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# **Traffic** fatalities down

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**By ANNE EASKER** STAFF WRITER

Despite increases in traffic accidents, traffic fatalities decreased in 2017 for both Charlotte and Sarasota Counties, according to preliminary data from Florida's Integrated Report Exchange System. In Charlotte County, fatalities decreased from 30 to 27, while Sarasota County fatalities decreased from 68 to 42.

While law enforcement officials say they can't give a clear answer as to what caused the decrease, they hope to attribute the decrease at least partially to the education and enforcement campaigns they carried out throughout the year.

"Traffic safety and enforcement has always been a priority at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office,' said SCSO Lt. Brian Woodring. "While crashes have slightly increased, fatalities have decreased. This can be attributed to the continued effort and passion that the men and women of the sheriff's office place on traffic safety awareness, education, and enforcement."

In 2017, SCSO focused on targeting more aggressive and reckless drivers, as well as performing constant education and enforcement on speed, Woodring said.

Sgt. Bill Maymon, with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

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Joe Wilcek is the owner of County Line Pawn, along with his wife Jennifer: "I think every one of us pawnshop owners would like to get everybody that's stealing stuff caught. If they come to us, I want it to be known they're going to get caught. We take their photograph. We take their fingerprint. We take their signature. It's available to the police."

# The cost of getting stolen property back



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By ANNE EASKER, STAFF WRITER

hen Jim Jones had a set of golf clubs stolen out of his car, he ended up finding them at a pawnshop and doling out \$150 — after already having purchased a new set. It wasn't his first experience with buying back his own property.

In 2015, Jim and his wife Ann hired a man named Ricardo Raison to clean their house in Punta Gorda twice a week. Jim's mother-in-law was living with them at the time, and, after Raison had been working for them a while, she noticed some of her jewelry was missing. As the family went through their valuables, they realized several pieces of quality jewelry, gold coins and old prescription drugs were missing. After they contacted Punta Gorda Police, Raison confessed he'd been taking a few pieces each time he cleaned the house. During the time he'd been working for them, he'd made 17 pawn transactions. Jones' items were scattered across seven different pawnshops. They spent hours driving up and down U.S. 41 buying back all the items they could find. Raison pleaded no contest to the thefts and was sentenced to four years in prison. He was ordered to pay \$1,850 restitution to the Jones for what they spent getting their items back. According to 2017 court documents, that fee was still outstanding. "It's ridiculous that I get victimized twice," Jones said, recalling the events during an interview at his home. The Joneses believe the law should be changed to improve the process. Under Florida law, victims can either purchase the stolen items that have been pawned or sold, or get a court order, asking a judge to decide the items are theirs. Local law enforcement officers said often victims buy their articles back because it's faster and easier.

#### **THE BOTTOM LINE:**

Pawnshop regulations are in place to make it more difficult for criminals to get away with dealing in stolen goods. At the same time, victims face hurdles to recover property, and someone always ends up losing money.

#### **PAWNSHOPS BY COUNTY** Charlotte County X Sarasota County Active licenses: 18 Active licenses: 14

For more information on pawnshop licensing, visit www.freshfromflorida.com/Business-Services/Pawnbroking Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services records for 2017

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Source: PawnGuru.com, Benzinga, which shows Miami had 75 to Houston's 128 broker locations in 2017

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### Our newspaper readers make fearless forecasts for 2018



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n December 2017 I made my own fearless forecast for the new year. I invited our readers to test themselves by supplying their own forecast. One of my favorite restaurants, FM Dons restaurant, in Punta Gorda, was kind enough to supply a first, second and third prize.

How good of a forecaster are our readers? Our readers are an optimistic bunch. Here's what the many who responded predicted. Dow Jones: The Dow Jones stock market average was 24,652 as of Dec. 15, 2017. I predicted a stock market correction of 11 percent would take the Dow Jones down to

22,000. The average of our readers predict the Dow Jones will increase 6 percent next year to 26,619.

New Jobs: The prior 12 months the USA had averaged 156,000 new manufacturing jobs. I predicted with full employment looming, new job growth would slow down to 75,000 jobs a month in 2018. Our readers predicted the growth in manufacturing jobs would sustain a still strong 145,000-a- month job growth.

Wages: The average nonfarm wage was \$26.55 an hour. I predicted a 2.6 percent increase in wages. The average of our readers predicted a

9 percent increase in hourly wages. That's not a typo — 9 percent. The median increase in wages predicted by our readers was 4.8 percent. An optimistic group indeed.

Price of Gas: I predicted that the price of gas would stay around \$2.29 as the downward pressures of shale technology would keep a lid on prices. Our readers think gas will go up 10 percent to \$2.51 a gallon.

Seats in the Senate and Congress: I predicted that the normal pattern of the party in power losing seats in an off election would prevail. Republicans would drop from 52 seats to 50 seats in the Senate

and from 239 down to 220 seats in the House. The readers who responded are very bullish on the Republican party. You believe the Republicans will keep the same number of Senate seats and only lose five seats in the House.

Super Bowl: I couldn't bring myself to vote for the Patriots so I picked the Steelers who are now out of the playoffs. You all picked the Patriots by a wide margin and the Steelers second. No other team came close.

World Cup: Our readers predict Brazil and Germany. I picked

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#### Free Chlorine Burn for Englewood Water District

The Englewood Water District will be conducting a free chlorine burn for disinfection of the water distribution system beginning February 5, 2018 that will last 30 to 45 days. Flushing and chlorine burns are routine distribution system maintenance conducted by utilities with chloramine disinfection. Chlorine burns also reduce the potential future occurrence of coliform or the water of beating is in the more allowed by the water of the system. other types of bacteria in the system. During this free chlorine burn, the water disinfection process will be changed from chloramines to free chlorine which is a stronger and faster-acting disinfectant. The fire hydrants will be opened to allow flushing of the system to help remove sediment from the pipes and distribute the change in disinfectant. Customers may notice open fire hydrants throughout the service area during this period. At the end of the free burn, the standard chemicals used for disinfections will be reintroduced to the system and be returned to normal operating conditions

Possible Noticeable Effects: It is important to understand that during this temporary change there may be some discoloration or cloudiness in the water and possibly a chlorine odor or taste. If this is experienced, please run the water through the tap until it clears. Minor pressure fluctuations and small air pockets may also occur. Fire hydrant flushing should remove a majority of the color and odor, but some may reach customer lines during the proces Discoloration in laundry is also possible during this time. It is recommended that customers check for discolored water before adding clothes to their washing machine. If discolored water appears, customers can set their washing machine to spin cycle to purge the water, and then refill the machine with clear water. In addition, customers may wish to purchase and use a cleaning additive to help prevent or remove any discoloration that may occur

Is the Water Safe to Drink? YES, the water is safe to drink throughout this process and boiling water is not necessary. Customers may notice a change to the taste and smell from the water and may want to let their water tap run for several minutes or until the water runs clear. Any odor and color issues will subside as the flushing is completed. Customers who use tap water for KIDNEY DIALYSIS at home should properly monitor their process for complete neutralization of disinfectant residual and should contact their doctor for more information. Customers using the water for aquariums should monitor the chlorine residuals.

Why is this burn out necessary? The Englewood Water District routinely collects samples and monitors the water quality. Our staff is tasked with ensuring that water in all points of the system is acceptable to our customers. Over time minerals and metals, which are naturally present in water sources, can increase and attach to pipes and release when there are changes in pressure, resulting in discoloration, odor or affected taste. Other processes such as nitrification and the growth of biofilm can also occur in water distribution pipes. The biofilm growth can cause a reduction in the effectiveness of residual disinfectants over time. This free chlorine burn will help cleanse the lines, reduce the occurrence of nitrification and biofilm, and ensure that we provide quality water for the citizens.

During normal business hours residents may call Water Operations Manager Tim Garland at 941-474-3217 with any questions concerning the free chlorine burn. After regular business hours, call 941-474-3217 and call-out personnel will address your call. The Englewood Water District appreciates the patience and understanding of its residents as it works to further improve the quality of the water for all customers.

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### SUN NEWSPAPERS Charlotte, Sarasota officials to address interlocal agreement

#### **By WARREN RICHARDSON**

SUN CORRESPONDENT

NORTH PORT — Board members of the two local Metropolitan Planning Organizations have a bit of housekeeping to do when they gather for a joint meeting Monday in Venice.

Last year, the Federal Highway Administration reviewed the interlocal agreement between the Sarasota/Manatee MPO and the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and found the document deficient in one respect.

The agreement, the agency informed executive directors David Hutchinson of Sarasota and Gary Harrell of Charlotte, did not contain a provision to "address which MPO is responsible for the planning activities for the area that overlaps both MPOs."

The interlocal agreement, drafted in 2004 and revised in 2011, sets out

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a format for coordination between the two MPOs to prevent a decision by one MPO having an adverse impact of the transportation network within the other MPO's jurisdiction.

According to a draft document prepared for Monday's joint meeting, the deficiency identified by the federal agency will be fixed by assigning responsibility for any overlap within the boundaries of each county to that respective MPO.

That would mean an overlap of the Sarasota/ Manatee MPO lying in Charlotte County would be the responsibility of the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO and vice versa.

However, notwithstanding the new provision, both MPOs pledge that they will continue with their common goal of comprehensive transportation planning for the region. Besides the required housekeeping matter,

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The River Road update will be of interest to Charlotte County as Sarasota County transportation officials are in discussions with the Florida Department of Transportation about a potential road swap.

If this occurs, River Road would become a state road, potentially making state money available in the immediate future to upgrade the severely deficient road. In return, Sarasota would take over one or more state roads in the county.

Prior to the start of the joint meeting, directors of the Sarasota/Manatee MPO board will conduct their regular monthly meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. The joint meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Both meetings will take place at the Venice Community Center, 326 Nokomis Ave. S., Venice. Email: jondaltonwr@gmail.com



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### OUR VIEW

# Schools seek alternatives to strict suspensions

**OUR POSITION:** Throwing kids out of school often compounds a problem.

ducation, as a general rule, seems to be getting ✓ steadily more complicated.

This is in no small part the result of politicians deciding they know more about education than educators. In Florida, the legislative penchant for testing has reached the point that students are given "end of course" tests before the course has been completed.

A few years ago, legislators clamored for more testing in the name of accountability. Now they are calling for less testing so that teachers can spend more time teaching. Still, micromanagement of the educational system by politicians appears to be doing little to produce better educated students.

On the other hand, innovative approaches to education, large and small, regularly come from educators.

One example recently brought to our attention were common sense approaches to classroom disciplinary problems.

In Lake Wales — a city in our newspaper group's Polk County circulation area — a partnership between the Lake Wales charter school system and the Lake Wales Care Center is putting a positive spin on disciplinary suspensions. In this program, students now can spend their suspensions in community service, rather than just "hanging out" until the time for their penalty is fulfilled.

"The idea is they've taken something from the community, so they have a chance to give something back to the community by volunteering at the Care Center," said Lake Wales High School Principal Donna Dunson.

The end of this partnership between educators and the

community result is a benefit to the school, the agency, and to the students whose discipline may be turned from negative to positive.

This specific style of program is not available in Charlotte or Sarasota counties. Still, both districts have viable alternatives to out-of-school suspensions.

Charlotte County middle and high school students with chronic disciplinary problems are given the option of participation in the SEA Program — the Suspension Expulsion Alternative Program.

"We try a million and one things before we actually suspend you here," said Mike Desjardins, executive director of school support services in Charlotte County. "What we have works pretty well."

Schools don't want to suspend students for infractions; educators want to keep kids in the classroom and engaged. Kids who miss school invariably fall behind, and problems become compounded.

When other types of intervention don't work in Charlotte County, students are given suspensions - or offered the SEA alternative.

The program operates at Charlotte Academy, an alternative school that specializes in individualized programs. Students in the SEA Program take four academic courses, rather than the typical seven. Rules are strict: Students are escorted on and off the school bus, and cell phones are locked away during the school day.

"It is a well-monitored and special environment," Desjardins said.

The program has been successful, he added. Recidivism is low. After completing the SEA Program, a "vast majority" ask to stay on and enroll at the Academy.

In Sarasota County, the **Restorative Strategies Initiative** offers an alternative that involves a face-to-face apology

from the young offender, as well as an "apology of action" – a work program with a behavior contract that aims to both have students assume responsibilities for actions and offset the harm of those actions, said Rex Ingerick, program specialist.

Students facing suspension might help out in the classroom, do another form of community service or meet regularly with the school resource officer. When completed, the suspension is waived.

Key to success, often as not, is the face-to-face apology during which the students acknowledges the offense.

"Actually sitting and looking at the teacher or another student and owning your action is not comfortable for any of us," Ingerick noted.

It's an important step and, along with a work component, it promises a creative fix to problem behavior that the typical one-week suspension can't.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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results for "trash," if you ask me.

It's a shame making America great again brings out the worst in people. If you could get past the fact that you lost, you might actually see the good that is going on around you.

> **Connie M. Bogard** North Port

#### Pelosi's 'crumb' comment maddening

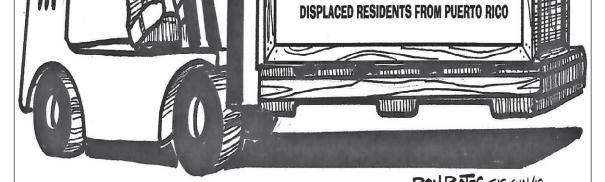
Editor:

We always knew Nancy Pelosi has no idea how the average American lives. In her protected, coddled, wealthy world she doesn't have to worry about paying her bills, finding money to repair her car, getting access to healthcare, or funding any of the myriad of little drains on the pocketbook.

But, being the nice people that we are, we had no idea just how little she knows or cares. We need to set the record straight.

We need to thank those companies who issued bonuses following the passage of the rewrite of the tax code. We need to let our senators and representatives know that it does matter. It matters very much.

Very few Americans look on \$1,000 as crumbs. That \$1,000 could be a new set of tires, cleaning and checks at the dentist, clothes, plumbing repairs, soccer gear, a road



trip. A thousand dollars is 2.5 percent of \$40,000. So for someone in that income range, it represents more than the 2 percent cost of living increase Social Security recipients got in 2017 or will get in 2018.

By calling the bonuses handed out by companies "crumbs" she marginalized all hardworking Americans. That makes me angry.

#### **Malcolm Williams** Englewood

#### **Progressives need** to think about this

Editor:

We recently endured eight years under a president who bragged that there were no scandals during his tenure. This from a man who had trouble making any decisions.

He's apparently forgotten:

Solyndra-Bengazi; Lois Lerner (IRS); Fast & Furious; abandoning Israel; the Iranian nuke deal and plane loads of cash; Russia's uranium deal;

Beau Berdahls trade (five terrorists for one deserter); Gitmo and world apology tour for U.S. policies toward everyone; doubling our national debt to \$20 trillion; the entire Obamacare mess; the V.A. system and on and on.

He was honest. He said he didn't need the congressional approvals as long as he had his pencil and his phone.

Now, after all this chaos, we have an action-oriented, problemsolving man as president, and Democrats are obsessed with his tweets. It's called communicating, and you have the option of not reading them.

The historic system called "the Press" is upset because they can't control, or slant or filter it. So what!

Our last three presidents have been what some would call "alpha males" — Clinton, Obama and Trump are of a mind who believe that they are taller, stronger, better looking and smarter than normal people because the world treats them that way. Let them all work their individual strengths as long as it's for the common good.

#### RON BATES THE SUN 18

News flash! The ultimate political candidate, who President Obama pardoned for treason, Chelsea (Bradley) Manning, is running for public office as a progressive.

**Steve Nadle** Punta Gorda

#### Stoplight, please, at Holiday Lake

Editor:

On Jan. 10, three residents of the Village of Holiday Lake were killed by a truck with trailer at our entrance.

At the time County Road 771 was widened, members requested a traffic light at our entrance, especially because there is a fire station on Marathon Lane. We were turned down.

Now, maybe the county will re-think it.

Our park consists primarily of seniors over 60, and getting out is difficult, especially with vehicles usually exceeding the 50-mile speed limit and six lanes to cross C.R. 771

and put more money in the pockets of their employees so they can spend more at Walmart. But to say this is because of the new tax law is stretching the truth.

Walmart employs 1.4 million workers in the U.S. and many are part-time and work 20 hours a week, or \$11,000 a year, and the lucky full-time employees who average 40 hours a week, or \$22,000 a year, are still below the poverty level for family of four. Walmart didn't need a new tax to do more for their employees.

Walmart makes \$16 billion a year in profit, they buyback \$6.6 billion shares each year, 80 percent of their products are made outside America. So even giving a \$2 an hour raise to all those 1.4 million employees and \$1,000 bonus to half their employees would have cost \$750 million, or .05 percent impact on their profits.

The real reason Walmart is giving out bonuses and raising minimum wages is because of competition from Target and Amazon and a 4.1 percent unemployment rate. They also know they will have to explain what they're doing with all that extra profit coming from the overseas tax reductions.

Walmart has always known how to play the system and make money.

Can you say, "hypocrisy?" **George Baillie** 

North Port

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#### WEEK IN REVIEW



## Choosing immigration criteria an uphill task

n 1790, the finest mind in the First Congress, and of his generation, addressed in the House of Representatives the immigration issue: "It is no doubt very desirable that we should hold out as many inducements as possible for the worthy part of mankind to come and settle amongst us." Perhaps today's 115th Congress will resume the Sisyphean task of continuing one of America's oldest debates, in which James Madison was an early participant: By what criteria should we decide who is worthy to come amongst us?

The antecedents of the pronouns "we" and "us" include the almost 80 million who are either immigrants — not excluding the more than 11 million undocumented ones — or their children. They might be amused to learn that in the only full-length book Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Notes on the State of Virginia," he worried that too many immigrants might be



monarchical principles "imbibed in their early youth," ideas that might turn America into "a heterogeneous, incoherent, distracted mass."

A century later, Theodore Roosevelt, who detested "milk-and-water cosmopolitanism," saw virtue emerging from struggles between the "Anglo-Saxon" race and what Roosevelt's friend and soulmate Rudyard Kipling called "lesser breeds without the law." TR, who worried that the United States was becoming a "polyglot boarding house," supported America's first significant legislation restricting immigration, passed to exclude Chinese, because he

would depress American wages, and because he believed they would be "ruinous to the white race."

In 1902, in the final volume of professor Woodrow Wilson's widely-read book "A History of the American People," he contrasted "the sturdy stocks of the north of Europe" — e.g., Norwegians — with southern and eastern Europeans who had "neither skill nor energy nor any initiative of quick intelligence." U.S. Army data gathered during World War I mobilization demonstrated, according to a Princeton psychologist, "the intellectual superiority of our Nordic group over the Mediterranean, Alpine and Negro groups.

Richard T. Ely, a leading progressive economist, spent most of his academic career at the University of Wisconsin, but first taught at Johns Hopkins, where one of his students was Woodrow Wilson. Ely data for enabling the nation to inventory its human stock just as it does its livestock. In 1924, Congress legislated severe immigration restrictions, which excluded immigrants from an "Asiatic Barred Zone."

For more on this unsavory subject, read "Illiberal Reformers: Race, Eugenics and American Economics in the Progressive Era," by Princeton economist Thomas C. Leonard. And "One Nation Undecided" by Peter H. Schuck, professor emeritus at Yale Law School, who writes: "In what may be the cruelest single action in our immigration history, Congress defeated a bill in 1939 to rescue 20,000 children from Nazi Germany despite American families' eagerness to sponsor them - on the ground that the children would exceed Germany's quota!"

The next phase of America's immigration debate, like the previous one, will generate border security and whether those who are here illegally should stay. The heat will be disproportionate.

The border was irrelevant to the 42 percent of illegal immigrants who entered the U.S., mostly at airports, with valid visas that they then overstayed. Spending on border security quadrupled in the 1990s, then tripled in the next decade. Now that net immigration of Mexicans has been negative for 10 years, Americans eager to build a wall should not build it on the 1,984-mile U.S.-Mexico border but on the 541-mile Mexico-Guatemala border.

Fifty-eight percent of the more than 11 million — down from 12.2 million in 2007 — who are here illegally have been here at least 10 years; 31 percent are homeowners; 33 percent have children who, having been born here, are citizens. The nation would recoil from the police measures that would be necessary from the communities into the fabric of which their lives are woven. They are not going home; they are home.

After 9/11, attitudes about immigration became entangled with policies about terrorism. So, as The Economist noted, "a mass murder committed by mostly Saudi terrorists resulted in an almost limitless amount of money being made available for the deportation of Mexican house-painters."

This month, U.S. Immigration and **Customs Enforcement** (ICE) agents raided 98 7-Eleven stores in 17 states, making 21 arrests, approximately one for every 4.5 stores. Rome was not built in a day and it would be unreasonable to expect the government to guarantee, in one fell swoop, that only American citizens will hold jobs dispensing Slurpees and Big Gulps.

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# This paper tiger is hardly a Russian-style despot

I thasn't been easy recently to make an attack against President Donald Trump that is over-the-top enough to stand out from the runof-the-mill hysteria, but outgoing Republican Sen. Jeff Flake managed it.

In a Senate speech hitting Trump for his broadsides against the press, Flake excoriated the president for using the phrase "enemy of the people." Per the Arizona senator: "It is a testament to the condition of our democracy that our own president uses words infamously spoken by Josef Stalin."

The association of Trump, whose offense is being crude and thoughtless while occupying an office he won in a raucously free election, with one of the greatest monsters of the 20th century is so wildly irresponsible, it is its own corruption of our discourse.

Trump is not a despot. Far from being an autocrat, he is a weak president susceptible to the views of the last person he's talked to, and is so deferential to Congress that he spent last year pining for a signing ceremony for literally anything lawmakers could send him on health care or taxes.

At its worst, the Trump White House isn't sinister;



it's farcical. It's not Recep Tayyip Erdogan carefully creating a one-party state; it's Trump getting miscued by a TV show into a tweet undermining his administration's own position on the reauthorization of a surveillance program.

The Trump alarmists thought that a brittle democratic culture and set of institutions were about to encounter a man representing a dire, determined threat to their integrity; instead, a robust democratic culture and set of institutions encountered the guy sitting down at the end of the bar yelling at

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the TV.

David Frum of The Atlantic warned at the beginning of the year of an autocratic Trump cowing the press into submission. Instead, the president faces the most hostile press at least since Richard Nixon. So comprehensively do Trump outrages dominate the news that it's difficult for a sex scandal involving a porn star to break through.

Rather than stretching his powers, Trump has reined in the executive overreach of the Barack Obama years, which was brazen and unconstitutional, although undertaken with much greater politeness.

There is no doubt Trump violates norms that we should want to preserve. The president shouldn't slam reporters and news organizations by name, call for people in the private sector to be fired, criticize companies

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or urge his adversaries to be jailed, among other routine provocations.

Trump does not, to say the least, have a deep understanding of our constitutional system, and if he had his druthers, his Justice Department probably would be loyal to him personally.

But is he serious enough about this impulse to execute a plan to carry it out and bear the political consequences, even from Republicans? Of course not. So, he stews about his Department of Justice, but Attorney General Jeff Sessions remains in place, and special counsel Robert Mueller continues his work.

If Trump's eruptions don't speak well of

him, they shouldn't be confused with unconstitutional acts. The first time Trump said he wanted to tighten up libel laws, it was alarming; by about the fifth time he said it — with obviously no intention to follow through — it was clearly an irritable mental tic.

Some of the alarm about Trump is over fairly normal expressions of democratic politics. It is a natural dynamic that special prosecutor investigations become partisan war zones. Anyone appalled by the attacks of Trump allies on Mueller should acquaint themselves with what Clinton allies said about Kenneth Starr.

The irony is that those who believe that Trump

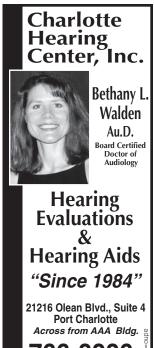
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is a budding despot are themselves violating important norms. The anti-Trumpists fantasize about ending his presidency, via impeachment or the 25th Amendment, before the voters get a chance to render their verdict again in 2020.

Josef Stalin wouldn't tolerate any of this agitation. Donald Trump rages against it, stirs it and enjoys it, one robustly free news cycle at a time.

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#### TRAFFIC **FROM PAGE 1**

#### said CCSO puts a lot of focus on the busiest intersections, such as Midway Boulevard and U.S. 41, Cochran Boulevard and U.S. 41, Veterans Boulevard and Kings Highway, and Winchester Boulevard and South McCall Road.

"Those are typically our high crash areas," he said. "Usually between the hours of noon to 2 p.m. and then later on in the afternoon."

Maymon said a majority of the crashes are rear-end crashes caused by distracted driving. Last April, the Traffic Enforcement Unit did an operation focusing on three of those intersection with plain clothes officers observing drivers, and 90 to 100 percent were distracted, looking down at radios or cellphones, he said.

Lt. Greg Bueno, of the Florida Highway Patrol, also said drivers need to keep their sole focus on the road.

"What we see time after time at crash scenes are carelessness, failing to be responsible and accountable for actions behind the wheel," he said. "Cars are heavy. They can damage property. They can injure someone and kill someone.'

Bueno said too many drivers are drowsy or impaired and fail to pay attention to the road. Even if fatalities have decreased, Florida still has them in abundance, Bueno said. FHP works hard to provide education and public safety campaigns coupled with enforcement efforts on to hold drivers accountable.

In both counties, pedestrian crashes and pedestrian fatalities increased, which Sgt. Maymon said typically occur in areas with no sidewalk, where pedes-

trians or bicyclists are on the right shoulder of the road. Pedestrians should be sure to walk

in close proximity of an approaching vehicle. "As a pedestrian, you want to make sure you're seen, not simply assume the vehicle sees you and the vehicle's going to stop," he said. "Make sure you look left, right, left before you engage.'

Drivers can also help by abiding by proper speed limits, he said.

Bicycle crashes decreased in Charlotte County from 53 in 2016 to 49 in 2017, with bicycle fatalities decreasing from four to one. In Sarasota County, bicycle crashes increased from 172 to 192, though the number of fatalities decreased from five to one.

Bueno reminded drivers Florida law requires motorists to provide bicyclists with at least three feet of space.

"They are entitled to the roadway just like a car," he said. "We have a share-the-road policy in Florida."

He encouraged bicyclists to use bike lanes when they exist, abide by all traffic controls, and wear adequate reflectors at night.

Lt. Woodring said bicycle safety is and will continue to be a main focus of SCSO's education and enforcement strategic traffic plan.

"Drivers of vehicles must be aware and understand that bicycle traffic has the same rights and authorization to utilize the roadways in Sarasota County," he said. "Drivers may lose focus when they do not observe larger vehicles on the roadway and may become distracted by decreasing their awareness to potential hazards, pedestrians, or bicycle traffic. Drivers must always stay alert and provide distance and space when approaching bicycles and use the utmost care when passing them."

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#### **CHARLOTTE COUNTY CRASHES** 2017 2016 Total crashes: 2,721 2,779 Injury crashes: 1,095 1,060 1,648 Total injuries: 1,597 Crashes with traffic fatalities: 20 22

#### **BIRTHDAYS**



Happy 65th birthday to Sandy Pietrzak on her special day, Jan. 13.



Happy 16th birthday to Kori Palmer on her special day, Jan. 21.



Happy 10th birthday to Nathan LaGuardia on his special day, Jan. 24.

#### CONTACT FOR BIRTHDAYS

Each week in Sunday's Sun, we run free birthday announcements, along with a photo. Email your .jpg photo of the birthday boy or girl of any age, along with the person's name, age, and birthday month and date, to Sherri Dennis at sdennis@sun-herald.com. Deadline is noon Wednesday. Note: If you bring or mail in a hard-copy photo (to 23170 Harborview Road, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980), we will try to accommodate you, but we CANNOT guarantee the ability to return it to you. For more information, call Sherri at 941-206-1127.

### DAVID

#### **FROM PAGE 1**

Germany Mens' NCAA Basketball: Duke is the overwhelming reader choice with Michigan State second. I picked Michigan State. Like the New England Patriots football pick, I just couldn't whole coaching team who were the secret sauce. Bitcoin: Not a single reader thought Bitcoin would be higher 12 months from now. On average you predicted a 62 percent drop in price to 6,627. During the dotcom era I owned stocks that went from \$32 to .32 (cents). I predicted a larger drop in Bitcoin - to 2,000.

#### **FAMILY ALBUM**

#### Gilmores celebrate 60 years



ongratulations to William "Bill" and Maureen Gilmore of Rotonda West, as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary! Having met while students at Patterson Co-op in Dayton Ohio, they exchanged vows 60 years ago! Living in Kettering, Ohio they have been blessed with three daughters, Patty (Mike) Palmer, Penny (Tony) Xidas and Pam Brock; 4 grandsons, and three granddaughters. They started a successful family business, Crown Packaging Corp., in Kettering and will be celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year.

They settled in Englewood area for their retirement years, and they stay active socializing with their amazing friends, golfing and boating.

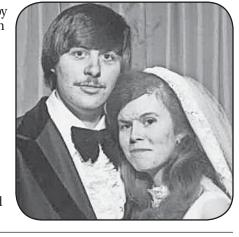
The Rotunda Raiders Golf Group and their family sends their sincere congratulations on this momentous milestone.



#### Burkharts celebrate 40 years

appy 40th an niversary Burkharts. The parents

of Melissa White and Janet Kline and grandparents of Jonathon, Tanner and Tarra



#### **Ringelsteins celebrate 65 years**



#### Happy 95th birthday to Adeline Seakwood on her special day, Jan. 27.

Happy 7th birthday to

special day, Jan. 18.

Alexander Johnsson on his

Happy 75th birthday to Mike

King on his special day,

Jan. 17.

toward traffic, not against it, he said.

"If it's a side street, try to go so you can see traffic coming at you," he said.

Bueno said pedestrian versus vehicle crashes often involve a pedestrian crossing the road midblock, walking into traffic

Clashes with traffic fatallies.	Z9	23
Total traffic fatalities:	30	27
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Bicycle crashes:	172	192	
Bicycle fatalities:	5	1	
— Source: Florida's Integrated Re	port Exchang	ge System	

pick Duke.

College Football Wins: Our readers think Miami will have the most wins of any Florida college football team with Florida State getting the second most votes. I also predicted Miami.

College Football Losses: Our readers think Florida Atlantic will have the most losses. Might be. But, Lane Kiffen is back as coach and they were 11-3 last year. I predicted UCF, but made my prediction before they beat Auburn in the bowl game. Wish I could take that choice back, but figured they were losing a beloved coach and the

Named storms: The average of the readers was 2.6 named storms to hit Florida. I predicted 2.

All in all, you are a very optimistic bunch. Here's hoping our readers are right. Oh, and since the NFL playoffs have started, the FM Dons fearless forecast is closed to new entries. We will give you a mid-year and end-of-the year status update.

Share your thoughts. David is CEO of the family- and employee-owned Sun Coast Media Group which owns this newspaper. You can contact David at daviddr@ sun-herald.com.



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ill and Jean Ringelstein are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on January 24, 2018

Bill is a retired IBM Service Manager and Jean is a retired Bookkeeper. Bill and Jean are both active members and directors of the Punta Gorda Lions Club. Both are on the Vision Screening Team that screens preschoolers for vision and hearing issues. Jean is responsible for processing the recycled eve glasses collected throughout the county. Bill served as secretary and chairs the scholarship program. Jean is also an avid knitter having completed 125 full sized afghans for the Linus Project. Bill chairs the endowment team and serves on the leadership team of the UCC Church in Punta Gorda.

They have a son, William of Bonita Springs, Florida and daughter, Kathy Frantish of Wake Forest, North Carolina.

The bride and groom will be cruising in the Caribbean in celebration of the event. A summer celebration will be held with family.

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#### **FROM PAGE ONE**

As the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, the

#### MORE THAN \$2.6 MILLION RECOVERED

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services recovered more than \$148,000 for Florida consumers during the month of December, bringing the final total to more than \$2.6 million for consumers in 2017. The department recovered consumers' money from moving companies, vehicle repair shops, pawnshops, health studios, telemarketers, sellers of travel and more.

During December 2017, the department:

- Recovered \$148,444 on behalf of Florida consumers
- Received 2,507 complaints
- Initiated 150 investigations
- Arrested 19 individuals

• Provided assistance to 16,882 consumers through the 1-800-HELP-FLA hotline, online chats and emails; and

Added 11,744 telephone numbers to Florida's Do Not Call List.

### PAWNSHOP

#### **FROM PAGE 1**

Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Detective William Batson said while victims can file a court order at any time, they typically aren't dealt with until the end of a criminal case, which can take up to two years to be resolved.

Batson said his unit tries to do what they can to prevent victims from having to buy their items back, but sometimes they don't want to wait for the court date.

In Sarasota County, Lt. Brian Ivings said getting a court order can be confusing and frustrating for people unfamiliar with the judicial process. Most people simply buy back their property.

"Most of the time, they will just pay the \$15 or \$20 or however much it's sold to the pawnshop for," Ivings said. "That typically is the easiest route to take."

In most cases, the price is small, but if many items are taken like what the Jones faced, victims may be out more than \$1,000.

### Pawnshops victimized

While having to buy back their own stolen items may seem unfair to the theft victim, County Line Pawn owner Joe Wilcek said the pawnshop frequently is the victim. He's had several instances of stolen goods in his Port Charlotte shop seized as evidence, and once the case is over, the property is given back to the owner by judge order, "99 times out of 100," he said.

## ON THE DECLINE?

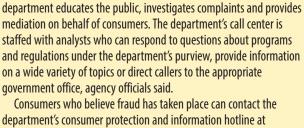
In Sarasota County, charges for dealing in stolen property or false information to a pawnbroker have declined by 25 percent from 2015 to 2017. Sarasota Sheriff's Lt. Brian lvings said there's a trend toward more stolen items being sold on the internet, such as one case when a retail theft group posted on an Instagram account they were selling bottles of liquor, which had been stolen from three stores in Sarasota County.

For Charlotte County, Sheriff's Detective William Batson said he could not correlate the two types of crime, but many stolen items do turn up on websites like OfferUp, LetltGo, Facebook and Craigslist. — Sun staff writer Anne Easker

Sarasota County line, with a hard luck story about needing money for baby formula and sold him a number of nice jewelry pieces. It turned out, one of them worked as a housekeeper and had been stealing from her employer, who came in and identified all the jewelry. Later confiscated by police, the stolen items represented an \$8,000 hit, which Wilcek doesn't expect his business to recoup.

Other times, he has sold victims back their items for whatever he paid, and occasionally, he's simply given items back and swallowed the loss.

Generally, though, he



department's consumer protection and information hotline at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or, for Spanish speakers, 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832). For consumer protection information and resources, visit FloridaConsumerHelp.com.

Source: The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

#### SUN'S CONSUMER ADVOCATE

David Morris, the *Sun's* consumer advocate, writes a weekly Friday column. 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.



SUN PHOTO BY ANNE EASKER

Guns line one wall at County Line Pawn in Port Charlotte, just south of the Sarasota County line. Wilcek says guns and gold are where the money is in pawnbroking.



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Arcadia Pawn offers many different guitars.



#### Must include:

1. The name and address of the pawnshop.

2. A complete and accurate description of the pledged goods or purchased goods, including the following information, if applicable:

- a. Brand name.
- b. Model number.
- c. Manufacturer's serial number.
- d. Size.
- e. Color, as apparent to the untrained eye.
- f. Precious metal type, weight, and content, if known.
- g. Gemstone description, including the number of stones.
- h. In the case of firearms, the type of action, caliber or
- gauge, number of barrels, barrel length and finish. i. Any unique identifying marks, numbers, names or letters.
- Source: Florida Pawnbroking Act, www.freshfromflorida.com/

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Corey, left, Rick, and Richard Harrison, right, are the stars of the reality TV series, the Pawn Stars, which highlights the workings of their Las Vegas Pawn Shop. The show returns with new episodes including its 500th show on Monday Jan. 22.

#### PAWN STARS' UNUSUAL ITEMS

1932 Custom Ford Roadster (500-horsepower with only 450 miles) Sold: \$68,250

5th edition of The Book of

(printed in 1842, last one in

founder Joseph Smith's lifetime)

1500's Spanish Gold Bar from

**1922 Proof Peace High Relief** 

shipwreck off Texas coast

Mormon

Sold: \$24,000

(found in an attic)

(won on a poker bet)

Sold: \$80,000

Sold: \$35,000

Dollar

Pawn Stars on the History channel returns on Monday with new episodes including its 500th show. Here's some of what folks brought in and sold to Pawn Stars as part of the program:

#### Vic Flick's 1961 Fender Strat (used to record original James Bond theme soundtrack) Sold: \$55,000

JFK's Humidor (similar one sold for \$575,000 in 1996 at Sotheby's) Sold: \$60,000

2014 Hertz Penske GT Mustang (only 150 ever made) Sold: \$60,000

1800s Order of the White Eagle Medallion (bought for 75 cents by owner at

yard sale) **Sold: \$6,000** (and then Pawn Stars sold it for \$30,000)

Over 200 Pounds of Silver (investor had been accumulating it over a dozen years) Sold: \$111,000

#### Stills) Sold: \$85,000 1932 Lincoln Roadster (150-horsepower with V-12 engine)

1941 Gibson SJ-200 Guitar

(formerly owned by Stephen

engine) **Sold: \$95,000** 

1961 Gibson SG Les Paul Custom (formerly owned by Mary Ford and used in numerous Top 10 hits) Sold: \$90,000

Source: History, Eternal Lifestyle magazine

### PROTECTING YOUR STUFF

• Keep detailed records of all your valuable possessions.

• Maintain a file storing all serial numbers, model numbers and other identifying information of all your electronics and merchandise.

• Etch your last name into furniture and other belongings in a place it is not easily seen.

Insurance can protect against financial loss.

• Take photos of all your valuables as well, including close-ups of any identifying marks or features.

In those situations, restitution is due to the pawnshop owners, but he's never recovered that money.

"In my entire existence, restitution has never been made," he said recently. "It may someday happen, but it hasn't happened in my existence."

In one episode, a couple came into his shop, just south of the

wants there to be a paper trail. "We have a fiduciary

responsibility," he said. "Unless the police have told me it's been stolen, I can't give it to you — to the person that says it's mine — if they haven't made a criminal report," he said.

Detective Batson explained that sometimes a son or daughter will steal from a parent and pawn their property, but once the parent gets their items back, they drop the charges. Then, pawnshop owners have no hope for recovering from the loss.



SUN PHOTO BY ANNE EASKER

A jewelry cabinet at County Line Pawn in Port Charlotte.

#### BY THE NUMBERS: STEALING

Every 15 seconds = how often a home burglary occurs in the U.S.
\$1,600 = average dollar loss in a home burglary
30 = Percentage of burglaries that are "unlawful entry," meaning entry gained without using force, often, unlocked door or window.
62 = Percentage of burglaries during the daytime, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., when no one is likely to be at home.
13 = Percentage of reported burglaries solved by the police.
30 = Percentage of private homes with security systems. Homes without them are two to three times more likely to be broken into. *Source: Nationwide Insurance*

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#### To catch a thief

The Joneses believe the pawnshops need to be held accountable. Ann Jones is the owner of the secondhand store Back on the Rack in Punta Gorda, and she said she can tell when someone is trying to sell a designer dress that clearly doesn't belong to them. If something seems suspicious, she won't take it.

Wilcek says pawnshop owners deal with that all the time as well.

"We try to ask the correct questions that would lend us to buy this with some credibility that it wasn't stolen," he said. "If a guy is bringing in baby clothes, we're going to think, why are you bringing in baby clothes, and maybe they don't belong to you. Same thing with engagement rings and women's golf clubs — things that are not gender correct. You hesitate on that unless they have a legitimate story. If they say, 'Oh, my grandma gave it to me to sell,' you know it's pretty much a lie.'

Sometimes, it's difficult to tell whether someone is telling the truth or not. Numerous pawnshop operators reached for this story wouldn't comment, but Wilcek said he's aware his industry has a reputation for buying and selling stolen goods. He said most people don't realize all the regulations pawnshops adhere to.

Each night, Wilcek and all other pawnshop owners put everything they've bought and sold into a database for police. They log the items with as many descriptive characteristics as they can. For example with wedding bands, describing whether it's 14 karat gold or has an inscription. They also take the photograph and fingerprint of everyone who sells them something. Everything they buy is held for 30 days, and everything that's pawned is held for 60 days.

"I think every one of us pawnshop owners would like to get everybody that's stealing stuff caught," he said. "If they come to us, I want it to be known they're going to get caught. We take their photograph. We take their fingerprint. We take their signature. It's available to the police."

In most cases, dealing in stolen property cases tend to be easy cases for the police to solve, if they can find the stolen items in the pawnshop database.

"It's a little bit harder for the person to deny it's them when they have the thumb print on the form that it's them, which they have to do by law," Detective Batson said.

Lt. Ivings said the cases can be more difficult if victims aren't able to provide a detailed description of their stolen items, so he encourages everyone to take pictures of everything they deem valuable, whether for monetary or sentimental reasons, and document all serial numbers.

"Our success rate is only as good as the description given by the owner," he said.

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Source: thespruce.com, security specialist David Beaudrie

### PROTECTING YOUR HOME

□ Store lock boxes or safes in a hidden area of the house. The lowest level of the home is best to reduce the risk of heat damage from a fire. For Floridians with homes up north, the basement is recommended.

□ Keep all personal information (passports, financial statements, etc.) in a locked, fire proof safe or a safety deposit box.

□ Close curtains or blinds to prevent thieves from taking inventory of your personal belongings and seeing the home's layout.

□ Store ladders, tools and any other outside objects that can be used to assist in home entry in a locked shed or garage.

☐ Keep garage doors closed and locked. If garage doors have windows, put the garage door release cord away from those windows.

□ Replace worn keypad entry devices. After extensive use, the combination of numbers and letters could be visible, providing criminals with information that can be used to gain access to your home.

□ Change the home's entry device access code periodically to prevent wear.

□ Make sure the home's address is visible for police, firefighters and paramedics for easy identification of the home.

Don't post the family name on the mailbox or on the house.

☐ Don't talk about vacation plans in public areas, such as barber, beauty shop, shopping mall, car rental office and especially on social media.

Secure a wireless network at home. Computer access could allow cyber criminals easy access to confidential personal information.

□ Consider a home security system that deters thieves with noise or places an automatic call to the police.

□ Install proper outside lighting. Thieves may choose to bypass a well-lit home.

Set up strong exterior doors. Solid wood or metal provides stronger protection against break-ins.

□ Make sure your pet door isn't a point of entry for a thief. Install locks for them.

□ Before placing anything in the garbage, do the following: -Shred all papers.

-Destroy old computer hard drives.

-Break down all boxes for high value equipment. Brand names on boxes alert thieves to items inside the house.

Source: Nationwide Insurance

# LOCAL SPORTS

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Port Charlotte led 19-18 in the second and went into the break with a 28-22

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Tom Massolio said. "That's

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Port Charlotte used three

Bryce Cleveland 3-pointers

15 points and six rebounds.

line in the fourth quarter

to help seal the victory.

Romero ended his night

with a team-high 17 points.

For the Tarpons, Grant

had a game-high 22 points,

with 13 of them coming in

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Makai Reaves chipped in

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PORT CHARLOTTE 65, CHARLOTTE 59

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Alex Romero went 8-for-10 from the free-throw

in that second quarter. Cleveland finished with

them tonight. I'll put that

on my shoulders."

the ball well, but then

we went one-on-one all night," Charlotte coach

#### BOYS BASKETBALL: Port Charlotte 65, Charlotte 59

# Pirates take control of district with win over Tarpons

#### **By BRYAN LEVINE** SPORTS WRITER

PUNTA GORDA — The stakes were already pretty high during a Charlotte – Port Charlotte matchup for bragging rights alone, but the intensity was magnified Friday night with playoff implications on the line.

With a 65-59 victory over the Tarpons, the Pirates now have a fast track to the No. 1 seed and homecourt advantage in the upcoming District 7A-10 tournament.

"It was a hard-fought battle, and if you've been here long enough, you know we'll probably see each other again down the road," Port Charlotte coach Kip Rhoten said. "We'll keep fighting and clawing. It was a great atmosphere and a great game."

Port Charlotte led 43-42 with just under five minutes remaining in the game when Brandon Gainey hit back-to-back 3-pointers to give his team a seven-point lead, one they had to protect by making free throws.

"He's a big boy and can play above the rim, but he's also shooting almost 50 percent from three," Rhoten said. "I looked at the stats and I (told Gainey) he has a green light to let it fly. It certainly looks good



SUN PHOTO BY JENNIFER BRUNO

#### Port Charlotte's Alex Romero gets two of his team-high 17 points in a win over Charlotte Friday night.

when it's going in." Before Gainey's 3-pointers, the Tarpons had spent the previous eight minutes nearly erasing all of an 11-point deficit. Port Charlotte led 35-24 with 4:30 left in the third quarter, but it was withered down to one point with the help of Jayden Grant, who had a pair of steals and layups early in the fourth quarter to lead the rally. Charlotte started the

game with a 6-0 advantage, but within a quick 12-3 run, Port Charlotte took the lead and never gave it back. It was close for more

# GIRLS BASKETBALL: Charlotte 64, Port Charlotte 29 Charlotte answers early Port Charlotte run in big win

**By JOHN VITTAS** Sun Correspondent

PORT CHARLOTTE - Port Charlotte stunned Charlotte early, but tough Tarpons defense earned Charlotte a



"We have to work on our defense a little bit more, sliding our feet," Stephenson said. "We need to communicate more, know who is who. We have to share the basketball and make the extra pass." Sade Romain finished with 11 points to lead Port Charlotte. Henderson chipped in with seven while Alyssa Taylor tallied five points and seven rebounds. "We want to buy in defensively. That's the biggest area we've made growth," said Purcell. "Alyssa Taylor started to rebound tonight and she's starting to play. Offensively, we just stand still. That's a young team, but we have to move to get better shots.' Both teams have three games left in the regular season before districts begin.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL: Lemon Bay 75, Cape Coral 62



SUN PHOTO BY TIM KERN

Lemon Bay big man Hayden Wolff scores over the Cape Coral defense.

### Lemon Bay big men lead Mantas to win over Seahawks

#### By VINNIE PORTELL Sports Writer

ENGLEWOOD — Lemon Bay coach Sean Huber knew if his Manta Rays were to beat Cape Coral on Friday night, they'd have to give more effort in the paint.

After getting out-rebounded 40-28 in a 68-57 loss at Cape Coral High School on Dec. 15, Huber challenged his post players to make a bigger impact.

Led by a 12-rebound four-block performance from Hayden Wolff and seven rebounds from Tyler Caron, the Manta Rays (10-6, 4-4) followed through with a 75-62 district win on their home court.

'It was humungous for us," Huber said. "(Wolff) and Tyler (Caron) and Leon (Fleming), those guys are the core of what we do. They anchor the rim at the defensive end and they draw the attention on the offensive end. I think those extra rebounds were huge." With 6-foot-8 Seahawks center Bryan Markovich returning in limited playing time in his first game back from an ankle injury, the Manta Rays took advantage. Lemon Bay out-rebounded Cape Coral 15-11 in the first half and closed out the game with a six-rebound advantage. Cape Coral (11-6, 6-3) struggled to get its offense going without Markovich in the starting lineup, scoring nine points in the second quarter. The Seahawks finally got their offense rolling in the fourth quarter, scoring 27 points and pulling within 10 points for a brief moment before the Manta

Rays answered back with some clutch shots of their own.

With the Lemon Bay big men taking much of the focus of the Seahawks defenders, the guards were freed up to take their shots.

Luke Morrill led all scorers at the half with nine of his 15 points and Keegan Wyman scored nine points in the fourth quarter to squash any chance of a Cape Coral run, including hitting back-to-back 3-pointers.

"He made a couple great shots and he's put more time in the gym than everybody in this gym," Huber said of Wyman, who finished with a game-high 16 points. "He's a tireless worker and he deserves all the success he gets based on that hard work."

64-29 win in a competitive matchup Friday night.

Charlotte won the first meeting with the Pirates 75-23, but Port Charlotte showed improvement Friday, taking a 13-11 lead with two minutes to go in the first quarter on an Ashlyn Henderson layup.

"I thought we matched their intensity in the first quarter," Port Charlotte head coach Kevin Purcell said.

However, the Tarpons scored the next seven points, with a Lauren Jackson layup giving them the lead. Taylor Kirkus followed with a 3-pointer to open up an 18-13 Charlotte advantage.

"We came out flat," Charlotte head coach Matthew Stephenson said. "In a rivalry game, you got to have it. The other team is going to bring it, especially in their house. Once we

SUN PHOTO BY KAT GODINA

#### Charlotte's Taylor Kirkus dribbles to the baseline around Port Charlotte's Golda Verba during Friday's game.

were able to get the energy down, come up with a little bit of fight, we got a lead up."

The Tarpons put the game away in the second quarter, out-scoring Port Charlotte 25-9 while closing the half on a 12-1 run. The first 10 points of that run came within one minute of play. The Tarpons forced four turnovers during that run and 11 in that quarter alone.

"We just executed more and had some shots fall," said Stephenson. "We played some pretty good defense which helped get some points in transition. Going full court man (defense) is something we're trying to get used to doing."

Charlotte continued to flex its defensive muscles in the third quarter, holding the Pirates to just one point.

"I thought we lost our composure a little bit," Purcell said. "We didn't even get a field goal. That's ridiculous. I'm disappointed in that."

Kirkus led the way for the Tarpons, scoring 13 points while grabbing five rebounds. Alani Qualies added 11 points while freshman Bella Desjardins scored nine.

#### CHARLOTTE 64, PORT CHARLOTTE 29

Charlotte 18 25 9 12 – 64 Port Charlotte 13 9 1 6 – 29 Charlotte (64): Taylor Kirkus 13, Alani Qualies 11, Bella Desjardins 9, Vanessa Vicente 7, Matyson Moses 7, Lauren Jackson 6, Madison Burton 5, Yannis Rodriguez 4, Azuree Pascal 2. Totals: 21 (7) 15-27 64. Port Charlotte (29): Sade Romain 11, Ashlyn Henderson 7, Alyssa Taylor 5, Golda Verba 4, Bryana Taylor 2. Totals: 7 (3) 12-19. The Lemon Bay win splits the season series for the two teams, but Cape Coral coach Brandon Sensor said he's learned his lesson on how the Manta Ray big men can beat his team and will be ready if the two teams meet in districts.

"They killed us on the rebounds, they've got two tall guys who we didn't do a good job on and they were just hitting shots when we weren't," he said. "At the end of the day, we've got to get stops in the half court and we know what we've got to do if we see them again."

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### LEMON BAY 75, CAPE CORAL 62 Cape Coral 15 9 11 27 — 62 Lemon Bay 18 17 15 25 — 75

Cape Coral (62): Harwin Francois 15, James Gibson 14, Jonathan Moreno 13, Masson 9, Markovich 5, Smaller 4, Thomas 2. Totals: 24(6) 8-13 62.

Lemon Bay (75): Keegan Wyman 16, Luke Morrill 15, Huber 9, Reid 9, Yale 7, Wolff 6, Caron 6, Fleming 6. Totals: 27(5) 15-21 75.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL: North Port 72, Sarasota 63 Francavilla scores 35 against Sarasota in return

#### **By BRUCE ROBINS**

SUN CORRESPONDENT

NORTH PORT — Alexis Francavilla returned to the North Port lineup in a big way, with 35 points and 20 rebounds, as the Bobcats outlasted Sarasota 72-63 in a non-district girls basketball game Friday night.

The North Port senior, who was suspended for the past two games along with sophomore Emani Jefferson, dominated the shorter Sailors under the basket and keyed a fourth quarter scoring run after Sarasota had briefly taken its only lead of the contest.

