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Days prior to his favorite holiday, FDOT spokesman dies of cancer

By HANNAH MORSE
BRADENTON HERALD

Christmas was Robin Stublen's favorite holiday. He would decorate the state transportation department's Bartow office each year, dress up as Santa Claus and decorate his house with matching music and lights.

Nearly a week before his beloved holiday, Stublen — a communications specialist with the Florida Department of Transportation's District 1 and former Charlotte County political activist — has died of cancer. He was 61.

"Robin was a huge Christmas fan," said FDOT communications manager Zachary Burch. He was revered in the decorating community, according to a Facebook post from High Country Lights.

"Robin Stublen was a person who loved bringing the Christmas cheer to thousands," the post stated. "His talent was beyond anything we have ever pictured. When he decided to close, he let us purchase the custom-made, one-of-a-kind castle, singing deer and Chipmunks. As a tribute to



ROBIN STUBLEN

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Cop who shot librarian asks to move trial to Broward County

By ANNE EASKER
STAFF WRITER

The former Punta Gorda police officer who fatally shot 79-year-old retired librarian Mary Knowlton has filed a motion to have his trial held in Broward County.

Lee Coel, 29, played the "bad guy" in a role playing scenario put on by the police



COEL

Knowlton, who died en route to the hospital.

department for members of the Chamber of Commerce. Believing his gun was loaded with blanks, he mistakenly fired live wadcutter rounds at

Former police chief Tom Lewis faced trial earlier this year for culpable negligence in connection with the incident but was acquitted by the jury. However, he was later fired once the city completed an internal review, finding Lewis played an integral part in all five scenarios the department put on for citizens over the years,

each with a lack of attention to citizens' safety.

Coel was fired for his negligent act in March but is still embroiled in a fight with the Punta Gorda Police Officer's Pension Board. He recently asked a civil judge to reverse the board's decision to deny a review of his

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THE BOTTOM LINE: A look at today's Girl Scouts is the second of a two-part series on Scouting. To see Thursday's focus on Boy Scouts, go to yoursun.com.

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Girl Scout Daisy Troop 617, led by Nicole Hopkins and Brittney Figiel, each contributed items to their troop's Thanksgiving basket given to an area family. Girls in no particular order are Addison Bryck, Amberly Bunton, Abigail Cataloni, Kaleigh Campbell, Khloe Cornish, Lola Cornish, Chloe Darrow, Evey Davis, Allison Jolly, Kayden Hoerl, Violet Hopkins, Chrissy Sikes, Ella Tosto and Arabella Zickefoose.



Girl Scouts: Preparing young women for the future

By DEBBIE FLESSNER
SUN CORRESPONDENT

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low organized the very first Girl Scout troop after realizing the need for a group specifically meant for young females.

From her first gathering of a small troop of 18 culturally and ethnically diverse girls, Daisy broke the conventions of the time — reaching across class, cultural, and ethnic boundaries to ensure all young ladies, including those with so-called disabilities, had a place to grow and develop their leadership skills, organizers say.

The idea was to ensure that the Girl Scouts would always be an experience that was "girl-led."

And that female focus of 105 years ago isn't changing while their rivals, the Boy Scouts, are shifting gears in 2018 to provide more opportunities for girls and a coed existence.

If there wasn't a rivalry before, there's definitely one now.

"Consolidating girls and boys into one scouting organization might seem like a convenient option for parents, but such a format places undue burden on troop leaders, who will have to scramble to find the capacity to adequately support girls, and in turn diminish the quality of programming," said Mary Anne Servian, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, which includes Charlotte, Sarasota and DeSoto counties. "Quality should

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Caleigh Cabral, Girl Scout Ambassador of Troop 538, and family were displaced from their home due to storm damage from Hurricane Irma. While staying with relatives in Port Charlotte, she provided bread, lunch meat and cheese, along with other supplies, to help feed line workers, first responders and local residents without power.

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Survey says: Don't take me. I'm a scam



David MORRIS
COLUMNIST

Nearly every American spent money at Walmart last year." That CNBC April 2017 headline was the result of data from the NPD Group Checkout Tracking Service. It reported some 95 percent of U.S. consumers shopped at one of Walmart's 4,700 stores or website in 2016.

Stats like that are a scammer's dream-come-true. Virtually everyone they target has a connection with the retail giant.

Like Sun reader N.P. who, in a purported email from Walmart, told me he was asked to take a survey about a recent store shopping experience. When completed, he was promised one of three free thank-you gifts. He chose a watch and agreed to pay \$6.99 for shipping with a credit card. But shortly after getting what he described as a "cheap" watch, he was charged \$99.98 for unwanted natural appetite suppressants.

That's because he'd been taken to an impostor Walmart website. In the scam, when picking the gift, he unknowingly checked a box agreeing to the terms and conditions of a trial membership for these supplements.

He disputed the charge with his credit card company, but it upheld the transaction because the supplement company had provided proof of the order, including N.P.'s unique computer

IP address. He canceled the card to avoid further charges.

Walmart warns about the scam on its website.

"Walmart does not solicit online for individuals to complete online surveys for gift cards or free gifts, nor do we send unsolicited emails asking individuals to participate in our surveys."

The retailer reminds customers that its legitimate register receipt

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'Beach Santa' celebrates Christmas spirit

By **STEVE REILLY**
STAFF WRITER

ENGLEWOOD — Pat Potts and Mark Timchula got their Christmas wish.

They raised \$850 — with Timchula's partner, Susan Bledsoe, adding another \$50 — and presented 18, \$50 Walmart gift cards to the Englewood United Methodist Church this week.

Potts and Timchula hope to bring Christmas joy to families whose holiday might otherwise be bleak.

With the onset of the winter holidays, 64-year-old Potts, a retiree from Ohio, sits on the beach by the

SUN PHOTO BY STEVE REILLY

Englewood United Methodist programs director Joyce Doyle and children ministry director Suzie Asa join Mark Timchula, "The Beach Guy," and Pat Potts, "Beach Santa" Wednesday. Potts and Timchula presented the church with \$900 in gift cards to brighten the Christmas for families who might otherwise have a bleak holiday.

FIREFIIGHTERS GIFTING 'BIKES FOR TYKES'

Nearly a decade ago, Englewood Area Fire Control District Lt. Don Rossow, now retired, started the Christmas tradition of buying bicycles and scooters for elementary-age children whose families could not afford purchasing a bike.

"We do it to give back to the community," said Lt. Don Pasick, who has taken over for Rossow. "Giving a

bicycle to a kid helps."

Englewood firefighters, fire district staff and fire commissioners raised enough to give bicycles to children of nine families. Englewood-area elementary schools identified the families for the fire district.

The fire district plans a Christmas celebration 11 a.m. Saturday at the fire district's academy where firefighters will give out the bicycles to the families.

For more information, call 941-474-3311.

waterline, his feet in the wet sand, wearing a Santa hat and ready to take photos with the beachgoers.

Potts never asks, but a hand-painted sign encourages people to donate: "Pictures w/ Santa. Donations to

help a local family."

He'll remain on the beach until Christmas Day.

The gift cards will be distributed among five families, possibly six, with more than 20 children between them. Those families are in

need and would have a much leaner Christmas without Potts and Timchula, Englewood United Methodist programs director Joyce Doyle suggested.

"These are (families) who've fallen through the cracks," Doyle said.

Four summers ago, Timchula, better known as the Beach Guy for his beach umbrella and chair rentals at the public Englewood Beach, and Potts — who bears a strong resemblance to Santa due to his gray beard and rotund build — decided they wanted to do some good during the Christmas season.

They came up with the idea of "Beach Santa" fundraiser.

Potts revels in his role. "He's been a real trooper," Timchula said of Potts, who has shown up every morning at Englewood Beach — even when the early morning temperatures dipped into the 40s.

Beach Santa has become a holiday fixture at Englewood Beach.

Four years ago, Potts and Timchula raised enough money for one family; the second year, they helped two families; and last year, they helped four families.

"Awesome," said Suzie Asa, Englewood United Methodist children ministry director. The gift cards, Asa

said, will help ensure families can buy a few more gifts for children and enjoy holiday meals with all the fixings

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TIMELINE

1910s - Founded in 1912 in Savannah, Ga.
1920s - Expanded to Mexico, China and Syria
1930s - "Who Are the Girl Scouts?" promotional booklet printed for U.S. girls in Yiddish, Italian and Polish
1940s - Japanese-American girls, confined to internment camps, established troops
1950s - Assembled "Kits for Korea," pouches of items needed by Korean citizens, during the Korean War
1960s - Conducted "Speak Out" conferences to push for racial equality, initiated "ACTION 70" project to help overcome prejudice
1970s - Elected first African-American national board president, launched national "Eco-Action" program to promote environment
1980s - Distributed The Contemporary Issues series, addressing teen girl issues including drug use, child abuse and teen pregnancy
1990s - Introduced Technology badge for Girl Scout Juniors, while also tackling illiteracy with the Right to Read service project
2000s - Set up Girl Scout Research Institute to conduct studies, elected the first Hispanic as chair of the National Board
2010s - Introduced badges to promote outdoor activities, began Digital Cookie, allowing online sale of Girl Scout Cookies

SCOUTS

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be more important than convenience."

While there are single-gender benefits, bringing boys and girls together in a Scouting environment is just as beneficial, according to Greg Graham, executive and CEO of the Boy Scouts of America, Southwest Florida Council that also includes Charlotte, Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

"There is research that indicates boys and girls together at the Cub Scout age in a nurturing environment has more benefits than single gender," Graham said.

Servian said Girl Scouts creates an inclusive place where members can be themselves and reach their potential without distractions or pressures that could be found in a coed setting.

"For us, girls are not an afterthought. Everything we do is designed with girls, by girls, and for girls. Put simply, girl scouting works. It is the best experience for girls in the world because it is girl-led," she said. "We have a lot of data to support why girls should be in a girl-only environment, if only for this one experience. That is where they are more willing to raise their hands and say, 'Pick me.' We know that the program we have, has been developed just for girls, and is really preparing young women to step up and take their equal place in society."

Today, the Girl Scouts include approximately 1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L., which stands for go-getter, innovator, risk-taker and leader. The organization's mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character is promoted as both a credo and a recruitment tool, and those who participate are all in.

Gulfcoast Florida's council, with a membership of nearly 6,500 girls in grades K-12, and nearly 2,700 adult members in 10 counties, is governed by a volunteer board of directors who represent the geographic, ethnic and social demographics of the council's jurisdiction, said Servian, a former Sarasota mayor who took over as leader in May.

A businesswoman with a history of work with nonprofits, she said that at this stage of her life, she feels like the Girl Scouts is exactly where she was meant to be.

"Having started out in a convent school in Philadelphia, I feel like my life has gone full circle," Servian said. "Throughout my life, I've always been involved with women's issues and in trying to raise up young women. Where I am now, I can do just that."

For the young women who participate in the Girl Scouts, the organization is not only a service model, it is a leadership program, she said.

Nikki LeVasseur has been a volunteer troop leader in Englewood for the past 12 years,

GIRL SCOUTS:
BY THE NUMBERS

59 million - Americans alive today who participated during childhood

1.8 million - girl members

800,000 - adult members

105 - Years in operation

92 - Countries with programs

75 - Percentage of female U.S.

senators and governors who are alum

Source: Girlscouts.org

GIRL SCOUTS MISSION,
PROMISE

• **Mission:** Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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Source: Girlscouts.org

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Source: Sampling from Girlscouts.org

and says that Girl Scout badges, travel and volunteer opportunities challenge the girls to meet new people, learn new things and discover more possibilities for the future.

"Girls are encouraged to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award Girl Scouts may earn," she said. "They achieve it by choosing an issue that is important to them, making the world a better place while collaborating with others and sharing their project beyond the local community, to inspire others to take action in their own communities."

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida provides a leadership development program for girls, allowing them to discover themselves and their values. It is delivered through a national program portfolio consisting of "Journeys," which are project-based, multidisciplinary learning adventures that help girls team up to identify and solve problems in their communities.

Girls try new things and develop specific skills, from camping and first aid to financial literacy and STEM, while earning program awards and badges. Because the Girl Scout Leadership Experience curriculum is correlated to national and state learning standards, educators and parents can be confident that girls are having fun, active experiences that reinforce what they are learning during the school day, the group says.

Servian said that she and a team of her volunteers and girl scouts recently returned from the G.I.R.L. 2017 conference in Columbus, Ohio, and it was an inspirational experience.

"We've just kicked off the G.I.R.L. agenda, which is having the girls look in their homes, schools and communities for something they're passionate about and take action on it," she said. "As a part of that, I will work with a small group of girls here to help them learn how to stand before a commission and advocate in a respectful way for something they're passionate about, so that they can effect change."

One of the girl scouts in Servian's council who already knows how to get up in front of a group of people and speak is Pepper Rhodes, who recently turned 13 years old.

Girl Scouts advice: Your daughter doesn't owe anyone a hug

By TRAVIS M. ANDREWS

WASHINGTON POST

"Have you ever insisted, 'Uncle just got here — go give him a big hug!' or 'Auntie gave you that nice toy, go give her a kiss' when you were worried your child might not offer affection on her own? If yes, you might want to reconsider the urge to do that in the future."

That's the advice the Girl Scouts of America is giving to parents. The organization published a recent blog post arguing that forcing children to hug relatives and family friends during the holidays could muddy the waters when it comes to the notion of consent later in life.

The piece comes as some of the most powerful men in nearly every major industry — from Hollywood to journalism to politics — are being publicly called out for sexual harassment and assault. The organization said in a statement to ABC the blog post was written partially "in light of recent news stories about sexual harassment."

The post was titled "Reminder: She Doesn't Owe Anyone a Hug. Not Even at the Holidays."

It argued that by consenting to a hug she doesn't want, a young girl could get "the wrong idea about consent and physical affection."

"Making her give hugs now can make her wonder

if she 'owes' another person physical affection when they've bought her dinner or done something else seemingly nice for her later in life," the organization said in a Facebook post, which was shared almost 7,000 times.

Many on Twitter praised the organization for its message. Actress Amber Tamblyn, one of the leading voices calling out the sexual harassment problem endemic to Hollywood, shared the story with a thank you to the Girl Scouts.

"Our daughters owe no one hugs, smiles or kisses and we should start teaching them this young," she said in the tweet.

"I'm having a difficult time accepting this," tweeted John Aravosis, editor of AMERICAblog, which describes itself as a "progressive" journal of "news and opinion."

"Lots of younger people today were raised to think as you do, that children/ younger people are equal to if not superior to adults/elders," he concluded. "It's a recipe for raising a generation of brats, and has zero to do with rape culture."

Others had stronger opinions. In a response to the Girl Scouts's Facebook post, for example, one user said, "This is absolutely ridiculous!!!! I MAKE my kids hug and kiss family members and close friends of the family when we

say hello and goodbye! It's a sign of respect!!"

Some experts encouraged parents to use caution when considering the Girl Scouts' advice. New York-based psychiatrist Janet Taylor said it's important for parents to avoid creating "a mass hysteria about physical contact with loved ones."

"It's never too early to start a conversation about good touch and bad touch," Taylor told ABC. "But also we don't want to overstep our boundaries so our children are not afraid of who they should not be afraid of."

The Girl Scouts pointed out that the conversation might not be an obvious one — even if it is important.

"The notion of consent may seem very grown-up and like something that doesn't pertain to children," Girl Scouts' developmental psychologist Andrea Bastiani Archibald said in the post. "But the lessons girls learn when they're young about setting physical boundaries and expecting them to be respected last a lifetime, and can influence how she feels about herself and her body as she gets older."

Archibald also noted that "some adults prey on children, and teaching your daughter about consent early on can help her understand her rights, know when lines are being crossed, and when to go to you for help."

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- make the world a better place, and
- be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Source: Girlscouts.org



MMMM, COOKIES

- The Girl Scout Cookie Program is largest girl-led business in the world.
- 200 million boxes of cookies — nearly \$800 million worth — sold during each cookie season.
- Most popular, in order: Thin Mints, Samoas, Caramel deLites

Source: Girlscouts.org



PHOTO PROVIDED

Members of Girl Scout Ambassador Troop 208 will graduate from high school in May. Seated from left: Brittany Furst, Florida Southwestern Collegiate High School; Carrie Harvey and Adriana Basile, Lemon Bay High School; Anne LeVasseur, FSWC High School. Standing: Elizabeth D'Amico and Reagan Moody, Lemon Bay High School; Fanny Basile, Charlotte Harbor Center; Courtney Botelho, Lemon Bay High School; and Antonette Benedetto, Venice High School.

She attended the conference with Servian's group as a media representative for the Girl Scouts Media Team, which meant that she interviewed Girl Scouts representatives and female leaders from organizations across the country. There were more than 200 Girl Scouts who applied for the media rep position, but only 12 were chosen.

Pepper said her many years of scouting have given her the confidence to try all kinds of new things.

"This is my eighth year in Girl Scouts, and I've found that there are just so many opportunities to learn and have new experiences," she said. "I want to eventually go to the Air Force Academy and it's (Girl Scouts) taught me organizational skills and management skills, and to be a responsible person."

2017 GIRL SCOUT IMPACT STUDY

Outcome (Girl Scouts vs. non-Girl Scouts)

- Have positive values (75% vs. 59%)
- Seek challenges and learn from setbacks (62% vs. 42%)
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships (60% vs. 43%)
- Exhibit community problem-solving skills (57% vs. 28%)
- Leadership activities when working in a group (79% vs. 44%)
- Community service activities, like volunteering (79% vs. 37%)
- Outdoor activities, like hiking or camping (76% vs. 43%)
- Money management activities, like how to spend and save (65% vs. 36%)
- STEM activities, like science experiments and building robots (60% vs. 35%)
- Work collaboratively with others on group projects (86% vs. 61%)
- Engage in hands-on activities and reflect on what worked/didn't work (81% vs. 59%)
- Take an active role in decision making (80% vs. 51%)

Source: Decision Analyst study of 3,014 girls (1,507 Girl Scouts, 1,507 non-Girl Scouts) 5-18

Already well on her way to working toward an Air Force Academy admission, young Pepper said she is already involved in her school's Civil Air Patrol program and is currently taking ground and flight lessons with a pilot at

the Punta Gorda Airport.

For more information about being involved with the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, visit their website at www.gsgcf.org.

The Daily News contributed to this report.

TRIAL

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application for disability benefits. Coel claims to have post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from the shooting incident.

Charged by the State Attorney's Office of the 20th Judicial Circuit with negligent manslaughter, the new motion for a change of venue states the publicity of the case in Charlotte and surrounding counties throughout Southwest Florida is "overwhelming, constant and pervasive; and its content has been uniformly negative about Officer Coel. More important, the publicity has continued virtually unabated from the date of the incident."

According to the motion, Coel's attorneys, Thomas Schlafani and Alvin Entin, both of Fort Lauderdale, commissioned a national media search company, Cision U.S., Inc., to conduct a survey of the number, type, and content of radio, television, and newspaper accounts of the shooting and its aftermath.

The survey found during the 14 months following the tragedy, 2,107 newspaper and television reports reached the equivalent of 42,684,769 people in Charlotte, Hendry, Lee, Manatee, Glades, Collier and DeSoto counties. Potential jurors in those counties have been exposed to negative publicity about Coel an average of 4.79 times per day, every day, since Aug. 9, the motion states.

"The media penetration portraying a villainous Lee Coel means that every man and woman comprising our jury pool has heard that Lee Coel shot dead an innocent, saintly 73-year-old female librarian an average of almost five times per day

since the incident," the motion states.

In contrast, the study found residents of Broward County were exposed to only 86 media reports, clustered mostly around the date of the incident in August 2016 and after Lewis' trial in March.

"That means that every man, woman and child in Broward County has been exposed to media reports about this case 0.195 times per day since Aug. 8, 2016, twenty-five times less than the members of the Charlotte County jury pool," the motion states. "Clearly, therefore, the potential jury pool in Broward County has had no effective media exposure to this case when compared with the already inundated citizens of Charlotte and surrounding counties."

Should Judge Margaret Steinbeck allow the case to proceed to jury selection before making a decision on the venue, defense asks for a jury questionnaire to be sent out to the jury pool in order to determine who should be challenged for cause before arriving at the courthouse. Schlafani and Entin argue jurors are far more candid providing written answers "in the privacy of their own home rather than orally in a public setting."

If the trial remains in Charlotte County, they ask for the jury to be sequestered for the duration of the trial. An affidavit signed by Lee Coel confirms he is familiar with the nature and extent of the publicity and how he has been portrayed.

"I am convinced that I will not be able to get a fair and impartial jury or a fair trial if the case is tried in Charlotte County, Florida, or any county in the southwest part of Florida," he states. "I respectfully request that the case be transferred to Broward County, Florida."

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DAVID

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survey occurs four times a year, with gift-card winners notified by certified mail. It also asks targeted victims to report the scam to abuse@walmart.com. A report should also be filed with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

"Legitimate companies may ask about your customer experience after a purchase by sending a personalized email after you received an online order," explains the AARP. "But don't trust unsolicited, out-of-the-blue inquiries, especially those that start with 'Dear Customer.' Bona fide surveys should include your name. Unless you provided a company with your phone number or email, it is unlikely to contact you."

Similar survey scams have been reported involving Amazon. The Better Business Bureau warns that legitimate businesses do not ask for credit card numbers or banking information on customer surveys.

Survey scams aren't limited to emails and can include text

messages and social media posts. Besides obtaining debit and credit card information, responding to a survey scam may also get you on a "sucker's list" which is sold to other con artists wanting to take a swing at you.

What about phone call surveys? Legitimate companies may conduct surveys under the do-not-call rules so long as there's no attempt to sell goods or services. However, if you get a sales call disguised as a survey, and you're on the Do Not Call Registry, file a complaint at www.donotcall.gov or call 888-382-1222.

Finally, before responding to any survey, the BBB suggests ensuring your name, address and email information won't be sold or shared.

"Professional marketing and opinion research firms keep participant information private, don't ask for money or try to sell products or services."

David Morris is the Sun's consumer advocate. Contact him c/o the Sun, 23170 Harborview Road, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980; email dmorris@sun-herald.com; or leave a message at 941-206-1114.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sunday School Cookie Walk

St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church is holding a Sunday School Cookie Walk from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday at the church. Participants can decide if they want to use a small or large box for the sale with a variety of cookies. A small box is \$7; a large box is \$10. All proceeds will help Sunday School children to participate in summer camp. The church is at 4200 South Biscayne Drive, North Port.

Notice of lane closures

Intermittent single lane closures will occur on Panama Drive at Placida Road starting today. The closure is required for the contractor to pave the intersection. Advance warning signs and flaggers will be onsite to direct traffic. Travelers may experience intermittent, slow moving traffic and/or temporary delays within the project limits and should allow extra time when planning to travel through this area. More information about this project is available at www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov. Click Project Status Updates in the Popular Links list on the left.

OBITUARIES

ENGLEWOOD

Deborah "Deb" Camp

Deborah "Deb" Camp, 65, of Rotonda, Florida, passed away on the



after a five-year battle with cancer.

Deb was born Dec. 1, 1952, in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, to Bernard and Juanita Pfeiffer.

She was the youngest of two children. Deb graduated from Palmerton High School in 1970. She studied and became a C.N.A., medical assistant, lab assistant and caregiver. She also studied at Lehigh Community College to be a veterinarian.

Deb was a member of Fellowship Church in Englewood, Florida, she cherished praising the Lord and reading her Bible and, her gift was helping others. She was a loving and caring person, devoted wife and friend, always thinking of others first, and always with a huge wonderful smile that could light up room. "To know her was to love her." Deb was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood of Englewood and served as

Chaplin. She volunteered for "Helping Hands" and many other charity groups. She served with Tidewell Hospice for 10 years as a Vigil Volunteer and caregiver.

She is survived by her longtime husband, Frederick (Rick) D. Camp of Rotonda; her mother, Juanita L. Alfieri (Pfeiffer), of Port Charlotte, Florida; her brother, Bernard C. Pfeiffer of Lehighton, Pennsylvania; her granddaughter, Ashley Ellen Diaz of Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania; and two great-grandsons, Joshua Mikal Miles and Jacob Lewis Miles, both of Kempton, Pennsylvania. Deb was preceded in death by her father, Bernard Paul Pfeiffer; her daughter, Sheri Ann Diaz; and her great-granddaughter, Brandy Davis.

She was at absolute peace with God and ready to begin her journey to Heaven.

A "Celebration of Life" memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2017, at the Fellowship Church in Englewood followed by a reception on the church campus.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are welcome and should be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, National Neighborhood Dr. P.O. Box 98017, Washington, DC 20090-8017. Website: lls.org/lls/donate, Phone: 888-557-7177.

William Simms Jr.

William Simms Jr. of Placida, Florida, was born on July 16, 1953, and died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017. Arrangements are by Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home, Cemetery and Crematory, www.charlottememorial.com.

CHARLOTTE

There were no deaths reported in Charlotte Thursday.

NORTH PORT

There were no deaths reported in North Port Thursday.

DESOTO

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.

Obituaries must be received by 2 p.m. for Tuesday through Saturday publication. For Sunday through Monday publication deadline is 3 p.m. Friday. In Loving Memories must be received by 2 p.m. for Tuesday through Friday publication. For Saturday through Monday publication deadline is noon on Friday. The American flag accompanying an obituary indicates a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Please send emails to obituaries@sunletter.com.

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our dear friend, we plan to lower the brightness of the castle lights after the show to burn until dawn. Robin ... may your light shine brighter than ever. Thank you for your contributions in our community."

For the past five years, Stublen was a part of the department's communications team representing 12 counties in Southwest Florida. Some of the projects he spoke of included the Cortez Bridge project and the diverging diamond on University Parkway.

"Without a doubt, he loved every second of it," Burch said.

Before his post at the transportation department, he was the founder of the Punta Gorda Tea Party and in 2011 was hired as Gov. Rick Scott's deputy public liaison director.

But for the past six months, he was in and out of the office, Burch said. He had been battling cancer for a year.

"I don't think anybody thought it would be quite this soon," he said.

Burch said Stublen would be "missed tremendously" and the department is happy that "he's in peace."

"It's especially sad that it happened this time of year, that he loved so much."

Stublen made political waves in Charlotte

The impact Stublen had on the community was perhaps best exemplified as the founder of the Punta Gorda Tea



PHOTO PROVIDED

Robin and Greta Stublen at Gov. Rick Scott's inaugural ball in 2011.

Party. In the run-up to the pivotal 2010 election, conservatives were up in arms over what they saw as government run amok. Stublen was able to harness this energy, organizing the local movement's initial rally.

More than a thousand people assembled in Gilchrist Park, throwing tea bags into the harbor while marching across the bridge, in a demonstration of their shared commitment to the conservative cause.

"Robin was definitely outspoken, political and highly opinionated," said longtime Republican stalwart Bill Folchi. "He was a great promoter. He was great at getting a lot of people to follow him."

Whether lambasting government overreach on Ken Lovejoy's "Charlotte County Speaks" radio show or offering pointed comments in a letter to the editor in the local paper, Stublen was never shy about letting people know where he stood.

Sometimes it rubbed

others the wrong way.

When Stublen joined the Charlotte County Republican Executive Committee, part of the tea party's strategy to get involved in local politics, internal dissension ensued.

"They had their own agenda," Folchi recalled. "There was a lot of tension."

As a result, Bob Starr abruptly resigned his chairmanship and Folchi took over. But Stublen did not retreat.

Although occasional adversaries, Starr respected Stublen for his uncompromising stance for principle and accountability. As neighbors in the Ridge Harbor community east of Punta Gorda, one time they faced off in a bid for District 1 county commissioner.

"He advocated for fairness from the government," Starr said. "Robin was an in-your-face kind of guy. We went round and round quite a few times. Whether you agreed with him or not, at least he was doing something."

Starr, who would go on to become county commissioner, was one of the speakers at the inaugural tea party rally and remembers folks carrying signs like, "Give Me My Country Back." People wanted to change the direction of government, and Stublen led the way.

"He was a crusader," he said. "Robin was the heart and soul of the tea party, and he was for a lot of years."

Sun Staff Writer Gary Roberts contributed to this report.

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12/22/2017

3119 NOTICE OF AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on 01/03/2018 at 12:30 PM at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: 17960 Paulson Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33954 941.764.4085
Karen Horne
Unit#2012
Household Goods, Furniture
Michael Borza
Unit#267
Household Goods, Furniture
Michael Borza
Unit#268
Household Goods, Furniture
Michael Borza
Unit#276
Household Goods, Furniture
Michael Borza
Unit#281
Household Goods, Furniture
Jeff Zellerkraut
Unit#326
Household Items
Sam Luterotty
Unit#531
Tools, Personal Items, Construction Materials, Garage Items
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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3128 NOTICE OF PERMIT

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue a permit to City of Punta Gorda, Tom Jackson, 326 W Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950 to change the method of biosolids treatment. The facility is located at latitude 26o55'45"N, longitude 81o56'52" W on 30999 Belmont Rd, Punta Gorda, in Charlotte County. The Department has assigned permit file number FLA118371-012 to the proposed project.

The intent to issue, draft permits, draft Administrative Order and application files are available online and can be accessed through the Department's Information Portal at: <http://prodev.dep.state.fl.us/DepNexus/public/electronic-documents/FLA118371/facility/search> or are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's South District Office, 2295 Victoria Ave, Suite 364, Ft. Myers, Florida 33901. Please contact the Department at phone number (239) 344-5600 if you have any questions or are experiencing difficulty viewing the electronic application. The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, within fourteen days of receipt of notice. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Under Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code, a person may request an extension of the time for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. The request must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel before the end of the time period for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the notice or within fourteen days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. Section 120.60(3), Florida Statutes, however, also allows that any person who has asked the Department in writing for notice of agency action may file a petition within fourteen days of receipt of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition or request for an extension of time within fourteen days of receipt of notice shall constitute a waiver of that

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person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information, as indicated in Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code:
(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
(b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the determination;
(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the Department's decision;
(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action;
(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the Department to take with respect to the Department's proposed action.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available for this proceeding.
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3130 NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Stern & Bruns Garage gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/08/2018, 10:00 am at 1590 S McCall Road Englewood, FL 34223, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Stern & Bruns Garage reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
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2004 DODGE
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2009 DODGE
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NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Extra Space Storage
2080 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
(941) 625-3597
Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at live public auction
At the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday January 3rd, 2018 at 11:30 AM** at the Extra Space Storage facility located at: 2080 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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35 Patricia McCombs Boxes, Bags & Totes
289 Carl Winters Household Items & TV's
112 Albert Bisson Lazy Boys, Mattresses & boxes
458 Rohan Mark McCalla Household Goods & Totes
136 Jeremy Weinrich Dresser, Washer Dryer & Household Goods
243 Timothy Warnock 2 Bedroom house, patio set & washer/dryer
125 Paul Crawford Furniture
6 Haley Gray Kids Bike and Clothing
621 Courtney Shine 3 Bedrooms, Dining Table, Living Room Set, TV
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:
902 Taylor St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950, (941)626-9600 on 1/3/2018 at 9:30 AM
Erick Vega Unit 496 Bed, boxes, dresser, household
Tracy Ott Unit 226 Boxes, furniture
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:

23215 Harborview Rd. Port Charlotte, FL 33980; (941)624-2962; 01/03/2018 at 10:30am.
Kirsten Flickinger
Unit 44
Books, Furniture
Keith Allen Crandall Jr.
Unit 543
Household items
Amber Brown
Unit 512
Household items
Ila Mikulas
Unit 1059
Household, furniture
Donovan Moody
Unit 118
Household, furniture
Shery Pierre-louis
Unit 87
Household items
Eban Wilson
Unit 1012
Household, furniture
Tamoya Richards
Unit 313
Household, furniture
Brandy Christian
Unit 991
Household, furniture
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLOTTE COUNTY SELF STORAGE located at 4201 Whidden Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980, will sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the following units to satisfy delinquent amounts due and enforce a lien imposed under the FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT (Section 83.801-83.809).
Sale will be conducted at the above address on **WED. JANUARY 10, 2018 at 10:30AM**
All property sold is CASH ONLY, in "as is" condition and must be removed at the time of the sale. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel the sale in the event of settlement with obligated party(ies).
UNIT NUMBER NAME CONTENTS
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Snook Haven improvements to move forward

By **WARREN RICHARDSON**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

NORTH PORT — With an initial round of improvements to county-owned Snook Haven making their way to completion, plans are now in place for a second phase.

And that's good news for those with disabilities.

Sarasota County commissioners recently approved a concept plan for the popular park, off River Road, that will bring improved access to Snook Haven's amenities for those with disabilities.

"This is a great project for this hidden gem," Commissioner Charles Hines said. "It'll be better for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) people and will open up Snook Haven and the beauty of the Myakka River to a lot of people."

In December 2010, the county purchased a 2.92-acre parcel adjacent

to the original park with funds from the Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program. Purchasing this property, county officials reasoned, would provide an opportunity to relocate the existing boat ramp away from the restaurant.

That area was utilized by the restaurant for entertainment activities, making it difficult for boaters to access the river.

In the first phase of the project, due to be completed this winter, the county upgraded the boat ramp and constructed a new boat ramp, a boat trailer parking, ADA parking and an access sidewalk.

Now, with those improvements underway, the county will proceed to design work on the second phase with construction to begin in 2019.

In the second phase, as noted on the concept plan approved by

commissioners, the county will focus on ADA improvements by adding an ADA-accessible canoe/kayak launch, access sidewalk, parking and a drive aisle, and two pole picnic shelters.

To accomplish this, the existing residence on the site along with the dock and some retaining walls will be demolished.

The project is estimated to cost \$500,000 with funding available from the penny sales tax, although county staff plans to apply for funding for the ADA boat launch from the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

Commenting on the concept plan, Commissioner Nancy Detert asked staff to preserve as much of the natural beauty as possible.

"People just love it (Snook Haven) and the old Florida feel of it," Detert said.

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POLICE BEAT

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

CLARIFICATION

The victim in a Dec. 21 Police Beat item headlined "Cops: Englewood man arrested after shooting," said the man in the story identified as her "new boyfriend" is not her boyfriend. She said the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office report was erroneous.

Clearwater. Charge: nonsupport of dependents. Bond: \$800.

• Carlos Humberto Paiz-Francisco, 39, of Bradenton. Charges: failure to appear and an underlying charge. Bond: none.

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

• Robert Baer, 21, of Longmeadow Lane, Englewood. Charges: two counts of probation violation (original charges: two counts of possession of cannabis over 20 grams.) Bond: none.

• Shawn Bettis, 34, 3200 block of Newmark St., North Port. Charge: violation of probation (original charge: battery.) Bond: none.

• Samantha Cadieux, 24, 400 block of Fairway Dr., North Port. Charges: larceny and grand theft of a vehicle. Bond: \$3,000.

• Christine Cook, 28, 2900 block of Arrowhead Road, Venice. Charge: contempt of court (original charges: larceny and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.) Bond: none.

• Andrew Hartwing, 37, of Rotterdam Drive, Punta Gorda. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill. Bond: none.

• Ben Joseph, 34, 3100 block of Irma St., North Port. Charge: out-of-county warrant Manatee County for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: none.

• Jesse Lauer, 36, 4600 block of Bonita Road, Venice. Charge: possession or use of narcotic equipment. Bond: \$500.

