vernon said.

"The first year, they were devastated when this happened, tried to fight it, and then quickly came into compliance to get back to work," she said. Last year during the winter months, it took the county weeks to get the developer to come up with an acceptable plan.

The developer installed

a network of water lines all throughout the sandy soils and watered the entire site. Technically, this approved plan should still be in effect. The developer only was required to water "when necessary." However, the developer, Vernon said, apparently removed the water lines. This year has been no different than the past years, and the complaints from neighboring residents

have started up again.

"They told me that they are hydro-seeding this week," Vernon said Monday. "I told them that wasn't fast enough and they should have been using the approved plan that had been approved."

Island Lake Estates attorney Adam D. Rieth said he could not respond due to the ongoing litigation with the Myerses.

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## BOAT

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The hull of the vessel suffered heavy damage in the front, but a full assessment of the damage has yet to be completed, according to Davout. The new vessel was insured, and the insurance claim is still being processed.

The City Council approved the purchase of the new vessel in October 2018 for \$97,500, which

was funded with grant money from the West Coast Inland Navigation District, a multi-county special taxing authority encompassing Charlotte, Lee, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

The new vessel replaced a 13-year-old boat that was in need of significant repair, according to city documents. The hull and the deck of the older vessel were separating and the dive door was no longer water-tight.

In addition to FWC's investigation, PGPD is completing an administrative review "looking at the incident as a whole" to determine if there were any violations of directives, policies or training, according to Davis.

"The review will also determine if any changes need to be made to our policies and training," Davis wrote. "I also believe it is important to note that our marine volunteers are highly

skilled captains and must meet strict qualifications before they can be a member of the Marine Volunteer Unit. They have volunteered thousands of hours annually without incident to help us keep our waterways safe."

PGPD has one full-time marine patrol officer as well as trained marine volunteers who patrol the 55 miles of canal systems and surrounding waterways in the city.

The volunteer marine unit was formed in 1997 with 11 volunteers and was tasked with patrolling the canals of Punta Gorda Isles, Burnt Store Isles and the local portion of the Peace River.

The city's volunteers in policing program now includes more than 80 active volunteers who assist in nearly every part of the police department including patrol and traffic, marine patrol, records, community

services, criminal investigations, community garden management, fingerprinting and the police pension board.

Volunteers are on-call for boating emergencies and any water-related incident such as sinking boats, boat fires, or missing persons. The marine volunteers logged 2,282 hours in fiscal year 2017, providing 2,100 miles of patrol coverage.

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## OFFENDERS

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of sexual predators and offenders living in Florida has increased by 1,703 since 2015, and by 8,101 since 2005 when the Jessica Lunsford Act was passed, making significant changes to the registration process.

A registered sex

offender is required to register for life, unless they have received a full pardon or post-conviction relief for their qualifying offense, Cary said.

"The sex offender laws do not apply to acts like public urination or streaking," the report said, as these are typically punished as disorderly conduct or a different

misdemeanor offense.

Sexual predators, which make up 50 individuals in Charlotte and Sarasota counties, are deemed as such due to presenting an "extreme threat to public safety as demonstrated through repeated sexual offenses, the use of physical violence, or preying on child victims."

There is some good news: "Sexual Offender

violations have stabilized in Charlotte County over the last two years," said Detective John Sadler, a CCSO sex crimes investigator. This is thanks to training and collaborations between agencies to catch these crimes early on.

"We work closely with Special Agents from FDLE and FBI task force in reference to internet crimes involving Sex Offenders

and Predators," Sadler said. "However, our Major Crimes Unit also assists with such investigations that do not involve previously convicted individuals." Sadler said he also has training in sex crimes, crimes against children as well as social media and internet crime investigations.

Neither Charlotte, Sarasota or DeSoto

sheriff's offices require a fee for registration or re-registration. Each office conducts in-person address verification at an offender's home at least once a year.

Sexual predators or offenders listed by neighborhood can be viewed by visiting <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/>.

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## SHUTDOWN

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to work, and we have to put gas in the car, but we don't know when the next paycheck will come," said the wife of a helicopter mechanic.

Jan. 21

• 3,000 TSA screeners called out of work, 10 percent of the scheduled workforce, a new high.

Jan. 22

• 27,200 households relying on affordable housing programs saw their contracts expire by this date. The Department of Housing and Urban Development instructed landlords not to evict tenants in rental assistance programs, according to the Washington Post. But advocates worry that "the longer the shutdown continues, the more eviction

threats we'll see for residents of this and other subsidized programs," HuffPost reported.

Jan. 25

• 800,000 federal workers missed their second paycheck, according to the Washington Post.

**Had the shutdown continued much longer, even more was at stake:**

Jan. 29

• The State of the Union

address was planned. President Trump agreed to postpone the speech until after the shutdown ends.

Jan. 30

• 50,000 Coast Guard members will miss their second paycheck, according to the Military Times.

Feb. 1

• All federal courts will run out of operating money, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts announced. "There is

no historical precedent to help predict what will actually happen," according to the Brennan Center for Justice. About 33,000 employees work for the federal courts, according to the New York Times.

March 1

• 40 million Americans may lose SNAP funding, according to Business Insider. Recipients got their February money in advance but do not

know when anything else will come. "I am losing sleep over this, man," a Montana mom told NPR.

April 1

• 29 million children who rely on funding for school lunch programs may see the well dry up. USDA's child nutrition programs, which help give students lunch and breakfast, are funded quarterly and set through March.

# Deputy involved in crash with bicyclist

A Charlotte County Sheriff's Office deputy was involved in a crash with a bicyclist Monday afternoon in Punta Gorda.

The crash occurred at 4:07 p.m. at the intersection of West Retta Esplanade and U.S. 41, according to CCSO Spokesperson Katie Heck. Heck said the Florida Highway Patrol would be investigating. No additional details were immediately available.

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

- Kelly Ann O'Connor, 29, 15400 block of Sunkist Drive, Punta Gorda. Charges: failure to appear and two underlying charges. Bond: none.
- Alina Faith Schmidt, 21, 16100 block of Forrest Glen Court, Punta Gorda. Charges: leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage, violation of probation, DUI damage to property or person of another, and DUI alcohol or drugs. Bond: none.

- Tyler Michael Bauer, 30, 18600 block of Ashcroft Circle, Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$7,500.

- Anastasia Elaine Fragiadakis, 36, 22300 block of Albany Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of condition of pretrial release. Bond: \$2,000.

- Ademar Jose Martinez, 30, homeless of Port Charlotte. Charges: two counts of failure to appear, five underlying charges and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Thomas Edward Acklin, 41, 5200 block of Sunnydale Road, North Port. Charge: battery. Bond: \$3,500.

- Kevin Lee Manning Jr., 40, 9400 block of Tacoma Ave., Englewood. Charge: knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond: \$3,000.

- Emily Suzanne Paulsen, 20, 700 block of Crestwood Road, Englewood. Charges: trespass failure to leave property upon order by owner and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Kyle Brownlie McKay, 31, 200 block of Altair Road, Venice. Charges:

possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$10,000.

- Timothy Joseph Mace, 45, 9200 block of Strasse Blvd., Punta Gorda. Charges: failure of defendant on bail to appear on felony and two underlying charges. Bond: none.

- Maria Christine Gabaldon, 28, 200 block of Daybreak Circle, Port Charlotte. Charges: leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$3,500.

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

- Abdul Boyd, 43, 2200 block of Tamiami Trail, Venice. Charge: fraud, use of another's ID without consent. Bond: \$13,500.

- Stephen Broza, 52, 700 block of Cumberland Road, Venice. Charge: simple assault on an officer, firefighter, EMT. Bond: None.

- Samuel Harris, 65, 900 block of Saragossa Lane, North Port. Charge: battery, touch or strike (domestic). Bond: None.

## The North Port Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Nicholas Bowman, 27, 4000 block of Boggs Street, Port Charlotte. Charges: probation violation, burglary of a structure. Bond: None.

- Christopher Dunn, 24, 1200 block of Waterside Street, Port Charlotte. Charges: DUI, damage to property or person, Hit and run, leaving the scene of a crash. Bond: \$620.

- Wanda Mingo, 50, 1900 block of Mossy Oak Drive, North Port. Charges: DUI with person under 18 in vehicle. Bond: \$120.

- Anthony Spino, 24, 5100 block of Cambay Street, North Port. Charges: hit and run, leaving the scene of an accident involving damage to property, driving without a valid license, non-moving traffic violation, failure to register a motor vehicle. Bond: \$480.

## The Venice Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Jason Hopkins, 20, 4700 block of Egret Road, Venice. Charge: aggravated assault, battery to cause bodily harm or disability. Bond: None.

— Compiled by Anne Easker

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLOTTE

#### David G. Diflorio

David G. Diflorio, 74, of Punta Gorda, Florida, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery, & Crematory is handling arrangements. To send condolences, please visit [www.charlottememorial.com](http://www.charlottememorial.com).

#### Steven John Fisher

Steven John Fisher, 63, passed away Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.



He was the beloved son of Leo and Jeni Fisher. He had three sisters, Susan Solomon,

Joni Prose and Judy Fisher.

Deceased's Funeral Arrangements: A service will be held on Feb. 10 at the American Legion on Harbor Blvd in Port Charlotte, Florida starting at Noon. Food and Music to follow

#### James C. McDermott

James C. McDermott, 67 years of age, of Port Charlotte, Florida, originally from Massachusetts passed away peacefully

at Tidewell Hospice on January 26, 2019. He was retired as a watch engineer at TMLP in Taunton, MA, a loyal member of the Utilities Worker Union of America, Local 462, and served in the Peace Corps and as a sergeant in the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, 3 stepchildren and their families, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte on Friday, February 1st at 11 a.m.

An additional memorial mass will be held in Massachusetts at a later date. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Please visit [kays-ponger.com](http://kays-ponger.com) to leave the family your thoughts, memories and condolences on the online guestbook. Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### Maybell Magdalene Murray

Maybell Magdalene Murray, 88, of Port Charlotte, Florida died



Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 at home.

Maybell was born on Feb. 21, 1930 in Jamaica, West Indies and immi-

grated to the United States of America in her early thirties.

She worked at Calvary Hospital, Bronx, New York as a nurse's aide for 22 years. Maybell retired and relocated of Port Charlotte in 1991. She became a devoted member of Community Life Center in

Port Charlotte, where she attended Sunday School Services and also served as an usher.

Maybell is survived by two sons, Wilcox Alexander and his wife, Rosemarie of Brooklyn, New York and their children, Cree and Kavion, and John Beckford of Jamaica and his daughter, Dova Beckford Webb; a brother, Vincent Murray of Jamaica; her longtime friend, George C. Wilson of Brooklyn, New York; nieces, cousins, and friends from all over the world.

The family is grateful for all of the people who were in her life when she needed them. Our thanks to Pastor Mark Coffey, her neighbor, Karen Newkirk, her hairdresser, Audrey McMahon, friends, brothers and sisters at the Community Life Center. May God bless you all abundantly, you made a difference in her life.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, on Wednesday, Jan. 30, followed by a Funeral Service at noon at the Community Life Center, 19048 Edgewater Dr., Port Charlotte, Florida 33948. Entombment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Gardens in Port Charlotte.

Friends may visit online at [www.robersonfh.com](http://www.robersonfh.com) to extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements by Roberson Funeral Home Port Charlotte Chapel.

### ENGLEWOOD

#### Reinhold Wezel

Reinhold Wezel, 99, of Englewood, Florida, passed away peacefully

on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 surrounded by his loved ones.

Reinhold was born in Neuffen, Germany, on

Sept. 20, 1919, to Lina and Ernst Wezel.

He spent his early years in Neuffen as a machinist and was a World War II veteran. He loved participating in bi-weekly 10 and 15km walks in the Black Forest and the Alpine Region. Reinhold moved from Germany to sunny Englewood, Florida in 2006, where he spent his retirement enjoying a long active life hiking, dancing, gardening and sharing his soccer enthusiasm with friends and family.

Left to cherish his memories is his loving daughter, Anita Frank with husband Roland of Englewood, Florida. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Daniela Frank and Alina Frank of Tischart, Germany; great-grandchildren, Joshua Lochode and Leyah Ntanyaiga of Tischart, Germany. Reinhold is also survived by his two sisters, Elfriede Neilly of Hackensack, New Jersey, Ella Kalmbach of Nagold, Germany; nieces and nephews, and many treasured friends. He was preceded in death by wife, Katherina and life companion, Gerda Lok; sisters, Emma Ziegler and Klara Wezel.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Reinhold to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238.

# TEAM Punta Gorda highlights city's success

## Community meeting tonight asks: What's in store for the future?

By DANIEL SUTPHIN  
STAFF WRITER

What's in store for Punta Gorda's economic future?

Residents will get a glimpse of what can and is being done in regards to growth and development in the city at TEAM Punta Gorda's Annual Community Meeting today from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the PGI Civic Association (2001 Shreve St.).

"The Annual Community Meeting is our chance to share with the community the work that we do each year," said TEAM PG CEO Nancy Johnson. "This year, 548 volunteers worked on 23 committees and special projects. They are truly amazing."

Victor Dover of Dover Kohl & Partners will be the special guest for the meeting. Dover Kohl &

Partners has been hired by the city to manage the charette process that will help guide future development in Punta Gorda.

"He will say a few words (and will be there) mostly so that the community can be introduced to him, and to encourage participation in the charettes," Johnson said.

"While Punta Gorda is the focus, there will also be discussion of economic development projects throughout the region," Johnson said. "We will also be re-playing (as an exhibit) the virtual downtown presentation from the Journey to the Future Conference, a precursor to the development of a new city master plan."

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Attendance is limited to 225 persons. "After last year's overflow crowd, the Punta

Gorda fire marshal has informed us that only the first 225 attendees will be admitted," Johnson said.

A "mix and mingle" with refreshments is also planned for 6:30 p.m. With the theme "Economic Development is a TEAM Sport," the meeting will focus on collaboration as an essential ingredient in economic development.

Lucienne Pears, former director of the Charlotte County Economic Development Office, and Dave Gammon, interim director, will be the featured speakers.

Pears is the newly named vice president of economic and business development at Babcock Ranch, the solar-powered community being built in southeastern Charlotte County. She joined the EDO in 2010, was named director two years ago

and has played a major role in several development ventures in the county.

Gammon, formerly EDO's business recruitment manager, has an extensive real estate and financial background. He joined the EDO in 2016.

TEAM PG committee chairs will be present to explain their projects from 2018.

Johnson will also outline the organization's achievements in 2018, including the recent Journey to the Future conference.

Other efforts include "TEAM Builds," a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a deserving family, the annual "Pedal and Play" bicycling event and the nurturing of community and school gardens for growing healthy foods.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### DAR meeting

The Daughters of the American Revolution is hosting a meeting from 4:30-5:30 p.m. today at the North Port Public Library. It is looking for people who have Revolutionary War patriots in their family tree — and note the service is not limited to fighting with the militia. It is being sponsored by the Hickory Bluff Chamber of DAR and the Myakka Chapter of NSDAR Sarasota. For more information, call 941-456-2199.

### Friends of Wildlife

The North Port Friends of Wildlife hosts Terry Root from 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at Shannon Staub Public Library, 4675 Career Lane, North Port. Root will discuss plastics and the harmful effects it has on wildlife. For more information, call 941-876-3720 or visit [www.northportfriendsofwildlife.org](http://www.northportfriendsofwildlife.org).

### Book sale

The Friends of the North Port Library sponsors a book sale in February. More than 2,000 books and other types of media will be for sale. The preview starts for members only from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. It will be open for the public from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 and Friday, Feb. 15 along with

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Membership applications are available at the library bookstore.

### A Florida-friendly yard

People for Trees hosts "Creating a Florida-Friendly Yard" at 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at Shannon Staub Public Library, 4675 Career Lane, North Port. The session will teach participants how to have a yard "that uses no fertilizers, requires far less water and maintenance than a traditional grass lawn, and is more compatible with Florida's fragile ecosystems." For more information, contact Alice White at 941-468-2486, email [lady12001@yahoo.com](mailto:lady12001@yahoo.com) or visit [www.peoplefortrees.com](http://www.peoplefortrees.com).

### AMVETS dinner

AMVETS Riders have a steak dinner set from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Feb. 2 with a presale ending Jan. 30. Tickets cost \$12 and the dinner includes cooked-to-order T-bone steak, baked potato, dessert and salad. AMVETS is located at 7050 Chancellor Blvd., North Port. For more information, call 941-429-5403.

### Writers on the Air

Writers gather together on Sundays at Common Grounds Meeting Hall to take part in Writers on the Air through WKDW Radio, 97.5 FM in North

Port. Common Grounds is at 12735 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Writers are sought to read 3-5 minutes of poems, stories or screenplays. The public is welcomed as well. For more information, call Linda Schell at 941-223-1262 or email [lschell2@verizon.net](mailto:lschell2@verizon.net).

### Show of Shows

The Society of the North Port Performing Arts Center has its "Show of Shows 2019" scheduled. The shows continues Paisley Craze at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 with Paisley Craze — a band that covers music from the 1960s; and the final Show of Shows is at 7 p.m. March 2 with comedian Gid Pool, who is known worldwide, along with singer and impressions of Bud Conover. Tickets are available from 10 a.m.-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.

### Novelist speaks

Novelist Virginia Czaja, who writes under the name Virginia Crane is the guest speaker at Shannon Staub Public Library at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. Czaja has written more than a dozen books. She is a North Port resident and may hold a writing exercise during her talk. The event is

hosted by the Friends of the Shannon Staub Library. The library is at 4675 Career Lane, North Port.

### 'Red Hot Bunco'

The North Port Coalition of Homeless/Needy Children, also known as the Back Pack Angels, is hosting Red Hot Bunco as a fundraiser at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at New Hope Church, 5600 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port. It will include dice games, a 50/50 drawing, raffles, a silent auction and a Crazy Hat contest. Tickets are \$20. Back Pack Angels is a nonprofit that helps supply hygiene products to children in need in North Port. For more information, call 941-876-4809 or 813-758-2805.

### Relay for Life

Relay for Life is set for April 13 at North Port High School's football field. The leaders are currently looking for people wanting to form teams for fundraising along with survivors, people currently fighting cancer and caregivers of those who have had or currently has cancer so they can be honored at the event. Register online at [www.relayforlife.org/northportfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/northportfl) or call Melina Frederick at 941-447-0475 or email [melinafrederick@yahoo.com](mailto:melinafrederick@yahoo.com).

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# VIEWPOINT

## OUR VIEW

### A new park brings people closer to nature

**OUR POSITION:** Sarasota County opens Senator Bob Johnson Landing on the Myakka.

More than five years in the making, southern Sarasota County's newest waterfront park officially opened in a public ceremony last week.

Senator Bob Johnson's Landing is a small, beautiful park at the edge of the long, spectacular Myakka River, officially designated by the state as a "Wild and Scenic River." We expect the new access will open Myakka to a new large new cohort of visitors — picnickers, fishermen and women, kayakers and canoists.

Visibility and easy access is key. It's a beautiful spot.

Bob Johnson's Landing is off U.S. 41 across from the landmark Myakka River Oyster Bar. The River Road intersection is not far away up U.S. 41. Just down the road is the North Port city line; West Villages-North Port is nearby in the other direction.

It's hard to miss the spot as you drive over a bridge across the Myakka. Just look to the northwest at the river's edge.

The park is 7 acres of a wooded peninsula. It was purchased a decade ago through Sarasota County's Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Fund, which is associated with the voter-approved Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The purchase price was \$2.4 million.

Well worth it.

Millions more were invested in improvements, including a proper parking lot and ADA-compliant trails. The gate access off U.S. 41 was steep, difficult and dangerous; it needed to be re-engineered and re-graded for safety.

Other improvements include picnic tables, shelters and a restroom. There is a floating dock and an ADA-compliant kayak launch.

Bob Johnson Park fronts a shallow tidal body of water with marsh and mangrove swamp habitat in one section. The site is full of tall shade trees. Most important, though, is the 350 feet of frontage that brings visitors to the edge of an environmental wonder.

The location is natural Florida beautiful. Non-motorized boats, kayaks and canoes will be able to launch and travel downriver, under U.S. 41 and past the Oyster Bar for miles. Or they will be able to travel up the winding river, past thickets of mangroves and to the boat launch at the county-owned, contractor-operated Snook Haven restaurant. Then stop by for a beer, barbecue sandwich and live music before returning to the kayak for the paddle back. While in the area, visitors may also take in the county-owned Deer Prairie Creek Preserve.

In all, there are roughly 77,000 acres in public ownership along the Myakka's total 34 miles in Sarasota County.

For a number of reasons, it has taken a long time to get to this point: This was in the hoped-for and planning stages a decade before the purchase. The project won't be fully completed until later this spring.

But it's open now. We expect to see great use.

In addition, this should bring recognition of the value of environmental land preservation and the creation of public parks. This is a special spot that belongs to the public. The opening gives everyone — resident and visitor alike — the opportunity to explore spectacular, natural beauty. For free.

Not only is this a legacy preservation project, but it should encourage environmental tourism locally. A gem that should be enjoyed.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Electoral College balances elections

Editor:

Me thinks the author of, "We Are the 'United' States" on Jan. 23 perhaps should have refreshed on Civics 101 before bloviating over his purported "unfairness" of the Electoral College in presidential elections.

In fact, he invalidates his own assertions by rightfully expressing his support for "the office of the U.S. president ... represents the entire nation and should represent our nation equally," which, in fact, the Electoral College attempts to do just that for the national electorate. Civics 101 would inform the writer that:

"The Electoral College consists of 538 electors. A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the president. Each state's entitled allotment of electors equals the number of members in its congressional delegation: one for each member in the House of Representatives plus two for its senators."

If that were not the case, then presidents could be elected by New York (New York City), California (Los Angeles, San Francisco), Illinois (Chicago), Florida (Miami), Texas (Dallas), and probably Massachusetts (Boston). Perhaps all of the other "United" States need not bother to vote because their aggregate of individual votes would not equal the votes of those states and urban venues mentioned above, as examples.

Consequently, states such as Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Delaware, South Dakota, North Dakota, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Maine, Idaho, Hawaii, et al., would not be involved in presidential elections if there were not an Electoral College.

**Chet Buckenmaier**  
Punta Gorda

### The Democrats are people too

Editor:

On Jan. 23, I read a letter that was funny if not so tragic. Democrats

are to blame for all our government ills, according to the author.

This thinking shows how uninformed some are.

The past two years saw all branches of government were controlled by Republicans. Where was the wall issue then?

As far as the election, the author was very wrong. A Democrat won the election by over 3 million votes. We did lose the Electoral College, which stuck us with the biggest liar to ever be president. A corrupt branch of government, to the extent that many of the "team" will serve prison time.

As far as criminal acts by illegals there has been one that was committed by an illegal, who was not an illegal rather a Middle Easterner in Orlando.

I suggest the right-wingers smell the coffee. The 2018 elections showed the GOP what we the people think about our current administration. I believe in a two-party system and that is the primary problem. The GOP thinks they are the only valid party, they should rule and want Democrats to die off.

Just a reminder, we are just as much citizens as GOP members.

**Carl E. Carter**  
Arcadia

### No longer the 'silent majority'?

Editor:

I wrote a letter some time ago about this being a "hate page." We see it everywhere we look. Racial hatred, religious bigotry, socialists against capitalists, Democrats against Republicans.

Is it individual rage? Or, are we allowing ourselves to be manipulated?

News from the media comes at us with one point of view, almost word for word from each source. Most journalists write with one underlying thought, impeach Trump. We hate Russia! Why? "Well, 'cause they interfered with our elections." And of course, we have never tried to interfere in any other country.

Russia is our enemy. What does that mean? You wanna

go to war with them, or with North Korea? Would it be better to somehow be peaceful and try to get along? The last elections showed several young socialists voted into office. We have known about socialistic professors for years. What did we expect?

The tax cut only benefited the billionaires. Really? Not any more money in your paychecks? By the way, how long has it taken some politicians to become millionaires?

Trump is no good, he cheated on his wife. But, Kennedy, LBJ, Clinton, Roosevelt were OK? I am concerned that the "silent majority" is allowing our country to go the way all other great nations have ended. Maybe we are no longer "the majority."

**Jim Panaretos**  
Port Charlotte

### A failed effort in responsible journalism

Editor:

The Sun has for years been the valued half of my seven-day-a-week newspaper habit wherever I am on the Paradise Coast as a part-time snowbird. The other half of my long established habit is an internationally respected, often quoted, nationally published American newspaper.

The Sun's Jan. 10 article, "Detective loses job on SWAT," caused me deep concern.

Your staff writer gives a seemingly thorough account of a very serious local incident. However, there is a jarring disconnect between article title, content and photos.

Front (section) page photos show not the demoted detective who left his "unmarked duty vehicle unlocked overnight," but the two young minority criminals who took advantage of the opportunity to steal multiple high-powered and very dangerous weapons.

Certainly, the young men who have co-operated with investigators looking into the whole, most-unfortunate incident should be held accountable for stealing

and for selling dangerous weapons, therefore highly profitable, on the underground market.

Fair is fair however. In "Detective loses job," the Sun fails its obligation to practice responsible, ethical journalism.

Instead the Sun and its editors may have, in fact, fostered racial bias and simplistic thinking. Perhaps to sell newspapers in a given market.

One hopes not.

**Barbara A. Doty**  
Punta Gorda

### Pot smoke will damage lungs

Editor:

The editor of the Sun, the Florida governor, John Morgan and everyone else endorsing smokable marijuana should retract their promotions and apologize to the public.

Like any kind of smoke, it will pollute the atmosphere and damage airways in the lungs. It will affect not only to the smokers, but to those innocent persons who have to breathe the second-hand smoke.

You people should be promoting public health and not contributing to unhealthy practices.

The dosage of medical marijuana, in any form, is not been quantitated and nobody knows how much of the drug they are inhaling or ingesting. It is also not purified and nobody knows how much and what toxic poisons they are putting in their bodies.

The FDA knows what is safe for humans to use and have never approved marijuana as a drug. They have classified it as a schedule I controlled drug, which indicates it has a high potential for abuse and the potential to create severe psychological and/or physical dependence.

**Dr. Pierre J. Fisher**  
Lake Suzy

### AP story should be rebutted

Editor:

In a recent edition of the Sun story had a story reported by AP reporters and was published in "The News Wire." It was a portrait of a native American playing a drum in Washington, D.C., as being mocked by a group of Catholic High School boys who also happened to be demonstrating in front of the Supreme Court on abortion.

The article, "Students mock Native American after rally," has been proven to be totally false and misleading. In fact, it was the native American who advanced on the group of boys and may have been attempting to disrupt their peaceful demonstration with his presence. Many of those attacking the high school youth have since retracted their comments. I wonder how long readers will have to wait to see a rebuttal article printed by the Sun.

The Adams Publishing Corp. is depicted as a moderate publishing organization that touts fairness to all political persuasions. If this is indeed an example, then nothing with this newspaper has changed.

**Bob Reichert**  
Punta Gorda

## HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. Please keep them to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as for grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name — not initials. An address and telephone number must be included. The phone number and address are not for publication, but must be provided. Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only one letter per person per month.

The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. The newspaper takes no responsibility for the content of these letters. Please send or bring correspondence to the Sun, Letters to the Editor, 23170 Harborview Road, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980. Readers may email Letters to the Editor at letters@sun-herald.com. Further questions or information, call 941-681-3003.

# Community support needed in fight against red tide

As we have painfully learned over the past year, red tide is a huge problem for our beautiful Southwest Florida coast. The current episode started November 2017 and has continued with few breaks until now.

I hear my friends and neighbors say, "It's natural so why should I get involved?" and "I hear so many things about red tide that I don't know what to believe."

We have an opportunity to address both of those concerns on



Guest Columnist  
**DAMIAN OCHAB**

today. Charlotte County leaders have arranged a Water Quality Summit focusing on red tide at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. The summit runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will feature three algal bloom/

red tide panel discussions with scientists, researchers and policymakers.

The South Manasota Sandpiper Key Association, with over 500 members, is taking action by educating our members about red tide, forming a Red Tide Action Task Force, and taking personal action, including advocating for use of Florida friendly fertilizers or, better yet, using no fertilizer at all, septic tank inspections and repair, properly disposing of dead fish and pressing government

officials to find and implement solutions to the red tide scourge.

While we likely can't completely eliminate red tide, we can reduce the length and severity of episodes by taking personal responsibility, by supporting the counties in reducing sewage spills and septic system failures, and by supporting state actions to reduce stormwater surges by building reservoirs near Lake Okeechobee, restoring the Everglades natural filtration system and greatly reducing

nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) getting into the Gulf.

I urge your attendance at the summit. Numbers matter. Our county commissioners are taking red tide seriously, but they will take bigger and bolder actions if they see they have our support. Come and learn and voice your concerns and ideas. I also greatly encourage business owners participate — you have taken it on the chin economically and your voice must be heard. You must register to

attend. Go to: [www.ccwatersummit.eventbrite.com](http://www.ccwatersummit.eventbrite.com), or email Brian Gleason at [Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov), or call him at 941-743-1462.

Charlotte County is even providing bus service from the Tringali Park at 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 p.m., with return following the summit. Both the summit and transportation are free.

*Damian Ochab is a resident of Manasota Key and the president of the South Manasota and Sandpiper Key Association (SMSKA).*

# Out-of-touch administration: Let them eat cake

When F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote, "Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me," he inadvertently foreshadowed the government shutdown of 2018-19.

Fitzgerald was alluding to the wealthy class, which he had earlier portrayed in "The Great Gatsby," the great American novel. *Old* money is also different from newly made fortunes, as Jay Gatsby himself discovered during his futile attempts to buy acceptance.

But Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross' recent comment about furloughed government employees — that he didn't "really quite understand" why unpaid workers were visiting food banks — confirmed Fitzgerald's point. The very wealthy are different — and they think differently.

Ross furthered his disassociation from reality, saying that "the obligations that they



Washington Post  
**KATHLEEN PARKER**

(federal employees) would undertake — say, borrowing from a bank or a credit union — are, in effect, federally guaranteed, so the 30 days of pay that some people will be out is no real reason why they shouldn't be able to get a loan against it."

Yes, quite, quite. Then again, if you've never lived paycheck to paycheck, as nearly 80 percent of Americans do, you might not be expected to *really quite understand* what it's like. Although some banks have, indeed, been helping out with zero- to low-interest loans, it wasn't clear that everyone would be eligible. Even the fully employed suffer less-than-perfect credit.

The notion, meanwhile, that all will be rectified in

due course is cold comfort when you can't meet your financial obligations.

Now that the government is reopened — for three more weeks, at least — federal employees are still likely to face days of paperwork and telephone roulette as they try to correct their credit history and satisfy debtors.

This isn't end-of-world stuff, obviously, but the shutdown certainly wasn't a "vacation," as President Trump's chief economic adviser, Kevin Hassett, suggested. Ross, who made his billions partly by buying distressed debt further revealed his own cluelessness by dryly noting that the 800,000 furloughed and unpaid workers represent only one-third of 1 percent of our gross domestic product.

Why all the sad faces?

Thanks to Fitzgerald, we learn that being blessed with wealth "does something to them ... that, unless you were born rich, it is very difficult to understand." Which is to

say, we have a failure of mutual understanding.

Ross and Trump are primarily businessmen and, thus, perhaps see people more as commodities than human beings. Despair is a market fluctuation that cool investors simply wait out. And massive inconvenience for the ordinary working stiff is represented as dots and jagged lines on a spreadsheet.