"They knew our offense, they'd seen it on tape," North Port coach Dale Huffman said. "So we went in and drew up a 1-4 play that we hadn't even practiced. We just drew it on the board and the first four or five times (Francavilla) touched the ball, she got baskets on it."

The Bobcats opened up a quick eight-point lead in the first quarter, but the Sailors came back to close within a point before North Port took a 34-28 lead into the locker room at halftime. The Bobcats had defeated Sarasota 85-50 earlier in the season, but this time the Sailors put up much more of a fight.

"That was the Thanksgiving tournament. They've improved a lot since then," Huffman said. "Our problem was we started to make a run, go up seven or eight, and then come back and relax on defense or we'd make a couple of turnovers. But it was Emani and Frankie's first game back, so I'll take a "W" in that situation." The Sailors got to within one point three times in the third quarter, and North Port went into the fourth period clinging to a 52-49 lead. A 3-pointer by Julia Dobbert put Sarasota in front 56-55 with 5:40 to go, but the Bobcats got the ball to Francavilla for backto-back baskets, starting a 9-0 run that gave North Port a 64-56 advantage with 2:51 to play. Arvana Hough had

Aryana Hough had 17 points for North Port (16-4) while Jefferson added 11. Kelly Brown led the Sailors (11-7) with 22



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

#### North Port High's Emani Jefferson (5) dribbles past Sarasota High's Kelly Brown (15) Friday, at North Port High School.

points while Kate Meyer added 21.

 NORTH PORT 72, SARASOTA 63

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SARASOTA (63): Kelly Brown 22, Kate Meyer 21, Sophie Giardina 12, Dobbert 6, Revicki 1, Laguerre 1. Totals: 21(6), 15-23, 63. NORTH PORT (72): Alexis Francavilla 35, Aryana Hough 17, Emani Jefferson 11, Powell 6, Morales 2, Nazario 1. Totals: 27(0), 18-34, 72.

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# CARE Ball an event with history, relevance

#### **By RUSTY PRAY**

SUN CORRESPONDENT

It might seem odd to hold a social event in high regard. Fundraisers and balls come along regularly. They all support a worthy cause. Some stay for a while, some don't. But they all serve a good cause.

In the case of the C.A.R.E., there's a special meaning, one of persistence and purpose. It will celebrate its 30th anniversary when the doors open at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center on "Diamonds and Pearls." Not even Hurricane Charley in 2004 could stop the longest running social/fundraising event in Charlotte County.

The purpose is to support one of the county's most important and effective nonprofits. When it comes to victims of sexual assault or domestic abuse, there may be no more important number to call outside of 911 than the hotlines of C.A.R.E. — the Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies. C.A.R.E. is a tangible

line of defense and a true helping hand to those who have been harmed or have had enough of being harmed.

The ball annually "raises a significant amount of income," said Kelly Liscum, chairwoman of the C.A.R.E. Ball committee. "We carry a financial responsibility to make sure no client has to pay a penny for services. Someone can come in and get taken care of 100 percent. They will have nothing to worry about."

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"transportation, safety planning, hospital response counselors, civil legal services, and two certified counselor hot lines: one for domestic abuse (941-627-6000) and one for sexual assault (941-637-0404), operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Karen McElhaney, C.A.R.E.'s executive director, said in a press release.

"One of the most important things we do is training — teaching women how to be independent, how to get their own apartment," said Judith Harris, board president. "If we need to, we'll assist them finding a place and help them get into an apartment." McElhaney is in her

second year as executive

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director. She is the third in the 35-year history of C.A.R.E., following Kay Tvaroch and Nancy Lisby, a founding board member. is a night of fun and entertainment. The alone that John Wrig Gorda Chamber of Commerce, will brin

"It's a pretty special organization," Liscum said.

Keith Callaghan, senior director of development at Lee Health, and his wife, Christa, have attended the C.A.R.E. Ball for about the last six years.

"We feel it's important to offer these services to women who are going through difficult times," Christa said. "We feel it's important to support our community and are happy to contribute to such an amazing cause." The ball has a history,

and it serves a serious purpose, but it also entertainment. The fact alone that John Wright, president of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, will bring his wit to the podium as master of ceremonies ratchets up the entertainment value.

"We really try to do it bigger and better every year," Liscum said. "People have a fantastic time."

Last year, the ball drew about 600 to the event center. This year, "we're shooting for the largest attendance ever. We've planned a special presentation to highlight the anniversary. We think we'll reach 700 guests. Hopefully, we'll get as much attendance and raise as much awareness as possible."

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### **Friends of Wildlife**

The North Port Friends of Wildlife hosts a talk about sea turtles of the region at 6 p.m. Wednesday at North Port Library, 13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Carol Leonard, a member of Coastal Wildlife Club Turtle Patrol, will discuss monitoring nests in the area. She retired from Lemon Bay High School in 2001 and has degrees in zoology and marine science education. The discussion is free. For more information, call 941-876-3720 or visit www.north portfriendsofwildlife.org.

#### Church dinner

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding a Swiss steak dinner at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The donation is \$10 and tickets are on sale at the church at 4285 Wesley Lane, North Port.

### NOT PROP

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, January 23, 2017, at 6:00** <u>P.M.</u> or shortly thereafter, Ordinance No. 2018-04 will be read for first reading in the <u>City Chambers located</u> **at 4970** <u>City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida</u>, with the second and final reading to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2017 at 1:00 <u>P.M.</u> or shortly thereafter in the <u>City Chambers</u> <u>located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida</u>.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE NON-DISTRICT BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BY PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBITS A AND B; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

These meetings will be held in the North Port City Chambers, North Port Florida in public session on the date, time and location specified to consider the following Ordinance and proposed passage thereof:

The proposed Ordinances may be inspected by the public at the Municipal Building during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. All interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinances.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any decisions involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at these meetings upon which any appeal is to be based.

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Jan. 11 (a.m.): 1-Bill Murphy, Pat Denapoli; 2-Pearl Hull, Linda Vince; 3-Rick Lamanna, Janet Proudfoot. Jan. 11 (p.m.): (N/S) 1-Bill Vigneault, Diana Prince; 2-Fred Andreas, Tom Kinnear; 3-Marcia Lanphear, John Herrmann. (E/W) 1-Deb and Mike Scarlett; 2-Ruth Edwards, Bob Rancourt; 3-Louise Lanning, Marie Lelievre. Jan. 16: (N/S) 1-Bill Murphy, Rose Sword; 2-Rosalie Bourque, Barbara Witt; 3-Akemi Odamura, Marilyn Li. (E/W) 1-Linda Kramer, Gail Livingstone; 2-Sue Zlotocha, Bonnie Elliott; 3-Diana Prince, Randy Wentworth.

• Mahjong winners Jan. 11: Table 1: Doris Marlin, Toni Trezise; Table 2: Carole Drake, Gina Adamo; Table 3: Linda Chappell, Cindy Robertson. Jan. 16: Table 1: Bea Oram, Linda Kopp; Table 2: Linda Chappell, Merry Davine; Table 3: Cindy Robertson, Cindy Carroll; Table 4: Evelyn Kalmaer, Emily Hughes; Table 5: Rosalie Miller; Table 6: Ellanor Hill, Janice Gifford; Table 7: Irene Roach, Jerry Lee.



 Port Charlotte Cribbage Club 147 winners Jan. 17: Bob Sheehan, 16; John McPherson, 16; Tom Fiorini, 16; Joyce Betz, 15; Marilyn Gaudreau, 14.

#### Englewood Elks

• Trivia Game winners Jan. 17: 1-Phillies, \$139; 2-Eight Shades of Grey, \$46.

#### Kings Gate

 Wednesday Night Double Deck Pinochle winners Jan. 17: Paul Headrick, 1623; Lynn Davis, 1563; Arnold Polansky, 1498; Mike Boczylo, 1479. Joanne Proffitt, 1475. Friday Night Double Deck Pinochle winners Jan. 12: Ray Clementz, 1662; Gary Sblendorio, 1646; Kathy Garbowicz, 1487; Fred Smith 1482.

#### Kingsway **Country Club**

• Ladies Bridge winners Jan. 17: 1-Carol Fisher; 2-Linda Bellmore. • Partners Bridge winners

Jan. 15: 1-Harold Clark, 4600; 2-Cleta Clark, 4050; 3-Pinky, 3640; 4-Dee W., 3540. Jan. 17: 1-Dave Baker, Norma Block; 2-Jim and Gerrie McGee; 3-Ron and Dee Nutt.

#### Isles Yacht Club

• Scrabble winners Dec. 15: Mary Lou Coutts, 203; Pat Niles, 192; Liane Riley, 194. Dec. 22: Norm Goldman, 327; Liane Riley, 278, 194. Jan. 12: Mary Lou Coutts, 327, 325; Judith Howell, 313, 219.

#### Moose Lodge 2121 Port Charlotte VFW

• Euchre Card Game winners Jan. 11: John Farney, 90; Allan S. Weithman, 75; Linda Bollinger, 74; Bonnie M. Weithman, 74; Connie Day, 71; Jim Knott, 70.

#### PGI

 Duplicate Bridge Club winners Jan. 10: (N/S) 1-Elizabeth Hull, Maggie Carruther; 2-Mary Ann Baird, Bonnie Elliott; 3-Roz Smith, David Cooper. (E/W) 1-Pat Betts, Doug Brenner; 2-Sheryl Hershock, Bevery Nill; 3-Brenda Stanton, Marie Solvie. Jan. 12: (N/S) 1-Bette Jo Paluzzi, Astarte Geneaux: 2-Sallv Healv, Jovce Metz; 3-Ruth Edwards, Carol Buss. (E/W) 1-John Haist, Everett Dehn; 2-Mary Ann Baird, Tom Ohlgart; 3-Pat Denapoli, Bill Murphy. Jan. 15: (N/S) 1-Ted and Joan Walbourn; 2-Mike Breen, Bonnie Elliott; 3-Marilyn Grant, Lois Kenyon. (E/W) 1-Doug Brenner, Par Betts; 2-Pat Denapoli, Bill Murphy; 3-Gay Cable, Polly Engebrecht.

 PGICA Monday Night Duplicate Bridge winners Jan. 15: 1-Elaine Erickson, Dottie Poulin; 2-Lois Olsen, Chris Taylor; 3-Lila Jameson, Mid Noble.

#### Port Charlotte **Golf Course**

 Game Day winners Jan. 17: Bridge: 1-Judy Aljiboure; 2-Barbara Hargrove; 3-Anita Senko; 4-Doris Schmitendorf. Euchre: 1-Barbara Hadden; 2-Mary Ellen Rvder, Linda Wintheiser. Mah Jongg: 1-Ro Murphy, 1-Gretchen Stoughton. Dominoes: 1-Sharon Hall.

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• Bridge winners Jan. 17: Bill Marsh, 6050; Barbara Allore, 5910; Jane Caine, 4760; Dale Schneiderhan, 4550.

#### Riverwood

 Friday Night Riverwood Trivia Game winners Jan. 12: 1-Riverwood Rebels; 2-Sawgrass Sharks.

#### Twin Isles Country Club

 Duplicate Bridge winners Jan. 18: 1-(tie) Nancy Padgett, Joanne Ryder, Nancy Scheer, Katie Costello.

• Flight Bridge winners Jan. 15: 1-Nancy Padgett, Susan Baird; 2-Barbara Burnett, Shirley Carlson; 3-Pam Lawler, Joanne Ryder, 4-Katie Costello, Nancy Scheer; 5-Ruth Landau, Phyllis Weber.

 Sundowners Duplicate Jan. 17: 1-Nancy Padgett; 2-Marilyn Holder.

#### North Port Senior Center

 Bridge winners on Jan. 15: North/South — 1st: Cindy Garver and NancyMcGeady; 2nd: Sharon Redmond and Helen Jarvis; 3rd: (Tie) Diana Prince and Judy Foster and Doree and Rik Jimison; 5th: Alba Falconi and Martha Oliver. East/West — 1st: Marcia Lanphear and John Herrmann; 2nd: Plonia and Bill Dennee; 3rd: Al Shuki and Mike Tichy; 4th: Louise Lanning and Marie Lelievre; 5th: Carolyn Emerson and Barbara McDougall

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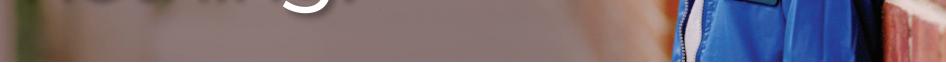


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# Alleged mall robbery caught on tape

PORT CHARLOTTE -New surveillance video appears to show two women stealing from a local Victoria's Secret, with thieves targeting the Port Charlotte Town Center store three times this month. It is unclear if the suspects from the three thefts are connected.

During the last two weeks, thieves have helped themselves to nearly \$2,500 worth of undergarments and other Victoria's Secret accessories.

The Jan. 7 video seems to show two women walking out of the store with more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise stuffed in their bags.

Stephanie Perez was inside the mall Thursday at the time of the latest robbery and witnessed an alleged thief take off with bags full of merchandise.

"I look over and there are people running, zipping through the jewelry store, through other stores, jumping up on stuff, getting down," Perez said.

Mall security and Charlotte County Sheriff's Office deputies chased after the suspect, but to no avail.

"I've never seen anything like it. It was kind of, a scene out of a movie," Perez said. "It was seriously something so shocking.

Perez said she would like to see increased security at the mall since the detectors never went off.

"I feel like there needs to be a way of instituting something else, because shoplifters are not being deterred by cameras and sensors anymore in 2018," she said.

WINK News asked Port Charlotte Town Center if they planned to increase security, but they refused to answer.

– WINK News

#### Traffic enforcement locations set

#### **POLICE BEAT**

ment at the following

Speed enforcement:

Road 771), Englewood.

Port Charlotte.

enforcement:

Englewood.

Charlotte.

• U.S. 41 and

• Harborview Road,

Traffic light/stop sign

South McCall Road

(State Road 776) and

Winchester Boulevard,

Harborview Road, Port

**The Charlotte County** 

following arrests:

Sheriff's Office reported the

block of Riverside Drive, Punta

Gorda. Charges: possession of a

controlled substance without a

• Ally Marie Hermance, 19,

26000 block of Parana Drive, Punta

Gorda. Charge: child abuse without

• Ashley Marie Smith, 31, 1400

block of Appin Drive, Punta Gorda.

vehicle, possession of a controlled

substance without a prescription,

possession of drug paraphernalia

and violation of probation (original

charges: possession of a controlled

substance without a prescription

and possession of drug parapher-

• Abelardo Magallanes-Diaz, 42, 2100 block of Conway Blvd.,

while license suspended — second

Port Charlotte. Charge: driving

• Debra Lynne Karasch, 53,

23100 block of Westchester Blvd.,

while license suspended — third

possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Kimberly Ann Wetherington,

Bond information not available

52, 2300 block of Beacon Drive,

• Phillip Michael Gebo, 30,

21200 block of Midway Blvd., Port

Port Charlotte. Charge: DUI. Bond:

Port Charlotte. Charges: driving

or subsequent offense and

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none.

nalia). Bond: none.

offense. Bond: none.

Charges: grand theft of motor

causing great bodily harm. Bond:

paraphernalia. Bond: none.

none.

prescription and possession of drug

Ashley Chanel Harris, 28, 6200

• Gasparilla Road (State

locations:

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.

— Beginning Monday, and possession of drug parapherthe Charlotte County nalia. Bond: \$5,000. Sheriff's Office will • Robert Brennan Deon, 45, increase traffic enforce-2400 block of Warren Ave., Port

Charlotte. Charge: convicted felon fails to register. Bond: none. • Damien Joseph Mosser Sr., 40,

3300 block of Pinetree St., Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: none.

 Camille Katomski, 53, 2500 block of Jeannin Drive, North Port. Charge: failure to appear (original charges: disorderly intoxication and resisting an officer). Bond: \$9,000.

 Rebecca Crystal Mullins, 23, homeless of North Port. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$7,500.

• Trent Mitchell Parris, 24, 2500 block of Hemet St., North Port. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Nicole Vera Bennoch, 29, 11300 block of Kimberly Ave., Englewood. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia and convicted felon fails to register. Bond: none.

• Thomas Phillip Woodbury, 58, 8400 block of Creekview Lane, Englewood. Charges: violation of an injunction and violation of probation (original charges: two counts of lewd or lascivious molestation of victim between 12 and 16 years of age by offender 18 years of age or older). Bond: none. • Ricardo Ramirez Castillo, 30, of Bradenton. Charge: operating motor vehicle without valid license. Bond: \$1,000.

• Bradley Marcus Rucker, 27, of Bonita Springs. Charge: violation of drivers license restrictions. Bond: none.

 Johnson Resilus Jr., 32, 25400 block of Arequipa Drive, Punta Gorda. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation (original charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia). Bond: none.

• Wilfredo Maldonado, 24, 17800 block of Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$5,000.

 Patrick James Amelio, 70, homeless of Port Charlotte. Charges: fail to register and fail to report name or residence change. Bond: none.

• Luis Alfredo Sarceno Jr., 27, 26300 block of Bridgewater Road, Punta Gorda. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and manufacture or delivery of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$7,500.

#### **The Punta Gorda Police** Department reported the following arrests:

 Brandon Justin Basit, 17, 2500 block of Luther Road, Punta Gorda. Charges: possession with intent to sell marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: He was released on recognizance of parents or guardian.

Angel Andres Gonzalez-San

Jose, 31, of Lehigh Acres. Charge: grand theft. Bond: \$5,000. • Matthew David Greenlaw, 38,

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2300 block of N.W. Haile Dean Road, Arcadia. Charge: out-ofcounty warrant. Bond: none.

 Jarrek Skyler Deephouse, 24, 3000 block of Amanda St., Punta Gorda. Charges: unlicensed carrying of concealed weapon or firearm, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: none.

— Compiled by Gary Roberts

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, **FLORIDA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 23, 2017, at 4:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter, Ordinance No. 2018-03 will be read for first reading in the City Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida, with the second and final reading to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter in the City Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BY PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNTS IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

These meetings will be held in the North Port City Chambers, North Port Florida in public session on the date, time and location specified to consider the following Ordinance and proposed passage thereof:

The proposed Ordinances may be inspected by the public at the Municipal Building during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. All interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinances.

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Charlotte, Charges: possession of CHARLOTTE COUNTY less than 20 grams of marijuana





#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT. FLORIDA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 23, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter, Ordinance No. 2018-02 will be read for first reading in the City Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida, with the second and final reading to be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. or shortly thereafter in the City Chambers located at 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, TO ADD NEW ARTICLE XI - CITY FACILITIES, SECTIONS 2601 TO 2-602, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR RESERVING MEETING ROOMS WITHIN CITY HALL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODING OF AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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#### OBITUARIES

#### CHARLOTTE **Frank Eberhardt**

Frank Eberhardt, 96, of Port Charlotte, Florida, passed peacefully at his



Hungary in 1921, his father died when Frank was 18 years old, leaving him to protect and provide for his mother and two sisters during World War II against, first the German Occupation, then the Russian Occupation. The stories Frank had could fill numerous books and captivate any audience. After WWII, he escaped to Austria, then moved to Paris, France, where he lived for three years. Frank was fluent in five languages and a skilled machinist who easily found work where ever he traveled. From Paris, he immigrated to Toronto, Canada, where he married his wife, also from Budapest. (Margit worked for British royalty in England as an upstairs maid and had stories of her own, witnessing Winston Churchill bark orders while in underwear and suspenders, smoking a cigar, to seeing Queen Elizabeth as a young teenager, always laughing, running, and playful in the backyard.) Frank secured a job with Ford Motor Company which brought him to America, and eventually landed a position with General Motors as a tool maker in Rochester, New York. While there, he started a winery in the 60s, called "Ebi's Champagne" where Frank, Margit, and Peter worked for the next 10 years.

In 1979, Frank and Peter started Eberhardt Enterprises, a tool and die corporation in Rochester which thrives to this day. Retiring from GM in the late 80s, Frank moved to Port Charlotte, his paradise and where h

that were to follow, was born with Down Syndrome. An organization close to Papa's heart is a performing arts group for individuals with special needs. Donations would be welcomed to: Artists Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 26766, Rochester, NY 14626 Donations may also be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 1344 University Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 21505 Augusta Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com extend condolences to the family.

Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, Port Charlotte.

#### Mary Alice Flewelling

Mary Alice Flewelling, 84, of Port Charlotte, Florida, formerly of Syracuse, New York, passed away Monday afternoon, Jan. 15, 2018, in Sarasota, Florida.

She was born in Syracuse, New York, to the late Anna and Frank A. Janosko.

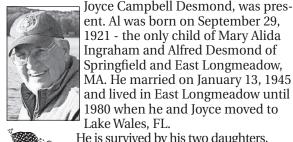
Mary moved to Rochester, New York, with her family as a child. Mary moved to Sarasota in 1960, where she met and married her husband, Gerry. She and "Gerr" soon moved to Port Charlotte where they built a beautiful home on the waterfront. Mary loved her family's annual picnics at Oscar Scherer Park. A more gentle and kind soul one could not meet.

Mary is survived by her sister, Joanne Gallenstein; brother, Robert Janosko, wife, Phyllis; and several nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Gerald Flewelling.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at St. Martha Catholic Church, 200 North Orange Ave.,

#### Alfred James Desmond

Alfred James Desmond, 96, passed peacefully on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Brookdale Assisted Living in Pt. Charlotte, FL. His wife of 73 years,



ent. Al was born on September 29, 1921 - the only child of Mary Alida Ingraham and Alfred Desmond of Springfield and East Longmeadow, MA. He married on January 13, 1945 and lived in East Longmeadow until 1980 when he and Joyce moved to Lake Wales, FL. He is survived by his two daughters,

Barbara Bennett of Cape Coral, FL, Donna Desmond Crafts (Tom) of North Port, FL and two grandchildren, Rebecca Lynn

Bennett of Wauconda, IL; Matthew Desmond Bennett (Rachel) of Pasadena, CA and former son-in-law, Richard L Bennett of Lehigh, FL. He is also survived by a step granddaughter, Trisha Crafts of Orlando, FL.

Al graduated from Tech High School in 1940 and entered the Marines Corps with training at Hilton Head, SC serving active duty in the 11th Defense Artillery in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. In 2010, at age 89, Al was very privileged to enjoy an Honor Flight trip to DC to visit the various war memorials. Al was the first police officer in East Longmeadow and retired in 1977 as a detective after serving 30 years on the police force. He loved dancing to the Big Band era music, fishing, sports and enjoyed coaching ELRA youth hockey and baseball. He was also very involved in the East Longmeadow Lion's Club including a term as president. He was the attendance officer for the public schools in East Longmeadow. Al will be missed by family and friends for his positive and fun-loving attitude and dedication to family. He was always eager to help others and made friends wherever he went with his outgoing personality.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home in Punta Gorda, FL on Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 10:30am to 11am with a memorial service to follow at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Tidewell Hospice in Pt. Charlotte, FL or to any personally favorite charity.

Mary is survived by her three daughters, Sharon (Harold) Strassner of Middlebury, Vermont, Judy (Granville) Morris of Port Charlotte and Mary Lou (David) Stricker of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, Kurt, Kristina, Melissa, Emily and David; and two great-grandchildren, Rylee and Mason. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, in 1996.

Burial will be at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Donations may be made in memory of Mary to either Tidewell Hospice or to the Edgewater United Methodist Church in Port Charlotte.

Please visit kays-ponger. om to leave the family your thoughts, memories and condolences on the online guestbook.

writing poetry, daily devotional readings and catching up with her sisters by phone. Kay was an avid sports fan and always ready for a "friendly" game of euchre

The family would like of the Comforter in central Florida, and all who lovingly cared for Kay in her final months.

Kay is survived by children, Matthew Dunlop and wife Kelly, of Pickerington, and Nicole Neswold and husband Michael, of Longwood, Florida; seven grandchildren. Christopher and fiancée Chelsie, Jefferson, Kendall, Cole, Reganne, Alaska and Kali; one brother, David Slieff and his wife Beverly of Greer, South Carolina; two sisters, Vivian Phalen and husband Jack of North Port, Florida, and Judy Kimball of Grand Blanc, Michigan; several nieces and nephews; and ex-husband, Sidney Massey and his wife, Erika. She was preceded in death by her exhusband, Bruce Dunlop; brothers, Berton and Roy Slieff; and sisters, Anita Huff and Roberta

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- Love, Mom

#### Caryona **Dorina** Plant

Caryona Dorina Plant, 97, of Middletown, Delaware, and former resident of Port Charlotte, Florida, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home, Port Charlotte Chapel.

#### Alan R. Semple Jr.

Alan R. "Al" Semple Jr. of Punta Gorda, Florida, formerly of Monroe,



Massachusetts, to Alan and Margaret Semple.

Al was a Korean war vet of the Navy. Al worked for the New England Power Company until he retired as Transmission Distribution Line Superintendent 1992. He and his wife Judy moved to Punta Gorda where he enjoyed his volunteer work in constructing artificial reef balls used in the Gulf of Mexico. Al also built the anchor displayed at the entrance to Punta Gorda Isles. Al was a patented inventor who loved flying helicopters and was a member of EEA chapter 565, and Warbird Squadron 24. Al was a Master Mason and a Shriner.

was preceded in death by her daughter, Charlene Bunt; and brother, Jim Wright.

Services will be private. Arrangements are by National Cremation Society of Port Charlotte.

#### **Katina Teague**

Katina Teague, 94, of Punta Gorda, Florida, peacefully passed away

life and into the hands of God on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, in Port Charlotte, Florida.

from this

Katina was born Nov. 12 1923, in Athens, Greece. She later married the love of her life in Athens and then immigrated to the United States. She was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Port Charlotte. She was a loving woman who loved life to the fullest and will forever be missed by all who loved and knew her.

Katina is survived by her loving family, two daughters, Nickie Doukas and Theodora Moritz of Punta Gorda; two stepsons, Thomas and Theodore Teague of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; a brother, Stellios Klapsaki of Greece; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Katina was preceded in death by her loving husband, Thomas Teague; her stepson; a sister; and three brothers. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, at Roberson Funeral Home, Port Charlotte Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 24411 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Gardens, Port Charlotte. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be may to the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church or to V.F.W. Post 1590, 23240 Freedom Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33980. Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to extend condolences to the family. Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home, Port Charlotte Chapel.

or bridge. Kay was a loving mother and friend and will be greatly missed. to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Hospice of Central Ohio, Hospice

and his wife lived out the rest of their lives.

We would like to send a special thank you to Frank's wonderful friends who gave their time to lovingly oversee Papa's care during his aging years, especially Maria and Ken. In addition, we are grateful to Granny Nannies of Port Charlotte for sending us the most compassionate Maria, who met his every need in these his final three months. We will be forever grateful.

Frank is survived by the pride and joy of his life, his only child, Peter; beloved daughter-in-law Suzanne; and adored grandsons, Race, Griffin and Maxwell; his loved nieces and nephews who reside in Hungary; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Margit Eberhardt.

Frank's very first grandchild, whom he thoroughly adored along with his two grandsons

Sarasota, FL 34236. Interment will be private.

#### Mary F. Binkley Loucks

Mary F. Binkley Loucks, 96, of Port Charlotte, Florida, passed away Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018.

She was born Sept. 30, 1921, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mary grew up in the Scranton, Pennsylvania area. After graduating from Business College in Scranton, Mary worked for the Spaulding Bakery as head secretary. She moved to this area from Middletown. Pennsylvania, after retiring in 1970 from Penn State, where she had a career as a secretary. Locally, Mary was a member of the Edgewater United Methodist Church and volunteered for many years at the Cultural Center, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity as well as at the former St. Joseph's Hospital.

#### Kay Beverly Massey

Kay Beverly (nee Slieff) Massey, 78, passed peacefully surrounded



was born in Groveland Township, Michigan, on July 18, 1939.

She resided in Flint and Fenton, Michigan, before retiring to Florida. Kay graduated as valedictorian of both Grand Blanc High School class of 1957 and Hurley Nursing School class of 1960. Enjoying a highly rewarding career, Kay was a pediatric nurse for Dr. Clark and Dr. Moran. At First Presbyterian Church, she was a deacon and a member of both the choir and bell choir. In retirement, she served as a Stephen's minister comforting those in need. She enjoyed bowling,

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Seely. Private burial was held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at Ortonville Cemetery. A memorial service for friends and family will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430. Pastor Robbie Carnes will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be sent to the Fenton First Presbyterian Church, 503 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430 in Kay's memory. Online condolences at www. spencefuneralhome.com.

"Big Al" will always be remembered and loved.

Al is survived by his wife 56 years, Judy; three sons; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at Masonic Lodge 115, 25349 Airport Road, Punta Gorda.

#### Laura M. Shenal

Laura M. Shenal (née Wright), 77, of Port Charlotte, Florida, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018.

She was born Jan. 7, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio.

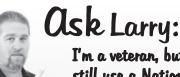
Laura and her husband, Bernie, moved to Port Charlotte in 1991 from Cleveland. She worked in retail. Laura loved gardening, decorating for Christmas and would not pass up a yard sale. She refurbished furniture and was creative, making vard art out of some of the treasures she found. Laura loved her family with all her heart.

She is greatly missed by her husband of 32 years, Bernie; daughter, Carlonna Gerber of Sheffield, Ohio; sons, Bill (Carol) Bunt of Lorain, Ohio, and Rick Bunt of Elyria, Ohio; brother, Jack Allen of California; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She

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#### William **Rudolph Dunn**

William Rudolph "Rudy" Dunn, 83, passed away on Wednesday,



He was born on Oct. 18, 1934, to Cleo and Eula Head

Dunn in Nocatee, Florida. Rudy was a lifetime

resident of DeSoto County. Rudy was of the Methodist faith and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia.

Rudy was a graduate of DeSoto High School, Class of 1953. After high school he joined the United States Army where he faithfully served our great nation for 32 years in the aviation field. He served as Squad Leader, Platoon Sargent, First Sargent and Sargent Major. He received a number of decorations with highest being Legion of Merit and Bronze Star.

After retirement from the Army, he went to school and received FAA Air and Powerplant license and a teaching certificate from Auburn University. Upon final retirement from teaching at the aviation school he moved back to Arcadia and married his highschool sweetheart, Doris "Ruth."

Rudy was a true Christian and never missed a chance to minister to others. He enjoyed visiting the sick and elderly, served as deacon for over 20 years and was a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and was in a quartet. His favorite pastime was playing golf and was so proud the day he got a hole-in-one!

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris "Ruth" Dunn of Arcadia; two brothers, Morris (Sylvia) Dunn of McAlpin, Florida, and Terry Dunn of Arcadia; sisters, Patricia Cochran of LaBelle, Florida, and Amaryllis

### WEEKLY RECORD

#### **Charlotte County** marriage licenses

 John David Borland of Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio, and Kathy Lynne Borland of Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio

• Wyatt Dylan Shackelford of Punta Gorda, and Jaimie Lynne Melo of Port Charlotte

• Jeannie Rae Lakes of Cape Coral, and Mordekhay Amsalem of Cape Coral • Mark Steven Zweig of North Port, and

Jana Carolette Jahn of Ruskin, Fla. • Keona David Ponce of Port Charlotte, and

Heather Carolann Millard of Port Charlotte Elizabeth Anne Sniffen of Port Charlotte,

and William Louis Vollert of Port Charlotte • Linda Mae Capps of Port Charlotte, and

Aaron Paul Schmidt of Port Charlotte Ethan Taylor Perry of Punta Gorda, and

Rebecca Mae Reed of Punta Gorda Chans John Collin Fisk of Port Charlotte,

and Lindsay Elizabeth Toy of Port Charlotte • Paige Marie Ohren of Placida, and Joshua James Hamon of Placida

 Alexander Jordan Lukasek of Port Charlotte, and Kathryn Patricia Bila of Port Charlotte

 Wesley Andrews Waldrop of Punta Gorda, and Megan Danielle Richardson of Punta Gorda

· Deven Richard Donah of Port Charlotte, and Angelica Skie Crowell of Port Charlotte

 Shelley Anne Forse of Punta Gorda, and Shaun Gregory Higgins of Port Charlotte

 Richard Edward Bailey of Port Charlotte, and Cynthia Suzanne Kruse of Port Charlotte

• Chad Michael Haxton of North Port, and Haley Marie Ferreira of Punta Gorda

• Richard Lee Bennett of Lehigh Acres, and

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Whittle Allen Jeffrey of Englewood • Katherine Marie Lanpher of Port

Charlotte, and Timothy Lee Boyer Jr. of

#### Port Charlotte

• Carmen Gloria Munoz of Punta Gorda, and Hector Luis Vazquez of Punta Gorda • Ivy Ann Wolven of Punta Gorda, and

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Kelli Bree Stockman of Port Charlotte Joseph Jerome Dincecco of North Port,

and Courtney Jean Burhans of North Port

#### Charlotte County divorces

Laurence V. Allen v. Patric Rivera Marrero

John E. Blocker v. Marlene K. Blocker

Theresa Barbara Dionne v. Tina Louise

Dionne

• Leigh Fleury v. Norm Fleury Harley David Jackson v. Emily Nicole Jackson

 Donna Marie Logan v. Kenneth Gregory Logan

 Joseph Carlo Pastrana v. Beatrice Olivia Pastrana







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Harrison of Ashford, Alabama: and sisterin-law Betty Brewer of Arcadia; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rudy was preceded in death by his first wife, Sonia Dunn; daughter, Michelle Dunn; and his parents.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia with the Rev. Louis Mabrey officiating. The service will conclude with presentation of military honors from the United States Army Honor Guard.

Online condolences can be made at pongerkaysgrady.com.

Arrangements are by Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Homes.

#### **ENGLEWOOD**

There were no deaths reported in Englewood Saturday.

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FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PRO-POSALS #18-01 PROJECT NAME: Plumbing Maintenance and Repair Services College Wide. RFP SUBMITTAL: Thursday, February 15, 2018, prior to 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, Florida SouthWestern State College, Attn: Lisa Tudor, Office of Financial Services, Sabal Hall Bldg O, Room 116A, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919. PHASE ONE SHORT LIST PUBLIC EVALUATION TEAM MEETING: Friday, February 23, 2018, 9:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at Florida SouthWestern State College, Office of Financial Services, Sabal Hall Bldg O, Room 105. Recommendation for intended award to be posted website at https://www.fsw.edu/procurement/bids on or about February 26, 2018. FSW is accepting proposals from commercial plumbing contractors interested in providing plumbing maintenance and repair services to the College All Vendors are required to carry a minimum of one million dollars of commercial general liability. Vendors interested in this project may obtain the RFP

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Port Charlotte Elks, Charity Bingo - Doors Open 12 Noon, Members & Guests, 1700 Tamiami Trail F3, Murdock, FL, 629-4545

SOA 2000, Son's Fry & Grill Day 1-5pm A large menu to choose from Relax & enjoy 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

North Port Moose, The playoffs will be on! Kitchen is open from 1 to 5 with pizza, wings, and beer specials! 14156 Tamiami trl NP Writers on the Air, 3:00

Common Grounds Meeting Hall, 12735 US-41 941-223-1262 Local poets and writers Sign up 2:30 Public Welcome FREE

#### MONDAY

Basic Exercise, \$3/class 9-10 AM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Join Brenda for a good workout & feel good.

Mahjonng, 9 AM-12:30 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Learn something new. Looking for more players.

Dementia Workshop, Feb. 3, 10-11am, Professional Speakers, NPCUCC, 3450 S. Biscayne, Is it Aging or Dementia?, Call Norma, 941-423-5608

Woodcarving Club, 12-3pm , VFW Post 8203, 4860 Trott Cir, North Port, FL 34287, 941-697-2002 meeting and carving -\$1

Duplicate Bridge, \$3/ person 12:30-4:30 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd Ella 429-8958 If you like bridge, bring a partner

#### **FISH of North Port,**

1:00pm, 3050 Pan American. Visitors welcome, volunteers needed. Call Tim, 323-3547.

The Community Calendar items are entered by the event organizers and are run "as submitted." To submit an item, go to www.yoursun. com, select an edition and click on the "Community Calendar" link on the left. Click "Submit Event," and fill out the appropriate information.

#### **ENGLEWOOD EVENTS**

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Annual Rummage Sale, Looking for treasures? We have housewares, small appliances, linens, clothing and must see items. Shop at the Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9 - 2 on Friday 1/26 and Saturday 1/27. \$5.00 Early Shopper admission on Friday from 9 - 11 AM. Light lunch available. For more info 445-1310.

#### **TODAY**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET,** 

Buffet Breakfast 8-11:30 am. Bar Bingo in the Lounge starts at 6:30pm. Am. Legion 113, 3436 Indiana Rd. Rotonda

Eagles Breakfast, \$7, 8:30-11:00 am, the Eagles, 250 Old Englewood Rd. 941-474-9802 Membership drive, open to the public

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Karaoke @ the Eagles, with Gil & Rhonda from 6-9 pm at the Eagles, 250 Old Englewood Rd, 941-474-9802. Member drive. Food available to 8 pm.

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History Park Open Air Market, Every Sunday History Park Open Air Market 9-1, 501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda 33950. Fresh produce, seafood, meats, breads, butters & Cheese. Also snacks, plants clothing, coffee, crafts & knife sharpening. Live Music and park tours Every Sunday @ History Park 941.391.4856

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Parade of Stars Dinner and Show, Italian Heritage Social Club dinner and two hour show. Singing, dancing, skits, a Don & Jo production. 118 Sullivan St, Punta Gorda, Saturday, January 27th, 6pm to 10pm. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, coffee, ice tea. BYOB \$15. RSVP Jo, 941-235-3303

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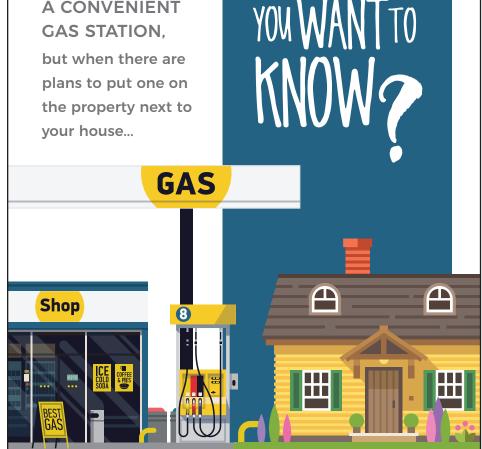
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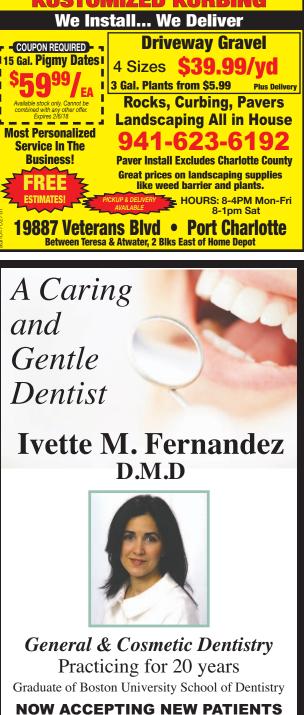
nder the beige boutique-style tent at Pioneer Park at 349 W. Dearborn St. in Englewood. circus-goers will find a princess dangling from her hair, a man spinning wildly inside of a wheel and much more during "The Great Mr. Swindle's Traveling Peculiarium" DISCOUNT ROCK and show. The 90-minute performance is filled with KUSTOMIZED KURBING world-renown acrobatics - some who live local-

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At left: Dulce Vital, who plays Princess Texcocan, swings by her hair Saturday diring the "The Great Mr. Swindle's Traveling Peculiarium" circus at Pioneer Park at 349 W. Dearborn St. in Englewood. Tickets can be purchased at www.mrswindles.com or by calling 1-888-718-4253. "The Great Mr. Swindle's Traveling Peculiarium" has a Facebook page for ticket sales too. Performances are 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. today, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday, and 7 p.m. on Tuesday.







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#### 1 killed, 5 hurt when Florida National Guard vehicles crash

SEBRING, Fla. (AP) - The Florida National Guard said one soldier has been killed and five others injured in a three vehicle collision.

The Guard said in a news release that the crash happened Friday near Sebring.

The release said the soldiers were driving palletized load systems - heavy cargo vehicles similar to tractor-trailers - when they collided. No civilian vehicles were involved.

The cause of the

collision is being investigated. Maj. Gen. Michael A Calhoun, the adjutant general of Florida, said in the statement that his heart goes out to the dead soldier's family.

#### More than 1K cold-stunned sea turtles found

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) -More than 1,000 sea turtles stunned by unusually cold weather have been rescued from waters off Florida's Panhandle.

U.S. Geological Survey sea turtle expert Margaret Lamont tells The Tampa Bay Times that cold-stunned sea

turtles began appearing in St. Joseph Bay in early January as freezing temperatures gripped the region.

Lamont said many of the stunned animals are juvenile green turtles, along with some Kemp's ridleys, one hawksbill and a few loggerheads. Kemp's and hawksbills are listed as endangered species.

When temperatures drop below 50 degrees the turtles become unable to swim or lift their heads above the water to breathe, and can drown.

So volunteers pluck the turtles from the water or shore, and send them to Gulf World Marine Park for rehabilitation.

Teen killed when boulder hits him in South Carolina

— Authorities in South Carolina said a teenager from Florida was killed when a boulder rolled down a hill and killed him while he was climbing near some falls.

Greenville County Senior Deputy Coroner Jeff Fowler said 18-yearold Jacob Bridges Acker of Neptune Beach, Florida, was hiking with a group beside Wildcat Branch Falls on Friday. The statement said while Acker attempted to climb next to the falls, a large boulder shifted, rolled





GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP)

down a hill and struck him.

It's believed the boulder weighed at least 1,000 pounds.

A statement from the coroner's office considered Acker's death an accident. The office and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office are investigating.

#### **Police: Murder** suspect may be tied to old slaying

DAYTONA BEACH. Fla. (AP) — Authorities in Florida said a woman arrested for killing and dismembering her ex-boyfriend may be linked to another, 10-year-old case.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that 67-year-old Nelci Tetley is a person of interest in the 2007 case of Michael Scot Louis, whose choppedup body was found in garbage bags along the Tomoka River.

Tetley was arrested Thursday and charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of 55-year-old Jeffrey Albertsman.

Daytona Beach police officers found Albertsman's body six months ago. He'd been shot in the head, and his arms and legs were missing.

Albertsman's arms and legs were found about 10 miles from where Louis' body was discovered a decade earlier. It was unclear if Tetley had retained legal counsel.

#### 2 high school students die in high-speed crash

SILVER SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Authorities said two teenagers died in a high-speed automobile

#### crash in north central Florida.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports that the two high school students, 16-yearold William Wetherington and 17-year-old Katherine Livengood, died in the crash on Friday at around 6 p.m. in Silver Springs.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Wetherington was driving a red 2001 Chrysler 300 when he failed to negotiate a curve and ran the vehicle off the road.

The car crashed into a large pine tree, badly damaging the car.

#### Autopsy: Roy Halladay had amphetamine. morphine in system

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP) — An autopsy report said retired star pitcher Roy Halladay had evidence of amphetamine, morphine and an insomnia drug in his system when he died in a small plane crash in Florida last year.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that an autopsy released Friday shows the former Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies All-Star died from blunt force trauma with drowning as a contributing factor when he crashed his personal plane into the Gulf of Mexico near New Port Richey on Nov. 7.

The National **Transportation Safety** Board hasn't identified a cause for the crash. A witness told investigators that Halladay's ICON A5 climbed to between 300 and 500 feet before it went into a 45-degree dive and slammed into the water.

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### Autos 4 The Needy puts the pedal to the metal for Charlotte County

#### Provided by THERESA SCHMIDT

A & E AUTOS 4 THE NEEDY

Autos 4 The Needy works, just ask Gary Ginkel. He received a 2000 Ford Windstar van through the organization in Dec. 2016. In just a year, Ginkel has been able to lease his own apartment and launch his own small business. An avid supporter, he can often be met at Autos 4 The Needy functions, where he shares the positive impact that the organization has had on his life.

Autos 4 The Needy wants to share more stories like Ginkel's but they need your help and your vehicle. A&E Auto Repair will supply the labor for needed repairs. Autos 4 The Needy partners such as Auto Plus, Advance Auto Parts and NAPA will supply most of the parts too — we just need the vehicles to repair.

Worthy recipients have already been identified and we can't wait to see the positive change that a vehicle will bring to their lives.

Offering hardworking members of the Charlotte County community a "hand up" also means ensuring it is not just a handout. Autos 4 the Needy not only subsidizes the cost of the vehicle, but they also require prepared budget plans, basic car maintenance classes and community service hours dedicated to local organizations in need of volunteers.

With a lack of public transit and limited job opportunities within walking distance of residential areas; Darlene and Marco Decinti of A&E Auto Repair saw a need in Charlotte County for access to reliable transportation.

"Aside from purchasing a home, owning a vehicle may be the largest investment that an individual makes. For many of our working families, who survive paycheck to paycheck, it is an investment that they often cannot afford. It was from that realization that Autos 4 The Needy was born," Darlene Decinti stated during the first Auto Dedication Ceremony. A&E Auto Repair sponsors the outreach work of Autos 4 The Needy by providing office space and supplies, as well as the mechanics, bays and tools needed to make donated vehicles roadworthy. A 100 percent donor supported and community driven nonprofit organization, Autos 4 The Needy's mission is to help individuals

# Possibilities, pitfalls of gene editing



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Gene editing technology is rapidly advancing, putting tools at the forefront of medical research.

### Bioethicist discusses four factors to know

FROM MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

Gene editing has captivated scientists and medical providers with tantalizing visions of wiping out debilitating inherited diseases. Could conditions like Huntington's disease, for example, be cured by using a tool that acts as a "molecular scissors" to remove and replace disease-causing DNA? Or, would gene editing tempt some to engineer designer babies palindromic repeats and CRISPRassociated protein. CRISPR-Cas9 has the potential to make gene editing faster, cheaper and more accurate, which could speed basic research studies and findings.

Although Mayo Clinic does not use gene editing as part of any treatment, it is studying the implications. Megan Allyse, Ph.D., a bioethicist who works with the Bioethics Program of the Mayo Clinic Center for Individualized Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, warns that, along with improvements in understanding of the genome, gene editing also poses ethical concerns. "It's important to have public conversations to understand the limitations of this new technology. What are best practices (for gene editing)? What are the implications? What are the misuses of technologies like this? How can we harness it to benefit patients? How do we prevent harming populations or increasing health disparities or side effects that are not acceptable?" Allyse said.

Allyse shares four key factors on why gene editing is still years away from medical practice:

• There's a lot we don't understand

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Auto Recipients Gary Ginkel and Bobbi-Sue Burton stand in front of Burton's 2002 Chevy Impala. with genes encoded for superior intelligence, beauty or athletic abilities?

Gene editing technology is rapidly advancing, putting tools at the forefront of medical research. One of the best known gene editing tools is CRISPR-Cas9, which stands for clustered regularly interspaced short

#### yet.

"CRISPR-Cas9 is a tool that works very well," Allyse said. "The problem is with us and how we use the tool. Technology can be used in many ways: It can be harmful or beneficial. We know so little about the human

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# Gene-editing breakthrough found to minimize hearing loss in mice could help humans

#### By DEBORAH NETBURN

Los Angeles Times

Scientists are one step closer to using CRISPR-Cas9 to cure some types of hearing loss.

In a paper published in Nature, researchers describe how they used the CRISPR-Cas9 complex to alter a faulty gene associated with a form of inherited, progressive hearing loss in the tiny ears of newborn mice.

Eight weeks after receiving

The authors of a paper published in Nature said that while the new work is promising, much more research needs to be done before they know if the same technique will work in humans.

the treatment, the mice were able to hear significantly better than their untreated peers.

Specifically, the treated mice could hear at the level of a quiet conversation, while the untreated mice could hear at the level of an old fashioned garbage disposal.

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"Sometimes the mouse model is a good approximation of how the human patient behaves and sometimes not," said David Liu, a professor in the department of chemistry and chemical biology at Harvard University who led the work.



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By editing a faulty gene, researchers were able to minimize hearing loss in mice with an inherited genetic condition. Eventually, the same approach could work in people, scientists say.

Still, he said there are reasons to be optimistic. In

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# Englewood Community Hospital is doing something right



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**B** Community Hospital is first rate. On the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Guide, for example, Englewood Community Hospital was one of only 832 hospitals nationwide to earn an "A" on its 2017 rankings, putting it in the top 31 percent of all U.S. hospitals and making it one of the safest hospitals in the country.

y any measure, Englewood

The Leapfrog Group, an independent, nonprofit hospital watchdog organization, graded 2,632 hospitals: 662 earned a B, 964 a C, 159 a D and 15 an F safety grade. The 13 graded hospitals in our area included facilities in Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Venice, Bradenton, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Lehigh Acres and of course, Englewood.

The only other A-graded hospitals were Doctors Hospital of Sarasota and Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

On the Medicare.gov Hospital Compare website, Sarasota Memorial and Doctors Hospital of Sarasota each received five stars. Englewood Community Hospital was the only one of the 11 remaining area hospitals to earn four-star

#### status.

A variety of criteria are used by both of those agencies in their analyses, including patient safety, return for admission within a month, infection rate, patient falls and others.

"At Englewood Community Hospital, the patient is at the forefront of everything we do to ensure our community receives the highest level of quality medical care and services," said President & CEO Valerie Powell-Stafford, MHSA (Master of Health Services Administration), FACHE (Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives).

"Every member of our team has made a commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for each patient through the use of evidence-based medicine, patient engagement, education and best practices to keep our patients safe," she said.

"Steps to Avoid Harm" one of the categories in the Leapfrog safety

# Feeling Fit Senior Circle program is now free

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#### **By RUSTY PRAY** FEELING FIT CORRESPONDENT

Senior Circle, Bayfront Health's popular health and wellness program for adults 50 and older, is going local.

The program that had a national affiliation with a paid membership has changed to a free program sponsored by local businesses, which will offer discounts.

Senior Circle has about 200 members from Charlotte County, including Englewood, and also from Arcadia. They used to pay \$15 a year to enjoy such amenities as price-discounts, physician-led education talks, social and fitness activities, health fairs and screenings, insurance counseling, free faxing and copying of important documents, support groups, group travel excursions, monthly luncheons and volunteer opportunities.

It's free from now on. "We want to get the older population in our community

connected and engaged," said Linda Howard, Bayfront marketing manager and adviser to the Senior Circle program. "The goal for me as the adviser, I understand the benefits of connecting people,

Senior Circle membership is free and open to anyone 50 and older. For more information, call 941-766-4399, email linda.howard@bayfronthealth.com or online at www.bayfrontcharlotte.com/ senior-circle-program.

people active in the community. That's my goal — making sure they connect with other people."

Connections were being made all over the place during one of those monthly luncheons, this one at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association. About 175 people attended, including Senior Circle members mingling with volunteers and community members being recruited as volunteers by the hospital.

"We're educating the community on why volunteering is good for health," said Heather Rozelle, also a Bayfront marketing manager. "Whether they volunteer for us or anywhere, it's good for them. It keeps them social, active."

As she was talking, Rozelle stopped to visit Arlene Burris of Deep Creek, a woman she's been trying to recruit as a volunteer. Burris, a retired administrative assistant, turned in her application at that moment, surprising Rozelle.



Arlene Burris of Deep Creek, a retired administrative assistant, turned in her application to volunteer at Bayfront during a recent luncheon.

"I'll do pretty much whatever they want," Burris said.

Domnick Pannozzo of Punta Gorda Isles has been volunteering for three or four years after spending a 40-year career as a psychological social worker, the last 12 at Bayfront's Riverside Behavioral.