• Robert May, 32, 100 block of Clemson Road, Venice. Charge: two counts of probation violation (original

charges: using or passing forged bills and grand theft of a motor vehicle.) Bond: \$10,000.

• Christopher Rodgers, 34, 2900 block of Arrowhead Drive, Venice. Charge: possession of marijuana over 20 grams and use or possession of narcotics equipment. Bond: \$2,000.

• Carlos Sanchez-Diaz, 34, 23000 block of MacLellan Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: contempt of court (original charge: driving under the influence.) Bond: \$2,000.

• Jackson Snow, 45, 400 block of Pineview Drive, Venice. Charge: contempt of court (original charge: driving with a suspended license.) Bond: \$5,000.

• Paul Thompson, 35, 4600 block of Bonita Road, Venice. Charge: driving with a suspended license second offense and violation of probation (original charge: battery.) Bond: \$500.

The North Port Police Department reported the following arrest:

• Joseph Torres, 38, 3000 block of Phenex Ave., North Port. Charge: trespassing failing to leave after being asked by owner. Bond: \$500.

The Venice Police Department reported the following arrests:

• Eric Hines, 28, 220 block of Sorrento Ranches Drive, Nokomis. Charges: reckless driving first offense, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession or use of narcotics equipment. Bond: \$1,120.

• Melissa Vidales, 43, 1200 block of Leeward Road, Venice. Charge: driving with a suspended license repeat offender. Bond: \$1,500.

— Compiled by Daniel Sutphin and Alex Herrera

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

C.A.R.E. Ball 2017

The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies will host its 30th annual C.A.R.E. Ball, A Diamonds and Pearls Anniversary celebration, at 6 p.m. on Jan. 27, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda.

Individual tickets are \$135 per person; Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$1,250 (before Dec. 31) and \$1,350 after Dec. 31) Last date to purchase tickets is Jan. 22. There will be gaming and an open bar included in your ticket price. Tickets may be purchased by going to www.carefl.org or by calling 941-639-5499.

For more information, contact 305-494-2954,

941-815-1176, or 941-204-1188. C.A.R.E. has served our community for 35 years, please help to continue to help victims of violent crimes in Charlotte County.

Charlotte County traffic advisory

A short section of Inverness St. and Beacon Drive on the north side of Midway Blvd. will be closed for approximately three months starting Dec. 27. This closure is necessary to complete the road construction in those areas. Residents are asked to use Orlando Blvd. / McNulty Ave., and Abscott St. / Amethyst Ave. to access to their homes. Also, Beacon Dr., Morley St. and Alton Rd. to the south of Midway

Bldv. will re-open on Dec. 27. Mail delivery, emergency services and access to local residences will be maintained during construction. More information about this project is available at www.MidwayUpdate.com.

Scenic ride

AMVETS Chapter 312 Riders take part in a scenic motorcycle ride from North Port to Fort Myers with kick-stands up at 9 a.m. Saturday from the AMVETS location at 7050 Chancellor Blvd. There will be a stop at a barbecue restaurant for lunch along with a stop at a saloon for live music and refreshments. For more information, call Hector Munoz at 941-815-3494.

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OUR VIEW

Hepatitis C program here one of a kind

OUR POSITION: An offshoot of the Virginia B. Andes Clinic in Charlotte County is a Hepatitis-C treatment program that may be the only one of its kind in the country and one which has cured hundreds of patients — all for free.

There is no better Christmas gift than your health. Hundreds of people diagnosed with Hepatitis C in Charlotte County received that gift this year — about an even 100 just in time for Christmas.

This disease is a silent stalker that often brings a shocking diagnosis. To hear a doctor's kind voice say "don't worry. We can fix this," is likely the best Christmas present just about anyone can receive.

Dr. David Klein, co-founder of both the Virginia B. Andes facility and the Hep-C program with Dr. Mark Asperilla, has uttered those words the hundreds of times he had made first contact with patients who thought they had no hope.

"Other doctors send these patients to us, or some find out about us online," Dr. Klein said. "We have people from all over the country wanting information on our program. We tell them to get treatment they have to move here."

Hep-C can be carried for years without symptoms. The virus can eventually lead to serious liver damage, liver failure, or liver cancer. Treatment is expensive and can take months.

Fortunately, for many, the Charlotte clinic has been able to partner with Gilead Pharmaceuticals to get hundreds of doses of the new drug Epclusa. It is a "wonder" drug that normally costs \$1,000 a pill. It takes up to 84 treatments (pills) to stave off the virus.

"When we started an AIDS clinic in the '90s we began to see patients with Hep-C," Dr. Klein said. "About 10 years ago we started treating them at the health department with other drugs and eventually moved the program to Andes."

One patient, who was profiled in a recent Dan Mearns column in the *Sun*, wrote a letter to the newspaper this week, praising the treatment and thankful she is cured.

Her story is both a testament to treatment and an education to those who might believe the virus is contracted through drug use or poor behavior. It can be picked up, however, through something as simple as using someone's toothbrush or razor.

This woman was a 60-year-old grandmother who, she believes, carried the disease for years after getting a tattoo when she was 18.

She called the aid she received from the clinic "amazing."

"I promised these people we started treating with Epclusa a Christmas present," Dr. Klein said.

He was able to keep that promise with the help of volunteers like Janice Chupka, PA; Mike Moses, RN, Lynn Oakley and medical student Marcus Nash.

Dr. Klein said he is sure there is no program in Florida that compares — thanks to the cooperation of local hospitals which help with blood tests, etc. Patients, who qualify financially, are able to get treatment from day one to cured.

"There may be another program in the country similar, but I don't know of it," he said.

"We talk to some very desperate people. And of all the places in the world, they come to Charlotte County to get treatment."

"This is a tribute to the support we have from our board and the people in this community."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay off students' overdue lunch bill

Editor:

If you are looking to make a charitable contribution before the end of the year please consider making a contribution to payoff student lunch accounts. For many of us, a \$2 or \$3 lunch isn't much of an imposition. But even with reduced-price lunch programs at schools, those prices can still feel like a burden to struggling families. And when parents fall behind on cafeteria debts, students can suffer.

Although Charlotte County does not allow the practice of "lunch shaming" nor require students to work off debt, some families do struggle to purchase healthy school meals for their children. The District has been a leader in managing feeding students while avoiding lunch shaming. The dedicated staff work to serve healthy meals to as many students as possible and never is a student denied a meal.

You may not be able to make school lunches permanently affordable for these families, but you can help in a smaller way: by helping pay off overdue school lunch balances. You can mail, deliver, or drop off a check at a school kitchen, payable to Champ's Café, 1016 Education Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Debra Bridson
Punta Gorda

Women may make the world better

Editor:

As men, we should be proud of our history and the great accomplishments we have achieved. We are the great protectors of our families and our countries, we have instilled in our offspring the notion of respect, loyalty and compassion towards our fellow women citizens.

If you believe the above paragraph is true then stop reading. It is also a complete lie and as men, we need to re-evaluate our history and ask, what would the world be like if women

ran our governments. My contention is that the world would be a better place and our world history would be much different, in a good way.

Ask yourself the question, how many women started a war? How many women started genocide? How many women are mass murderers? How many women are involved in violent crimes? How many women have been accused of rape, or wanting to grab a man's genitals?

Not many. But ask those same questions about men and you will understand what women have been exposed to over world history.

It's not unusual in third world countries to see women carrying bales of hay, bags of cement or water buckets on their heads, while the men sit and watch or today talk on their cell phones. Religion has also contributed to the role of women as subservient to their superior males.

Women represent 50.5 percent of the population America but only 20 percent in Congress. Women, you have the power, use it!

George Baillie
North Port

Happier holidays thanks to kindness

Editor:

I work at Brookdale, South Port Square as a driver. I took a group of skilled nursing residents for lunch at Cracker Barrel in Port Charlotte on Dec. 14.

When we asked for our checks we were told a holiday "good Samaritan" had taken care of all our table's checks. We all were overwhelmed with this gesture.

I would like to thank this "good Samaritan" at this time. Thank very much. God bless and happy holidays.

William Sherfey Jr.
Port Charlotte

Dictator Trump: Let 'em eat cake

Editor:

Folks, put your order in now for that new book coming out titled, "The

Rise and Fall of the U.S.A." Dictator

Trump believes he is the second coming of Christ and only he knows what is best for us low and middle class peons.

His comment in 2016 that he loves uneducated Americans says it all.

In Friday's *Sun* viewpoint a gentleman commented about Social Security signed into law in 1937 by F.D.R. The bill was to help people devastated by the 1929 stock market crash and future generations. But over the following years Congress started to fiddle with the fund. The general government fund was over spent but here we have this huge Social Security fund.

So our wise Congress put it into the general fund. Big mistake! The peons had no say in this even though it is their money.

Now our dictator, who has three bankruptcies in his history, wants a 40-percent tax break for his family business' that will be permanent. But the peons' tax break will end after eight years.

Many more changes are also being included but not being told to the public. As Paul Ryan said it would take too much time to explain. Has anyone heard how this great tax bill will pay down that little \$22 trillion national debt?

I'm sure dictator has no idea and could care less. Let 'em eat cake.

Chuck Carier
Port Charlotte

Dumping Mueller would be a mistake

Editor:

"Robert Mueller is superb choice to be special counsel. His reputation is impeccable for honesty and integrity" — Newt Gingrich tweet. People of all political stripes praised Mueller and his appointment in May.

With Mueller securing plea agreements from and indictments of high-ranking Trump officials, getting him closer to the White House, Gingrich has changed his tune. He now accuses Mueller of "grotesque abuse of power" and representing

"the deep state." FOX talkers compared Mueller and the FBI to the KGB that killed millions of innocent Russians and accused Mueller of attempting a coup. These irresponsible comments, designed to protect Trump from legal scrutiny, risk inciting domestic violence.

Mueller is investigating whether Trump and his team engaged in quid pro quo with the Russians to get Trump elected. We already know, because all of our intelligence agencies found it so, that the Russians attempted to affect the election in favor of Trump. The question of whether Trump offered something — repeal of the Magnitsky Act that was discussed by Trump team with Russian operatives, repeal of sanctions, or something worse — in exchange for Russian help is crucial to the preservation of the republic.

We know that Trump divulged classified information to both Russian officials and the Philippines president. Could this be the tip of the iceberg?

We sit atop the biggest threat to the future of our nation since the Civil War. Trashing Mueller and the FBI before the job is finished is doing the work of Vladimir Putin.

Johnny Thomas
Port Charlotte

Posters not given prominent display

Editor:

In November I had gotten three posters advertising the Lemon Bay High School play. I took them to Dearborn Street, where we have given our patronage to almost every business at one time or another.

All three businesses said "yes," they would display the posters. The first place said they could post it in the restroom only. The second place posted it outside, behind the door, at ground level; and that after we went there that evening and asked about the poster. The third place never posted it at all.

Shame on these businesses. It was promoting your local school activity, not a competing business.

Angela Graham
Englewood

Great fundraiser for Back Pack Angels

Editor:

The North Port Coalition for Homeless/Needy children (The Back Pack Angels) would like to once again thank Applebee's for opening their doors Dec. 10 for our fundraiser.

We had a very successful breakfast, good food and Applebee's volunteers to do the cooking. They are a great group. The serving, clean-up and raffles were all done by Back Pack Angel volunteers.

Together with all our North Port friends we have been able to continue to supply the needy students of North Port with many of the hygiene products they need. Thank you to everyone who attended to help us help them. I will be talking more about this on my radio program "Chat with Pat" for WKDW 97.5 FM.

Pat Petersmark
North Port

HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

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Survival of the shrillest: Happiest when unhappy

"The intellectual cannot operate at room temperature."

— Eric Hoffer, "First Things, Last Things" (1971)

Eric Hoffer (1902-1983) meant that intellectuals in his day tended not to be temperate. In our day, this defect — moral overheating — has been democratized: Anyone can have it. Now, everybody can be happily furious, delirious with hysteria and intoxicated with intimations of apocalypse, all day every day.

Hoffer was a long-shoreman and an autodidact who wrote slender books hefty with wisdom. His first, "The True Believer" (1951), put him on a path from San Francisco's docks to a 1982 Presidential Medal of Freedom, conferred by a fellow Californian. In Hoffer's time, intellectuals often were feverish because this was the best way to be noticed, and to say, about this and that: Listen to our intelligent selves or the end is nigh. In 2017, many others



George Will

emulated this act. Were Hoffer still with us, he would marvel at today's vast, deep reservoirs of extravagant rhetoric. For example:

During two decades, the Internet was barely regulated as it delighted its users. In 2015, a regulatory policy ("net neutrality"), one without a constituency sufficient to move Congress, was imposed by bureaucratic fiat. Thirty-three months later, net neutrality was ended. And the rending of garments and gnashing of teeth commenced: "This is the end of the internet as we know it." (Sen. Bernie Sanders); "A brazen betrayal ... disastrous ... I am disgusted" (Sen. Richard Blumenthal); "Outrageous" (Sen. Cory Booker); "Horrible" (Sen.

Tim Kaine); "Shameful" (Sen. Sherrod Brown).

Another example: Most of the nonstop noise emanating from the White House is white noise — audible wallpaper, there but unnoticed. Some is, however, interestingly symptomatic, as when a presidential assistant calls this year's tax legislation "the most significant tax reform we've had since 1986." Which is like bragging about the tallest building in Boise.

The 1986 tax reform radically simplified the tax code. Since then, the code has acquired more than 15,000 new wrinkles. The 2017 tax legislation might — this is difficult to measure — have managed the minor miracle of making the 70,000-page code more complicated. On a scale of importance from 1 (negligible) to 10 (stupendous), the legislation might be a 3. Never mind. Cue the Cassandras. This tax cut of less than 1 percent of the next decade's projected GDP is "the worst

bill in the history of the United States Congress." (House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi). It "will result in 10,000 extra deaths per year" and "our country will be living on a shoestring for decades." (Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers)

The many Americans who are happiest when unhappy seem as addicted to indignation as the fewer Americans are to cocaine. Brain imaging might show the same pleasure points lighting up in both cohorts. Furthermore, because today's technologies have eliminated barriers to entry into public conversations, ignorance and intemperateness are not barriers. Because modern technologies allow the instant, costless dissemination of fulminations, and because the more vituperative the fulminations the more apt they are to be noticed in the digital clutter, public conversations often quickly degenerate into something less.

Christopher DeMuth,

president emeritus of the American Enterprise Institute, notes the interaction of high affluence and modern technologies. "Americans have attained levels of material comfort, leisure time, and education unknown until the recent past." And as Americans have become "entangled by networks of communication," they have entered "a world of empowered mass intimacy" that encourages the better but also "the darker angels of human nature." New modes of communication enable us "to organize ourselves into highly defined networks of affinity and endeavor." These enable splendid cooperative endeavors; but they also are "fracturing our politics."

Institutions that hitherto organized and stabilized politics — parties, Congress, federalism, civic organizations — have been, DeMuth says, "deconstructed by a thousand networks of ideology, interest and identity." Such "private networks

have commandeered central institutions of government." Congress, especially, has buckled beneath the weight of "many more numerous political causes than a representative legislature can manage." Congress has responded by offloading onto the administrative state's executive agencies activities that are essentially legislative. So, its members are free to "strut and fret on the national stage" on behalf of causes that are made conspicuous, articulate and potent by the new technology-created networks.

The result is an ever-more-clamorous politics, and the survival of the shrillest. Hence 2017, the year of living splenetically, has been replete with confirmations of Eric Hoffer's aphorisms: "Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength." And: "We lie the loudest when we lie to ourselves."

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

Nothing less than success at Deep Creek Elementary

This is the season to be thankful for all the wonderful blessings bestowed upon us at Deep Creek Elementary School. We are fortunate to be a neighborhood school in such a wonderful community. Our families and business partners provide tremendous support for everything we do. We all come together to make Deep Creek a great place for kids.

At our Candy Cane Lane Family Night, our PTO created a fun evening for our Cubs by renting snow machines. Our Cubs watched a movie in the courtyard and experienced snow flurries. Many of our Cubs have never experienced snow, so they were very excited to play in it. Science experiments involving snow were conducted in some classrooms. All of our fifth graders can each tell you about sublimation. Thanks to Circle K for cooking for our event and Wrightway Emergency Services for providing scaffolding. We try to give back to our community by allowing local vendors to set up at our events to promote their product or service.

A generous woman in our community, Evynn Blaher, donated a Buddy Bench to our



School Notes

Adrienne Mcelroy

playground. This bench is installed on our playground so students will always have a place where they can sit and talk with a friend.

Deep Creek Elementary loves our volunteers and is always seeking new ways to get people in the community involved. If you are interested in finding out about volunteering at our school, please come to our next volunteer training scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8:45 a.m. Coffee, juice and pastries are provided as procedures are discussed and questions are answered. There is no obligation to become a volunteer, but if you want to volunteer at some point, this training is required.

Our Cubs created History Fair projects in the first semester, focusing on the appropriate grade-level standards. Second semester, each of our Cubs will create Science Fair projects to be

displayed at our annual Teddy Bear Picnic on March 29. This event is our beloved tradition. Past and present Cub families come together to celebrate their learning in a traditional picnic style lunch. The engaging learning experiences make learning fun and memorable for our Cubs.

You will hear our Cubs say, "Nothing Less than My Success," often. We explain that everyone's success looks different. Each of our Cubs sets academic goals and works toward those goals all year long. This year we are focusing on the number of words read and increasing our math-fact fluency. We believe these two academic goals will help each Cub find their success.

Our staff and students have taken pride in our campus by adopting outdoor spots. Cubs are weeding, planting, or just picking up litter in their spot. The cleanliness of our campus has improved because of the pride they are showing. Our mission statement says, "The Deep Creek Family is devoted to inspiring successful leadership in all we do." It takes all of our stakeholders to achieve "Nothing Less than our Success!"



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Third grader Layla Caylor (at right) joins other students at the recent Candy Cane Lane Family Night at Deep Creek Elementary School.

Adrienne Mcelroy is the principal of Deep Creek Elementary School.



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NORTH PORT EVENTS

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Featured Event
NP Farmers Market, 9 to 1 City Hall Blvd. 3914856. I heard from SANTA and he is coming to the market today. He is a little sluggish with age but I would think around 10'til probably 12. Bring the kids and do some shopping while your here. Produce, seafood, meats, olives, cheese and more. Live music too.

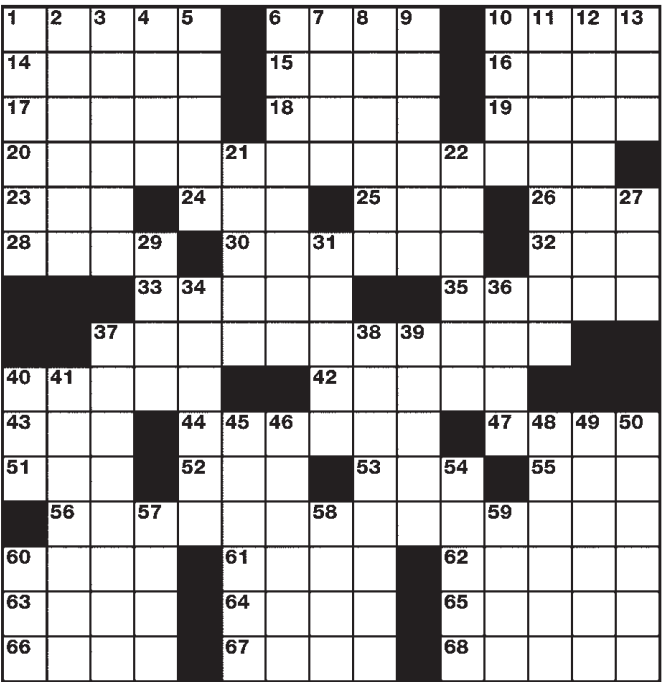
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Home to much Spanish art
6 Screens before LCDs
10 Cry of concern
14 Shadow remover
15 Nonclerical
16 Emotional tone
17 Colgate competitor
18 Tolstoy heroine
19 Certain sisterhood members
20 Lord of the Flies author
23 Corroded
24 Old-film cable channel
25 Old-school cheer
26 Lacking in excitement
28 Clancy hero
30 Roman orator
32 Unenviable mark
33 Later on
35 Means to ends
37 "Dock of the Bay" singer
40 Brainy bloc
42 Cool-headedness
43 Every bit
44 Hoop group
47 Major arcade producer
51 Center of feelings
52 String chaser
53 Dance club VIPs
55 Slip into
56 "Pied Piper" poet
60 Diminutive dog
61 "Mother of Presidents"
62 Frame for china plates
63 Masters
64 Peacekeeping grp.
65 Emozione romantica
66 Wrongful act
67 Originate (from)
68 In knots
7 Resounded
8 Export from Bolivian mines
9 Ladderlike
10 Prefix for directional
11 Early #1 song for Elvis
12 Dog show no-show
13 Fabric amts.
21 What the FDIC insures
22 Gandhi garments
27 "I knew it!"
29 Beltway Series team
31 Brunch serving
34 Future groom
36 Folks
37 Person watching
38 Traditionally messy place
39 Nightclub of the past
40 Novelist Rita __ Brown
41 1 Across big name
45 Industrialists
46 All things considered
48 Westinghouse rival
49 Hopeless cases
50 Taiwan-born director
54 Toil, so to speak
57 Top-shelf
58 Spicy taste
59 Implicate
60 Excessively glib



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Look for a third crossword in The News Wire section.



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis
ACROSS
1 Plodded (through)
6 Dies down
10 Not quite shut
14 Where something can be set for later
15 Protected at sea
16 Queen of Heaven
17 "The terrible tsar has arrived," either way?
20 Gambit
21 __ Field: NYC stadium
22 QB Peyton Manning has an NFL passing record 539 of them
23 "I could __ horse!"
25 "Sommersby" actor
27 Disappointed reaction to the censored version of "Fifty Shades of Grey," either way?
32 Amused initialism
33 Clumsy boats
34 Sweethearts
37 Eponymous virologist
39 Part of NAFTA
42 39-Across, perhaps
43 Hawaiian greeting
45 "The Americans" actress Russell
47 Magic org.?
48 Query about the Cheshire's grin, either way?
52 Chipmaker's prefix
53 A, in many orgs.
54 " __ who?!"
57 DEA agent
59 Slip away
63 Mrs. Claus' remark about what she did to keep Santa home, either way?
66 __ Domini
67 Calendario units
68 Springsteen's "Born __"
69 Tuts
70 Wail
71 __ innings
DOWN
1 Measure of power
2 Tibet's place
3 __ jockey
4 Polished words
5 Nowhere near the norm
6 Ending with Tyrol
7 Common-interest group
8 Harmless
9 Ready for the curtain to open
10 Sushi tuna
11 Kid
12 Moistureless
13 Traitors
18 Rebel, in a way
19 Like some memes
24 ERA or RBI
26 Coaches' headaches
27 Big cat of film
28 Certain score
29 Give the okay

By Paul Cuerdon 12/22/17
Thursdays Puzzle Solved
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30 City near Kobe
31 Roulette bets
35 Actor Idris __
36 Sandwich side
38 Medieval Tatar chief
40 Ten up front?
41 Undid
44 Pose in yoga
46 Words just before leaving
49 How Rome wasn't built?
50 Piemonte city
51 Ready to be shipped
54 ERA or RBI
55 An eternity
56 Pass (out)
58 Food on the trail
60 Wine named for an Iberian city
61 __ grapes
62 Sicilian mountain
64 Derek and Peep
65 U.K. component

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- 22215 Breezeswept Ave.
- 22223 Breezeswept Ave.
- 113 Seville Place, SW
- 1552 Eppinger Drive, corner of Jacobs Street: tremendous display of about 70,000 lights, 15 blowups around all sides of house.
- 1574 Viscaya Drive, light display from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 3118 Yukon Drive, come by car or boat house is decorated on all sides.
- 23254 Kim Ave., Hot air balloon with Santa, snowman, Christmas tree, candy canes, and 100s of lights.
- Gamewell Ave., two full lots of decorations.
- 2575 Ivanhoe St.
- 113 SE Colonial, 62 foot

Christmas tree, star and all!

Punta Gorda area

- Ventura Lakes, 27110 Jones Loop Road.
- 27410 Green Gulf Blvd., three years and going strong, Peace and Merry everything
- Lakewood Village located at 5601 Duncan Road
- Cul-de-sac the end of San Sebastian Court in BSI Punta Gorda is in the Christmas spirit! Neighbors pitching in to celebrate the holiday season.

Deep Creek/Harbour Heights area

- Bonn Court N. Deep Creek. Four homes, large nativity scene and life size nutcrackers. Train along the cul de sac and more. Best viewing time is from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
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The entrance to Lakewood Village located at 5601 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda

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LOCAL SPORTS

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL: Dunbar 55, Charlotte 32**

Dunbar pulls away from Charlotte

By **CHUCK BALLARO**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

FORT MYERS — If the Charlotte High School girls basketball team could take a mulligan for the first minute of its non-district game against Dunbar on Wednesday, they would gladly take it.

The Tarpons fell behind 10-0 before they knew it, and even though they were able to pull to within four late in the third quarter, the Tigers responded with a 15-0 run to blow the game open for a 55-32 victory.

For Charlotte (8-2), it was its second straight defeat after starting the season 8-0. Tarpons coach Matthew Stevenson said when you spot a team 10 points against a traditional power like Dunbar, a mark on the "L" column isn't far behind.

"You can't spot a team like this that many points and expect to win. We fought after that and didn't give up, but we need to work on some things and get better,"



Charlotte's Alani Qualls dribbles around Dunbar's Corbria Crawford during Wednesday's game

Stevenson said.

Dunbar was able to survive a sub-par game scoring wise from Ja'Miah Bland with the help of Corbria Crawford, whose 11 of her game high 19 points in the first

quarter provided the difference as Dunbar led after one quarter 18-7. Charlotte didn't score a field goal for the first eight minutes.

Charlotte was able to hang in for a while as it



Charlotte's Taylor Kirkus and Dunbar's Synthia Brown fight for the rebound during Wednesday's game

was able to cut the lead to five late in the second, and by four late in the third as they limited the Tigers to six points and cut the lead to 36-32.

The Tarpons scoring ended there as Dunbar

got Shania Church going as she scored seven of her 13 points in the fourth.

The game ended with 1:50 left in the fourth quarter after a Dunbar fan collapsed near the Charlotte bench, forcing

paramedics to arrive on the scene.

"They made some adjustments and we have to learn to make adjustments. Turnovers killed us there," Stevenson said. "We have to get back on track and continue to roll in our district."

Lauren Jackson led the Tarpons with eight points, while Mati Moore added seven points and six rebounds.

Bland made up for her off night on the scoreboard with seven rebounds and six blocks.

"We were fortunate. We had Bland on the bench for much of the second half and went plus 16 with her on the bench," said Dunbar coach Dwayne Donnell. "We got great contributions from the bench and I appreciate the minutes."

DUNBAR 55, CHARLOTTE 32

Charlotte 7 16 9 0 — 32
Dunbar 18 16 6 15 — 55
Charlotte (32): Jackson 8, Vicente 7, Moses 7, Qualls 5, Burton 2, Desjardins 1, Rodriguez 1, Kirkus 1. Totals: 8(2) 14-22 32.
Dunbar (55): Corbria Crawford 18, Church 13, Bland 9, Am. Mejia 6, Brown 4, AL. Mejia 3, Powell 2. Totals: 21(4) 9-19 55.

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL: Gateway Charter 50, Lemon Bay 31**

Griffins quiet Manta Rays' comeback bid

By **VINNIE PORTELL**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

ENGLEWOOD — Lemon Bay and coach Mike Young knew they were in for a challenge when Gateway Charter came to town on Wednesday night.

The Manta Rays (6-4) lost to the Griffins 65-41 in their season opener back on Nov. 21 before winning six of their next seven games.

Though Young said he tried to switch up his strategy for Wednesday night, it wasn't enough to contain Gateway Charter in a 50-31 loss at Lemon Bay High School.

"We did a much better job of containing them this time," he said. "Last time we played them they beat us by 24. We just didn't shoot the ball well (tonight) and they got some easy baskets off our turnovers. It should've been closer, we just didn't convert when we had our chances."

Despite scoring just 12 points in the first half and trailing by 11, the Manta Rays pulled to within 10 points near the end of the third quarter. But just as Lemon Bay appeared to be closing within striking distance, Griffins player Addison Potts scored a quick eight points in the closing minutes of the quarter.

Francesca Gallucci scored six points and snagged 10 rebounds and Jenny Parsons scored seven of her eight points in the final two quarters as the Manta Rays tried to keep pace.

Gateway Charter continued to attack in the fourth quarter, shooting 5-for-10 from the free throw line while Potts also added five more points of her own to put the game out of reach for good.

"They're hard to guard, they're very skilled," Young said. "They have good ball handlers, good



Francesca Gallucci muscles her way into rebounding position against Gateway Charter.

shooters, they spread you out and do a lot of nice pick and rolls."

Aside from Potts, Gateway Charter had all of its points come from Katie Ambrose (13 points) and Savannah

Lang (14 points).

GATEWAY CHARTER 50, LEMON BAY 31
Gateway Charter 11 12 15 12 — 50
Lemon Bay 8 4 11 8 — 31
Gateway Charter (50): Addison Potts 23, Savannah Lang 14, Katie Ambrose 13. Totals: 16 (5) 13-22 50.
Lemon Bay (31): Turner 8, Gallucci 8, Parsons 8, Maheu 5, Gibb 2. Totals: 9 (0) 9-16 31.



Lemon Bay's Jenny Parsons gets fouled as she drives hard through the lane during Wednesday's game against Gateway Charter.

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Running with the Bulls

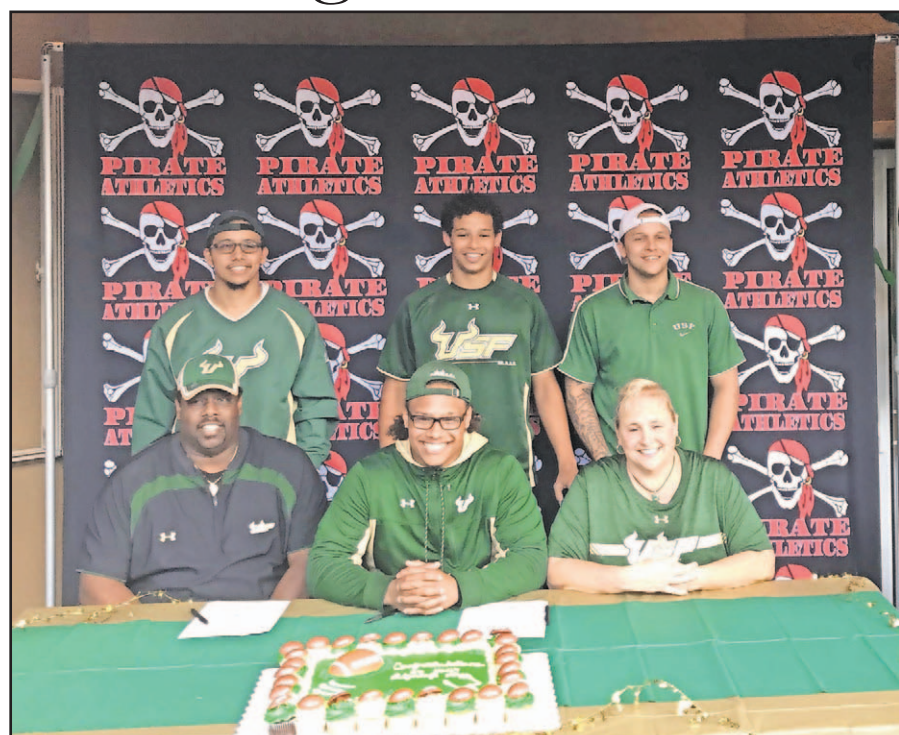


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Port Charlotte defensive tackle Devin Leacock took advantage of early signing day and inked his letter of intent with the University of South Florida on Wednesday.

PREP SCHEDULE

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■ **TODAY**

Boys basketball
Charlotte, Port Charlotte, Community Christian at Lemon Bay for Ryan D. Provencher Shootout

Wrestling
Charlotte, Port Charlotte at District Duals at Venice, 10:30 a.m.

Boys soccer
Sebring at Lemon Bay, 7:30
Girls soccer
Lemon Bay at Sebring, 7:30

■ **SATURDAY**

Boys basketball
Charlotte, Port Charlotte, Community Christian at Lemon Bay for Ryan D. Provencher Shootout
Wrestling - Corey Hill IBT at Springstead High School, 10 a.m.

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Snow day for North Port students

By **ALEXANDRA HERRERA**
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — Lamarque Elementary School students had a surprise on Thursday morning — it was snowing.

Throughout the day, Lamarque students enjoyed a variety of activities, including dancing, playing in the snow, competing in a Christmas-themed relay race and drinking hot chocolate, thanks to Principal Ryan Bruck and the PTO.

The snow was thanks to a snow machine, which created a water-based evaporative snowfall. Bruck organized the event on his last day at Lamarque.

He is going to Ashton Elementary as an assistant principal in January.

His decision to bring snow to school was set before their holiday break. He asked students if they'd ever seen snow prior to Thursday.

"It was 50/50," Bruck said.

Bruck said it was good to start holiday break with something special. During some of their classes, students came out and played with



Second graders Isabella Granillo and Jacob Brown act as Christmas trees during Lamarque Winter Wonderland relay race.

other classes and also interacted with Bruck on his last day.

Bruck said he had been ramping up excitement for the students throughout the week during the morning announcements.

"I've been telling them there would be a chance of snow flurries on Thursday," he said.

It's been bittersweet for Bruck, who spent much of his Wednesday and Thursday stopping into classes to say his goodbyes to teachers and students.

"It's been tough. I went to classes to let them know and wish them the best," he said.

Along with Bruck, acting Principal Sandra Russell was on hand to enjoy the fun and meet



Lamarque Elementary second grader Madelyn Gist smiles and raises her hands to catch the snow on Thursday.

with students. Russell is a retired principal who came back to oversee Lamarque until the district hires someone to take over.



SUN PHOTOS BY ALEXANDRA HERRERA

Lamarque students were greeted by snow on Thursday morning ahead of winter break.



Pre-Kindergartener Tristan Muncy holds his hands out to catch the snow on Thursday.

Russell served as principal in the fall of 2016 before Bruck took over.

"I am honored to come back. It's nice to come to a school where the staff is focused (on the students)," she said.

She says Lamarque is a school where the teachers and staff are geared toward student success and achievement. She said she understands concerns and welcomes parents who may want to speak and meet with her.

"Lamarque has an open-door policy and they can come by, I'm in the front in the mornings and afternoons," Russell said.

She said it's a difficult process to find the right fit and, according to her, the district has moved



Rajanay Karelse creates a chalk and ice drawing on Lamarque's sidewalk.



Jack Daniels places a ring on Chole Wass during the Christmas tree relay race on Thursday.

up the Lamarque and Riverview High School hirings.

For Bruck going forward, he hopes to serve the Ashton community as he has North Port and

Lamarque. He said, given the chance, he'd happily come back.

"I wish nothing but the best for Lamarque students and families," he said.

