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Dead man discovered in Rotonda camp

Investigators want to talk to person who called in original tip

By STEVE REILLY
STAFF WRITER

ROTONDA WEST — An unknown man tipped off an off-duty police officer Wednesday night that he'd seen a dead body in a homeless camp off Rotonda Boulevard West.

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office found the body Thursday morning.

The unidentified person flagged down the off-duty Punta Gorda Police Department officer who in turn notified the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, said CCSO spokeswoman Katie Heck. A second unidentified person — who may have been the same person who talked to the off-duty officer — called the Sheriff's Office Thursday morning.

"We would love that person to contact us, just so we would have a better time frame of when he may have seen this," Heck said. "He may not realize we need to speak to him."

Because they had only a general description of the area, deputies first searched a different location in Rotonda before discovering the body in a homeless camp near a Florida Power & Light power line right of way, just off Rotonda Boulevard West. Investigators saw no signs that anyone else was using the area to camp.

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A Charlotte County Sheriff's Office forensic team and other investigators gathered evidence Thursday surrounding the death of a man in a homeless camp off of Rotonda Boulevard West.



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Senate rejects Trump border emergency

President Trump tweets "VETO!" minutes after the vote

By ALAN FRAM, LISA MASCARO and CATHERINE LUCEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican-run Senate firmly rejected President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southwest border on Thursday, setting up a veto fight and dealing him a conspicuous rebuke as he tested how boldly he could ignore Congress in pursuit of his highest-profile goal.

The Senate voted 59-41 to cancel Trump's February proclamation of a border emergency, which he invoked to spend \$3.6 billion more for border

barriers than Congress had approved. Twelve Republicans joined Democrats in defying Trump in a showdown many GOP senators had hoped to avoid because he commands die-hard loyalty from millions of conservative voters who could punish defecting lawmakers in next year's elections.

With the Democratic-controlled House's approval of the same resolution last month, Senate passage sends it to Trump. He has shown no reluctance to casting his first veto to advance his campaign exhortation, "Build the Wall," which has prompted roars at countless Trump rallies. Approval votes in both the

Senate and House fell short of the two-thirds majorities that would be needed for an override to succeed.

"VETO!" Trump tweeted minutes after the vote. Trump has long been comfortable vetoing the measure because he thinks it will endear him to his political base, said a White House official, commenting anonymously because the official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Though Trump seems sure to prevail in that battle, it remains noteworthy that lawmakers of both parties resisted



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar in the Oval Office of the White House on Thursday in Washington.

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Too much 'wish-cycling' here

There are rules on what to recycle in Charlotte, Sarasota counties

By DANIEL SUTPHIN
STAFF WRITER

Wouldn't it be nice if we could recycle everything?

Judging by how much trash gets put in the wrong place despite good intentions, a lot of people in Charlotte and Sarasota counties might feel that way.

They're trying to do the right thing for the environment, but end up going too far and ultimately commit "wish-cycling," according to those running the area's recycling programs.

Some problems that need fixing, include:

- No old plastic grocery bags, please.
- Keep the greasy pizza boxes out of the recycling bin, too.
- Please don't leave any liquid in those bottles you want to recycle — and much more.

Recycling has evolved over the years, said Dawn McCormick, director of communications for Waste Management. "We know more today than we knew in the past. Charlotte can do a better job and get more correct material into their recycle bins."

There isn't a county or municipality, which hasn't gone through these challenges with recycling, said Todd Kucharski, general manager of public

...Residents are putting 25 percent of unacceptable recycling material or garbage in their recycling containers.

— Dawn McCormick, director of communications for Waste Management



SUN PHOTO BY DANIEL SUTPHIN

Dr. Robin Jenkins of the Peace River Wildlife Center dumps aluminum cans into their recycling sorter. At the center, employees have a machine that crushes the cans up after they sort through them.

services with the city of Sarasota.

"I think people want to do the right thing, but need to know what the rules are to do that," he said.

Here's a refresher...

Doing it right

Even though contaminated recycling has become a problem

nationally and beyond, there still are people doing it right, and making an impact.

It came down to common sense for the Peace River Wildlife

Center to start a recycling program several years ago at its home base at Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda.

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Principal apologizes to teacher, students

Removal of display at Port Charlotte High School became controversial

By BRIANNA KWASNIK
STAFF WRITER

Port Charlotte High School Principal Lou Long has apologized for asking a teacher to remove a Black History Month display depicting controversial former NFL player Colin Kaepernick.

Following complaints from parents and students, Long ordered full-time substitute math teacher Alissa Perry to remove the display from her door just one day before the month

ended. Her emotional reaction was posted to Twitter, and the video was viewed more than 2.4 million times and retweeted by Kaepernick.

Kaepernick angered many but became a hero to others when he took a knee during the national anthem to protest police brutality.

In an editorial published today in the



LONG

Sun, Long wrote, "The method I used, upon reflection, was both hurtful and insensitive to the very people I love the most — my staff and students. I missed the opportunity to be inclusive in the decision making process when I neglected to listen to the vantage points of Ms. Perry, her students, and my staff."

Perry told the *Sun* Thursday: "I think we all, as a community and as parents, can appreciate and accept the apologies given for the decision

"I think we all, as a community and as parents, can appreciate and accept the apologies given for the decision making process."

— Alissa Perry, PCHS full-time substitute teacher

making process." She added: "For whatever reason, I probably won't have closure on it."

Perry said she can't go back to the moment depicted in the video posted to Twitter, where

she was seen taking down her Black History Month display. "It's almost like a trauma," she said.

Despite those feelings,

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Students get irrational on Pi Day

FSW celebrates with chalk, pie-eating and other activities

By **BRIANNA KWASNIK**
STAFF WRITER

Some college students might assume getting out of bed before noon is irrational. But, Pi is not rational.

Professors at Florida Southwestern State College in Punta Gorda gave math students the opportunity to participate in Pi Day activities in lieu of a lecture.

Pi Day is a celebration of the math symbol Pi, an irrational number that begins with 3.14 and is celebrated annually on March 14.

Students were given a math quiz, and had the option of doing two activities, or the chalk-drawing competition. Once they completed an activity, a professor had to sign off to verify they completed it.

Other activities included a paper airplane challenge, collecting 314 non-perishable items, Pi trivia, memorizing digits, and making bracelets.

Students could help make a paper chain, where the school was trying to beat its record of 54 feet in length. For the paper chain, each number of Pi was represented using a



Florida Southwestern State College student Nick Maguren makes and attempts to fly a paper plane the furthest distance.

different colored piece of construction paper. Students could also fill test tubes with colored sand, where each color represented a different number in Pi.

Math professor John Salem was manning the pi discovery station, where students could find the ratio between the circumference and diameter of different-sized circles.

"We're taking them back to an era where there were no computers," he said.

Port Charlotte Middle School Math Carnival

Port Charlotte Middle school held a math carnival to celebrate Pi Day.

The carnival had 11 math-themed games for students to play. Students got to visit the carnival during their math period.

Games included: Math bowling, probability wheel, circumference sorter, Museum of Pi, Number Line Slide, etc.



Florida SouthWestern State College student Blake Parker throws a paper airplane he made at the Pi Day event.

Students had the opportunity to earn tickets, which they could trade in for prizes.

Publix donated \$150 to the school to buy pies for the students. Administration volunteered to be pied in the face by the

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Florida Southwestern State College students Lucita Gomez and Amanda White add to a paper chain. The school is trying to beat their record of 54 feet.



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Port Charlotte Middle School administrators working at the math carnival held in the gym.

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RECYCLE

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Not only could it raise money as a nonprofit by recycling aluminum cans, it could also help out the center's Punta Gorda neighbors and work to save the environment all in one — a cause close to home for a wildlife sanctuary.

"We make between \$200 to \$1,000 a month with our recycling program, depending on the season," said Dr. Robin Jenkins, director of veterinary services at PRWC. "We (mostly) get aluminum cans and we recycle those with Allied Recycling (of Port Charlotte). We also get a lot of plastic, paper and cardboard that the city collects."

But it's not perfect. "If it's contaminated; however, we have to throw it out," Jenkins said.

Kucharski explained he doesn't think people are being lazy, they just aren't paying full attention.

"It's human nature — they want to try to do the right thing — (but they don't) pay attention to the directions provided of what can go in there," he said. "I had a teacher growing up that always told us, 'When in doubt, if you don't understand it, raise your hand.'"

Why the rules?

Waste Management is a disposal and recycling company contracted by Punta Gorda, Charlotte County and Sarasota County, among other regions nationally. The city of Sarasota works with WastePro for their recycling needs.

A material is not

recyclable unless it has someone who is willing to buy it, according to McCormick ... usually compacted into "bales" like that of hay. If one of the bales contains contaminants, its value is decreased or it is outright unusable. A contaminant can be anything from a tire, to a plastic bag to a greasy pizza box.

"The inbound material we get at our processing facility that's recyclable is about 25 percent contaminated," McCormick said. "This means residents are putting 25 percent of unacceptable recycling material or garbage in their recycling containers."

To sell a bale of recycled material, the contamination percentage can only be 0.5 percent. "We are a manufacturing processor," McCormick said. "There's no way we can take something in 25 to 30 percent garbage (contaminated) and make a sell-able bale at the end at 0.5 percent."

There has been more pressure on recycling plants compiling "clean" bales of recycled goods recently because of China, McCormick said. Historically, most U.S. recycling went to China. But, in 2018, the country cut off imports of recyclables like magazines, office paper, junk mail and most plastics. Since then, companies like Waste Management and WastePro have been reaching out to other international markets such as Vietnam and India.

"China used to take about 50 percent of recycled material including paper and about 30 percent of overall recyclables globally. In the event of cleaning up their

environment a couple of years ago, they started to restrict their market to the point that they're importing very small percentages of recyclables," McCormick said.

How can we do better?

Keep it simple.

McCormick urges area residents to only put those materials that are considered recyclable curbside into their bins.

"Loose, clean and dry paper, cardboard, bottles and cans," McCormick said. "What they should not be trying to recycle curbside are plastic bags, plastic film (dry cleaning bags) that can be taken back to a retailer. Hoses and cords. Clothing. Any metal beyond what goes with the cans."

Plastic bags continue to be a major problem for recycling plants.

Other things like food or plastic-type toys and items are also a problem.

"Things that we're getting that we shouldn't be getting ultimately have to come out the back-end and then be trucked away and disposed of in a landfill because it's garbage. It should never have been in a recycling bin in the first place. In the meantime, we've had to slow down our lines to get that material out," McCormick said.

Because of the improper recycling, processing plants like WM have had to add extra workers and deal with damage to the equipment

"That drives up costs," McCormick said. "Some of it gets through into the bails and it diminishes the quality and commodity price that we could get for the good material because some of that has

WHAT CAN YOU RECYCLE?

The Do's (What can be recycled)

Cans — aluminum and steel cans only. Each item should be emptied and rinsed.

Food and beverage cartons — soups, juices, etc. Empty each item and replace the caps (bottle caps can fall through the processing machine "cracks" and end up getting trashed anyway).

Containers — bottles and jars (glass). Empty each item and rinse.

Paper — mixed paper, newspaper, magazines and flattened cardboard. Must be cleaned, not greasy or wet.

More containers — kitchen, laundry, bath like plastic soda bottles and laundry/cleaner containers. Empty the items and replace the caps.

The Don'ts (What can't be recycled)

DO NOT bag recyclables. Keep items loose in recycling container.

NO plastic bags. Return them to retailer location, such as Publix.

NO food or liquids. Empty and rinse all containers.

NO pizza boxes.

NO clothing or linens. Use donation programs or "ask a neighbor if they could use them," said Kucharski. "Kids outgrow clothes constantly."

NO 'tanglers'. No hoses, wires, chains or electronics.

made its way into the bale. It's a huge problem in Florida and nationally for residents either thinking they're doing the right thing and recycling, putting material in that shouldn't be in."

Still, in some cases, some residents just use their recycling bin as an extra garbage can and fill it with garbage.

"That ruins the efforts of the people who are really trying to recycle right and it makes it challenging for everyone," McCormick said.

Education continues

There is no lack in educational efforts by municipalities, counties and nonprofits around Southwest Florida.

The biggest action when it comes to education is making it continuous, according to Kucharski.

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one-time blitz of information. It has to be continuous. We have our drivers acting as recycling ambassadors," Kucharski said.

When Sarasota's drivers are out collecting, they talk with residents and leave notices.

"One of our notices is for 'kudos' and one is for not recycling properly and why we didn't pick up there cart. It's a continual process that you have to go through."

In Charlotte County, there is an outreach program as well as community events. The county also created a video that plays on CC-TV, Facebook and YouTube.

The county also operates mini-transfer stations at two locations

in Port Charlotte and Englewood to help residents recycle things like oil, batteries, paint, etc.

In Punta Gorda, the city is educating residents on the do's and don'ts of recycling through several methods, including city council presentations, the city's website and weekly highlights reports.

"We are discussing the changes to the recycling industry as well as what items are acceptable for recycling collection in the city of Punta Gorda," said Jenna Blackway, city public works supervisor. "This is all for the purpose of avoiding and reducing contamination in the recycling collection and processing."

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Fight to save nearly extinct sparrow turns into fight over how to save it

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has ended its contract with the foundation that was breeding the endangered birds in captivity. No one knows what will happen to the sparrows now.

By CRAIG PITTMAN
TAMPA BAY TIMES

Florida's grasshopper sparrow is regarded as the most endangered bird in the continental United States. It has suffered from lost habitat, a non-native parasite and a steep population decline.

Now it's facing its greatest challenge yet: Bureaucracy.

This time it may not survive. If the sparrow goes extinct in spite of more than \$1 million spent to save it in recent years, it would be the first American bird in three decades to disappear.

An organization affiliated with Florida International University, the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation, has had some success raising the sparrows in captivity while scientists try to figure out how to deal with the parasite. But now the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided to end its contract with the group — even though it does not yet have anywhere else to transfer the 43 sparrows that the foundation has been raising.

"We sent them a letter saying we're going to go our separate ways," said Ken Warren, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Florida.

Paul Reillo, founding director of the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation, said Wednesday that he isn't clear on what



PHOTO COURTESY OF RARE SPECIES CONSERVATORY FOUNDATION

A Florida grasshopper sparrow feeds its babies. The species is considered extinct in the wild, but 43 birds have been raised in captivity.

happens next.

"Do they have the authority to just take the birds and throw them back out into the wild? I suppose they do," he said.

The two sides split over whether it's time to put some of the captive-reared birds back into the Florida prairies where they once thrived. The federal agency wanted to start releasing the captive-raised birds back into the wild beginning last month.

But Reillo's foundation disagreed with the method for turning the birds loose, which to its scientists seemed to lack the necessary caution.

For one thing, Reillo said, the foundation wanted to make sure the birds would get three weeks to get used to their new

home and their freedom. For another, the foundation said there would need to be some monitoring of their health to make sure they would not spread the parasite to uninfected birds in the wild.

On Dec. 26, the foundation sent a letter to the federal agency outlining its conditions for agreeing to release the birds. The agency's response was delayed by the government shutdown.

Then, on Feb. 11, the Fish and Wildlife Service replied that it did not have the resources to accommodate all of the foundation's wishes. The agency, in its letter, said it was adhering to a five-year plan for the sparrow.

It added: "Given this impasse, we believe the

best option is to cordially end the partnership between (the foundation) and the Florida grasshopper sparrow program."

The agency's letter goes on to say, "We hope you will work with us to quickly identify the best way to transfer birds ... to another facility." After acknowledging that no other wildlife care facility in Florida can handle 43 grasshopper sparrows, the letter notes, "Our goal is to have all birds transferred either to the wild or to another facility prior to April 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter."

Warren, with Fish and Wildlife Service, said he had nothing else to say about the deadlock beyond what was in the letter.

"I guess we'll see how it all plays out," he said.

Instead of sparrows, what's been flying back and forth since Feb. 11 are letters and emails. The

federal agency "wants us to do the very things we disagree with," Reillo said. So the foundation has resisted turning over the birds.

A major sticking point, he said: Federal officials are less worried about the risk of spreading the parasite than the foundation's scientists are. They regard it as "of negligible concern," he contended, and so "basically they're saying we're going to ignore all these scientific findings and do it our way. I'd rather err on the side of caution."

Warren said the agency had convened a committee of experts to examine the risk of the captive birds infecting other sparrows, and "the consensus was that it was low."

The protozoan parasite starts in the sparrows' intestines when they are less than a year old and then invades vascular tissue in the liver, heart, spleen and other organs. Because it's a non-native species, their immune system can't fight it off.

How deadly is it? When the captive breeding program launched in 2013, experts predicted the remaining estimated 150 or so grasshopper sparrows still in the wild would go extinct in three to five years. By 2017, biologists counted just 53 males and 22 females in the wild.

The breeding program scored initial success in 2016 when the first four chicks were hatched in the foundation's laboratory in Loxahatchee. A second breeding facility at White Oak Conservation in Yulee has another 30 or

so birds, Reillo said.

Last year was full of ups and downs for the foundation's sparrow breeding program, he said. At one point, because of the continued conflict with the government agency, the foundation lost all of its \$100,000 annual private funding for breeding the sparrows, he said. Some donors have now returned, he said.

Florida grasshopper sparrows are about 5 inches long, with flat heads, short tails and black and gray feathers that help them hide. They are generally heard more than seen, with a call that consists of two or three weak notes followed by an insect-like buzz — hence their name.

The species was first described in 1902 by a U.S. Army surgeon, Maj. Edgar A. Mearns, when its population was widespread across south-central Florida. By the 1970s, so many of the prairies that formed their habitat had been ditched and drained and converted to pastures or sod production that sparrow numbers plummeted. The parasite began taking a toll on the survivors — including some bred in captivity.

If the grasshopper sparrow can't be saved, it would be the first bird species in the U.S. to go extinct since a cousin, the dusky seaside sparrow, disappeared in 1987. The last dusky died at Walt Disney World. An effort to save the dusky with a captive breeding program failed when it turned out the only remaining birds were all males.

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North Port Teen Court receives grant Gulf Coast Community Foundation assists second year of program

STAFF REPORT

NORTH PORT — The North Port version of Teen Court received a second boost of funding through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

Teen Court of Sarasota made the announcement Thursday, cementing the relationship between the two organizations for another year. The Teen Court group is receiving a grant for \$15,000 for services and programs in North Port.

The grant "was awarded to help leverage the preventative and behavioral services and programs that help our young people through a difficult time," Teen Court of Sarasota noted in a news release.

"This generous donation will support the youth and their families with wrap around services through restorative strategies," Teen Court Executive Director Heather Todd said.

"Thank you to GCCF for believing in the young people in this community and believing that every child deserves a second chance."

Teen Court began in North Port in 2018 and is used as an "alternative to Juvenile Court," the group said. It works by having teenagers run a program of peer court supervised by a volunteer adult judge, it said.

"Student volunteers who participate in our Teen Court program receive a law-related education along with community service hours for their time," it said in its release.

"In complement to the Teen Court program, the organization also offers counseling services, drug prevention, anti-bullying, and anger management classes to those youth who demonstrate extra need."

More information on it is available at: www.sarasotateencourt.org.

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A teen addresses his "Jurors" while defending a case at Teen Court Sarasota Inc. The organization will now have office space in North Port for local teens to take advantage of.



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A real-time weather reporting site has been installed on the Peace River by the Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance. The alliance's Development Master Plan was accepted by Punta Gorda last week and could play a role in the development of the Citywide Master Plan.

'If we don't plan our future, somebody else will'

Punta Gorda boaters plot course for master plan

By DANIEL SUTPHIN
STAFF WRITER

The boating community of Punta Gorda has great aspirations for the future of the city's waterfront.

Despite concerns from some of the community and council members, the Punta Gorda Boater's Alliance's Waterfront Development Master Plan was accepted by the City Council last week and will be handed over to Dover Kohl & Partners for the consultant firm's upcoming Citywide Master Plan development, a document to serve as a comprehensive vision for the future of Punta Gorda.

"This is not a new plan," said Vice Mayor Lynne Matthews and council liaison to PGBA. "Back in 2011, the City Council approved and adopted a waterfront master plan from the Boater's Alliance. This is merely an updated and modernized plan of what was already approved. We didn't just create this out of the sky."

For the updated version, PGBA and Matthews met with local groups and homeowners associations regarding some of the ideas in the plan. The most controversial involves developing a mooring field for boat dwellers in Charlotte Harbor and Peace River, west of the U.S. 41 bridges.

"The Historic District

homeowners association is opposed to the west mooring field because another mooring field is not needed," said HOA representative Larry Jaeger, referring to the mooring field available on the east side of the bridges north of Lashley Municipal Marina and park. "The waterfront park property in Gilchrist Park is too valuable to give away to out-of-town boaters."

Other concerns for the HOA included "unsavory" people coming ashore, small water craft storage at the dinghy docks next to the Bayfront Center on West Retta Esplanade, derelict/abandoned boats and illegal sewage disposal by boat dwellers in the harbor, Jaeger said.

Council Member Jaha Cummings echoed his district's concerns, saying, "We're acting as if those who live along the waterfront in this area here somehow don't deserve (the) same right of safety and security that other people have. We need to understand that having random people in our neighborhood is a problem. Since the dinghy dock has been there, people feel less comfortable in their homes. This is a reality."

Matthews said she knew there were issues when she and PGBA President John Welsh met with the Historic District HOA.

"We listened to all

of their concerns and immediately had the (Punta Gorda) police and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stop by every boat and introduce themselves, checking for registrations, checking for lighting (and) to make sure nobody was discharging (sewage) into the harbor waters," Matthews said.

Matthews said they have already removed two derelict boats in the harbor. Another is currently sitting in Charlotte Harbor between Fishermen's Village and the Bayfront Center.

"We're working on those problems," Matthews said. "We knew we had to take action because nobody else was."

Welsh said the purpose of the Waterfront Master Plan was to provide a "road map" for the city and the boating community as they move forward with the Citywide Master Plan.

"If we don't plan our future, somebody else will," Welsh said. "We need to be careful about how we use the limited resources that we have. There are things that need to be addressed like kayak access, a lack of marina slips, a new mooring ball field ... all of these things (and more) need to be addressed for citizens and to attract boaters to Punta Gorda."

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Charlotte set to build pathway around South County Regional Park

Project funded mostly by sales tax dollars approved by voters

By BETSY CALVERT
STAFF WRITER

Charlotte County is ready to build nearly two miles of a walk and bike path around Punta Gorda's South County Regional Park.

Commissioners last month approved a \$539,299 low bid for the project. The highest bid was \$1.2 million.