"I'm on call 24-7," he said. "I don't have any specific times. When a patient is admitted to the psych facility under the Baker Act, which is an involuntary commitment, and the patient is considered incompetent, they can't approve their own psyche meds, so they can't be treated. They



FEELING FIT PHOTOS BY RUSTY PRAY

#### **Domnick Pannozzo of Punta Gorda** Isles has been volunteering for three or four years with Bayfront Health.

usually turn to family or friends to make them the guardian, or health-care surrogate. If there's no family involvement or the patient refuses to have family contact, they call me."

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#### SUPPORT GROUPS Charlotte Prostate Support Group meeting

The Charlotte Prostate Support Group will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Fawcett Hospital H2U facility in the Promenades Mall, 3115 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, next to the Sheriff's office. The speaker will be Dr. Gary Berger, M.D., a local urologist associated with 21st Century Oncology. Dr. Berger will speak on "Testosterone Therapy

and Prostate Cancer." A cancer diagnosis is not required for attendance ... many of our members have other prostate issues. We try to present an open, casual, environment to discuss any prostate concern. Women are cordially invited to attend and participate. Refreshments and room provided by Fawcett Memorial Hospital. Our next speaker, March 16, will be Dr. Eric Coronato, D.O. from Gulf Coast Urology. He will speak

on the use of MRI in diagnosing prostate cancer.

#### Lung cancer support group

The group meets on the fourth floor of the Medical Office Building on the Bayfront Health Campus, 713 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, at 2 p.m. There is no cost and no preregistration required.

Speaker schedule: • Feb. 13: Dr. Dakouny-Internal Medicine; • March 13: MEDSOL-

Clinical Research Center;

 April 10: Hospice; May 8: Denise

Leazenby-Respiratory Therapist;

• June 12: Open forum; For more information, call Irene 941-637-9575 or email icgarg@embarqmail. com.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

and family members who want to connect and share insight with others in similar situations. RSVP is not required to attend. For questions on groups and services through the Alzheimer's Association, please call 941-235-7470.

Port Charlotte area • 3 p.m. third Tuesday at South Port Square (Harbor Terrace), 23033 Westchester Blvd., Port Charlotte.

• 3 p.m. third Thursday at Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave., Port Charlotte.

Punta Gorda area • 3 p.m. third Monday at Life Care center, 450 Shreve St., Punta Gorda.

• 3 p.m. second Tuesday at Punta Gorda Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda.

Englewood area • 10:30 a.m. third Friday, Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 E.

#### Women's cancer support group

Celebrate Life women's cancer support group meets at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St., Punta Gorda. There typically is a speaker. Lunch at a Punta Gorda restaurant follows the meeting. Contact either Diane Mabye at 941-575-7746 or Sara Benson at 941-575-6765 to learn a little more about Celebrate Life.

#### Ostomy support meetings

The Charlotte County Ostomy Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in Port Charlotte. For more information and assistance, contact Jerry Downs at 941-629-7568 or Gloria Patmore at 941-627-9077.



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#### Alzheimer's Caregiver

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday every month at The Springs at South Biscayne, 6235 Hoffman St., North Port. Call 941-426-8349 to register.

#### Cancer support group

The First United Methodist Church offers a faith-based cancer support group to all adult cancer survivors and their caregivers. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at 507 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, in room 9. New participants are always welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of their cancer type, church affiliation or faith base. For more information on this and other ministries at First United Methodist Church, visit our website at www.whatis1st.com or call the church office at 941-639-3842.

#### Alzheimer's support groups

The Alzheimer's Association holds monthly caregiver support groups for spouses, adult children Dearborn St., Englewood

#### Amputee support group

The Amputee Support Group meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at the Life Care Center, Punta Gorda. Contact George Baum at 941-787-4151 for more information.

#### **Sex Addicts** Anonymous

Sex Addicts Anonymous is a 12-step support group for those who are struggling with sexual compulsion and/or emotional dependency. No dues or fees. The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Englewood and 7 p.m. in Port Charlotte. For more information, call 941-222-0539 or email saaenglewood@gmail. com.

#### Stroke support group

A stroke support group will be held at 1 p.m. on the last Friday of each month at Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Executive Dining Room, 21298 Olean Blvd., Port Charlotte.

#### Substance abuse support group

The Substance Abuse support group meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the Lifeworks Substance Abuse Services, 4678 Tamiami Trail, Suite 105, Port Charlotte. Contact George at 941-979-5023 for more information.

#### **Overeaters** anonymous

Overeating a problem? **Overeaters Anonymous** offers free meetings at 10 a.m. Thursdays at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 24515 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte. Call 941-626-8969 for more information.

#### **Port Charlotte** Pulmonary Hypertension & Pulmonary **Fibrosis** Support Group

The group meets from noon to 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at 2370 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. RSVP Linda Milo at 941-255-5043.

#### Food Addicts Anonymous

A 12-step program for those who wish to recover from food addiction. Group meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays, at First Alliance Church, 20444 Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte. For more information, call 941-380-6550.

#### Lung Matters

Lung Matters support group meets from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Call Port Charlotte Rehab Center for locations and more information at 941-235-8011.

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## Century after pandemic, science takes its best shot at flu

#### **By LAURAN NEERGAARD**

AP MEDICAL WRITER

The descriptions are haunting.

Some victims felt fine in the morning and were dead by night. Faces turned blue as patients coughed up blood. Stacked bodies outnumbered coffins.

A century after one of history's most catastrophic disease outbreaks, sci-

entists are rethinking how to guard against another super-flu like the 1918 influenza that killed tens of millions as it swept the globe.

There's no way to predict what strain of the shape-shifting flu virus could trigger another pandemic or, given

modern medical tools, how bad it might be.

But researchers hope they're finally closing in on stronger flu shots, ways to boost much-needed protection against ordinary winter influenza and guard against future pandemics at the same time.

"We have to do better

and by better, we mean a universal flu vaccine. A vaccine that is going to protect you against essentially all, or most, strains of flu," said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health.

Labs around the country are hunting for a super-shot that could eliminate the annual fall vaccination in favor of one every five years or 10 years,

or maybe, A century after eventually, one of history's a childhood immunimost catastrophic zation that disease could last for outbreaks, life. scientists are Fauci is rethinking how designating a universal to guard flu vaccine a against another top priority super-flu like the for NIH's 1918 influenza National that killed tens Institute of of millions Allergy and Infectious as it swept Diseases. the globe. Last summer, he brought

together more than 150 leading researchers to map a path. A few attempts are entering first-stage human safety testing.

Still, it's a tall order. Despite 100 years of science, the flu virus too often beats our best defenses because it constantly mutates.



Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, speaks during an interview in his office at the National Institutes of Health on Dec. 19.

Among the new strategies: Researchers are dissecting the cloak that disguises influenza as it sneaks past the immune system, and finding some rare targets that stay the same from strain to strain, year to year.

"We've made some serious inroads into understanding how we can better protect ourselves. Now we have to put that into fruition," said wellknown flu biologist Ian Wilson of The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California. The somber centennial

highlights the need.

Back then, there was no flu vaccine. It wouldn't arrive for decades. Today vaccination is the best protection, and Fauci never skips his. But at best, the seasonal vaccine is 60 percent effective. Protection



AP PHOTO

Biologist Jason Plyler prepares to test how immune cells react to possible flu vaccines at the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health, Dec. 19, in Bethesda, Maryland. A major push is under way in labs around the country to create a super-shot that could eliminate the annual fall vaccination in favor of one shot every five or 10 years or just maybe, eventually, a childhood immunization that could last for life.

dropped to 19 percent a few years ago when the vaccine didn't match an evolving virus.

If a never-before-seen flu strain erupts, it takes months to brew a new vaccine. Doses arrived too late for the last, fortunately mild, pandemic in 2009.

Lacking a better option, Fauci said the nation is "chasing" animal flu strains that might become the next human threat. Today's top concern is a lethal bird flu that jumped from poultry to more than 1,500 people in China since 2013. Last year it mutated, meaning millions of justin-case vaccine doses in



a U.S. stockpile no longer match.

The NIH's Dr. Jeffery Taubenberger calls the 1918 flu the mother of all pandemics.

He should know. While working as a pathologist for the military, he led the team that identified and reconstructed the extinct 1918 virus, using traces unearthed in autopsy samples from World War I soldiers and

Alaskan permafrost. That misnamed Spanish flu "made all the world a killing zone," wrote John M. Barry in "The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History."

from a victim buried in the

Historians think it started in Kansas in early 1918. By winter 1919, the virus had infected one-third of the global population and killed at least 50 million people, including 675,000 Americans. By comparison, the AIDS virus has claimed 35 million lives over four decades.

Three more flu pandemics have struck since, in 1957, 1968 and 2009, spreading widely but nowhere near as deadly. Taubenberger's research shows the family tree, each subsequent pandemic a result of flu viruses carried by birds or pigs mixing with 1918 flu genes.

This 100-year timeline

anything we've seen," capable of blocking multiple subtypes of flu, said Scripps' Wilson.

Scientists are trying different tricks to spur production of those antibodies.

In a lab at NIH's Vaccine Research Center, "we think taking the head off will solve the problem," Graham said. His team brews vaccine from the stems and attaches them to ball-shaped nanoparticles easily spotted by the immune system.

In New York, pioneering flu microbiologist Peter Palese at Mount Sinai's Icahn School of Medicine uses "chimeric" viruses - the hemagglutinin head comes from bird flu, the stem from common human flu viruses — to redirect the immune system.

"We have made the head so that the immune system really doesn't recognize it," Palese explained. GlaxoSmithKline and the Gates Foundation are funding initial safety tests.

In addition to working with Janssen Pharmaceuticals on a stem vaccine, Wilson's team also is exploring how to turn flu-fighting antibodies into an oral drug. "Say a pandemic came along and you didn't have time to make vaccine. You'd want something to block infection if possible," he said. NIH's Taubenberger is taking a completely different approach. He's brewing a vaccine cocktail that combines particles of four different hemagglutinins that in turn trigger protection against other related strains. Yet lingering mysteries hamper the research. Scientists now think people respond differently to vaccination based on their flu history. "Perhaps we recognize best the first flu we ever see," said NIH immunologist Adrian McDermott. The idea is that your immune system is imprinted with that first strain and may not respond as well to a vaccine against another. "The vision of the field is that ultimately if you get the really good universal flu vaccine, it's going to work best when you give it to a child," Fauci said. Still, no one knows the ultimate origin of that terrifying 1918 flu. But key to its lethality was bird-like hemagglutinin. That Chinese H7N9 bird flu "worries me a lot," Taubenberger said. "For a virus like influenza that is a master at adapting and mutating and evolving to meet new circumstances, it's crucially important to understand how these processes occur in nature. How does an avian virus become adapted to a mammal?" While scientists hunt those answers, "it's folly to predict" what a next pandemic might bring, Fauci said. "We just need to be prepared."

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of information about how the virus adapted to us and how we adapt to the new viruses, it teaches us that we can't keep designing vaccines based on the past," said Dr. Barney Graham, deputy director of NIH's Vaccine Research Center.

The new vaccine quest starts with two proteins, hemagglutinin and neuraminidase, that coat flu's surface. The "H" allows flu to latch onto respiratory cells and infect them. Afterward, the "N" helps the virus spread.

They also form the names of influenza A viruses, the most dangerous flu family. With 18 hemagglutinin varieties and 11 types of neuraminidase — most carried by birds - there are lots of potential combinations. That virulent 1918 virus was the H1N1 subtype; milder H1N1 strains still circulate. This winter H3N2, a descendent of the 1968 pandemic, is causing most of the misery.

Think of hemagglutinin as a miniature broccoli stalk. Its flower-like head attracts the immune system, which produces infection-blocking antibodies if the top is similar enough to a previous infection or that year's vaccination.

But that head also is where mutations pile up.

A turning point toward better vaccines was a 2009 discovery that, sometimes, people make a small number of antibodies that instead target spots on the hemagglutinin stem that don't mutate. Even better, "these antibodies were much broader than

### DNA-testing kit company to launch weight-loss study focused on diet, exercise and genes

"This is important because the

genetic variants that influence

BMI may not be the same as

those that influence weight loss."

— 23andMe

**By ETHAN BARON** The Mercury News

Does fitting into your jeans a matter of your genes?

One Bay Area company aims to provide answers.

Mountain View, California's 23andMe, which sells personal DNA-testing kits, has announced a large-scale study intended to uncover the genetic reasons why diet and exercise have different effects on different people.

The company said it will recruit for the study 100,000 of its customers who are overweight, but in otherwise good health. Scientists know lifestyle, environment and genetics all play a role in a person's weight, but how those influences work together is poorly understood,

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know?"

genome and how it

works. How can you

edit what you don't

One concern is that

gene editing won't work

the way we want it to.

Allyse points to a study

that found that embry-

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coded for disease with

healthy DNA. Instead,

the embryos reverted

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23andMe said. "We'd like to better understand the genetic, demographic, psychosocial and behavioral characteristics that predict weight loss success overall, and on different lifestyle interventions," said Liana Del Gobbo, 23andMe's lead scientist on the study. "This will help us begin to pave the way toward more personalized lifestyle recommendations."

The company, co-founded in 2006 by entrepreneur Anne Wojcicki, biologist Linda Avey and business executive Paul Cusenza, called the 100,000-participant size of its study "unprecedented" and said researchers would look into "the effectiveness of using different diets or exercise to lose weight."

Participants' complete

damage or unwanted side effects in another part of that gene.

"For example, some of the genes that have been associated with intelligence have also been associated with psychopathy," Allyse said. "Do we want to alter genetic intelligence only to risk creating psychotic problems in a different part of the genome? Is it worth the risk?"

### • Existing technologies may accomplish the same thing.

Researchers are studying whether gene editing could be used to remove defects in embryos to prevent genetically inherited diseases. Edits to the germline (inherited) portion of the genome would then affect all future descendants of that embryo.

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to diet and exercise.

Previous genet-

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focused on the body

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However, Allyse points out that we don't have to turn to gene editing to achieve that goal. Parents can have carrier screening to learn whether they have a disease-causing variant that could be passed to children. And, in vitro DNA tests can identify embryos with known genetic conditions. Parents have the option of using in vitro fertilization to implant only healthy embryos.

"For the most part, we already have the technology to do what gene editing seeks to accomplish," Allyse said. "We have a proven track record with existing technology. Why would we need to turn to the uncertainty of gene editing to do the same thing?"

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• Genetics is just one factor to consider.

Research has shown that environment, personal habits and how someone is raised tend to play a greater role than genetics in overall health and disease.

"People tend to overestimate that genetics is the be-all, end-all answer to everything," Allyse said. "With the exception of certain, clearly genetic conditions, research has shown that access to education, nutrition and immunizations may have a greater influence on a child's health and abilities than genetics." to the MIT Technology Review.

"They'll report back to the company about how often they have 'cravings,' whether they're stressed, and if they succeed in following the diets," according to the Technology Review. "The company thinks that people, on average, will have roughly the same results on all the plans. What it may be able to figure out, though, is whether there are genetic or personal reasons why some individuals will end up losing 40 pounds, and others gaining 10, no matter which advice they follow."

While 23andMe's DNA-testing kits are popular among consumers, they have also attracted criticism. "It is a mechanism

meant to be a front end for a massive

#### • Medical practice isn't ready for it.

Allyse said the closest clinical application of gene editing may be its use in gene therapy. Gene therapy is used to replace genetic deficiencies, such as when the body's enzymes or amino acids are not functioning properly. Gene editing may make gene therapy more effective by speeding up research and delivering replacement therapy to more precise locations within the genome.

Despite that, Allyse predicts that gene editing is still many years from becoming part of the mainstream medical practice, if it gets there at all."

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information-gathering operation against an unwitting public," New York University professor and science journalist Charles Seife wrote in Scientific American in 2013.

The company did not respond immediately to a request for an explanation about how it uses customers' data or whether it sells any of that data to third parties.

However, 23andMe has clearly conducted work in the public interest, including Parkinson's disease research in collaboration with the U.S. National Institutes of Health and South San Francisco's Genentech, which found 17 new genetic variants linked to the often devastating affliction, according to a paper published in the journal Nature in September.

the knowledge of how it will impact our overall health.

We don't have the mechanisms to understand. Medical practice and society are not yet ready for gene editing to become a part of routine clinical care," said Dr. Allyse.

Aside from gene editing, researchers and physician-scientists at Mayo Clinic Center for Individualized Medicine continue to seek ways to apply the latest genomic, molecular and clinical science to personalized care for every individual, so patients receive the exact care they need — when they need it — and to address unmet needs of the patient.





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## The logic behind the new blood pressure guidelines

#### **By TREVA LIND** The Spokesman-Review

If your last blood pressure check at

the doctor's office didn't raise concerns, new medical guidelines could change that in 2018.

The mark now considered to be high blood pressure is 130/80, compared with the previous 140/90, under new guidelines released in November by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology.

The shift likely will catch tens of millions of Americans by surprise because they previously got a pass from doctors, according to internal medicine physician Dawn DeWitt in Spokane. Many of the newly diagnosed likely won't go on medication but rather will be advised to make lifestyle changes, she said, such as lose weight, stop smoking, and exercise regularly.

"The logic behind the new guidelines is that the sooner high blood pressure is diagnosed and treated, the greater the chance of preventing problems," said DeWitt, associate dean of clinical education at Washington State University's Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.

"They released these new guidelines saying to some degree, all these heart attacks and strokes are, quote, preventable. It's saying if we treat hypertension better, we can prevent or delay many of these events, a lot of which are either severely debilitating or life-ending, so it's not a small thing."

The move also acknowledges that heart disease, strokes, and related conditions are generally a long-term process.

"It's not like your arteries are perfect one week and the next week, boom, you've got a heart attack," she said. "It takes time. Other than smoking, obesity and hypertension are the two biggest entwined factors for the general population."

About 85 million adults, or one in three, in the U.S. have high blood pressure, according to a project of the AHA and American Medical Association called Target BP. The 2015-launched initiative offers support while urging medical services and patients to prioritize blood pressure control.

The AHA defines high blood pressure,

The American Heart Association offers blood pressure information at its website, www.heart.org. It's also involved in an initiative called Target BP, www.targetbp.org. AHA offers some of the following guidelines. Your blood pressure is recorded as two numbers:

Systolic blood pressure (the upper number) — indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls when the heart beats.

Diastolic blood pressure (the lower number) — indicates how much pressure your blood is exerting against your artery walls while the heart is resting between beats.

Normal blood pressure is within the optimal range of less than 120/80. Elevated blood pressure is when readings are consistently ranging from 120-129 systolic and less than 80 diastolic.

Hypertension Stage 1 is when blood pressure is consistently ranging from 130-139 systolic or 80-89 diastolic. At this stage, doctors are likely to prescribe lifestyle changes and may consider adding blood pressure medication based on your risk of cardiovascular disease.

Hypertension Stage 2 is when blood pressure is consistently ranging at levels of 140/90 or higher. At this stage, doctors are likely to prescribe a combination of medications and lifestyle changes.

also known as hypertension, as being when the force of the blood flowing through your blood vessels is consistently too high. The body's tissues and organs need the oxygenated blood that the circulatory system caries.

When the heart beats, it creates pressure that pushes blood through a network of tube-shaped blood vessels, including arteries, veins and capillaries. This pressure - blood pressure - is the result of two forces. The first is systolic pressure occurring as blood pumps out of the heart and into the arteries. The second is diastolic pressure, created as the heart rests between heart beats, the AHA says.

These two forces are represented by the numbers in a blood pressure reading.

Obesity is a significant factor toward heart disease, and since the 1970s, rates within the U.S. population in overweight and obese categories have increased significantly, according to DeWitt. Generally, blood pressure increases as people gain weight.

"There's a general consensus that heart disease and strokes are basically the No. 1 killer of Americans, and that's gotten worse with the obesity epidemic."

The new blood pressure guidelines have both financial and psychological impacts, she said. The cost could be in lifestyle changes - paying to go to the doctor more, exercise classes, lifestyle coaching, gym memberships. Psychologically, some people who have never had a disease before suddenly are labeled as having hypertension, she said. "The implications of making that announcement are that overnight millions and millions more Americans would be classified as having hypertension," DeWitt said. And it could be considered a preexisting condition, "so in all the uncertainly with Republican health reform, if we went back to situation where people could be denied health insurance coverage for a preexisting condition, to have people labeled with hypertension when they weren't previously labeled, that's a big crunch."

Medical research and history since the 1960s regarding what constitutes high blood pressure is complicated, added DeWitt, although medical experts generally agree about its link to heart disease.

"It's a fascinating story because the evidence about blood pressure over the years has been up and down, shall we say, no pun intended," DeWitt said. "For few years, doctors sort of thought well anything that wasn't really high, so 160 over 90, wasn't too bad."

In the 1960s, doctors had only about two drugs available to treat high blood pressure, she said. Then studies in the 1980s and 90s brought intriguing evidence from some trials trial that lower blood pressure was good, but still, guidelines tended to go back and forth between 140/90 and 130/80.

Meanwhile, the number of medications available to treat hypertension increased, creating a more complicated landscape today, added DeWitt.

"Over half of adults require three or more medications to control blood pressure to 140 over 90," she said. "At that point, 50 to 60 percent of Americans are

### SUPPORT GROUPS

NAMI Support Group

NAMI Sarasota County is an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness and will be Group starting the fourth Monday, Jan. 22, at the Anchor House, 3555 Bobcat Village Center Road, North Port. Family Support Group offers a

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peer-led support group for adult family members and caregivers of individuals living with mental illness. The meetings are free and confidential. You are not alone. (Registration is not required.)

To learn more, visit the website at namisarasotacounty.org or call at 941-376-9361.







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rated as uncontrolled by their chart." Additionally, researchers also consider there's a significant amount of "white coat hypertension," DeWitt said, meaning when patients come into the doctor's office, they've experienced more stress about getting to the appointment on time, parking, doing paperwork and figuring out insurance, "so they get into doctor's office and their blood pressure is higher."

"It became pretty clear that ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, where somebody wears a monitor for 24 hours is more accurate in terms of predicting downstream complications of high blood pressure."

"We also decided home blood pressure monitoring was probably better than office blood pressure monitoring, but blood pressure cuffs aren't cheap. For lay people to use them, you generally need automated ones that aren't always accurate, so there are all kinds of factors. Are we measuring blood pressure correctly or are people walking around with lower blood pressure than we get in the office?"

Other contributing factors toward heart disease for some Americans are cholesterol and diabetes. Salt intake is somewhat controversial within the topic, she said. But for some people, reducing salt can make a difference in blood pressure.

"Smoking goes without saying," she said. "The next implications on the good side is that most people classified with hypertension, they have the option for treatment with lifestyle changes, lose a few pounds, increase exercise, decrease salt and junk food, stop smoking."



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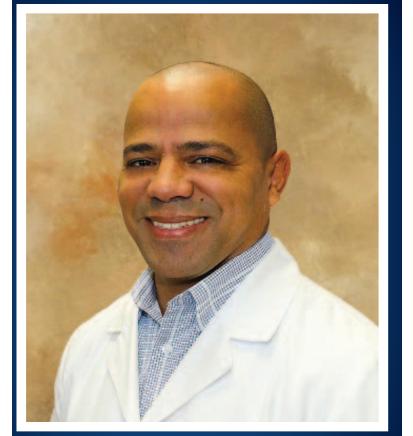
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#### **NEWS & NOTES**

#### Lee Health restricts visitation

As the incidence of flu cases continue to increase, Lee Health is temporarily restricting visitation of children age 12 and younger from visiting all units in hospitals across Lee Health, including Cape Coral Hospital, Gulf Coast Medical Center, HealthPark Medical Center, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Lee Memorial Hospital. This restriction will be in place until further notice. Compassionate care allowances will be made when necessary.

Lee Health also asks our community to:

• Get the flu vaccine, as well as the pneumococcal vaccine (a secondary illness);

• Practice good hand hygiene — wash hands often;

• Stay home when you are ill — especially do not visit the hospital if you have flu-like symptoms;

 Cover your cough and, if you use a tissue, dispose of it in a waste receptacle

If you experience signs and symptoms of flu, visit your primary care doctor, a Lee Health Convenient Care, walk-in or urgent care center — they are able to diagnose and treat flu. The signs and symptoms of flu include fever or feeling feverish/ chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache and fatigue. Some may experience vomiting and diarrhea, though that is more common in children. It is important to note, too, that not everyone with flu will have a fever. Seek treatment as soon as you experience symptoms, within 48 hours. Early treatment with antiviral medication may reduce the severity of the flu and may prevent serious flu-related complications.

#### Lee Health to provide health and

to become caregivers for this important ministry of hope and compassion to those affected by cancer in this community. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21, at 12:15 p.m. in room 109, at Gulf Cove United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Road (Gulf Cove area) in Port Charlotte, just <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile south of the Myakka River on Route 776. This meeting will answer questions and help you decide if this ministry is right for you.

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. The ministry is based on the outreach program Our Journey of Hope which was developed by the Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Fore more information, call 941-697-1747 or email GulfCoveUMC@ centurylink.net.

#### **Guardian Ad Litem** child advocate orientation

The Florida Guardian Ad Litem program supports volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned by the adults in their life. If you are interested in being a champion for the children in your community, attend a one-hour orientation at the GAL Family Service Center, 21450 Gilbralter Drive, Port Charlotte. Orientation will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 22. Open to all full-time residents at least 21 years of age with 8 to 10 hours monthly to volunteer on their own schedule with staff support and free training. For more information or to sign up for orientation call, 941-613-3233.

Jan. 22. The fees are \$10 for FRIENDS members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, call 941-637-3533 or visit www.lifelonglearningcharlotte.org.

#### Mobile food pantry

The Harry Chapin Mobile Food Pantry will continue to be in Punta Gorda on the 4th Thursday of each month until further notice, offering healthy foods for the needy. The next date is Jan. 25.

The mobile pantry, will be located in the Sacred Heart Church parking lot, 211 W. Charlotte Avenue, from approximately 10 a.m. to noon, or until the food runs out. Fresh produce and other healthy foods will be distributed. Recipients are asked to bring a bag or box to carry their food.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores quality food for distribution to families in need through a network of nonprofit agencies in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties. These agencies, including St. Vincent in Punta Gorda, provide food to thousands of people monthly.

St. Vincent is an international Catholic lay organization founded in 1833 to serve the poor, regardless of religious affiliation. It provides food, clothing, home furnishings, and financial assistance to individuals and families in need.

#### Integrative medicine, arthritis and bone health workshops with **Dr. Carrie Demers**

Dr. Demers, a board-certified internist, integrative medicine physician, and director of the Himalayan Institute Total Health Center. will be at The Yoga Sanctuary, 112 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda on Jan. 26 and Jan. 28 to lead two educational and enlightening workshops.

it can serve you. The second is an in-depth and integrative approach to arthritis and bone health. In addition to these workshops, Dr. Demers will be offering a number of private consultations. This is a great opportunity to address specific needs and health care questions. Contact the studio at 941-505-9642 or for more information, visit www.theyoga sanctuary.biz.

#### Service dogs for Veterans demonstration

American Legion Post 110, 3151 Harbor Blvd. Port Charlotte will host a service dogs for Veterans demonstration and music by Simply Sixties from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 28. Paws Assistance Dogs will be demonstrating the training of its service dogs and will also have some of their puppies present. After the demonstration stay and dance to Simply Sixties. Snacks, door prizes and raffles. Open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested. Proceeds to benefit the dog training program. For more information, call 941-549-5398.

#### **Blood drive**

The Florida Blood Centers will be collecting blood from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 28 at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda. There is a critical need

for all types of blood to help replenish the blood supply which was used during the holiday season. If supplies are not replenished it can lead to postponement of critical medical treatment so the blood center is pleading for all eligible and new donors to donate as soon as possible. For more information contact the church office at 941-639-0001 or by email office@bspconline.org.

#### NAMI program: 'Family-To-Family'

program for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness will be offered by NAMI Sarasota County at Anchor House, 3555 **Bobcat Village Center** Road, North Port. from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 2, and ending Friday, April 20. Registration is required at 941-376-9361 or visit www.namisarasotacounty. org.

The course is designed to help class members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions. Family-to-Family also offers skill-building workshops on problem-solving, communication and empathy.

#### 'Toast of Hope' Luncheon

Back Pack Angels is having there second annual "Toast Of Hope" luncheon, for the benefit of North Port Homeless/Needy Children at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 2 at Heron Creek Country Club, 3401 South Sumter Blvd., North Port. There will be live music, a guest speaker, lunch and a silent auction. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling 813-758-2805, or email owlsnest2011@ hotmail.com. The Back Pack Angels supplies the hygiene products to the children in need. For more information, call 941-888-2810.

#### 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.,



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#### sellness services at Babcock Ranch

Residents of Babcock Ranch, the nation's first solar city, will soon add physician offices and a state-of-the-art health and wellness center, staffed by experts from Lee Health. The Lee Health Board of Directors approved five-year lease agreements for more than 21,000 square feet of space in the Town Center to provide health care services including primary care physicians, rehabilitation services and health and wellness services to Babcock Ranch residents and the surrounding community.

In April, Lee Health plans to open health and wellness services including individual and group exercise, Pilates, massage, mind and body programs, as well as physical therapy. State-of-the-art equipment will include energy-efficient cardio and strength-training equipment; the facilities will also include a lap pool and multi-use half court for members. These services are expected to be available in April.

The community's first primary care and medical specialty services will open in the summer, provided by Lee Physician Group. Occupational and speech therapy services will be added as needed.

#### **Courage Over** Cancer

Courage Over Cancer is offering another opportunity for learning

#### Music therapy lecture

LLI will explore the benefits of music therapy with Dr. Edward Roth, professor and director of music therapy at Western Michigan University in Kalazamoo, Michigan, and Dr. Ramon Gil, local neurologist and vice chairman of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. Various neurological and movement disorders that have responded positively and remarkably to music therapy will be discussed and viewed in video clips.

What is Music Therapy? From the American Music Therapy Association website: "Music Therapy is an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals. Research in music therapy supports its effectiveness in many areas such as: overall physical rehabilitation and facilitating movement, increasing people's motivation to become engaged in their treatment, providing emotional support for clients and their families, and providing an outlet for expression of feelings."

This Lifelong Learning Institute Lecture will be held in meeting room O117 on the Charlotte Campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. A short "meet and greet" session will be held after the presentation, which begins at 4 p.m. on

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Colds and the flu often occur around the same time of year and both have similar, unpleasant symptoms. While it can be hard to differentiate between the two, it's important to distinguish the cause of your symptoms to determine the best course of treatment.

#### The common cold

The most common symptoms of a cold are within the respiratory system and include a stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, cough or chest discomfort. Treatment for these symptoms is available through over-the-counter medication designed to target the various symptoms. For example:

 Antihistamines can help control a running nose, sneezing and watery eyes.

• Decongestants relieve nasal and sinus congestion.

• Acetaminophen or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines reduce pain, fever and inflammation.

• Expectorants loosen mucus from the respiratory tract, alleviating chest congestion and discomfort.

The best way to treat a cold is to drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated, use over-the-counter medication and monitor for symptoms that last longer than five to seven days. If symptoms persist, your cold may have developed into an advanced respiratory illness in the form of an ear infection, sinus infection or bronchitis. If this occurs, you should seek treatment from your doctor.

"Distinguishing between a cold and the flu can be difficult because many of the symptoms overlap," said Thomas Noone, M.D., a family practice physician and member of the Medical Staff at Bayfront Health. "A fever is one of the most common differentiators, although not everyone with flu will have a fever. Getting to your doctor for testing within a few days of experiencing symptoms can help, as there are medications that can minimize the symptoms of flu when action is taken quickly."

#### The flu

While both a cold and the flu generally attack the respiratory system producing many or all of the same symptoms, flu can affect the entire body. Additional symptoms associated with flu include a fever between 100 F and 104 F, headache, body aches, fatigue, exhaustion and nausea.

• To confirm a diagnosis of flu, your

doctor will swab your nose or throat to test for the virus. Test results are usually available within 30 minutes. For the most accurate results, the test should be performed within four to five days of onset of symptoms. The tests are fairly accurate, and can give a positive diagnosis about 50-70 percent of the time. If the test indicates you don't have the flu, it's even more accurate, at a 90 percent to 95 percent rate.

• With a mild case, flu can be treated with rest, fluids and over-the-counter medication targeting the symptoms. If your case of flu is more severe, your doctor may prescribe antiviral medications. Anti-nausea medications help with stomach discomfort and vomiting while acetaminophen or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines reduce pain, fever and inflammation. Antiviral medications, such as Tamiflu or Relenza, shorten the duration of the flu and lessen the serious complications; however, antiviral medications work best when begun within 48 hours of getting sick. These medications are particularly important for children, the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic illnesses who are particularly vulnerable to catching and experiencing complications from the flu.

• As with a cold, if symptoms persist longer than three to five days, or become increasingly severe, see your doctor. The flu can develop into bronchitis or pneumonia, particularly in patients who are older or have compromised immune systems, and may require more intense medical treatment or even hospitalization.

"Flu can be particularly dangerous for infants, pregnant women, older persons or anyone with chronic medical conditions, so they need to be evaluated quickly to be considered for antiviral medication," said Noone. "Preventive measures such as getting a flu shot for everyone in the household, washing your hands and staying home when you are ill will help to reduce the spread of flu."

The best way to avoid contracting the flu is to get an annual flu shot. Unfortunately, there is no immunization against the cold, but washing your hands frequently, not touching your face with your hands, and avoiding contact with people who have a cold can be a strong defense.

For more information on the flu, visit the special flu section on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm. To find a primary care doctor visit the "Find a Doctor" link on the home page at www. BayfrontCharlotte.com.

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Englewood Community Hospital received the highest grade possible for effective leadership to prevent errors, staff working together to prevent errors, tracking and reducing risks to patients, having enough qualified nurses and hand-washing by staff.

Leapfrog scores hospitals on their commitment to principles set down by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Englewood Community Hospital met all standards for an antibiotic stewardship program that includes a leadership commitment, accountability, drug expertise, tracking, reporting and education.

Englewood Community Hospital scored high on "antibiotic stewardship" for using a Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) system to order medications for patients in the hospital, instead of writing out prescriptions by hand.

The hospital scored 100 percent on medication safety for, among other things, using a bar-code medication administration (BCMA) electronic scanning systems that intercepts medication errors at the point of

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To see the hospital's full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org. To learn more about Englewood Community Hospital, visit https:// englewoodcommhospital.com or call 941-475-6571.

administration. Using a special bar code on each patient's ID bracelet means hospital staff can scan a patient's bracelet and the bar code on the medication itself. Bar codes that don't match serve as a warning that the wrong medication could be given to the patient.

Leapfrog also looks into hospitals' effectiveness against C. diff (clostridium difficile (C. diff), a bacterium that can cause diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, and fever. Most C. diff cases occur in patients taking antibiotics, and fully killing the bacteria in an infected patient can be very difficult. C. diff can spread on contaminated equipment or by providers who fail to properly wash their hands between patients.

Leapfrog uses a standardized infection ratio (SIR) calculated by the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to compare the number of infections that actually happened at a hospital to the number of infections expected for the hospital, given various facility factors.

A number lower than one means fewer infections than expected, and the lower the number, the better the hospital performed. Englewood Community Hospital's SIR of 0.514 was well below

way to get the CRISPR system into the hair cells of a mouse's inner ear. She also had to make sure that the CRISPR complex disrupted only the bad the national average of 0.902.

"We are thrilled to have earned our 10th consecutive A grade for patient safety from the Leapfrog Group," said Powell-Stafford. "This reflects the collective commitment of our leadership, physicians, and staff to keep the patient first in everything we do."

"It takes consistent, unwavering dedication to patients to achieve the highest standards of patient safety. An A grade recognizes hospitals for this accomplishment," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of the Leapfrog Group. "We congratulate the clinicians, board, management and staff of Englewood Community Hospital for showing the country what it means to put patient safety first.'

To see the hospital's full grade, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www. hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook. To learn more about Englewood Community Hospital, visit https:// englewoodcommhospital. com or call 941-475-6571.

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have less off-target editing errors.

"That gave us hope," Liu said.

When Gao tried the experiment with the pre-made CRISPR gene editor, the number of off-target edits dropped significantly. Once these two hurdles were cleared, the team injected a cocktail of CRISPR and lipid bubbles into the inner ears of Beethoven mice and then tested the effects of the treatment. After eight weeks they found that the number of hair cells in treated Beethoven mice were almost indistinguishable from those in mice without the genetic mutation. Meanwhile, the inner ears of untreated Beethoven mice were almost completely devoid of the hair cells. The researchers also ran the mice through a suite of hearing tests. These showed unequivocally that Beethoven mice that had received the CRISPRlipid cocktail had indeed retained more of their hearing than those that did not. Fyodor Urnov, a molecular biologist at the Altius Institute for Biomedical Sciences in Seattle who was not involved in the work, said the new study provides an essential first step toward moving this type of approach nearer to the clinic. But in an essay accompanying the study, he cautioned that several more steps will need to be taken before we get there. For starters, Liu said this method will need to be tested in larger animals before clinical trials in humans can be considered. "Mice have been cured of many diseases," he said.

#### **BAYFRONT NEWS & NOTES**

Jan. 22: 2:30p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Quit Your Way. Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Conference Center, 2500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Quitting tobacco isn't easy. Finding help should be. Bayfront Health and Tobacco Free Florida offer free tools and services to help you get started. Free. Call 866-534-7909 to register.

Jan. 23: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Learn: Normal Aging versus the Onset of Dementia. Royal Palm Retirement Center, 2500 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. Worldwide, at least 44 million people are living with the disease. Learn the history of how the disease was discovered, the various stages and what to expect when visiting a doctor with concerns of dementia. Free. Lunch provided. RSVP required. Call 941-627-6762 to register.

#### Jan. 23: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Emotions of the Heart: Stress Management Class. Bayfront Health Wellness & Rehab Center, 733 E. Olympia Ave., Punta Gorda. Everyone experiences stress from time to time; however, excessive stress can take a toll on your health. Learn techniques to recognize, manage, overcome and cope. Free. Call 941-637-2450 to register.

Jan. 23: 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Breastfeeding Class. Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Conference Center, 2500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Taught by a Registered Nurse, this class will give expectant mothers important information to prepare for a successful breastfeeding experience. Free. Register at www. BayfrontHealthEvents.com.

#### Jan. 24: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Forever Bonds Breastfeeding Support Group. Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Conference Center, 2500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Led by an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant, this is an interactive group for new moms — and moms-to-be — to share and learn about breastfeeding. Free. Call 941-766-4414 to register.

Jan. 24: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Stroke Support reserve your seat.

**Group.** Bayfront Health Punta Gorda Medical Office Plaza, 4th Floor Conf. Room, 713 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. Have you or a loved one been affected by stroke? Find out what support and assistance is available to you and your family, and how others are coping. Free. Call 941-766-4231 for information.

Jan. 24: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. What Do You Have To Lose? Speaker: Geoffrey Roelant, M.D., General Surgeon. Bayfront Health Punta Gorda Medical Office Plaza, 713 E. Marion Ave., Ste. 131, Punta Gorda. If you're considering weight loss surgery, the best place to start is with the right information. Seminars are interactive and include a surgeon and members of our weight loss team. Throughout the seminar, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions, and in most cases, to receive immediate feedback. You are invited to bring a family member, friend, or other support person with you. Free. Register at www.BayfrontHealthEvents. com or call 941-766-4564 to schedule a free consultation.

Jan. 25: 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Top 10 Things to Do For Arthritis. Village Place Health and Rehabilitation Center, 2370 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Learn tips to help you cope and find solutions for relief. Free. Hors d'oeuvres provided. RSVP required. Call 941-204-8508 to register.

Jan. 26: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mended **Hearts Support Group Luncheon** and Discussion. Bayfront Health Port Charlotte, Conference Center, 2500 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Mended Hearts is a national and community-based nonprofit organization that provides support to those diagnosed with heart disease. Chapter 405 is right here in Charlotte County! Its members draw on personal experience as they offer peer-to-peer support. If you are a heart survivor or family caregiver, we would like to invite you to our special educational and support session. Free. Call 941-766-4686 to learn more and

same mutation leads to progressive hearing loss in both mice and humans.

Previous studies have shown that genetic factors are responsible for nearly half of all cases of deafness.

In addition, approximately 20 percent of genes associated with genetic deafness are dominantly inherited. That means that if you get one good copy of the gene from one parent and one bad copy from the other, it's the bad gene that will prevail.

In this study, the authors worked with a strain of mice known as the Beethoven strain, after the famous composer who suffered progressive hearing loss over the course of his life.

Beethoven mice have a single erroneous letter in a gene called TMC1 that causes the animals to gradually lose their hearing. The genetic defect affects the function of small hair cells in the inner ear that detect acoustic vibrations. As time goes on, most of the hair cells die off in mice — and people — with the genetic mutation.

To keep this from happening, the authors set out to use the CRISPR gene editing system to bind to and cut the faulty TMC1 gene, allowing the good copy to become dominant.

Xue Gao, a post-doctoral researcher in Liu's lab and the first author on the paper, faced two main challenges when she took on this work, Liu said. She had to figure out the best copy of TMC1 and left the good copy intact.

To get the CRISPR machinery into the cells, Gao turned to a method developed by Liu's lab in 2015 of using tiny lipid bubbles to encapsulate the CRISPR complex. The bubbles — Liu describes them as minuscule soap bubbles — are positively charged which allows them to bind with the cell membrane fairly easily.

Ensuring that the CRISPR system only altered the bad copy of TMC1 proved a little more challenging, however.

In Beethoven mice, and in humans with the same genetic defect, the two copies of the TMC1 gene differ by only one letter, or nucleotide. That makes the good copy an easy target for the gene editor.

Indeed, in early experiments in test tubes, the authors found that their CRISPR system didn't do a good job of picking out the bad gene over the good one.

"We were tempted to give up at that point," Liu said. "If you don't have a selective editing strategy, then you wind up damaging the healthy form of the gene. That would lead to hearing loss rather than preservation."

Once again, a previous study came to the rescue.

Scientists often insert instructions for building the CRISPR complex into cells, rather than inserting the complex itself, Liu explained. However, research has shown that if you deliver a pre-assembled CRISPR system into the cell, it tends to

# Safe and simple ways to increase your flexibility

#### **By GREGORY WHYTE**

CULTURAL CENTER OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY'S FITNESS CENTER

Whether in the world of sports or everyday living, the ability to move various parts of the body freely and completely is important. Without a reasonable degree of flexibility, the body performs movements inefficiently. It may also experience soreness and injury. You should not underestimate the significance of flexibility.

Although flexibility training provides many benefits, a benefit that is welcomed by many people is the positive effect that this type of training offers those with lower back problems. To prevent or manage lower back pain, stretching (flexibility) exercises should be performed regularly.

As you attempt to increase your flexibility, you should keep in mind that a purpose of flexibility training is to stretch the major muscle groups and joints of the body. In addition, when establishing your flexibility routine, make use of a system. You could, for instance, start at your head and work your way down to the feet. Using this or some other format will help you remember the exercises and prevent you from missing important parts of the body that should be exercised.

As to the frequency of your flexibility training, you should try to exercise at least three days per week. If your

exercises (flexibility routine) are simple and easy enough to perform, you could do them every day of the week. If your routine is strenuous, you should select one or two rest days when no exercises or non-strenuous ones only are done. Rest and relaxation periods may also be added throughout each session.

Visualization (creating a mental image of something real or imagined) is an important element that may be used to enhance your flexibility improvement efforts. The idea is to see in your mind's eye the exercise you are performing. Viewing the exercise in such a manner will help you perform it correctly and facilitate some degree of relaxation; especially when the exercise is held

for an extended period of time and deep, slow, rhythmic breathing are made use of.

Some people find that taking a warm bath or shower just before stretching makes the body more responsive to the exercises. In addition, using relaxation and proper breathing techniques while stretching seem to increase the positive effects of most flexibility exercises.

When performing flexibility exercises, you should avoid rapid, bouncy or jerky movements. The exercises should be done slowly and each should be held from 15 to 30 seconds. In addition, you should not confine your selection of flexibility exercises to those common and familiar ones. Seek exercises from other

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#### **Gregory Whyte assumes the** Unicorn Pose of Fusion One.

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# Meaning in the miles

#### **By RUSTY PRAY** Let's Go Correspondent

For Craig Smith, the 10th annual Hands Across the Harbor half-marathon will represent a triumphant return.

For Tonia Cunningham, the 13.1 miles will be a sentimental journey.

Smith is returning to the event after suffering a heart attack about hallway through last year's run. He was without a heartbeat for more than six minutes. He was revived and his life saved by local first responders. About a month later, the resilient retired Illinois state trooper finished the course. His wife, Pat and Betty Ridenour, who was running beside him when he collapsed, walked the final six miles with him.

Cunningham will be running in her fourth Hands Across the Harbor half-marathon since coming back from a series of arterial dissections in 2012. Arterial dissections are recognized as a common cause of stroke. Arm and leg motor weakness and vertigo are among the presenting symptoms, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Runners will be among an expected field of between 600 to 700 participants in the half-marathon, which will be held Saturday, Jan 27, starting at Bayshore Live Oak Park. The event, sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment agencies to celebrate and

#### IF YOU GO

Runners will be among an expected field of between 600 to 700 participants in the half-marathon, which will be held Saturday, Jan 27, starting at Bayshore Live Oak Park. The event, sponsored by the Charlotte Harbor and Punta Gorda Community Redevelopment agencies to celebrate and encourage partnerships across Charlotte Harbor, includes bike rides of three different lengths, a longboard race, a competitive 5K and a noncompetitive 5K run/walk. Registration is at 6 a.m. For more information, go to www.handsacrosstheharbor.org or call 941-764-4943.



Craig Smith and Betty Ridenour, his running partner when he collapsed, start their walk to finish the Hands Across the Harbor half-marathon.

encourage partnerships across Charlotte Harbor, includes bike rides of three different lengths, a longboard race, a competitive 5K and a noncompetitive 5K run/ walk. Registration is at 6 a.m.

"The whole purpose behind the event is to bring the two communities on either side of harbor together, and to appreciate the beautiful harbor we have while also promoting the environment and sustainability," said Kay Tracy, Charlotte County redevelopment coordinator. Smith and

Cunningham have purposes that go beyond a good, long run on a Saturday morning. "I'm going to finish





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#### Runners participate in the Hands Across the Harbor annual event.

again this year," said Smith, 62, a Deep Creek resident. "But this time I'm going to do it the right way. I'm going to start the same time as everybody else and finish with everybody else."

Smith is a veteran marathoner, and he has been training, putting in a bunch of miles a month running and walking. About a month ago, he ran a 10K at Babcock Ranch, where he and his wife will soon become residents.

But this will be his first half-marathon since he went down last Jan. 28 at the intersection of North Marion Court and Ponce de Leon Parkway in Punta Gorda Isles. "It will be 364 days since the last one, so it will provide a little closure, Smith said. "I've given quite a bit of thought to what I'll do when I reach the same spot. I will look down at the spot, but it will be just like any other part of the race.

"I have complete confidence I will finish this race without incident."

It took Cunningham two years to recover from the ccerebral arterial dissections, the result of an accident on a waterslide. A distance runner in her days at Port Charlotte and Charlotte high schools, the mother of four girls has gone on to compete in Ironman competitions.

"This will be my fourth time racing" in Hands Across the Harbor," the Punta Gorda resident said. "It's one of my favorite races, it's close to home and supports local environmental programs for our youth. The race is strung across Charlotte county's waterfront. It's gorgeous and peaceful to run.

"This was my second half-marathon after my accident, so it's very sentimental for me."

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But do you use that cash to buy the home free and clear? Or do you obtain a 4 percent mortgage and invest your own cash in the stock market where the DOW appreciated 25 percent in 2017? And where, according to the Motley Fool, the S&P 500 has appreciated an average of 10 percent annually over the past 100 years.

If you're bullish on the long-term performance of the stock market, the answer may seem clear. But there's a little-known, albeit huge, advantage to paying cash that may tilt your decision in that direction. It's asset-preservation.

According to asset protection attorney Wayne Milton, "There is no better form of asset protection than the Florida homestead exemption. The Florida Constitution states that homestead property in Florida is exempt from forced sale under process of any court. This means that judgment creditors cannot levy and execute on property that falls within the definition of a Florida homestead."

Wayne goes on to say "The homestead exemption is the highest form of asset protection because it is embodied in Florida's Constitution and statutes, and it has been rigorously and consistently upheld by the courts."

During the housing crash, great recession, and financial meltdow that spanned 2005 to 2011, I spoke with many customers and some friends who lost nearly everything due to foreclosures, deficiency judgments, and bankruptcies. It became obvious that financial ruin can strike anyone when hit by financial circumstances over which they have no control. It was during this period it came to light that Florida provides an amazing umbrella of asset protection to Florida residents who convert their assets into home equity on a homesteaded home in Florida. There is virtually no limit. Florida is a haven for the wealthy because Florida does not impose a state income tax. But often overlooked is the lure of asset protection to homesteaded residents. This may explain events like Roger Ailes purchasing a \$36 million home in Florida after losing his job and facing



#### Brett SLATTERY COLUMNIST

the prospect of multiple lawsuits.

There are two distinct definitions of what constitute a Florida homestead. Both refer to a home that is used by a Florida resident as the primary home.

Definition one is the common one. It refers to a primary home where the owner has verified through documentation to the county property appraiser that the home is his primary resident. The benefit is reduced property taxes. Definition two refers to the definition set forth in Article X, Section 4 of the Florida State Constitution. Patton's website states "Homestead protection attaches immediately upon the first day of occupancy of a property that is intended to be a permanent Florida homestead. The intent of the owner/occupier of the home is by far the most important factor in determining whether a property is a qualified Florida homestead."

This section provides a road map explaining the unique and extraordinary asset protection Florida provides to primary homeowners who shelter their assets via their homes. In general terms, it explains how to shelter your assets from lawsuits, civil judgments, bankruptcies, and much more. In fact, Milton asserts "There is no better form of asset protection than the Florida Homestead Exemption." Getting back to the discussion of whether you should pay cash or finance your home purchase, I recommend you include someone well versed in the huge, but widely unknown, benefits of Florida's homestead statues to protect your assets. For more details, browse to https://tinyurl. com/ya662rnt. Brett Slattery is broker/ owner of Brett Slattery Realty llc in Charlotte County. Brett responds to all questions and column suggestions, including those not printed due to space limitations. Reach him via 941-468-1430, Brett@BrettSlattery.com, or www.BrettSlattery.com.

### 1105 Kittiwake Drive, Venice



1105 Kittiwake Drive, Venice, Florida 34285 County: Sarasota Year Built: 2004 List Price: \$399,000 LP/SqFt: \$181.78 Garage/Carport: 2 car garage Beds: 3 Baths: 2 Sq Ft Heated: 2,195 Total Acreage: Up to 10,889 sq. ft. Pool: Community Location: In county Listing Agent/ Brokerage: Carole Fanelli (Century 21 Almar & Associates), 941-441-5671



### 5156 Sago Palm Road, North Port



List Price: \$279,900 LP/SqFt: \$116.24 Garage/Carport: 3 car garage Beds: 4 Baths: 3 lot Listing Agent/ Brokerage: Ellen McCarthy (Coldwell Banker Sunstar), 941-628-6954



### 3001 Curry Terrace, Port Charlotte

3001 Curry Terrace, Port Charlotte, Florida 33981

County: Charlotte Year Built: 2010 List Price: \$1,749,000 LP/SqFt: \$462.82 Garage/Carport: 3 car garage Beds: 4 Baths: 5 Sq Ft Heated: \$3,779 Total Acreage: ½-1 acre Pool: Private Location: Cul-de-sac Listing Agent/ Brokerage: Shellee Guinta (Coldwell Banker Sunstar), 941-586-8463



### New members join Englewood Area Board of Realtors

#### By KIM PARKS

BOARD OF REALTORS

The Englewood Area Board of Realtors recently held new member orientation. Nine new agents took the oath of Realtor. By becoming a

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The newest members of the Englewood Area Board of Realtors are, from left: (front) Dondi Davis, Tarpon Real Estate Inc.; Thad Gourley, Coldwell Banker Sunstar; Cathy Keyes, Tall Pines Realty; Lisa Pochowski, Tall Pines Realty; (back) EABOR president-elect Mark Spurgeon; Betsy Hollister, Keller Williams Realty Gold; Margaret Charlebois, Michael Saunders & Company; Bonnie Melreit, Keller Williams Realty Gold; Susan McCoy, Tropical Breeze Realty; and Karin Dubbs, Keller Williams Realty Gold.

