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The teams displayed contrasting styles, with Port Charlotte providing consistent pressure in the Bobcats' end, while North Port used the speed of its forwards for potent quick rushes on the Pirates' goal. **See Local Sports, page 14**



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Authorities warn online shoppers of 'porch pirates'

By ANNE EASKER
STAFF WRITER

As online shopping increases with the holiday season, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office warns buyers to guard against "porch pirates," who steal packages from the front of houses.

This type of theft has already occurred this year when a surveillance camera purchased from Amazon disappeared from the front of a Port Charlotte woman's home.

The victim told investigators she received a notification on her phone that her Amazon package had been delivered on Nov. 11 at 3:53 p.m. The woman runs a day care at her home and didn't hear the doorbell. Once she was able to check the front entry, the package wasn't there.

An Amazon representative told the woman to wait until the next business day, but the package still did not arrive. When she got around to calling again, Amazon employees told her to file a police report because there was no record of the package being returned.

According to the incident report, investigators verified with Amazon the package had been delivered and not returned to the company. Amazon does not require signatures to deliver packages unless requested by the buyer. A neighborhood

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Southwest Florida gives thanks

Communities gather to celebrate Thanksgiving

By SCOTT LAWSON
NORTH PORT EDITOR

NORTH PORT — Thousands of area residents gathered in the region to celebrate Thanksgiving and fellowship on Thursday.

A long rain hampered some people from attending the free or low-cost meals in the area, organizers said. However, it was far from a washout.

AMVETS 312 Post in North Port was

open on Thanksgiving and preparing its meals for more than 500 people.

"It's neat to put on stuff like this and wait on the veterans," Post Commander Bob Isabelle said. "We try to do a lot for the veterans. I enjoy this."

Isabelle said he has personally been involved for about three years. Along with the post's workers, volunteers were

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Server of the Day Jerry Spurgeon takes a brief time out to pose with Thanksgiving dinner organizer Betsy MacDonald at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church.

342 _ _ ? 339 _ _ ? Overlapping ZIP codes cause confusion

By ANDREA PRAEGITZER
STAFF WRITER

The issue of overlapping ZIP codes that has come to a head in North Port's West Villages — where the U.S. Postal Service recognizes thousands as being in Venice — is not completely isolated.

In fact, many ZIP codes overlap throughout Charlotte and Sarasota counties, and that can lead to confusion for area residents. USPS doesn't track when ZIP codes do not conform to official boundaries, but it does happen, confirmed USPS spokesperson Debra Fetterly.

Some ZIP codes that are located in a city's boundary correspond as far as USPS is concerned to unincorporated areas — and vice-versa.

For example, the Port Charlotte ZIP 33981, spills over the boundaries of Sarasota County and Charlotte County and even takes in communities like Gardens of Gulf Cove and Gulf Cove, both west of the Myakka River. But according to USPS, the 33981 ZIP is the unincorporated area of Port Charlotte in Charlotte County.

Much of the same happens in unincorporated Sarasota County, where, for example, there are some manufactured home communities with North Port postal addresses which are not located in city limits.

But North Port is apparently alone with ZIP codes in its boundary that USPS only recognizes for other incorporated cities. Neither Venice nor Punta Gorda have that specific issue, according to a Sun analysis of ZIP code boundaries and postal codes accepted by USPS.

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GOOD MORNING

Attention online holiday shoppers: Protect yourselves



David MORRIS
COLUMNIST

While there inevitably will be shoppers camped out in front of retail stores this Black Friday morning, more consumers plan to shop online this holiday season. Digitalcommerce.com reports that Forrester Research forecasts an estimated 196 million U.S. shoppers will spend \$129 billion online, a 12 percent increase over last year.

So, protect yourself when shopping online. Looking for an item or

company using a search engine like Google? Don't automatically click on the first result, even if it looks like the one you want. Imposter websites — with a slightly different URL address — may appear ahead of a legitimate company. Be especially aware of one-day-only promotions for hard-to-find items from unrecognized websites.

Planning on giving a gift card? A National Retail Foundation survey says some 59 percent plan on doing so this year. With

that level of popularity, Scam-detector.com warns of fraudulent third-party sellers offering discounted gift cards for big-name retailers which turn out to be stolen and disabled.

Bottom line? Shop online merchants you know and trust. And look for a padlock icon or "https" before purchasing. The "s" stands for secure, with payment and personal information encrypted.

Online shopping normally requires providing an email

address so you can be contacted in case of ordering problems. Concerned about privacy, hackers and subsequent email spam? The Identity Theft Resource Center (www.idtheftcenter.org) recommends creating a "throwaway" email address used just for shopping.

Similarly, the ITRC suggests privacy-minded consumers designate a specific, low-limit credit card for all online

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Sarasota's 2-1-1 call center shifts to Orlando firm

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

SARASOTA COUNTY — Beginning Dec. 1, anyone in Sarasota, DeSoto or Manatee counties who calls 2-1-1 for assistance will speak to an operator in Orlando instead of Sarasota.

The call center operations for 2-1-1 Suncoast is dissolving after 25 years in Sarasota County. The service will be provided through Heart of Florida United Way 2-1-1, according to John Annis of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

"The Heart of Florida United Way 2-1-1 will offer information and referral services 24/7/365 with the added ability to connect with the community through real time chat, text and email, in addition to 2-1-1 phone services," Annis wrote

in a statement. "The decision to transition to HFUW 2-1-1 was made by members of the 2-1-1 funders collaborative. The transition follows the national trend to centralize 2-1-1 centers to larger facilities to create economies of scale to decrease expenses, while increasing capacity and responsiveness for residents."

Carmen Rojas-Rafter, 211 Suncoast executive director, in an earlier interview with the Sun said there wasn't enough funding to keep the program running locally. She and her staff were all out of jobs on Dec. 31.

Rojas-Rafter said she was hired one year ago and quickly worked to rebrand 2-1-1 after its split from the United Way. However, while doing it she was supposed to get the 2-1-1 state certified as mandated to be a call

center. Rojas-Rafter said that required an increase in the budget which was funded through a collaboration including the: Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation, Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Manatee County Government, Sarasota County Government, United Way South Sarasota and United Way Suncoast.

The local 2-1-1 system serves as a one-stop shop for callers who want to know where to get help for any number of problems.

Now some locals are concerned having to call 2-1-1 in Orlando will lead to confusion.

"Englewood is split between two counties," said Joe Blais, a member of the Community Health Action Team. "When we call, the operator has to ask

what county we live in to avoid confusion and then know where to send us for resources in Englewood. We couldn't always get Sarasota to understand that we are a shared county with Charlotte. I don't know how we are going to get someone in Orlando to get it. It will be an interesting conversation for our CHAT group."

No one at the Heart of Florida United Way 2-1-1 was available for comment on Wednesday, but an operator said the agency offers information to local residents on where to find food pantries, nutrition programs, emergency housing assistance, disaster relief, employment, veteran services, parent resources, health care information, support and crisis assistance for mental disorders. According to the Orlando 2-1-1 website,

specialists answered 11,503 calls from four counties in October and 15,940 in September.

In his statement, Annis wrote, "maintaining a local presence is important and there will be a local community liaison to help assure that services meet community needs. Residents will not experience any disruption in service during the transition."

The Orlando call center currently provides 2-1-1 services to 19 counties in Florida, as well as several counties in Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska, Arkansas and Kentucky.

For years, callers were screened by a 2-1-1 specialist to determine the need, and then directed the person to the local agency which offers assistance. It's still unclear if 2-1-1 in Orlando will be able to do it for local social service organizations.

The 2-1-1 program saves callers time by directing them to the proper program based on the need without having to call several agencies looking for help. It also helps the agencies — many of which are nonprofits with small staffs — from having to answer unnecessary phone calls.

Locally, 2-1-1 was able to help in extreme emergency situations such as when a family receives a three-day eviction but can only get an appointment at a social services agency in two weeks or when local agencies have run out of money. The local 2-1-1 organization was able to use some of the \$600,000 donated to the Season of Sharing fund to quickly help for emergencies. That fund will be overseen by a different agency in Sarasota County.

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Error results in Charlotte property tax overcharges

By **KRISTI GROSS**
WINK NEWS

The Charlotte County School Board made an error that led to the distribution of incorrect tax bills for property owners.

Residents who paid property taxes at the beginning of the month were charged an extra .075 percent, according

to the county tax collector. The tax bills were sent out on Oct. 31 across the county.

"The rollback rate, millage rate was entered rather than the actual rate that they proposed based on the resolution," Charlotte County property appraiser Paul Polk said.

The error was caught on Nov. 8 and promptly

corrected online and for those who have paid in person since. Corrected notices with refund details were mailed Wednesday.

Residents who pay their taxes by the end of November normally get a 4 percent discount. The tax collector is extending that offer to Dec. 22 due to the error.

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purchases. "If that card is ever compromised in a web-based data breach, then they know

exactly which card was affected and can contact that issuing company to report it."

Let's not forget that computer in your pocket. More and more online shopping is being done on smartphones. That entails another set of safety precautions.

Avoid making purchases over a wireless connection in a public space. Hackers can lure you to fake sites where they can gather your credit information. Besides fake sites, watch out for fake apps.

"There are fake phone apps popping up that impersonate well-known retailers in order to steal your personal information," warns the Federal Trade Commission.

"Their descriptions promise enticing deals or features. But these fraudulent apps can take your credit card or bank information (or) even install malware onto your phone and demand money from you to unlock it."

Not sure if a shopping app is legit? The FTC says go directly to the retailer's website and see if it's promoted. In addition, look for reviews before downloading. "If the

app has no reviews, it was likely created recently and could be a fake. Real apps for big retailers often have thousands of reviews."

Finally, use a credit card — not a debit card — for greater protection. That's because most issuers offer zero-liability if your credit card is fraudulently used. With a debit card, your entire bank account can be wiped out. Additionally, you can dispute a credit card charge if merchandise doesn't arrive, or is different than ordered. Some credit cards also add an additional year to a warranty period and offer a return protection guarantee.

But regardless of how you shop, the Better Business Bureau cautions against shopping by price alone. "Shipping costs and restocking fees for returns can make that 'bargain' into a bad deal."

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North Port promotes gift program

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — With Thanksgiving kicking off the holiday season, city officials are hoping residents will get involved to help the growing number of people in need.

Program involvement is up from 550 children in 2016 to 782 children.

"We're a growing community and it's reflective of that," said Erin Bryce General Services outreach coordinator. "There's a lot of growth in North Port and we're seeing more people take advantage (of the program) but we also made the application process easier."

The "Home for the Holidays" program covers a slew of initiatives from the city, including the "12 Days of Giving" food and toy drive, the "Adopt-n-Shop" program and the Holiday Toy Chest program.

"It is not the first year

for the program itself but we branded it this year," Bryce said. "We haven't gone out and told the story. I don't think people knew they could adopt families, it was more word of mouth. So this year we put a name to the program and we're really out trying to help families during the holiday season."

The "Adopt-n-Shop" program gives residents the ability to "adopt" a family for the holiday season through the social services department. Social services will work with the interested people to choose the family, how involved they are with the family and the type of family chosen.

The Holiday Toy Chest program receives donations from Toys for Tots, but if residents have new, unwrapped items that they want to go to North Port residents, Bryce said this program is their best bet.

"We chose the words

'home for the holidays' because it brings the holidays home for people in North Port," Bryce said. "Being able to create a warm home for another family, there's something magical about that."

To adopt a family, contact the Social Services division at 941-429-3700. To donate unwrapped toys, visit one of several drop-off locations in the city: City Hall, the Morgan Family Community Center, Fire Rescue Station 81, Utilities administration building or Public Works administration building. Toys can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Nov. 27 through Dec. 8. Officials ask participants to buy presents for newborns to 14-year-old boys and girls and to not donate any stuffed animals.

Officials will also be taking toys at the Tree Lighting and Poinsettia Festival on Dec. 9.

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Winter camp registration open

STAFF REPORT

NORTH PORT — While kids may be off from school, parents still have the chance to get them out of the house.

Registration for the Winter Break Camp through North Port's Park and Recreation Division is open. The camp will be for children from first through eighth grade from Jan. 2-Jan. 5

at the George Mullen Activity Center.

The cost is \$90 a week per child. The camp hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We are happy to be able to provide this camp during the winter break and provide a safe place for students to go after the holidays," interim Parks and Recreation manager Jonathan Wheatley said in a news

release. "Our camp counselors are busy planning a ton of activities for the week and everyone is looking forward to it."

The four-day camp will incorporate a variety of activities for the children.

Registration is open with limited spaces. To sign up or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation division at 941-429-7275.

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canvass did not yield any information on suspicious activity in the neighborhood.

CCSO spokesperson Katie Heck said it can be difficult to find suspects in these cases, though an increase in homeowners with surveillance cameras has helped. Many

times law enforcement gets a picture of the vehicle or the thief with the package. If the suspect is someone local, law enforcement has found success in solving cases. Other times, criminals who come in from other counties simply drive up and grab packages, which makes the case harder to solve.

The best way for buyers to guard against becoming victims of

package theft is to have packages delivered to their work, where they can accept the delivery in person.

"Then it's coming directly to you," Heck said. "You receive it, then it's in your hands."

It's also a good idea to require a signature, she said, since many delivery services tend to deliver at all hours of the day.

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TIPS FOR PREVENTING PACKAGE THEFT

- ✓ **Lock boxes:** You can build or purchase a rugged lock box for your porch. Bolt it down to a permanent surface, such as concrete or asphalt.
- ✓ **Timely package collection:** Pick up your package immediately after delivery, or have a neighbor collect it. UPS, USPS and FedEx all have tracking services to get a better idea of when exactly your order will arrive.
- ✓ **Deliver elsewhere:** Have your package delivered to you at work, so you can accept it immediately.
- ✓ **Require a signature** on all deliveries and insure your packages when possible.
- ✓ **Security cameras:** Security cameras are a tried and true deterrent for all manner of criminal behavior. Thieves are very aware of cameras and often look for them before attempting theft.
- ✓ **Security signs:** Post a sign in your yard informing the poacher that your home is under video surveillance or has security alarms.

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ZIP confusion

ZIP code overlaps can get confusing for residents and the public in general, according to mayors of the three incorporated cities of North Port, Punta Gorda and Venice.

"There tends to be confusion with the address/ZIP codes versus actual city limits," said Punta Gorda Mayor Rachel Keesling in an email to the Sun. "We do make an effort to tell people to look at the street signs, blue is city and green is county, but there are some exceptions or areas where the road is split. ... If the city of Punta Gorda is not listed on your tax bill, you do not live within the city limits."

Even though it doesn't have an address yet, tens of millions of dollars in funding is approved to build the Atlanta Braves spring training complex. It's going to be in West Villages, which is the area that has a Venice mailing address but is actually inside North Port city limits.

"We don't know if it's going to be the city of North Port or city of Venice as the others are," said West Villages spokesperson Sondra Guffey about the postal address for the new complex. "That's really up to the post office."

North Port spokesperson Josh Taylor also didn't know what the address will be.

And that presents a problem, according to North Port's elected leaders, who for years have been requesting the Postal Service make the 34293 ZIP code in West Villages correspond to the inland community of North Port, rather than the more coastal community of Venice.

"I believe the elephant in the room is that the Braves Stadium is using North Port's name while West Village District developers are marketing Venice," said North Port Mayor Vanessa Carusone.

Compared to Punta Gorda and Venice, North Port has the most ZIPs in its boundary that USPS does not recognize as being North Port for mail delivery.

Half a dozen ZIP codes that fall in North Port's large boundary do not correspond with North Port, as far as USPS is concerned. Instead, they are tied to unincorporated areas like Englewood, Grove City, Port Charlotte — or the cities of Venice and Arcadia.

Meanwhile, in Punta Gorda, there are a majority of ZIP codes not actually in city limits that are accepted by USPS for the city.

In Venice, all ZIPs falling in its geographic boundary were recognized by USPS as Venice — except one that corresponds to the unincorporated area of Nokomis.



PHOTO PROVIDED

The entrance to the West Villages and the community within has a Venice ZIP code, even though the community is in the city limits of North Port. A debate has now begun over whether the U.S. Post Office should give West Villages a North Port ZIP code.

USPS will now accept North Venice for that ZIP, too.

Venice Mayor John Holic said he went to Washington, D.C., and even spoke with a



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high-ranking Postal Service official to "explain the dilemma" involving the postal code that was only recognized by USPS as Nokomis.

"They said we will deliver if you call it North Venice, but won't deliver if you call it Venice," Holic said.

After that, Holic said he came to believe that the Postal Service is a "bureaucratic business that lacks the flexibility to properly service their customers."

But Fetterly said the Postal Service "does not adjust postal delivery designations and boundaries solely to provide local identity."

And she stressed that "delivery designations and boundaries do not necessarily mirror city, county, or township boundaries."

Confusion over ZIP codes can also impact public perception of a city, though, which is something the mayors all have to deal with.

For example, there was recently a video that went viral of a dog being abused at a pet salon labeled as Venice.

Holic said the business isn't actually in Venice — it was in South Venice, but had a Venice ZIP code. He said he got emails and calls about it from numerous people and had to explain it wasn't a business located in Venice.

There were also headlines over a roundabout tied to a high level of crashes, which based on the ZIP code, placed it in Venice.

"People blamed Venice, and it's not in Venice," said Holic about that controversy.

Counts

Taylor said ZIP codes haven't ultimately affected North Port's statistics or funding. Keesling also said ZIP codes haven't affected funding for Punta Gorda. But Carusone noted

the city had to appeal in some cases.

"We are constantly working for grants and federal funding to help with infrastructure," said Carusone. "While



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the Census data is often used, in some cases only ZIP codes are used. ... In those cases we are required to appeal those findings and prove that there are an excess of 1,000 populous not being accounted for."

A Census spokesperson, Daniel Velez, said they rely on ZIP code Tabulation Areas, or ZCTAs, which are not the same as just ZIP codes. There is no impact on population by ZIP codes, and no impact from ZIP codes on Census data, he said.

And, according to Holic, their ZIP code issues have not affected their statistics.

Residents in West Villages are now counting on each other as far as their ZIP code is concerned.

Petitions online are for and against changing the postal code to North Port from Venice, each of which has garnered around 1,000 signatures — with slightly more in favor of a change so far.

Most residents polled in West Villages by the Postal Service years ago didn't want to lose their Venice mailing addresses.

"I feel that we have the right to maintain the address we bought," said Victor Dobrin, who lives in West Villages and started a change.org petition against the address change.

He said residents knew when they bought their homes that they are located in North Port, pay taxes to North Port and have Venice postal addresses.

"There are many

communities that share multiple ZIP codes," said Dobrin, who believes his property value would decline if forced to take on a North Port mailing address.



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"If, by the slim chance, it decreased, then that would be positive for the residents as it may decrease their taxes," said Carusone. "Realistically, any depreciation they saw would be extremely minimal and made up within a year as the market and values within the city continue to increase exponentially."

At least one local Realtor, Bruce Henry with Berkshire Hathaway Florida in Venice, cautioned against blanket statements.

But usually, real estate closer to the beach tends to carry higher values than property moving inland, said Henry.

There are multiple factors affecting price and value aside from just an address, he added.

Dobrin also said a change in mailing address would create a burden for residents who then need to update insurance, driver's licenses, credit cards and other documents.

But Carusone and other elected leaders in North Port don't believe that outweighs the need for change.

ZIP OVERLAP

North Port has a portion of its population assigned a ZIP code that correlates to another city. Other cities and unincorporated areas overlap. USPS doesn't track this.

*ZIP IN CITY BOUNDARY	USPS ACCEPTS ZIP FOR CITY?	ZIPS RECOGNIZED OUTSIDE BOUNDARY
Venice/34285	Y	34286
Venice/34275	N	34287
Venice/34292	Y	34291
Venice/34293	Y	34284, 34290
Punta Gorda/33950	Y	33980
Punta Gorda/33955	Y	33982, 33983, 33951
North Port/34293	N	
North Port/34223	N	
North Port/34224	N	
North Port/33981	N	
North Port/33953	N	
North Port/34266	N	
North Port/34290	Y	
North Port/34287	Y	
North Port/34291	Y	
North Port/34286	Y	
North Port/34289	Y	
North Port/34288	Y	
Arcadia/34266	Y	34265, 34269
Port Charlotte/33952	Y	33949
Port Charlotte/33948	Y	33953
Port Charlotte/33980	Y	33981
Port Charlotte/33954	Y	33983
Englewood/34223	Y	34295
Englewood/34224	Y	
Charlotte Harbor/33980	Y	
Charlotte Harbor/33952	Y	
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East of I-75 off Harborview Drive.

"The only way to provide a healthy community long term is to create a seamless, cohesive community," said Carusone.

According to USPS, changes are approved "only if the operational requirements of the Postal Service and the interests of the community are served."

That involves factors like the size of a local population, future development, mail carrier routes, number of vehicle lanes, as well as personnel and space at post offices.

In the case of West Villages, Fetterly said in an email that "there

are no plans to give West Villages/North Port their own ZIP code."

The size of the North Port Post Office is one of the factors for that, she confirmed.

In the meantime, Fetterly said residents may use a four-line mailing address that would include community name between customer name and street address with no change to ZIP codes or city designations.

"There are people in North Port Estates that have had their ZIP codes changed three times since 2002," said Carusone. "I myself saw two ZIP code changes between '02-'06."

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MANY FACTORS FOR ZIP CODE CHANGES

- Size of the local population
- Size and geographic features of the area
- Condition and number of lanes of the roads that serve the area
- Traffic patterns on the roads
- Future development in terms of housing, industry and businesses, and the timing of those developments
- Line of carrier travel possible to serve customers efficiently
- Relationship of any existing carrier delivery routes
- Capability of Post Offices to serve an area in terms of personnel and space
- Other unique conditions of an area which could affect mail delivery

— Source: USPS





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From left, Wendy Malette, of Port Charlotte; Jim Stone, of North Fort Myers; along with Cindy Hoverman, Dorothy Gaylord and Diane Kwolek, all of Port Charlotte, enjoy Thanksgiving at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County. More than 200 people took advantage of the meal at the facility.

THANKS

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chipping in to prepare the dinners.

He said many of the volunteers enjoy helping out, calling Thanksgiving one of its "special events" of the year.

"We try to do things like this to appreciate what the veterans have done for this country," he said.

AMVETS Post 312 kitchen manager Joe Mack, of Port Charlotte, worked with Jay Bower, of Englewood, in preparing the meal, along with the volunteers.

"We live for this," Mack said.

Along with veterans, AMVETS 312 was preparing meals for the North Port Police Department, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and veterans who were not able to leave their homes.

AMVETS 312 was preparing about 600 meals to send out of the post and to serve at the facility. Veterans ate free.

"It's nice for talking to people, too. ... We're getting reunited with a lot of them, too," Mack said.

Those reunions spoke to camaraderie military members have even decades after serving the country.

"Veterans kind of stick together," Isabelle said. "If you got something that really comes up, it's amazing how many people will jump in and help."

In Port Charlotte at the Cultural Center of Charlotte County, Executive Director Stephen Carter was serving food to those looking for a hot meal.

Carter said about 250 people would take part in its Thanksgiving dinner at the facility.

"We enjoy just giving back, serving the people. It's special on the holidays when you can actually serve the food to them; see everybody enjoy it and get to chat with them," Carter said.

Food service manager Shermel Hargrove said it was a good day at the Cultural Center.

"I love it ... just to be able to get a great meal together for people who are maybe not able to cook or maybe don't have any family here," Hargrove said. "It's great to give back. That's what Thanksgiving's about. It's in the word."

Eddie DeJesus, lead pastor of New Hope Community Church in North Port, said it has been 11 years since it began hosting Thanksgiving. In 2006, it served about 100 people. This year, it prepared for about 1,200.

Through the years, it has grown and become very



SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER

The free Thanksgiving dinner at Englewood's Indian Mound Park may have been a little rainy, but the church groups still served more than 90 meals before it was all over. Pictured are, from left, Pat Knox of St. David's Jubilee Center, Karen Blackford of Freedom Church's Community Outreach team, and servers Terry and Tom Dubois.



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From left, Zoey Hipolito, 5, Louis Karmas and Haille Karmas, 9, enjoy a meal in North Port at the New Hope Community Church on Thanksgiving.

much a shared community event, bringing in nonprofits and businesses to assist.

"All these organizations help. It's not just New Hope. It's everybody," DeJesus said. "It's a collaborative effort."

HOPE for North Port Executive Director Steve Leclerc has spearheaded the dinner the last two years and said preparations for the one day begins months earlier — in August.

"We have a lot of people who want to come out and volunteer," he said.

The church membership is less than 50 but volunteers on Thanksgiving number in the hundreds to assist. Along with the meal, there were prizes, games and entertainment for kids. Volunteers also delivered more than 250 meals Thursday morning.

He said while the meal is a typical part of the day, Leclerc also uses the event to identify people in the community who need help and can gain it through HOPE for North Port.

"We're able to come alongside them and connect them with the other organizations and agencies within the area," he said.

Thanksgiving was a good time to help people who will need assistance for Christmas.

DeJesus said 11 years ago, he realized nobody was doing a Thanksgiving meal for the area. That's what inspired the first one. He said the economy crash in 2008-09 led to a tripling of meals served, from about 150 to 500.



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AMVETS Post 312 volunteer Patti Thomas prepares pumpkin pie for veterans prior to the Thanksgiving meal served at the facility in North Port.

And as North Port has grown quickly, the day continues to grow.

"We get a lot of disenfranchised; a lot of people who are struggling, but we also get a bulk of people who — especially a lot of our seniors — have their family up north."

He said these people often don't have the finances to visit or have their family come to Southwest Florida.

"They basically wouldn't have a Thanksgiving meal and they'd be by themselves, so they love the fact they can come and meet people ... to make it a big festival for them," DeJesus said.

Attendee Jessica Karmas recently moved to the area with her family and appreciated the day. She



SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER

Bart and Michelle Albert of Englewood enjoy Thanksgiving dinner at The End Zone Sports Grille in Englewood. Owner Joanne Anders has continued the tradition of offering free meals on Thanksgiving to anyone who'd like them.



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Pastor Mike and wife Kelly Weaver pause to meet Thanksgiving dinner guests Barbara and Russell Doyle at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church.



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AMVETS Post 312 assistant kitchen manager Jay Bower prepares sweet potatoes at the post on Thursday. The Port Charlotte resident, who served 20 years and retired from the military, said he enjoys giving back on Thanksgiving to other vets.



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Zoey Hipolito, 5, butters a roll at New Hope Community Church in North Port on Thanksgiving. The church and other nonprofit organizations in the community were preparing more than 1,000 meals Thursday.



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The Dykhuisens, Greg, Doris and George, enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner at The End Zone Sports Grille in Englewood.

and her immediate family are living with her parents right now, but the rest of her family isn't in the area.

"We left everything back up north in Illinois ... so it gives us a bigger family to celebrate Thanksgiving with," Karmas said.

Any extra food will go to the churches' pantry, Leclerc said. It serves between 200-300 people twice a week, he said.

Leclerc said the Thanksgiving event is not about New Hope or HOPE for North Port, but about the entire community.

"You've got the community coming to serve. It's about the community making this day about what it's supposed to be; fellowship and being thankful for everything we're provided."

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OBITUARIES

CHARLOTTE

Helen Lavin Brinkmann

Helen Lavin Brinkmann, 89, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, died on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, surrounded by family at home in Gig Harbor, Washington, after a brief illness.



Helen was raised in Philadelphia and in 1949, graduated from Immaculata University with a Bachelor of Music. In 1950, she married William Brinkmann, raised seven children in Philadelphia and Ocean City, and spent many retirement years in Punta Gorda, Florida. Helen was a Hospice volunteer in New Jersey and Punta Gorda. She was admired for her charm and sense of humor.

She is survived by her children, Bill (Arlinda) and Jack (Gail) of Narberth, Pennsylvania, Mary (Neal) Shonnard of Tacoma, Washington, Paul (Anastasia) of Flagstaff, Arizona, and Margaret of Gig Harbor; and her brother, Larry Lavin of Culver City, California.

Funeral will be private. Donations in her name may be made to Amnesty International, Planned Parenthood or a charity of your choice.

ENGLEWOOD

There were no deaths reported in Englewood Thursday.

NORTH PORT

There were no deaths reported in North Port Thursday.

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There were no deaths reported in DeSoto Thursday.

OBITUARY POLICY

Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes only. An abbreviated death notice can be published for \$30. Full obituaries and repeat death notices will be subject to an advertising charge.

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Words of Comfort

When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things- not the great occasions- that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness.

- Bob Hope

May the memory of your loved ones who have journeyed through your life bring you comfort and happiness.

- Michael Dunn-Rankin



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Basket Bingo planned

The Animal Welfare League will play host to a Basket Bingo from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Cultural Arts Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. Ticket cost is \$25 and includes 10 games of bingo, hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments. Play to win a variety of gift baskets valued at \$50 or more. 50/50 raffle will

also be held. All proceeds benefit Charlotte County's homeless animals. For more information, call 941-625-6720.

Drug Free Coalition meeting

Drug Free Charlotte County Coalition will hold its next meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the School Board Administration Building,

1445 Education Way, Port Charlotte. For more information, email prevention@drugfreecc.org.

Christmas rummage sale

Englewood United Methodist Church will have its Christmas Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 26 at the Fellowship Hall, 700 E.

Dearborn St. All proceeds from the sale will help the church's Foundations Early Childhood Education Center keep costs to families affordable while keeping adult to child ratios small for providing a high quality learning environment for children age 8 weeks through fifth grade. For information, see www.englewoodumc.net or call Foundations weekdays, 681-3169.



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Man hospitalized in scooter wreck

ENGLEWOOD — A Rotonda West man was seriously injured early Thursday when his scooter overturned, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Brent Long, 27, was riding a 2005 Honda Metropolitan on Mississippi Avenue near 12th Street in Grove City shortly after midnight.

The scooter overturned, and Long was thrown from the vehicle, the FHP report stated. Investigators couldn't find any skidmarks due to the wet road.