Nevertheless, Trump, whose philanthropic pursuits end where the casino parking lot begins, felt compelled to rich-splain the commerce secretary, saying that although he hadn't heard Ross' statement, "I do understand that perhaps he should have said it differently. Local people know who they are when they go for groceries and everything else. And I think what Wilbur was probably trying to say is that they will work along."

Here's the sad part: I know what Trump meant. After two or more years of

listening to "Trumphish," a linguistic pattern of half-thoughts, sentence fragments and primary wordplay, one begins to get the hang of it. In this case, there's actually some consolation folded into Trump's translation of Wilburnomics: "Local people know who they are," even if Ross doesn't.

Locals and nonlocals alike also know who forced the government to shut down over an unpopular, expensive and likely ineffective border wall. Compute this: Landowner lawsuits and appeals over eminent domain could last years; construction of 1,000 miles of steel barriers could take a decade; and technology gallops along. How soon before passenger drones are delivering migrants to Oklahoma?

This may seem far-fetched, but so, too, were mobile phones not so long ago.

Meanwhile, we face problems more pressing than our dysfunctional

government. Recent polling shows that America may be drifting away from capitalism and toward socialism. In 2018, Gallup found that fewer than half of young Americans view capitalism positively and 51 percent view socialism favorably. A Fox News poll released Thursday found that 40 percent of Democrats think a move toward socialism would be a good thing and only 34 percent disagreed.

Republicans are against a socialist shift (80 percent), but they also tend to correspond to a graying demographic.

When the very rich are exposed as removed and oblivious to American daily life, it becomes far easier for socialists to make their ideas, such as wealth redistribution, attractive. Ironically, Trump's true legacy may not be the wall but the fall.

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# MAGA hat is key to ferocious liberal condemnation

The fundamental offense of the Covington Catholic High School kids wasn't so much allegedly mobbing, mocking or getting in the face of an American Indian drummer at the Lincoln Memorial.

It was wearing red Make America Great Again hats. That was the actual, incontestable conduct that created the predicate for the presumption of guilt and all the rest of the grief they've been subjected to since.

For much of progressive America, if you are wearing the hat, you are suiting up for Team Racist. You are marking yourself out as a bigot and a goon. Your individuality doesn't matter anymore, only the cap.

The entire Covington incident might have played out differently if the kids had been wearing red Washington Nationals caps. The imbroglia might not have gotten any attention at all. Even if it did, progressives taking a critical view of the students might have been more inclined to view them as immature teenagers rather than totems of hate.

As an analysis at Vox noted of the Covington incident, "The hats extinguished pretty much any benefit of the doubt



National Review  
**RICH LOWRY**

a liberal observer might have given these kids."

Exactly. Alyssa Milano notoriously tweeted, "The red MAGA hat is the new white hood." Which would be close to an apt analogy if people donned MAGA hats to carry out hideously violent crimes against African-Americans and other people uncongenial to them.

In a similar vein, TV writer and producer David Simon pronounced, "Once a campaign prop, a MAGA cap now fronts for such raw evil." He makes it sound like a red baseball cap with an embroidered American political slogan on the front is the equivalent of the Totenkopf.

This is, to put it mildly, an uncharitable view of their fellow citizens, who voted by the tens of millions for the guy who invented the red cap.

It speaks to the marketing genius of Donald Trump that he managed to create not just a potent piece of campaign memorabilia,

but a cultural marker that will forever be associated with this period of our national life.

The MAGA hat denotes support for him, yes, but also a certain boldness and unwillingness to be bullied that isn't merely symbolic — people occasionally get assaulted for doing nothing other than wearing the caps.

And why not, if the cap symbolizes only one thing for the left? As Commonwealth magazine columnist Mollie O'Reilly wrote of the Covington controversy, "You don't let your kid wear a MAGA hat and then act offended when they get taken for a racist."

Well, there's the minor detail that your kid might not be remotely racist. It should be incumbent on

adults to realize, much though they hate Donald Trump, that not everyone who supports him or wears his political paraphernalia is a hater.

But it is the adults who take the childishly reductive view of this question. When Jamie Lee Curtis regretted her snap condemnation of the students, journalist Victoria Brownworth tweeted at the actress her disappointment: "DID YOU MISS THE MAGA HATS?"

This is why very little outrage has been directed at the venomous, freakishly anti-gay, openly racist Black Hebrews who berated and taunted the students. They weren't wearing MAGA hats.

And this is why much of the left didn't want to

relent in the campaign against the students, even after exculpatory video emerged. It wasn't just that many progressives still took a hostile view of events; they knew for a fact that the kids — at least some of them — had worn MAGA caps. And what else was there to know?

For them, this rendered the Covington students simply political and social

symbols to be crushed underfoot. Never mind that each of them was a teenage kid who — even if you think he has bad taste or noxious political views now — has a lifetime ahead of him to grow and change.

They wore the hats, and can never be forgiven.

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## Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners Notice of Public Hearing Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Charlotte County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the following petitions. Said public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, **February 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM** in Meeting Room 119, Building A, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida. All interested parties to the petitions should be present at that time. The Board of Zoning Appeals is not bound to consider the petitions in the order listed in this notice. Any of these petitions may be considered as soon as the meeting commences. Copies of the petitions, along with their complete legal description, are available for review at the Charlotte County Community Development Department, Zoning Office, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

**Petition VAR-19-001:**  
Gloria Clarke, agent for REX ONE Realty, is requesting two Variances: (a) to reduce the required 25-foot front setback by 0.5 feet to allow a 24.5-foot front setback; and (b) to reduce the required 7.5-foot south side yard setback by 1.2 feet to allow a 6.3-foot south side yard setback to allow an existing residence to remain "as is" in the Residential Single-family-3.5 (RSF-3.5) zoning district. The property address is 23493 Peachland Boulevard, Port Charlotte, and is described as Lot 1, of Block 1590, of Port Charlotte Subdivision, Sub-section 12, located in Section 12, Township 40 South, Range 22 East.

Should any agency or person decide to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Shaun Cullinan, Planning & Zoning Official

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# When should the public speak?

## Sarasota County Commissioners to consider changes on public comment

By **WARREN RICHARDSON**  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

SARASOTA — People wanting to address the Sarasota County commissioners during their meetings may soon face a new set of rules for their comments.

During their meeting today, commissioners will consider two proposed options for changes to their rules of procedure regarding the open to the public portion of their meetings.

The possibility of changing the procedures come as a result of groups appearing at commission meetings during open to the public to bring up topics or issues not on the agenda for that particular meeting.

In many instances, these groups have taken more than the allotted time for open to the public, throwing the rest of the day's agenda in disarray.

The latest incident occurred in late November when a group of 15 Siesta Key residents took to the microphone to chastise commissioners for

failing to implement the two Beach Road charter amendments and instead challenge those amendments in a pending court case.

The speakers went well over the 15 minutes allotted for open to the public at the start of the commissioner's morning session.

Following that episode, commissioners requested that county staff research the procedures of other jurisdictions and return with suggested fixes for consideration.

The first option suggested by staff would reserve both the 9 a.m. and the 1:30 p.m. open to the public sessions to items on the agenda only.

Other speakers wishing to address commissioners on non-agenda items would be heard at the conclusion of the day's agenda.

This option is the one used by the Charlotte County Commission.

In the second option, commissioners would hear speakers who came to the meeting to discuss items on the agenda, followed then by speakers on non-agenda

items for up to 15 or 30 minutes as directed by commissioners.

Any remaining speakers after expiration of the allotted time would be heard at the conclusion of the meeting.

Staff is also recommending that either option would be utilized by commissioners during workshops and other special meetings, and during joint meetings with other jurisdictions comments would be taken at the conclusion of these meetings.

Commissioners will meet Tuesday and Wednesday in commission chambers at the County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. both days.

Access Sarasota TV will also televise the meetings, and the agendas are available at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) by clicking on Meetings and Agendas under the Services A-Z tab. For more information, residents can also call the county's Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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### Newsday Crossword

SPICE RACK by Brad Wilber  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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**ACROSS**

- Polio conqueror Jonas
- Three-note chord
- Holders of peas
- Tell \_\_\_ (be deceitful)
- Door-to-wall hardware
- A Great Lake
- Crisp cookie
- Treaty
- Lincoln's nickname
- "A mouse!"
- Knocks over, as a house of cards
- Not married
- Spooky
- Colorado ski resort
- Human body sculpture
- Mustache or sideburns
- Glossy publication, for short
- Lazy \_\_\_ (pantry turntables)
- Speak highly of
- Compete in a marathon
- Adhere
- Start drawing a pension
- President after JFK
- Swirling current
- Style of furnishings
- Flora and \_\_\_ (plants and animals)
- "God \_\_\_ America"
- "Grownups only" restriction
- Have items in common with
- Ventilate
- Just published
- Personal assistant
- Briny spear with a sandwich
- Dog-biting bug
- Wear away slowly
- Adorable
- "Transmit email" button
- Pave again, as a driveway
- Minor argument
- Stone used for marbles
- Banishes from a country
- Chinese beef entrée
- Word-of-mouth
- Board game cubes
- Movie sound stages
- Snakelike fishes
- Very devout
- Pungent loaf served with pasta
- Surrounds overwhelmingly
- Portion of corn
- Uttered
- Barrel for beer
- Common dismissal hr. for elementary school
- Jeopardize
- Rural hotel
- Pie in the \_\_\_ (improbable idea)
- Bridge guard of folklore
- Hoops org.
- Device that stores digital books
- Tree whose berries flavor gin
- "Me either"
- Tip of a tower
- Refill, as a stamp pad
- River mouth formation
- Sugary
- Clumsy ones
- Highly objectionable
- Garden in Genesis
- Alan of M\*A\*S\*H
- Site to build a house on
- Vaccine measures: Abbr.

**DOWN**

- Lengthy tales
- Excuse that might be "ironclad"
- Tablecloth or pillowcase
- Barrel for beer
- Common dismissal hr. for elementary school
- Jeopardize
- Rural hotel
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Look for a third crossword in *The News Wire* section.

Answer to previous puzzle

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Tricky road curves
- Too hasty
- "Boy, am I dumb!"
- Bowl over
- Valpolicella wine brand
- Suffix with project or percent
- \*Killjoy
- Metro stop: Abbr.
- State south of Wash.
- \*Face consequences for poor decisions
- Like Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial
- Yom Kippur observers
- Italian wine hub
- South African golfer Ernie
- Make a wool cap, say
- MLB exec Joe who was the Yankees' manager for 12 seasons
- Wrangler's ropes
- \*Furniture restorer's chemical
- Wild cards, maybe
- Arrive at
- "At Last" singer James
- Charged particle
- Recipe arnts.
- Polar expedition vehicles
- '70s-'80s FBI sting
- \*Airborne unit member
- Tijuana gold
- "\_\_\_ little teapot ..."
- Stationery supply with a blade ... and a hint to the answers to starred clues
- Min. part
- Companionless
- Quai d'Orsay's river
- WNW opposite
- Swiss watch brand
- Trial rounds
- Señor's wife
- Stock market purchases
- Furious with
- Outer: Pref.
- Video conferencing choice
- Carrot or turnip
- Dominant dogs
- Wintry pellets
- Marx brother with a horn
- Mete out, as PEZ candy
- Hidden, as motives
- Publishing family
- \_\_\_ Wonder: Robin
- Note-taking aid
- Classic '30s-'50s vocal quartet, with "the"
- Lake on the border of Bolivia and Peru
- Critical-care ctrs.
- Release
- Queen's "Another \_\_\_ Bites the Dust"
- Shares again on Twitter, briefly
- Set a match to
- Befitting
- Love handles?
- Grand Prix, e.g.
- Hand and Leia's son Kylo \_\_\_
- Loathe
- 14-legged crustacean
- Nova \_\_\_
- Mother or father
- Goopy campfire treats
- For face value
- Song syllables
- HRC forerunner
- 49 Nair staple
- Winery prefix
- Opposite of post-
- Shirt with a V-neck, perhaps

By Frank Virzi 1/29/19

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Commissioners may end fewer meetings experiment

## Did eliminating pre-agenda meeting make regular televised meeting longer?

By **BETSY CALVERT**  
STAFF WRITER

With cameras rolling, commissioners debate or sometimes argue every other week at their meetings in the county hearing room.

This month, commissioners are experimenting with an idea that might keep more of that debate before television cameras. In this experiment, they agreed to give up a regular, non-televised pre-agenda meeting held the week before each regular meeting.

But after a lengthy televised meeting this week, several commissioners worried that they spent too much time debating issues that might have been resolved the week before.

"I think we ought to go back to the pre-agenda, frankly," said Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch. "It does serve as a good vehicle to get together to share our ideas."

For pre-agenda meetings, several dozen of the county's executive and professional staff gather in a small room in case a commissioner has a question. The meetings are usually over very quickly, and staff go back to their work elsewhere across the county.

Commissioner Joe Tiseo said he thinks this is not a good use of time.

"I still don't find that much value to have staff, supporting staff, and everybody else there. When you look at the two years I've been on the board, a lot of those meetings are in and out, 15 minutes. The attendance at those things, I don't think all five commissioners have been there consistently. It's always two, three of us, maybe four."

This week, commissioners engaged in two unexpected debates. One was whether to sign an easement with the Sunseeker resort, to grant public access on a

waterfront walkway that Sunseeker will build and own. Also, they delayed a decision to sell a new water line for \$10 to the city of Punta Gorda after one commissioner objected.

"I think pre-agenda would have saved us a good hour, maybe more," Deutsch said.

Tiseo said his objection to the Sunseeker deal would have arisen at the televised meeting with or without a prior meeting. He said what he needed and got, was to have Sunseeker's lawyer at the televised meeting. The commissioners were able to make a deal on what time the walkway would be open to the public.

Commissioners agreed to try going back to pre-agenda meetings in the future, after January.

"If we go back to it for February," Commission Chairman Ken Doherty said, "We need to watch our attendance and participation."

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### COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

#### Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour 2019

The Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 2 and includes a showcase of six homes and a garden in and around Punta Gorda and the new Carmelo's restaurant. Sponsored by Beyond Ourselves, the community service arm of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, all proceeds from the

tour benefit the children of Charlotte County. In a Decade of Giving, the organization has donated more than \$329,000 to local charities. Tickets are available online at [www.beyondourselves.islessites.com](http://www.beyondourselves.islessites.com).

#### Immigration Justice Committee to meet

The Immigration Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County and the

Indivisible Action of Southwest Florida invite you to a letter writing "party" at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at the UUFCC, 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. Join others and write to your elected representatives demanding immigration justice: continuation of the "Dreamers Act" (DACA)," and the "American Promise Act" (Temporary Protective Status). For more information: [b007boop@aol.com](mailto:b007boop@aol.com).



# OUR TOWN: BUSINESS

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

## Don't get scammed changing mailing address

Here's what you need to know about doing it right

Shortly, our Southwest Florida "winter guests" will be returning to their homes in northern states or Canada. In Charlotte County alone, the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research estimates that number to be about 30,000 seasonal residents or 15 percent of the county's population.

One important item on their "things-to-do" checklist? Changing their mailing address.

Forwarding U.S. mail to a new location is done by going to your local post office two weeks before leaving and requesting a "Mover's Guide" packet. Inside is PS Form 3575, printed on a postage-paid postcard. Fill it out and either give it to a postal worker at the counter or drop it in the letter mail slot inside the post office.

It's free. Repeat FREE. Or do it online at the official USPS website, <https://moversguide.usps.com> for just a buck. (The one-time \$1 charge is an "identity verification fee.") Online mail forwarding can be scheduled up to three months in advance.

Or — spoiler alert — do an internet search for "moving change of address" and mistakenly go to one of many third-party websites, charging up to \$80. Because these sites pay for higher search result placement, they often show up before the official USPS.com.

Besides paying a lot more, buried in the fine print of at least one of these sites, I found an agreement for an additional free 30-day trial membership in a shopping discount club. However, with this "negative option" plan, if you don't cancel, you're then charged \$60. A month.

And it gets worse. The Better Business Bureau warns that some of these websites are only fronts for a scam. They take your money but your address is left unchanged. The BBB says to be suspicious of any sites with no working customer service number and no physical address.

The takeaway here? Change your address at a post office or on the official [usps.com](https://usps.com) website.

What if you receive a USPS change of address confirmation letter, and DIDN'T request one? It's most likely a scam to get your personal information. Don't respond. Call the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's mail fraud criminal investigations service center at 877-876-2455.

Watch out for another prevalent post office scam involving bogus "delivery failure notification" emails. Clicking a link or opening an attachment to reschedule, downloads a computer virus. Just delete.

Then think twice before raising that red mailbox flag for outgoing mail. It's also an open invitation for potential thieves.

"You're less likely to notice that mail going missing than your incoming mail since the whole point was for it to be taken away," cautions the Identity Theft Resource Center. "Anytime you have sensitive mail, tax documents, bills with checks, or other important letters, it's a better idea to drop them in a USPS mailbox."

And that incoming mail? Thousands of victims have had their identities stolen because of mail theft. Crooks can steal your credit card statement, for example, and then use the information to pose as the credit card company to phish more information from you.

So follow my recent recommendation and register for "USPS Informed Delivery" at [www.informeddelivery.com](http://www.informeddelivery.com). Each morning, you'll get a snapshot of every scan-able piece of mail out for delivery. You'll also be notified of any packages to be delivered that day and those arriving soon. The service can help identify any stolen items.

If you really don't want it, register anyway. That at least blocks anyone else from registering as you, enabling them to see your daily mail delivery before you get it. Then sign back on to your USPS account, click "settings," and DE-select "Turn on my Informed Delivery notification." A number of readers said they were facing a three-hour wait with the USPS phone number I provided to block the service.

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David MORRIS  
COLUMNIST

# The Calista vision



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Jen Dubbaneh uses the 2020 Design program to help clients envision their project down to the smallest detail.

## Jen Dubbaneh brings big-city remodeling experience home

By SUE WADE  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Growing up, Jen Dubbaneh didn't think she'd ever want to own her own business.

But when her first Calista Kitchen & Bath client hugged her, in tears, she knew she'd made the right move.

"That was my first I-can-really-do-this moment," Dubbaneh said. "But it can be nerve racking to come from a large team to your own company, where it all comes down to you."

In the beginning, that large team was her own family.

"I remember when I was about 12, my parents were building a house. My mom, Sarah, is a nurse; my dad, Charlie, is an entrepreneur who's dabbled in many different things. He

### CALISTA KITCHEN & BATH

Where: 2421 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda.

More information: Visit the showroom, call Jen at 941-916-9232, or email [jen@calistadesign.com](mailto:jen@calistadesign.com).

Event: Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes will be offered during a Grand Opening celebration Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

self-contracted and built the house himself," she said.

"I went to meetings and picked out different selections with them. I helped them draw up custom woodwork and was thrilled to be able to create something that way. But at that point, I'm sure my parents didn't envision that this would become a career for me."



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Jen Dubbaneh's Calista Kitchen & Bath brings big-city experience back to her hometown.

## SCORE Small Business Talk: Promoting your Business

Do you have the best product, selection or service in the area?

Even so, your business cannot succeed until people hear about it. Getting the information about your business to your target market is the most important part of your marketing plan.

Promoting your business is all about getting the word out.

The first step in creating

a promotional plan is to determine what you're going to tell your target market. What you say and how you say it are as important as defining your market. What is amazing about your product or service? What are the benefits of using your product or service? What is your competitive advantage over all the other choices available? Use the answers to those questions to create the message of your promotion.

Don't forget to tell your market what you want them to do. Use this message consistently in all the

promotional tools you use. Let's look at some of these tools.

Advertising is a form of paid communication or promotion for your product, service or idea. Traditional advertising tools include print and broadcast media, the internet and social media outlets. If the research on your target market shows they receive their information from these sources, they may be your best solution.

Sales Promotions are incentive tools used to drive-up short-term sales. While the focus of

advertising is to create a reason for purchase, the focus of sales promotions is to create an incentive to buy. Incentives could be samples, coupons, free trial and demonstration.

Public Relations programs help cultivate a positive reputation with your market. Most public relation tools are available at no cost. Press releases to newspapers and radio stations get the word of events and new additions to the public. Posts on social media can also spread the word.

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: STONWARE POTTERY IN PUNTA GORDA

### Having fun while they work

By DEBRA GOUVELLIS  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Stoneware Pottery in Punta Gorda offers pottery studios that are intended for experienced potters to create and design functional, original and decorative wares. All pottery is glazed and fired on location.

Q.) What has changed since you opened in 2010?

A.) I expanded the store to two. I just opened a pottery school last year.

Q.) How many employees do you have?

A.) One.

Q.) What is your most popular item or service?

A.) High fire stoneware pottery mugs, vases, and casserole bowls.

Q.) What's the hardest part about your business?

A.) Keeping up with production.

Q.) What sets you apart from other businesses?

A.) Everything is hand-made, we do everything from scratch. I have over 50 years of experience.

Q.) What advice do you

### STONWARE POTTERY

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Owner: Jack Vartanian

Phone: 941-875-8874

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

have for someone just starting a business?

A.) Take time to build clientele. Perseverance and you have to work it ... Be open and available.

Q.) What's the future hold for your business?

A.) We constantly are learning more and offer that knowledge.

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Suzanne Conley, potter and teacher, and Jack Vartanian, owner of Stoneware Pottery in Punta Gorda, have a little fun while they work. The pottery studios are intended for experienced potters to create and design original, hand made functional and decorative wares.



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### 3116 NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2018-1716-DR  
Division: Family  
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD AND ADOPTION,

ARTURO ROBERT SHAFFER

### NOTICE OF ACTION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD AND ADOPTION

Petition to Terminate Parental Rights for the Proposed Adoption of Minor Child and Petition for Relative Adoption.

TO: Appleonia Dena Diocson  
1732 North 25th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121

**UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND THE PETITION WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE OR ASSERT REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to terminate parental rights for the proposed adoption of minor child and Relative Adoption case has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, within 30 days on Megan Beley Withrow, Attorney for Petitioners, whose address is 252 West Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 350 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

There is no property at issue.

**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**

**You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.**

**WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.**

Dated: 01/25/2019.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Jen Kern

Deputy Clerk

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### 3120 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSAN SCHMIDTKE, a/k/a SUSAN JOYCE SCHMIDTKE, a/k/a SUSAN BALLANCE SCHMIDTKE,  
Deceased.

File No.: 18-0731-CP

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified than an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of SUSAN SCHMIDTKE, deceased, File Number: 18-0731-CP; by the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 East Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; that the decedent's date of death was March 31, 2018; that the total value of the estate is \$00.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

JENNIFER SCHMIDTKE  
1808 Judith Lane  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

### 3120 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 24, 2019.  
Attorney for Persons Giving Notice  
Arlene C. Chase, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 0033591  
Arlene C. Chase, P.A.  
210 Wood Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
Phone: (941) 575-5142  
Persons Giving Notice:  
JENNIFER SCHMIDTKE  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Probate No. 19-000012CP  
IN RE: The Estate of GRANT O. BARNES  
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of GRANT O. BARNES, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2018 is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedents estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must first file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 22, 2019.

s/ KATHRYN GOLLUB  
KATHRYN GOLLUB  
Personal Representative  
**KATHRYN GOLLUB**  
**27 ROYAL WAY**  
**DARTMOUTH, MA 02748**  
s/Mary E. Trask  
MARY E. TRASK  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARTHA F. MERRILL  
Deceased.

File No. 19-30-CP  
Division Probate  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Martha F. Merrill, deceased, whose date of death was November 20, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR

### 3120 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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**Attorney for Personal Representative:**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTITH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLIE J. VAUGHN,  
Deceased.  
File No. 2018-CP-001114

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Billie J. Vaughn, deceased, File Number 2018-CP-001114, is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948. The names and addresses of the the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is January 22, 2019.  
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### 3130 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). The undersigned will sell at public sale Thursday February 14th 2019 at 10:00 am EST on Lockerfox.com where said property is stored at: iStorage Port Charlotte, 7001 Gasparilla Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33981, Charlotte County.

The following:  
Name: Unit # Contents:

Michael Magnane #549  
refrigerator, totes, sofa

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The following:  
Name: Unit # Contents:

Grace Clark #584  
misc. furniture, boxes totes

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The following:  
Name: Unit # Contents:

Daniel Nethery #713  
Roll up desk, twin size bed frames, multiple chairs

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# Relationships and money

Dear Dave,  
My father-in-law wants to help us with our mortgage. We've



Dave RAMSEY  
COLUMNIST

been working hard to pay off our home early, and we've reduced what we owe to around \$35,000. His idea is to pay off the remainder, then let us pay him back over time. In the past, he has loaned us much smaller amounts and everything has worked out fine. What do you think about this?  
— Brianne

Dear Brianne,  
I'm sure this seems like a winning proposition all the way around. My concern is there's a big spiritual and emotional issue that has been left out of the equation. The borrower is always slave to the lender, and nowhere is that more true than in a family.

I understand, too, you have a solid track record with this kind of thing. But anytime you borrow money from family you're playing with fire. When you do something like this, especially with such a large amount, the money issue is likely to be a shadow hovering over your relationship. Family get together, special events, and holidays will feel different when you're there with your lender instead of just good old dad.

I assume your father-in-law is doing well financially, since he can afford to make this offer. And don't get me wrong, it's a very kind and generous offer. If I were in his shoes, I might offer instead to pay off the mortgage as a gift to my son and daughter-in-law for working so hard to attain a goal. But it would be a gift. No strings attached.

If you have a nice, stable family, this debt will always be there in the back of your mind. If you have a dysfunctional, control-freak kind of family, it's going to be

right there in front of you constantly. Either way, I don't think it's worth the risk.

— Dave

### Fight back against fraud

Dear Dave,  
We recently learned that my wife's ex-husband used her social security number to establish several credit card accounts. We've written and called the credit card companies, and we're disputing the charges, but is there anything else we can do to protect ourselves and put an end to this?  
— Ken

Dear Ken,  
You bet there is! File a police report immediately, and if possible, have this guy arrested. He has committed criminal fraud, and it's not something you should take lightly. Also, put a fraud victim alert on your credit bureau reports today.

Don't stop with just alerting the credit card companies about this situation. You should be speaking with and communicating via email — plus snail mail, if necessary — directly with the fraud victim division at every credit card company involved. Make sure they understand this is a denial of responsibility and not simply a dispute.

Let them know you're sorry this happened, but explain that all these charges in your names are the result of a criminal act perpetrated against you. You may have to stand your ground with the credit card companies, because some of them might try to get you to pay it, anyway. Don't do it!

— Dave

*Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

## SCORE FROM PAGE 1

Direct marketing can be used to deliver your message direct to your target market. The internet has played a major part in the recent growth of direct marketing. Face-to-face selling, direct mail, websites and email marketing are effective tools for direct marketing.

Networking is another promotional tool that can be used to spread the word about your business. The key to networking is to establish relationships. Talk about your product or service, but don't try to make the sale. Networking should be used to share information.

Your follow-up should land the sale.

I am a large fan of Guerrilla Marketing. It focuses on spending time and energy and not so much money. Guerrilla Marketing tools can be an ideal solution for many small business owners. Search for "200 Guerrilla Marketing Weapons" on the internet. The list is free and many of the tools listed are available at low or no cost.

It's important that

you know which tool is working best to reach your target market. A suggestion would be to select one tool each month and record the results you get. After six months you will have an idea of which tool works best for your business and your market. Focus your attention on these tools but don't be afraid to try others now and then. The consumers' behavior and preference will change. You must change with them.

Sharpen the saw. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, Port Charlotte Lunch and Learn workshop is about Online and Social Media Marketing. Visit port-charlotte.score.org for more information and to register.

Let me know your thoughts at [eddavis@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:eddavis@scorevolunteer.org).

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PHOTOS PROVIDED

Calista's first project was the Anna and Bob DeRosa home, where Jen Dubbaneh tiled and backsplashed Anna's kitchen and designed this outdoor "man-cave" wet bar for Bob.

## CALISTA

FROM PAGE 1

While pursuing a marketing degree at Florida Gulf Coast University, Dubbaneh interned at 19 and then went full-time for a Naples property management group that handled remodels.

"It was right at the turn of the economy," she said. "Large hedge funds would come in and buy up foreclosures, remodeling them in stages to turn them around in three or four years. It was a multi-phase process in which I handled the remodel phase, coordinating different vendors."

"That's when I really fell in love with home remodeling and design." Dubbaneh was later recruited by a residential contractor in the Washington, D.C., metro area — a fast-paced world where everything had to be done yesterday. There, she not only learned all facets of the industry but also helped double the company's business.

In 2018, she returned home to Punta Gorda to launch Calista Kitchen &

Bath — a construction and design studio whose goal is delivering a big-city remodeling experience with a small-town sensibility.

"I felt I could bring something to the area that wasn't already here," she said.

Dubbaneh shares a spacious stucco building on Shreve Street with Nix & Associates Real Estate. There, she, Carla and Danny Nix collaborated on the buildout. Dubbaneh did all of the cabinetry, flooring and space planning for both the Nix office and her own showroom.

They continue to work together synergistically, especially if a Nix client is seeking design advice.

When working with a customer, Dubbaneh first goes to the home and discusses the project to determine the client's goals, timeframe and budget. After taking all necessary measurements, she lays out what she's able to do and provides a few ideas.

"I use a program called 2020 Design to design and scale the entire space, and walk the client through a 3D rendering, as if in

real life."

At the showroom, they select all the products for the project from a wide variety of brands: cabinetry, tile, plumbing, flooring types including hardwood, tile, carpet and luxury vinyl laminate, and accessories.

More than a showroom, Calista is a state-of-the-art experience with working plumbing, from shower heads and kitchen faucets to a TOTO washlet, and standalone tubs that customers can climb into and try out.

"We consider ourselves product experts who seek out the best quality," said Dubbaneh. "We participate in product training and visit manufacturing plants around the country, to better understand the products. We also participate in ongoing industry education and attend the Kitchen & Bath Industry Show and other builder shows to stay informed."

"I'm very aware of budget and functionality," she continued. "We recognize that your space must be functional for your needs as well as attractive, which is why



Calista Kitchen & Bath shares a sophisticated Shreve Street space with Nix & Associates, with whom Jen Dubbaneh collaborated on the buildout.

we oversee every aspect of a project. Our services cover consultation, design, installation including electrical and plumbing, and full project management, including a detailed day-to-day schedule."

They oversee and work closely with the contractor to ensure the

project meets the client's expectations. "If any issues arise, we're there to catch them early and correct them. We absorb the stress so the client doesn't have to."

A perfectionist about everything, Dubbaneh recalled, "I was racking my brains trying to come up with just the right name

for the company. I wanted the brand to represent something unique, genuine or beautiful. We were throwing around ideas at my parents' house with a group of family friends when someone mentioned 'Calista.' It means 'most beautiful' in Greek, which is just perfect, so I went with it."

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## Baldness Reversed in Clinical Trial; New Hair Sprouts in 30 Days

### Harvard doctor discovers stem cell 'pipeline' that feeds starved follicles to grow new hair

A Harvard Stem Cell Institute discovery has just been proven in a human clinical trial to reverse baldness.

Study participants massaged this into their scalp daily. New hair sprouted within 30 days.

Results confirm continued use fills in bald spots and lost patches of hair, and restores a natural hairline because it feeds starved hair follicles vital nutrients needed to grow hair again.