Called a multi-use path, the project is for 9,448 lineal feet of an 8-foot-wide pathway that roughly circles the park. The park is located between U.S. 41 and I-75 at 670 Cooper St. The purpose is to expand recreational and fitness opportunities for

the public, said Brian Gleason, the county's public information officer. Included in the project are restrooms, a pavilion and a parking area.

Five companies submitted bids, and the county picked the lowest bid from C-Squared of Bradenton.

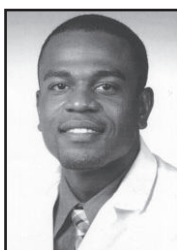
Once the county arranges a schedule with the contractor, the project can begin and is expected to take about a year, Gleason said.

Funding comes in part from \$3.7 million set aside for these pathways from the penny sales tax approved by voters. Funding is also from grant money left over

from the 2000 Florida Communities Trust and Preservation fund.

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

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VIEWPOINT

OUR VIEW

NP police modernize with cameras

OUR POSITION: Pending final approval, the North Port Police Department will equip officers with body cameras.

A nod to the North Port City Commission and the city Police Department for moving ahead with smart technology adopted by no other area agency: body cameras.

The City Commission recently agreed to equip nearly all officers with body cameras supplied by Axon Enterprises, better known for its primary product, Taser. The commission vote was unanimous. Final approval is expected to come at a budget meeting next week.

The cost of a five-year Axon contract is nearly \$1 million. The company will supply 84 body cameras — two for each officer. Officers will remove cameras after each shift for downloading. Another will be strapped on for the ride home. Cameras will be worn by patrol, K9 and traffic officers, the special enforcement team and school resource officers. Trainees and detectives won't get them.

North Port has been moving in this direction since last November, when a pilot project was launched using 10 Axon cameras.

Since then, Deputy Police Chief Chris Morales told commissioners recently, 1,555 videos were taken and 348 hours of video recorded. Traffic stops comprised 27 percent of the videos; 49 files were crashes. Files are uploaded to a website and stored for three months or longer. For instance, according to legal guidelines, felony incidents are stored three years, capital crimes forever.

Of roughly 18,000 police agencies in the United States, some 6,500 use Axon body cameras to some degree. Around here, North Port will stand out as the only agency fully equipped, which is surprising.

As a recent *Sun* story noted, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and Punta Gorda Police Department have considered tests didn't take the leap. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office isn't using them.

Cost is a big factor in that decision. Beyond that are citizen privacy concerns.

State law forbids the public release of video from someone's home or "a place where a person recorded or depicted in the recording has a reasonable expectation of privacy." Video can be blacked out, though, as are investigative reports.

It is surprising so few departments have moved toward body cameras in the five years since the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and subsequent protests.

New York City, which had high-profile issues of its own, has equipped all 20,000 officers with body cameras. It's the largest police force in the country using body cameras.

In Florida, studies have indicated the presence of cameras helps dampen aggressive police behavior and reduce citizen complaints.

In a two-year study of the Tampa Police Department by the University of South Florida, use-of-force incidents decreased by 8.4 percent among officers with cameras, while rising 3.4 percent among those without. A USF study in Orlando found a 65-percent reduction in citizen complaints against officers wearing cameras. In addition, so-called "response-to-resistance" incidents dropped by 50 percent.

Both show positive impacts on public safety and behavior. The existence of video can just as soon show officers acted properly as improperly. Often as not, video can be used to guard police from false claims.

Time was, law enforcement looked ahead at video technology of cruiser-cams. Now, they are routine. We expect the same someday for body-worn cameras. Meanwhile, kudos to North Port for its willingness to move forward with modernization.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

President Trump: Thank you

Editor:

Thank you so much for giving your perfect life to come forward to serve our country. Thank you for doing what we asked you to do. That is to check into all the programs and policies the U.S. is sponsoring and is involved in. The idea being if they are good, then keep them, and if they aren't, then change and replace them with something better.

Also, if I were you, I would take your salary and help build our wall. The wall belongs to the millions of people who voted for you.

As a last thought, I would like a refund from all the Republicans, Democrats and independents who can't get the job done that they were hired to do. God help us!

Larry Gras
Rotonda West

Steube vote was disappointing

Editor:

Earlier this month, our U.S. Rep. Greg Steube voted "no" on H.R. 8 — the Bipartisan Background Checks Act.

This critical legislation will update our current background checks law to do the following:

- Extend the time limit to complete checks from 3 to 10 days;
- Cover all gun sales, including those at gun shows;
- Help keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them.

Note that this law covers only handguns and not assault weapons. It is, however, a very reasonable first step toward increasing gun safety. Sensible people should be able to accept this law. Yet Rep. Steube, who always earns an NRA rating of A+, sided with the gun lobby and voted against it.

The NRA has long touted itself to be an all-powerful political force that could always get officials to do its bidding.

But H.R. 8 passed. This recent victory is proof that the gun sense majority in Congress is bucking the gun lobby's extreme agenda by voting for legislation to

help end gun violence and promote gun safety. It is very important that we, his constituents, let Rep. Steube know that we are watching his actions and are extremely disappointed in his vote on this issue.

Karen Fisk
Rotonda West

Women have power, men responsibility

Editor:

A couple engages in consensual sex. She gets pregnant. She gets to decide to keep or abort. He has no say. But, if she carries the baby to term, he is responsible to support the baby.

She has all the power, he has all the responsibility. If she decides to abort, he has zero options. If she opts for adoption, he is consulted.

What a screwed up system. We talk a lot about family values yet we marginalize fatherhood in so many ways. A child has two parents. Those parents should have an equal place at the parenting table. If not, you are saying a father is nothing but a sperm donor and check. They are so much more. It is time to recognize that fact.

Merideth White
Englewood

Democrats are party of racists

Editor:

The Socialist Party is living up to its history as the racist party as we have seen and heard over the past few months. Formerly known as the Democrat Party, they were well known for their racism.

This is the party that used the KKK as their enforcement arm. Their hate showed itself in the Civil War as they fought to defend slavery. The assassination of President Lincoln and Martin Luther King was part of this hate.

They attempted to block Constitutional Amendments 13 and 14, but were unsuccessful. Numerous times they blocked civil rights legislation, but when LBJ saw a political advantage to such legislation, it was passed with Republican support, not Democrat support.

Today, we are again

witnessing their racism as this party has become anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-God. The party is full of Trump Derangement Syndrome because he has exposed the corruption within our government.

One of President Trump's pledges was to "drain the swamp," (aka "the establishment") that also included RINOS as we see how deep the swamp is. This corruption not only involved both political parties, it also involved the hierarchy of the FBI, DOJ, CIA and intelligent agencies.

We are witnessing an attempt at a silent coup because President Trump, as an outsider, has exposed the corruption within these agencies and political parties. We are learning how these government agencies together with their comrades in Congress were conspiring to control our lives, restrict our constitutional rights and make government more powerful.

Robert F. McGuire
North Port

States must assert their rights

Editor:

I applaud and support the move in some jurisdictions to establish sanctuaries for gun owners and unborn babies. The rationale makes perfect sense and is right out of the Democrats' playbook.

Federal law makes marijuana illegal, yet states all around the country say it is legal in one form or another. Abortion is legal, according to the feds, but many states have enacted their own limits or checks on these rights. Entering our country without proper documentation and without using the prescribed path and you are committing a crime yet many municipalities have declared themselves above that law, even guaranteeing sanctuary. We have the right to bear arms, a right enshrined in our Constitution. But, again, states are circumventing those rights with local laws.

Those who feel existing laws are wrong, are opting to work around them rather than to do the hard work to change them. Well, that

road runs both ways. I fear the instances of this kind of uncertainty about who has what authority will only become more numerous.

I am a states rights proponent. Those things not specifically granted to the federal government belong to the states. National security belongs with feds. All the rest should belong to the states. They certainly can't both be calling the shots. And we certainly don't want to make the federal government all powerful.

Michael Chandler
Englewood

Full-time residents footing the bills

Editor:

I cannot agree more with the letter that appeared in Sundays' paper.

I have been saying, for a long time, that with all the building sooner or later full-time residents will be paying the price for the infrastructure.

Recently, there have been articles calling for additional schools and an increase in the price of water at the rate of 7 percent a year for the next 5 years

Come on Mr. Truex and your other commissioners work for the residents of Charlotte County and stop looking out for yourselves.

Marianne C. Howard
Englewood

Don't celebrate cigar smoking

Editor:

I read your "Tip of the hat to Fedora's" in the Dec. 12 business edition. I was extremely dismayed that your newspaper has promoted a cigar-smoking establishment in this fine local newspaper.

It is close to home for me. My brother died of jaw cancer due to cigar-smoking. He had to go through many weeks of radiation to his jaw when the doctors knew he was never going to recover.

This article with photos of the owners in funky hats and the atmosphere of relaxation of camaraderie make this establishment appear to be an appealing place to visit, smoke a few cigars and chit-chat. And women are most welcome.

The bottom line is, smoking causes cancer. Don't smoke, even if it's in funky, fun places.

Carol Sheahan
Englewood

Fox News is only fair media

Editor:

Another biased, inaccurate article by Leonard Pitts. Fox News/Opinions is the only fair media. The other channels and newspapers (even this one) are just a 24/7 Trump-bashing political arm of the Democrat Party.

President Trump is criticized as he tries to solve decades old problems. Check out the Walk Away Campaign by Brandon Straka and his video, "The Great Awakening." I cannot support favoring illegals over citizens, killing babies and socialism.

The silent majority cannot be silent any more. We must speak up to save this great country.

Annette Massey
Port Charlotte

HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Life lessons: The reflection of a high school principal

Recently at Port Charlotte High School, I made the decision to have a staff member at our school, Alissa Perry, remove an image of Colin Kaepernick that she, along with her students, displayed on the outer door of her classroom in celebration of Black History Month.

This decision was made because of a potential disruption that originated in social media. What ensued after that decision was made could never have been imagined by myself, but suffice to say, in accepting responsibility for that decision, it was undoubtedly unpopular and caused an additional disruption on campus.

Whether or not one agrees with that decision



Guest Columnist
Lou LONG

is something that can be debated and remain unresolved; the issue conjures many emotions from multiple perspectives.

What is not debatable, however, is the manner by which the decision was enforced. The method I used, upon reflection, was both hurtful and insensitive to the very people I love the most — my staff and students. I missed the opportunity to be inclusive in the decision-making process when I neglected to listen

to the vantage points of Ms. Perry, her students and my staff. As a result of that decision, I have apologized to Mrs. Perry, her students and my staff for the impact the decision making process had on them and the adverse attention our school, school district and community received.

Needless to say, it has been a busy two weeks in attempting to understand how the decision-making process I used affected my students and my staff. We are moving forward to put policies in place at school that would minimize the chances of this issue recurring in the future.

Important to me was to have an opportunity to listen to the students in all of Ms. Perry's classes and to have that discussion

with our Student Government Association. As expected, my students asked tough questions and let me know how they felt about what occurred. I am sure that they understood why I made the decision, but it did not assuage the hard feelings they felt. In all discussions, important to me was listening to all perspectives of campus stakeholders.

As the weeks unfold, we will continue to work with our students and staff to learn and grow from this experience. Currently, Ms. Perry's students are busy working on letters of support to request that the Blanchard House represent the various perspectives from our students regarding the issues that unfolded at our school.

We have met with the Rev. Louis Anderson from our local chapter of the NAACP and representatives of the Unitarian Church to consider their recommendations. We have developed a school-wide writing opportunity through our English classes to give all students an opportunity to voice their feelings. We are considering the recommendation from our students to develop a student diversity council that can provide recommendations to the instructional and administrative teams.

Port Charlotte High School is a wonderful educational community filled with dedicated, hard-working educators and very bright, talented

students. There are times when life lessons can be difficult. What is truly important is how those lessons make us better people.

Moving forward, we should continue to instill in our students an all-inclusive climate and expect the same from all of our faculty and staff members. Our school will continue to flourish not because of a few, but because of the endeavors of everyone. I look forward to the triumphs and challenges that lie ahead as each of us in our community continue to champion all people in the overarching goal of realizing and achieving "Student Success!"

Lou Long is principal of Port Charlotte High School.

Nov. 3, 2020: The ideal date for Judgment Day

Please, Tom Steyer, stop spending all that money on impeachment ads. If you want to run spots against President Trump, target his shameful 2020 budget.

In the meantime, the rest of us should quit pretending there is a big debate among Democrats about impeachment. There isn't. There is actually consensus, which is why House Speaker Nancy Pelosi won broad support when she pushed back against impeachment in an interview with The Washington Post.

True, there is an intellectually legitimate case that the House has a moral and constitutional responsibility to start the impeachment process now, given what we know about Trump's misdeeds and lies. Yoni Appelbaum, senior editor of The Atlantic, has advanced this argument forcefully and thoughtfully.

But the vast majority of Democrats recognize that they did not win



Washington Post
E.J. DIONNE

control of the House last fall on a promise of impeachment. To the extent that Democrats who flipped House seats (and thus the majority) campaigned on holding Trump accountable, it was by endorsing the traditional inquiries being carried out now. Before you risk tearing the political system apart, you have to lay the groundwork with your constituents. This has not happened yet.

Moreover, it's foolish to say: "Let's impeach him. Now we will assemble the facts." It's far better to say, "Let's painstakingly investigate all the charges against Trump, let's see what special counsel Robert Mueller finds, and

then — and only then — will we decide what to do."

Those eager for impeachment are entirely right to feel we should be further along than we are. The Mueller probe should have been accompanied by serious inquests by the House into the president's actions.

But far from investigating Trump's transgressions during his first two years in office, a Republican-controlled House focused on disrupting and discrediting those trying to learn the truth. Democrats now have to start from scratch. Unfortunate? Yes. But still no reason for rushing to impeach. This is what the leaders of the committees doing most of the probing believe, and it's why they backed Pelosi's restraint.

In the meantime, a premature debate over impeachment floods the media with distractions from all the damage Trump is doing through

thoroughly normal uses of power that are not impeachable. This is why Trump eagerly brings up the I-word himself. Gathering shiny objects is his thing.

It's more fun to talk about impeachment than, God forbid, budgets. Yet the budget the president proposed this week is a statement of his values. And it's genuinely vile. He breaks a major campaign promise by proposing cuts in Medicare. He ignores the voters' verdict last fall by calling for yet another effort to repeal Obamacare with \$777 billion in reductions to Medicaid and Affordable Care Act subsidies. He slashes programs for low-income people, including a 30 percent cuts in food stamps.

Good for you, Mr. Steyer, for tweeting against Trump's budget. Why not drop impeachment long enough to tell more people about what Trump is doing to them?

The larger point is that the Constitution doesn't create an obligation to impeach Trump. Maybe we'll get to the point where there is a moral and political responsibility to impeach. Pelosi said she'd act if faced with "something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan." I'd go further and say that "compelling and overwhelming" evidence might require the House vote for impeachment, even if Senate Republicans refuse to drive him from office. That would send a message to voters about the extent of Trump's wrongdoing and how spineless Republicans have become.

But there's an overriding obligation for those of us who oppose Trump because of the damage he is doing to our democracy: the imperative to check our passions. The Constitution is a framework for self-rule. We must demonstrate our respect for democratic procedures and the power

of the people to speak through free elections.

South Bend Mayor and Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg had it right during his boffo CNN town hall performance Sunday. While acknowledging that new information might yet leave Congress no choice but to "begin impeachment proceedings," he said plainly: "I would like to see this president and the style of politics that he represents sent off through the electoral process — decisively defeated at the ballot box."

Politics should be about promoting durable, long-term reform. This requires affirmation from the voters. Congress should not lightly deprive the electorate the chance to kick Trump out of Washington, rebuke his party and set a better course for our country. The ideal date for Judgment Day is still Nov. 3, 2020.

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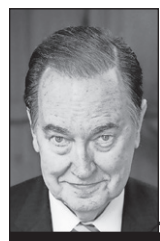
Threat of doomed socialism looming in our future

One of the rotten fruits produced by what passes for today's American education system is the ignorance some young people have about socialism.

According to a new Harris Poll given exclusively to Axios, the news and information website, Generation Z (comprised of those born in 1995 or later), "has a more positive view of the word 'socialism' than previous generations, and — along with millennials — is more likely to embrace socialistic policies and principles than past generations."

This ignorance is a direct threat to the future of the country, because, according to Bloomberg research, "Gen-Z will surpass millennials in 2019 as the most populous generation, comprising roughly 32 percent of the population."

For young people who weren't alive during the Cold War and the horrors that came from socialism and its evil twin, communism, the notion that they can get free



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stuff from the government is addictive. Having sacrificed little for their country (members of the military excluded), too many young people have bought into the idea that rich people and big corporations are evil because they have "stolen" money from others, especially the poor.

According to Mark J. Perry, Ph.D., a professor of economics and finance at the University of Michigan's Flint campus, and a scholar at American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a conservative think tank based in Washington, D.C., socialism fails "because it's a flawed system based on completely faulty principles that aren't consistent with human behavior and can't nurture the human spirit."

Accurate polling results depend on how a question is asked, as well as a person's level of understanding of the subject. AEI research reveals that while a majority of younger people like the idea of Medicare for all — just one of the issues they say is important to them — "that support turns to opposition if people would have to pay more in taxes, if private health insurance were eliminated, if it threatened the current Medicare program, or if it led to delays in medical tests or treatment."

All of these outcomes are likely if socialism replaces capitalism.

Ironically, one of the top issues for Generation Z is the national debt, now at \$22 trillion. Have young people considered that socialist programs will significantly add to the debt? Apparently not, because to them, it seems that feelings are more important than observable results.

Socialist policies, in one form or another, are part

of the platforms of some of the announced Democratic presidential candidates, especially Democratic socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders, D-VT. Vermont was once conservative, but now appears to be occupied by left-leaning radicals. Retreating fast into history is the notion "we can't afford it," an economic mantra accepted and taught to children by a previous and experienced generation that believed in living within one's means.

The rapid demise of socialist Venezuela has apparently had little impact on younger Americans who think the U.S. government is a large ATM and all they need do is insert a card and money will slide out. How unaware young people are about the effects of socialism was revealed early on by Jake Tapper of CNN when he noted that even left-leaning organizations have calculated that the proposals of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., would cost \$40 trillion. When he interviewed her

during the 2016 campaign, Tapper said that since her proposed tax increases would raise just \$2 trillion, how would the then-candidate make up the difference? She launched into a non-answer answer. Watch it and weep for the nation, if she has her way.

Ronald Reagan said: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't

pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Will this be the generation that fulfills his prophecy? Much is riding on the 2020 election.

This year marks Cal Thomas' 35th year as a syndicated columnist. Readers may email Cal Thomas at caeditors@tribpub.com.

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An Attractive Aroma

Driving north on U.S. Highway 17 near Bowling Green, I noticed a barbecue restaurant on my right. The sign invited everyone to stop in to Smokin Joe's.

However the restaurant had a more powerful way to get customers. Instead of putting their smoker around back, they put their big black smoker right next to the road. Even with the windows rolled up, everyone driving that road experienced the pleasant aroma of barbecue. I almost turned around and it wasn't even lunchtime yet.

The smoker by the side of the road with its pleasant aroma wafting everywhere reminds me of a responsibility that believers in Christ have been given.

In 2 Cor. 2:14,15 we are told: "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."

Our duty is to spread everywhere the fragrance of Christ. God desires to use our words as we speak of the delights of knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior. That aroma of the gospel will cause some to pull off the road and inquire further as to the way of salvation.

Another way we can be the fragrance of Christ is by our attractive lifestyle. When we live the life that Jesus taught, we can remind people of the beauty of Jesus. Our integrity and honesty, our love and kindness, our humility and joy are an attractive aroma.

Many who meet us may continue to travel down the road of life without stopping to consider the claims of Christ. They pass on by us but we are still the fragrance of Christ even to those who are perishing. What highway has God place you on?

People are hungry for something real, something beautiful. Like the smoker on the side of the road let's all remember our duty to be that attractive aroma of Christ to our fellow travelers.

The Rev. John T. James is the former pastor of Tatum Ridge Baptist Church, Sarasota, with 50 years of ministry in Florida churches. He is retired and now living in Port Charlotte. Email him at peacerver80@aol.com.



Rev. John T. JAMES
FORMER PASTOR



SUN PHOTO BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH

Members of the Widow Sons Masonic Riding Association donated \$250 worth of diapers and supplies for moms at Our Mother's House. Pictured are: Judith Kendall, Theo Kendall, 14 months, Michelle Catalano, Penny Brown, Shannon Solomon, Nicole Crimi, Kitty Standard, and case worker Rita Millner of Our Mother's House in Venice. Not pictured is Amy Akins.

Biker group helps Our Mother's House

By ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

VENICE — A little-known group of female bikers raises money and helps in the community.

The 10 members of the Widow Sons Masonic Riding Association Crusaders are

from Englewood and Venice. They have monthly meeting and discuss the needs in both communities.

Last year, they decided they wanted to help Our Mother's House in Venice.

"We raised money by selling T-shirts, doing raffles and 50/50 drawings at the

winter rendezvous in Venice in November," said member Kitty Stanford. "We wanted to help a charity in Venice that involved both mothers and children. We found that Our Mother's House was a good fit."

Most of the members gathered recently at Our Mother's House in Venice and

unloaded cases of diapers, wipes and other supplies for moms. While there, they took a quick tour and learned more about the non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program on the island. The two-year program offered by Catholic Charities,

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First Baptist Church of Englewood needs a new roof

Congregation offers free breakfasts to anyone contributing

By DIANE ROLING
SPECIAL TO THE SUN

ENGLEWOOD — Volunteers will be busy making and serving pancakes and sausage, biscuits and gravy this Saturday morning at First Baptist Church, 278 S. Mango St., to raise money to replace what may be the original roof on their over 50-year-old building. Breakfast is served from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"We desperately need a new roof as it's leaking now in many places," said Susie Cates, Ministry Assistant.

That's why the congregation is having Saturday morning



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The old roof at First Baptist Church in Englewood needs replacing, and the congregation is raising funds to make that happen. They're offering free breakfasts on Sunday mornings for donors.

breakfasts that are free to anyone donating to

the roof fund.

While many people

attend First Baptist on Sunday mornings and

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

First Baptist Church will serve free pancake breakfasts from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. March 16 and March 30 at the church, 278 S. Mango St., Englewood. The church is seeking donations to help pay for the roof on its 50-year-old building.

Wednesday evenings, the small congregation has not been able to cover the cost of a new roof which will have to be a total tear-off. Members are hoping for a miracle and community support to raise funds for materials

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Meet the Preacher: Denvil Farley, Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

Q How did you get your start as a pastor?