Long, who was not wearing a helmet, was taken to Sarasota Memorial Hospital with serious injuries, the report stated.

POLICE BEAT

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

He was cited for driving with a suspended or revoked license, having no motor vehicle registration, careless driving and having no eye protection.

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

- Harry Louis Beatty, 54, 400 block Of Sharron Circle, Port Charlotte. Charges: battery and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$3,000.
- Christopher David Francis, 34, 3600 block of Oasis Avenue, North Port. Charge: violation of community control. Bond: \$2,500.
- Joseph Allen Macauley, 21,

Mulberry, Fla. Charge: violation of community control. Bond: none.

• Michael Gregory Pusateri, 39, Fort Myers. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$3,500.

• Stephen Michael Nicotra, 29, 1100 block of Andrew St., Englewood. Charges: attaching registration/license plate not assigned, failure to register motor vehicle, nonresident driver's license required and failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance. Bond: released on own recognizance.

• Fredy Leonardo Valdez Resendiz, 35, 2200 block of SE Pointer Ave., Arcadia. Charge: out-of-county warrant. Bond: \$1,500.

— Compiled by Garry Overbey

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Englewood Community Coalition

The Englewood Community Coalition has called a Community Roundup Meeting for businesses and residents, set for 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood.

Topics will include "Safe Families for Children" by guest presenter, Kevin Bertch; "Safe and Healthy Beaches" by presenter Karen Blackford; and "Safe use, Safe Storage, Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs," presented by Kay Tvaroch, director of the Community Coalition.

For more information, email kay@ccEnglewood.com, call 941-681-0091, www.ccEnglewood.com.

Archaeological Society

The Warm Mineral Springs-Little Salt Spring Archaeological Society meeting for December is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at North Port Community United Church of Christ, 3450 South Biscayne Blvd., North Port. Bernice Jones will speak on Ancient Greece and "The Spectacular World of Ariadne and Helen of Troy." The group meets from September through

May. For more information, visit www.wmslss.org or call Hilda Boron at 941-426-1719.

AMVETS dinner

AMVETS Post 312 hosts a dinner from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. The dinner includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable, roll and dessert. The cost is \$8. Entertainment by Dennis Ray Walker runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the AMVETS building fund. For more information, call 941-429-5403.

Boy Scouts spaghetti dinner fundraiser

Everyone is invited to a delicious spaghetti dinner fundraiser hosted by Boy Scout Troop 776. It will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100

McCall Road in Port Charlotte. Included with the dinner are antipasto, spaghetti, bread, meatballs, sausage, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Adult tickets are \$8, and tickets for children under 12 are \$6. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 770-869-5618, or by visiting the church office during the week. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, contact 941-697-1747.

Bridge Club meets

The Englewood Bridge Club meets from 12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Thursday at the Hills Restaurant at the Rotonda Golf & Country Club, 100 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West.

The group was started about 25 years ago and plays contract bridge. The cost per person is \$3. For more information, call 941-698-7945.

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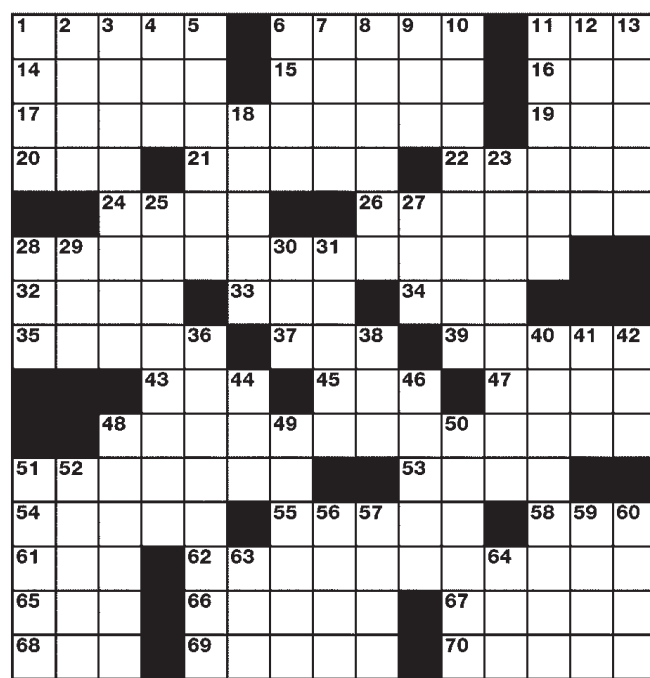
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Confounds
 - 6 A, as for Aristotle
 - 11 Relaxing wellness facility
 - 14 Vibrant
 - 15 Despot, for instance
 - 16 Cockpit stat.
 - 17 Pollution control system
 - 19 ___ Cruces, NM
 - 20 Parapsychology subject
 - 21 Some elongated incisors
 - 22 Uniquely
 - 24 Balzac's being
 - 26 Xylophone cousin
 - 28 Singing acceptably
 - 32 Semisoft cheese
 - 33 Easter preceder
 - 34 Team-building impediment
 - 35 Facets
 - 37 Sri Lanka export
 - 39 Online daily mag
 - 43 Mail ctr.
 - 45 Historical interval
 - 47 Vigorous spirit
 - 48 Stop being careful
 - 51 Yet to be broadcast
 - 53 Roloids alternative
 - 54 Ray in the water
 - 55 Disney miner
 - 58 Defeated by flooring
 - 61 Pen name
 - 62 NFL infraction
 - 65 Preparatory time
 - 66 Valentine opener
- DOWN**
- 1 Something made up for a movie
 - 2 "C'est la vie"
 - 3 Closed, as sleeping bags
 - 4 NASA spacewalk
 - 5 Lookout
 - 6 Cultural doings
 - 7 Wait in secret
 - 8 TV choice
 - 9 Third-person contraction
 - 10 Floor decor
 - 11 Strauss Biblical opera
 - 12 Secondary option
 - 13 Not docking today
 - 18 Arriving, per the schedule
 - 23 Floor decor
 - 25 Wayne's Oscar film
 - 27 Filled up on
 - 28 *Big Bang Theory* ainer
 - 29 *Arabian Nights* name
 - 30 "___ funny!"
 - 31 Cabbage color
 - 36 On-and-off
 - 38 18th letter, in texting
 - 40 Americans since 1867
 - 41 Road covering
 - 42 Ultimate
 - 44 Unclose, in verse
 - 46 American Leaguer since 2013
 - 48 Got out on the floor
 - 49 Random mixture
 - 50 Giggle+++
 - 51 Brown shade
 - 52 Easy to fool
 - 56 Friendly gesture
 - 57 Shouts of support
 - 59 Arab League member
 - 60 Subdivision, for short
 - 63 Ivy Leaguer
 - 64 Federal procurement agcy.



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old AT&T rival
 - 4 ___ Na Na
 - 7 Pigsty
 - 11 Least used
 - 14 Nightmare reaction
 - 16 "Collages" author
 - 17 Grammy winner for "I Believe I Can Fly"
 - 18 Part of a Requiem Mass
 - 19 Name suffix
 - 20 Ukr. and Georgia, once
 - 21 With legal tender
 - 23 Even prime
 - 26 2016 World Series Champions
 - 28 Locale
 - 29 Con target
 - 30 "The Hunger Games" nation
 - 32 Pianist Templeton
 - 33 Estadio shout
 - 34 Formal reply to "Who's there?"
 - 35 Foul line shots: Abbr.
 - 36 "Too rich for my blood"
 - 38 Loose
 - 39 "___ and the Real Girl": 2007 film
 - 41 Judicial attire
 - 42 Altar constellation
 - 43 Hudson Bay native
 - 44 Like kittens
 - 45 Honda subcompact
 - 46 Actor Culkin
 - 48 Some NCOs
 - 51 Nipper's brand
 - 52 Saint of "On the Waterfront"
 - 54 Something to exercise
 - 57 Particularly noxious
 - 58 Cialis competitor
- DOWN**
- 1 Alumni
 - 2 North African capital
 - 3 Government revenue generator, aptly
 - 4 Emphatic Acapulco assent
 - 5 Rousseau et al.
 - 6 Like many elephants
 - 7 Eins und zwei
 - 8 Google find
 - 9 Basic chem. unit
 - 10 Ask too many questions
 - 12 Cold sufferer's boxful
 - 13 Hillary's feat, aptly
 - 14 Sad, to Sartre
 - 15 Retailer's increase, aptly
 - 22 Is out sick, say

By Leonard Williams 11/24/17

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 23 What Red Bull provides, aptly
- 24 Pixar title robot
- 25 Slanted pieces
- 27 Scale a cliff, aptly
- 30 Rice dish
- 31 Longtime video game name
- 35 For the taking
- 37 On the market
- 40 Singer Grande
- 44 Certain drums
- 47 Walled Spanish city
- 49 Colors
- 50 ___ precedent
- 51 Fixes, in a way
- 53 Fall bloomers
- 54 Lacto-___ vegetarian
- 55 Domino depression
- 56 Sigma follower



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OUR VIEW

Area shops support our communities

Today marks the nominal beginning of the Christmas shopping season: Black Friday.

Then comes Small Business Saturday, a day to patronize those small proprietorships that are too easily overlooked in the competition between big-box stores and the internet.

Then comes Cyber Monday, which promotes internet shopping — as if online shopping needs more promotion.

And Giving Tuesday, which does. Tuesday is a day charities extend a reminder that they not only want a share of your budget but depend on your generosity to continue their good works through the season and beyond.

Have we missed a day or two?

No matter. All have their place in the line of the holiday marketplace.

However, in an ever-more competitive retail environment — an environment in which the rules seem to change from one holiday season to the next — we will put in a word for local merchants. These are the businesses, both large and small, that offer the time-honored model for your shopping convenience.

Especially at the smaller end of the continuum, these merchants pride themselves on having knowledgeable sales people who have the time and interest to talk to you about their merchandise, who will gladly take your special order requests, and who may even know the people for whom you are shopping well enough to recommend a special gift.

Their merchandise is there for you to see, feel, smell, try on and otherwise explore when making a purchasing decision.

They are your neighbors. They provide employment to your friends and neighbors (sometimes a young person's first job beyond baby-sitting or lawn-mowing). They have the time and patience to mentor today's sales clerks from whose ranks will come tomorrow's managers and entrepreneurs.

Much of their revenue stays in the community: paying salaries, rents and mortgages, utility bills, memberships in Chambers of Commerce and other worthwhile organizations, sponsorship of local activities, and supporting other community interests.

Internet businesses, while they have their advantages, do little if anything to support the communities in which their customers live. Online shopping has changed the merchandising paradigm in America: It is another convenience for customers. And then, the internet has it made it possible for local, small-scale boutiques to extend their reach beyond the immediate neighborhood and support themselves with a broader clientele. That is a positive; the best of both worlds.

Allow us to recommend that in these busiest shopping weeks of the year, consumers keep in mind the returns to their community that come with patronizing local brick-and-mortar merchants. In many ways, this brick-and-mortar forms the solid foundation of our communities.

Try to remember that the next time you see a youth league soccer jersey sponsored by a local business, or when a placard at a community event listing the sponsors who helped make that event possible. You won't see the "A" name. It's the place down the street.

Today, tomorrow, Cyber Monday: Keep your neighbor-merchants at the top of your shopping list. The reality is that without your patronage, our world will become all the more "virtual" every year.



A great area to live, play

Editor:
 My family and I were lucky enough to attend the Big Orange Music Festival last weekend at Lashley Park. To be there at sunset, right on the Peace River watching amazing musicians, was a real treat.

Matt and Nick Nemece and the Edgewater Events crew outdid themselves, from the venue to the music and vendors. I love that Charlotte County has expanded its horizons and embraced festivals and art and music like never before.

The best part of these festivals is that we get to see so many of our friends in one place, enjoying things as a community. We are so happy that we moved back here after many years up north. This area has truly become a great place for families to live and play.

Ivey Winkler
 Punta Gorda

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This mail carrier is special person

Editor:

I live on Kant Street in Englewood, and I just recently learned that my mail delivery person, Susan Chavez, is retiring at the end of November. I wanted to give her a retirement card and include the bonus that I would have given her at Christmas time.

In talking with other neighbors, they were surprised to learn of her retirement plans. Each of them had a story to tell of how Susan went out of her way many times to be especially helpful to them, and they also wanted to sign the card and include a gift.

I realized that a lot of her "customers" will be saddened to learn of her retirement and will be disappointed that they did not have the opportunity to share their good wishes with her. Susan has been dearly loved and especially appreciated, and I wanted to share our joy in anticipation of her enjoyment of her retirement years. She will be sorely missed.

Let her know, if you can, how much you appreciated her as well.

Karen Krueger
 Englewood

Don't criticize women who speak up

Editor:

I just read the letter from the woman who was wondering, "What happened to due process?"

I'm not sure what generation the letter writer is from, but I certainly remember a time when women had no voice at all.

Unless a rape victim had physical injuries, she wasn't believed. If she did press charges, her life was put under a microscope and displayed during the trial. Sexual remarks were a way of life, from construction workers' wolf-whistles, to bosses making lewd remarks. Company parties were excuses to grope, under the guise of drunken behavior, and were expected to be ignored. I cringe whenever I hear the song, "Wives and Lovers," by Count Basie and Frank Sinatra, which is frequently played on a particular radio station down here.

Women were expected to be subservient to men, and that was just the way it was.

If you were comfortable living in those times, fine. Please don't attempt to drag women down who have found the courage to speak out about past or present sexual abuse/harassment. This movement against abuse is what is allowing these women to speak up now.

I'm glad the media is involved. It should have been more involved years ago in putting the spotlight on these unacceptable behaviors. Hopefully, the demise of the, "good ol' boy" mentality will become a sad commentary on the past.

And, no, I don't hate men. I have had the pleasure of working with some outstanding, honorable ones.

Patricia A. Moshure
 North Port

Fossil fuels are a thing of the past

Editor:

To the letter entitled, "Quit wasting money on wind, solar power."

The letter inaccurately states that wind and solar are "heavily subsidized." It is the oil, gas and coal companies that are heavily subsidized.

They receive twice the amount of direct subsidies as renewable companies. Plus, U.S. soldiers are maimed or killed to obtain and protect overseas oil sources.

Fracking creates earthquakes. Don't believe this? Ask Oklahoma. Miners die deep in our mines or slowly from lung disease. Oil pollutes the oceans including our Gulf of Mexico. A changing climate is driving extreme weather events.

In the last decade, U.S. taxpayers have paid out more than \$350 billion to pay for flood and wind disaster relief, crop loss, firefighting costs, infrastructure repairs. It is estimated future losses to our homes and businesses will amount to over a trillion dollars.

Subsidies to the fossil fuel industries and costs to mitigate climate change far exceed renewable energy subsidies. Why would anyone object to improving our future? Help the renewable energy industry grow as the

government once helped the fossil fuel industry grow.

We continue to subsidize fossil fuel corporations even though those corporations make huge profits and no longer need our help. Be fair and smart. Give renewable energy the same support fossil fuels were given in the past. Create new jobs. Update our electrical grid. Build nationwide electrical charging stations, etc.

Renewable energy is here to stay. Fossil fuels belong in the past, along with the dinosaurs.

Frank Roeske
 Englewood

Boats kept far from the races

Editor:

We were one of the hundred or so boats that traveled through Stump Pass to watch the offshore racing on Saturday.

We were disappointed. I am in favor of safety at sporting events; however, the "safety decision makers" went overboard.

They had the buoy we had to stay behind so far away from the races that it was like watching a tiny Matchbox car race. We could not see the boat names or numbers.

Last year, we could easily see the names and numbers. We could see the waves splash high as the boats fought their way around the turns at three and four. We were able to pick a favorite boat. We saw "the action" and tried to imagine what it would be like to try and drive one of the boats.

This year we were so far away that the closest we could come to a favorite boat was by color. Although we knew there were waves being created at the turn, we couldn't see anything except an occasional splash. We didn't identify with any boat or team and more important, there was no excitement on our boat or any of the boats near us. No "oooooohs" or "aaaaahhhs," not even a "wow."

If it weren't for the radio broadcast, we would have left very early.

We will check it out next year, but if it is the same, we will head home without watching tiny little, nameless boats go around in an oval.

Tom Wallon
 Englewood

Proposed tax cuts let most of us down

Editor:

Mitt Romney (2012): "These are people who pay no income tax. Forty-seven percent of Americans pay no income tax."

Speaker Paul Ryan (2017): "Most people, half the people in this country, live paycheck to paycheck."

Let's take these two at their word.

They are talking about the very same "left behind," angry people who sucker-punched a protester, howled "lock her up" and voted for Trump. The very same people they desperately rely on for support.

And the 47 percent were so very pleased on Jan. 5 to hear Trump say, "I'm going to take care of everybody." Just on its face, that statement is absurd.

Trump won't even raise the minimum wage for these folks, nor will he cut their taxes. Let's see. Which of the following tax cuts will help the paycheck-to-paycheck crowd? Corporate income tax cut, repeal of the estate tax, implementation of the pass-through tax, doubling the personal exemption, increasing the child care credit.

Nope, none of them will help reduce taxes for the 47 percent because they don't pay federal income taxes to start with. Someone should tell the 47percenters. Someone should clue them in. Who do you think will be the first Republican to point out to them that the emperor is buck-naked? Come on, guess.

Mike Deignan
 Punta Gorda

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Playing 'Sarah Sez' in the White House press room

When White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders asked the press corps Monday to preface their daily briefing questions with a statement of thankfulness, reporters obliged.

Or, should we say, obeyed.

For this, no doubt, Sanders was grateful.

Yet again, she controlled the crowd, though this time by candy-coating her usual condescension with faux fellowship.

I'm thankful I wasn't in the room.

My first impulse when someone asks me to share is to not-share. This isn't because I'm not a sharing person — you can have my cake and eat it, too — but because sharing, like charity, should be voluntary. For a press secretary to require professional journalists to essentially beg for their supper, surrendering their adversarial posture like a dog commanded to Drop



Kathleen Parker

The Bone, is an infantilizing tactic. The effect is to neutralize the opposition.

Yes, I said opposition. The press, by definition, is oppositional. As Mr. Dooley, the turn-of-the-century fictional bartender created by columnist Finley Peter Dunne is often paraphrased: "The newspaper's job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

Yet, from the interplay between the media and the Trump administration, one would think reporters were supposed to be taking dictation. Seen and not heard. Sanders, whose persistently arched brows convey an air of constant disapproval, routinely

brushes reporters' questions aside. During any given press briefing, one is likely to hear words to these effects:

"I think he addressed that pretty thoroughly yesterday," she'll say. Or, "We don't have any announcement on that." Or my personal favorite, which came in response to a query about chief of staff and retired Gen. John Kelly's controversial remarks about Florida Democratic Rep. Frederica Wilson, "If you want to get into a debate with a four-star Marine general, I think that's something highly inappropriate."

One peers into Sanders' fantasy movie, where the reporter, abashed, shrinks into the folds of his trench coat, muttering, "What an impudent, incompetent fool am I!"

If Sanders isn't evading, she's scolding. Like a parent weary of her 3-year-old's constant "why?," her tone and expression telegraph: "Because I say

so, case closed."

Sanders' sudden shift from press secretary to minister's daughter a few days before Thanksgiving coincides with her apparent image evolution of being more-carefully coiffed, couture-d and contoured with appropriately professional makeup. One can almost hear the hive of consultants discussing how to imperceptibly adapt this no-frills brainiac to the shallower requirements of a visual medium.

If one were Sanders' employer, meanwhile, one surely would be pleased. She's everything a terrible person — or, say, an unpopular president — could hope for in a public relations artist. She says nothing; gives away nothing; looks fierce and dutifully repeats falsehoods as required. Her resistance to flinching or blinking is state of the art.

Yet, even as Sanders declines to enlighten the press corps, she manages

to inspire admiration for her toughness and effectiveness — from a certain perspective. To Donald Trump's base, she's the *a la mode* on a slice of apple pie, the pompom and confetti at a freedom rally, or, perhaps, the elfin princess who can read and direct a person's thoughts by hypnotizing them with her magic pearls. Her daily humiliation of the press, making them seem like churlish children, is a booster shot of "fake news" animus that also inoculates against viral truths.

To the media, she is the wall Trump promised to erect and, increasingly, it seems, we are the swamp he seeks to drain. Out with the media, out with free speech, out with facts! For these purposes, Sanders is perfectly cast. Where there is the prolonged car alarm of "fake news," there is bound to be a fake news officer. Such is not always the case. In fact, the most successful press secretaries were journalists first.

Jay Carney, formerly of Time magazine comes to mind, as does Tony Snow, previously of Fox News. Both men were well-known, respected and liked by their media peers before crossing over to the Dark Side. They also understood what reporters needed and tried to provide it. When they couldn't, they were at least self-effacing and seemed sincere in regretting limitations imposed by the job. Most important, they fully understood and appreciated the sanctity of the First Amendment, without which all freedoms fail.

To this testament, a note of personal gratitude. Today, not just on our national feast day, I'm thankful for the freedom to speak without (undue) fear of retribution.

Let's not let the turkeys whittle it away.

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Neil Armstrong students ignite their GeniUS

Come one, come all and ignite your geniUS at Neil Armstrong Elementary's upcoming Annual Leadership Day.

When is the last time you visited a school in your community? Could it be as long as 40, 20, 10, or 2 years ago?

If it has been quite some time since you stepped inside a Charlotte County public school, Neil Armstrong Elementary is the place to be on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please consider joining us for an impactful, informative learning experience where you will be wowed by our Positive Astro students.

You are in for a treat as our student leaders share how their geniUS has been ignited in so many ways this year. You will see students come to life as historical figures in our Wax Museum. You will learn just what "book tasting" is all about as our students share with

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you how they choose books from a "menu" and complete a book study on an author. You will discover how some of our students are exploring a personal passion through project-based learning activities with our Genius Hour, derived from Google's newly implemented program.

You will observe how we are using Restorative Justice to help our students discuss and problem-solve issues and concerns they have in the classroom through Class Meetings. You will hear from some of our resident-expert reading and math students who are excited to share their goals, work and progress in reading and math in our new expert, model classrooms.

Our students will knock your socks off with their

knowledge and personal accountability in regards to the goals they have personally set and monitor to track their individual data. You will see 21st century learning in action as you visit one of our Google Classrooms where our students proudly discuss how they utilize their laptop computers to enhance their learning and increase their productivity. In addition, several of our Positive Astros are eager to share what they have learned about 3-D printing in STEM Lab and share their designs and creations with you.

Finally, you will enjoy hearing from some of our alumni students who will share how our leadership program has impacted their lives as future community leaders.

Each year, we welcome approximately 75-100 visitors on our Leadership Day. We are always eager for our guests to see extraordinary teaching and learning taking place in our school. We take pride that our school's mission is to develop character and competence in every student. We strive to ensure that each of our students has equal

opportunity to be college- and career-ready and to be a role model and lead by example for others, even when they are faced with challenges we cannot even begin to imagine.

A quote by an unknown author that inspires us states, "Excellence is never an accident, it is the result of high intentions, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities." With all of the challenges that our teachers and students encounter in today's world, we are proud to strive for excellence in all that we

do here at Neil Armstrong Elementary.

We are looking forward to hosting our visitors at our Leadership Day in December. We ask that you RSVP to randy.atkinson@yourcharlotteschools.net or call Randy Atkinson at 941-255-7450 to register for our Ignite Your GeniUS Leadership Day. She will be happy to send you an itinerary for the day once she has received your RSVP.

Angie Taillon is the principal and Melody Hazeltine the lead teacher at Neil Armstrong Elementary School.

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LOCAL SPORTS

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL: NAPLES 61, PORT CHARLOTTE 25

Patience needed at Port Charlotte High

By **CHUCK BALLARO**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

NAPLES — The biggest thing that Port Charlotte girls coach Kevin Purcell is going to need this year is patience.

With an extremely young team, these girls are going to experience a lot of growing pains, especially early in the season.

On Wednesday, the Pirates had their first chance to see where they stand against Naples, and they learned quickly they have a lot of work to do in all facets of the game. The Bears used a balanced attack offensively and smothered Port Charlotte on defense



SUN PHOTOS BY KAT GODIN

Port Charlotte's Ashlyn Henderson shoots for three during Wednesday's game against Naples.

to roll to a 61-25 victory in the opening round of the Bokamper's Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot at Barron Collier High School.

Naples (2-0), which stunned First Baptist Academy on Tuesday in the closing seconds, showed no letdown against the Pirates, shutting them out in the first quarter and keeping Ashlyn Henderson under wraps for most of the game. Purcell, who always has been known for his intensity on the sidelines, kept it low key, even upbeat, knowing the kind of team he has.

"We're young, and you're going to hear that a lot. It's not an excuse, it's reality and we have to learn from it," the coach said. "It was our first game and it showed in that first quarter, but we got going in the second quarter and did better defensively."

Trailing 10-0 after a quarter, Port Charlotte showed its only offensive spurt of the game, with Henderson, who was 0 for 5 from the floor in the opening quarter, scoring 10 of her game-high 16 in that period. Unfortunately, the Pirates also gave up 21 and trailed 31-16 at the break.

Purcell said Henderson will likely be the offensive catalyst for the team early, and as she goes, so will



Port Charlotte's Emily Larson drives to the basket around Naples' Katy Cabada during Wednesday's game.

the Pirates.

"She's a junior, has played with me three years, and she's going to have frustration from the team she's playing with," Purcell said. "She needs to learn from that and develop her leadership skills."

It was all Naples (1-0) in the second half, outscoring Port Charlotte 18-3 in the third quarter and forcing a running clock early in the fourth. Makayla Garner led the Bears with 10 points as 11 of Naples' 13 players got on the scoreboard.

"I'm glad with how we responded after a really big

game last night. We were unselfish and played team basketball," Naples coach Daniella Rosset said. "We know we can score. We need to move our feet and play defense and not give up easy points. We're preaching that and trying to do it in games."

Port Charlotte (0-1) plays in the second round Friday at 2 p.m.

NAPLES 61, PORT CHARLOTTE 25

Port Charlotte 0 16 3 5 — 25: Ashlyn Henderson 16, Joseph 3, Laison 2, Pelinski 2, Clauser 2. Totals 10 (5) 0-2.
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■ GIRLS SOCCER: PORT CHARLOTTE 4, NORTH PORT 3

Porto's late goal propels Pirates over Bobcats

By **PETE SISK**

SUN CORRESPONDENT

PORT CHARLOTTE — The Port Charlotte Pirates got the break they needed for the win, and took full advantage.

Senior Emily Porto pounced on a turnover in front of the North Port goal with 7:50 to play Tuesday evening and lofted the game-winning goal over the head of Bobcats goalie Jordan Wyatt as the Pirates pulled out a 4-3 victory at home.

"It was a pretty exciting game," Pirates coach Chip Stec said. "I thought both teams played pretty well. We just happened to come out on top."

Tuesday's win evened Port Charlotte's record at 4-2, while North Port slipped to 0-4.

Sophomore Megan Porto scored two Port Charlotte goals and junior Tori Thompson added one in the victory. Lila Eaton and Isabella Reyes had assists for the Pirates.

It was a seesaw contest, with Megan Porto giving



SUN PHOTO BY MICHELE HASKELL

With the score tied in the second half, Port Charlotte's Hannah Ruth drives hard for the goal as North Port's goalkeeper Jordan Wyatt makes the save.

Port Charlotte an early lead, only to see a pair of North Port freshmen, Aleena Purvis and Jena Chimelis, score to give the Bobcats a 2-1 advantage at the half.

"I'm proud of our girls because we never gave up," Stec said. "We got down a goal, we come back, score a goal."

The teams displayed contrasting styles, with Port Charlotte providing consistent pressure in the Bobcats' end, while North Port used the speed of its forwards for potent quick rushes on the Pirates' goal.

"We've got some speed up top and tried to use it to its potential," Bobcats coach

William Callan said. "We got some goals. They got us on a few counters."

"They have some speed and they took advantage of it," Stec said.

Thompson tied the match at 2 early in the second half, then Megan Porto gave Port Charlotte the lead.

North Port came back to level the score at 3-3 on senior Augusta Purvis's goal with 11:45 to play.

After Emily Porto's goal moved Port Charlotte back on top at 4-3, the Bobcats had one more big chance when Purvis broke in on the Pirates' goal. Goaltender Kendall Cryer came up with the save to

preserve the lead and the eventual victory.

"It was touch and go there at the end," Stec said. "They were pressing really hard and we were up by a goal."

"It was back and forth," Callan said. "They have a good team. We're still a work in progress. We're trying to get better."

Sophomore Wyatt had a busy night in net, making eight saves for North Port. Cryer, also a sophomore, had six saves for Port Charlotte.

"Our girls played with a lot of heart and intensity against a local rivalry team," Stec said. "You can't really ask for more."

■ AWAY AT COLLEGE

Ex-Tarpon White earns all-league spot in Missouri

By **BARBARA BOXLEITNER**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Trent White has been recognized for his play at Westminster College.

The quarterback was named to the all-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference first team for the school in Fulton, Missouri. A second-team selection last year, the Charlotte High School graduate was among eight Blue Jays to earn all-conference honors in a 6-4 season that saw them win their final four games.

"I'm extremely excited," the senior said after returning home for Thanksgiving break. "I'm proud of myself and the team."

White finished third in the conference with 14 passing touchdowns and fourth in passing efficiency and yards.

His five interceptions ranked second lowest among the leaders. Reducing turnovers was an objective going into the season after he threw 15 interceptions and 10 touchdowns last year.

"I wanted to focus on not overthrowing the ball and on finishing," he said.

In addition, he was sixth in the conference with 526 rushing yards, the most among quarterbacks. His six rushing scores tied for fourth.

receptions for 52 yards to help Husson University to its first ever win in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. The wide receiver and his teammates play Saturday in the next round.

Venice High graduate Tyler Gauthier started the first 10 games for undefeated University of Miami, which plays at Pittsburgh today. The junior has been playing center.

College of the Sequoias strong safety Ian Tyler made seven tackles against San Joaquin Delta. The sophomore played for Port Charlotte High.