After multiple studies confirmed it's safe and causes no side effects, a product based on this discovery hit the market and people who have used it are singing its praises.

"On week three, I noticed new growth right at the front of my hairline. This is where my hair is most damaged from highlights and hair irons," says Elizabeth G.

#### WHY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT?

These results are due to a recent breakthrough in a hot new area of medicine, stem cells. Experts call stem cell advances a "quantum leap forward" in medicine. Because they are "master cells." That "promise to repair everything."

So far, Harvard Stem Cell Institute researchers have found they can reverse type 2 diabetes. Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute discovered they can reverse heart aging. And the University of California said they turn immune cells into "cancer-seeking missiles."

But up until recently, they couldn't grow new hair. And that's because nobody knew how stem cells receive the nourishment they need to grow into brand new cells.

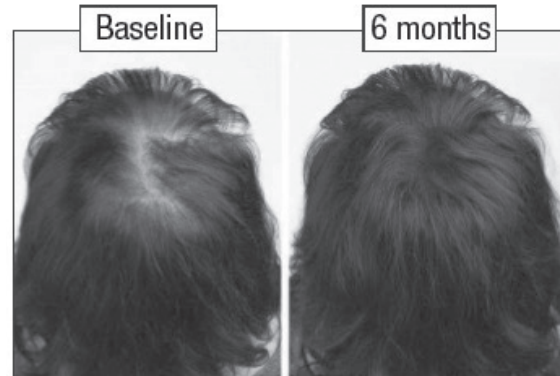
That all changed when Dr. David Sinclair — co-director of the Paul F. Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging at Harvard Medical School — examined hundreds of nutrients in the pipeline that nourish stem cells. One nutrient is so important he said "without it, you're dead in 30 seconds" because it's critical for creating energy.

This remarkable nutrient can be rubbed directly into the hair follicles sitting on the surface of your skin, giving them the energy needed to start growing hair again.

#### NEW HAIR REGROWTH FORMULA FLYING OFF SHELVES

Dr. Al Sears, MD, recently released a hair regrowth spray called *Re-Nourish* based on this breakthrough that has become so popular, he's having trouble keeping it in stock.

Dr. Sears is the author of more than 500 scientific papers on anti-aging and recently spoke at the WPBF 25 Health & Wellness Festival featuring Dr. Oz



**Stem-Cell Pipeline nutrient proven in clinical trial to make existing hair thicker, fill bald spots, and restore your natural hairline.**

and special guest Suzanne Somers. Thousands of people listened to Dr. Sears speak on stem cells and attended his book signing at the event.

*Re-Nourish* has only been available for a few months — but everyone who takes it reports similar mind-blowing results.

"After using *Re-Nourish* every other night, I feel much better about the way my hair will age and no longer fear what I thought was 'permanent' damage I'd done by over-styling," says Sarah W.

#### CLINICAL RESULTS

Researchers from Wake Forest University School of Medicine tracked 60 women with a serious balding condition known as alopecia.

This is where patches of hair fall out, leaving very visible bald spots. (This study involves women. But works for men too. After all, there is no difference in hair follicles between men and women.)

In this double-blind, placebo-controlled study, dermatologists asked some of the women to massage this stem cell pipeline nutrient into their scalps every day.

The results?

Women in the placebo group saw no difference whatsoever. But those using the pipeline nutrient saw a BIG difference... in less than 30 days new hair started to sprout where it hadn't grown in years.

Incredibly, their hair filled in thick and dark. And it continued to grow at a normal pace just like normal hair, filling in bald spots and restoring a youthful hairline. It didn't dry out their skin. Their hair didn't change colors. There were no side effects. And it definitely did not grow hair where it shouldn't be.

#### HOW IT WORKS

Hair loss starts when the cluster of cells responsible for hair growth — collectively called your hair follicle — stop receiving the raw ingredients needed to grow hair.

The most important of these is the "pipeline" nutrient discovered at Harvard and proven in the Wake Forest clinical trial. It's called nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+). It's the main active ingredient in *Re-*

*Nourish* that helps grow hair again.

But if it's been a long time since your hair follicles grew hair, chances are you need more than just NAD+ to get them sprouting out hair again.

That's where the other ingredients in *Re-Nourish* come in.

One is a plant stem cell discovered by Swiss researchers. In a study, they found a solution containing just 1% of these plant stem cells increases human stem cell production by a whopping 80%. In other words, it jumpstarts stem cells in your hair follicles so they start growing new hair again.

*Re-Nourish* also contains ingredients that reverse the No. 1 cause of hair loss. There's not enough space here to explain why this thins hair and makes it fall out, so Dr. Sears will send anyone who orders *Re-Nourish* a special report that explains how to reverse this process and grow hair again.

#### HOW TO GET RE-NOURISH

Right now, the only way to get this powerful combination that regrows thick and dark hair and covers up the patchy spots and skin peeking through your hair is with Dr. Sears' breakthrough *Re-Nourish* formula.

To secure bottles of this hot, new spray, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at 1-866-814-0414 within the next 48 hours. "It's not available in drug stores yet," said Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to the customer."

Dr. Sears feels so strongly about this product, he offers a 100% money-back guarantee on every order. "Just send me back the bottle and any unused product within 90 days, and I'll send you your money back," he says.

The Hotline will be open for the next 48 hours. After that, the phone number will be shut down to allow them to restock. Call 1-866-814-0414 to secure your limited supply of *Re-Nourish*. You don't need a prescription, and those who call in the first 24 hours qualify for a significant discount. Use Promo Code NP0119RN130 when you call in.

## 2019 North Port area Community Guides available

The much-anticipated North Port Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Community Guides are here.



Bill GUNNIN  
COLUMNIST

This annual publication provides valuable information about the chamber, chamber partners, city of North Port and surrounding communities. It also provides an orientation to the community and what is available to our residents, businesses and visitors.

The 2019 Community Guides are available for free at the chamber office and other designated locations throughout the community.

I would like to thank all the advertisers for supporting the 2019 Community Guide and making it possible for the chamber to provide this publication for free to our community.

The 2019 Community Guides provides a directory of businesses that are members of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce. These businesses have been checked by the chamber through the Better Business Bureau prior to joining the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce.

These businesses are reputable and reliable businesses that provide a valuable service and give back to our community. I encourage each of you to call upon these chamber businesses when you need any products and services.

### Business & Community Expo

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is offering chamber members only a discount on vendor booth and sponsorship opportunities for the 33rd annual Business & Community Expo to be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 9 at the George Mullen Activity Center in North Port.

During the discount period, chamber businesses will have the first opportunity to select and secure vendor booth locations and sponsorship opportunities of their choice. On Feb. 1, vendor booths and sponsorship fees will increase and any remaining vendor booths and sponsorships will be open to non-chamber businesses. There will be a limited number of vendor booths and sponsorships available and will be secured on a first-come/first-serve basis.

The theme of the 2019 Business & Community Expo is "The Art of Business." The expo will be held in conjunction with the City of North Port's "Arts on the Green" on the same day, which will attract additional participants to attend the expo.

The Business & Community Expo is designed to allow our chamber members and local businesses/organizations to showcase their products and services to the community and to encourage residents to shop and support local businesses/organizations.

This is a great opportunity to promote your business and attract new clients and customers. The chamber is pleased to announce that Worksite

is once again the title sponsor of the Business & Community Expo.

### Chamber Orientation

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a chamber orientation at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, in the Community Room on the second floor at the Sarasota Memorial Emergency Room, at 2345 Bobcat Village Center Road in North Port.

The orientation is designed to provide information on the benefits and opportunities that comes with a chamber membership to new chamber members, current chamber members and prospective chamber members.

Chamber benefits and opportunities are offered to help businesses and organizations promote their products and services to the community and help their business or organization grow and succeed.

Chamber orientations are free and open to all chamber members and to the public. It is requested that you register in advance so that proper arrangements can be made. Doughnuts, fruit, coffee and water will be provided.

For more information, please call the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce office at 941-564-3040 or visit the website at [www.northportareachamber.com](http://www.northportareachamber.com).

Bill Gunnin is the executive director of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and can be reached at 941-564-3040 or email at [wgunnin@northportareachamber.com](mailto:wgunnin@northportareachamber.com).

## Punta Gorda Chamber a strong supporter of the community

As we gathered at our latest board meeting — the first of 2019 — we had the opportunity to reflect not just on the chamber's program of work for 2018, but also just how far we have traveled since our inception in 2004.



John WRIGHT  
COLUMNIST

Reflecting on the efforts of a small staff of three people, volunteers and board members, the Punta Gorda Chamber has grown every year into a reliable and strong supporter of our entire community.

Chamber membership is something all businesses should consider, but we always advocate that being a member is just the beginning. Attending, participating and having your voice heard is even more critical. The most successful members are those that do all of the above. They hear first-hand what is on offer and how to maximize all the marketing efforts that the chamber consistently offers.

If you are a member already, you'll get weekly informative emails to keep you posted not only of chamber events and programs but also those of our members who submit their information. Most of our members are truly engaged and speak highly of the energy we create.

As residents and visitors, we encourage you all visit [www.puntagordachamber.com](http://www.puntagordachamber.com) and support those member businesses that support this great

community in order to generate a string client base. You'll find them all listed under the Business Directory both by name and by category, so if you are looking for a pool service, things to do, an accountant etc. etc., those businesses have already stepped up to support you and they in turn appreciate your support back.

### Wine and Jazz Festival

We are in the final stretch for the \$10 off regular Wine and Jazz Festival tickets. It's hard to believe, but Feb. 23 will bring Punta Gorda's 14th Annual Wine and Jazz Festival. The full lineup starts with Matt Marshak followed by the Sax Pack. Jeff Kashiwa has been on our stage twice before as a member of the Rippingtons, but this year marks his first appearance as part of this impressive trio. Last but by no means least, Gerald Albright will set the stage on fire in a triumphant second appearance at the Festival.

Regular tickets are \$75, but are on discount for \$65 if purchased by the end of the day of Jan. 31. Premium and VIP tickets are still available in limited quantities also. To reserve your spot in the park for this historic day, simply call us at 941-639-3720 during office hours or visit the Shop Chamber link of [www.puntagordachamber.com](http://www.puntagordachamber.com) please order early to avoid disappointment.

### Ribbon-cuttings

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies this week include

Express Homes' newest model at the Calusa Creek development, 28226 Arrowhead Circle, Punta Gorda (off U.S.17/ Duncan Road just past Bermont Road heading East), taking place tonight at 5 p.m., and then Calista Kitchens and Bath, 2421 Shreve St., Punta Gorda on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and support these new businesses to our area. Kindly RSVP your attendance to 941-639-3720.

### Mural walking tour

This Thursday, Jan. 31, through April 4, we invite you to join us in a guided walking tour of our beautiful city, stopping at historic murals along the way. This is in conjunction with the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society and starts from the chamber office, 252 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda,

To purchase your tickets (tour size is limited), please call us at 941-639-3720 during office hours. Tickets are only \$15 per person, benefiting the Mural Society. Our trolley and boat tours, in conjunction with King Fisher Fleet, will operate every Friday afternoon starting now and Wednesdays in February and March. Give us a call at 941-639-3720 and we'll be happy to discuss the various options with you for these ever-popular trips.

John R. Wright is the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce [jrwright@puntagordachamber.com](mailto:jrwright@puntagordachamber.com) Charlotte Sun is a proud Platinum sponsor of this Chamber.

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# Premier Tee's: Making T-shirts and friends for years

If you're a golfer, you might look at your fellow golfers and think there is a new pro shop here in Englewood. Upon closer inspection, you'll realize that Premier Tee's is one of the biggest T-shirt businesses around.

John and Barb Mead have been making T-shirts locally for well over a decade. During that time, the amount of shirts they've made and number of customers they've befriended is a

testament to their quality of work and the service they provide.

John got his start on Florida's East Coast, selling shirts to customers as to commemorate concerts and events. He soon found he had a knack for producing high-quality shirts and the ability to come up with unique designs or the different events.

John came down here from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, in 1989. Barb hails from Illinois, arriving in 1979. They both served a brief stint in the real estate business, he in sales and she in the mortgage business. They met in that line of business and wed,

forming a good business relationship. When the real estate market hit hard times, John began designing shirts.

Since they both had a marketing background, they realized the importance of taking care of their customers and treating each one as a life-long friend.

Matter of fact, that's what Barb noted as most important in any type of business. It doesn't hurt that they're very involved in the local community with membership in Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, the Moose, the Englewood Area

Board of Realtors, and serving on the Stillwater homeowners association. They are also involved in the Englewood Area Cancer Foundation, Englewood Beach WaterFest, the F.A.M.E. Music Festival and the Englewood Elementary School Eagle Run.

It's their community involvement that's given them the ability to take their fledgling business and make it one of the largest around, printing well over 2,000 shirts a month for such organizations as Englewood Elementary, Lemon Bay High School, Englewood Pop Warner,

Little Gasparilla Island, SandBar Tiki & Grille, Lock 'N Key Restaurant, Farlow's On the Water, Looney Electric and hundreds more.

One of the groups they do shirts for is The 85's, a group of 85-year-olds who play softball and travel the country. (I know one of the players, Hugh Brotherton very well, and I can assure you he can still belt the ball a mile.)

Their name and sphere of influence have grown way past Englewood, as they make shirts for businesses in Texas, Michigan, Wisconsin and many other areas. One business they

supply shirts for is a little different than most. It is a yachting business in the Cayman Islands. The owner buys the shirts for his customers and crew.

There is also a restaurant there called Nippers that uses Premier Tee's to help with their marketing.

Barb wanted to make sure I told everyone that their customers are always their friends. With the amount of volume they do and the diversity they offer, I am sure they have many.

Premier Tee's is at 2780 Worth Ave., Englewood, and their phone number is 941-681-2688

## Englewood Chamber banquet a night of celebration

An enthusiastic record crowd, complete with popping champagne corks,

gathered last week at the Boca Royale Golf & Country Club for the Englewood Chamber's Annual Gala and Awards Banquet.

The evening started with the question of which attending business has been a chamber member for the longest period of time. Four businesses have been members of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce for more than 40 years. Those include

Englewood Community Hospital, Key Agency, Short Stop Printing and Rowley Insurance.

Other highlights of the evening included:

- Keith Farlow, chamber president for 2018, thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the chamber. These include Frank Chappell of Gulf Realty, Corey Dean of Wells Fargo, Bryan Domian of Howards Restaurant, Mike Looney of Michael J. Looney Electric, and Carol Moore of The Englewood Sun.

- The official installation of the 2019 board of directors.

- New officer are President Mary Smedley of Michael Saunders & Company, President Elect

Valarie Powell-Stafford of Englewood Community Hospital, Vice President Jonathan Varner of Wampler Insurance & Financial Group, Vice President of Leadership Kristina Watts of Englewood Bank & Trust, Treasurer Mark Knauf of Mark Knauf CPA, and Immediate Past President Keith Farlow of Farlow's on the Water.

- Board members are Kathy Castellano of Centennial Bank, Lou Cook of Signs in One Day, Alfred C. Current III of Rowley Insurance, Brian Faro of the Island Team of Paradise Exclusive Real Estate, Jeremy Jones of Tall Pines Rentals, Chris Porter of The Englewood Sun, Sharon McKenzie of Barrier Island

Parks Society, and Kathleen Jarosik of Xpertech Auto Repair.

- As 2019 chamber president, Mary Smedley welcomed the new board, congratulated the award winners and spoke of her vision for the upcoming year.

- Award winners included Brandon Dignam, Castle Air, Englewood Community Care Clinic, Farlow's on the Water, Paradise Exclusive Real Estate, Michael Saunders and Company, Nicola's Italian Kitchen, Rothco Signs and Design and Sweet Relief & Wellness.

### Water Quality Summit

Free shuttle buses will

take Englewood residents to today's Charlotte County Water Quality Summit at the Charlotte Harbor Convention Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. The buses will depart at 12:15 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. from Tringali Park, 3460 N. Access Road, Englewood.

The summit will begin at 1 p.m. Representatives from the following organizations are scheduled to appear: Florida Fish & Wildlife Research Institute; Mote Marine Laboratory; Red Tide Institute; Florida Department of Environmental Protection; South Florida Water Management District; Florida Department of Health;

UF Extension Services; and Charlotte County Sea Grant.

Others attending include Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Truex, Florida Sen. Ben Albritton and Florida Rep. Mike Grant.

The summit is free, but organizers are asking people to register. The public can register online at [ccwatersummit.eventbrite.com](http://ccwatersummit.eventbrite.com). For information, contact Brian Gleason at 941-743-1462 or email [Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov).

Ed Hill is executive director of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at [ed.hill@englewoodchamber.com](mailto:ed.hill@englewoodchamber.com) or 941-474-5511.

## Join us for the Hottest Business Day in Paradise Business Expo

As we wrap up what has been the l-o-n-g-e-s-t month, I'd like to give a

shout out to the Charlotte Chamber staff and office volunteers who have been answering calls, giving directions, handing out brochures

and referring your business to our winter residents. This is just another reason why paying your chamber dues is so important to your bottom line. We get you business.

### Business Expo

And, we'll get you more business on Feb. 7 at the Hottest Business Day in Paradise Business Expo. Our 100 exhibitors are ready to tell you about their products and services from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Event Center in Punta Gorda.

There will be plenty of networking, handing out business cards, giving "elevator" speeches and more. We'll have two Direct Connect (think speed dating for businesses) at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and a great panel

discussion from local business owners at 2:30 p.m. The crew from Dancing with the Charlotte Stars will give a sneak preview at noon and I'm sure their cheerleaders will be there with donation buckets.

We'll have a grand prize drawing for attendees and another for exhibitors (you don't need to be present to win) and live music from Sum1sGot2. Plan to attend.

### Networking

Mark your calendar for Feb. 13, Networking at Noon at Beef O'Brady's Punta Gorda, 1105 Taylor Road. Please make a reservation in the chamber store or call 941-627-2222.

On Feb. 20 at 8 a.m. we'll have Coffee with the Tampa Bay Rays and the Englewood, North Port and Punta Gorda chambers at the Charlotte Sports Park.

The monthly Business Card Exchange is Feb. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Frohlich, Gordon & Beason Law Firm, 18401 Murdock Cirler, Port Charlotte.

We're also co-sponsoring a special Toastmasters Event, "How to Make 2019 Your Best Year Ever, Shared Ideas for Work and Life!" from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Board of

Realtors, 3320 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte. The keynote speaker is Robert Stuberg, who has personal endorsements from Anthony Robbins, Wayne Dyer and many more. Contact Dawn Rubin at 941-787-0251 for more information.

And, last call for the Annual Breakfast and Leader Awards, hosted by Gulf Coast Partnership & Together Charlotte on Friday, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Isles Yacht Club. Waste

Management of Charlotte County, Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Florida SouthWestern State College and Donna Barrett, CDBIA will be recognized. Tickets are \$25 per person and are still available through [www.gulfcoastpartnership.org](http://www.gulfcoastpartnership.org) or by calling Tracy at 941-626-0220.

Julie Mathis is executive director of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. Email her at [jmathis@charlottecountychamber.org](mailto:jmathis@charlottecountychamber.org).

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## MEDICAL MARIJUANA AWARENESS

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This event is co-hosted by MMTC, with local MD Nagy Farag

## To Our Northern Friends:

While you were away we made some changes.

Our Classifieds section no longer prints in the paper on Mondays or Tuesdays. You may still view them online seven days a week.

If you have any questions, please call:

# 941-429-3110

# Volunteers sought, and found

## Expo brings out residents at Gran Paradiso

Gran Paradiso held a Volunteer Expo on Jan. 19 in the community's clubhouse to aid local organizations and groups in their search for volunteers. The free event brought together many such organizations from the area, allowing residents to meet, learn and sign up for available volunteer opportunities.



Maria LaBrosse, left, board member and Loretta Martin, volunteer with WKDW 97.5 FM, discussed the all-volunteer based real community radio station at the expo.



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Kathy Isbell, administrator with Our Mother's House, was one of many local organizations who had information on their facility during the expo.



Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County volunteer Carol Hitchcock and Chancy Bolo, manager for the Habitat Restore, discussed their organization and volunteer opportunities during the expo, as well as a collection drive they are hosting Feb. 9, to benefit the Venice Habitat Restore. For more information, contact Carol Hitchcock at 330-728-3999.



Steve Leclerc, representing HOPE for North Port Community Development Corp., discusses the need for volunteers and items for their organization, with Gran Paradiso resident Andee Madigan. Cold weather shelter items, including blankets, as well as non-perishable food items are needed for their pantry, located at New Hope Community Church in North Port. For more information visit [www.hopefornp.org](http://www.hopefornp.org).



Kandace McGuire, left, a new resident at Gran Paradiso, discusses volunteer programs with Susan Ricard, representing Back Pack Angels.



Gran Paradiso resident Kyle Martin and his 15-year-old son Corbin, listen to North Port Meals on Wheels, Inc. representatives Pat Ballauer, secretary and Judy Plecas.



Gran Paradiso resident Marcus Barresi, discussed Junior Achievement, the organization he volunteers with, during the expo.



Heron Creek Middle School volunteer and business partner coordinator Mary Ann Johnston had information available to prospective volunteers at the expo.



Bruce Isbell, president and volunteer with FISH, a completely volunteer based organization, dedicated to providing transportation for North Port residents, discussed the need for volunteers with residents at Gran Paradiso.



The Rogers family from left: Dave, son Robert and wife Sande and represented Friendship Centers of North Port at the expo.



Tricia Reinschmidt who helped organize the expo at Gran Paradiso, stands with her husband Todd, representing Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Pregnancy Solutions. Todd is also the director of the Rookie Dad program.



Jennifer Bushinger, director of community impact with Loveland Center, smiles while preparing to gather information she had on display at the end of the 2-hour expo at Gran Paradiso.



Charlie Denton with Family Promise of South Sarasota County discusses the organization and volunteer opportunities with Gran Paradiso resident Theresa Sawyer.



Venice Lions Club members from left: Robert Spong, Jeff Myles, Bill Loso, Gary Beck, past president, Earl McSween and Bob Winstel, represented their organization during the expo.

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## CHARLOTTE EVENTS

### ■ TODAY

**Wood Carving**, All kinds of wood carving 8-12 noon, Punta Gorda Boat Club, W. Retta Esplanade. All welcome to visit and enjoy.

**Pork-Cookies-Crafts**, Fri 2/1, 11a-7p. Pulled pork & extras, \$10 tickets in ofc. Cookies \$5. Crafts. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

**Eagles**, Eagles 23111 Harborview Road PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 music by Country Plus

**Genealogy**, Free: "FamilySearch Workshop" at Mid County Library, 10:30 am, TUES, Jan 29. Public Welcome — for info 941-380-1488.

**Punta Gorda Elks**, 11-2Lunch, 1-6 TikiTuesday, 2-5Music/Lee James, 2-6:30 BarFood, 6:30/Special BingoNight@25538 Shore PG 637-2606, mbrs & gsts

**Cards @ Rummikub**, 1/29, 1-4 PM, GFWCPC Woman's Club, 20271 Tappan Zee Drive, 9417668855, memb \$1, nonmemb \$2, men welcomed

**Friend to Friend**, Fellowship and fun every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m.. Noon luncheon on 4th Tuesday. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

**Road Kill Bingo**, Win meat products. Tuesday Legion Aux 103 @ 5 p.m. Open to the public. Non smoking 2101 Taylor PG 639-6227

**Am Leg Aux 103 Bingo**,

Tues 6-9 p.m. Open to Public Non Smoking Accepting School supplies for local schools. Great Fun 2101 Taylor Road PG 639-6337

**TEAM annual meeting**, TEAM Punta Gorda annual meeting 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 29 PGI Civic Assn., 2001 Shreve St., (941) 637-8326.

**Barbershop Rehearsal**, Barbershop chorus rehearsal every Tues 6:30 - 9:30 pm Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, PG 625-1128

### ■ WEDNESDAY

**Woodcarving**, Woodcarving and Woodburning every Wed. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Come and enjoy. Bev 764-6452

**TOPS Club**, New Year New You Take off Lbs sensibly 5 PG Hgts Civic Ctr 11200 1ST Av PG \$4/m \$32/Y Fran 941-347-8151

**Project Linus**, Project Linus 9-11 a.m. New Day Church 20212 Peachland Nancy 627-4364

**Balance thru QiGong**, QiGong moves to increase balance & strength for body & mind. PGICA 10-11 a.m. Wed with Richard Curtis \$10

**Am Leg 110 Bingo**, Early Birds 10:30 Hot Balls, progressive and specials. Am Legion Riders — Open to the public

**Eagles**, Eagles 23111 Harborview Road PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 Karaoke by Billy G-Queen of Hearts 730 p.m.

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**Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2019**, The exhibition will be held Feb 1, 2 & 3 at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium. Hours are: Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.. The show features 200 frames of exhibits. Forty dealers and the US and UN Post Offices. Free admission, parking, and appraisals. 7's 774-258-0135

**Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour**, Tour 6 homes, a garden, and more. Saturday, February 2nd-10 am to 4 pm. Begins at Punta Gorda Isles Civic Assoc., 2001 Shreve St. 941-637-1655 Ticket info at: www.beyondourselves.islessites.com

**CALLING ALL MALE SINGERS FUN/FELLOWSHIP**, The Suncoast Barbershop Chorus invites men who enjoy singing to attend our Guest Night at 6:30 pm on Tues Jan 29 at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, PG. Experience singing with a world famous Barbershop Director. Coffee/desserts provided. Ccall 941-625-1128

## ENGLEWOOD EVENTS

### ■ TODAY

**Badminton**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:00-12:00p. \$2 to play!

**Beginning Line Dance**, Learn steps and dances at Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9-10 am, \$3.00, 474-1438.

**Table Tennis**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-1p. \$2 to play!

**Fashion Show & Lunch**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rotonda Elks. Sandy's Clotheshorse Fashions & lunch \$15pp High end purses, shoes, clothes. Members & guests

**Line Dancing**, Dance with Harry to country, pop & standards at Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 10-11 a.m., \$3, 474-1438.

**Plant Clinic**, Plant Questions? Problems? Englewood Library 10-12 Every Tuesday & Thursday, Florida Master Gardeners, Free

**Auxiliary Penny Bingo**,

Post #113, Rotonda W..every Tues..11:30 am-3:00 pm..lots of fun.. call 697-9991..Open to Public!

**Open Play Pickleball**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 1 — 4p. \$2 to play!

**Ladies Shuffleboard**, Rotonda VFW Post Ladies shuffleboard. Come join the fun, meet new friends. Members & Guests. 697-1123

### ■ WEDNESDAY

**Crafts Sale**, Home-made crafts sale Fri 2/1, 11a-7p. Pulled pork \$10 & cookies \$5! Tickets Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

**Line Dancing**, 9-30 to 11-30 American Legion Post 113 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda West. Phone Eve at 941 697 8733

**Gentle Yoga**, Bring a mat and water for yoga at Lemon Bay Woman's Club, All levels. 51 N. Maple

St. 10-11 a.m., \$7, 810-223-8616.

**Nature Boat Tour**, 10a-12p, Gasparilla Marina, 941-575-5861 2hr boat tour w environmentalists viewing wildlife. Call for tix 6 guests \$30pp

**Beginner Pickleball**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 10:30-12:30p. \$2 to play! This class is instructional.

**Euchre**, Euchre Every Mon & Wed 1:00 PM VFW Post 10178 550 NB McCall Road., 941-474-7516 Come join us and have fun!

**Intermed. Pickleball**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 1-4p. \$2 to play!

**Tacos & Dancing**, Tacos, Elkitos, Burritos, Nachos & more Rotonda Elks 5-7 p.m. Music: John Hughes 6-9 p.m. Members & guests

**Zumba with Chantal**, Dance and work out to world music at Lemon Bay Woman's Club located at 51 N. Maple St, 6-7 pm, \$7.00. 941-445-1310.

**BAR BINGO**, Rotonda VFW, bar bingo. Come join us for a fun night. Bingo on the V ball for extra winnings. Members & guests 697-1123

**Dave and Daphne**, 6:30 p.m. Famous Guitarist & Soloist, \$10 Missions Benefit. EUMC, 700 E. Dearborn, 474-5588, www. englewoodumc.net

### ■ THURSDAY

**French Toast**, Sausage, OJ, Coffee, Unlimited French Toast, Fruit, Crafts 8-10:30 a.m. Mobile Gardens Comm Ctr Enl \$5.00 941-474-9825

**Badminton**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:00-12:00p. \$2 to play!

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**Line Dance Club**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Christ Lutheran

Church, 701 N Indiana Ave. Improver/ Intermed. line dances. Public welcome. Nancy 474-6027

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### ■ FRIDAY

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**Line Dancing**, 9-30 to 11-30 American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda West. Phone Eve at 941 697 8733

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## NORTH PORT EVENTS

### ■ TODAY

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**Financial Fitness**, 10 am, Shannon Staub Library, 941-861-1740, "Financial Fitness" presented by the Foundation for Financial Education.

**Mahjong**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., N P Senior Center. 426-2204. Learn something new & have fun time w friends

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**Fashion Luncheon**, Tkts \$20, Anthony's/Vintage/Lunch/ Held Feb. 14, 11:30-2 p.m., NPCUCC, 3450 S. Biscayne, Mary Ann, 941-423-9890

**Line Dancing**, 12:15-2:15 p.m., \$5/class. N P Senior Center, 426-2204. Learn new steps & have fun. Great exercise. Joan 661-3799

**AMVETS 2000 Bingo**, Enjoy our Dilly Dilly Bingo @ 6 p.m. now serving Chili 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

### ■ WEDNESDAY

**Basic Exercise**, 9-10 a.m., \$3/class. N P Senior Center.

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**AMVETS 2000**, Corn Hole Tournament @ 6 p.m. 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

### ■ THURSDAY

**Cornhole**, 9-11 a.m., N P Senior Center. 426-2204. Fun

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**Crafty Ladies**, Handcrafted items every Thursday 9-11:30 a.m. (except holidays). Oaks Cove, Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-5533

**Conversation Group**, 10-11:30 a.m., N P Senior Center. 426-2204. Share a topic or a joke. Join in the conversation with friends

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**Real Estate Meeting**, 11:30 Olde World Connie 941-628-0949. Free Mattamy Homes will update NP RE Investor group on W Villages

**Mexican Train**, 12-3 p.m., N P Senior Center. 426-2204. These dominoes have numbers Not dots, easy to read & fun to play

**AMVETS 2000 Dinner**, LAUX ham, beans & corn bread & dessert @ 4:30-7 p.m. QOH @ 7 p.m. Karaoke by Dutra @ 7 p.m. 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

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# Excellence in Englewood: Chamber celebrates

The Englewood Chamber of Commerce celebrated its membership, honored its excellent businesses, thanked its leadership and installed its board members at the annual gala and awards banquet, held Thursday at Boca Royale Golf & Country Club.

Installed were board members Kathy Castellano, Lou Cook, Alfred C. Current III, Brian Faro, Jeremy Jones, Chris Porter, Kathleen Jarosik, Mary Smedley, Keith Farlow, Valerie Powell-Stafford, Jonathan Varner, Kristina Watts and Mark Knauf. Smedley is the chamber's board president for 2019. Farlow is immediate past president.

SUN PHOTOS BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH

Incoming chamber president Mary Smedley and outgoing president Keith Farlow flank Castle Air owner Blaise Castellano who won the Excellence in Business Award for a business with six to 25 employees.