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C278662         State         Vero         State         Vero         State         State <th< td=""><td>46390 Sold</td><td>19572 MIDWAY BLVD</td><td>33948</td><td>PORT CHARLOTTE</td><td>2117</td><td></td><td>Private</td><td>\$201,000</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>1987</td><td></td><td>New Conventional</td><td></td><td>94.43</td><td>1.0055</td></th<>	46390 Sold	19572 MIDWAY BLVD	33948	PORT CHARLOTTE	2117		Private	\$201,000	3	2	0	1987		New Conventional		94.43	1.0055
C724441         Sold         8043 RVESDE R         3982         PNIR1 ACRA         1944         2510000         2         2         0         505         Single Family Home         Mex Concentional         1/12/2018         1414           C731115         Sold         4704 HGHTOVER RD         3428         MORTH PORT         170         5224,000         Private         521,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family Home         Mex Concentional         1/12/2018         13139           C744623         Single Samily Home         All Cash         1/15/2018         1712/2018         15324           C744623         Single Samily Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         11524           C744935         Single Samily Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         11524           C744915         Single Samily Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         11524           C744915         Single Samily Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018         1172/2018	45239 Sold	1434 YORKSHIRE ST	33952	PORT CHARLOTTE	1508	\$199,900	Private	\$190,000	3	2	0	1981	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/16/2018	132.56	0.95048
C233125         Sold         S170 SABBINITER         3268         MORTH MORT         16/9         5224/900         None         S202000         Single Samily Home         All Cash         11/12/2018         133.95           5020149         Sold         202184, HMB00 R8UD #1621         33359         PUNTA GORDA         218         522,500         Single Samily Home         New Conventional         11/12/2018         155.94           C246805         Sold         S153 PLIASOR IN         33335         PUNTA GORDA         128         522,500         Single Samily Home         All Cash         11/12/2018         117.22           C246805         S003         S153 PLIASOR INTA SIGN         3335         PUNTA GORDA         134         522,500         Single Samily Home         All Cash         11/12/2018         117.22           C748405         S014         S395 SOUTA SIGN         334         S0400         Grommanity         524,000         None         522,000         3<2			33954	PORT CHARLOTTE	1929	\$210,000	None	\$200,000	4	2	0	1991	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/16/2018	108.86	0.95238
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C724620         Sold         S153 PLUGNE DEP         33883         PUNTA GORDA         213         S129 PLUGNE LDER         S139 PLUGNE LDER         33855         PUNTA GORDA         213         S12400         Nore         S222,000         3         2         0         1097         Single Family kome         III Clash         117,7018         112,71           C724591         Sold         3297 CEDNR RMPD SND         33955         PUNTA GORDA         124         S24,000         Nore         S20,000         2         0         1097         Single Family kome         AII Cash         117,7218         112,71           05211625         Sold         13242 APPLETON BUD         33981         PORT CHARLOTTE         213         249,000         Nore         S22,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family kome         AII Cash         117,2718         113,22           C724405         Sold         3799 MERON BUN         32980         PORT CHARLOTTE         252,9200         Amol         520,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family kome         AII Cash         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018         117,27018																	0.92105
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C724415         Sold         1839 SCARLETTAVE         3429         NORTH PORT         225         S25,4900         Community         S247,000         3         2         0         2002         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         113.29           C724405         Sold         3799 MERONIRUD         3429         NORTH PORT         1252         S25,990         Formunity         S22,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         113.29           NS914315         Sold         3479 MORMAWAR         3426         NORTH PORT         252         S26,900         Nome         S22,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         151.58           S918934         Sold         S24 & BUE HERON CR         34237         NORTH PORT         252         S20,000         Grout         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         131.4           C7244035         Sold         224 & BUE HERON CR         3325         PURTA GRADA         1755         S20,000         Grout         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         176.07           C724404																	0.96386
C724405         Sold         7799 MERONI BLVD         3421         NORTH PORT         225         S256,450         None         S252,000         3         2         0         2002         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         1713/2018           C7245052         Sold         24249 WSTGATE BLVD         33900         PORT (HARUTTE         1222         5294,900         None         5220,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         1705,000           Sp19139         Sold         2548 GAVTON AVE         3422         BUGEWOOD         166         S269,000         Community         520,000         3         2         0         2004         Single Family Home         New VA         1/12/2018         161,98           AH191201         Sold         729,100         Private         5280,000         3         2         0         2004         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         161,98           S0140         TV70 WALDEN CT         3422         BUGEWOOD         353         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         1702,018         1712/2018         1702,018         1712/2018         1712/2018         1712/2018 </td <td></td> <td>0.96901</td>																	0.96901
C725952         Sold         2424 WISTGATE BUVD         33980         PORT CHARLOTTE         1522         S259,900         Community         S252,000         3         2         0         2005         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         117.62           N591433         Sold         3479 MORAVIA NK         3423         NORTH PORT         229         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         115.58           Sold         25746 GRAYTON WK         3423         NORTH PORT         205         Single Samily Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         131.4           C724663         Sold         2644 SLILWATE CIR         33955         PUNTA GORDA         1755         Signop         Private         S280,000         3         2         0         2004         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         171.2018         172.7018 <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>,</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><b>,</b></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>0.98265</td>							,						<b>,</b>				0.98265
b591834         Suld         25748 GRAYTON AVE         34223         EMGLEWOOD         1636         5265.00         Community         5270.00         2         2         0         2014         Single Family Home         New VA         1/12/2018         161.98           AH191201         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         2014         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         101.98           V724493         Sold         707 WALDEN CT         34224         EMGLEWOOD         1655         5295.00         Private         5280.00         3         2         0         200         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         176.70           D592075         Sold         0368 HABBOUR WODDR         33983         PUINTA CORDA         2525         310.00         Private         530.00         Community         335.778         3<2         0         200         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018         172/2018 <t< td=""><td></td><td>24249 WESTGATE BLVD</td><td>33980</td><td>PORT CHARLOTTE</td><td>1522</td><td></td><td>Community</td><td></td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>2002</td><td></td><td>New Conventional</td><td></td><td>170.76</td><td>0.9696</td></t<>		24249 WESTGATE BLVD	33980	PORT CHARLOTTE	1522		Community		3	2	0	2002		New Conventional		170.76	0.9696
Ad191201       Sold       4234 BLUE HERON CIR       3428       NORTH PORT       2054       \$262,500       3       2       0       2004       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/1/2/018       181.4         C724647       Sold       26245 TLLWATER CIR       33955       PUNTA GORDA       1656       5295.000       Private       \$280.000       3       2       0       2004       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/1/2/018       181.4         N591347       Sold       3456 SUNEE KFY CIR AA       33955       PUNTA GORDA       255       \$31.000       Private       \$300.000       4       3       0       1993       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/1/2/2018       122.77         D592075       Sold       3716 GORDA       225       \$31.000       Private       \$337.500       3       2       0       2008       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/1/2/2018       122.77         D592075       Sold       15/16 LIBERTY ST       33948       PURT AGRDA       216       \$340.000       3       2       0       1999       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/1/2/2018       23.73         D5920547       Sold       15/4 LIBERTY ST       3398       PURTA GORDA	14313 Sold	3479 MORAVIA AVE	34286	NORTH PORT	2292	\$264,900	None	\$250,000	3	2	0	2005	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/16/2018	115.58	0.94375
Cr24e493         Sold         26244 STILLWATER CIR         33955         PUNTA GORDA         1965         S291,500         Private         S288,000         3         2         0         2001         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/1/1/2018         148.35           NS913447         Sold         1770 WALDEN CT         3422         ENGLEWOD         1665         S295,000         Private         S200,00         3         2         0         2004         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/17/2018         177.0							,		2	2	0	2014					1.01887
NS91347       Sold       1770 WALDEN CT       34224       ENGLEWOOD       1656       S295,000       Private       S280,000       3       2       0       2004       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/17/2018       178.14         7231445       Sold       3165 UNSET KEY CIR #A       33955       PUINTA GORDA       725       \$309,00       Private       \$307,00       4       3       0       1933       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/12/2018       112.71         0522275       Sold       297 TALQUIN CT       33948       PORT CHARLOTTE       1989       \$337,500       3       2       0       1989       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/12/2018       122.71         7247957       Sold       737 TALQUIN CT       33948       PORT CHARLOTTE       1989       \$337,500       2       0       1999       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/16/2018       223.2         7244957       Sold       7331 QUALL TER       3399       PORT CHARLOTTE       1899       \$337,500       2       0       1990       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/12/2018       223.2         7244955       Sold       9591 VINAT EBUD P407       33990       PORT CHARLOTTE       \$399,000																	0.97258
C7231445         Sold         3416 SUNSET KEY CIR #A         33955         PUNTA GORDA         1755         \$309,000         Community         \$297,000         3         2         0         2000         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         122.2718           D592075         Sold         1068 HARBOUR WOOD DR         33983         PUNTA GORDA         2255         \$310,000         Private         \$300,000         4         3         0         1993         Single Family Home         Dth Ortgage         1/12/2018         122.77           D5922778         Sold         17474 HUANCAY LN         33955         PUNTA GORDA         2161         \$340,000         Private         \$337,000         Private         \$337,000         3         2         0         2000         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         157.33           N5915311         Sold         2314 (JUAL TER         33981         PORT (HARLOTTE         1638         \$347,000         Private         \$337,000         3         2         0         2007         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         223.2           D520547         Sold         954 SAN RENO POINT DR         342.2         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018																	0.98799
D5920756         Sold         1068 HARBOUR WOOD DR         33983         PUNTA GORDA         2525         S310,000         Private         S300,000         4         3         0         1993         Single Family Home         2nd Mortgage         1/12/2018         122.77           D5922278         Sold         297 TALQUIN CT         34223         ENGLEWOOD         2006         \$335,178         Gommunity         \$335,178         3         2         0         2018         Single Family Home         Other         1/11/2018         162.71           C724567         Sold         31747         HUMA KORD N         33959         PUNTA GORDA         2161         \$340,000         Private         \$334,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         263.23           Sold         99 VIVANTE BLVD #407         33950         PUNTA GORDA         1698         \$379,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         223.2           D59205475         Sold         994 VIVANTE BLVD #407         33920         PUNTA GORDA         2295         399,000         3         2         1         1970         Single Family Home <td< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>0.94915</td></td<>																	0.94915
D5922278         Sold         297 TALQUIN CT         34223         ENGLEWOOD         2060         \$335,178         3 2         0         2018         Single Family Home         Other         1/11/2018         162.71           C724547         Sold         3516 LIBERTY ST         33948         PORT CHARLOTTE         1989         \$339,900         Private         \$337,500         3         2         0         1989         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         170.89           N5915311         Sold         2531 GUALL TER         33981         PORT CHARLOTTE         1683         \$347,900         Private         \$334,000         3         2         0         2007         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         223.2           D5920547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT DR         342.2         EVGLEWOD         335.90,00         None         \$375,000         3         2         1         1970         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/12/2018         223.2           D5920547         Sold         6851 CYPRESS GROVE CIR         33982         PUNTA GORDA         2397         \$399,000         Private         \$399,000         3         2         0         1991         Single Family Home										-							0.96117
C7245647         Sold         3516 LIBERTY ST         33948         PORT CHARLOTTE         1989         \$339,900         Private         \$337,500         3         2         0         1989         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         173.3           NS91531         Sold         17474 HUANCAY LN         33955         PUNTA GORDA         2161         \$340,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         173.3           NS915311         Sold         2531 QUALLTER         33981         PORT CHARLOTTE         1688         \$379,000         Community         \$375,000         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         202.32           S020547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT         33925         PUNTA GORDA         2397         \$399,000         Private         \$379,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         202.32           S010         1954 SAN REMO POINT         33925         PUNTA GORDA         2397         \$399,000         Private         \$399,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Fa										-							0.96774 1
C7247975         Sold         17474 HUANCAY LN         33955         PUNTA GORDA         2161         \$340,000         Private         \$340,000         3         2         0         2000         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         157.33           N5915311         Sold         2531 QUALLTER         33981         PORT CHARLOTTE         1683         \$347,900         Private         \$334,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         203.2           D5920547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT DR         3422         ENGLEWOD         1952         \$399,000         Neve         \$375,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         Nev Conventional         1/12/2018         203.2           D5920547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT DR         3392         PUNTA GORDA         237         S399,000         Neve         5399,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         Nev Conventional         1/12/2018         203.2           C7246270         Sold         1245 PARRIDGE DR         33950         PUNTA GORDA         207         \$499,000         3         2         0							,										ا 0.99294
NS915311         Sold         2531 QUAILTER         33981         PORT CHARLOTTE         168         \$34,900         Private         \$334,000         2         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/16/2018         202.3           C7244935         Sold         99 VIVANTE BLVD #407         33950         PUNTA GORDA         1698         \$379,000         None         \$375,000         3         2         0         2007         Condo         New Conventional         1/12/2018         223.2           D5920547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT DR         342.2         FNGEEWODD         192         \$379,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         203.3           C7246520         Sold         6951 CYPRESS GROVE CIR         3392         PUNTA GORDA         239         \$399,000         Private         \$399,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/15/2018         175/2018         175/2018         175/2018         175/2018         176/303         176/303         176/2018         176/303         176/303         176/2018         176/303         176/303         176/2018																	0.99294
C7244935       Sold       99 VIVANTE BLVD #407       33950       PUNTA 60RDA       1698       \$379,000       Community       \$375,000       3       2       1       1970       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/12/2018       2023.6         D5920547       Sold       1954 SAN REMO POINT DR       34223       ENGLEWOOD       1952       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1992       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/12/2018       2023.6         C7246505       Sold       29350 SAM WAY       33982       PUNTA GORDA       2294       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1991       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/12/2018       203.6         C7246305       Sold       29350 SAM WAY       33920       PUNTA GORDA       2037       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1990       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/12/2018       203.7         N5911558       Sold       2093 CHYNN AVE       34226       NORTH PORT       2027       \$409,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1997       Single Family Home       New Conventional																	0.96005
D5920547         Sold         1954 SAN REMO POINT DR         34223         ENGLEWOOD         1952         \$395,000         None         \$375,000         3         2         1         1970         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         202.36           C7246505         Sold         6851 CYPRESS GROVE CIR         33982         PUNTA GORDA         2397         \$399,000         Private         \$399,000         3         2         0         1992         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/11/2018         166.46           C7246305         Sold         29350 SAM WAY         33982         PUNTA GORDA         2037         \$399,000         Private         \$399,000         3         2         0         1990         Single Family Home         All Cash         1/15/2018         173.93           C7246270         Sold         1245 PARTRIDGE DR         33950         PUNTA GORDA         2037         \$399,000         74         \$399,000         3         2         0         1990         Single Family Home         New Conventional         1/12/2018         201.78           Sold         24236 PEPERCORN RD         33955         PUNTA GORDA         2173         \$425,000         7449,000         7444         5435,000																	0.98945
C7246560       Sold       6851 CYPRESS GROVE CIR       33982       PUNTA GORDA       2397       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1992       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/15/2018       173.93         C7246305       Sold       29350 SAM WAY       33982       PUNTA GORDA       2294       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1991       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/15/2018       173.93         C7246207       Sold       1245 PARTRIDGE DR       33950       PUNTA GORDA       2037       \$399,000       Private       \$399,000       3       2       0       1990       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/16/2018       196.32         N5911558       Sold       2093 CHYNN AVE       3428       NORTH PORT       2027       \$409,000       Private       \$439,000       3       2       0       1997       Single Family Home       New Conventional       1/12/2018       201.78         C7240905       Sold       24236 PEPERCORN RD       33955       PUNTA GORDA       2173       \$425,000       Private       \$435,000       3       2       0       1982       Single Family Home       All Cash       1/12/2018 <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>,</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>0.94937</td>							,										0.94937
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Status Ac		Zip Code	City	Sq. Ft.	Community	Price		FB	HB	Built	Pool	Property Style	Sold Terms	Sold Date	SP/SqFt	SP/LP Rati
	465 DARNELL AVE	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE	919	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 066	\$84,500	2	2	0	1975	Community	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/11/2018	\$91.95	1
	100 S MCCALL RD	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE		PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 95 02	\$102,900	2	2	0	1984	None	Condo	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$121.06	0.94
	00 LAKEVIEW PL	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,474	LONGLAKE ESTATES	\$123,000	2	2	0	1968	None	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$83.45	0.99
	OAKLAND HILLS PL	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,192	ROTONDA W OAKLAND HILLS	\$120,000	2	2	0	1986	None	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$100.67	0.92
2 SLD 45	5 PALM CREEK DR	34223	ENGLEWOOD	986	CREEK LANE SUB	\$135,000	2	2	0	1970	None	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/10/2018	\$136.92	1.01
1 SLD 13	74 BLUE HERON DR	34224	ENGLEWOOD	1,032	HOL MOB ESTATES 3RD ADD	\$130,000	2	2	0	1988	Community	Manuf/Mobile Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$125.97	0.93
8 SLD 52	7 FOXWOOD BLVD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,354	FOXWOOD	\$161,000	2	2	0	1984	Community	Condo	All Cash	1/8/2018	\$118.91	0.95
2 SLD 13	10 SEAHORSE LN	34224	ENGLEWOOD	1,152	HOLIDAY MOB ESTATES 2ND ADD	\$162,000	2	2	0	1974	Private	Manuf/Mobile Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$140.62	0.95
2 SLD 10	182 CASTANET AVE	34224	ENGLEWOOD	1,299	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 064	\$174,900	3	2	0	1986	None	Single Family Home	New FHA	1/11/2018	\$134.64	1
4 SLD 10	2 E WENTWORTH ST	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,073	RESTEINER HEIGHTS	\$177,500	2	1	0	1962	None	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/11/2018	\$165.42	0.99
0 SLD 26	8 WHITE MARSH LN	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,422	ROTONDA WEST WHITE MARSH	\$185,000	3	2	0	1998	None	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$130.10	0.93
8 SLD 7S	SPORTSMAN PL	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,683	ROTONDA WEST BROADMOOR	\$212,000	3	2	0	1992	Private	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/8/2018	\$125.97	0.97
7 SLD 27	'1 ANNAPOLIS LN	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,599	ROTONDA WEST OAKLAND HILLS	\$205,000	3	2	0	2010	None	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$128.21	0.94
5 SLD 10	0 PARK FOREST BLVD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,611	PARK FOREST PH 1	\$230,000	3	2	0	1988	Community	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/10/2018	\$142.77	0.96
9 SLD 13	242 APPLETON BLVD	33981	PORT CHARLOTTE	2,317	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 085	\$240,000	4	2	0	2007	None	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/11/2018	\$103.58	0.96
0 SLD 24	LONG MEADOW LN	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,836	ROTONDA WEST LONG MEADOW	\$235,000	3	2	0	1996	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$128.00	0.91
3 SLD 90	52 CARNATION AVE	34224	ENGLEWOOD	1,826	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 074	\$267,000	3	2	0	1993	Private	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/8/2018	\$146.22	1.01
4 SLD 25	748 GRAYTON AVE	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,636	KEYWAY PLACE	\$270,000	2	2	0	2014	Community	Single Family Home	New VA	1/12/2018	\$165.04	1.02
0 SLD 56	PINEHURST CT	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,743	ROTONDA WEST PINEHURST	\$250,000	3	2	1	2002	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$143.43	0.93
8 SLD 11	189 MCDERMOTT CT	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,632	BOCA ROYALE	\$274,232	2	2	0	2018	Community	Villa	All Cash	1/9/2018	\$168.03	1
1 SLD 10	520 AMBERJACK WAY	34224	ENGLEWOOD	2,003	HAMMOCKS-PRESERVE PH 9	\$265,000	3	2	0	2007	Community	Condo	Combination	1/10/2018	\$132.30	0.96
4 SLD 38	SPORTSMAN WAY	33947	ROTONDA WEST	1,977	ROTONDA WEST BROADMOOR	\$285,000	3	3	0	2005	Private	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/12/2018	\$144.16	0.95
8 SLD 99	08 SHELTERING SPUC ST	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,645	KEYWAY PLACE	\$328,490	2	2	0	2018	Community	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/10/2018	\$199.69	1
	7 TALOUIN CT	34223	ENGLEWOOD	2,060	PARK FOREST PHASE 6C	\$335,178	3	2	0	2018	Community	Single Family Home	Other	1/11/2018	\$162.71	1
	6 ISLAND CT	33947	ROTONDA WEST	2,357	ROTONDA HEIGHTS	\$337,500	3	2	0	2007	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$143.19	0.96
	54 SAN REMO POINT DR		ENGLEWOOD	1,952	OVERBROOK GARDENS	\$375,000	3	2	1	1970	None	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/12/2018	\$192.11	0.95
51 SLD 21	GOLF VIEW DR	34223	ENGLEWOOD	2,476	BOCA ROYALE	\$395,000	3	3	0	1979	Comm, Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$159.53	0.99
7 SLD 60	10 BOCA GR CSWY	33921	BOCA GRANDE	1,247	BOCA GRANDE NORTH	\$425,000	2	2	0	1986	Community	Condo	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$340.82	0.98
6 SLD 17	'00 GULF BLVD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	2,016	BAREFOOT BCH MANASOTA KEY	\$429,000	3	2	1	2005	Community	Condo	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$212.80	0.96
	49 ALLOWAY ST	34224	ENGLEWOOD	2,122	PORT CHARLOTTE SEC 62	\$435,000	3	2	0	1982	Private	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/11/2018	\$205.00	0.97
2 SLD 24	00 N BEACH RD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,046	BOARDWALK MANASOTA KEY	\$525,000	2	2	0	1984	Community	Condo	All Cash	1/8/2018	\$501.91	0.98
6 SLD 50	SOUTHWIND DR	34223	ENGLEWOOD	1,592	SOUTH WIND HARBOR	\$555,600	3	2	0	1959	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/9/2018	\$348.99	1.01
6 SLD 13	SAINT JOHN BLVD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	2,390	BOCA ROYALE GOLF COURSE	\$575,000	3	3	0	2007	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$240.59	0.94
9 SLD 26	O STRATFORD RD	34223	ENGLEWOOD	3,714	ENGLEWOOD GARDENS	\$614,000	5	4	0	1976	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	\$165.32	0.95
1 SLD 50	00 GASPARILLA RD	33921	<b>BOCA GRANDE</b>	1,270	BOCA GRANDE CLUB	\$732,500	2	2	0	1980	Community	Condo	New Conventional	1/10/2018	\$576.77	0.96
1 SLD 50	MEREDITH DR Unit#2	34223	ENGLEWOOD	2,100	PALMS/MANASOTA KEY CONDO	\$762,000	3	2	1	2007	Community	Condo	New Conventional	1/12/2018	\$362.86	0.98
	00 GASPARILLA RD	33921	BOCA GRANDE	1,540		\$1,150,000	4	3	0	1989	Community	Single Family Home	New Private	1/12/2018	\$746.75	0.98
	00 GASPARILLA RD	33921	BOCA GRANDE	2,448		\$1,800,000	3	3	0	1989	Community	Condo	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$735.29	0.9
	1 TARPON AVE	33921	BOCA GRANDE	1,273		\$2,125,000	2	2	Õ	1940	Private	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	\$1,669.29	1.01
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ML#	Status	Address	Subdivision Name	Sq. Ft.	Pool	Price	BE	FB	HB	Built	Property Style	Sold Terms	Sold Date	SP/SqFt	SP/LP Ratio
A4199450	Sold	116 OBERLIN RD	South Venice		None	\$145,000	2	2	0	1979	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/10/2018	156.25	0.94771
A4204545	Sold	409 AZURE RD	South Venice		None	\$147,000	2	2	0	1973	Single Family Home	New FHA	1/12/2018	156.22	1.01449
N5915283	Sold	1611 E CYPRESS POINT DR	Jacaranda West Country Club		None	\$189,000	2	2	0	1978	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/9/2018	138.36	0.90431
N5915195	Sold	372 CENTER RD	Venice Gardens	(	Community	\$195,000	3	1	1	1963	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	131.58	0.90698

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## 6 New Year's resolutions for new homeowners

#### By BETH BUCZYNSKI NerdWallet

We all make New Year's resolutions, but let's be honest: Most are wishful thinking. By February, that "lose 20 pounds" or "learn Spanish" resolution has gone right out the window. But not for you, new

homeowner. This year is different.

Your first 12 months of homeownership set the tone for the entire journey. With just a few smart decisions, you can save money now and get more out of your investment later.

So make room on that list between "run a 5K" and "travel more." Here are six essential New Year's resolutions for new homeowners.

#### 1. Start an emergency fund

Homeownership has a funny way of costing more than you think. An emergency savings fund provides a financial safety net, and your new home is the perfect reason to start one.

Remember, if the furnace quits on a cold night, there's no landlord to call. Laid off unexpectedly or surprised by major car repairs? Mortgage payments are still expected on time and in full. Without an emergency fund, these expenses could force you into credit card debt or worse.

Ideally, your emergency fund should cover several months of expenses, but it's OK to start small. Set aside a portion of every paycheck with the goal of saving \$500 as quickly as possible, and then contribute as much as you can moving forward.

#### 2. Take a closer look at your homeowners insurance

Just because a standard



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A "Sold" sign is displayed in the yard of a newly-constructed home in the Briar Chapel community in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. With just a few smart decisions, such as creating an emergency fund and getting an energy efficiency audit, you can get your homeownership off to a positive start.

homeowners insurance policy satisfied your lender doesn't mean you're adequately covered.

"Homeowners insurance isn't one-size-fits-all. There are unique coverage options and, more importantly, 'exclusions' that homeowners need to be aware of," says Ryan Andrew, president of The Andrew Agency, an independent insurance agency in Richmond, Virginia.

Does your policy cover the full cost of your jewelry or other valuables? Are disasters like earthquakes and floods excluded? Will the policy pay if your dog bites the new mailman?

"Your home is usually your biggest asset," Andrew says. "Spend a few minutes reviewing your coverage and exclusions, and ask questions so you understand your policy."

### 3. Get an energy efficiency audit

Heating, cooling and powering a home isn't cheap. Why be uncomfortable or spend more because your house wastes energy? After the dust settles, you may notice more about your home, particularly if you bought

new construction, says Jessie Ferguson, director of operations at Renewablue, a home energy consulting company. Maybe the air smells funny or one bedroom is colder than the others. She recommends getting an energy efficiency audit rather than guessing at the problem.

Using blower door tests and infrared cameras, energy audits measure air leaks and detect air infiltration or missing insulation. Audits are performed by utility companies, city governments and some contractors.

"An energy audit is an inexpensive way to get real information about your house. They'll tell you which fixes will deliver the best bang for your buck," Ferguson says.

In addition to lowering your utility bills and making you more comfortable, a more efficient home may end up putting free money in your pocket, thanks to local, state and federal rebates.

### 4. Consider a home warranty

If the appliances in your new home are near the end of their life cycles, a home warranty may help shield you from the cost of replacement.

Also called home service contracts, home warranties are annual agreements that offset the repair or replacement cost of major home components and appliances.

Approach home warranty companies with caution, however. Read customer reviews and avoid gimmicks that seem too good to be true. Like insurance policies, home warranties are full of fine print, and homeowners often fail to realize what's excluded until they try to make a claim.

"They can be helpful in the first year of homeownership, when you have so many other things to think about and pay for," Ferguson says of home warranties. "Just make sure you know exactly what you're getting." a spreadsheet.

No matter which method you choose, a home inventory is the best way to make sure you have enough insurance coverage to replace your valuables, Andrew says.

Store the inventory, along with copies of your personal identification, credit card information, vehicle records and other important documents, in a fireproof safe or another place that's easily accessible if you have to evacuate.

### 6. Make a plan to build equity

Unless you bought your home with cash, it will be many years until you own it outright. Make plans now to build equity faster so you can unlock more benefits of homeownership even sooner.

Equity is a fancy word for "how much of your house is paid off." Home equity is a valuable asset; accrue enough and you can use it to finance major renovations or pay off student loans. You can build equity slowly just by making your monthly mortgage payments, or you can find ways to speed up the process. For example, take on smart home improvements or switch to biweekly payments to get "equity rich" even faster. This article originally appeared on the personal finance website NerdWallet. Beth Buczynski is a writer at NerdWallet. Email: bbuczynski@ *nerdwallet.com. Twitter:* @bethbuczynski.





### 5. Create a disaster kit with a home inventory

Your new home is your castle, but it's not indestructible. A disaster kit that includes financial documents and a home inventory will speed up recovery if the unthinkable happens.

A home inventory can be as simple as snapping pictures of big-ticket items in your home, or you could record items, brands, original prices, ages and condition in

It's a good idea to have a fireproof safe to store important documents in the event of a disaster.

### **AREA PROPERTY TRANSFERS CONTINUED**

ML#	Status	Address	Subdivision Name	Sq. Ft. Pool	Price	BE	FB	HB	Built	Property Style	Sold Terms	Sold Date	SP/SqFt	SP/LP Ratio
A4202519	Sold	3180 INDRA RD	South Venice	Private	\$207,000	3	2	0	1979	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/12/2018	120.91	0.95392
D5920629	Sold	1116 ROSEDALE RD	South Venice	Private	\$220,000	2	2	0	1985	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	150.38	0.9205
N5914356	Sold	553 LA GORCE DR	Venice Gardens	Community	\$226,500	2	2	0	1965	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/10/2018	128.11	0.9477
N5914590	Sold	1261 FLAMINGO RD	South Venice	None	\$247,400	3	2	0	2003	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/12/2018	163.41	0.9896
N5913061	Sold	1396 CLUBVIEW CT	Waterford	Community	\$254,250	2	2	0	1996	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	129.26	0.94552
A4197957	Sold	209 MATISSE CIR N	Sorrento East	None	\$255,437	3	2	0	1984	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/8/2018	118.48	0.9126
N5914915	Sold	1210 LAUREL PINES CIR	Laurel Pines	Private	\$259,000	3	2	0	1993	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/8/2018	152.98	1
N5914839	Sold	1209 LUCAYA AVE	Pinebrook South	Comm, Private	\$262,000	3	2	0	1980	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/8/2018	157.64	0.97073
N5913818	Sold	656 LAKESCENE DR	The Lakes Of Jacaranda	Community	\$294,000	3	2	0	2004	Single Family Home	New VA	1/12/2018	147.15	0.94231
D5921518	Sold	5831 WILSON RD	Gulf View Estates	Private	\$303,000	3	2	0	1999	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/12/2018	144.15	0.97773
A4203073	Sold	10469 CROOKED CREEK DR	Sarasota National	Community	\$305,000	2	2	0	2015	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/11/2018	192.92	0.95313
N5915120	Sold	1368 BERKSHIRE CT	Berkshire Place	Private	\$315,000	2	2	0	1996	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/11/2018	160.88	0.95745
N5915885	Sold	1647 STILL RIVER DRIVE	Grand Palm	Community	\$336,927	3	2	0	2017	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/11/2018	185.94	1
N5913970	Sold	335 WILD PINE WAY	Venice Golf & Country Club	Private	\$345,000	4	2	1	2000	Single Family Home	All Cash	1/10/2018	125.5	0.93268
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A4198903	Sold	251 SEA ANCHOR DR	Southbay Yacht & Racquet Club	Comm, Private	\$480,000	3	2	0	1978	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/8/2018	222.43	0.96872
A4184175	Sold	3945 WAYPOINT AVE	Not Applicable	None	\$560,096	3	3	1	2017	Single Family Home	New Conventional	1/11/2018	246.2	1
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# **Rotonda West 'Jersey Girls'** becomes a new, fun club

#### **By DAVID PULASKI**

Special to the Sun

ROTONDA WEST ----The newly formed Jersey Girls Club held a potluck dinner Jan. 12 at the Rotonda West Community Center.

The group's motto is "We Just Wanna Have Fun!" It meets from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the recreation center. They have planned monthly events, such as bingo, trivia night, shows either at Visani Comedy Club or Beyond The Sea, movie night, a trip to the Hard Rock Casino, and others fun plans. The club welcomes transplants from New

Jersey, and others who have "just driven through New Jersey." Currently, there are members from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and the members would like more states represented.

The next meeting will be 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at the community center, 646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West. For more information, call one of the four founding members of the club, Claudette Romano at 941-697-9766, Susan Kiray at 941-681-2001, Susan Superak at 941-697-5564 or Linda Bondeson at 941-214-8658.



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Carol Sprague gives meaning to "having fun."





Claudett Romano attempts to bring the first organizational meeting to some semblance of order.

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# GOP, Dems show no sign of retreat in shutdown's first day

**By ZEKE MILLER, ANDREW TAYLOR** and ALAN FRAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

**STATE • NATIONAL • WORLD • BUSINESS • WEATHER** 

WASHINGTON - Republicans and Democrats showed no signs of ending their standoff over immigration and spending Saturday as Americans awoke to the first day of a government shutdown and Congress staged a weekend session to show voters it was trying to resolve the stalemate.

The closure of many government agencies was a striking display of Washington dysfunction, played out on the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's inauguration, and there was more finger-pointing than signs of bipartisan dealmaking.

Trump made light of the debacle in a tweet that Democrats "wanted to give me a nice present" to mark the start of his second year in office.

The president spoke with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to discuss the next possible steps, while chief of staff John Kelly also worked the phones. White House negotiators, legislative affairs director Marc Short and budget chief Mick Mulvaney, went to Capitol Hill to meet



Sunday, January 21, 2018

AP PHOTO

House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., center, joined from left by, Rep. Joseph Crowley, D-N.Y., House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., hold a news conference on the first morning of a government shutdown after a divided Senate rejected a funding measure last night, at the Capitol in Washington, Saturday.

with House Republicans, who emerged four weeks. Democrats were seeking holding fast to their stance they would not negotiate while the government was shuttered.

Right around midnight, Senate Democrats killed a GOP-written House-passed measure that would have kept agencies functioning for a stop-gap bill of just a few days in hopes that would build pressure on Republicans, and were opposing a three-week alternative offered by GOP leaders.

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# **AP EXPLAINS: Congress shuts** down the government. Now what?

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government shutdown began at midnight Friday as Democrats and Republicans failed to resolve a standoff over immigration and spending. Here's a look at what the parties are fighting over and what it means to shut down the government.

#### What Are Lawmakers **Fighting About?**

Since the end of the fiscal year in September, the government has been operating on temporary funding measures. The current one expired at midnight. Republicans and Democrats have not been able to agree on spending levels for the rest of the year, so another shortterm measure is the most likely solution. The House has passed a four-week bill Thursday that also extends funding for a children's health insurance program.

But Democrats have been saying for weeks they want a funding measure to be tied to an immigration deal that protects the thousands of young immigrants facing deportation. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program is set to expire March 5, and members of both parties have been working on an extension that would also beef up border protection.

That deal has not come together, and Democrats have decided to dig in. They blocked the House-passed bill. Both sides were still negotiating early Saturday.

# They've Blown The Deadline. Now What?

The government begins to shut down. But not all of the government.

The air traffic control system, food inspection, Medicare, veterans' health care and many other essential government programs will run as usual. The Social Security Administration will not only send out benefits but will also continue to take applications — though replace-ments for lost Social Security cards could have to wait. The U.S. Postal Service, which is self-funded, will keep delivering the mail. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will continue to respond to last year's spate of disasters. The Interior Department says national



DAVID MAIALETTI /THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER VIA AP

Thousands gather during the Women's March in Philadelphia on Saturday.

# Across the globe, rallies against Trump, sexual misconduct

#### **By VERENA DOBNIK AND TAMARA LUSH** ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Across the globe, people are hitting the streets on the one-year anniversary of President Donald Trump's inauguration, marching against his policies and in support of the #MeToo movement against sexual assault and harassment.

A protest in New York was among more than 200 such actions planned for the weekend around the world. By mid-morning, people gathered in Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver and Raleigh, North Carolina. In Philadelphia, many marchers wore pink cat-ear hats as a show of solidarity, while others carried signs stating opposition to Trump and his policies.

Earlier Saturday, dozens of activists gathered in Rome to denounce violence against women and express support for the #MeToo movement. They were joined by Italian actress and director Asia Argento, who made headlines after alleging in 2017 she had been sexually assaulted by Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein in the 1990s.

The 2017 rally in Washington, D.C., and hundreds of similar marches created solidarity for those denouncing Trump's views on abortion, immigration, LGBT rights and more. Millions of people around the world marched during last year's rallies, and many



AP PHOTO

#### People take part in a rally portion of a march highlighting equal rights and equality for women Saturday, in New York.

on Saturday thought about all that's happened in the past year.

"I'd be lying if I said that I'm not dispirited and discouraged over having to march yet again to register our opposition to this disastrous first year of the Trump presidency," said Peggy Taylor, a New York City tour guide and Manhattan resident.

She said that last year, she felt "a kind of euphoria" walking through the city with hundreds of thousands of

participants.

This year, "the hard reality of what lies ahead of us has sunk in," she said. "I know that we have a long slog ahead of us to undo the damage that this man has inflicted."

In New York, scheduled speakers included Ashley Bennett, a Democrat who was elected Atlantic County, New Jersey, freeholder last November.

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# Pence tells US troops to forget the shutdown and focus on their mission

#### **By BRIAN BENNETT**

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

On his way to Cairo for a Middle East tour, Vice President Mike Pence shook hands and chatted with U.S. service members Saturday during a stop to refuel Air Force Two at Shannon Airport in Ireland.

Pence is to visit three Middle East nations.

As the vice president took photos with some of the troops, he brought up the U.S. government shutdown, which began at midnight Friday.

"We'll get this thing figured out in Washington," Pence said. "You guys stay focused on your mission."

Several dozen Air Force personnel were in the airport terminal in transit to assignments overseas. Some troops were based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado and were headed to Kuwait for a six-month deployment.

Pence said he heard a number of soldiers bring up the shutdown.

"It's disappointing to every American that Democrats in the Senate would shut down the government when we have troops in harms way," he said.

"These soldiers deserve better."

# FINANCIAL NEWS Stinky GE Still a Buy

ear Mr. Berko: My stockbroker wants me to buy 400 shares of General Electric. Is he nuts?

JS, Moline, Ill.

Dear JS: Last June, Jeff "Big Melt" Immelt, who took control of General Electric (GE-\$18.47) from the iconic Jack Welch just before 9/11, announced he'd be stepping down as CEO. Good! He's been replaced by John Flannery, a 30-year GE veteran who ran the company's health care division. Huge yawn! Most doubt that Flannery and his personal broom can hurry GE's price recovery. So far, his appointment has made as much difference to GE as would the advent of another fly to a slaughterhouse. That should change if Flannery's broom can muck out the executive suite and remove the stench from the Augean stables in GE's useless boardroom.

Recommending GE at \$25 several years ago was among my biggest disappointments since buying 250 shares of Studebaker-Packard in 1962. That company shut its doors in 1966. GE, with \$126 billion in 2016 revenues and \$13.4 billion in profits (\$1.07 a share), wasn't earning enough to pay its 96-cent dividend, so Flannery reduced it to 46 cents, saving the company over \$4 billion a year. GE's not in trouble; it just lost its mojo.

GE's established dominant product categories - turbines, locomotives/transportation, lighting, medical imaging, renewable energy, aircraft engines and service contracts — do very well. Its service contracts business generates margins in excess of 30 percent.

#### GE's problem is fivefold:

1) Integrating the power and grid business of Alstom, a French company GE purchased for \$14 billion in 2015, has proved more



difficult than anticipated. Slow penetration in the European power infrastructure is disappointing. Still, 30 percent of the world's electricity is generated by GE equipment. Recent events suggest modest success and profits this year.

2) Volatile fossil fuel prices are hurting GE's oil and gas segment, an important growth platform for its slowly growing industrial portfolio. However, oil prices are expected to remain at current levels (\$55 to \$62 a barrel) through the first half of 2018.

3) It may take several years for GE's industrial division to replace the significant, albeit slightly worrisome, earnings from GE Capital, which Immelt stupidly unwound in 2015

4) Observers believe that integrating oil field service provider Baker Hughes' business, which GE purchased for \$7.5 billion, will be more difficult than anticipated, as the sale was predicated on oil's trading at \$60 a barrel.

5) Finally, bigger isn't better. GE is so ginormous (301,098 employees in 180 countries) that it'll take GE's brain a week to discover that competitors are eating its tail.

However, GE should slowly stagger forward, and I'm comfortable staggering forward with a 48-cent dividend yielding 2.7 percent. If 2018 revenues come in at \$132 billion and produce profits of 90 cents a share — as is projected — GE may even raise its dividend to 50 cents this year.

If Flannery can hold the reins steady during the coming four years, analysts believe that net profit margins could improve from 8.9 percent to 15.3 percent. Analysts believe that 2022 revenues could come in at \$165 billion, that earnings could reach \$2.20 a share and that the dividend could be increased to a buck again. That's a potential 5.5 percent yield at today's \$18.47 price. There are quite a few ifs, but if those ifs can reach reality, aficionados believe that GE could trade in the \$50s by 2022.

There's impatient buzzing by some activists suggesting the best way to maximize shareholder value would be to divide GE into four independently traded companies dealing with medical imaging, aircraft engines, oil and gas service and equipment, and power generation, respectively - each with profitable service contracts. These four independent companies could have a combined share value of \$50 to \$60 within 18 months.

Your broker gave you good advice. GE's long-term debt is declining, while book value, return on capital, return on equity and cash flow are improving. Still, GE's board members have egregiously failed shareholders and management. These toadies, who gleefully fleeced millions of dollars in perks and directors' fees, are responsible for GE's humiliating performance. They should be pilloried, placed in stocks, publicly whipped and then prosecuted for malicious misfeasance. Buy 400 shares, but hold your nose!

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## **FINANCIAL NEWS BRIEFS**

#### French airport activists start unblocking road

PARIS (AP) — French activists say they are have started to unblock a road they used to occupy, in a move that eases tensions three days after the government abandoned plans to build a new airport in the west.

Anarchists, farmers and environmental activists said in a statement Saturday that they want to make the road a "shared" space with drivers.

They warned the French government against potential "expulsions" of people living in the makeshift settlement they built in a vast area around Notre-Dame-des-Landes, outside Nantes, to resist plans for the airport.

Activists previously said they hoped to transform the occupied land into "a space of social, environmental and agricultural experimentation."

Unblocking roads was a key request of Prime Minister Edouard Philippe after announcing Wednesday the decision not to build the airport.

#### British Airways pilot, allegedly drunk, taken off plane

LONDON (AP) - A British Airways pilot has been removed from the cockpit of a flight amid fears he was drunk.

The Sun newspaper reported Saturday that police "rushed on the plane" and headed straight for the cockpit. The first officer was cuffed and led away."

The newspaper says worried airline workers alerted police before the flight left for Mauritius.

Sussex police say a 49-year-old man from west London has been arrested "on suspicion of performing an aviation function when the level of alcohol was over the proscribed limit."

The flight departed several hours late from Gatwick on Thursday after another crew member joined the flight.

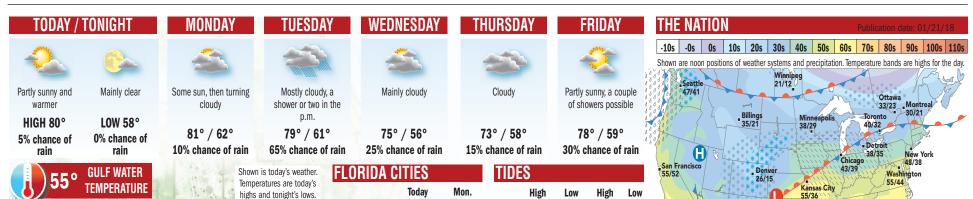
#### Big towers to rise near historic Jamestown: \$90M in payouts

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A power company is getting set to build 17 transmission towers in Virginia near colonial Jamestown Island. And already the utility has begun paying out \$90 million for projects to blunt the impact on significant historic areas.

Jamestown marked Britain's first permanent settlement in North America. While many in the tourist region are gratified by the payments from **Richmond-based Dominion** Energy, others oppose such a project.

The power lines are expected to be visible from the eastern tip of Jamestown Island, although not its historic fort. Four towers will rise nearly as high as New York's Statue of Liberty.

Dominion's federally required payouts will support projects, among others, to improve water quality and shorelines and to acquire battlefield sites dating to the American Revolution and the Civil War.

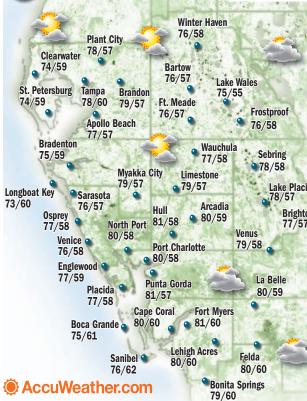


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Year to date	0.21"
Normal year to date	1.10"
Record	2.00" (1983)

#### MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg.	Record/Year
Jan.	0.21	0.88	1.80	9.93/2016
Feb.		0.94	2.52	11.05/1983
Mar.		0.80	3.28	9.26/1970
Apr.		1.59	2.03	5.80/1994
May		2.74	2.50	9.45/1991
Jun.		14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.		9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.		13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.		12.46	6.84	14.03/1979
Oct.		2.54	2.93	10.88/1995
Nov.		0.44	1.91	5.53/2002
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	Gainesville	73	49	рс	78	57	рс
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Lake Placid	Naples	78	60	С	78	62	рс
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#### SOLUNAR TABLE

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The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

#### WEATHER HISTOR

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Birmingham	66	47	рс	65	36	r	Louisville	56	48	sh	58	38	r
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Burlington, VT	35	27	С	31	27	sn	Montgomery	68	44	S	68	38	r
Charleston, WV	55	43	С	64	44	r	Nashville	61	49	С	61	37	r
Charlotte	65	37	S	63	53	рс	New Orleans	72	59	рс	69	42	r
Chicago	43	39	r	51	30	r	New York City	48	38	рс	46	42	sh
Cincinnati	52	46	sh	55	35	r	Norfolk, VA	51	39	S	55	49	рс
Cleveland	44	42	С	52	43	r	Oklahoma City	63	34	С	51	27	S
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Concord, NH	41	21	рс	38	28	sh	Phoenix	60	38	S	63	40	рс
Dallas	73	44	С	62	37	S	Pittsburgh	43	40	sh	60	42	sh
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Baghdad	65	42	S	67	49	С	Montreal	30	21	С	22	20	sn
Beijing	33	22	С	27	8	sn	Ottawa	33	23	sn	26	17	sn
Berlin	34	27	рс	34	30	sf	Paris	50	47	r	54	42	r
Buenos Aires	88	68	t	89	69	S	Regina	24	12	S	27	16	рс
Cairo	72	56	рс	69	58	S	Rio de Janeiro	89	74	С	91	77	рс
Calgary	35	23	С	37	18	С	Rome	61	39	S	56	42	рс
Cancun	79	70	sh	81	70	sh	St. John's	30	15	рс	21	14	рс
Dublin	54	41	r	47	44	рс	San Juan	85	75	S	85	74	sh
Edmonton	25	17	рс	31	17	рс	Sydney	86	70	S	92	72	рс
Halifax	31	17	рс	25	14	С	Tokyo	50	35	рс	41	35	sn
Kiev	28	19	рс	25	10	рс	Toronto	40	32	рс	36	32	sn
London	50	44	r	50	41	r	Vancouver	47	38	r	46	37	рс
Madrid	60	36	рс	58	35	S	Winnipeg	21	12	рс	22	7	С
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# NATION



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Sept. 6, 2017, file photo, Leslie Van Houten attends her parole hearing at the California Institution for Women in Corona, Calif. California Gov. Jerry Brown has again denied parole for Van Houten, the youngest follower of murderous cult leader Charles Manson.

# **Governor denies** parole for **Manson follower** Leslie Van Houten

#### **By ANDREW DALTON** ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — The governor of California once again denied parole Friday for Leslie Van Houten, the youngest follower of murderous cult leader Charles Manson who blamed herself at her parole hearing for letting him control her life.

Gov. Jerry Brown said in his decision that Van Houten still lays too much of the blame on Manson, who died two months ago at 83.

Brown acknowledged that Van Houten's youth at the time of the crime, her more than four decades as a model prisoner and her abuse at the hands of Manson make it worth considering her release.

"However," he wrote in his decision "these factors are outweighed by negative factors that demonstrate she remains

a vital part in the LaBianca murders, one of the most notorious of the Manson family crimes. The devastation and loss experienced by the LaBianca family and all the victims' families continues today.'

Although she said at her September parole hearing that she accepts full responsibility for her role, Van Houten "still shifted blame for her own actions onto Manson to some extent."

Brown recalled Van Houten saying that she takes responsibility for "Manson being able to do what he did to all of us. I allowed it. I accept responsibility that I allowed him to conduct my life in that way."

She appeared frail at the parole hearing with her silver hair pulled back in a bun, almost unrecognizable from the young woman who pledged her allegiance to

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Maine town manager leads segregation group, promotes whites

JACKMAN, Maine (AP) — The town manager of a rural Maine community said he's the leader of a racial segregationist group, and he believes the United States would be better off if people of different races were to "voluntarily separate."

Jackman town manager Tom Kawczynski wants to preserve the white majority of northern New England and Atlantic Canada, he has told the Bangor Daily News. He moved to Maine a year ago and launched a group called "New Albion" to promote what he calls "the positive aspects of our European heritage."

American Civil Liberties Union of Maine legal director Zachary Heiden said Kawczynski's attitudes and materials are "shockingly racist." Kawczynski has defended his group as "pro-white" without being opposed to other racial groups. But he has also called Islam "the scourge of Western civilization" and incompatible with his view of American society.

Kawczynski said he doesn't run town affairs in a way that discriminates against anyone. He later told the Bangor Daily News that he suspects he'll soon lose his job in the wake of a social media backlash spurred by his activities.

#### Missouri governor: 'no blackmail,' 'no violence' in affair

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) -Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens said there was no blackmail or threatened violence in an extramarital affair he had in 2015.

In his first interview since acknowledging the affair, the Republican governor told The Associated Press on Saturday that he won't resign.

St. Louis television station KMOV-TV broke the news about the affair shortly after Greitens' State of the State speech last week.

Greitens' attorney has denied that Greitens threatened to release a semi-nude photo of the woman, who was his hairdresser, if she spoke about the affair. But this is the first time Greitens has personally addressed some of the more lurid allegations against him.

Greitens didn't directly answer questions about whether he took the photo in question. He said neither he nor his staff have been contacted by the FBI or the St. Louis circuit at torney's office, which is investigating.

child. Antonio's wife was killed and Victor's is missing.

A Mexican landscaper was killed while sleeping in the room he kept at his boss's property. A Thai man who worked at the local Toyota dealership and his 6-year-old son were also killed and his 2-year-old daughter is missing.

#### 'Greatest Showman' stirs interest in PT Barnum

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The Hollywood film on the life of the founder of the Barnum & Bailey circus is stirring new interest in P.T. Barnum.