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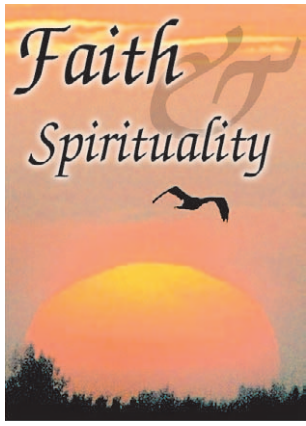
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Christmas is a Fulfillment

What a beautiful time of year the Christmas season is. I love the decorations, festivities, dinners and all that goes in to making this time of year meaningful. Yet, more importantly, the book of Matthew (1:18-25) gives us something far more meaningful and that is the precious fulfillment of Jesus Christ and His coming to earth. Matthew reminds us in his gospel about God's grand fulfillment: "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (1:22-23). In consideration that Jesus Christ is God the Father's fulfillment, let's consider three aspects of that fulfillment. The fulfillment of Jesus' coming confirms three wonderful truths about Jesus: How He came! Who He was! Why He came!

First, the coming of Jesus is a fulfillment in its manner: how He came. In verse 25, we find that Joseph's relationship was pure with Mary in that he "knew her not." The birth of Jesus Christ was unlike any other in that Jesus was born of a virgin. Mary had no relations with a man in conceiving the Christ child. Jesus had a human mother but no human father because God was His Father. The significance of this is so crucial to Christianity. All men are sinners and are in need of a Savior. That Savior must be sinless. But, if Jesus had been born through the human bloodline, he would have been a sinner and therefore unable to purchase our salvation. Christ came in such a manner in order that He might be the sinless One and satisfy the payment for sin.

Second, the coming of Jesus is a fulfillment by His manifestation — who He was. The passage referenced earlier quotes Isaiah 9:6. In that passage we are faced with two eternal truths about Jesus Christ. The humanity of Jesus is spoken of with "unto us a child is born," and the deity of Jesus is described in the phrase "unto us a son is given." Colossians 2:9 tells us that "in him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily." Jesus was God in the flesh.

Third, the coming of Jesus is a fulfillment of a message — why He came. He was not named after his earthly father but was given the name of Jesus, a beautiful and endearing name. Why that name? It literally means Jehovah is salvation. Matthew records it well for us when he says, "for he shall his people from their sins."

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Face the Music

Contemporary songs, social media help New Day reach out to community

By **KAYLA GLEASON**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Sitting quietly on Peachland Boulevard in Port Charlotte, New Day Christian Church's bright-blue roof breaks the monotony of trees and houses, garnering attention from passers-by. Though the congregation and spirit of the church have a history stretching back to 1960, ground for the complex on Peachland was broken in 2004, with the first service taking place a year later.

What began as a small following has slowly developed into a congregation of 1,500. To accommodate these massive numbers, church pastors and directors much schedule services accordingly.

"We have three Sunday morning services and they're all identical. We have 8, 9:30 and 11:15. We do the same thing each time so no one misses out," said Pastor Rusty Russell. The building itself also reflects New Day's large following.

"We meet basically in a gym," said Russell.

"When it's set up on a Sunday, you would never know. When it's all broken down the youth use it as a gym, so it's a kind of a multipurpose-room," said communications director Jessica Fincannon.

This versatile building helps the church conduct not just its sermons, but its numerous community programs, as well.

"Throughout the year we have many community events. We do a food drop, clothing donations, just a lot of ways to give back to the community," said Fincannon.

These events do not stop for the holiday season, either. Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the church staff has readjusted the entire schedule to fit everything in.

"We're having on Saturday night the 23rd, a 5 p.m. service. Then, on Sunday we're having our regular morning services. Usually, we have our Christmas Eve night services but we do a shower ministry the



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Church members of all ages help out with this year's Food Drop effort.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Saturday, Dec 23, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec 24, 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

fourth Sunday of every month," said Fincannon, "that's where the homeless in the area come to the church and a huge group of volunteers take them in, feed them, help them get showers, cut their hair and get them new clothes. It takes about four hours to get everyone through."

Community outreach also is not just in-person; New Day has a large following on their Facebook and Instagram accounts.

"Our social media is growing day by day. The more people find out about it, the more people seem to be getting engaged. It's a great place for us to post things that are going on," said Fincannon, "It's a great platform to get people involved outside of our Sunday service."

Recently, New Day posted on Facebook asking followers to name their favorite Christmas films.

"It's not church related, but it gets our community interacting outside of service," said Fincannon.

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New Day Church members circle up in prayer before delivering food boxes in the community as part of their ongoing community outreach efforts.

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Pastor Rusty Russell, right, and communications director Jessica Fincannon stand in New Day's decorated lobby.



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New Day's stage is decorated for Christmas Eve services.

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Their social media accounts also serve a very practical purpose. "When Hurricane Irma hit, we had to cancel services because the county takes over our building for a shelter. We basically did a Facebook Live devotion from my

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Rusty Russell's father, Bob Russell, will be joining New Day's services on Jan. 7 and Feb. 18. He will also be hosting the senior service "Re-inspire" and the annual men's breakfast.

kitchen. We had people all over the country, like 9,000 people, watch over the course of 24 hours, it really blew us away," said Russell.

Another aspect of New Day that keeps true to its name, is the music

selection during services. Worship pastor Jared Hunter leads a band and choir of volunteers in performing contemporary Christian music.

"The music is something that you'd hear today. We have drums,

guitars, all that stuff. People of all different ages feel comfortable coming," said Hunter.

"We typically sing songs that are written by Christians who are writing contemporary music. We sing some of the older songs and hymns as well, but you really couldn't tell unless you were listening for it," said Russell.

New Day's main goal is

to bring as many people to Jesus as possible.

"We believe that getting to know Jesus is not only going to change your eternity, it's also going to change your life now. Your personal life, your family and ultimately your community," said Russell.

To do so, the church aims to look and sound different, from Hunter's contemporary band to

Russell's jeans and lack of a robe, and it seems to be working.

"It's so interesting to see the mix of people in here on a Sunday morning. There's so much difference, so much diversity, but they're all here for one purpose," said Fincannon.

"We're able to bring Jesus and the Bible to 2017 Port Charlotte," said Russell.

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manifestation and message of Jesus' coming are certainly a fulfillment. They make Christmas truly what it is and should be. With the coming of Jesus, we find God's plan of salvation complete; for you see, God has sent His only Son in order that you and I might find forgiveness of sins.

John M. Boutchia III is the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, 75 Pine St., Englewood. He can be reached at 941-475-1555.

RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

Resale Shop Specials

St. Vincent de Paul's Resale Shop specials this week are: linen 40 percent off, glassware 50 percent off, all clothing \$1 and Christmas 75 percent off. An added special for this week is buy one picture frame and receive a second one for free. St. Vincent de Paul's Resale Shop/St. Max is located at 17753 Toledo Blade Blvd. and State Road 776, across from Racetrack gas station in Port Charlotte. The resale shop will be

closed the Tuesdays after Christmas, Dec. 26, New Years Day and Jan. 2. Regular shop hours are Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All profits go to buy food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Merry Christmas From Awaken Church

Consider joining Christmas services this holiday season at Awaken Church located at Heron Creek Middle School, 6501 W Price Blvd., North Port.

Service times are 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, and 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. For more information, call 941-200-5400 or visit us online at www.

myawaken.church.

A Community of Faith

Beyond These Walls MCC, 212 West Virginia

Ave., Suite 112, Punta Gorda will hold its Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. The

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Kimberly Campos, far right, directs the choir of The North Port Community United Church of Christ recently in their Christmas Cantata: "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem". Members from left to right (Back row) Ray, MaryJane, Brenda, Norm, Boo, Dave, Al, narrator Brett, organist Charles; Front row from left to right Donna, Hannah, Diane, Chris, June, Betty, Mary, Marilyn, Nancy, Patti, Marian and Kim. The full choir sings at The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m. at 3450 S. Biscayne Drive. Three lighted crosses mark the entrance of the church along with luminaries lining the driveway. Rev. Attila Szemesi officiates and can be reached at 941-426-5580 or npcuccpastor@frontier.com with any questions. A punch and cookies fellowship will follow the service.

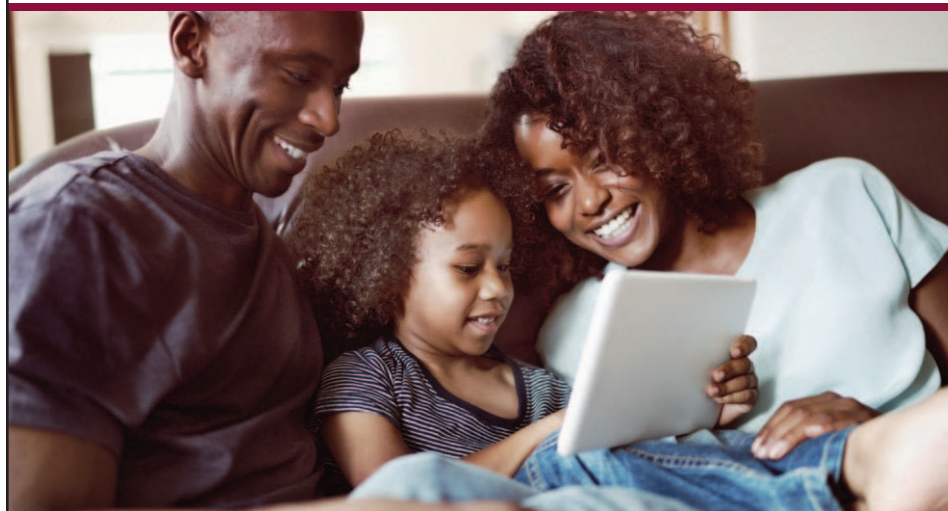
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Chabad of Charlotte County hosts annual Chanukah Festival

Chabad of Charlotte County hosted their annual Chanukah Festival at the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall on Dec.12. This year there was a new feature, the Dreidel House, where participants were transported back in time and experienced the Hanukkah story inside a huge dreidel. It also featured a live appearance by "Juda Maccabee," the hero of the Hanukkah story. The evening events also included Klezmer

music by "Klezmania on the Gulf" in several languages from Yiddish, to lively Israeli and many other favorites. There was hot latkes and donuts, and plenty of arts and crafts for children. Also back by popular demand was the Chabad Hebrew School performance. "Our focus is to bring the joy and light of Chanukah to our community, our nation, and our world," said Chabad of Charlotte County Director Simon Jacobson. "This year we

would like to give the community a chance to experience the Hanukkah story on a whole new level." He added, "Let's not forget to do our job of adding light to the word around us by adding a candle to our Menorah every night of Chanukah, and doing acts of goodness and kindness. Our world sees much darkness and confusion around us and it's our job to make our world a brighter, happier and safer place."



The Chabad of Charlotte County Hebrew School choir performed during the Chabad of Charlotte County's annual Chanukah Festival at the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall on Dec.12.



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Left: Lighting of the menorah by Yossi Jacobson, 13.

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community is invited to attend. For more information, call 941-321-7084.

United Church of Christ to hold service

The North Port Community United Church of Christ, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive, will host its Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Three lighted crosses mark the entrance of the church, along with luminaries lining the driveway. Rev. Attila Szemesi officiates and can be reached at 941-426-5580 or npcuc-cpastor@frontier.com with any questions. A punch and cookies fellowship will follow the service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight services, in addition to its regular Sunday services (8:15 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11 a.m.), on Sunday, Dec. 24. A contemporary service will be held at 5 p.m., a traditional service at 7:30 p.m. and a communion service at 11 p.m. Nursery will be available at the 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services. For more information contact the church office at 941-639-0001 by e-mail to office@bspconline.org.

Christmas Eve Services

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Road in Port Charlotte, invites the public to join them at one of their five services on Sunday, Dec. 24. The first of two morning services will be a traditional hymn-sing service at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m. a combined traditional-contemporary service will be offered. In the evening, three

candlelight services will be held. The first service at 6:30 p.m. will be a contemporary service for the whole family. At 8 p.m., a traditional worship service will be held and at 11:30 p.m., partake of Holy Communion at a quiet, more meditative service.

For more information, contact the church at 941-697-1747 or email GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net.

Christmas Eve Service

Christ Lutheran Church 701 N Indiana Ave., Englewood will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight worship service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 941-474-1989.

Christmas Day community dinner offered

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Avenue, Port Charlotte, extends an invitation to the community to come and enjoy a Christmas dinner in the Church's fellowship hall on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25. The church presents this gift to the community for the 32nd year. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests will have choice of turkey or ham dinner with all the trimmings. There is no charge for the dinner. Guests who need transportation to the church should call the church at 941-625-4356 by Friday noon, Dec. 22. If you are shut-in or physically unable to come to the church, please call 941-625-4356 by noon on Friday, Dec. 22 for home delivery. Alternate number is 941-627-6602.

The dinner is prepared and served by church members and community volunteers. Those interested in volunteering may call 941-764-1866. For more information, call the

church at 941-625-4356.

Christmas dinner offered

Everyone is invited to the Englewood United Methodist Church 26th annual Community Christmas Dinner on Monday, Dec. 25. Just show up at Fellowship Hall, 700 E. Dearborn St., between noon and 3 p.m. for free turkey with all the trimmings, surrounded by Christmas cheer and music in the air. Parking lot shuttle service will be available. For transportation to and from the church, or for homebound food delivery, call 941-809-8100 now, or as soon as possible before 10 a.m. Christmas Day. Takeout orders must be placed and received only that day and in person.

Let there be light Lass das Licht leuchten

German-English Christmas and Year's End Vigil Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Gulf Cove, 14200 Hopewell Avenue, Port Charlotte. Deutsch-Englische Weihnachts- und Jahresabschlussandacht 31. Dezember 2017 um 13 Uhr.

Pastor Jennifer Schaefer and Pastor Hans Dettling will celebrate this vigil. It includes lots of traditional Christmas songs in both German and English as well as prayers and reflection in both languages.

We also invite you to the gemütliches Zusammensein bei Kaffee und Kuchen, get-together with coffee and cake after the service.

For more information, call 941-697-2345.

Winter Concert Series

Peace River Baptist Church, 478 Berry St., Punta Gorda, will be starting its winter concert series at 7 p.m. on Jan. 5, with a family group called The Foresters. The Foresters sing Southern

Gospel and traditional Gospel music. They play a large variety of instruments including: piano, dobro, bass guitar, lead guitar, acoustic guitar, fiddle, mandolin, drums, organ and more. They also sing many of the great old hymns and Gospel songs of the church.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. A hymn sing will start at 6:15 p.m. A love offering for the group will also be received. For more information, call 941-637-6768.

GriefShare Program

If you have lost a loved one or know of someone who has and have concerns/questions, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, invites you to join its GriefShare Program beginning Jan. 7 and continuing weekly through April 1 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons in the fellowship hall. For more information or to sign up, contact Holy Trinity Lutheran office at 941-625-5262 or visit www.griefshare.org "find a group."

Pancake Breakfast

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 1075 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte, will host a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6. Cost is \$5 per person. Ages 6 and under, and over 90 eat for free. For more information, call 941-625-4356.

'Kirkin 'o' Tartan' service

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, invites the public for a special service on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. to celebrate "The Kirkin 'o' Tartan." While this service celebrates Scotland and Scottish heritage, it is truly a Scottish-American custom. The Kirkin "o' Tartan services as a remembrance of the liberties and religious freedom Scots fought to preserve, including their

influence on freedoms shared by all Americans. For more information, contact the church office at 941-639-0001 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon, on Friday or by email to office@bspconline.org.

Winter Concert Series

Peace River Baptist Church, 478 Berry St. Punta Gorda, will host the The Perry's, a professional Southern Gospel quartet based in Gallatin, Tennessee, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19. Both concerts will begin with an old fashioned hymn sing. Free admission and no tickets required. Seating is limited and a love offering for the group will be received at both concerts. For more info contact the church at 941-637-6768 or Jim Reuter at 941-628-9789.

Grief Seminar

Ty Morgan, a Spiritual Coordinator and Clinician with the nationally recognized Cornerstone of Hope (http://www.cornerstoneofhope.org) based in Cleveland, Ohio, will conduct a Grief Seminar: "Your Grief, One Day at a Time," at the The North Port Community United Church of Christ, 3450 S. Biscayne Drive on Saturday, Jan. 20. It begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast. The seminar continues until 3:30 p.m. with lunch provided by the UCC Women. There will be break intervals throughout the program with opportunities to speak with Ty personally. Facilitated by the Rev. Attila Szemesi. Please take a small framed photo of your loved one. If you have any questions, call 941-426-5580 and speak with Terry or contact Pastor Szemesi at npcuccpastor@frontier.com. All faiths and ages are welcome. There is no charge.

The Jersey Tenors come to Punta Gorda

The Jersey Tenors will kick off the Winter Concert Series at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, on Jan. 22. They present a sensational blend of the most iconic opera classics alongside some ABBA, Elton John and Josh Groban favorites. But they are also "Jersey proud!" and do not forget where they came from as they highlight the best of the NJ brethren like Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons, Frank Sinatra, Bon Jovi, and Bruce Springsteen.

All the members of the ensemble have Broadway credits, and many of them have played in "Jersey Boys" on Broadway. They have headlined at Yankee Stadium, The Pentagon, the New York Stock Exchange, Formula One Singapore, Heinz Field, Fenway Park, the Atlantis Resort and Hotel in Dubai and theaters all over the U.S. They have opened for Diana Ross, Dionne Warwick, Deborah Cox, Chubby Checker, and President George W. Bush, and were also featured on the season finale of The Housewives of New York on The Bravo Network. These four charming wise guys will raise thwe roof with their powerful voices, and will have the audience singing along.

The performance will start at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is no reserved seating. Special entry for guests with wheelchairs or walkers is available by informing the parking attendant upon arrival. A season ticket for all three concerts is \$50. Single performance tickets are \$20. Seating is limited so purchase tickets early. Tickets are available at the church on Sundays between worship services and during the week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the church office

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Gulf Cove United Methodist Church's cancer-care program, Courage Over Cancer, offers support and ministry to men, women and families who are affected by cancer. Church and community members touched by this disease are provided with help and spiritual counsel that are specific to their needs as a cancer patient, caregiver or loved one. This ministry is based on the outreach program Our Journey of Hope, which was developed by the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. If you or someone you know could benefit from a friend to support them through this journey, contact the church at 941-697-1747 or GulfCoveUMC@centurylink.net. Gulf Cove UMC is at 1100 McCall Road, in Port Charlotte (Gulf Cove area). Visit GulfCoveChurch.com.

Mindworks Classes to be offered

Have you ever wondered how smart your cellphone really is or how many skills your Microsoft 10 computer can offer you? Would you like to broaden your horizons by learning about our galaxy by going to the planetarium at SouthWestern Florida State College in Punta Gorda and viewing other planets through a telescope? Closer to home, are you concerned about learning CPR and abdominal thrusts to clear someone's airway just in case a loved one should need assistance? While you are busily involved in lifelong learning, give yourself time to relax in a morning yoga class. These and many more adult classes will be offered at

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, beginning in October. The program will be in full swing by Jan. 8 to Feb. 12 for the first winter term and the second winter term will begin Feb. 19 to March 26. For most classes, there will be a minimal fee plus materials where specified. For more information, call the church at 941-639-0001 or email office@bspconline.org.

Caregivers Support Group

Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte, hosts a caregiver support group from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The cost is free and is open to any caregiver dealing with a care-receiver with any debilitating disease. There are no requirements to join the group. For more information, contact Mike Boccia at 941-815-6077.

Temple Beth El

Temple Beth El, a Conservative Temple, 12711 Tamiami Trail, North Port, near Warm Mineral Springs and Ortiz Boulevard, holds Sabbath services every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call the temple office at 941-423-0300.

Temple Shalom services

Temple Shalom, a Reform Jewish Congregation, 23190 Utica Ave., Port Charlotte, will hold Shabbat Services at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights. Rabbi Solomon Agin, D.D., will officiate. Please take a can of food for those who are in need. For more information, call 941-625-2116 or go to TempleShalomFL.com.

Breakfast offered

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Community, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, offers breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month. The public

is invited to enjoy an all-you-can-eat specialty item breakfast with all the trimmings for only \$7 per person. For more information, call 941 625-5262.

Closet of Hope

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Road (State Road 776), Port Charlotte, offers free clothing 9:30 a.m. to noon the first and third Saturdays of every month. Recipients must show a photo ID card (such as a driver's license) upon entering the closet. The ID card should reflect residency in Charlotte County, or in Englewood, North Port or Venice in South Sarasota County. For more information, call 941-697-1747.

Food Pantries:

- Community Life Center, 19048 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every two weeks on Thursdays. For more information, call 941-629-0999.
- Discipleship Driven Ministries, 4040 Tamiami Trail (at the end of the U.S. 41 Access Road at Gardner Drive), Port Charlotte, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays only. For more information, call 941-764-8458.
- First Baptist Church, 459 Gill St., Punta Gorda, 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. The ministry includes free nonperishable food items and incidentals. For more information, call 941-639-3857.
- Harry Chapin Mobile Food Pantry, Sacred Heart Church parking lot, 211 W. Charlotte Ave., Punta Gorda, 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Thursday of each month June through December. Fresh produce and other healthy food; take a bag or box to carry food.
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2565 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, 9 a.m. to noon on Monday and Wednesday. For more information, call 941-625-5262.
- Lutheran Church of the Living Waters,

- 12475 Chancellor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Free dinner from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. For more information, call 941-625-8090.
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- Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 24515 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, 10 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Mondays. For more information, call 941-629-2633 or 941-764-9471.
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- Salvation Army, 2120 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte. 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., every Wednesday until further notice. For more information, call 941-629-5950, ext. 402. The food pantry is currently critically low. Help is needed from the community to restock the shelves. Food is accepted Monday through Friday. Items needed are: canned goods, boxed goods, peanut butter and jellies and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoos and deodorants.
- San Antonio Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Friday to provide food and basic necessities to families in need. For more information, call 941-235-1254.
- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, 21505 Augusta Ave. Port Charlotte, 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Providing

- food and basic necessities for families in need of help. For information call 941-625-9784.
- St. James Episcopal Church, 1365 Viscaya Drive, Port Charlotte, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Friday. Charlotte County residents only. For more information, call 941-627-4000.
- The First Presbyterian Church, 2230 Harriet St., Port Charlotte, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 941-625-5045.
- Trinity United Methodist Church, 23084 Seneca Ave. (corner of Parmely Street and Seneca Avenue, behind KFC), Charlotte Harbor, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The programs serve those in need and those qualified for the USDA food distribution program. For more information, call 941-625-3372.

- Heaven Cent Boutique, Cleveland United Methodist Church, 28038 Cleveland Ave., Punta Gorda. Summer hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 941-639-2775.
- Jesus Loves You Ministry Inc., 1734 Cedarwood St., Port Charlotte, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday through season. For more information or to arrange pickup of large donations, call 941-661-8117.
- Port Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist, 2036 Loveland Blvd., 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 941-629-0398.

Spiritual quote:

"The sacredness of Christmas: glory to God in the highest holy heavens, peace on earth and goodwill to all people."
— Lailah Gifty Akita

Sherri Dennis handles religion news for the Charlotte Sun. You can contact her by phone: 941-206-1127; fax (to her attention): 941-629-2085; email: sdennis@sun-herald.com; or write (to her attention): c/o the Charlotte Sun, 23170 Harborview Road, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980. TYPE or PRINT submissions, each of which MUST include the church's NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE and the name of a contact person. Don't forget the TIME, DATE and LOCATION of the event. Email is the preferred method for communicating this information. Email photos, in .jpg format, as file attachments. Submissions will be edited for length. Information must be received NO LATER than NOON WEDNESDAY for inclusion in the upcoming Saturday's column; announcements will run on a space-available basis. If you would like to purchase an ad to guarantee a spot in the paper for your event, call 941-206-1000 and ask for Display Advertising.

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- Christ Community United Methodist Church, 27000 Sunnybrook Road, Harbour Heights, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through May, hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free community soup and sandwich supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Monday. For more information, call 941-629-1593.
- Edgewater Methodist Shoppe, 19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Donations accepted and tax receipts given. For more information, call 941-625-3039.
- God's Precious Gifts Inc., 418 East Virginia Ave., Punta Gorda. 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. For more information, call 941-661-7332.



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Jewish and Muslim families form lasting friendship after viral photo

By VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — A year ago, these two families could not have predicted they would be together this week lighting candles on a menorah.

The Bendat-Appells of Deerfield, Ill., are a Jewish rabbi and his wife, who works full-time for a Jewish organization, and their three children, who all attend a Jewish Day school on the North Shore.

The Yildirims, who live in Schaumburg, Ill., are a Muslim husband and wife and their four children, who have never set foot in a synagogue and before this year had no Jewish friends.

Yet their friendship is a reflection of what they celebrated together Sunday evening at the rabbi's home. The ritual of lighting the menorah during the eight days of Hanukkah reminds Jewish people of how a tiny bit of oil was able to create light in the darkness for much longer than expected, just as the bond between the two families has continued to illuminate their lives,

months after their chance meeting during a protest against the Trump administration's travel ban in February at O'Hare Airport.

At the protest, each father hoisted a child onto his shoulders — then 9-year-old Adin Bendat-Appell wearing his yarmulke, and then 7-year-old Meryem Yildirim in her hijab — and the two poster-carrying kids were captured sharing a laugh together in a Chicago Tribune photograph.

Since then, the photo has gone viral, viewed by people around the world who saw the image as a symbol of hope amid political disagreement and changing immigration policies.

The two families have enjoyed a friendship that continues months later, including joining together for a meal at the breaking of Ramadan fast, a 5K walk for peace outside the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and other celebrations.

"We do this to show that something that is smaller than you expect to be able to survive and bring light can," said Yael

Bendat-Appell, the rabbi's wife, as she guided the children's hands while they took turns lighting the candles.

The Muslim mother smiled as she nudged her daughters closer.

"Wow," Amy Yildirim said. "Isn't it beautiful?"

Both families were surprised by the attention thrust on them immediately after their photo went public.

Rabbi Jordan Bendat-Appell, who teaches meditation for the Institute for Jewish Spirituality in New York, said he received dozens of Facebook comments, emails and voicemails from strangers. While there were a few negative responses from people who did not condone bonding between Jews and Muslims, most of the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Bendat-Appell said he was most touched by religious Jews who wrote with the Hebrew words "Kiddush Hashem," which means "You're sanctifying God's name."

"We never did anything heroic or extraordinary," Bendat-Appell said. "It still doesn't feel heroic. It feels

human."

For the Yildirims, the photo's quick popularity at first triggered anxiety. Fatih Yildirim, a longtime permanent resident of the U.S., had procrastinated becoming an official U.S. citizen for years, because he thought it was an unnecessary formality. When an executive order prohibited people from several Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S., he and his wife decided citizenship would protect him from having to leave his wife and children, who were already citizens. They worried the image of him at the protest would be used against him in his application, Amy Yildirim said.

Fatih Yildirim's family in Turkey alerted him to international news stations using the photo and reporting that he was befriending enemies. He told his family abroad that if anyone tried to persecute them because of his photo, they should publicly disown him for their own safety. He said he has since been granted citizenship in the U.S., which helped ease the family's concerns.

"It's so positive," Fatih

Yildirim said of his friendship with Rabbi Bendat-Appell. "My friends ask me to ask him questions (about the Jewish religion) sometimes."

The families were grateful for the relationship that began to blossom the minute each father carried home the other's contact information they exchanged at the airport. At a Shabbat dinner days later, the Bendat-Appell and Yildirim children played happily together while the adults got to know one another. They reunited several times in the months that followed, often bringing friends along to share the experience. While the adults occasionally compare notes on how Biblical stories are told in each of their religions, most of their bonding is just about normal, everyday topics: where they work, what the kids are doing, what ingredients are in the delicious meals they share.

The parents say they never delve too much into the details of why the families get together, because the children aren't looking for an explanation.

On Sunday, after a quick exchange of hellos,

the Yildirim children tossed off their coats and immediately ran into a playroom, where Adin, now 10, schooled the others on the rules of a game of dreidel. It didn't take long before all the children were munching on chocolates and spinning the dreidel in hopes of it landing on the Hebrew symbol for "take it all."

"They don't see the other children as a label," said Amy Yildirim. "It's just their friends. I think that's great."

The Bendat-Appells and Yildirims say they plan to continue regular get-togethers, bringing in friends and family to expand the relationships whenever possible.

Yael Bendat-Appell said she feels honored that her family members were the ones captured in an image that reminds people of the humanity that continues every day in the world, even when not caught by a camera.

"It's heartening to know that these things are happening, that people are doing such hard work to build bridges," she said.

Pope urges nuclear disarmament, climate-change solutions

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CIT — Pope Francis is calling for a world without nuclear arms and for effective measures to combat climate change.

Addressing the faithful recently in St. Peter's Square, he stressed what he called "the strong link between human rights and

nuclear disarmament." Francis said working to protect the dignity of the weakest and most disadvantaged implies "also working with determination to build a world without nuclear arms." He urged people to put intelligence and technology at the "service of peace and true progress."

A strong crusader

for the environment, Francis also expressed hope that people will realize the "need to adopt truly efficient decisions to fight climate change" while also combating poverty.

Francis then cited the suffering from a cyclone in India that has left fishermen missing and from flooding in Albania.



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Pope Francis waves to faithful during the Angelus noon prayer in St. Peter's Square, Dec. 10. Francis said that working to protect the dignity of the weakest and most disadvantaged implies "also working with determination to build a world without nuclear arms." He urged people to put intelligence and technology at the "service of peace and true progress."

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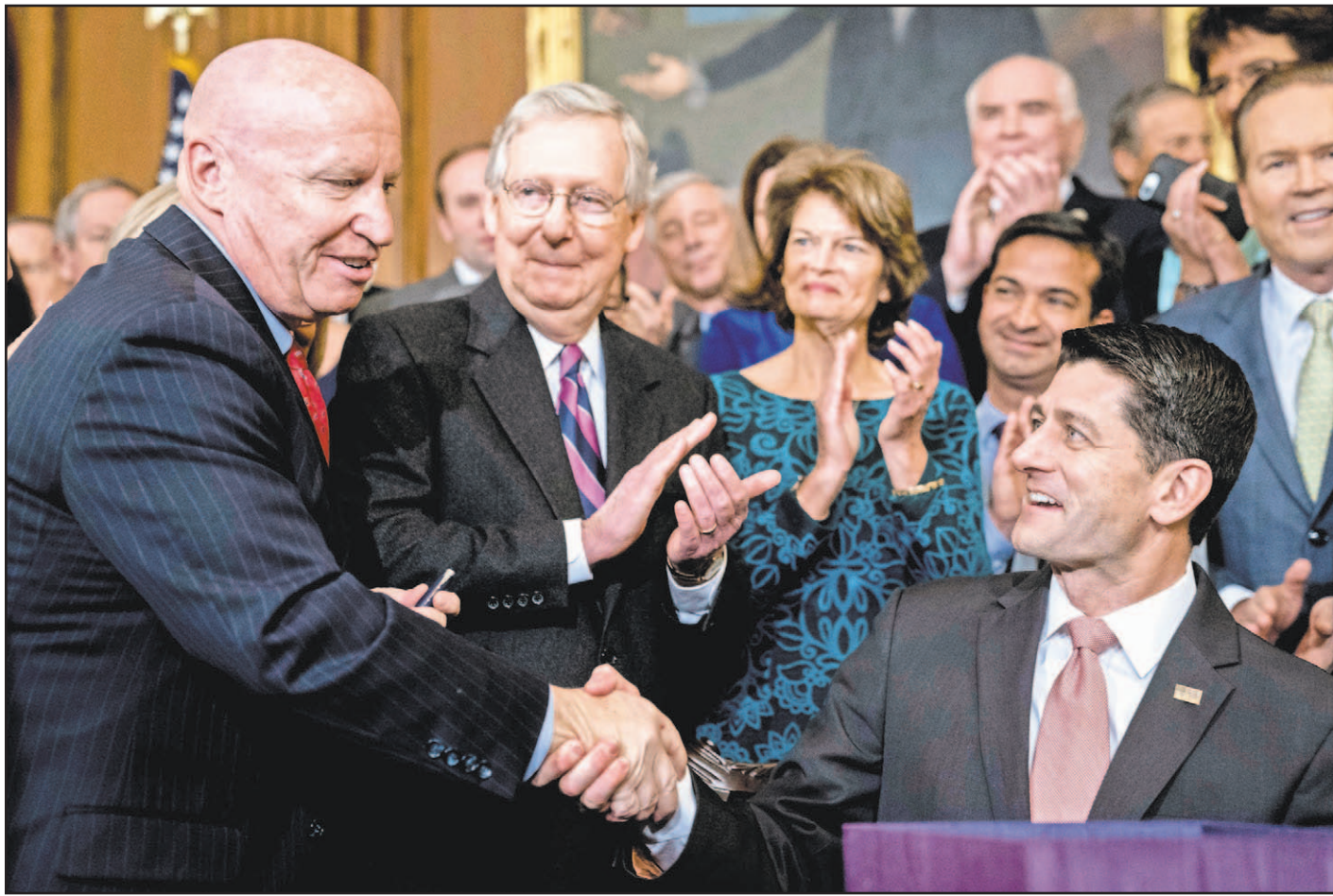
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PENCE MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN

Vice President Mike Pence's surprise pre-Christmas visit came as the Trump administration charts a pathway for ending the 16-year war in Afghanistan. See page 12.



Shutdown averted



AP PHOTOS

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, right, shakes hands after presenting a pen to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, left, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, second from left, watches after signing the final version of the GOP tax bill during an enrollment ceremony at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday.

Congress clears temporary spending bill

By ANDREW TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led Congress narrowly passed a temporary spending bill Thursday to avert a government shutdown, doing the bare minimum in a sprint toward the holidays and punting disputes over immigration, health care and the budget to next year.

The measure passed the House on a 231-188 vote over Democratic opposition and then cleared the Senate, 66-32, with Democrats from Republican-leaning states providing many of the key votes. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the measure.

The stopgap legislation would keep the government from closing down at midnight Friday. It has traversed



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California, and Hispanic Caucus Chair Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-New Mexico, right, appear before the House Rules Committee asking to add protections to the government funding bill for immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children, known as "dreamers," on Capitol Hill, in Washington, Thursday.

a tortured path, encountering resistance from the GOP's most ardent allies of the military, as well as opposition from Democrats who

demanding but were denied a vote on giving immigrants brought to the country as children and in the country illegally an opportunity to

become citizens.

The wrap-up measure allows Republicans controlling Washington to savor their win on this week's \$1.5 trillion tax package — even as they kick a full lineup of leftover work into the new year. Congress will return in January facing enormous challenges on immigration, the federal budget, health care and national security along with legislation to increase the government's authority to borrow money.

Each of those items is sure to test the unity that Republicans are enjoying now.

"Now it gets down to some very difficult decisions on how we move forward in the first and second quarter of next year," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of

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UN denounces US recognition of Jerusalem as Israeli capital

By EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly voted overwhelmingly Thursday to denounce President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, largely ignoring Trump's threats to cut off aid to any country that went against him.

The nonbinding resolution declaring U.S. action on Jerusalem "null and void" was approved 128-9 — a victory for the Palestinians, but not as big as they predicted. Amid Washington's threats, 35 of the 193 U.N. member nations abstained and 21 were absent.