A "I grew up in the church but stopped when I was a teenager. When I was in college, things were not going the way I had wanted. So I recalled some of the things I had learned as a child and tried out this Christ thing. I heard God say 'My son I love you,' as I prayed. From that moment on I felt my life had meaning and purpose.

"I did not originally think being a pastor was what I was going to do. I thought I would work outside of the church spreading the word of God. But through time I felt like God was shaping me to help others see their life had purpose as well. So I decided to attend divinity school and after graduating

began serving in the church."

Q What makes your church or congregation unique?

A "I think we have something for everyone here at our church. We especially have some great opportunities for children and youth. We also have lots of things for our older population as well. We have many ways of serving the church and our community. We want Port Charlotte to be a better city with our presence here."

Q What is the most challenging thing about what you do?

A "My role as Pastor lets me witness a lot of the pain our society inflicts

MEET THE PREACHER

Pastor Denvil Farley-Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte-

Service Times: Sunday 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for the contemporary service.

on people. To have that in front of me is challenging. I believe there is hope for everybody and what Jesus has done for us No situation is beyond hope as we turn to Christ. Having a strong support system at home helps keep me grounded."

Nominate your religious leader for Meet the Preacher! Email contact information to Debra Gouvellis at dgouvellis@gmail.com.



PHOTO BY DEBRA GOUVELLIS

The new Pastor at Port Charlotte United Methodist Church is Denvil Farley. "I think we have something for everyone here at our church. We especially have some great opportunities for children and youth as well as our older population," said Farley. The church is at 21075 Quesada Avenue. For more information call 941-625-4356.

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and volunteer labor to tear off and replace the plywood, tar paper, and shingles needed to save the educational wings of the building and the sanctuary. Checks should be payable to the church with "roof" in the memo line.

Many church service projects have helped the community in the past. More than 100 people were served three meals a day following Hurricane Irma in 2017 by Project Phoenix at this church. Now Project Phoenix's food bank is stored there.

Names of donors will be published in the Englewood Sun and acknowledged with receipts for tax purposes.

Earlier this winter a rummage sale was held for the same purpose



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The old church roof is leaking at First Baptist Church of Englewood, which is damaging the ceiling.

which raised over \$1,200. Pancake breakfasts are set for this Saturday and another on March 30.

Church services begin at 10:45 a.m. Sundays with Rev. John Cates officiating.

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Diocese of Venice, Inc. provides single mothers and their young children a safe and secure environment to achieve self-sufficiency.

"During their stay, mothers 18 and up to their 40s learn budgeting, parenting skills, discipline techniques, nutrition, cooking classes, life skills said Rita Millner, one of three case workers at Our Mother's House. "We work with Habitat for Humanity. We've also had the women work with Pit Stop (auto repair shop) in Venice to help them with basic car maintenance."

Mothers participate in a six-week nutrition class which teaches them to read and understand labels, what's healthy and do hands-on cooking.

"We work with the moms through the financial university," she said. "We work with a child psychologist to help the moms understand child development."

The Children First program runs an Early Head Start for children on-site at Our Mother's House. The teachers and volunteers help ensure the children are cared for while their mothers are at school, college or work.

There are 22 apartments at Our Mother's House, most often they are occupied and there's a waiting list.

"We encourage the mom to start looking at about the year and a half mark," Millner said. "If they find a reasonable rent somewhere, they will take it before the two years is up. It's been really hard to find affordable rents and housing in Sarasota County."

Our Mother's House operates through donations.

"We really appreciate the diapers donated by the Widows Sons Crusaders," she said. "Diapers aren't covered by food stamps. They are expensive. These moms are saving so that they will be able to afford their rent and security deposits. These type of donations go a

long way."

The Widows Sons Crusaders Chapter Masonic Riders also donate to the Shriner's Hospital, local disabled veterans. The Widows Sons was founded in 1998 with intention to offer aid and assistance to Masonic Widows and Orphans. The Widows Sons offers regular charitable donations to Masonic and other charities to help benefit many people throughout the world.

The Widows Sons is open to Master Masons in good standing with their respective Grand Lodges who own and ride a motorcycle of 500cc or more, according to the group's website.

"We are a small but mighty group," Stanford said. "We do what we can to help. The Masonic Riders is a world wide group that started in Florida. Our chapter is smaller than a lot of them, but we still like to do our part for the community."

The group meets monthly at 91 S. Auburn Road, Venice. Email: eallen@sun-herald.com

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Welcome back Vietnam veterans event

The Military Heritage Museum will host an event honoring those who served our country in the Vietnam War. "Welcome Back Vietnam Veterans" will take place at 11 a.m. on March 29 in the new museum facility at 900 West Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. All Vietnam veterans including their family members and/or surviving spouse of a deceased Vietnam veteran are invited and encouraged to attend so that we may honor you for your or your deceased spouse's service. To RSVP, send an email no later than March 24 to info@freedomisntfree.org with the subject line MARCH 29, and include your first and last name of veteran, branch of service and specific years served.

may individually speak about and/or respond to questions concerning matters of interest and relevance to the citizens of Charlotte County. No decisions concerning Charlotte County Government business will be made by the Commissioners while visiting with legislators. For more information, call 941-743-1300.

St. Mary Academy Casino bus trip

Dave and Joyce Sloma are organizing a Immokalee Casino bus trip to Benefit St. Mary Academy, helping children with special needs on April 8. There will be two departures, 8:45 a.m. from Wal-Mart, 19100 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte parking lot and 9:15 a.m. from Wal-Mart, 5001 Taylor Road., Punta Gorda parking lot. Return trip will be approximately 6 p.m. The event is open to the public with a donation of \$25 per person. Prepaid reservations accepted no later than April 1. For more information, call Dave Sloma at 941-624-0550.

Fundraising golf tournament planned

Murdock Rotary is hosting a fundraising golf tournament on April 6, at the Heron Creek Golf and Country Club, 5301 Heron Creek Blvd., North Port. Registration starts at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Funds raised will go to support the "Josh the Otter" program (www.joshtheotter.org) and "Just Against Children Drowning" (JACD - www.justagainstdrowning.org) to educate children and their families on water safety and awareness. For more information contact Walt Powers at 941-456-1862.

Presentation at History Center

Hear the stories about how early Punta Gordans got here and the innovations that made travel and settlement here possible. Docent will present on current exhibit "Coming to Punta Gorda from Ox carts to Airplanes" at 1:30 p.m. on March 20 at the Punta Gorda History Center, 512 E. Grace St. Presentation with Q&A and discussion following. For more information, call 941-916-8800.

County Commissioners head to Tallahassee

Charlotte County Commissioners Ken Doherty, Bill Truex and Chris Constance will travel to Tallahassee, Florida to meet with legislators regarding the County's legislative priorities from March 26, through March 29 and are scheduled to meet with various members of the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. The Commissioners

Murder Mystery dinner planned

La Fiorentina Restaurant, 10361 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, will host a Murder Mystery Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on April 4. The Romanian Uranium Mystery will be presented by the Charlotte Players. Cost is \$60 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Tickets may be purchased at the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce or by calling 941-639-3720 or reception@puntagorda-chamber.com.

'A Night at South Beach' to support Virginia B. Andes community clinic

Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic is hosting "A Night at South Beach" at 5:30 p.m. on April 5, at Trinity Banquet Hall, 24411 Rampart Blvd, Port Charlotte. Enjoy an evening of great food, auctions and dancing to music by Jonathan A. Cortez, while supporting the VBA Clinic. Tickets are \$95 per person. Dress is South Beach, "warm Florida-night" casual. For more information call 941-276-1668 or visit www.volunteercare.org/SOBE

Punta Gorda Chapter of Business Women to meet

Ladies are invited to join for lunch, networking and relationship building from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 21 at Carmelo's Italian

Ristorante, 321 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. Cost is \$22 per person. RSVP by calling 239-985-0400 or e-Mail Robin@lcbwlcw.com.

Great American Cleanup scheduled

Peace River Audubon Society will be participating in the annual Great American Cleanup/Keep Charlotte Beautiful scheduled for March 30. Members of PRAS will be cleaning up Kiwanis Park at 501 Donora St., Port Charlotte. Meet at 8 a.m. in the main parking lot to pick up supplies. The first 20 members to sign up will receive a Great American Cleanup t-shirt. Following the cleanup, there will be refreshments available at the Douglas T. Jacobson Veteran's Home, 21281 Grayton Terrace, Port Charlotte. For more information or to register, call Nancy Turner 941-627-9107.

Citizen's Climate Lobby meeting set

Citizen's Climate Lobby, Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda Chapter will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18 at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 1201 Aquil Esta, Punta Gorda. Citizen's Climate Lobby is a nonpartisan, nonprofit national organization whose mission is to create the political will for climate solutions. For more information, visit www.citizensclimatelobby.org or email lkohlenburg@gmail.com.

Wine and cheese reception

Kays-Ponger & Useton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 635 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda invites the public to a complimentary wine and cheese reception at 7 p.m. on April 9. Stop by and support local arts and humanities and meet the local artist of the month, Marilyn Dorsey affectionately known as the "Bird Lady." For more visit www.kays-ponger.com or call 941-639-1133.

Sierra Club monthly meeting set

Charlotte Sierra Club's public general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 at the Universalist Church, 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. Jono Miller will present his 14-minute documentary, "Moods of the Miakka." A discussion will follow about the successes and challenges facing the Myakka ecosystem. For more information, call 941-423-2713.

'Art in Public Places'

Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home's, next "Art in Public Places" event at 5 p.m. on March 20, will feature artist Laura Pommier. Charlotte Memorial is located at 9400 Indian Spring Cemetery Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-639-1171.

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Chris Golden in concert at Fellowship Church

Pastor Garry Clark of Fellowship Church of Englewood will host singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Chris Golden in concert on Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Golden has rich musical legacy and has been in music all of his life. He was with the Oak Ridge Boys for more than 17 years and now has a solo career as a Christian country gospel artist. In 2016, Golden received the Crossover Artist of the Year Award at the 60th Annual International

Country Gospel Music Association.

Fellowship Church Worship Center is at 140 Rotonda Blvd. West. The concerts are free. Complimentary refreshments of coffee, juice, fruit and pastries will be served in the Fellowship Hospitality Cafe beginning at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is available for both services. For more information, please call 941-475-7447 or log on to fcenglewood.com.

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Chris Golden



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German service

The All German Worship Service will be held at The North Port Community United Church of Christ, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, at 3 p.m. March 23. A fellowship hour follows the worship service. For more information, call Terry at 941-426-5580 or contact Pastor Attila at npcuccpastor@frontier.com.

Woodwind Quartet

The Jewish Congregation of Venice will present the Venice Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quartet in a musical program followed by dinner at 3 p.m. March 24 at 600 N. Auburn Road, Venice. Price is \$30 for members \$35 for non-members in advance, \$32 for member and \$37 for non members at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 941-484-2022 weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Yard, bake sale

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its indoor yard sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 29-30 in the church fellowship hall, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. Besides baked goods, the sale will include home goods, furniture, tools, holiday items,

clothing, children's items, and much more. Proceeds will help support various community charities. For more information, contact the church office at 941-625-5262.

St. Vincent sale

St. Vincent de Paul, Sacred Heart Conference, Punta Gorda will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to noon on April 6, at its distribution center, 25200 Airport Road. A variety of items including household goods, furniture, clothing, jewelry, linens, shoes, purses, toys and books will be available. No merchandise may be inspected nor sold before 9 a.m. No pets allowed. Proceeds will help the organization provide much-needed assistance to deserving families and individuals throughout Charlotte County. Rain date is April 13.

Bion Catorum

Bion Catorum will present "Fresh Aires" concert at 3 p.m. April 7 at First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda, 25250 Airport Road. Tickets are available through brownpapertickets.com or by calling 941-206-2071. Adult tickets are \$15 and juniors under 15 years of age are \$10 when accompanied by an adult. Tickets should also be available at the door, cash only. For more information, visit www.bioncatorum.com.

Golf tourney

Jesus Loves You Ministry will hold its second-annual golf tournament April 13 at Heron Creek Golf and Country Club, 5301 Heron Creek Blvd., North Port. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch and prizes at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$75 per player. For more information, contact Steven Forgacs at 231-881-6664.

'Son Rise' service

Hard Road Ministries invites the public to its Easter "Son Rise" service at 6:45 a.m. April 21 at Bayfront Center, 750 W. Esplanade, Punta Gorda. For more information, call Paul at 941-457-5330.

Sacred music

A new spiritual gathering will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 S. Broadway. People seeking a peaceful, centering, and tranquil experience will enjoy this Celtic Spiritual sanctuary featuring Celtic music and Gregorian chant. Music is humanity's most primal language. We need no background other than being a human being to connect. Ancient sacred music featuring Gregorian chant, and Celtic instrumentals from musical periods spanning many centuries provides an ideal setting for meditative contemplation amid the bustle of everyday life. This

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On the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., they will be at the American Legion Post 113, at 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West. Veterans are invited and encouraged to meet with them there. For more information, call 941-697-1747 or email GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com and GulfCoveChurch.com.

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Offering a safe environment for both single moms and dads, the Single Parent Small Group meets

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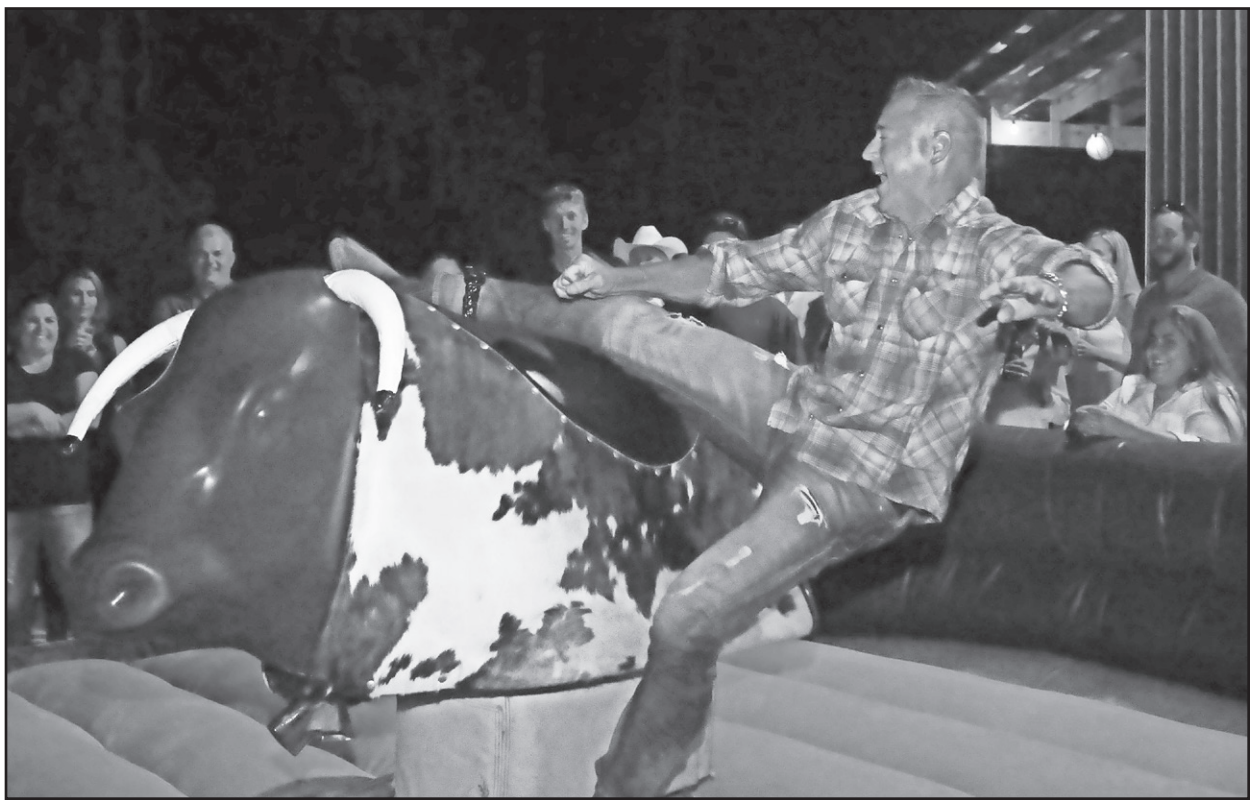
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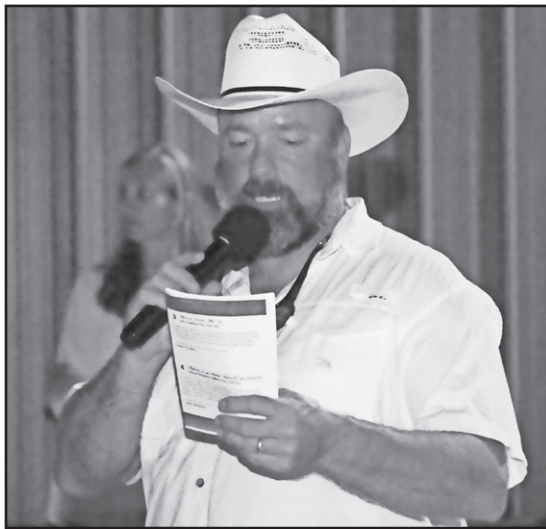
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Englewood Elementary School principal Mark Grossenbacher helps to raise money during the bull riding contest.

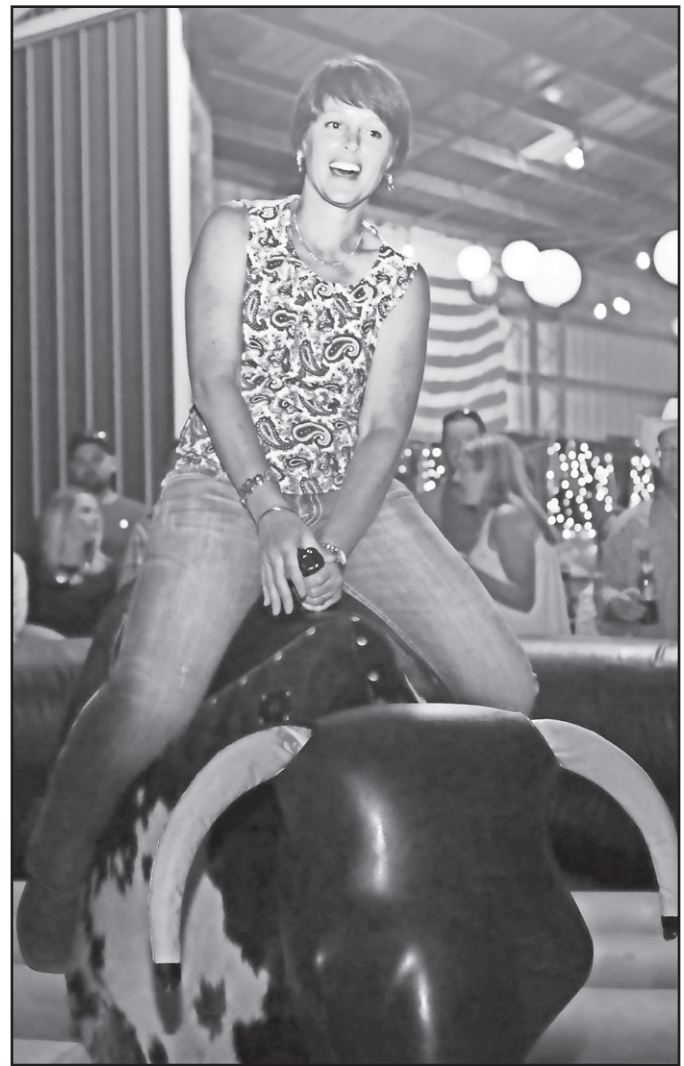
Blue jeans & bucking bulls

Englewood Elementary School's annual fundraiser brings out the fun

The 8th Annual Blue Jean Ball, which supports the Englewood Elementary School PTA, took place Saturday. The night was filled with fun for all who attended. The ball featured live and silent auctions, great food, dancing, and even a bull riding contest. All of which was to raise money for Englewood Elementary's School's PTA.



Dan Wear gets the live auction started on Saturday night.



Englewood Elementary teacher Karen Dowd takes part in the bull riding contest.



Matt and Courtney DeFilippis were generous hosts for the 8th Annual Blue Jean Ball on Saturday.



5th grade teacher Anne Smith and her husband, the principal of SKY Academy of Venice, Steve Smith, pose for a portrait at the entry way for the Ball.



Amber and Bob Craft arrive at the 8th Annual Blue Jean Ball.



Kindergarten teacher Meredith Malik volunteered her time to help out at the 8th Annual Blue Jean Ball and found some time for a little fun as well.



Guests settle in at the Blue Jean Ball and start checking out the silent auction items.



A dozen defectors

12 GOP senators join Dems to block Trump border declaration

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twelve Republican senators sided with Democrats Thursday and voted to block President Donald Trump's declaration of an emergency on the southwest border. Trump has vowed to veto the Democratic measure, which the House passed last month in a bid to stymie Trump's efforts to spend billions of extra dollars on a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Of the dozen GOP senators who went against Trump, just one — Maine Sen. Susan Collins — faces re-election next year.

A look at what the Republican defectors said about their votes:

- Lamar Alexander of Tennessee: "After a Revolutionary War against a king, our nation's founders gave to Congress the power to approve all spending so that the president would not have too much power. This check on the executive is a crucial source

of our freedom."

- Roy Blunt of Missouri, a member of the GOP leadership: "I was aggressively opposed to the Obama administration's attempts to circumvent Congress's appropriating authority to prop up" the health-care law known as Obamacare. "The same principle should apply regardless of which party occupies the White House."

- Collins: "I'm sure (the president) will not be happy with my vote, but I'm a United States senator and feel my job is to stand up for the Constitution. So let the chips fall where they may."

- Mike Lee of Utah: "Congress is supposed to be the first among the federal government's three co-equal branches. For decades, Congress has been giving far too much legislative power to the executive branch."



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BORDER | 3 Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, leaves a Republican lunch meeting and heads to the chamber where he voted on Thursday to reject President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southwest border.

Evolution by food



AP PHOTO

A farmer, left, ritualistically offers a small portion of food to god before eating her lunch while working at a rice field in Chunnikhel, Katmandu, Nepal.

The way you speak now was shaped by what your ancestors ate

By **CHRISTINA LARSON**
AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON — The way most of us speak today is shaped in part by how long ago our ancestors gave up chewing tough, raw meat.

It's widely known that languages evolve as societies develop and change,

but the sounds we utter are also shaped, literally, by the placement of our jaw — and that is influenced by how we chew our food, researchers report Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Language study often focuses on cultural factors, "but our work shows that language is also a biological phenomenon — you

can't fully separate culture and biology," said Balthasar Bickel, a linguist at the University of Zurich and co-author of the new study.