University of South Florida redshirt freshman running back Elijah Mack carried three times for 10 yards against East Carolina. The former Tarpon played in six of the first 10 games.

Florida International University freshman running back D'Vonte Price carried three times for 14 yards against Florida Atlantic. The past Tarpon added a 27-yard reception and one tackle.

Also from the Tarpons, Marshall University defensive end Ty Tyler had two tackles and two quarterback hits against University of Texas at San Antonio.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanndoc@gmail.com.

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Sales at the tree lot benefit the school's Junior ROTC program, as well as the nonprofit Project Graduation, which plans and throws a safe all-night party for seniors on graduation night.

Hours today are noon to 6 p.m. The lot will then be opened 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.



Students Bethany Bordner and Cara Jonson carry trees at Lemon Bay High School.



Students carry a Christmas trees at Lemon Bay High School.

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In this Oct. 26, 2016, photo, Tiffany Davis, left, and Choisette Hargon, both of Paterson, New Jersey, shop for toys at a Walmart in Teterboro, New Jersey.



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President Donald Trump speaks to the media before speaking with troops via video conference at Mar-a-Lago, on Thanksgiving in Palm Beach, Florida.

Trump credits troops, and himself, for military advances

By JILL COLVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump thanked U.S. troops for their service on Thursday, assuring them “we’re really winning” against America’s foes as he celebrated Thanksgiving at his private club in Florida and provided lunch for Coast Guard men and women on duty for the holiday.

Using the occasion to pat himself on the back, Trump told deployed military members via a video conference that they’ve achieved more progress in Afghanistan and against the Islamic State group under his watch than had been made in years of the previous administration.

“Everybody’s talking about the progress you’ve made in the last few months since I opened it up,” he told the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division, whose members are conducting operations in Kandahar, Afghanistan. “We’re being talked about again as an armed forces — we’re really winning.”

Speaking from a gilded room at his Mar-a-Lago club, Trump said: “We’re not fighting anymore to just walk around, we’re fighting to win, and you people are really, you’ve turned it around over the last three to four months like nobody’s seen, and they are talking about it, so thank you very much.”

Turning to the 74th Expeditionary Fighters Squadron based at the Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, Trump suggested the Obama administration hadn’t allowed soldiers on the ground to do their jobs.

“They say we’ve made more progress against ISIS than they did in years of the previous administration,” he said. “And that’s because I’m letting you do your job.”

Throughout the day — at events and on Twitter — Trump boasted about the economy’s performance since he took office, pointing to recent stock market gains and the unemployment rate, along with his efforts to scale back regulations and boost military spending.

“So you’re fighting for something real, you’re fighting for something good,” he told the service members.

Trump and his wife, Melania, also made a trip to a nearby Coast Guard station in Riviera Beach, Florida, where they delivered a lunch of turkey sandwiches, giant muffins, heaping baskets of fruit, chips and cookies to men and

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As shoppers mobilize on Thanksgiving, retailers branch out to compete

By ANNE D’INNOENZIO
AP RETAIL WRITER

NEW YORK — Shoppers are hitting the stores on Thanksgiving and will be finding some surprises: toys and TVs at J.C. Penney, Barbies at Best Buy, kitchen appliances like wine refrigerators at B.J.’s.

As the holiday shopping season officially kicked off Thursday, retailers are counting on a lift from a better economy. But they’re also looking beyond economic data and mapping out ways to pick up sales from other retailers as Amazon expands its reach.

That can mean opening earlier than rivals on the holidays or even jumping into new product categories. The fight for market share comes as analysts at Bain say Amazon is expected to take half of the holiday season’s sales growth. And Amazon is the top destination for people to begin holiday shopping, according to

a September study by market research firm NPD Group.

“The retailers are in survival mode. It’s about stealing each other’s market share,” said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst at NPD. “Amazon is the Grinch. They’re stealing the growth.”

Abi and Sush Gyawali — both 27-year-old biology graduate students at the University of Missouri — were among hundreds of people who lined up outside J.C. Penney in Columbia, Missouri, before the store opened at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Abi Gyawali normally shops online on Amazon or BestBuy for Cyber Monday, where he said he finds some of the best deals. But he said the couple wanted to check out the scene at the local mall Thursday before friends came over later to share a meal.

“It’s good,” he said. “At least people are not as crazy as they behave in big cities.”

With the jobless rate at a 17-year-low

of 4.1 percent and consumer confidence stronger than a year ago, analysts project healthy sales increases for November and December. The National Retail Federation trade group expects sales for that period to at least match last year’s rise of 3.6 percent and estimates online spending and other non-store sales will rise 11 to 15 percent.

Amazon is expected to be a big beneficiary as it cements loyalty among its Prime members and moves into new services and private-label merchandise. The company has introduced more than 20 such brands in the past two years in clothing, electronics, groceries and more, says Bain.

That leaves stores looking at rivals to see where they can pick up sales. There are extra dollars up for grabs this year, after thousands of store locations have

Macy’s parade rolls on with balloons, bands, security

By WILLIAM MATHIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade marched, rolled and soared in traditional style Thursday as police went all-out to secure it in a year marked by attacks on outdoor gathering spots.

With new faces and old favorites in the lineup, the Americana extravaganza made its way through 2 ½ miles of Manhattan on a cold morning.

“The crowds are still the same, but there’s a lot more police here. That’s the age we live in,” Paul Seyforth said as he attended the parade he’d watched since the 1950s.

“Not a lot’s changed — the balloons, the bands, the floats — and that’s the good thing,” said Seyforth, 76, who’d flown in from Denver to spend his 50th wedding anniversary in New York and see this year’s parade.

The televised parade was proceeding smoothly, though about midway through, a gust of wind on a largely calm day blew a candy-cane balloon into a tree branch,



AP PHOTO

Heavily armed members of the New York Police Department take a position along the route before the start of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, Thursday.

and it popped near the start of the route on Manhattan’s Upper West Side. No one was injured.

In 2005, one of the parade’s signature giant balloons caught a gust, hit a Times

Square lamppost and injured two people. The candy cane was smaller than the giant balloons.

Timothy McMillian and his wife, their 9-year-old daughter and his in-laws started

staking out a spot along the route at 6:30 a.m. They’d come from Greensboro, North Carolina, to see in person the spectacle they’d watched on TV for years.

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Thanksgiving feasts in Texas cater to refugees, the homeless

By **TERRY WALLACE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Seven years ago, Samira Page and a small group of fellow refugees sat around her table where the guests experienced their first traditional American Thanksgiving Day feast.

This year, the Iranian native invited about 400 refugees for the meal that has outgrown her home and become an annual event.

“For some of these people, this is their first Thanksgiving. We have refugees who have been here less than a month. And we have some who have been here five years,” said Page, founder and executive director of Gateway of Grace, a Christian outreach ministry for refugees.

The guests at her feast are from Iran, Iraq,

Afghanistan and Syria. Elsewhere in Texas, communities served Thanksgiving meals to the homeless and victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Page’s own journey came 19 years ago, when she traveled from Iran to Turkey, to Mexico, to the United States. She converted to Christianity and studied for the ministry at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

One of her outreach methods is to present traditional feasts, including Christmas and Easter. But she starts with Thanksgiving.

“Imagine being brand new in a country at the start of the holidays,” Page said. “No extended family, no one to share it with. And every day you see people and stores gear up for a celebration you’re no part of.”

What started with four



AP PHOTO

Elizabeth Luna receives a plate of food during the 38th annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio on Thursday. The event is named after a restaurateur and businessman who started the event in 1979.

or five fellow refugees gathered around her dining room table for turkey and sides seven years ago has grown to fill the parish hall of St. John’s Episcopal Church near White Rock Lake in northeastern Dallas.

Some of the refugees are not accustomed to the taste of turkey, Page said, so she serves them an alternative: chicken.

Other Thanksgiving feasts in Texas cater to the homeless and residents still recovering

from Harvey, which made landfall in the state as a Category 4 hurricane on Aug. 25 and brought massive flooding.

In Southeast Texas, the Cajun Army emergency volunteer group prepared hundreds of meals in Houston and Orange for families still without kitchen facilities because of damage from Harvey.

The annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Day Dinner prepared more than 25,000 meals Thursday in San Antonio. The first Jimenez Thanksgiving dinner served about 100 dinners in 1979.

In Austin, Operation Turkey provided about 40,000 Thanksgiving meals to the homeless.

Houston held the Thanksgiving Superfeast for about 10,000 homeless people outside City Hall.

NEWS BRIEFS

Inmate taken for hospital treatment recaptured

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP) — Sheriff’s deputies in Ohio captured a corrections center inmate they say escaped custody after being transported for hospital treatment.

Warren County Jail records show 31-year-old Robert Langford was arrested Thursday afternoon, some 17 hours after deputies were called Wednesday night. Deputies say he had escaped custody and ran away from Community Corrections Center staff at Atrium Medical Center in Middletown.

He was jailed without bond on a charge of escape. No attorney information was listed.

It wasn’t clear why he was taken to the hospital.

A hospital spokeswoman says he hadn’t been treated by any hospital staff.

Langford was sentenced to the corrections center in southwestern Ohio after being convicted of drug offenses.

Police documents detail grisly gang slaying in Maryland

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Police in Maryland say they have charged an alleged MS-13 gang member with first-degree murder in the death of a man stabbed more than 100 times.

Montgomery County police say 19-year-old Miguel Angel Lopez-Abrego was charged in the death of a man whose body was discovered buried in a park in Wheaton in September.

The Post, citing Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials, said Lopez-Abrego is a citizen of El Salvador and is in the United States illegally.

Police documents made public in a court hearing Wednesday and cited by the Washington Post say the victim was decapitated and dismembered. Court papers said the killers cut the victim’s heart out and threw it in the grave.

Investigators have been unable to identify the victim. They are looking for other suspects.

Corrections officer severely hurt in Kansas City jail attack

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A jail inmate in Kansas City, Missouri, has been charged with first-degree assault and armed criminal action after authorities say he attacked a corrections officer, critically injuring him.

The Jackson County prosecutor’s office says court documents show 20-year-old Johnny R. Dunlap attacked the officer with a plastic cone and other objects Wednesday night at the Jackson County Detention Center. The name of the officer, who is in a hospital as a result of his injuries, hasn’t been released.

The prosecutor’s office says the officer was unconscious during most of the assault and he suffered fractured facial and nasal bones.

Prosecutors want Dunlap’s bond set at \$250,000 for the attack. Dunlap faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Texas woman charged with sending of explosives to governor, Obama

By **TRISTAN HALLMAN**
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott escaped injury from a mailed improvised explosive because he didn’t open the package the way it was designed, according to records filed in federal court.

Julia Poff, 46, allegedly mailed the package because she was upset her ex-husband had not paid her child support.

Abbott oversaw child support when he was attorney general.

Authorities said Poff also mailed a similar package to President Barack Obama because “she didn’t like him,” according to an order of detention. Unlike with Abbott, the package never got to Obama. The device was fashioned out of a cigarette carton that contained explosive powder and a fuse and included a

salad dressing cap.

Investigators found with Abbott’s package an “obliterated shipping label” that was addressed to Poff. The label was from a previous eBay package sent to Poff. Authorities also found that Poff had a stash of fireworks and had purchased the type of salad dressing and cigarettes used in the device. And investigators matched cat hair found in the Obama

package to Poff’s cat.

Federal authorities charged Poff with transportation of explosives with intent to kill and several counts of fraud related to a bankruptcy and food stamps.

In court records, she was accused of, among other things, stealing money from clients at a law firm where she had worked, keeping money donated for a widowed father and his child after Hurricane Harvey

and asking friends not to talk to the FBI. Authorities said Poff was also evicted seven times for nonpayment of rent and left potatoes stuffed in toilets, concrete poured down drains and dogs locked inside for a week “to urinate and defecate.”

Poff is now in a federal detention center in Houston. Her attorney, a public defender, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

South Dakota lawmaker, brother-in-law drown in Cook Islands

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIERRE, S.D. — A South Dakota state representative and his brother-in-law drowned in an apparent kayaking accident in the Cook Islands in the South Pacific, where they were attending a wedding for the lawmaker’s daughter, officials said Thursday.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s office said in a statement that state Rep. Craig Tieszen, 68, a Republican from Rapid City, and his brother-in-law, Brent Moline, 61, died Wednesday.

Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender wrote on his Facebook page that Tieszen and Moline died in a kayak accident. Tieszen and his family

had traveled to the Cook Islands for their wedding, according to Allender’s post.

The Cook Islands Police Service didn’t immediately return an email from The Associated Press seeking additional information.

The agency wrote in a Facebook post that officials had been at the scene of a “double tragedy at sea,” saying two men had taken their kayaks over a reef and capsized. The post doesn’t name Tieszen or Moline, but describes the two victims as American citizens aged 68 and 61.

Police haven’t concluded their investigation, according to the post.

Tieszen, who served as chairman of the House Retirement Laws

Committee, was in his first term representing District 34 in the House. He had previously served in the Senate from 2009 through 2016.

Tieszen spent 32 years in law enforcement before retiring as police chief of Rapid City in western South Dakota. A telephone message the AP left at Tieszen’s home wasn’t immediately returned.

“Craig Tieszen was a good man and a dedicated public servant, and his loss is very sad,” Daugaard said in the statement. “Craig Tieszen spent his life serving the public. He was a thoughtful and conscientious legislator, and a leader on criminal justice issues.”

The governor said he



AP PHOTO

In this Feb. 26, 2013, file photo, Sen. Craig Tieszen, R-Rapid City, talks to the South Dakota House Transportation Committee about teen driving safety in Pierre, S.D. Tieszen and his brother-in-law drowned in an apparent kayaking accident in the Cook Islands in the South Pacific, where they were attending a wedding for the lawmaker’s daughter, officials said Thursday.

will order flags to fly at half-staff statewide to honor Tieszen on

the day of his funeral, which hasn’t yet been scheduled.

Slain Baltimore detective was to have testified against officers

By **JUSTIN FENTON**
THE BALTIMORE SUN

BALTIMORE — Baltimore homicide Detective Sean Suiter was scheduled to testify before a federal grand jury in the case against a squad of indicted officers on the day after he was shot, Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said.

The revelation brings together two cases that have sent shock waves through the Police Department and the city as a whole: the federal prosecutions of eight members of the department’s elite gun task force, who are accused of shaking down citizens and conspiring with drug dealers, and the killing of Suiter last week in West Baltimore.

Davis said Wednesday evening that federal authorities have told him “in no uncertain terms” that Suiter was not a target of their investigation into the



PHOTO PROVIDED

Baltimore homicide Detective Sean Suiter

Gun Trace Task Force. He said authorities have no reason to believe Suiter’s killing was connected to his pending testimony.

“The BPD and FBI do not possess any information that this incident is part of any conspiracy,” Davis said. He said evidence shows the shooting occurred spontaneously, as Suiter investigated a suspicious person in the Harlem Park neighborhood.

Davis also said Suiter

is believed to have been killed with his own service weapon, which was fired at close range, and that there was evidence of a struggle before the shooting.

Police have not identified a suspect or made arrests in Suiter’s shooting Nov. 15. Investigators locked the neighborhood down for several days after the shooting to gather evidence and interview potential witnesses. Authorities are offering a reward of \$215,000 for

information leading to an arrest.

Police say Suiter and a partner were conducting a follow-up investigation on a triple homicide when he saw someone acting suspiciously in a vacant lot and approached. Suiter was shot once in the head.

He died the next day.

Davis described for the first time surveillance video of the scene. The footage shows Suiter’s partner seeking cover across the street. Davis backed his actions.

“Upon the sound of gunfire, Detective Suiter’s partner sought cover across the street,” Davis said, reading from a prepared statement. “He immediately called 911. We know this, because it is captured on private surveillance video that we have recovered.”

The Gun Trace Task Force was entrusted with executing a key

element of Davis’ strategy against the city’s surge in killings: getting illegal guns out of the hands of the assailants who drive the violence.

But a federal grand jury indicted eight task force members this year on charges of racketeering and other violations, and authorities are continuing to investigate allegations related to the squad.

Four officers have pleaded guilty, and at least two of them are cooperating with authorities.

The other four members have pleaded not guilty. They are scheduled for trial in January.

Davis said he was told by federal prosecutors that Suiter was to testify in the case of the indicted officers in relation to an incident from several years ago. It was not clear whether his testimony would be helpful or harmful to the officers.

WORLD

Ships, aircraft search for 3 US sailors missing in crash

TOKYO (AP) — U.S. and Japanese ships and aircraft searched in the Philippine Sea on Thursday for three sailors missing since a U.S. Navy aircraft crashed a day earlier.

Eight people were rescued about 40 minutes after the crash of the C-2A "Greyhound" transport aircraft Wednesday afternoon, the Navy said. They were taken aboard the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier and were in good condition.

The Navy said it had notified next of kin that the three missing sailors were "whereabouts unknown" but it would delay releasing their identities publicly for three days due to policy.

The twin-propeller plane came down about 500 nautical miles south-east of Okinawa as it was bringing passengers and cargo from Japan to the aircraft carrier, the Navy said in a statement. The cause wasn't clear and the crash was being investigated, the Navy said.

The aircraft carrier was leading the search and rescue efforts along with Japan's naval forces. The ships and aircraft had searched more than 320 nautical miles as of Thursday morning, the Navy said.

The Reagan was participating in a joint exercise with Japan's navy when the plane crashed.

"A full search mission is underway," U.S. Navy Secretary Richard V.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Oct. 2, 2017, photo, the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier arrives in Hong Kong. A U.S. Navy C-2 Greyhound plane carrying 11 crew and passengers crashed into the Pacific Ocean on Wednesday while on the way to the USS Ronald Reagan the Navy said.

Spencer said during a visit to Manama, Bahrain. "The Japanese navy is helping us with many, many assets."

Japan's Defense Ministry said the crash site is about 90 miles northwest of Okinotorishima, a Japanese atoll.

In Washington, the White House said President Donald Trump had been briefed on the crash. Trump said in a tweet: "We are monitoring the situation. Prayers for all involved."

The Nov. 16-26 joint exercise in waters off Okinawa has been described by the Navy as the "premier training event" between the U.S. and Japanese navies, designed to increase defensive readiness and interoperability in air and sea operations.

The Navy's Japan-based 7th Fleet has had two fatal accidents in

Asian waters this year, leaving 17 sailors dead and prompting the removal of eight top Navy officers from their posts, including the 7th Fleet commander.

The USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker collided near Singapore in August, leaving 10 U.S. sailors dead. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided off Japan.

The Navy has concluded that the collisions were avoidable and resulted from widespread failures by the crews and commanders, who didn't quickly recognize and respond to unfolding emergencies. A Navy report recommended numerous changes to address the problems, ranging from improved training to increasing sleep and stress management for sailors.

Ukrainian separatist chief accuses another of plotting coup

MOSCOW (AP) — A separatist leader in Ukraine's east on Thursday accused a former official of trying to unseat him as a showdown between the two entered its third day.

Breaking almost a week of silence, Igor Plotnitsky, leader of the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, claimed that former interior minister Igor Kornet "tried to seize power by force."

"It seems that a small man harbored big ambitions," Plotnitsky said on the separatist television station, adding that he intends to "resolve the conflict with the help of the law."

More than 10,000 people have been killed and a million displaced in a

long-simmering conflict between separatists in Luhansk and in parts of the neighboring Donetsk region since 2014. Parts of the two regions have been under separatist control since spring 2014, and the area has been plagued with infighting between various armed groups and warlords.

Several high-profile commanders have been killed in the region in suspicious circumstances in what was widely viewed as power struggle. While the unruly commanders were dying in car bombings, the leadership of the rebel-controlled parts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions came to be dominated by bureaucrats with ties to ousted

pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich.

The showdown between Plotnitsky and Kornet began on Tuesday with dozens of armed people loyal to Kornet surrounding the main administrative buildings in the regional capital, Luhansk. A convoy of armed vehicles entered the city in the middle of the night in a show of support for Kornet.

In a video released on Thursday the ousted interior minister lashed out at Plotnitsky, suggesting that "the republic's leadership" is under the influence of Ukrainian spies. Kornet also acknowledged that he is receiving military support from the neighboring separatist Donetsk People's Republic.

neglect. The United Nations estimates 300,000 people have died in the conflict and some 2.7 million have fled their homes.

Al-Bashir, who rose to power in 1989, is on the International Criminal Court's wanted list for committing crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide in Sudan's Darfur region. ICC prosecutors issued two warrants for al-Bashir's arrest, in 2009 and 2010.

Asked about it, Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov refrained from comment, saying that Russia sees him as "the legitimate president."

The Sudanese leader told Putin that his country could help Russia develop

contacts with other African nations. "Sudan could become a key to Africa for Russia," he said in remarks released by the Kremlin.

Al-Bashir said that he had a "very good" meeting with Russian Defense Ministry Sergei Shoigu earlier Thursday to discuss modernization of the Sudanese military. "We agreed with the defense minister that Russia will offer assistance to that," he added.

Al-Bashir noted that Sudan is concerned about the situation in the Red Sea and sees the U.S. as a problem there, adding that "we would like to discuss the issue from the point of view of the use of bases in the Red Sea."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Ethiopia says dam is 'a matter of life and death'

Ethiopia (AP) — Ethiopia says the construction of its massive Grand Renaissance Dam is a "matter of life or death" for its people, too.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' remarks on Thursday came after Egypt's president called water "a matter of life or death" for his country.

Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan recently failed to approve a study on the dam's potential effects.

The dam will be Africa's biggest hydroelectric power plant. Egypt has long said the dam will cut its supply of Nile water and lead to shortages.

Afghan official: Suicide attack kills 8 people

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan official says a suicide attack has killed eight people and wounded 17 in the country's eastern Nangarhar province.

Attaullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor, says the suicide bomber targeted a local police commander who was recently dismissed from his job.

Thursday's attack took place in the provincial capital, Jalalabad. The officer, who was identified only as Akram escaped unharmed but two of his children were among those killed. The use of a single name is common among Afghan men.

Rome gives taxi drivers courses to learn manners and English

ROME (AP) — Rome has started classes for hundreds of its taxi drivers to learn good manners and English.

The city said Thursday 750 drivers are slated to take eight classes of "practical" English, lessons about "cultural manners" as well as instructions on how to make visitors feel welcome in Italy's capital.

In a country that greatly lives off tourism, Italians' command of English and other foreign languages is often shaky in the sector.

Earlier this week, tourists had a hard time finding any Rome cabbie, well-mannered or not. The city's cab drivers had joined a nationwide, day-long taxi strike to protest competition from Uber-style drivers as well as private entrepreneurs who have taken to buying sleek, black vans, getting local driver-for-hire licenses and driving groups of tourists around town.

Dubai executes man convicted of killing child

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Dubai has executed a 50-year-old Jordanian man convicted of kidnapping, raping and killing an 8-year-old boy.

Abdullah kidnapped 8-year-old Obaida Ibrahim Sidgi Abdul Hadi from a workshop in the neighboring emirate of Sharjah in May 2016.

Death sentences in the United Arab Emirates, a federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula, are carried out by firing squad.

UN chief nuke inspector: Iran complying with nuclear deal

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The head of the U.N. agency monitoring

Iran's nuclear deal with the U.S. and five other nations says Tehran is living up to its end of the agreement — comments that indirectly oppose President Donald Trump's view.

The U.S. president refused last month to certify Iran's compliance, saying the benefits Tehran is getting from the deal are not proportional to its concessions.

Iran limited its nuclear program in exchange for an end to nuclear-related sanctions, but legislation now is pending before Congress that would attach additional conditions for existing U.S. sanctions relief — a move Tehran says would violate the pact.

Twitter verboten? German parliament edict irks lawmakers

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's new parliamentary speaker is meeting resistance to his suggestion that lawmakers refrain from tweeting or snapping photos during sessions.

Wolfgang Schaeuble, who served as Germany's Finance Minister until being elected parliamentary speaker last month, told lawmakers in a memo that the use of devices "to photograph, tweet or distribute information about the session" is "inappropriate and thus undesired."

Christian Social Union politician Dorothee Baer told Germany's Funke media group Thursday that while she is critical of some use of smartphones, "social media, when used properly, is the digital counterpart to the glass dome of our parliament building as a symbol and means of transparency."

Police say 8 Ugandan media workers face treason charges

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Ugandan police are holding eight media workers on treason and other charges for a report saying Uganda is planning to overthrow the president of neighboring Rwanda.

Police spokesman Emilian Kayima says the employees of local tabloid The Red Pepper are in detention pending confirmation of charges by the prosecutor. The suspects include five managers and three editors.

Kayima says the charges relate to a story on Nov. 20 saying Uganda is planning to overthrow Rwandan President Paul Kagame.

UN urges Iraq to probe troop violations

BAGHDAD (AP) — A top U.N. official has called on the Iraqi government to speed up investigations into allegations of human rights violations committed by security forces during the fight against the Islamic State group and to make the results of those probes public.

Agnes Callamard, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extra-Judicial Summary or Arbitrary Executions, said on Thursday that the government should "respond effectively and impartially to allegations of violations in order to build and strengthen confidence."

The U.S.-backed Iraqi forces' fight against the Sunni militant group

has been mired in violations committed by government forces and paramilitaries that international human rights groups have decried as war crimes, ranging from extrajudicial killings of IS suspects to forced displacement and detention to civilians.

Court case exposes rift in Aldi family

BERLIN (AP) — A court deferred ruling Thursday in a case that has exposed a rift within Germany's secretive Albrecht family, owners of the discount supermarket chain Aldi.

The dispute centers on the control over Aldi Nord, which operates in northern Germany and at least eight other European countries.

The widow of late patriarch Berthold Albrecht is contesting changes her husband made before his death in 2012 to the statutes of a family foundation that owns 19.5 percent of Aldi Nord.

A lower court sided with Babette Albrecht and her children, who are pitted against Berthold's brother, Theo Jr., and mother Caecilie Albrecht.

Germany's Manager Magazin recently estimated the Aldi Nord branch of the family's wealth at about \$21 billion.

Mugabe won't be prosecuted in Zimbabwe, ruling party says

HARARE, Zimbabwe (TNS) — Former President Robert Mugabe won't face prosecution and is free to remain in the Zimbabwe after his resignation on Tuesday after 37 years in power.

Simon Khaya Moyo, a spokesman for the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front, said: "We don't have anything against him or his family. He's the hero of our liberation."

Emmerson Mnangagwa was due to be sworn in on Friday to replace Mugabe, who had ruled since the country won its independence in 1980. Moyo said he didn't think any members of the opposition would be included in the new administration.

Myanmar says it will take back Rohingya refugees

DHAKA, Bangladesh (TNS) — Myanmar has agreed to take back hundreds and thousands of Muslim Rohingya refugees who fled to neighboring Bangladesh, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka said.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali and Myanmar's Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe signed the agreement in Myanmar Thursday, the day after U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson condemned Myanmar's treatment of the Rohingya as "ethnic cleansing."

Under the agreement, the refugees' return is expected to start within two months. A joint working group will be established in the next three weeks to oversee the repatriation, the Bangladesh ministry said in a statement. The crisis was sparked in August when militants from the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army attacked 25 police and army posts, killing a dozen security officials in Rakhine state and prompting retaliation by Myanmar's army.

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closed and several retailers including Gymboree and Toys R Us filed for bankruptcy protection. Greg Foran, CEO of Walmart's U.S. division, said that the retail giant's holiday shopping season appeared to be off to a good start. It got things going in the first minutes of Thursday with an online sales event that featured a range of deals from toys to TVs to slow cookers and Google Home mini gadgets.

"We are in good shape," Foran told The Associated Press. "We have a bit of momentum and we had a good kickoff online, and with a bit of luck we are going to have a good 24 hours and be ship shape for the weekend, and go from here to the 25th of December."

Target CEO Brian Cornell recently noted that that up to \$60 billion in consumer spending will be up for the taking in the next few years, and said the chain has been

picking up market share in such areas as clothing. The Thanksgiving weekend, when stores go all-out to attract shoppers, can be an indication of how well they'll do through the season. About 69 percent of Americans, or 164 million people, intend to shop at some point during the five-day period from Thanksgiving to Cyber Monday, according to a survey released by the National Retail Federation. It expects Black Friday to remain the busiest day, with about 115 million people planning to shop then.

Stores like Macy's, Target and Kohl's are set to open Thursday evening as they try to woo early shoppers. Walmart starts deals in its stores at 6 p.m. J.C. Penney opened its doors at 2 p.m., an hour earlier than last year and at least three hours ahead of its department store rivals.

Judy St. Antoine, 60, of St. Petersburg, Florida, said she arrived at the JC Penney in her city about 10 minutes before the store's 2 p.m. opening. There were already two

lines of a couple hundred people each, waiting to get inside. Mary Bergeron, 62, of Tampa, bought an oil-less fryer, a waffle maker and a steamer at JC Penney, and was headed back for more.

"It's a tradition. We come here every year," she said, adding that she'd eaten turkey at noon. "It's crazy, there are so many people and it gets tense. It's fun."

Some retailers are using the weekend to test new product areas before committing to them year-round: Penney has TVs and consumer electronics like game consoles as doorbusters for Thanksgiving and Black Friday only. Penney has also added year-round toy shops and increased its selection of work pants as an apparent move to grab market share from Sears, after last year going back to selling major appliances.

Penney's Senior Vice President James Starke called these moves "market share plays."

Both Walmart and Target have been



AP PHOTO

In this Nov. 23, 2016, file photo, Denver Walmart Supercenter employee Aaron Sanford stocks toys on shelves in preparation for the Thanksgiving night rush that kicks off Black Friday weekend. Retailers are kicking off the holiday shopping season with an eye toward wooing shoppers away from rivals.

expanding their exclusive toys offerings. Walmart is throwing parties in its stores including ones where kids can play with new toys. Best Buy created its first toy booklet for the holidays. And in its Black Friday ad, the chain features Barbies among smart TVs and other electronics.