The resolution reaffirmed what has been the United Nations' stand on the divided holy city since 1967: that Jerusalem's final status must be decided in direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Trump administration made it clear the vote would have no effect on its plan to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said afterward that he completely rejects the "preposterous" resolution.

Palestinian U.N. Ambassador Riyad Mansour called the vote a victory not only for the Palestinians but for the United Nations and international law, saying U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley "failed miserably" in persuading only seven countries aside from the U.S. and Israel to vote against the resolution.

"And they used unprecedented tactics, unheard of in the diplomatic work at the U.N., including blackmail and extortion," he said.

The United States and Israel had waged an intensive lobbying campaign against the measure, with Haley sending letters to over 180 countries warning that Washington would be taking names of those who voted against the U.S. Trump went further, threatening a funding cutoff: "Let them vote against us. We'll save a lot. We don't care."

But in the end, major U.S. aid recipients including Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Tanzania and South Africa supported the resolution. Egypt received roughly \$1.4 billion in U.S. aid this year, and Jordan about \$1.3 billion.

The nine countries voting "no" were the U.S., Israel, Guatemala, Honduras, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, the Marshall Islands and Togo. Among

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Despite age and doubters, bull market looks to keep running

By STAN CHOE
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — Wall Street is forecasting another year of gains for stocks in 2018, even as worries rise that the end may be nearing for one of the market's greatest runs in history.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index has nearly quadrupled since the dark days of early 2009, and this bull run of eight-plus years is well into senior-citizen status. Only the rally of 1990 to 2000 lasted longer. But analysts see several reasons this bull market isn't ready for retirement. Chief among them: Economies around

the world are growing in sync.

The global gains, along with the lower tax rates that Congress just approved, should help companies pile their profits even higher. That should provide more life for the market, analysts say, because stock prices tend to follow the path of corporate profits more than anything else over the long term. Plus, interest rates are expected to remain relatively low, which can raise investor appetite for stocks.

The expected gains aren't as strong as in the past few years, however. For one thing, stocks are expensive. There are also concerns that

a growing economy could eventually spark inflation.

Another gain for stocks in 2018 would be the latest step into record territory for a market that's been maligned and doubted since it emerged from the rubble of the global financial crisis. Investors have been hesitant to fully embrace stocks after watching the market lose more than half its value from late 2007 into early 2009.

"No one seems complacent" about the market's performance, said Rob Lovelace, vice chairman of the Capital Group, whose American Funds



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BULL | 4 In this Oct. 18 photo, traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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Poll: Health care is the issue that won't go away

By EMILY SWANSON and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — As President Donald Trump completes his first year in office, Americans are increasingly concerned about health care, and their faith that government can fix it has fallen. A new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds that 48 percent named health care as a top problem for the government to focus on in the next year, up 17 points in the last two years. The poll allows Americans to name up to

five priorities and found a wide range of top concerns, including taxes, immigration and the environment. But aside from health care, no single issue was named by more than 31 percent. And 7 in 10 of those who named health care as a top problem said they had little to no confidence that government can improve matters. The public was less pessimistic in last year's edition of the poll, when just over half said they lacked confidence in the problem-solving ability of lawmakers and government institutions. "We are way up there on the cost, and as far as giving good health care, we are

way down," said Rebekah Bustamante of San Antonio, a retired medical imaging technician. "Now in health care, you're a number." Bustamante said she voted for Trump, but "he's learning on the job, and he's got a long way to go." Trump initially promised his own plan that would deliver "insurance for everybody" and "great" health care, "much less expensive and much better." But the White House never released a health care proposal from the president. GOP legislation to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law failed in

Congress, although the tax bill scraps the Obama requirement that most people get health insurance. Bloodied on both sides, Republicans and Democrats seem to have battled to an uneasy draw on health care. Meanwhile, conflicting policy signals from Washington, including an abrupt White House decision to cancel insurer subsidies, roiled insurance markets. Premiums on health plans purchased by individuals jumped by double digits. Progress reducing the number of uninsured stalled, and one major survey found an uptick this year.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

US appeals court denies stay of transgender military ban

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court in Virginia on Thursday denied a Trump administration request to delay a requirement that it begin allowing transgender people to enlist in the military on Jan. 1.

A three-judge panel of the Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote in a short order that it would not grant the request as an appeal of a lower-court ruling proceeds.

The Department of Justice disagrees with the court's ruling and is currently evaluating next steps, spokeswoman Lauren Ehrsam said.

Judge considers lifting ban on entry of refugee families

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal judge said he would decide before Christmas whether to stop a Trump administration ban on certain refugees after hearing arguments Thursday that the ban is separating families and putting some refugees in danger.

Lawyers from the ACLU and Jewish Family Services asked U.S. District Judge James Robart for an injunction on a ban the administration has placed on refugees from some mostly Muslim countries.

Congressional leaders to award Bob Dole top civilian honor

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate leaders will present former Republican Sen. Bob Dole with the nation's highest civilian honor to recognize his decades of service as a soldier,

lawmaker and statesman. House Speaker Paul Ryan's office says Dole will receive the Congressional Gold Medal in a ceremony scheduled for Jan. 17. Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi will take part in the event at the U.S. Capitol.

Second federal judge blocks Trump contraception rules

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California faces potentially "dire" public health and financial consequences from new rules by the Trump administration allowing more employers to opt out of providing women with no-cost birth control, a federal judge said Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam in Oakland, California, became the second federal judge in the country to block the changes to President Barack Obama's health care law, saying the Trump administration failed to provide the required notice and public comment period before implementing them.

Papa John's founder out as CEO weeks after NFL comments

NEW YORK (AP) — Papa John's founder John Schnatter will step down as CEO next month, about two months after he publicly criticized the NFL leadership over national anthem protests by football players — comments for which the company later apologized. Schnatter will be replaced as chief executive by Chief Operating Officer Steve Ritchie on Jan. 1, the company announced Thursday.

Insurance firms dispatch private firefighters

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Among the army of firefighters protecting neighborhoods at the front lines of Southern California's monstrous wildfire are small teams hired by insurance companies to provide personalized prevention and protection for homeowners.

Firms including American International, Pure Insurance and Chubb Limited have provided the service for policies for homeowners in wildfire-prone states for about a decade. Chubb contracts with licensed wildfire defense teams across 13 states, with the majority in California, where the fire season lasts all year and huge blazes destroyed thousands of homes in the fall. The trucks these private firefighters drive to policyholders' properties



AP PHOTO

This July 2017 photo provided by Chubb shows the Wildfire Defense Systems, Inc. firefighters mopping up spot fires on a clients property during a wildfire in Panguitch, Utah.

are indistinguishable from those used by public fire agencies and they carry much of the same equipment, including water tanks, hoses and flame retarding gels. Chubb has dispatched 11 trucks carrying two firefighters each to about 500 homes in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties northwest of Los Angeles

where the Thomas fire has destroyed more than 1,000 buildings since Dec. 4. It's a welcome service for customers and smart business since saving a home is cheaper than paying out on a policy to rebuild it. In one case, the teams visited a single home in the fire zone five times over two weeks, according to

Kevin Fuhrman, Chubb's "catastrophe manager" who oversees the company's California fire response. Team members removed dry brush, patio furniture and anything else around the exterior that could catch fire if embers blew through. They also cleared the gutters and taped up vents.

During subsequent visits, as flames drew closer, sprinklers were installed to keep the ground moist and the property was treated with a hydrating gel. Fuhrman said at one point the private firefighters arrived to find fire on the property and quickly put it out.

The company provides regular updates to evacuated policyholders, who frequently stay in shelters or hotels miles away, anxiously awaiting word about the condition of their properties.

TODAY / TONIGHT SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

Weather forecast grid for today through Wednesday, including high/low temperatures and chance of rain percentages.

GULF WATER TEMPERATURE: 67°

FLORIDA CITIES weather forecast map showing temperatures for various locations across the state.

TIDES forecast for Punta Gorda and Englewood.

MARINE forecast for Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs and Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola.

THE NATION

National weather map showing fronts, precipitation, and temperatures across the United States.

U.S. Extremes: High 86° at Immokalee, FL; Low -22° at West Yellowstone, MT.

Table of weather forecasts for various cities across the United States, including Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.

WORLD CITIES weather forecast table for international locations like Amsterdam, Baghdad, Beijing, etc.

AccuWeather.com logo and website information.

PORT CHARLOTTE weather forecast for the area.

VENICE weather forecast for the area.

SEBRING weather forecast for the area.

MONTHLY RAINFALL table showing historical and forecasted rainfall data.

AIRPORT weather forecast for the area.

CONDITIONS TODAY: UV Index and RealFeel Temperature.

POLLEN INDEX: Forecast for various types of pollen.

AIR QUALITY INDEX: Forecast for air quality.

SUN AND MOON: Forecast for sunrise, sunset, and moon phases.

SOLAR TABLE: Forecast for solar activity.

WEATHER HISTORY: Information on historical weather events.

WEATHER TRIVIA: Fun facts about weather.

Summary of weather-related delays for airports.

Main pollutant: Particulates. Source: sfgov.net.

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STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Gardendale: Police say a pastor was robbed of his vehicle in the First Baptist Church parking lot. The suspect fled in the vehicle. No one was hurt.

ALASKA Kenai: State environmental officials say excessive motor boat traffic in July made a section of the lower Kenai River too muddy. But the stirred up sediment producing the turbidity wasn't enough to damage fish and aquatic wildlife.

ARIZONA Tucson: The Air Force will issue an environmental impact study on basing F-35 jet fighters in Tucson. Some city residents have voiced opposition to the idea, citing noise, health and safety concerns.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Police arrested a 12-year-old boy accused of firing a handgun in a Burger King robbery. No one was hurt. The boy ran away but came back later to surrender.

CALIFORNIA San Francisco: The California Academy of Sciences has opened its annual Scuba Santa show to run through Christmas Day.

COLORADO Colorado Springs: A man landed in jail after offering to trade homegrown marijuana for an SUV listed on Craigslist, *The Gazette* reports. A sheriff owned the vehicle and set up a meeting where investigators found four pounds of pot.

CONNECTICUT Scotland: Residents here are becoming Lords and Ladies of the town's namesake country, a gift from Highland Titles.

DELAWARE Dover: The widow of a lawyer for whom New Castle County's courthouse is named is seeking court permission to sell several properties he owned to pay estate debts.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit says construction on the light-rail Purple Line can continue without updating an environmental study. Construction of the line scheduled to open in 2022 began in August.

FLORIDA Orlando: A garbage truck that was backing up struck and killed a 73-year-old man walking his dog. The state Highway Patrol says the dog was taken to a veterinary clinic for treatment.



GEORGIA Forsyth: The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is playing Santa for several dozen "down on their luck" people this season with \$100 bills, *The Telegraph* reports.

HAWAII Honolulu: A study finds that almost 94% of rats in the Hilo region are infected with a parasite that causes rat lungworm disease.

IDAHO Boise: After environmentalists filed a lawsuit, the U.S. Forest Service withdrew snowmobile maps for Payette and Boise national forests. The suit says the maps aren't restrictive enough for snowmobiles that have become more powerful and numerous.

ILLINOIS Quincy: Two veterans panels of state lawmakers will hold a joint hearing Jan. 9 on a Legionnaires' disease outbreak at a veterans home, *Quincy Herald-Whig* reports. Thirteen residents at the Illinois Veterans Home have died from the disease over the past three years.

INDIANA Fort Wayne: Indiana Tech may become the first tenant at a former General Electric campus that's being redeveloped. GE vacated the buildings in early 2015.

IOWA Clarion: The 4-H Schoolhouse Museum is settling into its new home at the Heartland Museum complex, *Mason City Globe Gazette* reports.

KANSAS Manhattan: Kansas State has hired consultants to fix declining enrollment, *Manhattan Mercury* says. The school had 22,796 students this fall, a drop of more than 4% from the previous fall.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: State Police say a record total of nearly 210 tons was donated during the agency's "Cram the Cruiser" food drive.

HIGHLIGHT: INDIANA



Kindergarteners Manasseh Smith, from left, Larry Palmer and Ti'miya Summers wear scarves made by Jeffrey Thomas. JEFFREY THOMAS

Teacher makes scarves for almost 650 students

Arika Herron
Indianapolis Star
USA TODAY NETWORK

Jeffrey Thomas wanted to do something nice for his students.

In his first year at Lew Wallace School 107, the special education teacher said his fellow teachers and their students took him in. They made him part of the family, Thomas said.

After watching his students arrive in near-freezing temperatures sometimes wearing nothing more than a sweatshirt, Thomas wanted to do something nice for them.

"Scarves," he thought.

Nearly 650 of them.

Over a few months, Thomas clipped coupons and shopped Black Friday sales at fabric stores. He went through two cutting mats, several pairs of scissors and cut more than 100 yards of fabric down into 8-inch-wide fleece scarves. He made them in more than 50 patterns, so the kids would have a choice.

This week, Thomas handed out a scarf to all 600-plus students at the elementary school.

Sha'Unnah McWhirter picked out one that was pink, yellow, blue and teal with a little bit of white. The first-grader had the pretty plaid piece of fleece wrapped around her neck two days later as

she headed to lunch.

The school held an assembly and talked to the kids about kindness, then Thomas, wearing one of his scarves, told the room full of students they'd all get one.

"I felt like Oprah," Thomas said. "You get a scarf, you get a scarf, you get a scarf."

He had all the scarves lined up, by pattern, on shelves and tables in his classroom and let each student come in — five at a time — and "shop."

When first-grader Hassan Bello got to pick something out for himself, he choose one with monster trucks on it. Bello said it's the only scarf he has.

Lew Wallace is a unique school. Part of the Indianapolis Public Schools district, it sits on the northwest side of the district. After a recent transfer, the school has students from 34 different countries. Many of them are warm countries, Thomas said, and this is their first exposure to snow.

Many of Lew Wallace's students are learning English for the first time, and most of them come from poor homes where their families may not be able to afford scarves and Christmas gifts.

"The school's socioeconomic status is hard," school counselor Sherri Barrow said. "This time of year ... it's especially hard."

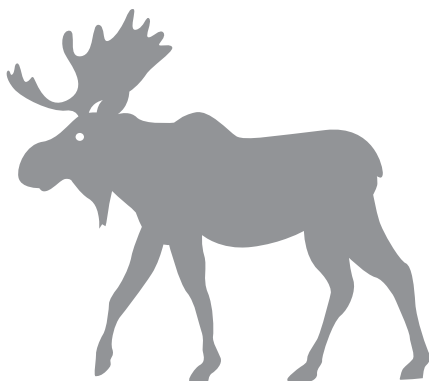
LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: Ochsner Health System will manage day-to-day operations at state-owned safety-net hospitals in north Louisiana.

MAINE Thomaston: Authorities say Montpelier, an early 20th century replica of a Revolutionary War-era home, could close if its nonprofit operator can't raise \$150,000 soon.

MARYLAND Annapolis: Gov. Larry Hogan has signed an executive order recognizing the Accohannocks tribe on the state's Eastern Shore.

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: Police recovered dozens of stolen packages at the home of a subcontractor making deliveries for Amazon.

MICHIGAN Grand Rapids: A fish dealer was sentenced to four months in prison for buying and selling Lake Michigan trout that was illegally taken, *The Grand Rapids Press* reports.



MINNESOTA Duluth: Scientists studying moose skulls on Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior say the animals are shrinking, with 16% smaller skulls over 40 years, Minnesota Public Radio reports.

MISSISSIPPI Jackson: Starting in January, the state will stop suspending driver's licenses just for unpaid court fines and fees.

MISSOURI Kansas City: The state's maternal mortality rate is one of the worst in the country at more than 28 deaths per 100,000 live births.

MONTANA Missoula: The University of Montana Foundation has sold the Montana Island Lodge on Salmon Lake for \$1.6 million.

NEBRASKA Hastings: Administrators at Hastings Public Schools say classroom doors will be locked when classes resume in January.

NEVADA Las Vegas: Clark County has scrapped the idea of building a \$200 million elevated expressway to McCarran International Airport.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Gilford: Live Nation Entertainment has a 51% stake in Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion, *Laconia Daily Sun* says.

NEW JERSEY Trenton: Gov. Chris Christie has signed a bill to ease restrictions facing residents seeking to expunge criminal records. Christie says it gives criminal offenders a "second chance."

NEW MEXICO Clovis: Vandals spray-painted "Happy Birthday Jesus Christ" on the Golden Mosque in Clovis, *The Eastern New Mexico News* reports, but misspelled the signature: "From a real Christain."

NEW YORK East Greenbush: Michael's Auto Plaza in suburban Albany is accepting bitcoin purchases.

NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh: Campus police at North Carolina State University say a phone scam with students there's a problem with their status but they can fix it for a fee, *The News & Observer* reports.

NORTH DAKOTA Minot: State prison officials have ended special monitoring at the Ward County Jail that started in 2015 after an inmate died.

OHIO Columbus: The state's adult prison population fell below 50,000 for the first time in four years. The tally this week was 49,596 inmates.

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: An ex-finance official says the state health agency was "a financial time bomb" before a \$30 million budget shortfall was found. Deborah Nichols says the agency was overstaffed and couldn't pay its bills on time when the shortfall was discovered.

OREGON Bend: A workplace safety report says employees at the Chimps Inc. chimpanzee sanctuary experienced attacks and injuries by the seven animals housed there. The violations could result in more than \$20,000 in fines.

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: Token sales end next month at some subway station cashier booths. But sales will continue at major offices, regional stations and more than 200 third-party retailers.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: Officials say a special-needs school bus driver was retrained after the vehicle's mechanical lift got stuck, stranding several students.

SOUTH CAROLINA Spartanburg: Officials defend mold reduction efforts at the county courthouses, despite ongoing worker complaints.

SOUTH DAKOTA Brandon: Authorities say a student brought an unloaded handgun to Brandon Valley High School to sell to another student, *The Argus Leader* reports. The school was placed on lockdown.

TENNESSEE Chattanooga: Prosecutors say the driver of a school bus that crashed, killing six elementary school students, took a cell phone call at the time of the crash, the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* reports. Johnthony Walker faces six counts of vehicular homicide at a trial beginning Feb. 27.

TEXAS Houston: Harris County is moving ahead to complete a project to widen and deepen Brays Bayou, *The Houston Chronicle* reports. Construction of the flood prevention effort is expected to begin next summer and finish in 2021.

UTAH Cedar City: Wildlife managers in the Trump administration are moving to loosen endangered species protections for prairie dogs. Officials say the plan preserves prairie dog numbers while helping people in Cedar City, where residents say the animals have overrun playgrounds, cemeteries and backyards.

VERMONT Burlington: State health officials report 29 physician-assisted deaths since 2013, the year that the Patient Choice at the End of Life law passed, Vermont Public

Radio reports. The law lets doctors prescribe a lethal dose of medication to patients with a terminal condition.

VIRGINIA Chesapeake: By a 7-1 vote, the City Council rejected what might have been Chesapeake's first solar farm, *The Virginian-Pilot* reports. Some neighbors of the 146-acre proposal expressed concern about how it might impact their property values.

WASHINGTON Tacoma: A man accused of leading an opioid trafficking ring that brought about 10,000 pills a month to the state from Los Angeles was sentenced to five years in prison.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: State officials say liquor sales are barred on Christmas Eve and Christmas. But wine, beer and champagne can be purchased on Sunday after 1 p.m.

WISCONSIN Madison: An eastern pipistrelle, the state's smallest bat, was tracked with an ultra-light transmitter beaming its movement after emerging from hibernation, *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports.

WYOMING Jackson: Despite a lack of snow, wildlife managers have started putting out feed for elk, *The Jackson Hole News and Guide* says. The idea is to keep elk from feeding on hay intended for cattle at ranches across the state.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.

BUSINESS NEWS/STOCKS

Banks, energy companies lead rebound in US stocks

By ALEX VEIGA
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Banks and energy companies led U.S. stocks higher Thursday, erasing modest losses from the day before.

Retailers and makers of consumer products also posted solid gains. Small-company stocks rose more than the rest of the market, and technology stocks lagged. Trading was mostly subdued as investors looked ahead to the long holiday weekend.

“Most of the optimism of the tax plan was probably built into the market already and I thought we might be in a little bit of

a sideways mode here for a while,” said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading & derivatives at Charles Schwab. “But we’re pretty much gained back almost what we gave up in the last two days. It’s a pretty good sign to see that.”

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 5.32 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,684.57. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 55.64 points, or 0.2 percent, to 24,782.29. The Nasdaq composite added 4.40 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,965.36. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 7.03 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,547.11.

The indexes are all on course to finish the month with solid gains.

They have risen over the past few weeks as Washington moved closer to passing its tax overhaul, but they haven’t done much over the last several days as Congress voted on the bill.

On a day when many traders were starting to look ahead to the long holiday weekend, the market received some encouraging data on the economy.

The Commerce Department said Thursday that the U.S. economy grew at a solid 3.2 percent annual rate in the third quarter,

slightly slower than previously estimated. The latest GDP estimate follows a 3.1 percent gain in GDP for the second quarter. Combined, the two quarters represent the best back-to-back quarterly growth rates in three years.

“GDP is still strong,” said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager at GLOBALT Investments. “A revision of one-tenth of a percentage point is really not much.”

Banks and other financial companies accounted for a big portion of the market’s gains. Wells Fargo rose \$1.47, or 2.4 percent, to \$61.61. Oil prices veered

higher, reversing losses from earlier in the day. The rebound helped lift energy stocks. Hess climbed \$2.35, or 5.3 percent, to \$46.34.

Benchmark U.S. crude added 27 cents to settle at \$58.36 a barrel. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, gained 34 cents to close at \$64.90 a barrel in London.

“You definitely wanted to be long on energy today,” Martin said.

Several big retailers and makers of consumer products also posted solid gains. Toy maker Mattel added 59 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$15.71. Luxury jeweler Tiffany & Co. gained \$2.41, or

2.4 percent, to \$102.46.

Investors bid up shares in companies that beat earnings or outlook forecasts.

Technology stocks, which are on track for an annual gain of 38 percent, the biggest gain this year, lagged the most Thursday.

Micron Technology was among the big decliners in the sector, sliding \$1.33, or 2.9 percent, to \$44.42.

California utility PG&E plunged 12.9 percent after it suspended its dividend to conserve cash amid concerns that it may be found liable for wildfires in northern California. The stock lost \$6.62 to \$44.50.

US economy grew at solid 3.2 percent rate in third quarter

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a solid 3.2 percent annual rate from July through September, slightly slower than previously estimated but still enough to give the country the best back-to-back quarterly growth rates in three years.

The figure was revised down from last month’s estimate of 3.3 percent, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The change reflected a bit less spending by consumers, which was offset somewhat by increased spending by state and local governments.

Still, the 3.2 percent growth followed a 3.1 percent gain in the second quarter, the first consecutive quarters that growth has topped 3 percent since 2014.

President Donald Trump has pointed to these gains as evidence his economic program is producing results. Many economists believe GDP growth this quarter could hit 3 percent or better.

Congress this week passed a major tax overhaul, giving Trump the biggest legislative achievement of his first year in office. Economists believe the proposal will boost growth temporarily in 2018 and possibly 2019. But then they forecast that the positive effects will fade, with slower growth going forward due to higher interest rates stemming from the bigger government deficits.

But at the moment, economists are optimistic about growth prospects. The Federal Reserve’s Atlanta regional bank is forecasting GDP growth could hit 3.3 percent

this quarter. If GDP does top 3 percent, it would mark the first time that has occurred since three quarters in late 2004 and early 2005.

Trump has predicted the tax cuts will be “rocket fuel” for the economy and many economists are looking for a growth spurt next year.

“The economy is rock solid for now and with fiscal stimulus kicking in next month, the economy’s afterburners could put this economy’s rocketing growth rate into even higher orbit,” Chris Rupkey, chief financial analyst at MUFJ Union Bank in New York, said in reaction to the new GDP report.

For all of 2017, the economy is expected to grow around 2.3 percent, a marked improvement from the slight 1.5 percent gain in GDP in 2016. For 2018, economists

believe growth will be even better, helped by the boost from the Republican tax cuts and a stronger global economy.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, is forecasting growth of 2.9 percent for 2018, reflecting tax cuts that he predicts will add 0.4 percentage point to GDP next year. He expects the tax cuts to add 0.2 percentage point to growth in 2019. But even with that boost, he sees GDP slowing to a 2.2 percent rate in 2019 before slowing to 1 percent growth in 2020 as the higher interest rates drag on growth.

This forecast is in line with other analysts who see only a temporary gain from the tax cuts. They are at odds with forecasts of the Trump administration that the tax cuts will spur significant

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Business investment in equipment shot up at a 10.8 percent rate, the best showing since the third quarter of 2014.
- Consumer spending, which accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic output, grew at an annual pace of 2.2 percent, a slight 0.1 percentage point less than last month’s estimate.
- Government spending and investment rose for the first time in three quarters, with spending by state and local governments revised to a small positive from a slight negative in the previous report.
- Housing construction fell for a second quarter, but the drop was not as severe as previously reported.
- The 1.5 percent annual GDP gain last year was the weakest performance in six years, since the economy contracted by 2.9 percent in 2009.
- GDP growth has averaged around 2 percent in the current recovery, which is now in its ninth year and is the third longest in U.S. history.

momentum that will lift the economy to sustained annual GDP gains of 3 percent or better.

The report on third quarter growth was the government’s third and final look at the quarter. The economy showed resilience last quarter in the face of two hurricanes: Harvey, which hit Texas in late August, and Irma,

which battered Florida in September.

The U.S. economy is benefiting from a pickup in global growth, which supports consumer spending, and a drop in the value of the dollar against other major currencies, which makes U.S. products less expensive in foreign markets.

Mutual Funds

Name	NAV	5-yr Chg %Rtn	Bruce	CGM
AB			523.27	+1.28 +10.3
DiversMunicipal	14.26	+0.1 +1.4		
SmCpGrA m	51.73	+1.9 +15.2		
AMG				
YackFOF d	23.53	-0.1 +12.0		
Yackman d	25.26	+0.2 +11.9		
AQR				
MgdFisStratf	9.18	... +2.2		
AbdPds				
IntlSmCpA m	31.95	... +8.1		
Inks				
Retail m	32.24	-1.3 +17.3		
Alger				
SmCpGrB m	6.44	+0.2 +11.0		
Alpine				
dynDivGrnC d	4.21	+0.2 +11.0		
Amana				
MutGrnC b	38.93	+0.4 +12.2		
MultiInv b	53.88	+0.5 +14.8		
American Beacon				
SmCpValInt x	27.73	-2.46 +14.3		
American Century				
CpIFVal	8.79	+0.4 +12.9		
EqIncInv	8.97	+0.2 +12.8		
EqInv	32.93	-1.0 +15.3		
FundMntnc	8.67	+0.7 +11.1		
IntlValInt	22.47	-0.1 +12.7		
IntTmtvFBdInv	11.29	+1.9 +17.9		
Ultran				
43.76	+0.2 +17.2			
American Funds				
AMCPA m	31.59	+0.6 +15.5		
AmronBAI m	27.12	+0.7 +11.0		
AmronHilnCA m	10.36	-0.1 +14.2		
AmrvCmCA m	40.80	+0.6 +13.4		
BdAmrCA m	12.84	... +1.8		
CpIFValGrnC m	50.91	+1.1 +11.0		
CpIFValGrnC m	63.97	+1.5 +7.7		
CpIFValGrnC m	19.94	... +0.6		
EuroPacGrA x	55.79	-1.32 +8.9		
FundMntnc m	62.27	+2.7 +15.1		
GrEQSA	32.38	-5.5 +7.2		
GrAmrCA m	49.63	+1.6 +16.1		
IntnCmCA m	23.28	+0.6 +9.6		
IntnCmCA m	13.30	-0.1 +0.7		
IntnCmCA m	40.45	+1.3 +15.0		
NewWidA x	66.38	-1.07 +6.6		
NwPrvWidA x	43.06	-2.26 +12.1		
SmCpValA m	55.63	+2.3 +12.8		
TheNewEcoA m	48.59	+0.1 +16.7		
WAMidnCA m	12.96	+0.1 +14.8		
WAMidnCA m	45.68	+1.4 +14.8		
Angel Oak				
MtIStGrnC	11.26	... +4.4		
Artisan				
IntlValInt	33.30	+1.4 +7.4		
IntlValInt	33.44	+1.4 +7.1		
IntlValInt	38.46	+1.1 +10.9		
AggGateBdIntl				
118.25	+0.1 +2.7			
CorFusBdIntl	10.21	+0.2 +2.8		
Baron				
AsstRetail b	68.22	+3.0 +15.3		
Retail b	67.70	+0.5 +13.2		
PrnsRetail b	49.54	+1.1 +17.1		
Berkshire				
Foc d	26.44	+0.5 +18.5		
BlackRock				
AlCPGrvRslvA m	11.21	+23.12		
EqDivInt	22.77	+0.8 +12.7		
EqDivIntA m	22.71	+0.8 +12.7		
GblAlcnInvA m	19.78	+0.5 +6.3		
GblAlcnInvA m	19.67	+0.5 +6.3		
GblAlcnInvC m	17.76	+0.4 +5.0		
HVBdInt	7.81	+0.1 +5.6		
IntnCmCA m	2.81	+0.1 +5.6		
IntnCmCA m	9.95	+0.1 +5.1		
TactOppsInv m	14.57	+0.5 +4.2		
Fidelity				
500IxDxInt	93.80	+1.9 +15.8		
500IxDxIntPm	93.80	+1.9 +15.8		
AllSectorEq	12.72	+0.3 +15.2		
AsstMgt500Eq	18.81	+0.5 +7.7		
BCGrowth	13.95	+0.2 NA		
BCGrowth	88.40	+0.9 +18.9		
BCGrowthK	88.49	+0.8 +19.0		
Balanced	23.74	+0.5 +10.8		
BalancedK	23.74	+0.5 +10.8		
Canada	53.74	+4.8 +4.3		
CapInc	10.33	+0.1 +7.4		
ContrFund	123.09	+2.3 +16.5		
ContrFundK	123.01	+2.2 +16.7		
DiversI	32.95	+0.9 +13.8		
DiversInt	39.73	+1.6 +8.8		
DiversIntK	39.64	+1.6 +8.9		
EmkMkts	21.03	+0.7 +6.2		
EmkMkts	32.34	+1.6 +7.8		
EmergingAsia	44.43	+1.7 +9.8		
EqIncome	60.87	+3.7 +12.2		
EqIncomeK	62.17	+2.5 +14.7		
Fidelity	45.47	+0.1 +14.5		
Fidelity	9.63	... +3.3		
FocusedStock	22.75	+0.5 +14.8		
Front2020	45.33	+1.2 +11.4		
Front2025	13.77	+0.3 +7.4		
Front2025	17.00	+0.4 +8.0		
Front2025	14.74	+0.4 +9.0		
Front2030	15.62	+0.6 +10.0		
Front2035	15.62	+0.5 +11.0		
Front2040	10.98	+0.4 +11.1		
GNMA	11.36	+0.1 +1.7		
GrCo	16.73	+0.3 NA		
GrCo	188.16	+2.6 +19.9		
GrCoK	188.14	+2.6 +20.0		
GrowthInt	37.96	+2.4 +14.4		
Independence	42.52	+1.3 +14.6		
IntlDiscv	45.24	+2.0 +8.9		
IntlGr	16.01	+0.7 +9.1		
IntlIndxIntPm	42.94	+1.9 +7.8		
IntlIndxPrem	42.94	+1.9 +7.7		
IntlInt	11.42	-0.2 +9.2		
IntlVal	10.67	+0.6 +6.3		
IntnCmCA m	27.39	+0.4 +16.4		
IntnCmCA m	27.67	+0.4 +16.7		
IntnCmCA m	13.61	... +0.9		
Dodge & Cox				
Bal	107.24	+6.7 +12.3		
GblStk	13.84	+1.3 +13.3		
Inc	13.72	+0.1 +3.7		
IntlStk	46.08	+4.3 +8.6		
Stk	204.72	+1.84 +16.4		
DubleLine				
CpIF	10.95	... +2.9		
TiRetBd	10.62	... +2.9		
TiRetBdN b	10.81	... +2.7		
Dreyfus				
IntlMltiCpValInt	40.60	+1.1 +14.5		
MtBd	11.71	... +3.0		
NYTxExd	14.78	... +2.4		
OppoSmpQlnv	37.07	+1.7 +16.3		
Puritan	23.44	+0.6 +11.1		
PuritanK	23.42	+0.6 +11.2		
SCGrH	24.69	+0.3 +17.9		
SmpCpOpps	14.05	+0.4 +12.2		
StkSecorAIC	45.68	+1.7 +15.5		
StratInc	11.13	+0.1 +3.7		
USDBalDxInt	11.49	+0.1 +3.3		
TotalBond	10.62	+0.1 +2.7		
TiMltiCpVal	76.63	+1.8 +15.6		
TiMltiCpValPm	76.61	+1.8 +15.6		
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USDBalDxIntPm	11.54	+0.1 +2.0		
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ValDiscv	29.02	+1.5 +14.2		
Value	120.69	+5.7 +13.9		
Fidelity Advisor				
LargeCapA m	35.87	+2.4 +15.3		
LimitedTermBdA m	11.42	... +1.1		
NewsIA m	31.43	+0.7 +15.1		
NewsInt	32.09	+0.8 +15.4		
Ivy				
AsstStratB m	22.37	+0.9 +3.3		
JPMorgan				
CPBondR6	8.26	... +3.0		
CoreBond	11.55	+0.1 +1.9		
CoreBondR6	11.56	+0.1 +2.1		
EqInc	17.46	+0.7 +14.5		
InvCnsvGrA m	12.83	+0.2 +5.3		
McCapVal	40.22	+0.7 +4.0		
USLCPPrVal	30.07	+1.4 +15.9		
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Janus Henderson				
BalancedC m	32.65	+0.5 +9.1		
ContrarianT	18.99	+0.8 +10.2		

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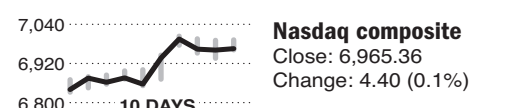


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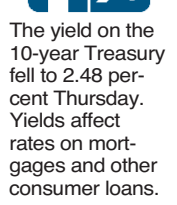