The researchers analyzed Stone Age and modern skulls and created simulations of how different jaw placements allow our mouths to make different sounds. They analyzed a

database of roughly 2,000 languages — more than a quarter of languages in existence today — to identify which sounds were more and less frequently used, and where.

Languages spoken by groups with hunter-gatherer societies in their more

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AP FILE PHOTO

In this July 12, 2018, photo, FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok, testifies before a House Judiciary Committee joint hearing.

FBI debated in 2016 how aggressively to probe Trump campaign

By **ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — During the early days of the Russia investigation, FBI officials debated whether Donald Trump's chance of winning should factor into how aggressively they investigated potential coordination between his campaign and the Kremlin, two FBI officials told Congress last year, according to newly released transcripts of their interviews.

Peter Strzok, the former FBI agent who helped lead the investigation, told lawmakers in a closed-door interview that the FBI had received information from an "extremely sensitive source" alleging collusion between the government of Russia and members of the Trump campaign. FBI officials, including then-Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, debated internally how vigorously to follow up on that information given that Democrat Hillary Clinton was seen at the time as likely to defeat Trump, and an aggressive investigation had the potential of exposing the source.

Strzok recalled that he disagreed that a candidate's electability should be part of the equation.

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O'Rourke begins 2020 bid with big crowds, centrist message

By WILL WEISSERT
and ALEXANDRA JAFFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BURLINGTON, Iowa — Democrat Beto O'Rourke jumped into the 2020 presidential race Thursday, shaking up the already packed field and pledging to win over voters from across the political spectrum as he tries to translate his sudden celebrity into a formidable White House bid.

The former Texas congressman began his campaign by taking his first ever trip to Iowa, the state that kicks off the presidential primary voting. In tiny Burlington, in southeast Iowa, he scaled a counter to be heard during an afternoon stop at a coffee shop.

"Let us not allow our differences to define us as at this moment," O'Rourke told a whooping crowd of 120, his heels perched at the counter-top's edge. "History calls for us to come together."

Earlier in the day, O'Rourke popped into a coffee shop in Keokuk



AP PHOTO

Former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke talks to a local resident during a meet and greet at the Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery, Thursday, in Burlington, Iowa.

while many cable networks aired live coverage. He took questions about his support of federal legalization of marijuana as well as the possibility of a universal basic income, all while characteristically waving his arms and gesticulating fervently.

"I could care less about your party persuasion," O'Rourke said.

It was the kind of high-energy, off-the-cuff style that made him a sensation in Texas and a monster fundraiser

nationwide, but O'Rourke also was clear that he doesn't believe in strict immigration rules — drawing a distinction that could allow him to clash openly with President Donald Trump on the issue.

Trump took more note of O'Rourke's gyrations than his policy plans.

"Well, I think he's got a lot of hand movement," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "Is he crazy or is that just how he acts?"

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Court rules gun maker can be sued over Newtown shooting

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gun-maker Remington can be sued over how it marketed the rifle used to kill 20 children and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, a divided Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Gun control advocates touted the ruling as providing a possible roadmap for victims of other mass shootings to circumvent a long-criticized federal law that shields gun manufacturers from liability in most cases when their products are used in crimes. Gun rights supporters bashed the decision as judicial activism and overreach.

In a 4-3 decision, justices reinstated a wrongful death lawsuit against Remington and overturned the ruling of a lower court judge, who said the entire lawsuit was prohibited by the 2005 federal law. The majority said that while most of the lawsuit's claims were barred by the federal law, Remington could still be sued for alleged wrongful marketing under Connecticut law.

Institute founded by Bernie's wife, son suspends operations

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The Sanders Institute, a think tank founded by the Democratic presidential contender's wife and stepson, is shutting down, at least for now, hoping to quash criticism that the nonprofit has blurred the lines between family, fundraising and campaigning.

The Vermont-based institute has stopped accepting donations and plans to suspend all operations by the end of May "so there could not even be an appearance of impropriety," Jane Sanders told The Associated Press.

The unexpected move by the institute's board of directors comes as Sanders, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination, prepares for a wave of intense scrutiny into his political network and his family's role in its operation.

As a candidate in 2016, Sanders criticized Hillary Rodham Clinton over her family's nonprofit, saying the foundation run by Clinton's husband and daughter amounted to a backdoor for foreign leaders

and others seeking to buy access and influence. The Sanders Institute could open the Vermont senator to charges of hypocrisy.

The institute was founded to promote liberal policies less than two years ago by Sanders' family with the backing of pro-Sanders celebrities and advocates — although Sanders himself had no formal role.

Reputed Gambino crime boss shot to death in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The reputed boss of New York's Gambino crime family was shot to death in front of his home by a gunman who may have staged a car accident to lure him outside, dying a virtual unknown compared with his swaggering 1980s-era predecessor, John Gotti.

Police said Thursday they were reviewing surveillance-camera video of the attack on Francesco "Franky Boy" Cali, 53, who was gunned down Wednesday night at his red-brick colonial-style house in a quiet Staten Island neighborhood. The assailant sped off in a pickup truck, police said. No immediate arrests were made.

Expansion of private school vouchers moving in Florida House

By CURT ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — A major expansion of private school vouchers using taxpayer dollars traditionally spent on public schools, a top priority for Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis, began moving forward Thursday in the Florida House.

The House Education Committee approved the GOP measure with some Democratic support that would open the door to private schools to about 28,000 students whose families meet certain income requirements. Eventually, the

Family Empowerment Scholarship Program would apply to families of four with incomes of more than \$96,000 a year.

The bill also would give priority to students from families earning about \$47,600 a year, which is 185 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of four.

The committee chairwoman, Republican Rep. Jennifer Sullivan of Eustis, said the bill should not be viewed as pitting public versus private schools but as one that hands parents greater control over the education of their children.

"This bill is about what

is best for our students. It helps our parents have a real choice. I don't believe government knows best. I believe parents know best," Sullivan said.

Before the vote, DeSantis reinforced his support in a tweet.

"Parents should be able to make the best educational decisions for their child, and that starts with expanding school vouchers," the governor's tweet said.

The House bill is much broader than its Senate counterpart, which envisions about 15,000 students as eligible for the new program with income levels capped at

just under \$67,000 for a family of four. Eventually, the two versions are likely to be combined into a single final product.

Florida currently has four scholarship programs that provide for more than 100,000 students to attend private and religious schools, including many children with disabilities and special needs. Sullivan said her bill also would help alleviate a waiting list of thousands of students for one of these programs and provide a voucher for parents to obtain transportation for their children to a favored public school.

Opponents, including the Florida PTA, League of Women Voters and the AFL-CIO, contend that further expansion of vouchers using money normally spent on public schools threatens the entire public education system and contributes to a drain of teachers from public schools. They say the Legislature should give teachers raises and put more money into public schools.

"We cannot be taking public dollars and funneling them through private institutions," said Nicolette Springer of the League of Women Voters. "Public funds

should be used for public education."

Still, the bill in the Republican-led House attracted some Democratic support. Voucher programs initially targeted lower-income people and lower-performing school districts whose students hoped to escape from a failing education environment.

"This is not a perfect bill, but this is a start," said Democratic Rep. James Bush of Opa-locka, who voted in favor. "We need to keep this at what the original intent was all about, and that was to educate low-income children."

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Acting mayor accused of conspiring with ex-mayor, arrested

PORT RICHEY (AP) — The Florida Department of Law Enforcement says a former Florida mayor conspired with the city's acting mayor to intimidate a police officer who was involved in arresting him on attempted murder charges last month.

The agency found that ex-Port Richey mayor Dale Massad discussed the police officer with acting Mayor Terrance

Rowe on March 3, using a recorded jail phone.

The Tampa Bay Times reports Massad told Rowe the officer "is in on everything," to which Rowe responded, "I'm on it." When Massad said that anything Rowe could do would be "good" Rowe replied, "this doesn't go down without somebody answering for it."

Rowe was arrested Wednesday on charges of obstructing justice. Massad was charged in February for practicing medicine without a license and shooting at

deputies trying to arrest him.

The city council is consulting with lawyers about what to do next.

Man accused of marriage and visa fraud in Florida

PANAMA CITY (AP) — A 47-year-old Indian foreign national who lives in Florida has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit marriage and visa fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

U.S. Attorney Lawrence

Keefe said in a news release Thursday that Ravi Babu Kolla is being detained and a hearing has been set for May 22.

Keefe also announced that Kolla's co-defendant 40-year-old Krystal Cloud was sentenced Tuesday to 24 months in prison for marriage and visa fraud after pleading guilty in December. He said Cloud is a U.S. citizen who participated in a business with Kolla.

Kolla faces a maximum of five years in prison on marriage and fraud charges and 20 years for

money laundering.

Officer who shot at autistic man testifies in own defense

MIAMI (AP) — A South Florida police officer insisted during his attempted manslaughter trial that he thought a severely autistic man was holding a gun when he fired three shots at him in 2016.

But the shots fired by North Miami Police Officer Jonathan Aledda missed Arnaldo Rios Soto and struck his caretaker Charles Kinsey in the leg.

It turned out Rios was holding a silver toy truck.

The Miami Herald reports Aledda testified in his own defense Wednesday, insisting that he never heard another officer radio that the object was a toy.

Video of the shooting caused outrage across the country.

Aledda said he was stunned when he realized he'd struck Kinsey and tried "to do everything in my power to help him."

He's charged with attempted manslaughter and culpable negligence.

Brazil police: School attackers imitating Columbine massacre

By MAURICIO SAVARESE
and PETER PRENGAMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUZANO, Brazil — Two young men who stormed their former school in southern Brazil armed with a gun, crossbows and axes, killing seven people, were trying to emulate the 1999 Columbine attack in Colorado and had been planning the assault for months, police said Thursday.

Friends and former classmates told investigators that 17-year-old Guilherme Taucci Monteiro and 25-year-old Henrique de Castro were obsessed with the attack on Columbine High School, Sao Paulo civil police director Ruy Ferraz told a news conference. He said the pair had been planning the attack since at least November.



AP PHOTO

Relatives embrace during a collective wake of the victims of the shooting at the Raul Brasil State School in Suzano, greater Sao Paulo area, Brazil, Thursday.

Ferraz said the acquaintances said they didn't believe the attack would actually happen, or feared that telling anyone would make them targets.

Monteiro and de Castro "wanted to prove they could act like in Columbine High School with cruelty and with a tragic character so they could be more recognized than" even the

Columbine killers, Ferraz said.

Ferraz said a third person, a 17-year-old former student at the school, had been involved in planning but was not present at the school when the attack happened.

He did not identify the accomplice but said police have asked a judge to issue a warrant for the teen's arrest.

Regulators challenge Boeing to prove its Max jets are safe

By DAVID KOENIG
and TOM KRISHER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aviation regulators worldwide laid down a stark challenge for Boeing to prove that its grounded 737 Max jets are safe to fly amid suspicions that faulty software might have contributed to two crashes that killed 346 people in less than six months.

In a key step toward unearthing the cause of the Ethiopian Airlines crash, flight recorders from the shattered plane arrived Thursday in France for analysis, although the agency in charge of the review said it was unclear whether the data could be retrieved. The decision to send the recorders to France was seen as a rebuke to the United States, which held out longer than most other countries

in grounding the jets.

Boeing executives announced that they had paused delivery of the Max, although the company planned to continue building the jets while it weighs the effect of the grounding on production.

In Addis Ababa, angry relatives of the 157 people who were killed Sunday stormed out of a meeting with airline officials, complaining that they were not getting enough information.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration grounded the planes Wednesday, saying regulators had new satellite evidence that showed the movements of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 were similar to those of Lion Air Flight 610. That flight crashed into the Java Sea off Indonesia in October, killing 189 people.

The Max jets are likely to be idle for weeks while Boeing tries to assure regulators around the world that the planes are safe.

At a minimum, aviation experts say, the plane maker will need to finish updating software that might have played a role in the Lion Air crash. Regulators will wait for more definitive evidence of what caused both crashes. Some industry officials think the plane maker and U.S. regulators may be forced to answer questions about the plane's design.

Boeing said it supports the grounding of its planes as a precautionary step, while reiterating its "full confidence" in the safety of the 737 Max. The company has previously characterized the software upgrades as an effort to make a safe plane even safer.

UK lawmakers vote to seek delay of EU departure

By **JILL LAWLESS** and **DANICA KIRKA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — In a stalemate over Brexit, British politicians have chosen to delay it. After weeks of political gridlock, Parliament voted Thursday to seek to postpone the country's departure from the European Union, a move that will likely avert a chaotic withdrawal on the scheduled exit date of March 29. With Brexit due in 15 days and no divorce deal yet approved, the House of Commons voted 413-202 to ask the bloc to put off Britain's exit until at least June 30. The official result was initially announced as 412-202, but was

later amended to 413 in the official voting list. The vote gives Prime Minister Theresa May some breathing space, but is still humbling for a leader who has spent two years telling Britons they were leaving the bloc on March 29. Power to approve or reject the extension lies with the EU, which has signaled that it will only allow a delay if Britain either approves a divorce deal or makes a fundamental shift in its approach to Brexit. In a historic irony, almost three years after Britain voted to leave the EU, its future is now in the bloc's hands. May is likely to ask EU leaders for an extension at a March 21-22 summit of the bloc in Brussels.

US stock indexes end mostly lower, end 3-day winning streak

By **DAMIAN J. TROISE** and **ALEX VEIGA**
AP BUSINESS WRITERS

U.S. stocks indexes barely budged Thursday as the market's three-day winning streak stalled. The benchmark S&P 500 index finished essentially flat as losses in communications, industrial and health care stocks outweighed gains in financial and technology companies. Several retailers and homebuilders also declined. Reports of a criminal investigation into Facebook's data-sharing practices weighed on the social media giant's shares. The market was coming off a solid three-day rally as it reclaimed some of the momentum it had

in January and February. Investors are still waiting for some more news on U.S.-China trade negotiations before they feel comfortable pushing the market much higher. Media reports had stoked hope that a summit would take place this month, but no concrete announcement has been made. The S&P 500 index slipped 2.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,808.48. The Dow Jones Industrial Average inched up 7.05 points, or 0.03 percent, to 25,709.94. The Nasdaq composite dropped 12.50 points, or 0.2 percent, to 7,630.91. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 6.25 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,549.63.

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• Jerry Moran of Kansas: "I aggressively opposed the overreach of past presidents and believe that I cannot pick and choose to now look the other way. How we do things — even good things — matter. We were raised that the ends don't justify the means." • Lisa Murkowski of Alaska: "When the executive branch goes around the express intention of Congress on matters within its jurisdiction, we must speak up or legislative acquiescence will erode our constitutional authority."

• Rand Paul of Kentucky: "I stand with President Trump on the need for a border wall and stronger border security, but the Constitution clearly states that money cannot be spent unless Congress has passed a law to do so." • Rob Portman of Ohio: "There is no question we need stronger border security. Erecting more barriers and fencing in key areas along the border will help stem the tide. But we have to do that in the right way. Congress, not the president, has sole authority to determine how to spend taxpayer money. Declaring a national emergency to access different funds

sets a dangerous new precedent." • Mitt Romney of Utah: "This is a vote for the Constitution and for the balance of powers that is at its core. For the executive branch to override a law passed by Congress would make it the ultimate power rather than a balancing power. I am seriously concerned that overreach by the executive branch is an invitation to further expansion and abuse by future presidents." • Marco Rubio of Florida: "We have an emergency at our border, which is why I support the president's use of forfeiture funds and counter-drug money

Strzok said. "So my statement there is: We can't consider, we can't take into consideration, the likelihood or unlikelihood of anybody's electoral process. We need to go, based on the gravity of this allegation, go investigate it and get to the bottom of it." The comments were made during a closed-door interview in June 2018 with members of the House judiciary and oversight committees.

The top Republican on the Judiciary panel, Rep. Doug Collins, released a transcript of the interview Thursday as part of an ongoing effort to paint the early days of the Russia investigation as tainted by law enforcement bias. In the past week, Collins has released transcripts of similar interviews with Justice Department official Bruce Ohr and ex-FBI lawyer Lisa Page, with whom Strzok exchanged

anti-Trump text messages during the 2016 election and investigations into his campaign. Those text messages have made Strzok and Page particular targets of outrage from Republicans and from Trump. Strzok was removed from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigative team following the discovery of the texts and was later fired from the FBI. Page has since left the bureau. In a statement

Thursday, Strzok attorney Aitan Goelman said his client welcomed the release of the transcript. "It is further evidence that, contrary to the impression that the President's allies in Congress tried to create with their selective and often inaccurate leaks, Pete at all times discharged his duties honorably, patriotically, and without regard to his personal political opinions," Goelman said.

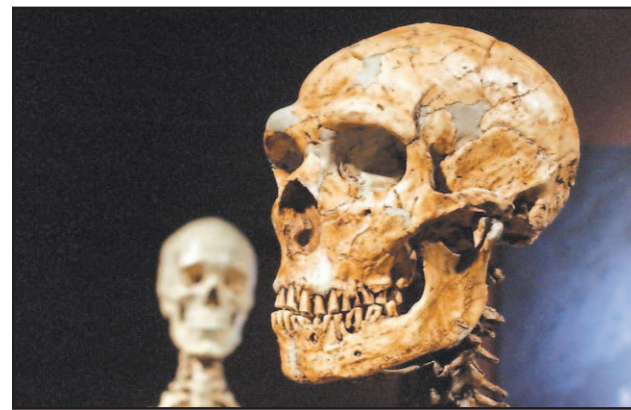
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considering whether the self-described dirty trickster violated a court order that prohibits him from discussing his criminal case with an introduction to his new book that criticizes special counsel Robert Mueller, whose office is prosecuting Stone. Stone appeared stoic as his attorneys discussed timing for filing motions in the case. Unlike at previous hearings, prosecutor Jeannie Rhee from Mueller's office handled arguments for the prosecution on Thursday.

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recent past are far less likely to use consonants used by longtime farming societies, the study found. "Our anatomy actually changed the types of sounds being incorporated into languages," Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel, an evolutionary anthropologist at the University of Buffalo who was not involved in the study, wrote in an email. Before societies cultivated crops and learned to cook food, early humans chewed tough raw meat — which was hard work on our jaws and teeth. Stone Age adult skulls don't look like modern skulls. These older skulls have upper and lower teeth closing directly on top of each other — whereas today most people have some degree of overbite, with the front teeth extending in front of bottom teeth when the mouth is closed.

"If you are raised on softer foods, you don't have the same kind of wear and tear on your bite that your ancestors had, so you keep an overbite," said Bickel.



AP PHOTO

This photo shows a reconstructed Neanderthal skeleton, right, and a modern human skeleton on display at the Museum of Natural History in New York.

Eating softer foods not only sets the jaw in a different fashion, but also changes which sounds are easily pronounced. In particular, it becomes much easier to say "f" and "v," which linguists call "labiodental" sounds. (Try it. Put your upper and lower incisors — or "front teeth" — directly on top of each other and try say "favor." It's difficult.) The researchers looked closely at 52 languages from what is called the Indo-European language group — including dialects spoken from Iceland to India — and charted how the "f" and "v" sounds appeared in a rising number of

languages over time. As more societies developed agriculture and traded in raw meat for softer fare — whether it's cooked meat and potatoes, or rice and stewed vegetables — these sounds became more common, the researchers found. "New sounds get introduced into languages, and then are more widely adopted," said Steven Moran, also a linguist at the University of Zurich and co-author of the paper. The notion that agriculture shaped language was first suggested decades ago by American linguist Charles Hockett, but he did not attempt to prove it.

ALMANAC

Today is **Friday, March 15**, the 74th day of 2019. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **March 15, 44 B.C.**, Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

On this date

In **1493**, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus arrived back in the Spanish harbor of Palos de la Frontera, two months after concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere. In **1916**, a U.S. expeditionary force led by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing entered Mexico on an ultimately futile mission to capture Pancho Villa, whose raiders had attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 U.S. citizens. In **1919**, members of the American Expeditionary Force from World War I convened in Paris for a three-day meeting to found the American League. In **1998**, CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an interview with former White House employee Kathleen Willey, who said President Bill Clinton had made unwelcome sexual advances toward her in the Oval Office in 1993, a charge denied by the president.

Today's birthdays

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 86. Actor Judd Hirsch is 84. Rock musician Phil Sles is 79. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 78. Actor Craig Wasson is 65. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 64. Actress Park Overall is 62. Movie director Renny Harlin is 60. Model Fabio is 58. Rock singer Bret Michaels (Poison) is 56. Actor Chris Bruno is 53. Actress Eva Longoria is 44.

Bible verse

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come out nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them. — **Ecclesiastes 12:1**. *Put the creator up front in your life and no power can change that relationship. There may be some interference, but when the static clears, your salvation will still be standing. "I give unto them eternal life."*

ODD NEWS

Court: Middle finger protected by the constitution

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — When it comes to the middle finger, police might need a thicker skin. A federal appeals court says a Michigan woman's constitutional rights were violated when she was handed a speeding ticket after giving the finger to a suburban Detroit officer in 2017. The decision means a lawsuit by Debra Cruise-Gulyas can proceed. In a 3-0 decision Wednesday, the court said Taylor Officer Matthew Minard "should have known better," even if the driver was rude. Minard stopped Cruise-Gulyas and wrote her a ticket for a lesser violation. But when that stop was over, Cruise-Gulyas raised her middle finger. Minard pulled her over again and changed the ticket to a more serious speeding offense. Cruise-Gulyas sued, saying her free-speech rights and her rights against unreasonable seizure were violated.

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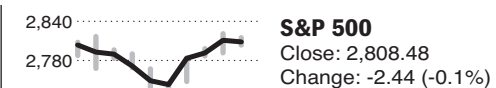
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Stock Footnotes

g - Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. - Does not meet continued-listing standards. - Late filing with SEC. n - Stock was a new issue in the last year. rs - Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50% within the past year. rt - Right to buy security at a specified price. s - Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. wt - Trades will be settled when the stock is issued. wd - When distributed. wt - Warrant, allowing a purchase of a stock unit, including more than one security. y - Company in bankruptcy or receivership, or being reorganized under the bankruptcy laws. Appears in front of the name. Stocks in bold are worth at least \$5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Source: Morningstar and The Associated Press.

Surgeon's version of 'concierge service' raises a red flag

DEAR DR. ROACH: I used a local orthopedic surgeon to replace my knee. He said my hip was bone on bone, and treated it with cortisone shots, which did not help. I finally had an appointment to talk about a hip replacement, and the first available surgery date was seven months away. I signed up for that date.

The nurse then gave me a paper stating the doctor was introducing a concierge service. This included an expedited surgery date (four weeks away) and on-time appointments (it was standard to wait over an hour). The cost for this service was \$5,000. I paid the fee and got the earlier surgery date.