Jim Benson, owner and broker of Paradise Exclusive Realty, laughs as people yell out that it's his birthday. He won the award for Excellence in Business for 26 or more employees.



Dave Roth, owner of Rothco Signs & Designs, shows off the Englewood Chamber of Commerce award honoring businesses with one to five employees.



Laurie and Keith Farlow received the chamber's Excellence Award for nighttime dining. The couple owns Farlow's on the Water.



Keith Farlow thanks Carol Moore, outgoing board member, past chamber president and publisher of the Englewood Sun, for her service to the community.



Kim Parks, new full-time membership coordinator at the Englewood Chamber, shows off her bling and sponsors of the chamber's annual gala and awards banquet.

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To the left: Marion Lutz accepted the New Business of the Year award for Sweet Leaf Relief & Wellness from Keith Farlow, outgoing president of the Englewood Chamber.

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## State of the Union address scheduled

### President Trump has accepted Pelosi's invitation to give his speech on Feb. 5

By LAURIE KELLMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday accepted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's invitation to deliver his State of the Union speech on Feb. 5, a week later than originally scheduled because of the

partial government shutdown.

"It is my great honor to accept," Trump said in a letter to Pelosi. "We have a great story to tell and yet, great goals to achieve!"

The speech had initially been scheduled for Jan. 29, but Pelosi postponed it amid what turned into a 35-day partial government shutdown over

Trump's demand for border wall funding. It was the first known time that a speaker had rescinded an invitation to deliver the State of the Union.

"When I wrote to you on January 23rd, I stated that we should work together to find a mutually agreeable date when government has reopened to schedule this year's State of the

Union address," Pelosi wrote. "In our conversation today, we agreed on February 5th."

"Therefore," she continued, "I invite you to deliver your State of the Union address before a Joint Session of Congress on February 5, 2019 in the House Chamber."

Pelosi's office and the White House told The Associated Press that the House speaker and president had spoken by phone Monday afternoon. A Pelosi spokesman said she placed the call at 3:55 p.m. and it lasted about 12 minutes.

The House and Senate still must pass a resolution officially inviting Trump to speak to a joint session of Congress.

Pelosi had postponed the speech, first as a "suggestion" and later, after Trump declared his intent to appear anyway, as a formal rescission. The president then refused to allow her to lead a delegation overseas on the military jets he commands. The president said he was considering an "alternative" plan.

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## Shark attacks down worldwide and 'nosedive' in Florida waters



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JUAN OLIPHANT VIA AP

In these Jan. 15, photos, Ocean Ramsey, a shark researcher and advocate, swims with a large great white shark off the shore of Oahu. Ramsey told The Associated Press on Jan. 17 that images of her swimming next to a huge great white shark prove that these top predators should be protected, not feared.

### Florida shark attacks fell by almost half last year

By JENNY STALETOVICH  
MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI — Looks like it's safe to get back in the water.

Shark attacks, still rare despite movie plot lines and one fatal attack this year off Cape Cod, declined dramatically worldwide in 2018 and plummeted by nearly half in Florida waters, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History's International Shark Attack File, an annual report released Monday morning.

The steep drop, a statistical anomaly, suggests swimmers may be getting better at heeding warnings, research director Gavin Naylor said in a statement.

"It begs the question of whether we're seeing fewer bites because there are fewer sharks — that would be the 'glass half-empty' interpretation. Or it could be that the general public is heeding the advice of beach safety officials," he said.

Florida usually tops the chart



AP FILE PHOTO

This 2015, file photo shows signs warning of a shark sighting, which was posted at Makaha Beach Park in Waianae, Hawaii. University of Florida researchers say far fewer shark bites were reported worldwide last year.

in unprovoked attacks across the U.S., with Volusia County annually crowned the shark attack capital of the world. But last year, the number in the state fell by nearly half, from 31 to 16. Naylor said that's likely linked to decline in blacktip sharks,

the species usually linked to attacks in state waters.

"Blacktips used to amass in huge numbers along the coast of Florida," he said, but numbers have

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## DeSantis appoints judge to take over elections post

### She replaces state's top election official who resigned amid controversy

By GARY FINEOUT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis moved quickly on Monday to find a replacement for one of his top hires who abruptly resigned after a newspaper obtained photos of him in blackface taken at a 2005 party.

The Republican governor announced that Circuit Judge Laurel Lee would replace Secretary

of State Michael Ertel. The move came just four days after Ertel stepped down once the photos of him posing as a Hurricane Katrina victim became public.

The photos were taken several months after Ertel became election supervisor for Seminole County and just two months after the storm ravaged the Gulf Coast and left nearly 2,000

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## Cohen agrees to talk to House intelligence committee Feb. 8

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
and JIM MUSTIAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, has agreed to talk to the House Intelligence Committee on Feb. 8, opting for closed-door testimony after pulling out of a separate public hearing due to security issues.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff said Monday that Cohen will be appearing voluntarily and that the panel will work with law enforcement to make sure he is safe. Cohen last week postponed testimony he was supposed to give the House Oversight and Reform Committee, blaming threats from Trump and



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the president's attorney-spokesman, Rudy Giuliani.

Cohen has not detailed the threats, nor has his lawyer. But Trump and Giuliani have publicly urged the Justice Department to investigate Cohen's father-in-law, insinuating he was part of some unspecified criminal activity. Trump, for example, told Fox

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## US goes after Venezuelan oil company with sanctions

By TRACY WILKINSON  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Ramping up pressure to unseat the government of President Nicolas Maduro, the Trump administration Monday took the long-awaited step of sanctioning Venezuela's oil company, that country's lifeline, and saying it will divert revenue to the party of his chief opponent, Juan Guaido.

The sanctions will block and seize \$7 billion in Venezuelan assets, administration officials said.

The administration stopped short of an all-out embargo on Venezuelan oil, much of which is processed in U.S. refineries and supplies numerous Caribbean and Central American countries.

"Any purchase of Venezuelan oil by U.S. companies ... will have to go into blocked accounts," Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin said at a White House news conference.

The sanctions target the state-owned Venezuelan oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA, known as PdVSA, and will prevent Maduro from using profits for his own benefit, Mnuchin said.

The U.S. and other countries last week recognized Guaido, the head of the Venezuelan opposition who declared himself president, as the rightful leader of the country. Russia, China and Mexico opposed the move.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser John Bolton, who joined Mnuchin for the announcement, said the oil company had long served as a "vehicle for corruption" that embezzled billions of dollars for the "personal gain" of Maduro and other corrupt Venezuelan officials.

In a long string of economic sanctions that the U.S. has slapped on Maduro and his government in the last two years, Washington had avoided touching the oil industry because of possible disruption to the world market. On Monday, Mnuchin and Bolton said they were confident that Middle East nations would be able to make up for any shortfall in oil supplies.

# 'Agreement in principle' on Afghan peace talks

## Top US envoy on Afghanistan says negotiators on key issues for a peace deal that would end 17 years of war

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Negotiators for the U.S. and the Taliban insurgents have reached "agreements in principle" on key issues for a peace deal that would end 17 years of war in Afghanistan, the top U.S. envoy said Monday.

The statement by U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad followed six days of talks last week with the Taliban in Qatar, where he urged the Islamic insurgent group to enter into direct negotiations with the government of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

Ghani on Monday assured Afghans that their rights will not be compromised in the name of peace with the Taliban, who have been staging near-daily attacks against Afghan forces, causing scores of casualties every week. Their offensive has not let up despite the severe Afghan winter and the insurgents now hold sway over nearly half of the country.

Khalilzad said in an interview with The New York Times that an agreement in principle was reached with the Taliban on the framework of a peace deal "which still has to be fleshed out" that will see the insurgents commit to guaranteeing that Afghan territory is not used as a "platform for international terrorist groups or individuals."

He said the deal could lead to a full pullout of U.S. troops in return for a cease-fire and Taliban talks with the Afghan government.

In his statement released by the U.S. Embassy, Khalilzad said, "We made progress on

vital issues in our discussions and agreed to agreements in principle on a couple of very important issues.

"There is a lot more work to be done before we can say we have succeeded in our efforts but I believe for the first time I can say that we have made significant progress," he said.

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said he has been briefed on the talks and described them as encouraging, but he also told reporters that the department has not been directed to prepare for a full withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Speaking before a meeting at the Pentagon with Shanahan, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said any discussion about the withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan would be premature. He said Khalilzad had briefed NATO allies on the talks weeks ago.

"We are in Afghanistan to create the conditions for a peaceful negotiated solution," Stoltenberg said. "We will not stay longer than necessary, but we will not leave before we have a situation that enables us to leave or reduce the number of troops without jeopardizing the main goal of our presence and that is to prevent Afghanistan from becoming a safe haven for international terrorists once again."

He added that he believes it's too soon to speculate on withdrawal because "what we have to do now is to support the efforts to try to find a peaceful solution. We strongly support those efforts."

Ghani sought to assure Afghans that no deals would be



AFGHAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE VIA AP

The Afghan president's office said Monday that Khalilzad shared details of his recent talks with the Taliban in Qatar with Ghani and other Afghan government officials. A statement from the office quotes Khalilzad as saying he held talks about a cease-fire with the Taliban but that there has been no progress yet on that.

made without Kabul's awareness and full participation.

Ghani's office said he and Khalilzad met late Sunday in Kabul to discuss details from the talks.

Khalilzad's statement emphasized the inclusion of the Afghan government in the talks.

Khalilzad has met with the Taliban on a number of occasions in recent months in the latest bid to end America's longest war. The U.S. invaded Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to topple the Taliban, who were harboring Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

The statement from Ghani's office also claimed that the Taliban demanded from Khalilzad the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan, but that there was also no agreement on that issue.

The statement added that Khalilzad has no authority to discuss issues such as a future Afghan administration but that his goal is to facilitate an intra-Afghan dialogue, meaning direct talks between the Taliban and Kabul.

Abdul Hakim Mujahid, a former Taliban official and currently a member of the High Peace

Council, an independent body of clerics and respected Afghan figures, said he believes the Qatar talks resulted in a "good understanding between both sides" but that more discussions are needed in the coming weeks or months.

The Taliban have in the past refused to negotiate directly with Kabul — a standing that does not appear to have changed. They have maintained that they are prepared to talk with U.S. officials only and only about the pullout of foreign forces from Afghanistan.

Afghan political analyst Waheed Muzhda says he believes that Khalilzad and the Taliban have reached agreement on both the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan and a cease-fire deal, but that neither side is prepared to say so at this point.

"But peace talks are not possible unless both sides first agree on a cease-fire," Muzhda said.

In Monday's address to the nation, Ghani also stressed that U.S. and other foreign forces are in Afghanistan because they are needed here and that if there is to be any downsizing or pullout, the Kabul government will have to play a role in the talks.

## HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

### Strongest tornado in 8 decades hits Cuba; 3 dead, 172 hurt

HAVANA (AP) — Neighborhood brigades and teams of government workers hacked at fallen trees and hauled chunks of concrete out of collapsed homes Monday as the Cuban capital attempted to recover from what officials called the strongest tornado to hit Cuba in nearly 80 years.

Three people were dead and hundreds injured, at least 12 in critical condition, after the tornado touched down with estimated winds of 200 mph in three neighborhoods across eastern Havana.

Members of the Provincial Defense Council of Havana said 90 homes collapsed completely and 30 suffered

partial collapse.

A quarter of the city's roughly 2 million people were without power Monday afternoon and more than 200,000 people had lost water service because of a broken main and power cuts that left pumps out of service.

Residents of the three relatively poor boroughs hit by the tornado were bracing for further calamity once the tropical sun started to dry sodden buildings, which can often lead to structures shifting and collapsing.

Miguel Angel Hernandez of the Cuban Center for Meteorology said the tornado was a Category F3, with winds between 155 and 199 miles per hour, produced when a cold front hit Cuba's northern coast. Other meteorologist told state media that the tornado may have been even stronger.

### Rescuers search in deep mud after Brazil dam breach, 65 dead

BRUMADINHO (AP) — Brazilian firefighters and Israeli rescue workers carefully moved Monday over treacherous mud — sometimes walking, sometimes crawling — during their search for survivors or bodies following a dam collapse that buried buildings for an iron ore mining complex and inundated nearby neighborhoods with ore waste.

The death toll rose to 65, with 279 people still missing, said. Lt. Col. Flavio Godinho of the civil defense department in the southeastern state of Minas Gerais, where the dam is located.

Officials said earlier that death toll was expected to grow

"exponentially" after no one was found alive Sunday. That stood in contrast to the first two days of the disaster, when helicopters whisked people out of the mud.

### Brazilian president comes out of surgery

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro came out of a seven-hour-long surgery Monday during which doctors removed the colostomy bag put into place after he was stabbed in a campaign rally in September.

Presidential spokesman Gen. Otavio Santana do Rego Barros said the operation, which began at 8:30 a.m. local time, was a success.

"The procedure lasted seven hours and occurred without complications" Rego Barros said at a

press conference, describing the surgery as a "work of art".

"At the moment, the patient is clinically stable, conscious, pain-free, in the intensive care unit," read a statement released by the Albert Einstein hospital in Sao Paulo, where Bolsonaro checked in on Sunday evening.

Vice President Hamilton Mourao took the reins on Monday morning as interim president for a period of 48 hours. Bolsonaro is then expected to resume work from his hospital room, where he will stay for several days.

Bolsonaro, 63, nearly died on Sept. 6 after he was stabbed during a campaign rally in the southeastern city of Juiz de Fora. The far-right president suffered serious internal bleeding and intestinal damage.

## HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

### Florida nabs 'America's Most Wanted' fugitive

PALM COAST (AP) — Authorities say a Virginia fugitive who was featured on "America's Most Wanted" two decades ago was arrested after a three-hour standoff with deputies in Florida.

Flagler County Sheriff's Office says 46-year-old Michael Eugene Moore has a fugitive warrant in Virginia. Moore was featured on the TV show, accused by authorities of stabbing his wife repeatedly and abducting their 5-year-old daughter in March of 1996. Weeks later, the girl was found in Miami and returned to her mother in Richmond, Virginia, after the child's photo appeared on the show. Moore remained fugitive.

The sheriff's office says a license plate reader detected a stolen vehicle Saturday and deputies signaled the driver to stop in Palm Coast, south of Jacksonville. Authorities say Moore didn't want to get

out, but surrendered after the sheriff called in a SWAT team.

### Police: Man attacks woman over too much TV talk

PALM BAY (AP) — Police in Florida say a man shoved a handgun into a woman's mouth after she complained he was talking too much during a TV show.

The Florida Today reports 55-year-old Calvin Lindsey was arrested at a home in Palm Bay on battery and assault charges.

Palm Bay police did not specify the show they were watching. After she complained he talked too much, Lindsey went into the master bedroom and shut the door. When the woman went in to get a blanket, she heard the sound of a shotgun being racked. She told him he was trying to intimidate her, but then he pushed her down and placed the barrel of a handgun in her mouth. Police said the woman broke her tooth.

### WWII-era grenade in car's trunk prompts Taco Bell evacuation

OCALA (AP) — When a World War II-era hand grenade came to a Taco Bell in central Florida, everyone else had to leave.

In Facebook posts, Ocala Police said a treasure hunter found the grenade while magnet fishing Saturday in Ocklawaha. Magnet fishing is a form of treasure hunting that uses magnets to retrieve items from bodies of water.

Police say the man put the grenade in the trunk of his car and drove to the restaurant in Ocala, about 15 miles away, where he called authorities to report finding the small explosive device.

The restaurant was evacuated and the Marion County Sheriff's Office bomb squad was dispatched to remove the grenade. Ocala Police said it was authenticated as a World War II-era weapon and would be destroyed.

### Panel puts brakes on efforts to unionize Disney Lyft drivers

ORLANDO (AP) — A labor relations board is putting the brakes on a decision allowing the Teamsters to represent scores of Lyft drivers who haul passengers around the Walt Disney World property in Florida.

A National Labor Relations Board panel ruled against the Orlando-based Teamsters local last Friday.

The Lyft drivers have different responsibilities and training than do bus drivers who are already represented by the Teamsters local, according to the three-member panel's ruling.

The Teamsters demanded the right to bargain for wages, hours and working conditions on behalf of the Lyft drivers without a vote on the matter after an NLRB regional director last May ruled the union could represent the "Minnie Van" drivers.

Disney World guests can get the private rides using the Lyft app on their phones instead of waiting for Disney buses to drive

them around the resort.

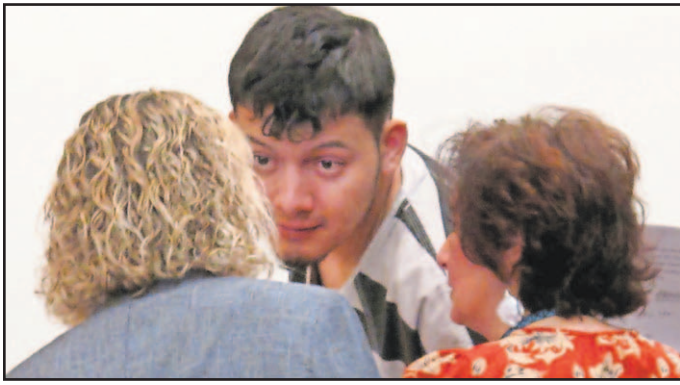
The Teamsters had argued that the Lyft drivers should be included in the same bargaining unit as bus drivers since they perform the same job of driving guests around the resort.

But the NLRB panel said their responsibilities are quite different.

Bus drivers need a commercial driver's license, they drive a fixed route, they play pre-recorded information over a loudspeaker and their training lasts for 14 weeks, the panel said.

The Lyft drivers, on the other hand, get only two weeks of training and don't need a commercial driver's license. They drive wherever their passengers ask them to go. They are instructed to tell stories to their passengers, advise them about things to do at Walt Disney World and help resolve any problems the Disney guests may encounter, the panel said.

The Lyft drivers and bus drivers "may have similar working conditions and share geographic proximity," the panel wrote. But they "have little or no group identity."



AP PHOTO

In this file photo Wilber Ernesto Martinez-Guzman, of El Salvador, listens to his public defender and interpreter during his initial appearance in Carson City Justice Court, in Carson City, Nev.

# 19-year-old Salvadoran charged in 4 Nevada killings

By SCOTT SONNER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — Prosecutors in Nevada said Monday they've filed murder charges that could bring the death penalty against a 19-year-old Salvadoran immigrant in four recent killings carried out over a six-day span.

Wilber Ernesto Martinez-Guzman acted alone in the deaths of a couple in Reno and two women in their homes in nearby Gardnerville, prosecutors Mark Jackson and Chris Hicks told reporters.

Martinez-Guzman has been jailed since his arrest Jan. 19 in the state capital, Carson City, where court documents say Martinez-Guzman admitted to sheriff's deputies that he fatally shot a Reno couple with a gun he stole from their home.

Hicks said it could be 30 days before prosecutors decide whether to pursue the death penalty.

Hicks added that Martinez-Guzman's immigration status had nothing to do with the criminal charges, which also

included five burglary counts. President Donald Trump tweeted a week ago that the four killings in Nevada showed the need for his proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall, which was at the center of the federal government shutdown.

Jackson alleged that Martinez-Guzman burglarized the Reno property of Gerald David, 81, and his 80-year-old wife, Sharon David, on Jan. 3 and Jan. 4.

Martinez-Guzman stole a .22-caliber revolver during the second break-in and used it days later to kill Connie Koontz and Sophia Renken in their Gardnerville homes, Jackson said. Their bodies were found three days apart in mid-January.

He is being held in the Carson City jail on \$500,000 bail. His newly appointed public defense attorney, Karin Kreizenbeck, has declined comment.

Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong said earlier that Martinez-Guzman's only known contact with authorities was a speeding ticket last February.

# Mueller's probe 'close to being completed'

34 people, including six Trump associates, charged by Mueller

By MICHAEL BALSAMO  
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WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign is "close to being completed," the acting attorney general said Monday.

Speaking at an unrelated news conference in Washington, acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker said he had been "fully briefed" on the special counsel's investigation. He began overseeing the probe after former Attorney General Jeff Sessions resigned

at President Donald Trump's request in November.

"The investigation is, I think, close to being completed, and I hope that we can get the report from Director Mueller as soon as possible," Whitaker said.

He said he was looking forward to Mueller delivering his report. The investigation is looking at Russian interference in the 2016 election and ties to Trump's campaign.

Whitaker has drawn criticism over his decision not to recuse himself from the Russia investigation even though a top Justice Department ethics official advised him

to step aside out of an "abundance of caution." His past criticism of the Russia investigation has raised questions about whether he can oversee it fairly.

Trump has nominated William Barr to serve as the next attorney general. His confirmation hearing was held this month and he's awaiting a vote in the Senate.

So far, 34 people, including six Trump associates, have been charged by Mueller. Those charged include Trump's former national security adviser, his campaign chairman, his former personal lawyer and two other campaign aides.

Meanwhile on Monday, a judge delayed the sentencing of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort in Virginia. Manafort was convicted of eight financial crimes at a Virginia trial last year.

The sentencing was delayed as a judge in Washington decides whether Manafort intentionally lied to investigators. Manafort agreed to cooperate in the special counsel's investigation, but prosecutors allege he breached the deal in that case by lying. Manafort's attorneys say he just didn't have a perfect recollection of all the facts.

## HEADLINES FROM AROUND THE NATION

### Houston police say 5 officers injured in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Five Houston officers were injured during a shooting Monday and have been taken to a hospital, police said.

In a tweet, Houston police said the officers were "struck with gunfire following an encounter with a suspect" Monday afternoon in a neighborhood in southeast Houston.

The conditions of the officers were not immediately known.

Mayor Sylvester Turner tweeted that the suspect "is down." Additional information

on the suspect was not immediately available.

Turner was seen Monday evening entering the hospital where the injured officers were taken.

Joe Gamaldi, president of the Houston Police Officers' Union, said one of the injured officers was transported by helicopter to the hospital.

Police said the area where the shooting took place was still an active crime scene Monday evening.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the shooting was a "solemn reminder" of the service and sacrifices made by officers.

"The city of Houston and the Houston Police

Department will have whatever state resources they need to bring swift justice to those involved," Abbott said in a statement.

### Judge turns down bid to halt Sept. 11 hearing at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — A military judge has turned down a bid to halt a pretrial hearing in the Sept. 11 terrorism case at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Marine Col. Keith Parrella ruled the weeklong hearing should continue despite objections raised by

defense lawyers about the questioning by the FBI of a paralegal who previously worked for one of the defense teams.

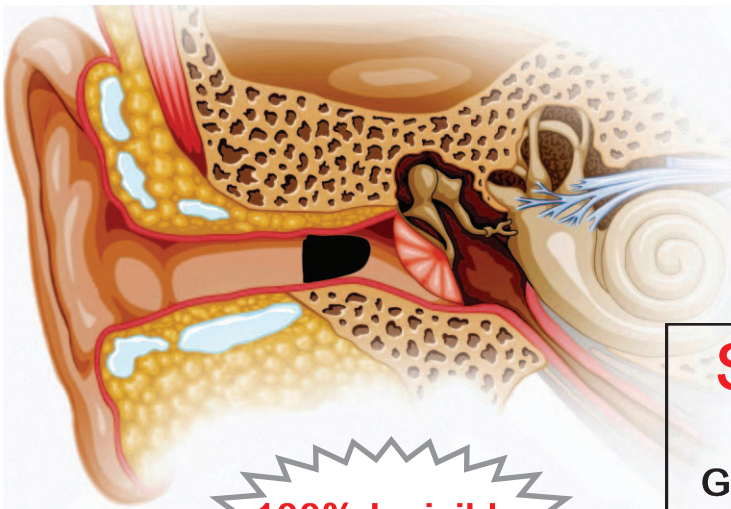
Authorities have not revealed why the paralegal was questioned in Texas last month.

Defense lawyers feared it may have violated attorney-client confidentiality in the Sept. 11 case. Parrella said Monday that no defense team members are under investigation.

Five Guantanamo prisoners were charged in May 2012 before a military commission with planning and aiding the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack. No trial date has been set.

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Table of commodity prices with columns: FUELS, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Includes entries like Crude Oil (bbl), Ethanol (gal), Heating Oil (gal), etc.

Stock Footnotes

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Table of Europe/Africa/Middle East exchange rates with columns: CURRENCY, CLOSE, CHG, %CHG, 1YR AGO. Includes entries like Israeli Shekel, Norwegian Krone, South African Rand, etc.

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Table of agriculture prices with columns: CROP, CLOSE, PVS, %CHG, %YTD. Includes entries like Coffee (lb), Cotton (bu), Corn (bu), etc.

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# Nasal irrigation should help in soothing inflamed sinuses

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I'm asking this question for my sister. Is it safe to use a nasal rinse solution when one has a sinus infection with green phlegm? She also suffers from a deviated septum, dysfunctional Eustachian tubes and vestibular disorder with vertigo and tinnitus. — K.C.H.

**ANSWER:** Sinus infections are common. Most are caused by viruses. Although antibiotics have long been prescribed for these infections, most people do not need them; symptoms will get better without antibiotics. Only people with symptoms lasting longer than 10-14 days or who worsen after initially getting better should consider taking antibiotics. Green-colored mucus does not predict bacterial infection, contrary to popular belief.

Nasal irrigation is a good way to relieve symptoms, and it is safe for most people. It can help loosen the mucus so it can drain more easily, and irrigation relieves inflammation by literally washing away pro-inflammatory substances.



**Dr. Roach**

People with a mildly deviated septum should have no trouble using a saline rinse, but a very severe deviation may make the process hard mechanically. The Eustachian tubes, which allow pressure to be equalized between the middle ear and the back of the throat, are not at issue for people using a saline rinse. A vestibular disorder could be triggered, in theory, with very cold water, but I think it would be unlikely to cause your sister problems with warmed water.

The fluid used for nasal rinse should be made using sterile or

bottled water. There have been rare instances of amoeba infections from using tap water. I found some nice directions on how to do the nasal wash at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/hw67090>.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My roommate will throw out food that is one day past the expiration date, but has prescription drugs that are over 10 years old in the medicine cabinet. Are old drugs dangerous or just ineffective? — R.D.

**ANSWER:** I think your roommate is wrong on both counts: Most food is good at least a few days after its listed expiration, and keeping expired medication way past its due date is potentially dangerous.

Expired medication, certainly if it's a year past its expiration date, often is ineffective. There are exceptions — some medications are very stable if kept dark and cool — but it is not wise to count on that. Further, a few medicines, especially the tetracycline class of antibiotics, actually are dangerous and may

cause kidney damage if taken past their expiration date. This is almost unheard of nowadays, fortunately.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I had a severe case of shingles several years ago, after I had had the shingles vaccine that was available at that time. Should I get the new vaccine, even though I've already had shingles? There seems to be divided opinions on it. — P.C.

**ANSWER:** Most authorities still would recommend the new and much more effective Shingrix vaccine to someone in your situation. I'm sure you don't want another case of shingles, and it is possible to get shingles more than once.

However, the risk is still low in absolute terms, so I wouldn't say this is a very high priority. Given the difficulty finding the vaccine in many parts of the U.S., you could safely wait until it is more available. In my opinion, the harm of an adverse reaction is so small that even the modest benefit in reducing risk is worth it. Cost is an issue for some people.

# Party guest hides mishap underneath sofa pillows

**DEAR ABBY:** We need some advice. Recently we hosted our annual holiday party and invited all of our neighbors and friends. Our invitation stated that the party would run between 5 and 11:30 so our guests could also attend other parties that might be going on at the same time.



**Dear Abby**

As our party was winding down, it was noticed that one of our guests — who had been at a previous party — had wet themselves on our sofa and covered the spot up with throw pillows. We served wine, punch, etc. at our party, but this couple arrived pretty tipsy already. In the future, should we just not invite these neighbors? We are very distressed about this. What do you suggest? — Oops! In The Midwest

I worked hard to get in, and I realize how lucky I am to have been accepted, but I just want to go home and go to school at my public high school with all of my friends and my brother. My friends understand, but my parents think I'm over-exaggerating. I am sad all the time, and I cry at least once a day. How do I approach this to help my parents understand? — Away From Everything

**DEAR OOPS!:** The guilty party should have owned up to what happened and offered to pay for having your couch professionally cleaned rather than try to cover it up. If you are 100 percent sure it was one particular couple, not inviting them to more gatherings would absolutely guarantee that it won't happen again.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a boarding school student, and I absolutely hate it here!

**DEAR AWAY:** The quality of education you are now receiving will prove very important when you are getting ready for college. It's possible that with some help you can make new friends at this school. Stop crying alone and talk about your feelings with a trusted teacher or administrator. I'm sure it won't be the first time the person has heard something like this, and the input you receive could prove helpful.

# Harms of carbon monoxide

**Dear Readers:** CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) is a dangerous gas. With chilly weather and closed-up homes, CO can be more of a concern this time of year.

Carbon monoxide emits from car exhaust, cigarette smoke, space heaters, and other sources.

Colorless, tasteless and odorless, carbon monoxide can be deadly. Here are some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: fatigue and shortness of breath, nausea, headache, dizziness and ultimately loss of consciousness. If you or a loved one experiences these signs, get outside to fresh air, and call 911 immediately.