Chris Baldwin, CEO of BJ's Wholesale Club, says it is offering more toys and clothes. In clothing,

it's offering key national brands in areas like casual athletic wear amid rampant store closures. And he says clothing sales are up by at least 10 percent as people don't go to the mall as much.

"There's no question that consumer spending has started to tick up and confidence is a little bit better, which is terrific, but we are also seeing some benefit from other retailers," he said.

Anti-Trump protesters briefly block NY parade route

By **LAURA DIMON and GRAHAM RAMAN**
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK — Four people protesting President Donald Trump's immigration policies staged a sit-down protest and briefly blocked the Thanksgiving Day Parade route before cops removed them Thursday.

The protesters were young people who came into the country undocumented, but were allowed to stay, according to the Seed Project.

Trump ordered the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in September. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in October said the program would end in March.

Congress is now considering the measure and debating whether it should be included in a pending budget bill.

The protesters, dressed in red T-shirts, sat down in the middle of the street on Central Park West at 70th St. and were soon ushered off by police. They were not arrested, spokesman Roberto Juarez said.

Barbara Hernandez, 25, an early childhood teacher, came from California to participate.

"It was scary at the beginning. I was scared of being arrested, I was scared of losing my job," Hernandez said. "But once there, I felt empowered, having them with me, and knowing it wasn't just for me - it was for everyone, not just the Dreamers, but all 11 million."

Hector Martinez, 26, a Ditmas Park yoga teacher, said the aim was to draw attention to the young and hopeful immigrants.

"What we're trying to remind people is that they're the ones who shape a democracy, and it's their voices that shape what the future is."

"Today was successful in that we were able to remind the immigrant community that they don't have to live in fear. When you work together, you can change the way things are."

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McMillian, a 45-year-old schoolteacher, booked a hotel months ago, but he started to have some concerns about security when a truck attack on a bike path near the World Trade Center killed eight people on Halloween.

"With the event being out in the open like this, we were concerned," he said. "But we knew security would be ramped up today, and we have full confidence in the NYPD."

Authorities say there is no confirmation of a credible threat to the parade, but they were taking no chances after both the truck attack and the October shooting that killed 58 people at a Las Vegas country music festival.

New York Police Department officers with assault weapons and portable radiation detectors were circulating among the crowds, sharpshooters were on rooftops and sand-filled city sanitation trucks were poised as imposing barriers to traffic at every cross street. Officers also were escorting each of the giant balloons.

The mayor and police brass have repeatedly



AP PHOTO

The Olaf balloon glides over Central Park West during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, on Thursday.

stressed that visitors shouldn't be deterred. And Bekki Grinnell certainly wasn't.

"When your kid from Alaska is marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, you come," said Grinnell, whose daughter was marching with the band from Colony High School in Palmer, Alaska. Grinnell said she wasn't worried about security because of the police presence: "I think we're in

a safe spot."

Other parade-goers also showed their appreciation for police: The NYPD marching band and a group of mounted officers got some of the biggest cheers from spectators lined up as many as 15 deep along barricades. Among other crowd favorites: as did the SpongeBob SquarePants balloon.

The 91st annual parade featured new balloons including Olaf from the

Disney movie "Frozen" and Chase from the TV cartoon "Paw Patrol" will be among the new balloons Thursday, along with a new version of the Grinch of Dr. Seuss fame.

Smokey Robinson, The Roots, Flo Rida and Wyclef Jean were among the stars celebrating, along with performances from the casts of Broadway's "Anastasia," "Dear Evan Hansen" and "SpongeBob SquarePants." The lineup included a dozen marching bands, as well as the high-kicking Radio City Music Hall Rockettes — and, of course, Santa Claus.

"This is my favorite thing ever," musician Questlove told The Associated Press as he got ready to ride the Gibson Guitars float with his bandmates in The Roots and late-night host Jimmy Fallon of "The Tonight Show," where The Roots are the house band. Questlove said being in the parade is "probably my favorite perk" of the job.

"To go from being a spectator to being up here, it's kinda cool," he said.

Added singer-songwriter Andy Grammer as he got on the Homewood Suites float: "It's kind of like being at the center of Thanksgiving."

TRUMP

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women on duty for the holidays.

During his remarks, Trump, singled out the service for its hurricane relief efforts during Harvey and the other storms that battered the country earlier this year.

"There's no brand that went up more than the Coast Guard," Trump told them "What a job you've done."

Trump praised the superiority of U.S. military equipment, too, yet said he tries to make sure that equipment the U.S. sells abroad — even to allies — is not quite as good as that kept at home.

"I always say, make ours a little bit better," Trump said. "Keep about 10 percent in the bag." He added: "You never know about an ally. An ally can turn."

Among the equipment admired by Trump is the F-35 stealth fighter jet, which he recalled asking "Air Force guys" about



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump, with first lady Melania Trump, speaks to members of the U.S. Coast Guard, at the Lake Worth Inlet Station, on Thanksgiving in Riviera Beach, Florida.

once.

"In a fight, you know a fight like I watch on the movies ... how good is it?" he recalled asking. "They said, 'Well, it wins every time because the enemy cannot see it, even if it's right next to it,'" Trump recounted, prompting laughs.

The F-35, plagued by development problems and cost overruns, is in fact not invisible to

people nearby. Its stealth technology is designed to evade detection by radar and other sensors.

At the earlier video conference, Trump cleared the room of press after about 10 minutes so he could have "very confidential, personal conversations" with those on the line. Borrowing a line from his "Apprentice" days, he told the reporters "You're

fired," then wished them a happy Thanksgiving, too.

On the Trumps' own Thanksgiving menu for family and friends at Mar-a-Lago: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, red snapper, Florida stone crab, baked goods, local produce and cheeses, and a selection of cakes and pies for dessert.

ALMANAC

Today is **Friday, Nov. 24**, the 328th day of 2017. There are 37 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Nov. 24, 1917**, nine members of the Milwaukee police department and two civilians were killed when a bomb exploded inside a police station. (The suspicious-looking package was brought to the station by a local resident after it was discovered outside a church; anarchists were suspected, but the culprits were never caught.)

On this date

In **1859**, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.

In **1944**, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.

In **1947**, a group of writers, producers and directors that became known as the "Hollywood Ten" was cited for contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about alleged Communist influence in the movie industry. John Steinbeck's novel "The Pearl" was first published.

In **1963**, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.

In **1969**, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In **1971**, a hijacker calling himself "Dan Cooper" (but who became popularly known as "D.B. Cooper") parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over the Pacific Northwest after receiving \$200,000 dollars in ransom; his fate remains unknown.

Today's birthdays

Basketball Hall of Famer **Oscar Robertson** is 79. Country singer **Johnny Carver** is 77. Rock drummer **Pete Best** is 76. Actor-comedian **Billy Connolly** is 75. Singer **Lee Michaels** is 72. Actor **Dwight Schultz** is 70. Actor **Stanley Livingston** is 67. Rock musician **Clem Burke** is 63. Actor/director **Ruben Santiago-Hudson** is 61. Actress **Denise Crosby** is 60. Actress **Shae D'Lyn** is 55. Rock musician **John Squire** is 55. Actor **Conleth Hill** is 53. Actor-comedian **Brad Sherwood** is 53. Rock musician **Chad Taylor** (Live) is 47. Actress **Danielle Nicolet** is 44. Olympic bronze medal figure skater **Chen Lu** is 41. Actor **Colin Hanks** is 40. Actress **Katherine Heigl** is 39.

ODD NEWS

Las Vegas pot dispensaries offer Black Friday deals

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Big-box stores won't be the only ones offering discounts to shoppers in Las Vegas this Black Friday. Marijuana dispensaries are rolling out deals, too.

More than 40 dispensaries in the Sin City area will offer discounts on marijuana flower products, edibles such as chocolates, and concentrates, the Las Vegas Sun reported Wednesday. This will be the first Black Friday since legal sales of recreational marijuana began in Nevada.

"It's a great stocking-stuffer, and now you can treat it like alcohol in that regard," said state Sen. Tick Segerblom, who helped legalize recreational pot in the state.

Some dispensaries will offer an eighth of an ounce of select flower products for \$35, down from \$53. One dispensary will gift shoppers a 10-pack of fruit chew edibles with any purchase, while another one will have a buy-one-get-one-free special on edibles.

Those 21 and older with a valid ID can buy up to an ounce of pot. People can only use the drug in a private home as it remains illegal to consume it in public, including the Las Vegas Strip, hotels and casinos.

STATE

Report: Companies claim Irma fundraising was a scam

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — A man who claimed to be a member of a wealthy Puerto Rican family that owns a rum distillery rented warehouses for hurricane Irma donations and chartered five airplanes to take them to the island.

No one suspected that the apparent Good Samaritan was a fugitive with a long criminal record, authorities said.

The Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald report the man used a fake name, has a history of fraud convictions and now is accused of duping donors.

Emilio Ismael Vazquez now stands accused of a nearly \$500,000 fraud by two Doral companies — Commercial Property Group, which leased the warehouses to him, and Global Aviation Link, the cargo operator. They claim the 47-year-old paid them with fake checks and fraudulent wire transfers.

Vazquez managed to board a private airplane at Miami International Airport and fly to Aguadilla, in northeastern Puerto Rico, to distribute the donations. He traveled with members of the Florida Puerto Rico Relief Committee, including singer Olga Tañón and Telemundo host María Celeste Arrarás.

He has an outstanding arrest warrant issued in Orange County, Florida in 2016, for violating the conditions of his probation after a 15-year

sentence for fraud.

The story of the hurricane-donation fraud was first reported by Univisión 23.

Several of the alleged Miami victims in the hurricane-donations case interviewed by el Nuevo Herald requested anonymity because they have been contacted by federal authorities who are investigating.

Meanwhile, tons of food and medicine from South Florida and the Orlando area are stranded and spoiling at the Aguadilla airport, Univisión 23 reported. Other donations languish in Doral warehouses.

“Nobody knew they were dealing with such a character. I don’t know what this guy was thinking, but Robin Hood doesn’t exist anymore,” said Rodrigo Narváez, manager of the airline 21 Cargo, owed more than \$400,000 by Global Aviation for the flights. “We feel very badly for Global, but we paid for the pilots, airplanes and landing rights, so we have to be paid.”

El Nuevo Herald tried but failed to contact Vázquez by phone and email. A reporter went Tuesday to an apartment building in Midtown Miami where he had told a lawyer he lived. A receptionist called a man listed as a resident under the name Emilio Perez, who claimed to be out of town. Florida arrest records show Vázquez has used the alias Emilio Perez.

Vázquez’s victims

and the volunteers now wonder why he did it. There’s no sign he stole money, because the group did not accept cash donations, or that he diverted any of the goods donated.

Vázquez got involved in the Puerto Rico relief efforts on Sept. 22, shortly after Hurricane Maria walloped the island. That day he called the Isla del Encanto restaurants in Kendall, which was collecting donations, with an offer almost as incredible as the \$2 million he allegedly offered on television to Ellen DeGeneres.

DeGeneres announced the donation on national television. A man named Emilio had given \$2 million for Puerto Rican victims of two hurricanes during the We Are One Voice — Somos Live! benefit concert.

“We were in the middle of the collections when a man called offering an airplane to deliver the help,” said restaurant owner Rafael Acosta. “I passed the phone to a volunteer ... to take down the information.”

Filled with hope, the volunteers quickly established the Puerto Rico Relief Committee. In less than a week, Vázquez signed a one-year lease for the Doral warehouses. He and two committee members then went to Global Aviation to contract its services.

They scheduled the flights for the Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 6-9. Vázquez paid with checks on Friday Oct. 6 and two



AP FILE PHOTO

Irma Torres Rodriguez observes the surroundings of her home a day after the impact of Hurricane Maria, in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico, on September 21.

flights took off over the weekend.

Vázquez and some of the volunteers flew to Aguadilla Sunday, Oct. 8, to distribute the donations. Monday was a bank holiday. By Wednesday, when the banks notified the companies that the checks were fraudulent, it was too late.

“Global Aviation called to tell me to stop the flights, that they had been defrauded,” said 21 Cargo’s Narváez. “But the last airplane was already in the air.”

“Unfortunately, we were victims of a fraud scheme by individuals who wanted to benefit from this natural disaster,” the statement added. “We are now working with authorities and the people involved to determine who is the legal owner

of the cargo. We hope that the shipment of the humanitarian assistance reaches those who need it as soon as possible.”

Telemundo’s María Celeste Arrarás — who traveled on a private plane with Vazquez — said that while the situation was “regrettable,” she took comfort knowing the donations that she and the volunteers delivered in Aguadilla “were distributed to civic organizations that handed them out to the victims.”

When the victims confronted Vázquez with evidence of the fraud, he told them to talk to his lawyer, Anthony Accetta. But the Coral Gables attorney said he never signed an agreement to represent Vázquez.

“He tried to hire me, but I told him we had

discovered his true name and criminal history. He even told me that was his twin brother, who is the black sheep of the family,” said Accetta, a former prosecutor. “The man sat in my office and all he did was lie, lie, lie.”

In one of his last text messages, Vázquez told his alleged victims and several volunteers that he was taking an emergency flight to London because his daughter had died in an accident. They haven’t heard from him since.

According to a violation of probation affidavit from Orange County Department of Corrections, Vázquez’s sister, Vivian Vázquez, told authorities last year that her brother does not have any daughters.

“He uses this story as a ruse,” the affidavit said.

Florida panel eyes vaping restrictions and patient rights

By CHRISTINE SEXTON
THE NEWS SERVICE
OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Vaping could be banned in workplaces, and nursing-home and assisted-living facility residents could be guaranteed certain rights — including the ability to sue without limitations — as part of a series of health-care related proposals being considered by a Florida panel that has the power to place proposed constitutional amendments on the 2018 ballot.

Former state Sen. Lisa Carlton, the sponsor of the measure on vaping, said her goal is to amend the Florida Constitution to make clear that the state’s existing ban on smoking in workplaces also incorporates vaping, such as the use of electronic cigarettes.

“The goal is, if you cannot smoke there, you cannot vape there,” Carlton said, noting that electronic cigarettes weren’t available when the original ban was passed by Florida voters in 2002.

After e-cigarettes started to become available, she expected the Legislature to tackle the issue, but it didn’t.

In retrospect, Carlton said she thinks it’s better the Legislature didn’t address the issue because voters could get the opportunity to put a vaping ban in the Constitution. More than 70 percent of voters approved the original workplace smoking ban in 2002.

“It’s the perfect opportunity because it should be alongside smoking,” she said, adding, “I feel like this (vaping) has put a cloud over our clean

air, and it’s time for us to recognize it and update it.”

Carlton’s proposal would amend a section of the Constitution currently titled “Workplaces without Tobacco Smoke” to read “Workplaces without Tobacco Smoke or Vapor.”

Carlton is part of the 37-member Florida Constitution Revision Commission which meets every 20 years to evaluate possible changes to the Constitution. The panel can put issues before voters without having to gather petition signatures or get proposals approved by the Legislature.

Commission members proposed 103 amendments, and the panel is expected to whittle that number in the coming months. The commission’s General Provisions Committee could take up Carlton’s proposal Tuesday.

In all, the commission is expected to consider seven health-care related proposals, including a controversial proposal about nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Commissioner Brecht Heuchan has offered a proposal that would establish a “bill of rights” for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Heuchan’s proposal, in part, would require nursing homes to carry liability insurance — which is not a requirement today — and includes a right of access to courts and legal remedies, “without limitations,” in cases involving issues such as abuse, negligence or exploitation.

Emmett Reed, executive director of the Florida Health Care Association, the state’s largest nursing-home group, issued

a scathing news release attacking Heuchan for the proposed amendment. Reed accused Heuchan, who is a lobbyist for the Florida Justice Association trial-lawyers group, of ignoring “his broader obligations in order to serve the narrow interest of his clients.”

Reed called the state Constitution the “core document” that sets out the structure of Florida’s government and said that “some things simply do not belong in the Florida Constitution.” He also said that the proposal would “add nothing to the quality of life for our state’s frailest elders, nor would it solve the real issues of keeping nursing home residents safe during disasters. It would only serve the interests of greedy trial attorneys who continually attempt to

cash in by suing nursing homes.”

But Heuchan fired back at the nursing home organization. In a letter he sent to The News Service of Florida, Heuchan said the Constitution is “a place where rights of the individual are protected, especially when it comes to the rights of the vulnerable.”

“I cannot count the number of times I have been told one issue or another does not belong in the Constitution,” he wrote in the letter, adding that when the argument comes from special-interest groups, it’s “code” for something else.

“What they really mean,” the letter said, is “they think they have other forums wired in their favor, (or) ... they know if voters have a chance to consider the proposal, it would pass.”

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Report: more guns being detected at Tampa Bay area airports

TAMPA (AP) — The federal Transportation Security Administration has found more guns so far this year than during all of last year at airports nationwide, and Tampa International Airport leads the state.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that in Florida, the number of guns found by airport security has risen from 411 last year to 440 this year.

Firearms are allowed only if unloaded, secured in a locked hard-sided container as checked baggage and declared to the airline at the ticket counter. They are banned in carry-on bags.

Authorities say most people found with guns at an airport have licenses for the weapons but forgot they had them in their bag.

In Tampa, authorities have found 86 guns through Monday, compared to 79 for all of 2016 and 49 for 2015.

Apartment building evacuated after deep fryer mishap

MIAMI (AP) — A deep-fried turkey led to a chaotic Thanksgiving morning for one Florida apartment building, and the incident sent four people to the hospital.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Spokeswoman Erika Benitez says one of the families in

the building started deep-frying a turkey on Wednesday night inside the South Florida apartment and woke up feeling ill on Thursday.

Fire rescue workers evacuated the building after they detected high levels of carbon monoxide.

The Miami Herald reports four people were hospitalized with carbon monoxide poisoning and three others were treated at the apartment. Rescue workers gave the all clear by 10 a.m. Thursday.

Loose pigs wander near interstate following crash

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Florida drivers are being warned to watch out for the possibility of escaped

pigs on a busy interstate following a crash between two trucks that let the livestock loose.

The Times-Union of Jacksonville reports that two semi-tractor trailer trucks were traveling south on I-95 in northeast Florida just before 4 a.m. when they collided.

The Highway Patrol said one of the trucks carrying the pigs veered off the right side of the highway and overturned, spilling the livestock out onto the right shoulder. The second truck continued down the side of the highway and also partially rolled over.

No one was injured and all lanes are open after efforts to corral the pigs.

But troopers warn that some of pigs may

be wandering loose and drivers should be vigilant.

40th giraffe born at the Jacksonville Zoo

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A pair of giraffes at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has a new member of the family: a newborn baby calf, all 6 feet 4 inches and 191 pounds of him.

The Times-Union reports the male calf, which has not yet been named, was born early Sunday morning.

Zookeepers arrived that day to find the baby standing and nursing. It joined the herd of other giraffes.

The calf is the same height at birth as his

brother Newton, born in June 2016.

After a few days in the side yard of the giraffe exhibit, the calf and mother Naomi joined the rest of the nine-member herd on public exhibit Wednesday afternoon.

The calf is the 40th giraffe born at the zoo.



PHOTO PROVIDED

New baby giraffe at the Jacksonville Zoo

WEATHER

TODAY / TONIGHT SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THE NATION

Weather forecast grid for the week of Nov 24-30, including high/low temperatures and chance of rain for each day. Includes a small map of the United States with weather systems.

Map of Florida showing temperatures across various cities such as Tampa, Orlando, Miami, and Jacksonville. Includes a 'GULF WATER TEMPERATURE' section showing 71°.

FLORIDA CITIES

Table of Florida cities with columns for Today and Saturday high/low temperatures. Cities listed include Apalachicola, Bradenton, Clearwater, and many others.

TIDES

Table showing high and low tide times for locations like Punta Gorda, Englewood, Boca Grande, and El Jobean.

MARINE

Table with columns for Wind, Speed, Seas, Bay/Inland direction, and Chop, providing marine conditions for Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs.

SUN AND MOON

Table showing the times for the sun and moon to rise and set for the current day and the following day.

SOLUNAR TABLE

Table detailing minor and major solunar periods with their corresponding times for the day.

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 24, 1989, heavy lake-effect snow caused a 60-car accident on I-81 north of Rome, N.Y.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the average annual precipitation at the south pole?

PORT CHARLOTTE

Weather details for Port Charlotte, including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall data.

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Table comparing monthly rainfall for 2017 and 2016 against historical averages.

VENICE

Weather details for Venice, including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall data.

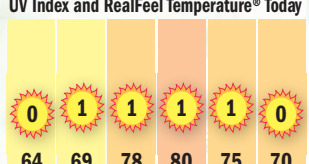
SEBRING

Weather details for Sebring, including temperatures, precipitation, and monthly rainfall data.

AIRPORT

Table showing possible weather-related delays at Ft. Myers, Punta Gorda, and Sarasota airports.

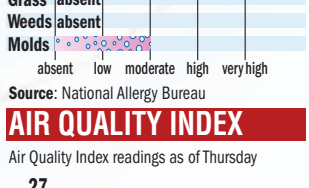
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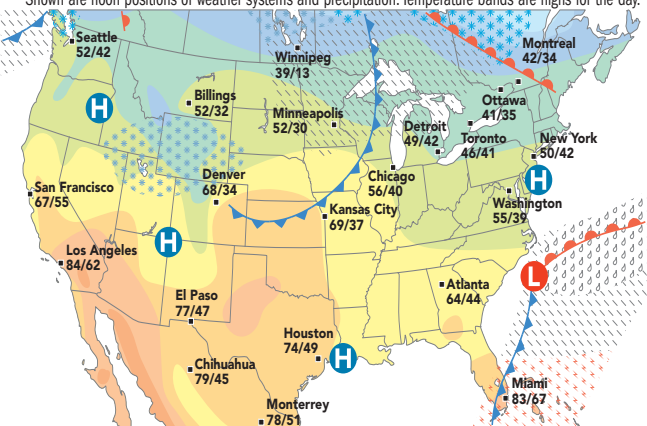
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THE NATION



U.S. EXTREMES

Table showing extreme high and low temperatures across the 48 contiguous states.

Large table comparing weather conditions (Today and Sat) for various cities across the United States, including Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, and many others.

WORLD CITIES

Table comparing weather conditions for major world cities like Amsterdam, Baghdad, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, and more.

Sound heard in Argentine sub search was likely 'explosion'

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — An apparent explosion occurred near the time and place an Argentine submarine went missing...

The U.S. Navy and an international nuclear test-ban monitoring organization said a "hydro-acoustic anomaly" was produced just hours after the navy lost contact with the sub on Nov. 15.

tears and hugged each other after they received the news. A few lashed out in anger at the navy's response. "They sent a piece of crap to sail," said Itati Leguizamon...

replaced. Experts say that refits can be difficult because they involve integrating systems produced by different manufacturers and even the smallest mistake during the cutting phase of the operation...



Argentine Navy officials embrace Thursday inside the Mar de Plata Naval Base after Argentina's Navy announced that a sound detected during the search for the missing ARA San Juan submarine is consistent with that of an explosion.

As 'Fat Leonard' scandal grinds on, another Navy fraud case is under the radar

By GREG MORAN SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE SAN DIEGO — More than four years ago in a San Diego hotel, federal investigators arrested Leonard Glenn "Fat Leonard" Francis in what was the opening step in a fraud and bribery scandal...



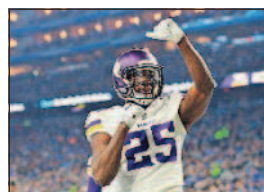
This publicity photo from 2010 shows Inchcape's new crew and workboat, INCHCAPE 23.

Shipping Services, alleges the company defrauded the government of tens of millions of dollars between 2005 and 2014. The former employees said they discovered a wide-ranging fraud scheme and brought it to the attention of senior executives...

court. In a statement, the company said the lawsuit had nothing in common with the notorious Fat Leonard cases — other than both companies are involved in ship servicing work. But for government watchdogs, the similarities between the two are troubling...

Fat Leonard scandal. Still, there are some similarities. Both involve allegations of long-running, systematic fraud and overbilling of the Navy by both Inchcape and Glenn Defense Marine Asia.

lavish parties Francis was famous for throwing. But the Inchcape suit does say an internal company audit in 2008 turned up \$234,000 in "entertainment and promotional expenses that could constitute improper monetary arrangements with Navy officials."



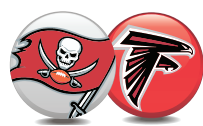
THANKSGIVING ACTION

The Minnesota Vikings and Los Angeles Chargers each won their Thanksgiving contests on the road. **Page 2**

BUCS NOTEBOOK

McCoy: Bucs far from turning corner

By GREG AUMAN
Tampa Bay Times



BUCS AT FALCONS

Who: Tampa Bay (4-6) at Atlanta (6-4)
When: 1 p.m., Sunday
Where: Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
TV/radio: FOX/99.3-FM
Odds: Falcons by 9.5, O/U (48.5)

wins is taking a couple steps toward the corner. ... That's how we feel. There is a lot of work to

be done."

McCoy said the defense in the second half was "terrible" Sunday at Miami, letting a 20-7 lead slip away before prevailing late, 30-20. The unit will need to play much better Sunday to stay close with the defending NFC champions.

"(If) we are going to play elite teams and compete (with) the top teams in the league, we can't allow stuff like that to happen," McCoy said. Meanwhile, the

defensive tackle is the only Bucs player ranking in the top 10 in his position in early Pro Bowl fan voting. McCoy, seeking his sixth straight Pro Bowl selection, ranks seventh among defensive tackles and fourth among those in the NFC.

Only two NFL teams have fewer players ranking in the top 10 at their positions — the Browns and Colts have none. Voting continues through Dec. 14.



TAMPA BAY TIMES FILE PHOTO
Defensive tackle Gerald McCoy (93) says back-to-back wins is far from meaning the Bucs have turned the corner on the remainder of the season.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No looking ahead for Hurricanes

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ten games in, and everything is still on the table for Miami. A perfect season. Its first ACC championship. A spot in the College Football Playoff.

Calling the second-ranked Hurricanes "The U" no longer feels like nostalgia.

Yet for all the progress Miami (10-0, 7-0 ACC) has made in coach Mark Richt's second season, one misstep against Pittsburgh today and suddenly the bling on the "Turnover Chain" — wearing Hurricanes' resume doesn't look quite so shiny. A loss to the Panthers (4-7, 2-5) and the playoff selection committee might have some wiggle room no matter how things go in next week's conference title game showdown with defending national champion Clemson.

No pressure or anything. "We can't overlook what's in front of us, even though we know we have that game coming up against Clemson," safety Jaquan Johnson said. "The whole team, they know that now."

Spotting Virginia a two-touchdown lead last week before rallying for a 44-28 win provided a quick education on the pitfalls of peeking too far down the road. While Pitt will miss a bowl game for the first time in 10 years,

SEE MIAMI, 6

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Central Florida vs. South Florida

'WAR ON I-4'



LEFT: South Florida's Darius Tice (6) heads for the end zone to score on Tulsa during the first half of an NCAA college football game Thursday, Nov. 16, in Tampa. RIGHT: Central Florida's Adrian Killins Jr. (9) in action against Temple during an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 18, in Philadelphia.



AP PHOTOS

Stakes highest ever for UCF-USF clash

Associated Press

ORLANDO — When the No. 13-ranked UCF Knights and No. 22 South Florida Bulls tangle in their annual rivalry game, it's always an emotion-filled grudge match.

This year's showdown also will be the prelude to a potential

championship and another step toward a major bowl bid.

UCF (10-0, 7-0) and USF (9-1, 6-1) play today for the American Athletic Conference's East Division title and a spot in the Dec. 2 AAC Championship Game against Memphis, which already has clinched the West Division.

"I don't have to do anything to get our guys ready to play this one," UCF coach Scott Frost said. "I hope every seat

in the stands is full. If we can get it loud and rocking in there, that gives us an advantage. It's another chance to showcase who we are and what we've become."

The USF-UCF rivalry is part of the "War On I-4" department-wide sports series between the schools, which are separated by 90 miles of Florida's Interstate 4. Last season marked the debut of the football game's War On I-4

Trophy, a 160-pound, 4-foot-3 trophy that includes a detachable pewter replica of an I-4 road sign. USF leads the series 6-2.

Two seasons ago, before Frost was hired, the Knights finished 0-12. Now they are undefeated.

Bulls first-year coach Charlie Strong said that turnaround speaks for itself.

SEE UCF, 6

NHL: Lightning

Bolts rally to avoid first losing streak

By JOE SMITH
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — The Lightning entered Wednesday's game against the Blackhawks determined to avoid its first losing streak of the season.

And it did in dramatic fashion, with Brayden Point's power-play goal in overtime lifting it to a 3-2 victory.

"A big bounce back game for us," Point said.

Tampa Bay (16-3-2) overcame a two-goal first-period deficit, with Chris Kunitz tying the score early in the third period. Andrei Vasilevskiy



AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Lightning left wing Chris Kunitz (14) celebrates his goal against the Chicago Blackhawks with the bench during the third period Wednesday in Tampa.

came up big, his stellar, sprawling left-pad save on Richard Panik six minutes

into the third keeping the score tied. Vasilevskiy then denied Patrick



LIGHTNING AT CAPITALS

Who: Tampa Bay (16-3-2) at Washington (12-10-1)
When: 5 p.m., today
Where: Capital One Arena, Washington, D.C.
TV/radio: Fox-Sun/970-AM
Next: at Pittsburgh, Sat.

Kane's hat-trick attempt on an overtime breakthrough backhand.

SEE LIGHTNING, 6

NBA: Heat

Miami halts Celtics run

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Dion Waiters watched his 3-point try bounce off the rim, ricochet off the top of the backboard, then hit the rim again and somehow drop through the net.

It was a huge shot in the final moments, and a lucky one. That's what it took to end Boston's 16-game winning streak.

Goran Dragic scored 27 points, with a pair of big 3-pointers in the final minutes and the Miami Heat held on to

beat Boston 104-98 on Wednesday night and become the first team to beat the Celtics since Oct. 18.