I know I was not forced into this surgery, but I feel taken by my doctor. What do you think? — G.L.

ANSWER: I believe this is unethical behavior.

Physicians have a duty to their patients and to society in exchange for the many benefits that society gives physicians. Our patients'



Dr. Roach

needs are expected to come before our own.

In the case of the surgeon, what he is doing is unbelievable — he has created a two-tiered system, where the people who do not pay the concierge fee are getting, in my opinion, substandard care. While waiting an hour isn't unheard of, it's clear he is able to see people on time if he chooses to. Further, waiting seven months for a surgery date is not appropriate for someone with severe disease when, again, he is able to perform

surgery within four weeks. It's not that paying the concierge fee gives additional services (which is sometimes ethical); it's that it is the only way to get appropriate care. It is discriminatory to those who cannot pay, which is fundamentally unethical.

His lack of transparency at the beginning of the encounter (about a two-tiered system) and his use of a nurse to sell you on this both are abhorrent to me. I wonder about the legality.

It is absolutely possible to have an ethical concierge practice. Concierge physicians can find ways of fulfilling their obligations to take care of people regardless of their ability to pay and to practice nondiscriminatory care. This doctor is not doing so.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been on hydrochlorothiazide for the past three weeks. Have you heard of vivid dreams associated with this medicine? I am having difficulty with it. — L.G.

ANSWER: Vivid dreams are not typically associated with hydrochlorothiazide. HCTZ does not cross the blood-brain barrier, so it wouldn't be expected to have this effect. However, HCTZ often is given along with other medications that can have this effect, especially beta blockers, such as propranolol. If you are taking it as part of a combination drug, I would look at the other drug.

Some medications are well known for causing vivid dreams, and it is wise to tell people that before prescribing them. The HIV drug efavirenz can cause such vivid, and sometimes unpleasant, dreams that some people can't take it. Statins, steroids, antihistamines, and SSRI anti-depression drugs all are known to cause dream problems in some people. When I was given the anti-malarial drug mefloquine, I had no idea that it was known to cause vivid dreams until I woke up the morning after taking it wondering what had happened.

Child's accusations against cousin cause rift in family

DEAR ABBY: My brother and sister-in-law recently told me their 5-year-old son claims my 9-year-old son touched him inappropriately on several occasions. Understanding that any parent believes what their child says, I asked my son if he has ever touched or done anything inappropriate to anyone. His response was, "Why would I do that?"

My husband and I asked our son about it on several different occasions and got the same answer. Not wanting to pressure him to the point of coercion and force him to admit to something he did not do, I accepted his denials.

My brother and his wife are convinced my son did these heinous things to their son. What more is there for me to do? My son and I are now being shunned and barred from being around any of my brother's kids. — Shunned In Colorado



Dear Abby

exploration, and the people who should do that are your brother and his wife.

If your son ends up being guilty, then you and your husband must investigate where this behavior came from and get him professional help. Until this is resolved, the children should be kept apart.

DEAR ABBY: I get my hair done at the local beauty school. When I pay, there is no room on the bill to leave a tip. Is it OK not to tip these people because they are in school, or should I plan on bringing cash with me next time? — Wondering In California

DEAR WONDERING: If you like the service the student performed, show your gratitude (and respect!) by bringing along enough money to tip him or her. That's what I would do, as long as there is no school rule that forbids it.

An RV road trip to Alaska

Dear Heloise: My husband wants to rent an RV this year and have all of us go on a VACATION TO ALASKA. This will mean tight quarters with our boys, ages 12 and 14. Is there any way to do this without going crazy? — Samantha H., Fresno, Calif.

Samantha, the RV is great for eating and sleeping, but kids usually don't do well cooped up, so visit local museums, places of interest and try exploring nature in various parks.

It's also important to keep kids busy by assigning chores.

Once in a while, stay in a hotel where everyone



Hints from Heloise

can take long, hot showers, watch TV and stretch out.

If you're renting the RV, be sure to buy the insurance.

Pack an emergency road kit and a basic medical emergency kit as well.

Just enjoy the scenery and your family, and take pictures. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION: **GA-ZPACHO**
Alphabet soup

JUMBLE

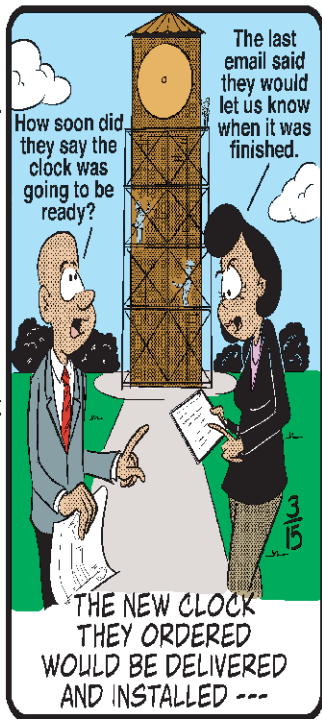
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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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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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

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

| CLUES | SOLUTIONS |
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| 1 making coffee, in a way (11) | _____ |
| 2 desperately sorrowful (9) | _____ |
| 3 present a bill for goods (7) | _____ |
| 4 related to seafaring (8) | _____ |
| 5 step toward college entrance (11) | _____ |
| 6 volcano that erupted in 2018 (7) | _____ |
| 7 one who maps surfaces (11) | _____ |

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Thursday's Answers: 1. ADAPTOR 2. CORNEA 3. FANS 4. MANDELAS 5. TRUDGE 6. BUZZARD 7. BUBBLING 3/15

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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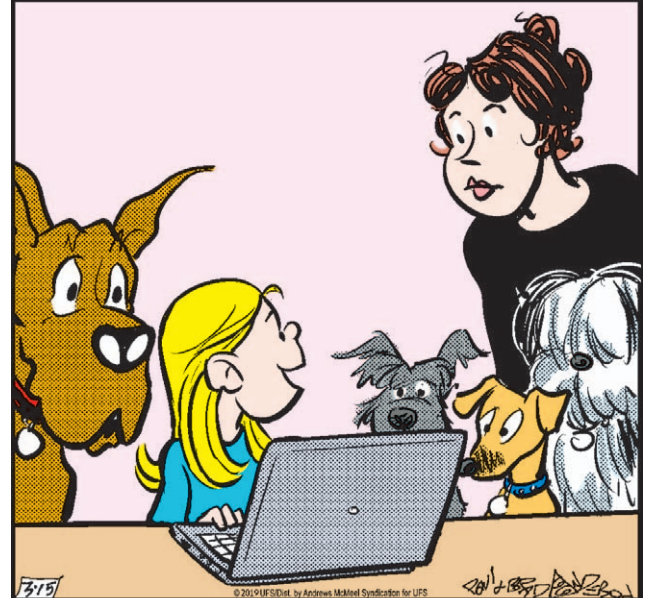
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

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MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"We're trying to find Yelp ratings for doggie bags."

Cryptoquip

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M F F Y H B R F H
I L W B L W H W F R ? K B M R T Q H S
I W S M B H F K O M W K W S M
H O F V ' L F R N W Q Q F Y S H
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M PRESUMING THE FAVORITE MUSICAL CATEGORY OF MANY STEPFATHERS IS PROBABLY ALTERNATIVE POP.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

WORD SLEUTH

FOUND ON A CHINESE MENU

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

Thursday's unlisted clue: ALTUVE
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: SWEET AND — CHICKEN

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| Bok choy | Egg roll | Moo shu pork | Tofu |
| Brown rice | Fried rice | Peking duck | White rice |
| Dumplings | Green tea | Scallops | Wontons |
| Edamame | Lo mein | Shrimp | |

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). This scene you're a part of today is pretty challenging. Imagine you are the filmmaker who created this whole situation to set up your main character to shine in a later scene. That perspective can lessen your stress. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). No matter what headspace you're in today, you have the ability to slip into a zone where everything is beautiful. Probably this involves that hobby or activity that's become your happy place. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Opportunities to stretch yourself usually happen organically, but when they don't, why wait? Make deliberate efforts to challenge yourself. This will be the difference between adequacy and greatness. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The changing of an old guard is coming. Your respect and deference to power are genuine and you'll be well-considered when the time comes to move up. That said, there are certain injustices with which you'll never go along. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're enthralled by certain kinds of entertainment. It's like

some performances can spiral to deep layers of your consciousness, giving you deeply needed soul-nourishment. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying "no" isn't as hard for you as it is for some others. That's why you don't like to put people in a position of having to agree or disagree with you. Instead, you'll present ideas (no pressure, no "ask") and just see what happens. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Volunteer. You'll love who you meet through this. It won't be all easy or fun — in fact, this promises to be a completely mixed bag — but one special contact will make it all more than worthwhile. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recovery, renewal and regeneration — three different stages. To expect them to happen all at once is to sign up to a world of frustration. Instead, relax and recognize the stage you're in for its vital place in the chain. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You hate to reject anyone, but saying "no" leaves an opening for a better fit to step in. So don't agonize over your choices, or your tone will bring others down. Look at the positive that you do by moving quickly on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one's job is always easy. Even pampered kings, wealthy socialites and celebrities have problems. So waste not a second wishing for a different set of problems. There's greatness waiting inside of the set you're on. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Probably no one is going to tap you as the leader, so tap yourself. With your talent, drive and a few well-chosen words you can stir up the people and strengthen their spirit. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Consider your next move for three days. Maybe "consider" is too strong a word for what you should do really. No active thinking, discussing or writing will be necessary. You'll know better on Monday. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (March 15). You're loved deeply and understood better than you think, so don't hesitate to reach out. There will be celebrations, laughter, community, and education through the next six months. Invest in yourself. You're worth it, but that probably isn't your main concern. Will you make your money back? A resounding YES. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 22, 38, 24 and 9.

Friday, March 15, 2019

GOREN BRIDGE

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UNWANTED CHOICE

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ K 9 8
♥ K 9 8 5
♦ K J 8 6 2
♣ 8

WEST
♥ 2
♠ Q 10 6 3 2
♦ 9 7 5
♣ 10 9 6 5

EAST
♠ A Q J 10 4
♥ 4
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 5 3
♥ A J 7
♦ A 3
♣ A Q J 3

The bidding:
SOUTH INT Pass
WEST Pass Pass
NORTH 2♣ 3NT
EAST 2♠ All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Best defense would have defeated East's two-spade bid by three tricks, but North chose to go for the vulnerable game instead. Most players, we think, would do the same thing. The opening spade lead was ducked in dummy and won by East's 10. With nothing better to do, East decided to set up his spade suit and he led the

queen of spades to dummy's king, as West discarded a low diamond. Declarer led a low heart to his jack, losing to the queen, but losing to the "safe" hand. West returned a heart, and South allowed dummy's eight to win the trick as East shed a low club. The eight of clubs was led to the jack and South cashed the ace of hearts. East discarded a low spade, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ K
♦ K J 8 6 2
♣ Void

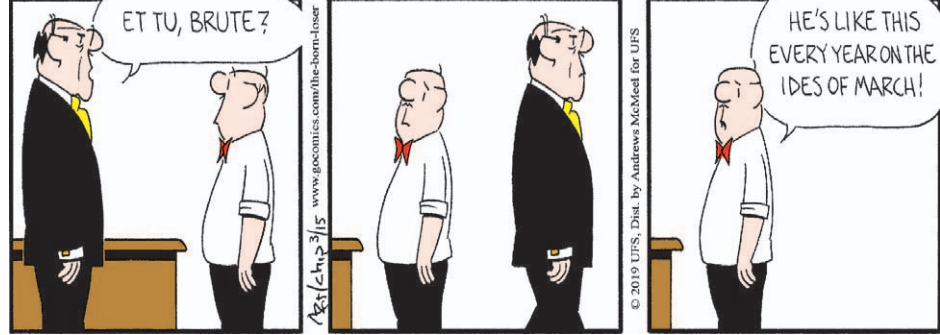
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♠ A J
♥ Void
♦ Q 10 4
♣ K 7

WEST
♠ Void
♥ 10 6
♦ 9 7
♣ 10 9 6

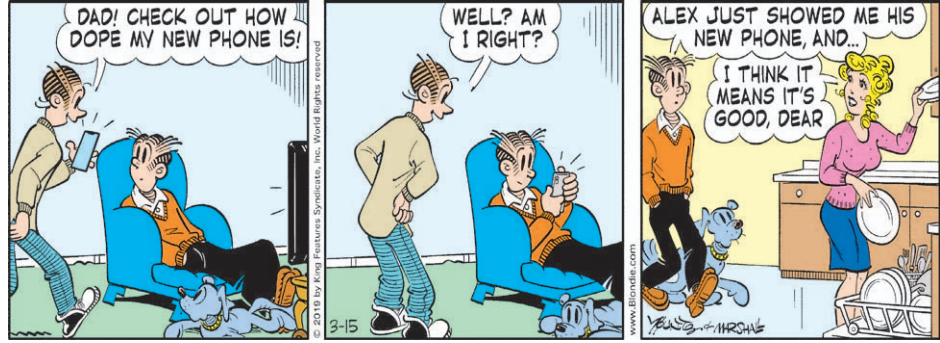
SOUTH
♠ 7 6
♥ Void
♦ A 3
♣ A Q 3

The carding let South read this position like a book, so he cashed the ace of diamonds and led a spade to East's jack. East could cash another spade, but then had to lead either a diamond or a club, giving South his nine tricks either way. Well done!

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



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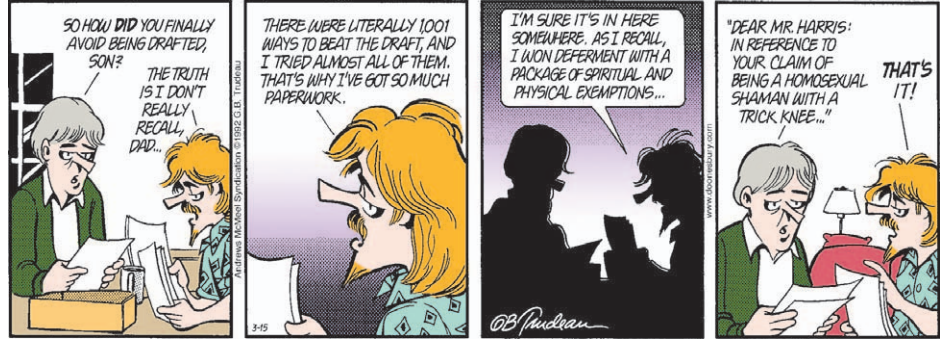
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BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
1 Company emblem
5 Creole veggie
9 Apple quantity
13 Sharp end
14 Half-grown
16 Garfield's housemate
17 Antony or Chagall
18 Reindeer driver
19 Chime
20 Defendant's answer
21 Amadol ingredient
22 Espresso with milk
24 Hwys.
26 Columbus' smallest ship
27 Windchill —
30 Plane figures
34 Destroy data
35 Pierre's parent
36 Movie theater sign
37 Make mistakes
38 Likewise
39 Zamboni's place
40 Country in Asia
42 Pledge
43 Web surfer's need
45 Beethoven work
47 Los Angeles cagers
- 48 Change decor
49 Where hackles rise
50 Tropical melon
53 —-eared bunny
54 Psyche's beloved
58 Range in Asia
59 Smears on
61 Hack's customer
62 Cut of meat
63 Luxury fur
64 Pay-stub acronym
65 Optical device
66 Attention
67 Party cheese
- DOWN**
1 Desk accessory
2 Fall birthstone
3 Crawford's ex
4 Farm vehicles
5 Mollusk
6 Zen questions
7 Least of the litter
8 Crumb toter
9 Carry a canoe
10 Work for a magazine
11 Film
12 Barrels
15 Early astronomer
23 No matter which
25 Foot digit

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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- 26 Compass point
27 Senses
28 Matrix
29 Bounce back
30 Small-minded
31 Zinc — ointment
32 More accommodating
33 Pipe handles
35 Concert instrument
38 Gizmos
41 Ankle injuries
43 Road guide
44 "Nightwave" painter Georgia
46 Psst!
47 Expired
49 Highborn
50 Get boring
51 Succulent plant
52 Hurt
53 Garage service
55 Speakeasy risk
56 Killer whale
57 Bed of coal
60 Murmur of contentment

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

Rating: SILVER

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Solution to 3/14/19

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| 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
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WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

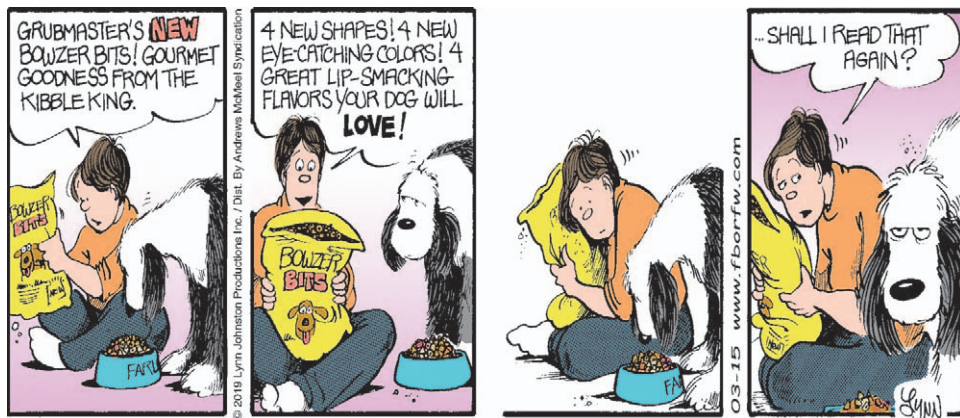
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- "What's up, Doc?" Bunny hauls (1)
- Grossly overcharge Pepsi's rival (1)
- Shouts out magic incantations (1)
- Readily on-the-move duke, e.g. (2)
- Plague insect concentrated (on) (2)
- Pacesetter's cheap eyeglasses (2)
- Deeply eatin' away at singer Aretha (2)

ANSWERS
1. BUGS LUGS 2. SOAK COKE 3. YELLS SPELLS 4. MOBILE NOBLE
5. LOCUST FOCUSED 6. LEADERS READERS 7. RANKLIN FRANKLIN

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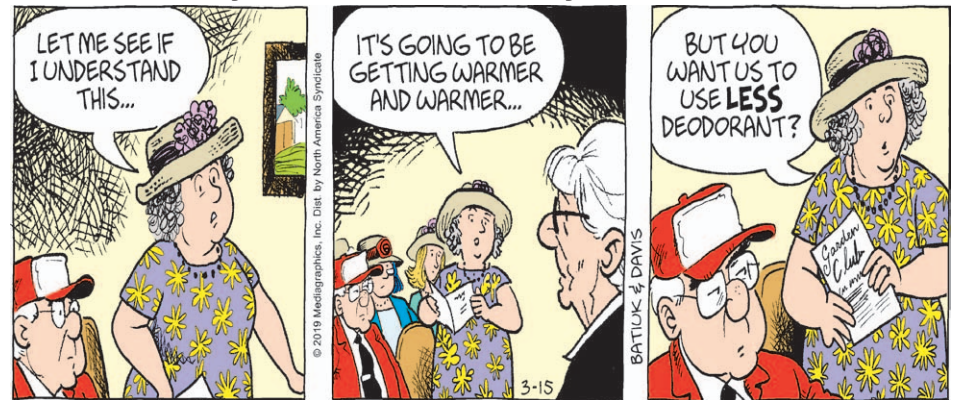
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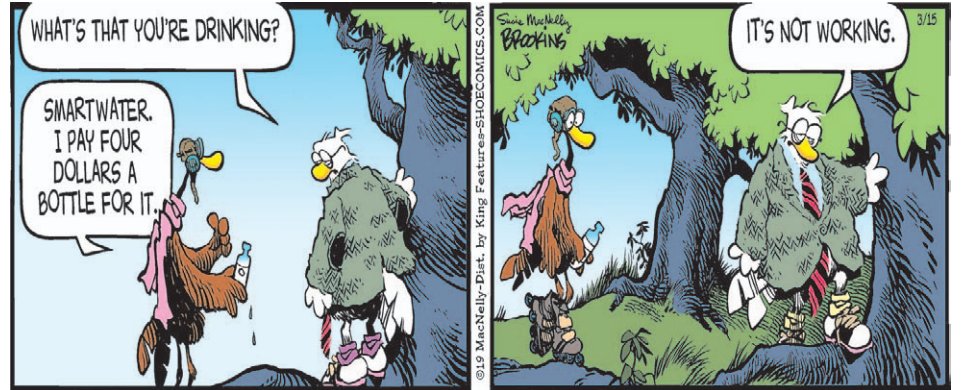
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CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers