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Friday Television

VEN-VENICE E-N-ENGLEWOOD SAR-SARASOTA PC-PORT CHARLOTTE ARC-ARCADIA SPG-SOUTH PUNTA GORDA

DEC. 22	VEN	E-N	SAR	PC	ARC	SPG	FIOS	PRIME TIME											
								6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	40	7	7	7	10	7	7	ABC7 News @ 6pm (N)	ABC World News Tonight (N)	ABC7 News at 7 Florida Suncoast's news, weather & more. (N)	Shark Tank Product for kids to like brushing hair. (TVPG) (R) (HD)	(01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Rewind the lost team. (TVPG) (N)	20/20: The Good Doctors: Brilliance & Bravery Inspirational story. (R)	ABC7 News @ 11pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Jack Black.				
ABC	26	-	-	7	11	7	-	ABC7 News @ 6:00pm (N)	ABC World News Tonight (N)	The 7 O'Clock News (N) (HD)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	Shark Tank Product for kids to like brushing hair. (TVPG) (R) (HD)	(01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Rewind the lost team. (TVPG) (N)	20/20: The Good Doctors: Brilliance & Bravery Inspirational story. (R)	ABC7 News @ 11:00pm (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live Jack Black.			
CBS	11	213	213	-	5	5	-	WINK News at 6pm (N) (HD)	CBS Evening News (N) (HD)	WINK News at 7pm (N) (HD)	Inside Edition (TVPG) (N) (HD)	I Love Lucy Christmas Special Colorized episodes. (N) (HD)	The Dick Van Dyke Show - Now in Living Color! Colorized episodes. (R)	Blue Bloods: Not Fade Away Danny takes a side gig to right a wrong. (R)	WINK News @ 11pm (N) (HD)	Late Show Rachel Maddow. (R)			
CBS	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	10 News This Evening (N)	CBS Evening News (N) (HD)	Wheet: Home for the Holidays (TVG) (N) (HD)	Jeopardy! (TVG) (N) (HD)	I Love Lucy Christmas Special Colorized episodes. (N) (HD)	The Dick Van Dyke Show - Now in Living Color! Colorized episodes. (R)	Blue Bloods: Not Fade Away Danny takes a side gig to right a wrong. (R)	10 News Night (N)	Late Show Rachel Maddow. (R)			
NBC	20	-	232	-	2	2	-	NBC2 News @ 6pm (N) (HD)	NBC Nightly News (N) (HD)	Wheet: Home for the Holidays (TVG) (N) (HD)	Jeopardy! (TVG) (N) (HD)	Blindspot: City Folks Under Wraps A harmful secret. (TV14) (N) (HD)	Dateline NBC: The Carrollton Plot Authorities investigate the shooting of a woman in her own home. (R) (HD)	NBC2 News @ 11pm (N) (HD)	(35) Tonight Show (TV14) (N)				
NBC	8	8	8	-	8	-	-	NewsChannel 8 at 6:00 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N) (HD)	NewsChannel 8 at 7:00 (N)	Extra (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Blindspot: City Folks Under Wraps A harmful secret. (TV14) (N) (HD)	Dateline NBC: The Carrollton Plot Authorities investigate the shooting of a woman in her own home. (R) (HD)	NewsChannel 8 at 11:00 (N)	(35) Tonight Show (TV14) (N)				
FOX	36	-	-	4	4	4	-	FOX 4 News at Six Community news; weather; traffic; more. (N)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	Hell's Kitchen: Trimming Fat Chefs make six dishes in 25 minutes. (R)	Hell's Kitchen: Welcome to the Jungle Exotic meats. (TV14) (R) (HD)	FOX 4 News at Ten Local news report and weather update. (N)	FOX 4 News at Eleven (N)	Family Feud Families compete.				
FOX	13	13	13	-	13	-	-	FOX 13 6:00 News (N) (HD)	FOX 13 6:30 News (N)	Access With Ferrell. (TVPG) (N)	TMZ (TVPG) (N)	Hell's Kitchen: Trimming Fat Chefs make six dishes in 25 minutes. (R)	Hell's Kitchen: Welcome to the Jungle Exotic meats. (TV14) (R) (HD)	FOX 13 10:00 News The top news stories are updated. (N) (HD)	FOX 13 11:00 News News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)				
PBS	30	-	3	3	3	3	-	BBC World News (TVPG)	Nightly Business Report (N)	The PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Washington Week (N) (HD)	Washington Week (N) (HD)	Christmas at Belmont 2017 Holiday concert. (TVG) (N)	Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Holiday music. (TVG)	Eric Idle's The Entire Universe Universe's origins. (TVG) (N) (HD)				
PBS	3	3	17	3	-	-	-	BBC World News (TVPG)	Nightly Business Report (N)	The PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Washington Week (N) (HD)	Florida This Week (TVG) (N)	Christmas with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Holiday music. (TVG)	Happy Holidays with the Boston Pops Justin Hopkins. (TVG) (R) (HD)	Christmas at Belmont 2017 Holiday concert. (TVG) (N)				
CW	46	-	-	6	21	6	-	The Goldbergs: Double Dare (N)	WINK News at 6:30pm (N) (HD)	Big Bang Lack of girlfriend. (N)	Big Bang Penny at comic con. (N)	Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic Magicians perform. (TVPG) (R)	Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2017 (TVPG) (R) (HD)	WINK News @ 10pm (N) (HD)	Inside Edition (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Goldbergs Uncle Marvin visits.			
CW	44	9	9	9	-	-	-	Mike & Molly Detective best. (N)	Mike & Molly Disastrous date. (N)	2 Broke Girls Wedding cake. (N)	2 Broke "No hook-up" rule. (HD)	Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic Magicians perform. (TVPG) (R)	Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2017 (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Two & Half Jake woos a girl. (N)	Two & Half Men Second date. (N)	Friends Cookie tipping. (TVPG)	Friends Rachel quits her job		
MYN	38	11	11	11	-	-	-	Extra (TVPG) (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	News Channel 8 News @ 8pm News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)	American Ninja Warrior: Venice Qualifying (Hour 1) Qualifying round. (N)	American Ninja Warrior: Venice Qualifying (Hour 2) Qualifying round. (N)	Seinfeld Festivus holiday. (N)	Seinfeld Tarnished sweater. (N)			
IND	32	12	12	12	-	38	-	Mod Family: Knock 'Em Down (N)	Modern Family: Summer Lovin' (N)	Big Bang Lack of girlfriend. (N)	Big Bang Penny at comic con. (N)	Anger Ed in trouble. (TV14) (HD)	Anger Sam is baptized. (TV14) (HD)	Man Stand. Mike's dad moves. (TVPG) (HD)	Man Stand. Mike's dad moves. (TVPG) (HD)	Mom Violet gets sick. (TV14) (HD)	Mom Unexpected death. (TV14) (HD)	Family Guy Griffins haunted. (N)	Family Guy Brian writes book. (N)
ION	66	2	2	2	13	26	-	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: A Single Life Suspects a plenty. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Responsible Teenage drinking. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Florida Family vs. career. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Annihilated Terror threat. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Pretend Fight on tape. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Screwed Issues to resolve. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Screwed Issues to resolve. (TV14) (R)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Screwed Issues to resolve. (TV14) (R)				
A&E	26	26	26	26	39	50	181	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)	(5:00) Live PD: Live PD - 12.16.17 (TV14) (R)				
AMC	56	56	56	56	56	30	53	231	Hocus Pocus Conjured up by a curious teen, three 17th-century witches take revenge on Salem. (R)	Ice Age (02) ★★½ Migrating mammals work together to return a lost human infant to its father. (TVG)	Happy Feet A young Emperor penguin who cannot sing to find a mate turns to his tap-dancing. (TVG)								
APL	44	44	44	44	36	68	130	Cribs Dome for parrots. (N)	Cribs (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Cribs (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Cribs: Ultimate Builds (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Cribs Space for a dog. (N)	Cribs: Ultimate Builds (TVPG) (R) (HD)						
BBCAM	114	114	114	114	114	114	189	Doctor Who (TVPG) (R)	Doctor Who (TVPG) (R)	Doctor Who (TVPG) (R)	Doctor Who Christmas wish. (TVPG)	Doctor Who Christmas Eve 1892. (N)							
BET	35	35	35	35	40	22	70	(5:00) Good Deeds (12, Comedy) Life changed. (N)	(5:00) Good Deeds (12, Comedy) Life changed. (N)	(5:00) Good Deeds (12, Comedy) Life changed. (N)	(5:00) Good Deeds (12, Comedy) Life changed. (N)	(5:00) Good Deeds (12, Comedy) Life changed. (N)							
BRAVO	68	68	68	68	254	51	185	Medicine (TV14) (R)	Medicine (TV14) (R)	Medicine (TV14) (R)	Medicine (TV14) (R)	The Other Guys (10) ★★ Mismatched NY cops. (R)							
COM	66	66	66	66	15	27	190	(4:45) Meet the Parents (00) meets his girlfriend's parents. (R)	Meet the Fockers (04, Comedy) ★★½ Robert De Niro. Greg Focker's fiancée and future in-laws meet his eccentric parents. (R)	Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain Comedy routine. (R)	Hart of City: Boston (TV14) (R)								
DISC	40	40	40	40	25	43	120	Gold Rush (TVPG) (R)	Gold Rush (TVPG) (R)	Gold Rush (TVPG) (N)	Gold Rush (TVPG) (N)	(01) Death Ray (N)	Gold Rush (TVPG) (R)						
E!	46	46	46	46	27	26	196	It's Complicated (09) (N)	The Devil Wears Prada (06, Comedy) ★★ Fashion fascist. (N)	The Devil Wears Prada (06, Comedy) ★★ Fashion fascist. (N)									
FOOD	37	37	37	37	183	76	164	Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Grill Dads Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Diners (R)	Diners (R)			
FREE	55	55	55	55	10	46	199	(5:25) The Polar Express (04, Holiday) Boy takes train ride to North Pole. (N)	The Santa Clause (94) ★★½ After accidentally killing Santa, a divorced father turns into St. Nick. (N)	(40) The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (06) ★½ Elf Man raised as elf. (N)									
FX	51	51	51	51	58	49	53	Penguins of Madagascar (14, Adventure) McGrath. Villain plans to destroy the planet. (N)	Minions (15, Comedy) ★★ Pierre Coffin. The history of the Minions is traced from their beginnings. (N)	Minions (15, Comedy) ★★ Pierre Coffin. The history of the Minions is traced from their beginnings. (N)									
GSN	179	179	179	179	34	179	184	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Fam. Feud (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)			
HALL	5	5	5	5	17	73	240	Christmas at Holly Lodge Investor wants inn. (N)	Christmas Under Wraps (14) ★★ Holiday secret. (N)	The Christmas Cottage (17) Snowed in at cabin. (N)									
HGTV	41	41	41	41	53	42	165	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Fixer Uppr (TVG) (R)	Fixer Uppr (TVG) (R)	Fixer Uppr (TVG) (R)							
HIST	81	81	81	81	33	65	128	Anc Aliens (TVPG) (R)	Anc Aliens (TVPG) (R)	Anc Aliens (TVPG) (R)	Anc Aliens (TVPG) (R)	Anc Aliens (TVPG) (R)							
LIFE	36	36	36	36	52	41	140	Wrapped up in Christmas Christmas Grinch. (N)	Bring It! (N)	Bring It! (N)	Bring It! Sneak peeks. (N)	Rap Game (TVPG) (N)	Bring It! Sneak peeks. (N)						
NICK	25	25	25	25	24	44	252	The Lego Movie (14) (N)	Loud House (N)	SpongeBob (N)	Megamind (10) A super-villain becomes a hero. (N)	Prince (N)	Prince (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)				
OWN	58	58	58	58	47	67	145	Homicide (TV14) (R)	20/20 Woman survives. (N)	20/20: Blood Ties (R)	48 Hours: (TV14) (HD)	48 Hours: (TV14) (HD)	20/20: Blood Ties (R)						
QVC	14	14	14	14	9	13	150	Judith Ripka Jewelry Jewelry by Ripka. (TVG)	Facets: Judith Ripka (N)	From Designers to Diamonique - Finale: All Easy Pay Offers (N)									
SPIKE	57	57	57	57	29	63	54	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Friends (N)	Pretty Woman (90, Romance) ★★ Businessman hires a prostitute. (R)							
SYFY	67	67	67	67	253	64	180	(5:00) The Lone Ranger (13) ★★ Masked hero. (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)	Futurama (N)				
TBS	59	59	59	59	32	62	52	Family Guy (TV14) (HD)	Family Guy (TV14) (HD)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Big Bang (N)	Surprise! Carol (TV14) (N)	Joker Wild (N)	Drop Mic (N)			
TCM	65	65	65	65	65	65	230	(5:15) Guys and Dolls (55) ★★ Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons. A gambler bets on making a date. (N)	Christmas in Connecticut (45, Comedy) ★★ A career woman faces domestic duties. (NR) (HD)	Remember the Night An assistant district attorney brings a shoplifter to his home for Christmas. (N)									
TLC	45	45	45	45	57	72	139	Say Yes (TVPG) (R)	Untold ER (TV14) (R)	Untold ER: Punched! (N)	Untold ER: Holiday ER (N)	Santa Sent Me (TV14) (N)	Untold ER: Holiday ER (N)						
TNT	61	61	61	61	28	55	51	Bones Nazi war criminal. (TV14) (HD)	Grinch Stole (TVG)	The Wizard of Oz After a tornado, a farm girl and her dog are transported into a magical world. (N)	Grinch Stole (TVG)	(15) A Christmas Carol (99) A bitter, old man is visited by three spirits the day before Christmas. (N)							
TOON	80	80	80	80	46	20	257	Elf (TVG)	Titans Go! (N)	Titans Go! (N)	Universe (N)	King Hill (N)	Cleve. Shw (N)	Cleve. Shw (N)	Am. Dad (N)	Am. Dad (N)	Bob's Brgr (N)	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)
TRAV	69	69	69	69	260	66	170	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)	Josh Gates (TVPG) (R)		
TRUTV	63	63	63	63	30	183	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)	Jokers (R)		
TVL	62	62	62	62	31	54	241	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	Loves Ray. (TVPG)	Loves Ray. (TVPG)	Mom (HD)	Mom (HD)	Queens (N)	Queens (N)		
USA	34	34	34	34	22	52	50	SVU: Streetwise (TV14) (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)	Mod Family (N)		
WE	117	117	117	117	117	117	149	Monk Playing dead. (N)	Monk Reluctant move. (N)	Marriage (TV14) (N)	Marriage Boot Camp: Ring ceremony. (TV14) (R)	Marriage Lie detector (N)							
WGN	16	16	16	16	19	41	68	Blue Blood (TV14) (HD)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)	M*A*S*H (N)			
CNBC	39	39	39	39	59	37	102	Mad Money (N) (HD)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank New ideas. (N)	Shark Tank Five invest. (N)	Shark Tank (TVPG)	Shark Tank (TVPG)						
CNN	32	32	32	32	18	38	100	Situation Room (N)	Erin Burnett (N) (HD)	Report (R) (HD)	Shades: The New KKK (R) (HD)	Shades (R) (HD)	Shades (R) (HD)						
CSPAN	18	18	18	18	37	12	109	(10:00) Public Affairs Events Public affairs events are presented. (R) (HD)	Politics & Public Policy Today Major political activity around the U.S. (R)										
FNC	64	64	64	64	48	71	118	Special Report (N) (HD)	The Story (N) (HD)	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) (HD)	Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News @ Night (N)						
MSNBC	83	83	83	83	185	40	103	Beat Ari Melber (N)	Hardball with Chris (N)	Chris Hayes (N) (HD)	Dossier: TRMS (N)	Last Word (N) (HD)	The 11th Hour (N) (HD)						
SNN	6	6	6	6	11	-	-	SNN Eve (N)	Eve @ 6:30 (N)	ES.TV (R) (HD)	Celebrity (N)	Headline (N)	Headline (N)	SNN Late (N)	SNN Late E (N)	Celebrity (N)			
ESPN	29	29	29	29	12	58	70	(4:00) Coll. Ftbl (live) (HD)	NBA Count (N)	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles vs Houston (live) (HD)	NBA Basketball (live) (HD)								
ESPN2	30	30	30	30	6	59	74	SportsCenter (HD)	College Basketball: Northwestern vs Oklahoma (live) (HD)	College Basketball: Texas vs Alabama (live) (HD)									
FS1	48	48	48	48	42	69	83	NFL Films (N)	College Basketball: Sacred Heart vs Providence (live) (HD)	College Basketball: Hofstra vs Villanova (live) (HD)	Extra (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)							
FSN	72	72	72	72	72	56	77	Inside (N)	Magic LIVE (N)	NBA Basketball: New Orleans vs Orlando (live) (HD)	Magic LIVE (N)	Inside (N)	Inside (N)	Wrld Poker (Reply) (N)					
FSSUN	38	38	38	38	45	57	76	Do Florida (N)	Heat (HD)	College Basketball (live) (HD)	College Basketball (live) (HD)	Access (N)	Boxing 30 (N)						
GOLF	49	49	49	49	55	60	93	(4:00) PGA Tour Golf: Presidents Cup: Final Day (Replay) (HD)	Fan Favorites - Rounds of 2017: No. 1 (N)										
NBCSN	71	71	71	71	54	61	90	Premiership Rugby: London vs Worcester (N)	Guide (N)	Ninja Round one. (R)	Ninja Round two. (R)	Ninja: Finals Region 6 (N)	Ninja (R)						
DISN	136	136	136	136	99	45	250	K.C. Undercover: Deleted! (R)	Bizaardvark Celebrate holiday. (N)	Andi Mack: Mama Andi's sleepover. (R)	Andi Mack: Andi's sleepover. (R)	Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas! (11) Family travels to California to celebrate holidays with wife's parents. (N)	Stuck in Middle Visit grandma. (N)	Stuck in Middle Visit grandma. (N)	Disney Parks Presents a Disney Channel Holiday Celebration (R)	Bizaardvark Celebrate holiday. (N)			
ENC	150	150	150	150	150	350	-	(5:12) The Legend of Zorro (05) Zorro puts on the mask again to oppose a threat to California's sovereignty. (N)	(25) Planes, Trains and Automobiles (87, Comedy) Steve Martin. A man gets an unwanted traveling buddy. (N)	An American Werewolf in London An American is attacked by a beast and inherits a supernatural curse. (R)	(41) Navy SEALs (90, Action) ★★½ Navy SEALs seek to destroy Middle Eastern terrorists' deadly arsenal. (R)								
HBO	302	302	302	302	302	302	400	X-Men: Apocalypse (16) Professor X and team must save mankind. (N)	15 Two best friends. (TVG) (N)	News Tonight: 12-22-2017 (N)	(15) The Great Wall (17, Action) ★★½ Matt Damon, Tian Jing. European mercenaries must take up arms at Great Wall against horde of monsters. (N)	All Def Comedy (NWA) (HD)	Almost Christmas (16, Comedy) ★★½ Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps. Patriarch asks his entire family to join him for Christmas and get along. (PG13)	(25) Logan (17, Thriller) ★★½ James McAvoy. A man with dissociative identity disorder kidnaps three teenage girls. (R)					
HB02	303	303	303	303	303	303	402	(15) Jackie (16, Drama) ★★½ Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard. First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy following assassination of JFK. (R) (HD)	All Def Comedy (NWA) (HD)	Almost Christmas (16, Comedy) ★★½ Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps. Patriarch asks his entire family to join him for Christmas and get along. (PG13)	(25) Logan (17, Thriller) ★★½ James McAvoy. A man with dissociative identity disorder kidnaps three teenage girls. (R)								
HB03	304																		

Uncomfortable subjects in the age of electronic health records

DEAR DR. ROACH:

As a physician, with the advent of electronic health records, I can see a reluctance of both the educated patient and the physician to be forthcoming about sexually related matters. Do you have any suggestions on how to circumvent this problem? — R.V., M.D.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: My advice to colleagues is to be aware of any discomfort in your patient in discussing intimate details. If a patient seems reluctant to discuss them, you can offer not to write the information into the chart. Personally, I tell my patients in these situations that although their information is kept confidential, there are limits to that confidentiality (including disclosure by mistake, which unfortunately has happened), and anything that they don't want in the chart will be left out. In the case of sexual matters, I will write something like "I discussed issues of sexual health and gave suggestions on reducing risk" in the chart. There are other areas in which I act similarly on request: Illicit drug use is one.

My advice to readers is that you should discuss these matters with your clinician. If concerns about it being in your medical record are keeping you from bringing it up, ask that it not be put in. There are limits to patient confidentiality, however: Some sexually transmitted infections must be reported to the local health department, which may pursue (anonymous) partner notification. Physicians also must disclose records in case of a subpoena. There are a few other exceptions to patient confidentiality.

In an ideal world, patient medical records would be used only for communication among health care professionals, and sexual health, drug use and many other personal details may be important for the entire team to know about. However, for those people who are very concerned about confidentiality, I feel it's better to get the information, even if I have to promise not to write it in the chart. (I solicit permission to tell consultants the information verbally, if necessary).

DEAR DR. ROACH: When doctors overtreat patients, is it because of concern about being sued or is it about the money?

It seems to me it's both. — G.C.

ANSWER: The term "overtreatment" refers to any treatment — especially pharmaceuticals, but also surgery and over-the-counter medicines or supplements — that would not be expected to benefit a patient. Overtreatment can be done by mistake, but I think you are referring to a physician (or other health professional) deliberately prescribing a treatment they know is unnecessary.

I'd first point out that this behavior is unethical. Physicians are obliged to put the needs of the patients above their own needs, so knowingly prescribing a treatment (or even ordering a test) that the patient doesn't need fails this test. If it's about money, physicians would be enriching themselves at the expense of their patients, insurance providers and ultimately society. If it's about fear of being sued, it's still unethical and probably counterproductive, since it is more likely to lead to harm than to benefit.

I wish I could say that physicians ordering unnecessary tests or procedures for financial gain never happens, but I know it does. There are laws to deter this behavior, and the medical community has a duty to police itself to identify and correct bad behavior. We don't do as well at it as we should. Better education and communication, for both physicians and patients, can help reduce ordering unnecessary testing that may be done out of fear of being sued.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or request an order form of available health newsletters at 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Health newsletters may be ordered from www.rbmamall.com.

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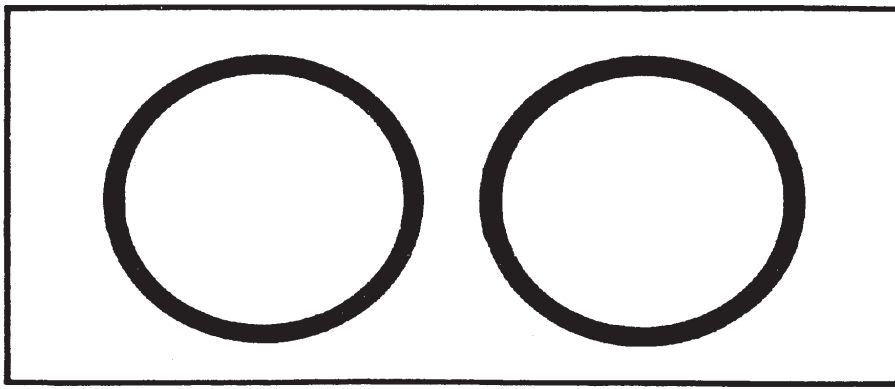
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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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1. Seeing organs largeness (1)

Word grid for clue 1

2. Christmastime regulation (1)

Word grid for clue 2

3. Goat-man's minor chessmen (1)

Word grid for clue 3

4. Brain-dazed comic Mr. Morgan (2)

Word grid for clue 4

5. "Jumanji" star Johnson's profits (1)

Word grid for clue 5

6. Three-ring notebook discoverer (2)

Word grid for clue 6

7. Austrian capital natives' showy flowers (3)

Word grid for clue 7

ANSWERS: 1. EYES SIZE 2. YULE RULE 3. FAUNS PAWNS 4. SPACY TRACY 5. DWAYNES GAINS 6. BINDER FINDER 7. VIENNESE PEONIES

12-22-17

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Joule fractions
5 Vein of ore
9 Actress Moore
13 Cliff dwelling, now
14 Inches forward
16 Touched down
17 "Fernando" band
18 Happy Hour order
19 Lay low
20 Be "it"
21 Ms. Hagen of films
22 Cream-filled pastry
24 Problem with hives
26 "The Bridge on the River —"
27 Nashville's — Pearl
30 Not live
34 Mind's-eye view
35 Scorch
36 Herb or guru
37 CD predecessors
38 Polite barks
39 Novelist — Levin
40 Skinny
42 Go after game
43 Emmy-winning Ed
45 Light up
47 Nebraska river
48 First cousin's mom

DOWN

- 49 Lummoxes
50 Popsicle flavor
53 Arith. mean
54 Place for a shoe
58 Antony the Roman
59 Calgary Stampede
61 Singer — Guthrie
62 Playing card
63 Fencing weapon
64 Bellow
65 "Et tu" time
66 Is, in Segovia
67 Steep
1 Precambrian et al.
2 Yoke!
3 Skoff at
4 Winding around
5 Play the siren
6 Dirt
7 Land east of the Urals
8 Gents
9 Shaggy flowers
10 Lamb's alias
11 Skirt length
12 Anatomical passage
15 Barbecue spits
23 Ailurophobe's fear
25 Secure
26 Strong brown paper

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

Grid showing the solution to the previous crossword puzzle with words filled in.

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- 27 — Vanilli
28 Drive forward
29 Type of spray
30 Hold the —!
31 Calico horse
32 Long-plumed heron
33 "The Wreck of the Mary —"
35 Make a difference
38 Bellyachers
41 Subtle differences
43 Chatty alien of TV
44 Struts
46 Tankard
47 Far East temple
49 In plain view
50 All, in combos
51 Speakeasy risk
52 Drury Lane composer
53 Fusses
55 Sandwich cookie
56 Clay pot
57 Pete Seeger's music
60 Charge it

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting points for clues.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good fortune sometimes steals the credit that should really have gone to good planning. With this in mind, what can you start today that might pay you 10 years from now?
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you could see everyone's thoughts, half the people wouldn't look nearly as confident. Self-doubt is really irrelevant to the success equation. Keep going through the motions necessary to make something happen.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People talk about problems. It could help, although it could also be

an addiction to the release and attention that come with complaining. As for speaking of your joys, make sure you're talking to supporters who won't be jealous.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). When your day is touched by nature, it's also touched by wonder. Your connection to nature makes you bigger and smaller all at once. It gives you a sense of belonging to life.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Knowledge is a gift that's light as air, bright as sunbeams and tricky to deliver. How it's packaged will matter. Put time and thought into how you're going to organize and pass on your knowledge. Your immortality definitely depends on it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To prefer people to be a certain way so that we may easily relate — this is only natural, and yet incredibly selfish. Also, it keeps our hearts small. Practice loving people as they are, perfectly themselves.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just before the bend, you've no clue as to the shape of the road ahead. There are others who have definitely walked this road a thousand times. Ask, or just follow and enjoy your uncertainty; you really only get to be new once.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know the secret of good service: To be well-served, you first serve others well. And though you may not be acknowledged

quickly for this today, the reward for getting the job done is that it's done.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you think about it and apply yourself, you are creating your life. When you don't think about it and do whatever, you are creating your life. Either way will work well today, actually.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have new feelings about your role, or possibly you're just bored of it. So, you agreed to something. It doesn't mean you have to keep agreeing to it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may feel alone in your ambitions, but it doesn't have to be this way. You'll have a greater sense of purpose (and account-

ability) if you include more people in this. A Taurus or Virgo would be ideal.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't feel the need to prove that you're unique. You've no big need to stand out either, as you'd much rather connect with others as equal co-creators in a shared experience.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 22). Reach out to important people who can help you move toward your dream. Boldness will be rewarded many times in 2018. Though you don't require people to be anything other than how they are, family will make you very proud. You'll work for the sheer enjoyment of it and make a killing. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 40, 23, 38 and 15.

BIBLE

"For with God nothing shall be impossible,"
 — Luke 1:37.
 Let's get aboard this great truth and stay on it, for it will climb every mountain and pull us through every valley all the way from earth to eternity!



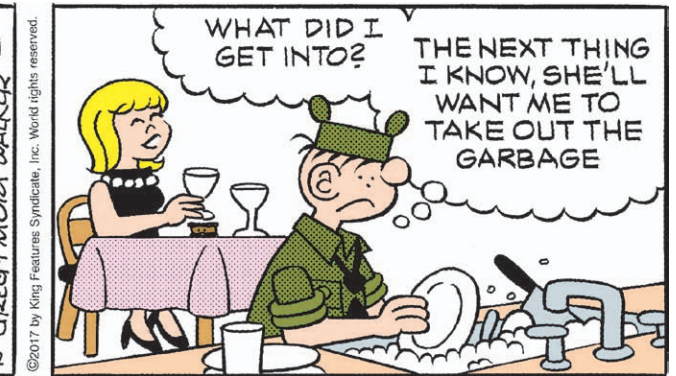
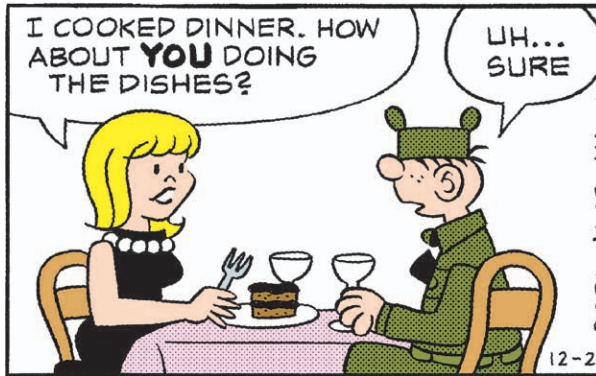
MALLARD FILLMORE By Bruce Tinsley



HI AND LOIS By Brian and Greg Walker



BEEBLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



Challenger

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

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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

2	8	3	8	21
2	1	3	1	7
2	1	2	1	6
1	2	2	2	7
7	12	10	12	7

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"Just give me the garage door remote and I promise I'll take you for a ride."

Cryptoquip

12-22

CFY OSI SW EHQRHQV
 GJERYM GHYPYR OLRC
 IYWSEY LRHQV CFYU JR
 UYJX VJEQHRFYR: RGEHV
 PXYJQH QV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT'S THE SITUATION WHEN SOMEONE IS SORE ALL OVER DURING AN EVENING MEAL? PAIN AND SUPPERING.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals P

WORD SLEUTH • WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE — ?

HSQNKIFTDAXVTQO
 MJHFCKA(DESSERT)Y
 GWURPNOLJP SHFDB
 ZNXVTRQOOEMKI H
 FDOBDNARBACZEY
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 KILETISBEWNDVLO
 HOFENIZAGAMONRJ
 RYADILOHDCMAZIX
 WMVUSRQONMKJIAK

Thursday's unlisted clue: KING
 Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Friday's unlisted clue hint: HUMOROUS ANECDOTE

Airline	Holiday	Movie	Sports team
Car brand	Dessert	Pet	U.S. city
Coffee shop	Kind of book	Season	Website
Color	Magazine	Song	

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Chris Browne



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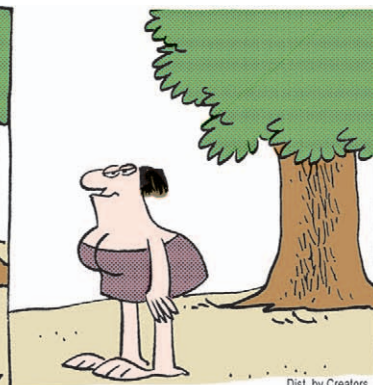
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters



PICKLES By Brian Crane



B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



European vacation plans are tripped up by broken ankle

DEAR ABBY: I had planned a trip to Europe with my friend "Elizabeth," a friend of hers and Elizabeth's daughter. The plan was I would share rooms with Elizabeth. We paid for the hotels in advance.



Dear Abby

Shortly before our scheduled departure I fell, broke my ankle and couldn't go. We tried unsuccessfully to obtain some kind of refunds, and travel insurance paid only if the accident happened while we were actually traveling.

I was out \$2,000. Elizabeth's friend offered me \$500. Elizabeth, feeling some obligation, also offered me \$500. I feel guilty taking Elizabeth's money because she paid for herself and her daughter. I think the other woman should give me at least half — not just \$500 — because she derived 100 percent of the benefit. Also, she has never reached out to me directly at all.

No money has been received at this point. Should I just write it off? Or am I wrong to expect some of the money back? — MONEY WOES IN THE EAST

DEAR MONEY WOES: Yes, you are wrong. Nobody owes you anything. Accidents happen, but the broken ankle was your bad luck. It was generous of Elizabeth and her friend to offer you any money at all. My advice is to accept it graciously, write the rest off, and stop looking for someone to be mad at.

DEAR ABBY: One of my relatives has bipolar disorder, and as far as I know he takes medicine for it. However, at our Christmas celebration last year he became verbally aggressive and abusive toward a family member who had done nothing to provoke it. Needless to say, it put a damper on the festivities.

Some people make excuses for him because he's bipolar, but I don't want another holiday ruined because of his behavior (which can be unpredictable). Must the rest of us sit on pins and needles hoping he doesn't explode this Christmas? I'd prefer not

to invite him until he has better control of himself. Your opinion, please? — HOPING FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS

DEAR HOPING: You have a point. A solution might be to talk directly with your relative and explain that if he's taking his medication — which means there will be no unpredictable outbursts — he is welcome to be your guest for Christmas. If not, however, he should make other plans.

DEAR ABBY: On Veterans Day I visited my family's cemetery plot and noticed my closest uncle does not have a military service marker like his two older brothers do. "Uncle Claude" had frequently mentioned to me how important a service marker was to him. I discussed it with his two out-of-state children several times after his death.

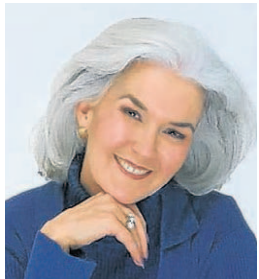
Almost two years have passed now, and it appears getting the marker might not happen. Should I inquire about this with my cousins, offer to assist them in getting and placing the marker or let it go? I did place a small flag on his grave later in the day. — MILITARY SERVICE MARKER

DEAR M.S.M.: Discuss this with your cousins once more and ask if they would like you to pursue getting the marker for your uncle. There may be reasons why it hasn't happened — including that they may not be able to afford the expense. You will never know unless you inquire.

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.

Scratch that match

Dear Heloise: I live in Alaska, where we have very little daylight about eight months of the year. As a result, I use candles a great deal. My problem is that the "scratchy" section on the side of the box of wooden matches wears off long before all the matches are used. How do I ignite them? I've tried emery boards, but that didn't work. Any suggestions? — Maggie B., Soldotna, Alaska



Hints from Heloise

Maggie, a lot of people think you can use any scratchy surface to light a match, but it's not true for strike-on-box matches. That strip on the side of the box contains a chemical that interacts with the match to ignite a flame. You need strike-anywhere matches. — Heloise

Souvenir storage

Dear Heloise: It seems that when I travel, I never have enough room to bring back the souvenirs I collect. So, I pack only the oldest underwear that I no longer want. When I've worn them for a day, I then trash them instead of packing them to bring home. This frees up enough space for souvenirs and decreases my laundry load! — Mary, Mountain Top, Pa.