"You can tell they were locked into this game," Celtics star Kyrie Irving said. "They wanted it and proved it."

Boston trailed by as many as 18, and was down by 14 midway through the fourth quarter. Rallies were a hallmark throughout Boston's winning streak — the Comeback Celtics had overcome 18-point deficits against

SEE HEAT, 6

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

LONDON

Study to look at health risks of playing soccer

A major study into whether soccer players are at risk of degenerative brain disease was commissioned on Thursday amid concerns that the sport's authorities in England haven't done enough to tackle the issue.

The Football Association and Professional Footballers' Association appointed an independent research team, based in Scotland, to undertake a study entitled "Football's Influence on Lifelong Health and Dementia Risk" from January 2018.

Researchers will address the question: "Is the incidence of degenerative neurocognitive disease more common in ex-professional footballers than in the normal population?"

The study should produce initial results within the next two to three years.

The issue regarding a potential threat of long-term brain damage to former players was given a bigger profile this month when former England captain Alan Shearer fronted a BBC documentary, in which he expressed concerns about the effects of heading a ball during his career.

FOOTBALL

Bears place Leonard Floyd on injured reserve

Outside linebacker Leonard Floyd was placed on injured reserve Thursday by the Chicago Bears, ending his season because of a knee injury.

Floyd suffered a right knee injury Sunday in a 27-24 loss at Soldier Field to the Detroit Lions. He was attempting to make a tackle on a running play and collided with teammate Kyle Fuller.

Bears coach John Fox on Thursday said Floyd suffered medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligament damage, but did not tear the anterior cruciate ligament.

Floyd, the ninth overall pick in the 2016 draft, had 4½ sacks this season and had seven as a rookie.

DOPING

Skeleton federation suspends 4 Russians

The two Russians who had their medals from the Sochi Games stripped because of doping have been barred from competing in World Cup races, at least temporarily.

It's the latest sanction against Aleksandr Tretiakov and Elena Nikitina, who had their medals — gold for Tretiakov, bronze for Nikitina — taken away Wednesday after it was determined they were part of Russia's state-sponsored doping program at the 2014 Olympics.

In all, four Russians have been suspended by the IBSF. Along with Tretiakov and Nikitina, Mariia Orlova and Olga Potylitsyna — who have been racing on the lesser-tier Intercontinental Cup Circuit this season — were also banned, just as they were by the IOC. All four are expected to appeal, and the IBSF said they will be entitled to a hearing if that happens.

— Associated Press



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United States' Aly Raisman performs on the balance beam during the artistic gymnastics women's individual all-around final at the 2016 Summer Olympics on Aug. 11, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Six-time Olympic medalist Raisman's gymnastics career has set the stage for what she believes is the next chapter in her life: as a spokesperson for victims of sexual abuse. The 23-year-old detailed her own history of abuse by a former USA Gymnastics team doctor in her recently released autobiography.

Raisman embraces role as 'fierce' advocate for victims

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

The people come forward to Aly Raisman almost daily now. Random strangers. Men and women of various ages, races and backgrounds. They see the six-time Olympic medal-winning gymnast out in public and approach with a hug to give and a story to tell.

It was jarring at first, if Raisman is being honest. When she pitched her autobiography "Fierce" to publishers last summer shortly after the 2016 Olympics, she intended to focus on her journey from tenacious prodigy to champion. And while all of that is in there, the part of her experience that's resonated the most since the book's release earlier this month is the one she wasn't sure she'd be able to share.

It's Chapter 22, titled "The Survivors." In it, Raisman outlines how she was abused by former national team doctor Larry Nassar, how he "groomed" her by presenting himself as a friendly ear and how she feels he was empowered to continue over the course of years by those in charge at USA Gymnastics.

Raisman spent weeks working on the section, revisiting it again and again, trying to get it just right. Or at least as close to right as she can get.

"I put in a ton of thought whether how I wanted to come forward about this," Raisman told The Associated Press. "What I realized at the end of the day is that I want change and I want people to understand what exactly abuse is. It's very complicated. It's very confusing. I didn't know that I was being abused because I was manipulated so horribly."

In the process, Raisman discovered the abuse Nassar committed against other female athletes — including allegations from Olympic teammates McKayla Maroney and Gabby Douglas — is a very small part of a much larger problem that extends far beyond the actions of just one man. It's why she took those painful memories and put them on paper, to share with

the world that, as she says over and over again: "It's not OK. It's never OK."

The 23-year-old's new calling makes thinking about a return to competition in time for the 2020 Olympics seem trivial.

"This is the focus," Raisman said.

A focus that has turned her into an unexpected symbol of strength for others who share their experiences.

"Unfortunately sexual abuse is far too common," Raisman said. "I've realized how many people are affected by it and it's disgusting. That's why I want change."

Raisman has become an increasingly outspoken critic of USA Gymnastics, blaming the governing body for a lack of oversight on Nassar's conduct. The 54-year-old spent nearly 20 years as the team doctor for the U.S. women's elite program, often working with athletes one on one. Raisman declined to get into specifics about the abuse she was subjected to, but her experience falls in line with what many other have claimed against Nassar: that he touched them inappropriately while describing it as proper treatment.

Nassar pleaded guilty to multiple charges of sexual assault in Michigan on Wednesday and will face at least 25 years in prison. He still faces additional criminal charges and has been named in more than 125 civil lawsuits filed by former athletes. Nassar's downfall began following reporting by the Indianapolis Star in 2016 that highlighted chronic mishandling of abuse allegations against coaches and staff at some of USA Gymnastics' more than 3,500 clubs across the country.

Raisman has not taken any legal action against Nassar, though she's not ruling it out. Her larger concern is educating young athletes and their parents on the warning signs while loudly clamoring for change. She has seen a familiar pattern repeat itself over the last 18 months: another gymnast comes out claiming abuse by Nassar, and USA Gymnastics follows with a news release attributed to no

specific individual that praises them for their courage.

One of the most decorated Olympic athletes of her generation doesn't just want words. She wants action.

USA Gymnastics has taken several steps in recent months. President and CEO Steve Penny resigned under pressure in March and was replaced by Kerry Perry, who takes over on Dec. 1.

The organization hired Toby Stark, a child welfare advocate, as its director of SafeSport over the summer. Part of Stark's mandate is educating members on rules, educational programs and reporting.

The federation also adopted over 70 recommendations by Deborah Daniels, a former federal prosecutor who oversaw an extensive independent review. It's not enough for Raisman. She points out Penny wasn't fired but instead forced out. Though Nassar's relationship with USA Gymnastics officially ended in 2015 after an athlete came forward about potential abuse, he was still allowed to continue working at Michigan State University while also volunteering at a USA Gymnastics-affiliated club.

"That is just unacceptable to me," Raisman said. "(That gym) is a part of USA Gymnastics. USA Gymnastics is responsible for kids at that gym. Instead of doing their job, they let Larry keep working there."

Raisman would like to see more extensive change in leadership at USA Gymnastics. She never imagined being an agent for change as she dreamed of the Olympics while growing up in Needham, Massachusetts, but she's embracing the role as she comes to grips with her own victimhood.

Chapter 22 wasn't the end, only the beginning.

"I'm still, as you see, processing it," she said. "I'm still at a loss for words. I'm having so many people come up to me, telling me they had similar experience, that they filed a complaint and it was ignored. I will do everything I can to make sure those people are heard."

Week 13: Rivalry week and high stakes are everywhere

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Wait! Do not throw out the records.

Yes, it is rivalry week in college football and the old saying goes that anything can happen when rivals get together, but let's not go overboard.

Alabama has won seven of nine against Auburn because the Crimson Tide has been the clearly better going into seven of those games. The Tigers two wins came in a game it was favored and in another game when the teams were close. That's the case Saturday, when No. 1 Alabama will be favored by about four against No. 6 Auburn.

Ohio State has dominated Michigan in recent years, winning five straight and 12 of 13 while being the favorite in just about every game. The ninth-ranked Buckeyes go to the Big House as an 11 ½-point favorite against a Michigan team that has not beaten a team with a winning record this season. There is history of notable Michigan upsets — in 1995 and '96 unbeaten Ohio State teams lost to Michigan — but lately the Buckeyes have been better and that's been the difference.

Things to know about Week 13 of the college football season.

Best game

No. 1 Alabama at No. 6 Auburn

Many good choices, but picking the Iron Bowl is still obvious. The winner goes to the Southeastern Conference championship game to face No. 7 Georgia for a spot in the College Football Playoff. The loser? If it's Auburn, the Tigers are definitely done in the playoff race. If it's Alabama, the Tide might have hope — but it's not great.

Defense is likely to rule the day on the Plains Saturday. The Crimson Tide leads the nation in yards per play allowed at 3.90 and the Tigers are fourth at 4.36. They will challenge a couple of sophomore quarterbacks. Jalen Hurts has thrown just one interception for the Tide and has also run for 686 yards and eight scores. Auburn's Jarrett Stidham has completed 67 percent of his passes with 16 touchdown passes and four picks.

Heisman watch

Lamar Jackson, QB, Louisville

Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield won't start, but will play against West Virginia. Maybe that opens the door for another player to close the gap on the Heisman Trophy front-runner. The reigning Heisman Trophy winner has had another brilliant season, statistically even better than last year, but he has not gotten much Heisman love as the Cardinals have stumbled to 7-4.

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Aly Raisman

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Iron Bowl

Hurts, Stidham lead teams into Iron Bowl

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham is effusive about playing in his first Iron Bowl.

Alabama's Jalen Hurts had much less to say when asked whether he likes playing in these kind of big-game environments. "I like winning," he said simply.

The two sophomores have both done just that. They've led their teams into Saturday's game between the sixth-ranked Tigers and No. 1 Crimson Tide with Southeastern Conference and national



AP PHOTO

Alabama quarterback Jalen Hurts (2) drops back to pass against Mississippi State during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Nov. 11, in Starkville, Miss.

title hopes still intact. "It's very exciting," said Stidham, a Baylor

transfer. "Looking back on everything, you know, I think this is exactly why

I came here, to play in a game like this with these kind of implications. This is why you play Division I football.

"Especially at a place like Auburn, in this state. It's against Alabama. I mean, it's a very big deal and I'm really, really looking forward to it."

Their approach to talking about the rivalry game differs, and so do their playing styles. But they've been among the SEC's top quarterbacks and both can deliver the ball downfield when called upon.

If Hurts wasn't particularly chatty with reporters this week, his record says plenty. The reigning SEC

offensive player of the year is 24-1 as a starter, leading Alabama to the national title game as a freshman.

When Alabama faced a strong fourth-quarter challenge, he led two touchdown drives in the final 10 minutes against No. 16 Mississippi State, throwing for a game-winning 26-yard score to DeVonta Smith with 25 seconds left.

Hurts has reversed the dynamic for Iron Bowl defenses. Coach Gus Malzahn was typically the one more likely to have a quarterback who's dangerous running and passing, but now it's Alabama while Stidham is more of a

dropback passer who runs on occasion.

While both offenses rely heavily on strong running games, Hurts is a big part of Alabama's. Malzahn calls him "one of the biggest weapons there is."

"Probably the scariest thing is when things break down he takes off and he's like a running back," Malzahn said.

Hurts has run for 686 yards and passed for 1,828, already accounting for more career rushing touchdowns (21) than any other Tide quarterback. He also makes few big mistakes. Hurts has been intercepted only once in 200 attempts.

UCF

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"That team is very explosive and it's a well-coached team," Strong said. "They play with a lot of energy and a lot of emotion. It's going to be a really big challenge for us. We have to play at our best. That's the only way we can win this game. We have to play our best."

Strong, the former Texas coach hired after last season when Willie Taggart jumped to Oregon, said the Bulls have yet to play a complete game.

But USF's defensive improvement provides confidence against UCF's offense, which leads the nation in scoring at 48.2 points per game. The Bulls

are 21st nationally in total defense, a drastic departure from 2016, when they ranked 120th.

The Bulls will need sturdy defense against UCF quarterback McKenzie Milton, who is eighth nationally in total offense (330.1 yards per game) and running back Adrian Killins, who averages 7.5 yards per carry.

Meanwhile, UCF's defense must cope with USF's consistent running attack, which ranks eighth nationally at 276.9 yards per game. It features running backs Darius Tice and D'Ernest Johnson, along with dual-threat quarterback Quinton Flowers.

Flowers "is most dangerous when things break down," Frost said. "He can make nine guys miss and go 60 (yards). We've

got to keep him contained and that's hard because he can make plays with his arm and his feet."

Frost and Strong agreed that the game's biggest factor probably can't be quantified. The emotion of a rivalry game can cause unexpected twists and turns.

UCF is trying to position itself for the program's fifth conference title. USF has never won a conference title in its 21-season history.

"If there needs to be a motivational speech for any player in this game, then there's something wrong," Bulls center Cameron Ruff said. "We've been looking to this game all year. We had a feeling it was going to come down to this game. It's in our hands. We're the writer of our own story."

Added Knights tight end Michael Colubiale: "This is exactly what we wanted, the conference championship is on the line. We know that emotions are going to be running really high for both teams and it's going to be a really hard-fought game. I don't think we'd have it any other way." Strong's only other meeting against UCF was in 2013, when his Louisville Cardinals lost against the Knights 38-35 in a game that ultimately decided the first AAC title.

MIAMI

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the Panthers are well versed in throwing more than a scare into national title contenders.

A year ago, the Panthers handed Clemson its only loss with a staggering upset as a visitor. A decade ago, Pitt went on the road and shattered unbeaten rival West Virginia's shot at a spot in the Bowl Championship Series with a 13-9 stunner. Heck, a week ago the Panthers came within two yards of beating Virginia Tech on the road.

While there's no bowl game for Pitt's 14 seniors, sending the Hurricanes staggering back home would

serve as a pretty sweet send-off.

"History is a great thing, but we live in the now," senior cornerback Avonte Maddox said. "It's time to create more history."

While Miami tries to avoid ending up on the wrong side of it.

"If we lose this, this could knock us out of even the conversation of playing for the national title," quarterback Malik Rosier said. "Pitt's a good team. They almost beat a very good Virginia Tech team. They're an opponent we can't underestimate. I feel like to a certain degree we were kind of lackadaisical when preparing for Virginia. That can't happen this week."

Miami is looking for

its eighth perfect regular season, and its first since 2002. Miami went 8-0 in 1926, then went six decades before being perfect again.

The other unbeaten, untied regular seasons for Miami came in 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 2001 and 2002. And this already is Miami's first double-digit win season since 2003.

Miami allowed a season-high 439 yards against Virginia last week, including a season-high 384 yards through the air. The Hurricanes talked this week about cleaning that up, obviously, but the run defense won't need much fixing. Miami allowed a season-low 55 yards on the ground last week.

LIGHTNING

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"Of course they're going to get a break-away and of course it's got to be 88 (Kane)," coach Jon Cooper said. "You just kind of turn away and hope you hear the crowd cheer. This one didn't look good early for the Lightning. Its top-ranked power play blew a golden opportunity in the first, squandering a four-minute man advantage (45 seconds a 5-on-3). Ten minutes later, Kane scored his second of the night (on a 5-on-3) to make it 2-0.

Cooper said his team needed to regroup, and it did, playing a much simpler game in the following two periods. "We started to move our feet," Point said.

The Lightning pulled within a goal on a shorthanded tally by Ondrej Palat in the second. It was set

up by a tremendous all-around effort by Victor Hedman.

Chris Kunitz tied the game in the first minute of the third, his line with Cedric Paquette and Ryan Callahan a force all night. Callahan had two assists in one of his better games of the season.

"Some guys really carried our team tonight, Cedy coming back with Kuny and Cally," captain Stamkos said. "I thought Cally was the best player on the ice tonight for both teams, it inspired the rest of this group."

After Vasilevskiy's stunning stop on Kane's breakaway backhand in overtime, the Lightning converted on the power play. Nikita Kucherov, held without a point, made an unreal play on the halfwall, setting up Stamkos, who faked a shot before feeding Point on the back post. "Another tap-in," he said.

HEAT

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Oklahoma City and Charlotte, a 17-point hole against Golden State, a 16-pointer against Atlanta and rallied from 13 down to win in Dallas earlier this week.

They almost did it again.

A 13-0 run got Boston to 91-90 with 3:14 left, and that's when Waiters took over. The next six points were his — first the 3-pointer that bounced three times before falling, then another one from the left corner when the words of Heat coach Erik Spoelstra were echoing in his head.

When Waiters drives and a bigger defender comes his way, he likes to go airborne for a pass or some sort of acrobatic layup. Spoelstra has tried to break him of that habit, and Waiters kept going all the way to the corner with the Celtics' Al Horford forced to cover him. Waiters created space, then let fly with a 3-pointer for a 97-90 lead.

"I knew I had what I wanted," Waiters said.

For a change, so did the Heat. An up-and-down start to the season is on an upswing again, and Spoelstra — who put Miami through two training-camp-type practices Monday and Tuesday after a 25-point home loss Sunday to Indiana — moved on quickly after the win.

"Our identity is to be tough and we haven't shown that consistently enough," Spoelstra said. "Pockets, here and there. It's that kind of effort to get a six-point win. Nothing is guaranteed, but that has to be what we embrace all the time. So, good. How about next game?"

Tyler Johnson scored 16 points for Miami, which shot 49 percent and outrebounded the Celtics 48-37. Irving scored 23 points for Boston. Jayson Tatum added 18, and Jaylen Brown and Marcus Morris each had 14.

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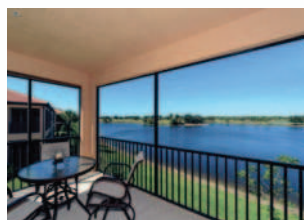
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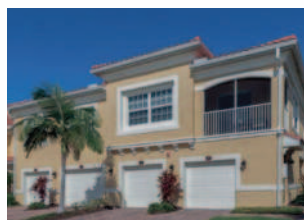
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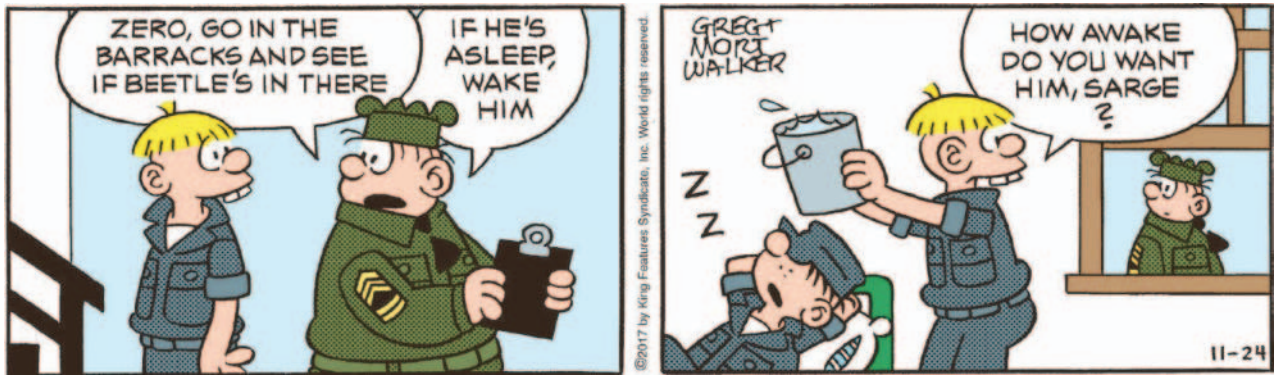
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Heavy period after Provera is a normal response to medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: My cousin is having irregular periods. Her last one was three months ago. She was given Provera for 10 days to help, but after she stopped it, she had a very heavy period. Is that normal? — T.R.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: Provera is a brand of a type of progesterone, a female hormone. This hormone is high in early pregnancy: It promotes retention of the thick lining of the uterus, giving the developing embryo a place to develop, and preventing menstruation, the shedding of the lining of the uterus that normally takes place every month (or so) a woman is not pregnant.

Some women have irregular periods, and this isn't necessarily abnormal. One test that women's health specialists do if concerned about irregular periods (after ruling out pregnancy) is to give a patient 10 mg of medroxyprogesterone (Provera) for 10 days, then stop. When levels of progesterone go down, the body "realizes" it isn't pregnant, and will shed the thick lining of the uterus. That is the normal response. This period may be heavy if the lining had been there for three months.

If there is no period after stopping the Provera, it suggests there may be a blockage in the uterus. It's also possible the lining of the uterus (which requires estrogen) never built up in the first place, so further evaluation would be required.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 55-year-old woman. I have a leg with atrophied muscles due to having meningitis as a child. Consequently, I fall a lot. I fell and broke my wrist recently, and last year I broke my foot. I had a scan done for osteoporosis, and my T-score was -2.5. The doctor suggested I start medication for osteoporosis. I am hesitant to take such medication due to side effects. Does the number warrant taking medication? Is osteoporosis a condition that worsens over time, or will it stay at -2.5, which appears to be not too egregious, without the medication? Are there lifestyle changes that help this condition? — T.C.

ANSWER: The T-score is a statistical measure of how a person's bone density compares with a normal, healthy young person of peak bone mass. Someone

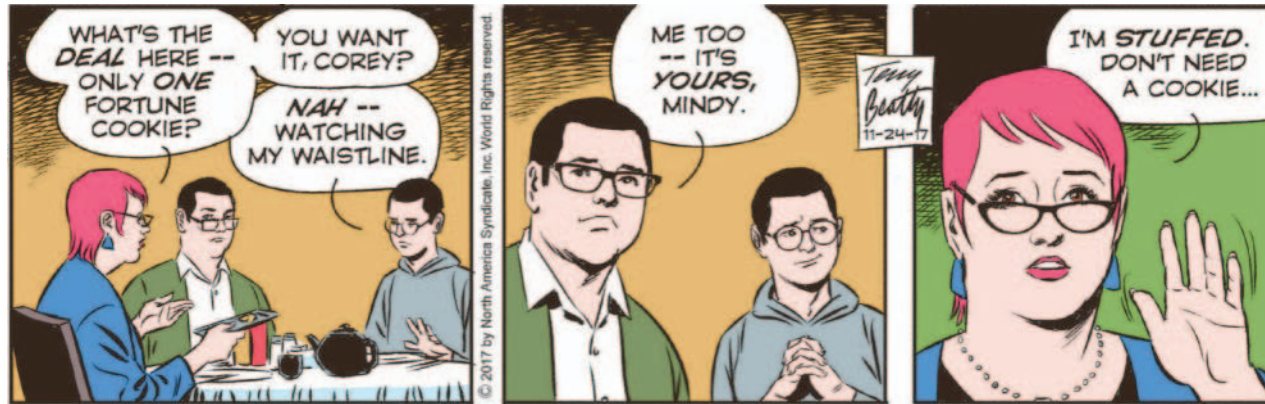
with higher-than-average bone density will have a positive score: A score of less bone density will be negative. A T-score below -2.5 is defined as osteoporosis, so you are just at the border. However, that still puts you at greater risk for fractures, and a history of wrist fracture (even with a fall) means more risk of future fracture than someone with the same T-score and no previous fracture. Treatment is appropriate for a score this low, but that does not necessarily mean medication is the starting point for all people.

Initial treatment should include adequate calcium and vitamin D intake. Most people in North America have a hard time getting adequate vitamin D in the winter. There are few good food sources (swordfish is one); vitamin D is mostly made in the skin, and only with adequate sunlight. I often test vitamin D levels for my patients. Another reasonable approach is to give supplemental vitamin D-3 (cholecalciferol), such as 1,000 IU daily.

Exercise is another important treatment, and having balance problems is a challenge. However, any kind of exercise can be helpful, and some, such as tai chi, have been shown to improve both balance and bone density. If these are not enough, I do recommend treatment with an anti-resorptive agent, such as risedronate (Actonel) for most women in your situation. There are side effects, but these are outweighed by the benefits of reducing fracture risk. A three- to five-year course is appropriate for most women before re-evaluation.

READERS: The booklet on macular degeneration explains this common eye ailment. Readers can order a copy by writing:
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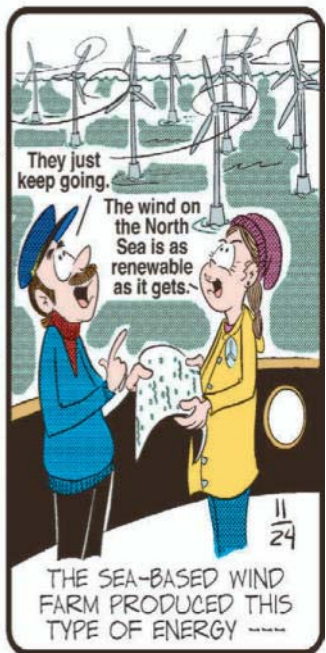
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

“○○○○ - ○○○○ - ○○○○” (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HANDY MIGHT UNSURE CANOPY
Answer: After rubbing the seasoning on the Thanksgiving turkey, she had — "THYME" ON HER HANDS

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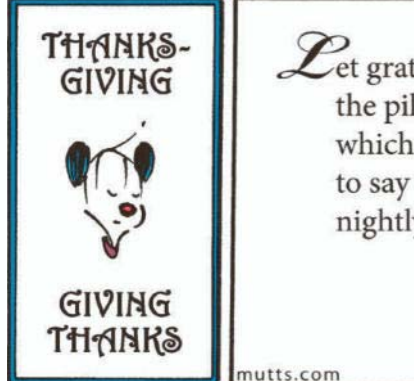
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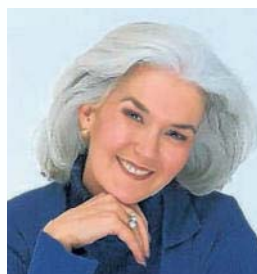


FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston



Data deletion

Dear Heloise: Most people think that by deleting material on their computer, they have effectively erased all of their past personal data. Well, they haven't! If you are going to dispose of an old computer, it's always best to make sure that none of your personal information is on there. The steps are too long to go into in your column, but people probably should hire a professional, who can protect them by erasing all of their personal data. Don't risk letting someone get hold of your banking or investing information, as well as the addresses of family and friends. — Glen D., Titusville, Fla.



Hints from Heloise

Emergency phone

Dear Heloise: I really don't need a mobile phone at home, but I keep a simple, no-contact phone hidden in the center console of my car just in case I need it. Pay phones are nearly a thing of the past, so this would be helpful in an urgent situation, like a flat tire, or worse. — Carol J., York, Pa.

Carol, great idea, but be sure that phone is charged when you need it. Readers, check out the next letter for another cellphone hint. — Heloise

A quick tip

Dear Heloise: I have a quick tip about cellphone contacts. When I add a doctor or other business as a contact, I always take a picture of the address and hours from the website or business card, and save it as the contact image. It is helpful to have that info handy whenever I need to call. — Tamaron J., Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Solving a socking problem

Dear Heloise: I enjoy reading your column in the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News! I have a solution to missing socks. I bought some 2-inch safety pins, paired up the socks and wove the pin through the toes of each pair. My wonderful husband unpins them in the a.m. and re-pins them in the p.m. when going to bed. Then they are tossed into the laundry basket together. If the sock material fades a little, it all stays the same. — Carole M., Kettering, Ohio

Landlord questions tenant's claim that he sleepwalks

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who owns a large four-bedroom home, and I have two tenants. One pays the rent on time, helps with cleaning and yard work, and is an all-around great roommate. The other has been here for four months, has never paid his rent on time and always disappears when we must clear off the driveway or do yard work.



Dear Abby

The major problem I have with this guy is he sleepwalks — at least he claims he does. He opens doors at night. Some mornings I have found the front door or garage door wide open.

Additionally, he raids the refrigerator late at night. He claims he doesn't realize he's doing it. It's really annoying to find food I prepared the night before to take to work has been eaten.

I have spoken to him about it on numerous occasions, and he claims that he can't control his sleepwalking. I feel he should have told me about his issues prior to signing the lease. None of the references he gave mentioned his sleepwalking.

Is it considered a disability? Would I be discriminating against a disability if I chose to not renew his lease because of his sleepwalking? — **LANDLORD IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR LANDLORD: Because doors are being left open, it might be in your interest to install inexpensive security cameras. Sleepwalking (and sleep eating) can be symptoms of a sleep disorder, or possibly be caused by certain sleep medications. If your tenant is unaware of this, he should be informed and advised to be evaluated at a sleep disorder clinic.

Because he doesn't pay rent on time or do other things expected of him, you may not be obligated to renew his lease. My advice is to talk to a lawyer about how — and whether — you can get rid of this tenant.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-mother-in-law, "Blanche,"

takes my 14-year-old daughter, "Grace," shopping often. I was grateful at first, but now she buys her anything she wants.

Grace has a high school dance soon, and I was looking forward to shopping with her. But before I could go, Blanche took her and bought her a \$299 dress. I wasn't consulted because Grace knew I would've said no. She's a freshman and that's just way too much money to spend.

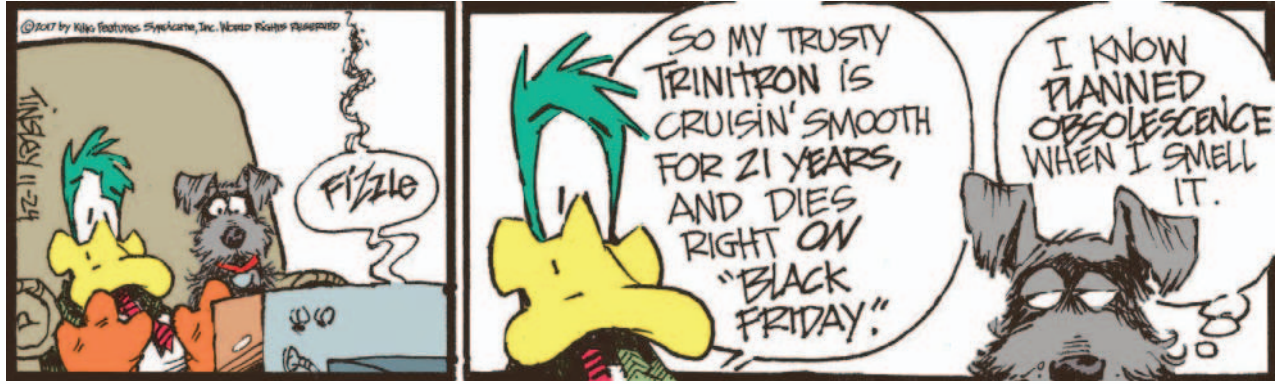
I asked them to take the dress back, and Blanche said OK. A week later I called her to explain why I said no, but instead of listening, she told me it was her Christmas and birthday present for Grace, and she wasn't taking it back.