The man portrayed by Hugh Jackman in "The Greatest Showman" was also a state legislator, philanthropist and mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Bridgeport's Barnum Museum has been adding guides to help accommodate an increase in visitors since the film started playing last month in theaters. The Ringling Circus Museum in Sarasota, Florida, also has seen more people taking interest in Barnum and asking to speak with their historian.

Circus historians also have found sport in picking apart where the man as depicted by a singing and dancing Jackman diverges from the true story of Phineas Taylor Barnum.

#### Small-town budgets hurting from loss of mini **Walmarts**

LUTHER, Okla. (AP) - Arkansasbased Walmart's closing of its Express stores in small towns across the Midwest and South has affected basic government services from police protection to parks.

Luther, Oklahoma had to postpone the purchase two new police cars. In Nettleton, Mississippi, plans to improve sewer and water services and city parks were shelved.

Losses were somewhat offset when Dollar General purchased and re-opened the stores, but the Dollar General stores are generating less revenue without the pharmacies Walmart offered that help attract customers.

Walmart spokesperson Anne Hatfield said the stores were closed because customers wanted more than the 12,000-square-foot buildings could offer and were driving farther to Walmart Supercenters, which offer a wider variety of products and services than the Walmart Express stores

#### Big towers to rise near historic Jamestown: \$90M in payouts

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A power company is getting set to build 17 transmission towers in Virginia near colonial Jamestown Island. And already the utility has begun paying out \$90 million for projects to blunt the impact on significant historic areas.

Jamestown marked Britain's first permanent settlement in North America. While many in the tourist region are gratified by the payments from Richmond-based Dominion Energy, others oppose such a project.

The power lines are expected to be visible from the eastern tip of Jamestown Island, although not its historic fort. Four towers will rise nearly as high as New York's Statue of Liberty.

Dominion's federally required payouts will support projects, among others, to improve water quality and shorelines and to acquire battlefield sites dating to the American Revolution and the Civil War.

#### Memorial service planned for beloved airport dog

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) - Friends and fans are bidding farewell to a speedy border collie that became an internet sensation for keeping a northern Michigan airport's runways free of critters.

À memorial service for Piper is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at City Opera House in Traverse City. The 9-year-old dog was euthanized Jan. 3 after battling prostate cancer.

He became the official wildlife-control canine at Cherry Capital Airport in winter of 2015 the nemesis of geese, ducks and even snowy owls.

Images of Piper on the job, wearing his airport vest, ear muffs and goggles, made their way onto online social forum Reddit. He quickly became a top hit. Curious fans even caused network problems on the airport's website.

He was diagnosed with cancer about a year ago and treated with chemotherapy.

#### Las Vegas gunman was germophobe, possibly bipolar

LAS VEGAS (AP) — After three months of investigation, police have learned more about Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock. The high-stakes gambler was on a losing streak, obsessed with cleanliness, possibly bipolar and was having difficulties with his live-in girlfriend. But hundreds of interviews and thousands of pieces of evidence have not answered the key question: Why did Paddock open fire from his high-rise hotel suite, killing 58 people and injuring more than 800 others in the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history? On Friday, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo released a preliminary report on the Oct. 1 attack on an outdoor concert staged from a room at the Mandalay Bay casino-hotel. He said he did not expect criminal charges to be filed against Paddock's girlfriend, Marilou Danley. She had been called the only person of interest in the case.

unsuitable for parole."

The 68-year-old Van Houten is serving life for the murders of wealthy grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, when Van Houten was 19. They were stabbed a day after other Manson followers killed pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four other people in Los Angeles.

Van Houten's attorney, Rich Pfeiffer, said Brown's decision shows an unprecedented and unlawful reliance to deny parole based on the circumstances of the crime, rather than the inmate's fitness.

"We're going to challenge this in court," Pfeiffer said. "I expect the courts to uphold the law and allow her to be released."

Pfeiffer added that he has "dozens of clients who have done much worse deeds than Leslie has done and they're out leading productive lives."

Van Houten has long been considered among the most likely candidates among Manson "family" members to be paroled, But Brown, like Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger before him, has steadfastly refused to let anyone associated with Manson's killings go free.

It's the second time Brown has blocked parole for Van Houten after a state parole panel recommended that she be freed.

Brown wrote Friday that Van Houten "played Manson.

She said at the hearing that she was devastated when her parents divorced when she was 14. Soon after, she said, she began hanging out with her school's outcast crowd and using drugs in the Los Angeles suburb of Monrovia. When she was 17, she and her boyfriend ran away to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury District during the city' summer of love.

She was traveling up and down the California coast when acquaintances led her to Manson, who was holed up at an abandoned movie ranch on the outskirts of Los Angeles where he had recruited what he called a "family" to survive what he insisted would be a race war he would launch by committing a series of random, horrifying murders.

At her hearing, Van Houten candidly described how she joined several other members of the group in killing the LaBiancas, carving up Leno LaBianca's body and smearing the couple's blood on the walls.

No one who took part in the Tate-LaBianca murders has been released from prison.

Manson died of natural causes on Nov. 20 at a California hospital while serving a life sentence. A man who befriended him through letters and another who purports to be his grandson are fighting in court over his body and possessions.

#### 60-plus applicants appeal pot cultivator license rejections

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - More than 60 companies have filed appeals after the state rejected their applications for medical marijuana cultivation licenses.

Cleveland.com reports 47 companies that applied for a large growlicense and 16 for a small-grow license have thus far filed appeals with the Ohio Department of Commerce. Those numbers could grow because rejected applicants had 30 days to appeal after being notified by the state.

A total of 185 applications were submitted.

The state agency in November issued 24 provisional licenses, including 12 for growing operations of up to 25,000 square feet and 12 for operations of as much as 3,000 square feet.

Just over 70 percent of license applications were disqualified.

A 2016 state law said medical marijuana will be available by September.

#### Mudslides take heavy toll on immigrants serving posh town

The working-class immigrant population in Montecito suffered outsized losses from recent mudslides that killed at least 20, injured dozens and damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes in the Southern California coastal town of Montecito — home to Oprah Winfrey, Rob Lowe and other celebrities.

Nearly a third of those killed in the Jan. 9 mudslides were from immigrant families working in service jobs in the largely white and retired town of 9,000.

Two Mexican gardeners, Victor and Antonio Benitez, each lost a

#### Kansas archbishop elected to lead anti-abortion role

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas, has been chosen to a leading role in the Catholic Church's fight against abortion.

Archbishop Joseph Naumann will be the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

R. Andrew Chesnut, chairman of Catholic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, said it was the first time in four decades that a cardinal was not elected to the position.

The Wichita Eagle reports Mary Kay Culp, executive director of Kansans for Life, has known Naumann for years. She said he has always cared deeply about the abortion issue and is "the right man for the right job."

Naumann joined more than 2,000 Kansans in Washington, D.C., this week for the March for Life. He is expected at the Rally for Life Monday in Topeka.

#### Singer Ed Sheeran announces engagement on Instagram

Ed Sheeran has announced his engagement to girlfriend Cherry Seaborn.

The Grammy-winning singer posted a picture of the two on his Instagram page Saturday morning saying the two got engaged right before the new year.

He said they are "very happy and in love" and that their "cats are chuffed as well."

Sheeran said last fall how Seaborn inspired his song "Perfect," which is Number One on the Billboard Hot 100 charts.

Sheeran and Seaborn were friends when the two attended school in Suffolk, England. They reconnected years later.

#### Serial stowaway arrested again at airport

CHICAGO (AP) — A woman with a history of sneaking aboard planes slipped past security at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport this week and was flying to London when the airline realized she didn't have a ticket.

Chicago Police spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said Marilyn Hartman was flown back to Chicago on Thursday night and taken into custody once she arrived. She's charged with felony theft and a misdemeanor count of criminal trespassing.

Guglielmi said Hartman this week got through a federal Transportation Security Administration checkpoint at a domestic terminal without a ticket before taking a shuttle to the international terminal. A day later she boarded a British Airways flight.

The 66-year-old Hartman has attempted several times to board planes without a ticket. In 2016, she was sentenced in Chicago to six months of house arrest and placed on two years of mental health probation.

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parks and other public lands will remain as accessible as possible. The stance is a change from previous shutdowns when most parks were closed and became high-profile symbols.

Spokesperson Heather Swifts said the American public — especially veterans who come to the nation's capital — should find war memorials and open-air parks open to visitors. Swift says many national parks and wildlife refuges nationwide will also be open with limited access when possible.

The Smithsonian museums and the National Zoo will stay open through the weekend but close Monday.

#### Do Federal Workers Get Paid?

While they can be kept on the job, federal workers can't get paid for days worked during a lapse in funding. In the past, however, they have been repaid retroactively even if they were ordered to stay home.

Rush hour in downtown Washington, meanwhile, becomes a breeze. Tens of thousands of federal workers are off the roads.

#### How Often Did This Happen In The Past?

Way back in the day, shutdowns usually weren't that big a deal. They happened every year when Jimmy Carter was president, averaging 11 days each. During Ronald Reagan's two terms, there were six shutdowns, typically just one or two days apiece. Deals got cut. Everybody moved on.

The last one was a 16-day partial shuttering of the government in 2013, which came as tea party conservatives, cheered on by outside groups like Heritage Action, demanded that language to block implementation of President Barack Obama's health care law be added to a

#### must-do funding bill. ••• Who Will Get The Blame?

In a 1995-96 political battle, President Bill Clinton bested House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his band of budget-slashing conservatives, who were determined to use a shutdown to force Clinton to sign onto a balanced budget agreement. Republicans were saddled with the blame, but most Americans suffered relatively minor inconveniences like closed parks and delays in processing passport applications. The fight bolstered Clinton's popularity and he sailed to re-election that November.

In 2013, the tea party Republicans forced the shutdown over the better judgment of GOP leaders like then-Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio. Republicans tried to fund the government piecemeal — for example, by forcing through legislation to ensure military service members got paid. But a broader effort faltered, and Republicans eventually backed down and supported a round of budget talks led by Paul Ryan, R-Wis., then chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Republicans are calling the current standoff the "Schumer Shutdown," arguing that there's nothing in the bill that Democrats oppose, while a short-term extension would give lawmakers time to work out differences on issues like protecting young immigrants and disaster assistance. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said the GOP's unwillingness to compromise has brought Congress to this point. A Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted earlier this week found 48 percent view Trump and congressional Republicans as mainly responsible for the situation while 28 percent fault Democrats. If the shutdown drags on for long, it could give voters another reason to turn away from incumbents of both parties



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A woman holds as sign as she takes part in a Women's March in Seattle, Saturday.

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Bennett defeated Republican incumbent John Carman, who had mocked the 2017 women's march in Washington, D.C. with a Facebook post asking whether the women would be home in time to cook dinner.

Among the goals of this year's march are getting more Democrats to run for public office and bolstering voter registration.

In Rome, the 42-year-old Argento addressed the criticism she received once she spoke up about her abuse.

"Women are scared to speak and because I was vilified by everything I said, I was called a prostitute for being raped," she said at the rally. "I wonder how women who received such violence would find the courage to come out as I did, when they saw what happened to me, so I am here to assess the necessity of women to speak out and change things."

Argento was strongly criticized by many Italian media and Italian women for not speaking out earlier and was hounded on Twitter with accusations that she sought trouble.

Last year's march in Washington

sparked debate over inclusion, with some transgender minority women complaining that the event seemed designed for white women born female. Some anti-abortion activists said the event did not welcome them.

The organizers for the Sunday rally are striving for greater inclusion this year, with Latina and transgender female speakers, said Carmen Perez, another co-chair of the 2017 Washington march. Women in the U.S. illegally, sex workers and those formerly incarcerated are welcome, she said.

Linda Sarsour, one of the four organizers of last year's Washington march, said Las Vegas was slotted for a major rally because it's a strategic swing state that gave Hillary Clinton a narrow win in the presidential election and will have one of the most competitive Senate races in 2018.

The rallies also laid the groundwork for the recent movement that brought a reckoning for powerful men accused of sexual misconduct, Sarsour said.

"I think when women see visible women's leadership, bold and fierce, going up against a very racist, sexist, misogynist administration, it gives you a different level of courage that you may not have felt you had," she said.

#### ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Jan. 21**, the 21st day of 2018. There are 344 days left in the year.

#### **Today in history**

On Jan. 21, 1968, the North Vietnamese Army launched a full-scale assault against the U.S. combat base in Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, in a siege lasting 11 weeks; although the Americans were able to hold back the communists, they ended up dismantling and abandoning the base. An American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed in Greenland, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material. North Korean commandos tried but failed to assassinate South Korean President Park Chung-hee at his official residence, the Blue House, in Seoul.

#### On this date

In **1915**, the first Kiwanis Club, dedicated to community service, was founded in Detroit.

In **1924**, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In **1937**, Count Basie and his band recorded "One O'Clock Jump" for Decca Records (on this date in 1942, they re-recorded the song for Okeh Records).

In **1942**, pinball machines were banned in New York City after a court ruled they were gambling devices that relied on chance rather than skill (the ban was lifted in 1976).

In **1954**, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton, Connecticut (however, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later).

In **1998**, Pope John Paul II began a historic pilgrimage to Cuba. Actor Jack Lord of "Hawaii Five-O" fame died in Honolulu at age 77.

#### Today's birthdays

World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 78. Opera singer-conductor Placido Domingo is 77. Singer Mac Davis is 76. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 71. Country musician Jim Ibbotson is 71.

# **ODD NEWS**

Cops: Maine man punches self

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RETREAT

Democrats have insisted they would back legislation reopening government once there's a bipartisan agreement to preserve protections against deporting about 700,000 immigrants who arrived in the U.S. illegally as children. Each party believes it had a winning political hand, and the day's first words by party leaders underscored that so far, neither side believe it was time to give ground.

"The American people cannot begin to understand why the Senate Democratic leader thinks the entire government should be shut down until he gets his way on illegal immigration," said McConnell

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said voters will fault Trump and the GOP. He blamed Trump for reneging on a near-deal that Schumer said the two men had approached during a White House meeting Friday.

"Negotiating with President Trump is like negotiating with Jell-O," Schumer said.

Though the House and Senate were in session Saturday, it was unclear whether lawmakers would take any votes of consequence.

Democrats said they oppose the three-week plan, viewing it as a way to stall negotiations over the future of the "Dreamers" immigrants, in March. Republicans declared they would not reopen talks until the government shutdown ends, a strategy aimed at trying to erode Democratic cohesion.

whose protections expire

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said Trump had earned an "F" for "failure in leadership." She said Republicans are "so incompetent and negligent that they couldn't get it together to keep the government open."

The fourth government shutdown in a quartercentury began at the stroke of midnight at the start of a weekend, so many of the immediate effects will be muted for most Americans.

Social Security and most other safety-net programs are unaffected by the lapse in federal spending authority. Critical government functions will continue, with uniformed service members, health inspectors and law enforcement officers set to work without pay. But if no deal is reached before Monday, hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be furloughed.

Arguing that Trump's predecessors "weaponized" that shutdown, Mulvaney said his budget office would direct agencies to work to mitigate the impact this time, although it was unclear how long that was possible. That position is a striking role reversal for the conservative former congressman who was



AP PHOTO

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., chairman of the conservative Freedom Caucus, left, joined by House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, center, and Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, arrives for a meeting of fellow Republicans on the first morning of a government shutdown after a divided Senate rejected a funding measure, at the Capitol in Washington, Saturday,.

one of the architects of the 2013 shutdown.

Political damage could grow quickly if the closure is prolonged. Both parties are

wagering that voters will punish the other at the ballot box in November.

Democrats are laying fault on Republicans, who control both chambers of Congress and the White House and have struggled with building internal consensus. Republicans branded the confrontation a "Schumer shutdown." The senator assembled enough Democratic opposition to kill the House-passed bill.

Trump said Democrats "could have easily made a deal but decided to play Shutdown politics instead." In a series of tweets hours after the shutdown began, the president tried to make the case for Americans to elect more Republicans to Congress in November "in order to power through this mess." He noted that there are 51 Republicans in the 100-member Senate, and it often takes 60 votes to advance legislation.

The stop-gap measure won 50 votes in the Senate, including five Democrats.

Trump and Schumer tried to cut a last-minute deal that would have included greater military spending and money for a wall along the Mexican border. But the talks fell apart almost as abruptly as they started.

Trump had been set to leave Friday afternoon to attend a fundraiser at his estate in Palm Beach, Florida, where he intended to make the inauguration anniversary. But he remained in Washington.

The last shutdown came in 2013. Tea party Republicans, in a strategy not unlike the one Schumer is employing now, sought to use a must-pass budget bill to try to force President Barack Obama to delay implementation of his health care law. At the time, Trump told "Fox & Friends" that the ultimate blame for a shutdown lies at the top. "I really think the pressure is on the president," he said.

# in face to avoid sobriety test

BELFAST, Maine (AP) — Police in Maine have accused a man of punching himself in the face three times to avoid a sobriety test.

Police in the town of Belfast said they found 27-year-old Brian Fogg in his car, stuck in a ditch last week.

WGME-TV reports police said when they tried to test for his blood-alcohol level, Fogg punched himself in the face, causing himself to bleed. Police tended to his injuries instead of giving him the test, but later charged him with operating under the influence, falsifying physical evidence and criminal mischief.

Fogg's been released on bail. He has an unpublished number and it wasn't immediately known if he had a lawyer.



WALDO COUNTY JAIL VIA AP

This booking photo shows Brian Fogg, who's accused of punching himself in the face to avoid a sobriety breath test.

# WORLD

# VP Pence says US stands 'shoulder to shoulder' with Egypt

#### By KEN THOMAS Associated Press

CAIRO — Vice President Mike Pence and Egyptian leader Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi pledged a united front against terrorism in the Mideast as Pence, the highest-level American official to visit the U.S. ally in nearly a decade, began a trip through the region after leaving behind a government shutdown in Washington.

Pence and el-Sissi held 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours of talks at the presidential palace in Cairo, with acknowledgements of friendship and partnership between the two countries. Through a translator, Pence listened intently as el-Sissi cited the need to address "urgent issues," including "ways to eliminate this disease and cancer that has terrified the whole world."

Pence pointed to President Donald Trump's efforts to forge stronger ties with el-Sissi in his first year in office, "after a time when our countries seemed to be drifting apart."

Pence said "we stand shoulder to shoulder with you and Egypt in fighting against terrorism," and that "our hearts grieve" for the loss of life in recent terrorist attacks against Egyptians.

The vice president noted the deadly attack against Christians in late December, when a militant opened fire outside a suburban Cairo church, killing at least nine people. He also pointed to the killing of 311 worshippers inside a mosque in northern Sinai last November.

"We resolve to continue to stand with Egypt in the battle against terrorism," Pence said.

Pence arrived in Cairo hours after the U.S. Congress and Trump failed to reach agreement on a plan to avert a partial federal closure. Pence went ahead with his fourday trip to the Middle East, citing national security and diplomatic reasons.

Pence's meetings with el-Sissi delved into security cooperation, economic ties and efforts to fight the Islamic State group.

His visit to the region came more than a month after Trump announced his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, a step that's enraged Palestinians. El-Sissi identified "the peace issue" as one of the most important issues in their discussions, but the two leaders did not elaborate.

When Pence's motorcade arrived at the palace, journalists traveling with the vice president were initially barred from exiting their bus. After they were brought into the palace, media were not allowed into a photo session with the two leaders. Negotiations between U.S. and Egyptian officials followed, and members of the media were eventually brought into the meeting and heard the leaders deliver short statements.

Pence and el-Sissi did not respond to questions at the end.

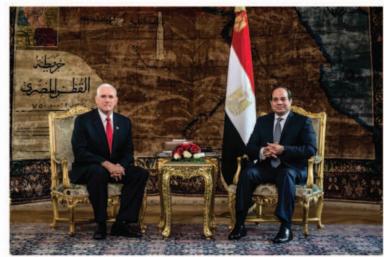
Pence planned to travel to Jordan later Saturday and then to Israel on Sunday. He was not expected to meet with Palestinians officials.

El-Sissi has built a strategic alliance with Trump and urged the American president to become more involved in the fight against Islamic militancy in the Middle East. Trump has praised el-Sissi for the April release of Egyptian-American charity worker Aya Hijazi, who had been detained for nearly three years.

But Trump's designation of Jerusalem as Israel's capital poses a dilemma for Egypt, which receives extensive military and economic aid from Washington but does not want to appear dismissive of Palestinian concerns.

White House officials said before the Cairo meeting they expected the decision on the Israeli capital and Trump's plans to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem to come up. Palestinian leader

Mahmoud Abbas has



KHALED DESOUKI/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

## U.S. Vice President Mike Pence meets with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, right, at the Presidential Palace in Cairo, Egypt, Saturday.

condemned Trump over the Jerusalem announcement and warned that the U.S. can no longer play any role in future peace negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis.

El-Sissi has tried to reassure Abbas of his continued efforts to secure an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.

The Egyptian leader, who led the 2013 military overthrow of an Islamist president, has announced plans to run in the March election. El-Sissi is heavily favored to win a second four-year term after leading a heavy crackdown on dissent, jailing thousands of opponents, including many of those behind the 2011 uprising that toppled Hosni Mubarak.

White House aides said Pence was expected to raise with el-Sissi the importance of human rights, political freedoms and freedom of expression.

Pence had initially planned to visit the region in December, shortly after Trump's announcement, but the trip was postponed in the aftermath of Abbas' refusal to meet the vice president in Bethlehem.

The spiritual leaders of Egypt's Muslims and Orthodox Christians also canceled their meetings with Pence.



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# Cardinal rebukes pope over Chile 'slander' comments on abuse

By NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

LIMA, Peru - Pope Francis' top adviser on clerical sex abuse implicitly rebuked the pontiff over his accusations of slander against Chilean abuse victims, saying Saturday that his words were "a source of great pain for survivors of sexual abuse." **Cardinal Sean** O'Malley, the archbishop of Boston, said he couldn't explain why Francis "chose the particular words he used." In an extraordinary effort at damage control, O'Malley insisted that Francis "fully recognizes the egregious failures of the church and its clergy who abused children and the devastating impact those crimes have had on survivors and their loved ones."

Francis set off a national uproar upon leaving Chile on Thursday by accusing victims of the country's most notorious bedophile priest of having slandered another bishop, Juan Barros. The victims say Barros knew of the abuse but did nothing to stop it - a charge Barros denies. "The day they bring me proof against Bishop Barros, I'll speak,' Francis told Chilean journalists in the northern city of Iquique. "There is not one shred of proof against him. It's all calumny. Is that clear?' The remarks shocked Chileans, drew immediate rebuke from victims and their advocates and once again raised the question of whether the 81-yearold Argentine Jesuit "gets it" about sex abuse.

the crimes of the Rev. Fernando Karadima has devastated the credibility of the Roman Catholic Church in Chile, and Francis' comments will likely haunt it for the foreseeable future. O'Malley's carefully worded critique was remarkable since it's rare for a cardinal to publicly rebuke the pope in such terms. But Francis' remarks were so potentially toxic to the Vatican's yearslong effort to turn the tide on decades of clerical sex abuse and cover-up that he clearly felt he had to respond. O'Malley headed Francis' much-touted committee for the protection of minors until it lapsed last month after its initial threeyear mandate expired. Francis has not named new members, and the committee's future remains unclear.

AP PHOTO

Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic, center, arrives in the Banjska Orthodox monastery with Serb Orthodox bishop Teodosije, right, in the village Banjska, Kosovo, Saturday.

# Serbian president visits Kosovo after politician's slaying

#### By RADUL RADOVANOVIC Associated Press

MITROVICA, Kosovo — Serbia's president on Saturday pledged to help build a lasting peace in Kosovo days after the killing this week of a moderate Kosovo Serb politician fueled fears of instability in the Balkans.

Amid tight security, Aleksandar Vucic paid a visit to Kosovo that officials said was designed to ease concerns among Kosovo Serbs following the slaying Tuesday of one of their leading politicians, Oliver Ivanovic.

Waving Serbian flags, hundreds of people cheered Vucic as he arrived in the Serbdominated, northern part of the former Serbian province that declared independence in 2008. Serbia has refused to recognize the statehood of the majority ethnic Albanian Kosovo and maintains strong influence in Serb-populated areas, mostly in the north. Upon arrival, Vucic

first visited an Orthodox

Serbian monastery before laying a wreath at the site of the attack on Ivanovic in the divided town of Mitrovica.

"Serbia not only wants peace, but will do its best to preserve it," Vucic said in Banjska. "We will do all we can to solve decades- and centuries-old disputes, to secure a lasting peace and security for each (ethnic) Albanian and Serbian family."

Vucic called for those responsible for Ivanovic's death to be brought to justice "without mercy." Some Serbs shouted at the Serbian president during his press conference demanding more protection from Serbia.

Later Saturday, Vucic visited a Serb family in central Kosovo.

Under EU mediation, Serbia and Kosovo have opened talks on normalizing relations in order to advance in efforts to join the European Union. The talks were due to resume this week, but were suspended after Ivanovic was gunned down in Mitrovica.

Ivanovic was a rare voice of tolerance amid persistent ethnic tensions in Kosovo, nearly two decades after the 1998-99 war. The scandal over



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Pope Francis celebrates a seaside Mass on Huanchaco Beach, near the city of Trujillo, Peru, Saturday. Francis travelled Saturday to northern Peru, a region still reeling from devastating floods nearly a year ago.

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6 a.m. FS1 College Football 2018 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl from Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. (R)

**FSN NHL Hockey** Florida Panthers at Nashville Predators. (R)

9 a.m. ESPN2 2018 Australian Open Round of 16. (T)

FSN German Bundesliga Soccer RB Leipzig at Freiburg. (T)

SHO Showtime Championship Boxing Spence vs Peterson. (R)

9:30 a.m. FS1 German Bundesliga Soccer Werder Bremen at Bayern Munich. (L)

10 a.m. GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai: Final Round from Hualalai GC in Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii. (R)

12 p.m. CW College Basketball Miami Hurricanes at North Carolina State Wolfpack. (L)

FS1 Women's College Basketball Marquette Golden Eagles at Villanova Wildcats. (L)

12:30 p.m. FSSUN Women's College Basketball Virginia Tech Lady Hokies at Virginia Cavaliers. (L)

**NBC NHL Hockey** Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals. (L)

1 p.m. ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Connecticut Huskies at Temple Owls. (L)

FSN NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics. (L)

**GOLF PGA Web.com Tour Golf** Bahamas Great Abaco Classic: Round 1 from Abaco Club on Winding Bay in Great Abaco, Bahamas. (L)

2 p.m. FS1 AMA Arenacross

Series Worcester, MA from DCU Center in Worcester, Mass. (T)

2:30 p.m. FSSUN Women's College Basketball Duke Blue Devils at North Carolina Tar Heels. (L)

**3 p.m. CBS NFL Playoffs** AFC Championship Jacksonville Jaguars at New England Patriots. (L)

ESPN Latin America Amateur Championship Golf Second Round from Prince of Wales CC in Santiago, Chile. (L) ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Mississippi State Bulldogs at Tennessee Lady Volunteers. (L)

**NBC European Figure Skating Championships** Ladies' & Men's Free from Megasport Arena in Moscow. (T)

4 p.m. FS1 AMA Supercross Series Anaheim from Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif. (R)

**GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Career-Builder Challenge: Final Round from PGA West Stadium Course in La Quinta, Calif. (L)

**5 p.m. ESPN Harlem Globetrotters Basketball** Hoops for the Troops Game from Honolulu. (R)

**ESPN2 Women's College Basketball** Florida State Seminoles at Louisville Cardinals. (L)

FSN German Bundesliga Soccer RB Leipzig at Freiburg. (R)

NBC USSA Skiing and Snowboarding Toyota US Grand Prix: Snowboard Halfpipe. (T)

6:30 p.m. FOX NFL Playoffs NFC Championship Minnesota Vikings at Philadelphia Eagles. (L)

7 p.m. FS1 UFC Fight Night Prelims UFC 220: Miocic vs Ngannou. (R)

7:30 p.m. ESPN Women's International Soccer Denmark at United States. (L)

9 p.m. ESPN2 2018 Australian Open Round of 16 from Melbourne Park. (L)

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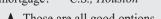
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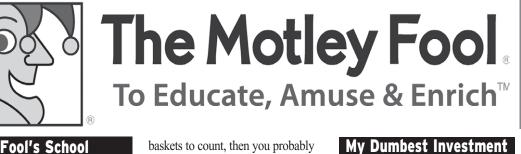
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## Lots of Options

My retirement accounts are funded, I've got a brokerage account, an emergency fund and no credit card debt. What now? Should I invest in more stocks or real estate or make extra payments on my 4-percent mortgage? — C.S., Houston





#### My Dumbest Investment

# Dumb in Several Ways

My dumbest investment has to

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### Home, Sweet Profits

According to the National Association of Realtors, existing home sales recently surged to their highest levels in more than a decade. At the same time, the U.S. Census Bureau continues to report strong residential construction data, with building permits and housing starts consistently above the 1-million-unit mark for more than two years now. Yet as healthy as the housing market has become in recent years, lowcost housing has remained a challenge. After more than a decade of struggles resulting from coming of age during the worst financial crisis in nearly a century, millennials are making money and starting families. They're ready to buy homes, but there just isn't enough inventory to meet the demand. Meritage Homes (NYSE: MTH) is taking advantage of this situation, dedicating roughly 70 percent of its recent land purchases to entry-level houses. It's paying off, driving up profit 15 percent last quarter. (It helps that low-cost new houses often generate higher profit margins than bigger, more custombuilt homes.) Since this is currently the leastserved part of the market and also the one with the most near-term growth potential, it's a great time to be building entry-level houses. Well positioned for further growth and with a price-to-earnings (P/E)ratio recently near 14, Meritage Homes is cheaper than most of its peers. (The Motley Fool has recommended Meritage Homes.)

Those are all good options. APaying down your mortgage is the least risky one, and would be like earning a guaranteed 4-percent return, since you'll not be paying interest on any principal you pay off.

Real estate investing isn't as easy as it can appear. You'll need to have a good grasp of the local market and must be willing to deal with the work and hassle that come with property ownership. Remember that real estate can tie up your money and that property values can fall or not grow quickly. The stock market can also drop, but it has always risen over long periods, beating most other alternatives, such as gold, bonds and even real estate.

Think about whether you want to put in the time and work involved in real estate or stocks. Will you enjoy keeping up with your properties or your investments? If not, perhaps pay down the mortgage, or invest in a simple, broad-market index fund, such as one based on the S&P 500.

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What's a trust? — A.G., Lancaster, Pennsylvania A It's a legal structure that features someone (a "trustor") giving control of property to a person or an institution (the "trustee") for the benefit of someone else (the "beneficiary"). The beneficiary owns the property, but the trustee controls it -- usually for a limited period (such as until the beneficiary reaches a certain age). A trust is often part of an estate plan.

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It's inevitable that if you invest in the stock market, you'll make mistakes - some of them costly. Learn to avoid the following common blunders, though, to minimize losses:

**Investing Errors** 

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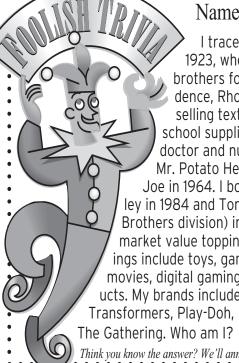
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• Not paying off credit card debt before investing. You'll likely lose more in interest than you gain in stocks.

• Investing too conservatively. Long-term investments are likely to grow most rapidly in stocks, so don't just leave your money in savings accounts, bonds or CDs.

 Investing too aggressively. Don't aim for fast, huge wins via penny stocks, margin investing, day trading or any other risky and speculative venture. It's safest to aim for steady growth over decades by investing in healthy and growing established companies.

• Over- or under-diversifying. If all your eggs are in two or three baskets, you're exposed to too much risk. But if you have too many



price. A "cheap" stock isn't necessarily a bargain. Penny stocks trading for less than \$5 each are often likely to fall. A \$200 stock can be a bargain that will grow well for you, and you can always buy just a few shares.

aren't able to keep up with each

a good range for many people.

company. Owning 10 to 20 stocks is

• Focusing too much on a stock's

• Investing in what you don't understand. The more familiar you are with how a company works and how well it's performing, the fewer unpleasant surprises you'll likely encounter.

• Relying on tips. It's fine to learn from others, but do your research and make your own decisions.

• Not tracking your returns. In the long run, you always want to be beating a benchmark such as the S&P 500. If you're not beating it, you might as well meet it by investing in an index fund.

 Impatience. Building great wealth takes time. Don't expect to get rich quick.

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#### . . . . . . . . . . . . Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1923, when the Hassenfeld brothers founded me in Providence, Rhode Island. I started selling textiles and then added school supplies. My first toys were • doctor and nurse kits. I launched Mr. Potato Head in 1952 and GI Joe in 1964. I bought Milton Bradley in 1984 and Tonka (with its Parker Brothers division) in 1991. Today, with a market value topping \$11 billion, my offerings include toys, games, television shows, movies, digital gaming and consumer products. My brands include Nerf, My Little Pony, Transformers, Play-Doh, Monopoly and Magic:

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

be Under Armour. It wasn't dumb just because it tanked. It was dumb because: 1. It didn't fit with my portfolio thesis at the outset, but I bought due to the growth hype anyway. 2. I didn't pay enough attention to the fundamentals of the stock (growth rates, profit margins, debt levels, etc.). 3. I didn't look for or consider risks, such as the outsized control wielded by its founder and CEO. 4. I ignored negative social media commentary floating around in cyberspace.

I still own it, but I'm not buying any more even at low prices, because I don't think the CEO is a jockey worth backing for the long haul. I'll just leave it there, a bright red carbuncle in an overall wellperforming portfolio. If it grows, good. If it doesn't, I've only got another \$1,000 left to lose. Fortunately, the rest of my portfolio is doing well enough to mitigate the regret — D.C., Capetown, South Africa

The Fool Responds: Some analysts today are bullish about Under Armour's restructuring, cost-cutting and international growth prospects, but others worry about weakness in the North American market, brand erosion and strong competition

- from Adidas and Nike.
- If you have little faith in the
- company, you'd be better off
- moving your remaining \$1,000
- into something that seems more

promising to you.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

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I trace my roots back to the 1818 founding of a trading company in Amsterdam. In 1884 I started a grain trading business in Argentina, expanding to Brazil in 1905 and North America in 1918. Today I'm a global agricultural giant based in White Plains, New York. I sport a market value of more than \$9 billion and employ about 32,000 people. I buy, sell, store and transport oilseeds and grains; process oilseeds to make protein meal (for animal feed) and edible oil products; produce sugar and ethanol; mill wheat, corn and rice; and sell fertilizer. Who am I? (Answer: Bunge)



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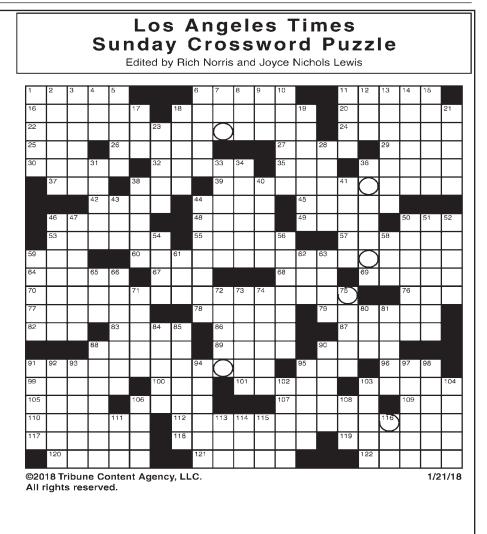
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#### GOREN BRIDGE

#### **OBLIGATORY FALSECARD**

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The opening heart lead was won by East perforce, and East had to consider his shift. A switch to diamonds would have defeated the contract, enabling both a diamond ruff for partner and a heart ruff for himself. The queen of diamonds in dummy made the diamond shift potentially very dangerous, so East

shifted to a low spade instead.

South won the spade shift with the ace and led a low club to dummy's jack. East followed smoothly with the nine, trying to look like a man who started with 10-nine doubleton. This play is known as an "obligatory falsecard," a play that must be made in order to give declarer a losing option. Had East not played the nine, or the 10, South would have had no choice but to cash the ace of clubs and hope for the king to drop — a play that would have worked on this deal.

Declarer gave the nine a suspicious look, but decided that it was an honest card. He crossed back to his hand with the king of spades and led the queen of clubs. This fetched the king from West but not the 10 from East, and the defense had a trump trick. South cashed the queen of hearts and led a low diamond. East stepped up smartly with the king, cashed the 10 of clubs, and led a third round of spades. This forced dummy's last trump, and declarer had another diamond plus a heart to lose. Down one.

#### CRYPTOGRAMS

#### MOTION AND TRAVEL by Myles Mellor

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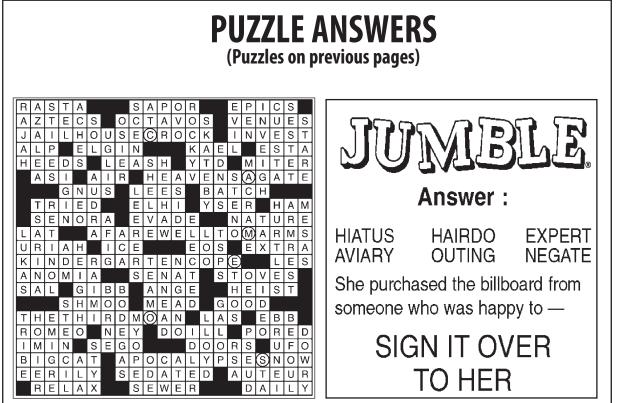
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1. Light happens to go faster than sound. So some people seem friendly and bright until you hear

them blurt out something.

2. When the ET returned home, his crabby and vicious mother said: "Where on earth have you been?"

3. I have this really excellent weather advisory: "What's worse than raining cats or dogs? Hailing

taxis!'

4. What is the preferred mode of transport for a cold snowman? An icicle.

#### HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you can change it, do. If you can't, you'll know after you make the effort. Most importantly, don't agonize. The imagination is a powerful force, not to be employed to negative ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your life plays like a symphony these days. What comes around goes around -- though everything sounds different in the arrangement during the second and third passes.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When someone shows you his or her soul -- and by the way, that's a real thing, to be shown the ethereal essence of a person -- well, it's an honor and a privilege, though one that you won't be exactly sure what to do with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've been instructed to put bright things into the universe, and this is, most assuredly, good advice. However, don't let it stop you from putting dull things into the universe, too, to keep things balanced and real.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you listen well, people become their whole selves when they communicate with you. If you forget to listen well, they will be but a fraction of themselves, and you won't learn the fullness of a person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have a good sense of people's intentions, even when they miss the mark entirely. Don't worry; you'll get the same leeway when you make these kinds of mistakes, although you won't be making them any time soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Boredom is the enemy of love. It seals people off from one another. Bored people often fight to break through the seal and into the realm of feelings again, although this is not the

only (nor is it the best) way to get there.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Young people will be a significant part of the plot for today. Keep in mind that children only get one childhood. There is only one first time for everything, and firsts have unique impact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you feel out of place, this is a blessing. There's a great benefit to being somewhere that feels just unfamiliar enough to cause you to reach back to the world of those you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's a tough crowd you'll be dealing with today. If you can't figure out how to put smiles on people's faces, put one on your own face. Your good vibes will be contagious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've a knack for being in the right place, and vicinity will work in your favor as you reach out. Even the most casual and commonplace communication is an opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not readily apparent why humans have fingerprints. Maybe it improves our sense of touch. It certainly helps us keep track of one another. Anyway, you won't need a single, definitive reason to appreciate the unique mark someone leaves on your life today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 21). You'll rejoice in the way things are, and as you come to accept the finer features and deeper levels, it will be as though the whole world belongs to you. Creativity is a huge part of your happiness this year. If you're not being creative, you're not being fully you. Nurture this constantly. Love and support are all around you. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 1, 11 and 9.

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# JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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Solution

#### DEAR ABBY

# Grandma plans to recoup loan from grandson's inheritance

**DEAR ABBY:** I co-signed a college loan for my grandson. Unfortunately, he didn't earn passing grades and was kicked out. He frequently misses loan payments, and I end up getting a late payment letter.

I am afraid his inattention to this debt will adversely affect my credit. I can make the late payment or pull the money out of my savings and pay off the loan. If I pay off the loan, I plan to deduct that amount from his inheritance.

He's very apologetic about it when I talk to him, but I'm tired of it hanging over my head. How should I handle this? — TIRED OF PAYING

DEAR TIRED OF PAYING: Your grandson's irresponsibility will reflect on your credit if it hasn't already. Pay off the loan and do not co-sign for him again. He should repay the money he borrowed from you as well as any



#### Dear Abby

penalties when he begins earning his own money. However, if he doesn't, you are within your rights to deduct the amount from his inheritance.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have become completely unemotional. I don't feel sad when there is a death. I feel no joy when I see a baby and, in fact, think people are selfish for having children in the world we live in today. When a couple gets married, I also feel — nothing.

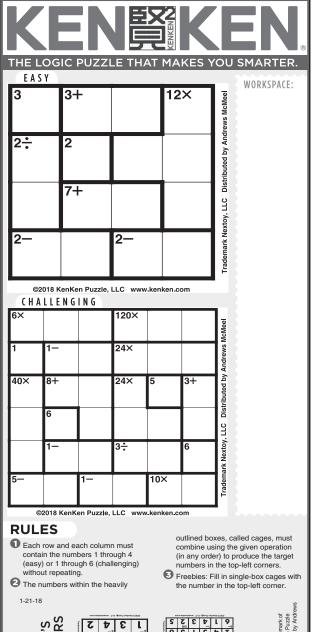
I'm 66 and have a great life with no health or financial problems. I'm friendly when I'm out in public, although I'd rather be left alone. I'm not miserable. I am just burned out on human beings and feel numb. What's up with me? — ABNORMAL IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR ABNORMAL:** Have you seen your doctor during the past year? If not, you should, to rule out a physical illness. If there's nothing physically wrong, you may be describing something called "ennui" — a kind of world-weariness. (An old song performed by Peggy Lee titled "Is That All There Is?" which you can find on YouTube, expresses it perfectly.)

A change in your routine may give you the jolt you need. If you aren't in the habit of doing it, 30 minutes of brisk daily exercise might give you a lift. However, if that doesn't help your malaise, some sessions with a licensed mental health professional may help you understand why you've been feeling the way you do.

DEAR ABBY: Can you and some of your readers give me an answer to a pressing question? I recently remarried, and I still feel like I'm visiting instead of living in my new home. None of my husband's late wife's furniture has been removed to make room for mine. Only a few minor changes have been made. When I suggest any changes, they are ignored. How can I tactfully make my feelings known? --LIVING WITH A GHOST IN ALABAMA

DEAR LIVING WITH A GHOST: Do that by stating your feelings clearly. This is something the two of you should have reached an understanding about before your wedding. If your husband continues to ignore you after that, work it out with him with the help of a licensed marriage and family therapist or other mediator.





**BIBLE** 

#### Stained mugs

Dear Heloise: I, like you, love baking soda! I noticed that the insides of my coffee cups were looking dingy, so I made a paste of baking soda and water, and scrubbed gently with a paper towel. After a rinse, the mugs are bright again! — Harriet B., Columbus, Ohio

How right you are! Baking soda is cheap, nontoxic and readily available, and it is great to use all over the home! I've compiled a collection of my favorite baking soda hints and recipes in a handy pamphlet. Would you like to receive one? It's easy - visit www. Heloise.com to order, or send \$5, along with a stamped (70 cents), self-addressed, long envelope, to: Heloise/ Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. Be sure to rinse the mugs in the sink to freshen the drain as well! — Heloise

# Worried about wrinkles

**Dear Heloise:** I have a new set of 100 percent cotton sheets, which I washed and rinsed in cold water and hung out to dry. Results? A gazillion wrinkles! What should I do differently to remove all of the wrinkles? — Old Washer Woman in Rockingham, Va.

Try spritzing the sheets with a light spray of water. First put the pillow in its



#### Hints from Heloise

pillowcase, then lightly spritz with water while holding the pillowcase up by the cuff. Then shake up and down a few times. You can spray the sheets while they hang on the line, then try a little pulling and see if this helps. Otherwise, you'll have to iron your sheets, because 100 percent cotton usually wrinkles to some extent. — Heloise

#### **Dirty towels**

**Dear Heloise:** If soap and water make you clean, why do towels get dirty? — Alfred D., Tampa, Fla.

Alfred, if you use soap and water properly, the towel won't get dirty. However, dead skin cells will be rubbed off when you dry yourself. Then there is the matter of towels developing mildew and odor from being damp, so they need to be washed frequently. — Heloise

#### **Dual hints**

**Dear Heloise:** Here's a request for cereal manufacturers: Please put resealable bags inside the cereal box so we can keep the cereal fresh (like a zippered bag)!

**HELOISE** 

Also, when I'm trying to take off my socks, I grab the heel instead of the toe, and they slide right off. — Doris R., Middletown, Ohio

#### **Compact carry**

**Dear Heloise:** I take quick overnight trips, and these hints help me save time and money. First, old contact-lens cases can hold rings, earrings and lotions.

Another storage idea for lotion is to squeeze some into a straw, then pinch and tape the ends closed. Headache medicine capsules can fit into a straw, too, as well as even a portion of laundry detergent!

Old sunglass cases can hold phone chargers, earbuds, manicure necessities, necklaces and odds and ends.

To protect hair dryers and curling irons, I pack them in potholders and oven mitts! Thanks for your column! — Melissa G. in Chicago

#### Letter of laughter

**Dear Heloise:** I'm so glad oversized watches are in fashion — thank goodness. Now I can actually see what time it is! — Betty S., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Yes, big watches are in style; shop the men's watch section for a better value — they can be priced lower than the women's oversized watches — or borrow your hubby's! — Heloise

# A carrot connoisseur

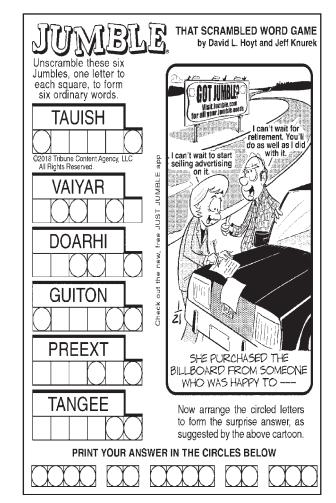
Dear Heloise: Both my husband and I love fresh carrots from the garden. However, my husband is English, and he believes that carrots should be boiled until they are very soft, just as his mother fixed them when he was a boy. I think they lose most of their nutrients and are just plain unappetizing prepared that way. How should carrots be cooked? — Lucy R., Falmouth, Maine

Lucy, the way carrots are cooked depends in part on personal preference. Some people like carrots soft, but I like mine steamed. I cut up young carrots to about 1/4- to 1/2-inch pieces, then I steam them for about five to six minutes. This way, they retain some of their crunchy texture, and there is less vitamin C loss. If you want a softer carrot, steam them for about 10 to 12 minutes. I also like carrots baked, because it brings out a nutty/smoky taste when they are roasted about 20 minutes. Try one of these methods and see how you and vour husband like carrots cooked some way other than boiling. — Heloise

#### "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not

bowed the knee to the image of Boal." — Romans 11:3, 4. Don't get the idea that you are in this race alone nor think for a moment that the rewards to be are reserved for a select few God has many children, some may not be as vocal as others, but they have victory too.

#### JUMBLE



# **GOOD NEWS TODAY** Hippo-y birthday to Fiona! The popular preemie is turning 1

#### **By DAN SEWELL** Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Some days, it's more like being a Hollywood movie star's agent than a communications official for the zoo. That's what happens when your prematurely born hippopotamus becomes a global celebrity.

The Cincinnati Zoo has a day of festivities ready for Fiona's first birthday party Saturday, and expect plenty more of Fiona in year 2.

Zoo director Thane Maynard's own "Saving Fiona" will later this year join the growing library of books about her. The Cincinnati Reds baseball team will feature a Fiona bobblehead, and the minor-league Florence, Kentucky, Freedom plans a Fiona snow globe this summer. There will be a "Fiona's Cove" exhibit at next month's annual Cincinnati Home & Garden Show.

Also ahead: additions to the Fiona-themed T-shirts, cookies, ornaments, and even beer from tie-ins by local retailers who have shared an estimated half-million dollars in revenues with the zoo so far.

Not everything gets green-lighted. "We've gotten some

strange requests," said Chad Yelton, zoo



COURTESY CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDENS VIA AP

In this April 12, 2017 photo provided by the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Fiona a prematurely born hippopotamus, swims in her quarantine enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens in Cincinnati.

spokesman.

Left on the table: proposals to record music and make videos with Fiona, national toy company endorsements, a simulated space launch of Fiona, and a Texas library's invitation for her to pay a visit.

Meanwhile, zoo staffers are working with Fiona on her transition toward more-typical zoo behavior, with training on responding to verbal cues and receiving grown-up health care from staffers aware that hippos can become aggressive and dangerous. Her bottlefeeding ended a few weeks ago. "We're treating her more like a full-time hippo and less like a part-time hippo, parttime human," said Christina Gorsuch, the zoo's mammals curator. Fiona will likely double in size in the next year from her current weight of nearly 700 pounds.

"But she'll still be her adorable self," Gorsuch added.

A few steps away, adults raised their cameras and cellphones and children squealed as Fiona swam over to check out her latest throng of fans. "I love Fiona!" shouted 3-yearold Nolyn Hanley after she nosed near the glass



Fiona, a baby Nile Hippopotamus, right, and her mother Bibi, swim in their enclosure at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Wednesday, in Cincinnati.

where he had been watching for her with little brother A.J.

The numbers speak volumes about her popularity:

— Zoo attendance in 2016 was 1.63 million. In 2017, it rose to 1.87 million.

— Views of the zoo's Facebook videos in 2016 totaled 8.85 million. From Fiona's birth on Jan. 24, 2017, to Jan. 2, 2018, they totaled 144.4 million.

Some animal rights activists have expressed cynicism, saying the zoo is using a captive animal to boost its marketing. Fiona came eight months after the May 28, 2016, shooting by a zoo special-response team of an endangered western lowland gorilla after a little boy fell into his enclosure. The death of Harambe spurred criticism of the zoo, while leading to satires and memes over social media that made the slain gorilla a popculture icon.

Round-the-clock critical care, with an assist from Cincinnati Children's hospital personnel, helped the baby born Jan. 24, 2017, grow from a dangerously low 29 pounds. The zoo kept up online updates through good days and bad, but as she continued to progress, the publicists signaled plans to cut back on the regular updates. That drew blowback from fans hungry, hungry for their "Fiona fix."

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After a year of it, Yelton doesn't expect the Fiona Frenzy to fade as she leaves her baby days behind.

"She's still going to be Fiona," he said. "A superstar."







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# **MLB:** Free agency Why free agency isn't fun (yet) for Čobb

By MARC TOPKIN Tampa Bay Times

RHP Alex Cobb never expected to be going into late January without knowing where he was going for spring training.

The longtime Ray's first foray into free agency hasn't gone as planned, much like the 150-plus others waiting for something to give in a market colder than the weather.

"You're full of excitement, you're rushing into this thing like, 'Oh, this is going to be a lot of fun, a great experience,' " Cobb said Friday. "Then somewhere between November and December you realize how slow things are going and you kind of start reading the writing on the wall that this is a little bit of a different offseason then years before.

"Then you go through a little bit of a frustrating moment, frustrated with

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MLB: Rays Rays could still look different by end of spring

#### **TENNIS:** Australian Open

# **Last Slam standing**



Germany's Angelique Kerber hits a backhand return to Russia's Maria Sharapova during their third round match Saturday at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

# Kerber beats Sharapova in 3rd round

#### By John Pye The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australi – Angelique Kerber is on her own in an elite club at the Australian Open.