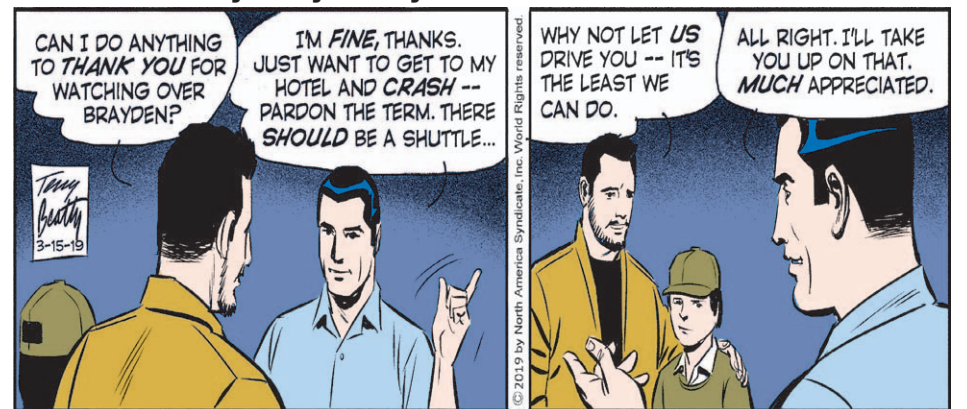
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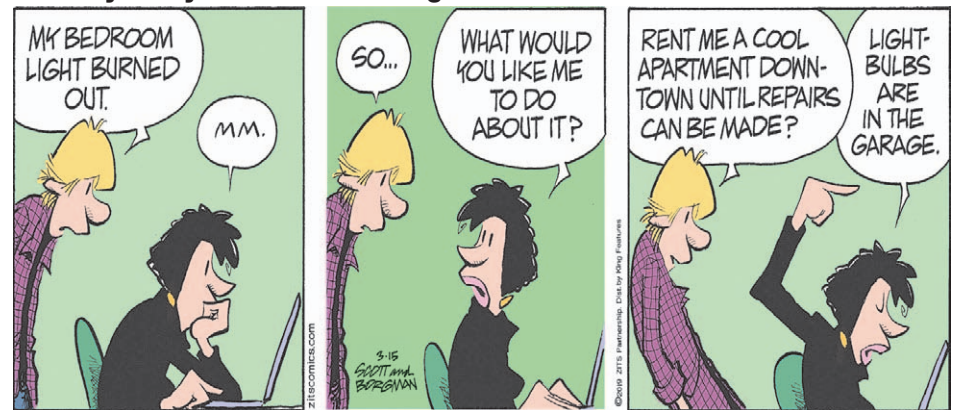
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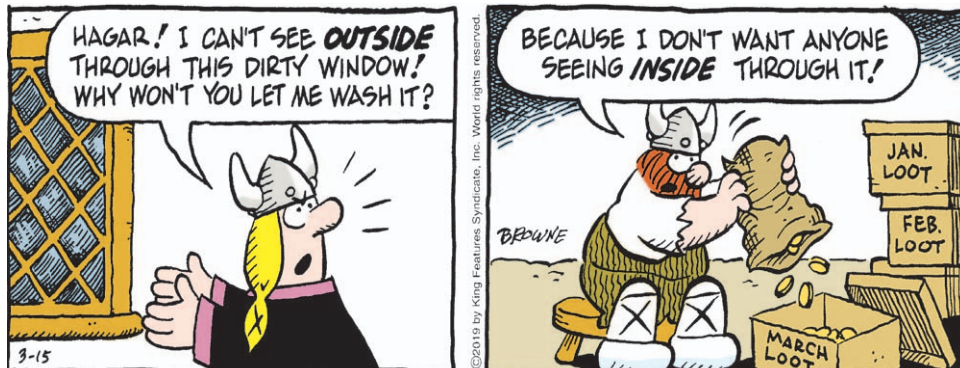
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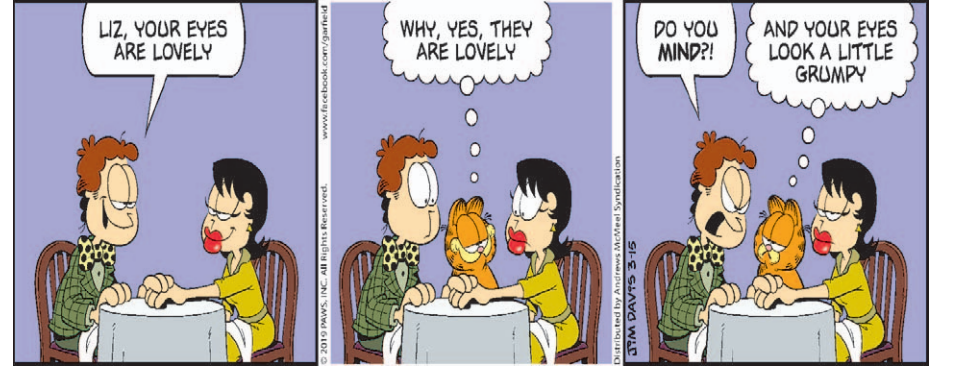
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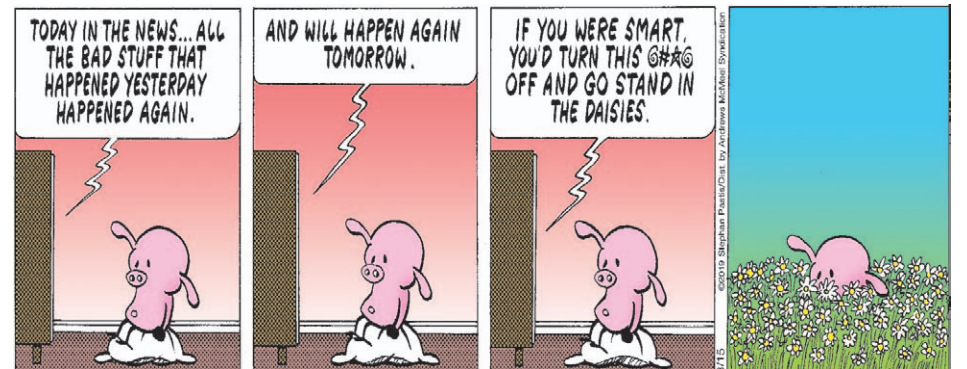
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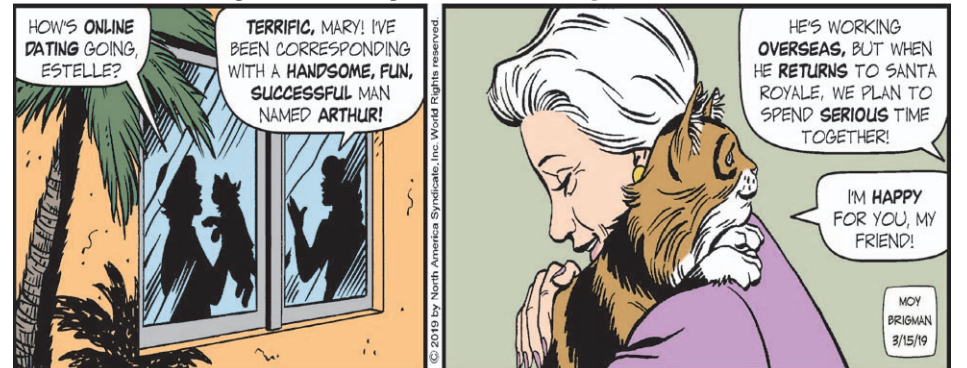
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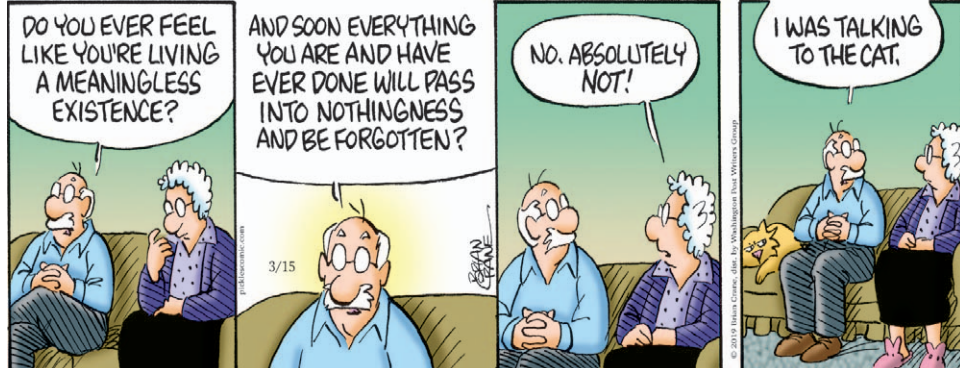
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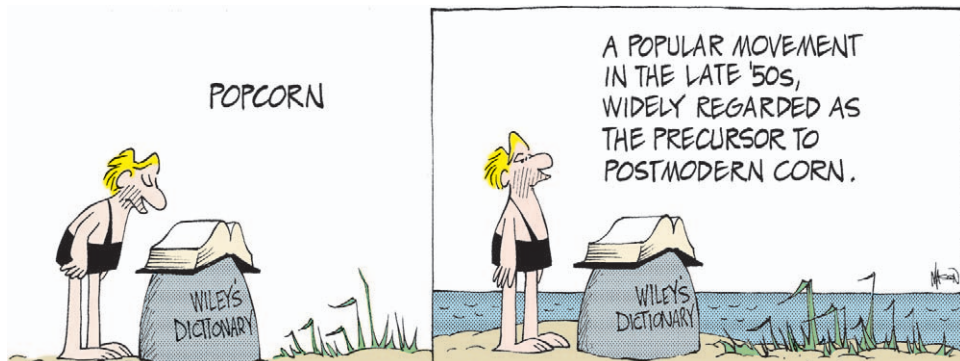
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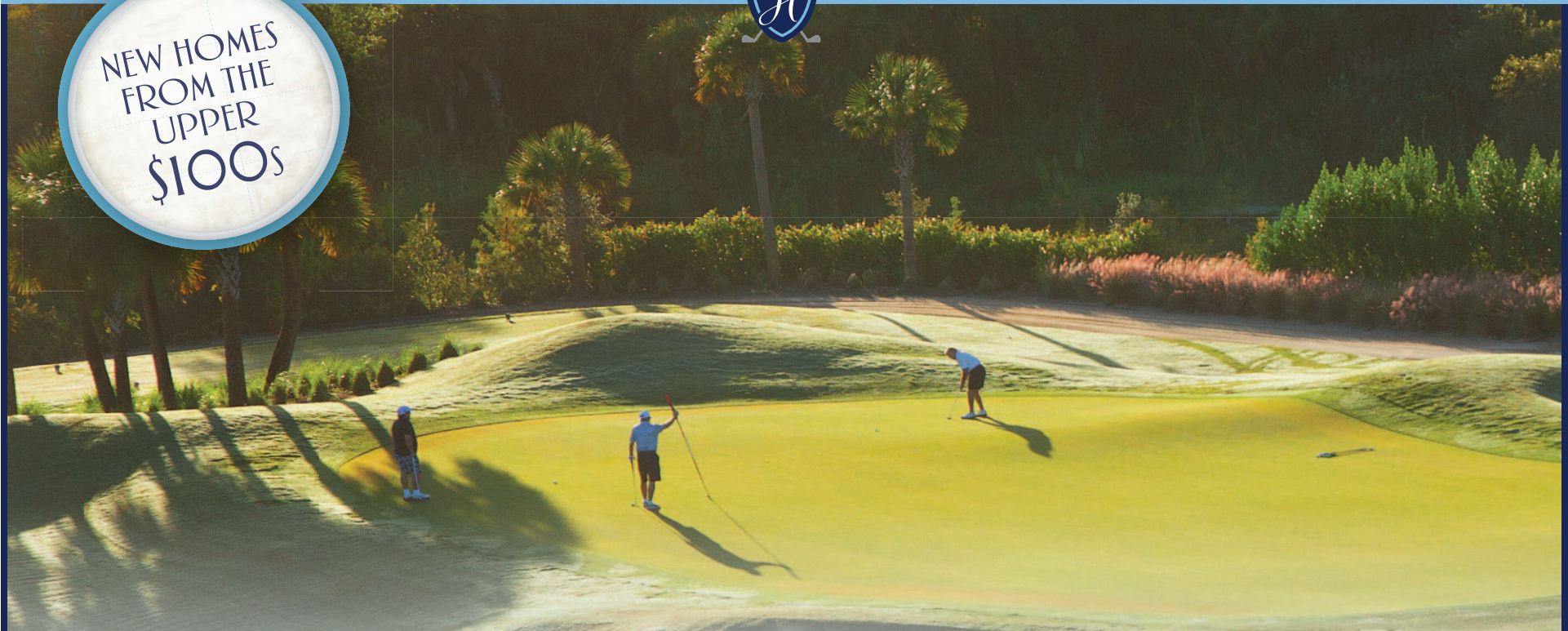
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■ **SPRING TRAINING: Phillies (SS) 4, Rays 3**

Pagan enters sandbox mode, works on arsenal

Cash says righty, A's transplant, has chance to be among openers after two scoreless innings



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Tampa Bay Rays catcher Mike Zunino (right) celebrates his three-run home run with Daniel Robertson during the fifth inning against the Philadelphia Phillies, Thursday, at Charlotte Sports Park.

By **JACOB HOAG**
SPORTS WRITER

Two weeks from Opening Day, Rays pitcher Emilio Pagan has entered sandbox mode, taking advantage of the last bit of a relaxed spring atmosphere to toy with his arsenal.

"I'm pleased with (my breaking ball)," Pagan said. "I think today went really well. They were swinging early initially so I didn't have a chance to throw too many curve balls, but my cutter/fastball command was good, force contact and see what happens after that." Now's the time to experiment before things get real.

Facing Phillies catcher Rob Brantley in a 4-3 loss on Thursday, Pagan went to two backdoor cutters and then a fastball high before Brantley got

a single. He said maybe next time he'll try a curveball down in the zone or a change-up away.

Mixing up his throws and sequencing his pitches is the ultimate goal as he prepares for the season.

"Having a new pitch and seeing how it plays off what's best," Pagan said. "I feel great, I feel strong. I'm ready to go. Now's the time to play with it and see what works for me."

Pagan pitched two innings, allowing one hit with one strikeout. He wanted to go back out for the third inning, but was pleased with his two solid innings.

Rays manager Kevin Cash agreed and noted he has a potential place among the openers. Diego Castillo followed

RAYS | 3

■ **HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL: Mariner 3, Port Charlotte 1**

Pirates drop second straight to Tritons

By **JUSTIN RAFFONE**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

After beating Port Charlotte 3-2 at home on Tuesday, the Tritons were again victorious this time 3-1 on the road.

Port Charlotte drops the season series against the division leading Tritons after seeing their bats go stagnant for two games following a three game stretch in which the Pirates scored 24 runs.

Mariner got stellar pitching from starter and senior captain Jimmy Meredith, who needed just 76 pitches on his way to the one run complete game. Meredith threw to contact all night, striking out just four but not giving up a walk while hitting one batter.

The Pirates were only able to collect five hits on the night, two of which came from leadoff hitter

Scotty McClean. McClean was the only run on the night for Port Charlotte.

In the first inning, the Tritons were able to scrape together a run against Pirates starting pitcher Tyler Zylstra. Zylstra also gave up runs in the third and fifth innings before giving way to Will Hepner in the sixth.

Zylstra threw 49 of his 82 pitches for strikeouts and three walks Thursday night. Mariner was able to steal three bases off Zylstra, however, as their base runners were able to get good jumps and seemed to know when Zylstra was throwing his off-speed pitches.

Hepner came in and pitched two scoreless innings for the Pirates, doing his job and giving his team a chance to comeback for a win.

Hepner threw just 21 pitches in his two innings of work with a strikeout and one hit allowed.

The Pirates had a chance to mount a comeback in the fifth inning but were stopped short without scoring a run when senior Damian Ashley was cut down at home plate trying to score from first. Mariner needed to make two perfect throws in order to get Ashley, and they did just that to end the inning.

The rally killing play seemed to zap the energy out of the Pirates, who saw just 15 pitches over the final two innings of the defeat. Hepner drove a double to the outfield on the play in which Ashley was thrown out trying to score.

Port Charlotte plays Friday night at Booker High School before an 11-day break in action.



SUN PHOTO BY JERRY BEARD

Pirates Pitcher Tyler Zylstra keeps Mariner baserunner Alex Freeland close with an attempted pickoff, firing a strike to first baseman Ryan Lomski, Thursday night at Port Charlotte High.

■ **NFL**

Perriman fills Bucs' need for speed

Former UCF, Browns wide receiver signed one-year deal

By **RICK STROUD**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — Receiver Breshad Perriman knew his days were over in Cleveland when he learned the Browns had traded for Giants receiver Odell Beckham, Jr. The speedy receiver made a quick decision to leave as a free agent.

"Basically, they just made the decision they thought was best for them, and I had to make a decision that I thought was best for me," Perriman said Thursday. "At the end of the day, I'm glad to be here and it's just a total blessing to be in front of you guys and part of this organization."

Perriman signed a one-year deal with the Bucs Wednesday.

"I didn't have to think about it too much when my agent called me with everything that was going

on, we just felt it was best for me to come here," Perriman said. "It was a mutual agreement. We both said it would be best for me and my future to part ways."

"It's a huge opportunity, just being here and being able to play with Jameis (Winston) and Mike (Evans). It's a huge opportunity that I think I'm ready to fill."

Do you know Winston?
"You know, me and Jameis came out the same year, so I knew him during the whole draft process," Perriman said. "We kind of got cool during that process, too, so just to be here with him, I know he has a great personality and his confidence is crazy. So to be back with him means everything."

How would you describe your career as a first-round pick of the Ravens?
"It's been a little rocky," Perriman said. "It started off with some injuries, and I had to fight through a ton of injuries actually. At the end of the day, I'm just happy and so blessed to be able to turn my career around."

You went to Central Florida. What does being back home mean?
"Everybody is just very happy," Perriman said. "I hear so much from all my family members and how happy they are about me being back home. That makes me feel even better about my decision."

What can you do to make sure you don't have more injuries that have plagued your career?
"Just basically, really just getting stronger," Perriman said. "Getting into the weight room and basically beating my body up. Not in a bad way, but like everything

I think I'm going to do in the season, all the running, I'm trying to do it on a high level so my body gets used to it."

What do you think about Bruce Arians?

"It was definitely exciting," Perriman said. "That's a huge part of this whole process and the amount of deep shots he likes to take down the field. That's going to be exciting, man. I just can't wait."

You played well down the stretch. Did that help your confidence?

"It definitely boosted my confidence, it gave me that extra push that being healthy, that also gave me that extra push and made me realize that everything I went through was for a reason and that I still have all of the ability that everybody thought I had when I first came out," Perriman said. "

■ **MLB**

MLB, union agree to rule changes

By **MARC TOPKIN**
TAMPA BAY TIMES

MLB and the players union announced a series of changes today for this season and next, as well as plans to discuss a renegotiation and extension of their labor agreement, which was to expire after the 2021 season.

For this season, the biggest difference will be the establishment of July 31 as the lone trade deadline, eliminating August waiver deals. Players feel, as Rays player rep Matt Duffy said, this will encourage teams to decide early they are in the race and make additions.

The changes will be

more dramatic and impactful for 2020.

They include expanding regular-season rosters to 26 but capping September rosters at 28, eliminating the bulk of September callups, requiring pitchers (barring injury) to face a minimum three batters or to finish an inning and capping the number of pitchers that can be carried on the roster — though that number (speculated at 13) is not yet set and is subject to input from a joint committee requiring that pitchers placed on the injured list (the new name for the DL) or named to the minors stay for a minimum of 15 days rather than 10.

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Zack Wheeler continued an impressive spring for the Mets with 5 1/3 scoreless innings of two-hit ball.

Jeurys Familia added a scoreless inning, and left-hander Justin Wilson gave up a run on two hits in his inning of work.

Juan Soto and Victor Robles each homered to back Erick Fedde in his bid for a rotation spot.

Fedde allowed a run and two hits over three innings, dropping his ERA to 7.84.

Martin Perez allowed five runs, six hits and two walks.

Eddie Rosario hit a solo home run, his third of the spring, and 2018 first-round pick Trevor Larnach hit his first Grapefruit League homer.

YANKEES 1, BLUE JAYS 1

Luis Cessa dropped his ERA to 0.69 with four scoreless innings for the Yankees. He struck out three and allowed two hits and a walk.

Matt Shoemaker pitched one-run ball over 5 1/3 innings.

He allowed four hits and a walk while striking out three. Bo Bichette, Justin Smoak and Kendrys Morales each doubled for the Blue Jays.

Pearce breaks out of slump

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — World Series MVP Steve Pearce needed a trip home to find his swing.

The Lakeland High School product ended an 0-for-12 spring training start with two homers as the Boston Red Sox and Detroit Tigers tied 4-4 on Thursday.

“It just feels good to finally get a rhythm,” Pearce said. “For my first couple games, the timing just wasn’t there. I was kind of clueless at the plate. But now the last couple days it’s starting to feel a lot better.”

Pearce was given a Lakeland Dreadnaughts jersey with his number 5 on it by a fan. Pearce said the last time he probably homered in his hometown was in high school.

“Look in the stands and I’ll see people I haven’t seen in 15 years,” Pearce said. “That’s pretty cool.”

Eduardo Rodriguez struck out eight over five innings for the Red Sox, who snapped their seven-game losing streak.

AROUND THE GRAPEFRUIT AND CACTUS LEAGUES

PIRATES 11, PHILLIES (SS) 2

Starling Marte, Adam Frazier, Corey Dickerson, Kevin Newman and Colin Moran each homered for Pittsburgh. Newman had three hits and Marte also doubled.

Trevor Williams allowed just an unearned run over five innings of three-hit ball.

Jake Arrieta gave up five runs, two homers, six hits and three walks over 3 1/3 innings. Cesar Hernandez was 1 for 3 in his spring debut.

TWINS (SS) 7, ORIOLES 6

Minnesota’s Ronald Torreyes hit his first homer in any game — spring training, regular season or minor league — since July 30, 2017 while with the Yankees, ending a stretch of 159 games without one.

The 5-foot-8 infielder has four homers in 229 career regular season games. Michael Reed had three hits and Williams Astudillo had two.

Dylan Bundy allowed four runs in five innings for Baltimore, lifting his spring ERA to 10.80. Jace Peterson and Cedric Mullins each solo home runs.

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Gardenhire declined to provide additional details about the decision. Fulmer won AL Rookie of the Year honors in 2016 but has struggled to return to that form. He was 3-12 with a 4.69 ERA last year.

Seager plays shortstop for first time since April

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Corey Seager played shortstop in a game for the first time since April 29, three innings for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a minor league exhibition.

The 2016 NL Rookie of the Year had surgery May 4 to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right elbow and arthroscopic surgery on Aug. 7 to repair his left hip.

He struck out twice and fielded one ball Thursday, an infield single. Although the runner was going to be safe, Seager completed the throw.

“It was good, didn’t hesitate, didn’t think about it, just kind of did it,” he said. “I wanted to finish it, kind of check that off the list.”

Seager had three plate appearances in a minor league game Monday but did not play the field.

“It was nice to move around,” he said. “It has been a long time. It is weird. You try to find your timing. For the most part it was a lot smoother than I expected.”

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■ NFL

Humphries chose Titans over Patriots

Former Bucs receiver had Tennessee on his radar as destination for months as free agent

By **TERESA M. WALKER**

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For Adam Humphries, Tennessee has been a potential destination for months because of his Tampa Bay connection with Titans general manager Jon Robinson.

Not even a late push by the New England Patriots could sway him to walk away from his deal with the Titans.

Even considering how much success wide receivers like Humphries have enjoyed with the defending Super Bowl champs.

“Obviously, I’m a man of my word, and I’m going to keep my word there,” Humphries said Thursday. “But you know it’s tough, and it’s a big decision. And I mean it’s a decision that will impact me for the rest of my life. So I obviously took a lot of thought into that. ... Once I committed to Tennessee, I was really excited to be a Titan and

still am.”

The Titans introduced Humphries and new left guard Rodger Saffold to reporters Thursday after they signed their new contracts along with safety Kenny Vaccaro who agreed to his new deal staying with Tennessee on Monday.

Humphries said he weighed options between the teams after agreeing to terms with the Titans on a four-year deal worth approximately \$36 million with \$19 million guaranteed. He flew into Nashville on Wednesday night and signed Thursday.

In the end, Humphries’ relationship with the Tennessee’s current GM helped the Titans seal the deal with a wide receiver whose numbers in both catches and yards have only improved in each of his first four NFL seasons. Robinson was Tampa Bay’s director of player personnel and a fan of Humphries when he came out of Clemson.