My daughter never spends that kind of money. Grace said she was keeping the dress, and I told her she was not wearing it. How do I explain this to my daughter who has become self-entitled because of her grandmother? — **ANYTHING SHE WANTS**

DEAR ANYTHING: You have already explained it to your daughter. You told her it was too much money to spend. The problem isn't just Grace, it's also your ex-mother-in-law. You are Grace's mother, and your wishes should have been respected. I don't blame you for being angry.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

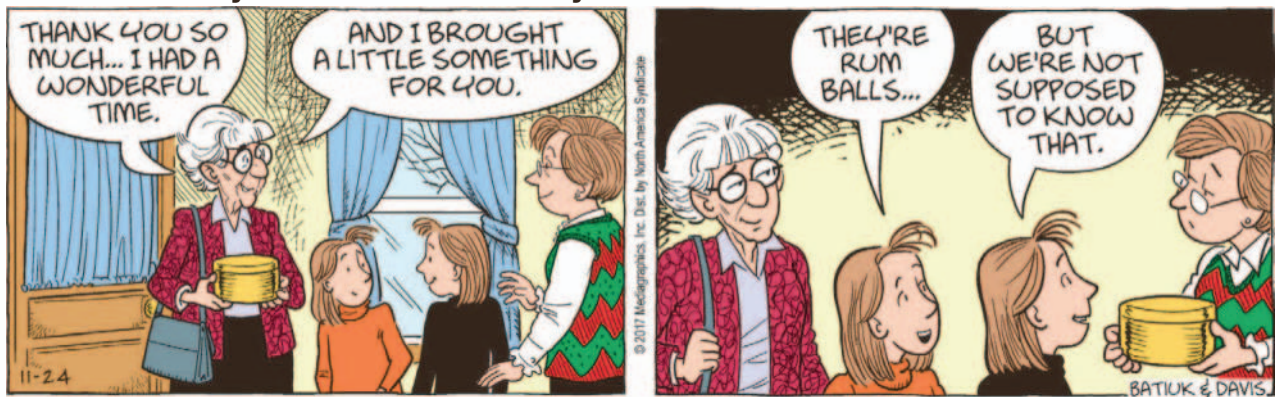
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BIBLE

"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." — Isaiah 54:10.

What a wonderful promise for the people of God. Do you know Him. If not, trust the One who keeps His promises and the One who is also full of mercy.

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).

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 11/23/17

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11/24/17

Venice Gondolier readers: Look for the puzzle solution in the Our Town section

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Who is on your side? Not that people have to be on your side for you to get something out of interacting with them. But if they do happen to be on Team You, you're definitely going to feel much more comfortable and free around them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Lying opens the door to doubt. It makes it hard to believe or to be believed. There's a small and tempting lie hanging over you — maybe it seems like the kinder choice — but if you can avoid it, do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Improvement is the goal. If improvement is always the goal, eventually you'll hit the heights. But if you make the heights the goal, every small win will be diminished by the cruelty that is comparison.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For the sake of being orderly, you may have to cut something out. You may have to lose a lot of something, actually, but the remaining part should be much easier to manage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The simplicity of your approach will be disarming to those dealing with massive complexities. And as they pause to observe, perhaps in wonderment or maybe just to chuckle to themselves, you'll make your next brilliant move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strongly consider putting your thoughts into written form, especially in a letter to someone you appreciate. Everything about the written expression will be thoughtfully received, maybe even cherished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can keep to the topics and activities that contribute to your health and stay on purpose, this is no small thing. Reward it. You might be surprised how few people can do this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every family has its own kind of delicate balance to strike, and today you're throwing weight in this corner or the other just to keep things afloat. Don't wear yourself out over it. Give others a chance to contribute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your family balance may be upset, but this is very positive. It's what had to happen to strengthen the bonds. Tonight, you're open-minded. You may even be willing to travel beyond reality as you know it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you have people around you who believe in you even more than you believe in yourself? Because that's a gift. Treasure them, and let them know about that, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's luck springs from appreciating where you come from, partly because you're now experienced enough to understand the pressures and freedoms of adulthood and the difficulties involved in raising another human.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the wizarding world, you say your spell, wave your wand, and it's done. In the physical world, there's so much more breath and flesh to involve in it. Maybe that's better. Work will feel good to you today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 24). It's not that you want a total change, but a few key refinements on your wish list will be granted in the next three months, and this will up your entire game. January is the start of a new level of self-love and acceptance. March brings a change of scenery, and June is all about building up your loved ones. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 5, 16, 21 and 37.

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Main television schedule table with columns for channel, time slot, and program details. Includes sections for Prime Time, Broadcast, Cable, News, and Sports.

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BAD LUCK?

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ J 10 9 6 4
 ♥ 8 6 4
 ♦ K 6 4
 ♣ 7 6

WEST
 ♠ 8 5
 ♥ K J 9 7 3
 ♦ J 8
 ♣ K J 9 3

EAST
 ♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 5 2
 ♦ Q 10 7 3
 ♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ A 9 5 2
 ♣ A 8 5 2

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♥* Pass
 4♠ All pass
 *Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Five of ♠

South jumped to four over North's transfer bid, showing a maximum with spade support in case partner had any slam ambitions. He ran into some problems in the play for 10 tricks.

Declarer won the opening spade lead in his hand perforce, led a diamond to dummy's king, and then

took the heart finesse. This lost to West, who led another spade. South won in his hand, cashed the ace of clubs and led another club. East won and led a third trump. South now had to rely on the diamonds, and when that suit failed to split 3-3, he finished with the same nine tricks that he started with and had to concede down one.

South was unlucky that the heart finesse failed and that the diamonds didn't split, but he could have done better. Can you spot how?

South was blinded by his powerful trump holding and lost sight of one of the key features of his hand — the ability to ruff a heart. After winning the opening spade lead, South should have cashed the ace of hearts and led the queen of hearts. West would win and play another trump, but South could cross to dummy with the king of diamonds to ruff a heart with his last trump. The defense would not be able to prevent him from getting to dummy later and drawing the last trump. An easy 10 tricks, really.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail: icaeditors@tribpub.com)

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 weasel's relations (9) | _____ |
| 2 set activity (7) | _____ |
| 3 buttons and oysters (9) | _____ |
| 4 sparsely populated (5) | _____ |
| 5 Dallas hoopsters (9) | _____ |
| 6 they give clothes extra room (7) | _____ |
| 7 landscaping plants (9) | _____ |

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Thursday's Answers: 1. DEFENSIVE 2. DAMARIS 3. DOSSIERS
 4. SLACKEN 5. GUMMED 6. OBSERVERS 7. FLAKY 11/24

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Chatter
 - Sink unclogger
 - Jessica Parker
 - Yes, to Yvette
 - OPEC vessel
 - Usual weather
 - Airport code for O'Hare
 - Brew tea
 - Aluminum company
 - Evening gala
 - Most sacred
 - Osprey relatives
 - Jolted
 - Slumps
 - Planets' companions
 - Tax experts
 - Investigates
 - Champagne glass
 - Salad ingredients
 - Sure! (2 wds.)
 - DEA agents
 - Emulates
 - Impudent
 - Travel choice
 - March 15, in Rome
 - Natural
 - Competition
 - The soul of wit
 - Pompeii art
- DOWN**
- 007's watch
 - Golfer Lorena
 - Wham!
 - Church part
 - Verb precursors
 - Iron source
 - Puts down the dragon
 - Nobel or Garbo
 - Koppel or Knight
 - Tickles
 - Dawn goddess
 - one's time
 - Rx amounts
 - Formal observance
 - Frothy brew
 - Born as
 - Foundings
 - Weighing machine
 - Comprehensive (hyph.)
 - Kind of pudding
 - Writer — Oz
 - Warmth
 - Singly in the order mentioned
 - Authorizes
 - Show distress
 - Garden tool
 - Nov. and Feb.
 - Place for a pint

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

UNCLE	PEAT	ETCH
CELEB	AYLA	MORE
LEAVE	HEIR	ERIE
ARDENT	DEPARTED	
SNEEZED	POE	
WILDE	ABLE	SASH
AKA	REPAIRS	CUE
GENE	STAG	YEMEN
ALS	HARNESSES	
STREAK	TAIL	
PARLEYED	ANALOG	
OLEO	IBIS	GROWL
SLAB	SAGA	AGILE
HYDE	TBSP	SENSE

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- Wolfed down
 - Solidified
 - Med. personnel
 - Opposing force
 - Greenspan stat
 - "The Facts of Life" star
 - Use poor judgment
 - Feminine principle
 - Coloring sticks
 - Feedbag tidbit
 - Apple goody
 - Cable channel
 - Tyrant
 - Audience's cry
 - Warehoused
 - Turns down
 - Delete a file
 - Bikini tops
 - Stir up
 - Designer — Schiaparelli
 - Cherished
 - Intimidate
 - Gradation of color

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AUTO REVIEW:

It's the 2018 Kia Rio and it dances on the sand

By **LARRY PRINTZ**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BALTIMORE — Filmmaker John Waters once described his hometown of Baltimore as being populated by “people who think they’re normal but they’re not.” Pardon me if that sounds more like a description of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un than the denizens of Charm City, a nickname so wince-inducing, it could have only come from the minds of the city’s ad agencies — which it did, long before the town deserved the accolade.

Since then, Baltimore has successfully added to the advertised charm with the revival of Fell’s Point and the creation of Harborplace and its now-famous attractions: the National Aquarium, USS Constellation, Maryland Science Center, and lots of food laced with crab.

Yet maybe Mr. Waters is right: You don’t spot a lot of bouffant-style hairdos or Old Bay-flavored dark chocolates in many other places.

So perhaps the city, attempting to bury its oddball past, was indeed the perfect launching pad for the all-new 2018 Kia Rio sedan and 5-door hatchback, a nameplate that’s trying to change its reputation as well.

“We’re very honest about our past,” said James Bell, director of communications for Kia Motors America. “This company recognizes

that at one point, a little less of a reputation was something that was deserved. But we’re moving past that.”

As if to prove the point, Bell cites the brand’s many recent honors, including its second consecutive top ranking in J.D. Power’s Initial Quality Study. That may not grab headlines or hearts like the upcoming rear-wheel-drive Kia Stinger sports sedan, but the achievement is significant if you’re considering one of Kia’s more workaday cars, like the Rio.

And while this subcompact Kia is physically small, its importance to company fortunes looms large. It’s Kia’s most-popular vehicle worldwide. Here? Not so much.

But that explains the car’s conservative style, which boasts a European presence, especially on the five-door hatchback, thanks to its more chiseled, upright stance and a new interpretation of Kia’s trademark tiger nose grille. Most importantly, the windshield is taller and more upright, lending the cabin a roomier feel. Same goes for the low-profile center console that thankfully doesn’t command too much space. It’s set below an instrument panel with an expansive feel. Knobs are nicely detailed with metallic inlays and rubberized edging and blessedly simple to use. The only negative are the hard plastic door panels that lack padded armrests, which make



TNS PHOTO

With the 2018 Kia Rio, count on an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin, and a fun driving experience.

for a noticeably uncomfortable experience. But overall, material quality is impressive for the price point. It’s an inexpensive Kia that doesn’t feel cheap.

Motivating the front-wheel-drive Rio is an updated version of Kia’s 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

There’s enough power to give the car a punchy feel when asked to play, although the transmission hesitates before downshifting to offer up more power. It’s no speed demon but it’s more than up to its mission. Best

of all, the engine never gets overly vocal. In fact, the car is so lacking in road and tire noise, you’ll wonder if you’re in a Rio. For an entry-level scooter, there’s a lot more driving fun than you’d expect.

In fact, the Rio’s so progressive and predictable in its behavior, you might wonder when the hot hatch variant will be arriving, something you never would have said of a Kia Rio at any point in its history until now. There’s none of the typical Korean floatiness or excessive brake dive, even at extremes. Take a corner too fast, brake

hard, and crank the wheel, and the Rio will scrub off speed while maintaining way more grip than you’d expect. Credit the car’s rigid structure; the suspension pieces themselves are nothing special. Nevertheless, they’re perfectly tuned for the task at hand.

The seats are well-bolstered and very firm, with good front seat legroom. Legroom in the rear depends on the kindness of front seat passengers. The rear seats fold down to expand cargo space.

When it comes to tech, Kia has you covered with

Bluetooth, a six-speaker stereo with satellite radio, a rear-view camera system, and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Standard safety features include six airbags, side-impact door beams, electronic stability control, anti-lock brakes, hill-start assist and vehicle stability management.

Regardless of the trim level, you get an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin and a moderately fun driving experience.

Yes, its name is Rio and it dances on the sand.

Reader enlists Ray’s help in choosing the better car

Dear Car Talk: I’m taking advantage of the VW buyback, selling my diesel car back to VW. If I decide to give VW the benefit of my loyalty and stay with its product, it has two cars on the lot I am considering. One is a brand-new, 2017 fully loaded Passat for around \$26,000. The other is a 2012 certified used Touareg with 52,000 miles — also fully loaded, for the same price. Which do you think is the better choice? — Stefan

The Passat. It’s brand new. It comes with a warranty. And you can get the Passat with at least some of the modern safety features that we strongly recommend to all of our readers.

You should be able to get a “loaded” Passat with blind-spot monitoring and at least low-speed automatic emergency braking. Those features save both lives and sheet metal. We



also strongly recommend high-speed automatic emergency braking to anyone buying a new car, but unfortunately that’s not available on the Passat yet.

The Touareg, on the other hand, will have none of that stuff. Plus, the Touareg has had very questionable reliability over the years, with lots of complaints about its electronics. In fact, our very first introduction to the Touareg, years ago, started ignominiously: The manufacturer left a test version in our driveway, and when we went out to start it, it wouldn’t start. We figured the battery had died, so

we got out the jumper cables and popped the hood — no battery.

Turns out the battery is in the back, in the cargo area. So we went to open the rear hatch to jump the battery, and the lift gate wouldn’t open because — the battery was dead. So VW had to come and drag it on four locked tires out of the driveway, and flatbed it back to the dealership for repair.

And even now, when a Touareg comes into the shop, all my guys run and lock themselves in our one-stall men’s room, hoping someone else gets that repair ticket.

We’re not against good used cars, Stefan. But I’m not sure a 5-year-old Touareg is a hobby you really want to commit to.

The Passat, on the other hand, is brand new and comes with a 36,000-mile warranty on everything, and 60,000 on the drivetrain. Plus it’s a nice car to drive, and you can enjoy it until the

warranty runs out, and then hope for another buyback.

Gas-cap pressure leak plagues Pontiac G6

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2006 Pontiac G6. I have had a continual problem with the computer telling me to check my gas cap. After that message comes up, it will then display the motor symbol. It continues to run fine afterward, but it will not pass inspection. I’ve replaced the gas cap; I’ve had it in the shop, too. But so far this problem continues to plague the car. Please help! — Bill

What it’s telling you, Bill, is that the fuel tank is not able to hold pressure. The fuel tank is supposed to be pressurized so that gasoline vapors can be controlled and captured, rather than released into the atmosphere.

If you’re not convinced

that we need to control fuel vapors and smog, Bill, take your next vacation in Beijing.

Fortunately for us, since the 1970s, all gasoline cars have come with something called an “evaporative emissions system.” That system allows gasoline vapors that develop in the fuel tank to be stored in a charcoal canister, until they can be combusted next time you start the engine.

So my guess is that you have a leak somewhere in your evaporative emissions system, and that’s why the tank is not holding pressure.

The gas cap is a common source of a pressure leak. As you can imagine, sometimes people forget to put the cap back on. Or they don’t tighten it enough, or they screw it on incorrectly. But if you’ve tried a new factory gas cap and still get that message, I think it’s fair to say that the gas cap itself is not the problem; the

pressure is escaping from somewhere else.

So you need to take the car somewhere where a good mechanic can put the scan tool on it and figure out where the pressure leak is. It could be a solenoid that’s malfunctioning. It could be the charcoal canister. It could be a rust-perforated filler neck. Or it could be something as simple as a hose that’s old and cracked.

But something is keeping your gas tank from holding pressure. That’s what’s turning on your Check Engine light (the motor symbol on your dashboard) and preventing you from passing inspection, despite the \$50 you keep trying to slip the inspector, Bill.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

Welcome Back Collector Car Show, Part II

In last Friday's column I reported, in a very elementary way, details of the 11th Annual Fall Community event from start to finish — along with some photos. Today I'm using pictures taken by Lee of various vintage autos that were made in the USA and other countries.

Since these photos were shot during the show with "busy" backgrounds the entire vehicle may not appear.

Again, as a representation



You Auto Know
of the Sun Newspapers I want to thank everyone involved, especially those who brought their four-wheel gems for themselves and others to

enjoy. Transportation of yesteryear was, when we look back, important in everyday people's lives and the cars and trucks could easily be identified. Today most body styles look pretty much alike, except certain makes and models, and many cost more than our first house. The old saying "Time marches on" is so true.

We hope you like going back in time with us. Please mark the date Feb. 10, 2018 when we conduct the

Mid-Winter Open House and Collector Car Show at the Sun. Being in "full season" the entries are expected to vary from the fall event. Come and see us!



Jim Hines neat, original 1951 MG TD.



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Restored 1965 Mustang HT & very proud owner Shawn Richard.



Frank Lanning and his very powerful factory stock 1967 Chevrolet SS HT Coupe.



Spectators starting to wander in throughout the Vintage cars.



1929 Austin 7 owned by Bob Faria of Englewood.



Steve Estok's national prize-winning 1957 Corvette.



Dan Lickliter with his very rare 1954 Sunbeam Alpine roadster, which is identical to one in the movie "To Catch A Thief" with Cary Grant and Grace Kelly.



1941 Plymouth Coupe.



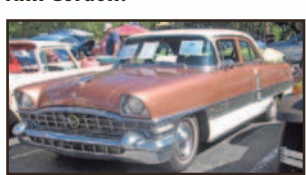
1980 Clenet Series II CV all metal body owned by Don & Ann Gordon.



1958 Edsel owned by Dave Gehring parked next to his brother's Falcon.



1963 Ford Falcon station wagon owned by Rob O'Brien.



Cecil & Rose Coleman's 1956 Packard.



Replica of a 1929 Ford built by Shay Motor Co. and owners Gene and Jan Arnold.



A one-of-a-kind 1971 Honda N600 custom series owned by Amos Slater.



Alpha Romeo Replica owned by John Pensis.



Ray Jernberg instructor at Charlotte Technical College alongside his son's late model pick up used to explain electrical & mechanical components.



Charlotte Technical College instructor Tom Viele available to answer questions on modern cars.



1975 Porsche 911 Series Coup owned by Terry Shugart.



Some of the dealer 2017/18 vehicles on display prior & during the Sun Show.



Ron Phillips of New York State rare 1940 Ford Pick up truck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Walmart Supercenter, Punta Gorda the Vintage (former Veteran) Motor Car Club of America SW Florida Region members will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army. Stop by, say hello and please make a donation to the organization that is "Doing the Most Good" to help the less fortunate at holiday time. If you would like to assist us in our efforts of ringing next to

a kettle please phone Don Royston, 941-626-4452.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free open cruise-in, Home Depot, 3941 Tamiami Trail/Burnt Store Rd. Punta Gorda by Vintage (former Veteran) Motor Car Club of America SW Florida Region. Open to all collector type car/trucks/motorcycles including modified. Free OJ, coffee and donuts to car show participants, door prizes, 50/50. For information call Lee, 941-626-9359.

Sunday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Muscle Car City Auto related

Flea Market, 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Cost of \$10 for double parking spaces for Auto Vendors only, free to the public, music by Tom's Traveling Tunes. No fee to enter diner, memorabilia store or indoor "For Sale" Car Corral.

(Note; Muscle Car City's current location has been sold and they will be moving to their new location one mile south at 10175 Tamiami Trail. This is the last monthly event until they resume in January 2018 at the new location). Rick Treworky, owner and April Patchell, general

manager request you do not call them or the museum regarding this matter. They appreciate your patronage and loyalty over the years and look forward to seeing you in the new location. Read more details in the You Auto Know column as progress occurs.

Don Royston is president of the Vintage (former Veteran) Motor Car Club of America SW Florida Region and may be reached at 941-626-4452 or leekr43@embarqmail.com.

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From Share the Blessings are Seated; Bibi Gafoor, Joan Howarth. Standing; secretary Dee LeFrancois, Donna Whalen and president Fran Kowalczyk.

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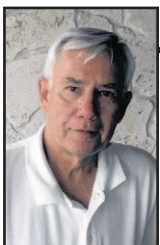
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Event raises funds for local charities

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One bright light among many



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The switch was thrown and the lights were lit at precisely 5:30 pm.

So many bright, beautiful lights — a million at least, said the press release — were flipped on at Fishermen's Village on Nov. 18 as part of its Christmas season Festival of Lights.

There was one among them that was worthy of particular attention. It was the Share the Blessings ministry booth, where visitors were asked to bring toilet paper, toiletries and canned goods to be distributed among the needy in Charlotte County.

Share the Blessings Ministry was started in 2010 by Fran Kowalczyk, a nondenominational ordained minister and retired special education teacher. The nonprofit shares the items it collects with more than 300 individuals and 100 families every month exclusively in Charlotte County.

Fishermen's Village's traditional lighting celebration one is "one of our largest fundraisers, because we get a lot of people who come through," Kowalczyk said. "We give it out. When we have it, we give it."

The idea for Share the Blessings came to Kowalczyk in the form of spiritual guidance.

"I basically was praying and mediating, and I received a message," she recalled. "I needed to help others.

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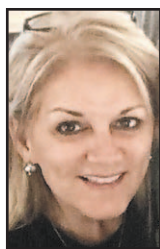
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It's beginning to look alot like Christmas

Well, if you ask me it's been looking like Christmas since the day after Halloween and if my eyes do not deceive me I have seen Valentine Day's candy on the shelves. Don't get me wrong, I love the holidays and I especially love Christmas decorations. If you were one of the hundreds (maybe thousands) of people



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in attendance for the lighting of the village, wasn't it spectacular? It's the

one place where noone really watches where they are walking because they are too busy looking up at the lights. It truly is a beautiful sight to be seen. Next week we will really get into the Christmas spirit with the lighting of the downtown Christmas tree, the arrival of Santa Claus and SNOW!

This week we give a shout-out to the Animal Welfare League and its recent

award from the PetCo Foundation's Holiday Wishes campaign. Everyone loves a feel good story but this one will make your heart smile and may bring tears to your eyes. Read all about Amazing Grace on page three and if you get a chance, stop by the shelter located on Drance St., and consider making one the residents there your very own Amazing Grace story.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Music at Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst (variety, originals) performs from noon to 3 p.m., and Tiki Tom & L.A. (trop rock/variety) from 5 to 9 p.m., both in Center Court at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

Punta Gorda Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., corner of Olympia Avenue and Taylor Street, Punta Gorda. Sponsored by the Punta Gorda Downtown Merchants Association Inc. Call 941-391-4856 or email jerry@puntagorda farmersmarket.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.



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Jay Glynn Recovery Center dedication and ribbon cutting at Charlotte Behavioral Health Care.

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.

Princess Storytime will be held at 10:30 a.m. at **Sandman Book Co.**, 16480 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. Free event. The interactive story experience will begin at 10:30 am.

Holiday Boutique from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Isles Yacht Club 1780 West Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Unique handcrafted items from local artists will be featured. For more information, call 941-639-7551.

Punta Gorda's largest tailgate for college football's Rivalry Weekend. City Marketplace will be turned into an all-out tailgate including Megatrons, TVs, sports bars, Bud Light party deck, disc jockey, food trucks, cornhole tournaments and more.

Music at Fishermen's Village: Sons of Beaches (live music) performs from noon to 4 p.m., and Michael Hirst (variety/originals) from 5 to 9 p.m., both in Center Court at 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

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

Punta Gorda. Come to a relaxed shopping experience with live music and enjoy the many food and art vendors. Fresh produce both domestic and organic, seafood, butcher, olives, guacamole, hand-woven baskets and more. Stay for a guided tour of the park after the market closes.

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.

Season opener Arts & Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. downtown Marketplace Park.

The Florida Blood Centers will be collecting blood from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-639-0001.

Music at Fishermen's Village: Rita Beach (country/variety) performs from 2 to 6 p.m. in Center Court at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

Music at Fishermen's Village: Sons of Beaches (variety/holiday) performs from 4 to 8 p.m. in Center Court at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

The Charlotte County Woodcarvers/Sculptors invite the public to come see what they do from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday mornings at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-875-9244.

Meet Luna the screech owl, resident of the Peace River Wildlife Center, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Center Court at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

Music at Fishermen's Village: Chris G. (variety/top 40) from 4 to 7 p.m. in Center Court at Fishermen's Village, 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

Music at Fishermen's Village: Michael Hirst (variety/originals) performs from 4 to 7 p.m. in Center Court 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Music at Fishermen's Village: Leslie DaCosta (Dixieland jazz) performs from noon to 3 p.m., and Paul Roush (trop rock/variety) noon to 3 p.m. in Center Court 1200 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.



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Susan Haray pins Air Force veteran Claudine Emmanuel.



Thomas Ferer, Commander of Squadron 110, and Susan Haray, Sergeant-at-Arms of Post 110, folded the American Flag, while Honor Guard member Lee Paterson explains to the audience the meaning of each of the thirteen folds.



Army veteran Charlie Rogers sings to the audience.



Navy veteran John Neiffert and his daughter retired Army veteran Lori (Quintal) Vasquez



Jon Marston pins Army veteran Otis Likins.

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The Allen and Clark families attend the annual lighting of the village.



Alan and Trista Zimmerman with their girls Emmaleigh and Brianna.

At right: Patti Allen, General Manager of Fisherman's Village opens up the ceremony with Punta Gorda city officials including Mayor Rachel Keesling, Lynn Matthews, Punta Gorda Fire Chief Ray Briggs, Jaha Cummings and more.



Jeff the Juggler hands out candy canes and balloon characters to Jillian Kulman, Katlyn Loboda and Hope Moran.





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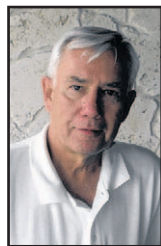
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I called together a group of friends to brainstorm, and we came up with the idea to help people in need. "We knew food pantries were already serving Charlotte County. One of the people in the group said that when she was in need, basic items like toilet paper and cleaning supplies were things she needed.

"We decided to help fill that gap. That's what our mission is. We supply toiletries, cleaning supplies and hygiene items for people in Charlotte County." There's a story behind how Share the Blessings Ministry came to be named.

"I was washing my hands," Kowalczyk said. "My house had always been the place where people dropped off things and said, 'You'll know where to share this' - whatever it was. "And it came to me. I'd always shared what was brought to me, so why not Share the Blessings?"

As always, the Lighting of the Village was a festive occasion. The Lee County Pipes and Drums Band performed in Center Court. The Suncoast Statesmen barber shop vocal group and the Shane Duncan Band also performed.

There was juggling, face painting and live radio with Jeff "The Golden Hippo" Collins. And there was a more serious purpose.

Kathy Burnam, marketing and events manager for Fishermen's Village, said the local landmark of shops and restaurants is mindful of filling that purpose through Share the Blessings Ministry.

"The Lighting of the Village is one of the most anticipated events held each year in Punta Gorda," she said.

"Thousands of people attend this beautiful celebration. Although admission to the event is free, we ask attendees to bring toiletries or canned goods as their admission to benefit Share the Blessings Ministry. This engages our community in the spirit of giving during the holiday season and allows this organization to reach the masses at one time, in one location for the benefit of all."

For more information on Share the Blessings Ministry, go to www.sharetheblessingsministry.org, email STBMcc2015@gmail.com or call 941-276-7278.



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Santa made his appearance with his helper of 8 years, Elf Makayla to the delight of all.



All smiles during the lighting of the village are LaRae Coniglione and Lorette Pinto.



The sugar plum fairy made his appearance, also know as Fig Newton, and is seen here with Laura Rodriguez and Angela Gordon.



The Lee County Pipes and Drums led the parade through the village after the lights were lit.



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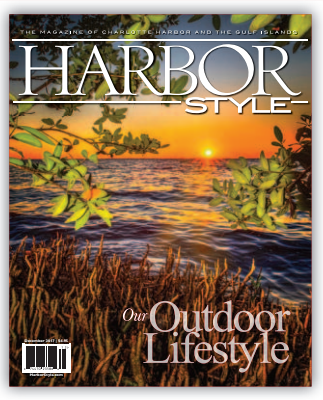


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From the Back Pack Kidz pictured here are Carl Nicolosi, founder Jolene Mowry, Josephine Nicolosi, warehouse director Angela Kirshy and treasurer Murial DeStefano.



Laurie Hayes chats with Dante Scaccianoce.



Marilyn Thomas, Judy Swanson, Dee Papa, Robin Bayne and Joyce Scaccianoce.



Ann and Steve Pert.



Michelle Davidson, her husband and executive director of Crossroads Hope Academy John Davidson and Dr. Christine Zimmer.



At right: Bonnie and board member John Benande represented the Peace River Wildlife Center.



Linda and Jim Tucker



Kathy Huelsemann, Jack Chopp and Kathy Amrhein.

'Grub Craw' benefits Charlotte Symphony Orchestra

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Cecilia Woolever

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, nearly 200 people strolled through downtown Punta Gorda enjoying the sights, sounds and tasty delights at many of the wonderful restaurants on West Marion. For \$20 folks could visit seven restaurants, F.M. Dons, Angela's Café Italiano, Leroy's Southern Kitchen, Isabel & Annabel's Mexican Restaurant, River City Grill, Italia and Bella's Bistro. Proceeds benefited the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.