The 2016 champion routed Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-3 in a third-round win that showcased her credentials as a title contender and ensured she'll be the only Grand Slam champion still playing in the second week in the women's draw.

Roger Federer and Jovak Djokovic were

90th match win at Melbourne Park. Women's No. 1 Simona Halep took a longer route equaling a mark in Melbourne for endurance but signaling, perhaps, that she's closer to a Grand Slam breakthrough.

Sharapova was back at the Australian Open for the first time since 2016, when a failed doping test led to a 15-month ban from tennis.

After two comfortable wins the five-time major winner was growing in confidence,

a big match. I mean, Maria is a champion. She's always dangerous, especially at the Grand Slams," Kerber said. "I was really trying to not think about everything around, about against who I'm playing.

"I learned a lot from the last 12, 24 months. I had a great 2016 and last year was a little tougher."

Kerber's year-end ranking dropped from No. 1 in 2016 to 21 last year, when she failed to defend her Australian or U.S. Open titles. "Anybody who knows me knows I never give up." Sharapova said Kerber was the more aggressive on court and took more risks. "A lot of things I need to get better at

and improve on," she said. "Today was not enough (but) ... looking at the overall picture, there's a lot to build from."

The Kerber-Sharapova match, billed as the showdown of the round, was over quickly. That was in contract to Halep's 4-6, 6-4, 15-13 win in 3 hours and 45 minutes over American Lauren Davis.

The third set took 2 hours, 22 minutes. Halep wasted chances to serve for the match in the ninth, 11th and 15th games, then had to save three match points in the 22nd. There were 11 service breaks and two medical timeouts - for Davis to get treatment

# **COMMENTARY** Lightning needs a reset on the road ... pronto

**By MARTIN FENNELLY Times Sports Columnist** 

egas has left the building. Wasn't the Lightning just arranging place settings for next weekend's NHL All-Star Game party?

With that in mind, I headed to the home dressing room at Amalie Arena late Thursday after the Lightning was manhandled 4-1 by the Vegas Golden Knights. If you could leave scorched earth on ice, that was Thursday.

Still, I thought: No gloom, no doom. Just a glitch. So it was the first game without Victor Hedman and it was a disaster. Remember the first half of the season, remember the best team in hockey?

Buck up, boys.

Oh, boys ...

"We can't just go out there and expect to win," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said. "There's no sugarcoating it." Huh?

"We didn't work. We didn't show," Lightning defenseman Anton Stralman said. "I don't think (Vegas) did anything remarkable out there. We just didn't put up a fight. That's on us. That's a tough one."

What? It's never too early to polish the alarm bell or lay down some floorboards in the panic button. And just in time for an eight-game road trip, beginning Saturday night at Minnesota and to be interrupted only by the All-Star break. What has happened to that team o' yours, Lightning fans? Who knows how we'll

By MARC TOPKIN Tampa Bay Times

ST. PETERSBURG Since entering an offseason planning major change and pledging to be open to "anything and everything," the Rays have made a few minor moves and one massive one in trading franchise cornerstone Evan Longoria to San Francisco.

But in the month since then, nothing.

Which means if they took the field today, they'd have a team with a higher payroll than last year and less talent.

For \$75 million plus, they'd look something like this:

An infield with Matt Duffy - yes, he's said to be healthy - at third, Adeiny Hechavarria at short, Brad Miller moving back to first and some combination at

SEE RAYS, 3

almost as ruthless in their straight-sets wins Saturday night, which is hardly surprising for two players with a combined 31 Grand Slam titles. As well, it was Federer's

but she had no answers for Kerber, who is on a 12-match winning streak in a kind of comeback of her own after a sliding down the rankings last year. "Of course is quite

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## **NFL:** Eagles Blount, Long brought winning ways to Philadelphia

#### By Rob Maaddi **Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA -When Chris Long and LeGarrette Blount joined the Philadelphia Eagles after winning a Super Bowl in New England, both players envisioned another title run with a team on the rise.

They had more faith than most, but the Eagles are two wins away from a parade.

"I knew we'd be a playoff team and that's why I decided this would be a good place to be and then what separates you is winning a game or two," Long said as Philadelphia prepared for Sunday's NFC championship game against the Minnesota Vikings.

The Eagles were 7-9 last year in the first season under coach Doug Pederson and quarterback Carson Wentz.

Expectations were moderate entering 2017 with many experts projecting the team to be a year away from serious playoff contention.

But Blount saw a team that was close. The Eagles added receivers Alshon Jeffery and Torrey Smith, traded for defensive tackle Tim Jernigan and signed Long before giving Blount a one-year deal in May. "I chose the Eagles for

the reason of me fitting in

really good here, having a championship run, having a banner season," Blount said after he signed. "And they're a really good team. They're a really good team before I came. I just want to fit in."

He was right and he's fit in perfectly.

Wentz had an MVP-caliber season before he tore his ACL in Week 14 and the Eagles (14-3) secured the NFC's No. 1 seed. Blount was the team's leading

rusher, though he's played a secondary role since Jay Ajayi was acquired in a trade in October.

Blount hasn't complained about fewer carries and has provided veteran leadership. He led the NFL with 18 touchdowns rushing last year when he earned his second Super Bowl ring in three seasons with the Patriots. "We're winning and

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# **NHL:** Roundup **Rolling Avalanche get 9th** straight win, over Rangers

#### Associated Press

DENVER - The Colorado Avalanche have gone from pushover to powerhouse in less than a season, and their recent streak is evoking memories of past glory.

Nathan MacKinnon, Erik Johnson and Mikko Rantanen had a goal and an assist each, Jonathan Bernier made 27 saves and the streaking Avalanche beat the New York Rangers 3-1 on Saturday for their ninth straight win.

The Avalanche have won eight straight at home and haven't lost since Arizona beat them on Dec. 27. Colorado has outscored opponents 37-15 in the last nine games and has not trailed during the winning streak, which has moved the team into playoff position in the Western Conference.

"We can't get comfortable," MacKinnon said. "That is why we are fighting every night because we need these points. It's so tight, the division is so tight."

Colorado has won nine in a row for the first time since Oct. 10-28, 2000, the last season it won the Stanley Cup. That was during a run of success that brought the Avalanche two



Colorado Avalanche defenseman Erik Johnson (6) celebrates his goal with teammates Gabriel Landeskog (92), Nathan MacKinnon (29), Patrik Nemeth (12), and Mikko Rantanen (96) against the New York Rangers in the first period Saturday in Denver. [JOE MAHONEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

championships and six conference finals in seven seasons. All of their nine wins

have come against teams in playoff position.

STARS 7, SABRES 1: Mattias Janmark had two goals and an assist, Esa Lindell added a goal and two assists and the Dallas Stars defeated the Buffalo Sabres. Jamie Benn and Radek Faksa each had a goal and an assist, and Remi Elle also scored for the Stars, who return home after a 3-0-1 trip. Benn extended his point streak to seven games. John Klingberg tallied three assists and Jason Spezza had two. Kari Lehtonen made 26 saves for Dallas. Sam Reinhart scored Buffalo's goal. Robin Lehner stopped 15 shots before being replaced by Chad Johnson (10 saves)

after allowing a fourth goal midway through the second period.

#### FLYERS 3, DEVILS 1: Travis

Konecny had a goal and an assist, Michal Neuvirth made 28 saves and the Philadelphia Flyers scored all of their goals in the first period in a victory over the New Jersey Devils. Ivan Provorov and Valtteri Filppula also tallied goals for the Flyers, who won their sixth in the last seven to move closer to a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Jesper Bratt scored for New Jersey, which called on goalie Ken Appleby for his NHL debut after Keith Kinkaid was injured in the first period.

JETS 2, FLAMES 1, SO: Bryan Little and Blake Wheeler scored in the shootout and the Winnipeg Jets

beat Calgary 2-1 Saturday, snapping the Flames' sevengame winning streak. Little opened the shootout with a wrist shot inside the post and past Mike Smith. After Mark Jankowski and Sean Monahan were stopped by Connor Hellebuyck and Smith stopped Patrik Laine, Wheeler clinched it on a deke to his forehand. Mathieu Perreault scored in regulation for Winnipeg, which improved to 7-2-1 in its last 10. TJ Brodie scored for Calgary. Hellebuyck had 30 saves for the Jets and Smith stopped 33 shots in defeat.

#### **HURRICANES 3, RED WINGS**

1: Elias Lindholm's second goal of the game broke a third-period tie and Carolina went on to beat Detroit. Lindholm made the most of an increased role, filling in for leading scorer Sebastian Aho in the team's first game without him this season. Aho is out with a concussion and lower-body injury. Lindholm, who replaced Aho on the top line with Jordan Staal and Teuvo Teravainen, scored twice on power plays. Justin Williams gave the Hurricanes a two-goal cushion with 1:58 left. Cam Ward stopped 23 shots. Tomas Tatar scored and Jimmy Howard made 27 saves for the Red Wings, who have lost four of five.

## **NBA:** Roundup George scores 36, Thunder blast LeBron, Cavaliers

CLEVELAND -LeBron James came up just short of 30,000 points.

Oklahoma City nearly got there, too.

Unable to stop Paul George, Russell Westbrook or Carmelo Anthony, the Cavaliers were embarrassed 148-124 on Saturday by the Thunder, who not only rolled to their lourth straight win but kept James shy of a historic milestone. George scored 36 points, Westbrook had 23 and 20 assists and Anthony dropped a season-high 29 points as the Thunder tied the record for the most points given up by a Cleveland team in a regulation game. Philadelphia scored 148

on the Cavs back in 1972. "I've never in my basketball life gave up 148 points, not even probably playing video games," James said. "They got everything that they wanted. Inside, outside, they had it moving."

BULLS 113, HAWKS 97: Robin Lopez scored 20 points, Lauri Markkanen added 19 and the Chicago Bulls

10 points on John Collins' dunk.

76ERS 116, BUCKS 94: Joel Embiid had 29 points and nine rebounds and Philadelphia pulled away from undermanned Milwaukee for its seventh win in eight games. Ben Simmons added 16 points and nine assists, and Timothe Luwawu-Cabarrot added 16 points in a rare start as the Sixers (22-20) moved past Milwaukee (23-22) for sixth

#### PELICANS 111, GRIZZLIES

104: Jrue Holiday scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, DeMarcus Cousins had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and New Orleans beat Memphis. Anthony Davis had 21 points and 12 rebounds but did not score his first points of the second half until he dunked with 1:15 to go in the game, giving the Pelicans a 108-102 lead.

#### HEAT 106, HORNETS 105:

## **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 9 p.m. BTN - Rutgers at Michigan

4 p.m. ESPNU – Loyola of Chicago at Valparaiso 6 p.m. - Virginia at Wake ESPNU Forest 8 p.m. ESPNU - Washington St.

NBCSN - FIS World Cup, Women's Super G, at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy (same-day tape) 10 p.m. NBCSN - FIS World Cup, Men's Slalom, at Kitzbuehel, Austria (same-day tape)

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**COLLEGE HOCKEY** 3 p.m. NBCSN - Notre Dame at Wisconsin

#### **FIGURE SKATING**

3 p.m. NBC - European Championships, at Moscow (taped) 6 p.m. NBCSN - European Championships, at Moscow (taped)

#### GOLF

1 p.m. GOLF - Web.com Tour, Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, first round, at Great Abaco, Bahamas 3 p.m. ESPN — Latin America Amateur Championship, second round, at Santiago, Chile (same-day tape) GOLF - PGA Tour, Career-Builder Challenge, final round, at La Quinta, Calif.

#### **NFL FOOTBALL**

3 p.m. CBS - AFC Championship, Jacksonville at New England 6:30 p.m. FOX – NFC Championship, Minnesota at Philadelphia

#### **NHL HOCKEY**

12:30 p.m. NBC - Philadelphia at Washington

#### SKIING

5 p.m. NBC – U.S. Grand Prix, Men's and Women's Snowboard Halfpipe, at Mammoth Mountain, Calif. (same-day tape) 8 p.m. NBCSN – USSA Freestyle Cup, Men's and Women's Aerials, at Lake Placid, N.Y. (taped)

9:30 a.m. FS1 – Bundesliga, Bayern Munich vs. Werder Bremen 11 a.m. NBCSN - Premier League, Southampton vs. Tottenham 11:50 a.m. FS2 – Bundesliga, Schalke vs. Hannover 7:30 p.m. ESPN – Women, United States vs. Denmark, at San Diego

#### TENNIS

9 p.m. ESPN2 - Australian Open, round of 16, at Melbourne, Australia 3 a.m. (Monday) ESPN2 – Australian Open, round of 16. at Melbourne. Australia

#### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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CBSSN - George Washington at Dayton ESPNU - South Carolina at Kentucky FS1 – Marquette at Villanova 1 p.m. ESPN2 – UConn at Temple SEC – Mississippi at Florida 2 p.m. CBSSN - DePaul at Georgetown ESPNU – Tulsa at Tulane 3 p.m. ESPN2 - Mississippi St. at Tennessee SEC - Auburn at Georgia 4 p.m. CBSSN - South Florida at Wichita St. 5 p.m. ESPN2 - Florida St. at Louisville SEC – Arkansas at Missouri 5:30 p.m. BTN - Northwestern at Wisconsin

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find coach Jon Cooper's lads on the other side of this trip?

This has been a bad month around here when it comes to Vegas. First, Jon Gruden gets a stack of chips to coach the Raiders. Thursday at Amalie, the Golden Knights erased any doubt as to who's the best story in the NHL this season. What's next, a hip check from Celine Dion?

The Lightning needs a reset – fast. Star goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy, facing the first true test of his NHL career, needs to get dialed back in. And someone, anyone not named Hedman, needs to start playing defense. The Lightning is playing bad in its end, and that has spread to the other end.

The goals have dried up, too.

There is an ebb and flow to every season. And ebb never looks good.

easily beat the Atlanta Hawks. The Bulls, coming off a 7-point home loss to defending NBA champion Golden State three days ago, have won four of five. They never trailed, taking an 11-pont lead midway through the first quarter on Lopez's dunk and going up 17 on Markkanen's dunk in the closing seconds of the first half. The closest Atlanta got in the third was

place in the Eastern Conference. Khris Middleton had 23 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for the Bucks in their second straight loss. They were without top scorer Giannis Antetokounmpo, who was sitting out the first of two games to rest a sore right knee. Fellow starter Malcolm Brogdon (family matter) also wasn't available.

you've got it down, guys.

"You've heard me say this for five years - it's what you keep out of the net, not what you put into the net," Cooper said.

It should be noted that the Lightning was beginning to sag even before Hedman went down. Yzerman's mind was already at work. He has made several in-season moves in Lightning playoff seasons, like deals for Dwayne Roloson, Braydon Coburn and Ryan Callahan. Last year, it was the move he didn't make, keeping Jonathan Drouin, then trading him in the offseason for Mikhail Sergachev, who has been grand but has also been exposed, including Thursday.

Oh, well. Maybe there is a deal to be made. Yzerman was probably going to make one before Hedman's injury. But now who? Mike Green? Jack Johnson? Jacob Trouba? I can see Tyler Johnson and/ or Alex Killorn being loaded onto a moving

Kelly Olynyk scored 14 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter, including a free throw with 0.2 seconds left, to help Miami erase a five-point deficit in the final 34 seconds and stun Charlotte. Wayne Ellington had 26 points on six 3-pointers, Joe Johnson had 22 points and Olynyk was brilliant down the stretch.

van. Whatever it takes.

The Lightning's first half was no fluke. It was built on MVP performances as well as a team concept. This team will get through this. The question is how far it will come out on the other side. Crises happens.

Then again ...

"The guys know we're better than that," Cooper said. "It hurts when you lose a game, but it really hurts when you lose them at home and you're about to embark on an eightgame road trip."

Maybe the Lightning finds itself out there. There are lots of mirrors in lots of hotel rooms.

"By no means is there panic in this room," Stamkos said.

I'm glad the captain cleared that up.

"We've been through the highs and lows of a season before. The good teams, we've always talked about it, find a way."

It's time to do just that.

Vegas has left the building.

"We've lost 9-2 in our last two home games. That's a concern," Cooper said. "They know the right way of playing and they know they're not playing the right way."

It was never going to be easy without Hedman, who is out three to six weeks after suffering a lower-body injury last week. The Lightning will survive this, but it might be a photo finish. Did you really expect this team to lose all Hedman's minutes and all he brings to it, and just roll right along? Think again. Major test.

True, it represents

mission for Cooper and

as they get to see what

the bottom of the blue

Thursday was an early

some shoddy work.

Then again, this isn't

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about one guy trying to

be Hedman. It's about 18 guys playing defense

together. Tell us when

approaches the playoffs.

a great fact-finding

GM Steve Yzerman,

exactly they have on

line as the Lightning

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the process, frustrated with the way things are going. Then you kind of get to the point where you're like, 'Whatever. We're all in this same boat together.' You just kind of change your frame of mind to accepting the fact that this thing is going to go down to the wire and you get comfortable with that."

The Cubs, with former Rays manager Joe Maddon and now pitching coach Jim Hickey, are rumored to be Cobb's likely destination, even with reports he turned down a three-year, \$42 million deal. Going into the winter, he seemed in line for more like a fouryear, \$60 million deal, or \$70 million-plus over five, so that makes sense.

Cobb wouldn't get into specifics Friday, saying he has talked seriously with 15 teams and hasn't eliminated any. The Brewers, Twins, Nationals, Orioles, Rangers, Yankees are reportedly among the in. "Everywhere is an option for me at this point," Cobb said. Even - his words – going back to the Rays for a year, as unlikely as that is.

While ex-Rays Tommy Hunter (\$18 million over two years from Phillies) and Steve Cishek (\$13 million, two years, Cubs) have signed, Cobb waits, as do OF Peter Bourjos, 1B Lucas Duda, 1B Logan Morrison, RHP Sergio Romo.

"It'll be very interesting to see the reasonings when all this is done, and kind of dissect it a little bit and get to figure out why the market was so slow this offseason," Cobb said. "Very interesting."

San Francisco treat: With No. 3 retired for Bill Terry, ex-Rays star Evan Longoria gets No. 10 with the Giants. Can't imagine the Rays letting anyone wear

danielrobertstonfamilyfoundation.org. Rays rumblings: In addition to a uniform patch marking the team's 20-year anniversary, expect promotions and giveaways with that theme. ... Curious when Tampa stadium proponents will start that drive for sponsor and season-ticket commitments principal owner Stuart Sternberg wants to see. ... Kevin Kiermaier, ranked 10th among centerfielders, was the only Ray to make Buster Olney's ESPN.com top 10 at each position. ... Seems likely the Rays

will join other teams

in expanding netting by the dugouts. ... With agent Jason Wood fired from his firm amid controversy, arbitration-bound RHP Jake Odorizzi signed with Excel and is handled by Bobby Barad, whose Rays clients include Corey Dickerson. ... Melanie Lenz was promoted from vice president, strategy & development to chief development officer. Also, Jeff Tanzer promoted to VP, ticket sales and service; Eric Weisberg to VP, marketing and creative services; Patrick Smith to senior director, controller; Michael Weinman to director, game presentation & production... Prospects 1B Jake Bauers, OF Justin Williams and LHP Ryan Yarbrough attended the MLB Rookie Career Development Program in Washington, D.C.... Kiermaier was mlb.com's choice as the most likely Hall of Famer among current Rays.

Ex-Rays rumblings: C Curt Casali signed a minor-league deal with Texas, having first signed with Anaheim then granted his release when the Angels blocked his path to the majors by adding another ex-Ray, Rene Rivera. ... Maddon's Respect 90 Foundation donated \$71,000 to hurricane relief funds in Tampa Bay, Houston and Puerto Rico. ... Sure, Rays fans were upset to see Longoria go. But after franchise cornerstone OF Andrew McCutchen and RHP Gerrit Cole were traded, Pirates fans started an online petition urging Bob Nutting to sell the team and have 50,000plus signatures. ... With nearly 200 of the roughly 425 Hall of Fame ballots posted online, Fred McGriff has 36 votes, Johnny Damon three and Aubrey Huff none. The announcement is Wednesday.

# **OLYMPICS: HOCKEY** Without NHL players, Olympic tournament is 'wide open'

#### By STEPHEN WHYNO Associated Press

When Willie Desjardins coached Canada's 2010 world junior team stacked with future NHL players Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle, Brayden Schenn, Alex Pietrangelo and goaltenders Jake Allen and Martin Jones, it took a wild final game with John Carlson scoring in overtime to win the gold medal for the United States.

Just like Canada was the most talented team back then, Russia is likely to have that role at the upcoming Winter Olympics. Desjardins isn't concerned about that.

"In this tournament, anybody can win," Desjardins said.

Goodbye, NHL players. Hello, unpredictability. No NHL participation



FILE - In this Dec. 16, 2016, file photo, Russia's Ilya Kovalchuk, center, tries to score as Czech Republic's Ondrej Vitasek, right, and Dominik Furch make a challenge during the Ice Hockey Channel One Cup match in Moscow. Russia is considered the favorite for gold in the upcoming Olympics because it has former NHL players Kovalchuk, Pavel Datsyuk and Andrei Markov.

for the first time since 1994 threatens to upset the traditional world hockey order after Canada has won the past three best-on-best tournaments: the 2016

World Cup, 2014 Sochi Olympics and 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Russia is considered the favorite because it has former NHL players Ilya Kovalchuk, Pavel Datsyuk and Andrei Markov, though Finland could make gold its sixth medal in the past five Games or Sweden could win for the first time since 2006.

Coach Tony Granato's American team was put together with players from European professional leagues, the NCAA and American Hockey League.

"This Olympics is wide open for a lot of reasons," Granato said. "Russia's got the most talented players in the world. They're going to have the team that steps on the ice with the most talented players. Does that make them the best team for two weeks? No. We all know that. We all know how sports works. All you're looking for is an opportunity to make the most and be the best that you can be for that period of time."

# GOLF: CareerBuilder Challenge Austin Cook shoots 64 to take lead

The Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. – Austin Cook played a six-hole stretch in 6 under and shot an 8-under 64 in breezy conditions Saturday to take the lead at the CareerBuilder Challenge.

Cook began the run at La Quinta Country Club with birdies on Nos. 4-5, eagled the sixth and added birdies on No. 7 and 9 to make the turn in 6-under 30.

After a bogey on the 10th, he birdied Nos.

11, 12 and 15 and saved par on the 18th with a 20-footer to take a 19-under 197 total into the final round on PGA West's Stadium Course. The 26-year-old former Arkansas player is making his first start in the event. He won at Sea Island in November for his first PGA Tour title.

Fellow former Razorbacks star Andrew Landry and Martin Piller were a stroke back. Landry, the secondround leader, had a 70 on the Stadium Course. Piller, the husband of LPGA Tour player Gerina Piller, shot a 67 at La Quinta. They are both winless on the PGA Tour.

Jon Rahm had a 70 at the Stadium Course to reach 17 under. The topranked player in the field at No. 3, Rahm beat up the par 5s again, but had four bogeys — three on par 3s. He has played the 12 par 5s in 13 under with an eagle and 11 birdies.

Scott Piercy also was two strokes back after a 66 at the Stadium. Adam Hadwin had a 67 at La Quinta a year after shooting a third-round 59 on the course. The Canadian was 16 under along with Grayson Murray and Brandon Harkins. Murray had a 67 on PGA West's Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course, and Harkins shot 68 on the Stadium Course.

Phil Mickelson missed the cut in his first tournament of the year for the second time in his career, shooting a 74 on the Stadium Course to finish at 4 under — four strokes from a Sunday tee time.

## **OLYMPICS:** Athletes IOC: NKorea to have 22 athletes in Olympics

By Graham Dunbar Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland – A Korean unity deal for the Pyeongchang Olympics will bring 22 North Korean athletes across the border to South Korea, where they will march as one under a unification flag at the opening ceremony and compete together in one sport. In the most symbolic agreement approved Saturday, 12 North Korean women's hockey players will join their neighbors in a united roster playing in special uniforms with a Korean song as their anthem. North Koreans will also compete in figure skating, short track speed

skating, Alpine skiing and cross-country skiing after being given exceptional late entries by the International Olympic Committee. The North Korean delegation will also include 24 coaches and officials. plus 21 media representatives at the Feb. 9-25 Winter Games. The governments of North and South Korea were offered "sincere thanks" by IOC President Thomas Bach announcing the agreement. An Olympic deal became possible after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said in a New Year's speech that a team could cross the border to compete. "Such an agreement



3 anytime soon. ... At \$13.5 million, Longoria went from being the highest paid Ray to ninth on the Giants. ... Heard the other teams Longoria suggested to the Rays as good trade fits included the Cardinals, Mets and Red Sox.

Helping hand: INF Daniel Robertson last weekend held his second fan feststyle event near his SoCal home, raising money to help families with medical bills related to fighting cancer. To donate, see AP PHOTO

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, center, shakes hands with North Korea's Olympic Committee President and sports minister Kim II Guk, left, and South Korea's Sports Minister Do Jong-hwan, right, as they arrive for the North and South Korean Olympic Participation Meeting at the IOC headquarters Saturday in Pully, near Lausanne, Switzerland.

would have seemed impossible only a few weeks ago," said Bach, who did not take questions from international media.

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second of Daniel Robertson, Joey Wendle, Ryan Schimpf and Micah Johnson.

An outfield with Denard Span in left, Kevin Kiermaier in center, Steven Souza Jr. in right, and Corey Dickerson as the primary DH.

A rotation of Chris Archer, Jake Odorizzi, Blake Snell, Nate Eovaldi and – after potentially opening with four starters – either Matt Andriese or Jake Faria.

And a bullpen with Alex Colome at the back end, lefty Dan Jennings and Chaz Roe as experienced help, possibly with Andriese, and the rest unproven young relievers.

Maybe that doesn't look that bad.

But that's not likely to

be the squad that reports to Port Charlotte next month. Or, at least, heads north to the Trop for the March 29 opener.

In addressing ownership's request to cut payroll after another season with majorsworst attendance and trying to fill some holes – like adding a true first baseman (maybe Lucas Duda as a free agent bargain?) and some veteran relievers – they still have some major work to do.

It's just that nobody has been getting much done.

Like most other teams, the Rays have been paralyzed by the lack of activity industry-wide. Though trades are more their thing, free agent decisions elsewhere often spark responsive deals.

Speculation on reasons for the overall freeze is rampant, with the

potential to get ugly. Most tenable, that increased brain power and data flow across front offices has created a likemindedness in player (and prospect) evaluation to where no one wants to cede an advantage in making a trade and would rather wait out free agents. More concerning, that more teams have less interest in actually competing, reducing motivation to spend excessively. Most troublesome, collusion among teams to stall and thus depress value of the 150-plus players still on the free agent market.

At some point – right? – something will change. Spring camps open in 3 <sup>1</sup>/2 weeks, real games in less than 70 days.

And when that dam finally breaks, the Rays still have much to address. "I think our to-do list is comparable to where we were earlier in the winter," general manger Erik Neander said this week. "There is just less time available to accomplish it.

"But that's, I think, the same for many teams at this point and it just requires us an industry to get more done in a shorter period of time. Spring training is not moving."

The current group, pending arbitration cases with Hechavarria and Odorizzi, is due around \$75 million.

That's \$5 million more than last year's opening day payroll, and doesn't account for the usual couple replacements for DL-ed players, or the \$4 million 2019 buyout they'd owe Span (who they had to take back as part of the net savings in the Longoria deal). Though the Rays say there is no specific payroll number they have to cut to, they are going to have to find some deals to be made.

Either Span (\$9 million) or Dickerson (\$5.95 million) probably has to go. Odorizzi (\$6.05 or \$6.3 million) seems most tradeable among the starters, especially since Archer (\$6.25 million) requires a heftier return due to four years of control. Miller (\$4.5 million) is expendable among the infielders, though Hechavarria (\$5.35 or \$5.9 million) could go. And, given how much relievers are getting elsewhere, it's hard to imagine some team (Cardinals?) eventually won't meet the Rays' price for Colome (\$5.3 million, in the first of three arbitration years).

Also, while there will be plenty of talk about

their core of promising prospects, don't expect to see Willy Adames, Jake Bauers, Brent Honeywell or Christian Arroyo, the headliner of the Longoria deal, open the season in the majors, which can be both baseball and business decisions.

"At any given moment you know what your club would look like if you had to open the season tomorrow, and we certainly have that in mind as we sit here today," Neander said. "That being said, we're always looking to improve, we're always looking to make our organization stronger both for 2018 and out beyond that. As long as there is time available, as long as there is stuff for us to consider, and there certainly is, we're going to make the most of the time we have to try to do the best we can for the organization."

# NCAA: Membership **NCAA Division II expands** international reach to Mexico

#### **By MICHAEL MAROT** Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS – The NCAA's Division II voted by a wide margin Saturday to allow Mexican colleges to apply for membership, expanding its international reach beyond Canada.

The legislation takes effect immediately. Schools must meet all Division II standards, including facilities and staff, before being considered.

No Mexican schools have applied yet, and any that do would be required to complete a three-year provisional period before becoming a full member. Division I and Division III schools will not be affected.

In 2008, Division II agreed to accept Canadian schools. Simon Fraser in Vancouver, British

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Columbia, became the first full-time member outside the U.S. in 2012-13 and remains the only international NCAA member.

"We're very proud to be the first but being the only is lonely," Simon Fraser President Andrew Petter said, speaking in support of a measure approved a few minutes later by a vote of 253-45.

There were seven abstentions, but nobody spoke against the proposal on the final day of the NCAA's annual convention.

Despite facing passport issues and other challenges, Petter said Simon Fraser has found creative ways to overcome those obstacles and believes schools in Mexico would find similar solutions.

Division II officials hope Mexico brings more than just diversity to the playing fields.

Only five schools in the West field football teams and those schools would like to schedule more games closer to campus. Some, in fact, already have scheduled Mexican opponents and found them to be competitive.

"We believe it would help in the vast Western region and would create a valuable cultural experience for the global world we are preparing our students to live in," said Bill LaForge, president of Delta Sate in Mississippi.

Expansion also could raise the profile of the NCAA's middle division and open doors to additional opportunities.

But Petter's preference would be to have a partner on the international stage.

"Still proud to be the first," he said. "But no longer lonely to be the only international member in the NCAA."

# NCAA: Basketball Top-ranked Villanova routs former Big East rival UConn

#### Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. -Top-ranked Villanova didn't shoot particularly well against UConn, but routed their former Big East rivals thanks to defense and rebounding.

Jalen Brunson scored 23 points and Donte DiVincenzo added 17 points off the bench to lead the Wildcats to an 81-61 win, completing their nonconference schedule at 13-0.

Jalen Adams scored 19 and Christian Vital had 15 for UConn (10-9), which has now lost five games this season by at least 20 points.

The Wildcats (18-1) hit just two of their first 13 shots, but still led 13-5 early after seven offensive boards and a pair of 3-pointers by DiVincenzo.

#### No. 3 PURDUE 87, IOWA 64:

Carsen Edwards scored 22 points and Vincent Edwards had 19, leading No. 3 Purdue to its 15th straight victory with a rout of Iowa. P.J. Thompson added 14 points for the Boilermakers (19-2, 8-0 Big Ten).

#### **OKLAHOMA STATE 83, No.**

4 OKLAHOMA 81, OT: Trae Young scored 48 points, but missed a deep 3 at the buzzer in overtime as No. 4 Oklahoma fell to Oklahoma State. Young, a freshman guard who leads the nation in scoring, had 34 points after halftime. He matched the fifth-highest scoring effort in Sooners' history after also missing a 3-point try at the end of regulation.

#### **No. 5 DUKE 81, PITTSBURGH**

54: Freshman Wendell Carter Jr. had 21 points on 9-for-10 shooting while fifth-ranked Duke shot 52 percent in a win against Pittsburgh. Fellow rookie Marvin Bagley III added 20 points for the Blue Devils (17-2, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who cruised to a second easy win against the Panthers in 10 days.

and Sagaba Konate had 10 points, 14 rebounds and six blocks for West Virginia (16-3, 5-2 Big 12), which had lost its previous two games.

HOUSTON 73, No. 7 WICHITA STATE 59: Seventh-ranked Wichita State lost its second straight game as Houston beat a Top 10 team for the first time in 22 years, with Rob Gray scoring 24 points in a win. Wichita State (15-4, 5-2 American Athletic Conference) fell to SMU 83-78 on Wednesday. The Shockers shot a season-low 33 percent and committed 18 turnovers in this latest loss.

#### **IOWA STATE 70, No. 8 TEXAS**

TECH 52: Freshman Cameron Lard scored 18 points and Iowa State cruised past No. 8 Texas Tech, its first win over a ranked opponent this season. Nick Weiler-Babb, Lindell Wigginton and Donovan Jackson each added 13 points for the Cyclones (11-7, 2-5 Big 12), who handed the Red Raiders (15-4, 4-3) their second straight loss to an unranked opponent on the road.

#### No. 10 KANSAS 70, BAYLOR

67: Malik Newman scored seven of his game-high 24 points in the closing minutes, Baylor turned the ball over on the final inbounds play and Kansas rallied to beat the Bears.

#### No. 11 XAVIER 73, No. 19 SETON HALL 64: J.P Macura

scored a season-high 27 points and No. 11 Xavier handed No. 19 Seton Hall its first loss at home by rallying from a 10-point second-half deficit to beat the Pirates.

No. 12 CINCINNATI 86, EAST CAROLINA 60: Jacob Evans and Kyle Washington each scored 17 points, and Gary Clark had 14 points and 14 rebounds, lifting No. 12 Cincinnati to a victory over East Carolina. Clark's double-double was the 25th of his career, and Jarron Cumberland added 14 points for the Bearcats (17-2, 6-0 American Athletic Conference), who have won 10 straight.

#### No. 15 NORTH CAROLINA

80, GEORGIA TECH 66: Luke Maye had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 15 North Carolina beat Georgia Tech. Theo Pinson added 11 points and 10 rebounds, and Joel Berry II and Cameron Johnson finished with 16 points apiece to help the Tar Heels (16-4, 5-2 Atlantic Coast Conference).

#### No. 17 AUBURN 79, GEORGIA

65: Bryce Brown scored 28 points, and No. 17 Auburn rallied in the second half to beat Georgia. Mustapha Heron had 14 points, and Jared Harper added 13 on just 2-of-9 shooting for the Tigers (17-2, 5-1 Southeastern Conference), who came out flat for the fourth straight game and trailed by 16 points late in the first half.

#### No. 20 CLEMSON 67, NOTRE

DAME 58: Gabe DeVoe had 17 points, including a crucial 3-pointer with 3:18 to go, and No. 20 Clemson got its first-ever win over Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish (13-7, 3-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) rallied with two straight 3s to draw within 59-56.

#### No. 21 TENNESSEE 70, SOUTH CAROLINA 63: Lamonte

Turner matched his career high with 25 points, and No. 21 Tennessee pounded the ball inside to get past South Carolina (12-7, 3-4). With the scored tied at 59, Turner made a short jumper and found Admiral Schofield in the corner for a 3-pointer on a fast break, and Tennessee (13-5, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) led the rest of the way.

#### No. 22 OHIO STATE 67,

MINNESOTA 49: Keita Bates-Diop had 17 points and 12 rebounds, leading No. 22 Ohio State over Minnesota for its seventh straight win. The game was part of a two-sport Big Ten doubleheader at Madison Square Garden. At night, Minnesota and Michigan State were set to meet in hockey.

No. 4 Baylor women win 14th straight, 75-50 over K-State

#### Associated Press

WACO, Texas - Kalani Brown had 33 points and 19 rebounds, Lauren Cox scored 16 points with a career-high 19 rebounds and No. 4 Baylor stretched its winning streak to 14 games with a 75-50 victory over Kansas State on Saturday.

The Lady Bears (17-1, 7-0 Big 12) and their big post players overcame a sluggish start, going ahead to stay with a 10-0 run to end the first quarter. Baylor also scored the final 10 points before halftime.

Kayla Goth had 22 points for Kansas State (11-8, 3-5), which has lost 28 straight games against Baylor and was outrebounded 69-24.

**Freshman Alexis** Morris added 12 points for Baylor, including a couple of 3-pointers on plays called by coach Kim Mulkey. The Lady Bears had six turnovers in the game's first 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> minutes, with K-State trapping and doing all it could to keep the ball out of the hands of the 6-foot-7 Brown and 6-4 Cox. That only worked so long. Baylor got even at 9-all on a three-point play by Brown, who reacted emphatically by slapping her hands together after making the basket before the tying free throw. Brown then made a tiebreaking layup to put the Lady Bears ahead to stay.



#### ΑΡ ΡΗΟΤΟ

Baylor guard Kristy Wallace, left, of Australia, defends as Kansas State guard Rachel Ranke (12) looks for an opening to the basket during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, in Waco, Texas.

percent for Oakland. Sha'Keya Graves had 16 points for Oakland.

MICHIGAN 86, ILLINOIS 42: Katelynn Flaherty scored

points for Oklahoma State (14-4, 5-2 Big 12). Maria Castro made all three of her 3-pointers for nine points as the Cowgirls were 10 of 18 from distance. Jensen.

#### GREEN BAY 81, OAKLAND 48:

ROCHESTER, Mich. - Jessica Lindstrom scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and No. 23 Green Bay used a 28-3 run in the second half to roll to an 81-48 win over Oakland on Saturday for its sixthstraight win.

Allie LeClaire added 12 points for the Phoenix (17-2, 7-1 Horizon League). Green Bay led 36-26 at the half and was up 39-29 when LeClaire made a layup. That started a run of eight straight points before Taylor Jones scored for Oakland, followed by eight more before a Jones free throw. The Phoenix scored the last five points of the third quarter and the first seven of the fourth quarter for a 65-32 lead with 7:13 remaining.

In that <sup>81</sup>/<sub>2</sub> minutes, Green Bay went 10 for 12 while the Grizzlies (10-9, 3-5) were 1 for 11.

The Phoenix finished 11 of 20 from distance and shot 59 percent overall to 28

27 points, Hailey Brown and Hallie Thome had double-doubles and No. 19 Michigan continued the best start in school history with an 86-42 win over Illinois on Saturday night. Brown had 17 points and 14 rebounds and Thome had 13 points and 11 rebounds to give the Wolverines (17-4, 6-2 Big Ten) two players with double-doubles in the same game since November of 2014. Nicole Munger added 14 points. After the Illini (9-12, 0-7) scored the first five points of the game, Michigan went on a 21-2 run that included back-to-back 3-pointers by Flaherty, who was 5 of 8 behind the arc. It was 24-12 after one guarter and

37-24 at the half before a 17-2 burst to open the third quarter. Michigan made 9 of 17 3s and 33 of 66 overall plus 11

of 14 free throws. Illinois was 18 of 26 (27 percent), 5 of 21 behind the arc and 1 of 3 from the line. Also 21 turnovers led to 31 Michigan points.

#### **OKLAHOMA STATE 70,** OKLAHOMA67: Kaylee

Jensen scored 29 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for her 37th career double-double and No. 24 Oklahoma State beat Oklahoma 70-67 on Saturday to claim a Bedlam sweep.

Oklahoma missed a 3-pointer with eight seconds left and Jensen grabbed the rebound but she was called for travelling. The Sooners turned it over on an inbound pass and freshman Braxtin Miller made two free throws with one second left for a three-point lead. Miller finished with 13

averaging 22.2 points and 12.2 rebounds in conference play, was 10 of 20 from the field and 7 of 9 at the line. Freshman Shaina Pellington had a season-high 26 points with six rebounds and three assists for Oklahoma (9-10, 4-4). It was her fifth 20-plus game of the season for the most points by an OU freshman since Aaryn Ellenberg in 2011. Vionise Pierre-Louis added 14 points, 20 boards and three assists for her sixth double-double of the season.

#### WEST VERGINIA 69, ISU59:

Teana Muldrow had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 17 West Virginia pulled away in the second quarter and cruised to a 69-59 victory over Iowa State on Saturday night to snap a two-game skid.

The Mountaineers (16-4, 4-4 Big 12 Conference) rebounded from a six-point loss at No. 24 Oklahoma State on Wednesday, and a 76-74 home loss to TCU on Jan. 13. Iowa State (8-11, 2-6) has lost six of its last seven games.

Muldrow was 10-of-19 shooting, and the senior forward collected her 10th double-double of the season. Chania Ray added 14 points, and Naomi Davenport had 10 points and 10 rebounds. The Mountaineers outscored Iowa State 20-12 in the second quarter on its way to a 36-23 halftime advantage. Muldrow finished with 13 points in the first half, and converted a 3-point play and followed it with a 3-pointer to stretch West Virginia's lead to 21 points late in the third. Emily Durr had 15 points and Bridget Carleton chipped in 11 for the Cyclones.

No. 6 WEST VIRGINIA 86, TEXAS 51: Jevon Carter scored 22 points and led a big second-half run that propelled No. 6 West Virginia to a victory over Texas. James "Beetle"

Bolden added 19 points,

Daxter Miles Jr. scored 15

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on both feet – before Halep converted on her first match point.

"I never played the third set so long, so I'm really happy I could stay and win it. I'm almost dead," Halep said of the match which equaled Chanda Rubin's win over Arantxa Shanchez Vicario in 1996 – also 48 games – for the Australian Open record in terms of most games.

"I just feel that my muscles are gone," said Halep, who badly twisted her left ankle in the first round. "My ankle is, I don't know how it is because I don't feel it anymore!"

Halep will next play Naomi Osaka, who beat 18th-seeded Ash Barty 6-4, 6-2. No. 20 Barbora Strycova beat U.S. qualifier Bernarda Pera 6-2, 6-2, leaving U.S. Open finalist Madison Keys as the only American woman to reach the fourth round.

Keys advanced 6-3, 6-4 over Ana Bogdan and will next play No. 8 Caroline Garcia. Sixthseeded Karolina Pliskova beat No. 29 Lucie

No. 14 ARIZONA 73, STANFORD 71: Rawle Alkins made a go-ahead layup with 38 seconds remaining, and No. 14 Arizona held on for a comeback win over Stanford to take sole possession of first place in the Pac-12.

Safarova 7-6 (6), 7-5. Kerber's next match is against Hsieh Su-wei, who followed up her win over Wimbledon champion Garbine Muguruza with a 6-2, 7-5 win against No. 26 Agnieszka Radwanska to return to the fourth round at Melbourne Park for the first time in a decade.

Six-time Australian Open champion Djokovic continued his comeback from six months out with an injured right elbow, beating No. 21 Albert Ramos-Vinolas 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

"I obviously have to be more humble this time with my expectations because I haven't played for six months," said the 14th-seeded Djokovic, who played down the medical time out he took to receive a massage on his back and upper legs as just the tribulations of returning to the tour.

Federer entered the Australian Open last year under similar circumstances, coming off an extended break for a knee injury, and went on to win the title. His defense moved through another round with a

#### KANSAS STATE 73, No. 24 TCU

68: Dean Wade scored 20 points and Kansas State beat No. 24 TCU. Sophomore Makol Mawien added a career-high 18 points on 8 of 11 shooting. He had totaled just 13 points in Big 12 play this season for the Wildcats (14-5, 4-3).

6-2, 7-5, 6-4 win over No. 29 Richard Gasquet.

"Expectations are different," this year, Federer said. "I'm coming in very fit, very well equipped knowing five sets is not an issue. Don't know if (winning) is going to happen this year, but so far, so good."

Tomas Berdych beat 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro in straight sets and fifth-seeded Dominic Thiem beat Adrian Mannarino to set up a match against Tennys Sandgren.

Djokovic will next face Hyeon Chung, who took out a Zverev for the second time this week. Chung beat fourthseeded Alexander Zverev 5-7, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 six days after a win over No. 32 Mischa Zverev.

Another loss at a major had the highlytouted Zverev admitting he may have a problem. He's won five tour-level titles, but never gone beyond the fourth round at a major.

"I have some figuring out to do, what happens to me in deciding moments in Grand Slam," he said.

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#### **PRO FOOTBALL**

NFL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE All times Eastern (National TV in parentheses) Wild-card Playoffs Jan. 6

Tennessee 22. Kansas City 21 Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13 Jan. 7 Jacksonville 10. Buffalo 3 New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

#### **Divisional Playoffs**

Jan. 13 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10 New England 35, Tennessee 14 Jan. 14 Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42 Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

#### **Conference Championships** Today

AFC: Jacksonville at New England, 3:05 p.m. (CBS) NFC: Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

#### Pro Bowl Sunday, Jan. 28 at Orlando, Fla. AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

Super Bowl LII Sunday, Feb. 4 at Minneapolis, Minn. AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

#### NFL PLAYOFF INJURY REPORT

The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (DNP: did not practice; LIMITED: limited participation; FULL: Full participation):

Today JACKSONVILLE at NEW ENGLAND – JAGUARS: QUESTIONABLE: S Tashaun Gipson (foot). PATRIOTS: QUESTIONABLE: QB Tom Brady (right hand), DT Alan Branch (knee), RB Rex Burkhead (knee), RB Mike Gillislee (knee), T LaAdrian Waddle (knee).

MINNESOTA at PHILADELPHIA – VIKINGS: OUT: DT Shamar Stephen (knee, ankle). QUESTIONABLE: CB Mackensie Alexander (rib, illness), S Andrew Sendejo (concussion), WR Adam Thielen (back). **EAGLES:** QUESTIONABLE: LB Dannell Ellerbe (hamstring)

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#### TRANSACTIONS

#### BASEBALL

American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Agered to terms with C Audry Perez, OF D'Arby Myers, RHP Eddie Gamboa and 3B Anderson Feliz on minor league contracts.

MINNESOTA TWINS – Agreed to terms with RHP Omar Bencomo and OF Jermaine Curtis on minor league contracts.

National League MILWAUKEE BREWERS – Agreed to terms with RHP Ernesto Frieri on a minor league contract.

## FOOTBALL

National Football League TENNESSEE TITANS – Named Mike Vrabel coach.

#### **L PCT. GB** 18 .617 – Northwest Division **W** 29 .617 .565 Minnesota Oklahoma City 26 20 2½ 24 21 23 23 18 27 Portland .533 .533 4 .500 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Denver 27 .400 10 **L PCT. GB** 9 .804 Utah Pacific Division W 37 .804 .523 Golden State 13 23 21 L.A. Clippers Phoenix 17 29 16 29 .370 20 L.A. Lakers .356 201/2 13 32 .289 231/2 Sacramento

#### Friday's Games

Toronto 86, San Antonio 83 Brooklyn 101, Miami 95 Memphis 106, Sacramento 88 Washington 122, Detroit 112 Phoenix 108, Denver 100 L.A. Lakers 99. Indiana 86 New York 117, Utah 115 Saturday's Games Oklahoma City 148, Cleveland 124 Chicago 113, Atlanta 97 Miami 106, Charlotte 105 New Orleans 111, Memphis 104 Philadelphia 116, Milwaukee 94 Golden State at Houston, late L.A. Clippers at Utah, late Toronto at Minnesota, late Dallas at Portland, late Today's Games Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m. New York at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m. Brooklyn at Detroit, 4 p.m. Indiana at San Antonio, 7 p.m. Monday's Games Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Miami at Houston, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Portland at Denver, 9 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

#### **THUNDER 148, CAVALIERS 124**

OKLAHOMA CITY (148) George 12-19 7-8 36, Anthony 11-19 4-4 29, Adams 12-13 1-5 25, Westbrook 9-17 4-5 23, Roberson 4-7 0-48, Grant 1-52-24, Huestis 0-20-00, Patterson 2-50-06, Johnson 0-00, Felton 3-80-08, Abrines 0-00-00, Ferguson 4-50-09, Totals 58-100 18-28 148. CLEVELAND (124)

James 8-17 2-4 18, Crowder 7-12 1-1 17, Love 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 8-14 4-5 24, Smith 3-11 0-0 8, Osman 1-1 0-0 2, Green 4-8 4-5 12, Frye 2-3 0-0 5, Thompson 2-3 5-6 9, Calderon 1-1 0-0 2, Rose 5-9 2-2 12, Wade 4-5 3-3 11, Korver 1-3 1-1 4. Totals 46-89 22-27 124. OKLAHOMA CITY 43 33 38 34 -148

 
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 3-Point Goals–Oklahoma City 14-30 (George 5-11, Anthony 3-6, Patterson 2-3, Felton 2-4, Westbrook
 1-1, Ferguson 1-2, Grant 0-1, Huestis 0-1, Adams 0-1), Cleveland 10-37 (Thomas 4-8, Crowder 2-5, Smith 2-9, Frye 1-2, Korver 1-3, Wade 0-1, Rose 0-1, Love 0-2, Green 0-2, James 0-4). Fouled Out– None. Rebounds–Oklahoma City 52 (Anthony, Adams 10), Cleveland 28 (Thompson 7). Assists– Oklahoma City 37 (Westbrook 20), Cleveland 32 (James 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 23, Cleveland 18. Technicals—Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan, Patterson. A-20,562 (20,562).

#### BULLS 113, HAWKS 97

**CHICAGO (113)** Holiday 3-8 4-4 13, Markkanen 8-16 3-4 19, Lopez 9-13 2-2 20. Grant 3-6 0-0 8. LaVine 2-9 3-4 8. Valentine 3-7 0-0 9, Mirotic 3-8 3-3 10, Portis 5-9 2-2 14, Arcidiacono 2-2 2-2 8, Pondexter 0-0 0-0 0, Nwaba 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-80 19-21 113. ATLANTA (97) Prince 3-6 0-0 7, Ilyasova 4-12 1-1 9, Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2. Schroder 7-17 2-2 18. Bazemore 2-9 4-7 9. Babbitt 2-2 0-0 6, Muscala 1-5 4-4 7, Collins 1-5 2-4 4, Dedmon 5-10 0-0 11, Delaney 2-5 1-2 5, Magette 2-2 2-2 8, Belinelli 3-10 0-0 6, Dorsey 2-7 0-1 5.

Totals 35-92 16-23 97. CHICAGO 29 26 22 36 -113 ATLANTA 21 17 25 34 - 97 3-Point Goals—Chicago 14-32 (Holiday 3-4, Valentine 3-6, Arcidiacono 2-2, Portis 2-3, Grant 2-4, LaVine 1-4, Mirotic 1-5, Markkanen 0-4), 2-4, LaVine 1-4, Mirouc 1-5, Markkaiten 0-4), Atlanta 11-48 (Magette 2-2, Babbit 2-2, Schroder 2-5, Dedmon 1-4, Muscala 1-4, Prince 1-4, Bazemore 1-5, Dorsey 1-5, Collins 0-2, Delaney 0-3, Belinelli 0-5, Ilyasova 0-7). Foulde Out–Valentine. Rebounds—Chicago 48 (LaVine 9), Atlanta 45. (Dedmon 11). Assists-Chicago 31 (Grant 6). Atlanta 27 (Schroder 5). Total Fouls–Chicago 23, Atlanta 21. A–15,597 (19,049).

#### HEAT 106, HORNETS 105

Richardson 7-20 2-2 17, J.Johnson 9-12 3-4 22, Whiteside 5-10 0-0 10, Ellington 10-15 0-2 26, Jones Jr. 1-2 1-2 3, Winslow 1-4 0-0 3, Adebayo 3-4 0-0 6, Olynyk 6-17 1-2 16, Walton Jr. 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 43-87 7-12 106. CHARLOTTE (105) Kidd-Gilchrist 6-10 2-2 14, Williams 0-5 0-0 0.