“He was one of the guys that kind of stood on the table for me there as a rookie tryout and just supporting me there,” Humphries said. Humphries should be a major help to Marcus Mariota. The quarterback is going into his fifth season with the franchise which is trying to decide whether to sign him to a new deal and for how long. Humphries caught a career-high 76 passes last season as a slot receiver, giving Mariota another alternative to three-time Pro Bowl tight end Delanie Walker under pressure.

The Titans hope Saffold will help give Mariota time to find Humphries.

The guard brings bulk and experience to help protect Mariota after the Titans allowed 47 sacks last season. He’s 6-foot-5 and 323 pounds and has started 111 of 114 career games. He also loves to run block pushing people away, which should help Derrick Henry.



AP PHOTO

Former Bucs wide receiver signed with the Titans in part due to his connection with Tennessee’s general manager Jon Robinson. Robinson was formerly Tampa Bay’s director of personnel.

Pinion prepares to punt in Tampa Bay

By **RICK STROUD**

TAMPA BAY TIMES

TAMPA — San Francisco free-agent punter Bradley Pinion jumped at the chance to sign with the Bucs, seeing it as an opportunity to get closer to his offseason home in South Carolina and return to a place he is familiar with.

He punted six times for a 43.3-yard average in a 27-9 loss in Tampa last November. Pinion signed a four-year contract with the Bucs on Wednesday.

“Why not Tampa? I love the area,” Pinion said at his introductory news conference Thursday. “I actually grew up training down here with a guy named Jay Feely, or Tom Feely, Jay Feely’s dad. I had been in the area numerous times. Loved the weather. Loved the east coast. Obviously, I’m from the Carolinas so coming back to this area was huge for me. It’s only eight hours from where I live in South Carolina in the offseason. Being that I have family here and would be close to family for my wife, that was huge for us. Tampa is a great organization and I’m just excited to be here.”

How are you with directional punting?

“Very comfortable with



AP PHOTO

Former San Francisco 49ers punter Bradley Pinion has signed with the Bucs as a free agent.

it. I’ve done it my whole career. There’s no such thing as a straight punt in the NFL. You have some of the best returners in the world.

You knew Adam Humphries as a teammate at Clemson. He signed with the Titans, but do you know anyone else?

“I know Jameis (Winston) pretty well. We were actually drafted the same year and the punter from Florida State was one of my best friends, so I know him through that. Just excited to actually get

to know a bunch of guys.”

What do you think of punting in Raymond James Stadium?

“I had a great here last year, so I was pumped about it. I love punting here. I love the humidity. I think humidity helps the ball fly further. It just kind of carries it. I love the stadium. Love the weather down here. The wind only helps. I hate punters who say they don’t like kicking in the wind because it only helps if you’re going with it. I’m excited to get down here and get into Raymond James.”

Giants sign Tate to replace Beckham Jr.

By **PAT LEONARD**

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

The Giants agreed to terms on Thursday with wide receiver Golden Tate, adding an accomplished veteran to try to fill the gaping hole left by Tuesday’s trade of Odell Beckham Jr.

The deal is a four-year, \$37.5 million contract

that includes \$23 million fully guaranteed, per ESPN.

Tate, 30, won the Super Bowl with the Seattle Seahawks, and has played for the Detroit Lions and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Tate was traded to Philly at this past season’s deadline and made the game-winning

touchdown catch on fourth-and-goal for the Eagles in this past season’s wild-card playoff win in Chicago.

The signing is further proof that Dave Gettleman is still trying to win now and not fully committing to a rebuild.

Tate is 5-10, 197 pounds but stretches the field well.

Raiders release Nelson, McCarron

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

ALAMEDA, Calif. — After making several big-ticket additions to start free agency, the Oakland Raiders are now making some cuts.

The Raiders released 2018 leading wide receiver Jordy Nelson and backup quarterback AJ McCarron on Thursday to create salary cap space after going on a spending spree earlier this week.

The moves save more than \$8.5 million for the upcoming season after the Raiders committed more than \$50 million in salary cap space to acquire receiver Antonio

Brown, tackle Trent Brown, safety Lamarcus Joyner and receiver Tyrell Williams.

Nelson signed a \$14.2 million, two-year deal last March with the Raiders and had 63 catches for 739 yards in his one season in Oakland. The Raiders turned his \$3.6 million roster bonus for 2019 into a signing bonus late last season, which leaves them with \$1.8 million in dead money this year.

Coach Jon Gruden had planned to keep Nelson before plans changed when Brown became available from Pittsburgh last weekend.

The Raiders traded a 2019 fifth-round pick

to Buffalo last year to acquire McCarron as the backup to Derek Carr. McCarron appeared in just two games with three passes before the team decided to go in another direction.

The move leaves Nathan Peterman as the only backup on the roster. Peterman was fifth-round pick by Buffalo in 2017 but was cut last season after beginning the year as the starter. He is 68 for 130 in his career for 548 yards, three TDs, 12 interceptions and a 32.5 passer rating in his career.

The Raiders also signed defensive tackle Johnathan Hankins to a two-year contract.

■ GOLF: PGA Tour

Bradley, Fleetwood tied at The Players Championship

By **DOUG FERGUSON**

AP GOLF WRITER

PONTE VEDRA BEACH — A big finish for Tommy Fleetwood and a fast start for Keegan Bradley led each to a 7-under 65 on Thursday for a share of the lead in the opening round of The Players Championship.

Fleetwood kept a clean card in the March wind, kept his patience and was rewarded at the end with three birdie putts. Bradley had three eagle putts on the front nine, made one of them, and picked up a pair of birdies on the front nine.

Tiger Woods made

only one par on the back nine — five birdies, three bogeys — in a round of 70. He has only broken 70 in the opening round one time at the TPC Sawgrass, when he won in 2013.

“Usually if I had one par, it’s usually shooting 30 or 29,” Woods said. “Not what I did today.”

It wasn’t as clean as Woods wanted, especially playing late in the afternoon when the wind began to die and the greens picked up a little more speed.

Even so, it was a reasonable start at a tournament where the key is not to fall too far behind, whether it’s in

March or May.

The move from May to its traditional spot on the calendar brought green, softer conditions and more wind than usual. Even so, Fleetwood was among several early starters who managed to take aim on the TPC Sawgrass.

Fleetwood had only one birdie on the slightly easier back nine, and finished with birdie putts from 15 feet, 30 feet and 18 feet.

“If you’re in the fairway all the time, the course feels very, very different,” Fleetwood said. “And it’s a massive key around here. And then I just started

picking a few shots up, and then you get on a run like 7, 8, 9, and it feels great after that. Just one of them would feel like a great round, so three of them ... I’ll take it.”

Byeong Hun An and Brian Harman were at 66, while Rory McIlroy also played bogey-free for a 67. He was in a group with Ryan Moore, who made the ninth hole-in-one on the island-green 17th hole, and Vaughn Taylor, who must love the move back to March.

Taylor is among 23 players who have competed on the Stadium Players Course in both months. He tied for

eighth the last time it was in March in 2006. In the eight times he played in May, he never made the cut.

Bradley, who a week ago shared the 36-hole lead with Fleetwood at Bay Hill, has only one top 10 in his eight trips to the TPC Sawgrass.

Early in my career, I felt so uncomfortable on this course. I really didn’t play well here,” Bradley said. “It didn’t really enjoy ... it just wasn’t a good fit for me. And then this year, I really enjoy the different conditions that we’re playing in. I like the rough better, and I think it’s a great time of

year to play here.”

Bradley had eagle putts from the fringe on the par-5 11th and short par-4 12th, both times settling for two-putt birdies. He drilled his second shot on the par-5 16th to the middle of the green and watched it feed to 12 feet away for his eagle. He played the back nine in 31, made a 5-foot birdie on No. 1 and sprinkled in a few key par saves before a final birdie to catch Fleetwood.

Harris English had an albatross — the third straight year for one at The Players — on the par-5 11th hole.

■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL



AP PHOTO

Virginia's Jack Salt hangs from the rim after a dunk against North Carolina State in the ACC tournament in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday. Salt was called for a technical foul on the play.

No. 2 Virginia tops NC State in ACC quarterfinals

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Guy scored 29 points, including seven 3-pointers, and No. 2 Virginia rallied to beat North Carolina State 76-56 on Thursday in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

Big man Jack Salt provided an unexpected offensive boost with a career-high 18 points for the top-seeded Cavaliers (29-2). Down 29-27 at halftime, Virginia shot 63 percent after the break and scored 49 points.

Virginia will play Florida State in the semifinals.

Guy made 10 of 13 shots and 7 of 9 from 3-point range.

Markell Johnson had 13 points for the Wolfpack (22-11).

NO. 12 FLORIDA ST 65, NO. 16 VIRGINIA TECH 63, OT

Terance Mann hit a wild off-balance runner with 1.8 seconds left in overtime to help Florida State beat Virginia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

Mann's shot from the right side rattled around the rim before dropping through the net to break a tie for the fourth-seeded Seminoles (26-6). The fifth-seeded Hokies (24-8) had a final chance, but Nickeil Alexander-Walker missed a long desperation 3-pointer at the horn.

Devin Vassell scored 14 points to lead the Seminoles, including a contested 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

Alexander-Walker finished with 21 points for the Hokies, including a 3 that bounced up off the front rim and dropped through the net for a 63-60 lead with 1:40 left in OT. It marked the second straight week that Florida State beat Virginia Tech in overtime.

NO. 3 UNC 83, LOUISVILLE 70

Luke Maye had 19 points and nine rebounds, Coby White added 17 points, seven rebounds and six assists and No. 3 North Carolina beat Louisville 83-70 on Thursday night in the Atlantic Coast Conference quarterfinals.

Cameron Johnson scored all of his 14 points in the first half to help the Tar Heels (27-5) extend their winning streak to eight games.

Dwayne Sutton had 14 points for Louisville (20-13). The Cardinals shot just 10 of 34 from 3-point range.

The Cardinals beat North Carolina by 19 on Jan. 12 in Chapel Hill — Roy Williams' worst home loss ever as Tar Heels coach — using their size and length to disrupt shooters and control the glass.

North Carolina had no trouble in the rubber match between the teams.

The Tar Heels got things going early and built a 45-35 lead at the half behind Johnson and White. The versatile Maye scored from down low and

stepped out beyond the arc to display his silky smooth jumper.

The lead hovered around 10 for most of the second half until the Tar Heels got their transition game going with eight straight points on run outs — including four by Kenny Williams — to stretch the lead to 18 with 6:24 left.

WEST VIRGINIA 79, NO. 7 TEXAS TECH 74

West Virginia played less like a team that finished last in the Big 12 and more like the one that reached the Big 12 tournament title game the previous three years.

Who knows? Another effort like the one on Friday in their stunning 79-74 triumph over seventh-ranked Texas Tech, and the Mountaineers could make it four straight.

The upset stands with the biggest in Big 12 tourney history. It marked the third time a No. 10 seed beat a No. 2 seed, and the previous occasions were in the first two years of the event.

West Virginia held on to complete the victory. The Mountaineers led by 16 with about 81/2 minutes remaining. But Tech rallied and took the lead with two minutes left.

The teams traded big moments on the final possessions. A three-point play by Jermaine Haley with 27 seconds left gave West Virginia a 75-71 lead. Tech's Jarrett Culver answered with his own three-point play 4 seconds later.

Jordan McCabe's two free throws with 19.5 seconds remaining restored a 77-74 lead, and Culver, the Big 12 player of the year, missed a deep 3-point attempt that sealed the upset.

NO. 14 NEVADA 77, BOISE STATE 69

Jazz Johnson scored 20 points, Caleb Martin had 19 and Nevada rallied to beat Boise State in the Mountain West Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

Tre'Shawn Thurman added 17 points, and Cody Martin had 10 to help top-seeded Nevada (29-3) tie the school record for victories in a season. The Wolf Pack will face the UNLV-San Diego State winner in the semifinals.

Down 34-29 at halftime, Nevada shot 62 percent from the field in the second half, going 5 of 11 from 3-point range.

Derrick Alston led Boise State (13-20) with 21 points, and Justinian Jessup had 18.

NO. 15 KANSAS ST 70, TCU 61

Xavier Snead scored 19 points, none bigger than a 3-pointer as the shot clock sounded in the final minute, and Kansas State rallied from a slow start to beat TCU Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals.

Barry Brown added 12 points, Kamau Stokes had 11 and

Makol Mawien had 10 for the tournament's top seed. The Wildcats (25-7) advanced to play No. 5 seed Iowa State in the semifinals.

Kansas State (25-7) played without forward Dean Wade, who is sidelined once again with a foot injury. The senior watched the game from the sideline with a boot on his right foot.

Desmond Bane had 16 points for the Horned Frogs (20-13).

NO. 18 BUFFALO 82, AKRON 46

Jeremy Harris scored 23 points, Dontay Caruthers and Buffalo routed Akron in the Mid-American Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

The top-seeded Bulls (29-3) built a 20-point lead in the first half and pushed it to 30 points midway through the second half. Seeking its fourth MAC title in five years, Buffalo will play Central Michigan in the semifinals.

Buffalo got just 10 points from C.J. Massinburg, the MAC's Player of the Year, and still rolled to its 10th straight win.

Moments after the game, Bulls coach Nate Oats met with athletic director Mark Alnutt in signed an extension through 2024.

Loren Cristian Jackson scored 16 points for Akron (17-16).

NEBRASKA 69, NO. 21 MARYLAND 61

James Palmer scored 24 points and Nebraska shut down Maryland for the first big surprise of the Big Ten Tournament.

Using a seven-man rotation because of injuries and backup guard Nana Akenten's suspension, the Cornhuskers harassed the Terrapins into 36 percent (18 for 50) shooting and 11 turnovers. Glynn Watson Jr. added 19 points, and Isaiah Roby finished with 15.

Nebraska (17-15) earned a second win in the Big Ten tourney for the first time since 2016 and will face fourth-seeded Wisconsin on Friday. The Cornhuskers advanced with a 68-61 victory over Rutgers on Wednesday night.

Maryland (22-10) swept Nebraska during the regular season, including a 60-45 win in Lincoln on Feb. 6. But the Terrapins struggled offensively in their third loss in their last four games.

NO. 22 AUBURN 71, MISSOURI 71

Bryce Brown scored all 17 of his points in the second half and Auburn beat Missouri in the second round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

Auburn (23-9) won its fifth straight to advance to the quarterfinals Friday against fourth-seeded South Carolina. The Tigers also snapped a three-game skid at the SEC tournament dating to

2015 when they reached the semifinals.

Jordan Geist had 25 points for Missouri (15-17).

NO. 23 MARQUETTE 86, ST. JOHN'S 54

Markus Howard scored 12 of his 30 points in a game-breaking 23-2 second-half run, and No. 23 Marquette snapped its four-game losing streak with an 86-54 rout of St. John's in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals Thursday night.

Fellow guard Sacar Anim added 13 points as the second-seeded Golden Eagles (24-8) beat seventh-seeded St. John's (21-12) for the first time in three tries this season. Sam Hauser had 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

The win advanced Marquette to its first Big East semifinal since 2010 against No. 3 seed Seton Hall or No. 6 seed Georgetown, who played in the late quarterfinal at Madison Square Garden. The Golden Eagles split with both teams.

Justin Simon had 14 points and eight rebounds to lead the Red Storm, who haven't reached the conference semifinals since 2000. Leading scorer Shamorie Ponds was held to 13 points on 4-of-14 shooting.

The loss leaves St. John's on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament, with five losses in its final seven games.

Marquette came into the tournament as somewhat of a question mark. After excelling all season, the Golden Eagles blew four second-half leads in hitting the skids.

And the trend seemed to be continuing when St. John's opened the second half with an 11-5 run to cut Marquette's 12-point halftime lead to 43-37 on a slam by Simon.

Howard, the Big East player of the year, sandwiched two layups around three free throws to push the lead to 50-37.

NO. 25 VILLANOVA 73, PROVIDENCE 62

Eric Paschall had 20 points and 10 rebounds and Villanova took control in final nine minutes to beat Providence in the Big East Conference Tournament quarterfinals.

Collin Gillespie added 19 points and six assists for the top-seeded and two-time defending champion Wildcats (23-9). Villanova capitalized on a 17-5 run to beat the Friars (18-15) for the third time this season.

Villanova will face Xavier in the semifinals.

Nate Watson had 15 points for Providence.

CONNECTICUT 80, USF 73

UConn's success in March continued in the opening round of the American Athletic Conference tournament thanks to accurate first-half shooting that spread into the early stages of the second.

The shooting that hovered

above 63 percent with eight minutes left in the game, provided enough of a buffer for UConn to withstand a late run by South Florida, allowing the Huskies to hold on for an 80-73 victory on Thursday.

Christian Vital scored 25 points to lead UConn, while Jalen Adams, who missed seven games in February with a sprained MCL, added 19 points and six rebounds. UConn (16-16) moves on to Friday's quarterfinal game against 11th-ranked and top-seeded Houston.

The Huskies shot 66.7 percent from the field in the first half to set a new conference record for shooting percentage in a half. UConn's shooting was so accurate, it was still at 70.4 percent (19 of 27) with 15 minutes left in the game, including 10 of 16 from outside the arc.

And Adams missed six of the eight shots where the Huskies misfired.

Laquincy Rideau led the Bulls (19-13) with 19 points, while David Collins finished with 15 points as USF lost its seventh in the last nine.

ALABAMA 62, MISSISSIPPI 57

John Petty stuffed in a put-back with a minute left to put Alabama ahead for good as the 10th-seeded Crimson Tide rallied and kept their postseason hopes alive Thursday with a 62-57 Southeastern Conference Tournament victory over Mississippi.

Alabama snapped a three-game skid by producing its biggest comeback of the season, as the Tide trailed the seventh-seeded Rebels by 16 in the opening minute of the second half. Alabama scored the final seven points of the game.

The Tide (18-14) advance to an SEC quarterfinal Friday against No. 4 Kentucky, the No. 2 seed in this tournament. Alabama beat Kentucky 77-75 on Jan. 5 in the SEC opener for both teams.

Alabama may need to beat Kentucky again to secure an NCAA Tournament bid, while Ole Miss (20-12) likely will go dancing even after Thursday night's collapse. At the start of the day, Ole Miss was 36th and Alabama 59th in the NET rankings that have replaced the RPI as a NCAA Tournament selection criterion.

Ole Miss led 40-24 in the opening minute of the second half before Alabama rallied and took a 44-43 lead when a Kira Lewis Jr. layup capped a 13-0 run with 13:14 left.

The lead went back and forth several times from there until Alabama went on its closing run.

Lewis tied the game at 57-all on a driving layup with 1:34 remaining. Lewis then got a steal and missed a layup attempt on the other end, but Petty got the offensive rebound and dunked to put Alabama ahead for good.

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Morgan Draper and Daniel Yousif practice "Friendship" routine.

'Anything Goes' Sets Sail at CPAC with Talented Teens on Board

By THERESA MURTHA
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Three months ago, they had never heard the songs. Nor had they ever heard of the show's legendary composer. Most hadn't had any experience tap dancing. Now a cast of young Charlotte High School performers (Troupe 0922) are singing and tap dancing their hearts out and having the time of their lives rehearsing songs like "I Get a Kick Out of You," "Let's Misbehave," "Friendship" and the title tune "Anything Goes," for a production which will go live at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center at the end of the month. Their production of the Cole Porter classic, cast members hope, will prompt audiences to leave the theater joyful and singing those songs they too now love.

The upbeat musical, filled with songs by Cole Porter, takes place on an ocean liner in the 1930's and tells the story of Billy Crocker, the employee of a Wall Street tycoon who stows away on the S.S. American to follow the girl of his dreams. He's accompanied by characters Reno Sweeney, an evangelist turned nightclub singer; MoonFace Martin, Public Enemy Number 13; Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, an earnest, good-natured, and gullible British aristocrat; Oakleigh's fiancé, Hope Harcourt, a beautiful heiress; and a cast of other endearing shipmates.

Weeks before the show opens, the cast is rehearsing daily from 2 to 5 p.m. in the black box theater and throughout the CPAC building. Strong, stunningly beautiful voices fill the corridors. And kids are scattered about studying scripts or practicing dance routines. For many in the cast, it is the last show of their high school years. Seniors Morgan Draper, John



Alyssa Hassler studying her script.



Jacob Bergmanis acting astonished as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh.



TALENTED | 3 Kate Chalone, Rylee Rebol, and Stephanie Manley practice dance routine.

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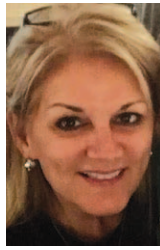


Zonta Yellow Rose luncheon celebrates Linda Wilson

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Do you know the story behind St. Patrick's Day?

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends



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grew up around him—for example, that

he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of all things Irish. Did you know that Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York

City in 1762? Since 1962 Chicago has colored its river green to mark the holiday. (Now that would be a sight to see). So whether you are Irish or just "pretend" to be this St. Patrick's Day: *May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.*



PGH HAPPENINGS ON THE HARBOR

■ **TODAY**

"Advice for Your Device," from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St. Free program. Need help to set up with the Cloud Library, Hoopla, Freegal, RBDigital Magazines or Pronunciator? Reservations required: 941-833-5460. PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Yoga Tots Storytime, from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St. Free program for children ages 12-36 months. Bring your toddler, towels or yoga mat to stretch your mind and muscles with a story and fun yoga poses. 941-833-5460 or PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Burnt Store Marina Farmers Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cass Cay parking lot, 3200 Matecumbe Key Road, Punta Gorda.

Haunted History of Punta Gorda Walking Tours, are set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays through March 31. Participants enjoy a two-mile stroll through Punta Gorda's historic and haunted neighborhoods while being entertained with true stories. Cost is \$29 for adults; \$19 for minors. Tickets must be purchased in

advance. Meet at the free parking garage on Herald Court, wear walking shoes and bring a camera. For reservations: swfloridawalkingtours.com/haunted-history-tours/.

Karaoke at Bella's Bisto, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., 117 W. Marion Ave.

■ **SATURDAY**

Punta Gorda Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. thru April and 8 a.m. to noon May thru Sept., corner of Olympia Avenue and Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. Call 941-391-4856 or email jerry@punta.gordafarmers-market.com.

American Legion Post 103 Outdoor Market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-626-2567.

Bicycle ride, departs at 8:30 a.m. from Acme Bicycle Shop, 615 Cross St., Suite 1116, Punta Gorda. All riders welcome. Helmet required. Details: 941-639-2263.

Story Time at Copperfish Books, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., 103 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Game Day, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Punta Gorda Library, 424 W. Henry St., Free. 941-833-5460 or PuntaGordaLibrary@charlottecountyfl.gov.