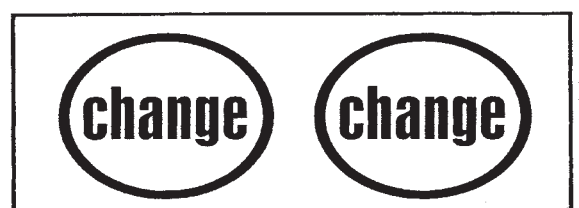
**Hints from Heloise**

Carbon monoxide detectors are worth every penny when your family's lives are at risk! — Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I keep my shoes organized by storing them in the original cardboard shoebox, with a photo attached to the front. — Heather H. in Pittsburgh

# WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION:

Ring the changes

# JUMBLE

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

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Ans. here:

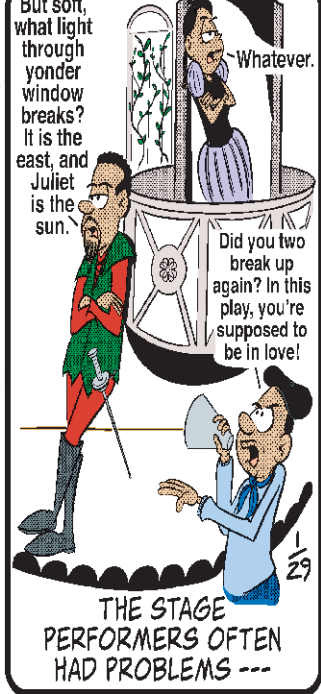
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAIRY LATCH WALLET COFFEE

Answer: The spare didn't always fit in with the other four tires and often felt like a — FIFTH WHEEL

# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

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2÷		3-	6X
1	2-		
7+		2÷	
	2	2-	

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**CHALLENGING**

4	1-		10X	5-
1-	2÷	5		10+
		5+		5+
2÷		1-	5-	100X
2÷	1			
	11+	1-		2

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**RULES**

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

7+	1	2÷	4
3	1	2	4
4	2	1	3
2	4	3	1
12X	1	3	4
1	3	4	2

# 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 slanted (6)	_____
2 "Parks and Rec" star Amy (7)	_____
3 gestured respectfully (7)	_____
4 writing a computer program (6)	_____
5 place for organized storage (8)	_____
6 hesitated (6)	_____
7 entryway (6)	_____

LK	EH	AN	LU	ED
PO	ING	LER	COD	LV
SA	ED	ING	GL	RT
PO	AL	BA	SHE	TED

Monday's Answers: 1. MONIED 2. LIBERATE 3. IRONS 4. UFOS 5. VIBRATED 6. SNOOZED 7. HOARSELY

# 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.

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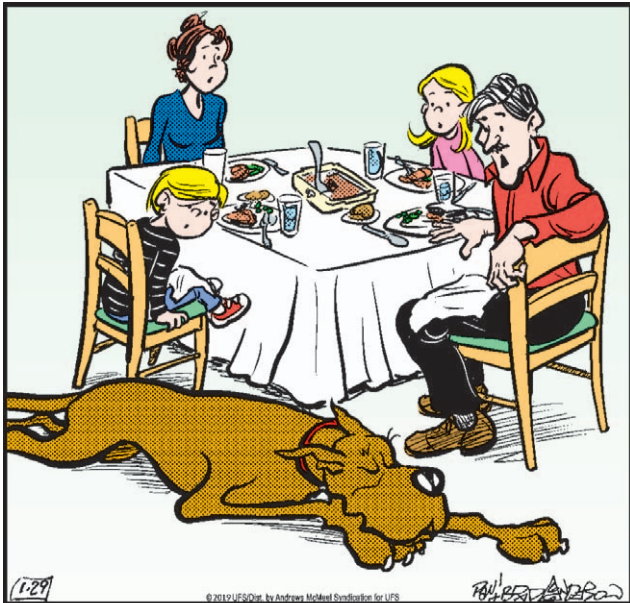
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	1				18
28	12	26	33	30	

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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

2	2	1	3	8
1	3	3	3	10
1	1	1	2	5
1	3	5	1	10
5	9	10	9	7

# MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"Somebody take a picture. Marmaduke is too tired to beg."

# Cryptoquip

1-29

EGIT FRUDD MGXDCPIT  
 ILGXHXV ILVPUJPCXTUPK  
 XTVIDDXSITMI, EGV RXSGV  
 JTI MUDD VGIR? VXTK  
 HPXUTF.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VICIOUS RUFFIAN WHO DOES NOTHING BUT WICKED THINGS AROUND THE CLOCK: THE BRUTE OF ALL EVIL.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

# WORD SLEUTH • FIRST NAMES OF COMPOSERS

YGGNAG FLOWSP LIE  
 BYIVVRROLIFCZWT  
 QNKW AIFETCZWRP  
 MJHNDTDECRZXUSQ  
 NLZ (GIUSEPPER) RJGR  
 EHCZANLUXVTBOTR  
 PNPL LNOJGHXEOGC  
 AYCEWAVTTDMITRI  
 RPNLSH KINGPELOC  
 BZXWUOMOCAIGSER  
 POMLJJJIGEDBAGF

Monday's unlisted clue: ELEANOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
 Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: — AMADEUS MOZART

Antonin	Franz	Gustav	Ludwig
Claude	Georg	Igor	Piotr
Dmitri	Giacomo	Johann	Robert
Felix	Giuseppe	Joseph	

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### HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's so much to do. You're not sure if it's work or play, but you know it's fun, so who cares? Tonight: You'll find your way through what is, essentially, a maze.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If you're not sticking to your personal rules — not erecting and enforcing personal boundaries — then it's possible you're unconsciously telling someone that it's OK for them to continue in a way that's not desirable to you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You recognize what is convenient for you and what makes sense for you, and you have the right and the ability to say no when it doesn't fit into either category.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The easiest way to learn the needs and wants of others is to simply ask. And if you can't ask others, ask yourself. To understand yourself more thoroughly is to understand others at deeper levels, too.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A friendship takes your focus. This relationship thrives with good timing and healthy balance, which currently favors giving attention and

quiet support over advice and efforts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's an illusion going on, made possible by distance. Get closer to the action. Get inside the action if you can. That's how you're going to know what's really going on.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To glimpse the future, observe what's happening at the boundaries. Boundaries include: edges of territory, opening and closing time, customs and rules, the change of clothing that signals a shifting of roles.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Groups emerge. It's important to know why. What's the attracting force bringing it together? What's the commonality? Inside this information is all you need to form a good group or dissolve a bad one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's always the option to walk out of the room. It doesn't even have to be a bad room. There might not be anything technically wrong with the room, but if it's not for you, it's not... and you can just walk out.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not long ago, you set out to solve a problem and you built a thing — a system, tool, at-

titude, set of rules or a guiding philosophy you hoped would be the answer. Now it's time to check that what you built works as intended.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An agreement you made is turning into much more work for you than you thought it would be. There are people around you who, with a request and some clear instructions, could easily help. All will go well.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't start what you can't finish. That's just not your style. Actually, it's no professional's style. Professionals decide what they are going to do and what "done" looks like, and they don't stop until the picture matches.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 29). Your birthday gift will be a productive shortcut that takes you on a 10-week journey in five weeks. Other highlights of the year include: getting reacquainted with an old friend, enjoying family and your extended support system in a new and more relaxed way and the introduction of a novel and hip hobby. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 22, 4, and 16.

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

## GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES  
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### MAKE THIS ONE

Neither vulnerable, South deals

**NORTH**  
 ♠ K 6  
 ♥ A 6 5 4  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ A Q 9 7 5 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ A  
 ♥ J 10 9 2  
 ♦ K 8 7 5 4  
 ♣ K J 10

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 10 4 2  
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 ♦ 9 6  
 ♣ 6 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 9 8 7 5 3  
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The bidding:  
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 2♠ Dbl 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

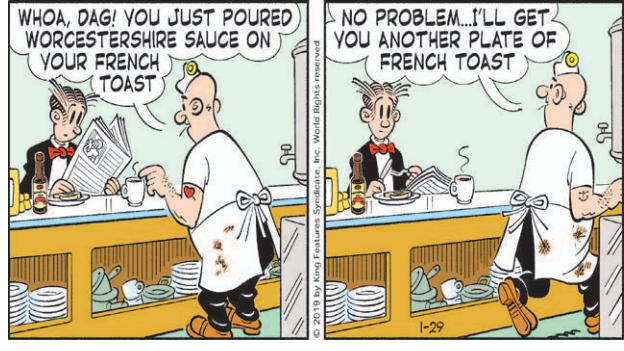
Bilde won the opening heart lead with dummy's ace while shedding a club from hand. He then led a diamond to his ace and ran the queen of diamonds. He discarded a heart from dummy when West didn't cover. He discarded a club on the jack of diamonds, ruffed by East as West again declined to cover. East exited with a heart, which Bilde ruffed in hand and led a low spade. West won with his ace, perforce. The king of diamonds at this point would have defeated the contract, forcing Bilde to ruff with dummy's king of spades and eventually giving two trump tricks to East. That was hard to see, and West led a heart instead. Bilde ruffed and led a club to the queen. He cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club, East shedding a heart. He ruffed his last diamond with dummy's king of spades and led a club in the two-card ending. He scored his jack of trumps "en passant" and brought home his ambitious contract. Well played!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper. Please send your e-mail responses to [tcaeditors@tribpub.com](mailto:tcaeditors@tribpub.com))

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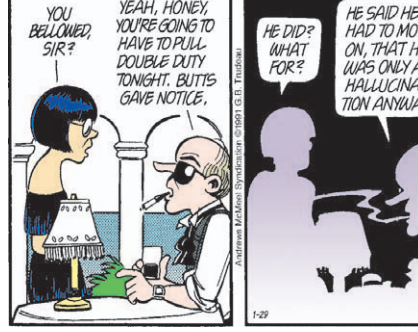
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## WORDY GURDY®

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.

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- U.S. postal code helpful hint (1)
- Beachside wild pig with tusks (1)
- Drove by a Hindu social grouping (1)
- Iris or crocus spire (2)
- Jittery "All Night Long" singer Lionel (2)
- Settled an account after the first did (2)
- Deadens the sound of small dust-ups (2)

ANSWERS  
 1. ZIP TIP 2. SHORE BOAR 3. PASSED CASTLE 4. FLOWER TOWER  
 5. TWITCHY RICHIE 6. RECKONED SECOND 7. MUFFLES SCUFFLES

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Arroyo
- Clinton's veep
- Diamond Head site
- Shed, as light
- Thin porridge
- Beat decisively
- DEA operative
- Gentle slopes
- Vouch for
- Gas pedal
- Oater hero
- One of us
- City near Inchon
- Dug
- Bite
- Bribe, informally
- Popular soft drink
- Declaim
- Hoisting apparatus
- Unit of length
- Poet — Angelou
- Rummage for food
- Job application info
- Make certain
- Recipe direction
- Put 2 and 2 together
- Massaged
- Very annoyed
- Long for
- Was sincere

DOWN

- Fountain treats
- Mars neighbor
- Mailbox device
- Edible roots
- Really liked (2 wds.)
- Doctor's org.
- Gossip, slangily
- Scratchy
- Fortitude
- Give the boot to
- Fishing gear
- End of a threat
- Cluster
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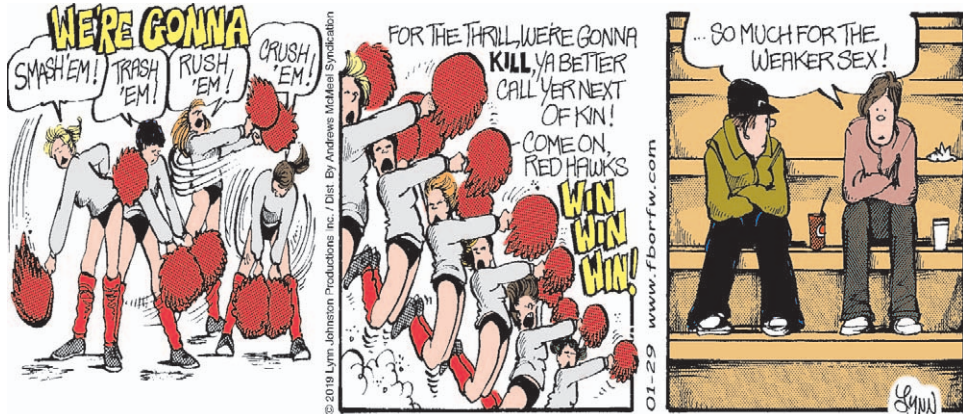
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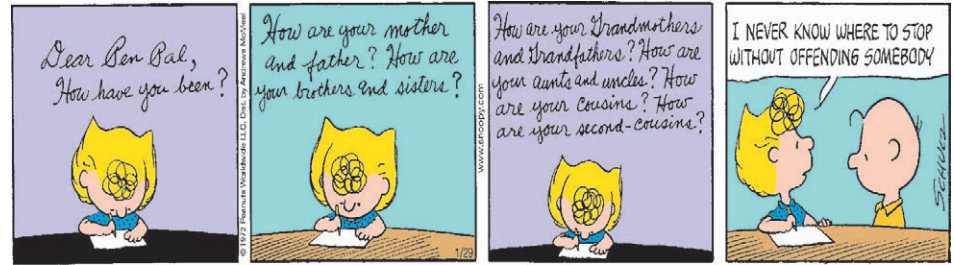
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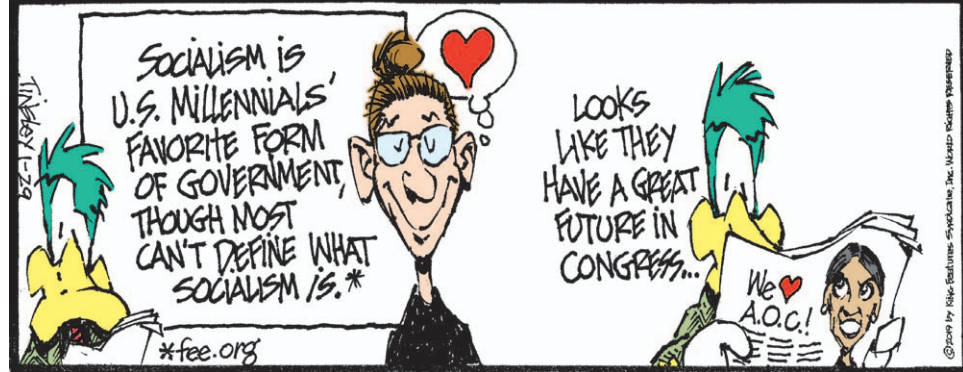
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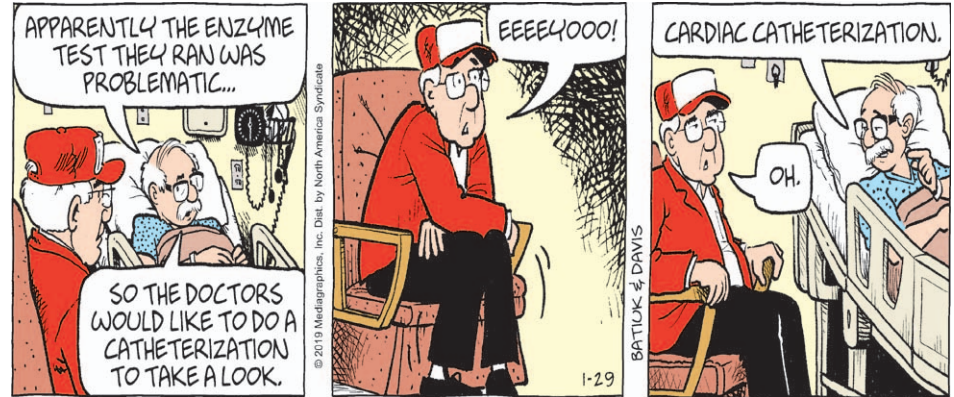
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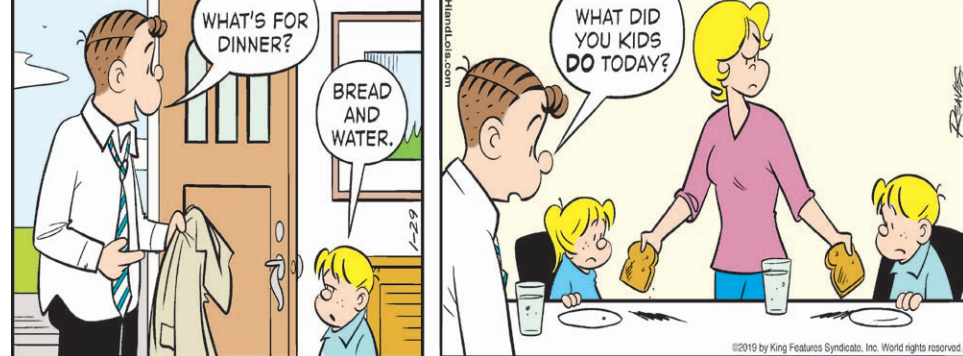
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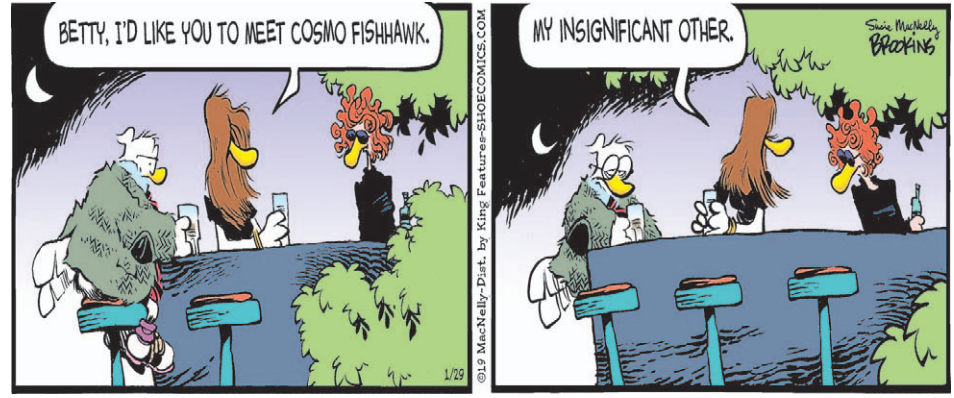
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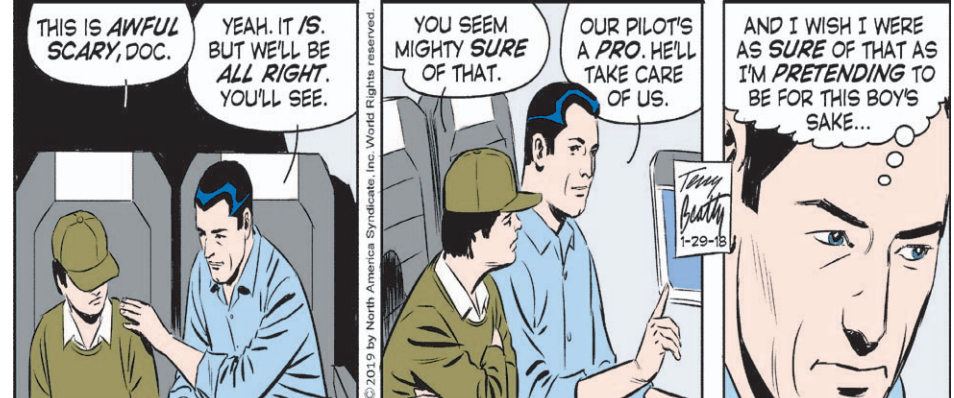
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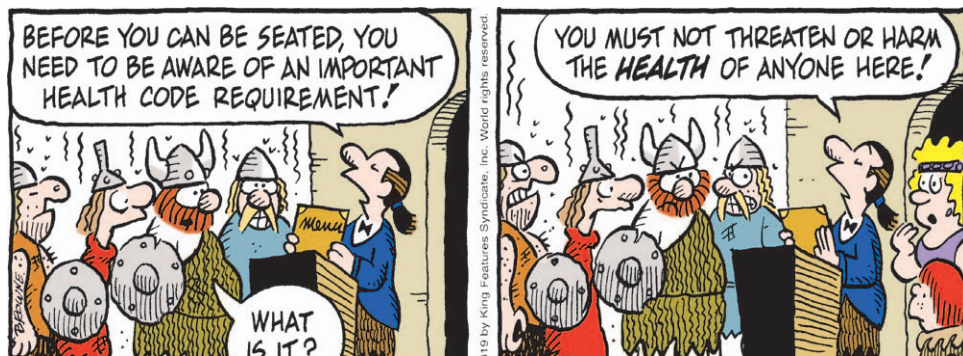
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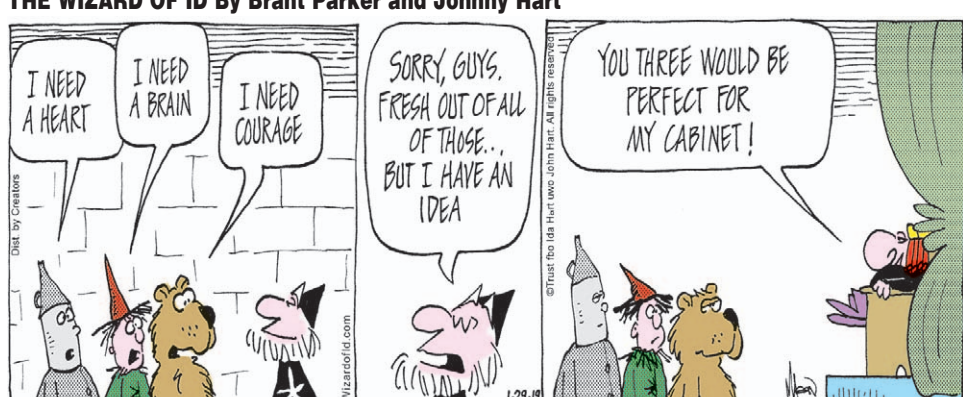
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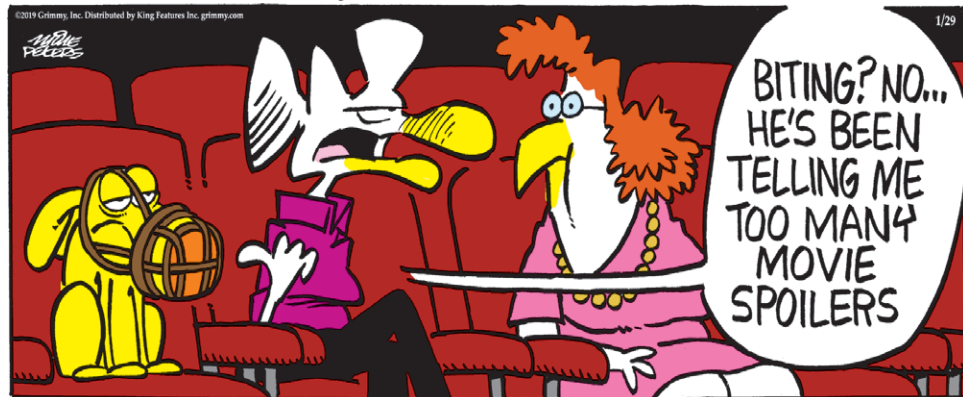
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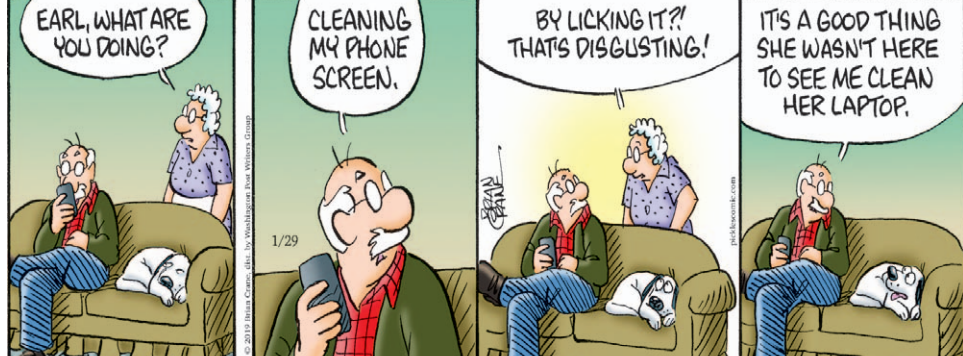
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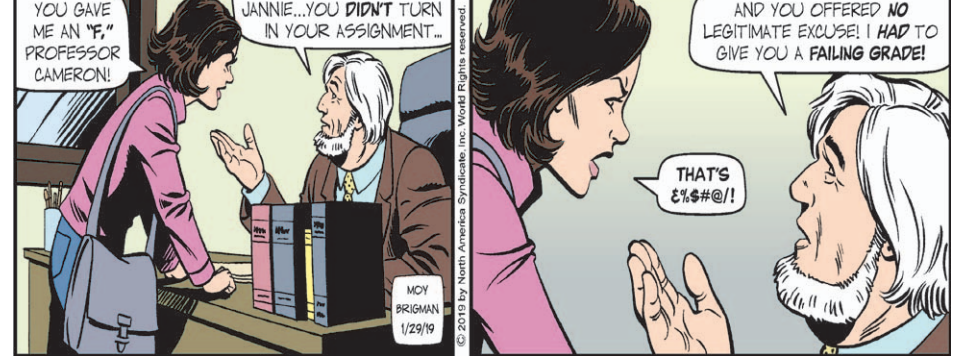
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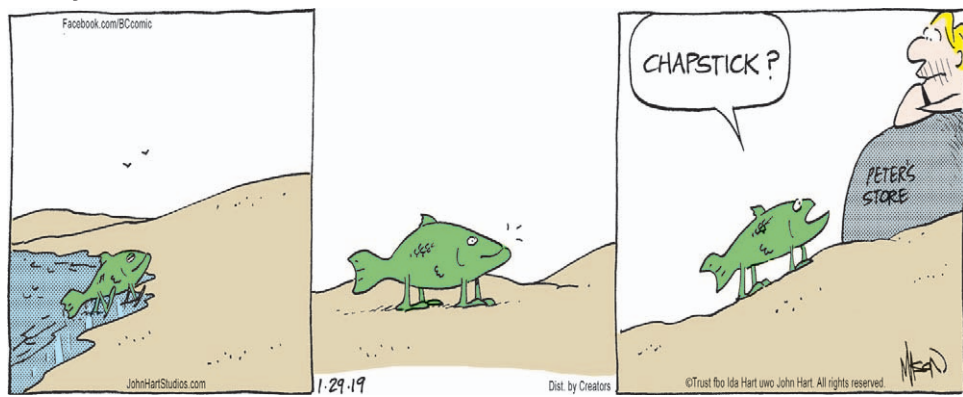
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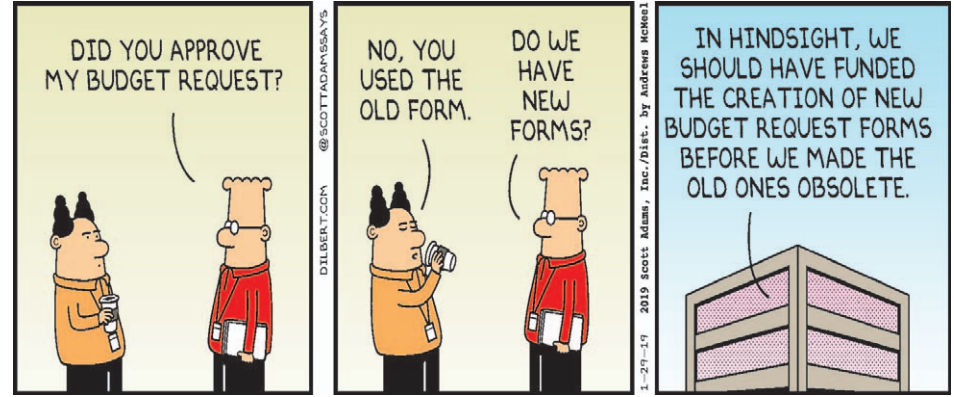
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# Science Says: Get used to polar vortex

A sudden warming way above the North Pole weeks ago set the stage for the dreaded polar vortex to escape to the US

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — It might seem counterintuitive, but the dreaded polar vortex is bringing its icy grip to parts of the U.S. thanks to a sudden blast of warm air in the Arctic.

Get used to it. The polar vortex has been wandering more often in recent years.

It all started with misplaced Moroccan heat. Last month, the normally super chilly air temperatures 20 miles above the North Pole rapidly rose by about 125 degrees, thanks to air flowing in from the south. It's called "sudden stratospheric warming."

That warmth split the polar vortex, leaving the pieces to wander, said Judah Cohen, a winter storm expert for Atmospheric Environmental Research, a commercial firm outside Boston.

"Where the polar vortex goes, so goes the cold air," Cohen said.

By Wednesday morning, one of those pieces will be over the Lower 48 states for the first time in years. The forecast calls for a low of minus 21 degrees in Chicago and wind chills flirting with minus 65 degrees in parts of Minnesota, according to the National Weather Service.

The unusual cold could stick around another eight weeks, Cohen said.

"The impacts from this split, we have a ways to go. It's not the end of the movie yet," Cohen said. "I think at a minimum, we're looking at mid-February, possibly through mid-March."

Americans were introduced to the polar vortex five years ago. It was in early January 2014 when temperatures dropped to minus 16 degrees in Chicago and meteorologists, who used the term for decades, started talking about it on social media.

This outbreak may snap some daily records for cold and is likely to be even more brutal



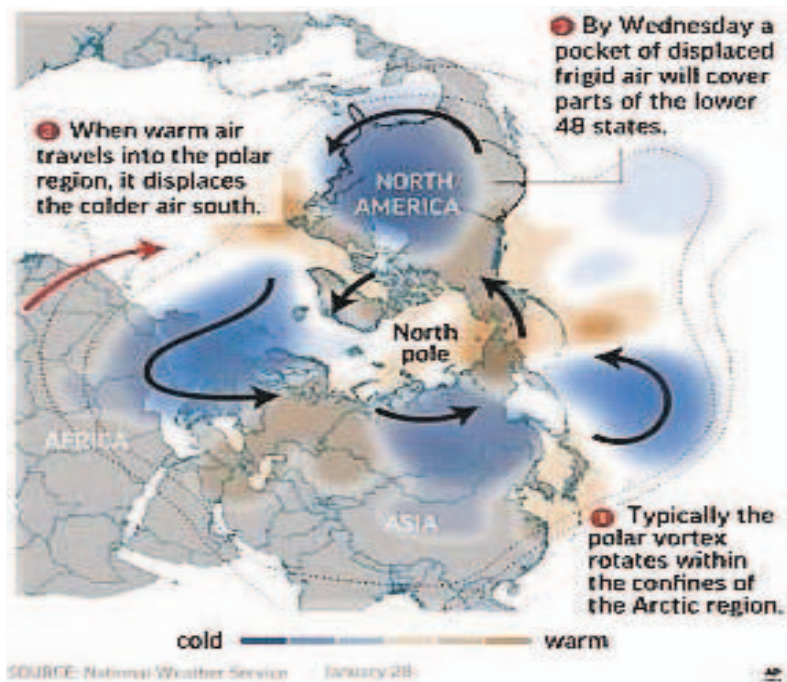
JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT VIA AP

**People walk through a snowstorm in downtown Jackson, Mich., Monday.**

than five years ago, especially with added wind chill, said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private weather firm Weather Underground.

When warm air invades the polar region, it can split the vortex or displace it, usually toward Siberia, Cohen said. Recently, there have been more splits, which increase the odds of other places getting ultra-cold, he said. Pieces of the polar vortex have chilled Europe, Siberia and North America this time. (It's not right to call the frigid center of cold air the polar vortex because it is just a piece or a lobe, not the entire vortex, said University of Oklahoma meteorology professor Jason Furtado.)

When the forces penning the polar vortex in the Arctic are weak, it wanders, more often to Siberia than Michigan. And it's happening more frequently in the last couple decades, Furtado said. A study a year ago in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society looked at decades of the Arctic system and found the polar vortex has shifted "toward more frequent weak states."



When the polar vortex pieces wander, warmth invades the Arctic, Alaska, Greenland and Canada, Masters said. While the Midwest chills, Australia has been broiling to record-breaking heat. The world as a whole on Monday was 0.7 degrees warmer than the 1979-2000 average, according to the University of Maine's Climate Reanalyzer.

Some scientists — but by no means most — see a connection between human-caused climate

change and difference in atmospheric pressure that causes slower moving waves in the air.

"It's a complicated story that involves a hefty dose of chaos and an interplay among multiple influences, so extracting a clear signal of the Arctic's role is challenging," said Jennifer Francis, a climate scientist at the Woods Hole Research Center. Several recent papers have made the case for the connection, she noted.

## ELECTIONS

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people dead. At the time, coverage of the 2005 storm took on a racial undertone as television footage showed mostly black residents of New Orleans in distress.

Instead of replacing Ertel with someone else with direct elections experience, he tapped Lee, who has been a judge in Hillsborough County since 2013. Lee is a former

federal prosecutor and federal public defender who is married to GOP State Sen. Tom Lee.

"It is clear to me that Judge Lee's background and experience make her an excellent choice to serve as Secretary of State for Florida," said DeSantis in a statement. "She is ready to handle the important elections administration duties and cultural responsibilities accorded to this position with a steady hand and good judgment."

DeSantis last week said he accepted Ertel's resignation to avoid getting "mired" in controversies. Last year, DeSantis defeated Andrew Gillum in a bitter and at-times racially-charged contest. Gillum was seeking to become Florida's first African-American governor.

DeSantis selected Ertel at the same time he picked dozens of other high-level appointees shortly before he came into office in early January.