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Susan and Don Law



David and Teresa Pinckard



Margie Kang, Ray Bryon, Kitty Irwin



Sarah Davis, who is visiting from Oklahoma, attended the Grub Crawl with her grandmother Cilla DeLong.



Bill Jones and Joanne Ryder



Sam and Judith Harris



Carol and David Friend, Charles and Cindy Lynch

Holidays come Alive After 5

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In the courtyard at Sea Grape Gallery are Bonnie Benande, Donna Garber, Ralph and Joan Marsicano, Cheryl McClure and Vicki Glynn.



Danny J. Dykes performs for passersby in front of Hessler's.



Drug Free Charlotte County and Punta Gorda were out spreading the message of the dangers of underage drinking anytime of the year. Seen here are Mike Salazar, Rachel Struebling and Chrissie Salazar, Public Outreach Coordinator.



Donnell Bates

Photojournalist

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Don Baile, Donna Yannias, Bob Dolar and Rodney and Marsha Fisher relax with some beverages at F.M. Don's.



The Salvation Army Brass ensemble from Tampa entertained guests at Alive After 5 with Christmas music. Pictured here are Darryl Crossland, Sabrina Borum, Adely Charles and Stephen Selvaraj from Port Charlotte.



At left: Luz Torres, Monica Luna and Karen McElhane promote the upcoming Diamonds and Pearls ball for C.A. R.E. on Jan. 27 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.

Alive After 5 on Nov. 16 was a mixture of the upcoming holidays, Thanksgiving and those who wanted to get into the Christmas spirit a tad early. Santa hats and pilgrim attire were on in the true spirit of the upcoming holidays. Alive After 5 is held the third Thursday of every month in downtown Punta Gorda from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

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Jeni Wise, Jacquie Baldelli, Christine Rufino and Mary Calpino belly dance their way through downtown during Alive After 5.



Guest bartenders at F.M. Don's, Justin Brand and Simone Coseo raise money for the upcoming Dancing with the Charlotte Stars where they will be competing against each other for the trophy.

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Tarpons remain perfect with shutout over Pirates

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Juan David Munoz out jumps the Port Charlotte player for this header in the 3-0 Charlotte win.

Last season Daniel Kachmar coached the JV girls soccer team at Charlotte. This season he has switched over to the boys JV team and the change has been good for him and the team. The Tarpons are undefeated and unscored upon as they go into the Thanksgiving break.

After their 2-0 win over North Fort Myers, the Tarpons shut out Port Charlotte 3-0. "We looked like trash in the second half because we didn't have our shape right and our passing was off and we were playing kickball, but a win is a win especially against Port Charlotte," said Kachmar.

Kachmar played soccer and football all four years when he wore the Charlotte blue and gold. "I was telling the guys that this is one of my most important games. It's the rivalry that's been going on since I was playing. I've beat them as both a

Charlotte JV boys soccer coach Daniel Kachmar talks to his team during a water break. The Tarpons shutout the Pirates 3-0 to remain unbeaten for the season.

player and a coach."

Kachmar had a little help in the win as a coach as the Tarpons won 3-0 with Jeronimo Yepes scoring the first two goals and Francesco Buscemi picking up the insurance goal late in the game. Juan David Munoz had two assists for the Tarpons.

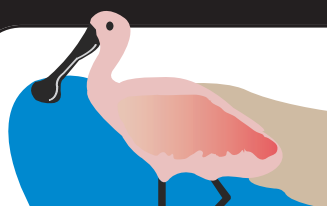
Yepes scored in each half as the Tarpons held a slim 1-0 lead at the break. "The first one was on a great run by my teammate Caleb (Briggs) he hit it across the six yards mark and I knew it would go in because I was right in front of the goal. The second one was a free kick by Juan Munoz who hit it perfectly right to my foot and I hit the left corner and I knew it was in."

Buscemi had it a little easier than his teammate as his goal came in the 52nd minute in an empty net. "That was pretty easy but it was bouncing and I had to control it before I could shoot. It was pretty well set up. The keeper stopped it and dropped it and I got the chance to get the shot. I was kind of scared that I was going to miss it, but it was promising with that wide open



All the fireworks that the Tarpons needed for their 3-0 win over Port Charlotte came from Jeronimo Yepes (9) who scored two goals, Juan David Munoz with two assists and Francesco Buscemi with a goal.

goal and just me by myself. This is my first year playing in the high school so it was a good win for me."



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(Excerpts from the Daily Herald-News from Nov. 24-Nov. 30, 1977:)

Charlotte Airport Ready For Disasters

Disaster has yet to visit the Charlotte County Airport. Airport Manager Frank Toolan believes the airport has the personnel and equipment available to handle any emergency situation that might arise in the future during the past four years, Toolan says, a plane has never crashed at the airport and there have been very few close calls. The Charlotte County Development Authority has hired a disaster coordinator for the airport. He will be responsible for maintaining emergency equipment and training firefighters. Toolan states that this airport is better equipped to handle emergencies than other airports of comparable size. "We can handle anything that lands here." The airport can accommodate medium size jets like the Boeing 727. The Development Authority has a master plan that calls for upgrading the airport's emergency equipment and hire more fire fighters as the airport grows.

Two Join Newsroom Staff

Debbie Johnson and Louis Sert have joined the newsroom staff of the Daily Herald-News. Debbie Johnson



will be reporting on law enforcement and the courts as well as general assignments and feature writing. Sert compiles the real estate transactions and other news of record type items. Debbie came to Punta Gorda from the Orlando area, being employed by a weekly newspaper. Louis is retired from the U.S. Air Force and was in real estate after his retirement from military service.

Fawcett Hospital's Volunteers Honored

Fawcett Memorial Hospital's 52 Volunteers were honored during the annual appreciation dinner last night. A total of 12,090 donated hours for service to the medical facility in Port Charlotte. Doris Nuzum, director of volunteers and Herbert Dorsett, hospital administrator presented 1,000 hour pins to Lillian Bergstrom, who has volunteered 1,691 hours of service since October 1975, and Lillian Decker, who has worked 1,200 hours.

Awarded a 500-hour pin was Sophie Larsen. Other volunteers received certificates of appreciation.

High School Collects Toys For Tots

Underprivileged children will have a Merrier Christmas this year because of the "Toys for Tots" Program. This program is sponsored by the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) of Charlotte High School. The toys will be distributed by the Charlotte County Welfare Department in mid-December.

Six Countians At College

Six Charlotte County young people have enrolled for the fall term at Southern Missionary College in Allegedale, Tennessee. They are Matthew Staver, Dave Mathewson, Julie Gant, Yvonne Rudisaile all of Punta Gorda; Debbie Gilson and Tami Schermerhorn of Port Charlotte. The school was founded in 1892 and is the fifth largest seventh Day Adventist College in the Nation.

Daring Drivers In Double Trouble

Some people in Punta Gorda may think they are experiencing "double trouble" with men in uniform. Sergeant James Vallier and his brother, Warren Vallier are identical twins and are working for the Punta Gorda Police Department. So, for those drivers who are stopped frequently by police, and what appears to be the same officer, it is most probably the Valliers. James, the older by four minutes, has been working for the Punta Gorda Police for the past six years. Warren came to the department after working five years as a Charlotte



Janine Smith
40 Years Ago

Janine Smith writes about Punta Gorda's historic past. Contact her at janineh1@comcast.net.

County Sheriff's deputy. He transferred "to further my experience ability in the law enforcement field," Warren said.

Almanac

In 1963: Cape Canaveral Space Center in Florida, was renamed Cape Kennedy to honor the assassinated President. Its name has been changed back to Cape Canaveral, but the Space Center still is called John F. Kennedy Space Center.

Letter To Dr. Lawrence Lamb. Aspirin Is Safe

"Dear Dr. Lamb: I would appreciate knowing about the habitual use of aspirin, possible side effects, benefits or health hazards. I take two Excedrin tablets twice a day for dull headaches, caused by sinus trouble and muscle tension. I have followed this pattern for five years. I do not drink coffee or tea, get a lift from the caffeine in the tablets. Should I be alarmed by my habit, am I addicted? I am in good health otherwise and 30 years of age. Thank You".

"Dear Reader: You have established a habit pattern. I would not call it an addiction. An aspirin is an amazingly safe medicine. You should take the tablets with meals to protect your stomach from having small granules of it settle against your stomach wall and possibly irritate it. I am sending you Health Letter No. 8-8, Aspirin-related. It will give you far more details about the medicine. The caffeine is about two-thirds as much as is in an average cup of brewed coffee."

Tarpon Basketball Season Getting Underway Tonight

The bouncing of basketballs returns to Punta Gorda Civic Center tonight. The Charlotte Tarpons will start off the scholastic 1977-1978 season in Southwest Florida as hosts and defending champions of the McDonald Classic. Tonight's card features two contests with Sarasota and Satellite Beach in the opening match and Charlotte facing Fort Myers Bishop Verot in the Nightcap. The Tarpon players are Mark King, Brent Wood, Jackie Hearn, Robbie Weber, Dave King Kneeling, Rodney Williams, Jeff Evans, Tim Freeman, Jackie Foley and Bernard Hill.

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PUNTA GORDA HISTORIC MURAL SOCIETY

There's a new mural coming to downtown Punta Gorda. Titled "Ladies Remembered," it's the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society's 30th mural and the first to be solely dedicated to the women of our past.

The seven women being honored in the mural are Virginia Trabue, community activist and wife of Isaac Trabue, our founder; Cornelia Ponder, mid-wife and physician's assistant in the 1900s; Sallie Jones, first female superintendent of schools in Florida; Lois Cole Peeples, local business woman during WWII and later a community volunteer and leader; Helen Wrobbel, restaurant owner in the '60s who defied segregation laws serving African Americans and later an active community volunteer; Bernice Russell, humanitarian, social activist, historian and founder of the Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture and Tosie Hindman, Supervisor of Elections for nearly a quarter century.

The site for the mural is the Bayside

Eye Center on the corner of Olympia Avenue and U.S. 41 N located at 314 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.

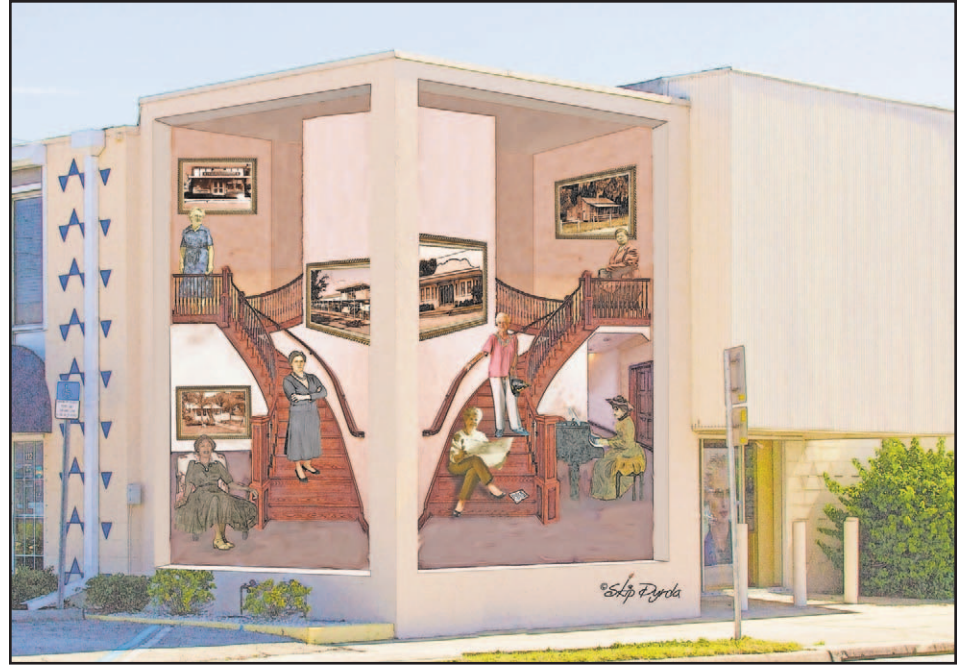
The person behind the design of this mural is Sarasota mural artist Skip Dyrda. This will be Dyrda's second mural for the Society, having completed "Our First Firehouse" mural at Fire Station #1 in May. He will start painting on Monday, Nov. 27.

The idea for this mural came about three years ago. The women were selected, a host building was identified and the fundraising was launched by the "Friends of the Ladies Remembered Committee," a group of community volunteers who worked with the Mural Society to raise the needed funds.

"The mural program exists solely through financial support from the community, and the response for this project has been overwhelming," noted Mazur.

"We were fortunate to have a large number of individual donors and major sponsors who wanted to make this mural happen."

Major sponsors for the "Ladies Remembered" mural are Sushila



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The sketch of the "Ladies Remembered" mural

Cherian, Lydia Gattanel, Ann Madan Imler and Clara Watson, Friends and Family of Ron Norsell, Bibi Sattar, Islamic Community of South West Florida, Shively Charitable Foundation, Harbor Nissan, Sherwin Williams, SUNBELT Rentals, and the community at large.

It will take Dyrda approximately three months to paint the mural. Once the mural is completed, the community will be invited to the dedication.

The Mural Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. More information can be found and donations can be made at www.puntagordamurals.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Interactive Storytime

Princess Storytime will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, at Sandman Book Co., 16480 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. This free event is open to the public and costumes are welcome. Family friendly cosplayers visit the bookshop for an interactive storytime event. Heroes and princesses pose for pictures with the kids. Stop by and meet some of your children's favorite characters from the world of literature. Meet Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, the Fairy Godmother, the Queen of Hearts and Pocahontas. After the interactive storytime lineup for photos, so every guest can have a chance to talk to his or her favorite character.

Punta Gorda's Great Tailgate

Punta Gorda's largest tailgate is Saturday, for college football's Rivalry Weekend. City Marketplace will be turned into an all-out tailgate including Megatrons, TVs, sports bars, Bud Light party deck, disc jockey, food trucks, cornhole tournaments and more. Featured games: Michigan vs. Ohio State, Alabama vs. Auburn, Florida State vs. Florida, plus many more. The tailgate is free, so bring the family and root for your favorite team in a festive atmosphere. VIP tailgating are available. For more information, visit www.edgewatereventsllc.com.

Country Club Open House



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Twin Isles Country Club, 301 Madrid Blvd., Punta Gorda recently held an open house as part of its fall membership drive. Guests enjoyed food, entertainment, car show, and a putting contest for a chance to win \$1,000. For more information, contact Lea Warner, club coordinator/membership manager via email at ticcclubcoordinator@comcast.net.

At right: Guests enjoy car show at the open house for Twin Isles Country Club



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Guests at the recent Twin Isles Country Club open house



At left: Food and entertainment was provided at the open house for Twin Isles Country Club



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I enjoyed my job as a professional firefighter in Akron, Ohio, but I also looked forward to retirement.

Travel, a warm climate, days without cares or responsibility: retirement was everything I thought it would be — for a while.

But rescue work is in my blood and I missed the camaraderie, excitement, and most of all, serving the people in my community. I was restless, and dare I say, just a little bored? And then I met Grace at the farmers market in Punta Gorda, Florida.

She and a volunteer were on an outing from the Animal Welfare League. I saw her and we just clicked. I asked if I could foster her and they agreed so I came and got her the next day. The following day I was back to adopt her permanently.

Grace is a hound mix who was about 18 months old when we met. She was a stray picked up by Animal Control and brought to the Animal Welfare League. She was well-behaved and knew several commands. Someone had obviously spent time with her but no one stepped up to claim her and she became available for adoption.

It didn't take long to recognize that Grace had real potential. Just after I brought her home I discovered Peace River Search & Rescue (PRSAR). I don't believe in coincidence: this was meant to be! Together, Grace and I joined this group of dedicated professionals who provide rescue services to local, state, and federal law enforcement as well as

GOOD NEWS

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Grace is certified in search and rescue, recovery, and even helicopter deployment. When we aren't training, we enjoy attending local events and demonstrations to draw attention to PRSAR. Grace is a natural, flawlessly demonstrating her skills and schmoozing with the crowd.

Our association with PRSAR has given me back what I was missing in retirement: camaraderie, purpose, and a chance to serve my newly adopted community. The Animal Welfare League rescued Grace and she rescued me. Together we continue that tradition through our work with PRSAR.

Each year, the Petco Foundation invites adopters to share the story of how their adopted pet changed their lives during the annual Holiday Wishes



campaign, giving the organization that they adopted from a chance to receive a grant award. This story by James Case

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their loved ones did not die in vain and that they were not going to be forgotten.

Legion Rider member Bud Boyer is the Southwest Florida's Chapter President and is in need of help to assemble the wreaths, which will be distributed on Dec. 1 to local fallen police officers, first responders, and firemen's gravesites. If you would like to help with this project, join auxiliary members at 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27 at the American Legion Post 103, 2101 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda.

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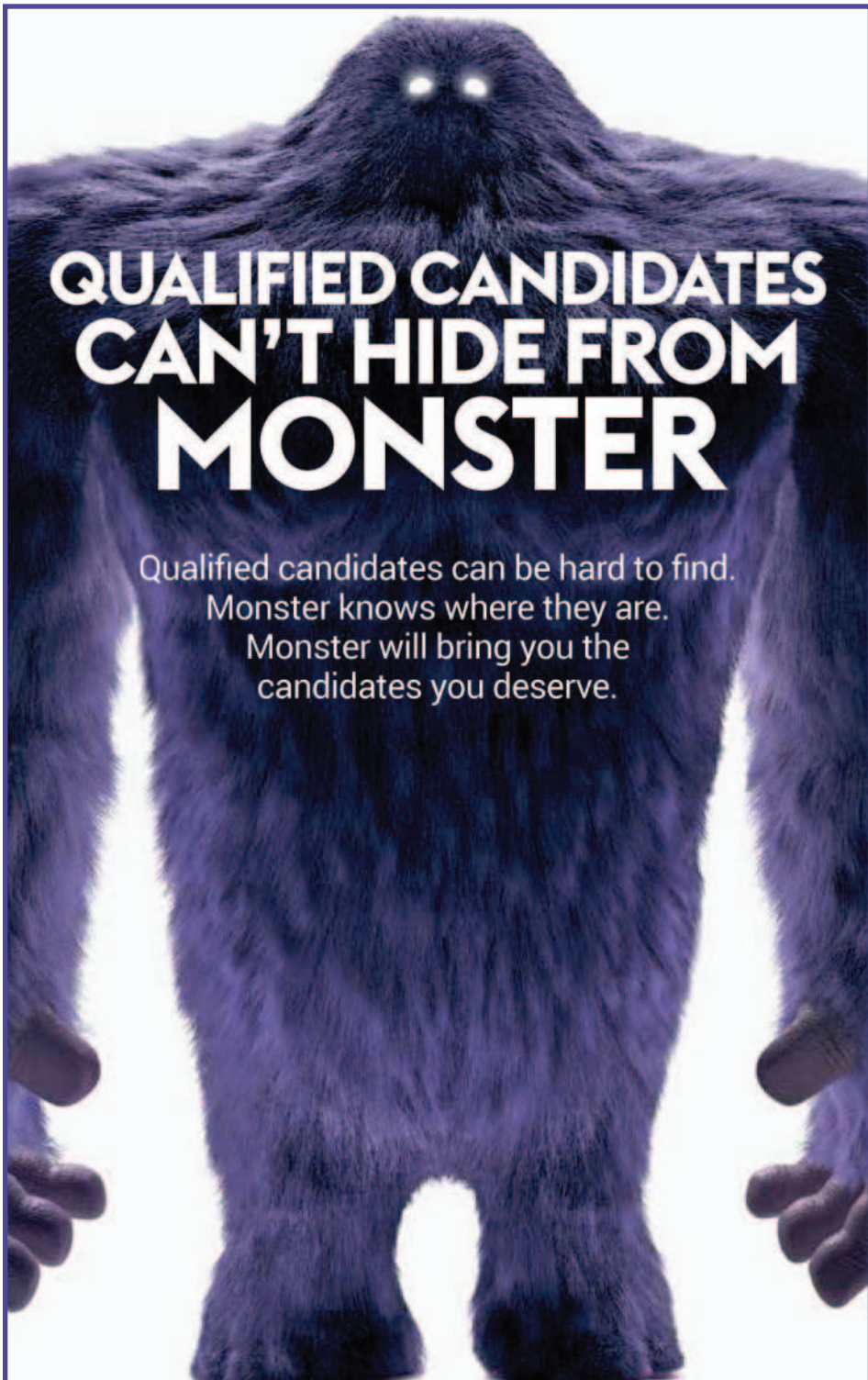
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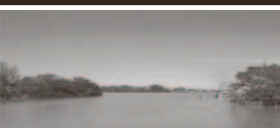
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THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.
Today's Challenge
 Time **9** Minutes
38 Seconds

Your Working Time
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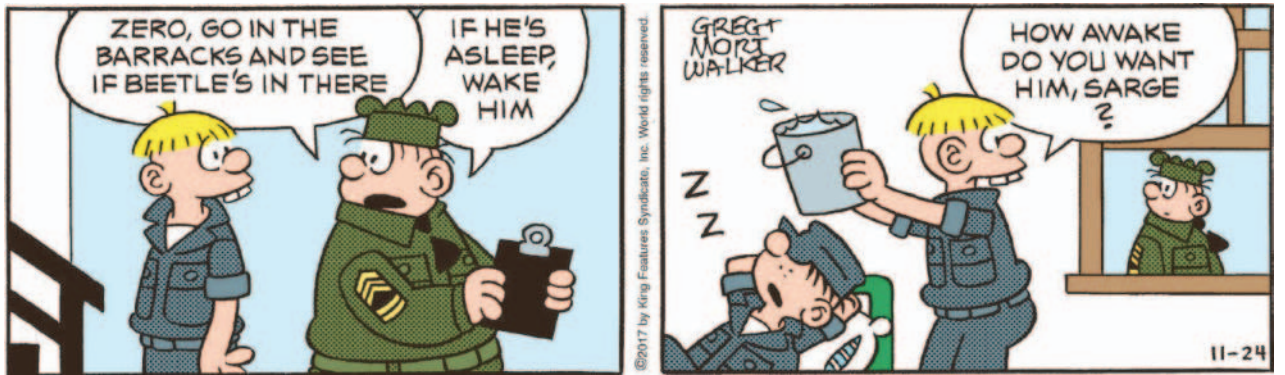
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals P

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"None of them are autographed. He swipes them from umpires."

WORD SLEUTH

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Thursday's unlisted clue: KERSHAW

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Friday's unlisted clue hint: USED TO TIME RUNNERS

- Stop bath
- Stop dead
- Stop order
- Stop up
- Stop-action
- Stop-and-go
- Stop-loss
- Stopcock
- Stopgap
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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY



Heavy period after Provera is a normal response to medication

DEAR DR. ROACH: My cousin is having irregular periods. Her last one was three months ago. She was given Provera for 10 days to help, but after she stopped it, she had a very heavy period. Is that normal? — T.R.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: Provera is a brand of a type of progesterone, a female hormone. This hormone is high in early pregnancy: It promotes retention of the thick lining of the uterus, giving the developing embryo a place to develop, and preventing menstruation, the shedding of the lining of the uterus that normally takes place every month (or so) a woman is not pregnant.

Some women have irregular periods, and this isn't necessarily abnormal. One test that women's health specialists do if concerned about irregular periods (after ruling out pregnancy) is to give a patient 10 mg of medroxyprogesterone (Provera) for 10 days, then stop. When levels of progesterone go down, the body "realizes" it isn't pregnant, and will shed the thick lining of the uterus. That is the normal response. This period may be heavy if the lining had been there for three months.

If there is no period after stopping the Provera, it suggests there may be a blockage in the uterus. It's also possible the lining of the uterus (which requires estrogen) never built up in the first place, so further evaluation would be required.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 55-year-old woman. I have a leg with atrophied muscles due to having meningitis as a child. Consequently, I fall a lot. I fell and broke my wrist recently, and last year I broke my foot. I had a scan done for osteoporosis, and my T-score was -2.5. The doctor suggested I start medication for osteoporosis. I am hesitant to take such medication due to side effects. Does the number warrant taking medication? Is osteoporosis a condition that worsens over time, or will it stay at -2.5, which appears to be not too egregious, without the medication? Are there lifestyle changes that help this condition? — T.C.

ANSWER: The T-score is a statistical measure of how a person's bone density compares with a normal, healthy young person of peak bone mass. Someone

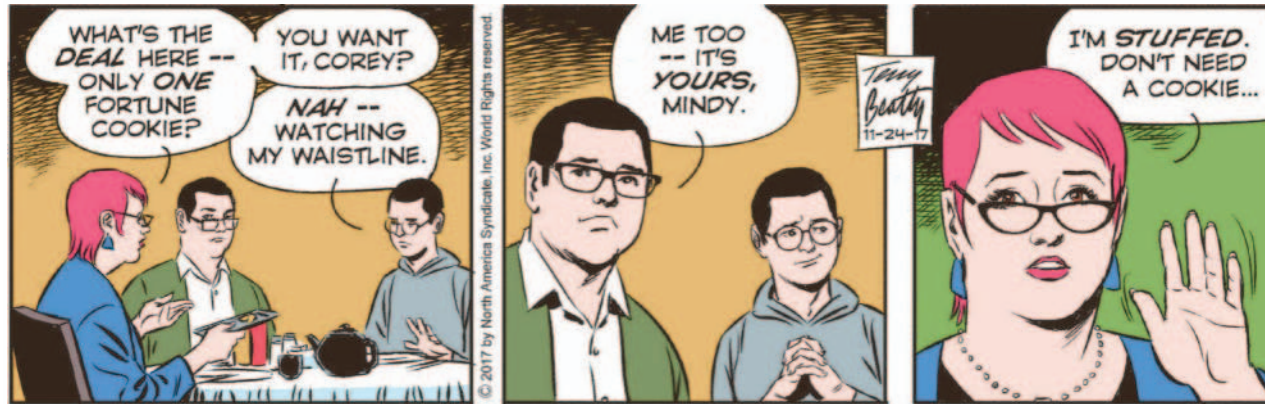
with higher-than-average bone density will have a positive score: A score of less bone density will be negative. A T-score below -2.5 is defined as osteoporosis, so you are just at the border. However, that still puts you at greater risk for fractures, and a history of wrist fracture (even with a fall) means more risk of future fracture than someone with the same T-score and no previous fracture. Treatment is appropriate for a score this low, but that does not necessarily mean medication is the starting point for all people.

Initial treatment should include adequate calcium and vitamin D intake. Most people in North America have a hard time getting adequate vitamin D in the winter. There are few good food sources (swordfish is one); vitamin D is mostly made in the skin, and only with adequate sunlight. I often test vitamin D levels for my patients. Another reasonable approach is to give supplemental vitamin D-3 (cholecalciferol), such as 1,000 IU daily.

Exercise is another important treatment, and having balance problems is a challenge. However, any kind of exercise can be helpful, and some, such as tai chi, have been shown to improve both balance and bone density. If these are not enough, I do recommend treatment with an anti-resorptive agent, such as risedronate (Actonel) for most women in your situation. There are side effects, but these are outweighed by the benefits of reducing fracture risk. A three- to five-year course is appropriate for most women before re-evaluation.

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JUMBLE

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

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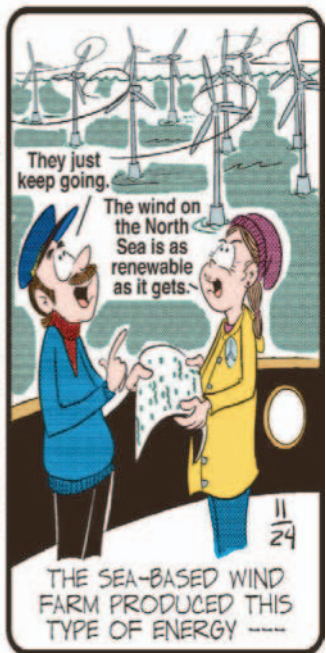
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“○○○○ - ○○○○ - ○○○○” (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HANDY MIGHT UNSURE CANOPY
Answer: After rubbing the seasoning on the Thanksgiving turkey, she had — "THYME" ON HER HANDS

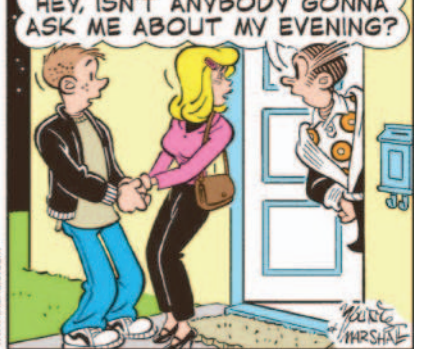
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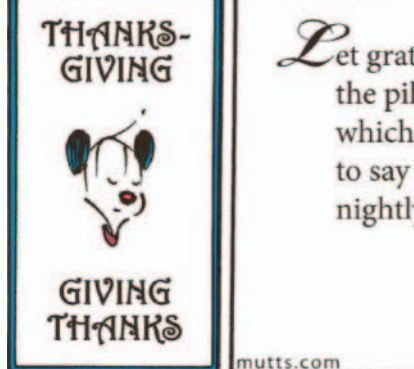
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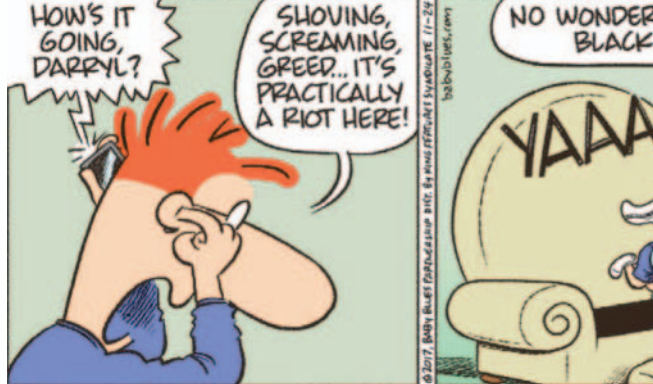
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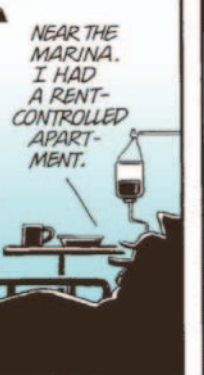
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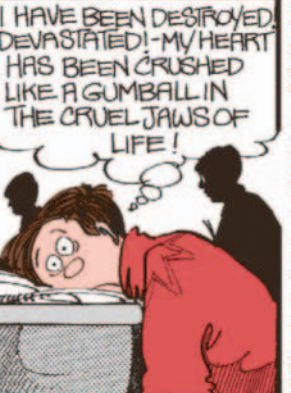
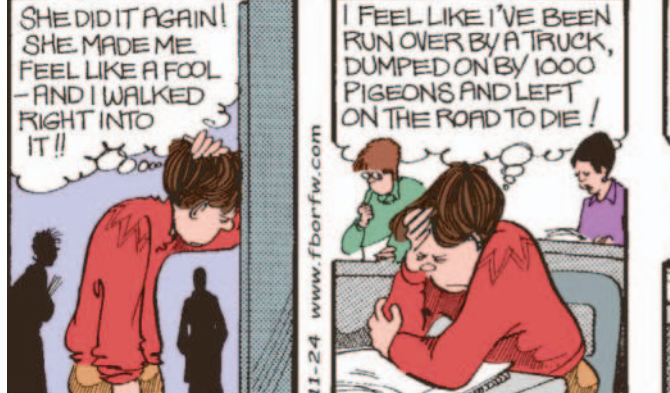
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Data deletion

Dear Heloise: Most people think that by deleting material on their computer, they have effectively erased all of their past personal data. Well, they haven't! If you are going to dispose of an old computer, it's always best to make sure that none of your personal information is on there. The steps are too long to go into in your column, but people probably should hire a professional, who can protect them by erasing all of their personal data. Don't risk letting someone get hold of your banking or investing information, as well as the addresses of family and friends. — Glen D., Titusville, Fla.