Mary, not only does this lighten your laundry load, it frees up space in dresser drawers at home and helps keep those drawers from becoming messy. — Heloise

Smelly clothes

Dear Heloise: My sister did my laundry when I was visiting her, but she used a fabric softener with a scent I cannot stand. It actually makes me sick. I have washed and rewashed the clothes in question, and the scent is still strong. Help! — Lizzie, via email

Lizzie, the next time you launder these items, first pre-soak them in water and 1 cup of baking soda for about two hours. Next, launder these same items in 1 cup of vinegar and your regular detergent, and, if weather permits, dry outside on the line. — Heloise

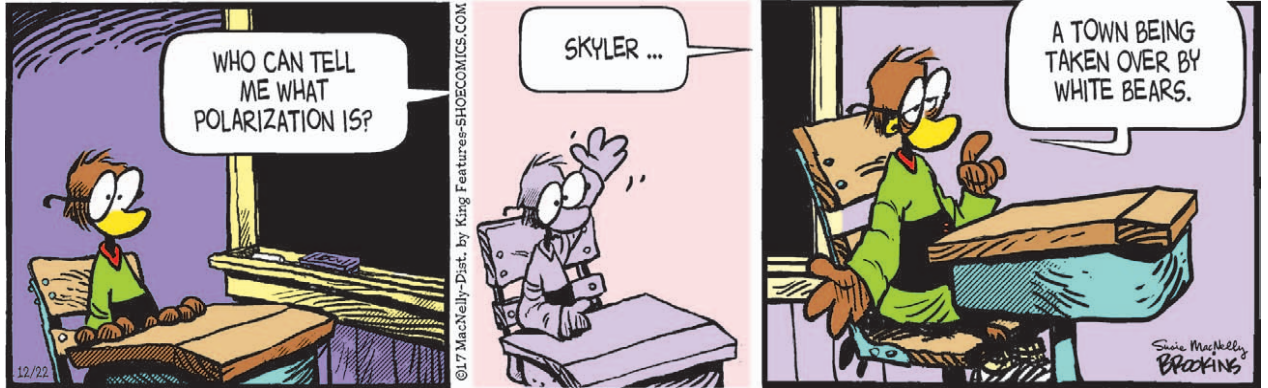
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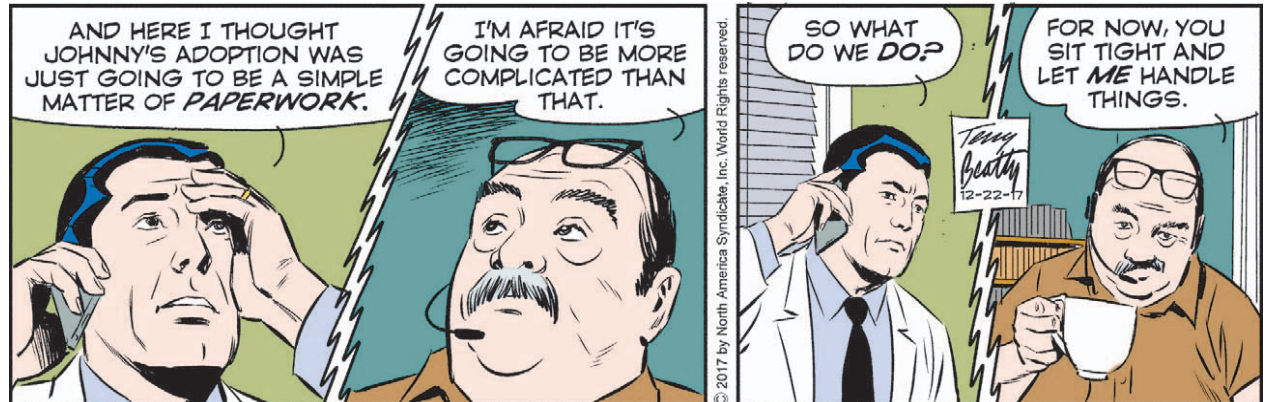
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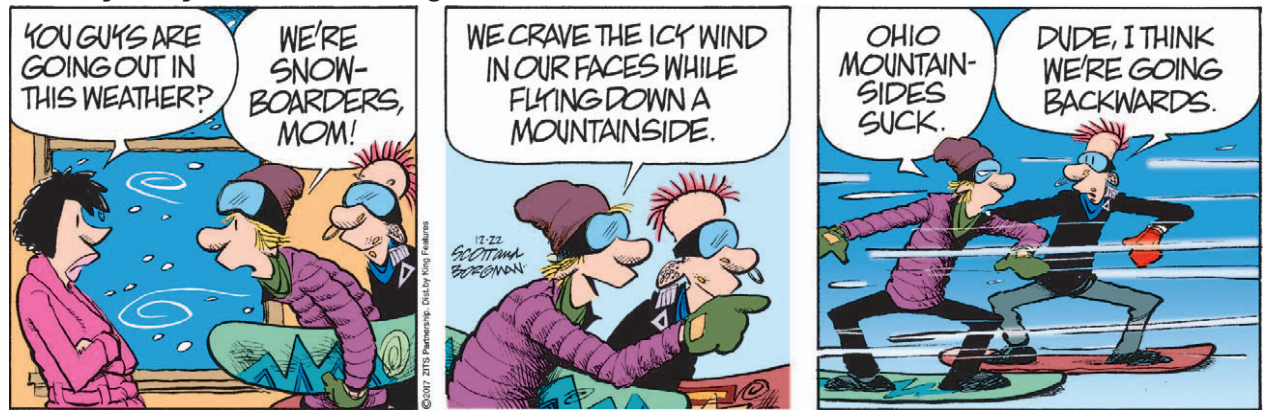
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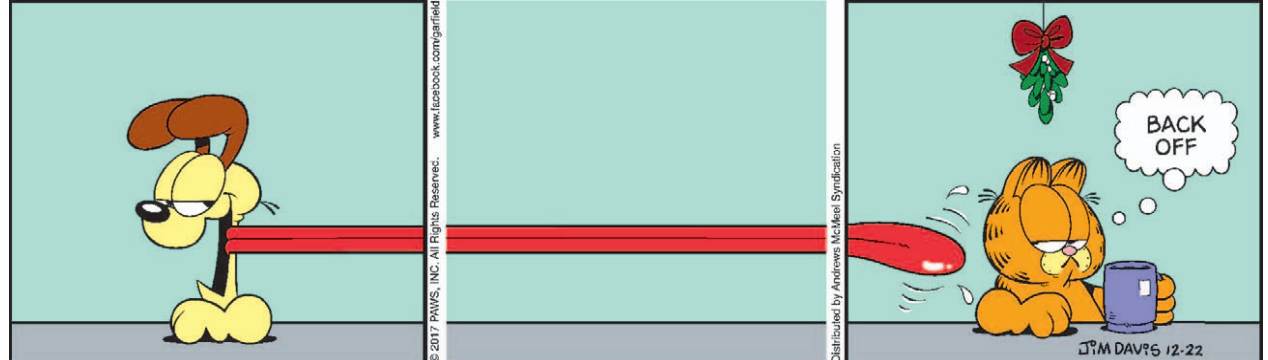
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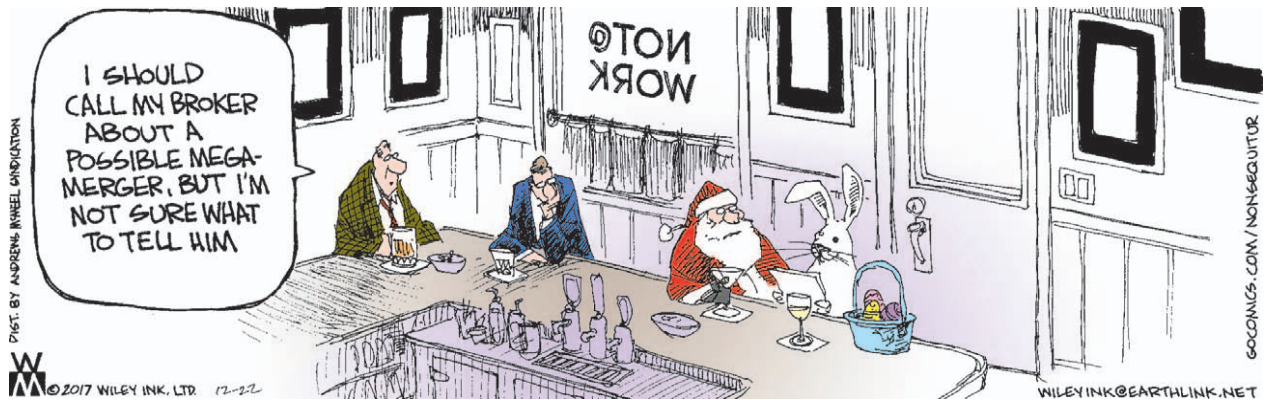
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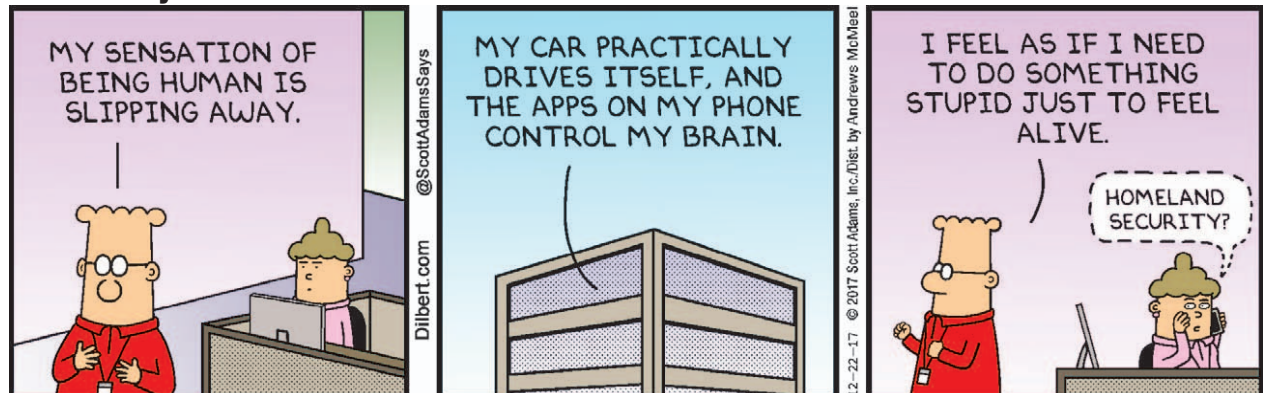
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DILBERT By Scott Adams



Friday, December 22, 2017

GOREN BRIDGE

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BAD SPLIT ... NO PROBLEM

Both vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ A J 10 8 4
♥ A J 5
♦ A 8 6 3
♣ 4

WEST
♠ 9 7
♥ K 10 9 7
♦ K J 8
♣ A Q 8 7

EAST
♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ J 10 6 5

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ Q 8 6 3 2
♦ Q 4
♣ K 9 3 2

The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♣ 1♠ Pass 2♥
Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

West had no appealing lead. Spades was the only suit that wouldn't give away a trick, so it was a good start for the defense. South won in his hand with the king and took stock.

There would be 10 easy tricks if the missing trumps split 3-2, so South led a heart to the jack at trick two. That won the trick, so he continued with the ace of hearts, getting the bad

news. What now? West had to hold both the king of diamonds and the ace of clubs to justify his opening bid, so South set out to end-play him in hearts.

South cashed dummy's ace of spades, crashing his own queen, and continued with the jack of spades, discarding a club. West also discarded a club, so South led dummy's 10 of spades and shed another club. West also parted with another club, but he was just postponing the inevitable. Declarer led a heart from dummy, losing the trick to West's 10. West cashed the king of hearts, but then had to lead one of the minors. West couldn't escape his fate, but he made a good effort by leading the king of diamonds, which might have been the winner if South had started with a singleton diamond. South won this with dummy's ace and cashed the eight of spades, discarding a club. He crossed to his hand with the queen of diamonds and conceded a club to West, but he made his contract. Well done!

(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: tcaeditors@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

- 1 University of Arizona city (6) _____
- 2 phonographic partner of RCA (6) _____
- 3 they sacked Rome in 410 AD (9) _____
- 4 masked, with "over" (7) _____
- 5 lifeless (7) _____
- 6 first coat, often (6) _____
- 7 he has a cartoon laboratory (6) _____

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OR	LE	TER	ST	ER
ERI	IM	PA	SI	CT
THS	DEX	SON	PR	PER

Thursday's Answers: 1. CHEEK 2. BOUNCED 3. BLATHER
4. PENGUINS 5. TROOPER 6. OPUS 7. HALFWAY 12/22

JUMBLE

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

NANLU

BKALE

AGAMDE

CYWRES

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

He eats a chrysalis and has a butterfly in his stomach. I know exactly what to do.

THERE'S A JUMBLE CARTOON EACH DAY BECAUSE THE ARTIST HAS NEVER

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

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: INEPT KNELT IMPACT NOTARY
Answer: The marsupial couple vacationed together to get some — "KOALA-TV" TIME

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

WOULD YOU PREFER A RED OR WHITE WINE WITH YOUR MEAL?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.

OH, BUT IT DOES!
NO, IT REALLY DOESN'T...

I'M COLOR-BLIND!

BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall

VIKES! I HAD THAT NIGHTMARE AGAIN ABOUT DITHERS AS EBENEZER AND ME AS BOB CRATCHIT!
MY!!

IT'S OKAY, DEAR, IT WAS ONLY A DREAM...YOUR BOSS LOVES YOU LIKE A SON!
MM...I GUESS ZZZ... KISS

DON'T LISTEN TO HER, CRATCHIT! YER FIRED!! BAH HUMBUGH!!
HOPE THAT WORKED!

MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell

EARL, IT WAS FANTASTIC! I GAVE GIFTS TO ALL THE WILD ANIMALS AND THEY WERE SO HAPPY!

IT MADE MY HEART JUST WANT TO- GIVE! GIVE! GIVE!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU GOT THE BEST GIFT.
YESH.

BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

WOULD YOU RATHER TAKE ZOE TO PLAY REHEARSAL, OR HAMMIE TO HOCKEY PRACTICE TOMORROW?
I'LL TAKE HAMMIE TO HOCKEY.

GREAT. HE HAS TO BE ON THE ICE AT 7 A.M.

YOU WITHHELD THAT VITAL INFO, WANDA!
SUE ME... JUST TRY NOT TO WAKE ME.

DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau

MAN, LOOK AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR THE COMANDANCIA! THEY SAY HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS LOST THEIR LIVES, SIR.

YEAH, WELL, BUSH SAID THE BODY COUNT WAS WORTH IT, SO THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!
YES, SIR.

LOOK, HONEY! IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU HADN'T CALLED HIM A WIMP, WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE!
I KNOW, SIR. WE ALL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston

LAURA, WHAT ARE THE DOGS DOING IN THE HOUSE? AND ELIZABETH, THOSE KITTENS BELONG IN THE BARN!

PUNTIE BEV SAID IT WAS OK! THEY'RE HELPIN' US DESECRATE THE TREE!

COUNTING GRANDMA AND GRANDPA, PETS AND PATTERSONS, BEV, THERE ARE 16 OF US IN HERE! THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!

THAT'S CHRISTMAS!!!

KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

6X		4	3-
7+		2÷	
	2÷		18X
1			

CHALLENGING

3-	2-		2÷		1
	1	2-		3-	
2	2-		6X	11+	24X
4-					
1-		5-		3	
2÷		2-		5-	

RULES

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

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

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

32X	4	2	3	2÷
4+	3	4	1	2
1	3	2	4	
3+	2	1	4	3

STATE/WORLD NEWS

National harassment focus may add to Latvala legal woes

By DARA KAM

NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Maintaining his innocence after a special master concluded he had engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment for years, Sen. Jack Latvala announced Wednesday he will quit his legislative post.

But the Clearwater Republican's legal troubles may not be over, as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement explores whether Latvala broke public corruption laws by promising legislative favors in exchange for sex, as alleged in two reports released this week.

The inquiry is based on findings by Special Master Ronald Swanson, who was hired by the Senate to investigate a sexual-harassment complaint filed against Latvala by Senate aide Rachel Perrin Rogers. Swanson found that the testimony of an unidentified woman who worked as a lobbyist and text-message exchanges between the senator and the woman indicated that Latvala may have violated ethics rules as well as "laws prohibiting public corruption" by agreeing to support the lobbyist's legislative priorities if she would have sex with him or "allowed him to touch her body in a sexual manner."

If the Florida Department of Law Enforcement determines that a crime may have been committed, the agency will open an investigation.

"Once we determine what happened, then we provide that to the state attorney, and they'll make a determination as to whether or not charges should be filed," FDLE spokeswoman Gretl Plessinger said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Florida law makes it illegal for elected officials to "use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, or perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption for himself, herself, or others." Sexual harassment and "attempts to obtain to sexual favors from subordinates fall within the ambit of misuse of public position," Swanson, a former appellate judge, wrote in his report.

"Arguably, public corruption on the part of a public official



AP FILE PHOTO

Florida Senator and candidate for governor, Jack Latvala, speaks during the Florida AP Legislative Day at the Florida Capitol on Nov 2.

is a crime specifically related to your public office. And you know that half of those guys (public officials) go to Tallahassee or Washington to make money... or, in the case of Tallahassee, to go to find women," said Harry Shorstein, who served for two decades as the 4th Judicial Circuit state attorney in the Jacksonville area. "None of that is all right. But if I come to you and we meet and we have sex in return for my favorable treatment of you as a state senator, to me that's a very serious crime."

The unidentified woman, who said that she quit lobbying because of Latvala, also testified that she and the senator "for a number of years" had "a close personal relationship... that was, at times, intimate."

The longevity of the relationship could undermine the public corruption allegations, according to Shorstein.

"If it was a long-term affair, and it doesn't have to be very long, but if we're sleeping together over a fairly long period, it sure makes the allegation that it's sex in return for a public official favoring the person questionable," he said. "That pretty much hurts your credibility."

The quid pro quo allegations were corroborated in a report by lawyer Gail Holzman, hired by the Office of Legislative Services to conduct an inquiry into a Politico Florida story in which six unnamed women accused Latvala of groping them and making unwelcome comments about their bodies.

The alleged exchange of legislative favors for sex could also violate federal laws, including one that makes it a crime for public officials to defraud citizens of "the intangible right of honest services," usually used to prosecute bribery charges. The federal "Hobbs Act" extortion law also makes it a crime for state public officials to accept bribes.

Tallahassee criminal defense lawyer Tim Jansen, a former federal prosecutor whose clients have included former Florida State University quarterback Jameis Winston, would not speak directly about Latvala.

But he said charges like those the veteran lawmaker may face could be difficult, especially amid a heightened intolerance of sexual harassment that has affected politicians, Hollywood celebrities and powerful businessmen throughout the country.

"These cases are very difficult to defend because the only witnesses normally are the two people involved," Jansen told The News Service of Florida.

The national climate may spur prosecutors to pursue cases that they have ignored years ago, Jansen and Shorstein agreed.

"It depends on the law and the facts. But the issue of either investigating or prosecuting or impeaching or removing from office is so different today. You can't pick up the paper without two people resigning. It's one after another. By the time we get through in Washington, we may not have any congressmen or senators," Shorstein said.



AP FILE PHOTO

This photo taken May 26, 2016, shows new constructions around the townhouse of an 81-year-old widow that refused to sell the home to Westgate Resorts in Orlando.

Widow who refused to sell house changes mind; gets \$1.5M

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — A widow who repeatedly refused to sell her Florida town house to one of the world's largest time-share companies has finally given in.

The Orlando Sentinel reports Westgate Lakes LLC paid 83-year-old Julieta Corredor \$1.5 million for the two-bedroom, two-bathroom condo she and her late

husband bought 32 years ago. That's about 10 times more than the couple paid.

Her refusal to sell led to a dispute that held up Westgate's efforts to build a pair of high-rise towers in Orlando.

The parties announced a resolution to the dispute two months ago, but neither side could discuss the sale price or details because of a confidentiality clause.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Death row inmate gets new sentencing hearing

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The Florida Supreme Court is ordering a new sentence for a man involved in the deadly kidnapping of a young couple from South Beach.

The court on Thursday upheld the conviction of Joel Lebron, but tossed out his death sentence. The 39-year-old man is getting a new hearing because a jury recommended the death penalty by a 9 to 3 vote.

Authorities say 17-year-old Nelson Portobanco and 18-year-old Ana Maria Angel were walking back to their car after a date in 2002 when they were forced into a pickup by Lebron and four other men.

Authorities say Lebron stabbed Portobanco and left him for dead, but the teen survived. Angel was repeatedly raped and taken to a retaining wall beside Interstate 95 where Lebron killed her with a single gunshot.

2 'porch pirates' caught with trunk full of stolen loot

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — Two Florida "porch pirates" may spend the holiday season in jail after authorities say they followed delivery trucks into neighborhoods and grabbed the packages left outside front doors.

The SunSentinel reports 32-year-old Curtis Harris and 27-year-old Demetrius Harris made off with an impressive haul before detectives caught up with them on Tuesday north of Fort Lauderdale. The loot included an Apple TV 4K device, English pies, candy and toys.

An undercover Fort Lauderdale detective told a judge during a bond hearing that the pair followed UPS and FedEx trucks into neighborhoods, then backed into driveways and took "holiday gifts that these people were counting on."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Catalonia pro-secession parties claim victory

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Catalan separatist political parties are claiming victory in the regional election, although an upstart party that doesn't want Catalonia to break away from Spain is topping the ballot, according to provisional results.

Elsa Artadi, the campaign manager for the party of fugitive former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont, claimed the win for Together for Catalonia, ERC and CUP, the three separatist forces which would garner 70 of 135 seats in provisional results. Marta Rovira, the No. 2 in the ticket of the left republican ERC party, also made a similar claim.

The figures also show that an upstart unionist party topped the ballot. The anti-independence Ciutadans (Citizens) party got 37 seats Thursday with nearly 99 percent of the votes counted.

Mattis gives US troops a pep talk at Guantanamo

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba (AP) — On a rare visit to the home of the U.S. military's prison for terror suspects, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis offered a pep talk Thursday to American troops — and urged them to always be ready for war.

"I need you to be at the top of your game," he told an assembly of several hundred troops, citing their roles both as a fighting force and as a

positive example to a politically divided America of how to work together.

The unannounced visit was the first by a defense secretary since Donald H. Rumsfeld came here in January 2002 shortly after the first prisoners arrived from Afghanistan.

Mattis did not discuss the Trump administration's plans for the detention center, nor did he visit it. But he stressed the importance of keeping the Navy base as a U.S. toehold in southeastern Cuba. He said it will not be abandoned, regardless of the future of the prison.

"We need this base badly," he said, as a strategic spot to conduct humanitarian relief and other naval operations, as it had before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Putin, Merkel discuss situation in eastern Ukraine

MOSCOW (AP) — The Kremlin says Russian President Vladimir Putin has spoken to German Chancellor Angela Merkel to explain Russia's decision to withdraw its military observers from a joint group monitoring the truce in eastern Ukraine.

Putin said the Russian move announced earlier this week had been prompted by "restrictions and provocations" by Ukrainian authorities that made it hard for Russian officers to perform their duties.

Ukraine has criticized Moscow's decision, saying it could fuel hostilities.

Pence to Afghan president: US is 'here to see this through'

By KEN THOMAS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Vice President Mike Pence told Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on a secret visit Thursday to Afghanistan that the U.S. is "here to see this through" as they discussed a newly announced U.S. strategy to break the stalemate in America's longest war and consulted on upcoming parliamentary elections.

Pence's surprise pre-Christmas visit was the first to the war-torn country by either Trump or the vice president, and it came as the Trump administration charts a pathway to ending the 16-year war in Afghanistan.

"We're here to see this through," Pence told Ghani and Afghan Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah at the presidential palace in Kabul, arriving after a helicopter ride through smoky, dark skies surrounding Afghanistan's capital.

Later, at a rally-style event at Bagram Air Base, Pence told hundreds of U.S. troops that he believed "victory is closer than ever before."

"It's because of all of you that we're safe. It's because of you that we're free. It's because of you that freedom has a future in Afghanistan and America and all across the wider world," Pence said.

Pence also received briefings from military leaders, including Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan.



AP PHOTO

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence shakes hands with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani upon arrival at the President Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday.

The White House restricted the use of cellphones and internet communications for a small group of journalists traveling with the vice president, citing security concerns in Afghanistan. Pence was on the ground for about 6 1/2 hours before they were allowed to report on his whereabouts and activities.

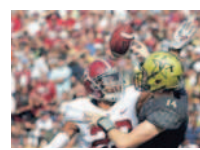
Pence's trip was focused on Trump's strategy, released in August, to "fight to win" in Afghanistan by attacking enemies, routing al-Qaida and preventing terrorist attacks against Americans. The first-year president has urged the U.S. to shift away from a "time-based" approach to the protracted conflict by linking U.S. assistance to results and cooperation from

the Afghan government, Pakistan and other partners.

The White House has described the new Afghanistan plan as a "regional" strategy that aims to cultivate cooperation among other South Asian nations, including the overturning of Pakistan's harboring of elements of the Taliban.

At least 15,000 U.S. forces are in Afghanistan after Trump sent about 3,800 troops to the country this fall to enhance U.S. efforts to advise Afghan forces and conduct counterterrorism missions.

The expected deployment of hundreds more U.S. Army trainers to Afghanistan early next year could increase the total number of American forces there to nearly 16,000, U.S. officials have said.



CHANGING ROLES

Team recognizes the term 'underdog' doesn't necessarily apply to them. **Page 6**

NFL: Bucs

The flip side of Bucs' rash of injuries



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Buccaneers tight end O.J. Howard catches a 30-yard pass for a touchdown against the Atlanta Falcons during the first half Monday in Tampa.

By **GREG AUMAN**
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — David Rivers was wrapping Christmas presents in Miami for his baby niece when the Bucs gave him a surprise call on Tuesday, offering him a roster spot.

Austin Johnson was home in North Carolina, planning to pick up his brothers at the airport so they could spend the week at his house. The Bucs called and changed his airport plans: a

departure, rather than arrivals.

When you're trying to get another look in the NFL, when a team is scrambling to replace five players lost to season-ending injuries, holiday plans can change in a hurry.

"They asked me how quickly I can get to the airport, and I told them an hour," said Johnson, a fullback who signed to the Bucs' practice squad, after doing so as an injury replacement on Dec. 14 last year.

"You have to pack up right away. Next thing you know, I'm back here playing ball again. It was an early Christmas present, I guess."

The Bucs play Sunday in Charlotte, an hour from Hickory, where Johnson's brothers are staying nearby with his parents.

"I said 'Merry Christmas, goodbye,'" he said of his sudden exit. "I had presents, but I said we'd wait to pass out the gifts."

Veteran guard Adam

Gettis, who hasn't played in a game this season as he recovered from a foot injury, had plans to fly Wednesday from New York to visit his grandmother in Washington, D.C., but instead took a flight south to Tampa for a workout.

"It was crazy," said Gettis, 29, who played in 13 games with the Redskins in 2013, but only four in the last four seasons. "Sorry!"

SEE BUCS, 4

NHL: Lightning 4, Senators 3 (SO)



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Lightning center Yannick Gourde (37) celebrates his goal against the Ottawa Senators with center Cory Conacher (89) during the second period Thursday in Tampa.

Point, Stamkos score in shootout for Lightning win

Associated Press

TAMPA — Brayden Point and Steven Stamkos scored in the shootout, lifting the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 4-3 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

The Lightning threatened to win on a power play at the end of overtime, but Nikita Kucherov's shot past Craig Anderson was launched a split-second after the buzzer.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped shots by Ottawa's Tom Pyatt and Matt Duchene in the shootout.

Ottawa broke out on top in unusual fashion. Bobby Ryan was credited with an unassisted goal 6:31 into the game after Dan Girardi's attempt to clear a rebound

SEE LIGHTNING, 2



AP PHOTO
Ottawa Senators defenseman Johnny Oduya (29) and Tampa Bay Lightning center Tyler Johnson (9) battle for the puck during the second period in Tampa.

COMMENTARY: Rays



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria follows through on a solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles in the third inning in Baltimore. The San Francisco Giants have acquired infielder Evan Longoria and cash from the Tampa Bay Rays for outfielder Denard Span, infielder Christian Arroyo and two minor league pitchers.

The best thing about the Longoria trade

ST. PETERSBURG — Evan Longoria is gone.

Long gone. And that's a good thing.

Not the gone part. That still stinks as much now as it did when we all learned the Rays were trading away the face (and heart and soul) of the franchise. It's the "long" part that's the good news.

The Rays shipped Longoria about as far away as they could.

Out of their division. Out of their league. And way, way out of their time zone.

Tampa to San Francisco: you can't get much farther away than that.

If you're hurting about Longoria being traded to the Giants, the bright side is you aren't going to



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constantly be reminded that he is with another team.

It's like a painful breakup. The last thing you want is to run into your ex out on a date.

It will be really weird watching Longoria wearing another team's jersey, but thankfully for Rays fans, they probably won't see it that often.

Imagine if Longoria had ended up with the Yankees or Red Sox, and playing against the Rays 19 times a season. Even if he had gone

SEE JONES, 2

NFL: Dolphins-Chiefs

Chiefs have clear playoff road, Dolphins need plenty of help

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs head into their regular-season home finale against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday with a playoff situation that is straightforward and favorable.

They're the AFC West champs if they win. Or if the Chargers lose to the Jets.

The Dolphins? Their path to the postseason is meandering and

unlikely, a convoluted sequence of no fewer than seven dominoes that must topple perfectly for them to snag an AFC wild-card spot.

None of which matters if they don't beat the Chiefs on Sunday.

"We just want to win a game. That's what we're looking forward to," said Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake, who has flourished down the stretch. "We're trying to go up to play a great Kansas City team in a great environment with

great fans, so we're just trying to go get a tough win."

The Dolphins (6-8) have proven they can play with the best during their rollercoaster season, never more evident than in their victory over the Patriots a couple of weeks ago.

"Anybody in the situation that we're in, in the NFL, you look back at some games, 'You should've won this. Felt like we should've won that,'" Dolphins quarterback Jay Cutler said.

"It's not that case. We made a bed; we've got to keep working and look toward Kansas City right now."

The Chiefs (8-6) have piggybacked a four-game losing streak with wins over the Raiders and Chargers to seize control of their division. And while it's not a must-win game against Miami, they would rather celebrate consecutive division titles for the first time in franchise

SEE DOLPHINS, 4



AP PHOTO
Kansas City Chiefs running back Kareem Hunt (27) runs away from Los Angeles Chargers linebacker Melvin Ingram (54) during the second half in Kansas City, Mo.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Florida State 98, Southern Miss 45

No. 24 FSU makes 19 3s in rout

By **JOE REEDY**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — After struggling in its past two games, including suffering its first loss of the year, No. 24 Florida State was given a team exercise leading into Thursday's matchup against Southern Mississippi. Coach Leonard Hamilton had his players grade their previous game and come up with points of emphasis.

The self-scouting ended up benefiting the Seminoles, who closed nonconference play with a 98-45 victory Thursday over the Golden Eagles.

"Today is one of those days we took a step in the

right direction," Hamilton said. "This is the closest we've come to everyone being on the same page."

Florida State (11-1) made 19 3-pointers, just short of the school-record 20 it made against Maine on Dec. 8, 2007. PJ Savoy, who scored a game-high 17 points, and M.J. Walker, who added 15, each made five 3s.

The Seminoles were 9 of 15 from beyond the arc in the first half and made 52.8 percent overall.

Braian Angola, who scored nine points, said the self-scouting was good for the team because it made players see the little things they weren't executing on.

"You could see us

moving the ball way more," he said. "We found open shots and it was great for us."

Savoy also liked his teammates' attention to detail, noting that the game right before Christmas, when everyone goes home for a couple of days, tends to be the one in which players are the most distracted.

"Some guys' heads aren't in it because they are anxious to get home, but we made sure to address it and not make sure it happens," he said.

Florida State, which was 37 of 66 from the field, led by 26 at half-time (47-21) and was up by as many as 57 late in the second half. Mfiondu

Kabengele added 12 points for the Seminoles, who had 13 players in the scoring column.

Southern Mississippi (7-5) did not have any players in double figures as it saw its four-game winning streak snapped. It shot a season-worst 29.5 percent from the field (18 of 61) and committed a season-high 19 turnovers. Cortez Edward, Eddie Davis III and Anfernee Hampton each scored eight points.

"Are you going to give up the paint or perimeter? We were giving up both," coach Doc Sadler said. "They are a great shooting team. We don't want people scoring in the paint which they did."



AP PHOTO

Florida State guard Trent Forrest (3) makes a no-look pass behind Southern Miss forward Tim Rowe in the second half in Tallahassee Thursday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Roundup

No. 2 Michigan State wins 11th straight, tops Long Beach

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Miles Bridges attracts a lot of attention on offense, drawing eyes as one of the top players in college basketball.

He's only one of many Michigan State players defenses have to try to stop.

Bridges had 17 points and nine rebounds as part of a balanced offense that gave the second-ranked Spartans a 102-60 victory over Long Beach State on Thursday night.

"Everybody is starting to get comfortable in their roles," said Joshua Langford, who also had 17 points. "This team is getting in a great rhythm."

Michigan State's Nick Ward scored 16, Cassius Winston had 13 points and eight assists and Jaren Jackson added 13 points.

"You have to pick your poison," 49ers coach Dan Monson said. "You have to hope they have a bad shooting night. That's why we zoned so much. It's just so hard to match up man for man. That balance is impressive and you couple that with sharing the basketball."

Michigan State (12-1) has won 11 straight with all the victories by double digits and many by 20-plus points.

"I need to keep hammering on the mistakes we're making," coach Tom Izzo said.



AP PHOTO

Michigan State's Nick Ward, center, grabs a rebound against Long Beach State's Barry Ogalue, right, and LaRond Williams during the first half, Thursday in East Lansing, Mich. Michigan State won 102-60.

NO. 16 PURDUE 97, TENNESSEE STATE 48: Carsen Edwards scored 26 points, P.J. Thompson finished with 17 and No. 16 Purdue cruised to a victory over Tennessee State. Purdue (12-2) sealed the win when it outscored the Tigers 32-5 during the final 14 minutes of the first half. The Boilermakers were leading 16-11 when they took control of the game, overwhelming Tennessee State with a balanced offensive attack.

Purdue outscored Tennessee State 20-0 in the paint and shot the basketball well from beyond the arc, making 6 of 15 3-point attempts in the first half. The Boilermakers shot 58 percent from beyond the 3-point line for the game (15 of 26). Purdue led by as many as 34 points during the first half, where

Tennessee State shot 25 percent (6 of 24) which included a nearly 7-minute span where the Tigers (5-6) didn't make a field goal. Christian Mekowulu led the Tigers with 10 points.

NO. 20 CINCINNATI 81, CLEVELAND STATE 62: Gary Clark scored 18 points, and Kyle Washington had a pair of put-backs that sparked a late run as No. 20 Cincinnati pulled away to a victory over Cleveland State. The Bearcats (11-2) struggled to extend their home-court winning streak to 33 games, the longest in the nation. Washington's consecutive rebounds and baskets pushed it to 66-56 — only Cincinnati's second double-digit lead of the game — and sparked a closing 21-8 run. Jarron Cumberland added 16 points for Cincinnati,

which is playing this season at BB&T Arena at Northern Kentucky University while its on-campus arena is renovated. The Bearcats went 18-0 at Fifth Third Arena last season. Tyree Appleby had 16 points for the Vikings (3-8), who were playing their second road game in three days.

WOMEN

NO. 5 MISSISSIPPI STATE 76, SYRACUSE 65: Victoria Vivians had 26 points to reach a milestone and added nine rebounds in Mississippi State's victory over Syracuse in the Duel in the Desert in Las Vegas. The 6-foot-1 senior guard became the third player in school history to reach 2,000 career points. Teaira McCowan added 14 points and 13 rebounds for

the Bulldogs (13-0) before fouling out late in the fourth quarter. The 6-foot-7 junior is averaging 24.5 points and 14.5 rebounds in her last four games.