## UNION

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Finally, last Friday, Trump capitulated. All sides agreed to fund the government through Feb. 15 to give negotiators time to discuss border security. And on Monday, Pelosi confirmed the State of the Union was back on — on her schedule.

The Constitution states only that the president "shall from

time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union," meaning the president can speak anywhere he chooses or give his update in writing.

But a joint address in the House chamber, in front of lawmakers from both parties, the Supreme Court justices and invited guests, provides the kind of grand backdrop that is hard to mimic and that this president, especially, enjoys.

## ATTACKS

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shrunk over the last two to three years.

"The fact that numbers of that particular species appear to be diminishing would be consistent with the number of bites being a little lower than in past years," he said.

Researchers with the conservation group

Osearch said two great white sharks they tagged last year off South Carolina were tracked swimming off Key West earlier this month.

The number of attacks worldwide dropped from 88 to 66, with four fatal attacks, down from an annual average of six. The U.S. continues rank first worldwide, even as the number of attacks fell from 53 to 32,

the study found.

Despite last year's decline, Naylor said globally the number of bites is gradually rising as populations swell and the number of people in the water increases. Fatal attacks, however, have been dropping for decades as beach officials get faster and better at responding, he said.

Naylor singled out one hot spot to watch: Cape

Cod, where great white sharks attacked swimmers twice, including the first fatality in 82 years. Naylor said rebounding seal populations protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act are drawing greater numbers of the massive predators.

"An increase in sharks is a symptom of restoring healthy oceans," he said. "What the public needs to do is become informed

about these animals, understand their behavior patterns and listen to the guidelines issued by beach safety patrols."

The International Shark Attack File, started in 1958, is the only ongoing, verified record of shark bites worldwide, with more 6,200 attacks dating back to the 1500s. The research program releases an annual report to document shark attack trends.

## COHEN

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News this month that Cohen "should give information maybe on his father-in-law, because that's the one that people want to look at."

Trump's fixer-turned-foe is a central figure in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and Trump's campaign. Cohen also played a pivotal role in buying the silence of a porn actress and a former Playboy Playmate who both alleged they had sex with Trump. The president has denied their claims.

Cohen pleaded guilty last year to campaign finance violations and other offenses connected

to the payments, and he is scheduled to begin serving a three-year prison sentence in March. Federal prosecutors have said Trump directed Cohen to make the payments during the campaign.

Schiff, D-Calif., said Cohen had relayed "legitimate concerns" about his safety and the safety of his family.

Cohen is also scheduled to talk to the Senate Intelligence Committee next month, in compliance with a subpoena. That interview is scheduled for Feb. 12, according to Lanny Davis, one of Cohen's lawyers.

Also Monday, Cohen's lawyers announced a shake-up on his defense team as he continues to cooperate with Mueller and prepares for the

congressional testimony.

Cohen's legal team announced that two attorneys from Chicago, Michael Monico and his partner Barry Spevack, will represent him, replacing New York-based attorneys Guy Petrillo and Amy Lester.

Cohen's legal team described Monico as one of the "premier criminal defense attorneys in the country."

The legal shake-up followed what a person familiar with the matter described as a dispute over unpaid legal fees. The person, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter, said Cohen had not paid "proper fees" to his legal team.

Davis disputed that

characterization, saying the shake-up "had nothing to do with fees."

Cohen did not immediately respond to a text message seeking for comment.

Monico and Spevack issued a joint statement Monday saying they looked forward to "helping Mr. Cohen fulfill what he has told us is his only mission — to tell the truth as he knows it and to turn the corner on his past life and taking ownership for his past mistakes by cooperating as best as he can with all governmental authorities in search of the truth."

Monico worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago before entering private practice. He has since become one of Chicago's highest-profile

white-collar attorneys dating back to the 1980s, representing those close to the levers of power in Illinois, including powerful aldermen, a confidant of now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and several defendants accused of corruption in dealing with the city of Chicago.

He also represented an owner of Chicago's E2 nightclub, where a stampede toward a door in 2003 left 21 people dead. Most recently, Monico and Spevack have represented a former Lithuanian parliamentarian and judge fighting extradition from Chicago to face charges in her homeland stemming from her allegations that there's a well-connected ring of pedophiles in the country.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Tuesday, Jan. 29**, the 29th day of 2019. There are 336 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **Jan. 29, 1936**, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

### On this date

In **1861**, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In **1863**, the Bear River Massacre took place as the U.S. Army attacked Shoshone in present-day Idaho.

In **1919**, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In **1963**, the first charter members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio (they were enshrined when the Hall opened in September 1963).

In **1979**, President Jimmy Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In **1998**, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

### Today's birthdays

Writer-composer-lyricist Leslie Bricusse is 88. Actress Katharine Ross is 79. Actor Tom Selleck is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 73. Actor Marc Singer is 71. Actress Ann Jillian is 69. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 66. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 66. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 65. Actor Terry Kinney is 65. Actress Diane Delano is 62. Actress Judy Norton (TV: "The Waltons") is 61. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato is 60. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 58. Actor-director Edward Burns is 51. Actress Heather Graham is 49. Actress Sara Gilbert is 44.

### Bible verse

"And I behold, and I heard the voice of the angels round about the throne and the bests and the elders: and the numbers of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

— **Revelation 5:11, 12.**  
*Let us join them on earth in praise until we join them in Heaven in person, "So shall we ever be with the Lord." — O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus, we thank you. Amen.*

## ODD NEWS

### Idaho looks into loud cannon fire at governor's inauguration

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Idaho National Guard's commanding officer says he will look into 19 startlingly loud ceremonial canon blasts that were part of Gov. Brad Little's inauguration.

The canon fire on Jan. 4 set off car alarms in downtown Boise and scattered Canada geese into the air as smoke billowed around soldiers. Some of the several thousand people attending flinched in surprise.

Republican Sen. Chuck Winder of Boise asked Friday during a committee meeting of state lawmakers why the cannon blasts seemed louder than normal.

Idaho Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Michael J. Garshak says he'll look into why the blasts were so loud.

Garshak is responsible for maintaining the Idaho National Guard's combat readiness as combat reserve for the Army and Airforce.



■ **NHL: Tampa Bay Lightning**



TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTO

The timing of the All-Star break couldn't have been better for Lightning coach Jon Cooper: "There may be a little sloppiness in the first game back, but I think every team in the end will be better off that their guys got that break going into the final part of the season."

## Extended breather was nice, now back to work for Lightning

The team practices for the first time since the All-Star break

By **MARI FAIELLO**  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

Jon Cooper and Sidney Crosby compared schedules during the NHL All-Star weekend. The Penguins were right back at it with a game Monday night, whereas the Lightning has two practices before Wednesday's match-up in Pittsburgh.

The Lightning coach was unsure whether it was an advantage or disadvantage having a game right out of the break. But Cooper figures getting those couple of extra days of practice is very beneficial for his players.

Following Monday morning's practice, Cooper didn't seem to be alone in that sentiment.

Defenseman Braydon Coburn was happy about having some time on the ice before competing again on the road.

"It's nice," he said. "I'm a big proponent of having a couple of practices for sure."

The 33-year-old veteran was impressed with the team's mentality throughout practice. Coburn said most of the guys looked pretty sharp and he has been on teams where that wasn't the case.

"I think it's just a testament to the focus the guys have and when it's time to practice the guys show up and get out there," Coburn said.

Even though it was the first practice back in a week, Cooper made players work, while still keeping the tone lighter, with a fair amount of five-on-five, full-ice play. He compared it to a mini training camp and a refresher course.

Cooper likes having the longer break with the bye week added to the All-Star Game this year. He compared it to the longer Olympic break of 2014.

"I think the hockey's better down the stretch," he said. "There may be a little sloppiness in the first game back, but I think every team in the end will be better off that their guys got that break going into the final part of the season."

The extended time off gave the players a chance to miss hockey. Cooper liked the energy on the ice Monday morning.

"By the end of this break here everyone's excited to come back," forward J.T. Miller predicted before the break. "In the beginning it's nice to get the break, but by the end of it you're ready to start playing again."

Right wing Mathieu Joseph was thankful for some practice time before Wednesday's game.

"It took me a couple of minutes to get back at it," Joseph chuckled, "and it's definitely very helpful."

Miller is happy with the way the team has set itself up leading into this stretch of the regular season.

"We play a lot of good teams coming up," he said. "Everybody is pushing for the playoffs and playing for a position, so it's definitely crunch time in the season and the hardest part of the year. We have to make sure we're ready for it."

■ **NFL: Super Bowl forecast**

## Another storm takes aim at Super Bowl city

Five years after cars, trucks and school buses became marooned on Atlanta freeways another winter storm is threatening the city

By **JEFF MARTIN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Five years after cars, trucks and school buses became marooned on Atlanta freeways in what became known as "snow jam," another winter storm is threatening the city — just as thousands of fans begin pouring into town for Super Bowl 53.

A winter storm watch goes into effect at 4 a.m. Tuesday for Atlanta, a city known for grinding to a halt even in relatively light snowfalls.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp on Monday said state offices in more than 30 counties in the northern part of the state would be closed Tuesday, including those in the Atlanta area.

The National Weather Service projects that up to an inch (2.5 centimeters) of snow is possible Tuesday in Atlanta, with up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) in far northern suburbs. Forecasters warn of the possibility of ice-glazed roads and highways.

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AP PHOTO

Abandoned cars at I-75 headed northbound near the Chattahoochee River overpass are piled up in the median of the ice-covered interstate after a winter snow storm, in Atlanta.

■ **BOY'S BASKETBALL: Charlotte Tarpons 81, Island Coast Gators 27**

## Tarpons overcome sluggish start in win against Island Coast

By **BRUCE ROBINS**  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

PUNTA GORDA — After a lackluster start, Charlotte pulled away from Island Coast in the second quarter and cruised to an 81-27 win in a Class 7A-District 10 boys basketball matchup Monday night.

The Tarpons play was so uninspired in the first quarter that coach Tom Massolio benched most of his starters as the Tarpons fumbled their way to a 17-7 lead.

"We did not play well early on, did we?" Massolio said. "But we overcame that and did what we had to do in the second half to win the game."

The starters returned at the start of the second quarter and things were different as the Tarpons turned numerous steals into transition baskets and outscored the Gators 25-12. Ahmad Johnson led the way with 12 points in the period as Charlotte took a 42-19 lead at halftime.

"When we play teams like this we have a hard time coming out and playing to the potential that we do against good

teams," Tarpons guard Kenny Scribner said. "So that was what he (Massolio) was frustrated at. Going into the playoffs, we just have to play how we play versus every good team no matter who's on the court. That's a little bit of what he was ticked off about."

The Tarpons had defeated the Gators by 58 points earlier in the year, but Massolio said that was no excuse for the poor start.

"You've got to play the game the right way every single time you step on the floor," Massolio said. "I don't care who you're going against. That's my fault as a coach not getting them ready to go, and I promise you next time we step on the court we'll be ready to go."

Once the Tarpons got it together in the middle periods, the downtrodden Gators (2-18, 1-10) stood no chance. Charlotte opened the third quarter by scoring the first 13 points, setting a running clock in motion for the remainder of the game. Charlotte wound up outscoring Island Coast 30-4 in the third quarter



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Charlotte's Makai Reeves scores two points during the Tarpons home game played on Monday against Island Coast.

before Massolio was able to go to his bench for the entire fourth quarter.

"He (Massolio) doesn't really look at the scoreboard, he looks at the little things," Scribner said. "We were having a hard time keeping the ball in front of us and that's something little that if we don't do that versus bigger competition that could really hurt us, Our shot selection also wasn't very good at the beginning

of the game. But in the second quarter he was happy and didn't have much to say at halftime. He told us that he liked the way that we shared the ball in the third and fourth quarter and that we need to be ready for practice tomorrow."

Johnson led the way for the Tarpons with 20 points, Tre Carroll had 15 and Scribner added 12 as

**TARPONS | 3**

■ **NFL: Miami Dolphins**

## Brian Flores continues to fill out Dolphins coaching staff

The current Patriots DC makes two more additions

By **Omar Kelly**  
SUN SENTINEL

Even though Brian Flores has not formally been hired as the Miami Dolphins' next head coach, the New England Patriots' defensive play-caller's coaching staff is already coming into focus.

Flores, who can't be named Dolphins coach until after the Patriots face the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII on Sunday in Atlanta, will attempt to hire Patriots receivers coach Chad O'Shea as the Dolphins' offensive coordinator, according to a league source.

And according to an NFL Network report on Monday,

former Jacksonville Jaguars defensive line coach Marion Hobby and Robbie Leonard, who spent last year as the New York Giants outside linebackers coach, will also be joining Flores' staff in Miami. The report didn't clarify what roles they would serve under Flores.

Flores is also reportedly hiring former Indianapolis Colts and Detroit Lions coach Jim Caldwell as his assistant head coach and former Green Bay Packers linebackers coach Patrick Graham as his defensive coordinator.

The latest report brings his total potential hires to six

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AP PHOTO

New England Patriots linebackers coach Brian Flores has been deemed a favorite to land the vacant head coaching job with the Miami Dolphins.

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**■ PICK 2**

Jan. 28N	0-9
Jan. 28D	0-9
Jan. 27N	6-9
Jan. 27D	9-7
Jan. 26N	6-9
Jan. 26D	8-1
D-Day, N-Night	

**■ PICK 3**

Jan. 28N	3-0-4
Jan. 28D	7-3-0
Jan. 27N	2-9-8
Jan. 27D	3-8-9
Jan. 26N	7-2-3
Jan. 26D	8-2-7
D-Day, N-Night	

**■ PICK 4**

Jan. 28N	1-9-8-9
Jan. 28D	6-7-2-0
Jan. 27N	7-2-7-5
Jan. 27D	1-7-7-9
Jan. 26N	7-6-8-0
Jan. 26D	7-5-8-4
D-Day, N-Night	

**■ PICK 5**

Jan. 28N	5-9-0-1-2
Jan. 28D	8-9-7-6-9
Jan. 27N	1-5-8-4-5
Jan. 27D	9-1-1-0-7
Jan. 26N	4-8-0-7-1
Jan. 26D	6-8-4-1-0
D-Day, N-Night	

**■ FANTASY 5**

Jan. 28	Late
Jan. 27	1-4-5-26-36
Jan. 26	4-10-19-23-27
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 27	
2-5-digit winners	\$85,715.93
226 4-digit winners	\$122
7,668 3-digit winners	\$10

**■ CASH FOR LIFE**

Jan. 28	22-24-26-42-51
Cash Ball	3
...	
Jan. 24	13-34-36-49-55
Cash Ball	3
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 28	
0-5-5 CB	\$1,000/Day
0-5-5	\$1,000/Week
5-4-5 CB	\$2,500
6-4-5	\$500

**■ LUCKY MONEY**

Jan. 25	4-22-35-41
Lucky Ball	16
...	
Jan. 22	7-31-45-47
Lucky Ball	14
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 25	
0-4-of-4 LB	\$1,500,000
3-4-of-4	\$1,929.50
3-4-of-4 LB	\$373.00
557 3-of-4	\$67.00

**■ LOTTO**

Jan. 26	2-14-26-29-36-51
Jan. 23	4-5-7-19-34-45
Jan. 19	6-8-19-21-39-46
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 26	
0-6-digit winners	\$13 million
16-5-digit winners	\$5,442.50
968 4-digit winners	\$77.50
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$14 million

**■ POWERBALL**

Jan. 26	8-12-20-21-32
Powerball	10
...	
Jan. 23	23-25-47-48-50
Powerball	24
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 26	
0-5-5 + PB	\$161 million
0-5-5	\$1 million
2-4-5 + PB	\$50,000
5-4-5	\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$174 million

**■ MEGA MILLIONS**

Jan. 25	8-16-30-38-61
Mega Ball	10
...	
Jan. 22	4-15-37-59-64
Mega Ball	16
PAYOFF FOR JAN. 25	
0-5 of 5 + MB	\$96 million
0-5 of 5	\$1 million
0-4 of 5 + MB	\$10,000
13-4 of 5	\$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
	\$109 million

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**■ MLB: Tampa Bay Rays**

# Veteran INF/OF Emilio Bonifacio among Rays' latest minor-league signees

By **MARC TOPKIN**  
TAMPA BAY TIMES

ST. PETERSBURG — Versatile veteran Emilio Bonifacio, who has started at seven positions during an 11-year big-league career, headlines a group of players signed to minor-league deals by the Rays with invites to major-league spring training.

Right-hander Richard Pinto, who made his big-league with the Phillies in 2017, is the other new name. The signings of right-handers Casey Sadler, who pitched for the Pirates, and Luis Santos, a former Blue Jay, were previously reported. Righthander Cole Sulser, acquired from Cleveland in the Yandy Diaz-Jake Bauers trade, was the

first invitee from a group of players already in the system.

RHPs Richard Pinto, who has big-league time with the Phillies, and Cole Sulser, who has reached Triple-A with the Indians, were two other new names released Monday. Previously reported were signings of RHP Casey Sadler, who pitched previously for the Pirates, and Luis Santos, a former Blue Jay.

Bonifacio, 33, spent most of 2018 playing with Long Island in the independent Atlantic League, and the winter with Licey in the Dominican league. During parts of 11 seasons in the majors, he played for the Diamondbacks, Nationals, Marlins, Blue

Jays, Royals, Cubs, White Sox and, most recently, the Braves. He has started games at short-stop, second and third base, all three outfield spots and DH. His best season came in 2011 with the Marlins, when he hit .296 with 40 steals in 152 games. He has a career .256 average.

Pinto, 25, made his big-league debut in 2017 with the Phillies, going 1-2, 7.89 in 25 appearances. He spent last season in the minors, going 3-2, 5.95 between Class A and AAA.

Sulser, 28, has pitched five pro seasons in the Indians organization, posting a 20-26, 4.02 mark overall, and 8-4, 3.86 between Double- and Triple-A last year. Santos, 27, was 1-2,



AP PHOTO

**Veteran Emilio Bonifacio has played parts of 11 seasons in the majors, last with Atlanta in 2017.**

5.15 in 25 games over parts of the last two seasons in Toronto. Sadler, 28, is 1-1, 6.86 over parts of three seasons with the Pirates, returning to the majors last year after a lengthy recovery from Tommy John surgery. These moves put the

Rays' spring roster at 48, with more internal invitees, including LHP Hoby Milner and RHP Oliver Drake plus several prospects (such as lefty Colin Poche and infielders Nate Lowe, Nick Solak and Kean Wong) are expected later this week.

**■ NHL: Roundup**

# Devils pick up rare road win in 6-3 rout of sliding Penguins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Travis Zajac had a goal and three assists, Keith Kinkaid made 37 saves and the New Jersey Devils had little trouble in a 6-3 victory over the sluggish Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night.

Pavel Zacha, Damon Severson, Brian Boyle, Blake Coleman and Kyle Palmieri also scored as New Jersey snapped a three-game skid. The NHL's worst road team improved to 6-17-3 away from home. Two of those wins have come at the expense of the Penguins, who have dropped four of five overall and looked a step slow following a nine-day break.

Derick Brassard got his ninth goal for Pittsburgh before being ejected in the third period for elbowing. Matt Cullen and Bryan Rust added late goals after the game was decided. Matt Murray allowed six goals on 32 shots as the Penguins began the stretch run with another clunker against the Devils.

New Jersey came in tied with Ottawa at the bottom of the Eastern Conference but improved to 3-0 against Pittsburgh, outscoring the Penguins by a combined 15-5.

The first two wins came during the opening six



AP PHOTOS

**Pittsburgh Penguins' Jack Johnson (73) and New Jersey Devils' Drew Stafford (18) collide during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Monday.**

weeks of the season, a time when the Penguins were enduring another sloppy start. After a surge through December that pushed Pittsburgh comfortably back into playoff position, the Penguins find themselves in the midst of another slide.

Pittsburgh limped into the All-Star break following a 2-3 West Coast trip, each loss coming in a game in which they surrendered at least five goals thanks in large part to sloppy play in front of the net.

A chance to reset at home against one of the Eastern Conference's also-rans didn't exactly go

as planned.

The Devils, like the Penguins coming off a week-plus layoff, showed more jump from the outset and it resulted in an early lead when Zajac took a feed from Steven Santini at the top of the left circle and beat a screened Murray 13:08 into the first period.

Severson doubled the advantage less than two minutes later when he cruised uncontested through the neutral zone and beat Murray from high in the slot with a shot that nicked Murray's glove before settling into the net.

Kinkaid withstood power-play opportunities by the Penguins to preserve

the lead, and Boyle and Zacha's aggressive fore-check on the penalty kill set up Boyle's short-handed goal 3:30 into the second that put the Devils up 3-0. The goal was the 11th allowed by Pittsburgh with the man advantage, most in the NHL.

Brassard responded less than 90 seconds later to get the Penguins back within two, but Coleman's rocket from the right circle 12:57 into the second restored the three-goal edge and the Devils cruised from there.

Brassard's night ended 9:12 into the third period when he lined up Sami Vatanen along the end boards behind the New Jersey net. Vatanen tumbled to the ice and referees gave Brassard a five-minute major for boarding and a game misconduct.

against four teams with winning records.

Philadelphia opened the second half of the season aware that these could be the final games together for a core group of veterans that have little to show for several seasons of solid individual statistics — and no deep playoff run.

"We have good players," general manager Chuck Fletcher said. "We haven't been a good team."

The Flyers entered 14 points out of the last playoff spot in the Eastern Conference and Fletcher is prepared to make changes by the Feb. 25 trade deadline. He said Monday that All-Star center and team captain Claude Giroux is the only veteran he won't trade. Giroux does have a no-trade clause, but a deal that involved the popular holdover from the 2010 Stanley Cup Final team might cause a half-empty Wells Fargo Center to completely thin out.

"We have a lot of good players here, but I would never say never to almost anybody besides Giroux," Fletcher said.

The Flyers can stick the 20-year-old Hart on the untouchable list, too.

Fletcher said he would send Hart to the minors to play for the Leigh Valley Phantoms if the AHL franchise is in the playoffs. With the Flyers on a long break, Hart made a spot start Saturday for the Phantoms and took a loss.

The Flyers would need an improbable run to make the postseason for the second straight year — and even the GM isn't sure it's in the cards.

"We'd like to get some pieces that could be a part of this for a few years," Fletcher said.

Fletcher has talked to pending free agent Wayne Simmonds about his role in the rebuild. Philadelphia could stay the course and try to sign Simmonds to a new deal. But the solid scorer and team leader with a \$3.75 million salary cap hit could net the Flyers key pieces as they look toward the future.

"Clearly in the next few weeks, we will have to resolve that one way or the other," Fletcher said.

Fletcher won't wave the white flag on the season quite yet. But the GM who replaced the fired Ron Hextall in November knows he wasn't brought aboard to keep the status quo.

"We're at a stage where we need a big run here," Fletcher said.

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7:30 p.m.	ESPN2 — Virginia at North Carolina State
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8:30 p.m.	FS1 — Northwestern at Maryland
8:30 p.m.	BTN — Wisconsin at Nebraska
9 p.m.	CBSSN — St. Joseph's at Dayton
9 p.m.	SEC — Mississippi State at Alabama
9 p.m.	ESPN — Kentucky at Vanderbilt
9 p.m.	ESPN2 — Ohio State at Michigan
11 p.m.	ESPN — Pittsburgh at Clemson
11 p.m.	ESPN2 — Nevada at UNLV
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8 p.m.	TNT — New Orleans at Houston
10:30 p.m.	TNT — Philadelphia at LA Lakers
<b>NHL HOCKEY</b>	
7:30 p.m.	NBCSN — Philadelphia at NY Rangers
<b>SOCCER</b>	
2:55 p.m.	NBCSN — Premier League: Manchester United vs. Burnley
<b>SKIING</b>	
11 p.m.	NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup: men's slalom, Austria



**New Jersey Devils' Travis Zajac (19) celebrates his goal with Miles Wood (44) during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh.**



**New Jersey Devils goaltender Keith Kinkaid (1) blocks a shot with Pittsburgh Penguins' Patric Hornqvist (72) looking for the rebound with Andy Greene (6) defending during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh.**

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■ GIRLS BASKETBALL: Imagine School 38, Port Charlotte 22

# Lady Sharks finish off Port Charlotte

## Imagine School closed out the win on an 11-2 run

By JACOB HOAG  
SPORTS WRITER

Monday's road win over Port Charlotte was far from an offensive showcase for either team, but the Imagine School of North Port found a rhythm late to close it out 38-22.

"We played decent defense," Imagine School coach Kevin Andrade said. "It kind of broke down there in the second half when we were just looking for one pass, one shot. We weren't into our offense, we weren't finding a rhythm. We just had to get it back going."

Port Charlotte (12-10) was out of sync in the opening quarter. The



Port Charlotte's Emily Larson (12) drives past Imagine School of North Port's Arianna Andrade (5) Monday, January 28, 2019 at Port Charlotte High School.

Lady Pirates committed 12 turnovers to Imagine's four and were held scoreless.

It was much of the same in the second. Despite

cutting down the turnovers, the offense couldn't get going.

The Lady Sharks (13-8) found their groove in the second quarter, stretching the lead to 17-3 midway through and leading 21-6 at halftime.

"I'm just disturbed with the effort," Port Charlotte coach Mike Progl said. "It was better in the second half, but you have to show up to play every game. I don't think I did a good job of getting them motivated today, that's on me."

Coming out of halftime, Port Charlotte got into their offense and started to claw back into the game.

The Lady Pirates opened the third quarter on a 9-0 run and cut the deficit to six with 3:46 to



Imagine School of North Port's Kayle Christie (2) drives past Port Charlotte's Alysa Taylor (22) Monday, January 28, 2019 at Port Charlotte High School.

play.

Imagine went on another run and led by 10 at the end of the quarter, but Port Charlotte again fought back. Sharina Hudson and Sade Romain traded baskets as the Lady Pirates cut it to seven with 2:47 left in the game.

But it was Imagine that got the last run, closing the game out on an 11-2 run thanks to some clutch

rebounding by Arianna Andrade, who finished with a game-high 10.

"They understood what we needed to do," Andrade said. "We went back to the basics, kept it simple, moving the ball and forcing them left."

Isabella Faulkner led the Lady Sharks with 13 points followed by Katie Klein with 11. Hudson led the Lady Pirates with nine.

### IMAGINE 38, PORT CHARLOTTE 22

IS	8	13	4	13	—38
PC	0	6	9	7	—22

IS: Faulkner (13), Klein (11), Andrade (9)  
PC: Hudson (9), Romain (4), Joseph (3)

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Imagine School of North Port's Katie Klein (15) dribbles past Port Charlotte's Sharina Hudson (3) Monday, January 28, 2019 at Port Charlotte High School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Changes coming to high school football playoff rankings

## What to know as Florida switches to 'more accurate' system

By JACOB HOAG  
SPORTS WRITER

A new playoff rankings system will be in place for the next high school football season as the Florida High School Athletic Association opts for a new structure.

The FHSAA Board of Directors voted, 11-3, in favor of a ratings percentage index (RPI) system to replace the old points system when determining playoff teams for football — beginning with the 2019 season.

Here's what you need to know about the change:

### What does the new system entail?

In short, it is a way to measure a team's strength relative to other teams, based largely on the strength of their schedules. Rather than award higher point totals for better opponents, it will be calculated solely by the RPI formula.

The biggest differences are that a team's ranking relies more heavily on strength of schedule than just record and that bonus points have been eliminated.

The formula is calculated as follows: RPI = Win percentage (35 percent) + Opponents' win percentage (35 percent) + Opponents' opponents' win percentage (30 percent).

All regular season games will be counted toward the final total.

### Why replace the old system?

The old system gave higher point totals to teams that play opponents with better records. So a team that played more teams with a winning record got more points than a team that played teams

under .500. A win against a top team gave 50 points where a win against a 1-8 team gave only 35 points.

Here's what the FHSAA had to say about making the switch:

"The FHSAA Football Advisory Committee ... felt a move to a RPI ranking system was needed to create more accurate rankings for football playoff qualification and seeding. Furthermore, they felt the previous ranking system, which consisted of your own winning percentage and your opponents' winning percentage, was shallow. Lastly, the committee cited bonus

points specifically as creating scheduling havoc. A major advantage to the RPI is the transparency that comes along with its accuracy. The components of the formula are known, and its results can be easily replicated. The calculation of the ranking is three layers deep, leading to more accuracy."

### When will ratings be released?

Like the previous two years, the official FHSAA rankings will be published on [fhsaa.org](http://fhsaa.org) every Tuesday at 2 p.m., beginning Week 6 of the regular season.

### What happens in case of a tie?

The tiebreaker is as follows:

- Head-to-head result between the two teams
- Winning percentage
- Opponents' winning percentage
- Opponents' opponents' winning percentage
- Highest-rated win (according to the final RPI standings)
- Next-highest rated win (exhaust all possibilities)

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LOCAL PREP BRIEFS

#### WEIGHTLIFTING

The Charlotte Tarpons had 10 girls, Port Charlotte seven and Lemon Bay four qualify for their respective state weightlifting meets.

Port Charlotte and Lemon Bay will be competing in the Class 1A State Weightlifting meet on Feb. 9 at Arnold High School at Panama City Beach.

The Lady Pirates qualifying were Leanna Thompson, Nicky Moss, Kayla Jarrett, Alicia Kowalski, Ameijah Jones, Kylie Kaufman and

Zoeie Kaufman.

The Lady Manta Rays qualifying Sara Reid, Sarah Hamsher, Lilly Crady and Kayla Vaughan.

The Charlotte Tarpons will be sending 10 girls to the Class 2A State tournament on Feb. 8 also at Arnold High School at Panama City Beach.

The Lady Tarpons will send Brisilda Bejte, Lauren Meddaugh, Kariene Dejean, Natalie Jen, Annabelle Anderson, Lexus Sweet, Erika Lane, Cheyenne Warren, Aryana Haynes and Britney Williams.

#### BASKETBALL

##### Community Christian 61 Sarasota 56

Brandon Hill paced the Mustangs with 21 points, 9-12 from the field and six rebounds.

Sam Battle scored 17 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had five steals.

Ethan Bray scored 12 points and recorded four steals.

Community Christian is now 10-10 overall and 7-2 in the district.

#### PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

##### TUESDAY

###### Basketball

Venice Boys at Lakewood Ranch, 7:30 p.m.

Venice Girls Senior Night vs Sarasota Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Lemon Bay Girls at Cardinal Mooney, 6 p.m.

North Port Boys at Riverview Sarasota, 7:30 p.m.

North Port Girls home vs. Booker, 7:30 p.m.

Imagine Girls vs. IMG Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Port Charlotte Girls home vs. Bishop Verot, 7 p.m.

###### Soccer

Venice Girls District Semi-Finals, 7 p.m.

—Vinnie/Fennell  
Lemon Bay — Girls soccer in District Semifinals at Cape Coral High School, 5:30 p.m.

North Port Girls District Semifinals vs. Braden River, 7 p.m.

## TARPONS

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Charlotte improved to 17-6 overall and 10-2 in the district. The Tarpons have locked down the second seed in the upcoming district tournament and will have eight days off until their next game on February 7th against Fort Myers.

"Our effort early on was not good," Massolio said. "Going through the motions

and not doing a very good job. Once we started getting into transition and started moving the ball around, you can see what we can do. Island Coast is obviously not at the level that we are, but whoever you step on the court against, you've got to be ready to go and we weren't ready to go. We don't play again till next Thursday, so we've got a lot of time to get some things changed and corrected."