Hints from Heloise

Emergency phone

Dear Heloise: I really don't need a mobile phone at home, but I keep a simple, no-contact phone hidden in the center console of my car just in case I need it. Pay phones are nearly a thing of the past, so this would be helpful in an urgent situation, like a flat tire, or worse. — Carol J., York, Pa.

Carol, great idea, but be sure that phone is charged when you need it. Readers, check out the next letter for another cellphone hint. — Heloise

A quick tip

Dear Heloise: I have a quick tip about cellphone contacts. When I add a doctor or other business as a contact, I always take a picture of the address and hours from the website or business card, and save it as the contact image. It is helpful to have that info handy whenever I need to call. — Taron J., Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Solving a socking problem

Dear Heloise: I enjoy reading your column in the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News! I have a solution to missing socks. I bought some 2-inch safety pins, paired up the socks and wove the pin through the toes of each pair. My wonderful husband unpins them in the a.m. and re-pins them in the p.m. when going to bed. Then they are tossed into the laundry basket together. If the sock material fades a little, it all stays the same. — Carole M., Kettering, Ohio

Landlord questions tenant's claim that he sleepwalks

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who owns a large four-bedroom home, and I have two tenants. One pays the rent on time, helps with cleaning and yard work, and is an all-around great roommate. The other has been here for four months, has never paid his rent on time and always disappears when we must clear off the driveway or do yard work.



Dear Abby

The major problem I have with this guy is he sleepwalks — at least he claims he does. He opens doors at night. Some mornings I have found the front door or garage door wide open.

Additionally, he raids the refrigerator late at night. He claims he doesn't realize he's doing it. It's really annoying to find food I prepared the night before to take to work has been eaten.

I have spoken to him about it on numerous occasions, and he claims that he can't control his sleepwalking. I feel he should have told me about his issues prior to signing the lease. None of the references he gave mentioned his sleepwalking.

Is it considered a disability? Would I be discriminating against a disability if I chose to not renew his lease because of his sleepwalking? — **LANDLORD IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR LANDLORD: Because doors are being left open, it might be in your interest to install inexpensive security cameras. Sleepwalking (and sleep eating) can be symptoms of a sleep disorder, or possibly be caused by certain sleep medications. If your tenant is unaware of this, he should be informed and advised to be evaluated at a sleep disorder clinic.

Because he doesn't pay rent on time or do other things expected of him, you may not be obligated to renew his lease. My advice is to talk to a lawyer about how — and whether — you can get rid of this tenant.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-mother-in-law, "Blanche,"

takes my 14-year-old daughter, "Grace," shopping often. I was grateful at first, but now she buys her anything she wants.

Grace has a high school dance soon, and I was looking forward to shopping with her. But before I could go, Blanche took her and bought her a \$299 dress. I wasn't consulted because Grace knew I would've said no. She's a freshman and that's just way too much money to spend.

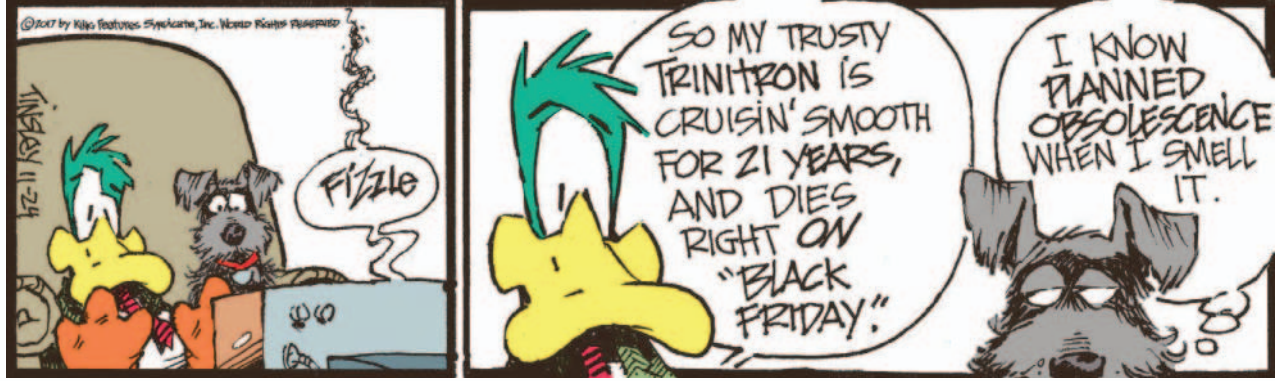
I asked them to take the dress back, and Blanche said OK. A week later I called her to explain why I said no, but instead of listening, she told me it was her Christmas and birthday present for Grace, and she wasn't taking it back.

My daughter never spends that kind of money. Grace said she was keeping the dress, and I told her she was not wearing it. How do I explain this to my daughter who has become self-entitled because of her grandmother? — **ANYTHING SHE WANTS**

DEAR ANYTHING: You have already explained it to your daughter. You told her it was too much money to spend. The problem isn't just Grace, it's also your ex-mother-in-law. You are Grace's mother, and your wishes should have been respected. I don't blame you for being angry.

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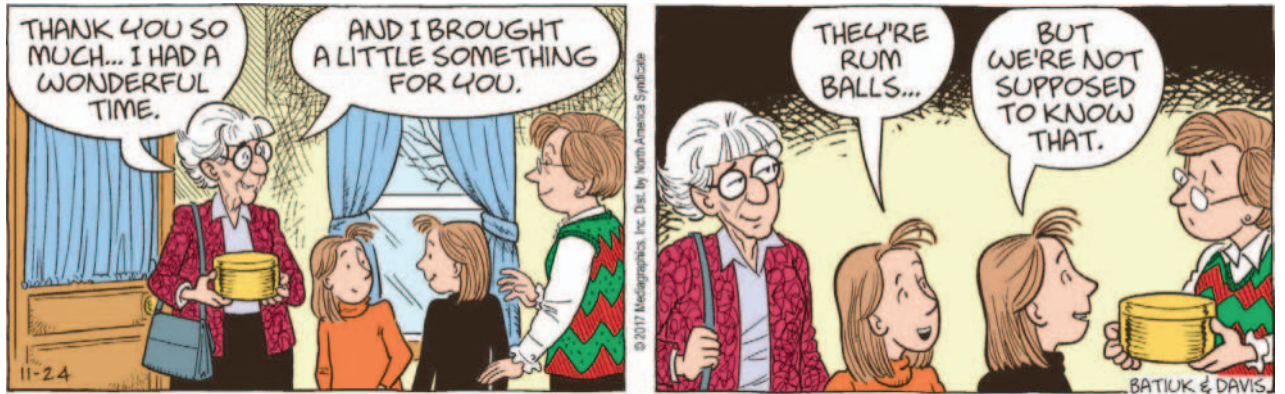
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BIBLE

"For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." — Isaiah 54:10.

What a wonderful promise for the people of God. Do you know Him. If not, trust the One who keeps His promises and the One who is also full of mercy.

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).

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 11/23/17

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Venice Gondolier readers: Look for the puzzle solution in the Our Town section

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Who is on your side? Not that people have to be on your side for you to get something out of interacting with them. But if they do happen to be on Team You, you're definitely going to feel much more comfortable and free around them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Lying opens the door to doubt. It makes it hard to believe or to be believed. There's a small and tempting lie hanging over you — maybe it seems like the kinder choice — but if you can avoid it, do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Improvement is the goal. If improvement is always the goal, eventually you'll hit the heights. But if you make the heights the goal, every small win will be diminished by the cruelty that is comparison.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For the sake of being orderly, you may have to cut something out. You may have to lose a lot of something, actually, but the remaining part should be much easier to manage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The simplicity of your approach will be disarming to those dealing with massive complexities. And as they pause to observe, perhaps in wonderment or maybe just to chuckle to themselves, you'll make your next brilliant move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strongly consider putting your thoughts into written form, especially in a letter to someone you appreciate. Everything about the written expression will be thoughtfully received, maybe even cherished.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you can keep to the topics and activities that contribute to your health and stay on purpose, this is no small thing. Reward it. You might be surprised how few people can do this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every family has its own kind of delicate balance to strike, and today you're throwing weight in this corner or the other just to keep things afloat. Don't wear yourself out over it. Give others a chance to contribute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your family balance may be upset, but this is very positive. It's what had to happen to strengthen the bonds. Tonight, you're open-minded. You may even be willing to travel beyond reality as you know it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do you have people around you who believe in you even more than you believe in yourself? Because that's a gift. Treasure them, and let them know about that, too!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today's luck springs from appreciating where you come from, partly because you're now experienced enough to understand the pressures and freedoms of adulthood and the difficulties involved in raising another human.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the wizarding world, you say your spell, wave your wand, and it's done. In the physical world, there's so much more breath and flesh to involve in it. Maybe that's better. Work will feel good to you today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 24). It's not that you want a total change, but a few key refinements on your wish list will be granted in the next three months, and this will up your entire game. January is the start of a new level of self-love and acceptance. March brings a change of scenery, and June is all about building up your loved ones. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 44, 5, 16, 21 and 37.

Friday Television

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Main television schedule table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11:30 PM) and rows for various channels including ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, PBS, CW, MYN, IND, ION, A&E, AMC, APL, BBCAM, BET, BRAVO, COM, DISC, E!, FOOD, FREE, FX, GSN, HALL, HGTV, HIST, LIFE, NICK, OWN, QVC, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, TRUTV, TVL, USA, WE, WGN, CNBC, CNN, CSPAN, FNC, MSNBC, SNN, ESPN, ESPN2, FS1, FSN, FSSUN, GOLF, NBCSN, DISN, ENC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, MAX2, SHO, TMC.

Today's Live Sports

- 12 p.m. ABC College Football Miami at Pittsburgh. (L)
ESPN2 College Basketball Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis: Championship. (L)
FS1 College Football Baylor Bears at TCU Horned Frogs. (L)
1 p.m. NBC NHL Hockey Pittsburgh at Boston. (L)
2 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Bad Boy Mowers Battle 4 Atlantis: Third Place. (L)
2:30 p.m. CBS College Football Missouri at Arkansas. (L)
3:30 p.m. ABC College Football South Florida at UCF. (L)
ESPN College Basketball PK80: Semifinal 1. (L)
4 p.m. FS1 College Football Iowa at Nebraska. (L)
FSN College Basketball North Texas at Georgia Tech. (L)
5 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Advocare Invitational: Semifinal 2. (L)
FSSUN NHL Hockey Tampa Bay at Washington. (L)
5:30 p.m. ESPN College Basketball PK80: Semifinal 1. (L)
FOX College Basketball Las Vegas Invitational: Championship Game. (L)
7 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball Wooden Legacy: Semifinal 2. (L)
7:30 p.m. FSN NBA Basketball Orlando at Boston. (L)
8 p.m. FOX College Football Texas Tech at Texas. (L)
FS1 College Basketball Las Vegas Invitational: 3rd Place Game. (L)
GOLF PGA Tour Australasia Emirates Australian Open: Round 3. (L)
9 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball PK80. (L)
10:30 p.m. FS1 College Football California at UCLA. (L)
11 p.m. ESPN2 College Basketball PK80. (L)
12 a.m. ESPN College Basketball PK80. (L)
1 a.m. GOLF European Tour Golf UBS Hong Kong Open: Round 3. (L)

Today's Talk Shows

- 7:00 a.m. ABC Good Morning America Actor Tom Cullen from "Gunpowder"; R&B group Xscape performs. (N)
7:00 a.m. NBC Today "Black Friday"; "Sherri Papini Kidnap Mystery"; "Today Food." (N)
9:00 a.m. CBS LIVE with Kelly and Ryan Patricia Heaton; Jensen Ackles; Reba McEntire. (N)
9:00 a.m. NBC Megyn Kelly TODAY Music couple Us the Duo; "Thanksgiving leftovers." (N)
10:00 a.m. CBS Harry Queen Latifah; a woman makes jackets that turn into tent to help the homeless.
10:00 a.m. FOX Maury A woman wants to prove to her ex that he is the father of her four kids. (N)
10:00 a.m. NBC Today with Kathie Lee & Hoda "Black Friday Deals"; pop band Sheppard performs; "Holiday Etiquette." (N)
2:00 p.m. CW The Robert Irvine Show Woman believes her girlfriend is having sex with marijuana dealer for the herb. (N)
3:00 p.m. CW The Wendy Williams Show Whoopi Goldberg; Laurie Schacht. (N)
5:00 p.m. CW Dr. Phil Woman says she and her husband are shut out of family's pet supply franchise. (N)
5:00 p.m. MYN Maury A woman wants to prove to her ex that he is the father of her four kids. (N)

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Friday, November 24, 2017

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BAD LUCK?

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 6 4
♥ 8 6 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ 7 6

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ K J 9 7 3
♦ J 8
♣ K J 9 3

EAST
♠ 7 3 2
♥ 10 5 2
♦ Q 10 7 3
♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K Q
♥ A Q
♦ A 9 5 2
♣ A 8 5 2

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. SOUTH: 2♣, 2NT, 4♠. WEST: Pass, Pass, All pass. NORTH: 2♦, 3♥*. EAST: Pass, Pass.

Opening lead: Five of ♠

South jumped to four over North's transfer bid, showing a maximum with spade support in case partner had any slam ambitions. He ran into some problems in the play for 10 tricks.

Declarer won the opening spade lead in his hand perforce, led a diamond to dummy's king, and then

took the heart finesse. This lost to West, who led another spade. South won in his hand, cashed the ace of clubs and led another club. East won and led a third trump. South now had to rely on the diamonds, and when that suit failed to split 3-3, he finished with the same nine tricks that he started with and had to concede down one.

South was unlucky that the heart finesse failed and that the diamonds didn't split, but he could have done better. Can you spot how?

South was blinded by his powerful trump holding and lost sight of one of the key features of his hand — the ability to ruff a heart. After winning the opening spade lead, South should have cashed the ace of hearts and led the queen of hearts. West would win and play another trump, but South could cross to dummy with the king of diamonds to ruff a heart with his last trump. The defense would not be able to prevent him from getting to dummy later and drawing the last trump. An easy 10 tricks, really.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

SOLUTIONS

- 1 weasel's relations (9)
2 set activity (7)
3 buttons and oysters (9)
4 sparsely populated (5)
5 Dallas hoopsters (9)
6 they give clothes extra room (7)
7 landscaping plants (9)

Word search grid with letters: MUS, MAV, NG, IDS, HRO, LMI, GU, ERY, ERI, SHR, CKS, ETS, RUR, MUS, FI, OMS, UBB, TEL, SS, AL

Thursday's Answers: 1. DEFENSIVE 2. DAMARIS 3. DOSSIERS 4. SLACKEN 5. GUMMED 6. OBSERVERS 7. FLAKY 11/24

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Chatter
4 Sink unclogger
9 — Jessica Parker
14 Yes, to Yvette
15 OPEC vessel
16 Usual weather
17 Airport code for O'Hare
18 Brew tea
19 Aluminum company
20 Evening gala
22 Most sacred
24 Osprey relatives
25 Jolted
27 Slumps
28 Planets' companions
29 Tax experts
33 Investigates
35 Champagne glass
36 Salad ingredients
39 Sure! (2 wds.)
40 DEA agents
41 Emulates
44 Impudent
45 Travel choice
46 March 15, in Rome
50 Natural
52 Competition
53 The soul of wit
56 Pompeii art

DOWN

- 1 Tickle
2 Dawn goddess
3 — one's time
4 Rx amounts
5 Formal observance
6 Frothy brew
7 Born as
8 Foundlings
9 Weighing machine
10 Comprehensive (hyph.)
11 Kind of pudding
12 Writer — Oz
13 Warmth
21 Singly in the order mentioned
23 Authorizes
25 Show distress
26 Garden tool
28 Nov. and Feb.
30 Place for a pint

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

Grid of words from previous puzzle: UNCLE, PEAT, ETCH, CELEB, AYLAMORE, LEAVE, HEIR, ERIE, ARDENT, DEPARTED, SNEEZED, POE, WILDE, ABLE, SASH, AKA, REPAIRS, CUE, GENE, STAG, YEMEN, ALS, HARNESS, STREAK, TAIL, PARLEYED, ANALOG, OLEO, IBIS, GROWL, SLAB, SAGA, AGILE, HYDE, TBSP, SENSE

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- 31 Wolfed down
32 Solidified
34 Med. personnel
35 Opposing force
36 Greenspan stat
37 "The Facts of Life" star
38 Use poor judgment
39 Feminine principle
41 Coloring sticks
42 Feedbag tidbit
43 Apple goody
45 Cable channel
47 Tyrant
48 Audience's cry
49 Warehoused
51 Turns down
52 Delete a file
53 Bikini tops
54 Stir up
55 Designer — Schiaparelli
56 Cherished
59 Intimidate
60 Gradation of color

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

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Venice Gondolier readers: Look for the puzzle solution in the Our Town section

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By **LARRY PRINTZ**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

BALTIMORE — Filmmaker John Waters once described his hometown of Baltimore as being populated by “people who think they’re normal but they’re not.” Pardon me if that sounds more like a description of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un than the denizens of Charm City, a nickname so wince-inducing, it could have only come from the minds of the city’s ad agencies — which it did, long before the town deserved the accolade.

Since then, Baltimore has successfully added to the advertised charm with the revival of Fell’s Point and the creation of Harborplace and its now-famous attractions: the National Aquarium, USS Constellation, Maryland Science Center, and lots of food laced with crab.

Yet maybe Mr. Waters is right: You don’t spot a lot of bouffant-style hairdos or Old Bay-flavored dark chocolates in many other places.

So perhaps the city, attempting to bury its oddball past, was indeed the perfect launching pad for the all-new 2018 Kia Rio sedan and 5-door hatchback, a nameplate that’s trying to change its reputation as well.

“We’re very honest about our past,” said James Bell, director of communications for Kia Motors America. “This company recognizes

that at one point, a little less of a reputation was something that was deserved. But we’re moving past that.”

As if to prove the point, Bell cites the brand’s many recent honors, including its second consecutive top ranking in J.D. Power’s Initial Quality Study. That may not grab headlines or hearts like the upcoming rear-wheel-drive Kia Stinger sports sedan, but the achievement is significant if you’re considering one of Kia’s more workaday cars, like the Rio.

And while this subcompact Kia is physically small, its importance to company fortunes looms large. It’s Kia’s most-popular vehicle worldwide. Here? Not so much.

But that explains the car’s conservative style, which boasts a European presence, especially on the five-door hatchback, thanks to its more chiseled, upright stance and a new interpretation of Kia’s trademark tiger nose grille. Most importantly, the windshield is taller and more upright, lending the cabin a roomier feel. Same goes for the low-profile center console that thankfully doesn’t command too much space. It’s set below an instrument panel with an expansive feel. Knobs are nicely detailed with metallic inlays and rubberized edging and blessedly simple to use. The only negative are the hard plastic door panels that lack padded armrests, which make



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With the 2018 Kia Rio, count on an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin, and a fun driving experience.

for a noticeably uncomfortable experience. But overall, material quality is impressive for the price point. It’s an inexpensive Kia that doesn’t feel cheap.

Motivating the front-wheel-drive Rio is an updated version of Kia’s 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine mated to a six-speed manual or automatic transmission.

There’s enough power to give the car a punchy feel when asked to play, although the transmission hesitates before downshifting to offer up more power. It’s no speed demon but it’s more than up to its mission. Best

of all, the engine never gets overly vocal. In fact, the car is so lacking in road and tire noise, you’ll wonder if you’re in a Rio. For an entry-level scooter, there’s a lot more driving fun than you’d expect.

In fact, the Rio’s so progressive and predictable in its behavior, you might wonder when the hot hatch variant will be arriving, something you never would have said of a Kia Rio at any point in its history until now. There’s none of the typical Korean floatiness or excessive brake dive, even at extremes. Take a corner too fast, brake

hard, and crank the wheel, and the Rio will scrub off speed while maintaining way more grip than you’d expect. Credit the car’s rigid structure; the suspension pieces themselves are nothing special. Nevertheless, they’re perfectly tuned for the task at hand.

The seats are well-bolstered and very firm, with good front seat legroom. Legroom in the rear depends on the kindness of front seat passengers. The rear seats fold down to expand cargo space.

When it comes to tech, Kia has you covered with

Bluetooth, a six-speaker stereo with satellite radio, a rear-view camera system, and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Standard safety features include six airbags, side-impact door beams, electronic stability control, anti-lock brakes, hill-start assist and vehicle stability management.

Regardless of the trim level, you get an impressively tight structure, a quiet cabin and a moderately fun driving experience.

Yes, its name is Rio and it dances on the sand.

Reader enlists Ray’s help in choosing the better car

Dear Car Talk: I’m taking advantage of the VW buyback, selling my diesel car back to VW. If I decide to give VW the benefit of my loyalty and stay with its product, it has two cars on the lot I am considering. One is a brand-new, 2017 fully loaded Passat for around \$26,000. The other is a 2012 certified used Touareg with 52,000 miles — also fully loaded, for the same price. Which do you think is the better choice? — Stefan

The Passat. It’s brand new. It comes with a warranty. And you can get the Passat with at least some of the modern safety features that we strongly recommend to all of our readers.

You should be able to get a “loaded” Passat with blind-spot monitoring and at least low-speed automatic emergency braking. Those features save both lives and sheet metal. We



also strongly recommend high-speed automatic emergency braking to anyone buying a new car, but unfortunately that’s not available on the Passat yet.

The Touareg, on the other hand, will have none of that stuff. Plus, the Touareg has had very questionable reliability over the years, with lots of complaints about its electronics. In fact, our very first introduction to the Touareg, years ago, started ignominiously: The manufacturer left a test version in our driveway, and when we went out to start it, it wouldn’t start. We figured the battery had died, so

we got out the jumper cables and popped the hood — no battery.

Turns out the battery is in the back, in the cargo area. So we went to open the rear hatch to jump the battery, and the lift gate wouldn’t open because — the battery was dead. So VW had to come and drag it on four locked tires out of the driveway, and flatbed it back to the dealership for repair.

And even now, when a Touareg comes into the shop, all my guys run and lock themselves in our one-stall men’s room, hoping someone else gets that repair ticket.

We’re not against good used cars, Stefan. But I’m not sure a 5-year-old Touareg is a hobby you really want to commit to.

The Passat, on the other hand, is brand new and comes with a 36,000-mile warranty on everything, and 60,000 on the drivetrain. Plus it’s a nice car to drive, and you can enjoy it until the

warranty runs out, and then hope for another buyback.

Gas-cap pressure leak plagues Pontiac G6

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2006 Pontiac G6. I have had a continual problem with the computer telling me to check my gas cap. After that message comes up, it will then display the motor symbol. It continues to run fine afterward, but it will not pass inspection. I’ve replaced the gas cap; I’ve had it in the shop, too. But so far this problem continues to plague the car. Please help! — Bill

What it’s telling you, Bill, is that the fuel tank is not able to hold pressure. The fuel tank is supposed to be pressurized so that gasoline vapors can be controlled and captured, rather than released into the atmosphere.

If you’re not convinced

that we need to control fuel vapors and smog, Bill, take your next vacation in Beijing.

Fortunately for us, since the 1970s, all gasoline cars have come with something called an “evaporative emissions system.” That system allows gasoline vapors that develop in the fuel tank to be stored in a charcoal canister, until they can be combusted next time you start the engine.

So my guess is that you have a leak somewhere in your evaporative emissions system, and that’s why the tank is not holding pressure.

The gas cap is a common source of a pressure leak. As you can imagine, sometimes people forget to put the cap back on. Or they don’t tighten it enough, or they screw it on incorrectly. But if you’ve tried a new factory gas cap and still get that message, I think it’s fair to say that the gas cap itself is not the problem; the

pressure is escaping from somewhere else.

So you need to take the car somewhere where a good mechanic can put the scan tool on it and figure out where the pressure leak is. It could be a solenoid that’s malfunctioning. It could be the charcoal canister. It could be a rust-perforated filler neck. Or it could be something as simple as a hose that’s old and cracked.

But something is keeping your gas tank from holding pressure. That’s what’s turning on your Check Engine light (the motor symbol on your dashboard) and preventing you from passing inspection, despite the \$50 you keep trying to slip the inspector, Bill.

Got a question about cars? Write to Car Talk write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

Welcome Back Collector Car Show, Part II

In last Friday's column I reported, in a very elementary way, details of the 11th Annual Fall Community event from start to finish — along with some photos. Today I'm using pictures taken by Lee of various vintage autos that were made in the USA and other countries.

Since these photos were shot during the show with "busy" backgrounds the entire vehicle may not appear.

Again, as a representation



You Auto Know
of the Sun Newspapers I want to thank everyone involved, especially those who brought their four-wheel gems for themselves and others to

enjoy. Transportation of yesteryear was, when we look back, important in everyday people's lives and the cars and trucks could easily be identified. Today most body styles look pretty much alike, except certain makes and models, and many cost more than our first house. The old saying "Time marches on" is so true.

We hope you like going back in time with us. Please mark the date Feb. 10, 2018 when we conduct the

Mid-Winter Open House and Collector Car Show at the Sun. Being in "full season" the entries are expected to vary from the fall event. Come and see us!



Jim Hines neat, original 1951 MG TD.



PHOTOS BY LEE ROYSTON

Restored 1965 Mustang HT & very proud owner Shawn Richard.



Frank Lanning and his very powerful factory stock 1967 Chevrolet SS HT Coupe.



Spectators starting to wander in throughout the Vintage cars.



1929 Austin 7 owned by Bob Faria of Englewood.



Steve Estok's national prize-winning 1957 Corvette.



Dan Lickliter with his very rare 1954 Sunbeam Alpine roadster, which is identical to one in the movie "To Catch A Thief" with Cary Grant and Grace Kelly.



1941 Plymouth Coupe.



1980 Clenet Series II CV all metal body owned by Don & Ann Gordon.



1958 Edsel owned by Dave Gehring parked next to his brother's Falcon.



1963 Ford Falcon station wagon owned by Rob O'Brien.



Cecil & Rose Coleman's 1956 Packard.



Replica of a 1929 Ford built by Shay Motor Co. and owners Gene and Jan Arnold.



A one-of-a-kind 1971 Honda N600 custom series owned by Amos Slater.



Alpha Romeo Replica owned by John Pensis.



Ray Jernberg instructor at Charlotte Technical College alongside his son's late model pick up used to explain electrical & mechanical components.



Charlotte Technical College instructor Tom Viele available to answer questions on modern cars.



1975 Porsche 911 Series Coup owned by Terry Shugart.



Some of the dealer 2017/18 vehicles on display prior & during the Sun Show.



Ron Phillips of New York State rare 1940 Ford Pick up truck.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Walmart Supercenter, Punta Gorda the Vintage (former Veteran) Motor Car Club of America SW Florida Region members will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army. Stop by, say hello and please make a donation to the organization that is "Doing the Most Good" to help the less fortunate at holiday time. If you would like to assist us in our efforts of ringing next to

a kettle please phone Don Royston, 941-626-4452.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free open cruise-in, Home Depot, 3941 Tamiami Trail/Burnt Store Rd. Punta Gorda by Vintage (former Veteran) Motor Car Club of America SW Florida Region. Open to all collector type car/trucks/motorcycles including modified. Free OJ, coffee and donuts to car show participants, door prizes, 50/50. For information call Lee, 941-626-9359.

Sunday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Muscle Car City Auto related

Flea Market, 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Cost of \$10 for double parking spaces for Auto Vendors only, free to the public, music by Tom's Traveling Tunes. No fee to enter diner, memorabilia store or indoor "For Sale" Car Corral.

(Note; Muscle Car City's current location has been sold and they will be moving to their new location one mile south at 10175 Tamiami Trail. This is the last monthly event until they resume in January 2018 at the new location). Rick Treworky, owner and April Patchell, general

manager request you do not call them or the museum regarding this matter. They appreciate your patronage and loyalty over the years and look forward to seeing you in the new location. Read more details in the You Auto Know column as progress occurs.

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