NO. 9 WEST VIRGINIA 66, MOREHEAD STATE 56: Naomi Davenport scored 19 points and Teanna Muldrow had 18 points and 12 rebounds to help West Virginia beat Morehead State in Morgantown, W.V. Katrina Pardee added 14 points, and Chania Ray had 11 for the Mountaineers (12-0). Darianne Seward led the Eagles (9-4) with 23 points.

NO. 10 OREGON 84, NO. 19 TEXAS A&M 62: Maite Cazorla scored 26 points, Sabrina Ionescu had 25 and Oregon beat Texas A&M in the Duel in the Desert in Las Vegas. Ruthy Hebard had 10 points and eight rebounds for Oregon. The Ducks (10-2) also beat the Aggies (10-3) last month in College Station in the Preseason Women's NIT semifinals. Danni Williams led the Aggies with 22 points.

NO. 13 FLORIDA STATE 92, CREIGHTON 82: Chatrice White had 19 points and 11 rebounds in her home-state return to help Florida State beat Creighton in Omaha, Neb. White starred at Shelby-Rising City and was the first Nebraska high school female to be named a McDonald's All-American. The Seminoles (11-1) rebounded from an 87-72 loss to No. 8 Texas on Sunday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Rutgers

Kill steps away from coaching

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
Associated Press

Jerry Kill is back in Illinois this week to spend the holidays with family after retiring from coaching for good because of the seizures caused by his epilepsy.

This could be a tough time for the 56-year-old Kill, coming to grips with no longer being able to do a job he loves. But the recent arrival of little Emery Hynes, Kill's first grandchild, means there is still plenty to celebrate.

"I'm biased, but I think she's the cutest baby in the world," Kill said Thursday in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

After one season as offensive coordinator at Rutgers, Kill made his retirement official earlier this week. Even though it did not work out, he is glad he gave coaching another try.

"I don't want to go out saying I wish I would have coached again," Kill said.

The former Minnesota and Northern Illinois head coach returned to the sideline after one season away. Seizures forced him to resign from Minnesota in the middle of the 2015 season. He took time to recover and adjust his lifestyle. He began sleeping more, exercising regularly and eating better.

Kill spent the 2016 season in an administrative job at Kansas State and was feeling good. He had not had a seizure in more than a year when he joined coach Chris Ash's staff at Rutgers. Kill figured not having the responsibilities of a head coach would allow him to maintain a healthy routine.

He and wife Rebecca knew it would be a challenge. Jerry Kill did, indeed, revert back to some bad habits. He said he was sleeping about four hours a night. In the second game of this season against Eastern Michigan, players collided with Kill on the sideline and he hit his head on the ground. He had a seizure and was hospitalized. More followed. He struggled with short-term memory loss. About midway through the season, Kill said, he met with Ash and athletic director Pat Hobbs to talk.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Sooners

Improving Oklahoma defense faces challenge in Georgia

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Each year, Oklahoma's defense has major lapses that make their fans grumble about coordinator Mike Stoops.

Almost every time, Stoops bounces back.

Stoops has been a popular figure to blame for the team's few failures during his second stint at Oklahoma, which began in 2012. For much of his run, the offense has been a consistent strength while the defense has been shaky on occasion. Last season, the Sooners beat Texas Tech 66-59 despite giving up 854 yards. This season, after the Sooners lost to Oklahoma State 62-52, some wondered whether Stoops' defense would cost the team a shot at a championship of any kind.



AP PHOTO

Oklahoma defensive coordinator Mike Stoops watches his team before a game against Ohio State, in Norman, Okla.

Well, look at the Sooners now. The Big 12 champions will face Georgia in a playoff semifinal at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 and the defense has been key in getting this far.

Second-team All-America linebacker Ogbonnia Okoronkwo helped the unit respond with a solid finish to the

regular season. Oklahoma held TCU to 20 points in a critical showdown, Kansas to three points, West Virginia to 10 points in the first half of a 59-31 win and TCU to 17 points in a Big 12 title game victory.

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said he appreciates what Stoops has accomplished in the



AP PHOTO

Oklahoma defender Ogbonnia Okoronkwo (31) sacks Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph (2) during an NCAA college football game in Stillwater, Okla. Oklahoma's offense is among the nation's best, but its defense has lagged at times.

face of criticism.

"He's a true professional," Riley said. "That whole staff, they've done a great job. We had some young guys at some really, really key positions throughout this year. That side was certainly, especially early on, really hit hard

with injuries. A lot of different lineups and a lot of different guys playing. They've had some challenges, but they've continued to coach their tails off."

Stoops said he hears the critics but keeps the comments in perspective.

NFL: Bucs-Panthers

Panthers can reach playoffs with win

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers find themselves on the brink of clinching a playoff spot despite a season filled with off-field distractions.

The Panthers (10-4) can reach the postseason for the fourth time in the last five seasons under coach Ron Rivera with a win Sunday against the slumping Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-10).

The Panthers, who've won six of their past seven games, are tied with New Orleans atop the NFC South, but the Saints hold the head-to-head tiebreaker. The Panthers would need to win out and the Saints to lose one of their remaining two games to win the division.

It is the type of consistency the Panthers have been striving for since coming into the league in 1995. Prior to 2014, the team had never been to the postseason in back-to-back seasons.

"What it talks about as far as the culture inside the locker room is we have a group of young men who want to win," Rivera said. "It's been a group of young men who have given their all over the past five seasons and put a lot on the line. ... I think it speaks very well for what we have established here."

The Panthers didn't get to this point without overcoming their fair share of distractions.

Carolina's season has been a soap opera of epic proportions, beginning with owner Jerry Richardson's surprising decision to fire general manager Dave Gettleman on the eve of training camp — and then replace him with former GM Marty Hurney.

The Panthers later lost Pro Bowl tight end Greg Olsen for more than two months to a broken foot (he's since returned) and traded No. 1 wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin to Buffalo.

Then came Cam



AP PHOTO

Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) looks to pass against the Green Bay Packers during the second half in Charlotte, N.C. The Panthers (10-4) can reach the postseason for the fourth time in the last five seasons under coach Ron Rivera with a win Sunday against the slumping Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Newton's sexist comment to a female reporter, which drew harsh criticism for the league's 2015 MVP and cost him a sponsorship deal.

And in the coup de grace, Richardson stunningly announced Sunday he's putting the team up for sale after the season following a bombshell report from Sports Illustrated detailing alleged sexual and racial misconduct in the workplace. Richardson remains under investigation by the league.

"I've heard an analogy in one of our meetings: The calmest part of a tornado is right in the middle of it," Newton said.

"We're trying to have a great attitude that's contagious professionally that people can leech from and say, 'Man, look how Cam's preparing. Look how Julius (Peppers) is preparing. Look how Luke (Kuechly) is preparing — he's not letting these things get to him.'"

Five things to know about Bucs-Panthers game on Sunday

1. NO THOMAS DAVIS:

The Panthers held the Buccaneers to three points earlier this season in Tampa, in part because of the play of outside linebacker Thomas Davis. But the 2015 Walter Payton Man of the Year won't be on the field Sunday because he's been suspended one game by the NFL for an illegal hit on Packers wide receiver Davante Adams last week. Davis apologized for the hit, saying he meant no harm and Rivera said the hit wasn't intentional.

David Mayo will start for Davis, who won an appeal to get the suspension reduced from two games. The good news for the Panthers is their other starting outside linebacker Shaq Thompson is expected to return after missing two games with plantar fasciitis.

2. BANGED-UP BUCS:

The Panthers will be facing a banged-up Buccaneers team that placed five players on injured reserve,

including two of their top rookies, safety Justin Evans and tight end O.J. Howard, after their Monday night loss to Atlanta. Evans is currently tied for third among rookies in interceptions (three), while tying for fourth in total tackles (66). Howard has six receiving touchdowns this season, tied for the NFL rookie lead and the fourth most by a Buccaneers rookie.

"We had a flurry of injuries this last game for whatever reason," coach Dirk Koetter said.

3. NEWTON ON THE RUN:

Newton has been a huge factor running the football over the last seven games. Newton has run 65 times for 432 yards and two touchdowns during that span. The threat of him running has helped open other facets of the offense.

Bucs defensive coordinator Mike Smith calls Newton "arguably their best running back on the team."

"They are running him more," Smith said. "He is their leading rusher in terms of average, so he is a

guy that we've got to make sure we can get him on the ground and have guys that are going to be shadowing him on certain defensive calls."

4. THE REAL MCCOY:

Gerald McCoy and the Bucs may be out of playoff contention, but the 2017 Pro Bowl defensive tackle said there is still something to play for.

"We can let this division know that we are still here," McCoy said. "I think we get overlooked a lot, which that's what comes with not winning. But we are still here and we can still make an impact on this division. Carolina is on fire right now. We're going to have to bring it because they are at home, and when they are at home, it's a hard place to win at."

5. CORNERBACK TANDEM:

Panthers starting cornerbacks James Bradberry and Daryl Worley went 12 weeks without an interception. Now they each have a pick in the last two games as takeaways are suddenly coming in bunches for Carolina.

NFL: Jaguars

Trash? Jaguars QB Bortles 'making guys eat those words'

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles kicked Jadeveon Clowney's "trash" talk to the curb.

Clearly frustrated following a 45-7 loss at Jacksonville on Sunday, Clowney called Bortles trash after the game. Bortles got his first chance to respond Wednesday and handled the latest insult as well as he has opposing defenses in recent weeks.

"If how we're playing and how I'm playing is trash, then I'm fine with being trash," Bortles said.

Bortles is the NFL's most prolific passer in December. He has thrown for 903 yards,



AP PHOTO

Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles, left, looks for a receiver as he is pressured by Houston Texans defensive end Jadeveon Clowney (90) during the first half in Jacksonville.

with seven touchdowns and no interceptions in three games in the playoffs-defining month. He completed 21 of 29 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns against the Texans.

"I've heard a lot of

stuff, and I imagine some of the stuff I didn't see somebody told me," Bortles said. "I'm sure there are things out there that I have no idea about, but I could care less."

The Jaguars (10-4) clinched a playoff spot

with their seventh victory in eight games and can win the AFC South for the first time since its inception in 2002 with a win at San Francisco (4-10) on Sunday.

Bortles has been a big reason for the franchise's resurgence.

But that hasn't stopped opponents from taking shots at the fourth-year pro who entered this season with a reputation for turning the ball over at an alarming rate. Bortles began 2017 with the same number of wins (10) as interceptions returned for touchdowns. He also had 15 more passes batted down at the line of scrimmage than any other quarterback during his first three years in the NFL.

He was an easy target

for critics.

New Orleans Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan took a shot at Bortles in August while praising Drew Brees. During an appearance on SiriusXM NFL Radio, Jordan said facing Brees in practice "helps the defense. It's not like we're going against Blake Bortles. It's not like Drew is giving picks away."

Winning has done little to silence Bortles' doubters. Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Vontaze Burfict made headlines early last month by saying he was "not sure Blake can beat us. We want to put it in his hands and have him beat us, if he can." Bortles responded with a touchdown, no interceptions and no sacks in 23-7 victory.

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history in front of their own fans, and then rest their key players in their regular-season finale at Denver.

After all, they've gone

through enough stress this season.

There was the season-ending injury to star safety Eric Berry, other injuries on both sides of the ball and the antics by star cornerback Marcus Peters that earned him a

suspension.

There was the four-game skid, part of a longer stretch in which they lost six of seven, and the surprising decision by coach Andy Reid to hand over play-calling duties to offensive coordinator Matt Nagy.

But after squandering a 5-0 start, the Chiefs are still in a desirable situation as their season hits the homestretch, needing just a win over the Dolphins to ensure a postseason spot.

"We've put ourselves in a good position,"

Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith said. "From day one, all the goals you set out, the first one is make the playoffs and win the division. That is what it starts with. We are in a situation to do that and we need to go take care of business."

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Gotta go!' She definitely understood. It all works out for the good."

If the Bucs' remaining offensive linemen stay healthy, Gettis will likely be inactive Sunday, but he'll get a game check of just over \$40,000 to do so. If he looks good for two weeks, the Bucs will bring him back for a shot at a backup role next season.

"You do the best with what you've got," Gettis said. "You learn on the fly. I've been doing it for a while now."

When receiver Devin Lucien joined the Bucs' practice squad Wednesday, it was his fifth NFL team in four months. Cut by the Patriots in September, he spent three days on the Colts' practice squad, then three weeks with the Chiefs and one with the Texans. Now, Christmas in Florida.

Rivers, a cornerback, is excited that he could make his NFL debut Sunday. He was cut by the Packers in June, the Jets in September and released from the Bucs' practice squad twice during the season. He had landed in his hometown of Miami with a spot on the Dolphins' practice squad when the Bucs called.

"It was real crazy," he said. "I was actually wrapping gifts when I got the call. I was getting stuff for my niece. This is her first Christmas. I just had to hurry up and wrap everything and get on the move."

Bucs coach Dirk Koetter said credit is due to general manager Jason Licht and his staff, who hold workouts throughout the season to have a list of players on call for just such an emergency or five.

"It is a scramble, and definitely, I can attest that they were working hard at it," Koetter said. "It comes with the territory at the end of the season. We just happened to have an abnormal number."

Howard, Evans among five on IR

The full scope of the Bucs' rash of injuries from Monday night's loss to the Falcons could be seen on Wednesday, as Tampa Bay put five players on injured reserve, including top rookies O.J. Howard and Justin Evans.

Howard, the Alabama tight end taken in the first round, and Evans, the Texas A&M safety who went in the second round, both injured their ankles Monday night. The team also placed CB Vernon Hargreaves (hamstring), G J.R. Sweezy (lower leg) and LB Adarius Glanton (lower leg) on injured reserve.

To fill the five openings on the roster, the Bucs promoted three players from their practice squad — former Hillsborough and USF LB Nigel Harris, DT Channing Ward and S Isaiah Johnson — and also signed CB David Rivers, who had been on the practice squad for much of the season, and veteran G Adam Gettis.

The Bucs also added three players to replenish their practice squad in FB Austin Johnson, WR Devin Lucien and OL Avery Young.

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

RENTON, WASH.

Seahawks fined \$100K for concussion violation

The Seattle Seahawks have been fined \$100,000 for not properly following concussion protocol with quarterback Russell Wilson during a game in November.

The NFL and NFLPA announced their decision on Thursday following an investigation that lasted more than a month. Along with the financial penalty, Seattle's coaching and medical staffs will be required to attend remedial training regarding the concussion protocol.

Seattle is the first team fined for such a violation.

The investigation determined that Wilson was allowed back on the field before a required evaluation was performed on the sideline. The Seahawks said Thursday that it accepted the results of the investigation and that any missteps in violating the protocol were not intentional.

CLEVELAND

AP source: Indians agree to deal with 1B Alonso

The Indians didn't take long to cover their opening at first base.

After losing Carlos Santana to Philadelphia in free agency, Cleveland agreed to a \$16 million, two-year contract with first baseman Yonder Alonso, a person familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press. The 30-year-old will take a physical on Thursday to finalize the deal, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the agreement.

Alonso hit a career-high 28 homers last season and became a first-time All-Star. He batted .266 with 67 RBIs in stints with Oakland and Seattle. A left-handed hitter, Alonso has credited changing his swing with the up-tick in power numbers. Alonso's signing would seem to end any speculation about either Michael Brantley or Jason Kipnis moving to first.

Associated Press



Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick (29) hits the arm of Vanderbilt quarterback Kyle Shurmur (14) to cause an incomplete pass in the first half Sept. 23 in Nashville, Tenn.

AP PHOTO

Role changes for Crimson Tide

Fitzpatrick on No. 4 Alabama: 'Some people just don't like us'

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama is embracing a different role going into

these playoffs.

The fourth-ranked Crimson Tide players can't technically call themselves underdogs since they're actually slight favorites over No. 1 Clemson in the Sugar Bowl, but they know some view them as interlopers who don't belong in the playoffs this time. They had to sweat it out for more than a week before getting a post-season reprieve.

All-America safety Minkah Fitzpatrick believes that period of uncertainty — and contentions by Ohio State fans and others that Alabama wasn't the most worthy No. 4 seed — can fuel the Tide.

"People were counting us out that didn't want us in there," Fitzpatrick said. "Some people just don't like us. It's true. But I think it definitely helped as motivation and fuel, especially if we do

what we're supposed to do and get to where we want to be, I think it will help us a lot."

When you've won four national titles in the past nine years, you latch onto whatever motivational source you can find. Quarterback Jalen Hurts, asked if Alabama feels like an underdog, pointed out: "They're the national champions, we're not. So..."

The Tide (11-1) hasn't ranked lower than No. 2 in three previous playoff appearances, twice holding down the top spot.

This Alabama team was a much-debated playoff pick after failing to make the South-eastern Conference championship game. The Tide closed the regular season with a 26-14 loss at No. 7 Auburn in the Iron Bowl.

Cornerback Levi Wallace said the team, which

wasn't challenged all that much the rest of the season, has to learn from that feeling after a loss.

"It's just something internally," Wallace said. "We know we didn't finish the season the way we wanted to and we want to make sure that never happens again. We want to show the younger guys, now you know what it feels like. It's a different city after you lose."

And it left Alabama players in the rare position of trying to prove they belong in the playoffs. Linebacker Anfernee Jennings said they're "absolutely" thinking of themselves as underdogs.

"I think a lot of people felt like we didn't deserve to be in the playoffs," Jennings said. "But we felt like we should the whole time and we're ready to go in and dominate."

Early signing period sees hundreds of players commit

By RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The new early signing period was years in the making so do not expect changes to it after the first one.

Mid-American Conference Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher, a member of the NCAA's football oversight committee who first proposed a December signing period in 2014, said the next step is to gather feedback from the participants and let an entire year of the new recruiting calendar play out.

"I'm looking forward to doing some downloading once we get through this," Steinbrecher said. "Listening to the coaches. Listening to incoming students. Listening to an array of folks. I don't think it's a one-year thing. I think it's a multi-year thing."

The NCAA legislation approved earlier this year created a December signing period to go along with the traditional February date, and also created new opportunities for high school players to make official visits to colleges in the spring. There are also new regulations for summer football camps and schools will be allowed to hire an additional assistant coach starting in January.

The legislation was passed as a package with the understanding that all the new rules would all affect each other.

"I think we need to let this thing breathe," Steinbrecher said. "We need to let it work. We need let it become normalized and then step back and really think through it."

As the three-day early signing period opened for the first time on Wednesday, about 1,850 players signed national letters of intent, according to ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Luginbill. That number represents approximately 66 percent of the total number of players that sign in the Bowl Subdivision in an average class. About 97 percent of the players who signed Wednesday had already verbally committed to those schools, according to Luginbill.

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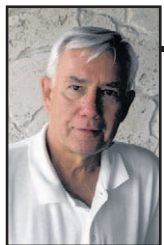
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Joann and Arnie Eastburn are the folks behind Water4Life Mozambique, a nonprofit that drills water wells in remote villages in northern Mozambique, one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world.



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Water4Life Mozambique has drilled 48 water wells in Mozambique with a goal of 57 sustainable wells by the end of this year.

In a place where water is synonymous with freedom, Arnie Eastburn digs wells.

Eastburn is the face of Water4Life Mozambique, a nonprofit that drills water wells in remote villages in northern Mozambique. Mozambique is a country of 40 million on the southeast coast of Africa. The locale might seem exotic, but Mozambique is one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world.

Since Eastburn founded the outreach in 2014, it has drilled 48 water wells in Mozambique with a goal of 57 sustainable wells by the end of this year in the northern province of Zambezia.

Arnie oversees everything with Water4Life, from the purchase of water-well drilling equipment to the day-to-day business. Each well costs \$6,900. The Punta Gorda Rotary, an organization to which Arnie belongs, recently sponsored one.

The Indiana entrepreneur had been taking part for about 15 years in mission trips to foreign countries by the Wesleyan church. Mission groups of laypeople went there to work on building

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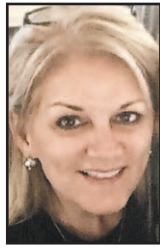
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Magical Memories of Christmas



Christmas memories can be some of the best memories. Christmas was and is a time for family and friends. As a family, Christmas Eve was spent at church for the annual candlelight service then off to friends for food and fellowship. The memories of the candles lighting the church and the congregation singing "O Holy Night" are special memories. The memory of my children seeing Santa for the first time brings a smile to my face. The memory of my children realizing the true meaning of Christmas makes my heart smile. And now they will have



Sherri Dennis
PGH Editor

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the joy of playing Santa and will make memories of their own.

I hope that in all the hustle and bustle of this busy season you will take time to reflect on your own

magical memories and moments of Christmases past. Maybe it's one of your children, wide-eyed on Christmas morning seeing all the presents under the tree or maybe it's a memory of a time when all the family was together and it would be the last time everyone could be together. Whatever the memory or memories, may they bring a smile to your face and a feeling of peace and joy.

There are simply not enough pages to write about all my Christmas memories, but one my favorites includes

when my 3-year old son recited, from memory, these words in front of the congregation of our church, in 1988:
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:11-16."
 Merry Christmas to all!

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SUNDAY, DEC. 24

Open Air Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



at History Park, 501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda.

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1st United Methodist Church, 507 West Marion St., Punta Gorda:

Peace River Wildlife Center

Peace River Wildlife Center's leucistic (albino) screech owl, Luna, is seen here with Santa. Santa is watching Luna to see if he has been naughty or nice. Luna is scheming his way back onto the "nice list." PRWC is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to the care, preservation and protection of Charlotte County's native wildlife since 1978. They are open seven days a week, year-round, including holidays. Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Injured animal intake is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PRWC receives no federal or state funding and relies entirely on private donations. For more information, call 941-637-3830, visit PeaceRiverWildlifeCenter.org, email PeaceRiverWildlife@yahoo.com, or visit them at 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy (GPS address 3400 W Marion Ave.), Punta Gorda.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 4 p.m. (family), 7 p.m. (contemporary) and 10 p.m. (traditional). Communion will be available in the sanctuary in between service times. All are welcome. For more information, call 941-639-3842.

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, will hold its **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**, with a contemporary service at 5 p.m., a traditional service at 7:30 p.m. and a communion service at 11 p.m. Nursery will be available at the 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services. For more information, call 941-639-0001 by email to office@bspconline.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DEC. 26

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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 28

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churches. Arnie once worked as director of development for Global Partners, the mission arm of the Wesleyan church.

"I took teams into 16 different countries around the world," he said. "Mozambique was always a special one for me, because the people were so gracious. They'd gone through back-to-back civil wars that covered about 37 years.

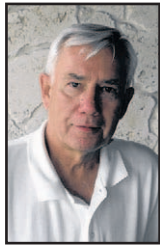
"The country was so devastated, but the people were always so appreciative of anything you did for them."

Eastburn, bald and bespectacled, sat at the kitchen kiosk of his East Punta Gorda home with his wife, Joann, who serves as his administrative assistant. In talking about the outreach, he was clear that he did not just stumble upon it. He underwent a spiritual awakening and was pointed in that direction.

"I came to know the Lord at age 49, and that changed everything as far as what I thought was important," he said.

Arnie is gregarious and laughs easily, but he is serious in his support of Water4Life as he is to his commitment to God.

In Mozambique, "people were still dying from drinking dirty water. In 2014, we decided to start a nonprofit focusing on providing new water wells and hand pumps to remote villages in northern Mozambique that had no access to clean water."



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His most recent trip in October was to a remote village about 15 miles from the nearest city and about six miles from the nearest road. Village women and girls walked more than six miles a day each way to fetch water from a river for drinking.

"We went in there and drilled a well, and now they have clean, fresh water right there in their village," Eastburn said. "The well has a hand pump. We don't go fancy. We don't try to go solar. Those things don't last very long. They break down, and then the people are without water, and they're back to carrying again."

And carrying means the village's women and girls will be walking 6 ½ miles to the river, loading 40-pound water carriers on their heads, and walking 6 ½ miles back. Often, the water is dirty, which means disease. Clean water available on site means freedom.

"They can be more productive. They don't have to just go get water," Joann said. "The daughters can go to school, the moms can be moms. They can be more productive for the betterment of the entire village."

The average well is 80 feet deep. There's a rotary drill machine imported from Bangladesh for the sole purpose of digging for Water4Life in Mozambique. A field supervisor, who is part of a full-time team stationed in Mozambique, reviews applications for wells. Most of the digging is done on church properties developed by missionaries in the predominantly Muslim country.

"They're dying because they don't have water," Arnie said.

Water4Life changes that.

HAPPENINGS ON THE HARBOR

Christmas Eve candlelight services

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight services, in addition to its regular Sunday services (8:15 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11 a.m.), on Sunday, Dec. 24. A contemporary service will be held at 5 p.m., a traditional service at 7:30 p.m. and a communion service at 11 p.m. Nursery will be available at the 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services. For more information contact the church office at 941-639-0001 by email to office@bspsonline.org.

New Year's Eve Conch Blow Tradition

It's beginning to look like a tradition! What started a number of years ago with a few friends gathering at Gilchrist Park, 400 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, to "blow the sun down" on New Year's Eve, has evolved into the public joining to say farewell to the old year and to welcome the new year by blowing their conch horns as the sun sets into Charlotte Harbor. Everyone is invited to bring along any noise makers, from drums to horns to clappers to clongers. As the sun sets at 5:46 p.m., the noise begins and lasts until the last rays have disappeared into the harbor. This tradition is said to bring good luck to our area during the next year. For information, call 941-505-1915.

CSO Composer's Luncheon set

The Phantoms of the Orchestra, a volunteer group which supports the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra,

is holding its fourth monthly Composer's Luncheon of this concert season on Thursday, Jan. 4 from noon until 1 p.m. at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda, and is open to the public. Guests are welcome.

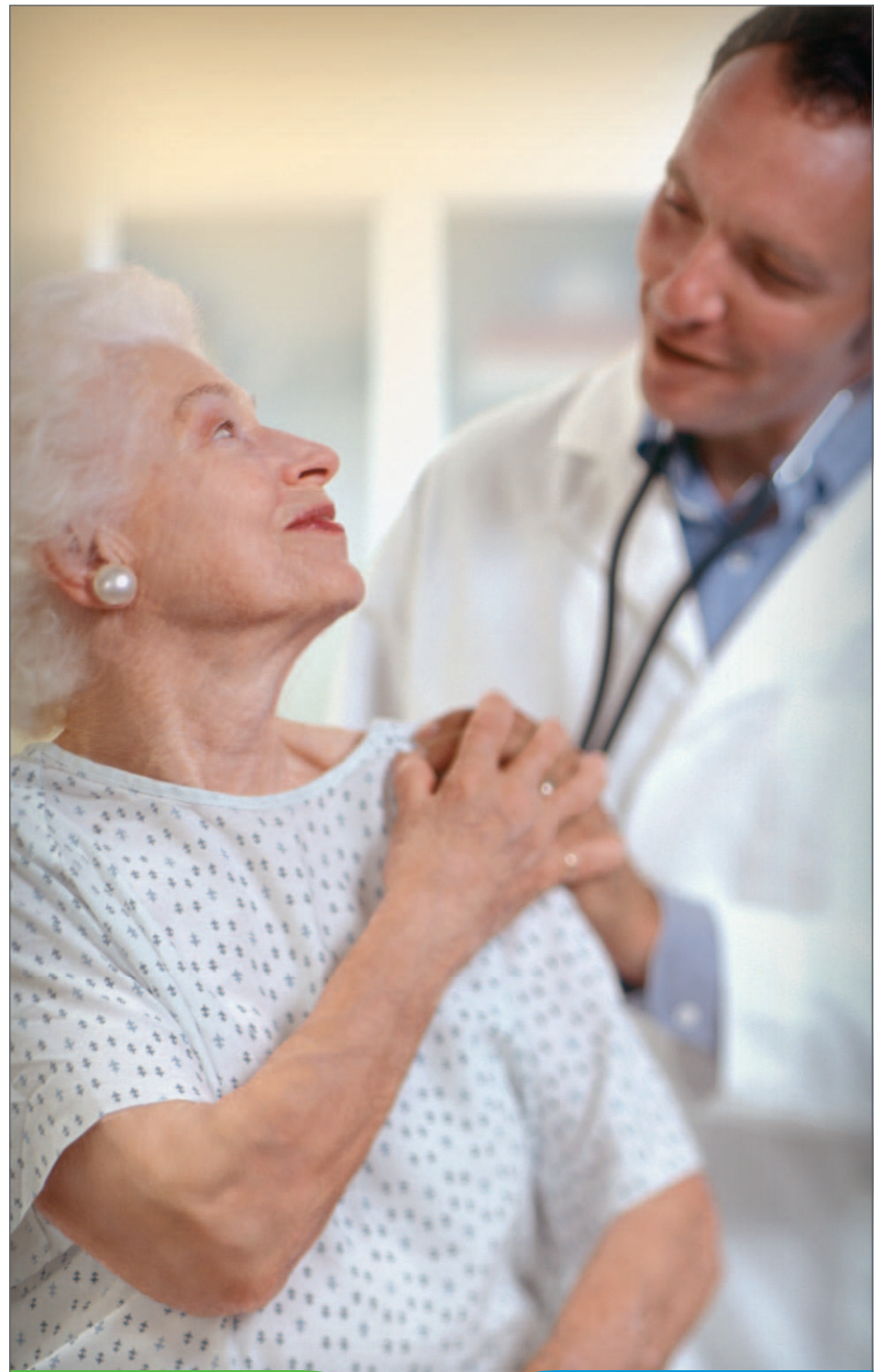
The luncheon program will feature a presentation about some of the composers who will be on the orchestra's programs this season followed by a piano performance of Gershwin selections.

The luncheon menu will be grilled chicken and Caesar salad, garlic bread, and cookies. The cost is \$15, which includes a complimentary glass of wine. For more information or to make a reservation, call 941-205-5996 by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The Don Bonzi Project

The Don Bonzi Project will be playing at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, at The Punta Gorda Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. The group was put together in order to provide a creative outlet for the songs and music written by local guitarist and songwriter Don Bonzi.

Originally from Rockford, Illinois, Don has been playing guitar and writing music his whole life. He is best known in this area for his many years of work as the lead guitarist for the Jack Mosley Band. Among other projects, he is currently working with the recently reformed Captain Beyond, an early 70's rock band of some renown. They just finished a fall tour of the Eastern seaboard that included a show at the new club venue, Daryl's House in Pawling, N.Y. For ticket information and more details, call, 941-883-8782 or email thedonbonziproject@gmail.com.



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The new, 130-year anniversary edition of "From Our Stove to Yours," has just been published and is available now through the Punta Gorda Historical Society.

"Punta Gordans like to eat," says compiler and editor, Gussie Baker, "and the recipes in this book have all been tried, and they're all good." "Except for-maybe one," she adds with a grin. But, keep in mind, "From Our Stove to Yours," is not just a cookbook; it is a delightful culinary history covering what Punta Gordans liked to eat and how they have prepared their food over the last 130 years in the style of the south, for sure, but more importantly in a very local style—a Punta Gorda style.

In addition to the recipes, the book has section dividers enhanced with drawings of historic local churches and buildings and bits of local history. Handed down through generations, many of the recipes are American classics with twists, but many more are unique to this region of Florida, full of the ingredients that were plentiful

According to Baker "the book was originally conceived to commemorate Punta Gorda's centennial 30 years ago." It includes contributions from many of "Old" Punta Gorda families like the Wotitzkys, the Quednaus, the Croslands, the Monsons, the McQueens, the McCulloughs, the Peebles, the Smoaks, the Corbetts, the Lowes, the Desguins, the Hindmans, the McCanns, the Parnells and many others.

The new edition also has lots of new recipes provided by today's Punta Gordans like Mayor Rachel Keesling's Lobster Mac 'N Cheese, Council Woman Nancy Prafke's BLT Dip, Dr. Martha Bireda's Chicken Casserole, Stacy Jones' Granny Wanda Cake (a handed-down recipe that is a Punta Gorda favorite) and many more. "It's fun just to read some of the recipes from people you know today or remember from years gone by," Baker said.

"They're selling like hot-cakes," Baker told us, "One lady told me she was going to give it as a Christmas gift



PHOTO BY THERESA MURTHA

"Punta Gordans like to eat," says compiler and editor, Gussie Baker, "and the recipes in this book have all been tried, and they're all good." Pick up your copy today.

along with a new baking pan containing a dish prepared from a recipe in the book." I know one editor who has recently acquired a taste for collard greens that might be

interested in this book as well. Copies of "From Our Stove to Yours" are available now for \$20 at the Punta Gorda Woman's Club Building, 118 Sullivan St. Call 941-639-1887,

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Join the fun at Wild Wednesdays

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center invites the public to join in for its next Wild Wednesday film of the season at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at CHEC, 10941 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. The featured film will be John James Audubon: Drawn from Nature. Audubon is best known for The Birds of America, a book of 435 life-sized paintings featuring every bird then known in the United States. Its creation cost Audubon eighteen years of monumental effort and extensive travel. Though not born in the U.S., he saw more of North America than virtually anyone alive at the time. He was a merchant, salesman, teacher, hunter, an artist and a scientist, though often with unusual methods. This film pairs

well with the next Wild Wednesday film, on Jan. 17, Birds of the Everglades. Discover over 50 fascinating types of birds found in south Florida, including several endangered species. For more information, call 941-575-5435 or visit www.chechflorida.org.

Visual Arts Center's Open House

Come to the Visual Arts Center's Open House Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 4-6. Talented fine-art instructors will be here to tell you all about classes that begin the week of Jan. 8. Enjoy art demonstrations and refreshments. Sign up for classes, workshops, wine and painting socials and more. Hours: Thursday, Jan. 4, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, at 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. Call 941-639-8810 for details.

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Elegant Encore Ladies Consignment

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The Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte Browns Backers donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity. The club, supporters of the Cleveland Browns, is the third largest Browns backers club in Florida. The group, gets together at Emils and is always looking for new members. Pictured are Browns Backers committee Vice President Gary Ettinger and Treasure Robin Ettinger, Paul Lioon, Jan Nick from Habitat for Humanity, Brown's President Douglas Lewandowski, Gabrielle Reineck and Paul Albers Habitat Humanity and Events/Social Coordinator Stephanie Lewandowski.

HAPPENINGS ON THE HARBOR

Winter Concert Series

Peace River Baptist Church, 478 Berry St. Punta Gorda, will be starting its winter concert series at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, with a family group called The Foresters. The Foresters sing Southern Gospel and traditional Gospel music. They play a large variety of instruments including: Piano, dobro, bass guitar, lead guitar, acoustic guitar, fiddle, mandolin, drums, organ and more. They also sing many of the great old hymns and gospel songs of the church.

Admission is free and no tickets are required. A hymn sing will start at 6:15 p.m. A love offering for the group will also be received.

For more information, call 941-637-6768.

NARFE meeting date change

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 2194, Peace River, will hold its first meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, Jan. 9 meeting for lunch at 11 a.m. at Elks Lodge 2602, 25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda. This move to the second Tuesday is to accommodate holiday travel schedules. NARFE Florida President Terry Zitek will speak at noon prior to the installation of this year's chapter officers. This meeting is open to all active and retired Federal employees and survivor annuitants. For more information, call 571-259-4280.