### CHARLOTTE 81, ISLAND COAST 27

Island Coast	7	12	4	4	—27
Charlotte	17	25	30	9	—81

ISLAND COAST  
Corchado 7, Martinez 5, Baberich 4, Cook 3, Koch 2, Roberts 2, Youngblood 2, Joseph 2.  
Totals: 10(3), 4-8, 27

CHARLOTTE  
Johnson 20, Carroll 15, Scribner 12, Reaves 9, Phanor 7, Gainer 7, Toure 6, Tompkins 3, Shackleford 2. Totals: 34(4), 9-13, 81.



Charlotte's Jahem Toure goes up for a basket during the Monday night game against Island Coast.



Charlotte's Ahmad Johnson attempts three points during the Tarpons home game against Island Coast.

SUN PHOTO BY JENNIFER BRUNO

■ **NBA: Pelicans**

# Anthony Davis tells New Orleans that he wants a trade

## The five-time All-Star wants to be traded to a contending team

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Anthony Davis' agent says the five-time All-Star has told the New Orleans Pelicans that he wants to be traded to a contending team.

Agent Rich Paul confirmed the request to The Associated Press early Monday. ESPN first reported that Davis has told the Pelicans he wants to go elsewhere.

Davis is having the best season of his career, averaging 29.3 points and 13.3 rebounds per game. He'll almost certainly become a six-time All-Star later this week when the NBA announces the full rosters for this year's game that will be played Feb. 17 in Charlotte.

Now it's unclear if Davis will be there as a member of the Pelicans

or not. The trade deadline is Feb. 7.

Davis' future has long been in question. He's an elite superstar on a team that hasn't gotten past the second round of the playoffs since he's been in New Orleans — and in four of his first six full seasons, the Pelicans didn't qualify for the postseason at all.

His telling New Orleans that he wants out is the latest power move by a star player who wants to get traded, following a path now similar to what Kawhi Leonard did when he wanted to be traded by San Antonio and what Paul George did when he decided it was time to move on from Indiana. Telling the Pelicans that he won't re-sign with them provides a blunt message: Move me, or lose me for nothing.

But New Orleans has been steadfast for months: The Pelicans have no desire to move their best player, who is in line to sign a \$240 million, five-year extension in 2020.

"We're not trading him," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said last month, one of many times he's addressed the topic. "I can say that to the world. We're not going to trade him, no matter what. That's not an option."

Still, trade chatter has ramped up this season, especially after Los Angeles Lakers All-Star LeBron James — who is represented by Paul, just as Davis is — included the New Orleans star on a list of players that he would love to play with. James' comments were construed in some

circles as campaigning for Davis, who is under contract to the Pelicans through the end of the 2019-20 season.

Boston would almost certainly be a place that makes sense, since the Celtics are a contender and have more than enough assets to make a good deal for New Orleans. But the Celtics cannot trade for Davis under NBA rules until July 1, unless they also trade away Kyrie Irving — which likely won't happen.

That would point to the Lakers as another possible destination for a trade. The Lakers, right now, aren't necessarily a contender. But they have James, which probably means they're attractive to Davis as well.

A year ago at this time, the Pelicans had perhaps



AP PHOTO

**New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, left, gets fouled by Los Angeles Clippers' Tyrone Wallace during the second half of an NBA basketball game.**

the most dominant frontcourt in the NBA with Davis lining up with DeMarcus Cousins. Then Cousins tore his Achilles, and wound up signing this past summer with Golden State.

It has not been a good month for New Orleans

sports fans.

Saints fans still reeling from a non-call for pass interference last week that played a major role in them losing the NFC championship game to the Los Angeles Rams and being denied a Super Bowl berth.

■ **COLLEGE BASKETBALL: AP POLL**

# Tennessee stays No. 1 for 2nd week in AP Top 25 poll

By **AARON BEARD**  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

RALEIGH, N.C. — Tennessee handled its first week at No. 1 in more than a decade well enough to stay on its AP Top 25 perch.

The Volunteers received 48 of 64 first-place votes in Monday's poll to extend the program's first stint at No. 1 since February 2008. Tennessee (18-1, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) has won 14 straight games — the program's longest run since the 1922-23 season and one shy of the school record — since suffering a neutral-court loss to Kansas in November. "To be quite honest

with you, I talked to them about (how) it's new to them," Volunteers coach Rick Barnes said of the No. 1 ranking after Saturday's victory against West Virginia. "They've earned it, but they can't forget what got them where they are.

"Is there more noise around them? Obviously, it is. But they've got to be mature enough to deal with that."

### KENTUCKY'S RISE

John Calipari's latest group of Kentucky youngsters keep winning, and climbing in the poll. The Wildcats (16-3,

5-1 SEC) moved past Nevada to reach No. 7 after Saturday's home win against Kansas extended their streak to six games. Kentucky was ranked No. 2 in the preseason poll before a blowout loss to Duke in the season opener dropped the Wildcats to No. 10, then they slid even further, to No. 19, by mid-December.

But Kentucky has been rising ever since, and its only two losses since the Duke game have come by a combined three points.

### THE TOP 10

Nevada slid a spot to No. 8, while North Carolina and Marquette each rose

two spots to round out the top 10.

### RISING

No. 15 Louisville (15-5) has been playing well for the past two weeks under first-year coach Chris Mack. Now the Cardinals, who cracked the poll for the first time last week, have moved up eight spots for the week's biggest jump after reaching 6-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in a week that included a win against now-No. 23 North Carolina State.

No. 19 LSU rose six spots, while No. 13 Houston, No. 14 Villanova and No. 20 Iowa State each jumped four spots.

### SLIDING

Maryland (16-5) took a big fall after losses at No. 6 Michigan State and then to Illinois in New York. The Terrapins fell eight spots to No. 21 for the week's biggest slide among ranked teams.

No. 18 Buffalo fell four spots for the other significant slide.

### HELLO AGAIN

No. 17 Purdue, No. 24 Wisconsin and No. 25 Florida State returned to the poll after being ranked for multiple weeks earlier this season.

Purdue was ranked in the first four polls

and peaked at No. 19. Wisconsin was ranked in seven polls in November and December, reaching No. 12.

As for Florida State, the Seminoles had been ranked in every poll this season, peaking at No. 9 in December and standing at No. 11 two weeks ago, before falling out last week following a third straight Atlantic Coast Conference loss.

### FALLING OUT

Auburn (No. 16), Iowa (No. 19) and Mississippi (No. 20) fell out of the poll. The Tigers had spent six weeks in the top 10 earlier this season.

■ **COLLEGE BASKETBALL:**

# Blue Devils' Williamson powers Duke past Notre Dame

Zion Williamson scored 26 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked four shots

By **ANTHONY ANDERSON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Zion Williamson scored 26 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked four shots, and fellow freshmen RJ Barrett and Cam Reddish combined for another 30 points as No. 2 Duke rolled to an 83-61 victory over Notre Dame on Monday night.

Williamson made 10 of 12 shots from the field for the Blue Devils, who were in control all the

way.

Duke (18-2, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its fourth straight game while sending the Fighting Irish (11-10, 1-7) to their sixth straight loss.

Barrett tallied 17 points for the Devils to go with nine rebounds. Reddish had 13 points.

John Mooney scored 14 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for Notre Dame. It was his seventh consecutive double-double.

Prentiss Hubb added 13 points and T.J. Gibbs 12 for the Irish.

Duke, which led by as many 24 points in the second half, was up 46-28 by halftime.

The Blue Devils roared to a 17-2 lead in the opening six minutes, with Williamson scoring nine points during the spree, and were up 26-7 by the time 10 minutes had elapsed.

Notre Dame trimmed its deficit under double digits just once, at 32-23.

The Blue Devils' immediate response to that was a 10-0 run over a span of 2:22.

### BIG PICTURE

Duke: The Blue Devils moved into sole possession of the lead in the hotly contested ACC for the moment by virtue of their seventh league win. No. 3 Virginia (6-1), No. 15 Louisville (6-1) and No. 9 North Carolina (5-1) each have one league loss as well, and all were

idle Monday. Duke still has road assignments remaining against each of those other three clubs, plus a home date with the Tar Heels.

Notre Dame: Teetering at just over .500, the Irish are in danger of missing out on postseason for just the second time during coach Mike Brey's 19 years in South Bend. ND has made 12 NCAA Tournament appearances and five in the NIT under Brey. The lone time his Irish were shut out of

either was in 2014, when the team closed at 15-17.

### UP NEXT

Duke: The Blue Devils step outside the ACC for one last time this regular season when they host St. John's on Saturday. The Red Storm are 15-5, but have lost four of five.

Notre Dame: The Irish visit Boston College on Saturday. The Eagles (11-7, 2-4) account for ND's lone ACC win, 69-66 on Jan. 12 at Notre Dame.

■ **NBA: Roundup**

# Monk's big fourth quarter lifts Hornets past Knicks 101-92

Charlotte Hornets handed the New York Knicks their 10th straight loss 101-92 on Monday night

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kemba Walker and Tony Parker each had 15 points, Malik Monk had four clutch 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and the Charlotte Hornets handed the New York Knicks their 10th straight loss 101-92 on Monday night.

Monk scored 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter to help ignite a 17-1 run as Charlotte improved to 17-8 at home.

Kevin Knox had 19 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. 17 for the struggling Knicks, who have won one game since beating the Hornets on Dec. 14.

As they did in a 119-117 loss at Madison Square Garden last month, the Hornets struggled again to shake the Knicks and entered the fourth quarter tied at

71 after shooting 5 of 25 from beyond the arc.

But Monk got the Hornets on track in the fourth quarter.

He knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers, one coming on a nifty play from Walker, who delivered a wraparound pass from underneath the basket to an open Monk at the top of the key. That started the 17-1 run with Monk accounting for 12 points and Walker five.

Walker was just 5 of 16 from the field, but made a big step-back 3 from the corner and Monk followed with another 3 to give Charlotte its largest lead at 87-75 with 7 minutes left. The Knicks never mounted a serious challenge after that.

The Hornets were 6 of 8 from 3-point range in the fourth quarter.

### Warriors 132, Pacers 100

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Stephen Curry scored 23 of his 26 points in the first half, DeMarcus Cousins added 22 and the Golden State Warriors extended the league's longest winning streak this season to 11 with a 132-100 rout of the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

Kevin Durant had 16 points for the Warriors, who have won a league-best 10 consecutive road games and got their first sweep on a five-game road trip since November 2014. And Draymond Green didn't even play.

Myles Turner scored 16 points and Bojan Bogdanovic had 15 but

Indiana dropped its second straight since losing All-Star guard Victor Oladipo to a season-ending knee injury. The Pacers also played without Tyreke Evans, Oladipo's replacement, because of a sore back.

But even at full strength, the Pacers would have had difficulty weathering the Warriors' flurry.

Curry scored eight straight to break a 16-16 tie midway through the first quarter and Golden State never looked back. The Warriors closed the quarter on a 24-6 run to make it 40-22 against the league's top scoring defense.

At halftime, Curry was 9 of 10 from the field and 5 of 5 on 3s, including a 27-foot buzzer beater to end the half,

giving the Warriors a 69-48 lead.

Indiana never got closer than 16 after the first quarter.

Curry became the first player in league history to make 200 3s in seven consecutive seasons. Klay Thompson and Curry started this season tied with six.

### Celtics 112, Nets 104

BOSTON (AP) — Jaylen Brown and Marcus Smart each scored 21 points, and the Boston Celtics beat Brooklyn 112-104 on Monday night to snap the injury-riddled Nets' six-game winning streak.

Aron Baynes had 16 points, Marcus Morris 15, and Al Horford and Terry Rozier each had 14 for Boston, which tied a

franchise record with 16 blocked shots and won for the sixth time in seven games. Horford had 11 rebounds.

The Celtics played without star guard Kyrie Irving, who was sidelined with a sore left hip.

D'Angelo Russell led the Nets with 25 points and Shabazz Napier had 20. Brooklyn had won 19 of its previous 24 games.

The Celtics took charge with an 11-0 run early in the final quarter. Brown capped the spree with a 3-pointer from the right corner, pushing Boston's lead to 102-90 with just over 7 minutes to play. Boston used a 14-2 run midway into the second quarter en route to a 60-50 halftime edge. Brown triggered the spurt with a 3 and scored seven points.



## ■ NFL

# NFL centers seeing shorter career longevity

The average experience level of the position has dropped significantly

By **MARK LONG**

AP SPORTS WRITER

ORLANDO, Fla. — Pro Bowl center Alex Mack rattled off all he does before the snap: Checks for blitzes, keeps an eye on the play clock, makes blocking adjustments and communicates all the changes to everyone else.

All that happens in seconds — with 300-pound defenders a few inches away and ready to pounce.

"It's unlike anything else in football," the Atlanta Falcons standout said.

Some might argue the center is the most indispensable player on the roster — the player who mans the only position guaranteed to touch the ball on every play. He calls the shots for the offensive line and begins each play.

But an Associated Press analysis revealed that despite their unique skill set, it was centers — not running backs, linebackers or defensive backs — who were becoming more endangered more quickly than players at any

other position. In 2009, the average center had six years in the league. This season, the average center had four years of experience.

"Really? That's shocking," Mack said. "I guess, technically, it's the last spot for the O-line. If you're a tackle who can't play in space, they move you to guard. If you're a guard that's having trouble, they move you to center. Oftentimes center is the position that can get the most help. A lot of the blocks are double-teams, so you're not put on an island nearly as much, so it's always a position that you can try to improve."

Most teams have in recent years, too.

Thirty-eight centers have been drafted over the last five years, and none of them has made a Pro Bowl. Sixteen of those have been taken in the first three rounds of the NFL draft.

It helps explain why the experience of the average center has fallen. While every position outside of quarterback, kicker and punter has seen a decline, no position sees this sharp

a drop-off in the AP survey.

"It's one of those tough, nasty, gritty positions that you have to just keep fighting at, and kids nowadays just aren't quite the same," said retired NFL center Brad Meester, a 14-year starter for the Jacksonville Jaguars. "Even at the high school level, those kids are getting harder and harder to find anymore."

"They're just not the same as they were years ago. I don't know if that's been part of the reason play has gone down and we're seeing this dip in longevity, but it could be."

Since centers are typically the smallest offensive linemen in college, Mack and Meester believe some undersized guys have trouble making the NFL jump — especially with defensive linemen getting bigger, faster and stronger each year.

"In college, if you have a guy who's big enough to play in the NFL, he's probably playing tackle or guard," Meester said. "He might get moved to center at the next level, and then you end up

with centers that are a little raw going into the NFL."

That's exactly what happened to Chicago Bears Pro Bowl center Cody Whitehair, who started his college career as a guard and moved to left tackle as a senior at Kansas State. The Bears drafted him in the second round in 2016 and then moved him to center a week before his rookie year.

"It's hard to transition into the NFL," Whitehair said. "It definitely takes a special breed to come in out of college and be ready to start on the offensive line, especially at center."

Still, Whitehair was surprised to learn that the longevity of centers isn't what is used to be. He said it could be that centers are asked to do so much more in the NFL than in college, where more prevalent spread systems often take their cues from the sideline inside of adjusting on the fly.

But Whitehair pointed to Mack (10th season), New Orleans' Max Unger (10th), Philadelphia's Jason Kelce



AP PHOTO

Atlanta Falcons center Alex Mack (51) prepares to work against the Baltimore Ravens during the second half of an NFL football game in Atlanta.

(8th) and the Pouncey twins (8th and 7th, respectively) as long-term starters he thought would be enough to make a difference in the changing landscape.

"We just got to get the younger generation to follow in those footsteps," Whitehair said.

For every success story such as Whitehair, it seems there's a recently drafted center who's already out

of the league — guys like David Molk, Philip Blake, Peter Konz, Khaled Holmes, Bryan Stork and Hroniss Grasu to name a few.

"A center really is your quarterback of the offensive line, the guy who right along with the quarterback is reading defenses, reading stunts, blitzes, secondaries," Meester said. "If you get a guy in there that can do that, you keep him."

## ■ COMMENTARY

## The great sports debate that Tom Brady settled

There's one remaining rebuttal to declaring him as the greatest quarterback ever, and easily countered

Once, it was the perfect argument for bars and schoolyards alike.



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Did you prefer Unitas or Starr? Montana or Marino? Elway or Manning? Debates about football's greatest quarter-

backs cut across generations and genres. It didn't matter if you grew up in the 1960s or the '90s, and it didn't matter whether you measured your quarterbacks by their number of victories or the accumulation of yards.

There were a handful of possible answers, and none of them were wrong.

Until now, that is. Until Tom Brady did what an army of defensive coordinators could never do. Somehow, the Patriots quarterback has sent history's best passers to the sidelines. Brady is the greatest quarterback the NFL has ever known, and I'm not sure it's even close

anymore.

Tell me, who has a resume that can compare?

He's won as many NFL championship as Bart Starr, and has a chance for a record sixth in Sunday's Super Bowl against the Rams. He has more fourth-quarter comebacks than Joe Montana or Johnny Unitas. He has a higher passer rating than Peyton Manning, he's thrown for more yards than Dan Marino and has won more games than anyone.

Do you see a flaw in that argument? I'll grant you, he's not the best quarterback in the NFL today but the guy is also 41. By this point, Unitas, Joe Namath and Brett Favre had already shown up with losing records in unfamiliar towns.

And maybe he isn't the size of Ben Roethlisberger or the athlete John Elway was, but Brady has suited up for game after game, season after season and played at an elite level since 2001.

And while Terry Bradshaw had Lynn Swann, Unitas had Raymond Berry and

Montana had Jerry Rice, the Patriots have had a succession of different receivers sandwiched around three seasons of Randy Moss.

Oh, I understand that times have changed. More than ever, the NFL is a passer's league and so Brady's stats were bound to dwarf some of the greats that showed up before him.

But this is more than about numbers. Vinny Testaverde, Carson Palmer and Drew Bledsoe threw for a gazillion yards, but they've never been lumped in this company. Frankly, it's even more than Super Bowls. Bradshaw has four rings and Troy Aikman has three, but they're not the best of the best.

It's true, you find the record holders in box scores.

But you search your memory to find the legends.

These are the quarterbacks you fear as an opponent. The quarterbacks you tell your children about as a parent. The quarterbacks you immediately recall when you

think of history's biggest moments.

Brady checks all of those boxes and more. He is the thinking man's quarterback. The third-down quarterback. The fourth-quarter quarterback. January's quarterback.

No one in the foreseeable future will likely match his 29-10 postseason record. Montana, at 16-7, is next on the list of victories. And, yes, a lot of that is borne of the modern NFL with its expanded playoffs.

But Brady's winning percentage in the postseason (.744) also dwarfs everyone other than Starr (.900) who only played 10 playoff games in his entire career.

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AP PHOTO

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) is happy to have wide receiver Julian Edelman back from a four-game suspension for tonight's game against the Indianapolis Colts.

So, at this point, is there any rebuttal to such a grand assertion?

Yes, one.

Brady's entire career has come under the direction of New England coach Bill Belichick. There are some who might say Brady's body of work is as much a testament to Belichick's genius as his own skills.

It's an argument worth pondering, but not for very long. Belichick has been crucial for Brady, but it was Brady who ultimately created Belichick's reputation.

With Brady as his starting quarterback, Belichick has a 207-60 record as an NFL head coach in the regular season. With anyone else as his quarterback, Belichick is 54-63. The only time the Patriots failed to reach the playoffs in the past 15 seasons was the year Brady was out with a knee injury.

The greatest quarterback ever?

Why argue?

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## ■ NFL: Super Bowl Week

## Falcons turn over home to Rams for Super Bowl week

Falcons give keys to Rams for the week of practice before Super Bowl 53

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AP SPORTS WRITER

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons have cleared out of their practice facility and given the keys to the Los Angeles Rams for the week.

The Falcons are determined to be good hosts to the Rams, who are using the facility as their practice site for Sunday's Super Bowl 53. The Falcons insist they'd have been just as hospitable if it were their bitter rival New Orleans Saints using their locker room, meeting rooms and practice field for the week.

As part of Atlanta's winning bid for this Super Bowl, the Falcons' facility in Flowery

Branch, Georgia, north of Atlanta, is home to the Rams, who beat the Saints for the NFC championship. The AFC champion New England Patriots are practicing at Georgia Tech's facility this week.

Each practice site has an indoor facility, which will be important with possible winter weather arriving on Tuesday.

The obvious dream of Falcons owner Arthur Blank was to have his team play in Atlanta's Super Bowl in the second year of Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Instead, the Patriots — who beat the Falcons in Super Bowl 51 — are back, while the Rams look to repeat their win in the last Atlanta Super Bowl in 2000, when

they represented St. Louis.

Spencer Treadwell, Falcons vice president of operations and facilities, said work began to prepare the Flowery Branch facility long before it was known which team would move in.

In the case of the Rams, who were making the cross-country flight, Treadwell said communication was especially important. The Falcons made sure the Rams knew what equipment would be available to be borrowed for the week.

The locker room and meetings rooms were cleaned out for the Rams. Private offices, which won't be used, are locked.

"We've been meeting as a staff for several weeks

just to make sure we're buttoned up," Treadwell said. "Obviously, we know they're going to try to make this the Rams' facility for the week, so we're going to do what we can to assist and accommodate that and support them in a great week of preparation."

Treadwell said the same Southern hospitality would have been offered to the Saints — even though the mere mention of the division rivals moving into the Falcons' facility left Atlanta coach Dan Quinn grim-faced last month.

"I guess I'm most disappointed we won't be the ones playing and practicing at our site," Quinn said on Dec. 20.

Similarly, Atlanta Mayor

Keisha Lance Bottoms was certainly happy to have the Rams headed to town. She recently said she was looking forward to a game that featured "anybody other than the Saints."

"I know there's going to be a bounty on my head for saying that," she said in an interview with These Urban Times. "But, if it can't be the Falcons, then hey, as long as it's not the Saints then I am happy."

At a news conference to discuss Super Bowl preparations, Bottoms said she was just joking about the Saints.

Treadwell said it is more important to represent Atlanta well in this Super Bowl than to be influenced by the

Falcons' long rivalry with the Saints.

"Obviously, we were going to be gracious hosts to whoever came and we were going to do the best we could to support their efforts in preparing for the biggest game of their lives," Treadwell said. "At that point we have a job to do and we have to remain professional. We're part of the host committee."

"If you look at it, we want the city to look good for this game and we want our participants to have a good experience when they come here. If it were the Saints we'd have done the same things we've done for the Rams and treat them as best as we possibly could."

## ■ AUTO RACING

# Former Formula One driver turns focus to final leg of motorsports' Triple Crown

Alonso opening a new chapter in his life after retirement

By JENNA FRYER

AP AUTO RACING WRITER

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Fernando Alonso raced into retirement from Formula One dedicated to winning the final leg of motorsports' version of the Triple Crown. The Indianapolis 500 is the missing piece on his resume, one he intends to add in May.

But Alonso has been considering his future for quite some time, and his November retirement from F1 has opened his schedule to race in anything he wants. After anchoring Wayne Taylor Racing to a victory in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the Spaniard was coy about his future.

"The aim is to do something unprecedented in motorsport," Alonso said Sunday after picking up his new Rolex watch.

Not very specific, but a clue that Alonso is open to any and all ideas in this new chapter of his career.

"Right now full focus is on the Indy 500," he said. "But yeah, I'm thinking I'm trying to do something more, maybe in different disciplines. I need to think, I need to plan, I need to make sure that I'm competitive, to have the right people, the right teams, and the right preparations.

"Whatever adventure is next, I will not do it if I'm not competitive or I don't have a shot for winning. I need to be very calm and clever with the decisions for the future."

The plan was put in motion two years ago when the two-time F1 champion persuaded his McLaren team to let him skip the Monaco Grand Prix and instead race the Indianapolis 500. Alonso had twice won in Monte Carlo — perhaps the toughest leg of the Triple Crown — and now he wanted to kiss the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He had never driven an Indy car before and had never raced on an oval, yet he was in contention to win his inaugural Indy 500 until a late engine failure.

His sights next turned to 24 Hours of Le Mans, with a sports car racing debut in last year's Rolex 24 as the warmup. Alonso announced he would race at Le Mans the morning



Fernando Alonso, front, and Jordan Taylor walk off the driver introduction stage before the IMSA 24-hour race at Daytona International Speedway, Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

after he finished his first Rolex, and six months later he won in France to move closer to the Triple Crown.

His attention turns now toward the Indy 500, but with the freedom to pick and choose what he wants to do, Alonso is studying every opportunity. A five-year losing streak in F1 had pushed him to the fringes of that series, and although he remains one of the most popular drivers in the world, some began to wonder if his skills had slipped at the tail of his 17-year F1 career.

What he has done moonlighting in different disciplines has proven his talent has not wavered and that as he prepares to turn 38, Alonso still rates among the best drivers on the planet.

"Whenever you put a guy in a different car on a different track, normally it takes four or five laps for them to get (comfortable)," said Rolex winning team owner Wayne Taylor. "I remember his first split on the first turn was as quick as everybody. I thought, 'How are we going to manage this?' He was just terrific."

Alonso did the heavy lifting for Taylor at Daytona, a race stopped twice for the first time in history for rain, then called shy of the 24-hour mark because conditions were too treacherous for drivers to be on the track.

Two of Alonso's three stints in the car were during the rain, in part because F1 had made him the most experienced driver on the Taylor lineup in wet conditions, and because he had the control and steadiness to manage the risks versus reward in a torrential rainstorm. Alonso found the limited visibility and standing water on the track to be the most dangerous conditions of his career, and he had had more than enough when he saw the pace car driver hydroplane and nearly crash when he was following under caution.

But he didn't turn a single wheel wrong and drove the Cadillac DPi to the lead every time he was on the track to win the Rolex in his second try. He noted after that that his sports car career was exactly a year old and continued to hint at his future.

Although he did a car swap with seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson in November and ran exhibition laps in a stock car, Alonso said at Daytona that NASCAR events are not currently on his radar. He is competing this year in the World Endurance Challenge — he won in his series debut last season in the Six Hours of Spa — and quipped he has so many plans he may need to return to F1 to lessen

assistant at North Carolina State.

Flores has worked alongside O'Shea since 2009. The former college quarterback at Marshall and the University of Houston is viewed as one of the NFL's up-and-coming offensive minds.

Caldwell, 63, posted a 26-22 record as Colts coach from 2009-11, and a 36-28 record with the Lions from 2013-17. He interviewed for the vacant Packers and Cleveland Browns coaching jobs this month, but was not hired.

Graham's connection to Flores stems from their time together as Patriots assistants, where Graham filled a number of roles on Bill Belichick's staff from 2007-15.

Graham just completed his first season as the Packers' defensive run-game coordinator and inside linebackers coach after spending two seasons as the defensive line coach with the Giants. During his career,

Graham has worked with standout players like defensive tackle Vince Wilfork (Patriots), defensive ends Olivier Vernon and Jason Pierre-Paul with the Giants and Chandler Jones and Rob Ninkovich with the Patriots, and linebackers Jerod Mayo and Dont'a Hightower of the Patriots.

The Dolphins finished 31st on offense in 2018, averaging just 289.9 yards per game. That was the lowest ranking in franchise history.

Miami ranked 26th in scoring at only 19.9 points per game in 2018, and must address every position on offense this offseason — quarterback, offensive line, tight end, tailback and receiver.

The Dolphins defense allowed 27.1 points per game, which ranked 27th in the NFL. Miami allowed 391.1 yards per game in 2018. Only the Browns, Kansas City Chiefs and Cincinnati Bengals allowed more last season.



AP PHOTOS

Car owner Wayne Taylor, far right, celebrates with drivers, from left, Kamui Kobayashi, of Japan, Jordan Taylor and Renger Van Der Zande, of the Netherlands, as Fernando Alonso, of Spain, drives the car to victory lane after winning the IMSA 24-hour race at Daytona International Speedway.



Fernando Alonso drives his Cadillac DPi during the evening hours of the IMSA 24-hour race at Daytona International Speedway, Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

his load.

There are plenty of opportunities for Alonso all over the world, and his next big announcement could be next year's Dakar Rally in Paris. Alonso's win in Daytona made him the third F1 champion to win the Rolex, joining Phil Hill and Mario Andretti. He seemed envious of the drivers before his time who could race all over the world in any sort of

formula, and proving that it can still be done might be what Alonso does next.

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## SNOW FROM PAGE 1

New England Patriots fan Pamela Wales of Quincy, Massachusetts said it's the potential for ice that concerns her most. During her visit to Atlanta this week, local television footage reminded her that Atlanta and ice don't mix well.

"They were showing all kinds of pictures on TV from 2014 when everyone got stuck," Wales said as she toured Super Bowl exhibits at the Georgia World Congress Center Monday afternoon.

The potential for black ice is also "the overriding concern" among emergency officials, said Homer Bryson, director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

"Temperatures are going to plummet," the governor said at a Monday news conference. "It's very similar to what we saw in 2014 where the roadways will not have time to dry off before the moisture or precipitation on them refreezes," Kemp said. "And that's when you have black ice, and that's what causes wrecks, which causes gridlock and public safety issues, injuries."

Road crews on Monday began treating major interstates, state routes and overpasses in north Georgia with brine — a

liquid salt mixture — in anticipation of the storm.

The routes that both the New England Patriots and Los Angeles Rams must use to travel to and from practice venues will also be pre-treated, the Georgia Department of Transportation said in a statement.

Sunday's Super Bowl will be played in downtown Atlanta in Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which has a roof. The roof will be open if weather permits, officials have said.

There's a 40 percent chance of showers Sunday, but highs will be near 58 degrees (14 Celsius). That's slightly warmer than average for Feb. 3 in Atlanta, climate records show.

But forecasters say the more immediate threat is Tuesday, when roads could be treacherous.

"It is often easy to pass judgment on how we in Georgia deal with snow and ice, but for those from the north what you do know is that an ice event is very different than a snow event," Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms said Monday. "And because we don't want a repeat of 2014, we have already begun to pretreat our streets and are paying particularly attention to our sidewalks because we do know that we will have many visitors in our tourist areas."

About 1,900 employees were on call and more than 420 pieces of snow removal

equipment were ready, the state Department of Transportation said.

Forecasters were uncertain how widespread the snowfall will be.

"Some uncertainty continues regarding amounts of snow accumulations and how far south and east the threat may extend," the weather service said in a Monday update on the approaching storm.

Past Super Bowl weeks have been marred by wintry weather, including the 2011 game in Arlington, Texas. Ice coated roads around metro Dallas during the week before Green Bay defeated Pittsburgh that year. Chunks of ice also tumbled from the roof of Cowboys Stadium, hurting six workers on the ground. None of the injuries were considered life-threatening.

In 2000, the St. Louis Rams and Tennessee Titans arrived in Atlanta shortly after an ice storm brought traffic in the city to a standstill.

Unseasonably cold temperatures followed, and both teams had to practice outdoors since the Georgia Dome was being used for Super Bowl pregame and halftime rehearsals. The Rams wore winter jackets and thermal underwear in the biting cold.

"It's ridiculous," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said at the time. "But there's nothing you can do about it except try to survive."

## DOLPHINS FROM PAGE 1

assistants.

The Dolphins will not comment on any of the potential hires until they are official, which could be as soon as next Monday.

Hobby, who spent three seasons as a player in the NFL, has been coaching on the college and professional level since 1995. He was reportedly fired by the Jaguars after spending the past two seasons coaching defensive linemen.

Before joining the Jaguars, he served as the defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Duke and Clemson.