#### No. 10 Kansas 70, Baylor 67

No. 11 Xavier 73, No. 19 Seton Hall 64 No. 12 Cincinnati 86, East Carolina 60 No. 13 Gonzaga at Santa Clara, late No. 14 Arizona 73, Stanford 71 No. 15 North Carolina 80, Georgia Tech 66 No. 16 Arizona State at California, late No. 17 Auburn 79, Georgia 65 No. 18 Kentucky vs. Florida, late No. 20 Clemson 67, Notre Dame 58 No. 21 Tennessee 70, South Carolina 63 No. 22 Ohio State 67, Minnesota 49 Kansas State 73, No. 24 Texas Christian 68 **Today's Games** No. 2 Virginia at Wake Forest, 6 p.m. No. 23 Michigan vs. Rutgers, noon No. 25 Miami at N.C. State, noon

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

EAST Army 93, Lehigh 81 Bethune-Cookman 85, Delaware St. 78 Boston U. 75, Navy 68 Bucknell 77, Holy Cross 56 Central Connecticut St. 72, LIU Brooklyn 63 Colgate 77, Loyola (Md.) 72 Duquesne 95, George Mason 89, 20T Fairfield 104. Niagara 85 Fairleigh Dickinson 73, Mount St. Mary's 72 Georgetown 93, St. John's 89, 20T Jacksonville 63, NJIT 61 Lafayette 62, American U. 53 NC A&T 66, Md.-Eastern Shore 64 Northeastern 76. Delaware 64 Providence 85, Creighton 71 Saint Joseph's 68, Fordham 46 Saint Louis 66. UMass 47 St. Francis (Pa.) 73, Sacred Heart 60 St. Francis Brooklyn 85, Bryant 80 Temple 60, Penn 51 Villanova 81, UConn 61 Wagner 62, Robert Morris 49 West Virginia 86, Texas 51 Xavier 73, Seton Hall 64 Harvard at Dartmouth, late Marist at Rider. late Cornell at Columbia, late Alcorn St. 68. Alabama A&M 52 Auburn 79, Georgia 65 Belmont 83, Austin Peay 59 Clemson 67, Notre Dame 58 Coastal Carolina 74, Troy 73 Coll. of Charleston 76, Hofstra 70 Coppin St. 80, Morgan St. 73, OT Duke 81, Pittsburgh 54 ETSU 66, W. Carolina 50 FIU 79. Charlotte 59 Florida Gulf Coast 66, Kennesaw St. 49 Florida St. 91, Virginia Tech 82 Furman 78, Samford 67 Georgia St. 83, Georgia Southern 66 Grambling St. 72, Jackson St. 45 Howard 84, NC Central 78, OT Jacksonville St. 68, E. Kentucky 60 James Madison 75, Drexel 73 Lipscomb 85, Stetson 82 Morehead St. 74, Tennessee Tech 55 Norfolk St. 78, SC State 54 North Carolina 80, Georgia Tech 66 North Florida 100, SC-Upstate 80 Old Dominion 73, FAU 62 Richmond 81, La Salle 74 SE Louisiana 85, Northwestern St. 58 Savannah St. 103, Hampton 101 South Alabama 83, Appalachian St. 77 Southern Miss. 85, North Texas 78 Southern U. 63, Alabama St. 61 Tennessee 70, South Carolina 63 UCF 71, South Florida 69 UNC-Greensboro 70, Mercer 66, OT VCU 87, George Washington 63 VMI 88, The Citadel 81 Vanderbilt 77, LSU 71 William & Mary 80, Elon 73 Georgia at Auburn, late Alabama A&M at Alcorn St., late UAB at Marshall, late Chattanooga at Wofford, late Rice at Louisiana Tech, late Charlotte at FIU. late Towson at UNC-Wilmington, late Middle Tennessee at W. Kentucky, late Jacksonville St. at E. Kentucky, late Incarnate Word at New Orleans, late Florida at Kentucky, 8:15 p.m. Murray St. at Tennessee St., late Mississippi St. at Alabama, late MIDWEST Akron 82, N. Illinois 67 Butler 79, DePaul 67 CS Bakersfield 89, Chicago St. 78 Cent. Michigan 84, Bowling Green 75 Cincinnati 86, East Carolina 60 Drake 61, Missouri St. 58 Fort Wayne 92, N. Dakota St. 88 Ill.-Chicago 87, Cleveland St. 80 Indiana St. 84, Illinois St. 54 Iowa St. 70, Texas Tech 52 Kansas 70, Baylor 67 Kansas St. 73, TCU 68 Miami (Ohio) 71, Ball St. 53 N. Kentucky 77, Green Bay 65 Northwestern 70, Penn St. 61 akland 92 De Ohio 72, E. Michigan 66 Ohio St. 67, Minnesota 49 Purdue 87, Jowa 64 Rhode Island 88, Dayton 74 SE Missouri 86, E. Illinois 74 UT Martin 70, SIU-Edwardsville 69 Youngstown St. 85, IUPUI 62 Kent St. at Toledo, late South Dakota at Nebraska-Omaha. late Seattle at Rio Grande, late Wright St. at Milwaukee, late Grand Canyon at UMKC, late S. Dakota St. at W. Illinois, late Evansville at Bradley, late SOUTHWEST Abilene Christian 80, Cent. Arkansas 63 Ark.-Pine Bluff 72, Prairie View 66 Arkansas 97, Mississippi 93 Arkansas St. 70, UALR 62 Houston 73, Wichita St. 59 Lamar 84 Sam Houston St 77 OT Louisiana-Lafayette 80, Texas State 55 Oklahoma St. 83, Oklahoma 81, OT SMU 73. Tulane 62 Texas A&M 60, Missouri 49 Texas-Arlington 71, Louisiana-Monroe 55 UTFP at UTSA, late Missouri at Texas A&M, late Denver at Oral Roberts, late Memphis at Tulsa. late McNeese St. at Houston Baptist, late MVSU at Texas Southern, late FAR WEST Arizona 73, Stanford 71 New Mexico St. 86, Utah Valley 59 S. Utah 66, E. Washington 62, OT UNLV 79, Colorado St. 74 Washington 72, Colorado 62 Fresno St. at Air Force, late Cal Poly at CS Northridge, late Idaho at N. Arizona, late San Diego St. at New Mexico, late Southern Cal at Oregon St., late Gonzaga at Santa Clara, late North Dakota at N. Colorado, late Portland St. at Weber St., late Montana at Montana St., late San Diego at BYU, late Sacramento St. at Idaho St., late Wyoming at Utah St., late Portland at Loyola Marymount, late Boise St. at Nevada, late Saint Mary's (Cal) at Pacific, late Pepperdine at San Francisco, late UCLA at Oregon, 10:15 p.m. Cal St.-Fullerton at Long Beach St., late Arizona St. at California, late

No. 7 Oregon at No. 18 Oregon State, late No. 13 UCLA 60, No. 21 California 52 Utah 58, No. 22 Arizona State 56 Saturday's Games No. 4 Baylor 75, Kansas State 50 No. 9 Texas 90, Texas Tech 39 No. 17 West Virginia at Iowa State, late No. 19 Michigan 86, Illinois 42 No. 23 Green Bay 81, Oakland 48 No. 24 Oklahoma State 70, Oklahoma 67 Today's Games No. 1 UConn at Temple, 1 p.m. No. 2 Louisville vs. No. 12 Florida State, 5 p.m. No. 3 Mississippi State at No. 6 Tennessee, 3 p.m. No. 5 Notre Dame vs. Clemson, 1 p.m. No. 7 Oregon vs. No. 18 Oregon State, 8 p.m. No. 10 South Carolina at Kentucky, noon No. 11 Missouri vs. Arkansas, 5 p.m. No. 13 UCLA vs. Stanford, 6 p.m. No. 15 Duke at North Carolina, 2:30 p.m. No. 20 Iowa at Minnesota, 4 p.m. No. 21 California at Southern Cal, 4 p.m. No. 22 Arizona State vs. Colorado, 4 p.m. No. 25 Rutgers vs. Nebraska, 6 p.m.

#### **PRO HOCKEY**

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 Edmonton Vancouver Arizona 2 points for a win, 1 point for OT loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. Friday's Games Montreal 3, Washington 2 Florida 4, Vegas 3, OT Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1 Anaheim 2, Los Angel Saturday's Games Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 1 Dallas 7, Buffalo 1 Winnipeg 2, Calgary 1, SO Colorado 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 Boston 4, Montreal 1 Carolina 3, Detroit 1 Toronto 4, Ottawa 3 Florida at Nashville, late Arizona at St. Louis, late Pittsburgh at San Jose, late N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, late Tampa Bay at Minnesota, late Vancouver at Edmonton, late **Today's Games** Philadelphia at Washington, 12:30 p.m. Vegas at Carolina, 6 p.m. Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Anaheim, 9 p.m. NY. Rangers at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Monday's Games Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Colorado at Toronto, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Buffalo at Calgary, 9 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 9 p.m.

#### FLYERS 3, DEVILS 1 NEW JERSEY

PHILADELPHIA First Period–1, Philadelphia, Konecny 7 (Laughton, Gostisbehere), 3:29. 2, Philadelphia, Filppula 10 (Raff, Gudas), 8:30. 3, Philadelphia, Provorov 9 (Konecny, Giroux), 12:15. Penalties-Moore, NJ, Major (fighting),

#### Monahan, CGY, (holding), 7:56. Second Period – 2, Winnipeg, Perreault 14 (Ehlers, Little), 10:47. Penalties – Morrissey, WPG, (holding), 7:44; Hamonic, CGY, (tripping), 12:08; Wheeler, WPG, (slashing), 13:52. Third Period–None. Penalties–Perreault, WPG, (tripping), 8:55. Overtime-None. Penalties-None Shootout–Winnipeg 2 (Little G, Laine NG, Wheeler G), Calgary 0 (Jankowski NG,

Monahan NG). Shots on Goal–Winnipeg 15-9-9-2–35. Calgary 9-11-8-3–31. Power-play opportunities—Winnipeg 0 of 2; Calgary 0 of 4. Goalies—Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 24-6-6 (31

shots-30 saves). Calgary, Smith 20-13-4 (35-34). A-19,289 (19,289). T-2:44.

Referees—Trevor Hanson, Brad Meier. Linesmen—Shandor Alphonso, Kiel Murchison.

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Through Jan. 19: SCORING LEADERS GP G A PTS

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Nikita Kucherov,					27	34	61	
Nathan MacKinr			22	35	57			
John Tavares, N			25	30	55			
Phil Kessel, PIT					21		54	
Johnny Gaudrea			15		54			
Claude Giroux, F	4	5	14	40	54	ł		
Steven Stamkos	4	5	17	36	53	;		
Blake Wheeler,	Blake Wheeler, WPG					39	53	;
Jakub Voracek, I	PHI		4	5	8	45	53	;
Connor McDavid	I, ED	М	4	6	15	37	52	
Josh Bailey, NYI			4	3	12	39	51	
Alex Ovechkin, V	NAS		4	7	28	22	50	)
Sidney Crosby, F			4	8	17	33	50	)
Evgeni Malkin, F			4	4	21	28	49	)
Mathew Barzal,						32	48	
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WB/Scranton	38	24	11	2	1		136	106
Providence	39	23	12	3	1		117	100
Lehigh Valley	41	23	13	2	3		137	135
Charlotte		23		0				120
Bridgeport		18		4	2		113	
Hershey	41	17	17	3	4		108	129
Springfield	43	19	22	1	1	40	130	138
Hartford	42	16	20	3	3	38	115	150
North Division								
	GP	W						GA
Toronto	40	29	11	0	0		129	82
Rochester	41	23	9	4	5		123	109
Syracuse	41	24	13	2	2		136	109
Utica	41	19	14		3		117	
Laval	42	16	19	5	2	39	123	147
Belleville	42	18	21	0	3	39	108	155
Binghamton	40	12	21	5	2	31	101	137
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Manitoba	40	26	9	3	2	57	147	96
Rockford	42	22	15	2	3	49	134	128
Milwaukee	40	21	15	4	0	46	114	120
Iowa	41	18	13	7	3	46	129	131
Chicago	41	19	15	5	2	45	122	120
Grand Rapids	43	20	18	1	4	45	135	133
Cleveland	38	12	20	3	3	30	87	127
Pacific Division								
	GP	W	L	OLS	5OL	Pts	6 GF	GA
Tucson	36	21	12	2	1	4	5120	104
Stockton	37	19	13	2	3	3 43	3114	103
San Antonio	41	22	16	3	(	) 4	7116	5117
Texas	42	21	15	4			8124	
San Diego	37	20	16	1				120
Ontario	38	20	16	1				104
Bakersfield	38	17	14	7				109
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#### Friday's Games

Toronto 4, Syracuse 1 Rockford 4. Cleveland 3 Providence 1, WB/Scranton 0 Binghamton 5, Springfield 3 Hartford 3, Utica 2, OT Belleville 4, Laval 1 Bakersfield 4, Iowa 3, OT Grand Rapids 5, Milwaukee 2 Texas 4, Manitoba 0 Tucson 2, San Antonio 1, OT Ontario 5. Stockton 2 San Jose 3, San Diego 2 Saturday's Games Rochester at Charlotte, late Providence at Bridgeport, late Lehigh Valley at Hershey, late Svracuse at Utica, late Laval at Belleville, late Milwaukee at Iowa, late Rockford at Grand Rapids, late Toronto at Binghamton, late Texas at Manitoba, late Bakersfield at Chicago, late Tucson at San Antonio, late Ontario at Stockton, late San Jose at San Diego, late Today's Games Rochester at Charlotte, 1 p.m. Springfield at Providence, 3:05 n.m. Cleveland at Chicago, 4 p.m. WB/Scranton at Hartford, 5 p.m. Toronto at Bridgeport. 5 p.m. Monday's Games None scheduled

Jason Dufner	69q-69n-70s-208
Keith Mitchell	70q-66n-72s-208
Ben Silverman	67q-71n-70s-208
Robert Garrigus	72s-65q-71n-208
Brice Garnett	74s-68q-66n-208
Nick Taylor	68n-71s-69q-208
Tom Hoge	69n-73s-66q-208
Chris Stroud	70s-68q-70n-208
Tom Lovelady	73s-64q-71n-208
Wesley Bryan	65n-75s-68q-208
Sam Ryder	67n-71s-70q-208

#### TENNIS

#### ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Today at the Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses) Purse: Men, \$468,910 (WT250); Women, \$733,900 (Premier). Surface: Hard-Outdoor Women's Doubles Third Round Monica Niculescu, Romania and Irina Begu (10), Romania, def. Anastassia Rodionova, Australia and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, 4-1.

Mixed Doubles

First Round Yung-Jan Chan, Taiwan and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Raieev Ram, United States and Andreja Klepac, Slovenia, 4-6, 7-5, 11-9.

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

#### Men's Singles Third Round

Dominic Thiem (5), Austria, def. Adrian Dominic Them (5), Austra, del. Adrian Mannarino (26), France, e-4, e-2, 7-5. Tennys Sandgren, United States, def. Maximilian Marterer, Germany, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (5). Novak Djokovic (14), Serbia, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolos (21), Spain, 6-2, 6-3, e-3. Vinois (21), Jpani, 62, 63, 64, 64, Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 2-6, 6-3, 6-0. Fabio Fognini (25), Italy, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. France, 3-b, 6-2, 6-1, 4-b, 6-3. Tomas Berdych (19), Czech Republic, def. Juan Martin Del Potro (12), Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Nicolas Kicker, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Richard Commercial Conf. 2016, 2016. Gasquet (29), France, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

#### Women's Singles Third Round

Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Lauren Davis, United States, 4-6, 6-4, 15-13. Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Ashleigh Barty (18), Australia, 6-4, 6-2. Barbora Strycova (20), Czech Republic, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, 6-2, 6-2, Karolina Pliskova (6), Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova (29), Czech Republic, 7-6 (6), 7-5. Su-Wei HSeih, Taiwan, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (26), Poland, 6-2, 7-5. Angelique Kerber (21), Germany, def. Maria Sharapova, Russia, 6-1, 6-3. Madison Keys (17), United States, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-3, 6-4. Caroline Garcia (8), France, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

#### Men's Doubles

Second Round Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, def. Luke Saville, Australia and Max Purcell, Australia, 6-3, 7-6 (2). Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain and Pablo Carreno-Busta, Spain, def. Scott Lipsky, United States and David Marrero Santana, Spain, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3. Hans Podlipnik, Chile and Andrei Vasilevski Belarus, def. Nicolas Mahut, France and Pierre Hughes Herbert (4), France, 7-6 (1), 5-7, 7-6 (6). Dominic Inglot, Britain and Marcus Daniell, New Zealand, def. Benoit Paire, France and Hugo Nys, France, 6-4, 6-2. Leander Paes, India and Purav Raja, India, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Jamie Murray (5), Britain, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 7-6 (6). Lleyton Hewitt, Australia and Sam Groth. Australia, def. Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (3), Netherlands, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-5. Fabrice Martin, France and Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Matt Reid, Australia and Nick Kyrgios, Australia. Aisam-Ul-Hag Qureshi, Pakistan and Marcin Matkowski (15), Poland, def. Robert Lindstee Sweden and Franko Skugor, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-4. Women's Doubles Second Round Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland and Nina

Stojanovic, Serbia, def. Katerina Bondare Ukraine and Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 7-6 (0), 6-2.

Kristina Mladenovic, France and Timea Babos (5), Hungary, def. Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain and Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Sorana Cirstea, Romania and Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, def. Abigail Spears, United States and Alicja Rosolska (15), Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Anastassia Rodionova, Australia and Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, def, Kristvna Pliskova, Czech Republic and Donna Vekic, Croatia, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6(2). Kyeta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (13), United States, def. Madison Brengle, United States and Monica Puig, Puerto Rico. 6-2. 6-2. Vania King, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia and Ashleigh Barty (3), Australia, 6-4, 6-2. Shuko Aoyama, Japan and Zhaxuan Yang (1), China, def. Mona Barthel, Germany and Carina Witthoeft, Germany, 6-1, 7-5. Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan and Magda Linette, Poland, 6-4, 6-2.

# MIAMI (106)

#### HOCKEY National Hockey League

NASHVILLE PREDATORS – Reassigned F Frederick Gaudreau to Milwaukee (AHL). Activated F Viktor Arvidsson from injured

NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Brandon Halverson and D Sergev Zborovskiv from Greenville (ECHL) to Hartford (AHL). VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS – Assigned D Jason Garrison to Chicago (AHL). WINNIPEG JETS – Recalled F Jansen Harkins from Jacksonville (ECHL) to Manitoba (AHL).

American Hockey League MANITOBA MOOSE – Recalled F Elgin Pearce from Jacksonville (ECHL). ROCKFORD ICEHOGS - Assigned D Brandon

Anselmini to Indy (ECHL). TORONTO MARLIES – Recalled F Josh Winquist from Orlando (ECHL).

#### ECHL

GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS - Added G Nolan Bowker as emergency backup. IDAHO STEELHEADS — Released F Gary Steffes. KANSAS CITY MAVERICKS — Released G Kent Patterson MANCHESTER MONARCHS - Signed G Joe

Spagnoli and F Jake Wood. TULSA OILERS – Signed F Ryan Rosenthal. WHEELING NAILERS – Loaned F Garrett Meurs to Manitoba (AHL).

#### SOCCER

Maior League Soccer LA GALAXY - Traded F Gyasi Zardes and targeted allocation money to Columbus for F

#### Ola Kamara. North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS - Agreed on a transfer fee for M Eric Calvillo with the San Jose (MLS).

#### COLLEGES

BIG TEN CONFERENCE - Suspended Notre Dame hockey player Justin Wade one game under the conference's supplemental discipline

KANSAS — Announced freshman men's basketball F Billy Preston signed with BC Igokea (Division I-Bosnia).

NEW MEXICO — Named Calvin Magee offensive coordinator/running backs coach, Archie McDaniel outside and rush linebackers coach and Perry Elian cornerbacks coach and special teams coordinator.

SOUTHERN CAL – Promoted Bryan Ellis to quarterbacks coach and Keary Colbert tight ends and inside receivers coach.

#### **PRO BASKETBALL**

#### NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	34	12	.739	-
Toronto	31	13	.705	2
Philadelphia	22	20	.524	10
New York	21	25	.457	13
Brooklyn	17	29	.370	17
Southeast Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	27			-
Washington	26	20	.565	1
Charlotte	18	26	.409	8
Atlanta	13	32		131⁄2
Orlando	13	32	.289	131⁄2
Central Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	<b>W</b> 27	L 18	<b>РСТ.</b> .600	_
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Cleveland Indiana Milwaukee	27	18 22	.600 .522 .511	- 3½ 4
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New Orleans Memphis Dallas

-8 2-5 14, Walker 10-25 1 2 22, Batu 8-12 9-10 26, Kaminsky 4-8 2-2 12, O'Bryant III 2-4 0-0 5. Carter-Williams 0-2 0-0 0. Graham 1-3 0-0 3. Lamb 4-13 0-0 9. Totals 41-90 16-21 105. MIAMI 31 26 16 33 -106 27 21 35 22 -105 CHARLOTTE 3-Point Goals—Miami 13-28 (Ellington 6-10, Olynyk 3-8, Winslow 1-1, J.Johnson 1-2, Richardson 1-3, Walton Jr. 1-3, Jones Jr. 0-1), Charlotte 7-27 (Kaminsky 2-5, Graham 1-1, Batum 1-2, O'Bryant III 1-2, Lamb 1-4, Walker 1-8, Carter-Williams 0-1. Williams 0-4). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Miami 47 (Whiteside 14), Charlotte 43 (Howard 15). Assists-Miami 28 (J.Johnson 7), Charlotte 22 (Walker 7). Total Fouls-Miami 17. Charlotte 12. A-18,687 (19,077).

#### PELICANS 111, GRIZZLIES 104 MEMPHIS (104) Brooks 4-8 0-0 10, Green 3-7 2-2 8, Gasol 4-11

5-6 16, Evans 3-16 4-4 12, McLemore 5-9 0-0 10, Henry 0-1 0-0 0, Rabb 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 4-9 0-0 11, D.Davis 3-5 0-0 6, Selden 11-16 4-4 31. Totals 37-82

#### NEW ORLEANS (111)

Moore 4-10 0-0 9, A.Davis 7-13 7-8 21, Cousins 7-13 8-12 24, Rondo 3-6 0-0 7, Holiday 10-19 6-6 27, Cunningham 2-3 0-0 4, Miller 4-9 2-3 12, Clark 2-5 3-3 7. Totals 39-78 26-32 111. 18 26 37 23 -104 34 25 24 28 -111 MEMPHIS NEW ORLEANS 3-Point Goals-Memohis 15-35 (Selden 5-7 Martin 3-3, Gasol 3-5, Brooks 2-4, Evans 2-9, Henry 0-1, Green 0-2, McLemore 0-4), New Orleans 7-27 (Cousins 2-6, Miller 2-6, Rondo 1-3, Moore 1-4, Holiday 1-5, Cunningham 0-1, Clark 0-2). Fouled Out-Brooks, McLemore, Rebounds-Memphis 44 (Green 16), New Orleans 41 (A.Davis 12), Assists-Memphis 22 (Gasol 7), New Orleans 23 (Holiday Total Fouls—Memphis 29, New Orleans 15. Technicals-Memphis coach JB Bickerstaff, Selden. A-18,212 (16,867).

#### 76ERS 116, BUCKS 94

MILWAUKEE (94) Snell 6-12 0-0 15, Middleton 9-20 4-4 23, Henson 4-6 3-4 11, Bledsoe 5-18 3-5 14, Brown 5-9 0-1 14, Wilson 0-0 0-0 0, Antetokounmpo 0-0 0-0 0, Maker 2-6 2-2 6. Plumlee 1-1 4-4 6. Munford 0-2 0-0 0. Terry 0-2 0-0 0, Dellavedova 1-4 2-2 5, Vaughn 0-0 0-0 0, Kilpatrick 0-2 0-0 0, Brogdon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-82 18-22 94. PHILADELPHIA (116)

Covington 5-8 0-0 13, Saric 4-10 4-4 13, Embiid 11-19 5-6 29. Simmons 8-13 0-0 16. Luwawu-Cabarrot 13 5 0 2, 5 minuto 1 3 5 2 4, Booker 3-4 0-1 6, McConnell 5-10 1-1 11, Young 1-3 1-2 4, Anderson 1-6 0-0 2, Totals 45-85 16-19 116.

MILWAUKEE 29 26 25 14 -PHILADELPHIA 37 24 23 32 -116 3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 10-32 (Brown 4-7. Snell 3-7, Dellavedova 1-3, Middleton 1-5, Bledsoe 1-6, Kilpatrick 0-1, Maker 0-1, Terry 0-2), Philadelphia 10-25 (Luwawu-Cabarrot 3-5 Covington 3-6, Embiid 2-5, Young 1-2, Saric 1-5, Anderson 0-2). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Milwaukee 35 (Middleton 14), Philadelphia 45 (Embiid 9). Assists-Milwaukee 20 (Middletor 10), Philadelphia 32 (Simmons 9). Total Fouls-Milwaukee 20, Philadelphia 18, Technicals-Philadelphia coach 76ers (Defensive three second). A-20,826 (21,600).

#### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

## MEN'S BASKETBALL THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Friday's Game No. 9 Michigan State 85, Indiana 57 Saturday's Games No. 1 Villanova 81, UConn 61 No. 3 Purdue 87, Iowa 64 Oklahoma State 83. No. 4 Oklahoma 81, OT No. 5 Duke 81, Pittsburgh 54 No. 6 West Virginia 86, Texas 51 Houston 73, No. 7 Wichita State 59 Iowa State 70, No. 8 Texa Tech 52

#### **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

EAST Manhattan at St. Peter's, noon Vermont at Hartford, 1 p.m. Stony Brook at New Hampshire, 1 p.m. Canisius at Iona, 1 p.m. UMBC at Albany (NY), 2 p.m. Siena at Quinnipiac, 2 p.m. Mass.-Lowell at Binghamton, 2 p.m. SOUTH Boston College at Louisville, noon Miami at NC State, noon UNC-Asheville at Liberty, 2 p.m. Radford at Campbell, 2 p.m. High Point at Longwood, 3 p.m. Winthrop at Presbyterian, 4 p.m. Gardner-Webb at Charleston Southern, 5:30 p.m. Virginia at Wake Forest, 6 p.m. MIDWEST Rutgers at Michigan, noon N. Iowa at S. Illinois, 4 p.m. Loyola of Chicago at Valparaiso, 4 p.m. FAR WEST UC Davis at Hawaii, midnight Sunday UC Irvine at UC Santa Barbara, midnight Sunday Washington St. at Utah, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

16:28: Raffl. PHI. Major (fighting), 16:28: Laughton, PHI, (tripping), 17:36; Palmieri, NJ,

(boarding), 19:15. Second Period—4. New Jersev. Bratt 12 (Hall. Butcher), 8:12 (pp). Penalties—Manning, PHI, (roughing), 4:35; Laughton, PHI, (high sticking), 6:41: Palmieri, NJ. (delay of game). 8:55; Hall, NJ, (high sticking), 12:23; Zajac, NJ, (hooking), 19:29. Third Period–None. Penalties–Konecny, PHI, (tripping), 3:59; Hagg, PHI, (cross checking),

19:58. Shots on Goal—New Jersey 5-14-10—29 Philadelphia 13-11-7–31. Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 1 of 5; Philadelphia 0 of 4 Goalies-New Jersey, Appleby 0-0-0 (24 shots-24 saves). Kinkaid 7-4-2 (7-4) Philadelphia, Neuvirth 5-5-1 (29-28). A-19,934 (19,543). T-2:23 Referees-Francis Charron, Jean Hebert. Linesmen-Devin Berg, Brian Mach.

#### STARS 7, SABRES 1

DALLAS BUFFALO First Period-1, Dallas, Elie 5 (Janmark, Spezza), 5:03. 2, Dallas, Janmark 11 (Lindell, Shore), 14:09 (pp). Penalties—Pouliot, BUF, (slashing), 12:19; Roussel, DAL, (tripping), 17:44.

Second Period—3, Dallas, Janmark 12 (Klingberg, Spezza), 6:25. 4, Buffalo, Reinhart 8 (Eichel, Ristolainen), 8:54 (pp). 5, Dallas, Benn 19 (Lindell, Klingberg), 9:32. 6, Dallas, Lindell 5 (Benn, Radulov), 12:08, 7, Dallas, Faksa 12 (Johns, Roussel), 17:31. Penalties-Radulov, DAL, (tripping), 0:26; Shore, DAL, (tripping), 6:57: Nolan, BUF, Major (fighting), 12:40; Heatherington, DAL, Major (fighting) 12:40; Heatherington, DAL, (cross checking), 12:40; Nolan, BUF, (roughing), 12:40; Gorges, BUF, (interference), 14:52. Third Period-8, Dallas, Pitlick 8 (Klingberg, Faksa), 7:24. Penalties-Heatherington, DAL. (roughing), 4:19. Shots on Goal-Dallas 13-12-7-32. Buffalo 10-10-7-27. Power-play opportunities—Dallas 1 of 2; Buffalo 1 of 4. Goalies—Dallas, Lehtonen 7-5-1 (27 shots-26 saves). Buffalo, Lehner 9-18-6 (19-15), Johnson 1-8-3 (13-10). A-19.070 (19.070). T-2:26. Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Kevin Pollock. Linesmen—Greg Devorski, Andrew Smith.

#### **AVALANCHE 3, RANGERS 1** N.Y. RANGERS

COLORADO First Period—1, Colorado, Johnson 7 (Rantanen, MacKinnon), 9:00. Penalties-Kampfer, NYR, (hooking), 12:51. Second Period–2, Colorado, MacKinnon 23 (Barberio, Johnson), 3:24. 3, N.Y. Rangers, Buchnevich 13 (McDonagh, Zuccarello), 6:55 (pp). Penalties-Bourque, COL, (tripping), Third Period—4. Colorado, Rantanen 17, 19:59. Penalties–None. Shots on Goal–N.Y. Rangers 5-12-11–28. Colorado 12-10-15-37. Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 of 1; Colorado 0 of 1. Goalies–N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 21-12-4 (36 shots-34 saves). Colorado, Bernier 13-7-1 (28-27). A-18.056 (18.007). T-2:25. Referees-Marc Joannette, Justin St Pierre. Linesmen-Ryan Galloway, Mark Shewchyk. JETS 2, FLAMES 1, SO

#### WINNIPEG

CALGARY Winnipeg wins shootout 2-0 First Period-1, Calgary, Brodie 3 (Brouwer), 8:17. Penalties-Winnipeg bench, served by Perreault (too many men on the ice), 7:12;

#### GOLF

Andrew Landry

Martin Dillor

#### PGA TOUR CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE

Saturday's leaders at PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.

Purse: \$5.9 million; s-Stadium Course, Yardage: 7,113; Par: 72 (36-36). q-La Quinta CC Course, 7,060; 72 (36-36). n-Nicklaus Tournament Course, 7,159; 72 (36-36) Third Pound 63n-70s-64q-197 63q-65n-70s-198 Austin Cook

68q-65n-66s-199

65s-68q-67n-200

68n-69s-65q-202

69s-67q-67n-203

64n-67s-67q-198 Scott Piercy 62q-67n-70s-199 Jon Rahm Adam Hadwin 66n-67s-67q-200 Grayson Murray Brandon Harkins 64q-68n-68s-200 63q-67n-71s-201 70s-66q-65n-201 lason Kokrak Seamus Power 65n-69s-68a-202 Jhonattan Vegas Bronson Burgoon 68n-66s-68q-202 John Huh Kevin Kisner 67n-68s-67a-202 67q-64n-71s-202 71n-64s-67q-202 Michael Kim Kevin Chappell Stewart Cink 68n-69s-65q-202 Charles Howell III 67n-70s-66q-203 Ryan Palmer Brian Harman 65a-68n-70s-203 68n-71s-65q-204 71q-65n-68s-204 Tyrone Van Asweger Ricky Barnes Andrew Putnam 69n-66s-69a-204 68s-67q-69n-204 66q-68n-70s-204 Hunter Mahan Hudson Swafford Trev Mullinax 70s-64a-70n-204 69q-64n-71s-204 69n-69s-66q-204 Russell Knox Rory Sabbatini Zach Johnson 67a-64n-73s-204 Nick Watney Kevin Streelman 65s-67q-72n-204 67s-69q-68n-204 Peter Uihlein 70a-64n-70s-204 70s-66q-69n-205 68s-64q-73n-205 Patton Kizzire Brian Gay Ben Crane 70n-67s-68a-205 68n-68s-69q-205 64q-69n-72s-205 Corey Conners Aaron Wise Lucas Glover 66a-68n-71s-205 67q-68n-70s-205 67n-67s-71q-205 Harris English Richy Werenski Rob Oppenheim 67s-68a-70n-205 Brendan Steele 71s-69q-66n-206 73s-67q-66n-206 Billy Hurley III Bud Caulev 67a-68n-71s-206 68s-69q-69n-206 64q-69n-73s-206 Sung Kang Beau Hossler James Hahn 68s-66a-72n-206 70q-67n-69s-206 71s-68q-67n-206 Sam Saunders Brett Stegmaier Nate Lashlev 67s-71a-68n-206 65n-72s-69q-206 66n-70s-71q-207 Talor Gooch Alex Cejka Webb Simpson 69s-66a-72n-207 70s-68q-69n-207 68n-68s-71q-207 John Peterson Tom Whitney Kevin Na 66a-67n-74s-207 66n-74s-67q-207 69n-67s-71q-207 Matt Every Abraham Ancer Chesson Hadley 71a-67n-69s-207 Chez Reavie David Lingmerth 71s-65q-71n-207 Derek Fathauer 71s-66a-70n-207 Sean O'Hair Ben Martin 69s-67q-71n-207 Smylie Kaufman Scott Brown

#### Mixed Doubles First Round

Storm Sanders, Australia and Marc Polmans, Australia, def. Robert Farah, Colombia and Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 7-5, 1-6, 10-4. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def, Max Mirnyi, Belarus and Shuai Peng, China, 6-4, 6-4. Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada and Mate Pavic, Croatia, def. Alex Bolt, Australia and Lizette Cabrera, Australia, 6-3, 7-5.

#### **CALENDAR**

MLB

Jan. 24 — BBWAA Hall of Fame voting announced. Jan. 29-Feb. 16 - Salary arbitration hearings, Jan. 30-Feb. 1 — Owners meetings, Beverly Hills, Calif. Feb 15 – Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players. Feb. 19 - Voluntary reporting date for other Feb. 24 — Mandatory reporting date. March 29 - Opening day. Active rosters reduced to 25 players. April 17-18 — Cleveland vs. Minnesota at San Juan, Puerto Rico, - Amateur draft starts. June 15 – International amateur signing period closes. July 2 — International amateur signing period opens. July 6 - Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline. July 10 — All-Star Game, Washington. July 29 - Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown July 31 - Last day to trade a player without securing waivers. Oct. 2-3 — Wild-card games. Dec. 10-13 - Winter meetings, Las Vegas. NBA Feb. 8 - Trade deadline. Feb. 16-18, 2018 - All-Star weekend, Los Angeles April 11-14 - Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (Portsmouth, Va. April 11 - Regular Season ends. April 14 - Playoffs begin. April 22 – NBA draft early entry eligibility deadline (11:59 p.m. EDT. May 31 - NBA Finals begin. June 11 - NBA draft early entry entrant withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT June 17 - NBA Finals latest possible date. June 21 - NBA draft.

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Jan. 27-28 — All-Star weekend, Tampa, Fla. Feb. 26 — Trade deadline. March 3 - Stadium Series: Toronto at Washington, at U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis Md. April 7 – Last day regular season. April 11 – Playoffs begin. June 22-23 – NHL draft, Dallas.

# **NFL:** NFC Championship **Defense wins championships,** or at least the NFC title

By ROB MAADDI Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - One team has a suffocating defense. The other has the NFL's No. 1 unit.

Defense should win at least the NFC championship.

Two of the league's elite defenses go at it Sunday when the Philadelphia Eagles (14-3) host the Minnesota Vikings (14-3) in the conference title game.

"They have a great defense, we have a great defense," Eagles linebacker Nigel Bradham said. "Whoever is most complete will win."

The Vikings allowed the fewest yards (275.9) and fewest points (15.8) per game. The Eagleswere fourth in yards allowed (306.5) and fourth in points (18.4).

May the best defense reach the Super Bowl.

"Typically, when you're good defensively, you're going to stay in the ballgames," Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said. "Then you have a chance to win them at the end."

Minnesota has three Pro Bowl players on defense: end Everson Griffen, outside linebacker Anthony Barr and cornerback Xavier Rhodes. Safety Harrison Smith and Rhodes are All-Pros.

"It's just a smothering defense," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said. "(Griffen) is a game wrecker. They just mix it in. You don't know necessarily what's coming. Rhodes is a tremendous corner, safeties are playing extremely well."

Defensive tackle Fletcher Cox and safety Malcolm Jenkins are Philadelphia's Pro Bowl picks. Defensive end Brandon Graham had an excellent season and cornerbacks Ronald Darby and Jalen Mills are solid. Hearing about Minnesota's defense all week is extra motivation for Philadelphia, which is a home underdog for the second straight game. "When you've got the No. 1 defense coming in statistically, obviously, it fires us up," Cox said. "We know



FILE - In this Nov. 23, 2017, file photo, Minnesota Vikings cornerback Xavier Rhodes (29) intercepts a pass against the Detroit Lions during an NFL football game, in Detroit.

going into this game that whoever's defense plays better is going to win the game. The way we're prepared, we won't change nothing that we do. We'll just go out and be ourselves."

Here are things to watch for in the NFC championship game:

**BATTLE OF THE BACKUPS:** Case Keenum and Nick Foles were teammates in St. Louis in 2015 and began this season as backups. Keenum had a breakout season for the Vikings after Sam Bradford was injured. Foles is 3-1 since MVP candidate Carson Wentz tore his ACL. Expect defenses to focus on the running backs and challenge the quarterbacks.

"We've got to make Nick Foles win the game," Griffen said. "We've got to make him win the game but we've got to stop the running game, affect him and give the ball back to our offense as much as possible so that they can score points." Chicago's offense. The Eagles spread the ball around, so Jeffery had only 789 yards receiving, but his nine TDs were the second most in his career. Jeffery, by the way, turned down more money in free agency from Minnesota to join the Eagles on a one-year deal. Philadelphia gave him a four-year, \$52 million extension during the season.

**BROTHERLY LOVE:** The Kendricks family from Northern California is guaranteed to have a son playing linebacker in the Super Bowl. Eric Kendricks is in his third season with the Vikings, and Mychal is in his sixth year with the Eagles.

Eric had his best season with 136 tackles to lead the team for the third straight time, nine passes defended and one interception return for a touchdown. Mychal was fifth on the Eagleswith 72 tackles in 2017, adding two sacks.

Both were secondround draft picks, Eric out of UCLA with the two siblings have traded their share of friendly trash talk along the way. Family members have been known to wear split jerseys to support both players. "I always make jokes: I

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feel like my brother gets a little bit of the advantage as far as who the family roots for, because he's the first born," Eric said. "It's all love, though."

FIND THEIR FOOTING: The Eagles laid fresh sod between the hash marks this week to help improve the conditions at Lincoln Financial Field. The weather should help, with a dry forecast and expected temperatures in the 40s, but the Vikings have been preparing for the worst.

Zimmer had a video put together of Falcons players sliding and slipping on the field last weekend. Players have been encouraged to try seven-stud cleats in pregame

**NOT YET:** The Vikings are 0-3 against the Eagles in the postseason. Philadelphia won a wildcard game in Minnesota after the 2008 season and home games in the divisional rounds on the way to Super Bowl appearances following the 1980 and 2004 seasons. Minnesota has not been to the Super Bowl since 1977 and is 0-4 in them.

## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL:** East-West Shrine game Shimonek throws late TD pass to lift West over East 14–10

#### By FRED GOODALL Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — For J.T. Barrett, playing in the 93rd East-West Shrine game was more about showing what type of leader he is than impressing statistically.

"I think, at the end of the day, I wanted to show I could command the offense," the Big Ten's career total yardage leader said Saturday. "I think that's part of

"I think that's part of who I am, and at quarterback that's what you need," Barrett added. "I was able to do it at Ohio State, and I think I did a pretty good job this week of commanding the offense and owning it."

Texas Tech's Nic Shimonek threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Houston's Steven Dunbar with 1:23 remaining to give the West a 14-10 victory.

Barrett completed a 30-yard pass to move the East into West territory, however his bid to pull off a comeback ended with four consecutive incompletions.

"Nic threw a great pass and I couldn't do anything but catch it," said Dunbar, who had three receptions for 52 yards. "It was a play we tried a couple of times, and it was finally there. I'm just thankful to be in a position to do this." Wisconsin safety Natrell Jamerson returned Barrett's early fumble 68 yards for the West's other TD in the nation's longest running college all-star game.

Barrett amassed 12,697 yards and accounted for 147 TDs in four seasons at Ohio State.

He wasn't impressive statistically Saturday in trying to show he has what it takes to make a successful transition from a college spread offense to a pro-style system.

The former Buckeyes star did, however, shrug off his first-quarter turnover to throw a 4-yard scoring pass to Slippery Rock's Marcus Martin that put the East ahead 10-7.

Northern Iowa's Daurice Fountain had three catches for 61 yards and set up Barrett's TD throw to Martin, the NCAA Division II sack leader and 2017 lineman of the year, with a 30-yard punt return and a 16-yard reception.

"A long time ago I heard Andrew Luck say 'you can't go broke taking a profit.' I didn't want to get greedy and skip that first read, so with that I took it and our guy did a great job to catch it and score," Barrett said of the completion to Martin, a defensive end in college who may have a future as a fullback.

#### **COLLEGE:** Football Alabama team, fans celebrate especially difficult title run

#### By JOSH ZENOR Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. -Tens of thousands of fans gathered to celebrate Alabama's latest national championship, one that was especially hard to achieve. This time the Crimson Tide had to overcome a loss in the final regularseason game, a series of defensive injuries and a period of uncertainty when it wasn't clear if a fourth consecutive playoff invitation was even forthcoming. Then there was the climactic title game with Georgia that included a 13-0 halftime deficit, a quarterback switch and an overtime that started with a huge sack of Tua Tagovailoa. The final play - Tagovailoa's 41-yard touchdown heave to fellow freshman DeVonta Smith - was etched in the memories of Tide fans, players and coach Nick Saban. "I don't think anybody's ever going to forget" that play, Saban told a crowd Alabama estimated at 40,000. "I know I'll never forget the feeling that I had when Tua takes a sack and one minute later the feeling that I had when we threw the touchdown pass," he said. It was the fifth, and perhaps most eventful, championship run of Saban's 11-year tenure at Alabama. He also matched Bear Bryant with his sixth overall national title. After receiving a much-debated berth despite a loss to Auburn, Alabama toppled playoff nemesis and top-ranked Clemson in the Sugar Bowl before beating the Bulldogs 26-23 in an

All-Southeastern Conference matchup. Second in the SEC West, first in the nation.

"This whole 2017 season, man, it's amazing," senior linebacker Rashaan Evans said.

**OWNING MINNESOTA:** Eagles receiver Alshon Jeffery has more catches (45), yards (685), and touchdowns (7) against the Vikings than he has against any other team. But Jeffery, who spent his first five seasons with the Bears, did most of his damage against other cornerbacks while also being the featured guy in

45th overall selection in 2015 and Mychal from Cal with the 46th overall pick in 2012. Their father, Marvin, was UCLA's leading rusher in 1970 and 1971 and went on to play in the CFL.

With both teams at the top of the NFC and both defenses at the top of the league all season, the

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that's the overall goal," Blount said. "We don't care about personal success. You can't be selfish when everybody has one common goal. You have to make sacrifices for the betterment of the team. We've done that and it's gotten us this far."

Long played 65 percent of the snaps last season and posted four sacks, four tackles for loss and a forced fumble. His role has decreased in Philadelphia – he played 48 percent of the snaps – but he's been an instrumental part of the team's success and keeping a deep defensive line fresh.

Former NFL quarterback Dan Orlovsky said Long is the one player on Philadelphia's defense that he would be concerned with most because "he never stops."

"He has a next-level motor," Orlovsky told The Associated Press. "It's unusual."

The Eagles have other

players who've won Super Bowls — Smith, Malcolm Jenkins, Corey Graham, Dannell Ellerbe, Chris Maragos, and Will Beatty — but Blount and Long did it most recently and were part of the Patriot Way so they've shared valuable experiences.

"There's a lot of good resources on this team for Super Bowl experience," Long said. "Younger players really need to stick to the script, prepare hard and don't try to do too much. The key is to take it out of your head that it's the playoffs and show up and do your work." Blount echoed those

feelings. "You have so many things going on and it's not something you can get away from it because it's on TV, it on your phone, it' on every bit of social media," Blount said. "So you have to make sure you zoom in and zone in on what you have to do and focus on what our goal is and the task at hand."



Evans was so excited after the game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, he says he didn't take his pads off until returning to the hotel. It was at least the second title celebration for the seniors, and after a snow-filled week in much of the state, temperatures warmed up enough for a comfortable celebration.

Much warmer than the one two years ago.

"I've never seen this many fans at a celebration before," senior center Bradley Bozeman said. "It's unreal. We're really blessed to have this fan base."

Added Evans: "It's almost like a reunion, man. I remember the first time, it wasn't near as many people as it was (today). The fact that all of these fans came out, they took the time out of their day to come out here and just have fun with us, it means a lot."

Team captains Evans, Bozeman, safety Minkah Fitzpatrick and linebacker Shaun Dion Hamilton spoke at the podium. Hamilton missed the past two playoffs because of knee injuries but savored another championship celebration.

"I'd probably say this one is sweeter just because of the way how we finished out," he said. "Nobody would have ever thought that after a sack and us being down, and boom, we come back with a haymaker in overtime. It makes the win that much sweeter."

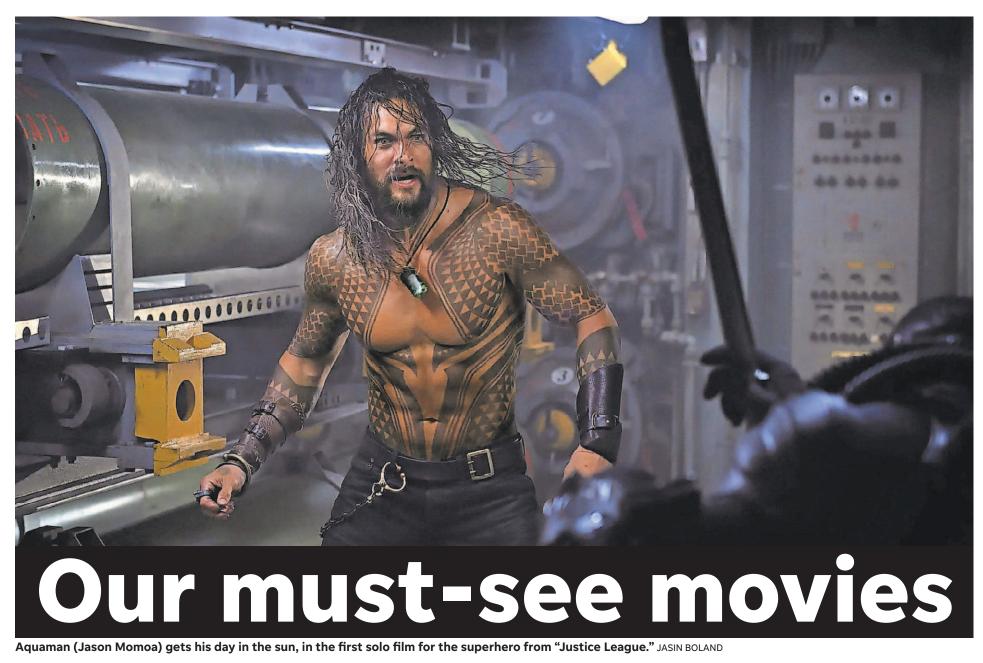




# Satisfy your appetite for adventurous eats

A road trip to four food halls from Amsterdam to Portugal offers bite-sized samplers of different cultures.

#### **2018 MOVIE PREVIEW**



Brian Truitt USA TODAY

This past year was full of huge movies, but 2018 is no slouch either, with the returning Avengers, a new Mary Poppins, young Dumbledore and, yes, Lady Gaga invading cineplexes. Familiar faces are back, including Alden Ehrenreich in *Solo: A Star Wars Story.* Here's a sneak peek at the cream of the crop.

#### Black Panther (Feb. 16)



director Francis Lawrence, who also helmed three of Lawrence's four *Hunger Games* films. "But I also really like when characters are in a dilemma where the audience can sit back and imagine being in the situation themselves."

Chadwick Boseman's Wakandan king T'Challa is the masked star of the show, but he's surrounded by warrior women as skilled as he is. Okoye (played by Danai Gurira) heads the Dora Milaje, T'Challa's personal security force, while global operative Nakia (Lupita Nyong'o) is a "war dog." "She's very passionate about her work," Nyong'o says. Nakia's relationship with T'Challa is "significant," she teases, and when opposing forces challenge his reign, "she has to decide where her allegiance lies and what comes first." Gurira reveals that Wakanda is an "astoundingly cool" place: "It's a world that is utterly plausible and tangible and yet a little larger than life at the same time."

#### Red Sparrow (March 2)

Jennifer Lawrence stars in the spy thriller as Russian intelligence operative Dominika Egorova, who fosters a complicated relationship with a CIA agent (Joel Edgerton). But unlike, say, James Bond, Dominika is pulled into this world against her will: The former prima ballerina suffers an injury, becomes the newest recruit to Sparrow School, and is trained to be a deadly seductress. "I'm attracted to lonely, isolated characters on lonely, isolated journeys," says

#### A Wrinkle in Time (March 9)

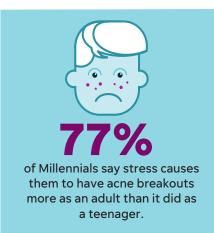
Director Ava DuVernay's adaptation of the classic children's sci-fi novel casts 14-year-old Storm Reid as Meg Murry, a girl who goes on an epic adventure

through time and space searching for her astrophysicist father (Chris Pine). It's a quest she isn't ready for: "Meg is timid and just doesn't feel like she's worthy. She doesn't have any self-love," Reid says. "She's doubting herself and obviously very scared." That's why three colorful travelers are key to Meg's mission and her blooming confidence: the kind Mrs. Which (Oprah Winfrey), the wise Mrs. Who (Mindy Kaling) and the grandmotherly Mrs. Whatsit (Reese Witherspoon).

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Johnny Depp takes a dark turn as the wizard Gellert Grindelwald in the new "Fantastic Beasts."

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#### CALENDAR

Plan your week in entertainment with these highlights and pop-culture milestones:

#### TV

**Tune in**: TNT premieres *The Alienist*, starring Dakota Fanning, Daniel Brühl and Luke Evans, on Monday at 9 ET/PT. The series, based on the Caleb Carr novel, follows an alienist (Brühl) in 1896 as he uses the new method of psychiatry to track down a serial killer.



DAVID APPLEBY

#### **DVD/BLU-RAY**

View: Goodbye Christopher Robin is out on Tuesday. The film tells the story of Winnie the Pooh creator A.A. Milne, played by Domhnall Gleeson.

#### STREAMING

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**Watch**: The Netflix series *One Day at a Time* returns for a second season. A reimagining of the Norman Lear classic, the series fol-

lows the trials and tribulations of a recently separated mom, played by Justina Machado. The series also stars Rita Moreno.

#### MUSIC



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#### BINGEING

# Get a load of Hemsworth from your couch

#### Kelly Lawler USA TODAY

Who's your favorite Hemsworth?

It's a loaded party question, but if your answer is "Chris," we've got good news for you. The actor is hitting theaters this weekend in *12 Strong*, which tells the true story of modern Green Berets, the first soldiers on the ground in Afghanistan after 9/11, who discover the only way they can win a battle is by traveling by horseback through tough terrain.