Punta Gorda Chocolate & Wine offers a tasting of chocolates, along with premier wines and craft beers from around the world, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 941-626-2008.

Live music with Chris G., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bella's Bisto, 117 W. Marion Ave.

■ **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Open Air Market, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at History Park, 501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda.

American Legion Post 103 Outdoor Market, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda.

Live music with St. Patrick Day Celebration, from noon to 9 p.m. at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Esplanade.

■ **MONDAY**

Live music with John Patti, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Hurricane Charley's, 300 W. Retta Esplanade.

Live music with Four Leaf Strummers, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Esplanade.

Live music with L&M Accoustics, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Dean's South of the Border, 130 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.

■ **TUESDAY**

Value of Florida Residency and Homestead, free seminar, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Charlotte State Bank & Trust Punta Gorda office, 2331 Tamiami Trail. Designed for seasonal residents and current and potential Florida real estate owners, this seminar will help uncover the benefits of Florida residency, including various tax advantages, creditor protection, homestead benefits, and more. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Visit any bank office to register or call 941-235-5110 or rsvp@csbtfll.com.

FGCU Foreign Film Series — "The Year My Parents Went on Vacation" (Brazil 2008), from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at FGCU's Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Court, Suite 211, Punta Gorda. The fee is \$5. Call 941-505-0130.

Charity Bingo, at American Legion Auxiliary Unit 103, 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday through March 19. The facility is non-smoking and the bingo is open to the public. For more information, call 941-639-6337 or just come by and play.

Master Gardner Marlene Hofer, will share tips on how to enhance your landscape by using some simple propagation techniques at 2 p.m. at PGICA, 2001 Shreve St. Registration not required, free.

■ **WEDNESDAY**

Hear the stories about how early Punta Gordans, got here and the innovations that made travel and settlement here possible. Docent will present on current

exhibit "Coming to Punta Gorda from Ox carts to Airplanes" at 1:30 p.m. at the Punta Gorda History Center, 512 E. Grace St. Presentation with Q&A and discussion following.

A Punta Gorda Food Tour, runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through April in the Punta Gorda Historic District. The three-hour walking tour takes participants to five food stops and offers an insider's perspective plus local specialties and history lessons. Cost is \$59 and tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information, visit swfloridawalkingtours.com/food-and-pub-tours/, or email: tourguides@swfloridawalkingtours.com.

Exchange Traded Funds vs. Mutual Funds, free seminar, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Charlotte State Bank & Trust Punta Gorda office, 2331 Tamiami Trail. Explore the details of how each investment tool works, including costs, performance measurements, and taxability. Learn the pros and cons of each. Gain insight into target funds, sector funds, and specialty funds and the risks of each. Visit any bank office to register or call 941-235-5110 or rsvp@csbtfll.com.

■ **THURSDAY**

Durable Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives, free seminar, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Charlotte State Bank & Trust Punta Gorda office, 2331 Tamiami Trail. Discuss these very important and powerful documents that can be invaluable to a properly crafted estate plan. Visit any bank office to register, or call 941-235-5110 or rsvp@csbtfll.com.

Preach: Peace River Environmental Awareness Charlotte Harbor, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., PGICA, 2001 Shreve St. Join Captain Wright Morris as he speaks to some of the challenges presented to the Peace River and our local estuary. Protecting Florida waterways is one of our most pressing issues so learn what is being done to preserve our natural resources. Registration not required, free.

Punta Gorda Chamber ribbon-cuttings



A recent ribbon-cutting was held for Erin Catron & Company Real Estate of Southwest Florida at its model home. The company is located at 201 W. Marion Ave. Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-209-1161.



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A ribbon-cutting was recently held at Nix & Associates Real Estates, LLC., 2421 Shreve St., Unit 111, Punta Gorda. They can be reached at 941-225-4663.

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Tietsworth, and Jacob Bergmanis took a few moments to talk about their roles.

"This character is so much different than me personally," Morgan Draper who plays the lead, Reno Sweeney, claims. "That's been my greatest challenge. I can't show any reservations in attitude or behavior. I'm not so outgoing. Reno is so sassy and confident." As Draper belts out "I Get a Kick Out of You," the song originated by Ethel Merman in 1934, her sassiness and personality burst forth and it's hard to convince that she isn't

very much like the charismatic Sweeney. Draper, a thespian from her first performance in fifth grade at St. Charles Borromeo, and later with Charlotte Players' Kids on Stage, isn't certain whether she will continue, but something in her joy while

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Anything Goes
WHERE: The Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda
WHEN: March 28, March 29 at 7 p.m.
 March 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 March 31 at 2 p.m.
 April 5 at 7 p.m.
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performing says she will.

John Tietsworth plays the male lead Billy Crocker. "I like my character," he says, "he isn't so different from me". Tietsworth took to the stage very early. The summer before his first year in school, his mom saw an ad for a children's production by the Charlotte Players. He got a role in the play and was soon hooked. After middle school and Kids on Stage productions, he took on main roles in many of the Troupe 0922 productions, including Javert in "Les Miserables" and Jack in "Into the Woods." "This one is a real fun show," Tietsworth notes, "and we're all friends in the show and that comes through." That friendship becomes evident when he and Draper get into character during rehearsal and playfully engage each other in "You're the Top."

James Bergmanis, President of Troupe 0922, loves "to get on stage" and while he gets "super nervous" at auditions when he's on stage he feels "it's a great atmosphere in the moment experience." He especially likes this show. "While I have to be focused on my part, I learn a little



HERALD PHOTOS BY THERESA MURTHA

Mike Olsen coaches Mackenzie Powell, Isabella Lawrence, Jack Jaluna, Jaxon King and Colin Bek.

bit more about the whole show at each rehearsal," he says, "it's classic Broadway." "I have a lesser role," he notes. Later Bill Olson, drama director, corrected this. Bergmanis plays Lord Evelyn Oakley, a comic role, critical to the show, and a role Olson says Bergmanis is "perfect for and one no one else in the group could give justice to."

In a huge backstage shop, Trey Hester, busily works to help transform the CPAC stage into a cross-Atlantic ship. Hester, a senior technical student, is the production's stage manager. In addition to constructing sets, he has tracked down and will cue the show's sound effects from water splashing, a barking dog, a tommy gun shooting, to a fog horn blasting and more to help whisk the audience away on the S.S. American. Weeks out the ship is in pieces, a staircase here, a door there, the front of the ship still unpainted dominating the room. Now a senior, Hester credits Mr. Olson, the show's Director, for teaching him how to build sets. Parents have also been a great help with the construction. Hester has other than fictional ships in his future. "I swore into the United States Navy four weeks ago, and ship out this coming August," he said.

In the black box, Bill Olson, Drama Director and teacher, is in constant motion as he conducts the daily rehearsal. While managing all the tasks of producing a Broadway-style play, he's also in the classroom everyday teaching kids acting, performance skills, how to build scenery, and other technical skills associated with the theater. He likens his role as "spinning plates like the circus performer who spins 35-40 sticks with plates and just as one is about to fall runs down to keep it going." "That's pretty much what its like being a one-person department."

Olsen credits his support staff consisting of Trish Stephenson, choreographer for this dance heavy show, Sarah Mayper,

Musical Director, and Chris Sutter, theater manager. He is also grateful for a crew of volunteer parents who help with publicity, wardrobe, costumes, sets, box office, audience and whatever they can. "Without the parent volunteers there would be no way to do this," Olsen notes, "It is really like one person teaching a full school curriculum and running a small theater company all at once."

In talking about the show Olsen notes "I try to look for shows that have variety from year to year, shows for which we have the right kids for the right parts." But then, most importantly it's about the learning experience. "When I first announced the show, the kids all asked, "Who is Cole Porter?" When I was coaching Daniel Yousif on his part as the gangster, I told him to act like James Cagney. "Who's that?" was his reply. This is what this is about. Everything has to be educational — learning and broadening."

From the rehearsal room, the music of Cole Porter bursts out from a new generation:

"In olden days, a glimpse of stocking
 Was looked on as something shocking.
 But now, God knows,
 Anything goes."

AWL Pet of the Week

The Animal Welfare League of Charlotte County is at 3519 Drance St., Port Charlotte. All animals are microchipped, spayed or neutered and are current with their shots prior to adoption, including rabies. The shelter is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. To view some of the adoptable pets, visit www.awlshelter.org.



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Brian is a 4-year-old, large mixed breed and loves to be around people. He loves belly rubs and cuddling, and is toy and treat motivated and a volunteer favorite. He would be great as an only pet.

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Trey Hesler Stage Manager



Juan Lara and Donald Ivery get coaching by Drama Director Bill Olsen.



Emanuele Yousif (left) and Colin Bek



Morgan Draper and John Tietsworth rehearsing "You're the Top" as Reno Sweeney and Billy Crocker

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Peace River Wildlife getting' down with bluegrass

The third annual Luna Tunes was held March 2 at Florida South-Western State College in Punta Gorda. Three bands performed, including Barrett's, the Southwind Bluegrass Band, Bluegrass Central and Swinging Bridge. Proceeds benefited Peace River Wildlife Center, a bird and small-mammal sanctuary founded in the 1980s and is set to move to a one-acre parcel just south of its current location in the southern portion of Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda. Plans for the \$1.5 million new facility call for an expanded hospital, an education building, an administration building, a board room and new caging for the animals.



Annie, a great-horned owl peers out at the large crowd attending the event.



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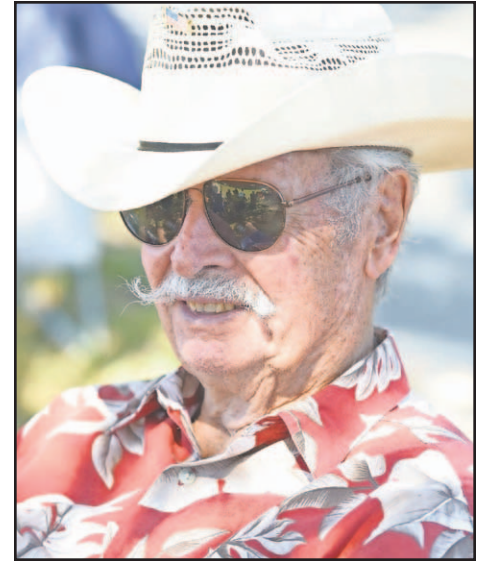
Karen Batten of the Bluegrass Central band sings as Michel Salsburg, left, and John Hoover accompany her.



Left to right, J.R. Davis, Alan Colptits, and Chris Bryson of Swinging Bridge bluegrass band.



Members of the Swinging Bridge bluegrass band, left to right, Alby Lopez, Alan Colptits, (bass), J.R. Davis, Chris Briyon, and Doug Rowe perform.



Paul Karr is all smiles as he watches the performers.



Volunteer with the Peace River Wildlife Center Paul Clark holds up a 10-month-old eastern screech owl that is visually impaired.



Bob Cook of the Bluegrass Central band warms up as he waits to play.



Some of the hundreds of people attending the concert watch performers.



Luna, a leucistic eastern screech owl, is perched on the hand of Peace River Wildlife Center volunteer Barb Taylor.

Nationally acclaimed pianist to perform

PROVIDED BY ISAAC JAMES

Isaac James is a nationally acclaimed and accomplished classical pianist, who has performed throughout the



JAMES

United States. He has appeared as a solo recitalist and with chamber orchestras. He has held positions as a choral director, school band/orchestral conductor, and church organist. As an avid accompanist, Isaac has collaborated with vocalists as well as many other performing artists.

Having begun playing the piano by ear at the age of six, he did not start receiving formal piano lessons until the age of 12. At the time he was 16, he entered into his first international piano competition. Isaac has studied with Catherine Mowers, Janine Johnson, Israel Steinberg, Robert Goldman, Tubkya Ropaustokovich, and has taken master studies from some of the world's greatest pianists including Andre Watts, Emmanuel Ax, and the late Van Cliburn. He held his Carnegie Hall debut in late 2012.

As a tenor, he has played in roles of operettas such as "Ralph" in Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore, and

has sung in numerous other professional choral societies and community choruses.

Performing alongside some of his friends and colleagues, Isaac has organized many events that have brought classical music to small rural communities throughout the Northeast. He has assisted with, and founded classical music performance series' and musical programs that have funded a variety of charities.

Isaac is also a piano technician with 15 years of experience. He is an avid pilot and loves to sail. He recently relocated from New York to Punta Gorda Isles, Florida, where he is the

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Isaac James, pianist, and Skip Potter, Tenor

WHEN: 3 p.m. on March 17

WHERE: Congregational United Church of Christ, 1201 Aquí Esta Drive, Punta Gorda.

COST: Admission is \$20 payable at the door. Proceeds benefit the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition.

INFORMATION: www.isaacjamespiano.com.

Director of Music at the Punta Gorda Congregational United Church of Christ.

Isaac also performs for events such as weddings, funerals, dinner-parties etc. His set list includes anything from classical to jazz and cabaret. He is also an instructor and offers piano studies to all ages and levels, in the Punta Gorda Isles, Florida.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Esplanade, Punta Gorda, will play host to a St. Patrick's Day Celebration, from noon to 9 p.m. on March 17 with family friendly festivities. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information, call 941 639-8721 or visit www.fishville.com.

Dine with a Star at The Burg'r Bar

The Burg'r Bar, 317 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, will host the 3rd annual Dine with a Star at the Burg'r Bar from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 20 benefiting the Fred Lang Foundation to support mental health in Charlotte County through Charlotte Behavioral Health Care. Local celebrity stars will be there to serve food and drink throughout the night. Enjoy music and dining with friends. Tickets are \$25 per person and

include entry into the event, a delicious barbecue pork dinner, and a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). To purchase tickets visit www.cbhcf.org/event/dine-star-burg-r-bar.

'Art in Public Places'

Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home's, next "Art in Public Places" event at 5 p.m. on March 20, will feature artist Laura Pommier. Charlotte Memorial is located at 9400 Indian Spring Cemetery Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-639-1171.

Dart Cup Challenge

PGI Civic Association/Cruising Club's 4th Annual Dart Cup Challenge with proceeds benefiting the Charlotte County's Homeless Coalition, will be held at 6 p.m. on March 21 at the Ice House Pub, 408 Tamiami Trail #111, Punta Gorda. A \$5 registration

per person includes: family friendly entertainment, raffles and a lot of fun. For more information and to register, contact PGILarry@centurylink.net.

Free wading seminars

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. (CHEC) is conducting a free Seagrass Wading Adventures from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on , March 22 at Ponce de Leon Park, 3400 Ponce de Leon Parkway, Punta Gorda. After an introduction on aquatic environments, participants will wade into the shallow water of Charlotte Harbor in search of plants and animals that reside there. Participation is limited, so pre-registration is necessary for this program. To register, call 941-575-5435.

Pedal and Play Returns

Bicyclists of all skill-levels are invited to Punta Gorda, on March 22 and March 23, to Pedal and Play in Paradise.

Participants have four bicycle rides to choose from on Saturday March 23: 15-mile, 30-mile, 62-mile and a 10-mile Mystery Ride. The two-day event is hosted by TEAM Punta Gorda and The Isles Yacht Club.

The fun begins March 22 at the Lashley Park Pavilions next to the city marina where riders can check in, pick up their event goody bags, and then join Punta Gorda City Manager Howard Kunik for his informative "Here and There" ride. Riders can mingle later at the After Ride Social Hour at the Lashley Park Pavilions for free hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine. Saturday begins with a pre-ride welcome breakfast and free yoga. After they ride, cyclists can enjoy free massages, free ice cream, free lunch, free beer and wine for those of legal drinking age, live music and much more. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and TEAM Punta Gorda's bicycle initiatives.

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Short Film Festival brings rave reviews

Asbury Shorts USA & The Charlotte Harbor Office of Film & Digital Media presented the 5th Annual Punta Gorda Short Film Festival. An Evening of the World's Best Short Films was hosted by The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 6, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center. Mark your calendar for next year's event on March 4, 2020 at the event center.



Festival Sponsors from left: Chad McCrory, Jill McCrory, Melanie McCrory, and Dr. Stevan Christesen pose for a selfie.



Executive Producer, Nanette Leonard speaks to the crowd.



RJ Dewinter (left) and Grace Halligan of "Media Graphics" attend the VIP meet and greet before the start of the film festival.



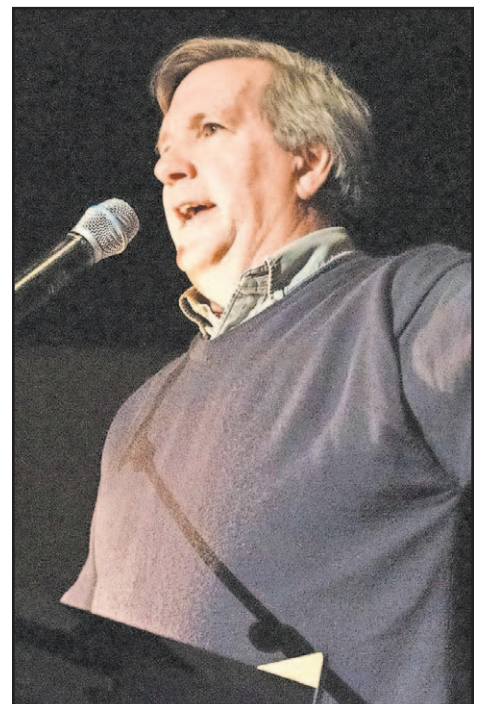
Punta Gorda Chamber President John R. Wright speaks after receiving an award for "Best Emcee," at the 5th Annual Punta Gorda Short Film Festival.



Bonnie (left) and Sue Carman of "Carman Strategic Planning"



Jerry and Pamela Jones



Asbury Shorts creator Doug LeClaire speaks to the crowd.



Lourdes Lopez (from left), Annette Gil, and Tony Gil of Parkinson's Disease Center of SW Florida during the VIP reception.



PGH SPORTS

Tarpons drop doubleheader to Ft. Myers

Half of Famer Ernie Banks is known for his enthusiasm for the game and his well known phrase "Let's play two." That may not have been such a good idea for the Charlotte JV baseball team last Saturday as the Green Wave toppled the Tarpons twice 5-1 and 14-5.

A big five run inning in the first game put the Tarpons in a hole that they never could dig themselves out of in the opening contest. The nightcap was a much better game until the Wave broke open a 5 all tie with six runs in the sixth and three more in the seventh to win 14-5.

The Tarpons jumped out to a 2-0 lead at the end of one as lead off hitter Logan Pritchard blasted a stand up triple to right. He scored on a wild pitch and the Tarpons added another run to give starting pitcher Quaid Goff a 2-0 cushion.

Ft. Myers scored a run in the third and two in the fourth to take the lead 3-2. Charlotte came back with a run when Devin Spivey led off with a single and scored from third on a slow roller to third



Charlotte Head Coach Jake Klossner gives Logan Pritchard a high five after Pritchard's triple leading off in the first inning.

off of Pritchard's bat.

Ft. Myers scored twice in the fifth, but the Tarpons came right back with a pair to tie the game at five. Cameron Goff

led off with a base hit. A walk and Javy Albarron getting hit by the pitch juiced the bags with just one out. Spivey was also hit by a pitch to force in one run and Simon Pettit walked to tie the game.

The Wave sent up 10 hitters in the sixth and scored six times on just two hits. Three walks, a hit batter and an error aided their efforts. In the bottom of the sixth, the Tarpons could not answer as they failed to get the ball out of the infield.

The Wave iced the game with three more in the seventh as 8 more batters stepped to the plate. Two walks, a hit batter and three hits did the damage to put the game away. The Tarpons only had three strikeouts in the entire game and they all came in the home half of the seventh.

Charlotte had 7 hits with Pritchard and Cameron Goff each going 2-3. They were helped along with 7 bases on balls and 2 hit batsmen. They will be home tonight as they host North Port starting at 4 pm.



Steve Knapp Sports Writer

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HERALD PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP

Charlotte right hander Quaid Goff fires to the plate in the nightcap against Ft. Myers. Goff pitched 3 strong innings in the 14-5 loss.

Cameron Goff puts the tag on the Ft. Myers runner trying to steal second.



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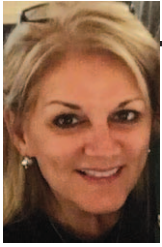
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Yellow Rose luncheon honors Linda Wilson

The Zonta Club of Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte held its annual Yellow Rose Award luncheon on March 6 at Laishley Crab House. This year's recipient, Linda Wilson, has served the community in numerous capacities for over 60 years. As a cancer survivor she has helped raise over \$100,000 for the Cancer Society Relay for Life team, Wilson Warriors. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. For more information on the Zonta Club, email zontapggp@gmail.com or call Susan Scribner at 941-639-5507.



HERALD PHOTOS BY SHERRI DENNIS

Linda Wilson receiving her award and proclamation from the city of Punta Gorda naming March 8, 2019 as Zonta Yellow Rose Day honoring Linda Wilson.



From left: Francis Rogers, Patty Ross and Marie LaBrosse



Front to back on left: Judy Sims, Jessie Tanksley and Bobbi Bevis. Front to back on right: Janet Mehl and Cyndi Mehl



Seated: 2017 Yellow Rose award recipient, Dale Phillips and Karen Chapman. Standing: Karen McElhane, Executive Director of C.A.R.E.



Left to right: Francisca Resto and Maria Martens



From left: Ellen Webb and Shelly Ann Turner sign-in guests for the luncheon.



Co-chairs for the Yellow Rose luncheon from left: CJ Brennan and Shelly Ann Turner.



Seated: Regina Wood; Standing: Joy Barber and Cheryl Wood



Judi and Dave Wilson stand next to the banner representing the Zonta's Says No campaign to end violence against women.

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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.

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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 percentage change in NAV for the time period shown, with
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 r distribution costs less: 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 d. 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-Currency, 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: Foreign Futures, FG: Foreign Large-Growth, FO: Foreign Small/Mid-Blend, FR: Foreign Small/Large-Growth, FV: 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: Multisector Bond, MV: Mid-Cap Value, MY: Muni New York Long, ND: Trading-Inverse Debt, NE: Market Neutral, NT: Nontraditional Bond, P-J: Pacific/Asia, AX: Multi-Japan Stock, RI: Target-Date Retirement, RR: Preferred Stock, SB: Small Blend, SC: Communications, SF: Financial, SG: Small Growth, SH: Health, SI: Muni Single Sector Intermediate, SL: Muni Single State Long, SN: National 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, TV: 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

Table with 3 main sections: 'By Year-to-Date Percent Return', 'By Total Net Assets', and 'By 4-Week Percent Return'. Each section lists mutual funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number, Total Assets, Percent Return/Rank, and 4-Wk Rtn.

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