Leonard spent six years with the New York Giants, where he was initially hired by Tom Coughlin. He was retained by the Giants' next two coaches, serving in different roles.

Prior to his work with the Giants, Leonard served as a graduate

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City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Apalachicola	60	31	52	37
Bradenton	65	49	59	47
Clearwater	64	48	56	48
Coral Springs	70	51	70	57
Daytona Beach	67	41	56	47
Fort Lauderdale	70	54	71	59
Fort Myers	67	52	66	50
Gainesville	65	36	54	36
Jacksonville	64	30	53	33
Key Largo	69	60	71	62
Key West	71	63	72	64
Lakeland	67	45	57	43
Melbourne	69	49	63	51
Miami	70	55	72	59
Naples	66	53	68	52
Ocala	64	38	54	35
Okeechobee	68	47	65	49
Orlando	67	48	65	46
Panama City	57	31	51	36
Pensacola	51	28	51	37
Pompano Beach	70	55	72	59
St. Augustine	64	36	51	42
St. Petersburg	65	46	58	46
Sarasota	66	48	62	46
Tallahassee	60	27	61	30
Tampa	65	45	58	45
Vero Beach	69	49	65	53
West Palm Beach	70	52	70	58

### TIDES

Point	High		Low	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Punta Gorda	12:19p	5:21a	9:50p	3:24p
Englewood	10:56a	3:37a	8:27p	1:40p
Boca Grande	7:51p	2:38a	---	---
El Jobean	12:51p	5:50a	10:22p	3:53p
Venice	9:11a	2:16a	6:42p	12:19p

### CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature Today

Time	UV Index	RealFeel Temp
8 a.m.	1	48
10 a.m.	3	63
Noon	4	68
2 p.m.	3	67
4 p.m.	1	64
6 p.m.	0	60

### POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Monday

Category	Index
Trees	absent
Grass	absent
Weeds	absent
Molds	absent

### AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Monday

Index	Category
42	Good

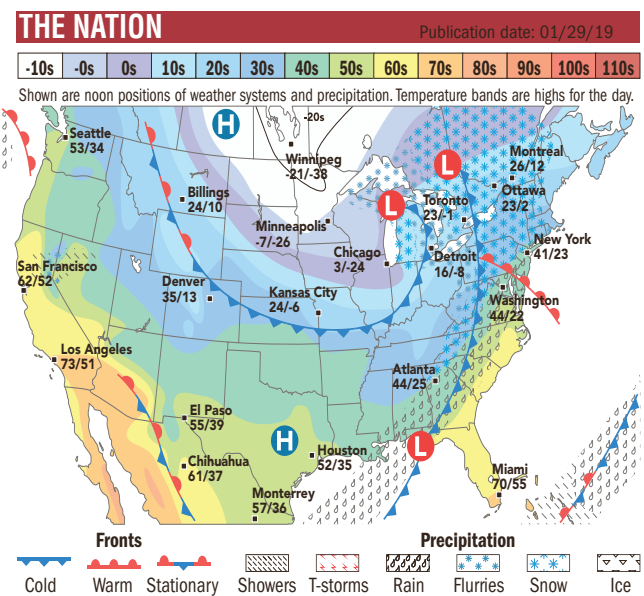
### WEATHER HISTORY

On Jan. 29, 1966, the "Blizzard of '66" dumped 12 to 20 inches of snow from Virginia to New England, killing 50.

### WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: An excess of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere might cause what?

A: Global warming



### U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High: 76° at McAllen, TX  
Low: -29° at Pellston, MI

### U.S. Extremes (continued)

City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Albuquerque	47	27	52	27
Anchorage	38	32	35	25
Atlanta	44	25	43	24
Baltimore	41	22	27	6
Billings	24	10	35	26
Birmingham	37	22	42	23
Boise	43	22	44	25
Boston	37	33	34	6
Buffalo	26	4	5	-4
Burlington, VT	28	17	17	-4
Charleston, WV	32	16	18	4
Charlotte	50	21	44	21
Chicago	3	-24	-13	-25
Cincinnati	22	-2	5	-1
Cleveland	21	-2	-1	-8
Columbia, SC	58	24	49	25
Columbus, OH	21	-1	2	-1
Concord, NH	27	24	27	-4
Dallas	50	34	52	36
Denver	35	13	43	21
Des Moines	5	-21	8	-19
Detroit	16	-8	-3	-16
Duluth	-11	-25	-11	-28
Fairbanks	24	8	13	-19
Fargo	-15	-37	-20	-32
Hartford	35	23	27	-1
Helena	24	7	34	16
Honolulu	78	70	80	70
Houston	52	35	55	40
Indianapolis	13	-9	-1	-9

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today		Wed.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	40	30	36	29
Baghdad	63	44	65	46
Beijing	45	26	41	17
Berlin	37	27	36	28
Buenos Aires	91	74	91	63
Cairo	68	52	67	49
Calgary	28	16	39	21
Cancun	79	63	80	67
Dublin	38	29	40	31
Edmonton	17	5	35	24
Halifax	26	24	38	20
Kiev	38	33	39	32
London	41	30	41	29
Madrid	54	32	52	46
Mexico City	71	43	73	43
Montreal	26	12	13	-2
Ottawa	23	2	8	-5
Paris	39	31	37	30
Regina	-15	-22	-3	-4
Rio de Janeiro	94	75	95	77
Rome	53	33	49	36
St. John's	25	18	30	25
San Juan	84	68	84	71
Sydney	88	75	90	76
Tokyo	50	38	49	42
Toronto	23	-1	3	-9
Vancouver	45	30	46	37
Winnipeg	-21	-38	-21	-30

### PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures: High/Low 52°/45°  
Normal High/Low 75°/52°  
Record High 86° (2013)  
Record Low 28° (1986)

Precipitation (in inches): 24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.93"  
Month to date 3.77"  
Normal month to date 1.60"  
Year to date 3.77"  
Record 1.43" (2018)

### VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures: High/Low 59°/46°  
Normal High/Low 72°/52°  
Record High 85° (2013)  
Record Low 28° (1986)

Precipitation (in inches): 24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.38"  
Month to date 2.40"  
Normal month to date 2.23"  
Year to date 2.40"  
Record 1.43" (2018)

### MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2019	2018	Avg.	Record/Year
Jan.	3.77	1.98	1.80	9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	2.43	1.10	11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	3.28	1.26	9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	2.03	1.58	10.80/1994
May	15.98	2.50	15.98	2018
Jun.	6.23	8.92	23.99	1974
Jul.	9.80	8.22	14.22	1995
Aug.	12.37	8.01	15.60	1995
Sep.	7.58	6.84	14.03	1979
Oct.	2.60	2.93	10.88	1995
Nov.	1.91	1.91	5.53	2002
Dec.	2.47	1.78	6.83	2002
Year	3.77	63.26	50.65	(since 1931)

### SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures: High/Low 55°/46°  
Normal High/Low 72°/52°  
Record High 85° (2013)  
Record Low 28° (1986)

Precipitation (in inches): 24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 1.13"

■ **MLB: Kansas City Royals**

# Royals sign versatile Merrifield to \$16.25M, 4-year deal

**By DAVE SKRETTA**  
AP SPORTS WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Royals could have paid versatile second baseman Whit Merrifield relatively little this year, then given him a series of one-year contracts accompanied by increasing pressure each season. Instead, they chose to reward him for both his perseverance and play. The sides agreed Monday to a \$16.25 million, four-year contract

that covers Merrifield's years of arbitration eligibility; Merrifield gets \$1 million this year, \$5 million in 2020, \$6.75 million in 2021 and \$2.75 million in 2022. The Royals have a \$10.5 million option for 2023 with a \$750,000 buyout, and there are \$2 million in performance bonuses. "It'll change my family's life for the rest of our lives in that regard," Merrifield said during a news conference at Kauffman Stadium. "It

doesn't really change anything for me on the field. I never started playing this game to be a millionaire. It's not why I put on cleats. It was to compete." The 30-year-old was a late bloomer who didn't break into the big leagues until 2016, when he was 27 years old. That means he still wouldn't have been eligible for arbitration until next offseason, and that the Royals could have controlled his rights for several more years.

But after toiling all those years in the minor leagues, and often getting passed over in spring training, Merrifield emerged as a legitimate five-tool rock for the rebuilding Royals franchise. He hit .304 with an American League-leading 192 hits and 45 stolen bases last season. He also hit 12 homers and with 60 RBIs while playing a solid second base defensively, and he's capable of playing first base,

third base and all three outfield positions. "These are conversations we have internally quite often," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said Monday. "We spoke last year at the end of the season, and it's a very easy conversation because of who he is, what he means to us, what he represents." Merrifield emerged as a fan-favorite in Kansas City, not only because of his dashing good looks but his gritty style of play.

Moore even mentioned how his play reminded him of Pete Rose, whose own devil-may-care attitude made him one of the greatest to ever play the game. "Everybody wants to compare, right? And I understand why we do that in this game," Moore said. "But at the end of the day, Whit is unique. Every player is different, and we evaluated Whit based on his own merits. That's it. That's why we're here today."

■ **MLB: New York Mets**

# Mets newest reliever: Many teams would rather make money than win

**By RONALD BLUM**  
AP BASEBALL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — After finalizing a \$10 million, two-year contract with the New York Mets, reliever Justin Wilson concluded that the number of teams not pursuing free agents has damaged the market. "I think for the role that I pitch in, late in the game and high-leverage situations, there are only certain teams that are willing to spend money to compete," Wilson said Monday during a conference call. "There is a lot of the league that rather make money than win, which if you're a player isn't very fun because we play this game to win. I

don't go into (the) season with any other goal than a World Series. So having two-thirds of the league not really involved in that, not trying to win a championship, does hurt free agency." Astros ace Justin Verlander was quoted last weekend by the Houston Chronicle expressing similar sentiments. "The biggest detriment to our game right now is the non-competitiveness of two-thirds of the league," Verlander was quoted as saying. "I think that's why you're seeing free agents not get signed." With spring training camps starting to open in two weeks, only 62 of the 164 players who exercised free-agent rights after the

World Series have announced agreements. "At the end of day you want every team to want to win the World Series," Wilson said. "I'm not saying they don't. But clearly there is some disconnect between teams wanting to make their top dollar and spend money to win." This year's pace of announced agreements is up from 47 at a similar date last offseason. But it is down from the historical trend, such as 82 at the same time two years ago. There were 77 agreements announced from Feb. 6-24 last winter. "There is no rush for ownership or teams," Wilson said. "But at the end of the day I think that a lot of these players out

there will get deals done. Teams are just probably being more patient trying to find the right fit in some instances or wait players out. Wilson, a 31-year-old left-hander, will get \$5 million annually and also can earn performance bonuses. He was 4-5 with a 3.46 ERA last season for the Chicago Cubs, striking out 69 and walking 33 in 54 2/3 innings. "I had other offers on the table, but I really wanted to play for a contender," Wilson said. "I wasn't worried. It was a slow offseason, but I believe in myself and believe what I've done in the past, so I figured at the end of the day a



AP FILE PHOTO

**Then-Chicago Cubs relief pitcher Justin Wilson throws against the Pittsburgh Pirates.**

contender would want me for a multiyear." Wilson gets \$5 million annually as part of the deal negotiated by agents Sam and Seth Levinson and can earn \$500,000 each year in performance bonuses: \$250,000 each for 60 and 65 games.





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Money Market Funds

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Tax Exempt

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Toronto stocks

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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. The whole numbers and the decimals which represent 32nds of a point must be converted to dollars and cents; for example, 103.18 equals \$1,035.63. Chg-The change between the preceding day's final bid price and the final bid price from the day before. Yld-The annual percentage return to the investor, based on the bond's current price, if the bond is held until it matures. K-Taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens. n-Treasury note. p-Treasury note; taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens.

Mutual Funds

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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.
Footnotes: e - Ex capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quotation. n - No front end load or contingent deferred sales load may apply. p - Fund assets are used to pay for distribution costs; 12(b)(1) plan. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex cash dividend. NA - not available.
Fund Objectives: AL: Allocation - 70-85% Equity, AM: Multialternative, BL: Bank Loan, BM: Bear Market, CA: Allocation - 30-50% Equity, CC: Consumer Defense, CD: Consumer Cyclical, CH: China Region, CI: Intermediate-Term Bond, CL: Long-Term Bond, CR: Multi-Industry, CS: Short-Term Bond, CV: Convertibles, DP: Diversified Pacific/Asia, EB: Emerging-Markets Bond, EE: Equity Energy, EI: India Equity, EM: Diversified Emerging Markets, ES: Europe Stock, FA: Foreign Small/Mid-Value, FB: Foreign Large-Blend, FF: Managed Futures, FG: Foreign Large-Growth, FO: Foreign Small/Mid-Blend, FR: Foreign Small/Large-Growth, FF: Foreign Large-Value, FX: Foreign Currency, GI: Intermediate Government, GL: Long Government, GR: Global Real Estate, GS: Short Government, HM: High-Yield Muni, HY: High-Yield Bond, IB: World Bond, IC: Trading-Inverse Commodities, ID: Industrials, IE: Trading-Inverse Equity, IH: World Allocation, IP: Inflation-Protected Bond, IS: Trading-Miscellaneous, JS: Japan Stock, LB: Large Blend, LC: Trading-Leveraged Commodities, LE: Trading-Inverse Equity, LG: Large Growth, LO: Long-Short Equity, LP: Energy Limited Partnership, LS: Latin America Stock, LV: Large Value, MA: Allocation - 50-70% Equity, MB: Mid-Cap Blend, MG: Mid-Cap Growth, MI: Muni National Intermediate, ML: Muni National Long, MQ: Miscellaneous Regional, MR: Miscellaneous Sector, MS: Muni National Short, MU: Multi-Sector Bond, MV: Mid-Cap Value, MY: Muni New York Long, ND: Trading-Inverse Debt, NE: Market Neutral, NT: Nontraditional Bond, PJP: Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, RI: Target-Date Retirement, RR: Preferred Stock, SB: Small Blend, SC: Communications, SF: Financial, SG: Small Growth, SH: Health, SI: Muni Single State Intermediate, SL: Muni Single State Long, SN: Natural Resources, SP: Equity Precious Metals, SR: Real Estate, SS: Muni Single State Short, ST: Technology, SU: Utilities, SV: Small Value, TA: Target-Date 2000-2010, TD: Target-Date 2015, TE: Target-Date 2020, TG: Target-Date 2025, TH: Target-Date 2030, TI: Target-Date 2040, TJ: Target-Date 2045, TK: Target-Date 2050, TL: Target-Date 2055, TN: Target-Date 2060, TW: Corporate Bond, TV: Tactical Allocation, UB: Ultrashort Bond, VD: Trading-Leveraged Debt, VL: Stable Value, VO: Volatility, WS: World Stock, XM: Allocation - 85% Equity, XO: Infrastructure, XQ: Target-Date 2060+, XR: Option Writing, XS: Long-Short Credit, XP: Emerging-Markets Local-Currency Bond, XY: Allocation - 15-30% Equity. Data based on NAVs reported to Morningstar by 6 p.m. Eastern.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

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By Total Net Assets

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By 4-Week Percent Return

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Mutual Funds

Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rrk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rrk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rrk						
GroCo	LG	15.20	+8.6	+7.6	+19.8/A	IndustrialsA m	ID	33.96	+8.3	+7.2	+11.5/D	CnvrTSecAdv	CV	20.19	+6.8	+6.3	+14.9/A	FlexInc	MU	26.55	+1.1	+1.0	+3.4
GroCo	LG	17.22	+8.4	+7.5	+19.3/A	IndustrialsC m	ID	30.00	+8.3	+7.1	+10.7/E	CnvrTSecC	CV	19.87	+6.7	+6.2	+13.8/A	Upgrader	XM	54.46	+13.0	+6.1	+10.8
GroCoK	LG	17.23	+8.4	+7.5	+19.4/A	IndustrialsM	ID	35.87	+8.3	+7.2	+11.8/D	CorfolioAlloC m	XM	18.55	+13.0	+7.1	+11.2	<b>GE</b>					
Growth&Inc	LB	35.63	+7.2	+6.5	+13.1/C	IndustrialsM	ID	33.17	+8.3	+7.2	+11.2/E	CorfolioAlloC m	XM	18.30	+12.9	+7.0	+11.4	RSFInc	CI	11.20	+1.0	+0.8	+2.4/B
Growth&IncK	LB	35.59	+7.2	+6.5	+13.3/B	IntermMunilncA m	MI	10.28	+5	+5	+15/C	DevMktsA m	EM	19.66	+8.9	+8.2	+17.3/A	RSPUSEq	LB	48.70	+6.6	+5.8	+14.3/A
HighIncome	HY	8.54	+4.4	+3.8	+9.1/A	IntermMunilncC m	MI	10.28	+4	+4	+7/E	DevMktsAdv	EM	19.55	+8.9	+8.3	+17.6/A	<b>GMO</b>					
Independence	LG	32.96	+7.9	+6.9	+13.0/D	IntermMunilncI	MI	10.28	+4	+4	+1.7/B	DevMktsC m	EM	19.20	+8.8	+8.1	+20.8/A	AsstAlloBdIll	MU	21.39	+6	+3	+9
IndependenceK	LG	32.97	+7.9	+6.9	+13.1/D	IntlCapitalAppC m	FG	18.14	+6.5	+5.8	+9.1/B	DynaTechA m	LG	70.88	+9.3	+8.2	+16.4/A	AsstAlloBdIll	MU	21.45	+6	+4	+1.0
InternationalBd	CI	10.61	+6	+4	+1.8/D	IntlCapitalAppC m	FG	15.96	+6.5	+5.8	+8.3/B	DynaTechC	LG	73.09	+9.3	+8.2	+21.1/A	CorPlusBdIll	CI	20.76	+1.0	+5	+2.0
InternationalVa	FV	7.64	+5.5	+5.1	+3.4/E	IntlCapitalAppC m	FG	17.70	+6.5	+5.9	+8.8/B	DynaTechC	LG	58.99	+9.2	+8.2	+19.9/A	CorPlusBdIll	CI	20.82	+1.0	+5	+2.8
IntlCptApprec	FG	18.88	+6.5	+5.9	+9.5/B	IntlDiscov m	FG	37.82	+4.6	+4.2	+5.1/E	DynaTechR b	LG	68.78	+9.3	+8.2	+20.5/A	EmCpDblV m	EB	26.51	+4.7	+4.8	+9.3
IntlDiscov	FG	38.01	+4.7	+4.2	+5.4/E	IntlDiscov m	FG	37.91	+4.7	+4.2	+5.4/E	DynaTechR6	LG	73.79	+9.3	+8.2	+21.2/A	EmMktsIll m	EM	31.64	+9.6	+7.3	+16.7
IntlEnhd	FV	8.92	+6.1	+5.6	+8.2/B	IntlGrA m	FG	12.56	+5.6	+5.2	+7.7/C	EqInC m	EM	12.75	+2.7	+2.0	+8.8/E	EmMktsIll m	EM	31.72	+9.5	+7.2	+16.8
IntlGr	FG	14.12	+5.8	+5.4	+8.4/B	IntlGr m	FG	12.33	+5.6	+5.2	+8.0/C	EqInC m	EM	12.91	+2.6	+2.1	+9.1/E	EmMktsIV m	EM	31.42	+9.6	+7.3	+16.8
IntlGr	FG	12.63	+5.6	+5.2	+8.0/C	IntlGr m	FG	12.60	+5.6	+5.2	+8.0/C	EqInC m	EM	12.06	+2.6	+1.9	+8.0/E	EmMktsV m	EM	31.40	+9.6	+7.3	+16.9
IntlIndxIntlPfm	FB	38.19	+5.4	+5.1	+7.7/B	IntlSmCapOppsa m	FR	16.59	+4.4	+3.8	+8.5/C	EqInC m	EM	10.95	+2.5	+2.5	+9.3/A	EmMktsV m	EM	31.40	+9.6	+7.3	+16.8
IntlRISet	GR	11.50	+7.5	+7.2	+11.2/A	IntlSmCapOppsa m	FR	16.73	+4.4	+3.8	+8.8/B	EqInC m	EM	12.30	+5.5	+4.6	+10.7/D	IntlEqV	FV	19.81	+11.8	+8.0	+6.3
IntlSmCp	FO	24.82	+5.3	+4.8	+10.9/A	IntlSmallCapC m	FO	24.37	+5.3	+4.8	+10.6/B	EqInC m	EM	11.92	+5	+4	+10.0/D	QualIII	LB	21.27	+10.1	+4.4	+16.3
IntlSmCp	FR	14.63	+4.5	+3.8	+8.8/B	IntlSmallCapC m	FO	23.53	+5.2	+4.7	+9.7/B	EqInC m	EM	11.95	+5	+4	+11.0/D	QualIV	LB	21.31	+10.1	+4.4	+16.4
IntlSmCpOpps	FR	16.75	+4.4	+3.8	+8.8/B	IntlSmallCapI	FO	24.97	+5.3	+4.7	+10.9/A	EqInC m	EM	11.95	+5	+4	+11.0/D	QualV	LB	21.31	+10.1	+4.4	+16.4
IntlVal	FV	9.04	+5.6	+5.1	+3.9/E	InvestmentGrBdA m	CI	7.70	+1.1	+6	+2.7/B	EqInC m	EM	10.33	+4	+4	+7/D	QualVI	LB	21.27	+10.1	+4.4	+16.4
IntnmGovtlnc	GI	10.30	+1	-1	+6/C	InvestmentGrBdI	CI	7.72	+1.1	+7	+3.0/A	EqInC m	EM	11.59	+1	+1	+1.4/D	USEqIll	LB	12.25	+13.0	+6.0	+11.9
IntnmMunilnc	MI	10.27	+5	+5	+1.8/B	LargeCapA m	LB	27.46	+7.9	+7.1	+14.2/A	EqInC m	EM	11.59	+2	+1	+1.5/D	USEqIll	LB	12.15	+13.0	+6.0	+12.0
IntnmGradeBd	CI	10.92	+8	+6	+2.8/B	LargeCapC m	LB	24.51	+7.8	+7.0	+13.3/B	EqInC m	EM	11.59	+2	+2	+9/E	USts m	GS	5.00	+2	+2	+1.1
IntnmGradeBd	CI	7.71	+1.1	+7	+3.0/A	LargeCapI	LB	28.93	+7.9	+7.1	+14.5/A	EqInC m	EM	10.38	+1	+1	+1.4/C	<b>Uabell</b>					
Japan	US	13.72	+4.8	+4.7	+8.8/B	LargeCapM	LB	27.43	+7.9	+7.1	+13.9/B	FloridaTFInC1 m	SL	10.61	+1	+1	+9/E	ABCAA d	NE	10.14	+1.2	+1.1	+2.4/B
JapanSmrCo	US	15.68	+3.6	+3.6	+10.4/A	LeveragedCoStkA m	MB	36.15	+13.3	+12.3	+12.2/C	FloridaTFInC2 m	SL	8.50	+2.1	+1.9	+8.0/B	ABC d	NE	10.03	+1.1	+1.0	+2.1/B
LargeCapStock	LG	9.56	+7.8	+6.8	+13.9/B	LeveragedCoStkC m	MB	37.67	+13.3	+12.3	+11.9/C	FilingRDlyAcscA m	BL	8.54	+1.9	+1.8	+6.0/B	AsstAAA m	LB	52.09	+6.3	+5.4	+12.2/D
LargeCapValldx	LV	11.82	+6.6	+6.0	+12.0/B	LeveragedCoStkI	MB	37.12	+13.3	+12.3	+11.5/C	FilingRDlyAcscC m	BL	8.54	+1.9	+1.8	+5.3/C	EqInC AAA m	LB	17.25	+6.7	+5.8	+8.9/E
LatinAmerica	LG	24.30	+13.7	+13.4	+21.1/D	LeveragedCoStkM m	MB	34.76	+13.3	+12.3	+10.9/C	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.42	+9.6	+6.3	+9.5	EqInC AAA m	LB	17.25	+6.7	+5.8	+8.9/E
LgCpCorEnhd	LB	13.91	+6.3	+5.4	+14.2/A	LimitedTermBdA m	CS	11.29	+8	+5	+15/C	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.50	+9.6	+6.2	+9.8	SmCpGrAAA m	SB	50.62	+8.3	+7.4	+11.5/D
LgCpGrEnhd	LB	17.93	+7.4	+6.3	+15.0/C	LimitedTermBdC m	CS	11.26	+6	+5	+7/E	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	SmCpGrI d	SB	51.82	+8.3	+7.4	+11.7/D
LgCpValEnhd	LV	12.08	+6.8	+5.9	+12.9/A	LimitedTermBdI	CS	11.32	+8	+5	+1.7/B	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts m	SU	8.61	+3.7	+3.1	+9.3/D
LimitedTermGov	GS	9.83	+1	-1	+5/C	LimitedTermBdM	CS	11.29	+7	+4	+1.5/C	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts AAA m	SU	8.47	+3.8	+3.3	+9.4/D
LowPrStk	MV	46.54	+8.0	+7.3	+10.7/D	LimitedTermBdL	CS	11.32	+8	+5	+1.7/B	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts C m	SU	5.74	+3.8	+3.1	+8.5/E
LowPrStkK	MV	46.49	+8.0	+7.3	+10.8/C	LtdTermMunilncA m	MS	10.52	+4	+4	+7/D	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts C m	SU	5.74	+3.8	+3.1	+8.5/E
LtdTrmMunilnc	MS	10.50	+4	+4	+1.0/B	LtdTermMunilncC m	MS	10.52	+4	+4	+1.0/B	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts C m	SU	5.74	+3.8	+3.1	+8.5/E
LvrgrdCoStk	MB	26.64	+12.3	+11.3	+11.4/C	MaterialsA m	SN	66.85	+9.0	+7.8	+10.5/B	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts C m	SU	5.74	+3.8	+3.1	+8.5/E
LvrgrdCoStkK	MB	26.72	+12.3	+11.3	+11.5/C	MaterialsC m	SN	64.55	+8.9	+7.7	+9.6/B	FndngsAIA m	AL	13.31	+9.5	+6.1	+8.7	USts C m	SU	5.74	+3.8	+3.1	+8.5/E
LVAMunicipalnc	MT	11.91	+2	+2	+1.6/A	MaterialsI	SN	66.96	+9.0	+7.8	+10.8/B	GlbBalA1 m	IH	2.90	+4.7	+4.7	+6.4/C	<b>Ganco</b>					
Magellan	LG	9.57	+7.6	+6.7	+13.6/D	MegaCapStockA m	LB	14.11	+6.3	+5.6	+12.5/C	GlbBalA2 m	IH	2.91	+4.7	+4.7	+6.7/C	GlbCnct&CnctAAA m	SC	19.15	+6.4	+5.9	+5.2/C
MagellanK	LG	9.56	+7.6	+6.8	+13.7/D	MegaCapStockI	LB	14.28	+6.3	+5.6	+12.9/C	GlbBalC1 m	IH	2.88	+4.7	+4.7	+5.7/E	GR AAA m	WS	31.30	+5.5	+4.5	+13.0/A
MegaCapValldx	LV	11.82	+6.6	+6.0	+12.0/B	MegaCapStockM	LB	17.67	+6.9	+6.3	+13.4/D	GlbBalC2 m	IH	2.88	+4.7	+4.7	+5.7/E	GR AAA m	LG	57.62	+6.5	+5.4	+15.8/B
MichiganMunilnc	SL	11.99	+4	+4	+1.8/A	MidCapI	MB	15.51	+9.8	+9.0	+10.6/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.49	+2.9	+2.4	+5.2	<b>Gateway</b>					
MidCapStock	MG	32.72	+8.1	+7.3	+14.5/C	MidCapI	MB	18.26	+9.9	+9.0	+11.7/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.45	+2.8	+2.4	+5.5	A m	XR	32.34	+2.8	+2.2	+5.5/C
MidCapStockK	MG	32.72	+8.1	+7.3	+14.6/C	MidCapI	MB	17.20	+9.9	+9.0	+11.1/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.53	+2.8	+2.4	+4.8	<b>George Putnam</b>					
MidCapValue	MV	20.86	+10.1	+9.3	+8.9/E	MidCapValueA m	MV	20.55	+10.1	+9.3	+8.5/E	GlbBalA m	IB	11.49	+2.8	+2.4	+5.0	BalA m	MA	18.57	+4.7	+4.1	+9.7/A
MidCapEnhd	MV	13.69	+10.1	+9.1	+12.6/B	MidCapValueM m	MV	20.46	+10.1	+9.3	+8.2/E	GlbBalA m	IB	11.45	+2.8	+2.5	+5.6	BalC m	MA	18.42	+4.7	+4.0	+8.9/B
MinnesotaMnInc	SM	11.43	+4	+4	+1.6/B	MortgageSecl	CI	10.92	+3	+1	+1.3/E	GlbBalA m	IB	11.49	+2.8	+2.4	+5.0	BalM m	MA	18.29	+4.7	+4.1	+9.2/A
MortgageSecs	CI	10.96	+3	+1	+1.3/E	NewinsA m	LG	28.41	+8.1	+7.2	+14.9/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.49	+2.8	+2.4	+5.0	BalY	MA	18.64	+4.7	+4.1	+10.0/A
MyrdndMunilnc	SL	11.18	+5	+4	+1.8/B	NewinsC m	LG	24.35	+8.1	+7.1	+14.0/D	GlbBalA m	IB	11.49	+2.8	+2.4	+5.0	<b>Gerstein Fisher</b>					
Munilnc	ML	12.77	+4	+4	+2.3/B	NewinsI	LG	29.09	+8.2	+7.2	+15.1/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.85	+2.4	+2.4	+6.4/A	MIFFctrGRIEsSc d	GR	11.12	+8.7	+8.4	+8.2/C
Munilnc2019	MS	10.56	+1	+1	+8/C	NewinsM m	LG	27.32	+8.2	+7.2	+14.6/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.82	+2.4	+2.4	+5.7/A	MIFFctrGrEq d	LG	20.47	+8.3	+7.1	+14.9/C
NJMunicipalnc	MJ	11.71	+4	+4	+2.7/A	NewinsZ	LG	29.12	+8.2	+7.2	+15.3/C	GlbBalA m	IB	11.84	+2.4	+2.4	+6.5/A	MIFFctrIntdGrEq d	FG	13.81	+6.2	+5.7	+6.1/D
NJMunicipalnc	MJ	12.91	+5	+3	+1.7/C	OverseasI	FG	21.55	+5.3	+4.8	+6.2/D	GlbBalA m	IB	11.84	+2.4	+2.4	+6.5/A	<b>Glennede</b>					
NasdaqCmpldx	LG	91.94	+7.6	+6.8	+17.3/A	OverseasM	FG	21.77	+5.3	+4.7	+6.0/D	GlbBalA m	IB	11.84	+2.4	+2.4	+6.5/A	CI	10.71	+8	+7	+1.1/E	
NewMillennium	LB	33.26	+7.4	+6.8	+14.2/B	RealEstateA m	SR	20.97	+9.2	+8.9	+5.8/D	GlbBalA m	IB	11.84	+2.4	+2.4	+6.5/A	Minulinterm	MI	10.94	+6	+6	+1.4/C
NewMktsIll	EB	14.92	+5.4	+4.9	+7.5/B	RealEstateI	SR	21.18	+9.2	+8.9	+5.8/D	GlbBalA m	IB										

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