In celebration of the *Thor* actor and 2014 Sexiest Man Alive, we've rounded up five of his best performances available to rent or stream.

#### If you just want more Thor: The Avengers

Hemsworth is most famous for playing the strapping god of thunder in Marvel movies, and so no Hemsworth binge is complete with out at least one of those performances. However, the first two *Thor* standalone films (*Thor* and *Thor: The Dark World*) are a bit bland, and the best (*Thor: Ragnarok*) isn't available to stream yet. But Hemsworth does good work in the first *Avengers* film, where he suits up with Chris Evans and Robert Downey Jr. and you see some of his comedic chops come out for the first time.

Rent it on Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, Vudu or YouTube.

#### If you loved how funny he was in Thor: Ragnarok: Ghostbusters (2016)

Did we mention Hemsworth's actually a great comedic actor? Because some of his most memorable performances have been downright silly. We're partial to his scene-stealing turn in the 2016 *Ghostbusters* reboot, where his doltish receptionist hampered all the ghostbusting that needed to be done, rather than helping it.

Stream it on Starz.

If you like horror films: The Cabin in the Woods



Chris Hemsworth is in full Thor the Thunder God-mode alongside Captain America (Chris Evans) and having a high time of it in 2012's "Marvel's The Avengers." ZADE ROSENTHAL/MARVEL



Hemsworth gets goofy in "Ghostbusters." HOPPER STONE/SONY PICTURES

Before he played the famously muscled god of thunder, Hemsworth appeared in this film penned by *Avengers* director Joss Whedon. *Cabin* puts a twist on the horror genre when five college kids head to a cabin for a fun weekend away. Saying anything else about it spoils the effect of the film, but suffice to say, this isn't your average slasher flick. Rent it on Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, Vudu or YouTube.

#### If you love a fast car: Rush

Hemsworth tried his hand at more prestige fare in this 2013 Ron Howard film about rivalries in Formula 1 racing. The actor plays real-life British playboy James Hunt, who had a fierce rivalry with Austrian racer Niki Lauda (Daniel Brühl). The film chronicles the harrowing 1976 season and their ups and downs against each other.

Rent it on Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, Vudu or YouTube.

#### If you also would like to see

Spider-Man: In the Heart of the Sea

Hemsworth teamed up with Ron Howard again and a young pre-Spidey Tom Holland for this epic oceanic adventure. The film is adapted from Na-



He puts the pedal to the metal in "Rush." JAAP BUITENDIJK/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

thaniel Philbrick's non-fiction book of the same name, about the sinking of the American whaling ship Essex in 1820, which was the inspiration for Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*.

Rent it on Amazon, Google Play, iTunes, Vudu or YouTube.

# Preview

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#### Ready Player One (March 30)

Steven Spielberg helped define the 1980s, and that's the nostalgic era beloved in the dystopian 2040s in his retro sci-fi fantasy based on Ernest Cline's novel. The director describes it as "a cautionary tale but also an exhilarating adventure." The '80s "had a refreshing lack of cynicism, and in our story, that's what people are trying to return to," Spielberg says. "In their real lives, they're living in a debris field of the first half of the 21st century." His protagonist Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan) escapes into the virtual-reality landscape, seeking a hidden Easter egg. Player One also takes social media a step further in the relationship between Wade and fellow egg hunter Samantha Cook (Olivia Cooke): "You get to know their quirks, (but) you don't know who the person really is until you meet them in the real world."



Bradley Cooper plays a veteran country rocker and Lady Gaga is a chanteuse on

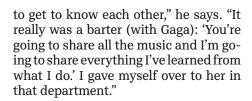
the rise in the fourth version of "A Star Is Born." NEAL PRESTON

#### Avengers: Infinity War (May 4)

All of Marvel's mightiest heroes heed the call in the third *Avengers* film. And that means never-before-seen pairings, such as Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) fighting alongside Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), and Thor (Chris Hemsworth) meeting the Guardians of the Galaxy. Downey reprises his role for the ninth time and teases another confrontation with former friend Captain America (Chris Evans). "That's the hardest for me, because I look at Evans and I just to want to go over and smell him or tell him he looks cool in those sunglasses. ... And then I'm just staring daggers at him."

#### A Star Is Born (Oct. 5)

Bradley Cooper directs and stars in the fourth telling of this classic love story: Country rocker Jackson Maine (Cooper) realizes his career has peaked at the same time he falls for up-andcoming chanteuse Ally (Stefani Germanotta, aka Lady Gaga). Cooper compares starring alongside the pop singer with learning how to dance with Jennifer Lawrence for *Silver Linings Playbook.* "There's nothing better than to put two strangers in a vulnerable situation



## Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (Nov. 16)

The first *Fantastic Beasts* introduced magizoologist Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) into the *Harry Potter* movie universe, and the action shifts from 1920s New York to Europe in his next adventure, with Jude Law as a young Albus Dumbledore. Decades before the wizard will help Harry, Dumbledore is a teacher at Hogwarts who is "passionate, mischievous and an inspiration" to his students, says director David Yates. "Dumbledore sees Newt as a kindred spirit, an outsider." The heroes face a formidable foe in the dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Johnny Depp).

#### Aquaman (Dec. 21)

*Justice League* only dipped into the expansive undersea potential for Jason Momoa's superhero, and director James Wan follows the epic ensemble with a solo film in which Arthur Curry is caught between the surface and the watery

kingdom of Atlantis. "He doesn't quite fit in, but as the story progresses, he realizes he's the best of both worlds," the director says. "Circumstances allow him to grow as a human being and then realize the bigger picture of it all and what it means to have these abilities." Wan also is unleashing some seriously bad guys. Chief among them: Aquaman's archvillain Black Manta (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II), whose antagonism "is very primal, that classic revenge story. I love the simplicity of that human drive."

#### Mary Poppins Returns (Dec. 25)

Emily Blunt acknowledges it's hard to put in words what it's like to play author P.L. Travers' iconic nanny, though "joyful" and "utterly magical" do come up in conversation. Julie Andrews played the role in 1964, and the flying umbrella passes to Blunt for a sequel set in 1930s Depression-era London, where Poppins revisits a now-grown Michael (Ben Whishaw) and Jane Banks (Emily Mortimer) when their family needs her again. Back in the day, a spoonful of sugar helped the medicine go down, but Blunt's Poppins hews more to Travers' literary character. "I just loved how eccentric and wacky she is in the books," Blunt says. "As a British person, I really



Mary Poppins (Emily Blunt) and her charges and friends go for a ride in the sequel "Mary Poppins Returns," due on Christmas Day. JAY MAIDMENT

responded to that lack of saccharine relationships. I find it comforting the idea of someone just sweeping in who's nononsense and cleaning everything up and making everything right again in a magical way that's not sentimental."

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# TRAVEL

#### DISPATCHES



**Kimpton Hotels has discontinued its popular loaner goldfish program.** KIMPTON HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS

# Hotel's goldfish are checking out

Kimpton Hotels and Restaurants will no longer offer goldfish as a friend to its hotel guests.

The boutique hotel chain, owned by InterContinental Hotels Group, has discontinued a program in which it offered goldfish to guests as companions.

It was a popular perk for the hotel chain, but People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), objected to the practice and worked with Kimpton to end it.

"We partnered with PETA to humanely re-home the goldfish from the handful of properties where the Guppy Love program was active" says Faith Yi, a spokeswoman for Kimpton. She says that Kimpton will "find other creative ways to delight our animal-loving guests and we remain as pet-friendly as ever."

Tracy Reiman, PETA's executive vice president, applauded Kimpton's "kind decision" and said the group's objections were based on scientific studies showing "that fish become depressed from a lack of space, stimulation, and adequate enrichment, just as humans do."

— Nancy Trejos





Dried figs and Portuguese confections are on display at Time Out Market Lisboa. MARY WINSTON-NICKLIN/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

# Bite by bite, hail the food halls of Europe

Jake Emen, Morgan Goldberg and Mary Winston-Nicklin Special to USA TODAY

Chefs and leisure travelers alike know that food markets and halls are a prime way to experience a country's culture. You can see and smell local produce, spices and seafood while getting a feel for the way a community interacts. And you can familiarize yourself with native, often foreign, delicacies before paying for them in a restaurant. That's why food markets offer adventure abroad, and these popular stops in Europe add warmth indoors to the appeal. Here are four food halls and markets to discover.

#### Great Market Hall in Budapest, Hungary

Budapest's Great Market Hall, also known as Central Market Hall, opened in 1897. More than a century later, it's still the largest indoor market in historic, beautiful Budapest, offering a bounty of produce, meat and dairy for locals and visitors alike. And oh yes, there's plenty of paprika and pálinka.



Rome's Trevi Fountain can be visited for less than \$400 from several cities. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

## Get Big Three flights for so little

Anyone who loves traveling to Europe has always known one harsh reality: The Big Three — London, Paris and Rome — generally are the most expensive cities to fly to. But in recent years, there have been some extreme price drops for flights to Europe, and this winter yields some of the best deals ever.

All of these are round-trip fares found online between Jan. 11-15 (your results may vary, as bargains disappear fast):

#### **Flights to London**

From Boston, \$314
From Los Angeles, \$412
From Seattle, \$452
Paris
From Boston, \$330
From Denver, \$427
From Kansas City, \$636
Rome
From New York, \$371
From San Francisco, \$388
From Los Angeles, \$395
Other international cities
Chicago to Reykjavik, Iceland, \$200 (The cheapest flight from Chi-

\$200 (The cheapest light from Chicago to San Francisco on the same date cost \$236.)
Dallas to Barcelona, \$537

- Rick Seaney

The former is the ubiquitous spice, which gives flavor and color to Budapest's culinary specialties, such as goulash and chicken paprikash. As for pálinka, it's a Hungarian fruit brandy taken in shot form at any time of the day or night. Another mandatory experience at Great Market Hall is to head upstairs and nab a lángos from a local purveyor. Lángos is a Hungarian fried dough treat traditionally topped with sour cream, garlic and cheese, though a range of other toppings is available.

The market is located in front of the Szabadság híd, or Liberty Bridge, on the Pest side of the Danube river. The main level offers fresh produce, a bevy of butcher shops and cheese stands, bakeries, and shops specializing in everything from pálinka or paprika to lavender or honey. The top floor has a small number of prepared-food stands, along with an area devoted to souvenirs, such as crystal and porcelain from famed regions and producers. The bottom level showcases fish and fermented and pickled items.

#### Marché de Rungis in Rungis, France

Just four miles south of Paris, Rungis sprawls across 578 acres. The market that feeds Paris is the largest in the world, with seven sectors spread out in myriad *pavillons* (halls); think fish, fruits and vegetables, poultry, organic goods, flowers, meat and more.

In the 12th century, the city's marketplace was situated on *Île de la Cité*, the island on the Seine, before it migrated to Les Halles, the mythical market that Emile Zola called "the belly of Paris." To make more space in the city center in 1969, President de Gaulle moved the market to its present location not far from Orly airport. Today this wholesale market isn't just a temple of gourmet grub; it is a model of cleanliness and professionalism. Traceability is important — you know where your products are coming from. Offered on two Fridays each month,

Hungarian paprika is for sale at Budapest's Great Market Hall. JAKE EMEN/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY



**De Foodhallen contains 21 food stalls.** MORGAN GOLDBERG/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

guided tours provide a fascinating glimpse into this world. Take a gander at the meat carcasses hanging on hooks, look out for the Bresse chicken, find forgotten ancient varieties of root vegetables, and gawk at the biggest cheese market in the world with 450 varieties available.

#### Time Out Market Lisboa in Lisbon, Portugal

The Mercado da Ribeira is the oldest and largest food market in Lisbon. The first references to its existence stretch back to approximately 1100, and over the centuries there have been earthquakes and fires and downturns in business. It moved to its current location in 1882, and is thriving in its latest rendition as the Time Out Market Lisboa.

In 2010, Time Out won a competition held by Lisbon's city council for the right to take over and renovate the market space, which had struggled in previous years. The new Time Out Market opened its doors in 2014, and quickly became a must-visit destination for any food lover in Lisbon.

There are dozens of vendors offering a variety of cuisines, from traditional Portuguese fare to international foods, large prepared meals, small bites and sweets. Load up on cheese, charcuterie or wine to go, take a cooking class at the Academia or enjoy a concert at Estudio, before returning to visit the old half of the market, which still caters to chefs looking for the highest quality fish and produce.

For a more traditional market, visit the Mercado Municipal de Loulé, which dates to 1908 in the Algarve region. Topped with pink domes and ornamental arches, it covers an entire block with spices, Port wine and seafood fresh from the Atlantic. Marvel at the vast array of produce grown in Portugal, nibble on *pastel de nata* (egg tart pastry), and find great gourmet gifts to go.

#### **De Foodhallen in Amsterdam**

De Foodhallen, the Netherlands' first indoor food market, is one of the many occupants of De Hallen, a restored former depot built in the early 1900s. It is now a cultural center in Amsterdam's up-and-coming neighborhood of Oud-West.

Opened in October 2014, De Foodhallen serves everything from bao buns to burgers at 21 food stalls. When deciding which vendors would fill the stalls, the owners had a checklist: good food, a diverse collection of cuisines and stands operated by established entrepreneurs.

There is a full-service restaurant, four bars, live music nights and shops.

# **10 cities** where love is in the air

#### Larry Bleiberg Special to USA TODAY

Even if you're constantly on the road, it doesn't mean you can't have a social life, says Sameera Sullivan, CEO of LastingConnections.net, a matchmaking company that serves many clients with busy travel schedules. "Some of them date on the East Coast and the West Coast because they have homes on both." But you don't have to be wealthy to find a date while traveling. She says certain places are conducive to meeting new people, whatever your gender and orientation. Here she shares some of her favorites cities.



Budapest's baths and "ruin pubs" attract travelers from across Europe. LARRY BLEIBERG/SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

#### **Budapest**

Sullivan says the Eastern European capital attracts people from across the continent, making it a natural spot for dating. "There are a lot of clubs and it's a great place to go out and meet people," she says. But men seem to have the advantage here. "The women you meet in Budapest are some of the nicest you'll meet almost anywhere in Europe." Popular social spots include the city's historic spring-fed baths and "ruin pubs" built in the shell of former derelict buildings. *budapestinfo.hu* 

#### **Los Angeles**

Men will find lots of dating options in Southern California. "Women are less picky than anywhere else, because they've seen everything. There are so many narcissists who are so shallow," Sullivan says. This means an accomplished, sincere guy will truly stand out, she says. discoverlosangeles.com

#### Milan, Italy

The Italian fashion capital can be a wonderful place to meet someone, but you have to make an effort, Sullivan says. Italian men and women are looking for someone stylish, and a little reserved. "You have to look good. It can't be shorts and a T-shirt," she says. "And you can't be too bubbly." turismo.milano.it



#### Houston

Sullivan lived in the Houston area, and says it's a wonderful place for single women. "You really meet some amazing men, a lot of oil and gas guys." But it's important to know where to look. "You're not going to find them in the suburbs. You need to be out in the city, Uptown, Downtown, the Galleria area and River Oaks. All the singles are there." visithoustontexas.com

#### Scottsdale, Ariz.

Sullivan calls this desert city a mini Los Angeles, with an active bar and restaurant scene, along with access to outdoor activities. "People are trendy and attractive and take care of themselves," she says. "If you're single and traveling, you want to go to Scottsdale." *experiencescottsdale.com* 

#### **New York**

Sullivan says it's easy to meet someone in the nation's biggest city, especially if you're a guy. "Women are really deprived of love. They're not finding men who want to commit, so they're going out and having fun," she says. And with residents from around the world, the variety of potential partners is astounding, she says. *nycgo.com* 

#### Lucerne, Switzerland

Not only is the Alpine scenery goodlooking, but so are the guys, Sullivan says. "There are a lot of single Swiss men - tall and dark and handsome." It's easy to strike up a conversation with one in one of the city's markets, and there's not much of a culture gap, she says. "They're a lot like American men." luzern.com/en

#### Portland, Ore.

galleries are great places to take (or find) a date. JULIE SOEFER/VISIT HOUSTON

Although Sullivan met her husband in a Portland gym, she says the city is a better place for single men than women. "There are a lot of slacker guys, who don't really try," she says. "If you're a decent-looking professional man with a decent job, you're going to have your pick." And the city's breweries and restaurants offer great date possibilities.

#### Berlin

travelportland.com

With several universities attracting students from across the globe, the German capital city is a wonderful place for young travelers to find a date, be it an American studying abroad, or someone more exotic. "It's very diverse. If you go to a bar or restaurant, you're going to meet a lot of Germans and people from all over the world," Sullivan says. visitberlin.de/en

#### Paris

The capital of *amour* lives up to its name, at least for traveling ladies. Sullivan says Parisian women have a reputation for being uptight, which makes American women particularly attractive to local men. "If you walk around a market and look at someone and smile and make eye contact," a conversation is likely to flow, says Sullivan. en.parisinfo.com

#### **EXPERIENCE** TRAVEL **AMERICA**

# Urban trout programs will get you hooked

#### **Gary Garth**

Special to USA TODAY

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, Mo. - Steve Ehlmann snugged the zipper to his parka, adjusted his sunglasses and tugged at his cap against the windy, 28-degree December day.

Ehlmann is used to the elements. He works in construction. Only he wasn't on the job site. He was at the August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area's lake 21, stringing up his Orvis fly rod and grinning like a kid on Christmas morning.

"I had the day off and thought I'd come out for an hour or so," he said.

He wasn't alone. Two fishermen were perched along the east shore of the small lake, which floods about three acres. Each man had landed and released a couple of trout.

Ehlmann surveyed the landscape and started toward the low, sloping bank that fronts the parking area.

"It's really more of an afternoon or evening bite," he said, sounding relieved at the lack of a crowd. "And usually better with a breeze and some cloud cover. I come out a couple of times a week."

Ehlmann then shared more local knowledge.

"The best spot is really over there," he added, nodding to where a guy wrapped in an orange coat was battling another trout, quickly adding, "where that man is catching a fish!"

Lake 27 is one of five waters on the Busch Conservation Area, along with 12 city and county park waters in the St. Louis metropolitan area that are managed as winter trout fisheries by the Missouri Department of Conservation.



Cold weather can't keep a man from his fishing. PHOTOS BY GARY GARTH



Winter trout can be found in more than a dozen waters in metro St. Louis.

It's a seasonal offshoot of the DOC's urban fisheries program, which began in 1969.

The St. Louis Area Winter Trout Program was launched in 1989, according to Kevin Meneau, a veteran fisheries biologist with the state conservation agency.

Stockings begin in November and continue through most of the winter. The trout usually last until late spring, as these waters are too warm to support trout year-round. Most of the lakes are managed as catch-and-release early in winter. Then, usually beginning in February, anglers are allowed to catch and keep trout.

'The program is amazingly popular,"

#### More urban trout

Many states offer seasonal/winter/ urban trout fishing programs, including:

Kentucky: fw.ky.gov/

Tennessee: tn.gov/

Arkansas: agfc.com/

Texas: tpwd.texas.gov/

Oklahoma: wildlifedepartment.com/

lowa: iowadnr.gov/

Check your state's conservation agency for local information.

Meneau said. "I've been here 33 years and it's the most popular aquatic program I've ever been involved in."

It's easy to understand why: Good fishing close to home. Sunfish, catfish and bass are stocked part of the year. But trout are the glamour species and available only in winter.

In the St. Louis-area program, more than 38,000 11-to-13-inch rainbow trout go into the 17 area lakes between November and February.

That's about 2,300 trout per lake. Also, no boats are allowed. Anglers are limited to what they can reach from shore, Meneau said.

One way biologists measure fishing pressure on public waters is fishing hours per acre per year. By that formula, this is an incredibly popular spot.

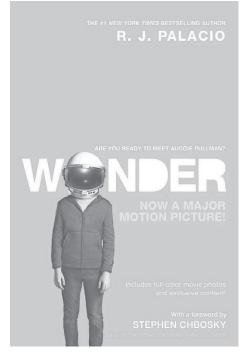
"The urban trout waters get about 1,800 fishing hours per acre per year," Meneau explained. "In some of our rural waters it's hundreds of hours per acre per year."

#### **2017 IN REVIEW**

# **USA TODAY's top 100 books**

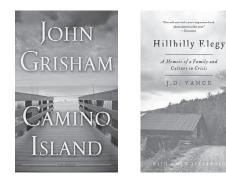
#### Christopher Schnaars and Jocelyn McClurg USA TODAY

Movie and TV adaptations translated into big book sales in 2017. Wonder, R.J. Palacio 2012 kids' novel about a boy with severe facial irregularities, is USA TODAY's top-selling book of the year, thanks to the film adaptation starring Jacob Tremblay and Julia Roberts. The book was in the top 10 for 16 weeks in 2017. If *The Handmaid's Tale, The Shack, Big Little Lies* and Stephen King's It also got lifts from screen adaptations. If Here are the top 100 books of the year, according to data from USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list.



1. Wonder by R.J. Palacio

- 2. Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur
- 3. Origin by Dan Brown
- 4. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway by Jeff Kinney
- 5. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- 6. Camino Island by John Grisham



- 7. Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- 8. The Rooster Bar by John Grisham
- 9. The Shack by William P. Young

10. A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

11. The Subtle Art of Not Giving a (Expletive) by Mark Manson



Reese Witherspoon stars in HBO's adaptation of Liane Moriarty's best-selling "Big Little Lies." The miniseries won five Emmy Awards last fall and picked up four prizes at this month's Golden Globe Awards. HILARY BRONWYN GAYLE/VIA AP

30. The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman

**31. Hidden Figures** 

by Margot Lee Shetterly

32. 1984 by George Orwell

33. Make Your Bed by William H. McRaven

GEORGE ORWE

34. Before We **Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate

**35. Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae by Bill Martin Jr., Eric Carle

53. End Game by David Baldacci

54. Goodnight Moon Board Book by Margaret Wise Brown; art by Clement Hurd

- 55. Dr. Seuss's ABC by Dr. Seuss
- 56. Darker by E.L. James

57. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling; art by Mary GrandPré

58. Option B by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant

59. The Trials of Apollo: The Dark Prophecy by Rick Riordan

60. How to Win Friends & Influence

**80. Sleeping Beauties** by Stephen King, Owen King

81. Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

82. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

83. Dog Man Unleashed by Dav Pilkey

84. Two by Two by Nicholas Sparks

85. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

86. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss

87. Jesus Calling by Sarah Young 88. The Secret Wife by Gill Paul

12. It by Stephen King

13. Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

14. The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

15. Astrophysics for People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson

16. Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher

17. Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

18. Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

19. Oh, the Places You'll Go! by Dr. Seuss

20. The Fix by David Baldacci

21. The Midnight Line by Lee Child

22. A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

23. A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron

24. StrengthsFinder 2.0 by Tom Rath



Hillary Clinton greets a supporter in California who is getting a signed copy of "What Happened." AFP/GETTY IMAGES

25. What Happened by Hillary Rodham Clinton

26. The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get It! by Ree Drummond

27. The Whistler by John Grisham

28. You Are a Badass by Jen Sincero

29. The Sun and Her Flowers by Rupi Kaur

36. All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

37. Killing England by Bill O'Reilly and Martin

Dugard 38. Into the Water by Paula Hawkins 39. First 100 Words

by Roger Priddy

40. Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly

41. Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

42. Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

43. The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

44. The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

45. A Column of Fire by Ken Follett

46. Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson

47. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney

48. The Black Book by James Pat-

Ellis 49. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

50. The Late Show by Michael Connelly

**51. The Couple Next Door** by Shari Lapena

52. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What **Do You See?** 

People by Dale Carnegie

61. The Letter by Kathryn Hughes

62. 16th Seduction by James Patterson, Maxine Paetro

**63. Harry Potter and the Prisoner** of Azkaban: The Illustrated Edition by J.K. Rowling; art by Jim Kay

64. Love You Forever by Robert Munsch; art by Sheila McGraw

65. The Very Hungry Caterpillar Board Book by Eric Carle

66. Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One and Two by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne, John Tiffany

67. The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

68. The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

**69. The Four Agreements** by Don Miguel Ruiz

70. Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Ship of the Dead by Rick Riordan

Killers of

the Flower

The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

David Grann

Moon 🔒

71. The Whole30 by Melissa Hartwig, Dallas Hartwig

72. Behind Closed

Doors by B.A. Paris 73. Killers of the **Flower Moon** by David Grann

74. The People vs. Alex Cross by James Patterson

75. Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties by Dav Pilkey

76. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

77. Come Sundown by Nora Roberts

78. Hardcore Twenty-Four by Janet Evanovich

79. The Elf on the Shelf: **A Christmas Tradition** by Carol Aebersold, Chanda Bell 89. The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

90. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom Board Book by Bill Martin Jr.

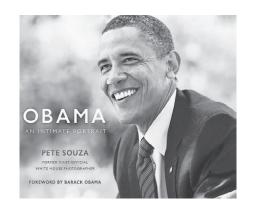
91. Grant by Ron Chernow

92. The Dark Tower I: The Gunslinger by Stephen King

93. Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

94. Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman

95. Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan



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96. Obama: An Intimate Portrait by Pete Souza

97. Al Franken, Giant of the Senate by Al Franken

98. Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

99. The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin

100. Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb

Research by Christopher Schnaars; based on data from USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list tracked between Jan. 2, 2017, and Dec. 31, 2017.

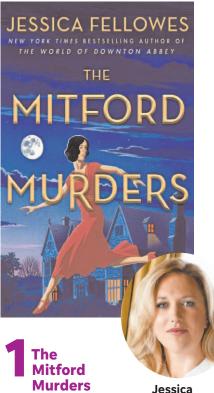




BOOKS

# New and noteworthy

USA TODAY's Jocelyn McClurg scopes out the hottest books on sale each week.



by Jessica Fellowes (Minotaur, fiction, on sale Tuesday) Jessica Fellowes

WHAT IT'S ABOUT: Murder mystery inspired by England's famed Mitford sisters, involving an unsolved murder and set in the 1920s.

THE BUZZ: Fellowes, niece of Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes, is the author of five companion volumes to the beloved PBS series; a "pitch-perfect mystery," says Booklist.



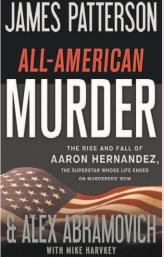
Former NFL star Aaron Hernandez stood trial in 2017 for a double murder. Days after being acquitted, he took his life in prison. AP

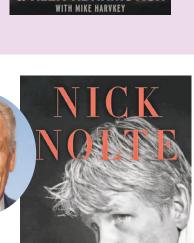
# All-American Murder

by James Patterson and Alex Abramovich with Mike Harvkey (Little, Brown, nonfiction, on sale Monday)

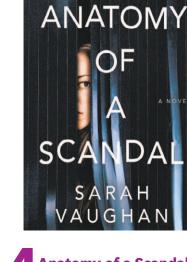
WHAT IT'S ABOUT: Investigates the life and death of one-time New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez, who was sentenced to life in prison in the murder of former semi-pro football player Odin Lloyd.

THE BUZZ: Patterson is known for his prolific, best-selling thrillers, but he also has written non-fiction, including 2016's Filthy Rich, about financier Jeffrey Epstein's sordid sex scandal.

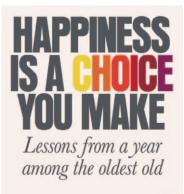




My Life Outside the Lines



Anatomy of a Scandal by Sarah Vaughan (Emily Bestler Books/ Atria Books, fiction, on sale Tuesday) WHAT IT'S ABOUT: In Britain, a wife stands by her husband, a public figure, when he is accused of a crime in a case tried by a determined female prosecutor. **THE BUZZ:** "Engrossing, twist-filled," says Publishers Weekly in a starred review.





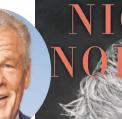
#### **Happiness Is a Choice You Make: Lessons From a Year Among the Oldest Old**

by John Leland (Sarah Crichton Books/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, non-fiction, on sale Tuesday) WHAT IT'S ABOUT: Inspired by an ongoing series in The New York Times in which Leland follows the lives of six New Yorkers age 85 and older.

THE BUZZ: "Edifying and often quite moving," says Kirkus Reviews.

# **USA TODAY BEST SELLING BOOKS** BOOKLIST. USATODAY.COM

The book list appears 🗆 Rankthisweek 🗆 Ranklastweek (F) Fiction (NF) Non-fiction (P) Paperback (H) Hardcover (E) E-book Publisher in *italics* THE TOP 10 every Thursday. For each title, the format and publisher listed are for the best-selling version of that title this week. Reporting outlets include Amazon com Amazon Youth: August Pullman, who was born with a facial 1 Fire and Fury 1 Subtitle: "Inside the Trump White House" (NF) (H) 6 7 Wonder irregularity, wants nothing more than to be normal (F) (H) Knopf Books for Young Readers Michael Wolff Henry Holt and Co. R.J. Palacio Amazon.com, Amazor 2 2 A 38-year-old woman in New York City, a shut-in who 7 The Wife Between Richard's ex-wife, Vanessa, is determined to make sure his The Woman Kindle, Barnes & Noble.com, Barnes & Noble new relationship with Nellie fails (F) (E) St. Martin's Press in the Window self-medicates, believes she sees a crime committed in the Us/Greer Hendricks,



**Nick Nolte** 

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THE BUZZ: Nolte, who just received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, most recently starred in Graves, a now-canceled Epix comedy series.

Rebel

Tuesday)

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by Nick Nolte (William Morrow, non-fiction, on sale

WHAT IT'S ABOUT: The

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actor, 76, writes about his

life and career, including

nominations) as well as

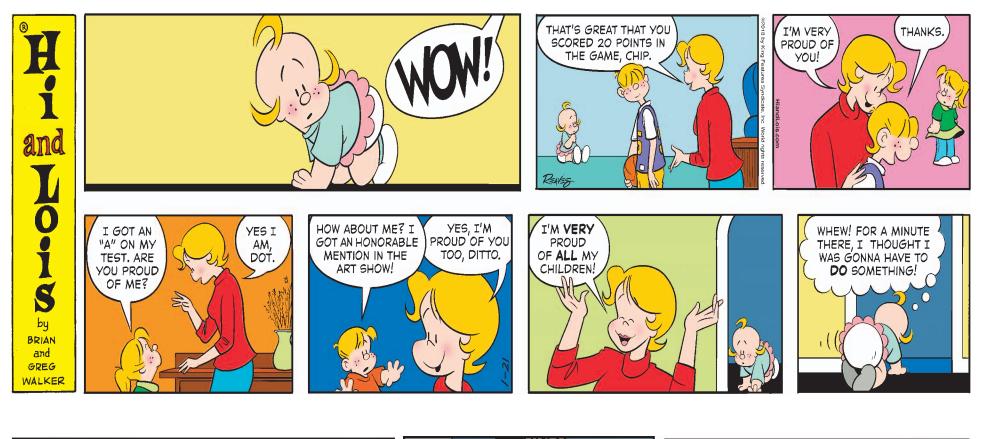
#### WHAT AMERICA'S **READING®**

		A.J. Finn	townhouse across the park (F) (E) William Morrow			Sarah Pekkanen		Inc., Barnes & Noble e-books.
3	6	A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle	Children: Otherworldly visitor informs family of a "tesseract," a wrinkle in time; classic (F) (P) <i>Square Fish</i>	8	11	Little Fires Everywhere Celeste Ng	Mia Warren rents a house in suburban Cleveland and causes upheaval in the neighborhood (F) (E) <i>Penguin Press</i>	BooksAMillion.com, Books-A-Million, Costco, Hudson Booksellers, iBooks (Apple, Inc.) Joseph-Beth Booksellers (Lexington, Ky.;
4	-	<b>Blood Fury</b> J.R. Ward	Vampire aristocrat Peyton falls for Black Dagger trainee Novo; third in series (F) (E) <i>Ballantine</i>	9	3	<b>Origin</b> Dan Brown	Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is on the hunt (and run) again as he searches for a cryptic password in Spain (F) (H) <i>Doubleday</i>	Cincinnati, Charlotte, Cleveland, Pittsburgh), Kobo, Inc., Powell's Books (Portland, Ore.),
5	5	Dog Man and Cat Kid Dav Pilkey	Youth: Dog Man and his sidekick, Cat Kid, search for a missing movie star; fourth in series (F) (H) <i>Scholastic</i>	10	15	The Subtle Art of Not Giving a (Expletive)/M. Manson	Subtitle: "A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life" (NF) (H) <i>HarperOne</i>	Powells.com, R.J. Julia Booksellers, Schuler Books & Music (Grand Rapids, Okemos, Eastwood, Alpine, Mich.), Target, Tattered Cover Book Store (Denver).

#### THE REST

11 10 The Sun and Her Flowers/Rupi Kaur	A look at growth and healing through poetry; follow-up to "Milk and Honey" (F) (P) Andrews McMeel Publishing
12 13 The Rooster Bar/John Grisham	Three law school students, drowning in debt, decide to expose the hedge-fund operator behind a chain of shady, third-tier law schools –
	including their own (F) (H) Doubleday
3 - Operator Down/Brad Taylor	Special agent Pike Logan and his team stumble onto an attempted military coup in Africa when they search for a missing Mossad agent (F) (E) <i>Dutton</i>
4 22 Before We Were Yours/Lisa Wingate	Rill Foss fights to keep her siblings together after they're forced into an orphanage (F) (E) Ballantine
5 12 Milk and Honey/Rupi Kaur	Poetry collection divided into four chapters that explore four pains (F) (P) Andrews McMeel Publishing
6 14 Darker/E.L. James	Christian Grey retells "Fifty Shades Darker" from his point of view (F) (P) Vintage
7 16 Beneath a Scarlet Sky/Mark Sullivan	The story of an Italian youth during WWII who finds himself spying for the Allies (F) (E) Lake Union
8 48 The Handmaid's Tale/Margaret Atwood	The story of a handmaid named Offred who lives in the repressive Republic of Gilead (F) (P) Anchor
9 – The Immortalists/Chloe Benjamin	After visiting a psychic who claims to know exactly when someone will die, four siblings chart the rest of their lives (F) (E) G.P. Putnam's Son
0 21 Ready Player One/Ernest Cline	Wade Watts escapes his grim life by searching for a lottery ticket in a virtual world (F) (P) Broadway Books
1 – When/Daniel H. Pink	Subtitle: "The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing" (NF) (H) Riverhead
2 19 Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway/Jeff Kinney	Youth: The Heffleys' plans go awry when they take a tropical trip for the holidays; 12th in series (F) (H) Amulet Books
<b>3</b> 27 Astrophysics for People in a Hurry/Neil deGrasse Tyson	Succinct takes on the science of the universe by renowned astrophysicist (NF) (H) W.W. Norton
4 51 The Whole30 Fast & Easy Cookbook/Melissa Hartwig	Subtitle: "150 Simply Delicious Everyday Recipes for Your Whole30" (NF) (H) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
5 29 You Are a Badass/Jen Sincero	Subtitle: "How to Stop Doubting Your Greatness and Start Living an Awesome Life" (NF) (P) Running Press
6 23 End Game/David Baldacci	Will Robie and Jessica Reel try to track down their missing handler (F) (E) Grand Central Publishing
7 25 Sing, Unburied, Sing/Jesmyn Ward	The life and struggles of 13-year-old Jojo and his family in Mississippi; National Book Award winner (F) (H) Scribner
8 144Big Little Lies/Liane Moriarty	Three mothers are linked by their kindergartners – and what might be a murder (F) (E) Amy Einhorn Books/Putnam
9 49 Lilac Girls/Martha Hall Kelly	Debut novel about the intersecting lives of three women – an American, a Pole and a German – during World War II (F) (P) Ballantine
0 60 StrengthsFinder 2.0/Tom Rath	Lifetime strategies for using your talents (NF) (H) $Gallup$
1 24 The Midnight Line/Lee Child	The discovery of a West Point 2005 ring in a pawn shop leads Jack Reacher on a hunt for the female cadet who left it and onto a larger conspiracy (F) (E) <i>Dell</i>
2 53 No Middle Name/Lee Child	Subtitle: "The Complete Collected Jack Reacher Short Stories" (F) (P) <i>Dell</i>
3 30 The People vs. Alex Cross/James Patterson	Alex Cross works on a case despite his suspension after shooting his nemesis, Gary Soneji; 25th in series (F) (H) Little, Brown
4 – At the Water's Edge/Sara Gruen	A young Philadelphia socialite follows her husband to the Scottish highlands during World War II in search of the Loch Ness Monster (F) (E Spiegel & Grau
5 52 The 5 Love Languages/Gary Chapman	Subtitle: "The Secret to Love That Lasts" (NF) (P) Northfield Publishing
43 We Were the Lucky Ones/Georgia Hunter	The Kurc family tries to reunite after escaping Poland during World War II (F) (P) Penguin
7 58 Call Me By Your Name/André Aciman	A romance blossoms between an adolescent boy and a summer guest at his parents' home on the Italian Riviera; movie (F) (P) Picador
8 9 Robicheaux/James Lee Burke	Dave Robicheaux realizes he may have committed the murder he's investigating; 21st in series (F) (E) Simon & Schuster
9 47 Secrets in Death/J.D. Robb	Lt. Eve Dallas investigates the murder of an unsavory social media gossip columnist; 45th in series (F) (P) St. Martin's Press
95 To Kill a Mockingbird/Harper Lee	1960 coming-of-age classic about racism; Pulitzer winner; 1962 movie (F) (P) HarperPerennial
1 8 Unbound/Stuart Woods	When Billy Barnett tries to exact revenge for a personal loss, his friend Stone Barrington's legal skills are put to the test (F) (E) G.P. Putnam's Sons
2 32 Year One: Chronicles of the One, Book 1/Nora Roberts	Magic, both good and bad, rises up after a devastating plague causes society to collapse; first in trilogy (F) (E) St. Martin's Press
3 42 Leonardo da Vinci/Walter Isaacson	Biography of the great Renaissance painter, who also had a passion for science (NF) (H) Simon & Schuster
4 62 Pachinko/Min Jin Lee	Teenager Sunja marries a minister after becoming pregnant by a wealthy and powerful man; National Book Award finalist (F) (P) Grand Central Publishing
5 44 The Super Metabolism Diet/David Zinczenko, Keenan Mayo	Subtitle: "The Two-Week Plan to Ignite Your Fat-Burning Furnace and Stay Lean for Life!" (NF) (H) Ballantine
6 – The Perfect Nanny/Leila Slimani	Myriam hires Louise to be the nanny for her two children (F) (E) Penguin
7 28 The Whole30/Melissa Hartwig, Dallas Hartwig	Subtitle: "The 30-Day Guide to Total Health and Food Freedom" (NF) (H) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
18 – Forever My Girl/Heidi McLaughlin	Ten years after breaking his high school girlfriend's heart, a rock star returns to win her back (F) (E) Heidi McLaughlin
19 - How Healing Works/Wayne Jonas	Subtitle: "Get Well and Stay Well Using Your Hidden Power to Heal" (NF) (H) Lorena Jones Books
50 – Braving the Wilderness/Brené Brown	Subtitle: "The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone" (NF) (H) Random House

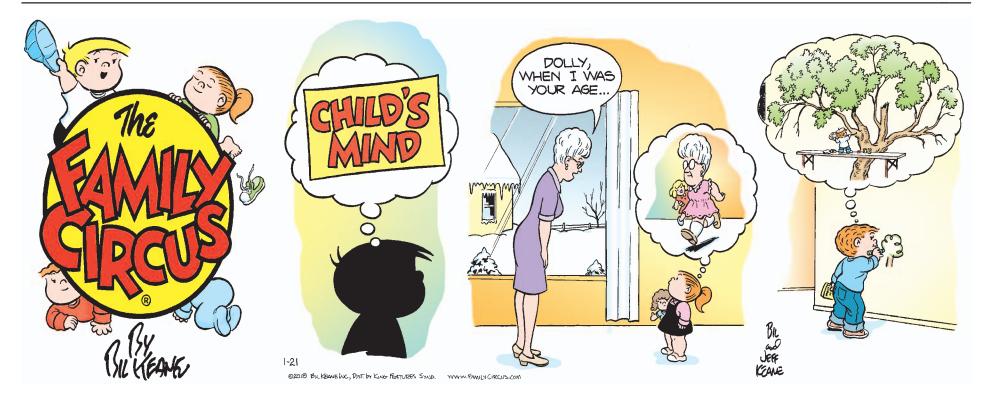












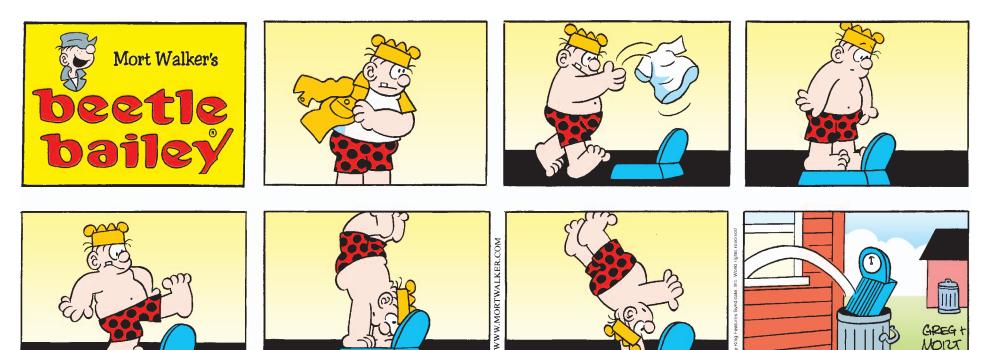






















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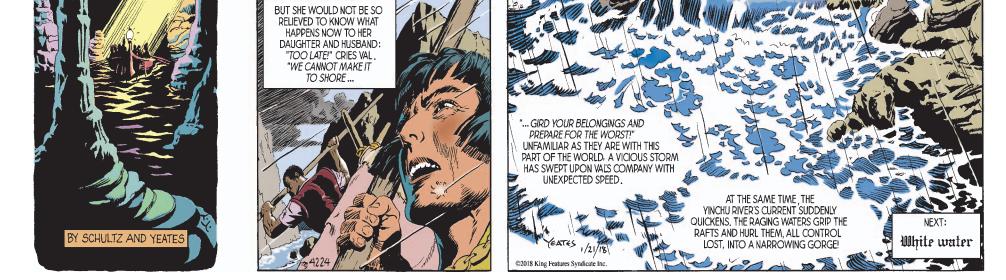






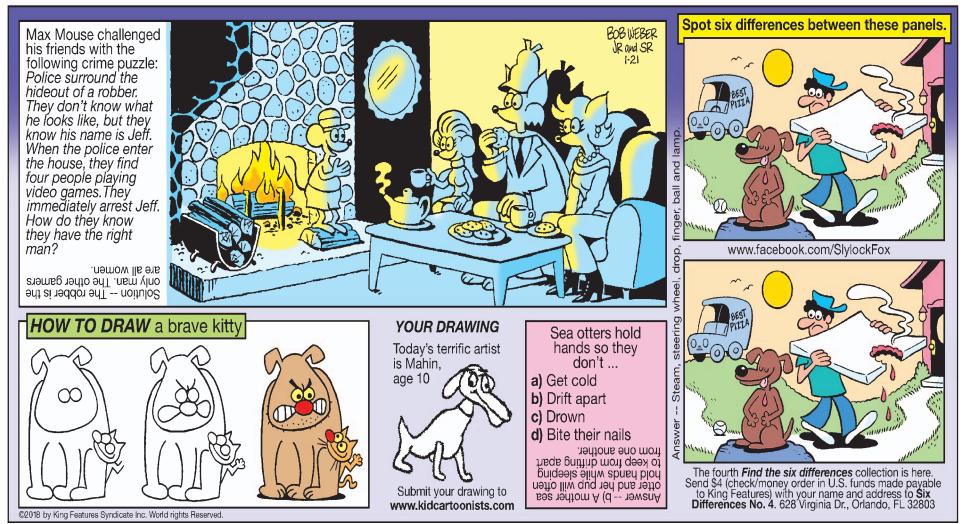






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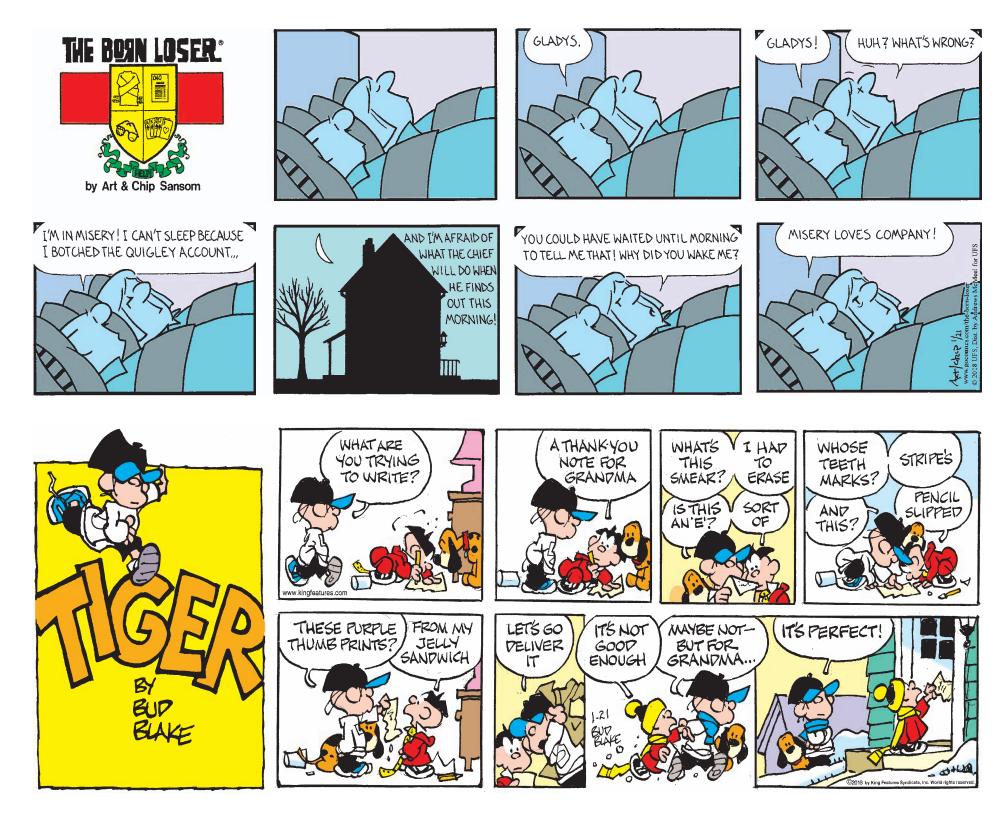




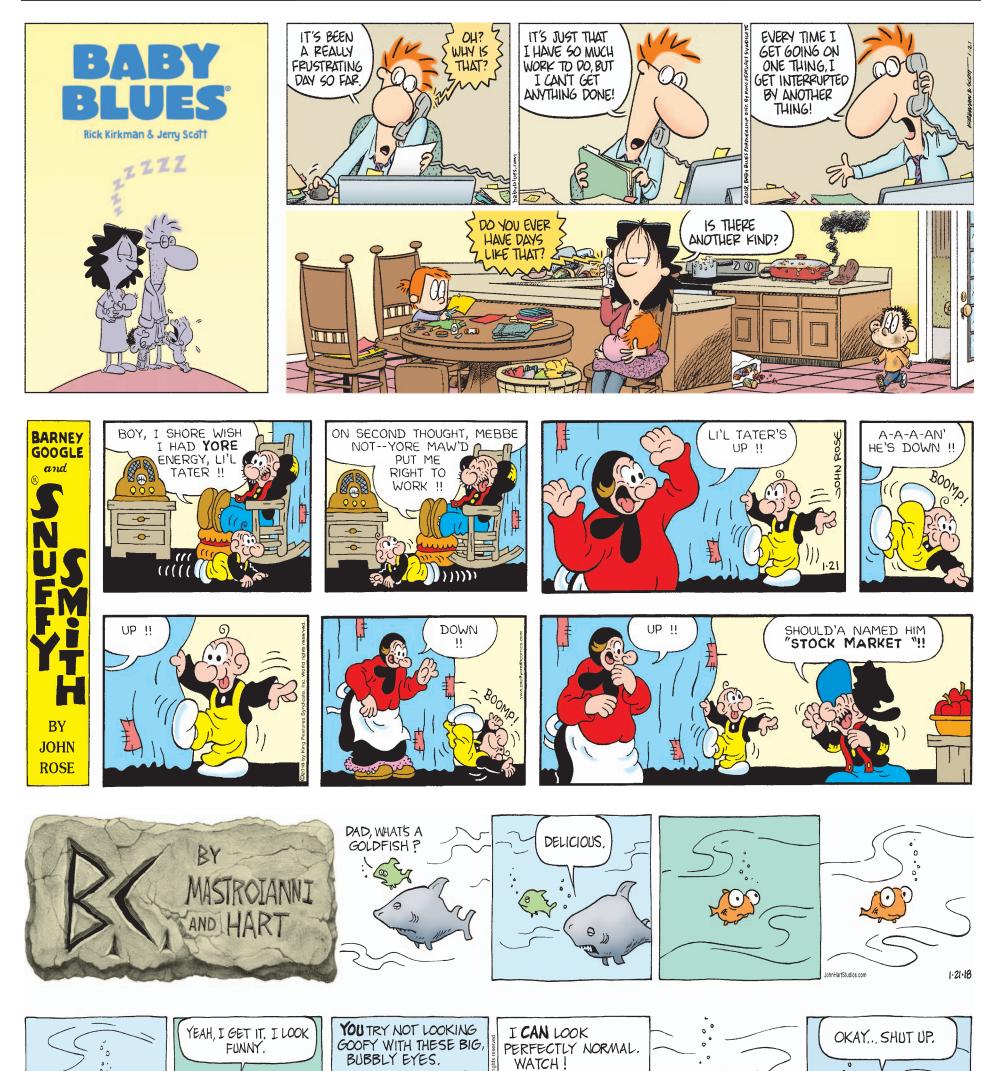


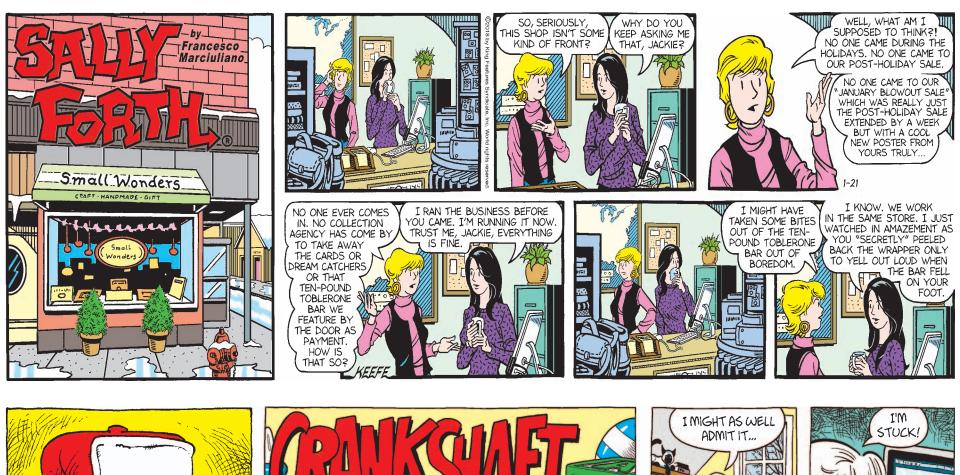
















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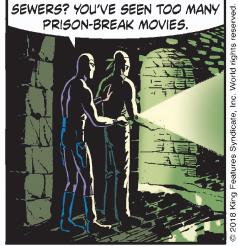
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## **BY LEE FALK**













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#### DENNIS THE MENACE

#### BY HANK KETCHAM