Homeowner Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity is a partnership where families are involved in all

aspects of building their future. In addition to an escrow deposit, Habitat for Humanity partner families are required to invest 300 hours of "sweat equity." Homeowner mortgage payments are paid into a revolving fund which helps support the construction of new homes. Attend a homeowner information meeting at 1750 Manzanita Ave., Punta Gorda. Upcoming monthly meeting dates are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 and Feb. 13. Call 941-639-3162 to reserve a space.

Civic Association to offer pot luck dinner and discussion

South Punta Gorda Heights Civic Association will host a pot luck supper with special guests Charlotte County Commissioners, Ken Doherty, Stephen Deutsch and Joseph Tiseo. The commissioners will introduce themselves and talk with the residents regarding any issues of concern. The public is welcome to join at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 11200 First Ave., Punta Gorda. For more information, call 941-457-2923.

St. Mary Academy 'Lucky Casino Trip'

Dave and Joyce Sloma are organizing an Immokalee Casino trip to raise funds needed for St. Mary Academy education. There will be two bus departures on Monday, Jan 15; one at 9:15 a.m.

from WalMart, 19100 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, parking lot and one at 9:50 a.m. from WalMart, 5001 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda parking lot. Return trip will be approximately 4:30 p.m. The trip is open to the public with a donation of \$25 per person. Prepaid reservations accepted no later than Jan. 10. Water and snacks will be provided. Games will be played on the bus and the casino will provide additional incentives. All donations will be for the educational needs of the students. For more information, call 941-624-0550.

Lecture scheduled

Learn about the cultural history of Charlotte Harbor (formerly known as "Hickory Bluff") at Bayshore Live Oaks Park, 23157 Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor with local resident Les Caraher at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Les will show, through period photographs, the local history, from the natives to now, including stories of his own childhood days in Charlotte Harbor. Reservations advised. For more information or for reservations, call 941-475-0769 or email Bobbi@checflorida.org.

The Charlotte County Concert Band presents 'Encounters'

The Charlotte County Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Miller, will present a concert entitled "Encounters" on Friday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of Charlotte High School, 701 Carmalita St., Punta Gorda. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the box office on the day of the concert or on the band's website www.CharlotteCountyConcertBand.com.

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President of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, John Wright is seen here with Keith Callaghan.



Jane McDaniel with Linda O'Neil.

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center held an opening reception for "Nature Preserved" exhibit on Dec. 7 featuring local photography artist David Sussman.



James Ashbaugh with Cindi Hickey buying some raffle tickets.



CHEC board member Michael Haymans with CHEC CEO Doris Button.



Pictured here are Rose and CHEC volunteer Bob Isaksen.



Featured photography artist at the CHEC reception David Sussman and his wife Maryann Tipton.



Valerie Shipman and Alissa Desguin.

Good Grief! It's a Charlie Brown Christmas



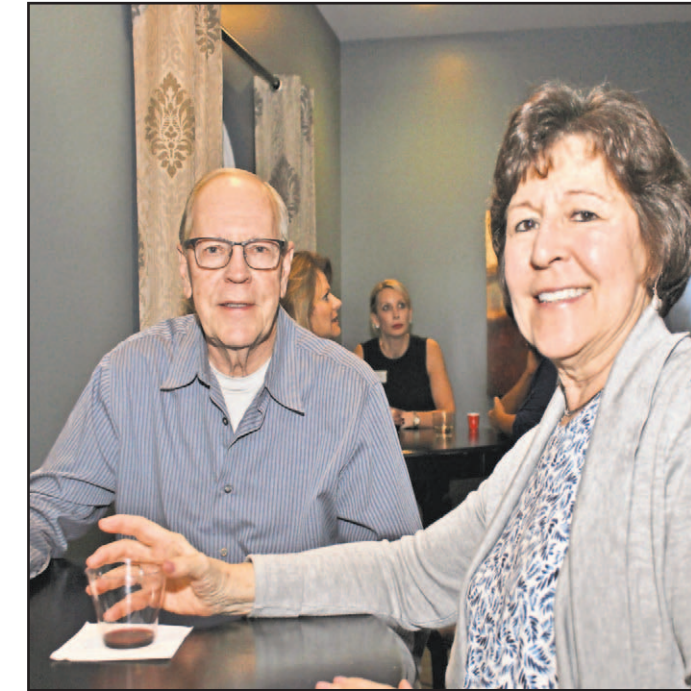
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Photojournalist

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On Thursday, Dec. 14 Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery, 9400 Indian Springs Cemetery Road in Punta Gorda, hosted "Good Grief! It's a Charlie Brown Christmas Reception." The artwork of Larry Palmer was celebrated as folks enjoyed the holiday get together, enjoying live holiday music, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" playing on the big screens, great food, wine and lots of holiday fun.



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Featured artist Larry Palmer with Connie and Tom Thrasher



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Featured artist Larry Palmer with Ellen Hollingsworth

Luncheon held to honor Project Detect

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PUNTA GORDA HERALD PHOTOS BY SANDY MACYS

Group photo of those who attended the luncheon.

Project Detect is a charity originating in the Riverwood community which raises money to provide free cancer screenings for uninsured and underinsured men and women of Charlotte County. The Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Clinic provides the clearance and free screenings for needy patients. A luncheon was held on Dec. 6 at the Port Charlotte Yacht Club to honor Project Detect and cancer survivors who received screenings having used funds raised by Project Detect.



Ron Flatow speaks with M. Suzanne Roberts of the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic of Port Charlotte.



Project Detect president Linda Thurston, center left, addresses those attending the luncheon at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. At right, is Ron Flatow who has been assisted in treating his breast cancer.



Janice Chupka, director of Clinical Services at the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic of Port Charlotte, speaks to those attending the luncheon.

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Promise and Hope. Spirit of the Holidays

In a flurry of greeting cards, decorations, carols and gifts, we exercise the vulnerable side of ourselves we restrain most of the year. What better time than Christmas, Chanukahs and other holidays celebrations than to let a book bring your family together as a family? New titles are bound to inspire even confirmed television addicts. "The Melodean" by Glendon Swarthout is one. And then, the traditional American Christmas is beautifully evoked in "Norman Rockwell's Christmas Book." It is compiled with guidance of Molly Rockwell. Mrs. Rockwell possesses unequaled knowledge of her husband's work. The captivating Rockwell contains illustrated stories, poems, two carols, even a recipe for holiday dinner. Whether you invest in this elegant picture book, or borrow it from the library, there is an abundance to share with your family as a family.

Charlotte bus system gears up for service

A Michigan-based bus company has filed an application with the Public Service Commission (PSC). The company wishes to provide daily bus service between Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte as well as charters from this area throughout the state. During a press conference this morning, Jim Peters of Port Charlotte, local representative of Mercury Bus Lines of Bay City, Michigan, said service can begin within 30 days of PSC approval. The company proposed a flat rate of 50 cents plans are to use a conventional type of coach bus with a passenger capacity of 49. Tentatively, buses will run from the Campground of America Park, south of Punta Gorda, through Windmill Village, Charlotte Park, down U.S. 41 to the Punta Gorda Mall. In Port Charlotte, areas to be served include Conway Boulevard, Port Charlotte Golf and Country Club, part of Midway Boulevard, Promenades, Harbor Boulevard, Beach Complex and Town and



County Shopping Center. Four trips a day are planned, year-round.

Christmas Baby

St. Joseph Hospital, Port Charlotte had a Christmas baby! Natalie Noel Siler was born at 5:16 Christmas morning. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Siler of South Punta Gorda. Sister Mary Augustine, Administrator and Dr. M. Lobo, obstetrician, presented gifts to mother and daughter.

Woman Council hopeful

a Punta Gorda business woman announced her candidacy for the city council in an effort to provide representation to residents in the older sections of Punta Gorda. Helen Gaskill, owner and operator of a local laundromat, stated today, "The East side of Shreve Street lacks presentation in the council chambers." Mrs. Gaskill feels her working knowledge of business to be helpful to run the city. Mrs. Gaskill feels that city officials have neglected the older part of the city and the middle class workers some and there is a lot of work to do to improve the situation.

Phipps, Williams. Two more Hopefuls

Two more city council candidates have filed petitions with the city clerk's office. Donald P. Williams and Charles Phipps compete for the seat of Robert Helphenstine.

City Council Candidate Johnson First To Qualify

C.R. "Tiny" Johnson is the first Punta Gorda city council candidate to file a petition, qualifying for the Feb. 7 election in which three council

seats are on the line. Johnson has been active in numerous civic organizations, such as Citizen's Committee for Better Government. Johnson sets his sights on Robert Helphenstine's council position.

Punta Gorda Library obtains Microfilm Reader

The Punta Gorda Library is now the owner of a new microfilm reader. Patrons interested in obtaining microfilm can request that it be sent to the Punta Gorda Library. A microfiche attachment is available. In the meantime, both microfiche and microfilm can be used at the Port Charlotte Library.

Incumbent files for City Election

Robert Taylor qualified Wednesday for re-election. He will be running for his



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40 Years Ago

Janine Smith writes about Punta Gorda's historic past. Contact her at janineh1@comcast.net.

second fall term Feb. 7. A lifelong resident of Punta Gorda, Taylor does not feel that representation on the council is one-sided, in favor of the newer part of the city, as contended by some council candidates. Taylor lives in the "older part" of Punta Gorda. He is not aware of a dividing line within the city. Taylor is the fourth candidate to qualify for the general election.

Medical Center Hospital starts outpatients' surgery

According to Administrator Harvey Rudysaile of the Medical Center, Punta Gorda is starting Outpatient Surgery soon. "As one of our efforts to keep hospital costs down for the patients, we plan to start this new program in early January." All of the procedures will be scheduled in advance by the patient's physician or surgeon.

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Tarpons stop Mantas again 50-15



Just 3 days after the Tarpons' freshman basketball team beat Lemon Bay 39-29 in the Freshman Shootout, the Tarpons traveled to meet the Mantas on their home court. It didn't change the outcome as Charlotte outscored the Mantas 50-15. The win ran their record to 5-0 for the season.

A combination of a well-balanced offense and a stingy defense put the game away early. The Tarpons held a 25-9 halftime lead and held the Mantas to just two third-quarter points. Charlotte outscored the Mantas 16-2 as they opened up a 30-point lead 41-11 entering the final quarter.

Freshman coach Ed Chery talked to his team about the importance of affecting a game by other means than being high scorer. "If you're not scoring how can you help your team win? You don't have to be the high scorer to win. There are other ways to impact the game. You can help each other out on the court, but your grades are coming out soon and some of you will not be able to play if you don't get your grades



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Tarpons' Ryan Metzler goes to the basket late in the game in the 50-15 win at Lemon Bay.

up. If you're good in a certain subject and your teammate is struggling in that class, help him out. It makes us better in school and on the court."

The Tarpons took turns leading the charge. Mike Jones led the team with 14 points with 8 of them coming in the



Mike Jones gets fouled on his way to the bucket. Jones led the Tarpons with 14 points in their win over Lemon Bay.

opening quarter. Ben Smith scored all 8 of his points in the second quarter. Jordan Santiago scored 8 in the game with 6 of them coming in the third quarter. Chris Pereira scored all 4 of his points in the fourth.



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"I'm a bench player and tonight I put up 4 points. Those were the first points I've scored in high school," said Pereira.

Ryan Metzler said, "We've got to work on defense and working together. When we play more athletic teams like South Fort Myers who has a better offense, we'll need to have a better defense."

Tarpons stop North Fort Myers 51-24



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At left: Charlotte's Jeyson Guerrier gets big air with this layup for two more of his 10 points in the 51-24 win over North Fort Myers.

At right: Jahem Toure (left) and Jeyson Guerrier tie up the North Fort Myers rebounder and force a turnover. Toure scored all 8 of the Tarpons first quarter points. Toure and Isaiah Gent led the Tarpons with 14 points in the 51-24 win.



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JV girls down Cape Coral 46-11



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Tarpons earn six medals at Archer



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The Charlotte Tarpons entered 16 wrestlers in the Captain Archer Tournament and had 11 of them placed in the top 5. Six of them took home medals for finishing in the top three places.

The Charlotte Tarpons entered 16 wrestlers in the JV portion of the Captain Archer Wrestling Tournament and had 11 of them place in the top 5. Six wrestlers finished in the top 3 places.

Taking home the gold were Brendan True at 120, Malachi Schaefer at 132, Matthew Andou at 145 and Amisay Hernandez in the 152 pound weight class.



Charlotte's 152 pounder, Amisay Hernandez, puts Evan Occhino of Venice on his back in the finals of the 155 pound weight class. Hernandez couldn't stick him but won 10-2.



Malachi Schaefer shakes hands with Antonio Petraglia in the finals of the 132-pound division at the Captain Archer Tournament. Fifty-nine seconds later, Schaefer put him on his back to win the championship.



At right: Four Tarpons took home the gold medal at the Captain Archer Tournament; Amisay Hernandez at 155, Matthew Andou at 145, Malachi Schaefer at 132 and Brendan True at 120.

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SPORTS

Freshman Alyssa Mincieli received a fast break pass from Nicole Johanssen and took it to the net in the Charlotte win over Cape Coral 46-11. The Tarpons took a 40-5 lead with 3:30 left in the third quarter to start the running clock. Madyson Ratliff led the Tarpons with 15 points with MaKenzie Carter also reaching double figures with 11 points. Makayla Beardsworth just missed double figures with 9 points.

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During this event we organize and implement a county-wide parade in honor of the extraordinary efforts, influences and accomplishments of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. toward peace, justice and equal opportunity for all (the youngest recipient of the

Nobel Peace Prize). The parade is followed by a rally program where a local citizen is recognized with the MLK award, as well as dignitaries, sponsors and a theme speaker. The program will be held at the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center, 650 Mary St. in Punta Gorda. The parade route will be the same as last year's route. Staging will be near the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, located at 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. Staging time for parade float participants will be at 9 a.m. and walkers at 10 a.m. The parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m. at 75 Taylor St. in Punta Gorda, traveling south on Taylor

Street to Charlotte Avenue, east on Charlotte Avenue, then south on Mary Street to the New Operation Cooper Street Recreation Center for disbanding.

The theme for the 2018 parade is "We're Stronger Together."

A parade entrance form is required. This form is available at the Macedonia Human Services website, Macedoniaservices.org. The form can be completed and submitted online or email to firstmacedonia@gmail.com. Please submit all applications no later than Jan. 11, 2018. They can also be mailed to 411 E. Charlotte Ave Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

A vendor application form is required for anyone wanting to be a vendor at New Operation Cooper Street. For your convenience, the application form is also available for completion on the website. Vendor fees must be paid to MHSTC before Jan. 11, 2018.

Please direct inquiries to:

- Parade Chairperson, Gerald Anderson 941-875-0038
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victims 83 percent were not wearing a life jacket. Florida had 70 boating deaths in 2016 the highest in the country. Become a more competent boater and take America's Boating Course.

Peace River Sail and Power Squadron will present "America's Boating Course" a two-day Safe Boating Course, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning Jan. 27, (classes will also be on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day) at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 Retta

Esplanade, Punta Gorda (just west of Gilchrist Park).

The two sessions will cover boating law, safety equipment, safe boating practices, navigation, boating emergencies, personal watercraft, charts, GPS, trailering, and much more. Attendees will receive the America's Boating Course manual, and after passing an exam, a completion certificate. The class is approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the Florida Boater Safety Education ID Card, required for anyone born after

Jan. 1, 1988 who operates a motorboat with 10 horsepower or more in Florida waters. The course is also approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The \$65 fee (for the first person, \$25 for second sharing materials) covers the cost of the manual. For more information, or to reserve your space, call 941-637-0766 or email puntagordaboating@gmail.com. Registration deadline for this class is Wednesday Jan. 24, 2018.

HAPPENINGS ON THE HARBOR

Collector's Preview Luncheon

The Collector's Preview Luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at the Visual Arts Center, 210 Maud St., Punta Gorda. Get a first look at freshly finished plein air paintings from the 2018 Punta Gorda Quickdraw competition. A sandwich buffet catered by the Wyvern is available for \$15 per person. Call 941-639-8810 for details.

PrideFest

PrideFest will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Laishley Park, Punta Gorda. Join us for a fun filled day of pride, food and drink, live entertainment and visit our LGBTQ owned/friendly service and merchandise vendors. Performers include: Alyssa Lemay performing and emcee, Steven Andrade as Cher, The Cheaters, Spikey Van Dyke and Elysian Sex Drive. Bring your lawn chairs and sunscreen. (No private coolers). A donation will be accepted at the entrance and please

bring an hygiene item for CHAPS. For more information, visit <http://www.charlottecountypridefl.org/pride-weekend.html>.

Concert series

The Jersey Tenors will kick off the 2018 series on Monday, Jan. 22, at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. They present a sensational blend of the most iconic opera classics alongside some ABBA, Elton John and Josh Groban favorites.

The second offering in the series will be the New Odyssey on Feb. 12. The trio presents an entertainment explosion taking command of 30 instruments yielding an incredible assortment of musical styles.

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A season ticket for all three concerts is \$50. Single performance tickets are \$20 and will go on sale Dec. 24, if available. Credit card processing fee of \$2 per series set.

For more information contact the church office at 941-639-0001 during normal business hours, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by email to office@bspconline.org.

Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour

Beyond Ourselves will host its Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 3. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Proceeds benefit the children of Charlotte County. Tickets are available at PGICA, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda or online at www.beyondourselves.peapps.com.

Buy tickets now for 2018 Wine and Jazz Festival

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce has announced that two artists have been scheduled for its February 2018 Wine and Jazz Festival, held in Laishley Park, Punta Gorda. Returning on Saturday, Feb. 24, is Nick Colionne, who last played the festival in 2016. Since breaking through to contemporary urban jazz stardom in the early 2000s, Colionne has been one of the genre's most dynamic and tireless live performers, headlining hundreds of shows and energizing fans across the U.S. and Europe with his sizzling blend of jazz, R&B, funk, blues and soulful, seductive vocals. Joining Colionne on stage will be a newcomer to the Punta Gorda Wine & Jazz Festival, Eric Darius. Saxophonist, composer, producer and vocalist, Darius likes to play by his own rules. Fearlessly pushing all musical boundaries, he is one of the most exciting musicians to enter the contemporary jazz scene in the last decade.

Tickets are on sale in the shop chamber page of www.puntagorda.com or by calling 941-639-3720.

FunkFest

FunkFest's party is so notorious that another day has been added with more music and entertainment. FunkFest 9 will be held from 3 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 2-3, at City Marketplace, 115 N. Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Bands scheduled to perform include Here Come The Mummies, Tower of Power, Blackberry Smoke, The Soul Rebels, Band of Heathens, Broccoli Samurai, Voodoo Visionary, Wild Adriatic, The Joe Marcinek Band and Resinated. Food Truck Village, over 15 vendors, larger festival grounds, VIP tables under an open air tent.

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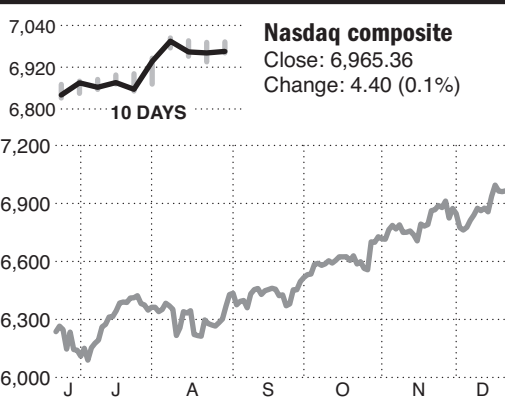
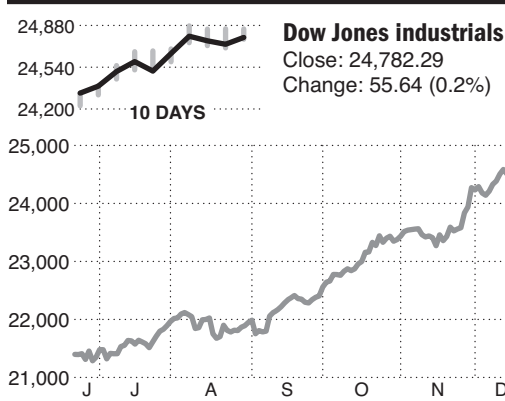
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Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High Low	Vol	100s	Last YTD %Chg
XYZcorp	XYZ	1.20	3.6	17	34.09 27.27	2780	33.72	+20.7

- 1 — Name of stock.
 - 2 — Ticker Symbol company trades under.
 - 3 — Dividend: A distribution of the company's earnings to shareholders, usually consisting of stock dividends, interest on bonds, or short-term capital gains on the sale of securities usually paid quarterly in the form of cash or stock.
 - 4 — Div. Yield: The dividend divided by the stock price. It helps gauge how well the stock is paying, compared to other investments such as CDs, bonds or savings accounts.
 - 5 — Price to earnings ratio: The price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. PEs are used to gauge the relative worth of a company's stock. When compared to other companies in the same industry, the companies with the lowest PEs are generally earning higher profits.
 - 6 — Range of closing prices in last year.
 - 7 — Sales in thousands (10 = 10,000 shares), and closing price.
 - 8 — Last trading price of the day.
 - 9 — Percent change for the year.
- ▲▼ Arrows, indicate new highs or lows.
Underline: indicates top 100 stocks by volume rank.
Bold stocks, designates which stocks have gone up or down 5%.

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NYSE		NASDAQ		DOW		DOW Trans.		DOW Util.		NYSE Comp.		NASDAQ		S&P 500		S&P 400		Wilshire 2000		Russell 2000																													
Vol. (in mil.)	3,125	1,729	Pvs. Volume	3,094	722.24	714.57	12826.03	12770.86	12800.22	52.67	+0.41%	6992.63	6961.21	2682.40	2684.57	+5.32	+0.20%	1909.10	1900.89	1905.18	+5.22	+0.27%																											
Advanced	1759	1740	Declined	1154	1172	New Highs	192	103	New Lows	41	37	24850.91	24766.27	24782.29	+55.64	+0.23%	10691.01	10589.01	10629.71	+0.97	+0.01%	722.24	714.57	12826.03	12770.86	12800.22	52.67	+0.41%	6992.63	6961.21	2682.40	2684.57	+5.32	+0.20%	1909.10	1900.89	1905.18	+5.22	+0.27%	27946.54	27837.66	27876.70	+68.27	+0.25%	1551.20	1540.46	1547.11	+7.04	+0.46%

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- A -										
AAC Hldgs	AAC	...	15	13.06	5.99	317	8.70	+20.2		
AAAAR	AIR	...	26	43.44	31.20	306	43.95	+33.0		
▲ABB Ltd	ABB	0.76e	2.9	...	26.70	21.01	810	26.61	+26.3	
ABM	ABM	0.70e	1.8	22	45.12	36.61	500	38.55	-5.2	
AES Corp	AES	5.21	4.9	11	12.06	10.00	6012	10.52	-8.6	
AFLAC	AFL	1.80e	2.1	...	89.81	66.50	2269	87.11	+25.2	
AG MtgeIT	MITT	1.90	9.8	8	19.95	16.85	96	19.32	-1.2	
AG Mtg pA	MITTPA	2.06	8.0	...	25.82	21.12	2	25.70	+5.3	
AG Mtg pB	MITTPB	2.00	7.9	...	25.65	23.60	1	25.20	+5.8	
AGCO	AGCO	5.6	8	29	75.95	57.70	391	72.70	+25.6	
AH Belo	AHC	0.32	6.7	...	6.65	4.35	36	4.80	-24.4	
AK Steel	AKS	...	...	16	11.28	4.00	9187	5.72	-44.0
AMC Ent	AMC	0.80	5.2	...	35.50	10.80	2825	15.40	-54.2	
AMCON	DIT	0.72	8	10	122.90	81.66	90.00	21.9		
AMN Hth	AMN	...	...	23	51.75	33.61	274	48.75	+26.8
ARC Docu	ARC	...	...	14	5.55	2.30	143	2.71	-46.7
ASA GAO	ASA	0.04e	4	...	13.56	10.35	1600	11.03	-1	
AT&T Inc	T	2.00e	5.1	15	43.03	32.55	27068	38.88	-8.6	
AT&T 66 n	TBB	...	...	...	26.72	25.33	136	26.28	+3.2
AT10 Ntks	ATEN	...	...	...	9.94	6.02	261	7.74	-6.9
AU Optron	AUO	0.18e	...	...	4.95	3.53	523	4.17	+17.8
AVX Cp	AVX	0.46e	2.6	23	20.22	14.73	92	17.75	+13.6	
AZZ Inc	AZZ	0.68	13	17	65.90	43.18	111	51.05	-20.1	
Aearos	AAN	0.11	3	17	48.22	26.12	709	40.55	+26.8	
AbbotLab	ABT	1.12e	2.0	26	57.30	38.08	5909	56.93	+48.2	
AbbVie	ABBV	2.84e	2.9	20	99.10	59.27	2128	97.91	+56.4	
AberFinc	ANF	0.80	4.4	...	18.44	8.81	1252	18.29	+52.4	
AbdAsPac	FAX	0.42	8.6	...	5.29	4.56	826	4.87	-5.2	
▲AbdAustEq	IAF	0.70e	10.8	...	6.49	5.40	28	6.49	+19.7	
AbdnChle	CH	0.58	6.4	...	9.10	5.89	50	9.02	+15.3	
AbdGblInc	FCO	0.84	9.1	...	9.33	7.88	26	9.19	+15.5	
AbdEMSmC	ABE	2.1e	1.4	...	15.04	10.90	9	14.49	+28.8	
AbdGChina	GCH	0.03e	2	...	12.79	8.40	11	12.42	+42.9	
AbdInldio	IF	0.52e	...	...	8.05	6.08	31	7.62	+19.8
AbdInsrEl	ISL	0.35e	1.0	...	21.16	15.53	2	20.39	+26.9	
AbdJapanEq	JEQ	0.07e	5	...	9.58	7.31	10	9.50	+29.0	
AbdLatA	LAQ	1.21e	1.8	...	29.90	18.87	2	26.67	+34.8	
AbdSngAfr	SGF	1.09e	8.7	...	12.75	8.63	5	12.54	+44.7	
AcadiaRRF	AKR	...	...	...	35.14	23.90	257	33.48	-38.6
AcadiaRf	AFTY	1.04	3.9	21	33.45	26.70	600	26.96	+17.5	
▲Accouture	ACN	2.36	1.5	28	153.75	112.31	4394	154.20	+31.6	
AccoBirds	ACCO	...	...	...	22	14.75	10.35	19.0	-3.4
AcmeU	ACU	0.44	1.9	17	29.49	20.20	7	23.24	-9.1	
AcornInt rs	ATV	...	...	...	19.51	7.17	2	16.67	+108.4
ActiniupP	ATNM	...	...	...	1.72	5.4	833	6.7	-23.5
Act Rep n	GOP	...	...	...	22.24	19.73	1	21.39	+6.7
▲Act Dem n	DEMS	...	...	...	20.97	20.01	0	21.22	+6.0
Act TxR n	TAXR	...	...	...	22.50	19.42	167	21.47	+7.1
Actuant	ATU	0.4	2	30	29.18	21.60	1816	24.45	-5.8	
Acuity	AYI	0.52	3	21	241.60	153.28	291	172.41	-25.3	
▲Acushnet n	GOLF	...	...	...	20.94	15.16	275	20.94	+6.6
AdaDvsEq	ADX	1.32e	1.3	...	15.92	12.70	259	15.07	+18.6	
AdmRisc	PEO	1.32e	1.0	...	20.70	16.90	168	19.69	-2.4	
Adena	AE	0.88	1.9	...	50.59	32.80	17	46.89	+18.3	
AdenaGro	AGRO	...	...	...	13.29	8.33	351	10.16	-2.1
Adient	ADNT	1.10	1.4	...	86.42	55.85	398	80.32	+37.1	
AdtalemG	ATGE	0.36	8	17	46.00	30.15	366	45.10	+44.6	
AdvAuto	AAP	0.24	2	18	177.50	101.78	1010	100.13	-40.8	
AdvDisp n	ADMS	...	...	...	25.71	20.94	808	23.69	+6.6
AdvDrainS	WDSV	0.28	1.2	20	26.30	17.90	184	23.55	+14.3	
AdvSemi	ASX	0.25e	3.9	...	7.52	5.02	979	6.43	+27.8	
AdvSms n	ASIX	...	...	...	46.51	20.88	123	42.68	+92.8
AdvOil&Gv	AAV	...	...	...	6	7.35	730	4.25	-37.0
AdvClayCs	AVK	1.13	7.2	...	16.80	14.60	81	15.78	+7.5	
AdvCvCl	ACM	0.56	9.3	...	6.49	5.81	130	6.03	+2.6	
AdvClntEn	LGM	0.84	10.1	...	8.90	8.09	26	8.35	+6	
▲ADSorWr	AADR	0.32e	5	...	58.72	39.54	48	58.67	+46.0	
AdvPerHy	HYLD	3.54e	9.7	...	36.66	35.04	45	36.36	+2.0	
AdvSewT n	FWG	...	...	...	24.13	19.78	31	21.86	+4.3
AdvS ef n	CWS	...	...	...	31.56	25.89	3	31.38	+20.8
AdvS Kor n	KOR	...	...	...	32.69	29.00	0	30.68	+5.8
AdvSmCap	SCAP	...	...	...	36.44	29.73	0	35.08	+16.8
AdvPncFit	FLRT	1.56e	...	...	52.41	48.56	1	49.27	+16
AdvSSage	HOLD	0.41e	4	...	103.39	95.50	3	99.37	+1	
AdvNtMS	MINC	1.34e	2.8	...	48.99	48.32	20	48.46	-2	
AdvStGch	VEGA	...	...	...	30.98	27.40	0	30.70	+11.0
AdvGIEar n	GIVE	...	...	...	72.00	63.07	4	71.94	+13.2
AdvTrTab	TTF5	0.73e	1.0	...	33.63	29.16	1	33.64	+14.7	
▲AdvMedId	MATH	...	...	...	27.13	24.87	2	26.17	+4.0
AdMadGbl	FWDB	0.51e	1.6	...	30.83	24.30	1	31.19	+27.3	
AdMadBdnt	FWDD	0.30e	6	...	53.79	43.13	1	53.98	+21.5	
AdMadBem	HWDE	...	...	...	9.30	7.79	155	7.84	-15.2
AdvActDcar	ACM	...	...	...	39.50	30.15	494	37.10	+22.0
Aecom	ANW	0.8	2.0	11	13.00	3.20	207	4.10	-59.6	
AegeanMP	AEG	0.25e	4.0	...	6.35	4.73	757	6.26	+13.2	
Aegon	AEH	1.59	6.2	...	26.32	25.03	31	25.80	+3.0	
Aegon 6t	AED	1.63	6.3	...	26.47	25.08	11	25.83	+2.7	
Aegon fit	AEB	0.77	3.1	...	25.44	22.09	15	24.76	+9.9	
Aegon2	AER	2.00	7.6	...	26.89	25.54	32	26.43	+1.5	
Aerocip	AEC	8	54.50	41.34	928	52.98	+27.3
Aerotech	ACY	17	16.10	9.00	3	14.90	+57.7
AerohiveN	HIVE	...	...	...	6.50	3.02	527	6.14	+7.7
AerojetR	AJRD	66	36.25	17.69	616	32.34	+80.2
Aetra	AET	2.00	1.1	18	192.37	116.04	2066	180.73	+5.7	
AffiliMgns	AMG	1.00	5	18	204.96	139.52	172	201.88	+38.9	
Agilent	A	6.0f	9	28	70.93	45.38	1476	67.52	+48.2	
Agnico g	AEM	0.44f	...	...	51.86	39.06	850	44.54	+6.0
AgreeRit	ADC	2.08f	4.1	21	53.65	43.69	269	50.69	+10.1	
Agrium g	AGU	3.50	3.1	25	113.25	87.82	258	112.17	+11.6	
Air Inds	AIRI	0.60	37.0	...	4.60	1.15	143	1.62	-48.6	
▲AirLease	AL	0.40f	8	9	47.41	34.21	719	47.45	+38.2	
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- K -

Table listing Nasdaq stocks with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Vol, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like K2M Grp, KBLM Merg n, KBLM Merg wt, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Novanta, Novavax, Novellus, etc.

P-Q

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like P&F Indvs, PAM, PAB, etc.

Nasdaq

Main Nasdaq table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Popular, Popular pf, PopCpl pf, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Rubicon rs, RmbOn B n, RushEntA, etc.

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Money Markets

Table with multiple columns for Fund, Assets, Avg Mat, Avg Comp, and Yld. Lists various investment funds and their performance metrics.

Table titled 'Toronto stocks' with columns for Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg. Lists various Canadian stocks and their market data.

Table titled 'Treasury bonds' with columns for Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld. Lists various Treasury bonds and their yields.

Table titled 'Mutual Funds' with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table listing mutual funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, and 3-yr Rtn/Rrk. Includes sub-sections like Fidelity Advisor, Fidelity Select, Fiera Capital, First Eagle, First Investors, First Western, Firsthand, Fort Pitt, Franklin Templeton, and Harding Loevner.

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Mutual Funds

Table with 20 columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtr/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtr/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtr/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtr/Rk. Lists various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table with 24 columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Rows include various fund names like GblEqC, GblGRA, GblHYA, etc.

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Mutual Funds

Main table containing columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, and multiple columns of fund names and their corresponding performance metrics.

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Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Includes sectors like Investment House, Third Avenue, Thompson, Thornburg, Thrivent, Timothy, Tocqueville, Torrey, Touchstone, Transamerica, Tributory Funds, Trust For Credit Uni, Tuesday Browne, U.S. Global Investor, UBS, UBS Pace, USA Mutuals, USAA, Uncovered Manager, VALIC Co II, Vanguard, VanEck, Vanguard, Vericimetry, Victory, Viking, Villere, Virtus, Waddell & Reed Adv, Waddell & Reed Adv, Walden, Wasatch, Webcor, Westcott, Weston, Westover, Westwood, Wilshire, Wilshire, World Funds, Yorktown, Zacks, iShares.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds such as INTL EQS, VALIC Co II, Vanguard, VanEck, Vanguard, Vericimetry, Victory, Viking, Villere, Virtus, Waddell & Reed Adv, Walden, Wasatch, Webcor, Westcott, Weston, Westover, Westwood, Wilshire, Wilshire, World Funds, Yorktown, Zacks, iShares.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds such as ST Federal, VALIC Co II, Vanguard, VanEck, Vanguard, Vericimetry, Victory, Viking, Villere, Virtus, Waddell & Reed Adv, Walden, Wasatch, Webcor, Westcott, Weston, Westover, Westwood, Wilshire, Wilshire, World Funds, Yorktown, Zacks, iShares.

Mutual Funds

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists various mutual funds such as ASTALIC, VALIC Co II, Vanguard, VanEck, Vanguard, Vericimetry, Victory, Viking, Villere, Virtus, Waddell & Reed Adv, Walden, Wasatch, Webcor, Westcott, Weston, Westover, Westwood, Wilshire, Wilshire, World Funds, Yorktown, Zacks, iShares.